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International fee repealed

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Despite threats of immediate termination from University of Massachusetts, graduate student Yasser A. Munif refused to pay a $65 international student fee that was enforced on all international students last semester.

If the mandatory fee was left unpaid, Munif would have been withdrawn from the University, and faced with possible deportation from the country. But still Munif, along with an estimated 100 other international students at UMass, refused to pay the fee because they felt it was unwarranted and discriminatory to foreign students.

"It was a concern for everyone and we were ready to risk that," Munif said about the consequences of not paying the fee. "We were very supportive of each other."

The fee was introduced by UMass officials last December, and since taking effect this past spring semester, the Amherst campus has been the site of several staged protests, rallies, hunger strikes and marches led by both international and domestic students. For Munif and the rest of the 100 international students, holding off on paying the required fee seems to have paid off.

After a nine-month battle, UMass has agreed to comply with the decision of a local arbitrator and abolish the fee after it was deemed that the mandatory fee targeting international students was discriminatory.



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Graduate Employee Organization Labor Educator Craig Sinclair, Treasurer Yasser Munif, and member Jed Murr opposed the New International Student fee.

The decision to revoke the fee came just a few weeks before the start of the fall semester. In addition, the local arbitrator from the American Arbitration Association ruled a full reimbursement by the University to the international students who already paid the fee.

Shortly after the decision, UMass announced its decision not to appeal the arbitrator's ruling. "While we disagree with the conclusion reached by the arbitrator, we respect the process of arbitration and will comply with the arbitrator's decision," Chancellor V. Lombardi said in a prepared statement.

"As a matter of fairness, we also decided that we should take an additional step and end the fee for all international students," Lombardi added.

Until the fee was revoked, students refusing to pay the fee were unable to register for fall classes. "I personally was worried the University would appeal the decision," said Jennifer D. Turner, a graduate student and the president of the Graduate Employee Organization, the organization that would have been affected by the fee. "We've had a lot of national coverage over the fee in the last six to nine

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Southwest receives $230,000 worth of new security video cameras

By ERIKA LOVLEY
COLLEGIAN STAFF

University of Massachusetts Southwest residential area has approximately $230,000 worth of new video cameras that are being installed as part of a $5 million capital improvement and residential security effort, according to Director of Housing Michael Gilbert. The sum covers all camera equipment and installation.

130 to 132 cameras will be fully operating in all Southwest residential halls as well as Baker Hall and Van Meter in Central by September. Most of the cameras were installed over the summer break, and there will soon be cameras in all 41 residence halls on campus. According to a Housing Services report, an additional $175,000 from the annual capital funding for security systems is expected to pay for the purchase and installation of cameras into 10-15 additional buildings over the next two years.

"The cameras are being seen as a security tool," said Gilbert. "Supervising is an important point with security."

"[The cameras] are a product of our desire to provide a safer community and environment for our student, faculty, staff, and visitors to campus," said



A sign hanging in Southwest alerts students to new security cameras.

Michael Gargano, vice chancellor of student affairs and campus life.

Gilbert says the cameras will be used to monitor students exiting and entering the residence halls, and encourage them to use the main entrance doors only.

The cameras are set up so they will only monitor lobbies, lounges, stairwell

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Hundreds of students forced to live in lounges

By ERIKA LOVLEY
COLLEGIAN STAFF

The "summer melt" of students withdrawing from the University of Massachusetts was not as large as anticipated, forcing approximately 480 students to make their homes in residence hall lounges and local hotels until more dorm rooms free up.

The "summer melt", a period when students steadily cancel their housing subscriptions did take place, but Housing Services is still tracking 11,400 students registered for on-campus housing, according to Michael Gilbert, director of housing services.

"It's a really good sign," said Michael Gargano, vice chancellor of student affairs and campus life. "[UMass] has a growing number of students who are selecting this university as their top choice and are happy to be here."

Gilbert says that for the last two years, UMass has been accepting a bigger core population than it can accommodate. Also, for the last four years, more juniors and seniors have chose to remain in the dorms, despite rising housing costs. This semester, a standard double room costs $1,614. A corner double in a Southwest tower or Sylvan double costs slightly less—$1,568—due to their smaller size.

"When we open we will still be oversubscribed," said Gilbert.

Over 360 students will be living in lounges and about 120 additional students will be housed in hotels, such as the University Lodge on North Pleasant Street and the Lincoln Campus Center Hotel.

Gilbert says that on opening week,

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Fire injures 3 near Gorman Hall $100,000 in damages estimated

By ERIKA LOVLEY
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A 45-year-old man and two firefighters were injured in a fire that caused an estimated $100,000 in damages to an Amherst house directly across from Gorman Hall on the University of Massachusetts campus Tuesday, August 31.

Resident David Sharpe was found sitting dazed on the stairwell leading to the second floor by firefighters who first entered the building.

"He told me he had been working on his computer," said Amherst Fire Department Chief Keith Hoyle, according to the Hampshire Gazette.

Sharpe carried across the street and treated for smoke inhalation and burns at the scene and transported to Cooley Dickinson Hospital by Fire Department ambulance. Sharpe's condition was not available at press time.

Capt. Brian Sterling and firefighter Nate Merritt were also transported to the hospital after Sterling complained of exhaustion and Merritt sustained a leg injury from falling through a floor. Both were treated and released.



COURTESY ALAN MCPHEE

A member of the Amherst Fire Department and a UMPD officer aid a victim found in the stairwell of Gorman Hall on Aug. 31.

The Amherst Fire Department responded to the call at 10:34 a.m. by a UMass maintenance worker who observed heavy smoke from 87 Butterfield Terrace.

"I pulled out of Southwest and saw a big plume of smoke," said Alan McPhee, a member of the Rockland, Mass. Fire Department and a former UMass student volunteer firefighter.

McPhee was on campus photographing the new UMass volunteer firefighters training week, known as "Wonder Week". McPhee says the week includes over 120 hours of intensive training, such as putting out mock car fires, hauling ropes up the walls of the parking garage, and practicing climbing ladders 20 stories in the air around Washington Tower in Southwest.

McPhee said the volunteers were in the middle of a training drill when AFD received the call for the fire. The returning volunteers who were participating in Wonder Week training were able to respond to the fire, while the new participants clustered near Gorman Hall to watch.

By 10:55 a.m., a crowd of UMass employees and students also gathered to watch the responding 41 firefighters and three chiefs help secure the area by cutting down tree branches and breaking windows to let in air.

The blaze was extinguished by two firefighters using the department's aerial ladder and running several hoses through the front door.

Amherst Animal Control officials removed three pet turtles and a snake from the house, which is co-owned by Eugene Shirley Sharpe and David Sharpe. University police helped with traffic control.

The origin and cause of the fire was still under investigation by the State Fire Marshal's Office and Amherst Fire Investigators and police at press time and was deemed uninhabitable by the town building inspector.



COURTESY ALAN MCPHEE

Firefighters attempt to extinguish the fire at 87 Butterfield Terrace.

UMass student still missing since winter



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UMass nursing student Maura Murray dissappeared last winter.

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For the parents of many University of Massachusetts students, the start of the school year marks the beginning of a separation period, at least until the holidays. But while some parents are lingering on their child's last goodbye hug, the family of one UMass student is still trying to piece together the disappearance of their daughter from the

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Bush rallies crowd

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NEW YORK (AP) —President Bush sought to take the edge off a conservative image sharpened by three years of war and aggressive tax cuts, casting himself as a steady and compassionate leader who would use a second term to build a more hopeful America.

Bush asked voters Thursday night to reject John Kerry's "policies of the past."

"We are on the path to the future, and we are not turning back," Bush said in a speech to the Republican National Convention, where he accepted his party's nomination. He unveiled modest new

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HOT AIR IN JULY
Balloons glow at the Green River Festival in Greenfield, Mass.

Inside the DNC

The Democratic National Convention comes to Boston

By JULIE O'DONNELL
COLLEGIAN STAFF

BOSTON— Whether they were anti-Bush, anti-Kerry or anti-'free-speech zone', protesters made themselves heard throughout the city during the week of the Democratic National Convention this July.

Despite officials' anticipation of violence and chaos, DNC protesters expressed their messages peacefully during the week of the convention.

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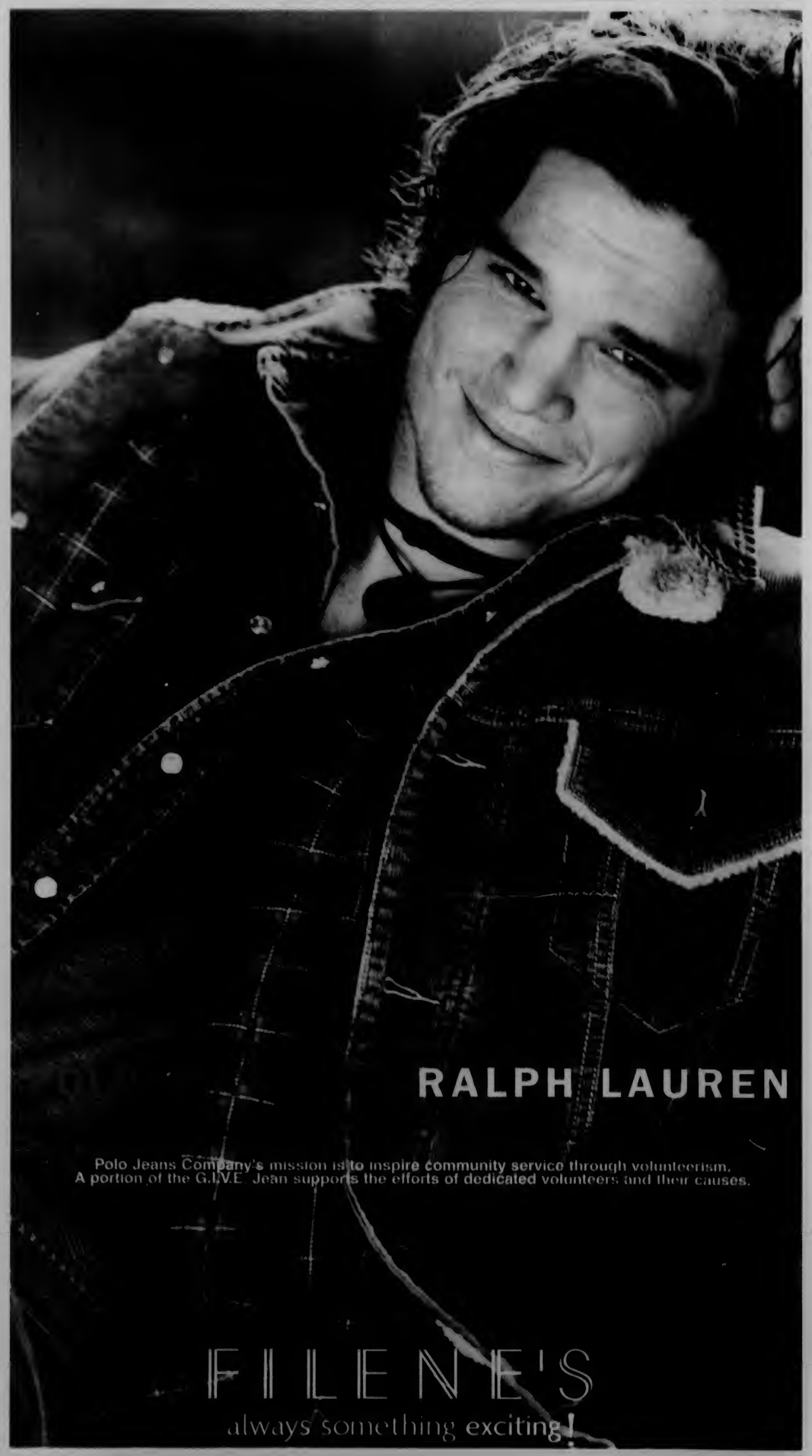
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Boston's back bay served as the host to this year's Democratic National Convention.



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Roaring delegates rise to their feet to welcome Democratic Vice Presidential candidate Senator John Edwards on Wednesday, July 28.



New website gives UMass a look at some fresh faces

By Michelle Dozois
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UMass student and facebook member Byron Wallace, 20, surfs the UMass facebook website at his job in the Computer Science Building.

This fall, students at the University of Massachusetts will have two new ways to meet, chat or flirt with other students on campus— without having to leave their dorm rooms.

UMassfacebook.com and TheFacebook.com are online services that allow students to post their name, personal interests, and photograph in an online directory and membership is free.

Umassfacebook.com is only open to UMass students but TheFacebook.com, a similar, more widespread website linking students at over 50 schools in the nation, will be available to UMass students by the end of September, according to Thefacebook.com spokesperson Chris Hughes.

Anthony Leonardi, UMass senior, is a registered member of UMassfacebook.com.

"It was fun looking for my friends for the first couple of days, but after that it lost its novelty," said Leonardi, 21. "Now I just use it to look at pictures of hot girls."

Simmie Berman, a junior at Cornell and a member of Thefacebook, said there are both pros and cons to using the site.

"It's bad, because people become stalker-like," she said, "But good because you can point out the random people you don't remember from class."

Both sites allow members to upload photographs and list a variety of personal information, including AOL Instant Messenger screen names, cellular phone numbers, interests and relationship status. Members can also link to their friends, and even see a list of their friends' friends—features similar to those on social networking site Friendster.com.

UMass junior Byron Wallace feels a bit skeptical about the face book; however, he is still a registered user.

"It's slightly less desperate than Internet dating," Wallace said.

Although the site is not registered as an official UMass website and it is run anonymously, it is however, operated for students and by students.

UMass senior Chris Littlefield admits that the idea of a face book on campus is beneficial, however he has not chatted with too many people yet.

"I think [UMass face book] is a good outlet for people who are new to the campus and haven't had a chance to meet very many people yet," said Littlefield. "But I haven't taken the time to really check it out much myself, aside from the friend invitations I have gotten."

"I like the network part," said Molly Morse, 20, a UMass senior. "You can see people that you see in class, and see that they're friends with one of your friends. It's always easier [to meet people] when there are friends involved, and it doesn't have to be a one-on-one situation."

Harvard senior Marisa Puccini described the overall attitude toward website Thefacebook.com as initially very favorable at Harvard, when Harvard junior Mark Zuckerberg launched the site in February.

"At first, everyone was changing their pictures and updating their profiles," Puccini said.

About a month later, logging on to the facebook became taboo, she said.

"People got sick of it," Puccini said. "There was a facebook backlash...People still went on, but they just didn't talk about it anymore. I still like it."

At first, Thefacebook.com was only open to Harvard students. Less than a month after its inception, Zuckerberg and his facebook team added Columbia, Stanford, Yale, Cornell and Dartmouth to the site, allowing users at those schools to log on.

Some questioned their choice of linked schools.

"[People asked] 'Why are you guys so elitist?'" Hughes said. "It's nothing to do with that."

Because of the social networking nature of the site, Hughes said, it was necessary to add schools that Harvard students, presumably, had friends at.

"Most Harvard students know at least one person at Yale or Columbia," he said.

Now, Hughes says that Thefacebook.com operators are adding colleges by request.

"We give preference to schools who've given us emails asking us to add them to the network," Hughes said.

At the beginning of September, the facebook was available to students at 58 colleges and universities across the United States. Hughes said that they plan to add 200 more schools to the facebook by the end of September, and that UMass was among the top 25 on that list of schools.

Users of the facebook can only view the profiles of students from their own schools, however they are permitted to search through the names of students at other colleges on the facebook. Students can request to view another student's profile and that student has to option to accept or decline the request.

Hameer Thattie, 21, a UMass senior who is a member of UMass facebook, said that he will use Thefacebook.com once it is available to UMass students.

"That'll make it easier to network with other schools," he said.

Berman said she's used the facebook to reconnect with a former classmate.

"You can talk to people you otherwise wouldn't probably have heard from again," she said. "I hadn't talked to [a high school friend] in a really long time, but he's on the facebook, and I sent him a message, and we've chatted a bit."

UmassFacebook.com declined to answer any emailed requests by the Collegian.

Karam appointed to chair UMass Board of Trustees

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff



James Karam is a native of Tiverton, Rhode Island.

Real Estate developer James Karam will be residing as the new chairman of the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees, after being appointed by Governor Mitt Romney to replace former chair Grace Fey.

Karam, a Tiverton R.I. native, has been a member of the board of trustees and was recently selected by the governor to replace Fey, who was appointed by Governor William Weld in 2000.

According to the Associated Press, Grace Fey, the former chair who stepped down, urged Governor Romney to replace her with Republican trustee member Karl White. But as for any tension or controversy, Karam said there is none.

"She is a woman of tremendous talent," Karam said about Fey, " I admire her and I look forward to her serving as a mentor to me."

As chairman of the board, Karam has several goals for the universities.

"We work hand in hand with the president and the five chancellors to determine our overall goals," he said. "Our job is to benchmark and set the standards for the president and the chancellors and to monitor those performances in terms of quality, student life, accessibility, affordability."

Karam, who recently met with President Jack D. Wilson to discuss the future of the UMass system, agreed that there needs to be more support from the commonwealth to assist in University funding.

"Years ago, 40 percent of the revenue came from the commonwealth," he said. "Last year, it dropped to 18 or 19 percent, so we need alternative sources of revenue so that we are managing and maximizing the income with summer programs and continuing education."

Karam said that one of the newest ideas to generate revenue is the idea of a lifetime of learning. He said that education and learning used to stop after the twelfth grade, or end after college.

Today, people of all ages can participate in endless learning, with new UMass programs such certificate programs and refresher courses.

Karam said that because the Amherst campus is the flagship campus, it needs to set the standard for the other four campuses; UMass Lowell, UMass Dartmouth, UMass medical, and UMass Boston.

"Amherst is the flagship school and we need to emphasize the quality and the reputation of Amherst and to bring the other campuses to that level," he said. "Don't let the other campuses bring down Amherst."

Karam said that there is not one campus that is stranger than the other but rather they are all so geographically different and that they are all growing at different levels.

The chairman has also been busy raising money for the John Kerry campaign. A personal friend of the candidate's and a long time democrat, Karam believes that Kerry stands for what is important in higher education.

"He has a clear understanding of what higher education means to this country," he said.

The Governor replaced three members of the board last year and three more have since been appointed. By the end of the Governor's term, he will have appointed most of the board.

Karam hopes that any new appointee will be from the western part of the state to better serve the Amherst community. As far as any controversy surrounding the Governor's appointees, Karam again, said there is none and that Romney has done a fair job appointing.

"All he [Mitt Romney] asked them was if they had the time and the ability to serve, he didn't even know their party affiliation."

New managment at Mullins



The William D. Mullins Center is now managed by Global Spectrum.

By Teri Barrows
Collegian Correspondent

New management at the 10,500-seat William D. Mullins Center is ready to provide student-focused entertainment, concerts, and comedians with national and regional appeal at reasonable ticket prices.

Global Spectrum, a Philadelphia-based company that manages arenas across the nation, including one at Temple University and the University of New Hampshire, signed a five

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SGA surprised by new cameras

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doors, perimeter doors, reception desks and primary entrance doors. There are no cameras pointing at bathroom doors or student rooms.

"We do not envision that at this point," said Gilbert. "We are monitoring public areas and not residents."

For some students, the camera installation has come as a bit of a shock. Brian Long, Student Government Association secretary of university policy, says that he was never informed that the cameras were being put in place, which was information that he feels the SGA should have been privy to.

"Anything that Housing Services is budgeted for is out of [funds] paid for by students," Long said. "The SGA should've known. There should have been student input."

"In my mind, [the cameras] aren't even preventative, because students don't even know they are there," said SGA President Eduardo Bustamante.

The cameras were paid for by funds from Housing Services that are comprised of student housing fees. The project is designed over the period of two years so the Housing Fee will not increase for students.

Long says he became aware that the administration was planning to install cameras when student David Synnott, a senior, discovered a bidding website under the UMass Housing Services homepage in mid-June. The site was complete with pictures of locations where the cameras were to be installed, as well as the angles and areas each camera would monitor.

Gilbert believes the site was developed by Jim Meade, coordinator of the student security program in order to find bids from different vendors for the camera installation.

Long, Bustamante, and SGA Speaker Patrick Higgins sent an email to Gilbert "just giving him a heads up that we knew," said Long. A week later, the website disappeared.

"The pictures on the [original website] showed cameras in intrusive places, pointing toward bathrooms," said Bustamante. "It was a little bit of a surprise."

However, Bustamante says the way the cameras are currently set up is much less intrusive than what he saw on the original website plan.

The three members of the SGA did meet with both Gilbert and Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Michael Gargano over the summer to discuss the cameras.

"When we did meet with [Gilbert] he was very upfront with us about the camera costs," said Long.

According to Bustamante, the idea of cameras may have been discussed between the members of the SGA and the senior administrative staff last fall in meetings in reaction to the on-campus riots and disturbances that took place after the Red Sox's win over Oakland in the American League Division Series and loss to the Yankees in the American League Championship Series.

"I did raise the question of cameras in the context of providing a safer environment for all the users of our campus," said Gargano.

However, David Carr, last year's SGA president, said that to his knowledge, Gargano never presented the issue of cameras to him or last year's Speaker Jared Nukes.

"Neither of us would ever approve cameras," said Carr. "I think it's a dangerous step to be taking when we don't have any information that the program actually works."

Carr said that if the idea had been presented to the SGA, "we could have brought it to the eyes of the students a bit more."



A recently installed camera in a Southwest lobby.

"You like to get as much student input as you can. The SGA can certainly recommend what they think is appropriate," said Gargano. "[But] they don't have to deal with the incidents [of student destruction] in the manner my staff has to. They don't have to speak to parents."

Gargano says that while the cameras will not deter 100 percent of poor student behavior, the cameras will act as a deterrent.

"It's without question that the cameras will deter a certain level of campus endangering activities," said Gargano.

He hopes the cameras will be useful to record and identify individuals involved in destructive or dangerous behavior when incidents occur. He believes that the cameras will not only identify UMass students, but also the non-UMass students who cause destruction on campus.

"If you could chart the activity that could border on criminal-type activity, it is [mostly] being done by non-UMass students," said

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'Four more years' is the cheer of Bush supporters

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proposals, including steps to tighten high-school testing, encourage investment in poor communities, force deficit-reduction and expand health care.

The thousands of Republican faithful in Madison Square Garden exploded in cheers of "Four more years! Four more years!" Bush basked in the adoration, but his words were aimed at a television audience of millions in a presidential race deadlocked two months before Election Day.

He spoke from a stage laden with imagery meant to remind viewers he is already their commander in chief. Bush stood on a circular floor emblazoned with the presidential seal, and the backdrop featured large flags and white columns reminiscent of the White House.

Protesters disrupted the 62-minute speech twice. Bush was forced to stop speaking both times because the crowd shouted both women down, drowning him out too.

Bush's criticism of Kerry was measured; he let his vice president and allies batter the Democrat all week. The president calmly ticked off a litany of differences between Kerry and himself, on Medicare reform, health care, education reforms, child tax credits, and the marriage penalty.

"You face a choice," the president said. "My opponent's policies are dramatically different from ours." He said Kerry has proposed more than $2 trillion in new spending" and that's a lot, even for a senator from Massachusetts."



Laura Bush applauds her husband as he accepts the nomination for his second term.

"His policies of tax and spend of expanding government rather than expanding opportunity are the policies of the past," Bush said.

The president placed the Sept. 11 attacks that scarred this city front and center in his speech, just as he has throughout his campaign. Bush's approval ratings surged past 90 percent after the attacks, but were dragged down by the Iraq war and divisive policies and the loss of millions of jobs.

The result: a nation as divided as it was in November 2000, when Bush won a bitterly contested victory.

Bush did not shrink from invoking the terrorist attacks, which marked the crowning moment

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Dozens of students without rooms

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at least 100 to 150 students will never materialize, freeing up space. Many students also find off-campus housing and never inform the University of their living arrangement change.

Temporary lounge rooms are set up to accommodate three to four students, depending on location and room size. They are furnished almost exactly like traditional dorm rooms. All students who stay in temporary housing get a 10 percent discount on their housing fee.

"We recognize that it's a different type of housing than what students were expecting, and we make adjustments," said Gilbert.

Other adjustments have been made to better accommodate students' needs. In the past, the University has rented rooms in Howard Johnsons on Russel Street in Hadley. However, it proved to be too much of a hassle for students traveling back and forth between classes, the library and coordinating meals at on-campus dining facilities.

"It was too big of an undertaking," said Gilbert.

Students staying in hotels are assured that their status is temporary, and have first priority to be reassigned into residence halls. "We have always been able to relocate students from hotels by the end of the first week of classes," said Gilbert.

Amherst Police receive grant for DUI campaign

"You drink. You drive. You lose."

By Erika Lovley
Collegian Staff

You Drink and Drive. You lose. This is the caution of the Amherst Police Department and the title of the Massachusetts Governor's Highway Safety Bureau campaign to end drunk driving that APD is implementing over the next week.

The APD has received a $9,000 grant from the GHSB to fund the enforcement of drunk driving laws from August 27 to September 12. The focus will be to identify and arrest alcohol impaired drivers.

"This You Drink and Drive. You Lose. Mobilization will focus public attention on the dangers posed by drunk driving," said Chief Charles L. Scherpa. "We'll have extra traffic enforcement looking for impaired drivers, as well as those who speed, drive aggressively, and do not use safety belts and child safety seats."

In the 459 motor vehicle-related fatalities in Massachusetts in 2002, alcohol was a factor. This rate is eight percent higher than the national average.

The UMass Police Department will also be taking back to school security measures. The department received a grant last year to endorse the Massachusetts Governors Highway Safety Bureau Click It or Ticket campaign, which enforces safety belt laws.

"We always put out additional staff the first few days of school," said Chief of Police Barbara O'Connor. "We'll be covering all the First Week events and having additional officers out on patrol."

International fee rejected

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months, and I think that factored into the University's decision."

GEO filed a complaint against the University on behalf of the one thousand international graduate students and six hundred international undergraduate students who belong to the union. Not only did the members claim the fee to be discriminatory, but they also claimed that the fee was a violation of their contract as unionized employees at the University.

The fee targeting international students was designed to support services provided by the International Programs Office (IPO). The IPO budget suffered a $240 thousand cut in fiscal 2004 following an unprecedented $21.3 million reduction in the University's state appropriation. A portion of the arbitrator's document read, "the University's ability to collect and retain fees has led to the use of fees as a means of offsetting some of its budgetary difficulties."



GEO members march in protest of the New International Student Fee in February 2004.

According to an earlier statement from GEO, both domestic and international students use the IPO, which makes the new fee discriminatory to foreign students. "Most people are very happy with the decision," said Turner. "The arbitration result is an indication for the civil rights of international students on this campus."

Since 2002, IPO's budget has dropped from $600 thousand to $120 thousand, affecting the salaries of eight full-time senior staff members. IPO was forced to trim its operations, and planned to substantially fund remaining services through the $65 per-semester fee.

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Welcome to the University: A learning experience

The word "university" is derived from the latin phrase, "the whole," or, "a corpurate body." You are entering a place of higher learning, a place that is designed to teach you the kind of information you will need to go out into the working world. In a word, this institution intends to teach you everything you can possibly imagine. Hopefully, in nine short months, you'll be a more well-rounded person.

As anyone who has spent even a single semester in college will tell you, however, these next 135 school days are just as much about what you learn outside the classroom as what you discover within the hallowed halls. Many of you will be exposed to things you've never seen before. For you southerners, get ready for the snowy, frosty winters that cost this campus in cloudy white from late November until early March. Those of you from the west, while we may not have bigger mountains out here on the east coast, we certainly have plenty of places and experiences to check out, from the quaint antiques stores in Northhampton and Amherst, to the hustle and bustle of the four major cities within a few hours' drive from here.

Of course, the new experiences aren't limited to those from afar — and we do come from all over the globe, from Canada to Japan and everywhere in between — for those of you who have lived in New England all your life, even those who are entering their final year — or years — here, there are always new things to find.

What is important to remember is that there is no single "UMass experience." This school is a different place for every person who spends time here, whether it's a rip-roaring four-year party, or an intense half-decade of study and introspection. There are plenty of books available that will show you how to have fun in college, how to be frugal in college, how to get the most out of your college experience, and as helpful as those myriad guides may be, there are two key words that ensure you'll leave here with a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction: try everything.

Check out a concert by that band with the really silly name. Go to one (even if it's just one) residence hall ice cream social; it's amazing what can happen in the next few months if you spend the next few days meeting people. Talk to the person in your hall with the really obnoxious music and crazy room decorations. Check out the beautiful views you can find hidden in the concrete jungle of the campus. Check out a few sporting events, cheer your guts out for the Maroon and White. Watch a Red Sox-Yankee game with someone who supports the other team — there are plenty of fans of both squads, you'll see. Take a drive, a bike ride, or even a walk through some of the beautiful country north and west of Amherst, head down to Springfield and compare the nightlife to your own "home city." Check out all the residential areas, because as much fun as your current one may be (or not), there are over 20,000 people at this school, so you're bound to find a couple of great spots all over campus. You may not like everything, but you're guaranteed to love something.

Most of all, don't get caught in a routine, don't let yourself waste a day here, because rain, shine, hail or blizzard, there are always new nooks and crannies to be explored.

Some people knock schools like UMass, saying they're too big, but UMass is only as big as you want it to be, because if you go out and open your mind to the thousands of things going on every day here, you'll find a niche that makes this large school feel just like home. Yes, you're here to learn "everything." But make sure you learn as much as you can about yourself, too, because this might be your best chance to do so.

Welcome to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, as your daily tour guide, we at the Massachusetts Daily Collegian would like to say, enjoy the ride.

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Only men can stop violence against women

Ben Atherton-Zeman

Guys on the UMass campus have a crucial role to play in ending violence against women.

On many college campuses, the first two weeks of the fall semester are dangerous times for young women, in particular for first-year students. The freedom of a college social environment is exciting and stimulating to first-year women, unfortunately, this excitement can easily be exploited.

Sadly, I know this because I used to take part in such exploitation. As a young man, I was taught that making out or fooling around with someone was a goal, and that there were certain obstacles to reaching this goal. Consent was something to be obtained — through pleading, cajoling and other manipulation if possible. If the woman I was with consented to just one kiss, I'd try to make that kiss "count." If she became aroused through the one kiss, then I assumed we could keep going.

Even though several women confronted me at the time, I refused to hear what they had to say. I chose instead to focus on my own feelings of victimization for "having rumors spread about me." But years later, I heard from some women that I had hurt them with this behavior. By then, I had already dedicated my life to stopping men's violence against women and had worked in several domestic violence programs and rape crisis centers. I discovered that I was not only part of the solution; I had been part of the problem in the not-so distant past.

Some guys use other techniques to make out, fool around with or have sex with women. These men use drugs or alcohol, stalking or physical violence. "These men" are also our brothers, our hall mates, our classmates and sometimes ourselves. Like "these men," I used to care more about making out with these women than I cared about the women themselves.

I made choices that hurt them.

Of course, not all victims are female and not all perpetrators male, but 90 percent of the time, members of my gender commit violence against women. Many of us commit, condone or remain silent about men's violence against women. We have an opportunity to confront this violence, and to confront the sexism that allows this violence to continue.

We can become part of the solution by confronting sexist comments or actions (including our own), by behaving and supporting sexual assault survivors, by volunteering a the Everywomen's Center or with other campus groups.

If you are a guy reading this column, I challenge you to think about two things. First, think about how you may make the women in your life feel unsafe. Have you used coercion or manipulation to have sex or fool around with someone? Have you given someone alcohol or drugs so they will "relax" and be more likely to fool around with you? Have you told sexist jokes, or laughed when a sexist joke was told? If confronted on your sexism, have you listened well or were you defensive? Did you blow it off?

Second, think about how you can help stop violence against women. Most of us don't want to hurt those we love: our girlfriends and female friends, our sisters and mothers. We can become part of the solution by confronting sexist comments or actions (including our own), by believing and supporting sexual assault survivors, by volunteering at the Everywoman's Center or with other campus groups.

We can also write letters to the editor at the Collegian. For the first two weeks of this semester, male leaders will be writing letters to the editor, urging other males to become part of the solution to this problem of sexual violence. Together, we can help create a campus where every romantic or sexual encounter only happens through communication and consent. By consent, we don't mean manipulated, forced or "taken" consent; we mean consent freely given, brought about by both parties' desires and a communication that grows between two people. Many UMass administration, staff, faculty and student leaders support this goal.

You will be hearing from them.

I encourage men or women who have similar feelings to write, speak out and cumfront sexual violence on this campus – not just these first two weeks, but all year long.

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So long sweet summer

Matt Brochu

People, it feels so good to be back. September is here once again, and we all know what that means. More classes, less cleavage, and National Grandparents' Day on September 12. Consider this a heads up: send a card. They'll appreciate it.

Anyway, now that summer's over, we're finally free of those crappy summer jobs, the who-did-who's of hometown gossip, and those damn parents who blame you for every computer problem and hint that you have a drinking problem on a daily basis. It's always a breath of fresh air to come back to Amherst and get back into the swing of our crappy campus jobs, the who-did-who-over-the-summer's of UMass gossip, and those damn RD's who blame you for every dorm problem and hint, through bulletin boards, that you have a drinking problem on a daily basis. But hey, change is good.

Although everyone insists on putting cheerleader-like emphasis on the importance of the upcoming semester, sometimes it's just as important to rewind and take a look back at the summer that lies in our collective wake. So without further ado, here's what apparently happened between Commencement in May and that stupid Convocation thing that the freshmen were suckered into going to.

The Democratic National Convention came to Massachusetts, and I'll openly admit that I know only two things about it: 1.) Watching it gave me that feeling in my stomach that I get when I watch middle-aged people dance to "Kool and the Gang" at weddings. and 2) It absolutely destroyed my plans to go out drinking in Boston that weekend, forcing me to sit at home and continuously email the "Boston Globe" with fake sightings for their ridiculously un-confirmable Celebrity Sightings List. To those of you who actually went out to the park that Sunday in hopes of seeing Stephanie Tanner walking her dog Comet, well I owe you an apology.

In real celebrity news, Ashlee Simpson stormed onto the music scene, gaining credibility and giving hope to not-as-good-looking, not-as-talented little sisters with underlying body image issues across the nation. If this logic holds true, Britney Spears' little sister will be bigger than Madonna and Michael Jackson combined. Ms. Simpson also became the first girl to stubbornly refuse to get rid of her bangs since my friend Kelley put those bushy things to rest in April of eighth grade. As for her older sister Jessica, the size of her mouth seems to grow with every song she sings.

Britney, however would not be outdone by little Simpson; announcing her engagement in June to current back-up dancer and current Sharjackson's-baby's-daddy, Kevin Federline. Spears confirms that yes, employing her fiancé isn't all that different from prostitution, but she admits that although she is afraid of a quick, tabloid divorce with Federline, her greatest fear of all is getting served.

In movie news, "I, Robot" opened at the box office amidst much fanfare, almost breaking even by September. Unfortunately, I, Must confess that I, Didn't see the movie because I, Haven't really liked Will Smith since "I, Ndependence Day" and I, Spent my $10 on "A Cinderella Story" instead, which ended up being amazing.

In non-Red-Sox-related sports news, the United States Olympic Basketball team suffered its first-ever defeat (with NBA player participation) to Puerto Rico, spurring an unnecessary outbreak of "Nightmare Team" headlines across the nation. In terms of population, this loss was roughly the equivalent of getting blown out by the state of Massachusetts (starring Travis Best and Vinny Del Negro).

In a shocking twist, this triumph was overshadowed by a more stunning upset when the United States got its revenge in defeating Puerto Rico in "Olympic Pimp My Ride-ing," as Xzibit's '94 Acura Integra with the wheel-mounted Playstation 2s overcame Carmelo Travieso's '94 Acura Integra with the glove compartment guinea pig cage. This marked the first time in over 20 years of International Competition that the Puerto Rican team failed to claim the golden prize for the tackiest car with really unnecessary accessories.

Stealing the spotlight from Lindsey Lohan in girls-that-just-came-of-age news, Mary Kate Olsen checked into the Cirque Lodge, a well-known celebrity substance abuse rehabilitation center, under the guise of an eating disorder (later rumors suspected cocaine addiction). As an only child I can sympathize with Mary Kate's struggles with her own identity and her desire to differentiate herself from her twin sister. At least now, in response to the "How do I tell you two apart?" question, instead of answering, "Ashley's hair is mahogany. Mine is auburn," she can now say, "I'm the one with the deviated septum."

Well I'm running out of time here, but in other news, Usher made women love him by singing about why his ex-woman hates him, UMass apparently tried to build a moat around the library, and Rick James died ... bitch. That's your news for now. Stay classy, UMass. I'm Matt...Brochu? DAMMIT, WHO TYPED A QUESTION MARK IN THE TELEPROMPTER!

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I am going to die

Zach Oeschlegel

Preferably, not soon, it's just that lately I've been realizing more and more over the last few months that, I am not as invincible as I once was. For instance, my knees crack every time I crouch down from years of being a catcher in baseball. I get somewhat out of breath after twenty minutes of playing ultimate frisbee. Some of these things can be fixed fairly easily with exercise, but other little ailments like my bad knees I will have for the rest of my life. It's a constant reminder that I'm a little frailer than I originally thought and that I really need to take advantage of these next ten years of youth before I get old.

Then I start thinking about all the things I should've done over my last two years here at UMass and man, I really blew it. Listening to Pink Floyd's "Time" has made me think a little more about the future. I remember sitting in my dorm room playing video games, because, as Roger Waters put it, "I was young and life is long, and there is time to kill today." Sadly, I sit here at my computer and find out that two years have come behind, and, "no one told me when to run. I missed the starting gun."

Naturally, I know people will tell me that this isn't so. They'll point to the fact that I'm a Collegian columnist, that I'm an officer of Campus Crusade for Christ here at UMass, that I went skydiving last year, yada, yada, yada. In that sense, I have done more with my college time here than most. My gut feeling, however, is a bit how Oscar Schindler felt at the end of Schindler's List, as he realized how much fortune he still had and how many more lives he could have saved. And, like Oscar, I am not at all satisfied with what I have done here. I want more.

So now I "run and I run to catch up with the sun but it's sinking." With everyday that passes, I am one more day closer to the day that I die. And I'm not even old enough to drink.

What is exciting about this, however, is that I realize that. The first two years of my college experience have been without question, the fastest of my life. I'm completely stoked that these next two years are going to be amazing. How much better it would have been if I made the most out of my first two?

This is where everyone else comes in. You are all going to die. Many of us have realized that, but I doubt that the majority of underclassmen have. I know it's something I never dealt with before college.

I wish that when I had first come here, people told me that the most important thing about this place wasn't making the A. Yeah, bringing home a 3.7 to Mom and Dad has its benefits, but it is nowhere near the top of the list. College is all about learning what you can't learn in the classroom, considering over half of the classes you will take here are useless. They will be in huge lecture halls with professors who relate better to camels than to humans, and while it may be nice to know how to multiply matrices or what the different aspects of light are, you will forget them immediately and not really have any more understanding of life.

We don't learn by sitting, we learn by doing. Likewise, the most you'll learn from playing the computer is that it is still impossible to beat the computer at chess on "hard," and that Doom VI won't be out in November like you had hoped.

But hanging out with friends, asking that girl out, screaming for UMass athletics? You'll learn a lot more from those types of events than from most of your classes. Understanding people and meeting them, or finding out that this type of quality is what you look for in a girl, or finding ways to connect to others are more important than that 3.7 GPA. When you go out and do something as opposed to reading about it, you will actually learn something. You're not going to learn how to be a public speaker unless you actually speak in public.

So don't be the kid who never leaves his room because he's too shy. Don't be that guy who skips the road trip because he has a test the following week. Don't be that person who stays in because he just doesn't feel like it.

You'll only end up "shorter of breath, and one day closer to death."

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Late dive for crude



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In 1995, Equatorial Guinea, a tiny and tremendously poor West African nation was considered one of the most impoverished and miserable economic situations on the planet. So much so in fact that the U.S. closed down its embassy for cost-cutting reasons. However, only a few weeks later, oil and natural gas deposits were discovered under the waters of this tiny nation. This triggered the West African oil rush and led ExxonMobil, Tirton Energy, Samedan Oil, CMS Energy and Vanco to invest nearly $5 billion since then. The day and night change shocked the nation and sent it into an economic boom even though most of the labor came from outside Equatorial Guinea's small population of 400,000.

In this case the United States got lucky. However, in Sudan the situation is not so bright. Darfur, a western province of Sudan, is home to what has been called the "world's worst humanitarian crisis" and even "genocide." Putting legal terms aside for a moment, the harsh reality on the ground is that 30,000-50,000 people are dead according to the UN deputy secretary general for humanitarian affairs. About 1.2 million people have been forced from their homes during the 17 months of conflict. About 200,000 have taken refuge in neighboring Chad, which borders on the Darfur province.

The numbers do not begin to echo the horrors which are taking place on the ground and outside involvement is necessary to ease the suffering of crying mothers and hungry children.

The question that came to my mind was why Sudan and why now?

The New York-based International Rescue Committee reported in 2001 that 2.5 million people had died as a result of the three-year-old civil war in neighboring Congo. Also in neighboring Uganda tens of thousands have been killed, mutilated and beheaded by rebel groups and 1.6 million have been displaced.

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The crisis in Darfur is undoubtedly part of a larger picture. Sudan has been experiencing a 21-year civil war, which had come close to resolution after the recent and historic agreements signed by the government and rebel groups in the south. The United States began to play a role in the brokering of this agreement only recently, as much of the hard negotiating work was done by other African states. Sudan was on terrorist lists; it was home to a bloody civil war, and didn't have anything to offer to the United States. Then, in 1999, significant oil deposits became accessible from southern Sudan. This would set Sudan aside from Uganda and Congo. Suddenly the United States found enough cause for humanitarian concern.

An end to the civil war could lift sanctions from Sudan and open its oil market to the United States. This was perhaps not a major concern until Sudan's oil production nearly doubled, making it a more worthy prize. Sudan's energy minister estimates a production of 500,000 barrels per day in 2005. Now take that number and multiply by about 49 cents a barrel and you get millions of reasons to care about the suffering in Darfur.

In October of 2002 President Bush signed the Sudan Peace Act, which would promote a resolution to the 21-year-old conflict. Then in May of 2004, as the world was condemning the Sudanese government for funding deadly militias in Darfur, the United States removed Sudan from a list of nations that aide al-Qaeda. This move puts them closer and closer to lifting sanctions.

But why the rush? Sudan's oil is not going to make an immediate impact even though it has a promising future. The reality is that the U.S. is looking to jump into the game late. Major competitors in the global arena for energy resources have beat the United States to Sudan. After a Canadian company sold its share to Sudanese oil due to pressure from humanitarian groups, Sweden became the only remaining western nation that had a piece of Sudan's crude pie. Among the rest of the nations in the ring are China and India, two major competitors with growing populations and economies. The Russians have also jumped into the game recently as Stroitransgaz (a Russian corporation) won a bid this past spring to a 2 month project to construct a new 367 kilometer pipeline. An Indian corporation also won a bid to build another pipeline, this one a 741 kilometer/16-month project through Sudan. China, which uses Sudan as the base of its African oil projects, owns 40 percent of the Greater Nile Petroleum Company, the main international consortium extracting oil from Sudan.

China, India and Russia, major competitors, are all getting a piece of the pie and the U.S. is left behind in this battle. The policy makers in Washington are seeing black in Sudan, but not because they are eyeing the Darfuris. Once again Washington is ashamed of its realism and slips back into its politically hypocritical shell.

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Cosby's criticism warranted



Matthew Reid

Last spring, comedian Bill Cosby raised several eyebrows when he made some rather frank statements about the condition of education in America, focusing specifically on the deterioration of language among black students. "I can't even pronounce some of the words these kids are using," Cosby said.

The truth is that children of all backgrounds and colors use a different vernacular nowadays, even when compared to when I was in elementary school only 10 or so years ago. And when you compare the situation to the way it was 25 or even 50 years ago, the difference is staggering.

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Cosby was highly critical of school systems in America, saying that the values they instill are not in line with a "proper upbringing." While it does seem a little presumptuous to say what the "proper" upbringing should be, it is clear that teachers these days take a much more "liberal" approach to teaching language.

I've heard of teachers using Eminem lyrics as examples of poetry in high school and even middle school English classes. Granted, rap music does use several poetic devices (such as involved rhyme schemes, alliteration, personification, etc.), but a conscious decision has to be made to choose Eminem over a more conventional poet. While using a popular rapper might make children more interested in the subject matter, is it worth exposing them to such language in a school? A teacher should make it their job to make students interested in learning but to bring Eminem lyrics into a middle school classroom seems a bit counterpuductive.

While Cosby's comments on teachers were met with some controversy his remarks on parents were what really made the headlines. When talking about the use of language among children, Cosby said, "I blamed the kid until I heard the mother talk. And then I heard the father talk. Everybody knows it's important to speak English except these knuckleheads ... you can't be a doctor with that kind of crap coming out of your mouth."

I had the pleasure of seeing Cosby in person when he came to my old elementary school in Athol last May. He stressed that the problems he speaks of are present among every ethnic group (Athol has a predominantly white population). "We all must get back to the roots of parenting, and instill responsibility and pride in our children," Cosby said. "Letting our kids talk like these rappers is not helping."

That leads into Cosby's next criticism, which centers on popular entertainers. "If kids would start using their $15 to buy books instead of these rap CD's, I bet their vocabulary would improve overnight," he said.

I usually give entertainers (musicians, movie stars, athletes) the benefit of the doubt when it comes to negatively influencing children. However, while researching this column, I spoke with an eleven-year-old boy named James, who I know very well. James comes from a very rural, very white background. I asked him some questions about words that he knows and uses, and I was surprised to hear just how colorful his language was. When I asked him where he had learned one particularly "adult" phrase, he said, "My friend gave me a Kid Rock CD, and he sounded cool."

It may be easy to blame James' parents and teachers for "letting him listen to such adult-oriented music, but I know for a fact that James' mother spends a lot of time with him, and he has many teachers that spend a lot of time with him as well. However, you can't keep an eye on a kid 100 percent of the time. Kids simply have countless more opportunities to be exposed to vulgar language now than they used to, and keeping it from them is nearly impossible.

It saddened me when I had that conversation with James. When I was his age, I would never dream of using "questionable" language in front of my parents or my teachers. I've never been one to blame entertainers for influencing America's youth, and I know that most parents and teachers do a commendable job raising their children. But clearly somewhere something is going wrong, and something has to be done.

I don't know what problem needs to be fixed first. Maybe it's getting negative speech out of popular entertainment. Maybe it's getting teachers to stress the importance of language more. Maybe it's getting parents to read more to their kids. Most likely, it's a combination of all of these and more. I wish there was a quick and easy solution to the problem. But one thing Cosby has said all along is that this problem isn't going away anytime soon, especially if people don't wake up and do something about it. Hopefully, that will happen sooner rather than later.

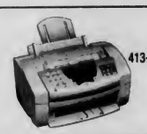
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Universities crack down on slacker applicants



Allison Edles

As more and more high school graduates are choosing to attend college, the admissions process becomes more of a challenge with each incoming freshman class. However, with the outpour of new students, colleges and universities have needed to "crack down" on their newly accepted freshmen, which have experienced bouts of "senioritis" in their last year of high school. The Washington Post recently published an article outlining how more and more well known universities are reconsidering the admission status of applicants who have slacked off during their senior year. "Senioritis" is something that seems to come naturally to every upcoming high school senior. However, mainstream colleges and universities are right in their decisions to hold firmer policies towards students who have declined in their academic grade point averages or who have traded in more challenging courses for easier ones.

According to the University of Massachusetts website on general freshman undergraduate admission standards, "The average high school weighted GPA for freshmen entering in Fall 2003 is 3.4 on a 4.0 scale. If a student does not meet the 3.0 GPA minimum then a SAT/GPA sliding scale applies. The lowest GPA, which may be considered for admission, is a 2.0. Simply meeting minimums does not guarantee admission; the admission process is competitive." Nothing is directly stated on the website that makes any mention of the standard expected of students in their senior year, but one can assume from the the competitive atmosphere in the aforementioned statement that declining grades will result in a lesser GPA meeting more of the minimum acceptance standards rather than the average or ideal acceptance standards.

Typically throughout the undergraduate college admissions process, students are required to submit multiple copies of their transcripts throughout the year, including one final transcript at the end of their senior year. One very common statement on many admissions letters to students is that "admission is contingent upon their performance throughout their senior year." This statement seems to be taken for granted more often than not, but can carry more significance than the weight of a high school diploma.

Many universities, including mainstream and alternative schools, such as the University of Maryland-College Park and Texas Christian University, have been taking direct action to remedy the problem of declining grades amongst their applicants. One method that these universities have chosen to reach their applicants is by writing a letter. According to the article published in The Washington Post, the letter would be a mild warning requesting details on the reasons surrounding a student's senior year performance. A more austere version of the letter would include a sentence stating that the student's admission to that college/university is in jeopardy.

For students who have just completed their senior year in high school, the thought of their college admission being rescinded can be the furthest thing from their mind. Particularly if the student made the choice to apply early decision to a school and got accepted, the onus is placed on that student to keep up his or her grades. It is a common myth to believe that once an applicant is accepted to a college/university, that the acceptance is guaranteed. Unfortunately, more and more students are not taking that factor into consideration once they receive their acceptance letters.

For universities to crack down on their admissions criteria to high school seniors who have exhibited less than the average performance expected of them is to properly handle the difficult situation in which many of these admissions deans have been placed. No higher education facility wants to deny admission to any student, but colleges may find that they are forced to if that student's behavior and performance is not up to par with their codes and standards at the time when their admission is still not finalized.

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Up close and personal



Paige Cram

Being a New Jersey native, it was a summer full of unusual events. Strange weather patterns brought us severe floods and even tornados, which are highly uncommon in our area. But the biggest storm by far took place in the political arena.

On August 12, Governor Jim McGreevey announced his resignation on national television, simultaneously announcing to the public that he is "a gay American."

McGreevey's resignation is controversial in itself, but the complex circumstances under which it took place make it ever more so. His alleged boyfriend was brought here from Israel several years ago and given a job for which he was unqualified. After complaints arose, he left the job quietly and was placed somewhere else. Recently, however, the man, Golan Cipel, was essentially blackmailing the governor with the secret of his sexuality.

It's true that McGreevey may have done things wrong as a governor, things which were maybe even worthy of a resignation. But that's not why he decided to leave office.

In his powerful and poignant speech, the governor talked about personal truths and the importance of admitting one's own reality to oneself. He didn't resign because of the mistakes he made; he resigned because the world was going to find out his "dirty little secrets." It doesn't matter if you do a good job; it doesn't matter if people like you. If you have a weakness or personal flaw, you're opponents will find it, exploit it and use it to their advantage. Is there no privacy for public figures anymore? Just how personal does something have to be for it to remain personal?

It seems that starting with the Clinton presidency, the "personal" life of politicians became fair game. But why should they have any less right to privacy then the rest of us? Sure, we have every right to know about their voting records and political beliefs, but what gives anyone the right to pry into the sexual life of another person? Frankly, it doesn't matter to me what kind of underwear the president wears or who the governor prefers to sleep with. As long as the elected officials are doing their jobs and staying out of illegal activity, then the rest is none of my business.

With this being the year for a presidential election, it's important for us not to be distracted by petty and theatrical politics. We need to focus on the issues, not the "scandals." And most importantly, we need to choose a leader who is focused on introducing the future instead of digging up the past.

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DNC protesters fill free-speech zone in Boston city streets



Al-Jazeera, an ABC Network affiliate interviews political analysist George Steffanopolis before John Kerry's speech.

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Thousands of people from around the country congregated at the site of Boston's Fleet Center, the gathering place for the multitudes of Democrats, in hopes that their messages would be heard by the delegates and Senator John Kerry himself.

The Free-Speech Zone

Many expressed outrage at the idea of the designated "free speech zone," an area specifically for the use of corralling protesters around the Fleet Center. Although authorities claim that the free speech zone, which included barbed wire and high chain link fencing, was for safety purposes, many felt that their First Amendment rights had been severely violated.

Several protestors referred to the zone as a concentration camp. "There is no hope [for the United States]," said protestor Christopher Young, of Providence, RI. "The 9/11 collapses were due to our government, and I am not supporting either candidate."

Signs reading 'Don't Fence me in!' and 'Stupid Nets' littered the usually placid Canal Street, where chalk reading 'Free speech = 9/11 victim # 2' adorned the sidewalks.

One group of women called the 'Missledick Chicks' paraded around the free speech zone mocking President Bush. "God Bless Texeca," they sang, "that's how you spread democracy, with missiles!"

Bush supporters were also present in large numbers shouting, "Abortion equals murder" and, "Kerry is a good for nothing cross dresser!"

One local pizza joint made headlines after its owners refused to take down a larger banner hanging out front, "Say!!! D.N.C. Thanks for Nothing. GO BUSH!"

The owners of Half Time King of Pizza closed its doors the week of the convention and blamed the Democrats for taking away a week of business.

A family from Billerica came to the site of the convention to witness the chaos and to protest the protesters. David, David Jr. and Pat Marone carried a sign that read, 'SHUT UP!' and flashed in front of protesters.

"This is like a Sunday, it's July, this is awful," Dave Marone said. Marone said that the streets should be filled with tourists and Bostonians, not protesters.



NBC, CBS, and other major networks broadcast live from the press booths inside the Fleet Center.

Kerry fans rally support:

While there were hundreds of protesters, there were just as many supporters in favor of the Democrat's convention.

David Stevenson of Vermont, handed out stickers and pins that read, 'Dean for Kerry.' "Thank you Howard Dean for getting the ball rolling," he shouted into the crowd. "We've got to have another revolution." Stevenson said, who hopes that Howard Dean will become President of the United States.

As for Dean's outburst after the Iowa Caucus, Stevenson thinks that "He [Howard Dean] was just trying to be heard."

Inside the Fleet Center, hundreds of members of the democratic delegation and the media were present. Also in attendance were dozens of celebrities who wanted to use their notability for the Democrats. Stars in attendance included John Cusak, Boyd Tingsley of the Dave Matthews Band, Lewis Black from Comedy Central, Omarosa and Kwame from the Apprentice, Steve Bresheimer, Ben Affleck, Jerry Springer, controversial filmmaker Michael Moore and the cast of HBO's 'Curb Your Enthusiasm.'

Comedian and Political Analyst Lewis Black is enthusiastic to give his support to the Democrats, but as for a sense of humor, he said, "C'mon, none of these guys are funny."

Several pregnant women joined together wearing shirts with 'M.O.B.' an acronym for Mothers Opposing Bush on their busting tummies.

"Our mission is to get the facts out, get the voters out and get the administration out of office and to mobilize moms to work for our children," said one group member.

Clinton urges Americans toward Kerry

On the Monday of the convention, roaring delegates rose to their feet rallying and waving signs for former President William Jefferson Clinton. Clinton spoke on behalf of the Democratic Party, emphasizing that Americans need a president who will make America united again.

Clinton also criticized the president for not uniting America after the September 11th terrorist attacks.

"We don't need a divided America," he said. "We Democrats want to build a world, an America of shared responsibilities and shared benefits."

Clinton said that in addition to walking away from our allies after 9/11, "they [the Bush administration] have made equally fateful decisions."

Clinton mentioned and joked about how well he has been taken care of by the Republican's tax cuts to the wealthy, but he concluded that these tax cuts are not fair to the middle class."The rest of you are paying the bill," he said.

Clinton praised Senator Kerry for his patriotism and courage in the Vietnam War. "John Kerry – a true New England Patriot for President," he said. "Say to him what he has always said to America, 'send me'. John Kerry will make choices that will reflect both wisdom and common sense."

He concluded his speech with an allusion to the Scripture, "Be not afraid," he said, "strength and wisdom are not opposing values – they go hand in hand. Now that we are all in the same boat, we should choose a captain of our ship who is a brave man and knows how to steer a vessel through troubled waters, send John Kerry!"

Clinton received overwhelming applause from an emotional crowd as well as from his wife Hillary Rodham Clinton who had introduced her husband.

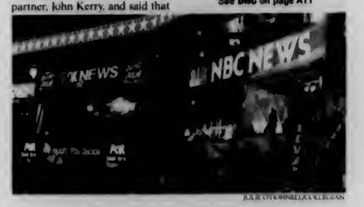
John Edwards accepts VP nomination.

Vice Presidential Nominee John Edwards preached to the delegates about the call for change and reassured the democrats of America that 'hope is on the way.' Edwards also accepted his nomination for Vice Presidency.

Edwards talked about his partner, John Kerry, and said that Kerry is, "a man who represents real American values and we must and we will elect him for the next President of the United States."

He emphasized on how he and Kerry plan to make America stronger because right now there two divided types of Americans. He said that there are those who are living the American dream and

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Crowds at the Democratic National Convention watch John Edwards on one of the dozens of plasma screens facing the audience.

Murray family still has hope

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University campus last winter.

22-year-old Maura Murray, a nursing student, is still missing after 7 months. It was February 9, 2004 when the Hanson, Mass. resident packed up her belongings from her Kennedy Hall dorm room, drove her car to New Hampshire and got into a minor car accident. After the accident, she vanished without a trace. She has not been seen or heard from since that cold February evening.

Maura's parents, Laurie and Fred Murray, have said all along that her daughter had excellent grades. Murray was a Dean's list student a track star in high school, and a close friend to many.

Murray has described her daughter's relationship with her boyfriend, Army Lt. Bill Rauch of Oklahoma as "a very, very good relationship." However, Maura's family and friends suspect foul play was involved in the young woman's disappearance.

Her disappearance

There are clues indicating that Maura Murray may have had some personal troubles just before she left UMass.

Maura allegedly left her campus job the Thursday before she disappeared and co-workers described her state as upset and troubled, according to WCVB-TV.

In an interview with WCVB-TV, Maura's older sister, Kathleen Murray of Hanover, Mass., admitted that she had a phone conversation with Maura that evening.

"It was just a regular phone call. It made no difference to me. It was just Maura calling me, that was that. I told her about my day and quarreling with my fiancée," Murray said. "I don't know what I could have done to upset her... Seriously, I think she just wanted to get out of work."

New Hampshire State Police Lt. John Scarinza is one of the lead investigators on the Murray case. He disputes Kathleen Murray's statement about her sister trying to leave work early.

"It wasn't a case where she called the supervisor and said, 'Listen, I've had a bad phone call...' The supervisor on her own initiative said, 'Why don't you take the rest of the night off? I'll walk you to your dorm.' So clearly she was upset," Scarinza told WCVB-TV.

It was less than four days later when Maura decided to leave UMass. She apparently had some type of plan before for her departure.

In the early morning hours of Monday, Feb. 9th Maura performed an Internet search for directions to Burlington, VT and the Berkshires.

"Sometime between Sunday and Monday morning, she packed up all her belongings in her dorm room, to include taking all her pictures off the walls, taking everything out of her bureaus, [and] put them all in boxes [and] left [them] on her bed," Scarinza told WCVB-TV. "[She] left a personal note to her boyfriend on top of the boxes."

Maura Murray's vehicle was then found in the town of Haverhill, N.H. crashed and abandoned on the side of the road. Her doors were reportedly locked and a few items had been removed from her car.

Authorities did not begin their search for Murray until Feb. 11, to the dismay of her parents.

A POSSIBLE LINK

It was only about one month after Maura's disappearance when another disappearance of a young woman shocked the northern New England region where Maura was last seen.

17-year-old Brianna Maitland of Montgomery, VT disappeared March 19th after leaving her restaurant job.

About one hour after she left work, her car was found backed into an abandoned barn about 1 mile away. Her disappearance took place only 90 miles from where Maura was last seen.

The Murray family has publicly said they are not disregarding the idea that there may be a link between the two disappearances.

"If you think about it, both of them had minor accidents and they both disappeared without a trace," Laurie Murray told the Massachusetts Daily Collegian.

Both the families of Murray and Maitland have publicly said they want their respective law enforcement agencies to investigate further if there is a missing link between the two disappearances.

Police are not dismissing the link theory, but have said it is unlikely.

"It's hard to believe you'd have that bad of luck," said Scarinza, "We are open minded to anything, but there is no evidence to suggest the cases are related."

NO NEW LEADS

On July 13th, a search of the woods was conducted, which involved about 90 people. It covered a one-mile radius from where Maura was last seen.

Officials recovered several articles of clothing, but none of the items found were linked to Murray.

"As of this date, none of the clothing items recovered appears to have belonged to Maura or appear to be linked to her disappearance. Of the miscellaneous items that were located by the searchers to include several bottles and other products, they do not

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PVTA bus system forced to reduce Northampton route

By Megan Daley
Collegian Correspondent

AMHERST— The Pioneer Valley Transit Authority was forced to reduce one of its routes due to budget cuts, affecting UMass students taking classes at Smith College.

The M40 bus route, which runs an express line from UMass to Smith College, is running on a reduced schedule this year, making eight trips daily instead of last year's 14, said Al Byam, the General Manager of UMass Transit.

According to Al Byam, the M40 route was originally going to be eliminated completely and the compromise of a reduced route was due to "resolved budget negotiations."

The M40 route was dropped on July 1, but fears of worsening traffic conditions on Route 9 and overcrowding in B43 buses, the only other buses that go from UMass to Northampton, made the organization announce on August 28 that it would reinstate the route as of September 7.

PVTA officials also realized that they would have to add additional buses to the B43 route to compensate for the loss of the M40 and decided that doing so would cost almost as much as keeping the express route.

Five Colleges Inc., the consortium of local colleges and UMass, also worried that dropping the express route would make students less likely to be able to attend classes at other schools. Students depend on this route for exchange between schools and its elimination might make students hesitant to take advantage of taking classes at a different school.

The M40 and B43 bus routes are run by the Hampshire County Transit, rather than the UMass transit department. So far, no UMass routes have been cut, but some town outreach routes have had their schedules reduced.

Last February, PVTA administrator Gary Shepard broke the news of bus route budget cuts to Hampshire County citizens. The people responded by agreeing to "work with the PVTA in order to help offset the proposed cuts in bus routes due to $1.5 million deficit." The lobbying effort was successful, saving the M40 route from elimination for at least one year.

The reduced schedule will save $8,300 for the Five College consortium, said a recent press release.

When Shepard originally announced the budget cuts last February, he said that he had written a letter to Governor Mitt Romney in December asking for "dedicated funding." According to Byam, Romney has "ignored that completely."

Byam said local legislators are working closely with the PVTA to find new sources of funding.

One such legislator is Northampton Mayor Claire Higgins who, according to a report in the Daily Hampshire Gazette, has pledged her help in finding funding to make up for the federal grant that was lost to the PVTA.

SGA looks toward new year

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

While University of Massachusetts students were busy enjoying the summer and relaxing, Eduardo Bustamante, student government president, has been actively pursuing goals for the upcoming school year.

Elected last spring, Bustamante has already put together several proposals in hopes to improve the academics and affordability of the University.

Shorter Term:

The first major proposed idea is to reduce the price of textbooks by incorporating a rental system.

"Kids are spending between $600 to $1,000 in text books every year," Bustamante said. "In other schools, both public and private, kids are spending $60 to $100 per semester on textbooks."

Currently, efollet, a private company that supplies the Textbook Annex with the textbooks, has a contract with the University that extends until July 2005.

"I think you should be able to rent books as long as you give the books back in good condition at the end of the semester," Bustamante said. "People need to be aware that they can save a lot of money."

An overwhelming 75 percent of the student population voted for this proposal in one of the referendum questions last April. Bustamante hopes to begin a rental system by the start of the Fall 2005 semester.

Long Term

Bustamante has extensively researched and begun a proposal to increase class availability, decrease class size and increase the quality of education. He plans to make this idea work by making it possible for students to take only four classes per semester and still be able to graduate in four years.

"This is something that is really great as we research it more," Bustamante said. "It wouldn't effect the classes offered it would mean each class is slightly more intensive."

Although this proposal is still being researched, Bustamante hopes to enforce this idea within the next couple of years. He believes that because the four-class program has worked in several other institutions, such as the University of New Hampshire, that it can be beneficial to UMass students as well.

"It allows you to concentrate more on your classes," he said. "This is your school, you have the ability to impose your preference and to make this school what you want of it, so come and see on September 16."



SGA President Eduardo Bustamante speaks to fellow students during last spring semester.

"Other public schools have it like UCal Berkley, as well as every private school."

Bustamante also said that each course would be worth four credits instead of three and the class time would increase by five to ten minutes.

Getting involved:

Beginning September 16, SGA will be having its open forum meeting is various dining commons throughout campus. These meetings are open to the entire UMass community, in hopes that students will propose new ideas and bring up important issues about the University.

"We want students to understand that we have the power to make a change," Bustamante said. "We want them to know the progress that is being made, we're really ambitious and we're really hopeful."

Although it is easy to come to a big school and get lost, Bustamante wants students to know that they can have a voice in the SGA.

ALANA

Last September, former Speaker Jared Nokes refused to recognize the appointed ALANA caucus seats and Bustamante, a senator for ALANA drew in a great deal of attention during his battle with Nokes in efforts to demand recognition.

As for the controversy last year surrounding the recognition of the ALANA caucus by SGA Speaker Jared Nokes and the drama that engulfed the issue of diversity on the seats positions, Bustamante claims that both sides are in agreement now.

"Now that I am elected and I'm doing the job, at this point I can't get thrown out," he said. "The student body, the judiciary council and the senate all want to ensure diversity throughout the seats."

Murray family holds out hope

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appear to have any relevance to Maura's disappearance," said Scarinza.

Laurie Murray recently reiterated that no new information has been found.

"We continue to never give up hope and we pray," Murray said.

Scarinza said he is hoping someone from UMass might come forward with new information regarding Maura's disappearance. His hope is that Maura did confide in someone as to why she decided to leave school.

"We don't know why Maura left school... Clearly it was her intention to leave school. Clearly she had a destination in mind when she came up north. What clearly did not make sense was that she didn't confide in anyone," Scarinza said.

He went on to say that he is not worried about finding alcohol or drugs if someone were to speak up.

"I'm just worried about finding Maura," he said.

Anyone who has any information about the disappearance of Maura Murray is urged to call New Hampshire State Police Sgt. Robert Bruno. His phone number is 603-846-3333. All calls can remain confidential.

Gas line hit by backhoe near DuBois Library

By Erika Lovley
Collegian Staff

W.E.B Du Bois Library, South College, Thompson Hall and MacInnes Hall were all evacuated Saturday August 28 when a backhoe operator struck natural gas pipeline while digging underground, causing a gas leak. There were no injuries reported.

The two-inch pipe was struck at 10:40 a.m. on the west side of the library while the Garden Engineering backhoe worker was working on the replacement of the library deck, a project that has been ongoing all summer. The leak that caused a noticeable odor in the air, but was stopped within an hour.

"It was a surprise that really strained our resources," said UMass Police Department Chief of Police Barbara O'Connor.

Four workers dug into the ground to locate the leak while Berkshire Gas clamped the line. UMPD, the Amherst Fire Department, and the UMass Environmental Health and Safety department monitored the quality of the air until the area was declared safe at 12:15 p.m.

Outdoor shows may be paired with upcoming Mullins events

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year contract with UMass Amherst this summer to take over management of the Mullins Center. Global Spectrum succeeds SMG, the original manager and one of the nation's leading operator of major arenas and stadiums, in a contract that took effect July 1.

The arena's new General Manager Bob LeBarron has been negotiating with various promoters to bring more shows and diversity to UMass Amherst.

"I'm excited to be here. This building has great potential," said LeBarron.

LeBarron plans to "expand the horizons of the building" by utilizing the Mullins Center's curtain system, which cuts the arena in half to seat 5,000. This will attract a lot of new and smaller bands that previously weren't interested in performing before a half-empty arena.

While LeBarron was General Manager at the University of New Hampshire one of his promoters always offered cheaper student tickets. LeBarron promises to extend the same benefits UMass Amherst students, and offer discounts whenever possible.

Students can expect a variety of shows including rock, country, ice shows, and theater. They can also count on more grassroots marketing such as posters, flyers, and promotions in the dorms and dining halls. LeBarron says he has already met with local radio stations Lazer 99.3 and Rock 102 to discuss teaming up for upcoming shows.

Due to the Mullins Center's location right off of Interstate 91, LeBarron says it is in "a good position regionally" to attract big crowds. In order to see a big concert, one has to travel at least 40 minutes to either Worcester, Hartford, and even as far as Boston or New York.

LeBarron says the fan experience is a key element in a show's success. Some upcoming plans include band performances outside the arena before the start of a show. With Global Spectrum's company connections and success in other arenas, LeBarron believes that UMass students will be provided with nothing but high quality entertainment to the Mullins Center.

LeBarron will not only be working with the Mullins Center. He will connect directly with UMass students by teaching Arena Management, a Sports Management class.

"I look forward to giving something back," he said.

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Construction hammers Five College Area

It's finally finished

Coolidge bridge opens to four-lane traffic

By Nate Walsh
Collegian Correspondent

NORTHAMPTON, Mass. — Students returning to the Five College Area this fall may be pleasantly surprised to find that the construction of the Calvin Coolidge Bridge on Route 9, which acts as a pipeline into Northampton and on to Interstate 91, has finally been completed, freeing up the heavy traffic and delays that has plagued the highway in the past.

Construction began on the bridge in summer of 2001 by the state highway department and the Cianbro Construction Co. The project was intended to widen the bridge to four lanes and to refurbish its appearance and structural integrity. The project was expected to end in the summer of 2003 however it was delayed for almost a year.

"It did take us a little longer than anticipated, but we did do a little more work than we anticipated," said Chet Muckenhirn, Cianbro's project manager for the bridge.

During the work on the bridge, it was not uncommon for traffic to be backed up for miles, as motorists would pass through Hadley and into Northampton and I-91. UMass has been aware of the problems, making special note about the bridge construction in its directions to campus for new students and visitors since 2001. The campus community has waited for three years to witness the completion of the bridge and on June 25, waiting ceased as the ribbon was cut celebrating the opening of the completed project.

"The Coolidge Bridge has always been a dear part to all who have come in contact with it, and the fact that it is reopened lifts a heavy damper from the spirits of many," said Vincent Milburn, an undeclared sophomore.



Traffic rushes across Calvin Coolidge Bridge, top. Left, a sunny view of the newly-opened four lanes. Right, a large marble slab displays the bridge's namesake, former president Calvin Coolidge.

"I think it's great because now it's easier to access [Northampton stores]," said Jordan Hakkinen, a resident of Puffton Village. "It's totally sweet!"

However, this should not mean that the traffic problems have been solved for Route 9. There are a considerable number of cars traveling over the bridge and using the surrounding roads.

"I'm interested in having UMass students use public transportation," said Northampton Mayor Clare Higgins. "When I went to UMass, I used the bus."

The mayor told the Collegian the need for the two communities of UMass and Northampton to have a direct route to each other, as there is a sizeable amount of people moving back and forth daily.

UMass has cut a shuttle that runs between the two communities, which may be a problem for some, and contribute to future traffic.

The ribbon cutting festivities this past July included a parade of classic cars, which made their way across the bridge past spectators of all ages. Several dignitaries were on hand for the event, including the Mayor of Northampton Clare Higgins, and State Sen. Stanley Rosenberg, D-Amherst.

The bridge carries the name of the thirtieth president of the United States, however, not many people are aware that "Silent Cal" Coolidge, although born in Vermont, graduated from Amherst College with honors, was elected Mayor of Northampton in 1909 and died in Northampton in 1933.

UMass library project underway

By Megan Daley
Collegian Correspondent

$5.8 million worth of major renovations to the W.E.B. DuBois library that began over the summer will continue into the school year, say University of Massachusetts officials.

The concrete deck built around the library has been torn down and excavated so that waterproofing material can be put down to stop roof leaks, says Emily Silverman, Director of Library Development and Communication.

The new deck that will be erected will also have sloping sides, making it handicapped accessible. The work is being done by Gardner Engineering of Chicopee.

This renovation is the first step in a series that the library wishes to accomplish, says Silverman. Eventually, the "exterior renovations will be done and we can start on the interior ones."

The main floor of the library will get new carpeting and paint, but the physical updates will only be the start.

"We want to make a 'learning common' that will centralize a lot of the things from the library tower, like the O.I.T. labs. We want to give better access to the library resources," she said.

This second step of the library renovation will cost approximately $5 million.

Although the construction is ongoing, the library itself is fully operating.

"The main message that we want to tell students is that the library is still open," said Silverman. Temporary entrances are set up on the side of the library that faces the Student Union and on the side that faces South College.

For safety reasons, some parts of the library below the deck were off limits during the summer, but, for the most part, Silverman says that there is now "full access" to the facilities on that floor, including, reference, computer labs, cataloging, technical services, shipping and receiving, inter-library loan and periodicals.

When school starts, the library will operate on regular hours, with as little disruption to the students as possible, according to Silverman.

"The noisy part is done; the demolition work is pretty much completed," she said. "We've done all we can to make sure that students won't be inconvenienced by noise."

Silverman also encourages students who may be deterred from using the library because of the construction to use the library's website.

"It's better than ever," she said. The website, www.library.umass.edu, also features updates on the construction progress.

Repairs and renovations to the W.E.B. DuBois library are nothing new. Soon after it was first completed in 1973, bricks began falling off the building's façade, due to the designer's failure to take into account the effect that the weight of the books would have on the building, according to the UMass Amherst 1979 yearbook.

The library was closed down for general student use for a time and the old library, Goodell Library, was used instead. Excess books were stored in the new library and runners were employed to retrieve them if a student needed them.

The library renovations are just part of reconstruction that will be going on at UMass. Franklin and Berkshire dining commons will also be receiving renovations in the near future.

According to Ken Toong, Director of University Dining and Retail Services, plans for Franklin are "still on the drawing board" and architects and planning commissions are still meeting to discuss future improvements for Berkshire. At the time of this publication, arrangements regarding cost and start dates were still being made.



Top, an aerial view of the massive construction project. Above, a backhoe operator moves dirt around the library base.

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Republicans rally in NYC for convention

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of his presidency.

"In the heart of this great city, we saw tragedy arrive on a quiet morning," Bush said. "We saw the bravery of rescuers grow with danger. We learned of passengers on a doomed plane who died with a courage that frightened their killers."

In optimistic language reminiscent of Ronald Reagan's, Bush said: "Since 2001, Americans have been given hills to climb, and found the strength to climb them. Now, because we have made the hard journey, we can see the valley below."

He sought to project that optimism on an issue that remains a top source of anxiety for many Americans, the economy, and he said his tax cuts were responsible.

Edwards gets support

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those who are unfortunate and that have to make ends meet everyday.

"It doesn't have to be that way anymore," he said, "we can do this together, you and I. Hard work should be valued so we're going toward work, not just wealth."

More specifically, Edwards guaranteed several tax breaks to the middle class, including $1,000 healthcare tax break, $1,000 childcare tax break and a $4,000 tax break on college tuition.

"How?" Edwards asked a puzzled crowd, "We will keep and protect tax payers and roll back the tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans."

He also said that the two plan to raise minimum wage and finish the welfare reform."We're going to say 'no!' to those working full time and living in poverty, not in our America," he shouted, "hope is on the way because this is an America where everything is still possible."

On the path to the Presidency

On Thursday July 29, an enthusiastic and energetic Senator John Kerry saluted Americans and accepted his nomination for President of the United States, during the culmination of the entire convention.

"I'm John Kerry and I'm reporting for duty," Kerry saluted, " and I have one purpose – to make America stronger at home and respected around the world."

Kerry spoke about his family, and strong family values that can change the world.

"It's time for those who talk about family values to start valuing families, he said, "We believed we could change the world, and we did, but we're not finished, we're not, the journey isn't complete, the march isn't over, the promise isn't perfected and tonight we're setting out again and we're going to write the next great chapter of the American story."

Kerry accused the Bush administration for not telling the truth about leading America into war.

"It starts with telling the truth to the American people" he said.

"That is my first pledge – to bring trust and credibility to the White House. I will be a commander in chief who will never lead us into war."

The Massachusetts Senator continued to blame the current administration for waging war, raising taxes for the middle class, making healthcare unaffordable and taking away after school programs for children.

Kerry also said that the Bush administration is pessimistic and the reason for a struggling economy.

"There is nothing more pessimistic than saying that America can't do better," he preached, "we can do better and we will— we're the optimists."

Kerry continued with references to his runningmate's speech from the previous night and chanted with the crowd, "Help is on the way!"

He talked about the war in Iraq and he will use his tactics and knowledge from the war in Vietnam to wage this current crisis.

Kobe Bryant dismissed from rape charges

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) - The Kobe Bryant case collapsed Wednesday as prosecutors said they had no choice but to drop the sexual assault charge against the NBA star because his accuser no longer wanted to participate.

Bryant, whose trial had been days from opening arguments, responded with an apology to the woman who had accused him.

"Although I truly believe this encounter between us was consensual, I recognize now that she did not and does not view this incident the same way I did," Bryant said. "I now understand how she feels that she did not consent to this encounter."

With the parents of the 20-year-old alleged victim looking on, District Judge Terry Ruckriegle threw out the case under a deal that means no charges will be refiled.

District Attorney Mark Hurlbert told Ruckriegle the woman did not want to testify or otherwise participate in the trial. The woman's attorney, John Clune, said she has been through an extremely difficult time over the 14 months since she alleged she was raped, and was disturbed by a series of courthouse mistakes that included release of her name and medical history.



Kobe Bryant's defense attorneys Terry O'Connor, left, Pamela Mackey, center and Hal Haddon leave the Justice Center in Eagle, Colo.

"It is in her sincere belief that when this case ends, she does not want to be brought back into the criminal process," Clune said.

"The difficulties that this case has imposed on this woman the past year are unimaginable."

The dismissal marks a stunning turn in the high-profile case against one the NBA's brightest young stars. For months, prosecutors had insisted they had a strong enough case to win a conviction beyond a reasonable doubt.

Instead, prosecutors dropped backed away after spending thousands of dollars and just days before opening statements were scheduled to begin on Tuesday. Jury selection was scheduled to wrap up this week.

Bryant, 26, has said he had consensual sex with a then-19-year-old employee of a Vail-area resort where he stayed last summer. Had he been convicted, the Los Angeles Lakers star would have faced four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation, and a fine up to $750,000.

Bryant, who still faces a federal civil lawsuit filed by the accuser that seeks unspecified damages, apologized to the victim "for my behavior that night and for the consequences she has suffered in the past year."

"Although this year has been incredibly difficult for me personally, I can only imagine the pain she has had to endure," said Bryant, who also apologized to her family, his family and friends and the citizens of Eagle.

Bryant said that while the civil case remains, that part of this case "will no longer be a financial or emotional drain on the citizens of the state of Colorado."

Associated Press

UMPD says cameras will cut crime

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Violent raid on standoff



A father holds his son after escaping the separatists who took 1,200 people hostage in a school in Beslan, Russia.

More than 150 are feared dead

By Mike Eckel
Associated Press

BESLAN, Russia (AP) - Commandos stormed a school Friday in southern Russia and battled separatist rebels holding 1,200 hostages, as crying children, some naked and covered in blood, fled through explosions and gunfire. An official said the death toll could be significantly higher than 150.

Three of the separatist rebels were reportedly still blockaded in a school basement, trading fire with security forces. A Federal Security Service official said militants were still holding hostages.

Hours after much of the school was secured late Friday afternoon, a large explosion erupted from the school toward nightfall, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

Ten militants were killed in the violence, including nine Arabs, an aide to President Vladimir Putin said, according to the Interfax news agency. The Arab presence among the attackers would support Putin's contention that al-Qaida terrorists were involved in the Chechen conflict, where Muslim fighters have been fighting Russian forces in a brutal a war of independence for most of the past decade.

A hostage who escaped told Associated Press Television News that the militants numbered 28. The hostage, who identified himself only as Teimuraz, said the militants began wiring the school with explosives as soon as they took control.

The chaotic climax to the hostage standoff began when explosions collapsed part of the school roof and gunfire erupted from inside the building where the militants stormed the school Wednesday moring.

The militants kept the hostages in the sweltering gymnasium, refusing to let in food or water.

"They didn't let me go to the toilet for three days, not once. They never let me drink or go to the toilet," Teimuraz, the escaped hostage told APTN.

After the hostage-takers fled, more than 100 bodies were found in the gymnasium, some apparently killed when part of the school's roof collapsed in the explosion that prompted the Russian security forces to move in.

A Putin aide said the total death toll could be significantly more than 150 people. An estimated 520 people were wounded, health officials said. The regional health minister earlier reported that at least 218 children were wounded.

Aslanbek Aslakhanov, Putin's top aide on Chechnya, said security forces did not plan to storm the building, but were prompted to move when the hostage-takers set off explosions early Friday afternoon.

Russian soldiers rest as they encircle the seized school in Beslan, North Ossetia, Friday, Sept. 3, 2004. A hostage released from a provincial Russian school said there are at least 1,500 people being held there by armed militants, the Izvestia newspaper reported Friday, and a local legislator announced a similar figure challenging far-lower official numbers. (AP Photo/ Sergey Ponomarev)Witnesses said the militants opened fire on fleeing hostages and then began to escape themselves.

Gunfire rang out for hours as security forces chased hostage-takers, who split into small groups as they fled. Interfax and the ITAR-Tass news agency reported the three militants holed up in the basement may include the head of the group. Another group took refuge in a nearby house where tanks moved in.

Huge columns of smoke rose from the school. Windows were shattered, part of roof was gone and another part was charred. Commandos, residents and journalists scurried around the building and soldiers climbed inside through a lower floor window, all the glass missing.

People ran through the streets, and the wounded were carried off on stretchers. An Associated Press reporter saw ambulances speeding by, the windows streaked with blood. Four armed men in civilian clothes ran by, shouting, "A militant ran this way."

Soldiers and men in civilian clothes carried children to a temporary hospital set up behind an armored personnel carrier. One child had a bandage on her head, others had bandaged limbs. Some women fainted.

The children drank eagerly from bottles of water given to them once they reached safety. Many of the children were naked or only partly clothed because of the stilling heat in the gymnasium.

"I am helping you," a man dressed in camouflage told a crying girl. Women gathered around, trying to soothe her, saying "It's all right. It's all right."

A cameraman for the British network ITN reported seeing around 100 bodies in the gym. The correspondent for Russia's Interfax news agency reported that there were dozens of bodies in the school, including about 100 in the gym, and that some were killed when the building's roof collapsed from an explosion before the main assault began.

Sixty of the bodies in the gymnasium have been identified, said Valery Andreyev, the chief of the Federal Security Service in North Ossetia said.

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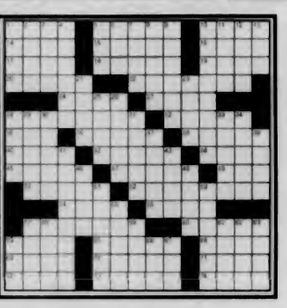
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Across

1 Like this
5 Australian herbivore
10 "Moonlight ___"
14 Eighth month
15 Rubbish
17 Movie of history
18 Gumption
19 Weave
20 Devastation
21 Horror-movie street
24 Disagreed
27 Made calm
28 Make aboard
29 Ode to a dead bird
30 Put the finger on
31 Small herbal
32 Pierced in speech
37 Clothes horse
40 Freight hauler
41 Shuts firmly
42 ___ Moment
43 Gorilla
44 Bowl over
45 Lyric poem
46 Extreme fitness
48 Make watertight
50 Plaintiffs' goal
51 Rubber ingredients
54 Exotic spicy
55 Not an income
56 Wordless actor
58 Country singer
59 Tiny
60 Outdoor outfit
61 Part of speech
62 Circle
63 Alone (to Brigitte)
64 Part of MIT

Down

1 Mountain pass
2 Fishing
3 Rubber tree
4 Bob Hope's
5 Fabric softener
6 Tiny insect
7 Tiny
8 Fuel
9 Grocery features
10 Fingers
11 Mad Hatter guest
12 Regards
13 Lit ___ of gallons
21 Weaver's word
22 Wide-ranging fun
23 Tiny
25 Tarot deck
26 Vertices
27 House pets
29 Morning drinks
31 Carnivores
33 Tiny
34 Fixed up
35 Grocery features
36 Tiny
38 Wedding cake section
39 Revising
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aries • Mar. 21-Apr. 19
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gemini • May 21-Jun. 21
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Courtesy Tracie Orawelle

A band member from the Ozzfest standard, Slipknot, takes a pause while performing at the dissappointing 2004 Ozzfest.

God Forbid, Otep carry the torch for the next generation of Ozzfest fans

By Cameron J. Woods
Collegian Staff

Ozzfest
Tweeter Center
Mansfield
July 12

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Dave ignites Tweeter Center

Matthews and Co. perform sold out back-to-back shows

By Joe Piedrafite
Collegian Staff

MANSFIELD — What are two surefire signs that summer is in full swing? The seemingly endless days of sun and sand, and the Dave Matthews Band back on the road again.

Matthews and his band of merry men, violinist Boyd Tinsley, bassist Stefan Lessard, sax-man LeRoi Moore and percussionist Carter Beauford embarked on a 47-date summer tour that began June 17 at the UMB Bank Pavilion in Missouri and will criss-cross the country until early September when the band joins the MoveOn PAC's Vote For Change Tour with such legends as James Taylor, Bruce Springsteen, and Pearl Jam.

The Northeast first played host to Matthews in early July, when he and his band mates hit the Tweeter Center in Mansfield for a two-night stand.

On July 6, Dave and Company took the stage just as the summer sun was setting in the distance. Diehard fans were anxious for the show to begin with rumors circulating that Matthews had been performing four entirely new songs on this tour. As soon as the lights went out the sold out crowd of almost 20,000 strong exploded and the band took their usual stroll on stage. They opened with several classic DMB tunes, "One Sweet World," "Best of What's Around," "The Stone" and "The Song that Jane Likes."

After "Jane," one of the new tunes, "New Song #4" made its debut. A haunting ballad, "New Song #4" was slow jam for the band with each player getting a chance to shine with mid-song jam session that lasted over 10 minutes. Following "#4" was fan favorite and DMB signature song "Crush," complete with the unavoidable sing-along. Matthew's raspy voice was in top form and was well showcased in "Crush."

"Rhyme and Reason," a song that is typically absent from DMB sets was up next followed by a second new tune, "Good, Good Time."

Following these two numbers was the song "Warehouse," known by fans for its intense jams. True to form, Tuesday's crowd was excited for "Warehouse."

Even "I Did It," from the band's often dismissed 2001 album, "Everyday," made an appearance in the set. "New Song #3", another new tune came next. The crowd responded well to the second serving of new material for the night. Reminiscent of older DMB work, "New Song #3" was both refreshing and familiar.

"Where Are You Going," off of DMB's most recent studio album "Busted Stuff," was a nice transition from new to old. The crowd was anything but low-key, despite the songs modest tone.

Matthews was in good form Tuesday, injecting his signature humor and his indescribable dancing and grooving that he is famous for into the show. During an intense version of "Jimi Thing," complete with a scat break, he quipped about how his "milkshake is better than yours." He then segued into another new song, a smooth and laid back "New Song #1" that complimented the gorgeous summer evening nicely.

The night's set was wrapped with an utterly insane version of "Tripping Billies," with the entire band letting loose. Strings were broken, articles of clothing went flying and the fans were going nuts. When the lights went out, the fans were screaming for more. Tiny flames from fans lighters illuminated the darkness of the Tweeter Center and there was a certain electricity in the air that was indescribable.

After yelling and cheering for about 10 minutes, the boys strolled back on stage for their encore which consisted of a tease intro into a yet another new song, "New Song #2" which was great addition to the current tour repertoire. Matthews and Co. sent their fans off to Dreamland that night with a rendition of "What Would You Say" in their heads.

On Wednesday night, the band felt and looked like a pair of your favorite worn-in shoes. The night was picture perfect; warm, slight breeze, just right for a concert. The boys opened the show with "Too Much," playing with the same intense energy from the previous night.

At Wednesday's show, the "new" songs officially received their names. "New Song #1" became "Crazy-Easy," "New Song #2" became "Joy Ride," "New Song #3" was renamed "Hello Again" and "New Song #4" was christened "Sugar Will."

The rousing opener was followed by classic DMB tune, "Granny," much to the delight of the second consecutive sold out crowd. "Don't Burn the Pig" was featured next, followed by "Sugar Will," which was even stronger than in the previous night's performance.

Dave Matthews Band
Tweeter Center
Mansfield
July 6 & 7

The mellow "Bartender" was up next, a tune that has quickly become a contemporary Matthews classic, joining the ranks of "Ants Marching," "Tripping Billies," "Lie in Our Graves," "Crash" and "Crush." Matthews's voice was again in pitch-perfect form, hitting all the falsettos effortlessly.

The summery and easy-going "When the World Ends" was a nice follow up to "Bartender" and got the crowd pumped again. An extremely strong version of "Drive in, Drive Out" was greeted with thunderous cheers as was the second newly named tune, "Crazy-Easy."

Band bassist Stefan Lessard had a sick solo segue into "Grace is Gone." He tried his hand at a lap steel and he, along with the rest of the band had the crowd eating out of the palms of his hands. A short and somewhat ineffective version of "Recently" followed next and then "Grey Street," which has become a live standard since appearing on "Busted Stuff," and even earlier from the unreleased "Lillywhite Sessions" with famed producer Steve Lillywhite.

Matthews performed a short intro to the newly named "Hello Again," which was even tighter than the night before and then it was an explosive rendition of "Ants Marching." Giving the previous night's "Tripping Billies" a run for its money. The crowd was going crazy and sang along so loud. They even drowned out Matthews for the most part. Boyd rocked out on his electric violin and Matthews did the two-step dance and shimmy that he is famous for.

After the wild rendition of "Ants," fans needed to take a quick breath, and Matthews delivered with a quiet yet powerful rendition of "Cry Freedom." Lighters flickered in the summer breeze across both the lawn and the pavilion, and fans slowly swayed in time to the bands performance.

The final new song, "Joy Ride" came next, followed by "Everyday." With the absence of a backup trio of women, sax player Leroi, along with constant DMB guest musician Butch Taylor on keys and the eager fans made "Everyday" the highlight of the evening. Dave and the crowd sang "Honey, honey ... come and dance with me," which sent chills down the spine. A crowd-pleasing rendition of "Stay" finished out that night's phenomenal set.

After much hootin' and hollerin,' the evening's encore was a die-hard Dave fan's dream come true. The boys in the band bid farewell to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on a high note. They started off with an intense "So Much to Say," and then a short and seldom-heard "Has Anyone Seen the Bridge" segued into "Pantala Naga Pampa" that went directly in to a blazing version of "Rapunzel."

In an interview with Boston radio station WBCN earlier in the day, bassist Lessard told DJ Cali about possible producers and a possible release date for the band's next album. Big-shot producers like Pharell and Dr. Dre have been thrown around to produce the band's next studio release, as well as a release date as soon as this Christmas. A more likely date will probably be towards the end of winter 2005, with the band "doing other things" this fall after the concert tour concludes in mid-September.

Tweeter's two-night stand was proof that if you have never seen the band live, then you have never really heard the band at all. Dave, Stefan, Boyd, Carter and LeRoi deserve much thanks for making Mansfield, if only for two nights, "One Sweet World."



Ozzfest '04 fails to measure up to previous years



COURTESY TRACE GRAVELLE

A member of Slipknot adorned in some of the bands more notorious tour garb.

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chandising and the constant hounding to blow money on trinkets made the event into a bazarre with live musical entertainment.

Though opening act Atreyu was unavoidably detained and missed their set, it was no big loss as, much like many of the other bands on this year's billing, they were just another up-and-coming band with only a small clutch of fans who could name a piece of their work without flipping over the CD jacket.

The negativity that manifested against bands such as Magna-Fi, Every Time I Die and Bleeding Through — though very merited by the latter bands — seemed to be a bit more hostile than a simple expression of the heavy metal spirit.

One of the rare gems of the second stage was the Jersey-based God Forbid. Fronted by a versatile vocalist, Byron Davis, with the dynamic guitar and back up vocals of brothers Doc and Dallas Coyle this band proved that though they were a bit unfamiliar with such huge performances they could still pull it off. Unfortunately, with such a similar group of bands surrounding their performance, it was a bit difficult to separate the unique qualities of their music from the unremarkable quantity of music from some of the other acts.

In an exclusive interview with guitarist/vocalist Doc Coyle The Daily Collegian asked about the widely rumored imminent break up of the band. Coyle said, "Yea we were having a bit of tension, you know, but we all took our little time out and things are better."

In regards to having a band mate who is also a sibling and how that has impacted their relationship he said, "We have our little fights every now and then but it is just stupid little shit. We are just like any other brothers."

Having been together for over six years now the members of God Forbid have seen conflict and experienced the friction of trying to make a name in the industry. It seems as though with Ozzfest being their first major tour they can only continue to climb there will definitely be more to hear from this band.

Alternating between half-heartedly throwing up their devil horns and doing a very good imitation of the sea kelp sway the crowed seemed drowsy at best, that is until Otep took the stage. The fiery blonde lead singer and band namesake Otep took to the stage with a giant rubber severed pig's head and her microphone. In her staggeringly sweet yet somehow disturbing voice she demanded to know just how much the crowd was willing to do for her. She asked, "Will you scream for me? Will you bleed for me?"

In that moment there seemed to be a spark of something like the old metal magic you hear about in the stories from veterans of the bygone golden age of the genre. It seemed as though were she to ask anything of us we would obey as she had snatched up all of our heartstrings and held our very lives as well as the grotesque prop.

Italian natives Lacuna Coil's performance was marred by sound equipment difficulties, making their usually difficult to decipher vocals a wash of incoherent shouts and muted mumbles. One must give them credit though: in spite of the problems they pressed on through a set that if not worthy of eternal memory was a very good effort.

Supposed lead band of the second stage Slipknot's performance was about as amusing as a Ringling Brothers show, lacking in the spirit put forward by some of their predecessors. Their usual surplus of drummers allowed members of the masked musicians free moments with which to spit on security guards, flip off the crowed and run around like maniacs. Though colorful and entertaining, one was left wondering when they were going to play some of the music that earned them their initial fans. I suppose we will just have to wait.

The main stage line-up was as one-sided as the second stage and seemed as though it was the result of some sort of game of booking roulette. A short set by Black Label Society set the bar very high for the following acts.

Superjoint Ritual, and Norwegian death metal band Dimmu Borgir tried but failed to really get any great response from the crowed. Though there was a good amount of laughing at Dimmu Borgir's lead singer Shagrath's expense; it seems as though a good portion of the crowed found his attempt at the guttural style of singing to be reminiscent of a certain member of a certain Lollipop Guild's voice.

Slayer, on the other hand, managed a good response for their performance, which was nothing less than could be expected from the seasoned musicians.

The true star of the evening was actually the second seat band, Judas Priest. The aging rockers seemed young again on stage in their gaudy yet practically trademarked leather attire. Vocalist Rob Halford, though wrinkled and bald, owned the stage, even making the mad dash after songs to do wardrobe changes and to bring his chopper on stage. The old metal magic vibrated the crowd and even those of us not old enough to know all the words were moved to belt out the ones we knew along with the band.

When they fled the stage after an encore the remnant vibrations had the crowed on edge to see Black Sabbath, as it surely would have to be a stellar performance. Alas, it was just a day for disappointments.



Vocalist Byron Davis, of New Jersey-based band God Forbid, performs at Ozzfest in July.

The ancient members of Black Sabbath took to the stage slowly, played out the classics as well as they had years ago but it was just an empty performance. Of course, Ozzy entreated the crowd several times with his appreciation and love for the fans but his energetic words were counteracted by the seemingly rigor mortis-riddled band members.

Though on a whole the festival was disappointing, it was not a complete flop. Maybe the golden age of metal has passed and we, who cling to the legacy of what was once a culture-driving genre, are grasping a sinking ship. There are those few and far between musicians who will bear the torch on or at least play the loudest and most defiant dirge ever played for a fallen empire. Then again there is always hope for next year.

The 'King' of Boston

Theatrical take on Disney classic hits Beantown stage



By Joe Piedrafite
Collegian Staff

Boston — "Spectacle: something exhibited to view as unusual, notable, or entertaining; especially an eye-catching or dramatic public display" That is how Merriam-Webster's dictionary defines the word spectacle.

That's also one of the numerous adjectives that both critics and audiences alike have used to describe Julie Taymor's dazzling stage production of the 1994 Disney animated classic, "The Lion King."

'The Lion King'
The Opera House
Boston
August 15

They say that good things come to those who wait and right they are. After five years of waiting Boston has finally been given the chance to play host to the stage production of "The Lion King."

"The Lion King" is basically an update on Shakespeare's "Hamlet," where young Simba witnesses the death of his father, Mufasa, and is convinced by his uncle Scar that he was the cause of his dad's demise. Simba runs away and Scar becomes the new king of the pride lands. After being away, Simba realizes that it was Scar who was responsible for Mufasa's death, and returns to regain the throne.

The animated film was groundbreaking in its use of integrated computer technology — most people remember sitting in the movie theater and being terrified along with Simba during the wildebeest stampede — along with hand-drawn animation. The stage production is also ground breaking with its innovative use of masks and puppetry to portray everything from exotic animals to the African savannah.

Director/designer Julie Taymor and co-designer Mark Curry created dozens of masks and puppets for the production, which are built around the characters' costumes. The actors portraying lions, for example, wear traditional African dress and exotic lion masks on their heads, so not to obstruct their faces. When the actors put their heads down, the mask comes

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Live Incubus show proves to be 'Left' of the ordinary

By Nick Romanow
Collegian Staff

Providence — Much to the delight of fans all over New England, Incubus brought one of the most exciting and invigorating tours of the summer to the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence on July 2.

Incubus
Dunkin' Donuts Center
Providence
July 2

The tour, in support of the group's latest album, "A Crow Left of the Murder" marked a significant point in Incubus' career. While 2001's "Morn-ing View" saw Incubus dangling dangerously close to generic radio rock, the unique and spirited "A Crow," released last winter, signaled the return of Incubus as an imaginative and inspired juggernaut.

The tour's Providence stop found Incubus continuing to move in the right musical direction. The band started the show with a bang, taking the stage amidst a sea of noise and launching right into "Megalomaniac," the highly anti-Bush first single from "A Crow," and rarely letting up for the rest of the evening.

The band was brave enough not to rely on a greatest hits set and instead mixed some of their best songs from their past with a fairly large and welcome dose of songs from the new disc. They may have played the slightly boring, but not bad "Nice To Know You" but they followed it with the hard-rocking "Idiot Box," a track from the band's unheralded classic, 1997's "S.C.I.E.N.C.E." Lead singer Brandon Boyd and the rest of the group even took their most popular song, "Drive," and transformed it into a full-on trip-hop tune that breathed new life into the already outstanding, if unfortunately overplayed track.

Just as Incubus seemed to be as tight as they could get, they broke into the energizing "Vitamin," which then deconstructed into a lengthy, awe-inspiring battle between drummer Jose Pasillas and bassist Ben Kinney. The battle was impressive to such an extent that it had to be seen to be believed.

Perhaps the highlight of the entire night was the overall feeling of the band returning to their

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Singer Brandon Boyd of Incubus treated fans to a show packed with old-standards as well as rarities when his band played Providence in July.

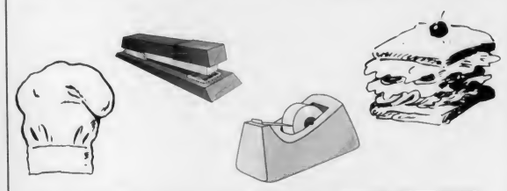
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'NCAA '05' offers a new take on the football game



Press Start to Play

Reid Davenport

In a groundbreaking move, sports gaming giant EA has finally decided to let XBox Live users in on the top online sports action. "NCAA Football '05" is the first game to allow XBox Live users to go online and play college football against other players. Oklahoma Sooners fans can dominate while University of Massachusetts fans probably don't want to take their team into an online game.

The game features plenty of college teams, including I-AA squads, so even Minutemen fans can beat on the Wildcats if their hearts desire.

On top of having a large range of teams and stadiums, you have the bonus mascot game option. This mode allows you to pit a team of mascots against another team of mascots, or an actual team. It is a good option to have to change the game up a bit.

The game has its downside though; the gameplay that Madden vets might expect out of an EA football game isn't up to par on this game. For a Madden player go to NCAA '05, the switch is not an easy one — there are no major teams to choose from and those 80 yard runs are not going to come as easily as they might in the pro games. The players run out of steam quickly and have a more realistic playing ability. Do not expect to make those long bombs every play or to even nail all of your passes. It just won't happen.

Any gamer that's used to the Madden style of play might become easily frustrated at all the dropped passes and the inability to run the football down the other team's throat. To win these games you need to switch up your plays and have good audible calls ready.

'NCAA Football 2005'
Playstation 2, X-Box, and Game Cube
Rated E
Grade B-

The more realistic game play can be frustrating at first, but as you adjust to the differences, the realism gives a different feel from its NFL counterpart. Your players will get beat up and can need a time out to give you a chance to boost their spirits, or let them catch a breather.

The fans also play an important role as they can help or hurt you. If you are home, the fans can give the opposing team a hard time, or vice versa, if you are away.

As far as the online play goes, it is slightly more player friendly than "Madden '05." Unless other gamers have followed the NCAA series, you should not be completely outmatched. Just be on the lookout for top-ranked teams like Oklahoma, as they are quite difficult to play against if you're not aware of the quality difference from team to team. You can also try searching for players in your region that might lead you to have some good games with a rival college.

"NCAA Football 2005" has an overall good solid basis for the first online EA game for X-Box Live users to toy around with. It enjoyed its time in the spotlight while it lasted, because it would later be in the shadow of the highly anticipated "Madden 2005."

"NCAA Football '05" is available at your local retailer for around $49.99 and is online for XBox via XBox Live [sold separately] and on PS2 Online.

Reid Davenport is a Collegian columnist.

Pixies, Cosby highlight of Mullins fall line-up

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cert, recorded in the U.K. proves that The Pixies were even more alive on stage then on record. If anything the band is more intimidating on stage, despite the fact that they all look like average-joes. Witnessing the balding, stout Black on stage furiously strumming his acoustic and screaming his lungs out is even more powerful then just hearing it.

Now the country has been fortunate enough to be blessed with the chance to see this in person. The Pixies have been on tour in America and across the globe since the spring, but have yet to make it back to their home. Their stop at The Mullins Center on Nov. 30 marks their first New England appearance (their tour is scheduled to wrap with a string of Boston dates around Christmas) and signifies a great homecoming for the band.



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"A Wave of Mutilation" is The Pixies new greatest hits cd.

"We are incredibly excited that The Pixies have chosen to return to the school where Frank Black and Joey Santiago initially came up with the idea for the band," wrote Brendan Leith in an e-mail interview. Leith is the talent buyer at Iron Horse Entertainment, the group putting on the show.

"There is just so much excitement surrounding this band now and it's great to see a critically-acclaimed band like The Pixies finally getting the attention they deserve.

"Ever since we heard rumors of their reunion, we had been inquiring about their tour plans and were very happy to hear they wanted to play UMass, out here in 'the sleepy west,' [a reference to the track 'UMass']," Leith said. "We do expect a tremendous crowd response and turnout. This is the hottest band on the planet right now, playing a historic hometown gig."

Mullins will get a taste of history in the making a month before The Pixies show when acclaimed comedian/actor/author Bill Cosby will come back to his old stomping grounds on Oct. 29. Cosby is very possibly UMass' most famous alumnus, first as an acclaimed stand-up comedian with a host of hit comedy albums, then as the star of leading multiple award-winning and hugely popular television shows. Cosby has gone on to star in many films and write a slew of best-selling books and continues to travel the country speaking and doing comedy.

Cosby most recently made news after making controversial comments about the black community, suggesting that African American people need to take more responsibility for their lives. Cosby has been known alternately as a color-blind comedian and a great black presence. "The Cosby Show's" family, the Huxtables were acclaimed for not relying on black stereotypes for comedy, but in contrary were also criticized for being 'too white'. Mr. Cosby has been known for family friendly comedy, but also for sharp, biting commentary.

Whatever Cosby brings when he returns to Amherst in October, it can be guaranteed the Mullins will be packed with fans waiting to see one of the most successful and acclaimed comedians of the past 40 years.

Tickets are now on sale through Ticketmaster and at the Mullins Center box office for Bill Cosby. Tickets for The Pixies are not yet on sale. No one at the Mullins Center was available for comment on either of these



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Perhaps the most famous of UMass Alumni, Bill Cosby will perform at the Mullins Center on Oct. 29.

Incubus rocks Providence's Dunkin' Donuts Center

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roots. Incubus did not play the Dunkin Donuts Center as the world-famous, chart-topping band they are, but rather as they were when they used to perform in small clubs, when rock radio and MTV wouldn't give them the time of day.

Though the stadium was only half-full (which very well might have been what kept them grounded) the band seemed to be in good spirits and was very focused on giving the crowd a great show.

Catering to the fans seemed to be the theme of the night as Incubus continued to gently balance their set for both hardcore fans and the fans that cared mostly about the singles. It was difficult to sit through the painfully lame lyrics of "Wish You Were Here" but the band more then made up for it by playing the rare track "Crowded Elevator" which, as front man and heartthrob for teenage girls all across this great planet Boyd pointed out, is not available on any of their albums.

The true star of the show was criminally underrated guitarist Mike Einziger who shined, especially in the shows final songs — a triumvirate, which featured very possibly the best tracks from "A Crow." The big-brother themed "Talk Show On Mute," "Sick Sad Little World" (which both on record and live features Einziger at his experimental and effects-heavy best), and "Made-For-TV Movie," featuring a truly soaring chorus.

The band could've easily quit then, already topping themselves many times over and doling out more highlights in one night then one would think was possible, but they still had a few more tricks up their sleeve.

During the encore the band broke into a cover of Soundgarden's classic "Black Hole Sun" that was performed with the perfect mix of skill and love. They topped themselves again by finishing up with "The Warmth." The crowd showed their appreciation for the great night by engaging in an arena-wide sing-along of the anthematic chorus. "The Warmth," one of the best songs from the band's catalogue and perhaps the song that best exemplifies Incubus as a band was a perfect way to end the night that saw Incubus jump from rock, to pop, to electronica, to funk, from fury, to love, to fear, to joy. The band traveled through many different sounds and emotions but was always having fun and always ended up optimistic.



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Relations between the Town and the University remain good, and **University students have played a big part in good Town/Gown relations**. Student activities such as arts and athletics have always provided culture and entertainment for townspeople as well as for members of the University community. Students have always provided many volunteer services, both on an individual and a group basis. The student firefighters and EMTs have provided vital services to the town for many years. The annual, spring "Into Amherst" day has been the most visible way for large numbers of students to provide services to the town you live in. We love the Community Service Learning program, and we know of other student services too numerous to mention. Some students have also participated on Town boards and committees and at Town Meeting.

The University administration, the Hadley District Court, and the Town of Amherst will continue our efforts to ensure that unfortunate incidents that have occurred in the past will not happen again. The Amherst Police Department is dedicated to **protecting the safety of Amherst's citizens and visitors – including your safety.** We hope that students can enjoy college life without serious alcohol-related incidents.

Transportation to and parking in and around downtown Amherst has been improved over the past few years, so **we hope to see you downtown often**. Please abide by parking regulations: we want your coins in the meters, not your dollars in the parking ticket envelopes. Better yet, use the buses that are paid for by your student fees, or use the bicycle lanes and racks downtown.

We are working with the SGA to reestablish a polling place on campus for the Presidential election, but the fate of those efforts is in the hands of the state legislature. In any case, **we encourage you to vote** in the September 14 state primary, the November 2 Presidential election, and the March 29 Town election. Call 256-4035 for more information.

Thanks again from the Town of Amherst, and have a good year.

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Zack Braff takes on the 'Garden State' in directorial debut



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Peter Sarsgaard, Natalie Portman and Zack Braff star "Garden State." The film, Braff's directorial debut, is a partially autobiographical look at the director's own life.

By Andrew Merritt
Collegian Staff

As the credits roll on Zach Braff's partially autobiographical "Garden State," the words of Frou Frou's "Let Go" ring out the theme of a film that is quickly becoming the newest testament to post-college anxiety.

"There's beauty in the breakdown," sings Imogen Heap. The beauty in the well-crafted "Garden State" is not in the breakdown of a character, but rather the breakdown of a drug-induced wall that has isolated him from the rest of the world since he was a child.

Braff, also the writer and director of the film, plays twenty-something Andrew Largeman, an actor living in Los Angeles with one remarkable role to his credit that leads to more quiet disdain than pride. When we meet him, he is coming out of an odd but telling dream to find out that his mother has died in an accident at his New Jersey home. To call that house his home, however, is a stretch. As Braff describes in his weblog for the film, Andrew has become "homesick for a place that doesn't exist."

Upon his mother's death, he decides to stop taking the numerous mood-dampening prescription medications that he has been on since he was 10 years old. This sets up the arc of his return home, where he is thrust back into a world he hasn't seen since departing for boarding school at age 16.

Largeman reunites with Mark and Dave, school friends who also happen to be his mother's gravediggers, waiting in the wings to finish the job. The scene provides a numbing irony, the emotions of the funeral being overlooked by the two young men waiting to get the burial over with so they can go to a party. Largeman tags along to the soiree, where he is immediately immersed in a brief synopsis of what he missed after he left: a drug and alcohol-laced party with no real reason. It's clear that even the ecstasy pill he takes just doesn't sit right in the drug "vacation" he's on. While the scene doesn't really move the plot forward any, it's an important anecdote to let us in on where Largeman is mentally and emotionally the doe-eyed neophyte in a world that even with its drab, static surroundings, is coming at him almost too fast.

The day after the party things begin to pick up as Andrew's visit to a neurologist for the short but painful headaches he's experiencing leads him to Sam (Portman), an outgoing girl who we know almost right off the bat will change his life. Her vibrancy is a total contrast to Largeman's slowly dissolving malaise and the end of the movie catches us up in the full-speed-ahead attitude she brings to life.

We learn some important background points to Largeman's story midway through which explains his decade-long stupor and the paradoxical relationship with his father, played to a subtle perfection by Ian Holm. Things kick into high gear when Mark (Peter Sarsgaard), attempting to acquire a special going-away present for Andrew, takes him and Sam on a circuitous journey through a hardware store, the interior of a hotel where less-than-respectable things are taking place, and finally to a quarry that never ends.

It is here that Largeman, at long last, lets go, taking a giant leap on his mission to become alive again. It also provides a high point for the love story between Andrew and Sam, which despite its adherence to convention is still touching because Sam's caring nature is the emotional relief that Largeman needs in the middle of his re-admittance to real life.

An intimate scene in his parent's fateful bathtub is a subtle emotional high point for Andrew. "This hurts," he says to Sam of his first contact with the grief over his mother's death that we haven't really seen until now.

What is so enrapturing about "Garden State" is that the main character's affliction is so easily identifiable by those in their 20s, whether they've been on serious medication or not. Largeman's waking coma might be from the lithium he's been taking since before puberty, but anyone who has ever felt even a little lost, unsure or disconnected from the world around him will recognize their own detachment in his glazed eyes. This is all thanks to a wonderful portrayal by Braff, who has managed to produce a self-written, self-directed, self-starring yarn that doesn't become too absorbed in Braff's own perception of himself.

'Garden State'
Directed by Zack Braff
Starring Zack Braff, Natalie Portman
Fox Searchlight
Rated R
109 mins.
Grade A

Sure, this is a vehicle for the young "Scrubs" star. Yes, his character does come around to find some happiness — and the girl — in the end, but throughout the movie his underlying pain becomes so weighty and palpable, its tough not to feel some connection.

Rounding out the cast, Sarsgaard is a very good post-teen slacker, accepting the inertia that has planted him in his house, smoking dope with his mother and becoming irate at her very young boyfriend. Holm, as mentioned above, brings a muted bitterness to the role of an unforgiving father, blaming Andrew for the wrongs done to his mother (only somewhat correctly). Some of the other background characters are interesting, including the very brief appearance of Method Man, who sets up one of the most uncomfortably funny moments in the movie.

Outside of Braff, though, Portman is the star, filling the screen with emotion every time she appears. The quality of her portrayal is not in the energy, though. It's in the temperance that keeps that energy from becoming too saccharine and bubbly. She pulls off enigmatic without being unnecessarily cryptic. When the role and the moment call for it, she is tender and human. Sam is a big part of the cataclysm that enlivens Andrew, and Portman does the job without being preachy or typical. It makes sense, since the part was written expressly for her.

The soundtrack, which Braff executive produced, deserves mention too. It is a perfect emotional undercurrent for the movie. Such sub-pop favorites as The Shins and Iron and Wine, in addition to appearances by Coldplay, Colin Hay, and Simon and Garfunkel, very correctly accompany Largeman's heart-wrenching journey.

Comparisons to "The Graduate" will be drawn, as they should. Largeman's early apathy is reminiscent of the quiet confusion experienced by Dustin Hoffman's Benjamin Braddock. However, the ultimate conclusion of Garden State is slightly more uplifting, as Largeman makes the decision to fight for the life he's never really had.

Taking Back Sunday defies all odds on sophomore effort

By David Pessah
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As every sports fan knows, when a team makes major roster changes future success is never guaranteed. Fans can only wait and hope that the new team will achieve or surpass its previous level of success. Taking Back Sunday is a rock band, not a sports team, but when key members of the band dropped out following the breakthrough success of their first album "Tell All Your Friends," their fans found themselves in that same waiting game. Now, as a new season for Taking Back Sunday begins with the release of "Where You Want to Be," can this Long Island band repeat the success of "Tell All Your Friends," or will they leave fans longing for the glory days of the past?

Taking Back Sunday
'Where You Want to Be'
Victory

The verdict: the new roster delivers the goods. Old fans may be upset at first with the new lyrical structure and streamlined sound, but after a few listens they should be moshing like they were in the Warped Tour pit.

The band played musical chairs following the last riff of the "Takeover Tour" for "Tell All Your Friends." Two of the founding members, John Nolan and Shaun Cooper left the band under less than the best of terms to form another band, Straylight Run. The defections loomed large. Along with providing the background vocals on "Tell All Your Friends," Nolan had also written the bulk of the songs.

On the verge of a breakup, TBS was resurrected when new members Fred Mascherino and Matt Rubano joined the remaining three musicians: singer Adam Lazarra, guitarist Eddie Reyes and drummer Mark O'Connell. Many, including Nolan and his supporters, did not think Lazzara could write an album of comparable quality to "Tell All Your Friends." Lazzara took up the challenge on the album's first single, "To Hell With You and All Your Friends, It's On," and more than showed he can walk the walk. Lazarra's songwriting doesn't depict every hurtful detail of lost loves, jealousies and envy as Nolan's does, but the way he provides the overall theme and allows the listener to fill in the blanks is just as effective.



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Taking Back Sunday return with a new line-up and a new lyrical direction with sophomore release, "Where You Want to Be."

The 11 songs of this album flow together almost seamlessly as ending screams blend into opening riffs. Mascherino's backing screams perfectly compliment Lazzara's soprano wail, making it easy to overlook Nolan's absence. As he belts out, "I got it baaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaadd" to end "A Decade Under the Influence," it's hard to believe one man could channel such an explosive scream.

The new members of the band prove their worth throughout. Musically, this album's pure energy surpasses that of "Tell All Your Friends." This is showcased best on "The Union," as the perfect combination of fiery guitars and pounding drums accompany Lazzara through the first verse before he belts his chorus of "I never made a scene, they came to be." That's when Rubano's bass line kicks in and the song never loses momentum.

The album's worst moment comes directly after, on the acoustic ballad "New American Classic." After the furiousness of "The Union," the slower acoustic guitar and strings of "New American Classic" temporarily stall the momentum of the album and just make you reach for the fast-forward button.

But the group regains its balance quickly, showing range and resilience over the final five tracks. On the album's final track, "... Slowdance on the Inside," Lazarra sings, "I got it, and I get it," and he does get it. This album will silence the naysayers, who didn't believe there was life after Nolan.

While you count the minutes until your next opportunity to see this band live, song after song will have you singing along. From the moment you press play it's "Where You Want to Be," and even though it's not the same as "Tell All Your Friends," you still should.



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Taking Back Sunday managed to garner a good review for their sophomore effort, "Where You Want To Be," despite the loss of frontman John Nolan.

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Michael Moore heats things up

Filmmaker puts the pressure on Bush with "Fahrenheit 9/11"

By Meghan Healy
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By the time you read this you will likely have come across at least 20 other reviews for Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11." Some of them will have praised his relentless quest for the truth and championed him as the savior of democracy. Others will have blasted his blatant bias and written him off as nothing more than a political parasite on level with those he professes to hate.

Yet they all seemed to have missed the point.

"Fahrenheit" is not meant to be an unbiased documentation of the Bush Administration and "Fahrenheit" doesn't claim to have the solution to our nation's political woes. Moore's film, much like his 2002 hit "Bowling for Columbine," isn't about giving answers to the masses. Its purpose is to get others asking the questions he himself poses throughout "Fahrenheit." Yet, unlike "Bowling for Columbine," Moore's latest release shows the director growing as a filmmaker. In this flick Moore has less screen time than in previous outings. This time around he lets the subjects: the current administration and the political climate of post-9/11 America, do the work for him.

'Fahrenheit 9/11'
Directed by Michael Moore
Starring Michael Moore, George W. Bush
Lions Gate
Rated R
127 mins.
Grade A

No matter which side of the potical spectrum you fall on it is hard to remain unmoved by the sentiment of "Fahrenheit." True, a large part of the film's efforts are focused on ousting George W. Bush from office, but beyond that the movie does something more. Moore's direction lends a sympathetic edge to the movie and the filmmaker himself is at moments visibly moved by the power of "Fahrenheit's" subject matter. Interviews with Lila Lipscomb, whose son joined the Army with her blessing and was shipped off to Iraq are heartbreaking. Without saying anything outright, Moore seems to illustrate the innanity of troops in Iraq, and though many viewers will relate to the feelings of having someone they love overseas, even those who do not share that experience will send their hearts out to Lipscomb.

For much of the Bush-hating public, it is hard to believe that two hours staring at his face could ever be enjoyable, but Moore masterfully uses the footage of "Dubya", Rumsfeld and even Britney Spears in an entertaining way. As angry as "Fahrenheit" may make some viewers, it also elicits more than a few laughs, and Moore does it gracefully. A clip of Pop-princess, Spears proclaiming, "we should trust our president in every desicion he makes," is not thrown in for cheap laughs, although the theater eruppted at the sight of it. Spears's remark serves a duel role, both to lighten the mood of an otherwise intense political lambasting, and also to perfectly prove Moore's point. The George W. Bush Spears speaks of is much like the speaker herself, nothing more than an image created by the media.

And just as Moore's camera can show his sympathetic side, it can also capture the utter absurdity of the situation in Iraq and the Bush administration as well. A segment featuring military recruiters soliciting teens at a "poor mall" in Moore's hometown Michigan doesn't have to work hard to make the recruiters come off as jokes. They do that easily themselves. Footage of embedded troops likening battle to Nintendo games balances out the sobering vision of a Christmas in Iraq.



And of course, "Fahrenheit" has the luxury of built in comic relief. The main focus is after all, George W. Bush. His antics, already absurd on the evening news, are downright amusing in "Fahrenheit." As angering as it is that it took Bush around seven minutes to respond to the news that "America was under attack," the sight of a middle-aged man absorbed in a children's book about a pet goat is hilarious enough to stop viewers from storming the Whitehouse in a rage. A montage of the President's many holidays in his first nine months as president set to the catchy Go-go's track "Vacation." is perfection.

But "Fahrenheit" is not perfect. Viewers may find themselves exiting the theaters with a feeling of being incomplete. This imperfection is not one of Moore's doing, but an unfortunate side effect of making a historical film in the midst of the events. Moore does not have the luxury of hindsight and therefore the ending of "Fahrenheit" brings no closure to its viewers; there is no 'ah-ha' moment, no easy answers. This lack of closure doesn't detract from the movie though; it only serves to strengthen the filmmaker's message. The unrest that is stirred within "Fahrenheit" viewers has been channeled into at the very least, increased political discussion among family and friends. It seems that Moore's goal to expose the Bush Whitehouse's lies has also mobilized the country's two most powerful weapons, mainstream media and free speech, in an attack against the current president.

What happens come November is anyone's guess. "Fahrenheit 9/11" cannot control the outcome of the election, but the film has certainly put the heat on Bush.



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2004: The summer of the big-budget blockbuster

By Johnny Donaldson
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It would be hard to imagine a run of summer blockbusters that could be worse than last year's string of soulless money trains. After the commercialized black holes of "The Hulk" and "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle" and "The Matrix Reloaded" and "Bad Boys 2" and "The League of Extraordinary Gentleman" and "Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life," I wanted to crawl out of the darkness of the movie theater and seek out something more life-affirming to do, like mowing a lawn or trimming my fingernails.

Watching Hugh Jackman going to battle with a very fake-looking CGI Dracula in May's "Van Helsing," I had the sinking feeling that the Hollywood cheese machine was far from finished turning out rancid piles of limburger. To my surprise, I was only about half right.

Summer 2004 may go down as the first in several years in which the clockwork of blockbuster spectacle managed to be as entertaining as it was costly.

No better movie signified this sea change than **Spider-Man 2**. Sam Raimi's jaw-dropping follow-up to the comic book mega-hit. Now that the story is past the origin stage (deftly rendered over the opening credits) we can settle in and watch Spidey swinging from skyscraper to skyscraper with gymnastic ease and still plug into the central contradictions of the character: he's a savior who can barely hold himself together. Raimi couldn't have found a better actor to embody Peter Parker's bookish woundedness better than Tobey Maguire. Maguire is joined by Alfred Molina, who gives the tentacled villain Doc Ock the sort of tragic weight that Willem Dafoe's Green Goblin lacked in the original. "Spider-Man 2," for all its high-flying gloss, is a genuine human drama and one of the best superhero films of recent years.

Which is something that can't be said about **Catwoman**, that dankly awful hairball of a superhero action film. Halle Berry gets to strut, purr and sashay with a sexy feline playfulness, and she's easily the best thing on the screen. But whenever she's not playing Catwoman — whenever the movie gets around to the plot — it turns dreary and inept. I think the director, a one-named wunderkind by the name of Pitof, imagined a teasing and campy adventure, but this film is too flat-footed and cheap to qualify.

Most film comedies nowadays are too juvenile to be funny, but there has to be something said for a (rare) good, lowdown laugh. Ben Stiller is a master at playing the role of the unaware macho narcissist and he gives a juicy caricature in the anarchic sports comedy **Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story**, a spitball (and groin kick) in the face of mushy, cheesy up-with-losers sports films. Will Ferrell's uneven newscaster satire **Anchorman** may sag like a movie made from a TV sketch, but it's plethora of weird, woolly skits (a subtitled bear-dog conversation, a bloody back-alley rumble between rival sutations) and the scene-stealing stupidity of Steve Carrell offers a good dose of belly laughs, even if Ferrell's Ron Burgundy isn't interesting enough a character to center the film.

Both the inadvertently racist urban "Airplane" rip-off **Soul Plane** and The Wayan's brothers puerile gender-and-race swap comedy **White Chicks** lacked the biting wit that Dave Chappelle displays on a weekly basis, but those cinematic blunders can (and should) be ignored in favor of the summer's funniest film, **Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle**.

I must admit I thought that this stoner road odyssey, about a pair of ethnically notable potheads (one's Asian, the other Indian) heading off to the mecca of the titular burger chain would be an odious ramble through gross slapstick and witless stereotypes. The movie actually turns out to be a smart ramble through gross slapstick and witless stereotypes, with a charismatic pair of stars who possess the intelligence lacking in many of their teenflick peers.

Troy is basically "Homer for Dummies," and while it will never be a great film, it is a good one, with a series of exciting fight sequences making up for the baroquely wooden dialogue. The same can be said for the clanking medieval armor of **King Arthur**, a film in which the sword and sandals derring-do almost displaces the musty, moldering feel of the script. **M. Night Shyamalan's The Village** may have been a quieter period piece than those films, but Shyamalan's gift for wringing spooky atmosphere from virtually nothing deserts him here; the film has all the fear and mystery of an exploding balloon. I wanted to be wrapped up in Shyamalan's mood, but "The Village" is too shallow and ponderous to scare.

Science fiction has always been one of the biggest staples of the summer, and sci-fi geeks got not one, but five films to chew over. I actually enjoyed the Hallmark card sentimentality of **The Day After Tomorrow**, a world-freezes-over disaster epic that's more about father-son bonding than actual disaster. Will Smith grinned and wisecracked his way through the faux sci-fi noir of **I, Robot**, a plastic us-versus-robots thriller that felt more like an ad for an iMac than a serious techno-intellectual exploration (though, honestly, the film had it's moments). I enjoyed the mechanical button-pushing of **Alien vs. Predator**, even if the film is as soulless and robotic as a blockbuster can be. And the inevitable Predator and Alien face-offs are enough to get the geeks to salivate. All these films are still better than Vin Diesel's latest attempt to establish his star, **The Chronicles of Riddick**. Diesel glowers his way through this half-baked sequel to the taut 2000 thriller "Pitch Black," but the movie is dank and glum, and filled with the kind of pretentious "epic" dialogue that scifi turkeys are made of. **The Stepford Wives** is more comedy than sci-fi, but it has an effervescent wit that only disappears in the weak finale.

Notably, it was an adult summer at the cinema. We've had everything from Michael Moore's controversial, provocative op-ed documentary, **Fahrenheit 9/11**, which is funny, moving, angering and everything a film is supposed to be, to the tragic domestic drama of **The Door in the Floor** featuring outstanding, Oscar-worthy work from Jeff Bridges and Kim Basinger. Matt Damon returned as Jason Bourne in the thrilling, slick **Bourne Supremacy** and Tom Cruise showed his range (and dark-side) in Michael Mann's electric crime thriller **Collateral**. **The Manchurian Candidate** was a surprisingly stirring (if overlong) remake juiced by indelible performances from Denzel Washington and Meryl Streep. I wanted to like Steven Spielberg's **The Terminal**, but the story of a foreign man trapped in an airport due to a bureaucratic snafu was played for heartwarming laughs when it should have been played for a tangled, Kafka-esque black comedy, and was all the weaker for it.

There wasn't much in the way of romance this summer, at least if you counted on films like **Little Black Book**, handily the summer's worst film, featuring an even more annoying, goggle-eyed turn from Brittany Murphy than last year's "Uptown Girls." I adored the chemistry between Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams in the lovely **The Notebook**, and even more so the chemistry between Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy in Richard Linklater's **Before Sunset**, a movie that celebrates the erotic pull of conversation. But I felt that the urban romance **Breakin' All the Rules**, was a middling affair indistinguishable from "Two Can Play That Game," "Deliver Us From Eva" and a dozen other films, most of which probably starred either Morris Chestnut or Gabrielle Union.

For teen audiences not interested in asinine jokes or expensive explosions, there were a couple of indie comedies to check out. **Saved!** is a religious satire that takes aim at fundamentalism yet never dismisses the faith, and features a strikingly good young cast that includes Jena

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Broadway's hit 'Lion King' proves to be worth the five year wait for Boston



Actors playing Simba and Nala in the Broadway production of "The Lion King" wear tradition African clothes as part of their costumes.

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down to cover their face, giving the illusion of an animal. The actor playing Zazu controls the bird like a puppet, as does the actor playing Timon. The actors playing Pumbaa and the hyenas however are completely enveloped in their costumes with only their heads visible to the audience.

The design and lighting for the show is stunning and that can be attributed to Richard Hudson and Donald Holder. The focal point of the set is Pride Rock, which rotates above and below stage with the greatest of ease. Most of the actors in the production are also part of the scenic element of the show as well as being part of the ensemble. At one point early in the show, the audience sees Mufasa and young Simba in what appears to be the grassland and once Mufasa and Simba leave stage, the grass appears to rise and we see that the grass is actually actors with pellets of grass on their heads, and are wearing grass skirts.

Another particularly effective design sequence in the show comes during the wildebeest stampede, where it looks like the wildebeests are actually coming towards you.

During "Can You Feel the Love Tonight?" the brilliant colors of the flora of the African savannah surround Simba and Nala and thanks to Garth Fagan's modern choreography, an aerial ballet is performed above stage while Simba and Nala realize their love for one another.

The most memorable part of the show comes at the very beginning, during "The Circle of Life." Rafiki appears on a bare stage and gives her signature cry and the sunrise over the savannah slowly begins, as a giant paper sun rises in the background with giraffes and jaguars gracefully crossing the stage. In the next instant there is a parade of animals down the aisle of the theater with everything from birds to rhinoceroses and elephants. With the sun high in the sky, Pride Rock rises and the animals converge at its base, ready to praise the newborn Simba and strike a tableau at the end of the song that sends chills down theatergoers' spines.

Elton John and Tim Rice, who wrote the Academy Award-winning score for the film also contributed to the musical and new songs were added by director Julie Taymor and African musician Lebo M., who was also an original cast member of the show. Taymor and Lebo M. added a host of songs to John and Rice's pre-existing songs, including a comic number for the hyenas "Chow Down," the ensemble song "He Lives in You" and an 11 o'clock number for Simba that brings the house down, "Endless Night." The Broadway production of "The Lion King" has an authentic African feel to it, with numerous African rhythms, chants and muskal instruments used in the musical's score.

The cast for the Boston premiere of "The Lion King" is top notch with standout performances from Dan Donohue as the evil Scar and Futhi Mhlongo as Rafiki. John Plumpis and Ben Lipitz are hilarious as Timon and Pumbaa, Simba's sidekicks, and Mark Cameron Pow has the perfect blend of neuroticism and silliness as Zazu. Lisa Nicole Wilkerson turns in a subtle and effective performance as Nala, as does Thomas Corey Robinson who plays the powerful Mufasa. James Brown-Orleans, Jacquelyn Renae Hodges and Wayne Pyle are a stitch as the trio of hyenas, and Brandon Kane and Calicia Wilson are absolutely adorable as young Simba and Nala. The real find in this cast of overwhelming talent is Alan Mingo Jr. in the role of Simba. Played with both style and grace, Mingo gives Simba a heart and soul that is extremely powerful in a performance that is not to be missed.

When "The Lion King" opened on Broadway in the fall of 1997, it was greeted with nearly unanimous acclaim. It soon became one of the hottest tickets in town with buyers purchasing tickets months, even years in advance. It was nominated for 11 Tony Awards in 1997 and won six, including Best Musical, Best Choreography (for Garth Fagan) and the Triple Crown in the design awards (Costume Design, Lighting and Scenic Design). Julie Taymor also became the first woman ever to win Best Director of a Musical and only one other woman has won the award since. Susan Stroman in 2001 for Broadway's other uber-musical, "The Producers." "The Lion King" is still playing to sold-out crowds each night in New York.

It seemed only natural that a tour would follow, and Boston would no doubt be one of the stops. A national tour did materialize as well, with engagements in Toronto, Los Angeles and London, but Boston was not one of the initial stops on the tour. In fact, it has almost taken five years for the tour to finally make its way to Boston.

Entertainment conglomerate Clear Channel purchased the crumbling Opera House on Washington Street in the theatre districted and performed a multi-million dollar renovation to the decaying venue. When it opened in July for the premiere of "The Lion King," it was restored to all its original grandeur. Other high profile productions have already booked the Opera House, including a return engagement of the long running "Phantom of the Opera" and beginning with the 2005 holiday season, the Boston Ballet's classic production of "The Nutcracker" will make the Opera House its permanent home.

Tickets are a pretty hard find, especially for weekend and holiday performances. Best bets are weekdays or try day-of sales at the Opera House box office. Tickets can be purchased online at www.ticketmaster.com or by calling 617-931-2787. Also, you can check out www.lionking-boston.com for more information about the show, playing now through December 26.

A friend of mine spent six weeks in Botswana this past summer and I'm willing to bet that the experience and animals he saw in that six weeks were the same as what I saw in the span of about two and a half hours. Okay, so maybe that's a bit of a stretch, but for me "The Lion King" is about as close to the African savannah as I'm going to get and to tell you the truth, that's fine with me.



The stage version of the Disney classic, "The Lion King," features new songs not in the film.

Brooches, boots and more: A preview of what's hot this fall

By Monique Jemmott
Collegian Staff

September marks the start of many things to many people. Apple picking season, football, and back to school are all synonymous with the first month of fall. And for all slaves of fashion, fall begins one of the most amazing times for fashion and trends.

Not too hot and not yet too cold, the fashion-conscious are free to do what they will with their imaginations and variations of fall's runway looks. The sky being the limit, nothing is taboo. The campus scene tends to differ.

Oftentimes I, like many college students across the continental U.S, pay less attention to the runway and more attention to the books, only scratching that fashion itch on the weekends. The week's wardrobe (despite the oaths and promises made to oneself at the beginning of the semester) consists largely of jeans, sneakers, and sweats, but like a true "slave to the big 'F,'" the itch never goes away.

The scratch to this itch comes in the form of some of this fall's top trends and more importantly, how to get them without breaking those college-sized piggy banks. With trends that are ever changing, it is not only wise, but also beneficial in the long run to hunt down bargains for those here today, gone tomorrow trends. Unless of course you have a steady supply of cash and in that case feel free to splurge!

Ponchos Please!

What better way to set off that perfect pair of jeans and shoes than a cozy poncho? It's the answer to days when effortless style is preferred. You can find them in all colors and textures from wool for outerwear, to lighter fabrics to be worn as a shirt for an evening out on the town (or uptown in this case). Ponchos are available in just about any department or specialty store for whatever price range fits your fancy. You can also tap into your inner designer and pick up some fabric in your favorite print and get to cutting!



Color Complex

Across the entire scope of this fall's fashion, the biggest trend is color. Whether it's a colorful coat, hat, or handbag, the rainbow is back. Think skittles for your wardrobe.

Legs! Legs! Legs!

Tired of covering up those stems? Put your best leg forward in colored and textured tights. Search your local department stores for fishnets, herringbone and tons of colors in tights from brands like Huc ($12.50 - $18.00) and Nine West ($13- $20).

Return of the "UGG"

Love em' or hate em', these luxury sheepskin boots made their debut last fall and became as much of a winter staple as a warm winter coat. And their back again to claim their place as a must have. While the original Ugg can put a serious dent in the pocket at $130-$160 a pair, many other retailers have taken the hint and have armed themselves with more affordable versions of the boot and plenty of stock as to avoid the three-month waiting lists of last fall. Check out places like Target who carry the boots in the newest colors such as lilac and powder pink for a mere $19.99.



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By Michael Busack
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Boston – Many fans knew that indie-rock legends Dispatch were calling it quits in order to pursue solo efforts, but few could have guessed more than 110,000 people would show up at their farewell concert.

Dispatch, comprised of Chad Urmston, Pete Francis and Brad Corrigan, formed in 1995 as the Wood River Bandits. The friends played their first show gig in a dorm room while attending Middlebury College in Vermont. The unsigned trio has since released ten albums and plans to release a final recorded version of the Hatch Shell concert in November. They have also played shows at such grandiose venues as The Fillmore, New York's Roseland Ballroom and The FleetBoston Pavilion.

Until the epic event on July 31 at the Hatch Shell, Dispatch's record largest crowd for a live event was just over 8,000 people, at a radio event held in Chicago. Fans stretching from all parts of the world came to say goodbye to a band many felt they knew personally.

Some diehards from distances as far as Italy, Mexico, Portugal and Australia trekked to Boston to what is now legend in Dispatch's brief history.

As the day opened, hours before the event even kicked off, fans scrounged to get even just one piece of memorabilia from the event. A record 12,000 Dispatch t-shirts were brought to the concert in expectance of an equal number of fans. To the band's delight, the t-shirt stock had been depleted before the band was able to storm the stage.

"We don't know what to say," Urmston said as he took the stage. "Except, how the heck did you get here?" The crowd erupted in a long stint of cheers that seemed to render the band mates even more speechless for a moment. The band shared a half smile, half jaw drop that resembled Charlie Bucket the first time he saw the Willy Wonka Factory.

Dispatch
MSC Hatch Shell
Boston
July 31

The show, which will be the focus of a DVD to come out in October, caught a great deal of the day's unexpected absurdity. Fans marching in from every direction even caught the Boston Police Department by storm, forcing them to shut down Storrow Drive for a portion of the day.

Despite the action, all of the people, all of the peddling and filming, all of the reminiscing and tear-jerking disappointment that the band was no longer to perform, the day went off without a hitch. Many troopers who braved the last Phish concert, nearly a month later in Coventry, Vt., probably wished they had as pleasant an experience.

Dispatch tacked a little extra fuel onto their last show with a three-hour performance that rivaled the likes of mythic souls like Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young. The range of songs teetered from strong Phish-influenced tunes like "Bulletholes," to the light and airy acoustic pop sounds of songs like "Carry You".

Fans seemed entranced by some of the classic tunes such as "Elias," an almost folk-infused jam song that may have more lyrical substance than anything else in the Dispatch catalogue.

Late in the set, the band serenaded the crowd with more reggae-touched versions of Dispatch classics such as "Mission" and "Outloud."

The band dedicated an ambitious version of "Bats in the Belfry" to the few daring fans that decided to climb tree branches to sneak a better view over the colossal crowd that preceded them. It did not seem that the branches were guaranteed to hold the amount of stick-in-the-muds that fought for spots, but that thought did not seem to deter many.


COURTESY OF PAMELA LITTKY

Brad Corrigan of Dispatch plays the guitar during the band's final performance.

"You all confirmed what we always thought was true, that Dispatch isn't about 3 guys playing music anymore," Urmston said in a written statement released on the band's website subsequent to the concert. "This band is yours."

Each song was echoed by the same candor in lyrics that was the very mission of the band. Throughout the entirety of their nine-year stint under the name Dispatch, the band made sure that fans knew their passion was in the music, the joy of it in its most pure form. Believe it or not, CD profits, concert gain, and merchandise sales were all put back in to running the machine called Dispatch. Notice that there has never been an MTV Cribs with the three flashing their rims or the rocks that they got.

Multiple times as the show drew to a close, the crowd would break into loud, emotional chants of "Don't break up! Don't break up!" Despite the pleas all the members maintain that they will continue to pursue solo efforts and projects that will not be under the name Dispatch.

The waves of hot, exhausted, emotional and screaming fans exalted for one last tune. Time, place, and circumstance seemed to be ignored for just one moment to Dispatch as they broke into their final version of what is possibly considered their most celebrated song, "The General." Crying and hugging were allowed for a few final moments in a day that Brad Corrigan said "demonstrated the sheer power of peace and togetherness among 110,000 people. We were all sharing the beauty of life, music, and the pure joy of being alive."

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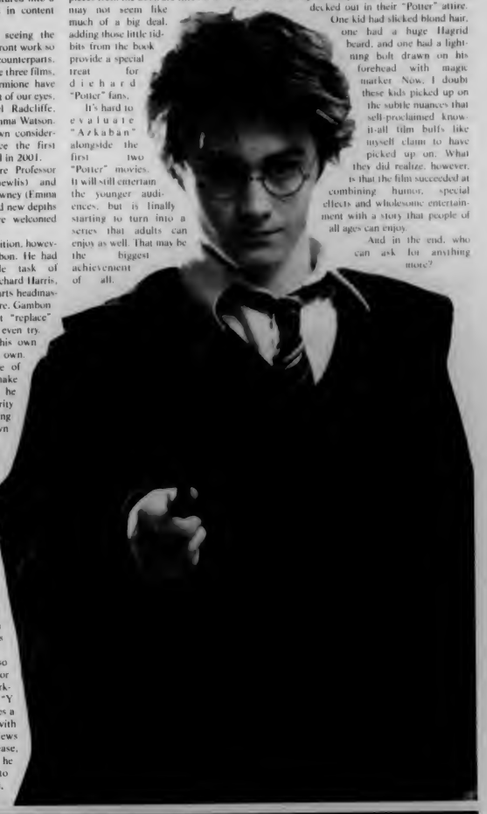
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Malone, Macualy Culkin, Mandy Moore and Patrick Fugit. Napoleon Dynamite, however, is a dreary nerd-com that wants us to laugh at its hapless characters rather than with them; if there was the slightest hint of affection in this smug disaster than there might have been a few actual laughs.

But the audiences most cheated this summer were the kids. Shrek 2 had its share of laughs, but it was never as charming as the original. The clichés piled up swiftly in the unnecessary sequel The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement, which had none of the charm, wit and exuberance of the original. Hollywood poured millions into trash like Garfield: The Movie and Thunderbirds, but those films were awful — one a dim, laugh-free joke, the other a gaudy and clunky "Spy Kids" rip-off. A Cinderella Story may have continued Hilary Duff's reign as teen queen and it may have been better than rival Lindsay Lohan's "Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen," but Lohan also made "Mean Girls," a far funnier film than this sappy, if wholesome, dud. The best kids films this summer were Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, a more artful version of the beloved books than the first two films (which were nothing more than commercial franchise fodder,) and Two Brothers, a lovely, picturesque and underappreciated drama about the lives of two sibling tigers that had more warmth and humor than some more expensive films ever could imagine.

Third time's a charm





'Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban'
Directed by Alfonso Cuaron
Starring Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint
Warner Bros.
Rated PG
129 mins.
Grade A-

By Matt Reid
Collegian Staff

"Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," the third installment in J.K. Rowling's Potter series, breathes new life into a series that up until now has survived mainly on childish whimsy.

"Azkaban" picks up where the previous story, "The Chamber of Secrets," left off. The villain this time around is Sirius Black (Gary Oldman). Black was convicted for the murder of Harry's parents and now he has seemingly returned to finish the job by eliminating Harry.

Black chooses the wrong time to go after Harry. In "The Sorcerer's Stone" and "The Chamber of Secrets," the boy wizard was a lost soul, a confused boy still adjusting to the world of Hogwarts. By now, however, Harry has grown confidence and an attitude. This change mirrors a change in the overall mood of the film, as well.

The first two "Potter" films were lighter and fluffier, geared more towards a younger audience. In keeping with the evolution of the book series, "Azkaban" has matured into a sophisticated experience, both in content and in presentation.

It was rather impressive seeing the young trio of actors at the forefront work so well with their adult counterparts. Over the course of the three films, Harry, Ron and Hermione have matured right in front of our eyes, so too have Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson. The three have grown considerably as actors since the first "Potter" film debuted in 2001.

New to the mix are Professor Lupin (David Thewlis) and Professor Sybil Trelawney (Emma Thompson). Both add new depths to the film and are welcomed additions to the cast.

The most crucial addition, however, is Michael Gambon. He had the insurmountable task of replacing the late Richard Harris, in the role of Hogwarts headmaster Albus Dumbledore. Gambon knew he could not "replace" Harris, and doesn't even try. Instead, he brings his own flair to the role, making it his own. He wanted to bring a sense of humor to the character and make it a lighter, gentler role and he succeeds at keeping the integrity of Dumbledore, while making the character fit into his own acting style.

The computer-generated imagery in "Azkaban" is quite impressive. The "Potter" films have always looked good, but this time around it was particularly important for the effects to be strong in order to capture the film's darker, scarier mood. The film is shot perfectly, illuminating the bright colors of Hogwarts, but adding in the dreary, sinister tones when needed.

Director Alfonso Cuaron, best known for his work on the remarkable and beautiful film, "Y Tu Mama Tambien," does a very commendable job with "Azkaban." In interviews since the film's release, Cuaron has said that he had extra motivation to make this film special, given that he is a fan of the "Potter" books. This point can be seen several times throughout the film, as small, seemingly insignificant bits and pieces from the book are thrown in. While it may not seem like much of a big deal, adding those little tidbits from the book provide a special treat for diehard "Potter" fans.

It's hard to evaluate "Azkaban" alongside the first two "Potter" movies. It will still entertain the younger audiences, but is finally starting to turn into a series that adults can enjoy as well. That may be the biggest achievement of all.

When I saw this film, I sat two rows in front of a large contingent of younger viewers, all decked out in their "Potter" attire. One kid had slicked blond hair, one had a huge Hagrid beard, and one had a lightning bolt drawn on his forehead with magic marker. Now, I doubt these kids picked up on the subtle nuances that self-proclaimed know-it-all film buffs like myself claim to have picked up on. What they did realize, however, is that the film succeeded at combining humor, special effects and wholesome entertainment with a story that people of all ages can enjoy.

And in the end, who can ask for anything more?


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What to expect from this section



Mike Marzelli

For many, following sports serve as a simple pastime, but for others a distinct passion. The bond a fan shares with his or her team of choice is an unbreakable one – one so strong that it is often defines who you are and becomes a part of everything you do.

I count myself as one of these folks, and I do so openly. I'm a born and bred New Englander who survived Aaron Boone, but just barely. I count February 3, 2002 as the happiest day of my life, and I display a replica No. 6 Bill Russell jersey on the wall of my apartment, right next to the Bruins black and gold.

Since coming to the University of Massachusetts, I've learned to live and die with the Minutemen as well. While others scoff at the thought of I-AA football or laugh at the mediocrity of the men's basketball program of late, I've never missed a game, albeit as a fan or a member of the media. Why? Because I love sports. I love my school and I consider it very much my heathen duty.

Why am I telling you this? Well, because in my first year as sports editor of this fine publication, it's exactly what I should be hiding. I've always dreamed of becoming a sports writer, and I firmly believe that it is what I was placed on this planet to do.

Because of this, I realize the need to be impartial and fair as my staff and I bring you the year in UMass athletics, right here on these very pages. My goal for this section is to impart my aforementioned passion for sports into my own writing and that of my writers, and to do so in an informative, focused and professional manner. My rooting interest will only show up in my desire to get a story, and never in my coverage of that story.

There will be times this year when you may not agree with what we say, what we haven't said or how we say something, and I realize that and welcome it. The Collegian is your college newspaper, and we are here to give you what you want to read. I know there are those of you out there who are just like me, and I want to hear from you. I want to know what you want to see in the Collegian, and why you want to see it. This is my space, but it's also yours and I'm going to do my best to fill it with credible work that you'll want to read. After all, it's what I'm here for.

So for all the coverage of Minuteman athletics you'll ever need, keep it right here. The Collegian will be on campus every day there's class, and in many cases will be there more often than you will.

To the upperclassmen, welcome back to good 'ol ZooMass. And to the incoming freshman, good luck, it's gonna be a long strange trip – one the Collegian covers every step of the way.

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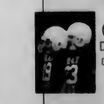
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DON BROWN TAKES THE REIGNS OF THE DEFENDING ATLANTIC 10 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

A new era in Amherst

Don Brown takes over as head football coach

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

The University of Massachusetts' 2004 football season began before this issue went to press. Last Saturday, September 4, the Minutemen traveled to face Delaware State in a non-conference matchup. For a recap and full coverage of that game and a preview of this weekend's home opener against Colgate, please see tomorrow's edition of the Collegian.

Football has often been overlooked in Western Massachusetts. Despite a Division I-AA National Championship, a pair of Atlantic 10 titles and three NCAA playoff appearances to his credit, departed head coach Mark Whipple never could build the kind of fan support necessary to move the proud program from the doldrums of college football's minor league to the green grass and bright lights of Division I-A.

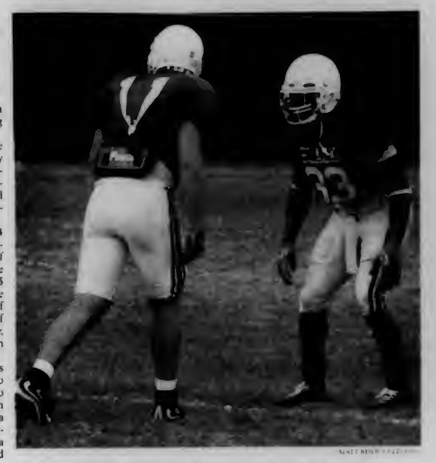
For Whipple, this frustrating struggle culminated with a special athletic department commission's finding that such a move was not only unlikely, but also hardly feasible in the near future. Thus, it was time to move on, and the former Brown graduate took a prestigious position with the National Football League's Pittsburgh Steelers doing what he does best: coaching quarterbacks.

The Minutemen were forced to move forward, and they did, hiring the man they wanted all along. Former defensive coordinator Don Brown was brought in to stabilize a program in flux, and while his initial legal troubles accomplished just the opposite at first, he has since done just that.

The Maroon and White open 2004 ranked No. 19 in every major Division I-AA preseason poll, and will face a slew of the top teams in the nation including the two squads that played for the 2003 National Championship. Brown will be forced to watch the initial three games of his tenure from the press box as a result of his settlement with his former employer, Northeastern University, but the transition has been completed nonetheless.

A new era of UMass football has arrived – one that must be committed to excellence at its current level in order to even dream of what could be. The team will feature a new quarterback, a revamped defense, new uniforms, the second night game in school history and a legitimate chance to take home the storied

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Senior captain and first team All-Atlantic 10 wide receiver Jason Peebler works against 2002 A-10 Offensive Rookie of the Year R.J. Cobbs during practice.

Brown a proven football mastermind

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

Stepping into Don Brown's office in the section of the UMass football locker room known as "the bunker" is like walking into a molecular physics laboratory at MIT.

Chalk and dry-erase boards, notebooks, and loose-leaf papers blanket the room, and are covered with text, plays, formulas and verbiage that you would have no chance of understanding without a Ph.D in advanced Pigskinetrics.



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Coach Don Brown confers with captain Steve Costello at a recent practice.

If you can grasp the general gist of some of it, than you'll realize that it's not completely different from Newton's Third Law of Motion — for every play, there is an equal and opposite counter play. But make no mistake; it's not nearly that simple in any facet of the imagination.

What is simple to understand, however, is that the new head coach of the Massachusetts football team is clearly no slouch when it comes to X's and O's, as evident by his tremendous work in turning the Northeastern Huskies around from doormat to dominant.

And now, with the messy legal situation that evolved when the former UMass defensive coordinator left Brookline to head west taken care of, it's the Minutemen who will reap the benefits of being able to pick such a complex football brain on a daily basis.

"Coach Brown is a defensive genius, and a great football coach," sophomore strong safety James Ihedigbo said following his new coach's introductory press conference in February. "When we heard he got the job, we couldn't wait to get on the field with him and learn his system."

"It's been great, learning his plan and how he goes about doing things," quarterback Tim Day said. "We knew coming in that we were getting a great football coach, and working with him every day shows us how knowledgeable and prepared he is and how much he wants to win."

As has been well documented, the transition process was not an easy one for Brown, who was UMass' defensive coordinator under Mark Whipple in 1998 and '99. Following Brown's initial acceptance of the position, Northeastern filed for and was granted an injunction, preventing its former coach from accepting new position.

That meant that as late as spring practice, the UMass program was without a head coach and being led through workouts by a staff of assistants they hardly knew. This led to Brown and the University eventually settling out of court — at a steep price. The University is responsible for $150,000 owed to NU, and in a move unprecedented in NCAA history, Brown will be forced to observe his team's first three games from the press box, without any contact with his staff or players.

In the end, the settlement served as means to allow Brown to return to what he loves most, coaching football. Although there is clearly some frustration evident in respect to the sanction and bitterness in his heart directed at his former employer, which he now refers to exclusively as "that school in Boston," it's all business now that his return to the Pioneer Valley is complete; Business that started with asserting his credibility, and will continue on with the execution of his game plans.

"My transition was a bit rough, but with the players it has been easy," Brown said. "I couldn't be more happier family-wise, or with the state of our program at this point.

"I think the one thing that's been good is that I've coached a lot of the older guys; the Jeremy Cains and the Anton McKenzies, and I think they've helped me in the credibility piece. That helps me in sending a message to some of the younger guys that I'm OK."

"We've got to sell our system. We have to sell our philosophy and the way we go about doing things on both sides of the ball, and that's a day-to-day challenge that I'm excited about. It's one of the reasons that I came back here, to instill my system here and just see how it plays itself out."

Having now moved into the first full week of the season, it certainly appears that Brown's system is playing out just as many thought it would, starting with a defense decimated by graduation but revitalized by speed and youth. His players are, without a doubt, responding to his knowledge and his message, and are excited about playing for one of the brightest football minds in I-AA.

And such respect for himself and his staff from a team that hardly knew him at this time last year should make sitting out just a little bit easier to stomach, even if it's still too unappetizing to discuss.

"Respectfully, I'm going to stay away from [any legal issues]," Brown said. What is, is and I'll get through that. I've got a great staff and we'll be prepared.

"We're hoping to be 3-0 after the first three weeks and I have faith in my coaches and players that it will turn out that way."

Stars come out for Erving Classic

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

SOUTH HADLEY — With a clear, blue sky allowing the sun to shine brightly above western Massachusetts' newest elite golf course, countless celebrities and close to 100 participants made the first annual Julius Erving Celebrity Golf Classic a tremendous success.

Created by Erving to honor the memory of Jack Leaman, his former collegiate coach and the University of Massachusetts' athletic patriarch, the event signified a joint celebration of the three things the former coach and commentator loved most: basketball, golf and UMass.

Proceeds from the event, which took place Aug. 30, were raised to benefit the Jack Leaman Legacy Fund, which provides scholarships for UMass student-athletes.

"In the spirit of Coach Leaman, we have had a perfect day," Erving said. "Everybody had a great time and we all had fun under the guise of doing something for a great cause, the Leaman Legacy Fund. I am honored and privileged to have my name identified with this tournament.

"Basketball and golf were two things coach Leaman loved dearly, and this is something he would have loved and been proud of. It means a lot to me to be able to take two things he was passionate about and combine them into such a great event and to benefit a great cause."

Coach Leaman's widow Rita also spoke about the success and nature of an event her husband would have loved to have been involved with.

"It was a wonderful game and a great time, Jack would have loved it," she said, "The great support made this successful and I am very grateful."

"I want to thank everybody for being here and supporting the event. Certainly Julius was the driving force behind it along with Tim Kennes."

Celebrities in attendance included Erving and basketball greats Bill Russell, Moses Malone and Clyde Drexler. Also participating were a handful of UMass personalities, past and present, including men's basketball coach Steve Lappas, women's basketball coach Marrie Dacko, ice hockey coach Don "Toot" Cahoon, softball coach Elaine Sortino, former basketball players Derek Kellogg, Tony Barbee and Tyrone Weeks, and graduated hockey star Thomas Pock.

Barbee's foursome, which included Glen Allan, Sandy Allan and Doug Dugreniar, finished atop the leader board with a nine under par 63.

Barbee himself also connected for the longest drive on the men's side, while Shawn Durocher took home that distinction on the women's side.

Joe Mantegna won the closest-to-the-pin competition, coming within three inches on the seventh hole.

All in all, it was a banner day for Erving, UMass athletics, the many participants and the legacy of Jack Leaman; one that the former coach and mentor of many would have been fiercely proud of.

"I wanted to do something other than just write a check," Erving said. "In creating this tournament, we feel like we're best honoring and remembering what Jack Leaman was truly all about.

"His spirit is still with us, and I'm honored to be doing this in his name."



Matt Reiko/Collegian

Former Boston Celtics legend and NBA great Bill Russell pulls away from the first tee during the first annual Julius Erving Celebrity Golf Classic at The Orchards.

Trio of veterans to lead men's soccer

Coach Sam Koch hopes strong defense will spell success in '04

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

In college athletics each passing year brings a sense of uncertainty. Seniors graduate, new blood comes in, and those somewhere in the middle continue to try and improve upon their games so to have their names synonymous with success.

For the Massachusetts men's soccer team, there will be a taste of all three during the 2004 season, a season that will give a glimpse of what happens when the past meets the future.



Craig Canavan, seen here attempting a header during the 2003 season, was one of three captains named by head coach Sam Koch.

Captains

This year's captains exhibit experience in every facet of the game. Striker Oral Bullen, goalie Colin Burns, and defensive stalwart Craig Canavan will be the leaders of this year's team, each endowed with significant playing time over the last couple of years.

Bullen will be the leader of the offense this year for the Minutemen, and returns as the team's leading scorer from last season with eight goals and four assists. In the past Bullen has always been a secondary option, but this year he will not only have to be a scoring threat, but an efficient organizer for an offense that has its fair share of question marks.

While Bullen is not expected to be the type of do-it-yourself scorer, as UMass has had in the past with the likes of all-everything Jeff Deren and the always dangerous Ptah Myers, he will be looked upon for his field vision, and his ability to open up opportunities for other players.

"I think he's a team player, he's going to be playing with everybody else," UMass coach Sam Koch said. "If we have to depend on him to carry the whole team, then we're not going to be successful and he's not going to be successful."

Canavan is coming off an injury-plagued year, which kept him out of the lineup for the waning weeks of the season. Through the beginning of the 2003 campaign, Canavan established himself as one of the best defenders in the A-10, and a vocal leader on the field for the Minutemen.

Canavan is always one of the more experienced players on the field as he played a year of college soccer at the University of New Hampshire, before enlisting in the Navy where he competed for the next five years.

With his time around the game, Canavan has become comfortable in different positions and is able to play efficiently in the midfield or in the back line. He has been a welcome edition to Koch's team as he adds a different dimension to the way the Minutemen can approach their defense.

"He's focused and fit and he's playing very well. He's playing very well for us up at the defensive midfield," Koch said. "He can sweep for us, he can play defensive midfield, he'll play somewhere in the middle in the back."

For senior Colin Burns, this season represents his last chance to truly be the man for the Minutemen. Coming into the 2003 season, Burns was labeled as the surefire candidate for starting keeper, that is until a freshman by the name of Nick Billman came and made a name for himself.

The Burns/Billman competition will be going strong into this season, but that takes nothing away from the respect that Burns has earned over his tenure with the Maroon and White. Burns is a fifth-year senior and has seen the highs and lows of college soccer and his experience in net has earned accolades from coaches and peers alike.

"Colin has weathered so many storms I don't think anything could surprise him," Koch said.

Every year the team votes on their captains and Koch is very pleased with their selections this year. He believes that with their experience, the youth on his squad can benefit and be prepared to make a push at the top of the A-10 this year.

"They are respected by their teammates; they are good leaders, good communicators, and they understand what needs to be done," Koch said.

Defense

If there was ever a team that embodied the old cliché, "the best offense is a good defense," the 2004 Minutemen would be it. Anchored by sweeper Tim Kitchell, and roving center midfielder and co-captain Craig Canavan, this year's defense is as good as any in the Northeast.

Last year Canavan was the starting sweeper for the first half of the season until he suffered season-ending stress fracture in his foot. Kitchell solidified his game through experience last year, starting nine games, and has emerged as a vocal leader in the back.

"We're really composed, we have Canavan, we have myself, so we have some age in our defense," Burns said. "His [Canavan] communication is just a big thing out there and Tim holds down the defense very well."

Another element of this year's defense is a degree of toughness that has been lacking in the past.

In an exhibition game against Notre Dame on August 28th, sophomore defenseman Ian O'Donnell was going shoulder to shoulder with a Fighting Irish attack man, lobbying for possession. The ball was crossed, then quickly lobbed back to O'Donnell's man. In a last second attempt to thwart the play O'Donnell lunged at the ball and cleared it from danger with a header.

As he got up it was clear that he had split his forehead and was gushing blood as he casually walked over to the official. On the way off the field he walked past Koch and said to the trainer, "Just make it stop bleeding."

Less than five minutes later, O'Donnell was back in, taped up and ready to play.

"I just can't say enough about O'Donnell, he's amazing, we need tough guy like him back here and that's why I like this defense," Burns said after the game

Adding to the defensive pressure will be sophomore Todd Skelton, who didn't see a lot of playing time last year, but has gotten significant minutes since last spring, in exhibition games.

Last year's defense was one of the best in the A-10, and this year looks to be no different. The Minutemen gave up an average of 1.24 goals a game in 2003, and with the goaltending tandem of Burns and Nick Billman once again vying for time: UMass has little to worry about between the pipes.

"There's no day off as far as they go, they just keep pushing each other and they will continue to push each other and it's a win-win situation for the team and for them," assistant coach Jon Lowery said.

Burns, who has seen some of the best UMass defenses of the past decade, is very impressed with this year's team.

"I was back here when went to the NCAA tournament and that was a quality defense, my sophomore year," Burns said, "But this defense has to be one of the best, I would even compare it to that defense that we had when we went to the NCAAs."

Offense

For the second consecutive year, the Minutemen have lost their leading scorer, and with that there is a void in the frontline. Ptah Myers led UMass last year with nine goals and was a consistent frontrunner on offense which alleviated pressure for the likes of Bullen and Ernie Billlitier (two goals, seven assists), who will be the leaders of this years offensive unit.

With this, there will be the customary changing of the guard that comes with every season and some of last year's youth will be looked upon to step up and take the reigns of the offense, many of which are in their second year.

"All those guys, I feel are going to help us and we've got other guys that are certainly battling for time," Koch said, "Guys like [sophomore midfielder Michael] Donnelly and a guy like [senior midfielder Gabe] Barnard who is always a player that's dangerous coming off the bench."

Another individual that will be vying for a starting spot will by Hawaiian speedster Richard Higa. He scored two goals for the Minutemen last year and started 16 games last year.

Higa suffered a minor injury during preseason, but Koch is confident that he will be back to form by the time the season gets underway.

"I can tell he's affected a bit by the traveling," Koch said, "He's been coming along, I'm sure he just needs to knock off some rust."

The Minuteman offense has also been in search of cohesion on the attacking end. In its last two games against top tier opponents, UMass has been held scoreless with 0-0 ties against both Rutgers and Notre Dame.

It did, however, have a respectable performance against the University of Montreal, who they defeated 3-1, with two goals coming from Bullen and one from freshman Greg Cirillo. Koch will be looking towards the freshman and sophomores to jell this year in order to pick up the slack from lost offense. With the talent of this year's freshman, Koch is confident that his team will be able to be dangerous on both ends of the field.

"How old you are doesn't

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Mix of experience and youth for UM

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matter, it's how old you play. We have some freshmen that don't play like freshmen. I'm not concerned about the age of the team; I'm concerned about the fact that we're inexperienced as far as playing with each other," Koch said. "My feeling is, by the time we hit the conference games we'll be a pretty solid unit and age will not be a factor."

Freshmen

As the Minutemen drew near to the end of practice, right before the final sprints, Koch let the team have a little fun and shoot penalty kicks on Billman and Burns. There were a couple of decent shots, nothing too exciting, a key save here and there.

Then all of a sudden someone walked up to the stripe and boomed a shot into the top right corner of the goal, well out of Billman's reach, with a lot of velocity. It was off the foot of a freshman, Mike Mingione, and this kick was a microcosm of the talent this year's freshman class brings to the table.

The Maroon and White have 10 freshmen on the team this year, including redshirt freshman Tyler Pagano, who was on the squad last year. They are a scrappy bunch, and Koch is convinced that, not one, but several of them have the chance to make some serious noise this year.

"They are good athletes, they give us excellent depth, they raise the competition in training and practices have become much more competitive," Koch said.

Mingione is one of members of his class that has a legitimate shot at playing time this year and with his resume, it's not too hard to believe.

Mingione was named All-League, All-Conference, All-Area, All-State, and All-New England as a senior at Immaculate High School In New Fairfield, Conn. He played a bulk of his time as a midfielder, but possesses the athleticism to play anywhere on the field.

He and the Arizona high school player of the year Douglas Rappaport are two of an extremely talented freshman class that Koch sees as an improvement from last year's squad.

"We're different than last year, because we've got five new players that can really contribute that we didn't have at the end of last year," Koch said, "I would say that we are a better team overall personnel-wise."

In both preseason exhibitions several freshmen, including Mingione and Rappaport have subbed in for upperclassmen and not missed a beat.

The Minutemen also picked up another goalkeeper, Peter Kersker, who will be third on the depth chart behind the dueling Burns and Billman. Kersker was brought in to essentially be a training goalie for the time being, but with his current situation Lowery feels he will learn and benefit from watching his peers.

"As a freshman, he gives us good depth, we have three good goalkeepers. Peter needs experience, technically he's very good, I'm very impressed with his technical ability," Lowery said. "He needs to get on the field in games and with Colin and Nick ahead of him it's going to be difficult, but he trains hard and he can continue to get better."

Last year was described as one for rebuilding in the early-goings and this year would seem to look the same on paper.

With a huge amount of youth one of the main issues for the Minutemen is getting everyone on the same page. If you ask sophomores like Billman and Higa, youth shouldn't be an excuse.

"When you get to college, if you can play, you can play. I don't think age really matters that much," Billman said, "If you can play and you like to be out here on the field, you should play. If you can step up and do it, then step out and play."

Burns, Billman battle for job

Minutemen to use pair of keepers during 2004 season

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

For any soccer goalie there is a type of important solitude that takes place. They stand alone between the pipes, separate from the flow of the game, and wait to make instant judgments that can make or break a game. They must conform to new styles, adjust to pressure, and in the blink of an eye be ready to contour to the ever-changing fluidity of the game happening right in front of their eyes.



Nick Billman

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For the Massachusetts men's soccer team, this position brings up a very interesting problem.

It has two very capable candidates.

Senior captain Colin Burns and sophomore sensation Nick Billman make up perhaps the finest goaltending tandem in the Atlantic 10. One would think that with a situation involving always coveted playing time that there would be controversy, jealousy, and maybe even open criticism. Not with these two, in fact this competition may be the best thing to happen to either of them.

After a year that saw both keepers split time, the Minutemen find themselves in the same predicament. It is an issue that head coach Sam Koch sees as more of a blessing than anything else.

"We'll give them both time at the beginning of the season and whoever wins it through performance will be the keeper that stays in there. With the way they've been playing, one will play two-thirds of the game, the other will play a third," Koch said, "It's a great problem to have."

For a team that allowed just over a goal per game last year, Billman and Burns were generally lights out. Burns got a bulk of the minutes with 1048:37 out of 1744:56, and started 11 out of the 13 contests he played in. During that span he had an impressive 1.46 GAA (Goals Against Average), and a .730 save percentage.

Billman came into his freshman year with guns blazing, and in his 10 appearances, including six starts, he recorded a remarkable 0.90 GAA, with a team high three shutouts.

Assistant coach Jon Lowery, a former All Big Ten goalie for Ohio State in 1998 and 1999 and former keeper for the MLS's Tampa Bay Mutiny, has been teaching Burns and Billman the tricks of the trade.

"I think they've worked really, really hard in the off season and both had a good experience last year," Lowery said, "Billman is a real good shot stopper, he's improved a little bit coming off his line, and he's dominating his box in the air a little bit more. Burns has improved just through experience. With the work both of them have put in, they've both come along."

Lowery has seen almost every situation a goalie can. He has been the main man, a secondary option, and like Burns and Billman a near equal to one of his close peers. Along with his on-the-field guidance, Lowery has been an important mentor as far as the mental aspect of the game in concerned.

"John's unbelievable," Billman said, "He knows what we're going through, he knows the highs and lows of playing goalie and he knows about battling for time and everything else."

Perhaps one of the most interesting things about this goal-stopping duo is how different they efficiently play the game.

In goalkeeping height plays a huge role in the way one approaches the game. Taller players tend to be able to move around in their box and try to deflect crosses that may be within their reach. Shorter players like to stay at home more and position themselves as they watch the flow of the game unfold.



Colin Burns

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Burns, who stands at 6-foot-2, tends to use his height to his advantage, while Billman (5-foot-10), is known more for his direct shot-blocking ability, rather than breaking up crosses that he might not be able to get to.

"I'm relaxed; I like to come off my line a lot because I like to use my height to my advantage," Burns said, "I like to control things a little bit more, control my defenders, control the flow of the game."

Aside from the technical aspects of goalkeeping, one of the major keys to success is game time experience. Both Billman and Burns have quite the repertoire of experience outside the college realm and have enjoyed success in development leagues as primetime keepers.

"Colin has experience playing in the PDL (Premier Development League), which is for college players," Lowery said. "Nick has been part of a great club out of St. Louis and he was in the Final Four with them this year for the U-19 National Championships. So they both have quality experience."

This experience has added a good deal of confidence to their games. Neither one is shy to shout out a switch or alteration of the offense to their defense. With this the team and the coaches have given them both the respect of a number-one, regardless of who's playing.

Not only has the team shown them respect, but through their competitive relationship, they have grown to respect to each other.

"It's been a great relationship with us, and our goalie coach Jon has really kept us as a group," Burns said, "He pushes me to play better and I push him too."

Said Billman, "We work well together, whoever is in goal, we just want the team to win. We just need a smart goalie in there in order to win."

Regardless of what happens this season, the Minutemen will be one of the most stable teams in the Atlantic 10 between the pipes. It will be a week-to-week affair, whoever is streaking will get time, whoever is down will have to fight for their job.

"They both have helped each other, they both have pushed each other," Koch said, "I think in a funny way they both should give the other one credit for making them better."

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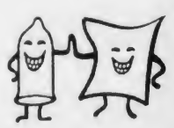
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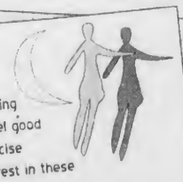
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Curreri signs with Diamondbacks

Former UM star inks pro deal

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

Following a breakout summer playing for the Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox of the prestigious Cape Cod Baseball League, UMass catcher Frank Curreri decided to forego his final two years of collegiate eligibility and sign a professional contract with the Arizona Diamondbacks early last month.

He reported to the Diamondbacks rookie league affiliate, the Missoula (Mont.) Ospreys of the Pioneer League, on Aug. 19 and started his first game in right field. It was his first major experience in the outfield since he spent his freshman season at UMass platooning between catcher and left field.

The Weymouth native and Boston College High School prospect was drafted in the 41st round of June's Major League Baseball Amateur Draft, but his play in leading the Red Sox to the 2004 CCBL championship boosted his stock immensely and lead to his signing.

"Frank went from being a 41st-rounder to getting the equivalent of fourth-round bonus money," UMass head coach Mike Stone told the Springfield Republican. "The deal also includes money for college, so it was too good for him to pass up."

Curreri was tabbed as the best New England prospect on the Cape after leading Y-D with a .293 average, hitting two homeruns and collecting 15 runs batted in while posting a league-best .432 on-base percentage.

He was also the starting catcher for the East Division in the league's all-star game, and was named his squad's Most Valuable Player by the 70 scouts in attendance after hitting a two-run home run in the first inning.

Most impressively, however, was Curreri's play in four CCBL playoff games, where he hit .357 with five RBI and a .500 OBP in leading the Sox to a pair of series sweeps over the Brewster Whitecaps and Falmouth Commodores to earn the league title.

"I always felt like I could play in a league like the Cape League," Curreri said. "People look at guys from lesser-known baseball schools and always think they have something to prove because they're not from LSU or Miami.

"But the bottom line is, you can either play or you can't, and I always thought I could play."

With one of every six current Major Leaguers having played in the Cape League while in college, it is easily the most successful and renowned college summer league in the country, largely due to it's use of wooden bats.

However because the NCAA still permits the use of aluminum bats, the league has been known to humble even the brightest of stars for at least an initial adjustment period before players become accustomed to swinging a bat in which the weight is distributed differently.

Yet Curreri was an exception to this, as he got off to a ferocious start and led the league in hitting for much of the first half of the season — something he credits to his play in southeastern Massachusetts' Cranberry League last summer.

"I played Cranberry ball last summer, and they use wooden bats," he said. "When I got here, all the guys were complaining about their batting averages and how hard it is to swing the wood, but I kind of just picked up where I left off last summer.

"It just kind of came naturally and it helped me really swing well while most of the guys were still struggling to get used to it," he said.

During his two seasons at UMass, Curreri displayed his prowess hitting with the aluminum for coach Mike Stone's squad. He finished his career with a .363 batting average, ten homeruns and 81 RBI while collecting 24 doubles, 39 walks and striking out just 32 times in 270 at bats.

"Frank is a key player for us, a real integral part of this program," Stone said during last season. "People don't realize how talented he really is, and he never got the credit he deserved for walking in and making the impact he did as a freshman.

"Whether he's behind the plate or in the outfield, Frank is going to have a solid career for himself and has really helped this team in his time here."

In his final season with the Minutemen, Curreri was a second-team All-Atlantic 10 and first-team All-New England selection after leading the team with a .380 average, 54 RBI, 23 extra-base hits, a .464 on-base percentage and a .614 slugging percentage.

His seven home runs also tied for the club lead, and his 54 RBI and 16 two-base hits mark the fifth-highest single-season totals in those categories in team history.

Remarkably, he also reached base in 41 of UMass' 45 games, including the final 26 in a row.

"Frank Curreri is going to be a good player someday," said a New York Mets scout assigned to Cape Cod. "He may not be a catcher wherever he goes, but he has a good swing and great opposite field power and is such a pure athlete, that someone will find a place for him.

"He's a gamer, and a guy that a lot of baseball coaches and managers will enjoy having on their teams."



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Future looks bright for field hockey

By Paula Aden
Collegian Staff

The 2003 season was a rebuilding year for the Massachusetts field hockey team. For the first time in UMass history, the Minutewomen failed to reach the Atlantic 10 championship tournament, posting an overall record of 4-15 (2-4 in the A-10), with the lowest winning percentage since the program's inception in 1975.

Although last season's Maroon and White won two of their first four games, they fell into a midseason slump where they had an eight-game losing streak from which they struggled to recover for the rest of the season.

Last year's team was built around youth, and with sixteen returning letter winners, the future looks bright for the Maroon and White. In fact, in the annual A-10 preseason poll, the conference coaches picked UMass to finish fourth.

"We do have a good foothold on experience coming back," Massachusetts coach Patty Shea said.

The Minutewomen only lost two starters, so the majority of the team has a year's worth of experience playing together.

"The underclassmen come in with a lot of experience, and the upperclassmen have greatly improved," Shea said.

Among the nine returning starters is senior goalie Christine Tocco. Undoubtedly the Minutewomen's star player last season, Tocco faced 274 shots, saving 149. She also posted one shutout, and managed to tally double-digit saves on five separate occasions, including a career high 21 against Maryland.

With a save percentage of .696 and 3.55 GAA, Tocco was a rock for the Maroon and White all season long. She missed only one game, and UMass women's lacrosse goalie Joey Rubin was called on to replace her in the 1-0 loss to West Chester.

This year, Tocco will have the added support of freshman Becky Letourneau, who is joining the Minutewomen as a goalie.

Additionally, several players are returning from injuries that kept them out of play for much of last season, including sophomore backfielder Tracy Razzano. Returning this season to the backfield are junior Katelyn Woolfrey and sophomore Kwylan Jaggassar.

Woolfrey and Jaggassar both started in each of the nineteen games played last season, and will be strong forces in leading the Minutewomen's defense.

Jaggassar is the sister of graduate assistant coach Kerry Ann Jaggassar, and is one of two players on the team hailing from Trinidad & Tobago. Last season, Woolfrey managed eight shots, despite being a defensive player.

Joining the starters in the backfield are returning sophomores Jackie Zacarian and Whitney Hopwood, sister of backfielder Kristin who graduated in 2004. Freshman Kara Murphy will also be playing backfield for the Maroon and White this season.

"We're basically bringing back our whole defensive unit," Shea said.

The forward line will be led by returning starters Adrianne Monaco, Caitlin Beresin, and Gina Sanders. Last season, Monaco managed 24 shots and 4 points, while Beresin tallied 21 shots and 2 points. Sanders, a freshman last year, tied for the most shots (26), even while playing every game with a torn ACL. The three starting forwards scored a total of four goals last season.

Sophomores Sarah Mulvanity and Elizabeth Andrews will also be returning as forwards, along with newcomer Rachael Mervine.

The remaining starters are the international midfielders. Juniors Jaime Bawden and Patricia Borneo, along with sophomore Marije Tigchelaar, all hail from foreign countries, bringing with them a wealth of international experience.

Tigchelaar, from the Netherlands, had eighteen shots last season, led the team in assists (2), and tied for second among the team in points (4).

Borneo is the second player on the team from Trinidad & Tobago, and played for the country's national team in last summer's Pan-American games. Bawden's hometown is in British Columbia, Canada.

Bawden led the team last year in goals (3) and points (7), and was picked for the A-10 All-Conference Team. Additionally, she played this summer for the Canadian Junior National Team.

Three new faces in the midfield will round out the team — Paula Verma, Erin O'Brien, and Nicole Phelan. Verma, a sophomore, played with the Minutewomen during their spring season. O'Brien and Phelan are both freshmen.

"We're still flip-flopping to see where people will come in, and where they'll fit best with the team and with the unit," Shea said. "We have to put the unit that plays best together out there, and not necessarily the best players."

The Minutewomen have the advantage this season of 11 home games out of the 20 scheduled regular season games. Additionally, should they qualify for the A-10 tournament this year, they will also have the home field advantage during the conference championship, which is scheduled to take place at Garber Field on November 5-6.

The team began their season with an away game in Connecticut against Fairfield on Aug. 29. Last year, the Minutewomen beat Fairfield 2-1 in two overtimes. This year, fortunes were reversed as the Stags took the edge in overtime, beating the Maroon and White 1-0.



MATT REHR/COLLEGIAN

Goaltender Christine Tocco returns as the backbone of a young Minutewomen squad after putting together a stellar 2003 campaign.

UMass Field Hockey
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Sat 09/11/2004	Stamford College Park, Md. 12:00 PM
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Sun 09/19/2004	Maine Amherst, Mass. 2:00 PM
Sat 09/25/2004	Boston College Chestnut Hill, Mass. 12:00 PM
Sun 09/26/2004	Vermont Amherst, Mass. 1:00 PM
Wed 09/29/2004	Providence Amherst, Mass. 7:00 PM
Sat 10/02/2004	Syracuse Amherst, Mass. 1:00 PM
Sun 10/03/2004	Northeastern Amherst, Mass. 1:00 PM
Sat 10/09/2004	West Chester * Amherst, Mass. 12:00 PM
Sun 10/10/2004	La Salle * Amherst, Mass. 12:00 PM
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Sat 10/16/2004	Temple * Philadelphia, Pa. 12:00 PM
Sun 10/17/2004	St. Joseph's * Philadelphia, Pa. 12:00 PM
Wed 10/20/2004	Dartmouth Hanover, N.H. 3:30 PM
Sun 10/24/2004	Richmond * Amherst, Mass. 12:00 PM
Sat 10/30/2004	Rhode Island * Kingston, R.I. 12:00 PM
Fri 11/05/2004	Atlantic 10 Semifinals Amherst, Mass. TBA
Sat 11/06/2004	Atlantic 10 Championship Game Amherst, Mass. TBA

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Coach Patty Shea joins prestgious Hall of Fame

By Paula Aden
Collegian Staff

It has been a decade since the last class was inducted to the U.S. Field Hockey Association's Hall of Fame in 1994.

Yet on June 12, seven former Team USA members joined the ranks of the thirty-four existing honorees in the Hall of Fame. Among the seven was Massachusetts coach Patty Shea, a former goalie for the national team.

"[The lack of a recently inducted class] illustrates how difficult it is to play in those competitions," Shea said.

Along with Leslie Lyness, Barbara Marois, Laurel Hershey Martin, Christy Morgan, Marcia Pankratz, and Pam Neiss-Stuper, Shea was inducted to the Hall, located in Collegeville, Pennsylvania.

"We played together through a couple different generations," Shea said of her teammates.

"This dictates the level of excellence we had internationally, we were ranked as high as third in the world. We did that with a lot of sacrifice, quitting jobs, going on the road ... we truly did it because we had a passion for it."

"It really has more to do with my support system and my family," Shea said. "As much as the athletes have to give up a lot, the family has to give up a lot for someone to be able to play at that level."

Of the induction ceremony, Shea said, "The one thing that was special for me was that my parents were able to be there."

Selection for the Hall of Fame is based on a point system, as well as several other requirements.

According to the USFHA, selection to the hall is "based on achievement as an athlete or coach of a USA team, including long-term supremacy, innovation and contributions to the sport."

Additionally, an athlete must have played for the USA national team for at least five years, and have been out of competition for at least five.

Shea certainly qualifies. A member of the 1988 and 1996 Olympic teams, Shea was called "Goalkeeper of the Tournament" in '96 by World Hockey Magazine.

Earning silver medals at the Pan-American games in 1987 and 1995, Shea also defended America's net for a bronze medal at the World Cup in 1994. Shea also appeared at the World Cup in 1986.

During her 11-year tenure on the national team, Shea battled off more than a dozen knee injuries while being named USA Field Hockey Athlete of the Year twice, in 1988 and 1996. She also earned bronze at the 1995 Champions Trophy.

A 1984 graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Shea was named to the All-American team in 1982 and 1983.

She has coached the UMass field hockey team to five Atlantic 10 championship titles, and still holds the school record for most career shutouts (54).

When Shea ended her career in 1996, she had a grand total of 87 international appearances for the American team.

"We really loved wearing the colors of our country," Shea said. "A lot of athletes want that opportunity, but not too many of them actually get it."



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UMass football ushers in Don Brown era

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program's 20th championship.

Yet in the end what it really needs is support, both from the surrounding community and the 20,000-plus students on New England's largest college campus, in order to finally begin working towards moving the program to the big time; the type of major support that, if it ever arrives, will surely be a long time coming.

Quarterback

Junior Tim Day won the starting job outright in a competition with true freshman Liam Coen and senior Steve Howell during camp, and will begin the season under center after sitting out behind Jeff Krohn last season.

In five appearances, three of which were starts, as a true freshman in 2002, Day hit on 34 of 64 attempts for 339 yards and a pair of touchdowns, and showed flashes of the mobility and capacity to make plays that Brown feels will best suit new offensive coordinator Kevin Morris' ball-control system.

"He's a very capable player, and we think he can do some good things in our offense," Brown said. "His ability to move around gives us a few more options, and he makes us a lot more versatile at the position."

Coen, who will serve as Day's primary backup if the coaching staff chooses not to redshirt the La Salle (RI) Academy product, has a bright future ahead of him as well and has drawn high praise following his first college camp.

"He'll be No. 2 going into (next) Saturday. If we got to win the football game, he goes in the game," Brown said. "He's a good player. He's going to be a very good player. We're excited about him."

Howell, Stoughton native Randy Pollitio and South Florida transfer Evan Kraky will also compete for time as Day's backup.

Offensive Backfield

An area that certainly has Brown and his staff salivating is the running back position, where the Minutemen return all of their primary contributors from a season ago to form one of the nation's elite units.

Senior Rich Demers, who is in his second season with the Minutemen after transferring from the now-defunct UMass-Lowell program prior to last season, will serve as the team's starting tailback after gaining 664 yards on 125 carries and scoring 5 touchdowns in 2003. The versatile 250-pound back will also split time at the fullback position with senior Steve Wysocki, one of the A-10's premier blocking backs, and has proven to be a capable receiver out of the backfield.

Another returning force carrying the football will be bruising junior Steve Baylark, the team's leading rusher last season with 1,177 yards and 10 touchdowns. Baylark needed to pass summer school classes to remain eligible and did so, giving Brown the option featuring a backfield with a combined weight of nearly 500 pounds and over 1,800 combined yards gained last season.

"When you put Baylark and Demers in the backfield at the same time, you better buckle your chinstrap," Brown said. "They are a pair of big, physical guys who will run right over you, and have a chance to really help us wear teams down."

Complementing the two power backs will be a pair of quick, athletic tailbacks in freshman Bryan Smith and junior Raunny Rosario. Smith, who was dubbed by Whipple as "a combination of Marcel Shipp and R.J. Cobbs" has impressed Brown and the staff tremendously in camp, and "will be in the mix."

"Bryan Smith has the ability to become a real game-changer," Brown said. "He may make some mistakes, but he's got a world of ability and we're excited about him.

Rosario, meanwhile, had a brilliant freshman campaign in 2002, gaining 758 yards, before a knee injury in week one last season limited him to only 103 yards on 27 carries. Brown says that he will see duty on special teams, and will be worked into the game plan in various capacities.

Justin Montgomery and Lorenzo Perry will also push for time as tailback, while Kyle Harrington will push Demers and Wysocki at the fullback position.

Wide Receiver/Tight End

Another one of UMass' stronger groups, the receiving corps is anchored by All-American and All-Conference star Jason Peebler, who caught 50 balls for 1,003 yards and 13 touchdowns and had been named one of four captains.

A strong, aggressive pass-catcher, Peebler has added seven pounds of muscle in the off-season and Brown lauds his ability to make things happen and play the physical game with cornerbacks and safeties.

"He's our game breaker, no question about it. We're hoping to get the ball in his hands through the air and on kickoff returns as well," he said. "[Peebler] can take the hitch route or a short route and turn it into a homerun. The thing about him is that he's 218 pounds ... so if you don't put it on him, he's gone.

"We've had a good look at [Coach Morris'] system over the winter and in spring ball," Peebler said. "I think now that we're going here, we're starting to get a good grip on it."

Peelber is not the only UMass wideout with game breaking ability, however, joining him as targets for Day include speedy senior Dominique Stewart, who caught 37 passes for 464 yards and two touchdowns in 2003, and Boston College transfer Nathanael Hassleback, whom Brown believes, along with 6-foot-4 sophomore Brandon London and redshirt freshman J.J. Moore, will make an immediate impact.

Sophomores Jake Morgan and Domenique Milton will also provide added depth at the position and on special teams

The Maroon and White also returns its top two tight ends from a season ago. Junior Mike Douglas has switched numbers (from 83 to 44), but remains as the starter after hauling in 10 passes for 92 yards and a score.

Returning as his backup will be senior Sean Young, who has evolved into a very good blocker and will look to become more involved in the passing attack.

Offensive Line

The Minutemen will once again be well-stocked along the offensive line this season, as they will return four starters from last season and welcome back another from the 2002 squad.

Leading the charge up front on offense will be All-A-10 senior Rob Kane, who has been named the team's second offensive captain. A four year starter, the Londonderry, NH native can play either guard or tackle and is, as labeled by Brown, "a mauler." He will likely begin the season as the right tackle, but could be moved around as needed.

Joining him along the line will be junior left tackle Colin Stoetzel, sophomore right guard David Thompson and sophomore center Alex Miller, whom Brown praises for his ability to call out blocking assignments and communicate on the line.

Junior guard O.J. McBride will fill the fifth and final piece of the puzzle after missing all of last season due to injury. He will return to his left guard position to once again give UMass a physical and punishing line to spearhead its run-based offense.

"I'm just excited to be back, and playing with a group that has this much talent," McBride said. "We have the potential to be a dominant line, and you can't hate that."

The top reserve at the position will be redshirt freshman Matt Austin, as the group will be without Ryan Luke while the sophomore recovers from a broken finger.

"Offensively we're a little bit more mature. There are a few more seniors and some more experience among the core guys on that side of the ball.

"We have four guys with great experience on the offensive line, led by Rob Kane, and those guys have just picked it right up from the spring."

Defensive Line

For the coaching staff and most notably Brown, the rebuilding starts here. UMass will shift away from the 3-4 alignment used by former defensive coordinator Tom Masella, and will instead employ a 4-3 set.

Junior Keron Williams is the only returnee of note among this group, and will be counted on to make plays from his defensive end position after tallying 31 tackles, four tackles for loss, two sacks and a team-best 14 quarterback hurries last season.

Fellow junior Justin Schweighardt, a transfer from Division I Ball State, has impressed Brown with his progress in camp and has earned one of the two tackle positions, joining him in the middle will be sophomore Jason Leonard, who saw limited action last fall in making 12 tackles and one sack.

Manning the other end position will be sophomore Ola Sanusi, who Brown said had "improved tremendously" and should make a solid contribution.

"We're very young up front, there's no question about that," Brown said. "Keron Williams is going to be our playmaker, and we've been pleasantly surprised with how well Schweighardt has progressed.

"We're hoping to make up for our lack of size and experience with speed, and guys like Sanusi give us the chance to get a lot quicker and we like that."

Also fighting for playing time

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MATT BRIDGMAN/COLLEGIAN

UMass' "black shirt" defense takes a breather during a recent scrimmage. In new coach Don Brown's first camp, players were awarded black jerseys to signify that they had earned a starting role.

UMass Football
2004 Schedule

Sat 09/11 Colgate * Amherst, Mass. CN8 6:00 PM
Sat 09/18 Richmond * (Band Day) Amherst, Mass. 1:00 PM
Sat 09/25 Boston U. * (Pink Appreciation Day) Amherst, Mass. College Sports Television /CN8 1:00 PM
Sat 10/02 Delaware * Newark, Del. 1:00 PM
Sat 10/09 James Madison * Harrisonburg, Va. 1:30 PM
Sat 10/16 Hofstra * Hempstead, N.Y. 12:00 PM
Sat 10/23 Rhode Island * Kingston, R.I. 12:00 PM
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New coach for UM

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at end will be redshirt freshmen Jason Hill and Andrew Blumenthal, while junior Phil Rossomando and freshman Wilner Alexis will push for time at tackle.

Linebacker

The Maroon and White also graduated a great deal of talent within the linebacking corps as well, but returns one of its premier all-around players — and first junior captain since Khari Samuel — in middle linebacker Serge Tikum.

Fifth on the team in tackles with 83 last season, 10 of which were for a loss, Tikum also collected four sacks and laid a bevy of devastating hits on unsuspecting opponents that earned him the distinction as one of the conference's top tacklers.

"We're very young on defense, where we only have three seniors." Brown said. "But I'm excited with how well we move around. Serge Tikum has led the linebacker corps and done a great job with that. He's our guy, and we trust him and know he's going to make plays."

Holding down the outside spots will be sophomore Charles Walker and Junior Brad Anderson. Walker played sparingly last season, making 13 tackles and recovering two fumbles, while Anderson transferred from I-A Vanderbilt two seasons ago and posted 19 tackles in 2003.

Both are quick and athletic, and will help round out the transition from size to speed on the defensive side that Brown feels will benefit the unit as a whole.

"We had a referee working our scrimmage the other day that I've known for a while," he said. "And he said to me, 'this is the quickest group you've ever had.' I think that's saying something.

"We've lost a lot of good players on our front seven, but we feel good about the guys we've replaced them with and what they can do. We have the speed and quickness to get right after teams and just disrupt the hell out of them."

The wildcard at linebacker and on the defensive line as well will be junior L.A. Love. Ravaged by injuries in his time at UMass, the ultra-talented Love will be used situationally as a pass rusher as outside linebacker and defensive end, and should thrive getting to the passer in Brown's system.

Reserves at linebacker who will also see time include junior Isaac Kaufman and redshirt freshmen Jason Hatchell and Geno Brown.

Defensive Backfield

Far and away the most talented unit on the squad and possibly in the conference, Brown will count on this group to perform as good as any in the nation.

Confident, aggressive, quick and athletic, there is certainly a swagger about this group and Brown is hoping that its play will reflect that.

Leading the charge will be arguably the best pair of safeties in I-AA in junior Shannon James and sophomore James Ihedigbo. James totaled 100 tackles, four interceptions and five pass breakups in 2003, while splitting his time between cornerback and free safety.

The man they call "Digs," meanwhile, collected 74 tackles and four interceptions and also blocked a punt that was returned for a touchdown in the first quarter of UMass' opening round I-AA playoff game.

"We're the best [pair of safeties] in the Atlantic 10, without a doubt in my mind," said Ihedigbo, the former Amherst Regional star. "Myself and Shannon, we're going to put it on you. We're both aggressive, can cover and love to hit, and we're going to be ready to play come Saturday."

James, who put on ten pounds of muscle over the summer, looks physically better than ever but has been hampered by a leg injury. Nonetheless when healthy, this pair of bone-crushing hitters will serve to strike fear into receivers' hearts around the A-10.

Also capable of stepping in at safety as part of nickel and dime packages will be senior Leroy Brooks and junior Greg Scott, who was converted to defense after beginning as a wide receiver.

Not to be overlooked amidst the talented secondary is a dominant pair of corners in pre season First Team All-Atlantic 10 selection Steve Costello and 2002 A-10 Rookie of the Year R.J. Cobbs.

Costello, who led the conference with six interceptions last season and rounds out the team's four captains, had off-season abdominal surgery but will likely be ready to start the season after earning the reputation as the league's best at the position.

Cobbs missed all of last season due to personal reasons, and will return to his natural cornerback position after leading the Minutemen in rushing two seasons ago and being named preseason first team all-conference on offense last season.

"We can go out there and just shut down the other team's receivers," Cobbs said of himself and Costello. "We're alike in that we love to play physical and get right up on the line, and we don't ever want to be beat.

"Myself, Steve, Digs, Shannon and Tracy Belton, we're easily the best secondary in the Atlantic 10, no doubt, if not one of the best in the nation."

Belton, a sophomore who made 23 tackles and picked off four passes last season, will also be relied on heavily to spell James and Costello and to enter the game on third down and in nickel situations. Springfield native Julius Walker has also played will in camp, and will be added to the mix in certain situations.

In all, the talent and man-to-man ability the group possesses will give Brown the ability to take pressure off his inexperienced front seven and blitz more freely, causing the chaos he hopes will result.

"The talent we have back there allows us to do so many things defensively," he said. "And more importantly, it takes the strain off the front guys and increases the learning curve just a bit."

Special Teams

With the kicking competition likely coming down to the wire and UMass' Sept. 4 season opener, a starter will not have been named before The Collegian goes to press.

Sophomore Michael Torres will handle the kick-off duties exclusively, but continues to battle it out with senior Matt Goldstein, a transfer from D-I New Mexico, for the regular placekicking duties.

Torres ranked second on the team in scoring last season with 67 points after hitting nine-of-15 field goals and 40-of-44 extra points.

Sophomore Christian Koegel will return at the team's punter after kicking 68 times and netting a 39.2-yard average with 19 punts downed inside the opponents 20-yard line.

Goldstein has proven to be a capable punter as well, and will backup Koegel.

The Minutemen will also boast a great deal of talented returners, as Costello, James, Stewart, Peelber, Cobbs, Hasselback and Perry have all proven to be very capable in that capacity.

A new Day dawns

Junior quarterback tabbed to lead team

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

The image was an indelible one: a true freshman quarterback, having just made the most critical of mistakes in the most crucial of games, sobbing openly in the arms of his coach and teammate on the snow-covered turf of McGuirk Alumni Stadium. 5,000 UMass fans in the stands and countless others watching on television that late fall afternoon will never forget it.

That was November 16, 2002, and Tim Day has come a long way since he was sacked by Hofstra's Shaun Kinsley to end the game described by this publication at the time simply as a "heartbreaker."



MATT BRIDGMAN/COLLEGIAN

Starting quarterback Tim Day looks for an open receiver during preseason camp. Day started UMass' opening game at Delaware St.

He is no longer a wide-eyed, 19-year old frosh out of Manchester (N.H.) Central High School, but rather a bigger, faster and more cerebral quarterback who benefited from a year of study behind departed star Jeff Krohn. He's switched numbers (from 16 to 10) because "the old one didn't work for him," and his integrity amongst his teammates and inclination to take a leadership role has clearly increased.

In other words, Day has grown up, on and off the field. The coach who recruited him, Mark Whipple, has since left for the National Football League, but the younger brother of former New Hampshire star signal caller Ryan Day has not wavered from his course; a course that culminated with new Massachusetts head coach Don Brown and his staff naming Day the team's starting quarterback to begin the 2004 season.

"Timmy's our guy and we feel really good about him." Brown said. "We think he's the most ready. He's made a lot of progress and we think he gives us the best chance for success in our system.

"I have tremendous confidence in his abilities. I think he's going to do great things."

Thus, the Minutemen's Sept. 4 game at Delaware State will give Day the chance to exercise some painful demons. Stepping onto the field in Dover, Del., donning the maroon and white will be his first chance for redemption since that fateful day nearly two years ago — a day he still takes motivation from.

"I've had that game in my VCR a couple times to get motivated. But that's behind me," Day said. "I'm not even thinking about that stuff. It's a whole new season, a whole new staff and a whole new team.

"I use it for self-motivation if anything, but I'm just ready to go."

Brown also agrees that the opportunity he's provided the young quarterback is a fresh start, and that a new coaching staff and different offensive philosophy will help him look towards the future rather than dwell on the past.

"He shouldn't think about that [game] any more," Brown said. "This is a new team, a new staff and a new year and he's got plenty on this plate. We've thrown a lot at him in terms of what he needs to learn to run this team, to the point where he shouldn't have time to think about what's happened in the past. That's behind him and I know he's just focused on winning football games."

And winning games is something that certainly runs in the Day family. His aforementioned brother Ryan threw for 7,670 years as a starter at UNH from 1998-2001, and serves as a confidant for his sibling.

"We talk a lot," the younger Day said. "We talk about everything: football, college, life, you name it. He's there for me whenever I need him, and he's helped me through a lot because he's been there and knows what it takes. He's helped me a lot in getting where I am."

Nonetheless it was Day's own ability that led him to be named the first starting quarterback of the Don Brown era, and the coach remains most excited about his ability to make plays in an offense full of playmakers and on a team with championship aspirations.

"He has the ability to ad-lib which is always a nice feature, but we want him to run our offense," Brown said. "He's got a lot of good players around him. I told him 'you don't have to make every play. Make sure you distribute the ball and take what they give you and good things will happen."

A concept that, now two years later, Day understands clearly.

"The main thing is to run the football and play within the offense," he said. "Our offensive line and skill players are great. They're going to bring us to victory, not me."

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Women's soccer re-energized in '04

Rudy pleased with improved attitude

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

It is late and practiced has long since ended, and Massachusetts women's soccer coach Jim Rudy has assigned his players 60 extra yards of sprints to do before practice ends. As they begin sprinting, Rudy notices something remarkably different.

"They were running those sprints like they were the first ones of the day," Rudy says. "These girls have been serving everything I've thrown at them. They're a lot more serious about their training standards and personal habits."

And so marks a new era in Massachusetts women's soccer—an era characterized by a higher level of commitment never reached in years prior.

"The Cyndi Lauper generation is over," Rudy said. "These girls aren't about just wanting to have fun anymore. These girls, they want to win. They've been pretty vocal about change."

"I don't think there's a big leap in talent from last year to this year," junior Adair Blyler said. "But I think there's a big change in attitude and heart. I think everyone's came here with the same goal. Everybody wants to win. I feel as though everyone is confident."

After an injury-plagued, four-win campaign in 2003, the only place to go is up. But while an increased dedication and harder work ethic is a start, things will improve if the team stays healthy.

The Minutewomen suffered a uniquely high amount of injuries to its players, some being more bizarre than others. Most were minor injuries, ranging anywhere from an MCL sprain to mononucleosis to even food poisoning ten minutes into a match.

And if it wasn't happening to someone, it would get them the week after; at least one or more key players were on the sideline in just about every game. For the Maroon and White in 2003, it came down to a matter of what they had to work with, rather than what they had to do to defeat the opposition.

To make matters even worse, Rudy had to suspend seven of his players in the last leg of the season for what he deemed a violation of "training rules."

"We had at least eight or nine games last season in which we only lost by one goal," he said. "If we only had half the injuries we had, which would still be a ridiculous number, I think we could have won a lot of those."

Needless to say, Rudy is knocking on wood as the 2004 season commences.

"I'm knocking everywhere ... the floor, the desk, the chair, you name it. I'm taking this season with caution."

But apparently the Gods of soccer are not superstitious.

Before the season could even start, the Minutewomen were already succumbing to injuries. During warmups in their season-opener at home against Boston University, freshman Vanessa Lima got clipped, and was carted off in an ambulance. It was later determined that she suffered a severe muscle spasm, and she will return to action soon.

Later in the first half, the Maroon and White saw three more go down with Nadia Villaroel and Erica Wideberg sustaining leg injuries and Lindsay Bellini making a dangerous collision with her head. While Bellini and Villaroel returned in the second half, Wideberg was not so fortunate. After walking back to the sideline under her own strength, the senior from Randolph, N.J. was in crutches on the bench and did not return.

"In those situations, you've just got to tell everyone to stay positive," senior forward Lindsey "Stormy" Fairweather said. "On days like this [August 29 against BU], when the weather is real hot and everybody is real testy, the best thing you can do is be positive every minute you're out there."

The memory of Stephanie Santos, who was killed in a car accident two years ago, still remains intact in the heart of the Minutewomen, as displayed in the first several games of the season. Along with the headstone of Santos behind the north goal — visitors have left rocks and flowers — each player sports an armband bearing the initials "SS", a number 17 on the right sleeve of their uniform, and the words "Santos 17" on the backs of their warmup shirts.

"It's a memory. We don't want to forget that she's not here," Rudy said, his voice getting softer the more he thinks about it. "It's more for us. One of these days, you might be in the position she was, and you're going to be able to save somebody. But you're not going to know that you've saved someone's life by saying 'Don't get into that car'. You will know if you didn't. That, I think, is the big message."

UMass brings to the table in 2004 what Rudy claims to be one of his strongest squads in years, returning his top three scorers from last season.

"Top to bottom, this is one of the strongest units I've had in years," Rudy said. "They are very deep, and all 22 players are capable of competing for a starting position. Each player has something in them that can make this team better than it was before."

On top of that, it is one of the youngest rosters Rudy has ever fielded, featuring an all-time high seven freshmen that he claims are all capable of playing. And should injuries persist along the starting eleven, the youngsters will certainly have the opportunity to show what they're made of.

Just ask Britt Canfield, the speedy young freshman from Granville, M.A. who came off the bench to score her first collegiate goal in the 2-1 loss to the Terriers.

"She's just so fast out there," Rudy said. "Her breakaway speed goes unmatched on this team. She will have an immediate impact."

With such a young team, Rudy will look for leadership from seniors Fairweather, Wideberg and Carly Turman, as well as juniors Bellini and Blyler.

At the forward positions, Fairweather and Blyler figure to spearhead the Minutewomen attacks. Despite having her season cut short by a knee injury, Fairweather was able to crank out four goals on a team-high 50 shots in only 12 games to garner second team All-Atlantic 10 honors.

Blyler, on the other hand, led the Maroon and White with six goals and three assists for 15 points in 15 starts.

They will be accompanied up front by the likes of Wideberg (12 games, one goal in '03), as well as freshmen Lima, Canfield and Caitlin Footit.

Bellini takes over as the mentor for a group of young midfielders this year. The former A-10 All-Rookie selection was UMass's second-leading scorer in '03 with two goals and five assists for nine points.

Providing depth in the middle are two promising freshmen in the form of Kaelyn Caldwell and Jenny Roehrig, who both saw time as starters against the Terriers.

"[Caldwell], she's very deceptive," Rudy said. "She's so small, but she plays very big and is just really tough to kill."

Also figuring into the mix will be Carly Turman (one assist in '03) and Morgan Czaja (one assist).

The Maroon and White thought for sure they were about to lose their top defender when Villaroel went down early. But like Villaroel (four assists in '03), this year's defense is tough and quick to get back on their feet.

"This is probably the deepest defense I've had in years," Rudy said.

A very consistent attacker, she will be joined in the back by the likes of A-10 All-Rookie sophomore Stephanie Barrett (one goal), junior Amy Maffucci (one assist) and junior Tiffany Hamill. Two young guns, freshmen Christina Nunes and Tina Rodriguez, may push themselves into a starting role.

After an impressive outing against BU, Rudy just may stick with sophomore Kristin Walker in goal. Facing 19 shots, she saved five and allowed just one goal.



Lindsay Fairweather looks to come on strong this season after missing much of 2003 with a knee injury.

A youth movement for Minutewomen

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

It is a common thought in the college sports world that in order for a team to compete at the highest level the roster must be full of veterans to provide leadership. When people try to gauge a team's potential they often look to how many upperclassmen will be filling important roles to determine if the team will be successful.

This 2004 edition of the Massachusetts women's soccer team is aiming to defy this axiom. In lieu of a large group of veterans to lean on, the team plans to combine talent and hard work to find a winning formula.

Coming off a 4-12-1 campaign in 2003, UMass will look to its three seniors — Lindsey Fairweather, Erica Wideberg, and Carly Turman — to provide leadership and experience. Also in the fold are six juniors and six sophomores who will be expected to step up and produce.

Although the Minutewomen will suit up these 15 returnees, the X-factor will be how quickly the seven freshmen adapt to playing at the college level.

Head coach Jim Rudy, in his 17th year at the helm, plans to throw the freshmen into the fire and expects this "Kiddie Corp" (as he calls them) to improve as the season progresses.

"You want the preseason to prepare you for the regular season," Rudy said. "Then the non-conference portion (of the schedule) prepares you for the conference. And hopefully by conference time we'll be experienced and things will be working out for us."

Rudy wasted no time getting the newcomers game action, as five of the six who were available for the season opener saw action. UMass dropped that game at home to Boston University 2-1, but it was clear this freshmen group is ready to contribute.

The Maroon and White featured two freshmen, midfielders Jenny Roehrig and Kaelyn Caldwell, in the starting lineup. Also seeing substantial minutes were defender Tina Rodriguez and forwards Britt Canfield and Caitlin Footit.

The lone freshmen in uniform not to see time was defender Christina Nunes; Rudy said he wanted to get her in but couldn't find the right situation. Amherst native Vanessa Lima's debut was over before it started as she was injured during pre-game warmups and taken from the field by ambulance. X-rays were negative and Rudy said she likely suffered a muscle spasm in her lower back.

The freshmen made their presence felt in the opener as Rodriguez connected with Canfield for UMass's lone goal late in the first half. Rodriguez lofted a pass over the B.U. defense and Canfield used her blazing speed to outrun everyone to the ball. She then tucked the ball into the right corner past the drawn-out goalie.

The performance was an early indication that the program may be turning the corner as UMass was beat 5-0 last year by a B.U. team returning much of the same core.

Rudy was pleased with the efforts from the freshmen, citing Rodriguez's strong play in the backfield and the energy Canfield added.

"It seems Canfield is a mental catalyst for our team," Rudy said. "She comes on and there is a little bit more of a charge."

Rudy acknowledged that there were some mistakes made, but said he is encouraged by the work ethic of the group.

"That's how you learn (from making mistakes)," Rudy said. "Then you go back and take a look and say 'now don't do this again.' They train hard. They want to know what they can do that's better."

The goal all season for the Minutewomen will be to find a balance between getting leadership from the veterans and being able to rely on such a large contingent of inexperienced players.

Senior forward Lindsey Fairweather will not only be called upon to lead the offensive attack but also to bring along her younger counterparts.

"It's kind of cool being a senior and helping out the freshmen," Fairweather said. "They're all really good and they're all contributing to the team."

Some may look at this roster and assume that the team is in a rebuilding process, but the talent level the freshmen class brings may result in the program turning around sooner rather than later.

UMass Women's Soccer
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Sun 10/03/2004	Temple * Amherst, Mass. 1:00 PM
Fri 10/08/2004	Richmond * Amherst, Mass. 3:30 PM
Sun 10/10/2004	George Washington * Amherst, Mass. 1:00 PM
Fri 10/15/2004	Dayton * Dayton, Ohio 7:30 PM
Sun 10/17/2004	Xavier * Cincinnati, Ohio 1:00 PM
Fri 10/22/2004	Fordham * Amherst, Mass. 2:30 PM
Sun 10/24/2004	La Salle * Amherst, Mass. 1:00 PM
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Sun 10/31/2004	Duquesne * Pittsburgh, Pa. 1:00 PM
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Russell Simmons visits UMass

Legend of hip hop gives opening day lecture

Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

Russell Simmons, the founder of Def Jam Records and an advocate for youth voting made the trip to the Mullins Center last night to speak about the importance of previously underrepresented groups, such as college students to vote in this year's presidential election.

Simmons is promoting the Hip Hop Summit, a non-partisan organization that encourages young adults to register themselves to vote. He said that one of the most powerful tools in voter education is dialog. He praised the hip-hop community and various rap artists for presenting dialog that the youth population can understand and relate to.

Simmons referred to the band Jadakiss' new single, "Why," which is a song that prompts the question "why?" to controversial topics such as terrorism, war and education. He said that it is important for today's youth to ask why and to acknowledge the issues that are affecting them.

"The foundation for ethnic understanding is always through dialog," he said, "and promoting through dialog is the most obvious."

Simmons has been using his dialog and encouraging youth voter registration all over the country. During the week of the Democratic National Convention, Simmons hosted an event in West Roxbury, Massachusetts. The cost of admission was to registering to vote, and artists like Wyclef and Lloyd Banks were among the guest performers.

"We were able to find grassroots organizations," he said, "and they are still registering people to vote, and all of the radio stations are still registering people to vote and encouraging voting."

There have been 25 Hip Hop Summits all over the country with celebrity hosts like Will Smith, Eminem, Nelly and Snoop Dog; all promoting the importance of voting.

"We want them to recognize that they are part of something big," Simmons said.

While speaking to UMass students last night in the Mullins Center, Simmons encouraged the student body to vote. No matter who you vote for, Simmons said, at least do it for a matter of "personal karma."

He acknowledged that he is not using his notoriety in support of one particular group of people, but all compassionate people. He wants everyone to vote and not just for one particular candidate either because he is not working for any certain party.

"In the primaries my favorite candidate was Dennis Kucinich," he said, "and I liked what Al Sharpton had to say. It is the people who inspire me to vote."

He said that he wants a president who can make America be safer and stronger and likes what Ralph Nader stands for.

"I want America to use its power for the good," he said, "I want my tax dollars to go toward a good cause. Last year I got a tremendous tax break and I'm not happy with a lot of things that happened within the last four years."

Simmons also talked about the impact of 9/11 and this year's election. "I believe that this election is more important, but really they are all important," Simmons said.

Simmons also noted that his response toward the 9/11 tragedies created a bit of controversy.

"I have an apartment right across the street from the World Trade Center," he said, "and I put two big peace signs in the windows. The truth is 9/11 happened and it was an opportunity for Americans to be leaders. We used a lot of fear and anger to support our foreign policy and basically f**ed it up."

Good friend and former head of the NAACP, Benjamin Chavis has also been campaigning with Simmons. Chavis argued that both John Kerry and George Bush have had the opportunity to relate to the youth but have not done a good job at doing so.

"Bush and Kerry have had the opportunity to answer the questions," Chavis said, "Both need to do more. A lot of young people will vote on who is more responsive to their questions." Simmons added that John Kerry has not really utilized his opportunity to connect with the youth.

"MTV seems to be a vehicle for liberal ideas, and Bush seems to be using MTV to his advantage and Kerry is not."

Simmons made reference to the picture of John Kerry windsurfing and said that instead of windsurfing, he should be out shaking hands of people in the "ghetto neighborhoods."



Matthew MacDonald/Collegian

Russell Simmons, founder of Def Jam Records, speaks to a crowd of students at UMass last nigh in the Mullins Center.

Simmons said that the current state of the hip-hop community is getting better all the time and that more and more young people are expressing themselves.

"Young people are writing poetry everyday and that is a good step towards their own personal revolutions," he said.

Currently, Simmons owns Def Jam Records facilities all over the world including Africa, China, Germany and France.

SPIRE system crashes classes

By Erika Lovley
Collegian Staff

Rumors of cancelled classes and general confusion reigned on campus yesterday, after SPIRE, the self-portal system that provides online access to SIS, (Student Information System) crashed Tuesday and most of yesterday.

New students, unable to access their class schedules online, wandered aimlessly around the Campus Center, unsure of where their classes were located.

"I'm a freshman. I don't know where I'm going or what I'm supposed to be doing," commented one student to a peer. "I can't go to class and I don't know what my schedule is."

"We know this is causing a lot of frustration and confusion," said Pat Kochin, director of Help Services in the Office of Information Technologies (OIT) in an email sent to UMass faculty and student UMail accounts. "And we apologize for the difficulties you experienced."

"I feel bad for the freshman and sophomores who are freaking out, wondering where classes are," said Jackie Burgoyne, a 20-year-old junior Spanish major.

Service on SPIRE was available intermittently throughout the day, with some students able to access the system from time to time. However, the majority could not, bringing streams of confused students to the OIT offices in Lederle Graduate Research Center seeking help.

Duncan Devlin, 21, a senior mathe-

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Coordinating Council holds first meeting of the school year



Matthew Reid/Collegian

The Coordinating Council appointed the Chancellor of Elections last night.

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

Despite a last minute call to order, the Coordinating Council met last night and appointed a new Attorney General, Craig Glodschmidt, as well as new Chancellor of Elections, Viktoriya Bonshteyn to the council.

Due to the fact that the meeting was called just 24 hours in advance, many members, including Bonshteyn, were not able to attend. Typically, when an emergency meeting is called, a 48-hour advance notice is given. However, since there was only a short notice, many key people were not able to attend because of work and other prior commitments. Bonshteyn, however, was represented at the meeting and she had prepared a speech.

Most other motions passed without any major dispute during the hour-long meeting. Motions passed included one to allocate $500 from summer reserves for the Door Hanger Project. Also the Orchard Hill Area Government OHAG and the Southwest Area Government (SWAG) were awarded $750 and $800 respectively.

In addition, the motion to allocate $5,000 to the Associate Students of Massachusetts (AMA) from summer reserves passed as well. The money awarded to AMA will go towards starting a new program that will connect other colleges around the state. Because the meeting was called in such short notice, many of the members could not attend which left two motions tabled.

The motion to break the tie for the Commuter Area Governor was tabled because both Dan McCool and Bill Surran were not present. Also, the motion to break the tie for the Commuter Area Secretary between Jessie Gold, Ben Goldberg, Chris Lammi and Carla Moy was tabled due to the lack of representation.

The Senate will be electing senate members during the last week of September. The first student government meeting will be called to order 7 p.m. in the Cape Cod Lounge on Oct. 6.

First Week 2004 hits campus

UMass spends $125,000 on festivites

By Sean Benson
Collegian Staff

An inflatable Twister board, a private show by comedian Lewis Black, an all-campus beach party, complete with mocktails, music, and University of Massachusetts signature beach towels. These are all sights and sounds of First Week, a series of events created to greet the incoming Class of 2008 over the Labor Day weekend.

If students thought the first few days of life on campus were a once-in-a-lifetime experience, think again. According to Michael Gargano, vice chancellor of student affairs and campus life, the approximately $125,000 battery of this year's First Week activities will hopefully become a long-standing UMass tradition.

"I hope [First Week] continues the transition from high school to UMass," Gargano said. "And I hope they [freshmen] understand that it's a sampling of what they can expect to see over the next four years."

First Week has traditionally been geared toward creating social events for freshmen, but its events are open to all UMass students. While the University has held other student activity days in previous years, this year's activities during the first week of school are more intensive than in years past.

"It's different in two aspects," said Gargano. "It's much more inclusive of student organizations. Greek life and University departments. I think the lineup of activities is at a very high level from the beginning to the end of the week."



Matthew Reid/Collegian

The UMass Minuteman Marching Band perform for parents and family on the practice fields by the Mullins Center on Friday afternoon. They later performed at Minutemania.

On Monday, sunny skies helped the campus carnival and involvement fair greet a steady turnout of freshmen and older students alike on the library side of the campus pond.

The involvement fair hosted a line of display tables from a number of campus organizations including the Student Government Association, the Student Employment Office, Commonwealth College, the UMass Outing Club and UVC-TV 19. In addition, fraternity and sorority members hosted carnival games and a DJ provided music.



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The Locator Serivce, sponsered by Residential Life, directed students to classes yesterday.

Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves.

"It wasn't as bad as I expected it to be. You get to meet a lot of new people," said Grace, a freshman living in Brown dormitory.

"They put a lot of money into it and it shows. I think students are excited," said Amar, a senior from Kennedy dorm.

Later on Monday, Minutemania served as the official welcome to the class of 2008 inside the Mullins Center. Approximately 2,000 students, mostly freshmen, watched Masters of Ceremonies Eduardo Bustamante, president of the Student Government Association, and Jackie Govoni, president of S.T.A.R.S. (Student Alumni Association Relations Society), introduce several speakers, including Jamie Newton, a senior student speaker, Christine Lopes, a UMass Alumni Association board member, men's hockey coach Toot Cahoon, and Chancellor John Lombardi.

In addition, the UMass marching band performed multiple numbers, which received standing ovations from the crowd. Also, the

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Abiomed attempts to market artificial heart

By Mark Jewell
Associated Press

BOSTON — The maker of the first self-contained replacement heart is seeking approval to begin marketing the product for use on thousands of heart disease patients who are at a high risk of death.

If approved, Abiomed Inc.'s application to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration would usher in the first commercial use of the device, which has been under development for 22 years, Michael Minogue, the company's chief executive and president, said Wednesday.

The softball-sized, implantable pump is powered by batteries and has no wires or tubes sticking through the skin, unlike earlier mechanical hearts that were attached to machinery outside the body.

The AbioCor has been limited in human use to an ongoing, nearly completed clinical trial begun more than three years ago. Fourteen patients have been enrolled so far, with expectations that a 15th and final candidate will be identified soon. The 15th and 14th patients were implanted with the devices in May at Jewish Hospital in Louisville, Ky., and are continuing to recover. All the earlier patients have since died, with two dying during surgery and the others passing away anywhere from 34 days after surgery to as long as 17 months afterward.

Abiomed said it was not required to enroll the final patient or complete the trial before submitting for approval under the FDA's so-called "humanitarian device" exemption covering novel treatments. If such an exemption is granted, the AbioCor could be used in as many as 4,000 U.S. patients each year who are too sick for human heart transplants or any other treatments because of congestive heart failure.

Products approved under the exemption do not have to meet the same effectiveness requirements that other products must demonstrate for broader marketing approval.

The application was filed with the FDA on Wednesday. The company hopes to win approval by next March.

Abiomed plans to begin offering training to about 20 medical centers nationwide on how to implant and use the device. The plastic-and-titanium AbioCor will likely be priced between $200,000 and $250,000, Minogue said.

"The demand is going to exceed the supply as we ramp up," he said.

Lowell Democrat raises most funds for state senate campaign

BOSTON — U.S. Rep. Martin T. Meehan, who has said he would run for the U.S. Senate if John F. Kerry is elected president, far outpaced fundraising of other members of the Massachusetts congressional delegation this summer, records show.

The Lowell Democrat raised $590,973 between July 1 and Aug. 25, twice the $253,000 taken in by Rep. Edward J. Markey, D-Malden, according to federal fund-raising filings. Meehan's campaign funds total more than $4 million, almost double the $2.1 million in the account of Markey, the delegation dean.

Meehan said he hopes that "we're lucky enough to have that Senate race."

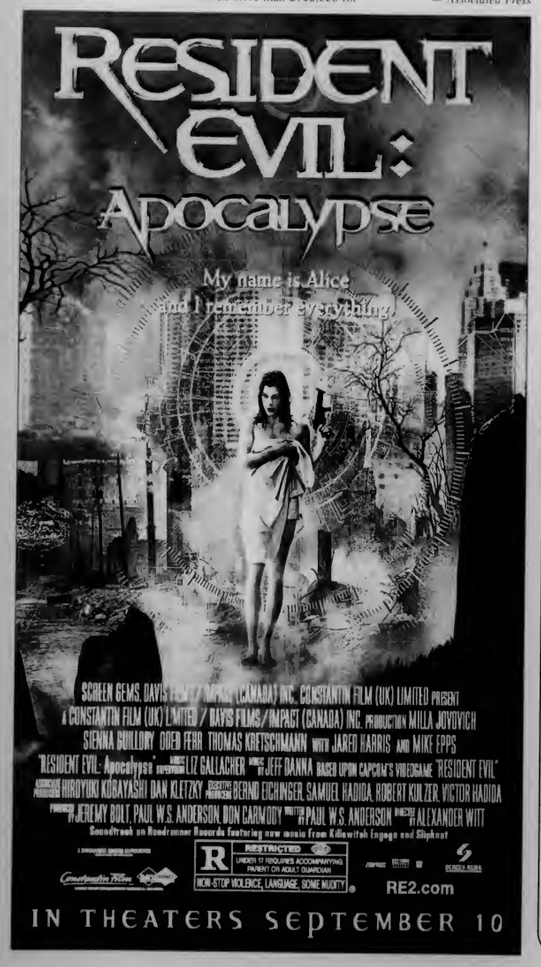
"We need to work hard now because President Bush has picked up some momentum coming out of the convention. In the end, I think John Kerry is going to win, but this is going to be a close fight," he said.

Following Markey in the money race is William Delahunt, who raised $209,322 from July through August, for a total of $1.7 million. Congressman Barney Frank, D-Newton, who's also said he wants Kerry's seat, raised more than $162,000 for a total of $330,000 cash on hand.

"It's hard to escape noticing that Meehan has more cash on hand than the next two members of the delegation combined," said political analyst Ralph Whitehead. "So presumably Meehan is trying to amass so much money that he forces one or more of his potential rivals to react." Whitehead said that Frank should not be underestimated.

"Though Congressman Frank is number six on a list of six, we all know that he has enormous national fund-raising potential," Whitehead said.

— *Associated Press*



Catholic parishioners fight church closings in court battle

By Denise Lavoie
Associated Press

BOSTON — More than 150 parishioners from St. Albert's church in Weymouth went by busloads to court Wednesday, hoping to convince a judge to reverse the Boston Archdiocese's decision to close the parish.

The parishioners, who filled three buses, arrived at Suffolk Superior Court for the first phase of a lawsuit that claims that they, not the archdiocese, own the church buildings, the land on which they sit and all of the church's assets.

The parishioners have held an around-the-clock prayer vigil and sit-in at the church since the final Mass was celebrated on Aug. 29.

Archdiocese officials say the parish officially ceased to exist as of Sept. 1, its official closing date, but parishioners are not giving up.

In their lawsuit, they argue that Archbishop Sean O'Malley is "merely a trustee" of any real or personal property of St. Albert's and that only they have control over its assets.

"We're not going down without a fight," declared Barbara King, a parishioner who joined the church just 2 1/2 years ago.

The parishioners are seeking a temporary injunction to prevent the archdiocese from liquidating or selling the church or its assets. They also want the court to interpret an 1897 state law, which they believe established the archbishop of Boston as a "corporation sole," a legal entity that would act as a trustee but not the owner of church property.

Attorney Mary Ames said parishioners want an immediate injunction because they are concerned that church property, including 30 stained — glass windows, will be seized and sold or given away by the archdiocese.

"These are precious keepsakes more valuable than money to these parishioners and irreplaceable in nature," Ames said.

Judge Thomas Connolly said he would issue his ruling on the temporary injunction as soon as possible, but he gave no indication of when.

St. Albert's is one of 82 parishes the archdiocese is closing as part of a massive downsizing brought on by a sharp decline in Mass attendance, a shortage of priests and the high costs of maintaining old church buildings. The clergy sex abuse crisis, which exploded in Boston in 2002, exacerbated the archdiocese's problems.

After the court hearing, some parishioners said they believe the archdiocese will use the money from church closures to pay for settlements in sexual abuse claims, a charge the archdiocese has vehemently denied.

O'Malley's spokesman, the Rev. Christopher Coyne, was confronted by several parishioners after the court hearing. One parishioner, Sandy Jones, interrupted Coyne repeatedly as he tried to talk to reporters after the hearing.

"Have you ever been to Weymouth? Have you been to our parish?" Jones shouted. Coyne ended the interviews when Jones refused to stop interrupting him.

"I'm very angry," Jones said afterward. "They're liars. They lied to us about the abuse and they covered it up."

Coyne was challenged by several parishioners to explain why St. Albert's was chosen to close, when it is completely self-sustaining, has no debt and has renovated buildings that are not in need of repairs.

Coyne said St. Albert's was picked because it is the smallest of five Catholic churches in Weymouth and does not have a school. He said there are other financially healthy churches slated for closure, including some in affluent communities such as Lexington, Concord, Wayland, Sudbury and Newton.

"We can't continue to sustain the number of churches we have in the past," he said.

The archdiocese attorney, Wilson Rogers Jr., argued that the court has no jurisdiction to get involved in the internal matters of the church.



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Parishioners, from left, Meghan McCurdy, Michelle Murphy and Danielle Johnson, all 12, from Weymouth, Mass., attend a vigil inside St. Albert the Great Church in Weymouth, yesterday.

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Congress rejects reinstation of 10-year assault weapons ban

By Aparna H. Kumar
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress will not vote on an assault weapons ban due to expire next week, Republican leaders said Wednesday, rejecting a last-ditch effort by supporters to renew it.

"I think the will of the American people is consistent with letting it expire, so it will expire," Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R- Tenn., told reporters.

The 10-year ban, signed by President Clinton in 1994, outlawed 19 types of military-style assault weapons. A clause directed that the ban expire unless Congress specifically reauthorized it.

Some Democrats and several police leaders said President Bush should try to persuade Congress to renew the ban. Bush has said he would sign such a bill if Congress passed it.

"If the president asked me, it'd still be no ... because we don't have the votes to pass an assault weapons ban and it will expire Monday and that's that," House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, D-Texas, told reporters later.


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Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley walks past a table of confiscated assault weapons yesterday in Chicago.

Space capsule crashes in Utah

By Paul Foy
Associated Press

DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, Utah — The Genesis space capsule, which had orbited the sun for three years gathering potential clues to the origin of the solar system, crashed to Earth and cracked open Wednesday, exposing its collection of solar atoms to contamination.

Flight engineers suspect a set of tiny explosives failed to trigger the capsule's parachutes, and the capsule slammed into the Utah desert at 193 mph.

A recovery team that includes Genesis project members was dispatched to the crash site Wednesday afternoon on a salvage mission.

Scientists were hopeful they could salvage the broken disks that held billions of charged atoms collected from the solar wind, and perhaps still unravel clues about the origin and evolution of our solar system.

"This is actually not the worst-case scenario," said Andrew Dantzler, director of NASA's solar system division, noting the capsule embedded itself in soft desert soil and avoided hitting anything harder that would have made it a "total loss."

NASA planned to appoint a "mishap review board" that could take two to four months to determine a reason for the failure of the six-year, $260 million mission.


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Hollywood stunt pilots Dan Rudert, left, and Cliff Fleming, right, react after the Genesis capsule fell to earth yesterday in Dugway Proving Ground, Utah.

Minutemania sweeps Mullins

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UMass dance team and UMass cheerleaders took a shot at energizing the students.

Newman told students to take advantage of all the opportunities offered to them.

"This truly is the beginning of the rest of your life, so enjoy it!" said Newman.

Coach Cahoon lauded students to support UMass athletic programs this year.

"I'm here to tell you to engross yourself in the sports programs this fall.!! We need your participation. We are what you are all about. We need your energy," said Cahoon.

After Minutemania, freshmen were ushered to a plentiful barbecue outside at the field behind the Mullins Center. Everyone seemed to appreciate the welcome for the most part, however, some were more interested in other events.

"I was just waiting for it [Minutemania] to end. I'm not really a pep rally person," said one freshman who wished to remain anonymous.

"I've enjoyed the activities. I'm gonna hit every event that I can," said Vanessa, a freshman who lives in Butterfield.

A group of freshmen from Southwest said they didn't attend Minutemania, but they were looking forward to Minuteman Mall Mania, an event taking place tonight where students will be bused to the Hampshire Mall in Hadley for a night of shopping exclusively for UMass students from 10:30 p.m. until 2 a.m.

The Greek life community hosted a beach party event on the library side of the campus pond on Tuesday afternoon. It featured carnival games, free food and refreshments, and Demstars, a steel drum band from Brooklyn, N.Y. Hundreds of students turned out for the show.

"Everybody seems to be enjoying themselves. It's definitely been a good turnout," said Farrah, a sorority member.

In an effort to promote a stronger Greek life at UMass, the Greek community contributed a large part of the First Week activities.

"Greek organizations are doing their best to promote Greek life on campus, so we're very involved in the first week activities," said Melissa Rogers, a sorority member. Gargano echoed the importance of the Greek presence in First Week events.

Gargano emphasized that he wants freshmen and other students to understand that First Week is the beginning of a trend. He added that UMass plans to provide students with events every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night for the rest of the year.

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Russians threaten terrorist strike

Putin offers reward for capture of Chechnian rebels


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Relatives cry while standing over the body of Zaur Gutnov, an eleven-year-old boy killed in a school seizure in Beslan, Saturday, Sept. 4, 2004.

By Steve Gutterman
Associated Press

MOSCOW — A wounded Russia threatened Wednesday to strike against terrorists "in any region of the world," offered a $10 million reward for information leading to the killing or capture of Chechnya's top rebel leaders, and criticized the United States for its willingness to hold talks with Chechen separatists.

The announcements marked a show of resolve aimed at Russia's stunned citizens, as well as Western countries President Vladimir Putin accuses of hindering its fight against terror, in the wake of three attacks that killed more than 400 people in the past two weeks.

In a nationally televised meeting, Prosecutor-General Vladimir Ustinov also briefed Putin on the investigation into the taking of more than 1,200 hostages in a school last week in the southern town of Beslan.

His was the first official acknowledgment that the number of hostages had been so high; the government initially said about 350 people were seized. A regional official later said the number had been 1,181.

Col.-Gen. Yuri Baluyevsky, chief of the general staff of Russia's armed forces, asserted Russia's right to strike terrorists beyond its borders.

"As for carrying out preventive strikes against terrorist bases ... we will take all measures to liquidate terrorist bases in any region of the world," he told reporters.

Baluyevsky made his comments alongside NATO's supreme allied commander in Europe, Gen. James Jones, after talks on Russia-NATO military cooperation, including anti-terror efforts.

European Union officials reacted cautiously to Baluyevsky's statements, with spokeswoman Emma Udwin saying she could not be sure whether they represented government policy. Udwin said the 25-nation EU is against "extra-judicial killings" in form of pre-emptive strikes.

Russian leaders have previously claimed the right to attack terrorists beyond the country's borders — tacitly threatening neighboring Georgia that Moscow would pursue Chechen rebels allegedly sheltering on its territory. Two Russian agents were convicted this year for the February car bombing in Qatar that killed a Chechen rebel leader, Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev. Russia denied involvement in the assassination.

The Bush administration also has a policy of pre-emptive military action against terrorists.

NATO officials declined comment. The alliance released a statement with Russia stressing both sides' "determination to strengthen and intensify common efforts to fight the scourge of terrorism."

OIT officials unsure when SPIRE system will be fixed

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matics major from South Boston, went to the OIT office for help around noon and wound up waiting for over an hour.

"I waited 25 minutes in the help desk line, and 45 minutes in the software support line," he said. "They seemed to have three answers to all of your questions: take this CD, read this pamphlet, take this sheet."

In the community-wide email, OIT urged students to find their class times and locations on Registrar's web site or visit the Undergraduate Registrar's Office in Whitmore for a printed paper schedule.

"It's annoying, but I think the professors will be understanding," said Burgoyne. "[SPIRE] is still so new, and there will be road bumps."

"The phone registration system ... worked perfectly," said Devlin. "Now we have SPIRE, which has not worked right once."

Sociology professor Millie Thayer told one of her classes yesterday that professors were being urged by University officials to be lenient to students who were late or didn't show up.

Patrick Callahan, spokesman for the UMass News Office, said that OIT officials could not say when service will be restored, but they are emphasizing to students that no classes have been cancelled.

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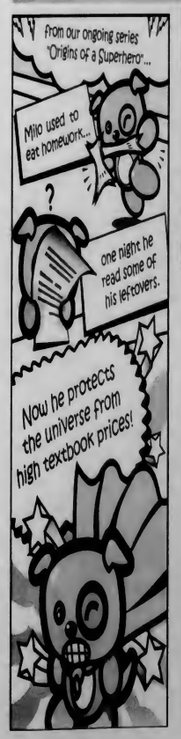
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TOP LEFT, ANDY BRYANT, A JUNIOR ANTHROPOLOGY MAJOR, AND ALYSSA POULTE, A FRESHMAN ENGLISH MAJOR, PLAY ON THE INFLATABLE TWISTER AT THE FIRST WEEK CARNIVAL.

TOP RIGHT, THE MINUTEMAN MARCHING BAND PERFORMS FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3. CENTER, STUDENTS WAIT IN LINE TO ASK QUESTIONS TO GUEST SPEAKER RUSSELL SIMMONS.

LOWER LEFT, STUDENTS MOVE INTO SYLVAN RESIDENTIAL AREA.

LOWER RIGHT, JASON DEMMANS JUGGLES AT THE FIRST WEEK CARNIVAL.



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EDITORIAL OPINION

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SPIRE hinders more than helps

Tuesday morning, the SPIRE website became unavailable. The site was down for most of the afternoon and evening, and was down on Wednesday morning as well. With Wednesday being the first day of classes, and for some the first official day of college, access to SPIRE was critical for many students, but they were unable to access any part of the site.

SPIRE is used by students for a number of different reasons, including checking class schedules, obtaining financial aid information, and signing up for classes. Since the University has placed so much emphasis on making SPIRE the all-encompassing website that it is, it becomes a large inconvenience when the site is down. This was never clearer than Tuesday night.

Granted, we are college students and should not wait until the night before classes begin to look up our schedules. Even still, not having SPIRE available made it impossible to double check schedules, and find out which classes are in which rooms.

Up until recently, many classes still listed "TBA" under the professor and even the room number, so it became very difficult in some cases to actually have a finalized schedule.

Freshman coming to this university in 2004 will not have to deal with the dreaded telephone system that upperclassmen had to use in order to choose classes. Certainly everyone can agree that the online sign-up system is much improved over its predecessor. Once SPIRE became the universal system for choosing classes, students became comfortable with it and learned the layouts of the pages. Now the SPIRE layout has changed, and students are scrambling to learn an entire new system (if they happen to access it during a time when the site is not down).

Maybe the new SPIRE layout is an improvement, and most likely students will get used to it. However, if a university is going to spend all summer upgrading a website that they insist on making the be-all, end-all of organization, they need to make sure it doesn't crash the night before classes start.

For freshman coming to a college the size of UMass, the adjustment can be difficult. Giving them the added hardship of SPIRE crashing at such an inopportune time only makes things worse.

As part of first-week activities, freshmen were able to partake in a wide variety of orientation-style events. There were campus tours, guest speakers, and the Minute Mania celebration. But for freshmen, the true orientation happened at midnight on Tuesday, when they visited the SPIRE website and found that all-to-familiar error message.

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Diversity welcomes all

Becky Martins

Though almost 25,000 students are enrolled in the University of Massachusetts, the school is less impersonal than many would think.

At UMass, everyone has the opportunity to find his or her own niche within the diverse campus. There are five living areas each with a separate identity that appeals to a variety of students. Southwest provides students with high-paced, urban, dorm life. Central, stereotypically known as a place for hippies, offers a natural, peaceful atmosphere in which students can reside. Northeast caters to different cultures, such as UMass' Asian population, as well as those people living alternative lifestyles. Orchard Hill, home to many Commonwealth College students, provides a living environment ideal for study. Lastly, Sylvan allows people the chance to live as independently as possible while still living in dorms. Although there are exceptions to these residential area stereotypes, students at least have an idea, prior to move-in day, which place best suits their personality. We then make our own decision where to live instead of being thrown somewhere we have no interest in being.

UMass also provides its student body with a variety of clubs and organizations in which to participate. Whether we choose to join an area government, pledge a sorority or fraternity or play on a sports team, the options to do so exist. We also have the chance to befriend others of similar religious backgrounds, lifestyles and races. Groups such as the Jewish Student Union, Pride Alliance, and ALANA offer UMass students support and friendship among people with similar interests and backgrounds. Having such a large array of student-run organizations makes the transition from high school to college, a move from a foreign country to the United States, or even major lifestyle changes, easier. Thus, a student should never feel isolated while on campus since numerous outlets exist to help you find others with whom you can identify.

Upon coming to UMass last year as a freshman 1, like many new students, was in awe of my new 'home.' Not only did the campus hold what could be a small town's population, but

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the type of people who occupied it varied greatly. Just doing something as simple as sitting in the dining hall enabled me to view all types of individuals. There were students who practiced faiths different from my own Catholic upbringing. Others who grew up in areas of the world very much foreign to me and also those whose lifestyles varied greatly from my own. Coming from a small town with little diversity, I was finally exposed to cultures other than typical suburbia—a change I greatly appreciated.

It was not long before I befriended people whose backgrounds did not resemble my own. I became aware of different customs, which before college, I knew little about. I attended various events in which I was able to share in others' cultures. Upon returning home this summer I found myself a new person: open-minded to all people regardless of our differences. College had proved to be a learning experience, both inside and outside the classroom. I realized how different life was outside the 'bubble' of my small town. Just being a part of UMass allowed me to finally see a realistic representation of the world; something my community had failed to successfully portray at home.

Over the past year, I realized though it once had been my 'safety school,' UMass is now the perfect place for me. I am able to get a quality education and prepare myself for what lies ahead after college. I have the opportunity to enjoy my time here and seek out others with interests similar to my own. But most importantly, I have realized UMass truly cares about reaching out to its students and making them feel comfortable. No one is forgotten, though the student body may be large in number. The school's intimidating and overwhelming presence at first glance is merely a deception. In reality, the deeper our involvement grows in the classroom, on campus and with other students, the more personal the school becomes. It simply takes a little effort on our part to discover what makes us happy here at UMass. What forms our college experience is a decision left up to us to make.

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The future according to Bush

Thomas Naughton

It has been clear to me from the very beginning of this presidential race that George W. Bush would not be unseated. Even if he lost the popular vote by a landslide, I would have counted on the Supreme Court, Jeb Bush, Sean Hannity of Fox News and most importantly George Bush himself to find or create a law stating that it is un-American and "unsafe" to allow for leadership change during the "War" on "Terror." Of course, we can't give all the credit to the Republicans for this extremely volatile political climate.

The Democrats in the last four years (or the last 50 years depending on your perception) have become happy invertebrates. In the wake of Clinton's fellatio fallout and conservative bullying after Sept. 11, they simply diffuse freely through political and social membrane, causing no stir and offering no alternatives to the blanket of blind and blissful ignorance in which the conservatives wish to wrap the nation at bedtime, all the while still managing to remind us nightly of the monsters (terrorists and "pessimists" according to the Terminator) hidden under our beds.

We cannot overlook a third group who shares responsibility for the conservative cowboy who has usurped the country, even though this group should have overlooked their 2000 presidential hopeful, Ralph Nader. Oh yes, I am speaking of the children of the Green Party who suck their thumbs openly today, scratch their heads and hold their own blankets to their cheek and wonder how we got ourselves into this mess. As if they didn't know that good old Ralph (who in his infinite "love-thy-neighbor" Green-ness has said some pretty questionable and anti-Semitic things) didn't have a chance in hell in 2000. You can still recognize the 2000 Green Party voters who wear their punch ballot slips as diapers; but don't worry, I think there are still shreds of the Bill of Rights hanging around if their nannies need wipes to clean up the mess.

Now that we are all acquainted and comfortable with the idea that Sept. 11 has delivered on a silver platter the country and the rights of its citizens to the Right Wing, lets take a look at our future beginning with the "re-election" of "God's chosen leader," George W. Bush. Since the election will probably be postponed, cancelled or simply deemed "un-American," Reverend Bush will have no problem remaining in the Oval

Office, where he will finally receive his most important instructions from the entity that he talks so much about: GOD. Of course, we think he is speaking of the Creator, when GOD is actually an acronym for three people who have the Vision of America at heart: George H. W. Bush, who will offer tutelage concerning Reagan-economics (a.k.a. The Rich Get Richer, The Poor Get Laughed At) and how to ignore AIDS victims; Bill O'Reilly, who will obviously write all of the president's speeches lying to the nation since he knows exactly how to sound Fair and Balanced; and Donald Rumsfeld who will teach our President re-elect (or re-appoint, or re-cheat, or re-turn-away-black-voters, whichever you prefer) important torture techniques to keep all dissenters at bay, lessons he learned from the Abu Ghraib School for Redneck Soldier Boys (and their girlfriends who have bowl-cuts). GOD is good, and GOD blesses America.

If there is no war going on at their time of enlistment, fear not, another war will start soon so that all of our children will have a chance to fire on defenseless people. It's valuable lessons like this that shape our nation.

In the next four years, the nation, which has already changed so much in such a short period of time, will continue in its fast metamorphosis from Land of the Free to just Land. Fox News, in a merger with the 700 Club, will be the only news source for Americans, which is a good thing because then viewers will be able to get weather reports at the bottom of the hour and preaching from the Old Testament at the top of the hour without question from dirty liberals who seek to make our country a Godless place.

George W. Bush, as advised by his Gepettos (Condi, Collie, and Donnie-oh my!) will install Ann Coulter, Rudy Giuliani, Rick Santorum and One Unknown Black Conservative (for quota reasons only, stupid liberals) to the bench of our Supreme Court where the real work can begin. Bills and laws from the New Supreme Court will emerge and be ratified with the greatest of ease without detraction from objectors, for in order to keep our blessed country safe, we must return to tradition, faith, and Family Values. There will not many objections in the first place as the Democrats will have lost their ability to even form a declarative sentence, and most of the left wing will be singing "Oh, Canada" and heading for the border because they know what's good for them. They know what happens to people who speak their minds: they get called "Girly Men."

Finally the nation will be as it should: Homosexuality will be outlawed in every respect. Abortion will be punishable by death. Marriage will be defined as between one man and one woman (as God intended) and everyone will be married. Of course, we won't be able to control people's intrinsic sexual desires so homosexual males will meet in alley ways used for abortions to engage in sex acts alongside evil IV drug users.

There will be no mention of AIDS or the contracting of such a disease. If a married man infects his wife with the disease because of his homosexual double-life, we will not acknowledge that they have such a virus, we will simply say "they are under the weather."

That label is much tidier than "AIDS Patient." Why must we always be so liberal, always so open? Where is the restraint and suffocation of our golden age when leaders like Ronald Reagan, Maggie Thatcher and other humane-totalitarians ruled the day?

In our new nation, no child will be left behind, unless you can't afford education even at the elementary level and then yes, your child will be left behind. But it will not be our fault because you should have thought about your finances before you decided to get pregnant. But if you can afford education, no child will be left behind.

We will enlist all of them in the army after they finish high school. If there is no war going on at their time of enlistment, fear not, another war will start soon so that all of our children will have a chance to fire on defenseless people. It's valuable lessons like this that shape our nation. There's nothing like saying the "Our Father" while you "liberate" a small child at point-blank range to make you believe in your country.

I know we are headed in the direction that God wanted: dead teenagers without reason, lesions on hands adorned with wedding rings, starving people who work long hours for no money, the words "under God" inserted after every single line of the Pledge and plenty of tax breaks for the closest friends of whatever conservative president who will no doubt take office for the next 20 years in our Sept. 11 world. All things I hope you'll vote for.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A CALL FOR SAFETY

With the beginning of fall, we are all getting back into the swing of things at UMass. All of us should be looking forward to a semester full of meeting new people, catching up with old friends, plenty of parties, and of course, studying and keeping pace with our classes. With all the thrills that accompany the start of the new semester, it is necessary to keep safety on campus in mind, particularly violence against women. In an exciting and often overwhelming environment such as UMass, it is imperative that each and every student is dedicated and committed to ending sexual assaults on campus.

I call on all students to become aware and stay educated about this all too serious matter. With this in mind, have a safe and excellent semester.

Matthew V. Murphy
Student Trustee

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Let us fund our social programs

Aaron Wodin-Schwartz

And so it has come to this. A cheap political trick laden with all of the standard conservative rhetoric in a condescending attempt to bribe the Commonwealth's support for the Republican Party and Governor Mitt Romney's irresponsible budgeting. August 14 marked Massachusetts' first-ever sales tax holiday and a misconceived effort to bail out a failing state retail industry during this supposedly slow time of year. Massachusetts is the 12th state in the nation to enact such a holiday as part of an economic stimulus package.

The poorly publicized event, which covered "all non-business sales at retail of single items of tangible personal property costing $2,500 or less" — motor vehicles, boats, meals, and utility payments not included — did indeed increase public spending by an estimated six times over a typical Saturday in August, though spending also dropped in the few days before and after the holiday. All told, The Boston Globe estimates that Massachusetts missed out on a much needed $6-$10 million in taxes. Although such a direction in tax policy may have a drastically detrimental effect upon the lives of all UMass students, few among us have paid the event more than a passing glance and have at best regarded it in absolute: that is, without properly judging the context in which such a bylaw was enacted. Yet as citizens of Mass-achusetts, and particularly as students at the state's largest public university, we have an especially vested interest in the direction of resource acquisition in the Commonwealth. And we are not happy.

Since the governor has been kind enough to bring such an important topic into the public eye, why not address the rationale for paying taxes to the state, shall we?

One of the three radio advertisements for the event concluded with Romney posing to listeners the supposedly rhetorical question: "Why should you have to pay taxes to the state?" What the poor fools on Romney's PR team failed to realize was the utter idiocy of this statement and the blow that it dealt to an otherwise fairly benign commercial. Yet, since the governor has been kind enough to bring such an important topic into the public eye, why not address the rationale for paying taxes to the state, shall we?

Well, for starters there's a little thing called fiscal policy! It seems that the Republicans at the state house have never heard of a certain John Maynard Keynes and the role that he played in salvaging capitalism from the brink of abandonment by inventing the policy conception of public expenditure for economic stimulation and welfare. This is quite unfortunate since they are charged with running the economic affairs of six-and-a-half million people. Unsurprisingly, however, and despite Romney's contrary opinions, basic Keynesian economics remain extremely relevant to this day and continue to be generally regarded as the best means for overcoming recession without running dangerously high budget deficits (provided, of course, that taxation policy drums up sufficient revenue). It is little wonder that continuous cuts in Massachusetts' social spending have done nothing to ease the state's budget crisis I suppose.

Apparently Mr. Romney continues to believe that the best way to bridge the state's crippling $3 billion budget deficit is by decreasing revenue. Apparently the nearly 50 business-friendly tax cuts in the past decade have not cost the state enough already. Apparently he plans to accompany the loss of public income with increased budget cuts to state universities (already averaging 20% annually over the past two years) and other public services, thereby making up some of the lost funds. After all, what does Romney care? His kids didn't attend public school.

Then again, we are talking about Mitt Romney here; let's give him the benefit of the doubt. Surely a professional politician and [in]famous organizer of the entirely uncontroversial Utah Winter Olympics of 2002 must be more than a little familiar with elementary economic theory and the realities of fiscal planning. So perhaps Romney's idea is to drastically increase consumer spending and the overall flow of dollars through the state economy. Such a tactic may be quite practical at times, though as we have recently observed from the latest round of misaligned Bush tax cuts, only when instituted as an economy is entering a boom cycle. During times of recession and financial uncertainty, the extra money afforded by tax breaks is generally horded and saved, thus lessening the total amount of money flowing through an economy and deepening the recession.

And how about funding our public education? The vast majority of both state and privately employed professionals in Massachusetts were educated at public institutions of higher learning right here at home. This means that devoting resources to our public schools is the wisest investment the state can make. Not only would increases in spending on education benefit the Commonwealth in the long run as graduates turn into the state leaders of tomorrow, but would also help stimulate the economy immediately by providing employment to teachers and staff while opening up further opportunities such as privately-funded research and increased alumni contributions.

Yet even as universities across the state surmount the annual struggle of colossal budget cuts, Romney proposes to cut taxes yet again and entice the very people who are most harmed by his proposition with glitzy one-time events like that of Aug. 14. Next time such a holiday is introduced onto the state senate floor, I say we vote no.

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Think you have it bad?

Stacy Kasdin

Midway through August the envelope can be found creeping its way from the mailbox to your kitchen table. You can try to run. You can try to hide. But it will find you. No, it's not your tuition bill; it's your roommate assignment. In some ways it is just as scary. In other ways it is scarier. Before you move to college there's always that one guy who feels it's necessary to tell you about his friend's sister's ex-boyfriend who had this roommate who filmed and sold homemade pornography out of their dorm room. Maybe its true, maybe its not, but regardless it freaks you out.

If you're lucky, you move into your dorm, end up with a really cool roommate, or at least a tolerable one, and never think about the phantom pornographer again. If you're not so lucky ... well, there's always the hope a single will open up down the hall. In the mean time, keep this article nearby, because I guarantee you that I am the keeper of the mother of all bad roommate stories. Prepare to feel better about your situation.

It was my freshman year, her sophomore. She seemed like a nice girl. She invited me to dinner with her and her friends, helped me find my classes, and told me which take-out places were the best. The first major oddity I recall occurred around Halloween. My mom sent up a package with two pumpkin bins filled with candy for my roommate and I. She ate the candy and offered me the pumpkin bin back, explaining that she wasn't really a fan of pumpkins. I was a little taken aback by this, but, being the easygoing girl that I am, I figured this was just one of those weird things, probably due to a difference in upbringing.

Similar occurrences, I reasoned, were results of a difference in upbringing were her comments that she was looking forward to having children so she could beat them, and her consumption of a vitamin drink which she told me was composed mainly of dirt, bird spit, and chicken essence. Trying to take an interest in her culture I asked her which part of the chicken was the essence. She didn't know. She was kind enough to offer me some, but much like pumpkins weren't her thing, chicken essence isn't really mine.

Her boyfriend would come over fairly often, and she would sit on the bed on top of him and pluck out his moustache hairs with tweezers. Sometimes he would sleep over. They talked to each other in their sleep in Cantonese. She addressed him using the Cantonese word for husband. Strangely it seemed to freak me out more than it did him. I began to learn the lyrics to songs in Taiwanese, since that was all she ever listened to, at top volume. I hoped I wasn't saying anything obscene.

For the most part we were getting along fairly well despite these differences. Then things got interesting. It must have been nearing the mid-year point when I awoke from a deep sleep, blinded by every light in the room flickering on at 4:00 a.m. She was sitting on her bed, clothes on, wide-awake. She explained she'd come back to our room because she and her boyfriend had had a fight. She asked if I wanted to play Scrabble. Now I'm as big a Scrabble fan as the next guy, but at 4:00 a.m. I figure I'd be lucky if I could manage to spell a two-letter word.

I guarantee you that I am the keeper of the mother of all bad roomate stories. Prepare to feel better about your situation.

This too I brushed off, as simply a desperate cry for someone to talk to in a time of need. I continued to brush off similar occurrences throughout the year, and had myself so jaded I decided to spend another year as her roommate. If you thought the freshman year stories were good, you'll love this one, because nothing can top "the bird". Remember the story of the guy's friend's sister's ex-boyfriend's roommate? Well I figure everyone within six degrees of me will be telling this one for a long time.

I was walking to class one morning and laying out on the walkway was a bird that had crashed into one of the window and died. As one generally does with road kill, I thought, "Oh, how sad," and continued on my way. I got back to my room that afternoon and my roommate was sitting at her desk leaning over something with interest. Hearing the door she turned around and beckoned me over. "Isn't this cool?" Lying on her desk was none other than the bloody, dead bird. She examined it, rolling its head from side to side and stretching out its wings in awe. I had no idea what to do. I was in shock. Throughout my previous 18 years I'd learned all sorts of rules of etiquette, but what on earth do you do when someone brings a dead animal into your room?

I think I've started to block the event out of my mind, but I remember asking her what she was going to do with it (she wanted to stuff it and keep it as a "pet") and telling her that it was going to rot and start smelling. Long story short, the bird took up residence in her refrigerator for an indefinite period of time. One day a while later I asked about it, and she told me it had started to decompose so she'd gotten rid of it. Then someone from above smiled down upon me: she moved out a few weeks later. So next time your roommate borrows and stains your favorite shirt, or eats the last of your cookies, remember the bird. You'll be feeling better in no time.

Stacy Kasdin is a Collegian columnist.

Getting antsy in Jerusalem

World Perspectives



Gilad Skolnick

They all look the same, they invade your land, they reproduce like rabbits, and they're everywhere. Some would call you an extremist, but all you want to do is eradicate them. They're a serious problem here in Jerusalem, and many of them are scary. Talking to them is useless; they simply will not listen.

They're ants, and I've never seen anything like them. The other day, as I ate my chocolate pudding, a small drop landed on the floor. Within an hour, dozens of tiny red ants engulfed the sugary treat, carrying their prize back home. They're crawling everywhere—on my seats, on the walls, and in the bathroom. Back at the University of Massachusetts, a dropped piece of food would remain there petrified and untouched until rediscovery at the end of May.

Other than that, the dorms are a small upgrade, with mini kitchens and bathrooms in each flat. While most of you were lazily sleeping away your summers, I began my junior year abroad at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem at the start of August. Hundreds of students from over 30 countries representing diverse faiths and backgrounds are enrolled here, providing for a very interesting program.

The university also has a unique and impressive history. Founded in the 1920's, at a time when Jews were denied admission to many universities throughout the world, Hebrew U. was a place where Jews could study and thrive. Freud, Einstien, and Buber have all served on the university's board of directors, ensuring its success.

In Israel's 1948 War for Independence the areas surrounding the campus were captured by Jordan, isolating the university and making it unusable until Mount Scopus was liberated in 1967.

Rather than R.A.s, we have security guards. Rather than fraternities, we have fences. Our college sport teams are non-existent, and we lack a school mascot. Rather than uniting under a team, people are connected by the love for Jerusalem, a city that has no rival.

Six mornings a week I begin my five hours of intensive Hebrew study with a 20-minute hike uphill to the campus atop Mount Scopus. On my way I pass the three armed security guards stationed outside my dorm 24/7 to ensure my protection. Just a simple walk to campus is rich in history and mix of cultures. To my right I overlook the beautiful old city of Jerusalem, including the 1300-year-old Al-Aqsa mosque and The Dome of the Rock.

A bit further up my walk is a church and cemetery for the fallen British soldiers of WWI. I continue walking and pass Hadassah Hospital, from where I hear the occasional roar of ambulance sirens. Even the hospital, which serves all, is not immune to terror attacks, and a line of cars waits to enter as security checks every driver and each and every trunk is opened and searched.

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I'm only five minutes away when I pass by Aroma, a café chain that helped crush Starbuck's attempt to enter the Israeli marketplace a few years back. It's surrounded by two layers of fences and several armed security guards that search every bag that enters and for good reason. A few weeks ago a Palestinian Hebrew U. student who had been studying here for several years was arrested after it was revealed that he was planning to blow up this very café with students in it.

I jump a bit, startled, as an armed security guard stationed by the bus stop pops out and asks me how I am doing. His eyes quickly scan me to see if I am acting suspicious or nervous, and he lets me continue on my way.

Exhausted, out of breath, and running late as usual, I am postponed by yet another necessary security check upon entering the campus. Scrambling for my ID, I quickly maneuver to open my bag and remove my cell phone and keys from my pockets to avoid setting off the metal detector. Still walking uphill, now within the secure iron gates of the university, I walk amidst Jews, Christians, and Muslims who study together on this campus, which serves as a beacon of co-existence. Some Jews wear their skullcaps or kippas, some Muslim women wear their headscarves, and Christians wear crosses on their necklaces, such things in places like France are not always legal or safe to do.

Security remains a necessity here as the result of a current wave of Palestinian terrorism that has been plaguing the nation. One incident involved a bomb that a Palestinian employee set in this school's cafeteria in the summer of 2002. The bomb killed several students and faculty, including Janis Coulter, a UMass-Amherst graduate, and severely injured many more.

Since then, tight security has been enforced and the end result is that campus is incredibly safe. Instances of campus violence are very rare, and the riots and drunken fights that occasionally plague UMass are unheard of. Even the dorms have bomb shelters, so if Syria or Iran follow through on threats to destroy Israel and send chemical weapons or anthrax into Israel, we could grab the government-issued gas masks and have a quick escape. These are the realities of the region.

Anthrax — exactly what an Israeli mistakenly heard when I asked for the similarly sounding "ant traps." (Much to my disappointment, ant traps are non-existent here.) In the meantime, I initiated a campaign of squishing any ant that entered my line of vision while my Texan roommate applied a slightly different strategy to deal with them: a vicious and relentless use of chemical weapons. His bottle of Raid has killed countless numbers of the little creatures, and I have condemned his use of unconventional weapons. Luckily they have been my one and only problem in Jerusalem.

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Northampton gets 'Soul'

Funk/Soul/Jazz trio Soulive to return to Pioneer Valley

By Meghan Healy
Collegian Staff

In the sea of acoustic guitars and teen-queen pop stars that is modern-day music, Soulive has no trouble standing out. The trio, whose sound isn't quite funk and isn't exactly jazz, may not be a name most mainstream radio fan's are accustom to hearing, but make no mistakes: Soulive is one of the best bands out there right now.

The origins of Soullve lead right to the University of Massachusetts' backyard, where guitarist Eric Krasno attended Hampshire College. A guitar virtuoso, Krasno attended Boston's Berklee College summer program at the age of 14 and was

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Soulive
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Comedian Black returns to the Pioneer Valley for 'First Week'

By Meghan Healy
Collegian Staff

Typically the days before classes start at the University of Massachusetts are spent getting settled into dorm rooms, becoming familiar with the area and getting reacquainted with the beiruit table or other favorite weekend pastimes. Very rarely is any sort of learning taking place on campus. UMass students who trekked down to the Mullins Center on Monday, however, got a jumpstart on the semester when comedian Lewis Black schooled them on everything from history to political science.

Black, best known for his affiliation with Comedy Central's "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart," performed to a crowd of nearly 3,000 strong as part of UMass's "First Week" festivities. Eduardo Bustamante, president of the Student Government Ass-ociation, declared Black's performance the "first event exclusively for UMass students." No stranger to Amherst, Black has performed at UMass before, though the Mullins crowd was much larger than previous outings for the commentator/author/comedian.

Lewis Black
Mullins Center
UMass
Sept. 6

For those who had never seen Black on "The Daily Show" and were unfamiliar with his work, the performer began his show with a disclaimer. He warned that some may not like what he had to say and may even find him offensive. His response to this concern? "Tough shit."

"If I am the scariest thing to come into your world," Black said, "then you're going to have a tough life ... Seriously you are up shit's creek without a paddle." With that formality out of the way Black began his routine, an act that falls somewhere between comedic brillance and political genius.

The topic of Black's show was February's infamous Super Bowl halftime show, and the highly over-discussed exposure of Janet Jackson's nipple. From there the comedian spun a rage-filled fury over some of the more ridiculous recent current events.

"The folks at CBS were somehow surprised when MTV couldn't produce a family friendly half-time show," observed Black, who went on to blast the media's constant chatter about the nipple and the moral judgement passed on it.

"Everyone was worried about the kids ... but when I was a nine-year-old boy all I wanted to see was titties," Black screamed.

Not just Janet's nipple was under fire. No one, not even presidential hopeful John Kerry, or even members of the audience itself, was safe from Black's antagonism.

Among topics that Black focused a great deal of his energy on were gay marriage, President Bush and the Atkins Diet. The topic of gay marriage struck a particular nerve with Black, who could not help but comment on the absurdity of a Constitutional amendment banning gay marriage. Citing separation of church and state, the comedian pointed out how ludicrous it is for the

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Courtesy UMassFYI

Comedian Lewis Black appeared at the Mullins Center Monday as part of UMass' "First Week" program.

Sampling comes under fire

By John Gerome
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A federal appeals court ruled Tuesday that rap artists should pay for every musical sample included in their work — even minor, unrecognizable snippets of music.

Lower courts had already ruled that artists must pay when they sample another artists' work. But it has been legal to use musical snippets — a note here, a chord there — as long as it wasn't identifiable.

The decision by a three-judge panel of the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati gets rid of that distinction. The court said federal laws aimed at stopping piracy of recordings applies to digital sampling.

"If you cannot pirate the whole sound recording, can you 'lift' or 'sample' something less than the whole? Our answer to that question is in the negative," the court said.

"Get a license or do not sample. We do not see this as stifling creativity in any significant way."

Some observers questioned whether the court's opinion is too restrictive, especially for rap and hip-hop artists who often rhyme over samples of music taken from older recordings.

"It seems a little extreme to me," said James Van Hook, dean of Belmont University's Mike Curb College of Entertainment and Music Business. "When something is identifiable, that is the key."

The case at issue is one of at least 800 lawsuits filed in Nashville over lifting snippets of music from older recordings for new music.

The case centers on the NWA song "100 Miles and Runnin," which samples a three-note guitar riff from "Get Off Your Ass and Jam" by '70s funk-master George Clinton and Funkadelic.

In the two-second sample, the guitar pitch has been lowered, and the copied piece was "looped" and extended to 16 beats. The sample appears five times in the new song.

NWA's song was included in the 1998 movie "I Got the Hook Up," starring Master P and produced by his movie company, No Limit Films.

No Limit Films has argued that the sample was not protected by copyright law. Bridgeport Music and Westbound Records, which claim to own the copyrights for the Funkadelic song, appealed the lower court's summary judgment in favor of No Limit Films.

The lower court in 2002 said that the riff in Clinton's song was entitled to copyright protection, but the sampling "did not rise to the level of legally cognizable appropriation."

The appeals court disagreed, saying a recording artist who acknowledges sampling may be liable, even when the source of a sample is unrecognizable.

Noting that No Limit Films "had not disputed that it digitally sampled a copyrighted sound recording," the appeals court sent the case back to the lower court.



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Sounds sampled from George Clinton's song "Get Off Your Ass and Jam" are at the center of the sampling controversy.



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'Napoleon' is 'Dynamite'



'Napoleon Dynamite'
Directed by Jared Hess
Starring Efren Ramirez, Jon Heder, Fox Searchlight, Rated R, 82 mins., Grade A

By Michael Busack
Collegian Staff

Not since the days of "Seinfeld" has a production succeeded in crafting an entertaining storyline without a plot. A rare gem in the often-repeated category of engaging geek cinema, Jared and Jerusha Hess' "Napoleon Dynamite" spouts atypical humor without ever really saying much at all.

Dorks and socialites alike can find solace in Jon Heder's performance of the awkward Napoleon Dynamite. Dynamite, who is as delusional as the likes of Jackson family, is the

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People in the news

Hammond hosts Emmys



Hammond

NEW YORK — He won't be live from New York, but he will be on tape.

"Saturday Night Live" cast member Darrell Hammond has been tapped to host the 25th annual news and documentary Emmy Awards.

Unlike "SNL," the ceremony won't be live from New York. Instead, it will be taped at the Marriott Marquis Hotel on Sept. 13 and then telecast on Sept. 25 on the Discovery Times Channel.

"We are pleased to have Darrell Hammond join these prestigious news personalities at this year's celebration," Peter Price, president of the National Television Academy, said Tuesday. "Mr. Hammond brings the special credential of having impersonated many of America's most prominent newsmakers and newscasters."

Peter Jennings, Diane Sawyer, Wolf Blitzer, Brian Williams and Dan Rather will present awards. Rather is among many newsmen and political pundits Hammond has imitated during his eight-season run on NBC's "SNL." He's taken on almost everyone in the Bush administration (Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld, John Ashcroft, Colin Powell, Tom Ridge), and is well known for his portrayal of former President Bill Clinton.

Franz takes the prize

LONDON — Scottish rockers Franz Ferdinand, whose debut album has been hailed by critics as a masterpiece of pop, won the prestigious Mercury Music Prize. The Glasgow-based quartet were the favorites among the 12-strong shortlist to take home the award for their self-titled album.

The $35,600 prize, now in its 13th year, honors the best album of the year by a British or Irish band. It is judged on talent and innovation rather than commercial sales, and the winner can usually expect a surge in sales and publicity.

Among the acts Franz Ferdinand beat for the prize, announced Tuesday, were two-time nominee The Streets, aka rapper Mike Skinner; young soul sensation Joss Stone; urban star Jamelia; and guitarless rock band Keane.

The shortlist was rounded out by new rockers The Zutons, jazz singer Amy Winehouse, Northern Irish quartet Snow Patrol, dance outfit Basement Jaxx, pop group Belle & Sebastian, rapper Ty and singer Robert Wyatt.

The 'King 'of lawsuits

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Disney Enterprises may have to sell its trademarks in South Africa to pay for damages if a poor family wins a lawsuit claiming it lost millions in royalties from the hit song "The Lion Sleeps Tonight."

The Pretoria High Court on Tuesday dismissed an application by Disney Enterprises to prevent its trademarks from being sold off if the family of the late musician Solomon Linda, who wrote the original song, "Mbube," in 1939, wins its suit.

Lawyers for Linda's family obtained a court order in July attaching more than 240 trademarks registered here to their $1.6 million lawsuit in order to establish local jurisdiction.

The trademarks, which include well-known images such as Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck, could be sold locally to pay Linda's heirs if they win their lawsuit, according to Tuesday's ruling.

Linda's three surviving daughters and 10 grandchildren, living in poverty in the Johannesburg township of Soweto, have received only a one-time payment of $15,000, according to their lawyers.

"It means that Mickey Mouse is still in captivity," said Adri Malan, spokesman for the family's legal team.

Joyce Lorigan, a London-based spokeswoman for Disney, said the judgment Tuesday was disappointing, but had no impact on the substance of the dispute.

"The real issue in this lawsuit is whether Linda's estate or Abilene Music Publishing — who bought the rights to the song from Linda's wife — owns the copyright to 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight,'" Lorigan said in a statement.

The action is based on laws in Commonwealth nations at the time the song was first recorded. Under these provisions, the rights to a song revert to the composer's heirs 25 years after his death.

No court date has been set.

Linda died penniless in 1962, having sold the rights to his original song to the South African company Abilene Music Publishing. It went on to generate an estimated $15 million in royalties after it was adapted by other artists, including the American songwriter George Weiss, whose version is featured in "The Lion King."

The song has been covered by at least 150 artists, including The Tokens, George Michael, Miriam Makeba and The Spinners.

Hours, minutes & Moore

NEW YORK — Julianne Moore wants to give children more time for their imaginations — and she's doing it one watch at a time.

The 43-year-old actress will appear in a public service campaign bearing the slogan, "Time is Precious: Use it Wisely," seeking to highlight the declining resources available for children's arts education programs and reverse the trend.

With each purchase of a Montblanc watch or pen, the luxury accessory brand will make a contribution to the National Arts Education Initiative, a program of the Entertainment Industry Foundation (EIF).



Moore

The campaign will run in fashion and lifestyle publications starting in October and continue until next March.

Moore has received four Oscar nominations, including best actress nominations for 2002's "Far From Heaven" and 1999's "The End of the Affair," and best supporting actress nominations for 2002's "The Hours" and 1997's "Boogie Nights." Her next film, "The Forgotten," opens Sept. 24.

The EIF is the official charity of the entertainment industry. It also sponsors initiatives for cancer research, cardiovascular research and cessation of smoking.

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—*The Associated Press*

Black gets last laugh at Mullins

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United States government to try to use the Constitution to prevent same-sex relationships.

At several points during the show Black had to ask members of the audience to refrain from screaming things out. "It will go a lot easier," he said, "if when I ask the questions, I answer them." Most in attendance were able to control themselves however a few struggled with Black's request. After Black again asked a certain audience member to be quiet, the attendee replied, "You suck! Stop." Most performers would ignore the heckler but Lewis Black proved yet again that he is not one to be messed with. "You know, sir, I am the only one on tonight. There's no one after me," he snapped. "No tap dancing or singing, and I'm not going to do any of that mime shit you're into ... so if you don't like it there is a very simple solution — leave! There's the door." With that the crowd burst into cheers.

Black's true genius lies in his delivery. The man can say anything and phrase it in such a way that listeners feel like idiots themselves for not having thought of it sooner. Yet Black's mission is not to degrade the audience. He seemed aware that he was preaching to the converted. His delivery highlights the sheer idiocy of the world that we live in.

Unfortunately the same cannot be said for opener Kjell Bjorgen. For him, his act was a perfect example of the sheer idiocy Black blasts on a regular basis. The up-and-coming comedian fared slightly better than Mission Improvable at the Mullins Center, but failed to earn the spot he had been given before Black. Bjorgen started his act commenting on his unusual name, which was entertaining for all of two seconds before it got old.

As Bjorgen's time on stage wore on, his act got weaker and weaker. A bit about his twin brother's success in life was worth a few laughs, but his punchline (framing a DUI ticket) was low-brow at best. Bjorgen talked about prozac and marijuana, discussed physical barriers that keep him from getting chicks (though yeast infections of the face and cold sores were on the list, surprisingly lack of talent wasn't) and though there were some laughs, Bjorgen's lowest-common-denominator brand of comedy wasn't fit to share the stage with Lewis Black.

Pearl Street to welcome Soulive



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hooked on music from then on. In Boston, Krasno met up with a varied group of musicians, all of whom helped shape his musical philosophy. The official Soulive website, www.soulive.com, describes the experience as a turning point in Krasno's playing style. "From then on, everything Eric played, whether it was jazz, soul, or blues was steeped in funk."

As Krasno's skills grew so did his reputation. In March of 1999, Krasno, already a Hampshire alum, hooked up with brothers Alan and Neal Evans, who he had met back in his days in Amherst. With Alan Evans on drums, Neal Evans on keys and Krasno on strings a band was born.

Taking the indie route, Soulive released a handful of records independently and hit the road. The unparalled success of their first LP, "Turn it Out," (the album has sold over 65,000 copies with no help from a label) solidified Soulive as force in the music world. Their funkified sound caught the attention of some of the industries most heralded names among them Dave Matthews, Talib Kweli and The Roots, who all appeared on the trio's most commercial successful release to date, "Next."

Tonight Soulive will return to the Pioneer Valley to play a show at Northampton's Pearl Street Ballroom. Though this is not the first show the group has played in Northampton, it does mark an important step in the band's evolving career. With the close of their contract with Blue Note Records in spring of 2003, Soulive has set their sights on creating the "definitive soul record for the twenty-first century."

Those that are familiar with Soulive's sound will enjoy the chance to hear a show comprised of old favorites as well as new material. As the band continues to play together their canon continues to grow and the arsenal of songs they unleash for audiences becomes more and more impressive.

For those that are unfamiliar with the soulful trio, fear not. A Soulive show is not exclusively for diehard fans; all you need is a love of music and an open mind. The nature of Soulive's music is such that each performance is a unique entity. Newbies and seasoned fans alike will have the chance to enjoy the Soulive experience.

The show is at 8:30 p.m. at the Pearl Street Ballroom. Tickets are $14 in advance, $17 at the door.

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'Napoleon' gets by without plot

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main character in a film that gets more odd in every scene.

The plot follows Napoleon through his daily routines, essentially his being, complete with tucked in t-shirts and a red Afro. The monotony that is the life of Napoleon Dynamite is not only entertaining, but also riotously funny.

The story begins in Preston, Idaho where Napoleon lives with his Grandmother (Sandy Martin) and his 30-year-old brother, Kip (Aaron Ruell) who is unemployed and spends most of his day conversing with his internet girlfriend, LaFawnduh (Shondrella Avery). While no explanation is given for why the two brothers live with their grandmother, the details prove to not to be necessary. Napoleon also tends to the family pet, a goat named Tina.

After being seriously injured while practicing some quad runner stunt tricks, their grandmother is hospitalized, leaving the two boys home alone. While both are of age to care for themselves, the grandmother insists that their egotistical uncle Rico (Jon Gries) comes to stay with the boys. Uncle Rico is every door-to-door salesman that you have ever met. He constantly pines for the past, even at one point purchasing a "time machine" off the Internet. Gries plays the character with a bravado and scumminess that leave viewers squirming at times and cracking up at others.

Meanwhile Napoleon is desperately trying to fit in at school despite his indomitable attitude and graceless behavior. School scenes depict the gangly Dynamite punching at a swinging tetherball and in another scene performing a sign language routine to the Bette Midler tune, "The Rose." Moments like these prove to be worth the $5.75 for admission in themselves.

Napoleon meets his sidekick, the incoming foreign exchange student, Pedro (Efren Ramirez) as the lethargic newcomer is trying to find his classroom. He leads him to his class and the two begin a friendship that is as hilarious as it is simple. Both characters are men of few words and even fewer talents.

Despite his social challenges, Pedro asks the prettiest girl, (the Rachel Leigh Cook-esque character of the film) Summer (Haylie Duff), to the prom. He decides to bake her a cake and mark in his proposal to go to the dance together in the icing. She rudely denies him, but Pedro is undeterred and instead decides to ask out the girl that Napoleon has set his eyes on, the reticent Deb (Tina Majorino).

Following the dance, Pedro comes to a decision that he will run against Summer for the position of the president of the student body. Summer very obviously has the popular vote of her class, but the tag-team of Napoleon and Pedro begin a creative campaign to defeat the Preston Princess. Pedro even creates a piñata in the likeness of Summer and allows students to take jabs at her candy-filled face.

All in all, the film is intelligent, dissident, and exceptionally sarcastic. While the characters are humorous, the movie also creates a tender tone that draws the viewer to the plight of Heder's character.

The husband and wife team of director Jared and producer Jerusha Hess have succeeded in creating what is sure to garner the label of "cult hit." The combination of simplicity, absurdity, poignancy and attention to detail has drawn comparisons to such great films as "Rushmore" and "Harold and Maude."

Heder, immersed in the representation of Napoleon, could not have been better. The Brigham Young University student is sure to be heard of again in the future, even if his performance will be likened to one hit wonders like Dustin Diamond's character, Screech from the 1990's television hit, "Saved By the Bell."

In a surprising note, Haylie Duff, younger sister of "Lizzie McGuire" star Hilary Duff, shines in her performance as Summer Wheatley. In a time when the family thing is overdone, (think Hiltons, Olsens, Simpsons) Duff separates herself from her sister, proving that she can act, and do so well. Granted this was not a role that would require coaching from Meryl Streep, but she thankfully did not attend the Mandy Moore School of pop star acting.

"Napoleon Dynamite" is refreshing. Every so often and independent movie makes it mainstream, and even less often are these movies successful. Thankfully, due to accomplishment of the Hess team, MTV signed on to this production and now America can experience, the life of the super-nerd, Napoleon Dynamite.

Magician Roy Horn focus of special following his recovery

By Adam Goldman
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Roy Horn has never spoken publicly about the incident in which a 380-pound white tiger named Montecore nearly mauled him to death.

So when NBC airs the special "Siegfried & Roy: The Miracle" at 9 p.m. EDT Sept. 15, viewers will hear Horn for the first time and see his battle to regain his motor skills after the tiger attack — and subsequent debilitating stroke — left him in a wheelchair.

"That's been the remarkable part of this thing," said Jason Raff, the show's executive producer and director. "He really let us in to see the good days and bad days. I believe they gave us an unprecedented look."

In his own words, Raff said, Horn will attempt to answer what happened that terrifying night during a live performance at The Mirage hotel-casino on the Las Vegas Strip. He'll be interviewed by Maria Shriver in one of her first TV assignments since becoming California's first lady.

Raff told The Associated Press he's not going to reveal what Horn had to say.

"That I'm going to save for the special," Raff said. "That's his thing. He wants to say it himself."

But viewers shouldn't expect the definitive account. "We will offer a very thorough look," Raff said. "Will we answer every question? No. We will not answer every question."

As Shriver noted in an interview with the AP, "No one is 100 percent sure what happened that night."

The special probably won't include the closely guarded footage of the Oct. 3 accident that was taped by Feld Entertainment, the company that produced the wildly popular Siegfried & Roy show. Feld officials have refused to turn over the video to investigators from the Agriculture Department, the federal agency responsible for looking into such incidents, saying it "would quickly end up in the hands of media who would then sensationalize this horrible tragedy."

Raff said he pieced together the events leading up to the mauling and the dramatic days that came after it.

"To the best of our ability, we do a moment-by-moment account with lots of information that hasn't been reported yet," he said.

The special, produced by the network's entertainment division, includes interviews with some of the 1,500 audience members and show staff who witnessed the horrifying attack, as well as the paramedics who treated Horn in those first crucial minutes.

The tiger bit Horn in the neck and dragged him off stage. One of the show's employees was able to beat the animal off Horn by hitting it with a fire extinguisher. Horn is said to have lost a tremendous amount of blood.

The more dramatic moments of the special are expected to include audio tapes of the 911 calls and conversations between hospital staffers and paramedics as Horn was being rushed to the emergency room. It was his 59th birthday. Horn had to undergo repeated surgeries after he arrived at University Medical Center. Horn gave doctors permission to disclose his medical information for the special, Raff said.

"He was very close to dying from what the doctors said," Raff explained. "The first three days were truly touch and go. We are going to let the doctors tell what happened."

While Horn stayed off death in those first 72 hours, Raff said partner Siegfried Fischbacher had to make "some very quick decisions, life-saving decisions" about whether doctors should perform those potentially dangerous operations.

The program was filmed over several months, mostly in Las Vegas, where Horn and Shriver, a longtime friend of Horn's, visit a caged Montecore.

There are also scenes at a Denver rehabilitation clinic for stroke victims. Raff said Horn has gone through "grueling therapy."

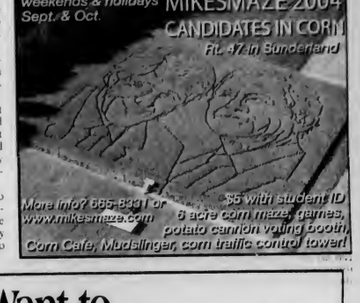
Shriver said Horn is doing remarkably better, but it's not clear if he'll ever perform again. There's no talk of reviving the Siegfried & Roy show, which debuted in 1990, although Siegfried & Roy are involved in NBC's new animated show "Father of the Pride." Still, doctors described Horn's survival as a miracle.

"This is a guy who had come back from the impossible," Shriver said. "He has defied everybody's single belief that he would be here today."

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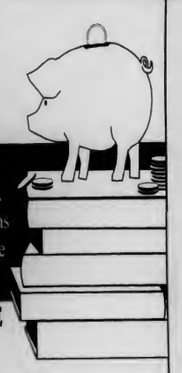




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Minutemen drop pair on west coast

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In the second round of play, Santa Clara went on to defeat UC Davis by a score of 4-1, and claim the Diadora crown.

It wasn't until UMass Freshman Tyler Pagano netted the first goal of his collegiate career against San Francisco, that the Maroon and White had something to cheer about.

Down 2-0, Pagano maneuvered around the defense and scored on a turnaround shot deep in Don territory.

Pagano's goal cut the deficit in half at 71:44, but San Francisco capped off the scoring two minutes later with a goal from Aaron Chandler.

UMass goalie Colin Burns recorded six saves in the loss, while his counterpart, Geremy Uhl, responded with five.

During the Aug. 28 exhibition between UMass and Notre Dame, Burns and Billman split time between the pipes and kept the game scoreless with two saves apiece.

Ninth-ranked Notre Dame fluttered against a cohesive UMass defense, managing to put only six shots on goal.

A week prior to Notre Dame, Massachusetts showcased its abilities in victory over the University of Montreal. Fueled by a pair of second half goals from junior Oral Bullen, the Maroon and White surged after a first half stalemate.

Bullen's two goals came in the final 13 minutes of play, leading the Minutemen to their only victory thus far.

Freshman Gred Cirillo sparked the offense when he kicked home an assist from teammate Kenneth Cook early in the second half.

Cook gained control of a loose ball during a melee in front of the Montreal goal and sent a pass in Bullen's direction.

Blocked from seeing the shot by players scrambling to get back into position, the Montreal goalkeeper did not have time to react to Cirillo's shot that made its way through the unintentional screen.

The Minutemen return to Rudd Field Saturday, where they have played to a 12-3-2 record since 2002.

UM struggles in early going

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Despite the loss, head coach Jim Rudy seemed pleased with the team's effort and progress. Rudy singled out the strong play the team has been getting from the freshmen class early in the season. "The freshmen are carrying us right now," Rudy said.

Last Friday the Minutewomen turned in a lackluster performance against Yale in front of a home crowd at Rudd Field. The game got off to a good start though for the Maroon and White as Bellini put UMass on the board ten minutes into the contest.

Canfield sparked the play by firing a shot from just inside the penalty area. The Yale goalie couldn't control the rebound and Bellini deposited the ball into the back of the net to give UMass its first lead of the season.

It was all Yale from that point on though. The Bulldogs would score four goals that UMass could not answer. Walker recorded seven saves on the day, but was hindered by a shaky defense which allowed Yale forwards to get in alone numerous times.

Yale knotted the score five minutes after Bellini's goal and scored a critical goal with under a minute remaining in the first half.

"You could see we were playing to get through halftime with a tie," Rudy said. "Everyone relaxed, and it shouldn't be that way."

The Bulldogs padded their lead with a goal with 31:17 left in the game and sealed the victory with yet another goal seven minutes later.

UMass had scoring chances, but was unable to capitalize on their opportunities. Midway through the first half Canfield and senior Lindsey Fairweather broke out on a 2-on-1 break. Canfield slipped a pass to Fairweather but her shot from 18 yards sailed wide.

Early in the second half freshman Caitlin Footit blasted a shot from the center of the area off the cross bar. Fairweather collected the rebound in front of the net, but her bid was deflected over the net.

Rudy was at a loss for answers as to why the team is off to a slow start, but said the returning players are going to need to step up their play if the team is to turn things around. Rudy remains optimistic about the chances for a turnaround.

"Last year we started 2-0 and then we collapsed," he said. "So maybe this is just the opposite. We'll start 0-2 (now 0-3) and then kick it into gear."

The Minutewomen hope to start to kick it into gear this weekend when they visit the New Hampshire Wildcats.

Selig able to solve Yankees 'problem'

By Jim Litke
Associated Press

Now that the Devil Rays have quit lollygagging, the Yankees' hissy fit is behind them and the game in question is back on the schedule, it's time to address the last bit of business left over from major league baseball's version of "Travelgate."

Namely, Bud Selig's bonus.

Yeah, you read that right. The commissioner deserves a little something extra in his pay envelope this week for keeping his hat on while all those around him were talking through theirs.

Granted, Selig didn't have to channel King Solomon to come up with a solution. The facts begged for a common-sense decision, and all the commissioner did was draw one up. He ordered Monday's postponed game to be made up as part of a doubleheader Wednesday. That doesn't appear to be a tough decision — until you consider that Selig made it despite having Yankee boss George Steinbrenner pressing down on his shoulder blades and screaming into both ears about fair play.

Some background:

The Devil Rays arrived in New York a half-day too late to play the first game of Monday's scheduled doubleheader. They said they were stuck in Tampa Bay that morning because of travel restrictions, and didn't leave earlier because they had to stay home and look after their families as Hurricane Frances bore down on the area.

The Yankees sneered back that the Devil Rays should have left earlier, all but suggesting they would have if Tampa Bay owner Vince Naimoli, a notorious cheapskate, had been willing to pick up the tab for a charter flight and a few extra nights in a pricey Manhattan hotel. Instead, the Yankees spent most of Monday sitting around waiting, while their fans wandered the stands consuming free food.

Naturally, Steinbrenner wanted someone to pay – not necessarily for the $180 million in salary sitting idle in his clubhouse, but likely for the 25,836 hot dogs and 25,296 sodas his concessionaires had to give away. And this was The Boss' idea of compassion: enforce the letter of the game's law: make Tampa Bay forfeit the game.

If that seems desperate and self-serving, well, that's probably because there's no better words to describe it. The Yankees have been in a tailspin the last three weeks, coughing up most of what was a 10 1/2-game lead over their American League East rival and mortal enemy, the Boston Red Sox.

The top of New York's pitching rotation has been disastrous, a fact punctuated when Kevin Brown broke his non-pitching hand punching a wall in frustration Friday night. Given that situation, think a win without breaking a sweat sounded too good to be true?

The Red Sox and just about everybody else with a passing interest in baseball did. At least this once, Selig went along.

"As the commissioner made clear," MLB's chief operating officer, Bob DuPuy, said in a statement Tuesday, "it is critical that the outcome of the pennant races be determined on the field."

In that sense, the Devil Rays could hardly be more gracious guests. They stepped off the plane an hour before Monday's 7 p.m. first pitch and sleepwalked their way to a 7-4 loss. Without jet lag as an excuse — and Tampa Bay is so bad, alibis are usually superfluous — they went down 11-2 Tuesday night.

About the only thing the Devil Rays have done to anger their hosts so far is insist they did the right thing by staying away in the first place.

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Athletic secondary to lead defense for UMass

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scrimmage, looking for a challenge, and we don't ever want to be beat.

"We want to be out there against the other team's best guy and prove that we can shut him down."

The secret weapon in UMass' ball hawking five-some is Belton, a sophomore who posted four interceptions during his freshman campaign and came on strong during the team's late season run in 2003.

With Costello, the reigning conference leader in interceptions and Cobbs, very much a known quantity, the Landover, Md. native will be called upon to keep pace with the position's elder statesman and make an immediate impact in nickel packages — a task Brown feels he is up to.

"Tracy Belton is the real deal," the coach said. "He's going to do a lot of good things for us, and that makes us that much deeper back there."

"With him and Steve and R.J., I think we have three guys who are absolutely the real deal. Those three guys have been excellent and will make us very tough."

In reality, tough may be most aptly used to describe the team's dynamite pair of safeties. A three-year starter who learned the world from McKenzie, Shannon James added ten pounds of solid muscle in the off-season to help him continue to gain the runaway train reputation Ihedigbo has already begun to establish. He totaled 211 tackles over the last two seasons at both safety and corner, including 80 solo stops in each of the campaigns, and made the play of the year when he returned a fumble 39 yards for a touchdown in a thrilling 19-13 win at Villanova.

Ihedigbo, meanwhile, received the Vic Fuscia Award as the team's most improved defensive player after recording 74 tackles, four interceptions, three fumble recoveries and two forced fumbles. Brown hopes he will fit in perfectly as the team's resident assassin, and Ihedigbo relishes the opportunity to play the run and deliver what he calls "kill shots."

"When I hit someone, I want them to feel it in their soul," he said. "I want their mother to feel it ... and I'm going to let them know about it on the field."

"If I get a guy once, they'll know I'm going to get them again and they're going to hear it from me. I'll say 'I got you and I'll be here all day.'"

Nonetheless, what may serve the group best when they step onto the field is their cohesiveness. With the consistent pushing, working with and confiding in each other during camp, there is already a bond growing between the five, albeit a competitive one.

James (No. 6) and Ihedigbo (No. 7) changed numbers to join Costello (No. 1) and Cobbs (No. 3) in the single digits. Belton (No. 26) is the only holdout, refusing to give up the number of his childhood hero Rod Woodson. There is also a friendly competition to see who can intercept the most passes during the 2004 season, after the group combined for 18 in 2003.

Thus for Brown, the talent and desire to succeed and improve is certainly there amongst his highly touted secondary. After all, it's been nearly seven months in the making.

"We've been pleased with their effort and enthusiasm and feel like we have the talent, especially in the defensive backfield," Brown said.

"Can we come together right away? That's what's going to be on me and that's what we're trying to get done, but at the very least, we've got five guys that compete, work hard and love to play football.

"That's all we can ask for out of them."



MATT BRICH/COLLEGIAN

Senior Adrianne Monaco celebrates her first half goal in Sunday's loss to Harvard at Garber Field.

Minutewomen struggle in losses

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goal. Crystal Frates earned her first career goal at 16:02, the final score of the game.

The Eagles dominated much of the play during the game, outshooting Massachusetts 27-4. BC also had the edge in penalty corners, 12-2.

Senior Massachusetts goalie Christine Tocco managed a season-high 15 saves against the Eagles, but was unable to secure a victory. Jillian Savoy made two saves for Boston College.

On Sunday, Harvard came to Garber Field for the UMass home opener. Senior Adrianne Monaco put Massachusetts on the scoreboard first, with 18:27 to go in the first half. In a striking similarity to the BC game, the Crimson responded within the next two minutes to tie the game. On a penalty corner attempt by Julie Lane, Tocco made a save, but the ensuing scuffle resulted in a penalty stroke being awarded to Harvard. Tamara Sobek-Rosnick attempted the shot for the Crimson, and managed to beat Tocco to the corner of the net.

Assisted by Jen McDavitt, Laura Werner scored the game-winner three minutes later, fresh off of a Minutewoman turnover. McDavitt also earned assists on both insurance goals. Julie Lane scored at the 31:09 mark, for the final score in the first half.

UMass did not manage any shots in the second half, with play dominated by Harvard. However, on her way to earning 14 saves, Tocco only allowed one goal in the second half, earned by Shelley Maasdorp off a penalty corner set up by McDavitt.

The Crimson outshot the Maroon and White, 25-3, and took nine penalty corners to UMass' zero.

The Minutewomen are back on the road this weekend, traveling to College Park, Maryland, where they will face Maryland on Saturday and American University on Sunday.

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Swagger evident in secondary

Talented unit to lead Don Brown's new UMass defense

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

Don Brown's introduction as head football coach at the University of Massachusetts was nearing its conclusion when an unexpected hand went up in the back of the Mullins Center green room.

There was James Ihedigbo, fresh off a phenomenal freshman campaign that saw him snag four interceptions, begging to be called on as if he were back in grammar school.

This was a press conference. His chance to ask all the questions that he wanted to would come later, but the Amherst Regional product needed to know, and he needed to know now, "What kind of defenses are we going to run, coach?" he asked.

To Brown's credit, he answered the unofficial inquiry to the fullest, addressing reporters and his new players in attendance about fronts, packages and schemes and what he does in various scenarios. It was his first step in the long process of establishing credibility with his new group, and for Ihedigbo it was exactly what he had hoped for.

Ihedigbo, the first starting strong safety in recent memory not named McKenzie, was just one integral part of possibly the best defensive backfield in the Atlantic 10. Luckily, his new coach wanted to attack, cause havoc and never let up. The tone for the 2004 season had been set, and it was only Feb. 9.

"Coach Brown is a defensive genius," Ihedigbo said. "His system suits the speed and the athletes we have on this team so well, and it's all about getting after the quarterback and letting us man up on the wide receivers and get physical with them. We have the talent to just shut teams down."

Brown, meanwhile, relies on the influence of some former stalwarts of the McGuirk trenches to continue to preach his prowess as a defensive mind to the talent that is already in place.

"I think the one thing that's been good is that I've coached a lot of the older guys; the Jeremy Cains and the Anton McKenzies, and I think they've helped me in the credibility piece," the former Northeastern boss said. "That helps me in sending a message to some of the younger guys that I'm OK.

"We've got to sell our system. We have to sell our philosophy and the way we go about doing things on both sides of the ball, and that's a day-to-day challenge that I'm excited about. It's one of the reasons that I came back here, to instill my system here and just see how it plays itself out."

Yet make no mistake, while Brown will have input in new offensive coordinator Kevin Morris' ball-control offense, his heart and soul will be thrust into an aggressive, lightning-quick defense that doesn't quit — a unit built around five of the best athletes on the team.

Under former defensive coordinator Tom Masella, the Minutemen controlled the line of scrimmage out of a 3-4 alignment and were unbreakable against the run. Now, having lost a tremendous amount of talent and experience along the defensive line and at linebacker, Brown will switch to a 4-3 and rely heavily on dynamic secondary to allow his young guys to get their feet wet.

"If those guys [in the defensive backfield] are talented, it allows you to be more flexible with your fronts," Brown said. "In reality, with six or seven new front guys, it allows us to do what we have to do to help those guys out and put more pressure on the back edge of the shell to get things done.

"With those guys out there I have a lot of confidence that we'll be up to the one-on-one challenge."

Confidence, however, is not a problem amongst cornerbacks Steve Costello, R.J. Cobbs and Tracy Belton and safeties Shannon James and Ihedigbo. Individually, they are pure playmakers in numerous facets of the game. As a group, the possibilities are endless and the unfettered ability to dominate is clearly evident.

"We have the best secondary in the Atlantic 10, without a doubt in my mind," Cobbs said. "Myself and Steve Costello love to get up in receivers' faces and get our hands on them. We thrive on the one-on-one challenge and want that responsibility all game long."

Cobbs, of course, was the Atlantic 10 Offensive Rookie of the Year in 2002 after rushing for 1,067 yards and 14 touchdowns. Now, with the Maroon and White boasting a plethora of talent at tailback, one of the nation's most electrifying players is returning to his natural position to give Brown another dependable, lock-down cover man.

"From a talent standpoint, I've coached a lot of corners over my 28 years and I'd have to say he's in that upper echelon – that one percent or two percent," Brown said of Cobbs. "He's got a great knack of being a physical corner and likes the physical aggressive challenge."

Costello picked off six passes in an All-Conference 2003 campaign, and was a pre-season All-Conference honoree this season as well after establishing himself as the A-10's premier cornerback.

"We each have the ability to take receivers out of the game," Costello said. "[R.J.] and I are very similar in the fact that we're both always up on the line of scrimmage, looking for a chal-

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Sophomore strong safety James Ihedigbo listens to coach Don Brown during the team's preseason camp.

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UM rolls over Delaware St.

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for 144 yards and a pair of touchdowns. It was the fifth 100-yard receiving game of the senior captain's career and helped him move into fourth place on UMass' career receiving yards list.

Freshman tailback Bryan Smith lead the rushing attack for UMass, gaining 65 yards on eight carries. Junior Steve Baylark also chipped in with 57 yards on eight carries, while starter Rich Demers carried four times for 24 yards.

UMass, which took a 28-0 lead into the locker room at halftime, forced Delaware State to punt after just three plays on the first drive of the third quarter. Hornets kicker Eric Cortes lined up to punt from deep in his own end zone and UMass' Brandon London broke through the line and blocked the kick. Freshman defensive back Brandon Freeman emerged from a pile of players with the loose football for a touchdown, giving the Minutemen a 35-0 edge.

UMass scored again less than four minutes later when freshman tailback Bryan Smith broke tree down the sideline for a 37-yard touchdown run to make the score 42-0 with 8:52 to play in the third.

The Minutemen then completed their scoring with a trio of field goals. Sophomore Michael Torres connected from 38 yards and senior Matt Goldstein made kicks of 31 and 32 yards.

"It was a very solid win for us and I'm just proud of my football team," Brown said. "I've never been at that vantage point in my 28 years of coaching, so I'd be less than forthright if I said I enjoyed it, but I certainly enjoyed the outcome."

After forcing the Hornets to punt on their initial possession, UMass wasted no time in getting on the scoreboard when Day found junior tight end Mike Douglas with a 9-yard touchdown pass at the 5:18 mark of the first quarter.

Day then found Peebler for a 14-yard touchdown pass that pushed the UMass lead to 14-0.

The Minutemen capped their first half scoring on the first play of their third offensive possession, when Day found Peebler on a fade route with a perfectly thrown ball down the sideline that the senior captain took 80 yards for the third UMass score of the afternoon.

A chance for revenge

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during a record-setting romp through its regular season schedule, losing only to I-A Kansas State and eventual I-AA Champion Delaware, and were deserving of a home game in the Division I-AA Playoffs. Instead they were sent spiraling into one of the worst travesties in school history.

Call it crying, excuse making or sour grapes; this journalist could care less, because what happened on Nov. 29, 2003 was just plain wrong. On that afternoon, the Minutemen had more total offense, rushing yards and first downs. They had five fewer punts, a better third-down conversion rating and fewer penalties. They held Walter Payton Award winner Jamaal Branch to just 39 yards on 25 carries and while Gate fans blame that on the conditions, UMass' Steve Baylark was able to gain 84 yards on five fewer carries in the same stuff. Go figure.

UMass was the better team that afternoon. The team was victimized by a sequence of circumstances unprecedented in collegiate athletics. Circumstances that were only vindicated when Delaware just three weeks removed from slipping past UMass in triple overtime, went a long way in reinforcing the injustice with a 40-0 romp over Colgate in the I-AA title game.

Nonetheless, it's a new year and the time for redemption is here. On Saturday night, before a season opening crowd, band director George Parks' drum line will march into McGuirk Alumni Stadium, and the fun will begin. The new Maroon and White will have their crack at the Raiders on a fair and even playing surface, and the better team will ultimately prevail, once and for all.

There will be no travel, no snow and no wind. The ball won't slip out of the hands of Minutemen four separate times. Michael Torres won't narrowly miss breaking his leg on a field goal attempt, and an official blinded by 25 feet of blustery snow won't throw a flag on a third-and-long he didn't even see.

So, there won't be a thing going wrong for UMass on this night. With new coach Don Brown watching from the press box, the 2004 Minutemen will prove that revenge is actually a dish best served warm, on a late summer night, under the lights.

From the moment they arrive in the Pioneer Valley this weekend, Dick Biddle's Red Raiders will not stand a chance because this UMass team is out for the blood they smelled 10 months ago, and when it's all said and done, they will earn the victory they so rightfully deserve. That's a guarantee.

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JONATHAN FELTHAM/ COLLEGIAN

Senior captain Jason Peebler caught five passes for 144 yards last week.

PROJECTED STARTERS

Offense	Offense
QB 10 - Tim Day, Sophomore	QB 1 – Chris Brown, Senior (Captain)
RB 40 - Rich Demers, Senior	RB 25 – Jamaal Branch, Senior (Captain)
FB 43 - Steve Wysocki, Senior	FB 42 – Eric Guglielmotti, Senior
WR 11 – Jason Peebler, Senior (Captain)	WR 4 - Luke Graham, Senior (Captain)
TE 44 – Mike Douglas, Junior	TE 95 – Tyrone Gould, Junior
LT 77 – Colin Stoetzel, Junior	LT 66 – Charles Yalovitser, Senior
LG 74 – Rob Kane, Senior (Captain	LG 65 – Mark Mushel, Junior
C 62 – Alex Miller, Sophomore	C 62 – Jake Sulovski, Sophomore
RG 73 – David Thompson, Sophomore	RG 70 – Todd Mulligan, Junior
RT 72 – O.J. McBride, Junior	RT 72 – Mike Musone, Senior
WR 9 – Dominique Stewart, Junior	WR 19 – DeWayne Long, Senior
Defense	**Defense**
DE 95 – Keron Williams, Junior	DE 97 – Adam Leeman, Senior
DT 57 – Justin Schweighardt, Junior	DT 86 – Josh Wurst, Junior
DT 97 – Jason Leonard, Sophomore	DT 78 – Chris Petrone, Junior
DE 52 – Jason Hill, Freshman	DE 56 – Mike Latek, Senior
OLB 56 – Charles Walker, Sophomore	OLB 27 – Ryan Miller, Senior
MLB 51 – Serge Tikum, Junior (Captain)	MLB 31 – Jared Nepa, Junior
OLB 29 – Brad Anderson, Junior	OLB 84 – Antrell Tyson, Senior
CB 26 – Tracy Belton, Sophomore	CB 3 – Brian Anderson, Senior
FS 34 – Shannon James, Junior	FS 12 – Andrew Moore, Sophomore
SS 7 – James Ihedigbo, Sophomore	SS 28 – Geoff Bean, Sophomore
CB 3 – R.J. Cobbs, Junior	CB 14 – Chris Williams, Junior
Special Teams	**Special Teams**
K 46 – Michael Torres, Sophomore	K 45 - Lane Schwarzberg, Senior
P 13 – Christian Koegel, Sophomore	P 93 - Jason Sutton, Sophomore
KR 11 – Jason Peebler, Senior	KR 2 - Garrin Rose, Sophomore
PR 87 – Nathanael Hasselbeck, Junior	PR 4 – Luke Graham, Senior

Minutemen set for 'Gate

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defending national runners-up, and carry with them a No. 4 overall ranking. Nonetheless, many members of the Maroon and White feel as though they were, and still are, the superior team and they will look to prove that on the field.

"I've still got a bitter taste in my mouth about what happened last year," junior safety Shannon James said. "I know we were the better team and we've waited a long time for our chance to prove that.

"Coach (Don) Brown already said that he won't have to say anything before that game. If you're not ready to play, there's something wrong."

"There's something down deep that each one of us has," Sophomore strong safety James Ihedigbo added. "There are guys on this team that have been waiting for this game for a long time, and [the Raiders] are going to feel something."

Offensively Colgate is led by a trio of talented skill players, including Walter Payton Award Winner Jamaal Branch. The 6-foot, 225-pound senior tailback rushed for 2,346 total yards in 2003, including 5.2 yards per carry and 145.4 yards per game, but was shut down by the Maroon and White in the teams' playoff match up.

Thus, it will be very important for Brown's defense to be able to contain the run throughout the game in order to keep the Raiders' offense in check.

"Branch isn't a flashy guy, but after awhile you look up and he has 100 yards," Brown said. "We need to be able to hit him early and often and keep him from wearing us down as the game goes along."

Equally as important to the 'Gate's offensive machine is multi-talented quarterback Chris Brown, who started all 16 games for Biddle in 2003 and was awarded the Andy Kerr Award as the team's most valuable offensive player after completing 223 of 395 passes for 2,832 yards and 22 touchdowns while running 154 times for 453 yards and nine touchdowns.

In his two seasons as a starter, the tri-captain boasts an 18-1 record with the lone blemish being a 40-0 loss to Delaware in last year's national championship game. He has teamed with fellow captain and senior wide receiver Luke Graham to form a very potent passing attack.

Graham, a second All-Patriot League selection for the team, is third in school history with 151 receptions, fourth with 2,448 total receiving yards and has also caught a pass in 30 consecutive games.

"We respect every football team we play and Colgate has a very good one. Our guys know that," Brown said. "We just need to execute our game plan on the field and not get too overrun with emotion and we'll give ourselves a chance to win this football game and become 2-0."



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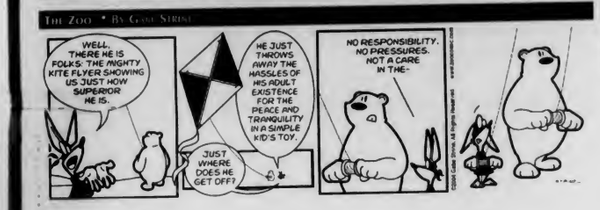
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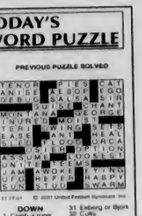
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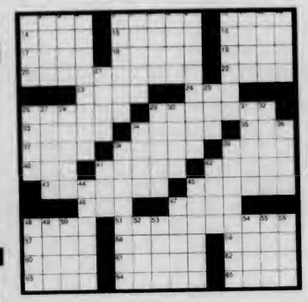
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PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED



ACROSS
1. Pupil's reward
6. Savory jelly
10. Killed
14. Wanderer
15. Koala
16. Distinctive air
17. Lincoln's st. in Rome
18. Pasta covering
19. Stop working
20. Fashionable
22. "The Mammoth Hunters" author
23. Cavalier comment
24. Drop the ball
26. Computer program
28. Summer flowers
33. All kidding
34. New days
36. Wedding announcement word
37. Tolerate
38. Bird's beak
39. Hurdled
40. Long, long time
41. Baubles
42. Device of old films
43. Forbids
45. Bug
46. Wool
47. Admonition
48. Use of the race
51. Light brown
54. Presses
59. Exist
60. Dance move
61. Seedless orange
62. British boys' school
63. Pouch
64. Cabin
65. Copenhagen

DOWN
1. Comb a rope
2. Hammer part
3. Help a burglar
4. Young Sussex
5. Soak up
6. Goes hang-gliding
7. Mope
8. Tingle
9. Buffalo hunters
10. Lawsuit
11. Question
12. Hula feast
13. Pennsylvania port
14. Banner
21. Merchandise
25. TLC problem
26. Plethora of mysteries
27. Custom
29. Complaint about
30. Tantrums
31. Iceberg or Bjorn
32. Coffs
34. Meet in St. Louis
35. — out; uses thrifty
38. Fabled monsters
39. Uptrend
40. Unrelenting
42. Shower maybe
44. Traffic shards
45. Dispute
47. Cheap restaurant
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Another crack at it

Minutemen look to avenge playoff loss against Colgate

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

The smile on Jason Peebler's face disappeared instantaneously. What began as a light-hearted interview during the team's preseason media day had turned serious, because someone had said the word.

Not just any word, but THE word. A word so terrible that it forms a hole in the Massachusetts football team's collective stomach every time it's mentioned. A word so offensive that it pumps adrenaline through the Minutemen at the mere thought of what it entails. Two syllables that have boiled the blood of the defending Atlantic 10 champions for the past 10 months for reasons they will never forget.

Colgate.

"If you're a UMass football player and you're not ready to play Colgate, you need to have your head examined," the senior captain said. "You get shivers just thinking about it. That's what football is about, big games like that.

"After what happened last year at Colgate up in the snow, it couldn't set up our season any better. Delaware State and then come back here under the lights against Colgate.

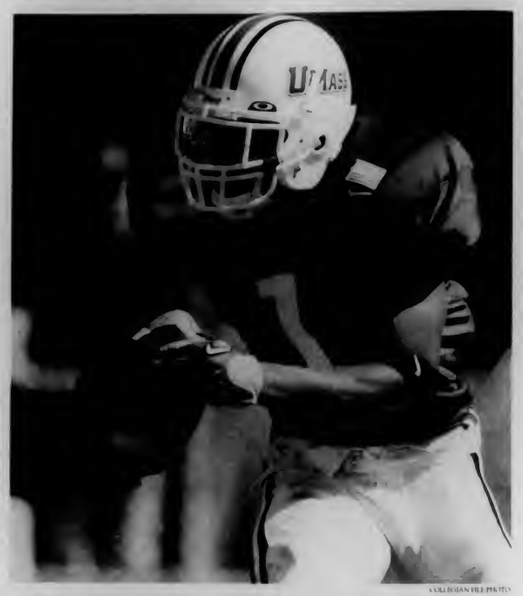
"I get these every time I even think about playing them again." UMass' top wideout then added, pointing to the goosebumps that had formed on his left arm. "I just can't wait to get on the same field with them again."

Kickoff is slated for 6 p.m at Warren P. McGuirk Alumni Stadium. Also, the university will honor members of the 1964 football team that played in the Tangerine Bowl prior to the game in addition to a fireworks display scheduled to follow the conclusion of the contest.

Having crushed Delaware State by a score of 51-0 to open their season, the Minutemen now indeed return home for the second night game in school history, and more importantly to face the team that knocked them out of the Division I-AA playoffs in 2003. UMass (1-0, 0-0 Atlantic 10) enters the game ranked No. 14 in the nation after vaulting five spots with the win over the Hornets.

Coach Dick Biddle's Red Raiders, meanwhile, will open their season on Saturday as the

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COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

Senior captain Steve Costello and the Minutemen will face Colgate on Saturday for the first time since the Red Raiders knocked UMass out of the NCAA Playoffs last season.

GAME DAY CENTRAL

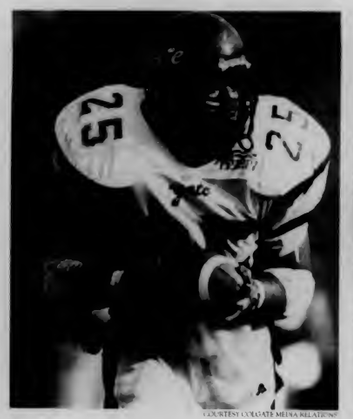
No. 4 Colgate	No. 14 UMass
10-0 Overall 0-0 Patriot League)	11-0 Overall 0-0 Atlantic 10)
Last Week: No Game	*Last Week:* Defeated Delaware State 51-0

Warren P. McGuirk Alumni Stadium – Amherst, Massachusetts (17,000)
Kickoff: 6 p.m.

Television: CN8 (Ed Berliner: play-by-play, Bob Norton: color commentary, Phil Burton: sidelines)

Radio: UMass Football Radio Network – WRNX 100.9 FM Holyoke, flagship (Bob Berlier: play-by-play, Doug White: color commentary, Johnson Owumi: sidelines)
UMass Student Radio – WMUA 91.1 FM Amherst (Derek Volner: play-by-play, Marc Bertrand: color commentary)
Colgate Radio – WKXZ 94 FM/99.3 FM Norwich, New York (Eric Malanowski: play-by-play, Scott Whyatt: color commentary)

Series record: Colgate leads 3-0
Last meeting: Colgate 19 UMass 7 (November 29, 2003 First Round NCAA Division I-AA Playoffs, Hamilton, New York)



COURTESY COLGATE MEDIA RELATIONS

Walter Payton Award winner Jamaal Branch gained only 59 yards in Colgate's 19-7 win over UMass on November 29, 2003.

A long-anticipated chance for revenge



Mike Marzelli

With just over an hour to go before the kickoff of their first round game in the 2003 Division I-AA football playoffs, the Colgate Red Raiders, undefeated champion of the Patriot League, were alone on their home field.

Why? Because the Massachusetts team bus very nearly plunged off the side of a mountain road while attempting to forge its way through the weather that prompted coach Mark Whipple to phone his wife and children and tell them to remain at the hotel, "rather than risking their lives" traveling to the game. By the time the Minutemen arrived, they barely had enough time to put on their uniforms, let alone prepare for the biggest game of the season.

Meanwhile, Andy Kerr Stadium — not to be confused with an actual stadium, but rather more like the school's back yard where they also happen to play football — was beyond repair. Frozen clods of mud and windwhipped heaps of snow replaced white-lined green grass. It was to the point that spotting the football became more of a wild guess then an exact science.

For a pair of teams coming off spectacular seasons, there could not have been a worse setting to play a make-or-break game.

By the time the Gate had escaped the first round with a 19-7 win over UMass, the joke had long since been on the Massachusetts football team. The 2003 Minutemen had gone 10-2

See **MARZELLI** on page 18

UMass flexes its muscles against Delaware State

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

DOVER, Del. – Consider the Massachusetts football team's transition to 2004 complete.

With new coach Don Brown watching from the stands and a new quarterback under center, the Minutemen kicked off the 2004 season in fine fashion, dominating Delaware State 51-0 before 1,125 at Alumni Stadium on Sept. 4.

UMass	51
Del. State	0

Brown, who was involved in a precarious legal situation following his departure from Northeastern, is not allowed to have any game-day contact with his players or staff for the first three games of the season, according to the settlement reached by the two schools.

"My staff did a great job as I was kind of left out of the loop today," Brown said. "I feel tremendous about the way our team responded. We're a family and we got through the first phase of this as a family."

UMass junior quarterback Tim Day, playing in his first game since 2002, set a new school record for efficiency by completing 17-of-19 passes (89.5 percent) for 290 yards and four touchdowns.

"Timmy really showed his ability to lead this team," Brown said. "He played within himself and made the throws he needed to make and just did an overall great job of managing the game and leading us to a win."

Wide receiver Jason Peebler also had a strong game for the Minutemen, catching five passes

See **RECAP** on page 18

UM drops pair on west coast

By Matt Barstow
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts men's soccer team will return home from last week's turbulent stint on the West Coast to host Maine at 1 p.m. Saturday, in its home opener.

After defeating the University of Montreal by a score of 3-0 and resulting in a draw with Notre Dame (0-0) during preseason matches, UMass' record dropped to 0-2 after facing potent offenses at San Francisco's annual Diadora Classic.

While at the tournament, UMass suffered consecutive losses at the hands of fifth ranked Santa Clara and the hosting San Francisco Dons.

On the first day of competition, Santa Clara jumped out to an early 3-0 lead and managed to fend off 15 Massachusetts shots to preserve the shutout. Sophomore Nick Billman of UMass tallied seven saves on the day, but had no answer for a swarming Bronco offense, which scored all its goals less than 10 yards from the net.

Santa Clara got on the board just 2:59 into the game, when Peter Lowry scored, assisted by Medhi Ballouchy. Ballouchy went on to score a

See **MEN'S SOCCER** on page 14

Minutewomen struggling early

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts women's soccer team is off to a slow start, but has begun to show some signs of improvement recently.

The Minutewomen stumbled out of the gate, dropping their first two contests at home to Boston University, 2-1, and Yale, 4-1. They also were defeated by a score of 2-1, in their lone road game against Fairfield.

The Stags took the lead early Sunday when the Minutewomen made the trek to Fairfield. Shannon Helm aided the opponent's cause, scoring on a rebound 11 minutes into the game. UMass goalie Kristin Walker made the initial save, but was unable to stop Helm's shot.

Fairfield's Meghan King managed to notch a second goal two minutes into the second half. King headed in a rebound of a shot that deflected off the cross bar.

UMass was only able to generate one goal, despite outshooting their opponents 12-7 and dominating the second half. This offensive attack was spearheaded once again by freshmen standout Britt Canfield. Canfield netted her second career goal at the 63:40 mark to bring UMass within a goal. Junior Lindsey Bellini set up the goal by sending the ball past the Fairfield defense. Canfield ran the ball down and pushed it past the goalie to the far post.

See **WOMEN'S SOCCER** on page 14

Field hockey falls to in-state rivals Harvard, Boston College

By Paula Aden
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts field hockey team (0-3) came up short against a pair of in-state rivals this week, and as a result begins the 2004 season on a three-game losing streak.

The Minutewomen were the first on the scoreboard in both games, but failed to keep up as Boston College and Harvard were winners by scores of 3-1 and 4-1, respectively.

The Maroon and White first traveled to Waltham to play the Eagles. Senior Caitlin Beresin scored the first goal of the season for UMass with 23:52 left in the first half, assisted by sophomore Kwylan Jaggassar.

Less than two minutes later, Sara York answered with an unassisted goal to tie the game 1-1 with 22:07 left to play in the first half. Within the next seven minutes, the winning and insurance goals were scored for Boston College. Assisted by Tara Fernandes, Bronwen Kelly scored the game-winner exactly three minutes after York's tying

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MATT KRUG • COLLEGIAN

Sophomore midfielder Marije Tigchelaar winds up for a shot in the Minutewomen's 4-1 loss to Harvard at Garber Field.



Phantom Planet opens up their new 'Cellar Door'
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SPIRE woes continue; Registrar is unsure when service will be available for students



MATTHEW GUAY • COLLEGIAN

Students work in the basement W.E.B. DuBois Library yesterday. UMass students continued to have difficulty accessing the SPIRE system last night.

By Erika Lovley
Collegian Staff

University of Massachusetts Registrar Elizabeth Pyle says that officials are uncertain when SPIRE, the self-portal system that provides the University community with online access to grades, housing status, and class enrollment, will be in full working order.

"I think it's getting here, it's just been so frustrating for everyone in general," said Pyle. "I know patience is wearing thin."

"We've had people working around the clock," said Edward Blaguszewski, director of UMass news and information. "We are experiencing more serious problems than we anticipated."

The SPIRE system continued to provide "intermittent service" according to the Office of Information Technology Web site and the University's homepage.

ccording to Pyle, the SPIRE system was purposely closed yesterday to all students, providing access solely for faculty and administrators to make department transactions. This provided a low traffic audience to test several new adjustments that were made to the software over the course of the day. Student access was scheduled to resume by 7 p.m. last night until 8 a.m. this morning.

"We have to see how [the changes] work on a small volume of folks," said Pyle. "We're all curious to see how it goes."

Full student access should be available over the weekend, if the adjustments go smoothly. However, officials cannot pin point exactly why the upgraded SPIRE system has failed. Blaguszewski says that outside hacking or viruses are not to blame.

"Problems always occur when you are implementing major software. You never want or expect a problem of this magnitude to occur," he said.

Although the new system upgrade was implemented and sent through a battery of tests in early August, Blaguszewski says there are still issues that need to be resolved with the software.

"It's not like we plugged [SPIRE] in at the beginning of the week and hoped something happened," he said. "We have been working on it for quite a while."

OIT officials are working with Peoplesoft, the UMass information server system that SPIRE is a part of, to determine whether the crash was caused by a user overload due to the large numbers of people trying to access the system, a software glitch, or a combination of both. Officials are hoping to gain some answers by monitoring the system's reaction to lower amount of traffic until 7 p.m. today.

However, for many students, the SPIRE system is rendering their first week of classes almost useless. Pyle says that while the majority of students are registered for their core classes, a small percentage are not

See **SPIRE** on page 3

Injured student upgraded

By Erika Lovley
Collegian Staff

A 21-year-old female student was upgraded from critical to serious condition at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield after being struck by a motor vehicle on Commonwealth Avenue Wednsday night.

According to boyfriend Bill Webber, 35, junior Lisa Shiozaki was jogging in the "jogging lane" near Boyden Gym when a 1994 Red Mercury Sable traveling south struck her. University of Massachusetts Police Chief Patrick Archbald is unable to release the name of the driver without further investigation.

"This was not a hit-and-run accident," said Archbald. "The operator [of the vehicle] did remain on the scene and has been identified."

Webber said Shiozaki sustained severe injuries, including several fractures, two in the lower left leg, and one in the upper leg. She also suffered a fracture and abrasions to the face, and a crushed mouth with several missing teeth. Police are still investigating what speed the vehicle was traveling when it struck Shiozaki.

Archbald said that Shiozaki ran across Commonwealth Avenue and the car was unable to stop in time. Shiozaki was thrown onto the vehicle's hood and rolled up onto its windshield, according to Archbald.

UMPD received several cellular phone calls around 9:45 p.m., and responded within moments. Upon arrival, officers found Shiozaki conscious and able to speak. Amherst Fire Department to Baystate transported her, after officers realized that she was in critical condition.

According to Edward Blaguszewski, director of news and information at the UMass News Office, numerous students were leaving the Mullins Center after attending the Russell Simmons event and witnessed Shiozaki run from the east side of the street to the west side to join some friends near the playing fields by the Mullins Center, where she was then struck by the car. Blaguszewski said the UMPD investigation might take up to 72 hours to complete.

The accident is still under investigation by the UMPD who has plans to interview at least five witnesses.

"I can't report whether or not there will be any citations," said Archbald. "We are still gathering statements to hear [Shiozaki's] position."

In the hospital Shiozaki was reported to be in stable condition and resting at 5 p.m. last night. In a phone interview with the Daily Collegian, Webber said that his girlfriend says she does not remember much of the accident.

"[She remembers] she was jogging in the jogging lane and she was pretty far away from the road, five or six feet," said Webber. "She looked at her watch and the next thing she knew she was in the hospital."

Shiozaki is originally from Kawasaki, Japan, and resides on campus in the Lewis Dormitory of the Northeast Residential Area. Webber said that her mother still lives in Japan, and will be arriving to see her daughter on Friday night or Saturday. She has a brother who is a freshman at Colby Sawyer, and a sister who attends school in Montreal. Shiozaki is expected to be in the hospital from anywhere from two to six days.

However, Webber says Shiozaki, a linguistics major, is anxious to return to UMass.

"The bottom line is she feels frustrated, upset and depressed because she's really a stellar student," he said. "She was excited to start school and is worried about fulfilling her obligations."

9/11 survivor rocks the vote

S. Praimnath tours for Bush

By Brian Duffey
Collegian Correspondent

This is part of a series on 9/11.

"I don't feel fear anymore, there is no fear in my heart." After narrowly escaping from the eighty-first floor of the South Tower on September 11, 2001, Stanley Praimnath is grateful to be alive. "Each day I have is a blessing," he says.

Three years ago, Stanley watched in disbelief as United Airlines Flight 175 invaded his workplace, leaving the wing twenty feet from his desk. Tucked under his desk in the fetal position, Mr. Praimnath began to pray. Desperate and afraid he screamed out, "Lord send somebody, anybody."

He managed to crawl from his desk to a ten-foot high sheetrock wall, carefully avoiding a collapsed ceiling and dangling wiring. The jet fuel from the plane had made it hard to breathe and the visibility was poor. He reached the wall and was greeted by a voice. Brian Clark, who stood on the opposite side of the wall, instructed Praimnath to jump. Unable to successfully clear the wall, Stanley punched through the sheetrock and was pulled through the hole by Clark.

Both physically and mentally shaken, they descended arm in arm towards the exit. On their way to the ground level they encountered a man with a broken back and major head injuries. He was bleeding badly and screaming hysterically, "Please tell my wife and baby I love them." A security guard on the scene refused to leave the injured man. Both of these men perished. Excluding emergency personnel, Stanley Praimnath and Brian Clark were the last two people to safely leave the South Tower before it collapsing.

Stanley returned to work one month later at Mizuho Corporate Bank, where he is an Assistant Vice President in the loans department. Yet



COURTESY ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stanley Praimnath, a survivor of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, is touring the country in support of President Bush's campaign.

Stanley says he will never be the same. "I experience a rollercoaster of emotions, emotional turmoil on a daily basis." Mr. Praimnath has recurring nightmares, as well as fits of claustrophobia and hyperventilation. He has received counseling, but found it to be ineffective.

Stanley says he receives therapy by traveling the nation and telling his tale of survival in churches, universities, and interviews. He says he uses these speeches and interviews as a tool to spread the word of God. "If you call on God with all your heart, mind, body, and soul; he will answer and intervene on your behalf," says Praimnath. Stanley has served as a Sunday School Superintendent and Men's Group Leader at the Assembly of God Church in Queens, New York.

At a time when the nation is divided on the president's tactics to thwart terrorism, Stanley says, "If the president did not do what he did, we would be in worse shape. I feel we're much safer as a people now." Current U.S. polls on homeland security do not unanimously support Stanley's claim. Praimnath wholehcartedly supports the military action in Afghanistan, but is somewhat skepticel about the Occupation of Iraq.

As the country prepares for the upcoming election, Praimnath feels "the war on terrorism should be the primary issue. "I will be voting for Bush, he brought closure to me," says Stanley. He contends that he does not belong to a particular political party, but says, "I'm for the man making the right decisions." Stanley does feel that John Kerry is a worthy candidate. Despite an enormous national debt, lack of job growth,

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UMass professor Mednicoff cited for course in terrorism

By Jeremy Dirac
Collegian Correspondent

This is part of a series on 9/11.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — University of Massachusetts professor David M. Mednicoff received a national award Thursday for his course "Explaining terror" in which he teaches about the Sept. 11 tragedy.

Among those who chose to award the professor were family members of 9/11 victims. Mednicoff said that he developed his course because he saw that students were shaken by 9/11 and wanted to help them to understand why it happened.

Mednicoff said he believes that people ought to understand the importance of an informed citizenry.

"We are perceived by many people in the world, sometimes unfairly, and perhaps sometimes fairly, as being different than we think that we are," Mednicoff said. "We need to pay attention to what our government is doing here and abroad so we can avoid to some extent the horrible events that 9/11 draws home to us."

In his award winning course, offered last semester — and to be offered again this semester — Mednicoff wants students to explore different political explanations for 9/11 and to come to their own conclusions about why it happened.

"There's a lot of misinformation [about 9/11]," Mednicoff said.

The award was given to Mednicoff by Dickinson College of Carlisle, Penn. and the Smithsonian National Museum of American History at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. The two institutions gave Best Practice awards to four teachers – elementary through college levels – on Thursday, Sept. 9 at the "Teaching 9/11: The Role of the Media, Museums, and Schools in Constructing National Memory" conference.

Before receiving their awards Mednicoff and the other award winners first participated in a panel discussion, "Teaching 9-11."

The moderator was Alison Zimbalist, senior producer for The New York Times Learning Network. Eugene W. Hickok, the Deputy Secretary of Education at the U.S. Department of Education, provided keynote comments.

Other award winners included Robert Peterson of La Escuela Fratney Elementary School, in Milwaukee, Wis., Tracy Paxton of Rivermont Collegiate Middle School, Bettendorf, Iowa and Masato Ogawa of Ontario High School, Ontario, Ore.

Mednicoff's response to the award included saying that he felt he was accepting the award on behalf of Middle Eastern professors more generally. He went on to say that the University has, "very good people teaching Middle Eastern history and politics," but said that one, "can never have too many people teaching ..." and regrets that the type of course he offers limits the number of students able to take his class.

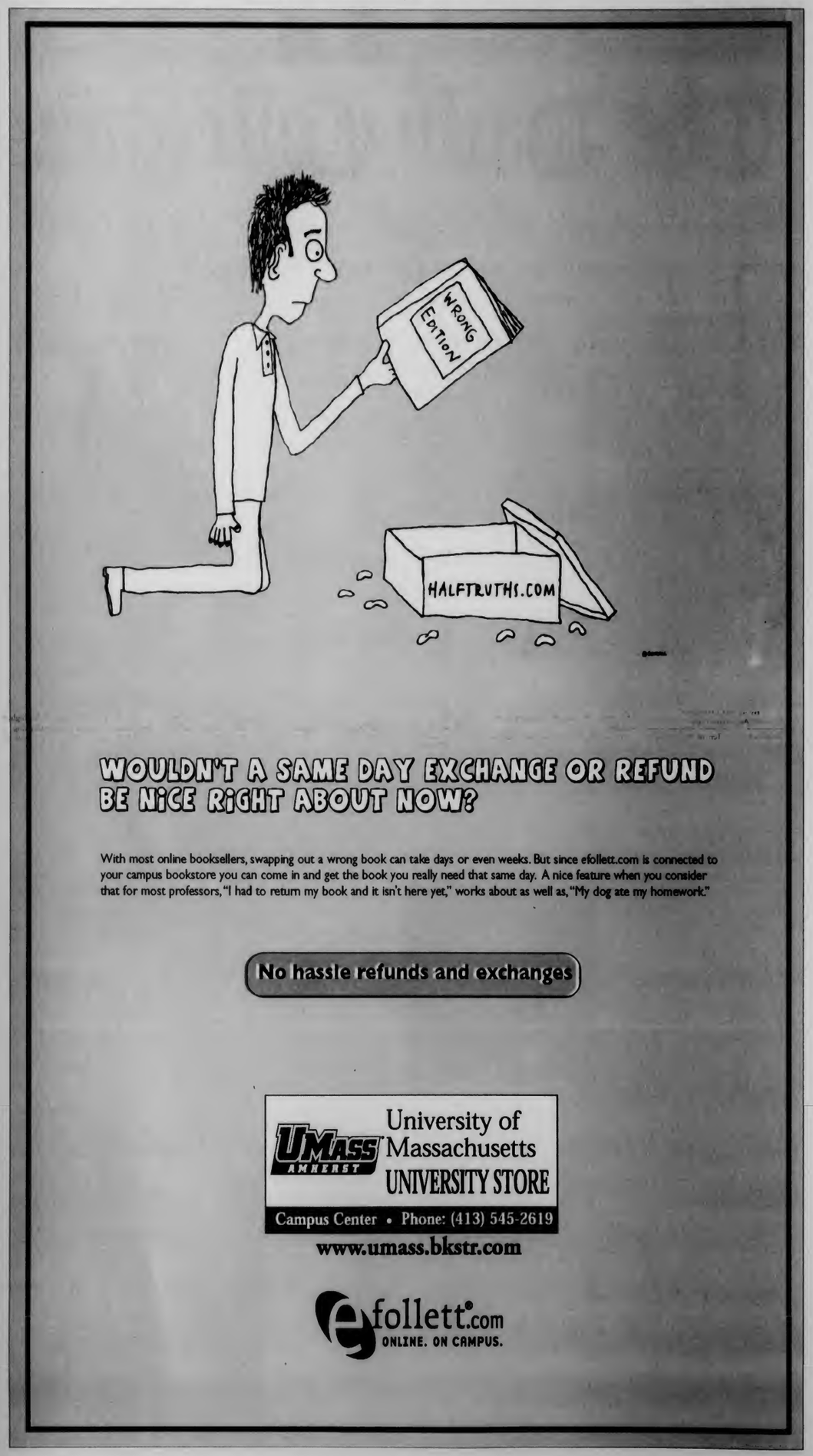
Mednicoff is an assistant professor of Legal Studies and an adjunct assistant professor in the Department of Judaic and Near Eastern Studies. He is also involved with the UMass Program in Middle Eastern Studies. Mednicoff has a background in Middle Eastern politics, international and comparative law, human rights and globalization theory.

He attended Princeton and is currently finishing his PhD at Harvard. While his extensive travels have taken him to over forty countries, his extensive experience in the Middle East includes working as a lawyer in Egypt, and studying as a Fulbright scholar in Morocco. Other honors that Mednicoff has received include a Lilly Teaching Fellowship and The College of Social and Behavioral Science's 2004 Outstanding Teacher Award.



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Professor David Mednicoff, shown here with his daughter, recently received a national award for his course in global terrorism.



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Ivan whacks Grenada

By Harold Quash
Associated Press

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada — Hurricane Ivan intensified Thursday, heading straight for Jamaica and possibly Florida with 160 mph winds after it killed at least 20 people while pummeling Grenada, Barbados and other islands. U.S. officials ordered people to evacuate the Florida Keys.

Foreigners began fleeing Jamaica, where officials urged a half million people to evacuate coastal and flood-prone areas.

Widespread looting erupted in St. George's, Grenada's capital, and dazed survivors picked through debris and tried to salvage remnants left by the storm. An Associated Press reporter watched people taking televisions and shopping carts of food from warehouses.

Troops from other Caribbean nations were on the way to help restore order in Grenada, where the country's police commissioner said every police station was damaged.

The most powerful hurricane to hit the Caribbean in 10 years damaged 90 percent of the homes in Grenada, killing 13 people there, and destroyed a 17th century stone prison that left criminals on the loose, officials said.

Ivan was expected to reach Jamaica by Friday and Cuba by the weekend, the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said.

Tourists and residents also were told to evacuate the Florida Keys because Ivan could hit the island chain by Sunday. It was the third evacuation ordered there in a month, following Hurricane Charley and hard on the heels of Hurricane Frances.

Hurricane Ivan strengthened early Thursday to become a Category 5 on a scale of 5. It packed sustained winds of 160 mph with higher gusts as it passed north of the Dutch Caribbean islands of Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao.

Four children also drowned after they were swept into the sea from a beach in Santo Domingo, capital of the Dominican Republic, nearly

"The children were in front of the sea when it seems a gigantic wave dragged them into the Caribbean Sea," said Jose Luis German, a spokesman for the National Emergency Comm-ission. Authorities there closed part of the seaside Malecon drive, where massive waves washed over the road.

Jamaican leader P.J. Patterson urged his people to pray.

"We have to prepare for the worst case scenario. Let us pray for God's care," Patterson said Wednesday night. "This is a time that we must demonstrate that we are indeed our brothers' and sisters' keeper.". Ivan is the second major hurricane of the 2004 season.



Courtesy Associated Press

Officials survey the wreckage left in the wake of Hurricane Ivan in Grenada yesterday. Ivan's winds reachced 160 m.p.h.

U.S. airstrikes force seizure of Iraqi land

By Robert H. Reid
Associated Press

BAGHDAD — American warplanes struck militant positions in two insurgent-controlled cities Thursday and U.S. and Iraqi troops quietly took control of a third in a sweeping crackdown following a spike in attacks against U.S. forces.

More than 60 people were reported killed, most of them in Tal Afar, one of several cities, which American officials acknowledged this week had fallen under insurgent control and become "no-go" zones.

Nine people, including two children, were reported killed in an airstrike in Fallujah against a house, which the U.S. command suspected of being used by allies of the Jordanian-born terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

The robust strikes came during a week in which nearly 20 American troops were killed, pushing the U.S. military death toll in the Iraq campaign above 1,000.

President Bush received a National Security Council briefing on Iraq early Thursday from Gen. John Abizaid, U.S. Ambassador to Iraq John Negroponte and other top officials. White House spokesman Scott McClellan refused to say what they told Bush of the surging violence.

In a statement, the U.S. command said military operations around Tal Afar were designed to rid the city of "a large terrorist element that has displaced local Iraqi security forces throughout the recent weeks."

The U.S. military said 57 insurgents were killed in the attack on Tal Afar, a northern city near the border with Syria that lies on smuggling routes for weapons and foreign fighters. The provincial health director, Dr. Rabie Yassin, said 27 civilians were killed and 70 wounded. It was unclear whether those reported by the Iraqis as civilians were counted as insurgents by the Americans.

Late Thursday, the regional government's television station reported U.S. and Iraqi government forces had agreed to allow medical teams to enter Tal Afar to care for the wounded but that military operations would continue "until the city is liberated from outsiders and saboteurs so that peace can be restored."

"Fighting went on throughout the night in three streets of Tal Afar between U.S. and Iraqi forces on the one hand and the resistance on the other," said Bushar Mohammed, a teacher who fled the city with his family.

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Ten militants identified in Russia



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President Vladimir Putin and Minister Rashid Nurgaliyev meet in the Kremlin yesterday. Nurgaliyev also reported to Putin that directors had been appointed for anti-terrorist commissions in the North Caucasus region, which includes Chechnya.

By Maria Danilova
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Ten of the militants who seized a school in southern Russia have been identified and six were from Chechnya, security officials said Thursday, drawing a strong connection to the Chechen insurgents who have been fighting Russian forces for years.

None were Arabs, despite the government's contention that Arabs were involved in the hostage-taking last week in the North Ossetian town of Beslan, which ended in gunfire and explosions that killed more than 350 people, many of them children.

According to the officials, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, the other four militants came from Ingushetia, which is sandwiched between North Ossetia and Chechnya and was targeted in brazen coordinated attacks against police that killed 90 people in June. The presence of Ingush raiders threatens to inflame long-standing tensions between Ingush and ethnic Ossetians, who are the majority in the republic.

President Vladimir Putin and Russian investigators have said about 10 of the roughly 30 attackers were Arabs, but authorities have not publicly provided evidence of the assertion. Officials who spoke Thursday made no mention of Arabs being among the militants.

Russian officials repeatedly have cast the military campaign in Chechnya as part of a war against international terrorism - a battle they say Western countries have hindered by granting asylum to Chechen figures and questioning Kremlin policy in Chechnya.

To push the point that Russia is a victim of international terror - and not just of violence spawned by the Chechen conflict, which critics say Kremlin policies have aggravated - Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov met with Rudolph Giuliani, mayor of New York City when al-Qaida suicide attackers struck the World Trade Center in 2001.

"When our Western partners urge us to rethink our policy and tactics in Chechnya, I would advise them not to interfere in Russian internal matters - which they do by granting asylum to terrorists who are directly to blame for the tragedy of the Chechen people," Lavrov said after the meeting.

He did not name specific countries, but Russia was particularly angered by Britain's granting of refugee status to Akhmed Zakayev, an envoy for Chechen rebel leader Aslan Maskhadov, and by U.S. asylum for Ilyas Akhmadov, who Maskhadov named his foreign minister while he was Chechnya's president in the late 1990s.

In comments published Thursday in the newspaper Vremya Novostei, Lavrov said: "Granting asylum to people involved in terrorism - and Russia has documented evidence of this - not only causes us regret but also effectively undermines the unity of the anti-terrorist coalition."

"We are far from accusing the leaders of major countries ... of deliberately preserving this double standard," he said. "But the inertia is still very strong."

Giuliani said that when Americans mourn the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks on the third anniversary Saturday, they will also think about victims of "this most current act of terrorism," referring to the school seizure.

"Even though these are things that you hope and pray don't happen and you realize that are very tragic, this will bring our people together, because we have been through something very similar," Giuliani said.

In Washington, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said President Bush has asked his top advisers to determine how authorities would handle a similar attack on an American school to ensure adequate coordination in the "unlikely but possible" chance of such an event in the United States.

Illegal drug use down; teens take prescriptions

By Siobhan McDonough
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Fewer American youths are using marijuana, LSD and Ecstasy, but more are abusing prescription drugs, the government reported Thursday.

The 2003 National Survey on Drug Use and Health also found that youths and young adults are more aware of the risks of using pot.

The study did find a 5 percent decline in the number of 12- to 17-year-olds who say they ever have used marijuana. Among 12- and 13-year olds, current marijuana smokers - those who said they used it within a month of the survey - declined nearly 30 percent.

"It is encouraging news that more American youths are getting the message that drugs are dangerous, including marijuana," Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said.

The survey was based on in-home interviews with 67,784 respondents age 12 and older. The margin of error for the survey is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

For youths 12 to 17, use of Ecstasy and LSD in the year leading up to the survey dropped significantly - 41 percent for Ecstasy and 54 percent for LSD. The study, which also included adults, found that overall nearly 20 million people 12 and older use illegal drugs.

But there was a 20 percent decline between 2002 and 2003 in the number of youths described as "heavy users" of pot - meaning they smoke daily or at least 20 days each month.

Rates of tobacco use, however, remained fairly constant among all age groups. Almost 30 percent of people 12 and older reported that they had used it in the past month, compared with 30.4 percent in 2002.

People 18 to 25 continued to have the highest rate of current use of cigarettes - 40.2 percent, compared with 40.8 percent in 2002.

Among boys age 12 to 17, 11.9 percent reported current cigarette use, down from 12.3 percent in 2002. There was a bigger dip among girls in that age group. Some 12.5 percent reported they had smoked cigarettes in the past month, compared with 13.6 in 2003.

Survey results on alcohol use showed little change in the number of binge and heavy drinkers. About 54 million people 12 and older binged - five or more alcoholic drinks - at least once a month. Also, 16.1 million people were termed heavy drinkers, described as consuming five or more drinks on at least five separate occasions in a month.

People 18 to 25 showed the highest prevalence of binge and heavy drinking.

"Obviously, we have a long way to go when it comes to smoking and even more so when for underage drinking," said Charles G. Curie, administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. "It remains a stubborn and destructive problem."

The study also found that more people had tried prescription pain relievers who did not need them for medical reasons. The most striking increase was a 15 percent rise in prescription drug abuse by people 18 to 25. In the broader population of 12 and over, 5 percent more people took those drugs recreationally.

The study found that young people who were exposed to anti-drug messages outside school took notice, with rates of current pot use 25 percent lower than those who did not get those messages.

And youths who believed their parents would strongly disapprove of marijuana used it 80 percent less than others.

Spire continues to struggle

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registered for any classes at all.

Despite the rumor that the Add/Drop period (the amount of time students have to add or drop classes on their schedules without penalty) would be extended, Pyle says that the deadline stands at Tuesday, September 21.

"We have a whole week and a half to figure out how quickly we can get back on [SPIRE]," she said. "Most students are just making small adjustments."

Students are still urged to attend the classes they wish to register for, even if they are not yet in the class. Updates on class times, locations, and availability are listed on the UMass Registrar's Web site under a downloadable PDF document labeled "Registration and Schedules".

Starting this morning, officials are planning to refresh information from SPIRE, such as class availability, every few hours so students do not attend classes that are already full.

"Anyone can use [the PDF document] throughout the day," said Pyle. "It's someplace to go that isn't SPIRE."

9/11 survivor tours country

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international hatred, and ongoing uncertainty in Iraq; recent polls show that the majority of Americans share Stanley's presidential preference. This lead by Bush was bolstered by last week's Republican National Convention. Experts expect this lead to dwindle in the coming weeks.

Mr. Praimnath has finished a book recalling his harrowing experience entitled, Plucked From the Fire. It is available at Rosedog bookstores and at Rosedog.com. Stanley says he forgives the individuals responsible for his pain, but he'll never forget them.

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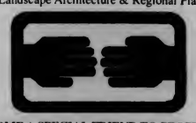
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Freshmen future 101

Matt Brochu

I would like to take this opportunity to be the first to thank this year's freshmen class for choosing this amazing institution to be the site for the advancement of their higher education. As a recent UMass graduate, I can wholeheartedly guarantee that four years from now you will emerge a drastically different human being, eight semesters older, eight semesters wiser and absolutely no closer to getting a decent job in the real world than you are today. When all is said and done, you will be $60,000 poorer and your liver will probably look a lot like Trachelle did after she flew head-first over the handle bars of that bike in "The Gauntlet" but hey, that's the price of an education these days.

What it comes down to is the fact that freshmen year is like going through puberty all over again. You'll be seeing hair in places you haven't seen hair before (feminists with unshaven armpits, guys experimenting with cheesy goatees, and the mashed potatoes at the dining hall). You'll be gaining a ton of weight in a very short period of time (Busch Light + D.P. Dough delivery – Varsity Field Hockey = Freshmen 15.) Then your hormones will be seeping into body parts you never knew existed. Anyway, to the Class of 2008, the following is your future, and there isn't a damn thing you can do about it:

You will go to class, take notes, and eat at the dining hall. You will fall asleep in class, borrow that cute brunette-whose-name-you-can-never-remember's notes, and get diarrhea from something you ate at the dining hall. You will be best friends with your roommate for the first month, get annoyed with her for playing that JoJo song 42 times a day, and eventually meet your real best friend and future roommate who lives down the hall. You will open up your refrigerator, hung over on a Sunday morning in hopes of stealing the last Poland Spring water bottle before your roommate wakes up. That water bottle will actually be filled with your roommate's leftover Poland Spring vodka, and he will wake up to you throwing up all over yourself.

Your cell phone will ring (the OC theme song) in the middle of CompSci 105 because your roommate feels the need to keep you updated every time he goes to the bathroom. You will have one poster that always falls down (never while you're in the room) no matter how much double-sided tape you apply. You will pass out with the official UMass recycling bin next to your bed, because, apparently, puke isn't being recycled enough these days. You will put up an away message that says something along the lines of "Naked and Wet" when you're in the shower, because apparently that's a clever way of saying it and has never been done before.

You will yell, 'I'm Rick James, bitch!' at a party and people will give you weird looks, partly because he's dead, but mostly because that was so last year.

You will get lost in the Morrill Science buildings. You will burn microwave popcorn at least 5 times, one of which will set off the fire alarm (and if you live on the 19th floor of John Quincy Adams... well, have fun with that). You will realize that the molasses/soy sauce crap they put on the sidewalks to melt snow on campus is absolutely useless after you fall on your ass in front of a large tour group. You will pay the $10 House Council Fee and not use the vacuum cleaner once.

You will yell, "I'm Rick James, bitch!" at a party and people will give you weird looks, partly because he's dead, but mostly because that was so last year. You will think about declaring your major roughly 87 times and end up not doing it at all because the walk is too far. Your forehead will get drawn on with permanent marker, most likely in the form of a penis or a funny word like Hoobastank. You will not notice this until your final look-in-the-mirror-before-class and you will be 10 minutes late because you couldn't wash the damn thing off. You will talk to your friends from home on AOL Instant Messenger roughly 41 seconds fewer every day than you did the day before. You will visit one of these friends at their respective schools and come home swearing, "she's changed" (translation: she has more friends at school than you do).

I guess I'll stop there and let you write the rest of your history yourselves, but I'll leave you with this: your high school career was dominated by what everyone else thought of you – their short-sighted preconceptions about your personality, your reputation, and your arbitrary position in the social food chain. Unfortunately, those preconceptions were usually misconceptions, and even more unfortunately, they just so happened to precede you at all times. As you walked through those familiar halls each day, you may have been seen as "the dork", or "the YGLM" (young girl with loose morals), or "the kid that crapped his pants in gym class that one time," and there was nothing you could do about it.

But the moment you arrived here and unpacked your parents' SUV, you left those things behind. The Etch-a-Sketch has officially been shaken, and each new person that enters your life gives you a chance to turn the knobs and reveal a new ragged mess of bent-ass lines representing the person you see in the mirror every morning. So if I could offer you one piece of advice, it would have to be this: the left knob is for horizontal, the right is for vertical, and no matter what, do not attempt this during bumpy car-rides.

Welcome to the best four years of your lives, kids. Now don't f*** this up.

Matt Brochu is a UMass graduate student.

Neighboring schools seem miles apart

Ben Feder

Amherst College has always been down the street from the University of Massachusetts. To get from one school to the other it's about a 10-minute walk or five-minute bus ride. Along with many of my fellow students, I've never really paid attention to our neighboring campus and I'm sure the same is true for their students when thinking of UMass. With these schools in such close proximity though, why isn't there a close relationship or maybe even a healthy rivalry?

The overlying truth, which I discovered, is that students don't really understand why there isn't any interaction between the schools, but they certainly recognize that the distance is there. When asking students why there is distance, I received a variety of answers all pointing to a big, overlying "I don't know." A senior UMass communication disorders major, said, "I think the fact that I don't have a single friend at Amherst and the college is like 5-minutes away sort of says something."

Junior Megan Bannon believes that, "UMass students never need to go to anything on (Amherst's) campus because UMass provides enough entertainment."

When I brought this question to Amherst College, I got similar responses. Three Amherst College students, wishing to remain anonymous, said that they rarely think about UMass and find that students from both schools don't really care. "Most people do not really think about things outside their immediate personal world," said one student.

Another replied, "It's really weird that the two schools are so close yet they both ignore the other's existence."

I feel the reason why this lack of connection occurs is because the students feel that their school and the type of students there are radically different. UMass, a public institution, has a large student body of about 24,000, while the private Amherst College has approximately 1,500 students. "UMass is a lot larger than Amherst and we don't have much in common," said a senior UMass student.

UMass definitely offers a wider range of programs when compared to Amherst College but UMass' research facilities and larger course offerings bring Amherst students to UMass every semester. Still there is little intimacy between the student bodies.

There is a chance for interaction though since this area we live in is entirely unique. The Princeton Review advertises that one of the advantages of the schools in the Five-College area is opportunities provided by the consortium. Academics aside, students can mingle, play, and get involved with these other campuses on many levels besides using their libraries. Plainly put: in a 15-mile radius there are 35,000, 18 to 22-year-olds running around. You'd think common ground, or at least hormonal ground, would be found somewhere.

Stereotyping is driving a rift between the two schools. I spent my earlier years believing Amherst College students were all boring, studious, rich kids with a stuck up intent on being antisocial. It was not until I attended an event at Amherst and met some great people whom, to my surprise, were much like average B-students such as myself. When presenting the stereotype idea to individuals their responses were as cliche as mine.

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Jonathan Korhonen, a senior at UMass said, "Amherst College is much smaller, you have to be smart, and have to have dough to go there, thus, there is a smaller percentage of hooligans." Whereas for UMass, he adds, "there is more diversity here since we get students from both sides of the spectrum."

Amherst sophomore Ryan Simpson said, "I think there's a looming stereotype that is rumored to be true," says Simpson. "For all those who haven't set foot onto Amherst College, it is assumed that we are all stuck up smart kids who don't know how to have a good time."

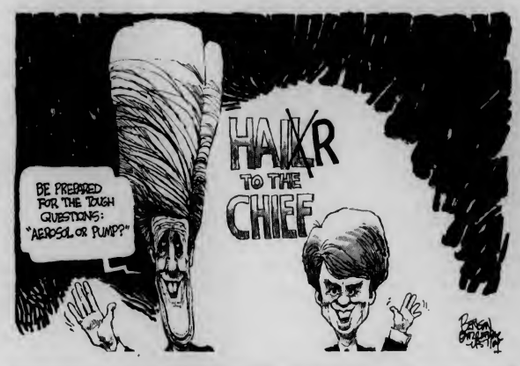
When outside the campuses though, are these distinctions as evident? "When I'm downtown or something, I don't look at students and say, 'they go to UMass, they go to Amherst,'" said a UMass student. "I think they drive nicer cars and can afford higher tuition, but I don't know how that really affects their personalities, if at all."

Does the nightlife affect social interaction then? "You won't hear of someone who doesn't go to a UMass party because they think it will be lame. Instead, our reputation attracts people," Korhonen said, adding, "whereas for Amherst College, I don't think the same applies." However, UMass Senior Curtis Killian says, "Amherst College parties are crazy; the classic 'whole dorm partying in the halls' type thing."

So, it couldn't be the party atmosphere that separates the schools. As evidenced by these statements the stereotypes currently in circulation about the two institutions are completely unfounded. Gather any group of college kids on a Saturday night and class barriers will break down in the interest of having a good time.

Overall my investigation only leads to more questions. I find it hard to believe that these two schools are completely incompatible and that the students can't interact with each other. Maybe due to lack of communication or sheer laziness, students find indifference is the easiest solution. But to those reading this, since a new school year is beginning, go visit the other schools and see what awaits you there. You might be surprise in what you'll find.

Ben Feder is a Collegian columnist



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PART OF THE PROBLEM OR THE SOLUTION?

I have always felt that I should treat every woman as the princess they are. Every woman out their is someone's loved one (mother, sister, partner, daughter, friend) and should be interacted with accordingly. I know that the ones in my life deserve to be respected and appreciated, not victimized and demoralized, and it should be everybody's maxim to continue these thoughts.

I am an educator/advocate and volunteer at the Everywoman's Center and I strongly believe that women's violence and victimization is a problem that men must make a stand against. So guys, please show respect and honor to any woman you meet here, or anywhere else, by asking for consent and not forcing anything that she does not want to do.

Jim Darling
UMass Student

SOGGY WEATHER

Another wet dey has come and gone at the University of Massechusetts. The irregular spurts of rain only contributed to the hectic first days of class. Many freshmen, me included, were unprepared for the wet weather without an umbrella. The frantic dashing to classes, left students only hoping that the fifteen-minute window to get to class fell between the periodic downpours. The rain also caused many freshmen to become more wet than necessary, while stopping at the Locator Service to figure out the direction of their next class or making an extra stop at Whitmore to find out which classes they had, due to SPIRE being unavellable.

The rain is not only making it an obstacle to attend class, but also hindering the excitement of meeting new people and exploring our new home. There ere no people playing Frisbee in the queds, and the freshmen welcome party in Southwest was even canceled last night. The idea of walking into town is nixed, avoiding puddies and deshing from store to store takes the fun out of that idea. As for walking to the textbook annex: are buying books really worth another wet change of clothes? Even a soggy trek across campus to chill with a friend in another dorm holds little appeal, the uncomfortable wet clothes upon arrival definitely takes away from the enjoyment of hanging out. Then you heve to deal with knowing you will just have to venture outside and get wet again.

With the weather and computer complications making the first days of class difficult and unappealing to attend, as well as hindering the ability to readily make new friends or participate in outdoor welcoming activities. I must admit I am still enjoying the start of my new life at UMass. That being said, I now heartily welcome the dry forecast of tomorrow.

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Phantom Planet survives without Schwartzman

By David Pessah
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The full spectrum of the Phantom Planet's lifespan was on display at the Pearl Street Nightclub in Northampton on Wednesday as they delivered an energy filled show of songs spanning their entire career.

Talk about Phantom Planet with most people and they will exclaim, "Yeah, I like that song California." When the band agreed to lend their ode to the west coast to the Fox television show "The O.C.," it became the one thing they were best known for. This may be a blessing for a band that lost their star staple when "Rushmore" actor Jason Schwartzman left the band before they recorded their self-titled new album, but listeners would surely miss out if they let that song be their only Phantom Planet experience.

The show took place in the Pearl Street basement, providing the underground music scene ambiance that indie rock is best played in. Though the attendance seemed slightly lacking – apparently the O.C. is not big in Northampton – the band didn't seem to care and even looked as if they were having a great time playing to the intimate crowd.

Alex Greenwald, the bands lead singer / guitarist entered first, standing alone on stage softly beginning the set with "By the Bed" from their recent release. This was before the rest of the band came on stage to bring the song to a full crescendo. Wearing the indie rock uniform of ripped jeans and thrift store tees, guitarist Darren Robinson, drummer Jeff Conrad, and bassist Sam Farrar

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Eve starts off a new year with a change of heart



Original Sin
Eve

Why do the guys in my life always seem to call when it's too late? Do they have an intuitive alarm system that sets off on the day I really and truly forget about them? There might have been only one guy left in the back of my mind that I had secretly been waiting to hear from. The day that I did hear from him, everything changed.

One day the phone rings and my heart stops. It was him, the one and only ex that I had fallen hopelessly in love with, the one and only guy who destroyed my heart, my trust and my overall happiness, and the one and only guy I had yet to get over. So naturally, I cleared my throat and answered. "Hello," I say casually. "Hey, how are you?" I deliberately pause for a moment before answering, "Um, hi. Who is this?" I smile to myself, knowing that must have hurt, but it has been a year since we broke up and since I'd heard from him so why would I still recognize his voice? "It's me, silly. I was just calling to see if you wanted to meet up. I've been thinking about you a lot lately and I thought we could have a cup of coffee together sometime. Is a half an hour enough time?" I looked at the clock and then at my outfit. My heart was racing and my body shaking. There would be absolutely no time to look perfect for our first casual coffee after a year of a not so casual break-up. But oh yeah, I hate him, remember? "Sure. That sounds great," I said. "I'll meet you there in 45 minutes."

Why did I agree to see him? I don't know. But as I drove toward him it became clear. This will be my closure, maybe even our closure, although I didn't really care about his feelings on the matter. I needed to be entirely selfish. I had questions and he would be the only one to answer them. As I pulled into our use-to-be coffee place, I quickly checked myself in the rear view and adjusted my top. My hands were cold and wet and I could barely stomach the idea of seeing him.

As I stepped out of my car, there he stood, smiling bravely and embracing me even more bravely. I had an overwhelming urge to shake his phony, arrogant smile right off of his not-so-amazing-anymore face. But I looked over his shoulder instead and said, "Well I see your nose hasn't gotten any smaller." Rolling my eyes, I retracted, "well, it's great to see you too." I flash him an obnoxious smile and can't help but blush. "Come, let's take a walk." I nod and follow him. Every two steps that I took, I repeated my well-practiced mantra: 'He's a manipulator, a liar, a cheater. Never go back. Never go back.'

It worked. I once again felt the anger rise throughout my body and all of the unanswered questions took alphabetical formation. I sat down on a nearby bench and turned to him. "Sit down. I need to talk and you need to listen." He looked annoyed but I didn't care. So I began and I didn't stop for an hour. Even though the conversation was saturated with pain, anger and lots of whys, he listened and responded, and I got my answers.

He opened his arms gave me a long, heart-felt, emotional, i-miss-your-feel hug. He wouldn't let me go. After a minute he still wouldn't let me go. I struggled uncomfortably and said, "Okay, um, I have to go now."

He walked me to my car and the following week he invited me out for a drink. I said that I was busy and I think he got the point. Something within me had changed after our conversation. I gained a feeling of freedom, a repaired heart. It was one of the most incredible feelings I had only dreamt about in the past. He sighed as if he felt something. "Sorry," he said. Thankfully, I felt nothing. Not even the smallest tinge of emotion. I then looked at him and wondered why I had ever fallen for him to begin with. I was over it. "It was nice to see you. Good luck in what you do," and I walked away, loving every moment of my new realization.

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jumped around and ripped through impressive instrumentals. Farrar even decided to jump on top of a large speaker mid set. As he ducked his head to avoid hitting it on the basement ceiling, he performed what was the most impressive bass instrumental I have ever seen.

The show belonged to Greenwald though. He sang into the microphone with an extreme passion for each lyric in an almost erotic style, as someone had mentioned. Whether he was slowing it down for moments like an acoustic/electric version of "The Anthem" or playing his guitar while lying on his back on the floor, or even furiously banging on the drums himself as the new single "Big Brat" closed the set, he proved he could hold the audience's attention with more than just his singing.

The band played most of the songs from "Phantom Planet" in their two-hour long set as well as some unreleased songs and very early material. The crowd sang along with almost every word.

"You are the first crowd that knew the words to that song," Greenwald exclaimed after the band played one of its early songs. He was clearly impressed by the bands knowledge of their material.

Covering material from their previous album, "The Guest," Greenwald played the excellent "Lonely Day" before he stopped the set to explain to the crowd that they were about to play an old concert staple. Before they could start though, the crowd was told to ask him how he was doing. After the necessary count to three, the crowd screamed the question and Greenwald answered the call with, "everything is OK. Everything is Fine," from the song "Nobody's Fault."

Throughout the show Phantom Planet acted as if they were a bunch of high school kids playing a show to friends in their parent's basement and they seemed to love every minute of it. This helped to prove that the band could be successful without Jason Schwartzman. Their stage presence connected with the crowd for an extremely enjoyable experience with the non-jaded musicians.

And yes, Phantom Planet played "California," and it rocked.



Phantom Planet members having fun before band member Jason Schwartman left to persue other projects.



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John Vanderslice makes a name for himself with 'Cellar Door'

By Nick Romanow
Collegian Staff

Just about every self-proclaimed indie-rock loving kid has heard John Vanderslice – they just don't know it. Aside from being a musician in his own right, Vanderslice owns and operates his own recording studio, Tiny Telephone, and has produced, mixed, and collaborated with acts from Beulah to The Mountain Goats and Death Cab For Cutie. Now, as his peers are growing bigger and bigger, Vanderslice has released his fourth and best album.

John Vanderslice
'Cellar Door'
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"Cellar Door" is a collection of organic, lo-fi pop songs with a post-millennium electronic edge. The guitars and melodies are mixed alongside keyboards and drum loops to create a full, wholly original sound. But make no mistake; Vanderslice is no electronic artist.

"I'm definitely more analog," Vanderslice remarked with no hesitation during an interview with the Collegian conducted during his tour stop in Boston, "I love computers and I love what computers have brought to musicians, but I like recording on tape better. It's linear. It's fixed. It's so archaic there's something beautiful about it. I think people have too many options and ... the less options the better. It's easier to be more focused creatively if you have less options."

Limiting options has certainly worked in Vanderslice's favor as over the course of his solo career (he started off in a self-proclaimed "obscure" rock band called MK Ultra) his albums have gotten progressively stronger and stronger. On "Cellar Door" Vanderslice achieves a type of musical and creative balance that few artists ever can. He seems very assured in what he is doing, but he doesn't rely on formula. All the songs come together to form a cohesive album but nothing blends together in a generic wash.

Vanderslice's lyrics are also stronger then ever. He has proven that he can be both a master storyteller and also capable of revealing and autobiographical songs. While Vanderslice is very open with the fact that films influence many of his songs, (the album's name is taken from "Donnie Darko") it is often hard to tell which songs are real and which are fiction.

"The songs are probably my most autobiographical but I try to mix it up because I don't want my family or my friends to know specifically what I'm talking about so I try to muck it up. I don't want to be too honest because that's harsh," Vanderslice laughed.

Some songs on the album are even more openly fictional. "Promising Actress" takes its plot and chorus from David Lynch's "Mulholland Drive." "When It Hits My Blood" is a first-person tale of drug addiction, told by the main character from "Requiem For A Dream."

"There is some reality in every song. Every song has like 20% reality, 20% fiction, and a bunch of bullshit," said Vanderslice.

Vanderslice's mixture of truth and invention works perfectly. Every song has a raw emotional core and the listener has no choice but to feel for the narrator. "Up Above The Sea" is a story of a scared man who tempts fate and questions a visiting bird. "They Won't Let Me Run," a song Vanderslice says is inspired by '50s movies, is a compelling account of a small town couple who only want to

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By Monique Jemmott
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As if the beginning of the semester isn't stressful enough, we then come to the age old question that has plagued mankind for decades: "what's new on TV?" It's quite an appropriate question when you think of all of the time the average American spends with their beloved tube.

The scope of primetime Television has been quite formulated for the past few years, consisting of the reality TV phenomenon, the blue collar drama and the show that appeals to the twenty-somethings. This season doesn't seem to look much different, but the only difference is that our TV's saving grace, Carrie and the "Sex and the City" gang are no longer there to look to for solace.

Yes, it's true. After six years our Sunday nights will never be the same. There will be no witty banter from Miranda, no sexcapades from Samantha, no hopeless romanticism from Charlotte, and no soul searching from our favorite heroine Carrie. We knew it was coming, we thought we prepared ourselves for it and although we have TBS and DVD boxed sets to keep memories alive, the fact remains the same: their will forever be an absence in our Sunday nights. So what are we to do in this time of TV reformation? What any great survivor would, adapt and find alternatives for our "Sex fix" and hope for the best.

And maybe it's doable. Although we know nothing can ever come close, we sure can try to patch the hole in our hearts. Instead of "Sex" on Sunday nights, we now have more time for the likes of our favorite yellow family, the Simpsons, now in their 14th season. "The Simpsons" is the longest running sitcom on TV and for good reason. Rediscover this legendary TV show with its new season starting in September on Fox at 8 p.m.

When speaking of dearly departed TV shows, Friends is privy to an honorable mention. Although the characters are now off on their individual journeys, at least one friend is still in the spotlight: "Joey," the new NBC sitcom is a spin-off from "Friends." It follows Matt LeBlanc's lovable character Joey to the sunny shores of Los Angeles as he continues to pursue his acting career. Joey will fill in the friends Thursday night spot at 8 p.m. on NBC, followed by our favorite modern-day odd couple "Will & Grace" which remains in its 8:30 p.m. spot.

What would a rundown of a TV lineup be without the mention of reality TV? This fall, supermodel Tyra Banks is back with her third season of "America's Next Top Model," the reality TV show that scours the country looking for the next big face in the modeling world. Catch "Top Model" on the UPN, Wednesday nights at 8 p.m.

Also in the realm of reality TV is the return of "The Apprentice." "The Apprentice 2" will feature more cutthroat execs, more tasks, more firing and more drama. "The Apprentice 2" will air Thursday nights on NBC following "Will & Grace" and "Joey."

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Shown above is the album cover of Vanderslice's new release, "Cellar Door."

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escape their families.

"Heated Pool And Bar" finds the narrator and his family members as various morally ambiguous military characters. The verse about a guard who tortures prisoners of war is, in light of recent events, even more shocking and thought provoking.

Despite the darker emotions and themes that permeate the album, "Cellar Door" is not an overbearing affair. "Coming And Going On Easy Terms," one of the album's very best tracks is groove-laden and airy, despite the fact that the lyrics are about a father being told that his son might be dead. The chorus screams of fear and despair yet is as catchy as any happy-go-lucky love song.

Perhaps it is the fact that Vanderslice avoids clichés and presents the unexpected that makes "Cellar Door" so great. It is sad, yet bouncy, stripped down, yet intensely layered. The songs all hit you immediately but still reveal themselves upon further listens. Vanderslice throws trademark sounds and sonic ideas throughout the album – including his own unmistakable voice and delivery – while pushing himself further then ever before.

Though his previous efforts are nothing to scoff at, "Cellar Door" is far superior to anything Vanderslice has ever done before. If this is what Vanderslice keeps in his "Cellar Door," then the living room must have some truly remarkable stuff.

Pats take top spot in our season preview

NFL from page 12

(9) Jacksonville Jaguars* (10-6): This is another team that will shock some people this year. They have a very blue-collar defense that will knock some finesse teams around such as…

(11) Indianapolis Colts (9-7): The Patriots exploited the Colts last year the same way they did it to the Rams in the Super Bowl. The demise of the Colts begins now.

(22) Houston Texans (6-10): This team has the talent to win nine games in most divisions, but they are stuck in the AFC South, the most difficult place to play in football. This is a playoff team next year and a championship contender in two years.

AFC West

(7) Kansas City Chiefs (12-4): Same team as last year. Good. Defense can't be any worse than last year. Good. Stuck in a terrible division. Good. They still have no shot at the Super Bowl. Bad.

(18) Oakland Raiders (9-7): Their defensive line with Warren Sapp, Bobby Hamilton and Ted Washington will carry this confused defense. They still aren't as good as their record because of the lame division they are in.

(19) Denver Broncos (8-8): I understand that defense wins championships, but how many championships did Champ Bailey win in Washington. Clinton Portis will be one of the best five running backs in the NFL for the next six seasons. Send Mike Shanahan to Donald Trump's office. He's fired.

(31) San Diego Chargers (4-12): I hate to see such a great talent in LT go to waste. He will be responsible for all four wins. If he goes down early, this team may not win a single game this year.

NFC East

(6) Philadelphia Eagles (10-6): Terrell Owens is the Alex Rodriguez of football. He is one of the most talented guys in the league, but he is too much of a distraction and constantly makes the people around him underachieve.

(17) Dallas Cowboys (9-7): Somehow, someway, this team will win nine games. Even with Vinny Testaverde running the show.

(21) Washington Redskins (7-9): How many years in a row have we heard that the Redskins will have a great year? How many years has Dan Snyder owned the Redskins? Here's a hint: it's the same answer for both questions. Talented individuals don't win games in the NFL anymore. Good teams do. Good luck in 2007 when you have $30 million against the cap in penalties alone. This will be a team of replacements once again.

(28) New York Giants (5-11): They were terrible last year, and they haven't upgraded at a single position this year. I hope Eli and his family are happy in a New York City basement.

NFC North

(8) Minnesota Vikings (10-6): Will this be the year the Vikings put two solid halves together? No, but I don't see a 6-2 followed by a 4-4, either. Mediocrity all around in a poor division. By the way, Mike Tice is still the most brain dead coach in the league.

(13) Green Bay Packers* (10-6): I hate to see it happen, but Brett Faav-rah has seen his last good days in a uniform.

(25) Detroit Lions (6-10): They improved themselves dramatically through the draft, but can this young group of talent be able to win any games without a proven leader?

(26) Chicago Bears (5-11): Rex Grossman isn't the answer here; neither is Lovie Smith.

NFC South

(4) Carolina Panthers (11-5): They have a swagger about them that has lasted since the Super Bowl. The undefeated preseason showed just how serious the Panthers are about staying away from VH1's next one-hit-wonder countdown.

(12) Atlanta Falcons (9-7): "Can Mike Vick stay healthy?" is the biggest question in sports right now. If he does, the Falcons are an obvious playoff contender. You didn't need me to tell you that. By the way, congratulations to Marcus Vick on your suspension from Virginia Tech. Mike is now one more injury away from making brothers Vick the most disappointing duo in sports history.

(14) New Orleans Saints (9-7): Another season. Another set of high expectations. Jim Haslett's coaching job may not last the season if New Orleans regains its "Aints" form from years past.

(24) Tampa Bay Buccaneers (6-10): The bigger they are, the harder they fall. Warren Sapp was a mighty big man.

NFC West

(2) Seattle Seahawks (12-4): They aren't going to surprise anyone with a quick start this year. They are just going to flat out pummel teams.

(10) St. Louis Rams* (10-6): Kurt Warner definitely wasn't the answer for this team (or any team for that matter), but Marc Bulger is as careless with the football as Martha Stewart was with her stock tips.

(29) Arizona Cardinals (4-12): They'll win four games. Most teams do.

(32) San Francisco 49ers (2-14): Joe Montana couldn't solve the problems within this organization. What is my solution, you ask? Make the 49ers play the Chargers. The loser of the game is banned from football completely. The winner has a permanent spot in NFL Europe.

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On anniversary, sports are our best way to remember

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possibly forget about 9/11 needs to do some serious soul-searching, for their own humanity. But to steal an unfortunate battle cry from the Bush Administration post-9/11, if we don't get on with being Americans, with being people again, then we truly do "let the terrorists win." We would be giving terrorists everywhere the satisfaction of knowing that the greatest country in the world could be brought down by their acts, turned into a place of anxiety, tension, and hostility.

And so, we come to the third anniversary. Saturday is the beginning of the next chapter of post-9/11 American life. There are remembrances scheduled to take place everywhere. Vigils, religious services, and other forms of public grieving will mark the day, as they should.

However, in the spirit of regaining the America that was lost on that day, we can also turn to celebratory events to further our rehabilitation. To suggest that a sporting event will heal all wounds would be shortsighted, but even on this campus, there are a number of opportunities to congregate with other people, to be joyful, to celebrate our own existence and the unique aspect of human spirit that athletes bring to the playing field.

The Massachusetts men's soccer team plays at 1 p.m., and the football team plays under the lights at 6 p.m. The games are not going to be played in spite of the context of the day. Rather, they should be a part of it.

Few things capture the ideals of America as well as sports. Competition, hard work, and camaraderie are lessons we learn by playing games together, and they are qualities that often go hand-in-hand with the American Dream. So it is not rude or uncaring of us to attend and enjoy sports tomorrow. In fact, it is a perfect response to the acts of 9/11. Large, happy crowds of people, cheering on the home team (or the visitors, should you be visiting from Maine or Hamilton, N.Y.) are a perfect image of the good things about sport, and the good things about America.

We will never forget what happened three years ago. But perhaps, by spending tomorrow in the stands and on the field, we will be able to commemorate the day of tragedy and heroism, of sadness and courage, with the one thing that we've proven will never be brought down by terrorist acts: the American spirit.

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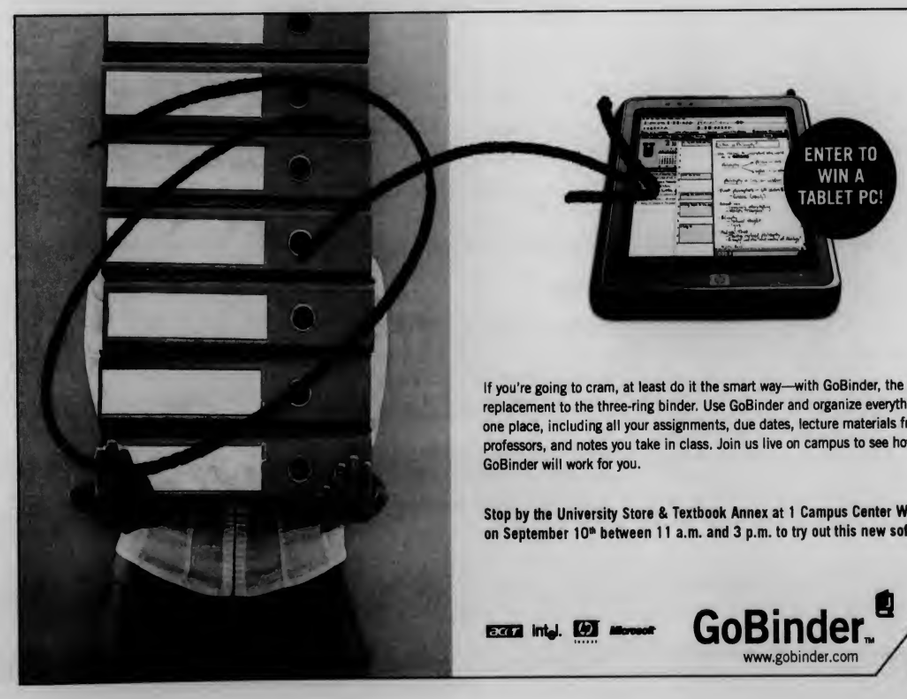
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Katelyn Woolfrey plays a ball during the Minutewomen's opening game against Harvard. UMass (0-3) travels to Maryland tomorrow to face the Terrapins at noon. On Sunday, the Minutewomen meet up with American University before returning to Amherst.

Federer soaks Agassi

On his way to 3rd major final

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Andre Agassi sat alone, staring blankly at an Arthur Ashe Stadium doorway, the silence punctured by the rustling leaves on nearby trees.

Soon, he'd walk through that exit, his U.S. Open done with a 6-3, 2-6, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3 loss Thursday to top-ranked Roger Federer in a quarterfinal, suspended by rain early in the fourth set the night before and wrapped up in the worst of swirling winds.

In those idle moments on a lobby bench, there was plenty for the 34-year-old Agassi to contemplate. The immediate past: How did that match slip away? And the future: How much longer do I want to put in the work it takes to compete?

"My game plan is to play until I can't do it," Agassi said. "I certainly want to be able to assess my level of play, and at some point my level of play will dictate my decisions. But as of right now, I'm trying to win tournaments, and I believe that with that focus, I can still do that."

The eight-time major champion certainly gave Federer all he could handle, stretching a man 11 years his junior to the limit. It wasn't gorgeous tennis, but it couldn't possibly be with gusts approaching 40 mph.

Picked up by the chair umpire's microphone, the wind provided a thunderous bass-line to a soundtrack that included the ruffling of shirts and empty cups clattering in the stands. Towels flew off changeover chairs, and a let was called when a silver hot dog wrapper slid by Federer's feet during a rally.

With a point here and there making the difference, Federer was superb, breaking Agassi in the next-to-last game and displaying the win-the-big-ones instinct he's developed. The Wimbledon and Australian Open champion has won 10 straight tournament finals; he's 15-0 against top 10 players since November.

Federer's first U.S. Open semifinal will be against another player never this far at Flushing Meadows: No. 5 Tim Henman, who beat No. 22 Dominik Hrbaty 6-1, 7-5, 5-7, 6-2. On the other side of the draw, 2001 Open champion Lleyton Hewitt overwhelmed Tommy Haas 6-2, 6-2, 6-2 to set up a semifinal against defending champ Andy Roddick or No. 28 Joachim Johansson, who played at night.

Hewitt was remarkably efficient, making 10 unforced errors, but Haas might have come up with the shot of the tournament. At 5-1 in the third set, Haas sprinted from the net to the baseline and, his back to the court, smacked a shot between his legs that zoomed over the net. When Hewitt volleyed, Haas deposited a passing shot, then reared back on his heels, raised his arms, looked to the sky and swung an uppercut, celebrating as if he won the match.

One game later, though, Hewitt did win, making the Open's semifinals for the fourth time in five years. He hardly seemed harassed by the wind.

"You had to be patient and mentally tough out there and not let it bother you," Hewitt said. "I didn't really let it worry me at all."

Agassi was trying to become the oldest Open champion since 1970. Instead, Federer moves on in pursuit of his third Grand Slam title of the season, something done just twice in the last 30 years: by Mats Wilander in 1988, and Jimmy Connors in 1974.

"He's a little bit older than me, but he's not 50 or 60," Federer said with a smile. "He can still run and play, he can win tournaments, and he can beat the best."

Agassi was shocked in the first round at the French Open, and he pulled out of Wimbledon with a bum hip. But he played well in U.S. Open tuneups, beating Roddick and Hewitt en route to the Cincinnati Masters title.

Bad luck won't bring them down

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players. From then on, things were never the same in the 2003 season.

If the Minutewomen are going to make a statement, it will have to be through contain-ing Best and junior Jackie Wishoski, two of UNH's most skilled players.

The overly aggressive Wishoski (three goals, six points) has been the team's leading goal-scorer since she came into the program in 2002. Last season saw the forward from Malden, Mass. put herself in UNH's record books, setting new single-season all-time highs in goals (18) and points (41).

The former America East All-Rookie also set an America East tournament single-game record when she racked up five goals and one assist for 11 points in the first round against Northeastern, as well as the record for most tournament goals (six).

"She's everywhere, all the time," Rudy said. "She is a real package to handle."

Bonds wary of comparisons to greats

By Joe Roderick
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — Barry Bonds seems truly uncomfortable when placed among the pantheon of greats in his profession.

Last week while in Atlanta, Bonds was informed that Hank Aaron had told reporters several hours earlier that he thought Bonds was, "one of the greatest hitters that ever played the game."

"I don't know about that," Bonds said almost sheepishly, as if he was being transformed to the skinny left fielder that broke into the major leagues in 1986.

Two home runs shy of joining the 700 club—with only two members: Aaron and Babe Ruth—Bonds recently gave a rare glimpse of his inner thoughts as he neared another milestone.

"I'm amazed by all of this right now," he said. "I'm amazed by it all."

Comparisons between Bonds and Aaron, and Bonds and Ruth, pop up daily on Internet sites and appear regularly in newspapers throughout the country. Those comparisons, however, seem meaningless when Aaron, the all-time home run king with 755, said there is no comparison.

"No question about it. You have to put it in context, that he's probably one of the greatest hitters that ever played the game," Aaron said. "I've heard some people say (it was) Ted Williams, and Ted was great. Of course, Ted was the last player to hit .400. But who knows? If they pitched to Barry, he might hit .450.

"I'm sure it's going to be argued and debated among sportswriters and others, people would say Babe Ruth was the greatest, and I wish them all the luck in the world, but you have put Barry a little past Babe Ruth."

And even Aaron?

"Oh yeah," he replied. "He'd have to be the greatest hitter I've seen or heard of."

Harmon Killebrew, seventh on the homer list with 573, did not disagree with Aaron.

"With all the records he's approaching, you've got to say that. He's a great player," Killebrew said. "Not too many people thought 700 homers was a mark many people would get to. He's done it in quick fashion."

Said Andre Dawson, a former MVP who finished with 438 homers, "You've got to consider him the greatest of all time because of what he's been able to do in the latter part of his career, not the early part. That's phenomenal in itself and worthy of consideration, because players usually do it early and tail off at the end. It's been the other way around with him."

Former teammate Matt Williams said, "We all wish we had that kind of talent."

While Aaron seemed genuine in ranking Bonds a little ahead of himself and Ruth as a hitter, statistics tell a slightly different story.

Although Bonds has played 4 fewer seasons than Aaron, he also has 1,059 fewer hits. With 1,833 RBI, Bonds trails Aaron by 464 and Ruth by 380. Bonds has played 3 fewer seasons than Ruth.

Bonds, whose .300 lifetime batting average trails Ruth (a .342 career hitter) by 42 points and Aaron (.305) by five, leads Aaron in on-base (.441-.374) and slugging (.610-.555) percentages. But Ruth compiled .474 and .690 marks, respectively, clearly superior to Bonds.

Bonds wishes the comparisons between himself, Aaron and Ruth would cease, at least until he's finished playing. He's 58 from tying Aaron's home run record, a mark he should break in 2006, and the biggest obstacle he's likely to encounter being how often opposing managers will pitch to him.

Aaron, as Bonds knows, faced an entirely different set of circumstances: racial tension because Aaron was chasing a home run record held by a white icon. Death threats were common, and hate mail was voluminous.

"I don't think any of us will have that same situation," Bonds said. "I don't think you can even compare. Different era, different time. It was probably a lot harder for him than it is for us, a lot harder."

Bonds knows Aaron has nothing against him possibly breaking the home run record.

"To have Hank there, to have our great minority athletes support our other minority athletes, that's important to all of us," Bonds said. "No one understood (what he went through). A lot of the older writers know.

"Hank is always going to be our mentor, just like Jackie Robinson and the black athletes before us who went through the Negro League and couldn't participate in the major leagues at that time. They're the stepping stone to why the rest of us are here now. They'll always be our leaders, regardless of what we do. They're the ones who opened the doors for us. To me, they'll always be number one."

As it now stands, Bonds' all-time stats aren't quite on par with Aaron's or Ruth's. But if greatness can be measured by the impact one player had on his era than Bonds may stand alone at the top. He is the all-time leader in walks (2,264) and intentional walks (585), and he is five shy of breaking his single-season total of 198, set in 2002.

His 101 intentional walks shattered his record of 68, also set in '02, and they more than double Willie McCovey's standard of 45 that stood for 33 years.

No player has been pitched around more than Bonds has, and it's why Atlanta Braves manager Bobby Cox recently called him "the most terrifying hitter" he's ever seen.

While Aaron was surrounded in the lineup at times during his career by Hall of Famers Eddie Mathews and Orlando Cepeda, Bonds has made do in recent years with Edgardo Alfonzo, Marquis Grissom and J.T. Snow - solid but not marquee players.

"It depends on how you look at it," Aaron said. "You take, for example, Michael Jordan. He was great, but he made other players around him great, and they couldn't focus on him. The same thing with the kid (Derek Jeter) over with the Yankees.

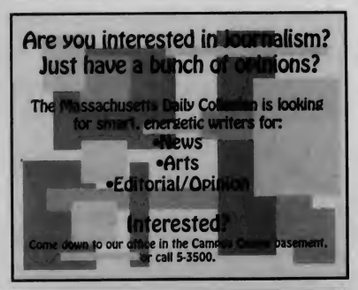
"When I played I was always in the mix of very good hitters, and maybe it's because they fed off me. I had Mathews and (Joe) Torre and Rico Carty and Cepeda. That always helped.

"Now you look at Barry and you see all the stats and all the things that he's accomplished, you have to marvel at some of the things he's done simply because he hasn't had the luxury of having great players around him."

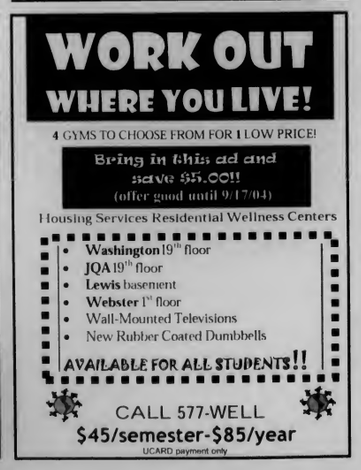
Yet, Bonds has continued to produce at a stunning rate over a four-year span, shattering single-season records in homers, slugging percentage and on-base percentage while closing in on his second batting title in three years—all this after he turned 38.

"There aren't adjectives to describe what he does to me," Reggie Jackson said at an All-Star function. "I played. I know what it takes. I don't know who plays on his team. Edgardo Alfonzo, is that right? Jack (J.T.) Snow, Marquis Grissom. All those players helped him? It's somebody hitting behind him? I don't know how you calculate it. Nobody is as naked as he is."













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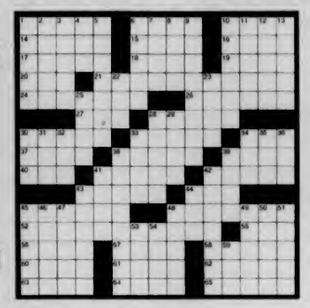
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UMass prepares to Bear down

Minutemen and Maine face-off in home opener

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

After traveling over 3,000 miles across the country to lose to two of the most talented teams in the nation, the University of Massachusetts men's soccer team is back home.

And they'll be here for a while.

The Minutemen will kick off a five game home stand tomorrow against the Maine Black Bears, with the opening touch scheduled for 1 p.m.

UMass is sure to be pleased with the extended home stand after suffering back-to-back losses to Santa Clara and the University of San Francisco, respectively, in the Diadora Classic. The Minutemen gave up a total of six goals on the weekend, an odd turn of events for a team that prides itself of defense.

One question for UMass will be whether it starts Nick Billman or Colin Burns in the net. Both keepers gave up three goals in their last starts, amidst an onslaught of 37 shots over the two games.

Tyler Pagano was the only goal scorer for the Minutemen with an unassisted turnaround shot against San Francisco. Pagano also had four shots in the game, with two on the net.

The Maroon and White have not had its offense going on full cylinders since last season. Its only explosive performance was a 3-1 route of the University of Montreal. Oral Bullen and Richard Higa will flank with Pagano tomorrow, in hopes of snapping their offensive slump.

Higa was one of the only Minutemen to have any attempts on goal, with two shots on goal against San Francisco, his first start of the season.

Maine (0-1-1,) is coming off mixed results in their recent Black Bear invitational, which included, the Cal Poly Mustangs, Quinnipiac, and Army. Maine suffered a loss to Army and tied Cal Poly scoring only one goal over the two contests. Cal Poly ended up winning the tournament with a 1-0 win over Army.

Adam Chenault was the only member of the Black Bears to score a goal, and was one of two players to be named to the all-tournament team from Maine. Senior midfielder Matthew Bernal, who had two shots in the tournament, was also given the honor.

One of the main weapons that the Black Bears possess is senior forward Justin Stockford, who had a total of three shots in the contests, all on goal. Stockford has been a staple in the Black Bear offense over the past few years and head coach Travers Evans will be looking towards him to pick up and motivate the rest of his offensive unit.

The most impressive performance from Maine came from their keeper, Chad Mungeon. Mungeon, a 6-foot-5 stopper out of Vermont, had 14 saves in his two appearances this year and used his size to preserve Maine's tie with Cal Poly.

Both Maine and the Minutemen had a stellar off-season of recruiting, both bringing in talent that will get into the action immediately. Neither squad has a large core of senior experience, thus tomorrow will be a good glimpse of what the future holds for both squad.

The Black Bears have brought in a very offensively minded group, headed by Seth Byers, a 6-foot-1 forward out of Cincinnati. Byers had played for the University of Wisconsin last year, but transferred to Maine, with hopes of adding to its offense.



Ernie Billittier chases down the ball during the 2003 campaign. Billittier and the Massachusets men's soccer team take on Maine tomorrow at Rudd Field.

Games can be our new memories



Andrew Merritt

Three years ago our country, our way of life, and indeed the world, changed in a matter of hours on an otherwise bright Tuesday morning. There is no corner, no crevice, no nook of the United States of American that hasn't felt in some way the impact of that awful day, and the horrendously malicious acts that marked it.

That includes the sporting world, which was thrown into turmoil about how to proceed. Some had to justify playing games just days after the attacks of Sept. 11; some had to grieve with the loss of coaches, teammates, and friends.

When the games could finally be played, when we could finally turn our eyes away from the wreckage in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania, sports became a safe haven, a brief but happy diversion from the terrible nature of the world at the time. When the teams took the field, it was not as much a sign of moving on, as simply a sign of the stubborn hope, so characteristic of America, that we would survive, that we would still go about our daily lives.

In the three years since Sept. 11, our country has grown and changed in innumerable ways. We are more anxious about large, public gatherings, we are more serious about every possible link to terrorism, we are not as happy-go-lucky as we were on Sept. 10, and with good reason.

There is one exception, however, and that is sports.

We still play, watch, and treat our sports with the same fervor as before. The Red Sox and Yankees still sell out their games, and autumn Sundays are still filled with the cheers and excitement of professional football. Even the first Olympic Games to take place after 9/11 were marked more by their incredible competitions and athletes than the terror scares we all feared might arise in Greece. Sports, in many ways, have moved on.

The first anniversary of 9/11 was a nationwide day of grief. The names of the victims were read aloud at Ground Zero, news channels devoted almost the entire day to recapping all that happened in the wake of the attacks, and chapel bells rang here on the University of Massachusetts campus. We were again made to realize that we are a nation that grieves together. Just one year removed, Sept. 11, 2002 was a painful, somber day.

Last year, we began to move on. We didn't all come together as one — at least not to the degree that we had one and two-years prior. We went about our daily lives. Liberals went back to bashing President Bush for the War in Iraq, conservatives went back to bashing liberals for bashing Bush, and while the images and memories of 9/11 were still etched in our minds, as they always will be, the feeling was not as sharp. For those of us who weren't directly affected, Sept. 11, 2003 was not the same as the previous anniversary, it was not a day to drop everything and grieve, and perhaps that is a good thing.

We tend to stretch out our emotions in this country. We take a single victory, a single tragedy, and make it a week, month, or year-long affair. We attach ourselves to the details of big-time court cases. We call the poor woman "Laci," as if we all knew her well. We talk about the latest Amber Alert victim around the water cooler, rather than do something about it. It is as if we feel such guilt for any tragedy, that even the most unknown person's life can be thrust into the national spotlight so that we can all do our emotional penance.

So when we did finally move on, and allow ourselves to go more than a few days without thinking, writing, and crying about the events of 9/11, it might be all for the better that we could allow the most important event of the last 50 years to take its deserved place in our collective memory.

This is not to say that it was time to forget. Anyone who could

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Misfortune doesn't kill their spirit

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

You might say the Massachusetts women's soccer team has more or less encountered some bad luck.

In a 4-1 loss to Yale last Friday, the Minutewomen hit the post three times. Sunday at Fairfield they out-shot and outcornered the Stags but still fell 2-1. It takes two hands to count the amount of players that have already been sidelined by injuries.

But rather than sit around bickering and moaning about their adversities and bad breaks, the Minutewomen (0-3) are playing on with what they've got, this time with even more intensity.

"You play who you got," head coach Jim Rudy said. "I had 16 [player] out there today, and everyone is going to get a chance to get in the ball game. These are the cards we've been dealt, so we're going to have to play them.

"It's not like they're not fit. They were awfully skillful [in practice Wednesday] and did everything pretty well."

But of course, Wednesday's practice was no walk in the park either. After running the squad through three fitness workouts and then scrimmaging, Rudy was pleased with their performance.

"The key word is patience," Rudy said. "I didn't think we'd have to be this patient, but that's what we've been dealt."

If something is going to break, this weekend's duel with the New Hampshire Wildcats, in Durham, N.H., will offer a prime chance.

"There's an old saying from my old German coach, 'after match is before match'," Rudy said. "We need to move on from what has happened, we can't afford to dwell on things. That's the best we can do."

The Wildcats return virtually the same squad from last season's 8-9-4 (5-2-2 America East) team that played to a 1-1 tie with the Minutewomen a year ago today. Chiara Best tapped in a goal with 87 seconds left in regulation to tie things up in a very physical battle, with UMass coming home with four injured

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Forecasting the NFL

Jeff Howe

The summer is over. It is time for school, another big Red Sox September rally and, most importantly, the beginning of the quest for three championships in four years for the New England Patriots.

It's time for NFL Countdown, NFL Primetime, Sunday Night Football, Monday Morning Quarterback, Monday Night Countdown, Monday Night Football, Edge NFL Matchup and Sundays upon countless Sundays of nonstop NFL action to cure my six-month-old Super Bowl hangover.

Let us first get this out of the way. I love previews. I love making predictions. When I'm right, I look like a genius. When I'm wrong, I chalk it up as a mere fluke. Just like the Marcus Banks trade, it never happened.

Priest Holmes' trainer loves predictions, too. 2,300 yards, though? As if Holmes didn't already have a big enough target on his back, opposing linebackers now have more of an incentive to make Priest look more like an altar boy.

NFL running backs have done a great job of making headlines since the end of last season. Jamal Lewis was caught with enough marijuana to last Cheech and Chong enough time to produce their next film. Maybe Lewis was just bringing it to his running back counterpart, Ricky Williams, who recently retired after failing his third drug test.

Clinton Portis was so unhappy in Denver, a successful franchise, that he demanded a trade to Washington; a franchise that will be so financially hampered in two years that they won't be able to sign a new water boy, and Joe Gibbs may have to stretch his time machine even further back so he can begin suiting up for games, too. Ladainian Tomlinson signed a huge long-term contract to stay in San Diego, possibly the most poorly run organization in all of sports. LT had a chance of becoming one of the greatest running backs of all time (and he still may), but he won't be with a winning team until the downside of his career.

Corey Dillon finally got his wish and was traded away from the Bangles to the Pats. Willis McGahee is back, prompting Travis Henry to display his displeasure with his role in Buffalo, a scary sign as to how good McGahee may actually be. Eddie George has relocated to Dallas, Emmitt Smith is still destroying his legacy in Arizona and Barry Sanders was inducted into the Hall of Fame five years premature. Like I said, NFL running backs have been as busy as Pete Rose on a Vegas trip.

OK, it's time for the predictions. The teams will be ranked according to how they will finish in their division by their projected records. An asterisk indicates a wild card team. Their power rankings will be in parentheses.

And remember, what I say goes. I called the Pistons championship and the USA basketball flop not too long ago. These predictions are set in stone, so pack up everything you own and join Charlie Hustle in Vegas, baby.

AFC East

(1) New England Patriots (13-3): If they win their first three games, the Pats will be going for their record setting nineteenth straight against, who else, but Miami. If Tom Brady can stay healthy, the Patriots will be tearing down Jacksonville's goalposts in February.

(15) New York Jets* (9-7): If Chad Pennington can regain his form from 2002 this team will be much better than people think.

(20) Miami Dolphins (7-9): When all else fails, just be thankful that you're not a Dolphins fan. In the rare case that you are, just be thankful that your tax money wasn't used to support Ricky Williams' drug habit. Losing Williams and David Boston for the season were obviously out of anyone's control, but the front office is to blame for another underachieving season by the Dolphins. Dave Wannstedt should have been fired two years ago, and their quarterback carousel will continue to keep this offense out of rhythm. This will be a great place for Romeo Crennel to start his coaching career next season.

(23) Buffalo Bills (7-9): You are an offensive coordinator for a terrible team without an offense. As a reward, you are given the head coaching job of a team whose strength is its defense. Mike Malarkey, you have beaten the system.

AFC North

(5) Baltimore Ravens (11-5): Real men wear purple. They have arguably the best defense in the league, which is the sole reason they will win any games at all this season. Kyle Boller will impress his doubters, but Jamal Lewis is the Kobe Bryant of the NFL. He will spend the better part of a month in court, which is easily the biggest variable for the Ravens this season.

(16) Cincinnati Bengals (8-8): I understand that they spent their first draft pick a year ago on Carson Palmer, but how do you bench Jon Kitna after he resurrected his career for the second time. Palmer's experience will keep him at a rookie playing level, and that won't cut it in the AFC.

(27) Pittsburgh Steelers (6-10): I see Charlie Weiss in your future. Steelers fans.

(30) Cleveland Browns (4-12): Jeff Garcia already hates the organization. Kellen Winslow has already challenged the hearts of veterans. William Green hates being sober. The Dawg Pound will be a soap opera in 2004.

AFC South

(3) Tennessee Titans (11-5): Chris Brown will be a huge upgrade to Eddie George this year. One question, though. Is Steve McNair really that tough for playing through these injuries, or is he the biggest wimp in football for complaining about them all the time?

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Kansas City Chiefs running back Priest Holmes dives over the St. Louis Rams defense for a first quarter touchdown on August 23rd.

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9/11: A nation remembers



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Relatives of some of the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks watch a tribute and legacy montage at the Massachusetts 9/11 Fund Third Anniversary Commemoration, at the Boston Opera House.

UMass reflects on lost collegue

By Erica Athas
Collegian Correspondent

Three years after September 11, 2001 the world continues to cope with the affects of the terrorist acts that killed over 2,000 people. On the University of Massachusetts campus however, many continue to deal with the death of one University faculty member, Christoffer M. Carstanjen.

"We are all still sad that he's not with us, and while we've come to acceptance about the tragedy, we still think about him," said Michael Gilbert, who is a UMass computer research analyst.

"He was one of the best customer service people that I ever met because he was so friendly to anyone who came into the OIT Department."

Carstanjen was Gilbert's colleague and friend before taking flight 175 on the morning of September 11 when his plane hit the second tower of the World Trade Center.

His plans included visiting San Diego for vacation. Afterwards he was planning on riding his motorcycle up the West Coast, an activity that he was passionate about.

Motorcycling, along with cooking and homebuilding were just a few of the numerous talents and ambitions that Carstanjen possessed in his life that was cut short at the age of 33.



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Christoffer M. Carstanjen.

Myself and others memorialize him by trying to use the same friendly and compassionate approach to customers as he did," said Gilbert. "We also have been putting together a collage of pictures to remember him by," he said.

In addition to the collage, the OIT department has remembered Carstanjen by creating a "UMatter Award" in his honor in which the department awards a staff member that portrays similar characteristics that Carstanjen did.

The purpose of the awards is to spread the customer service skills that Carstanjen had and also be a memorial for him.

"Chris was the ultimate people-person. He was a very inquisitive, accepting person, who gave a friendly greeting to everyone who entered the department," said Gilbert.

Three years have passed, but according to Gilbert, there is no amount of time that will ever fully heal the wounds left by the attacks on America that ended the short lived life of Chris Carstanjen, whose harmonious nature touched many.

There is a garden with a plaque dedicated to Carstanjen outside of the OIT Department that Gilbert sees every morning before work. "I like to stop by it and just say 'hi' to Chris," said Gilbert. "We are all like a big family here in the department, everyone is close, so when you lose someone like Chris, it affects the entire family. People still think about him everyday."

This article concludes a two-part series on the September 11th attacks.

Boston pays tribute to those lost on September 11, '01

By Mark Jewell
Associated Press

BOSTON - Beneath a lowered flag in front of the Statehouse, about 150 family members of Sept. 11 victims paused for a moment of silence Saturday, the third anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

Air Force Col. Jim Ogonowski, whose brother John, piloted one of the hijacked planes, joined Gov. Mitt Romney in lowering the flag just before the national moment of silence at 8:46, when a hijacked airliner first struck a tower at the World Trade Center.

Ogonowski and Romney then addressed family members and about 30 members of the public who gathered outside the Statehouse gates to join in the remembrance.

As a small plane circled over head pulling a U.S. flag, Ogonowski urged grieving families to remember more than the horrors of that day.

Terrorists, he said, "rejoice at those memories."

"I ask you to remember what followed the attacks," he said. "Strangers helping strangers, neighbors helping neighbors, acts of good will everywhere. That's the part of September 11th the terrorist don't want to remember. "Perhaps the terrorists didn't know that in times of tragedy, Americans come together."

Romney said services like the 20 minute remembrance allow citizens whose freedom has come at the expense of Sept. 11 victims and their families "to revoke our complacency and forgetfulness of the price you have paid."

After the Statehouse event, a commemoration speaking event was planned at the Boston Opera House, with Sen. John Kerry, the Democratic presidential nominee, among the scheduled speakers.

Afterward, surviving family members of Sept. 11 victims were to gather at the Boston Public Garden, followed by a luncheon at a nearby hotel.

At 2 p.m., Romney was to present the Fourth Annual Madeline Amy Sweeney Award for Civilian Bravery in an invitation-only event in the Statehouse's House chamber. The award will recognize a citizen who demonstrated an act of courage and heroism.

The award honors Amy Sweeney, a flight attendant on the first plane to strike a Trade Center tower. Sweeney, of Acton, contacted ground crews to relay information about the hijackers before American Airlines Flight 11 crashed.

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Governor of New Jersey James McGreevey addresses mourners on the anniversary of Sept. 11th.

New construction at Newman Center

By Megan Daley
Collegian Staff

The Newman Center has opened up a new Snack Shop as a temporary replacement to their cafeteria and grill, which is undergoing major renovation.

Alfred P. Casella Architects, hired by the diocese, is responsible for renovating the cafeteria. Improvements include a new grill, kitchen and boiler system. New interior oil tanks and interior fire doors on all levels will also be part of the reconstruction. Disabled people will find it easier to access the Center due to handicap access and a new elevator. A new lounge is also being built.

According to Mary Glen, wife of Gary Glen, Director of Food Services, the construction is unfortunately already behind schedule. The staff had hoped to have the grill working by September, but the construction isn't expected to be finished until December or January.

"Right now, the whole cafeteria is just a gutted hole," said Mary Glen

When Gary Glen and Jason Wonsey, the Operating Manager of Food Services, realized that the cafeteria would not be ready to open until midyear, they decided to set up a temporary Snack Shop has been set up in the Fr. Quigley room at the Newman Center, to be closed down when the café reopens.

Business, however, has not been good. "We've only had three customers so far today," said Glen on Sunday, "and they were all on their way to mass. Even some of our regulars have left, finding other places with a grill. But they've told me that they'll be back once the café is finished." Glen hopes that business will pick up as word spreads about the shop, which just opened Wednesday, September 8.

"I also hope more people will come in once we set up the OCMP system; right now we're cash only." Glen says that the shop has a variety of fresh foods and coffee for breakfast and fresh sandwiches for lunch that she hopes will attract hungry students.

One of the biggest problems that the low customer turnout has caused is the leftovers. Glen says that she likes "all of my foods to be fresh. I don't want to just hang onto the stuff." After the first mass since students returned to school, the leftover food was distributed to parishioners. "The priest likes to do that as a kind of welcome back to the community."

Sunday however, as Glen looked around at the piles of bagels and donuts, and at the pots of coffee, she said, "I just don't know what we're going to do with all this."

With such a small shop as the only substitute for what was a large cafeteria, many students who had worked in the cafeteria have had to find other work.

"Manning this place," said Glen, gesturing to the shop, "is kind of a two person endeavor, but I am I touch with some of the students who used to work in the cafeteria and I hope they can come back when we reopen."

The renovations of the cafeteria aren't the only repairs that have been going on at the Newman Center. Over the summer, asbestos were removed from the boiler room and other areas of the center, causing the hot water to be turned off for a few weeks in July, according to Chuck Verner, who gives updates on the construction in the Newman Center Communitas, a community bulletin. The removal of asbestos is now complete and the hot water was restored in August.

The diocese for the Newman Center's renovations considered three companies. Alfred P. Casella Architects gave the lowest bid. It is the construction company that is responsible for the "schedule and timeline for completion," says Verner.

The Snack Shop is open 8a.m.-2p.m. on Monday through Friday and 8a.m.-noon on Sundays.



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The Newman Center is currently undergoing major renovations throughout the year.

SPIRE under close watch

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

After a week of glitches and flaws, SPIRE was available to students this weekend, but the service may have only been temporary until further assessments can be made.

This summer, the SPIRE system underwent some major renovations and updates and according to the UMass News Office, there were several glitches and problems that were not anticipated. Consequently, with the heavy volume of students, faculty members and administration all trying to register for classes and maneuver Add/Drop while faculty members and the administration were not.

The Office of Information Technology (OIT) assumed that it was more important and more accessible for the administration to use the system during the weekdays and simpler for students to logon over the weekend.

According to the News Office, if SPIRE performed well this weekend then it could be available to everyone soon. However, if there are still significant problems, then SPIRE could potentially still only be available during the aforementioned phases.

The plan is to assess the traffic over the weekend first thing this morning.

If students still cannot access the system and need to clarify their schedule locations, they can visit 217 Whitmore to obtain a printout of their schedules. Also, a list of classes and their locations can be found on the registrars website by visiting www.umass.edu. Additionally, an email was sent out on Saturday to all students informing them about the current status of SPIRE.

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Southwest yellow lot transformed

By Casey Novak
Collegian Staff

Students with a car on campus dread it – receiving a permit for a dark, dirt lot that's a good 15-minute walk from their dorm. However, this year parking services has made an effort to relieve a number of students from that stress by giving the Southwest yellow lot a makeover that consisted of repaving and expanding the lot as well as adding better lighting.

"The Southwest yellow lot was one of the worst of our student lots," said Michael Brennan, manager of parking services. "The money to redo the lot came from permit fees and visitor revenues. We do try to save every penny, it all goes into our repair and renovate fund."



Yellow Lot 11 was recently repaved.

Brennan said parking services does not receive one cent of the money obtained from ticket citations on campus since it all goes into the Financial Aid Scholarship fund. He added that the fee students pay after their car has been towed is given to the tow contractor.

The cost of a permit increased by five dollars from last year, bringing prices to $95 for seniors and $150 for juniors, sophomores and freshman to park their cars on campus.

"That's just the way the model was set up, and how we can afford to spend," said Brennan. "We are going to get the bill shortly (for improvements made to the Southwest yellow lot) which will be roughly $80,000-100,000.

"There were a few small changes when we go into the construction, such as the entrance ways. In years past the entrances weren't really reinforced, but they really needed to be since the entrance takes a lot of beating. Plus we added new spaces, new lighting and really enhanced the whole lot down there. We've been saving to do that – things aren't cheap, but now it's a beautiful new lot that should last for years and years."

Students on campus who park in the lot seemed pleased with the improvements made to it over the summer.

"I think it's nice that UMass has finally gotten around to paving the Southwest yellow lot," said Jesse Malloy, a senior English major. "To charge students such a substantial fee to park their car a solid 10 to 15 minute walk from their dorm room in a dirt parking lot is ridiculous."

However, Malloy said he doesn't think it is fair that hundreds of students must still park their cars in the yellow lot behind the Mullin's Center, even though they are paying the same amount of money for a permit.

"We always get asked, 'why not pave the lot behind the Mullin's Center?'" Brennan said. "The reason is because it is much worse, and a much larger lot. Most people don't know, and it is unfortunate the way the lot is situated, but at the end of the lot through the woods is a river. So you can't put that much paving down without expensive drainage systems in order to stop rain water from rolling into the river along with the chemicals in the pavement."

According to Brennan, it would cost about two or three million dollars to fund a project that large.

"Eventually we will pave it, maybe not next year but maybe in a few," he said. "We would love to pave that lot – it would take a lot of our headaches away."

But for now, senior Megan Burden is glad to see the Southwest yellow lot paved; however she believes the set up of the expanded spaces could pose a possible danger.



More parking spaces makes it easier for Southwest students to find spots.

"I like that it's newly paved, but I think there should be another road on the other side of new spaces," said the communications major. "It is dangerous because your car could get clipped if you're backing out and someone didn't see you, but I'm glad to see that the money from our permits is going towards renovations of the parking lot."

Brennan explained that the way the lot is set up – with the new spaces added to the north end of the lot, leaving a dead-end situation for those unable to find a space and are left to back their cars up – was done in order to maximize as many spots as possible.

"You find that in a lot of parking scenarios," Brennan said. "Our other choice would've been to put a road there on the other side, which would have meant fewer spaces. Then individuals who didn't get in because the lot was sold out would end up behind the Mullin's Center.

"So for the little difficulty they just have to bare with it and drive safe; it's not something that's never been encountered before. It could be frustrating if you drive down and have to back up, but I'd rather have more space. Our goal and parking services' philosophy is that we believe we should provide as much parking as possible around all residential areas."

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Ivan is on his way

By Jay Ehrehart
Associated Press

GEORGE TOWN, Cayman Islands - Hurricane Ivan battered the Cayman Islands with ferocious 150-mph winds Sunday, flooding homes, ripping off roofs and toppling trees three stories tall as its powerful eye thundered past just offshore.

Ivan has killed at least 60 people across the Caribbean and was expected to strike western Cuba, where residents have dubbed the storm "Ivan the Terrible," on Monday. More than 1 million Cubans were evacuated from their homes.

The storm also could brush the Florida Keys and parts of Florida's Gulf Coast. Mexico issued a hurricane watch and tropical storm warning for the northeastern Yucatan Peninsula.

Ivan, a huge hurricane, which grew to the most powerful Category 5 with 165 mph winds Saturday, lost some strength before tearing into the wealthy Cayman Islands chain, a popular scuba diving destination and banking center.

"It's as bad as it can possibly get," Justin Uzzell, 35, said by telephone from his fifth-floor refuge in Grand Cayman. "It's a horizontal blizzard. The air is just foam."

High winds prevented officials from assessing damage immediately. But Donnie Ebanks, deputy chairman of the British territory's National Hurricane Committee, estimated that as many as half of Grand Cayman's 15,000 homes were damaged.

At 5 p.m. EDT, Ivan's eye was about 225 miles southeast of Cuba's western tip. Hurricane-force winds extended 90 miles and tropical storm-force winds extended 175 miles. Ivan was moving west-northwest at near 10 mph and was expected to turn northwest by Monday.

It was projected to pass near or over Cuba's western end by Monday afternoon or evening. The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said the storm surge could reach 25 feet with dangerous, battering waves.

The Cayman Islands were better prepared for the punishment than Grenada and Jamaica, which were slammed by Ivan in the past week – though Jamaica was spared a direct hit Saturday. The Caymans have strict building codes and none of the shantytowns and tin shacks common elsewhere in the Caribbean.

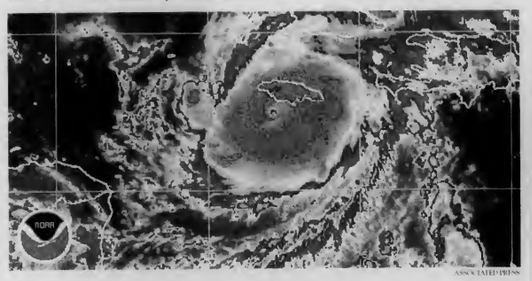
The Hurricane Center said ham radio operators on Grand Cayman reported that people were standing on the roofs of homes because of storm surges of up to 8 feet above normal tide levels.

While it was nearly a direct hit on Grand Cayman, the eye of the storm did not make landfall, passing instead over water just south of the island, said Rafael Mojica, a Hurricane Center meteorologist.

Still, emergency officials said residents from all parts of the island were reporting blown-off roofs and flooded homes as Ivan's shrieking winds and driving rain approached Grand Cayman, the largest of three islands that comprise the British territory of 45,000 people.

The government said Grand Cayman was "experiencing the most severe portion of Hurricane Ivan" on

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Hurricane Ivan is seen in this NOAA infrared satellite image taken at 8:15 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, with its clearly distinct eye positioned about 35 miles to the south, southeast of Kingston, Jamaica.

Bostonians unite to remember 9/11

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At 3 p.m., a reception was planned at Boston Common to welcome the Beyond the 11th Charity Cyclists, led by Sept. 11 widows Susan Retik and Patti Quigley. The women planned to bicycle about 250 miles over three days from Ground Zero in New York to a new Sept. 11 memorial in the Boston Public Garden. On Saturday, they planned to ride through Dover, where they were to be joined by 200 cyclists, each representing one of the Sept. 11 victims from New England.

Money raised from the ride will go to Beyond the 11th, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping widows who have been affected by war and terrorism in other parts of the world.

Both jets that hit the towers in New York City originated from Boston's Logan International Airport. According to an Associated Press database, 93 of the Sept. 11 victims were residents of Massachusetts and 197 had Massachusetts ties.

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US Airways declares bankruptcy

By Matt Barakat
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. - US Airways Group Inc., the nation's seventh-largest airline, filed for bankruptcy protection Sunday for the second time in two years. The company's president vowed to continue restructuring the airline into a low-cost carrier during the bankruptcy process.

"We have come too far and accomplished too much to simply stop the process and not succeed," said Bruce Lakefield, US Airways' president and chief executive. "A restructured US Airways with low costs and low fares will be a dynamic competitor."

The Chapter 11 filing in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Alexandria came after US Airways was unable to obtain $800 million in annual cost cuts from its workers' unions that the airline said it needed to stay afloat.

Last Monday, a deeply divided pilots union refused to allow its membership to vote on a company proposal that would have cut pay by 20 percent and retirement plan contributions by 50 percent.

As recently as Friday, US Airways made a last-ditch effort to reach a deal with the pilots, offering a proposal with minimum pay cuts that would have required more flight hours each month, putting more pilots at risk of furlough.

Some pilot representatives who opposed the new deal said the pilots and other US Airways workers had made enough concessions during the company's first trip into bankruptcy in 2002. Then, the unions collectively agreed to contract concessions of more than $1 billion a year.

The airline had hoped a deal with its pilots might spur other unions to take action.

The bankruptcy filing probably will cost federal taxpayers. The government loaned the airline $900 million last year as part of a special program to assist airlines after the Sept. 11 attacks.

The airline still owes Uncle Sam $718 million, and it will ultimately be up to a bankruptcy court to determine the government's place in line among the airline's creditors.

US Airways said Sunday that it has an agreement in place with the government and other lenders to use some of its cash reserves to continue operations while in bankruptcy.

A hearing is scheduled Monday morning in U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

US Airways said customers will notice no changes to operations as a result of the filing and that the company will seek permission to continue its frequent flyer program.

Florida braces for storm; Ivan blasts Carribean

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Sunday morning.

"We know there is damage and it is severe," said Wes Emanuel of the Government Information Service.

The airport runway was flooded and trees were wrenched from their roots, including a giant Cayman mahogany next to the government headquarters in downtown George Town. Radio Cayman went off the air temporarily before resuming broadcasts.

Though there were no immediate reports of injuries in the Caymans, the death toll elsewhere rose as hospital officials in Jamaica reported four more deaths, for a total of 15. At least 34 people were killed in Grenada, where the hurricane left widespread destruction. Scattered deaths occurred on other islands and in Venezuela.

A tropical storm watch was posted Sunday morning for the lower third of the 120-mile Florida Keys, from below Marathon through Key West and the Dry Tortugas.

A mandatory evacuation was ordered for tourists and the island chain's 79,000 residents. Streets, bars, hotels and shops in Key West were mostly empty, even as Keys officials said they were "cautiously optimistic" the hurricane could spare the islands from its worst winds.

In Cuba, the threatened area includes densely populated Havana, where traffic was light Sunday morning as most took shelter. About 1.3 million people across the island of 11.2 million were evacuated, with most seeking refuge with relatives.

Condoleeza Rice denies allegations

WASHINGTON - National security adviser Condoleezza Rice on Sunday denied assertions in a new book that she and other top Bush administration officials ignored warnings about the abuse of prisoners at the Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

New Yorker writer Seymour Hersh, discussing the book set for release Monday, said senior military and national security officials received warnings from subordinates in 2002 and 2003 about such mistreatment.

Hersh said Rice held meetings on the issue and it was brought to the attention of Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld before it "disappeared."

Rice said that in the fall of 2002, the White House "was made aware that there were some concerns that people might have been held at Guantanamo who didn't meet the definition of unlawful combatant."

"There were also early on ... some concerns about conditions of overcrowding. But nothing that suggested, to my recollection, that there were abuses ... going on at Guantanamo, and certainly nothing that would suggest the kind of thing that went on in Abu Ghraib," she said, referring to the infamous Iraqi prison.

Nearly all the approximately 585 detainees at the base were captured in Afghanistan after U.S. forces invaded in October 2001 in response to the Sept. 11 attacks.

The U.S. government defines an enemy combatant as "an individual who was part of or supporting Taliban or al-Qaida forces, or associated forces that are engaged in hostilities against the United States or its coalition partners."

A person classified as an enemy combatant can be held without being charged with a crime and without legal representation until the conflict has ended.

Rice told CNN's Late Edition that when the administration learned there might be people at Guantanamo who failed to meet the standard of unlawful combatant, "We looked at the cases, put together a process to try and make sure that the right people were being held."

She also said the United States worked hard to improve conditions at the Cuban prison. "I do not recall being told of anything concerning prisoner abuse," Rice said.

Rice said she and a deputy, John Gordon, talked about conditions at Guantanamo and worked with the Pentagon to ease overcrowding. "I was also informed that there were concerns that people might have been held there who shouldn't have been held there. We held several meetings then, and all of this was referred to the Defense Department for action," she said.

Even before release of Chain of Command: The Road From 9/11 to Abu Ghraib, the Pentagon had issued a public statement about inquiries into the book by Hersh, who is widely credited with disclosing the Abu Ghraib prison scandal.

"It appears that Mr. Seymour Hersh's upcoming book apparently contains many of the numerous unsubstantiated allegations and inaccuracies which he has made in the past based upon unnamed sources," the Pentagon said in a statement Friday.

The statement said detainee operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere "have been examined extensively" by the Defense Department and an independent panel, and that investigations continue.

"Thus far, these investigations have determined that no responsible official of the Department of Defense approved any program that could conceivably have authorized or condoned the abuses seen at Abu Ghraib," the statement said.

The Pentagon urged that if any of Hersh's anonymous sources want to come forward and offer evidence "to the contrary, the department welcomes them to do so."

Hersh, who appeared on NBC's Meet the Press, said that after his New Yorker series on Abu Ghraib, "people who worked inside the White House came to me and said, 'Look, this is much more far-reaching than you think.'"

-Associated Press



Secretary of foreign affairs Condoleeza Rice denies allegations.

November deadline for Iran

By George Jahn
Associated Press

BERLIN - Europe's major powers have agreed to set a November deadline on Iran to meet demands meant to resolve concerns that it is secretly trying to make nuclear weapons, in a confidential document made available Saturday to The Associated Press.

The draft resolution was prepared by France, Germany and Britain for Monday's start of a key meeting in Vienna, Austria, of the International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N. nuclear watchdog.

The draft contains a so-called "trigger mechanism," warning of possible further steps - which diplomats defined as shorthand for referral of Iran's case to the U.N. Security Council, which could impose economic and political sanctions.

The draft is likely to undergo changes before the three nations submit it at the board meeting of the IAEA. And it still has to be approved by two-thirds of the 35 board members.

But it is significant because it puts the three European countries the closest they have formally been to the United States on what to do about Iran and activities that Washington insists show Tehran is trying build the nuclear bomb.

Up to now, the European countries have resisted U.S. attempts to have Iran hauled before the Security Council or even hint on a date for such possible action.

Iran says its nuclear program is solely for energy production.

The draft says Iran must suspend all activities related to nuclear enrichment - including manufacturing of centrifuges - and must meet all requirements posed by the IAEA in its probe into Iran's nuclear activities before IAEA chief Mohamed ElBaradei reports to the board again in November.

On the basis of ElBaradei's report, the board will probably make a "definite determination on whether or not further steps are required," the draft said.

"This is a 'trigger' that can be pulled if the November board deems it necessary," said one diplomat.

While the last board meeting in June censured Iran for past cover-ups and warned it has little time left to disprove it has a nuclear weapons program, it didn't impose a deadline or even indirectly threaten sanctions.

But since then, Iran's earlier commitments to stop some uranium enrichment and related activities have eroded - alienating the three European nations.

Enriched uranium can be used to generate electricity or make nuclear weapons. Iran last year agreed to freeze enrichment programs but has since resumed testing, assembling and making centrifuges, a key component of such activities. Last week, it confirmed an IAEA report that it planned to convert more than 40 tons of raw uranium into uranium hexafluoride, the gas put into centrifuges for enrichment.

Iran's original suspension pledge came in a deal with Britain, Germany and France but fell short of European demands that Tehran scrap enrichment.

Iran is not obliged to halt enrichment under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, but Tehran has been under international pressure for more than a year to fully renounce enrichment to counterbalance suspicions generated by nearly two decades of clandestine nuclear activities that came to light only two years ago.

On Tuesday, it offered to re-impose a partial freeze on some of those activities, in an apparent move to deflect growing international exasperation ahead of Monday's meeting.

But diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, told the AP they had not heard of a concrete agreement with the IAEA on that issue by Saturday. The text of the draft had no reference to any commitment by Tehran to re-impose its enrichment freeze.

The draft has some positive language. It notes "the general positive ... Iranian cooperation" with the IAEA, while asserting that "the process of providing information needs, in certain instances, to be accelerated."

But it notes "with serious concern ... that Iran has not heeded repeated calls from the board to suspend all enrichment-related and reprocessing activities."

It deeply regrets that Iran's partial freeze of enrichment and related programs falls significantly short of what the IAEA wants and also that Iran has since reversed some of those decisions.

The draft expresses concern about Iran's plans to convert its raw uranium into hexafluoride. And it "urges Iran to immediately and verifiably to suspend all enrichment-related activities, notably the manufacture of centrifuge components, the assembly and testing of centrifuges, and the production of feed material."

It asks ElBaradei to present a comprehensive review of his two-year investigation into Iran's nuclear programs, a record of Tehran's cooperation and a judgment on Iran's willingness to fully suspend "all enrichment-related and reprocessing activities."

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Three years later no sign of Osama, Al-Qaida still prevelant

By Stephen Graham
Associated Press

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — The trail has gone cold in the hunt for suspected Sept. 11 mastermind Osama bin Laden three years after the audacious attacks, but the al-Qaida chief and his No. 2 are still orchestrating strikes like the recent suicide car bombing of a U.S. security firm in Kabul, a top American commander said Saturday.

Maj. Gen. Eric Olson told The Associated Press the military had not intercepted any radio traffic or instructions from either bin Laden or his deputy, Ayman al-Zawahri. But he said the involvement of well-trained foreign fighters in attacks near the Pakistani border convinced him that the fugitive leaders were pulling the strings.

"What we see are their techniques and their tactics here in Afghanistan, so I think it is reasonable to assume that the senior leaders are involved in directing those operations," Olson, the operational commander of U.S.-led forces in Afghanistan, said in an interview.

The Aug. 26 car bomb which killed about 10 people, including three Americans, at the office of a firm providing bodyguards for President Hamid Karzai also bears the hallmarks of the militant network, Olson said.

"We've even tied it to a group that has ties to al-Qaida. It could be a splinter group of some sort," Olson told AP after a ceremony at the U.S. base at Bagram north of Kabul to mark the third anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

"It's a new group, apparently a group that was carved from al-Qaida," he said. "They have members in Pakistan and they have been active in Afghanistan, and this recent attack is the most blatant example." He declined to elaborate.

There were reports Saturday of fresh fighting in the country, where more than 400 people — mostly Afghan security forces and rebels — have died in political violence this year.


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Known terrorist and Sept. 11 mastermind Osama Bin Laden.

In the troubled southern province of Zabul, Afghan officials said two Arabs were killed and two more captured in a firefight with U.S. and Afghan troops, and that Taliban gunmen killed two elders for supporting the government. In neighboring Kandahar, eight Taliban fighters and three Afghan soldiers were reported killed in two more incidents.

Olson, a native of New York City, addressed some of the 18,000 mainly U.S. troops he commands. About 300 soldiers had gathered in a dusty tent to hear readings from the Bible and the Quran, patriotic songs and speeches reminding them of their mission.

Some wept as they watched videos of how the hijacked jetliners felled the World Trade Center towers in New York and devastated a wing of the U.S. Department of Defense three years ago. "We're here to prevent future ceremonies, future Sept. 11s," said Maj. Andy Preston, an infantryman from Edmond, Okla., who was working at the Pentagon when it was hit.

The U.S. invasion of Afghanistan that followed, Operation Enduring Freedom, quickly routed the government of the hardline Taliban movement and scattered the al-Qaida fighters and leaders it harbored. The Taliban has regrouped and sustained an insurgency across the south and east of the country, which Olson said was supported also by foreign fighters.

Olson said some militants attacking U.S. forces along the Pakistani border with mortars and rockets expertly adjust their aim - betraying a level of training not commonly seen among Taliban fighters.

Arabs, including Saudis and Yemenis, were among fighters recently detected in Kandahar province. Russian chatter was intercepted by radio monitors in the former al-Qaida stronghold of Khost, suggesting Chechen and Uzbeks were operating there, he said.

Blaze kills 10

By Anita Chang
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio - A suspected arson fire raced through an apartment complex in suburban Columbus on Sunday, killing 10 people who lived in the same apartment and forcing others to jump from third-story windows to escape.

At least 53 people were left homeless by the blaze in Prairie Township, which destroyed the building's roof and third floor, melted siding and left its wooden skeleton exposed.

Antonio Noriega said firefighters pulled him from a ladder as he tried to rescue his brothers and nephews.

"My family is dead," Noriega said. Eight of his relatives and two friends lived together and Noriega did not believe any of them made it out of the building. Authorities wouldn't say whether others were still missing.

The fire came just six weeks after three fires were set in the same building in an empty apartment and hallway, said Fire Chief Steve Feustel. There were no suspects and no known witnesses to Sunday's suspected arson, he said.

The victims, including a child, lived on the third floor and tried to escape, Feustel said.

"They were out of their beds. They didn't die in their sleep," he said.

Two people, including a woman who jumped from a window, were treated and released from a hospital, a nursing supervisor said.

Residents of the gutted 24-unit building stood vigil outside, some wrapped in blankets, some quietly sobbing. Dozens more joined them as news spread.

The fire started about 2:30 a.m. in the basement or the first floor, but the cause was not known, Feustel said. He said the fire burned fiercely in a stairway, blocking people from escaping.

Pascasie Mulanigulwa, who lives in the next building, was awakened by the light through her bedroom window. "I saw people jumping down out of the third floor. It was terrible," she said.

The American Red Cross was handing out water, coffee and doughnuts, and helping residents find temporary housing Sunday.

Noriega said his family members were all immigrants from Mexico who came to Columbus four years ago. Many in the family worked together at a landscaping company.

"My family, they're sleeping and the fire is coming fast," he said. "I can't help my brothers."

A hydrant that had been knocked over delayed getting water to light the fire, which was already shooting through the roof when crews arrived, Feustel said.

"These people were probably already down by the time fire crews were on the scene," he said.

Suspicious cloud is ruled not a nuclear explosion

By Christopher Torchia
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea - A huge mushroom cloud that reportedly billowed up from North Korea was not caused by a nuclear explosion, South Korean and U.S. officials said Sunday, but they said the cause was a mystery.

Secretary of State Colin Powell confirmed that unusual activity had recently been detected at some of North Korea's atomic sites, but said there was no concrete evidence the North's secretive communist regime was preparing for its first nuclear test explosion.

The South Korean news agency Yonhap reported Sunday that a mammoth explosion in North Korea produced a mushroom cloud more than 2 miles across Thursday. It said the blast was stronger than an April explosion that killed 160 people and injured an estimated 1,300 at a North Korean railway station when a train carrying oil and chemicals apparently hit power lines.

"There was no indication that was a nuclear event of any kind," Powell said of Thursday's incident. "Exactly what it was, we're not sure." Kim Jong-min, spokesman for the South Korean presidential office, told Yonhap: "Currently, we are trying to find out in detail the exact character, cause and size of the accident, but we don't think North Korea conducted a nuclear test."

China's government, which has the closest relations with North Korea, had no immediate comment about the reported explosion.

Before Yonhap's report, The New York Times' Sunday editions said senior U.S. intelligence officials had seen signs of activities that some analysts thought might indicate North Korea was preparing a nuclear bomb test. Other experts were more cautious in their assessments, but the developments were considered worrisome enough for the White House to be alerted, the Times said.

Appearing on ABC's 'This Week,' Powell said there were "some activities taking place at some sites that we are watching carefully, but it is not conclusive that they're moving toward a test or they're just doing some maintenance at that site."

Later, on 'Fox News Sunday,' Powell expressed skepticism North Korea would stage a nuclear test explosion.

The North Koreans "know this would not be a sensible step for them to take," he said. "And it is not just the reaction that they might see in the United States; it's their own neighbors."

On Saturday, North Korea said recent revelations that South Korea conducted secret nuclear experiments involving uranium and plutonium made the communist state more determined to pursue its own nuclear programs.

The South Korean experiments in 1982 and 2000, which the South said did not reflect an attempt to develop weapons, are likely to further complicate six-nation talks aimed at dismantling North Korea's nuclear development. Another round of talks involving the United States, Russia, Japan, China and the two Koreas is tentatively scheduled this month in Beijing.

Washington is pushing for North Korea to fully disclose all of its nuclear activities and allow outside monitoring before it receives any assistance for its struggling economy. North Korea wants energy aid, an end to economic sanctions and removal from Washington's list of state sponsors of terrorism.

"North Korea is looking for assurances that we're not going to invade it, (that) we have no hostile intent," Powell said. "They're looking for benefits for giving up their nuclear capability and their nuclear infrastructure. And what we're debating is what will it take to give them the assurances they need and what benefits would they expect over the long haul."

But, he said, the United States will not "reward them for doing something they should've have been doing in the first place. So we're into a very intense period of negotiations."

Yonhap said the explosion occurred at 11 a.m. Thursday in Yanggang province near North Korea's border with China.

"We understand that a mushroom-shaped cloud about 3.5 to 4 kilometers (2.1 to 2.5 miles) in diameter was monitored during the explosion," Yonhap quoted an unidentified diplomatic source as saying in Seoul, South Korea's capital.

Yonhap said an unidentified South Korean official reported seismic activity related to two blasts in North Korea at 11 p.m. Wednesday and 1 a.m. Thursday. It said a source in China's capital said the explosion left a crater big enough to be seen by a satellite.

Thursday was the anniversary of North Korea's founding on Sept. 9, 1948 - a date North Korean leader Kim Jong Il uses to stage performances and other events designed to bolster loyalty among his countrymen.


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Students are treated to a pancake breakfast served in the Cape Cod lounge in the Campus Center on Friday.

Thousands Protest Sharon Gaza Evacuation Plan

By Josef Federman
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Tens of thousands of Jewish settlers and their backers demonstrated in Jerusalem on Sunday against Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to evacuate all settlements from Gaza and four West Bank enclaves in a rally held amid warnings of assassinations and civil war.

The withdrawal plan has upset the Israeli political scene since it was announced last year, turning Sharon's backers into opponents and detractors into supporters. Skeptical Palestinians believe the whole plan is a trick to annex large parts of the West Bank to Israel.

The demonstrators filled downtown Jerusalem, shutting down much of the city, to protest the planned pullout.

Most of those filling downtown were Orthodox Jews, many of them teenage girls in long skirts or youths wearing knit skullcaps. A huge banner behind the stage set the theme: "Disengagement tears the people apart." Many waved blue-and-white Israeli flags.

Organizers pledged to prevent incitement to violence, but there were also some ominous signs.

One placard warned that the head of Sharon's disengagement committee would "not be forgiven." Another showed a picture of Sharon under the words, "The Dictator."

Another sign said, "A time to love, a time to hate," quoting the biblical Book of Ecclesiastes.

After the demonstration, hundreds of participants, many holding candles, marched to a square near Sharon's official residence, where they called on the prime minister to resign. The rally dispersed peacefully.

At a Cabinet meeting Sunday morning, Sharon warned of statements of "grave incitement" that were "directing toward a civil war."

"There are not enough voices being heard among the Cabinet on this subject," Sharon complained.

The issue of incitement has been especially sensitive in Israel since the Nov. 4, 1995, assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin by an ultra-nationalist Jew opposed to Rabin's policy favoring territorial concessions to the Palestinians in exchange for peace. Some Israeli commentators have compared the current atmosphere to the vitriolic period preceding Rabin's death.

Mainstream settler leaders rejected Sharon's statement as an attempt to paint all of them with the extremist brush.

"We are completely against violence or threats of violence," Settlers Council spokesman Josh Hasten said. "These blanket statements unjustly put an entire group into a category."

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September 11: Have we forgotten?

One of the most important aspects of grief is its timetable. As human beings, we are blessed both with the ability to feel great pain and sorrow for our fellow man and woman, and with the ability to eventually move on, to overcome even the greatest catastrophe and reenter our normal, everyday routines.

Some might argue that the grief will never end for the families and friends of the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, that some of us will always be oppressed with the awful memory of what happened that day. For the rest of us, those who weren't directly affected, the length of our actual grief will certainly be shorter. Nobody should be expected to feel agony every day for the rest of their lives for an event that only barely touched them. It would be an unbearable existence.

So we move on. We allow our emotions to fade, to become the part of our permanent memory that we only recall on anniversaries. It's a natural part of the process of grief. We are dynamic beings, our lives and our minds are in constant flux. Moving on, though it comes at a different rate for everyone, is inevitable, and we should embrace our ability to reclaim the daily rhythm we had before 9/11.

However, there is a frightening message behind the fact that quite literally nobody — not even the organizers or speakers — were on the campus lawn outside the Student Union Saturday, when a vigil of remembrance was scheduled to take place. A pair of Collegian staffers arrived at the Student Union around 1 p.m., the scheduled start time, and waited until 2 p.m. without a single participant in sight. A podium and microphone were set up, as well as a P.A. system, but no one was there to use them. At press time, there was no report of any change in the schedule for the observance — as far as we know, nobody came.

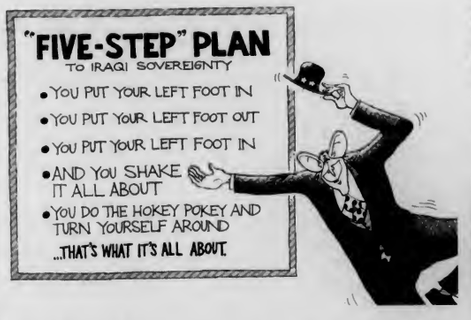
Among other things, this campus is known for its activism. We hold rallies to save the whales, we hold rallies to save third-world countries, we hold rallies sometimes, it seems, just to hold a rally. The average UMass student will, at one point or another during his or her time here, find a cause to get behind. From the editorial and opinion page of this publication, to the numerous other outposts for political, sociological, and general opinion, we don't hold back. We come out in droves to support or decry a movement, action, or ideal. It's a vital part of the spirit of this campus.

And yet, not one person could find the time on an idle, beautiful Saturday afternoon, to stop by and check out the vigil. Perhaps part of the problem was the lack of publicity the vigil received. It was noted on some banners in residence halls as part of the first week festivities, and it is listed on the UMass website, though it wasn't exactly front-and-center. Otherwise, it seems organizers of the vigil had the idea, and then didn't actually think to make it known to everyone possible. Maybe that was purposeful, maybe not.

Either way, some students and other members of the UMass community simply must have seen something about the plan for the vigil. So what happened? Have we all moved on well past the need to congregate and share the memory of our greatest tragedy since the bombing of Pearl Harbor with our fellow members of the community? Have we simply grown tired of the repeated references to 9/11 found everywhere from the Presidential campaigns to our hometown? Is it possible that we are beginning to forget the emotions of that day?

Over 16,000 people showed up to the football game Saturday night. Imagine if even half that number had just stopped by the lawn Saturday afternoon, just to remember for a few moments the day that none of us should ever forget.

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Novels in new form


Allison Edles

A new form of literature has arrived combining even more so the use of technology and creativity. Mr. He Xingnlan of China recently released his short novel to audiences everywhere, except not in bookstores, but on their cell phones. The author's novel entitled Out of the Fortress, appeared on many cell phone screens throughout China on Saturday. The novel itself is only 4,200 characters, appears in blocks of 70 characters at a time and will be made available over a period of 2 days.

This new wave of technology has expanded to a point where everyday books are beginning to become obsolete. Cell phones have many practical uses, but being used as an outlet for reading published novels is not an adequate way to inform and entertain the masses.

The actual publication company that is distributing He's book is called hurray.com.cn and is also providing a service that allows cell phone readers, rather than actually reading it on their screen, to call up the publisher and listen to a recording of the story each day as the chapters progress. This apparently is becoming the modern-day equivalent of a book-on-tape. And all of this is readily available for a fee that is similar to that of a text message which will be charged to the cell phone owner's account.

For many people in today's society, technological advances are what propel us from day to day. The cellular phone has become a staple in worldwide culture that has become more of a crutch than anything else. People no longer write numbers down and remember them, but have them programmed into their phonebook and rather than dialing the number, use voice-activation methods or the back-back down-down motion to find the appropriate number to call. According to He In the New York Times "Why bother with itsy-bitsy evolutionary steps when you can build something new altogether?" By having novels available to us on our cell phones, it brings us to an era where we're taking one step forward and two steps back.

Books were meant to be read. History has spent millions of years uncovering facts and recording them in bound books to pass on through the ages. A book cannot be wiped out by accidentally hitting a "delete" button and cannot be forgotten or erased by having too many in your inbox. He has referred to his text-message story as a "novel," which by definition is incorrect. According to Merriam-Webster's Online Dictionary, a "novel" is defined as an invented prose narrative that is usually long and complex and deals especially with human experience through a usually connected sequence of events. The key in that definition are the words "long and complex." He's "novels" are neither long nor complex. They are simple stories of about 4,200 characters that the New York Times described as being "a marriage of haiku and Hemingway."

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This new cell phone novel concept has potential to spark great debate between the technology world and the literary world. According to one Chinese critic, Ye Yu, "As a linguistic art a novel is to be read, and through reading, you savor the characters and appreciate the atmosphere," according to the People's Daily, a news outlet for China. One of the many great things about reading a novel on your own is the capability to become completely engulfed in it. By having it available on your cell phone, it puts a limit on the amount of creativity that can be expressed because you're only able to read a limited amount of the story at a time.

If cell phone novels are the new wave of the future one can only expect to see assigned homework through cell phones, seeing as how that would be the next logical step of progression. And, if that truly is the path the future will be taking, there then presents the irony of how many professors disapprove of cell phone usage in class, yet it is that very tool that will enable us to access our nightly homework.

Cell phones are truly wonderful things with all the capabilities they now have. Through cell phones, one is able to check the scores of baseball games, the weather, and is even able to engage in online dating. They have made millions of lives easier in many ways and have truly expanded the way many people operate in their day-to-day lives. However, novels were meant to be bound and also readily available to the masses. Libraries were based off of being able to supply books to large amounts of people. By having them available on a cell phone, it would eliminate the step of going to a library and actually checking out one to read. While cell phones have their many helpful uses, reading novels on a digital screen should in no way replace bound books.

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A lack of university spirit

Chris Eckel

The biggest problem facing UMass Amherst students today is...that it now costs $5.25 to go see a movie. I mean, c'mon, it's nice that the mall movie theater is about half as expensive as most movie theaters, but that price raise is hurting. How many of us have gotten up to the front of the line, with just a five-dollar bill, to be turned away like we were using a pitiful fake I.D. at Charlie's?

All right, so maybe we can deal with that rejection, but there is a bigger problem trickling through UMass. Something is sucking the spirit out of UMass students. Where's the pride that we attend the flagship public University of Massachusetts? It's no small deal to make it here, everyone put in good work to get in, and we should be proud of that. This place is one of the best public schools in the country, and a lot of people do not seem to care. You want proof that school spirit is fading?

Flip on ESPN Classic someday when old UMass basketball games from the Lou Roe and Marcus Camby era are playing. The Mullins Center is absolutely packed, and every student in there is going crazy. Nowadays, you can show up at halftime of the men's games and get a front row seat. It is pretty easy to point out the men's basketball team isn't playing solid basketball lately but what about all the UMass athletic teams that are playing well and high in the standings?

Get louder UMass but don't get as loud as the kid at the Lewis Black show. Being obnoxious isn't a substitute for school spirit.

Men's hockey, women's crew, and men's lacrosse all come to mind as teams that have been quite successful lately. The football team is ranked 14th in the country as I write this. The night game on Saturday was the most crowded I have ever seen, but who knows if it was just because it was a night game that allowed for plenty of tailgating. With the exception of hockey, which is finally getting some well-deserved fan support, most of these athletes play in front of small crowds. The athletes work too hard to play in front of empty bleachers.

It's not just the numbers that are pathetic, either. We are all college students. On one level, we're paying to go to classes and to live at UMass but let's face it, we all know we're basically buying four years of freedom to do whatever the hell we want, and we do. Riots, lounge wiffleball, Madden 2005 for 7 hours straight, frat parties, streaking in Northeast, way too much Antonio's at 2am, whatever it is you guys do when the weekend rolls around, UMass kids have a reputation for going all out for a good time. Let's keep that alive but at the same time, there's no reason we can't pour some of that energy into other things, like putting on a good show at the games.

It's pretty pathetic when the most visible basketball fan is the middle-aged guy who walks around with his signs. Hockey's been getting better, and by far has the best chants, but the star fan is the crazy old lady with her megaphone. Getting shown up at anything by someone four times our age is embarrassing. Get louder, UMass but don't get as loud as the kid at the Lewis Black show. Being obnoxious isn't a substitute for school spirit.

Of course, going to check out UMass athletics isn't the only way to show school spirit. The secret to sticking with a hobby is to find something you're passionate about. If you hate sports, then it's stupid to urge you to go to the Mullins Center. If writing is your thing, show up at the Collegian offices or write for one of the creative writing magazines on campus. If you like politics, look into the University Democrats, the Republican Club, or the International Relations club. If you directed the play in high school, then get over to the Fine Arts Center and give it a go.

Follow your passion, and the rest tends to fall into place. What you do isn't just going to reflect upon you, either. Sure, the best part about landing the part of Romeo in the fall play or running a national conference on student politics is calling home and your friends and bragging to them but there's more to the story than that. When UMass hosts a prestigious conference, or the political science honors fraternity wins national recognition, then the entire campus shines a bit brighter.

The reputation of this school goes up a notch, and that's something everyone who goes here can be proud of. The idea of bringing such a diverse crowd of people into UMass is that we all contribute in our own way. Live up to what you know you can do, and make this place a little better for all of us. And don't forget that extra quarter.

Chris Eckel is a Collegian columnist.

All pets left behind


Matthew Reid

I consider myself an animal lover. Animals of all sizes and colors have always had a special place in my heart. I especially love cats and dogs. However, when I read that Stephens College in Columbia, Mo. was going to allow pets inside dormitories, I had my doubts. Specifically, the first floor of the college's Prunty Hall will allow dogs, cats and rabbits. Dogs can be no more than 40 pounds, and must be kept in crates or cages when the student leaves the room. There will be a fenced-in area outside of the hall for dogs to run free.

For the first semester, five students have chosen to take advantage of the new program. Stephens also is working with a local animal shelter to link select students with homeless pets, according to the Stephens College website. At first, I liked the idea of allowing pets in dorm rooms. I know all-too-well how hard it is to say goodbye to a pet when you go off to college. But when you move into a dorm room, it's a right of passage. In a way, You are leaving home, gaining independence, and separating yourself from your roots. I understand that students like to bring parts of home with them, such as pictures and knick-knacks (I'm guilty of this as well), but pets have always been something that should be left at home.

There are several other reasons why pets in dorm rooms are a bad idea. For one thing, the smell would get to be a problem after a very short time. There's nothing like coming home from class on a hot day and being greeted by a treat your cat has left for you. Even the people who live on the second floor of Prunty Hall will have to deal with the aroma coming up from below.

Some smells may be tough on the nose, but others would be tough for a different reason. The reason, of course, being allergies. Someone allergic to cat or dog hair wouldn't be able to even visit a friend on the first floor of Prunty Hall without sneezing up a storm, or worse. Another foreseeable problem is the noise. While the new plan at Stephens College does require the floor to be constantly inspected and evaluated, it would seem that on any given night a dog could start barking uncontrollably at a car parked out front, keeping everyone awake all night. Cats and rabbits make significantly less noise than dogs do, but they can scratch at the walls and cause serious damage to the furnishings. UMass has been known to charge students if the Ethernet box in their room gets dented… I can only imagine what would happen if a dog ripped in to the back of a chair cushion or a cat made a bed post his own personal claw-sharpener. Another problem could arise out of the requirement of students keeping the pets in crates or cages when they leave the room. I would barely have time to feed a fish or water a plant, given my busy schedule. Having the time to take full care of a cat or a dog would be inconceivable. And you know it would not take long for animal rights groups to take action of a pet is neglected due to a student simply not having the time to take care of it. I'll refrain from making any extended jokes about a student going into his Chem. 101 class and telling the professor, "Sorry, my dog ate my homework." Wendy Libby, president of Stephens College, was quoted on the school's website as saying, "We are a student-centered institution, and if having pets helps our Stephens students feel more at home and helps them excel, the program may be expanded." Expanded? Will the school start allowing pigs, monkeys and cobras into the dorms? College students have enough of a problem with noise and vandalism.

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The last thing they need are wildlife creatures causing problems for them. Don't get me wrong: I would love to be able to have a pet up at school. If it were really that important to me, I'd wait until I could get an apartment (which, sadly, are mostly pet-free in the Amherst area anyway).

Perhaps, I'm a minority when it comes to this topic, but I consider pets as part of that group of things that are a part of your home life, and that should not come with you to college. You have to leave a part of you home when you move out, and while your favorite pet might be a big part of you, it's still a part that should stay behind.

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'Wicker Park' gets grade

Hartnett and Byrne star in not-so-typical stalker flick

By Johnny Donaldson
Collegian Staff

Can there be such a thing as romantic stalking? In "Wicker Park" hardly a moment goes by without someone secretly slinking around on the heels of another person. Yet the movie isn't a twisted and deranged stalker nightmare a la "Fatal Attraction." "Single White Female" or the hundreds of bad Life-time movies about obsession made throughout the 1990s. The stalking in "Wicker Park" is more melancholy and sad; it has the clammy desperation of longing for someone both within and out of reach of those films, but it's tinged with a misty-eyed romanticism. Stalking in this world isn't scary or evil, but a natural extension of unrequited, unexpressed love.

'Wicker Park'
Directed by Paul McGuigan
Starring Josh Hartnett, Rose Byrne
MGM
Rated PG13
114 mins.



Actually the love Matt (Josh Hartnett), a puppy-eyed investment banker from Chicago has for Lisa (Diane Kruger) isn't unrequited or unexpressed. The two used to be an item- he a shy photographer, she a lithe-bodied dancer (he met her by, get this, innocently following her around town) – but then, on the eve of his move to New York she disappears. Where did she go? Why did Lisa leave Matt, especially after he asked her to leave with him?

Cut to two years later, and Matt is back in town, working for the father of his new fiance. Dining out on the eve of a business trip to Shanghai, Matt thinks he spies Lisa. He proceeds to throw everything on the line to track her down. He sneaks into the woman's hotel room, and then her apartment to find out what happened. But is this woman really Lisa? What about the woman in the apartment (Rose Byrne) claiming to be Lisa?



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Josh Hartnett and Diane Kruger embrace while taking a photograph in the erotic thriller 'Wicker Park,' directed by Paul McGuigan.

"Wicker Park" is a mind-twisting thriller that keeps going back and forth in time to answer the questions we probably already know the answers too. On that level, the movie probably can be considered a failure, but it's made in such a sexy and elegant way that the knotty twists and turns are still compelling. The director, Paul McGuigan, loads up the movie with a slew of visual tricks (blurred edges, freeze frames, split screens), but the results aren't stylish in a show-offy way; they threw the movie into a disorienting emotional undertow. It's like watching the very fragility of the characters being thrown right there on the screen.

The acting in "Wicker Park" is very good. I enjoyed Hartnett's cracking, boyish reticence; Byrne's doe-eyed angst and, especially, the performance of Matthew Lillard, who no longer coasts on his Matthew Lillard-ness in order to give a genuine performance of vulnerable bravado. I also loved the sleek soundtrack of hipster indie rock staples such as Death Cab for Cutie, Postal Service, and Mogwai. The movie isn't smart enough to convincingly pull the rug out from under us, and it stretches too much in the end to get to the requisite happy ending, but "Wicker Park" also manages to be an erotic thriller, with a genuine emotional pull.

Grade B

New York Fashion Week 2004

A glance at the people, the parties and the designers

Style 101: your weekly guide to all things fashionable

By Monique Jemmott
Collegian Staff

Democrats have the DNC, athletes the Olympics, and the best to ever do it in fashion? Well, they have fashion week, a glorious five days that explore, discover, and pay tribute to the art and elements of fashion; and what better place to kick off the series of fashion weeks across the globe than the worlds most stylish city?

New York Fashion Week 2004, sponsored by the likes of Mercedes-Benz, the New York Times, Olympus, and W Hotels, has been the height of anticipation all year for industry moguls, fashion forward celebrities and fashionistas alike for first glance at the direction of fashion for the spring/summer 2005 season.

And what a wait it was. With over 80 designers participating in the week's festivities, Manhattan's Bryant Park has been transformed into the IN crowds wonderland, complete with outdoor runways, celebrity sightings, and THE most posh parties. Attendance to New York's fashion week is invitation only, and not open to the public so people like us can only imagine and dream of what takes place on the other side of the gates.

The runway shows, although the main event, are not the only things to look forward to. The parties are also another major component to any fashion week. Some of the most anticipated parties of the week were the grand opening celebration of P Diddy's Sean Jean flagship store on 41st and Fifth Avenue in Manhattan, and the return of the Emilio Pucci Flagship store on Fifth Avenue has also been generating buzz amongst fashion week participants.

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Highlights from Bryant Park's trendiest runways

By Samantha Critchell
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Zac Posen, winner of this year's award for emerging talent from the Council of Fashion Designers of America, offered a futuristic look for spring 2005.

His filled-to-capacity runway show Friday night included a dark gray stud dress, a black spider-web gown and an orange fantail raincoat. Most of the garments hugged the body, a departure from the looser silhouettes so prevalent during the first half of an eight-day schedule of designer shows at New York Fashion Week.

Posen offered three distinct groups of designs. One blended several bold patterns pop-art flowers, argyle and stripes in bold colors such as yellow, green and orange; another was his edgy version of the nautical look, including a metallic embroidered cable skirt and a pair of tight sailor pants paired with a Nehru jacket; and a third was Barbarella meets Catwoman.

There wasn't one outfit in his show that could have come from the Moroccan marketplace that inspired designers such as Carolina Herrera, Cynthia Steffe and Nicole Miller at their spring previews earlier in the week. Highlights of his collection included a dress that shimmered with argyle diamonds of purple, gold and silver beads with a fringe hemline and a black gown with peek-aboo tiers.

Lesley Jane Seymour, editor-in-chief of Marie Claire, said she preferred Posen's simpler fitted shapes over the flamboyant gowns with long trains that closed his show.

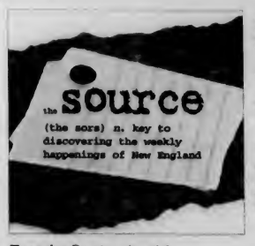
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TuesdaySeptember14

Event

The Stonewall Center, located in the Southwest Residential Area on the University of Massachusetts campus, will hold an open house today, between 3 and 5 p.m.; all are welcome to come check out the university's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender resource venue. Attendees are encouraged to peruse the book and video library, find out about future happenings, and mingle. The reception will be held in Crampton Hall.

Lecture

Jones Library, in Amherst, will host the first of a four-part series titled "Understanding Islam" tonight at 7 p.m. Tonight's talk will focus specifically on Muhammed and the Koran and will feature a brief lecture from the University of Massachusetts' own Professor Mary Wilson, director of Middle East Studies. For more information contact Adult Services Libranan Beth Girshman at 256-4090.

ThursdaySeptember16

Music

Local groove heroes Cold Duck Complex will spread their funky, hip-hop gospel all over western Massachusetts this week with two scheduled area performances. On Thursday, the Duck throws down in Springfield, at the Alumni Club; bring your ID (this show is 21+). On Friday, you can catch Amherst's finest at the Shutesbury Athletic Club for an all-ages romp; admission is $5. For more information, check out www.coldduck-complex.com.

FridaySeptember17

Music

Amherst's own The Loose Goose cafe hosts local tenor saxophonist Lena Bloch tonight at 8:30 p.m. Along with bassist Dave Picchi and drummer Rory O'Connor Bloch will play both original compositions and the works of Thelonious Monk. The show is free and open to all.

Tonight Mount Holyoke College's outdoor Gettel Amphitheater will host folk-rocker Erin McKeown. Fresh off a summer tour that included pit-stops at the Appel Farm Arts & Music Festival in New Jersey and the prestigious Bonnaroo Music Festival in Tennessee, McKeown is no stranger to the stage; this weekend, she brings her killer live show to the Pioneer Valley for an evening of acoustic adventures beneath the stars (for free!). McKeown kicks it off at 6:30 p.m.

Sound Tribe Sector Nine will bring their hypnotic trance-funk back to Northampton's Pearl Street Night Club for a reprise of their legendary gig last April tonight. Combining the best elements of jam-rock and DJ Culture, Sound Tribe delivers an eclectic mix of sounds that, in theory, might not gel (Phish plays a rave?). But that's exactly why you'll go: you've got to hear it to believe it. Tickets are $15 in advance and $18 at the door; the Tribe hits at 8:30 p.m.

Art

Artist Jaume Plensa will appear at the University Gallery at the University of Massachusetts today with a reception running from 5-7 p.m. An exhibition of his work, entitled "Silent Noise," will open at the gallery on Saturday. Hailing from Barcelona, Plensa has allowed for thirteen sculptures and several paper works to travel the U.S., culminating in a respite at the UMass. The exhibition runs through December 12. Sat. Sept. 18

SaturdaySeptember18

Lecture

A number of scholars, both visiting and local, will convene at Smith College's Earle Recital Hall today to read from papers detailing different areas of German culture in honor of German studies professor Hans Rudolf Vaget, who will retire. Judith Ryan (Harvard University), Jeffrey Sammons (Yale University), Peter Bloom and Jocelyne Kolb (both on faculty at Smith College) will present at the occasion, taking place between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

weekly pinup



YOUNG DUBLINERS

The Young Dubliners will headline the second annual "Unlock the Silence for RAINN" concert Sunday at Northampton's Pearl Street Nightclub. The Californians will share the stage with Maxxtone and Thirtystones. Tickets are $20 at www.iheg.com or $23 at the door. Proceeds benefit RAINN. The music starts at 7 p.m.

Recap of New York Fashion Week

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Fashion week has been the grounding for many designers in the industry catapulting them to the crème de la crème of ready to wear, couture and everything in between. Examples of this can be seen in design team Imitation of Christ who were amongst this years featured shows. Other featured designers include Carolina Herrera, Tommy Hilfiger, Vera Wang, Baby Phat, Sean John, Marc Jacobs, and the fashion world's new golden boy Zac Posen.

And oh the celebrities you will see at any Fashion week. Celebs from all ends of the spectrum can be spotted here, whether they are there for business, pleasure or for the sheer thrill of the fashion scene. So far amongst the fiends to be seen have been the Hilton Sisters, the OC's Mishca Barton, Ludacris, Al and Tiper Gore, and Ivana Trump.

At the close of this momentous event, (which goes on until this Wednesday) will be the official stylebook for the upcoming seasons, complete with the looks, colors and accessories that will be popping up all over the place before you know it. So get out a pen and paper children, and begin your wish list for Santa a little early this year:

Bold bright colors will make a return to this springs wardrobe, but some colors have been done away with. Just as pink made its insurgence last season, and became the new black it is time to catalog those rosy hues in your closet for this spring (trust me, they will come back) and go green, green is the new pink. Wear it everywhere, jackets, handbags, makeup, etc. This trend will also be huge for the guys, along with bold prints on pants, and jackets seen in both Zac Posen, and Sean John's spring lines.

Demure dresses also flooded the scene from designers such as Vera Wang and Monique Lhuillier. The evening dresses have gone from sleek and sexy, to flowy and pretty. Put your good girl side in these, and be as bad as you want.



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During the New York Fashion week, this look is from Vera Wang's Spring 2005 collection.

Designers put best fashion forward on NY runways

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"I thought he was trying a little too hard with those big parachutes, but the colors were great, and he's going to sell a gazillion of those sheer T-shirts he had with the skirts and pants," Seymour told The Associated Press. "I like when he's modern and functional."

Tennis star Serena Williams took several pictures of styles with her digital camera from her vantage point on the front row. She was seated near actress Claire Danes and model/socialite/reality TV star Paris Hilton.

Earlier in the day, Monique Lhuillier's show attracted Nicole Richie, Hilton's "The Simple Life" co-star; Famke Janssen of the "X-Men" films; and Nia Vardalos of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding."

Perhaps they were looking for something to wear on the red carpet. Lhuillier, who began as a bridal-gown designer, has become popular with young Hollywood stars.

Her spring preview included a chiffon gown in a delicate sage floral print and two teal chiffon gowns, one with a keyhole top, pleated bust and beaded neckline, the other featuring an illusion neckline.

The Los Angeles-based designer, making her fourth appearance at the New York shows, also offered daytime outfits, include a belted white linen military jacket with white linen Bermuda shorts and a Chantilly lace-ruffle wrap blouse, a V-neck cashmere sweater and a slip skirt in various shades of yellow.

New York Fashion Week continues through Wednesday at the tents in Bryant Park and other venues throughout the city, with Ralph Lauren, Michael Kors, Marc Jacobs, Anna Sui and Betsey Johnson still to come.

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Paul Revere:

Art exhibit pays tribute to a historic icon



By RANDALL CHASE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHADDS FORD, Pa. — Listen my children and you shall hear, that Longfellow's poem about Paul Revere. While inspiring dozens of artists whose works you can see, historically is not all that it's cracked up to be.

Fortunately, the Brandywine River Museum is helping to set the record straight in a new exhibit titled "Revere's Ride and Longfellow's Legend."

The exhibit features more than 50 works by artists and illustrators such as William Robinson Leigh, N.C. Wyeth, Howard Pyle, Leonard Everett Fisher and Charles Santore.

The works run the stylistic gamut from romanticism to realism, and include even parody. A 1977 comic strip from "Peanuts" creator Charles Schultz, for example, portrays Linus and Snoopy rehearsing a Revere-like heralding of the Great Pumpkin's approach.

Through paintings, drawings, illustrations and other media, the exhibit explores the variety of ways Revere has been portrayed, and sometimes lampooned, throughout history. It also examines the inspiration for those images, whether it be historical fact or, as was often the case, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's classic ode, "Paul Revere's Ride."

"People have tended to assume that Longfellow was being historically accurate," said Virginia O'Hara, associate curator for the Brandywine museum. " ... The poem certainly has value, but we're trying, as historians have been doing for some time, to try to set the record straight."

For example, contrary to the perception that might be drawn from Longfellow, Revere was not the sole rider spreading the alarm on the night of April 18, 1775. He was a member of a well-organized network of patriots that had been monitoring British troop movements and efforts to seize American munitions caches.

"He wasn't an isolated hero, as the poem may suggest," O'Hara said.

Nor did Revere arrive in Concord, Mass., "at two by the village clock," having been stopped by a British patrol after leaving Lexington. Revere's fellow riders, William Dawes and Samuel Prescott, managed to escape the British patrol, and Prescott, whom the other two happened upon along the way, was the only one who made it to Concord.

Longfellow's most glaring error, however, is his description of Revere, "impatient to mount and ride," anxiously watching the tower of Christ Church to learn whether British troops stationed in Boston were crossing the Charles River by boat on their way to arrest Samuel Adams and John Hancock in Lexington, or marching by land across Boston Neck.

In fact, fearing that he might not be able to cross the river from Boston to Charlestown and ride on to alert the countryside and warn Adams and Hancock, Revere made signal arrangements ahead of time with the church rector. When Revere learned of the British plan, he instructed the rector to show two lanterns to warn fellow patriots that the Redcoats were making a river crossing before marching north.

"The biggest inaccuracy in the poem is the lantern story," said Edith Steblecki, curator of the Paul Revere Memorial Association in Boston, which assisted O'Hara and contributed several items to the exhibit. "Longfellow has it as a signal to Revere, and it was actually a signal from Revere."

The exhibit opens with a brief introduction to Long-fellow, who some believe was less concerned about the historical accuracy of his poem than in trying to find a way to draw the attention of Americans to the drumbeat of another war that was growing louder in April 1860, when he began writing his poem after a visit to Christ Church.

"It was likely he was looking at Revere as sort of a symbol of unity and looking back in America's past for inspiration," Steblecki said.

From Longfellow, the exhibit turns to Revere himself, offering examples of his engravings and silver work and descriptions of his political activities in the years leading up to war. A look at the man is followed by depictions of his famous ride and the ensuing battles of Lexington and Concord, including two 1775 engravings by Amos Doolittle.

Perhaps the most visually striking image in the exhibit is Leigh's "Midnight Ride of Paul Revere," (1917), a shadowy, dramatic portrayal of both rider and horse that graces a 24-page booklet accompanying the exhibit.

From historical depictions of Revere, the exhibit turns to his impact on popular culture over more than two centuries.

That impact ranges from a 1914 Thomas Edison film to amusing children's tales, such as Robert Lawson's "Mr. Revere and I," told from the horse's perspective, and finally to crass commercialism.

"Paul Revere made history that night," a bourbon whiskey ad from the early 20th century proudly proclaims. "During that same generation the family of James E. Pepper founded its distillery."

The impetus for the exhibit was a conversation that O'Hara had a few years ago with Philadelphia illustrator Santore, who at the time was illustrating a new version of Longfellow's poem, published last year by HarperCollins.

Several of Santore's illustrations are included in the exhibit, and he is scheduled to appear at a book signing Nov. 13.

The exhibit opened Saturday and runs through Nov. 21, after which it will travel to the National Heritage Museum in Lexington, Mass., for a six-month run beginning Jan. 29.



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Shown above is a painting from the Paul Revere exhibit in Chadds Ford, Pa. This exhibit will arrive in Massachusetts in 2005.

Venice Film Festival recognizes Europe's independent filmmakers

Director Mike Leigh receives top honors for 'Vera Drake' at one of Italy's premiere events

VENICE, Italy — Mike Leigh's "Vera Drake," a film about an underground abortionist in 1950s England, won the Golden Lion for best picture Saturday at the close of the 11-day Venice Film Festival.

"Vera Drake" is another of Leigh's raw, naturalistic films dealing with social issues in Britain. This time the setting is London of half a century ago, where a seemingly unexceptional housewife is secretly performing abortions.

"In a cynical world, it is a wonderful thing and most reassuring when low-budget, serious, committed, independent, Euro-pean films are recognized and encouraged in this way and helped to reach their audiences," Leigh told the awards gala at central Venice's Fenice theater.

Leigh, 61, is famous for drawing out stunning performances from his actors, and this time was no different, with Imelda Staunton taking best actress for her role as Drake.

"I do think it deals with a complex subject with such compassion," she told the audience. "Mike Leigh is a genius."

Leigh is known for disturbing and emotional films such "Secrets and Lies" (1996) and "Naked" (1992). His intense approach often requires months of working on character development with the actors.

The runner-up of the night was the Spanish film "Mar Adentro" ("The Sea Within"), by "The Others" director Alejandro Amenabar. The film had been touted as a possible best-picture winner, but instead it took home the Silver Lion Jury Grand Prix. Star Javier Bardem won best actor for his role as a quadriplegic man who wants to end his life.

The Silver Lion for best director went to Korean director Kim Ki-duk for "Bin jip."

Some 22 films were in competition for the Golden Lion awards. The nine-person jury was headed by British director John Boorman and included filmmaker Spike Lee.

This year's festival was notable for its shaky organization, and the awards ceremony preserved the trend.

The presenter, Italian actress Claudia Gerini, initially handed Amenabar a Silver Lion, then announced it was time for the big one: the Golden Lion for best picture. However, she'd left out the Silver Lion for Kim, and suddenly it was unclear who had won what.

"Sorry, I missed a prize," she said with embarrassment. "We haven't arrived at the Golden Lion."

The most common complaint during the festival was that screenings started late — sometimes by over an hour.

A late-night presentation of Johnny Depp's "Finding Neverland" didn't begin until after 2 a.m. Another long delay preceded Al Pacino's "The Merchant of Venice." Then it turned out that overbooking had left the actor without a seat. And part way through a screening of the film "Eros," the projectionist mistakenly began showing a different film.

That said, the festival had high points, most visibly its flood of Hollywood stars.

The show began Sept. 1 when Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks turned up for the opening-gala screening of "The Terminal." Other stars present included Nicole Kidman, John Travolta, Will Smith, Robert De Niro, Quentin Tarantino and Angelina Jolie.

And Saturday night was a time to celebrate.

No one did so more electrically than 80-year-old "Singin' in the Rain" co-director Stanley Donen. He was awarded a lifetime achievement award and, on the prodding of hostess Sophia Loren, did a nimble dance routine across the stage.

"I had a great life. I made a lot of movies," Donen said. "It's not over yet. I'm gonna do some more. And I'm just thrilled to be here."

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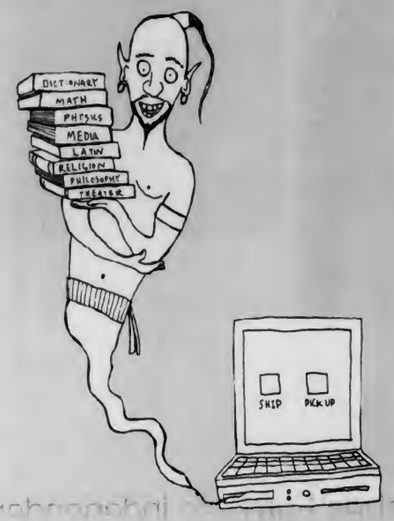
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UMass did night right

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For one night, UMass was a football school. It wasn't a basketball school or a hockey school. The gridiron at McGuirk had a special glow about it that hadn't been noticeable in decades.

The crowd was officially a factor after Steve Baylark's first touchdown run of the first quarter. Following the celebration in the end zone, wide receiver Brandon London ran off the field with his arms flailing at the crowd challenging it to get louder, and the home fans responded.

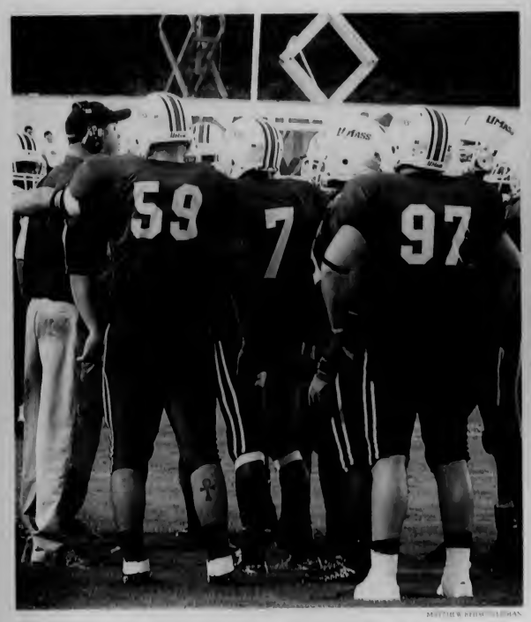
The crowd wasn't just yelling during game action, either. At halftime, the Maroon Platoon heckled Colgate kicker Lane Schwarzberg after he missed a field goal attempt during warm-ups.

The Massachusetts fans didn't disperse until midway through the fourth quarter when the Minutemen had the game well in hand with a 30-13 lead.

When UMass takes the field this Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. against Richmond in its Atlantic-10 opener, the crowd will certainly be smaller than the one against Colgate. The atmosphere won't be as crazy as a SPIRE meltdown, and the lights will have long since been shipped out.

The university got it right by scheduling a night game this season, and they have the numbers to prove it: 30-20 and 16,405. Hopefully, this time, it doesn't take them another four years to bring the lights back.

Jeff Howe is a Collegian columnist.



Defensive coordinator Keith Dudzinski confers with his unit during Saturday night's win.



Steve Baylark surges for the end zone in the first quarter of UMass' win over Colgate.

Minutemen earn redemption

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quarter, but Peebler added to the Minutemen's advantage when he took a third down screen pass from Day and scampered 58 yards for his second touchdown to push the advantage to 30-13 with 14:45 to play in the game.

Colgate then returned the favor, but became its own enemy in the process, using 8:30 to march 80 yards before Branch plunged in from a yard out to narrow the margin to 30-20 with 6:15 remaining.

The Maroon and White got out of the gates running in the first quarter. Baylark capped a seven-play, 57-yard drive when he found the end zone from 32 yards out to give UMass a 7-0 lead just over 11 minutes into the game.

The Apopka, Fla. native then followed that up with a 13-yard touchdown scamper just before the start of the second quarter to make the score 14-0.

The Raiders did not go away, however, as Dick Biddle's squad came up with 10 consecutive points to tighten things up. A Lane Schwarzburg 21-yard field goal with just over two minutes to play in the half made the score 14-3, and after UMass sophomore wide receiver Brandon London lost a fumble on the ensuing kickoff, the Raiders narrowed the gap even further.

Taking over at the Minutemen's 42-yard line, Brown needed only four plays to find senior wideout Luke Graham with a 31-yard touchdown pass.

UMass continues to struggle in dropping third straight

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their game in the second half, and they are a good enough team to make you pay."

Chad Mongeon and Burns each made four saves for their respected teams after facing a combined 23 shots. UMass out cornered Maine 5-1 but failed to capitalize on any of its eight free shots.

Maine tacked on an insurance goal with 10:15 left in regulation to ensure victory. The goal was scored by Joe Corey and assisted by Gabriel Germano.

"This is a very young team that has worked hard and is getting used to the college pace," Koch said. "We didn't win the 50-50's and weren't allowed many second chances. You can't win if you get beaten to the ball."

The loss of three All-Americans to graduation last season may be contributing to UMass' early season scoring woes. Burns and midfielder/forward Gabe Barard are the team's only seniors. Seventeen freshman and sophomores comprise the bulk of the Massachusetts squad.

The Maroon and White will return to action on Tuesday at 3:30 when they will be looking for their first victory of the season against Hartford at Rudd Field.



Ian O'Donnell steps into the ball during UMass' loss to Maine.

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Guests of honor

Members of the 1964 UMass football team are honored during halftime of UMass' 30-20 win over Colgate on Saturday night. The squad, which played in the Tangerine Bowl, is the only Manson and White football team to ever play in a bowl game.

Red Sox fall to Mariners

By Tim Korte
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE – Gil Meche pitched a five-hitter for his second career shutout and Raul Ibanez hit a two-run homer to lead the Seattle Mariners over the Boston Red Sox 2-0 Sunday.

Shut out for the third time this season, Boston fell 3 1/2 games behind the first-place New York Yankees in the AL East. The Red Sox have a five-game lead over Anaheim in the wild-card race.

Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki went 2-for-4 with singles in the first and eighth, boosting his total to 231 hits this season. With 20 games remaining, Suzuki is batting .374 and needs 27 hits to break the 84-year-old major league record of 257 by George Sisler of the St. Louis Browns.

Meche (5-6) walked one, struck out four and retired 12 of his final 13 batters in his third career complete game. This was the first time he pitched nine innings – the other two games were shortened to five innings because of rain. His other shutout was a five-inning one-hitter in a 7-0 victory over Kansas City on June 13, 2000.

Meche was 1-5 with a 7.06 ERA before being demoted to Triple-A Tacoma on June 2. In nine starts since being recalled July 30, he's 4-1 with a 3.45 ERA. He has also won four of his last five decisions.

The teams split four games, ending Boston's streak of seven straight series victories. The Red Sox came into Sunday as the highest-scoring team in the majors with 825 runs.

Derek Lowe (14-11) had a solid duel with Meche but was denied in his bid for a third straight 15-win season. He pitched seven innings, allowing two runs on five hits with six strikeouts and one walk.

Ibanez put the Mariners up 2-0 in the sixth, driving a 2-0 pitch from Lowe an estimated 408 feet into the center-field stands. Edgar Martinez was on base after a two-out single.

After issuing a full-count walk to Johnny Damon leading off the sixth, Meche gave up a single to Orlando Cabrera to put runners at the corners.

But Meche kept his cool, getting Manny Ramirez on a first-pitch liner to a leaping Bret Boone at second base. Meche then struck out Jason Varitek and retired Kevin Millar on a foul popup.

Meche shut down the Red Sox again in the seventh. After Trot Nixon's leadoff single, he got Bill Mueller to fly to center, struck out David McCarty and retired pinch-hitter David Ortiz on a liner to third.

Notes: Damon has reached base safely in 22 straight games. ... University of Washington basketball standout Nate Robinson threw out the ceremonial first pitch. Seconds later, C Dan Wilson brought out Seattle's lineup card. ... Seattle LF Randy Winn made a nice catch on a deep fly by Varitek in the fourth, nearly losing the ball in the sun.

Another tough loss

Minutewomen drop close game to UNH

By Brendan Hall
COLLEGIAN STAFF

Call it what you will, the Massachusetts women's soccer team is falling into a rhythm. A rhythm, that is, of falling just a little bit too short.

First there were a score of injuries. Then came a tough loss, followed by another string of injuries. You can probably guess what happened Saturday in Durham, N.H., taking on the New Hampshire Wildcats (2-2-2) in what UMass coach Jim Rudy considered one of the most intense halves he has ever witnessed in his career.

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With just under 13 minutes remaining in regulation, Wildcats sophomore Kelly Collins put forth a thru-ball that sliced right through the midfield to an area just outside the penalty box, where freshman Kaitlyn Serrafine trapped it.

When Minutewomen goalkeeper Kristin Walker charged out too far, Serrafine tipped it right over Walker to make what was a neck-and-neck game a 1-0 loss for UMass.

"They got at us," Rudy said. "We just weren't following through out there. This was a heartbreaker for us. We kept coming close, but we just couldn't get it in.

"Right now, we're in the mode of almost. Again, we're going to have to be patient, but we don't want to wait until the second season [Atlantic 10 Conference play]. We're going to keep training hard. Something will break soon."

The Minutewomen (0-4-1) headed home empty-handed in the loss column, but showed some signs of improvement along the defensive side.

"I thought [redshirt-freshman] Stephanie Barrett did a great job defending [UNH's] Chiara Best," Rudy said. Barrett, however, had to cease her defending of the Wildcats' second-leading scorer midway through the second half, when she was cracked on the knee. Rudy suggests it may be a bruise, but nonetheless the game ran a little differently in the following minutes.

"That right there, that really changed the flow of the game," Rudy said.

The collision brought back memories of last year's match between these two teams, a very physical battle in which the Minutewomen went home with a loss and without four of its players.

The referees were very lenient then, letting a lot of fouls go uncalled, but the atmosphere was a bit different this time around. It was a physical battle in a way that didn't need injuries to occur.

"The officiating was a lot better," Rudy said. "They called a lot of touch fouls. It doesn't take a lot to please me, because I know how hard it is to referee a game, but I thought they did a good job."

Playing without leading scorer Jackie Wishoski, who was recently hurt in a car crash, the Wildcats came out in the first half with a great fire and determination. But at the same time, the Minutewomen were able to keep pace because of their exposure of UNH's biggest weakness: the right flank.

"They did good around the corners," Rudy said. "We did our flank breaks a lot better, and they fought pretty hard. I said whoever gets the first goal would win this one, and that's exactly what happened."

Freshman Britt Canfield was the first to break through the Wildcats' right flank at the 25th minute of the first half, cruising her way through to set up Stormy Fairweather's shot that went just wide.

Canfield then broke the flank again four minutes later at the 21-minute mark, this time taking the shot herself, but again the Maroon and White's efforts went sailing wide.

UMass had one last corner kick before the half ended, but it was wrestled away by Wildcats goalkeeper Liz Mackay.

The Minutewomen encountered their first sign of treachery with about ten minutes to go in the first half. After a long pass from senior Jacquelyn Kendall, Best turned on the jets and worked through the heart of the UMass defense with some ankle-breaking finesse. She then cut straight out to the middle of the field, where her shot was turned away by a rushing Walker.

Best was present yet again early in the second. Embarking on a huge breakaway, the junior went to make a move in the one-on-one battle with Walker, but Walker grabbed the ball away before she could get her shot off. Several minutes later, Serrafine sent a through pass to Best, but she was thwarted again when her shot was turned away at the near post.

Canfield broke the right flank minutes later, and passed the ball off to Adair Blyler. She, like Best, was turned away.

After Serrafine's chip shot, the Maroon and White made a last-ditch effort that would come up just short. With five minutes to go, the Wildcats got called on a crucial foul 40 yards from the goal near the right touch line.

But when Lindsay Bellini sent her shot airborne, Mackay quickly pounced on it to end the drive.

UMass had one last chance with 2:40 to go. Freshman Jenny Roehrig approached along the left side with some nice dribbling, but her shot sailed wide right.

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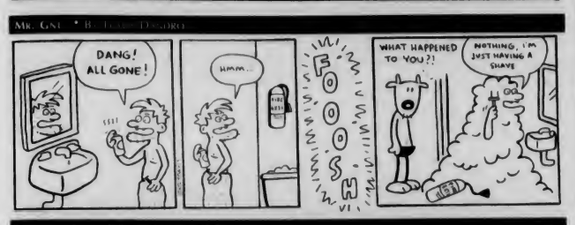
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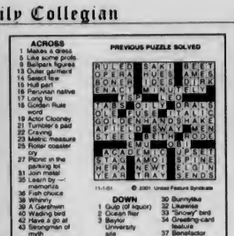
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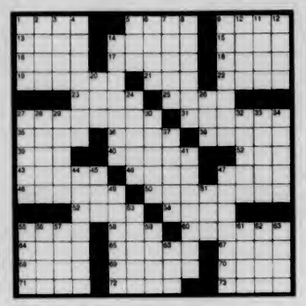
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UMass exacts revenge on Colgate under the lights

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

You know what they say about payback.

Just shy of 10 months after the Massachusetts football team saw its 2003 season come to a bitter end on the snow-covered turf of Andy Kerr Stadium, the Minutemen finally had their crack at the Colgate Red Raiders on a clear and even playing field, and the results were distinctly different than the 19-7 loss that bounced UMass from the Division I-AA playoffs.

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With a raucous crowd of 16,405 – the largest to watch a football game on the UMass campus in 30 years – nearly filling Warren P. McGuirk Alumni Stadium for the university's second-ever night game, the 14th-ranked Minutemen scored the game's first two touchdowns and never looked back, shutting down No. 4 Colgate 30-20 to improve to 2-0 under new coach Don Brown.

"I would be remiss if I didn't tell you our guys were looking forward to this one," UMass (2-0) head coach Don Brown said. "From the day I was hired we had this one circled on the calendar.

"I told the guys that I was going to have them ready and prepared to play. We went out and had a great week of preparation and we came out and played at a very high level tonight and did what we wanted to do.

"Every time they delivered a blow, we hung in there and delivered a counter blow."

"It had nothing to do with last season," Colgate coach Dick Biddle said. "I'm sure they (UMass) were using it as motivation, but we just got beat."

"UMass was obviously motivated, but we hung in there."

Wide receiver Jason Peebler was once again the offensive star for the Maroon and White, catching four passes for 161 yards and two touchdowns, including a highlight reel run-after-the-catch on a 58 yard scoring strike in the fourth quarter.

The senior is now third all-time in career receiving yards at UMass with 1,624 and ninth overall in career receptions with 84. When asked if he felt the results of Saturday night's game should have taken the place of what transpired back in November, UMass' captain did not hesitate.

"Definitely. We have a better team, a better coach, better schemes and better players. We showed that tonight."

Junior tailback Steve Baylark also had a banner day for the Minutemen, carrying 18 times for 124 yards and two touchdowns in outgaining the 'Gate's Walter Payton Award winner Jamaal Branch for the second time in as many meetings.

After being held to just 59 yards in the previous meeting between the two teams, Branch again struggled against the Minutemen in picking up just 62 yards on 23 carries.

With their running game being rendered ineffective, the Raiders were thus forced to go to the air. Senior quarterback Chris Brown completed 27-of-48 passes for 272 yards and a touchdown, but was intercepted three times.

On the other side, UMass junior quarterback Tim Day was 13-of-22 for 258 yards and a pair of touchdowns, and was intercepted twice.

Leading 17-10 at the start of the second half, UMass took control of the game for good on its second possession when Day hit Peebler with a 50-yard touchdown pass that made the score 23-10 following a botched extra point.

The Red Raiders answered back with a field goal to cut the lead to 23-13 at the 2:20 mark of the third

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MATTHEW REID/COLLEGIAN

UMass junior tailback Steve Baylark celebrates his first quarter touchdown run with a pair of teammates.

Night done right

Massachusetts' football fans were treated to something a little out of the ordinary on Saturday night: a legitimate college football atmosphere.

No, McGuirk Stadium wouldn't come close in comparison to the crowds that come out in counties to see games at the Big House or the Swamp, but football hasn't exactly been a life or death matter in Amherst for a considerable amount of time now.

Jeff Howe

Just don't tell that to the crowd of 16,405 people who attended Saturday night's slugfest between the Minutemen and the Colgate Red Raiders, which was, in fact, the largest crowd at McGuirk Stadium in 30 years.

The fans were a big reason that No. 14 UMass was able to knock off No. 4 Colgate by a score of 30-20. They cheered for each positive play, booed at every botched penalty call and taunted the Colgate players for their mis-cues. And, believe me, there was plenty of each to go around.

The Minutemen didn't need an added incentive to come out fired up on Saturday, but what player on any team doesn't love performing in front of a huge crowd that is largely in their favor?

This was the rematch of last year's NCAA Division I-AA first round playoff game won by Colgate 19-7; a score that UMass players didn't feel justified who exactly was the better team last season.

This was a game that was circled by UMass Coach Don Brown as soon as he took over the position in February. When wide receiver Jason Peebler was asked about the Colgate game nearly three weeks ago, he immediately got goose bumps, and the hair on his arms stood straight up.

The Maroon and White had its chance at revenge and, thanks to a brilliant idea by Massachusetts Athletic Director John McCutcheon, the game was played under the lights for the second time in school history – the only other time being the home opener against William & Mary in 2000.

All of these ingredients added up to one amazing football experience, both before and during the game. And don't forget about the fireworks display after.

People from both schools were out in groves tailgating early Saturday afternoon down by the stadium. They were wearing their school colors with true pride and hollering back and forth at each other with enough intensity to match a Howard Dean speech.

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MATTHEW REID/COLLEGIAN

Rich Demers carries the ball in the first quarter against Colgate.

Payton Award winner doesn't measure up against Minutemen

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

Sometimes the best just isn't good enough, and in the case of Colgate tailback Jamaal Branch, sometimes the best just isn't the best.

The Mashpee native and former Falmouth High School star had a fantastic season for the Red Raiders in 2003, setting single-season I-AA records for rushing yards (2,326), carries (450), touchdowns (29) and 100-yard games (12) in being named the recipient of the Walter Payton Award as the top offensive player in Division I-AA. Yet the staff, supporters and members of the Massachusetts football team have to be wondering if the 6-foot 225-pounder is the real deal.

Twice now Branch has taken the field against the Minutemen in big games, and twice he has failed to impress. On the frozen tundra of Andy Kerr Stadium during the I-AA playoffs back in November, the big man gained just 59 yards sloshing through drifts of snow and huge clods of frozen mud. Colgate supporters blamed it on the weather, but UMass junior Steve Baylark waddled through the same slop and finished with 84 yards.

Saturday night, on a clean field and under a beautiful, moonlit sky Branch finished with a paltry 62 yards on 23 carries — a 2.7 yards-per-carry average. His long run of the night was 10 yards.

Obviously, the truth lies somewhere in between what Branch accomplished throughout most of last season and what he's done against the Maroon and White. Playing against Ivy League schools and those within the confines of the non-scholarship Patriot League last season, Branch shined. However against teams outside the league he was less than stellar.

After being held in check by the Minutemen, Branch again gained just 69 yards on 22 carries the following week in a 28-27 win over Western Illinois. His long that afternoon was just 13 yards to go along with just 2.5 yards-per-carry, and in similar fashion to the week before, his counterpart Travis Glasford picked up 85 yards on 18 carries in the same snow and mud.

The next week was strikingly different for Branch, as he amassed a more impressive 148 yards against Florida Atlantic on a clean field. However he did so on a whopping 48 carries, and with a long run of 14 yards. In addition, his yards-per-carry average that afternoon was just 2.9.

Finally, the night after being honored with the Payton Award, Branch accentuated his mediocrity against scholarship schools. Facing eventual national champion Delaware, who shared the Atlantic 10 Conference championship with UMass, Branch carried 20 times for 58 yards and did not find the end zone. His long rush of that evening was a paltry eight yards and his average rush was again less than impressive, at 2.8 yards per carry.

In comparison, the Blue Hens ran for 197 total yards that evening. Branch's total yards were eclipsed by UD tailback Germaine Bennett's, and he came within seven total yards of being equaled not only by Delaware's second back, Antawn Jenkins, but also by quarterback Andy Hall.

So while No. 25 remains on the Payton Award's "watch list", and will surely enjoy another fine campaign in his last year in Hamilton, the truth may finally be out.

"I don't think he's the best back in the nation," Baylark said. "I know that if I keep working hard and stay focused, I can get to that level.

"I can be better than him."



MATTHEW REID/COLLEGIAN

Richie Higa fights for the ball between two Maine players during the Maroon and White's 3-1 setback.

UM can't Bear down, loses third straight

By Matt Barstow
Collegian Staff

Jimmy Velas scored the first two goals of his eight-day-old collegiate career Saturday in a 3-1 Maine victory over Massachusetts in men's soccer.

The freshman midfielder notched a pair of goals in less than six minutes to give the Black Bears (1-1-1) their first victory of the season. The homecoming loss drops UMass to an 0-3 record.

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The action was fairly even throughout the first half with the only converted scoring chance going in favor of Massachusetts. UMass freshman Matty Lemire capitalized on a centering feed from fellow midfielder Michael Donnelly with 4:42 remaining in the first frame.

Donnelly found a seam in the Maine defense after gaining control of a loose ball deep in Black Bear territory. Donnelly's pass to Lemire set up a shot that beat Maine goalkeeper Chad Mongeon to the lower left corner of the net. The goal gave the Maroon and White its first lead of the season, which it maintained until the second half.

Lemire's goal is only UMass' second of the season, as the Minutemen have been outscored 9-2 by opponents thus far.

"(Lemire) has been training hard and I expect many more [goals] from him and the other five freshman we have playing," UMass coach Sam Koch said. "We had our scoring chances just like Maine, but they scored and we didn't."

As the second half got underway, Maine soon found itself with a golden scoring opportunity. A series of perimeter passes by the Black Bears in its offensive zone drew the UMass defense out to pressure the ball. But before the Massachusetts defense could set, Justin Stockford fired an outside shot towards the goal.

Stockford's shot ricocheted off the right goalpost, landing in open space a few feet from the goal. UMass net minder Colin Burns charged out of the goal but was beaten to the loose ball by Velas, who scored an uncontested goal at 53:59. Stockford was credited with the assist.

After tying the game at one goal apiece, Velas caught another break that helped elevate Maine to a 2-1 advantage, with 30:41 left to play. The scoring chance came about when Matthew Bernal of Maine lobbed a breakaway pass into the offensive zone.

The streaking Velas caught up to the ball a split-second before Burns and managed to bounce a shot off the diving goalkeeper. Burns, who had run twenty feet out of the net to grab the loose ball, was caught out of position and didn't have time to recover. The deflected shot bounced off Burns towards the UMass goal, where it was recovered by Velas, who dribbled towards the net unabated. The assist was attributed to Bernal.

"We gave too much space in midfield and were beaten to loose balls," Koch said. "We let Maine play

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Adaptive Use Bridge Project gives old bridges a new home

By Allie Bahn
Collegian Correspondent

By the end of the fall, the University of Massachusetts campus will have two pieces of history connecting walkways for campus pedestrians.

The, "Adaptive Use Bridge Project" is an on-campus program where engineering students learn how to move and refurbish truss bridges from different locations in New England. The bridges are then reconstructed as part of the landscape to improve pedestrian paths around campus.

Dr. Alan J. Lutenegger, a professor and department head of the College of Engineering at UMass started the program in the fall of 2001. It is the only program of its kind in the country to date.

The goal of the project is to restore five to six of the iron and steel truss bridges, while giving engineering students hands-on experience.

"We want to preserve engineering history, we want students to have the opportunity to do something meaningful for civil engineering, and we want to enhance the campus by putting up bridges for pedestrians," said Lutenegger.

Truss bridges, commonly found in Western Massachusetts, are usually one lane, small bridges that run across rivers and streams. They have characteristic "X" structures, which are made from links and are connected by joints.

The 42-foot long steel 1906 Warren Truss Pony Bridge will be the first bridge brought to campus, and will be placed between the trees by the North end of the McGuirk Alumni Football stadium parking lot. The bridge is originally from Vermont.

"We had to piece it all back together," said Lutenegger. The bridge has since been cleaned and re-painted a burgundy color in honor of it's new home and is projected to be in place by October 1.

"It's great that he [Lutenegger] can find a project that people can volunteer to do and not only is it beneficial to us [engineering students], but also to people on campus," said Michael Goodman, a senior and civil engineering student. Goodman spent his summer interning with Dr. Lutenegger refurbishing old bridges and testing pieces of the structures in labs.

"We are doing a lot of lab work, and a lot of comparisons and seeing the strength of the old bridges," said Goodman.



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Doctor Alan Lutenegger stands with piece of a bridge that he and his students are currently reconstructing. When finished, the bridge will become a permanent part of the UMass campus.

The second bridge, which was donated by a family in South Amherst, will be placed near Lorden field, north of the Mullins Center. In the spring, a third bridge will be placed right in front of Marsden Hall for display.

The idea for the project was born when civil engineering alumni David Scott told Lutenegger about the Vermont truss bridge that needed rebuilding. Scott is now an engineer with the Vermont Department of Transportation.

"It just struck me," Lutenegger said "Wouldn't it be neat to rebuild an old bridge."

The idea has struck many of Lutenegger's engineering students as well. As many as 40 students have worked on the project so far, with an average of three to 10 students signing up each week. The project has included bridges from East Windsor, Conway, and Great Barrington.

Most of the student volunteers come from the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and the Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers on campus, where Lutenegger recruits his help during chapter meetings.

However, building bridges requires dedication. The project is done on class time, often on Friday afternoons. Like Goodman, some students chose to participate over the summer as well.

Lutenegger says that having the project outside of class keeps it lighter, and highlights those students who are truly passionate about their field.

During the fall and spring the bridges are built and worked on outside in a little field at the west end of campus. In the winter, new pieces for the bridges are made indoors.

Although the project seems to mainly attract engineering students, Dr. Lutenegger is encouraging anyone who is interested to become involved.

By spring 2005, Lutenegger's goal is to have three bridges completed on campus. He hopes the project will run for at least ten years, and reconstruct a total of eight bridges that will be used as bike paths, and running or walking trails all over campus.

The bridges will also become part of a living history outdoor museum, which will provide a walking tour of the campus to each of the truss bridge sites. Each bridge will be paired with a sign explaning its historical significance and the steps that were taken to restore it.

Lutenegger hopes to have a virtual tour online so that people all over the country can experience the bridges in a, "real and virtual way." He also plans to invite local elementary and middle school classes to tour the bridges.

The "Adaptive Use Bridge Project" is made possible through cash donations, in-kind services, equipment and materials. The project has no state funding, however Lutenegger is applying for an educational grant from the National Science Foundation.

Fire leaves 12 homeless Officials suspect arson at Presidential complex

Erika Lovley
Collegian Staff

An early morning fire on Saturday that left residents in 12 units of the Presidential Apartment complex on North Pleasant Street homeless may have been purposely set.

Firefighters arrived at building 84-87 around 2:30 a.m. after receiving a 911 call to find smoke coming from the front and rear doors of the building. Firefighters extinguished a fire in the basement, which was traveling up to the first and second floor. Several small fires on the first floor were also extinguished. All residents of the four apartments were evacuated safely, according to the Amherst Fire Department.

"We pretty much ruled out any accidental cause for the fire," said state Police Sgt. Frank E. Hart of the state Fire Marshal's office on Sunday, according to the Daily Hampshire Gazette. "There's only one obvious conclusion left. Arson is definitely a potential cause."

A woman was treated on the scene for a asthma attack, but was not taken to the hospital. None of the 37 responding firefighters, three chief officers, or the chaplain were injured.

Four pumpers, two ambulances, and an aerial ladder also responded.

Eight additional apartments attached to the structure were evacuated due to smoke. 12 units were deemed uninhabitable and ordered to be shut down by the Amherst Building Commissioner — two from fire damage and 10 are without water and have smoke damage. Water was cut off when basement pipes melted in the heat of the blaze. The damage estimate will exceed $50,000, according to the Amherst Fire Department.

Residents of the building are staying with family and friends and did not require Red Cross assistance. They will be unable to return to their homes until complex owner Toby Cohen has electrical wiring and water pipes inspected and restored, as well as any structural damage.

According to the Hampshire Gazette, fire officials are asking anyone who may have witnessed suspicious activity in the area of Presidential Apartments at the time of the fire to contact area fire departments or the Amherst police.

UMass police K-9 finds loaded handgun, bags of marijuana in traffic stop

Erika Lovley
Collegian Staff

Six plastic bags of marijuana and a loaded Taurus 22 caliber handgun were found by University of Massachusetts police during a traffic stop on University Drive early Friday morning.

The driver, 20-year-old Angelo S. Privette of 117 Dawes Street, Springfield, Gammar Privette, 20, also of that address, and passenger Michael A. Baz, 20, of 45 Oak Grove Avenue, Springfield, were arrested for possession of a class D substance and intent to distribute.

Angelo Privette was also charged with carrying a firearm without a license, carrying a firearm on school grounds, and leaving a firearm in a motor vehicle.

Police stopped the black 2000 Acura SE at 2:56 a.m. when the officer running the license plate noted that the owner of the car was driving with a suspended license. Upon approaching the vehicle, a strong odor of marijuana was detected through an open window.

Baz was recognized in the right rear passenger seat as an individual who had already been issued a warning for trespassing on University grounds.

"He is a non-student who we [UMPD] have interacted with in the past," said Deputy Police Chief Patrick Archbald.

Archbald said a trespass may be issued to anyone who has been involved in malicious destruction, such as breaking and entering.

"[Baz] returned to campus with the trespass still in effect," said Archbald. "That alone was grounds for arrest."

UMPD K-9 dog Max was also called to the scene for a search of the car. Police found cigarette butts and loose baggies with marijuana in the passenger compartment and in the trunk.

Archbald said some of the bags were packaged for both distribution and personal use. The handgun containing five shots was found under the front passenger seat.

College students required to receive meningitus shots by 2005

By Bill Donovan
Collegian Correspondent

Beginning in the spring semester of 2005, undergraduate and graduate students who choose to live on Massachusetts's college campuses will be required to get meningitis vaccinations.

Governor Mitt Romney put the mandatory vaccination into legislation on July 30 this past summer. The inoculations will cost $75 per person, unless covered under health insurance. Officials at the University of Massachusetts University Health Services and Mass. Department of Public Health feel the vaccine will be a positive addition to the list of other shots already required for college students.

But some students at UMass are already opposing the mandatory vaccine.

Junior John Beale cited cost as one of his reasons for disagreeing with the vaccine enforcement.

"I don't like shots, and I'm not gonna pay $75 for one," Beale said.

Meningitis is a disease where meningal coccae, bacteria in the body, flow into a person's bloodstream and travel to the brain, causing an infection of the fluid in the spinal cord and fluid surrounding the brain.

Symptoms for the epidemic include fever, muscle ache, rash, and stiff neck. Some types of the disease can be treated with antibiotics; however, the infected can be left with brain damage, hearing loss, and learning disabilities.

In some severe instances, such as University of Kansas student Andy Marso, toxins from the disease can destroy skin tissue and cause major brain damage. In Marso's case, toxins released by the disease spread throughout his body, resulting in the amputation of all his toes, most of his fingers, leaving him with a right thumb.



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Andy Marso is shown hospitalized with bacterial meningitus in June 2004. Doctors were forced to amputate all his toes and fingers, except his right thumb.

"I think it makes sense. If I was a parent of a student attending college, I would want this [vaccine] done," said Alfred DeMaria, director of Communicable Disease Control at the Mass. Department of Public Health. DeMaria also pointed out that the vaccines scheduled to be administered to students do have limitations.

"The vaccine protects people from 75 percent of the four types of meningal coccae. But one is not in the vaccine. And the shot doesn't last that long, only for two or three years."

"All students have immunization requirements, and this will be added," said Ann Becker, Public Health nurse at UMass University Health Services. "We will be meeting with people from the Department of Public Health. This will be our work for the year. We offer it here now, it has always been available at University Health Services."

Becker said that the shots are generally not covered by the state, but some students may be able to be reimbursed for the $75 cost.

According to DeMaria, college students overall don't have a high risk of getting the disease. Five out of 100,000 college students will get infected with meningitis.

DeMaria strongly advised students who are new to campus or have transferred from another school to receive the $75 inoculation. However, UMass economics major Justin DeAngelis feels the choice should be left up to the individual student.

"I don't think its right to charge students for an inoculation that has been considered controversial," said DeAngelis. "I think students should be able to decide what kind of needles they want to put in their arms."

Gun sellers say lifting the assault ban is no big deal TEC-9s legal for purchase

By Nicole Ziegler Dizon
Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP)— The U.S. ban on assault weapons is ending not with a bang but a whimper.

The decade-long ban expired Monday. The measure, signed by President Clinton, had outlawed 19 types of military-style assault weapons, banned certain features on firearms such as bayonet mounts, and limited ammunition magazines to 10 rounds.

But gun sellers and manufacturers say they do not expect to see any immediate surge in orders for the weapons.

"The thought that people are lined up around the block or that guns are going to flood the streets, that's nonsense," said Mark Westrom, owner of firearms manufacturer Armalite Inc.

For one thing, the gun industry says, weapons very similar to those banned have been legally available over the past decade. Also, because of a grandfather clause in the 1994 law, assault weapons or ammunition clips that were manufactured before the ban took effect could still be legally sold over the past 10 years.

Gregory Tropino, president of G.A.T. Guns in Dundee, said his store has fielded several calls about the ban's end, but none from people clamoring for the new guns.

Joe McBride, president of McBride's Guns in Austin, Texas, said he expects interest in the new ammunition magazines, but he has not noticed any increase in traffic at his store over news of the ban's end. McBride said some gun dealers also might be leery of stocking up too much on post — ban firearms.

"I think there's some wariness about what might be reinstated after the election," McBride said.

A clause in the 1994 ban said it would expire unless Congress specifically reauthorized it. President Bush did not lobby the Republican — controlled Congress to renew the ban, and the deadline passed without a vote.

The expiration of the ban means firearms like TEC-9s can now be legally bought. But some of the 19 weapons- foreign- made guns like the Russian- or Chinese- made AK - 47 and the Israeli - manufactured Uzi - are still banned under a 1989 law prohibiting imports of specific automatic weapons.

At Armalite, based in Geneseo, Westrom said it will take some time for the company to produce and ship rifles that contain features the act banned.

Even so, he said, the rifles will appeal mainly to collectors, not the hunters and target shooters who account for a good portion of Armalite's business.

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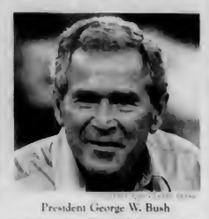
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Senator John F. Kerry



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John Kerry – Taking Back America

Massachusetts Senator and Democratic Presidential Candidate John F. Kerry is promising all Americans that help is the way.

"With only 49 days left on the campaign trail, Senator Kerry has taken aim at President Bush and criticized him for not serving in the military. He accuses Bush of claims that he made stating that he did once serve in the U.S. Air Force and according the democratic national committee, he did not.

"George Bush has a clear pattern of lying about his military service," said Iano Cabrera, director of communications for the DNC.

He also criticizes Bush for breaking promises in Iraq. He continues to say that President Bush misled America into war and that our country is headed in the wrong direction in Iraq.

"George W. Bush's wrong choices have led America in the wrong direction on Iraq and left America without the resources we need here at home," the presidential candidate said. "The cost of the president's go-it-alone policy in Iraq is now $200 billion and counting." Kerry told the Associate Press Wednesday.

In a radio address on Saturday, Sept 11 Kerry put his campaigning aside and remembered the victims of 9/11.

"On September 11, 2001, they and nearly 3,000 others were living out the daily rhythm of life in a nation at peace. But on that morning, in a single moment, they were lost, and our land was changed forever," Kerry said during his address.

George Bush – A Safer America

President George W. Bush is campaigning rigorously for the next six weeks as the race to the white house continues to intensify.

Bush and his opponent has taken jabs at the Kerry Campaign too. Bush has consistently been calling Kerry the flip-flop Senator from Massachusetts claiming that he voted for the war in Iraq, even though he is campaigning against it now.

According to Stephen Schmidt, spokesperson for the Bush/Cheney '04 campaign, "John Kerry's shifting positions on Iraq have left Americans with little confidence that he has the conviction and leadership necessary to fight and win the War on Terror. He has taken more positions than anyone can keep track of, and he is losing credibility on the issue."

In a surprise visit, President George Bush visited the Russian Embassy to sign the book of condolences after the Beslan hostage crisis that killed 335 people.

"The killers once again remind us of the duties we have as free people to work in concert, to work in unity, to make this world a better place," Bush said.

President Bush paused on Saturday to grieve and remember those who lost their lives on 9/11. He along with First Lady Laura Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife Lynne Cheney visited and paid tribute at a memorial ceremony in Manhattan.

Top colleges get C in voter registration

By Emily Fredrix
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The semester just started at most schools, but the grade is already in for more than a third of the nation's colleges on the assignment of helping to register young voters — a C or worse.

Harvard University's Institute of Politics and The Chronicle of Higher Education sent surveys to 815 colleges and universities in August to determine whether they met the spirit of the Higher Education Act. Passed in 1998, the law requires any university receiving federal funds to request sufficient voter registration forms for its entire campus four months before registration deadlines.

Some 249 schools responded to the survey, which was released Monday. Seventeen percent of the schools met the requirement and 37 percent said they graded their effectiveness at registering young voters at C or worse.

"It was pretty clear that not all knew what the requirements were under the Higher Education Act," said Philip Sharp, director of the Harvard Institute.

Other findings from the survey, sent in August to presidents of two and four-year colleges, show that about one-third of schools have had rallies or protests on campus and voter registration drives are held at seven in 10 schools. About half of the schools felt they were effectively registering young voters.

Florida residents board up against Ivan

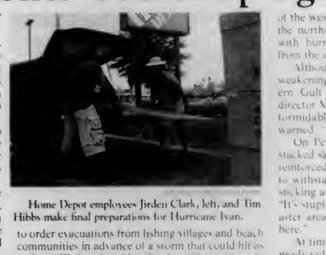
By Bill Kaczor
Associated Press

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — Rather than roll the dice on where 160-mph Hurricane Ivan might strike, Gulf Coast residents from Florida's Panhandle all the way to the bayous of Louisiana spent Monday boarding up their houses, tying up their boats and making plans to evacuate.

"I'm getting the hell out of here. This thing's too big," charter boat captain Jerry Weber said as he steered his 41-foot vessel up the Apalachicola River out of harm's way. "It doesn't matter where it comes ashore, not at this size."

The hard-to-predict Category 5 storm, one of the most powerful hurricanes ever to hit the Caribbean, killed at least 68 people in a devastating run through Barbados, Grenada, Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. The storm was headed toward Cuba on Monday.

Emergency officials in several Florida Panhandle counties were expected to decide Monday whether to order evacuations from fishing villages and beach communities in advance of a storm that could hit as early as Wednesday. Already, the military bases in the region flew some 275 aircraft out of the area.



Home Depot employees Jirden Clark, left, and Tim Hibbs make final preparations for Hurricane Ivan.

At 5 p.m. EDT, Ivan was centered 30 miles south of the western tip of Cuba, and was headed toward the northwest at near 9 mph. It had also grown, with hurricane-force winds extending 115 miles from the eye.

Although some forecasters predicted some weakening over the cooler waters of the northeastern Gulf of Mexico, National Hurricane Center director Max Mayfield said Ivan would still be "very formidable." "It's going to hit somebody," he warned. "This is a very, very dangerous hurricane."

On Pensacola Beach, Mark Sigler and his son stacked sandbags across the driveway of their steel-reinforced dome house that is supposedly designed to withstand hurricane force winds. They were not sticking around to find out.

"It's stupid to stay unless you like camping in a disaster area," he said. "There's no reason to be out here."

At times along its wobbly path, forecasters had predicted Ivan could make direct hits on either the Florida Keys or populous South Florida, only to see it veer west and sidestep both areas.

Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama residents had thought they were in the clear, until Ivan shifted over the weekend and put them in the possible path.

Primaries set for today

BOSTON (AP) — Voters in all but 22 of Massachusetts' 351 communities have primary choices on their ballot Tuesday, but Secretary of State William Galvin anticipates turnout of only 10 percent due to the absence of a noteworthy statewide race.

Statewide, primary ballots feature 57 contests, including 38 legislative races, five in the Senate and 33 in the House. These will determine the final slate for the November showdown between state Democrats, who hold a vast majority in both chambers, and Republicans, who are trying to turn the tide.

The biggest primary battles, however, are sheriff races in Suffolk and Worcester counties.

In Suffolk County, which includes Boston, Sheriff Andrea Cabral is trying to fend off a challenge by Boston City Councilor Stephen Murphy. The winner will automatically win the seat, because there is no Republican challenger.

-Associated Press

Putin announces new series of anti-terror plans for Russia

By Mara Bellaby
Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Responding to a spate of deadly terror attacks, President Vladimir Putin announced a series of anti-terror initiatives Monday that would strengthen the Kremlin's grip on every layer of Russian political life.

Putin told Cabinet members and security officials convened in special session that the future of Russia was at stake, and called for creation of a powerful anti-terror agency.

"The organizers and perpetrators of the terror attack are aiming at the disintegration of the state, the breakup of Russia," he said. "We need a single organization capable of not only dealing with terror attacks but also working to avert them, destroy criminals in their hideouts and, if necessary, abroad."



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Russian President Vladimir Putin visits a hospital in Northern Ossetia to meet victims of the hostage crisis, Saturday, Sept. 4, 2004.

Despite the plans for the new anti-terrorism agency, the proposals were short on security measures, focusing instead on electoral changes, including the elimination of popularly elected governors and an overhaul of the way Russians elect their parliament – a measure likely to increase the control of the dominant, pro-Kremlin faction.

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The red herring of leadership

The national conventions this summer broke new ground in the ways of ideological cowardice and political myopia. The Democrats, shamelessly and repetitively exploited their candidate's decorated Vietnam service, to paint themselves as stronger on defense than their counterparts, the Republicans. Who, night after night sent some of their most moderate party members to the podium during the prime-time slots. One could sense an almost overpowering fear between both parties, terrified of stepping on the toes of those oh-so-unpredictable swing voters. As a result, the bulk of the conventions — varying only slightly in degree among parties — were designed to circumvent the major policy questions of our time (particularly and crucially with regard to the situation in Iraq), instead taking shelter behind petty mockery, the empty rhetoric of "values," and the red herring of "leadership."

Mike Sances

The first two of these I feel have been, for the most part, received, as they ought to be. However, the particularly excessive focus on leadership during the Republican National Convention appears to have resulted in the word in question being widely accepted as a real and tangible issue, one worthy of major coverage. Particularly alarming to me was a recent Washington Post online poll, found in the wake of that more recent convention, which asked readers which of the two leading candidates they felt best fit the description "strong leader."

Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani best summed up the current Republican attitude toward leadership during the convention. In a speech littered with intermittent usage of the word, or a variant thereof, the former New York mayor proudly proclaimed, "In choosing a president, we really don't choose just a Republican or Democrat, a conservative or a liberal. We choose a leader. And in times of war and danger, as we're now in, Americans should put leadership at the core of their decision."

The incumbent, Giuliani further claimed, possesses, "the courage of his convictions" — a slightly more refined version of the popular view that Bush, love him or hate him, "sticks to his guns" no matter what the odds are and no matter how harsh the criticisms may be.

Leadership itself is a neutral term with no discernable positive or negative connotation. One can be an excellent leader, the greatest in history even, and still end up being a horrible monster, one we would loath to associate ourselves with. Take Hitler or Mussolini, for example. Pick any fascist, any brutally authoritarian dictator from the rogue's gallery of history, and there you are sure to find some of the most gifted "leaders" ever to walk the earth, "sticking to their guns" and resisting all critics until the very end, often taking millions with them.

Osama bin Laden, to cite a contemporary example, is probably one of the most brilliant leaders of the modern world. Bin Laden too possesses that same stubborn moral clarity championed by Giuliani, guiding his followers on a clear and coherent direction toward a certain and consistent set of goals.

The point here is that absent a desirable policy direction, the word "leadership" is entirely meaningless. For Giuliani and the other RNC speakers to focus so intensely on a personality trait that is dependent on policy to be adequately judged (and thus vacuous on its own) means that the Republicans are confident their audience has already been won over to the rightness of their ideology — that, or John Kerry and John Edwards are right, and the Republicans can't talk about policy because their policies are all failed ones.

Further, when Giuliani instructs the electorate that their mission in November is to pick

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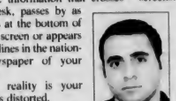
a leader, and not a platform, he is assuming that the voters have already concluded there is no substantial difference between the views of the left and the views of the right. While this may be true to a large extent in mainstream discourse, such a blatant attempt to blur the lines between the stark opposites of conservatism and liberalism should be considered a gross insult to the voters' intellect (not to mention to respective adherents of either persuasion).

As one of his party's most liberal members, (abortion rights, pro-gun regulation, pro-civil unions for same-sex couples), mayor Giuliani might very well hold the same distorted view of American politics he recently put forth at the RNC. Whether or not this is true, Americans would do well to notice just how scared the two parties are to speak freely of their core views. And should also keep in mind that there are actual ideas beneath the surface that, if admitted to the White House, could and inevitably will yield actual results.

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Whether you notice it or not, you're told what to like, who to like and who to side with. You may not notice it and you may even think the news you read is accurate. Perhaps you will never even question the information that crosses your desk, passes by as banners at the bottom of the TV screen or appears as headlines in the national newspaper of your choice.



Yousef Munayyer

The reality is your reality is distorted.

Take, for example, the front page of the New York Times on Sept. 1st. On that page you would find coverage of a suicide bombing in Beersheba, which killed many people and wounded more after two buses were targeted. The story would be hard to miss placed on the front page.

A week later Israeli helicopters fired rockets into Gaza killing 15 Palestinians. The next morning I picked up the New York Times again and began looking for the coverage of this story. Page after page I turned and a feeling of disgust grew inside me. This feeling wasn't caused by not seeing coverage of the attack on the front page, rather, I felt disgusted because I naively still had hope to see it there. Something inside me knew exactly where I could find it. When I reached page A12, the last page of the international news section, I found it. A 500 word blurb about 15 dead Palestinians appeared on the lower right corner as if the article was just barely newsworthy. It appeared directly below an article about Israeli weapons technology.

The divide between Israelis and Palestinians is not only a border, not only a racist wall, but it also exists in the marketing of our news and at the center of our moral conscience. Fifteen people were killed, however, depending on which side they were from will determine whether or not the deaths of those human beings were newsworthy.

Palestinians are not perceived as less human on the pages of our papers and on our television screens. They are portrayed as unworthy. The constant barrage of media empires has implanted a racist bias into our morality, which we may not even notice.

Also, in last weeks New York Times, I read a headline that left me thinking. It read, "Despair and anger at Russians give rise to suicide attacks," heading a story in the center of the front page. I could not help but imagine a slightly different headline. I envisioned the page displaying, "Despair and anger at Israelis give rise to suicide attacks," but such a headline exists only in the imagination.

There seems to be a constant effort to dehumanize Palestinians, to make it seem as if any action taken by Palestinians is the cause of some morally corrupt society or some evil inhuman force. The headline, which explained the terror in Russia as a result of Russian oppression of Chechnyans, would never be used to explain the violence in the Palestinian conflict.

Reading about the "black widows," a name given to a group of Chechnyan woman who resist Russian oppression after loosing their husbands or children in war, made me think of Palestinian mothers who have lost husbands and in many cases several children to Israel's Kafkain apparatus.

On the news you may here about Palestinian suicide bombers, which some media outlets call, "homicide bombers," in an attempt to completely erase the Palestinian from the story as to avoid mention of his history, his struggle and his desperation. Perhaps you may have even seen news clips of a recently dead suicide bomber reading his last testament in front of some Arabic script, he may even have his head wrapped with a Palestinian kuffiyeh, but rarely will you ever here what he is saying.

The speeches, which are in Arabic and rarely translated, usually detail a personal story. These are stories of desperation, stories of deaths, of a person who has lost a mother, or a child or a brother. These are the stories of the occupied, the humiliated and the dismayed. These are the stories of millions of Palestinians and these are precisely the stories that are kept from us to completely dehumanize the Palestinian in every way possible.

The deaths in Gaza were reported, which is better than many other incidents that never make it to the newsworthy pile in the editor's room. Hundreds of Palestinians die without even being mentioned as numerals in our daily press. A wonderful website, www.ifamericansknew.org, details the media coverage in several newspapers and displays the racist coverage which skews our public opinion about the unabashedly horrific policies of the state of Israel. On the site you will see results of studies done comparing actual deaths to deaths reported, the difference is more than startling.

If Americans knew, the situation in Palestine would be much different, but the problem is they don't. The hurdles to truth that the media places before us require near Olympian endurance to overcome, but if you are like me, you will start reading your news section from page A12 and work your way to the front.

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Mission : huge pecs

I am, without question, UMass' most recognizable man. Standing at a perch of six feet, five inches, with some outrageously bleach blonde hair, I am seen everywhere I go. Find me a person with brighter hair, and I will prove my point by towering over them by the usual seven inches. Find someone taller than me, and I will point my fingers at my hair, as if to say, "You really thought you could beat this, too?" In terms of being recognizable, no one beats the one-two combination of my height and hair.

Zach Oelschlegel

It's convenient when meeting people. They will usually tell me that they've seen me walking around campus when I am introduced to them, or they'll say something like, "Hey! You go to the hockey games! You're really loud and obnoxious!"

I like that feeling.

There are disadvantages, however. Despite my desire for attention, I sometimes don't want people to see me. This occurs typically at a dance or formal type setting, when all the really tiny people have moves to go along with that shake, and then there's that tall guy in the middle with the hair, who is waving his arms in some odd manner, and occasionally swiveling his hips, who then trips over his size fifteen foot and nails the floor in the fashion of a skydiver when his parachute fails to open.

It's a good thing that I have finally stopped growing because my propensity to be awfully uncoordinated would be even worse. Other things that have made me look foolish in the past are slowly being eliminated. For instance, I have recently begun to bathe regularly, and that filthy oaf you saw stumble into class is no more. I found out that, unfortunately, people still know how unsanitary you are despite the amount of cologne and Febreze you put on that morning. Speaking of Febreze, I now do my laundry on a weekly basis, and even take the time to fold it. I've also started reading books like Plato's, "Republic" in purposefully very public places so people get the impression that I'm intelligent when they see me.

So, really, there's just one more thing that I need to do in order to be complete as "that guy" here at UMass. A decent sense of humor, good hygiene, and being recognizable will only get you so far these days. In all seriousness, what it really comes down to is that I need to be strong enough to the point where my nipples pop out of my shirt.

One used to be a stud by simply using his wit and charm (neither of which I have) to attract women. But the Arnold Schwarzenegger's of this world have ruined it for us typically un-beefy males who lack the washboard abs and perky nipples that show through our clothing. We could do things the easy way by just buying extra small shirts, but that would be the equivalent of a bald man growing his hair out to eight inches on one side of his head so he could brush it over to the other side. Just as all of humanity knows that the man with a comb-over truly has little hair left and is quite bald, all females know when a man's nipples are ripping out of his shirt because the shirt was made for someone the size of Haley Joel Osment.

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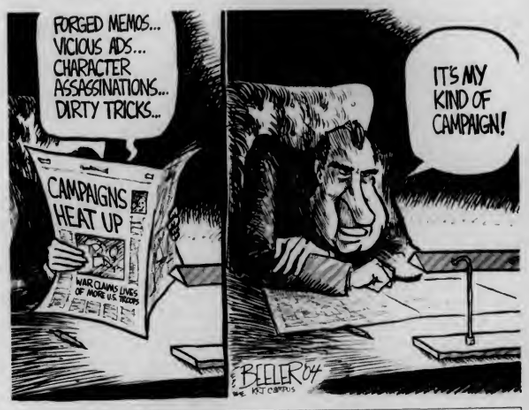
Therefore, I need to start working out. I had a dexi-scan done for my exercise science class last fall, and my body fat percentage is roughly the same as Miracle Whip. It doesn't mean that I suffer from obesity (I'm actually quite skinny), but it does mean that minus my bones, brains, and vital organs, I have about seven and a half pounds of actual muscle. This is why I was unable to carry more than my pillow up the stairs on move-in day. The next step is finding a gym that carries weights small enough for a person of my strength. I know that the Wellness Centers carry weights all the way down to five pounds, but those are just embarrassing to hoof around. I need some inflatable weights, ones that would expand so it would look like I was lifting a lot, but would actually be in my weight range.

I'm also lacking the desire. I told myself that I would get in great shape for my spring break trip to Panama City last year and that never really materialized. I went to the gym for about a month, and got discouraged after not being able to bench press more than thirty-six pounds, with the Schwarzenegger's of UMass laughing at me as they drank their protein shakes.

But this year is going to be different. It all comes down to which gym has the weakest members, who can only bench twice as much as I can, so I don't get too discouraged over the first few months of training. Then I will be able to achieve my dream of having my nipples rupture from my chest. For the first time, women on campus will see me and be turned on rather than off. I will be taking full advantage of my height-hair combo, which will render me unstoppable when coupled with the muscles ripping from my body. I will no longer be wasted potential.

Until then, does anyone know where I can purchase some extra small shirts?

Zach Oelschlegel is a Collegian columnist.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A LETTER FROM THE SGA PRESIDENT

We would like to welcome all students to UMass. This letter from the SGA President and Trustee, is hopefully the first in a series throughout the year. We were elected into office with goals to make the SGA accessible, accountable and effective. Letting the student body, through letters in the Daily Collegian, know what our goals are, what our accomplishments are and what needs to be done is an important first step in demonstrating the relevance and accountability of student government.

However, it is you, the student body that are the heart and soul of UMass. Because of this, we have a right and responsibility to control the workings of this school. The Student Government Association (SGA) is the organization that empowers students to do just that. With this in mind, we would like to inform you of a few things that we have on our agenda.

First, the $65 International Student Fee was abolished over the summer, and students who paid it will be refunded. This is due to the hard work, perseverance and dedication of all those who fought against this unfair fee last year with protests, marches and hunger strikes. This victory demonstrates students' ability to effect change, and we would like to personally thank all those who took part in the cause, particularly our friends in the Graduate Employment Organization.

Our highest priority is, and has been, the astronomic prices of textbooks. Textbook publishers are the worst culprits in this crisis by taking in exorbitant profits, printing unnecessary new editions and bundling extraneous materials with books. Together with other schools and public interest groups, we are committed to solving that issue.

On a more local scale, we have met with numerous administrators to discuss the feasibility of instituting a textbook rental system here on campus. Both administrators and representatives of Follett have been receptive to the idea, and we are striving to get faculty and students to help push for a more economical textbook model. In the first week of school, we will be active in front of the Textbook Annex, and we encourage all students to join us in speaking out.

Another high profile issue is our desire to convert to a four-course per semester system. Currently under the five-course system, we feel that too much time is spent scrambling for classes and not enough studying. By converting to a 4 course per semester model, we would reduce class size, increase class availability, and increase quality of education. We are working with the faculty and administration to try and institute this system. This is a very feasible goal over the next few years whose success depends on student support and involvement.

Our third, final, and perhaps most important campaign is educational access and affordability. Put simply, with rising SAT admittance standards, skyrocketing student fees, increased stress on recruiting out-of-state students, and the lowest state support for financial aid in the nation, how will UMass maintain its land grant mission to be affordable and accessible to the people of Massachusetts? Change comes in steps; for example, an $8,000 scholarship that was once offered to in-state high school valedictorians is now offered to students that get 1400 or higher on their SAT's. If you wish to see an affordable and accessible UMass, the time to act is now.

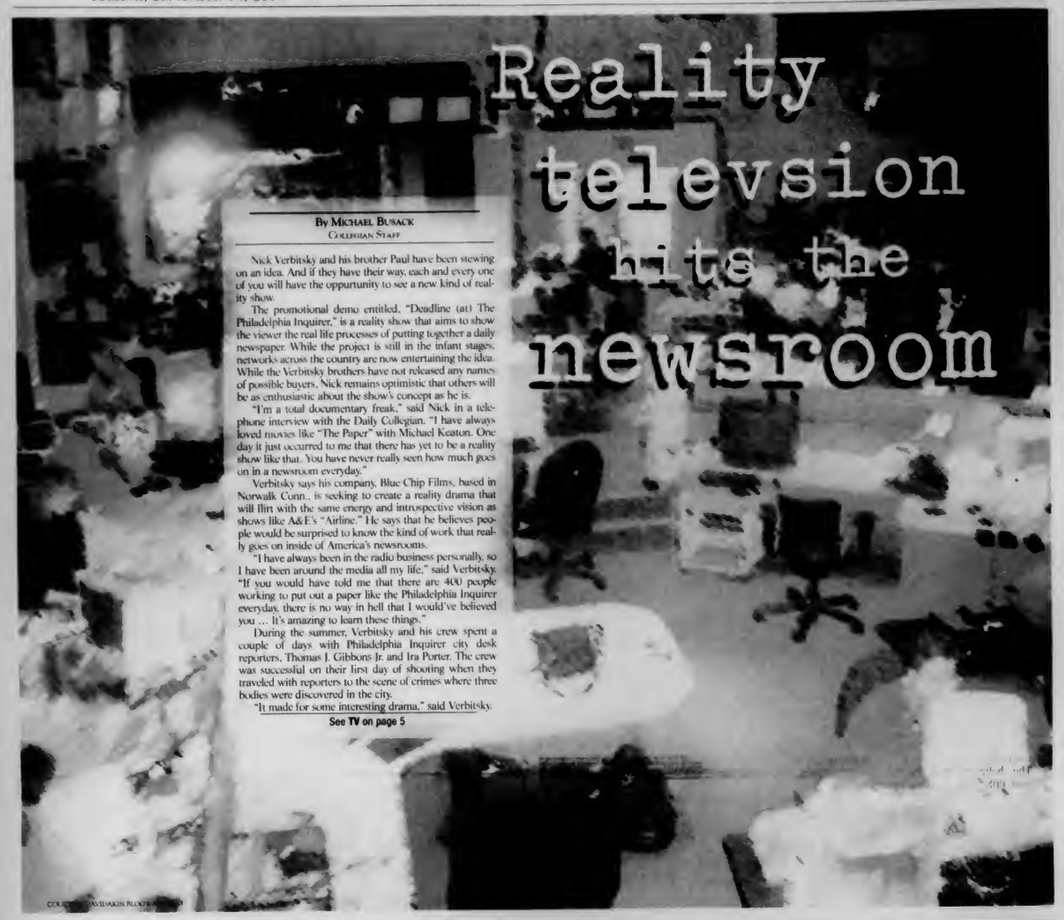
In closing, there are many other decisions that the administration will make. Should we create more substance-free housing? Do we really want surveillance cameras in our dorms? These are just a few examples of the issues our school will face over the next year, and the way to make your opinion count is through the SGA. So, I urge all of you to come out and make your voice heard. We were recently ranked the 7th most active student body in the nation. Next year let us be No. 1. On that note, we wish everyone a good year at UMass.

Eddie Bustamante
SGA President

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Reality television hits the newsroom

By MICHAEL BUSACK
COLLEGIAN STAFF

Nick Verbitsky and his brother Paul have been stewing on an idea. And if they have their way, each and every one of you will have the oppurtunity to see a new kind of reality show.

The promotional demo entitled, "Deadline (at) The Philadelphia Inquirer," is a reality show that aims to show the viewer the real life processes of putting together a daily newspaper. While the project is still in the infant stages, networks across the country are now entertaining the idea. While the Verbitsky brothers have not released any names of possible buyers, Nick remains optimistic that others will be as enthusiastic about the show's concept as he is.

"I'm a total documentary freak," said Nick in a telephone interview with the Daily Collegian. "I have always loved movies like "The Paper" with Michael Keaton. One day it just occurred to me that there has yet to be a reality show like that. You have never really seen how much goes on in a newsroom everyday."

Verbitsky says his company, Blue Chip Films, based in Norwalk Conn., is seeking to create a reality drama that will flirt with the same energy and introspective vision as shows like A&E's "Airline." He says that he believes people would be surprised to know the kind of work that really goes on inside of America's newsrooms.

"I have always been in the radio business personally, so I have been around the media all my life," said Verbitsky. "If you would have told me that there are 400 people working to put out a paper like the Philadelphia Inquirer everyday, there is no way in hell that I would've believed you ... It's amazing to learn these things."

During the summer, Verbitsky and his crew spent a couple of days with Philadelphia Inquirer city desk reporters, Thomas J. Gibbons Jr. and Ira Porter. The crew was successful on their first day of shooting when they traveled with reporters to the scene of crimes where three bodies were discovered in the city.

"It made for some interesting drama," said Verbitsky.

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'Hero' fares better over new Witherspoon film

'Vanity Fair' strays from original while Yimou puts new spin on classic

By JOHNNY DONALDSON
COLLEGIAN STAFF

While both "Vanity Fair" and "Hero" are both set in the past, only one vibrates with sensory pleasure of the future.

"Vanity Fair," Mira Nair's opulent yet dull adaptation of William Makepeace Thackery's classic literary satire is dressed in the lavish pageantry of costumes and set design for a period piece, but the film itself is musty and dead. It has all the allure of a moldering museum piece locked away in storage. "Hero," on the other hand, is a period drama that goes even further back in time (all the way to medieval China), but it has a colorful vibrancy missing from the airless antique that is "Vanity Fair."

'Hero'
Directed by Zhang Yimou
Starring Jet Li, Maggie Cheung
Miramax
Rated PG-13
96 mins.
Grade B+

In "Vanity Fair," Reese Witherspoon, unsuccessfully hiding her pregnancy, juts her jaw forward with Elle Woods-like determination as Becky Sharpe, a lowly governess who schemes and plots her way into the snobbish demimonde of the British upper class, where life seemingly consists of nothing but balls, riches and elitist insults.

In Thackery's novel, Becky's a calculating anti-heroine, sleeping her way to the top, but Witherspoon and Nair turn her – and the film – into a fantasy of go-girl empowerment. Witherspoon, who played the sneakily underhanded high school presidential candidate Tracey Flick in Alexander Payne's great "Election," should be the perfect choice for the role of Becky Sharpe, but she's started taking far too many cues from "Legally Blonde." Witherspoon's little girl fan base will love her, but that means the film has no bite.

It has no dramatic urgency either. "Vanity Fair" is wan and colorless – a romantic painting that has come haltingly to life. The movie plods from one point in Becky's life to the next, but it proceeds with a glum studiousness. There are a few choice moments of bitter comedy – when the movie attacks with the vicious dissection of snobbery and social climbing like it should – but they're outweighed by the high school English lesson drama of it all. The delectable costumes pass by, but we do not revel in their gorgeousness. We just wish the whole damn excruciating experience were over already.

The film's large ensemble includes good actors like Gabriel Byrne, Rhys Ifans, Bob Hoskins, Eileen Atkins and Jim Broadbent, but no one is given much to do. "Vanity Fair" rushes from scene to scene and all the actors are given a single note to play. Although they play their notes well, the movie lacks depth and focus.

Nair handled a large ensemble well in her last film, the exuberant "Monsoon Wedding," but here she gets dragged down by the swooning detail and a weird fixation on upping the film's Indian content, which results in a sultry Bollywood dance sequence out of place with the film's dusty torpor.

Zhang Yimou's "Hero," which sat on the shelves at Miramax for two years after garnering a best foreign language film Oscar nomination, is an eye-popping martial arts extravaganza in the gravity-defying mold of "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon." Here fighters engage in ballet-like duels while prancing on the surface of lakes. In one scene in particular a warrior parts a silvery curtain of falling water beads to get to another. "Hero" for all its sword-swinging action is not a fight film exactly; it is a work of visual poetry.

Jet Li plays an unnamed swordsman who ventures to the court of an embattled emperor, claming to have single-handedly killed three assassins out to get the king. Nameless, as he is called, tells the story, and the king, in a "Rashomon" like twist, retells the stories, shuffling the details and discrediting Nameless' account.

The plot is hoary, but "Hero" is a lovely movie in which the plot is not really what matters. Yimou and his cinematographer, Christopher Doyle, shade each story in a new color palette – cool blues, vibrant reds, creamy neutrals, and sumptuous greens; the movie takes a breathtaking quality. "Hero" is more set design than anything else. It lacks the poignant drama of "Crouching Tiger," but it is seductive to the eye.

The movie's martial arts struggles are not about violence, but about skill and honor, and the movie is given an emotional center by the performances of Maggie Cheung and Tony Leung. They play Flying Snow and Broken Sword, two of Nameless' adversaries; a pair of lovers who's connected auras gives the film the angle of a tragic love story. Whenever Yimou threatens to get lost in his art, they remind us that the film has a beating heart all its own.



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Reese Witherspoon turns in a lackluster performance as Becky Sharpe in the recent release of "Vanity Fair."

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Jet Li draws his weapon as the character Nameless in the new film "Hero."

Freud and Lewis debate God

By RICHARD N. OSTLING
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP) – It could be the ultimate challenge for a TV show: Debating the topic of God's existence.

How do you bring that subject down to earth? And what on earth do you do for visuals? But the ineffable can be made accessible.

Behold: "The Question of God," two unusual two-hour programs airing on PBS Wednesday and Sept. 22 (check local listings) with home video to follow.

Director Catherine Tatge produced past PBS series about mythology scholar Joseph Campbell and the Bible's Book of Genesis, both hosted by Bill Moyers.

"Question" stems from a book of the same title by psychiatrist Armand Nicholi, who for decades has taught Harvard University courses that compare the lives and religious thought of this odd couple:

Sigmund Freud (1856-1939), the founder of psychoanalysis, arguably the most influential atheist of modern times (now that the credibility of communist Karl Marx has imploded).

C. S. Lewis (1898-1963), English literature scholar at Oxford and Cambridge universities, a hard-bitten atheist who then embraced Christianity and became arguably the era's most influential defender of belief.

These two fascinating fellows allow Tatge to leaven the inevitable talking heads with documentary materials and dramatized re-creations from their lives, artfully filmed in European locales and using their actual words. Peter Eyre plays Freud (yes, complete with cigar) and Simon Jones is a pipe-puffing Lewis.

There's rich Freudian material here. If God is merely the projection of childhood wishful thinking, as Freud thought, did Sigmund himself spurn God because he rebelled against Daddy? And did young Lewis turn atheist because Daddy packed him off to a cruel boarding school after his beloved Mommy died?

The believers may be so pleased PBS is even taking the God issue seriously and portraying Lewis' famous conversion that they'll overlook the subtle tilt against belief. If Lewis had been on the panel he would have answered skeptical challenges that are left hanging and have assailed Freud's lack of proof for his supposedly scientific theories.

So "Question" unwittingly indicates that faith remains on the defensive among cultural elitists, notwithstanding popular-level revivals and the supposed "Twilight of Atheism" proclaimed in a new book by Alister McGrath, a Lewis-style atheist turned Oxford theist. Nicholi's book is far more satisfactory than the TV version on the pros and cons, especially the pros. The programs seem to reflect less of Nicholi, a churchgoing Protestant, than of Tatge, a former Catholic on a "faith journey" married to an agnostic who co-produced.

At the conclusion, Nicholi intones, "Is it possible that Freud and Lewis represent conflicting parts of ourselves, a part of us that yearns for relationship with the source of all joy, hope and happiness ... and another part that raises its fist in defiance?"



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Founder of psychoanalysis, Sigmund Freud and defender of belief, C.S. Lewis are featured as conversationalist's in a new PBS documentary which is set to air later this month.



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News based television show

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He predicts that if a network purchases the show, his crew will follow reporters and photographers alike. Although he spoke mainly about the life of the metro reporter, Verbitsky says he would like to cover reporters, photographers and editors in every section. "Personally, even if this didn't work out, it was an incredible honor to be able to see all of this," said Verbitsky. "It takes a different kind of person to do what these people do. I wanted to hug some of the people we watched in these crime stories, but the journalists, they love their job and they do it well," he added. "It is a tough job to do. Most people know what is going to happen in their nine to five job. These guys wake up everyday to a different day, a different story."

The show is merely talk for now though until Blue Chip Films is able to sell the material and footage they have put together. Mary Flannery, the Philadelphia Inquirer's senior editor for newsroom initiatives says her publication is excited about the idea of the documentary style reality show.

"We think this could be a great oppurtunity to let people know how the news is put together," Flannery said. "We think it will be a great way to give a transparent view into the everyday trials of a newsroom."



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People in the news

Flash enters the hall

NEW YORK (AP) — Grandmaster Flash & the Furious Five are among the nominees for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame - the first rap artists to get that distinction -joining U2, Randy Newman and the O'Jays on the ballot.

Getting his start as a DJ at Bronx parties in the late 1970s, Grandmaster Flash later joined with the Furious Five for the social commentary of "The Message" and "White Lines (Don't Don't Do It)."

Other nominees include blues guitarist Buddy Guy, rockabilly pioneer Wanda Jackson, rock band the Pretenders, soul singer Percy Sledge, "Centerfold" singers the J. Geils Band and the late country singer Conway Twitty.

Previous nominees on the ballot, the Sex Pistols, Patti Smith, the Stooges, Lynyrd Skynyrd and Grant Parsons.

Singers of "Back Stabbers" and a string of other soulful hits, the O'Jays had their chart heyday in the 1970s. A singer of satirical songs like "Short People," Newman is now one of the Hollywood's most successful composers of movie music.

Musicians, industry professionals and journalists vote, and results of the 20th annual election will likely be announced in December. Artists are eligible to be inducted into the Rock Hall after at least 25 years have passed since their first record was released.

Kimmel to host AMA's

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jimmy Kimmel's doing it again.

The late-night funnyman will host the American Music Awards for the second consecutive year when the three-hour special airs live on ABC Nov. 14.

"It is an honor to be nominated and I promise that my duet with Christina Aguilera will be a performance that will not be soon forgotten," joked Kimmel, host of the network's "Jimmy Kimmel Live."

Dick Clark, who produces the annual American Music Awards, said Monday he was excited to have him back as the show's host.

"He showed last year that his unpredictability and ability to react to situations around him allows him to bring a unique sense of humor to the stage and to keep the show moving at a fast pace," Clark said.

Nominations for the 32nd annual American Music Awards, meanwhile, will be announced Tuesday.

Olbermann a Playboy?

NEW YORK (AP) – The countdown to the No. 1 sexiest male newscaster ends with ... Keith Olbermann - at least according to a Playgirl magazine online poll.

The host of MSNBC's nightly "Countdown with Keith Olbermann" had linked his Web site to the Playgirl Web site and urged viewers to vote for him. The strategy worked: he came away the winner with 24 percent of the 50,000 votes cast.

"Voter turnout was phenomenal," Michele Zipp, the magazine's editor in chief, said Monday. "Our readers jammed our e-mail server extolling the virtues of all those sexy news guys on TV."

Fox News Channel's Sean Hannity came in second and Anderson Cooper of CNN was third. Andy Rooney of CBS's "60 Minutes" who's #5 tied for fifth place with the boyish Bill Hemmer from CNN. And Fox's Bill O'Reilly received about 200 write-in votes.

Complete results will be listed in the October issue.

As winner, Olbermann won't be taking it all off in Playgirl's pages but he will choose a charity to receive $2,500 on his behalf.

Parker visits fashion show

NEW YORK (AP) – Mary-Louise Parker came to the Luca Luca fashion show to see the cocktail dresses.

"I love his dresses, they are lovely and ladylike," she said Sunday night from the front row at the Bryant Park tents in midtown Manhattan. The show was part of New York Fashion Week, which runs through Wednesday.

Parker, an Emmy nominee for the miniseries "Angels in America," once had many occasions to get dressed up in designer Luca Orlandi's gowns and dresses.

But now that she's a mother, things have changed.

"I definitely don't get out as much as I used to," the 40-year-old actress said with a laugh.

Parker made a striking fashion statement at the Golden Globes earlier this year when she wore a form-fitting black gown with a plunging neckline just two weeks after giving birth to her son, Atticus. When she won the best supporting-actress award, for "Angels in America," Parker thanked her son for helping her fill out her revealing gown.

However, at Luca Luca, Parker opted for a simple blue sweater.

Other celebrities sitting along the catwalk included Jessica Simpson, Anne Hathaway, Venus and Serena Williams wearing complementing salmon-pink dresses and R. Kelly.

Parker returns to Broadway this fall, where she won a Tony for her performance in "Proof," to star in "Reckless."

Monks protest film

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) – More than 500 Buddhist monks marched in the Sri Lankan capital Monday expressing outrage and demanding a ban on an upcoming Hollywood movie, threatening to fast even to death if their objections were not heeded.

"Hollywood Buddha," made by independent filmmaker Philippe Caland, will be released in California Sept. 24. It's about a struggling Buddhist friend who believes it will bring him luck selling his feature film.

Saffron-robed monks from the Patriotic National Movement marched to the U.S. Embassy denouncing an advertisement of the movie that shows a man seated on the head of a Buddha statue.

Some carried the advertisement while others waved Buddhist flags and staged a sit-down protest shielding themselves with black umbrellas against the blazing midday sun.

"We want the release of this film stopped," said monk Mawarale Baddiya, holding a loudspeaker. "The film scoffs at lord Buddha, his character and his teaching."

The protesters handed a petition to an embassy representative about their objections. But Baddiya warned that if action is not taken their next step would be to begin a fast outside the embassy.

Last week, lawmakers in predominantly Buddhist Thailand expressed similar outrage over the movie.

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NHL can't come to terms; season in limbo

By Sarah Talalay and Michael Russo
Knight Ridder

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — With no additional bargaining sessions scheduled, the NHL appears headed toward locking out its 700 players when their contract expires at midnight Wednesday.

The NHL Players Association offered a new proposal Thursday that contained a rollback of salaries, luxury tax and revenue sharing model. The league rejected the proposal, calling it a "repackaged" but "watered-down" version of last October's proposal.

"Nothing more clearly demonstrates the union's unwillingness to acknowledge or meaningfully address this league's problems than this recycled proposal," NHL Executive Vice President Bill Daly said in a statement after Thursday's negotiating session.

The union, however, claims it is the league that's inflexible, focusing only on a salary cap system that the union is unwilling to accept.

"At some point, the owners have to realize the players will never accept a salary cap or a system linking payroll to league revenues. Our proposal represents the most logical compromise to reach an agreement and save hockey this season," NHLPA President Trevor Linden said in a statement. "Unfortunately, the owners have expressed no willingness to engage in any dialogue that could lead to a fair agreement for both sides."

Here's an overview of the labor situation:

Question. Why would the absence of a new labor agreement on Sept. 15 result in a lockout, not a strike?

Answer. Players are not unhappy with the current system and have vowed not to strike. While players could agree to play without a new agreement, it's expected the owners will lock them out and not pay them.

Q. Didn't the NHL extend the current labor agreement twice?

A. Yes. After owners last locked out players for 103 days, canceling 34 games of the 1994-95 season, the sides reached agreement. In 1995, the agreement was extended so the players could participate in the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan, a venture viewed as good for the game. In 1997, the agreement was again extended with the decision to expand the 26-team league to 30 teams.

Q. So what went wrong?

A. With tremendous growth in the game — expansion from 21 to 30 teams in the 1990s and a national television contract — revenues grew 163 percent but salaries rose 252 percent, an equation the NHL says is impossible. The union disputes the league's figures, saying they are closer to revenue increases of 153 percent and salary increases of 170 percent during the life of the contract.

Q. Why does Commissioner Gary Bettman keep referring to "cost certainty?" Isn't that a salary cap?

A. It's partly semantics, but, Bettman insists, a salary cap is only one way to reach "cost certainty" — the concept of tying salaries to revenues. The league says salaries have outpaced revenues and it spent 76 percent of its revenues on player salaries in 2002-03 — far more than any of the three other major sports. The players' union says it will not accept a cap.

Q. What is the Levitt report?

A. The league paid former U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Arthur Levitt Jr. $250,000 to study its finances. The report, released in February, backed up most of the league's claims of losses and financial instability. The union accused the league of a public relations gimmick, charging the report wasn't independent and the union was not involved.

Q. Haven't the sides been meeting? Why can't they reach a deal?

A. They had been until Thursday, but little progress has been made. At their last meeting, the union presented a new proposal, which included a further compromise: a 5 percent rollback in salaries along with revenue sharing and a luxury tax. The league, which says a "cost certain system" is crucial, said it was "disappointed" with the proposal.

Q. What about a luxury tax on the league's highest payrolls?

A. Bettman has rejected a luxury tax.

Q. What about revenue sharing?

A. Revenue sharing between the wealthiest and poorest teams is a possibility, Bettman says, as long as it is within a "cost certain" system. In the absence of "cost certainty," the league says revenue sharing would only reallocate the league's financial loss.

Q. Will franchises be contracted?

A. The NHL says it has no interest in disbanding teams and expects all 30 teams to be healthy under a new economic system. However, some observers think a lengthy lockout could force some owners to pull the plug on their teams.

Q. How much do players earn?

A. Average salaries have grown from $733,000 in 1994-95, when the current agreement was signed, to $1.83 million in 2003-04. The highest-paid players earned $11 million last season.

Q. What about TV rights fees? Don't they usually offset the costs of payroll?

A. Rights fees for hockey are minimal and far less than in other sports. Because hockey is a regional game with low ratings, teams received about $4 million annually under the television deal that expired this year. A new barebones television deal struck in May with NBC and ESPN will provide even less, perhaps no more than $2 million a year.

Q. How long would a lockout last?

A. Several industry sources say they anticipate a resolution by January, which would allow for a shortened season, but others say a lockout could go longer. And the players' association warned at its annual meeting to be prepared for as much as 18 months away from hockey.

Q. Won't the players give in once a work stoppage starts hitting them in the wallet?

A. Both the NHL and the NHLPA have been amassing war chests for some time. The NHL has gathered $300 million to protect its franchises. The NHLPA won't publicize the amount it has saved, but Senior Director Ted Saskin has called it "substantial." The union will pay equal stipends to the league's 700 players, as well as medical and other insurances.



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Hats fall in the Watchovia Center after Keith Primeau netted his third goal of the game, on Sunday May 2nd, 2004. Fans may be without a season next year if players and management can not come to terms.

UMass swept in Terrapin Invitational

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seconds later, Ciconte scored again, this time unassisted. Despite Tocco's best efforts to stop the shot, the ball still managed to sneak past her into the cage.

Tocco earned eight saves during the game, while Maryland goalie Christina Restivo made one save in the first half.

Tocco also earned two saves in Sunday's game against American University, before turning the cage over to freshman Becky Letourneau. Letourneau made her debut on the field this weekend, playing the majority of the AU game.

In Letourneau's time in the cage, she made four saves, only allowing two goals.

"You need to have two goalkeepers ready to go at any time," Shea said. "[Letourneau] was outstanding today. She really threw up the floodgates for us."

The game-winner was scored less than two minutes into the game by senior midfielder Javiera Villagra. Villagra recorded a hat trick in the game, with a total of three unassisted goals.

Camila Infante notched the second goal, assisted by Heidi Hershberger. A minute and a half later, Heather Maranzano scored off a rebound from a diving save by Tocco.

With 17:50 left in the first half, Villagra earned her second goal, followed a minute later with the final goal of the period scored by Shannon Goans.

Villagra's third and final goal came with 17:06 left in the second half. On a penalty corner, Maggie Hall attempted a shot, which was deflected by Letourneau. On the rebound, Villagra managed to sink the ball into the net.

The game's final score came with just under sixteen minutes left to play in the game, an unassisted goal from Alicia Krawitz.

"We didn't bring our successes from the Maryland game to the American game," Shea said.

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A gamers adventure to Madden immortality

Jeff Howe

I'm sure most of you can relate to me. I've been playing "Madden" football video games for years now. If you can't relate to me, you probably think I need to spend a few minutes to reevaluate my life.

The game is fun, though, and is there really anything better than having fun? Hey, at least I'm not playing "Doom" or "Dungeons and Dragons."

Over the past three years, "Madden" has gotten progressively more realistic and even more entertaining. If there wasn't anything to do during the day, a group of us would just sit around and play each other. We would taunt each other as if we were playing something that had actual meaning to it, but, in the end, it stopped being as fun for me.

Just ask my friends. I'm better than all of them. I won't name names, but I can guarantee that they're reading this right now, and my tires are about 15 minutes away from being slashed.

So when I heard about the, "Madden Challenge," a tournament in its third year now, I knew I had to sign up for its date at Gillette Stadium on Sunday. I might actually get some real competition outside of my living room for once.

Unfortunately, when I showed up to the Fidelity Investments Clubhouse at 10 a.m. on Sunday morning, I was questioning my own game. I didn't even know which team I was going to play with.

Should I play with the Patriots and give my opponent a decent shot at sacking me every down due to the immobile Tom Brady, or should I play with the Eagles to have an agile quarterback in Donovan McNabb while sacrificing talent all across the rest of the board?

These are questions I shouldn't have to ask myself the morning of a tournament that could land me a trip to Las Vegas and $50 thousand. But I had just spent six days in Hilton Head Island, which set my game a week behind the other 511 people in the tourney.

I'm not asking you to feel sorry for me because Hilton Head is a beautiful place, and I wouldn't trade that trip for the world. My problem is that I'm just too competitive to let variables like that slide. I absolutely hate losing. I won't even let my little cousins win a game of basketball in my backyard. It doesn't matter that they might only be four feet tall, but I'm going to shut them down in every phase of the game.

Well, before I knew it, I was thrown into my first round game. I ended up siding with the Eagles, and my opponent did the same.

Now, if you have never played in the Madden Challenge before, you have no idea how much different it is playing a video game with money and pride on the line in front of a thousand people. I was flat out nervous. My palms were sweating, my stomach was a mess and I couldn't stand still.

Luckily for me, this guy had no idea how to handle a zone defense. I picked off his first pass of the game and took it back to the house for an early lead. I was able to play the rest of the game with a calmness that would have made Manny Ramirez proud.

Two more interceptions and a forced fumble later, I advanced to the second round with a 17-0 victory. That poor guy had to go home to his mother and tell her that he didn't score a single point in the Madden Challenge.

My next opponent turned out to be a guy I stood next to in line during the registration process earlier in the morning. He made the mistake of telling me he won two games in last year's event, so I knew he could play. I casually told him that I had never played a sober game of "Madden" in my life. It was a strategic move on my part since I knew that I would be paired against the people who were closest in line to me.

Well, that strategy worked when he decided to punt on his first possession of the game instead of going for it on 4th-and-2. What I didn't realize was how good of a Patriots' defense I would be up against. I couldn't do anything on offense, so we traded punts through the first half until he took a 7-0 lead.

I thought I was cooked. I had –2 total yards, and there were only a few remaining seconds left in the first half. Then, something magical happened. With "Beast," the tournament emcee behind me, I tossed up a prayer off my back foot to Terrell Owens about 20 yards down field in order to avoid a sack.

It was a dumb throw without question. This was the kind of throw that the Philadelphia media wouldn't have let McNabb live down for the rest of the season. Sometimes in video games, though, crazy things happen. The ball floated through the hands of Ty Law, Terrell Buckley and Rodney Harrison and landed softly in T.O.'s hands, he then sprinted another 60 yards downfield for the tying score just before halftime.

The crowd went ballistic, and Beast starting yelling into the microphone that my lucky clover had just fallen out of my pocket. I was back in the game with two quarters to play.

My opponent received the kickoff and methodically drove down the field. He had crossed my 40-yard-line as the third quarter expired, and his friends told him to run the clock out before kicking a field goal.

I couldn't believe what I was hearing. This guy was about to break the man code, and run the clock out. Any normal guy would have to throw a pink skirt on and be referred to as "Princess" for the next week. He had no shame, though.

With 20 seconds left in the game, he was attempting a 45-yard field goal to clinch his shameless victory. What he may have forgotten, though, was that the luck in this game was on my side.

The field goal looked good for the first 20 yards, but then it gradually began hooking to the left. I began leaping as though I were Carlton Fisk in the '75 World Series. My arms were flailing to the left side of the screen, and the ball followed them. Wide left! Once again, the crowd erupted, and everyone was on my side after they watched him run the clock out in a foolish attempt to claim victory.

I would go on to win the coin toss in overtime and march down the field to win the game with a field goal of my own. Throughout the entire game-winning drive, I must have heard 30 people behind me say, "That guy missed a field goal to win the game, and he's now about to lose."

I was a fan favorite, and I was advancing to the third round. Some people say that it is better to be lucky than good, but I say the "Madden" gods were watching this sorry excuse of a player run the clock out in an attempt to steal the game from me.

My third round opponent had no business being at this tournament. He was awful, but whatever forces helped me win my second game stopped me from winning my third. I couldn't figure out why my defenses weren't blitzing in the direction I was telling them to or why my receivers were running the wrong routes.

By the time the first quarter was over, I realized that my right analog stick was busted. The referee fixed it, but since the score was knotted at zero, he wouldn't let us start the game over.

I was rattled, though. Two of my drives were wasted. A camera crew decided to get in my face next, and I knew my karma had run dry. What's worse is that Ken Walter snuck into my controller, and I shanked my next two punts out of bounds.

The score was tied at zero just before halftime, and my opponent was starting a drive at his 20-yard-line. Tom Brady hit Ben Watson on a five-yard-out pattern. Watson not only broke two tackles as soon as he caught the ball, but he outran my entire secondary on his way to an 80-yard touchdown reception.

Where Watson developed the strength of a tank and gained Mike Vick-like speed was beyond me. The Playstation 2 was against me during this game, and it was even more evident when I was stuffed on a goal-line stand in the fourth quarter. Final score: 7-0.

I wasn't beaten by my counterpart but by the Playstation. Throw in a television camera, and Ben Watson who had the attributes of Bo Jackson in "Techmo Bowl" and I had no chance. I'm getting angry just writing about it now.

Oh, well. I knew that I would need a little luck to bring home the championship, so I won't get too worked up over it. The experience was priceless, too. I had a group of 30 strangers behind me cheering my every move during a video game, and that alone was exciting enough.

I didn't get a trip to Vegas, I'm not $50 thousand richer and I was beaten by the system. Somehow, though, I walked away with a smile on my face.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I'm going to play my 11-year-old cousin in home run derby.

Jeff Howe is a Collegian columnist.



A virtual Ray Lewis takes out Marvin Harrison in Madden 2005, the popular sports game from EA Sports. Over 1,000 people showed up to play in this year's, 'Madden Challenge' held in Foxboro, Mass.

Fans of all ages vie for Madden glory

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gave Nihan's Baltimore Ravens the victory.

Nihan was flanked by his mother and sister at the tournament, but they weren't the only ones cheering for him. At one point during his third round loss, there were as many as 50 people living and dying with every play. He would often turn around to acknowledge the excitement with fist pumps and high-fives. "It was pretty cool," Nihan said about the crowd support.

Mike "Balla" Brown was the zone referee where Nihan's games were played. "He was very humorous and extremely mature. He said that if he won the $50 thousand, he would give the money to his mother so she could do her kitchen over," Brown noted.

Unlike Nihan, however, this was a business trip for some competitors in the "Challenge." Mike "B-Threat" Vitorino, a 19-year-old New Bedford resident, said he spends two hours a day in Practice Mode in "Madden 2005." He played each game with his headphones on and showboating in front of his opponents.

Vitorino summed up the way he plays each game. "I go thing. Nathan "Young Gunz" Stanton, 20, was the first person in the three-year history of the event rough each defensive player and blitz guys with Playmaker. Ask my last opponent. He felt it," Vitorino said.

At the end of the day, just like in any tournament, there was only one man left standto successfully defend his regional crown. The New York native will be in Las Vegas to play for the national championship December 10-12.

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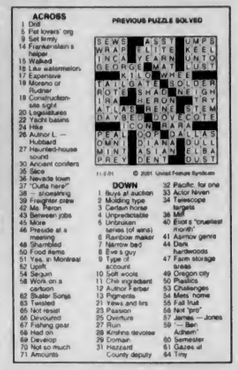
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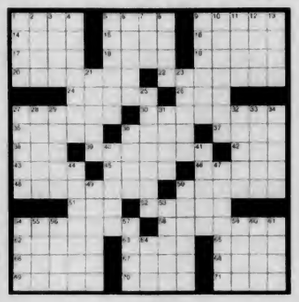
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SPORTS TUESDAY

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Minutemen square up for Hartford

By Matt Barstow
Collegian Staff

The hardest schedule in recent history sure isn't making life easy for the University of Massachusetts men's soccer team.

Outscored 9-2 by opponents thus far, the Minutemen (0-3) will face-off against Hartford (2-2) this afternoon at 3:30, in search of their first victory of the season.

A home loss to the Hawks today may cause the Maroon and White faithful to start asking questions about UMass' ability to make it deep into the Atlantic 10 tournament.

UMass' two regular season goals have come from the freshmen duo of Tyler Pagano and Matty Lemire. Pagano netted the lone Massachusetts goal in a 3-1 loss to San Francisco on September 4, while Lemire scored his first collegian goal Saturday, in a 3-1 home loss to Maine.

If the trend continues, the Minutemen may find themselves out of the NCAA playoff hunt before the A-10 portion of the schedule begins.

"Tomorrow is a big game for us, we didn't play well Saturday and it will be a good chance for us to turn things around," UMass coach Sam Koch said. "We will make some minor adjustments on the field that will hopefully help us improve."

Youth and inexperience may be the largest hurdle for Massachusetts to overcome — the maroon and white field a team of 10 freshman and two seniors. Seventeen underclassmen will suit up tomorrow for UMass, against a Hartford squad that returns 15 letter winners.

But as far as Koch is concerned, the time for growing pains is over. "There are 11 positions on the field and there is competition for all 11 spots," Koch said. "Class doesn't matter. I expect the freshman to be ready to play, everyone's got to be ready."

To make matters worse for UMass, Hartford looks to have a solid team. Powered by an explosive offense and experienced defense, the Hawks have generated eight goals over four games.

First Team All-New England selection Alon Lubezky of Hartford is arguably the best player on the field. Lubezky became the all-time points leader at Hartford in its season opening victory over Sacred Heart, after scoring a hat trick to begin his senior campaign.

"Hartford is tough. They have a solid program and should be tough competition," Koch said.

Defensive minded Massachusetts must find a way to slow down Lubezky and control the tempo if it is going to be successful. Junior captain Craig Canavan and a senior-less defense will have their sights set on stopping Lubezky, Gorkem Katoglu and Kevin Candito, an offensive trio that have accounted for all Hawk goals.

Unfortunately for the Minutemen the two outings in which UMass played to its potential didn't count. A 3-1 rout of Montreal and a 0-0 draw with ninth ranked Notre Dame were pre-season matches that didn't influence the standings.

Against Montreal, the UMass offense fired on all cylinders, recording three goals on 14 shots. Junior Oral Bullen scored a pair of goals in the first 13 minutes of play, but has been absent from the scorecard ever since.

Bullen, the team's leading returning scorer and tri-captain, finished last season with eight goals and four assists and is thought of as being too talented to remain quiet for long.

Goalies Colin Burns and Nick Billman appeared solid in net for Massachusetts as they shut out the Irish. To begin the season, Fifth ranked Santa Clara shut out the Minutemen 3-0, September 2, but the Broncos boast one of the most successful programs in collegiate soccer.

Hartford defeated UMass 2-0 last year to begin the season. After falling to the Hawks, UMass won seven of the next nine games to reach its highest national ranking ever, No. 13.



MATT REBECO/COLLEGIAN

Ernie Billittier takes a corner kick in a 3-1 loss to Maine last Saturday. The Minutemen take on Hartford at home today for a 3:30 kick-off.

The youth revolution

Ah, so there is some truth to the old adage, "age before beauty."

I'm not talking about it in the cynical comment you make after you hold the door for somebody. I'm using it in the sense that sometimes a person or a team needs to age a little bit before you get to see the diamond in the rough.



Bob McGovern

For the University of Massachusetts men's soccer team this season has looked a bit rusty so far. After losing its first three games of the season, only producing two goals overall, it would seem that there are some questions that desperately need to be answered before the Atlantic 10 season begins against St. Joseph's on October 1st.

Perhaps the question should be: How fast can this young team congeal?

UMass has put together one of its finest recruiting classes in recent memory and bolstering it is a slew of talent that has only been in the spotlight for one season.

Players like junior captains Craig Canavan and Oral Bullen got their first taste of real action at UMass last year. It wasn't their job to carry the team and there was still lingering talent from that 2001 NCAA tournament team that was one of the best soccer teams to ever play at this university.

So now it's time to put up, and what better way to shake the spider webs than to go against some of the best teams in the nation?

Losing to Santa Clara and San Francisco hurts for sure, but no one was blown away when they got the news. The Minutemen got a reality check early, the older guys saw what was out there and the new guys got to see that this isn't high school anymore.

Many people may start to write off UMass early, it only has three seniors, it got ousted early last year, and before the season even started the Minutemen were ranked in the bottom echelon of the A-10. They may ignore the 0-0 tie against then No. 9 Notre Dame as a fluke and write off 2004 as just a run in the mill "rebuilding year."

Maybe that's just what the doctor ordered.

By the time everything clicks, early season woes mean nothing. There is continuity that needs to be formed, and with a team as young and talented as the Minutemen, this continuity will be the key to the post-season.

Including today's game, UMass has four straight in the friendly confines of Rudd Field. After that, the real season begins and the Minutemen will dive right into the mix of the A-10 season.

The Minutemen will be looking towards players like Bullen to spark an offense that has been about as stagnant as the water in the campus pond. Bullen hasn't exactly been a high-octane offensive machine, but how can he?

Last year he had Piah Myers alongside and the offensive burden wasn't so heavy. Those looking towards Bullen to pick up where the likes of Myers left off are to be surely disappointed. They shouldn't, and you know why?

That's not how Bullen plays the game.

Bullen needs a sidekick, someone to play with him, not to him and like anything else that connection takes time. With players like freshmen Tyler Pagano, Matty Lemire (who have the only two goals on the season), and sophomore sensation Richard Higa, it's only a matter of time before the UMass offense heats up.

So maybe this home stand is exactly what they need. Maybe Maine was just first home-game jitters and no one was on the same page. Either way these next four games are what will dictate the success of this team.

It's a matter of figuring out each other's game and becoming fluid as a unit. That's what a team looks like and if the Minutemen figure that out, this will surely be a "rebuilding" season to remember.

-Bob McGovern is a Collegian columnist

Field hockey falls in Maryland

By Paula Aden
Collegian Staff

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — This weekend the University of Massachusetts field hockey team (0-5) extended its losing streak to five games after being shutout by both the University of Maryland (6-0) and American University (4-2) at the Terrapin Invitational held in College Park.

The Minutewomen were defeated 6-0 in the Terrapin's fourth shutout of the season on Saturday, while the Eagles earned their second shutout of the season on Sunday, 7-0.

The Terps dominated most of Saturday's game, managing 28 shots to the Minutewomen's two. Those two shots, made by Jaime Bawden, came from two consecutive penalty corners midway through the first half. Although it was Massachusetts's best chance to score in the game, the Minutewomen could not make it materialize into a goal. UMass did not receive any other penalty corners during the game, while Maryland had a total of twelve.

"I thought we were dangerous," Massachusetts head coach Patty Shea said of the Maryland game. "There were some outstanding periods of play. We possessed the ball, we attacked the open side of the field, we pushed the ball forward. We worked together as a team, as a unit, and they worked for each other."

Tiffany Marsh scored the first goal — which later proved to be the game-winner — within the first four minutes of the game. Paula Infante, whose sisters Camila and Denise play for American, assisted Marsh on the goal.

Maryland's next score came off of a penalty corner at 14:43. Jannecke van Leeuwen passed the ball to the top of the circle, where Emily Boyer stopped it for Sara Silvetti's goal. With 12:49 remaining in the first half, Anja Boettcher scored an unassisted goal after drawing the ball out of a scuffle in front of the net.

Less than a minute still to play in the first half, Emily Trycinski scored her first career goal after managing to get past Massachusetts goalie Christine Tocco at the top of the circle.

In the second half, Jackie Ciconte earned the final two goals for Maryland. At 22:23, Ciconte scored off a pass from Lauren Powley during an offensive play in the circle. Fifteen

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MATT REBECO/COLLEGIAN

Sophomore Martje Tigchelaar had one goal and two assists last season. Minutewomen face-off against Boston University Wednesday.

Crooks signed by Frenzy

Dartmouth, Mass. — Boston Frenzy Co-owner and General Manager Dan Savage is pleased to announce the signing of former UMASS standout Shannon Crooks to the Frenzy's backcourt.

Crooks, a Massachusetts native, made an immediate impression on Frenzy Head Coach Joe "Jellybean" Bryant during the team's final free agent camp in Boston last month. Bryant said of Crooks, "Shannon is a natural floor leader who can play both point guard and shooting guard equally well. He has the ability to score and also to make the players around him better with his passing, defense, and intensity.

Crooks graduated from Everett H.S. in 1997 as the schools all-time leading scorer with over 1,700 points. Following high school Crooks attended St. Johns University, however he returned to his home state a year later to play for the Minutemen of UMASS. After solid sophomore and junior seasons, Crooks put an exclamation point on his senior year by leading the Minutemen in scoring, steals, and assists.

Recently, Crooks has played with professional teams in Yugoslavia and Portugal as well as several international traveling all-star teams.Frenzy GM Dan Savage added, "Having a local talent like Shannon help build our franchise is invaluable."

– Associated Press



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Shannon Crooks averaged 14.6 ppg for the Minutemen during the 2001-'02 season.

A visit to the Madden Challenge

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

FOXBORO Mass. – About 1,000 people sat outside Gillette Stadium on Sunday morning waiting for the ushers to open the gates. No, the New England Patriots weren't playing (in physical form), but these people were waiting for their shot at a trip to Las Vegas and a grand prize of $50 thousand.

The catch? Someone needed to beat the best of the best in the region in the third annual "Madden Challenge." There would be a 512 person, single elimination tournament inside the Fidelity Investments Clubhouse for more than just video game bragging rights.

Foxboro was just one stop on a 32-city tour across the country to determine who exactly is the best "Madden 2005" player in the land. This is the 15th edition of "Madden," but that game has grown exponentially more popular over the past few years. It was the top selling video game in the country last year.

"The Madden Challenge" is also continuing to grow in popularity through the years. Tour Manager Neil Gustafson noted that competitors would often follow the Madden bus from stop to stop. "We had one guy last year who followed us around to 13 cities. I don't know where they get the time or the funding for that," Gustafson said.

Regardless, the competition was stiff on Sunday. Even though everyone showed up with plans of winning the tournament, the odds were against them.

Matt Durant, a 19-year-old from Adams, Mass., bowed out in the first round. "It was a new experience," he added. "It was better than playing at home. There was tons of pressure with all of these people watching. It was fun, though."

One player who lasted further than the first round and stole the show in Foxboro was 13-year-old Peabody native Chris Nihan. He came out of the gates as enthusiastic as anyone there. His opponents, including Mike White, wrote the young stud off due to his age and small stature.

White, 21, was Nihan's second victim of the day, and he didn't take the loss too easily. "He honestly beat me, but there must have been a computer error," White said, referring to a last second touchdown pass that

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SGA proposes plan for a textbook rental system

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

Every student dreads it. Attending the first day of classes and bringing home that lengthy list of textbooks that needs to be purchased for the semester. Cringing at the hundreds of "eFollett" bags littering campus and listening to the sounds of receipt tape rolling, most students leave the infamous University of Massachusetts Textbook Annex feeling broke, sad or downright depressed due to the staggering costs of their textbooks.

Follett, the company that UMass hired to provide the annex with the necessary texts, has a contract that is up for negotiation this coming July. Follett has been the primary provider for students to purchase books for four years and many feel that a change — or at least a cheaper change — is due.

Eduardo Bustamante, Student Government Association President, and Jeff Napolitano, SGA Secretary, are in the process of finalizing a proposal that introduces a new textbook rental system.

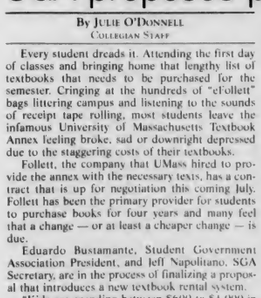
"Kids are spending between $600 to $1,000 in textbooks every year," Bustamante said this summer. "In other schools, both public and private, kids are spending $60 to $100 in textbooks."

The first week of classes, Bustamante, Napolitano and other SGA members surveyed dozens of students outside of the Textbook Annex. Students then had their pictures taken — mug shot style — holding a piece of paper that revealed the amount of money they spent on this semester's books.

"Science majors are spending over $600 per semester," Bustamante said, "and nursing majors, its even worse, they're spending up to $800 per semester."

Bustamante, who is an exercise science major, has spent upwards of $800 himself and claims the cost simply makes college unaffordable.

"A bunch of students are short on cash and they are bending over backwards," he said, "the book process is making college downright unaffordable."



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Student holds a sign representing the amount of money he spent at the Textbook Annex.



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Dozens of students wait in long lines to purchase high priced course books.

Bustamante and Napolitano have already begun negotiations with the administration and Follett. Follett, which does not currently offer any sort of rental system in any of the 700 schools that it represents, was not initially opposed to the idea of renting textbooks. The company had requested that students would need to use their UCards to access the system and that Follett would need SPIRE access to ensure that students were purchasing the correct textbooks for the correct courses.

Five years ago, it was the administrations responsibility to provide for the annex. Now, with a five-year contract, the administration has not had the responsibility or the liability of running the annex, and it is receiving an annual pay from Follett.

Several universities across the country currently use some sort of rental system with textbooks. Eastern Illinois University, a public school with about 10,000 students, has used a rental system ever since the school was established, back in 1898. A list of basic textbooks are available for renting and if students are unhappy with the cur-

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Frustrated students display the combined amount they spent for this semester's books.

Diana's crash: paparazzi let off

By Verana Von Derschau
Associated Press

PARIS — A Paris appeals court on Tuesday upheld the acquittals of three photographers accused of invasion of privacy after they took pictures of Princess Diana and Dodi Fayed at the scene of their deadly crash.

Jacques Langevin, Christian Martinez and Fabrice Chassery were first acquitted last November. Fayed's father, Egyptian-born billionaire Mohammed al Fayed, filed an appeal, which the Paris court rejected.

"Photos like that are taken everyday in every country in the world," said Langevin. "The judges were courageous. Justice has been done — for the moment."

His lawyer, Francois Stefanaggi, did not rule out that al Fayed might again seek to appeal. He said the ruling showed that photographers were not responsible for the famous couple's deaths.

"At this stage in the procedure, we can consider that there is no longer any reason to lump together the unfortunate accident that cost the lives of Diana Spencer and Dodi Fayed and the photographers' pictures," he said.

The three men, whose photos were confiscated and not published, were among the swarm of photographers who pursued the car carrying Diana and her boyfriend across Paris on Aug. 31, 1997, and took photos after it slammed into the pillar of a traffic tunnel.

The photos in question in the case showed Diana and Fayed leaving Paris' Ritz Hotel or after the crash.

At last year's trial, the court ruled that a crashed vehicle on a public highway is not a private area and said that anyone in the street where Diana and Fayed crashed could have seen them. It also said the couple knew they would be photographed when leaving the Ritz.

New Orleans residents bracing for Hurricane Ivan

By Doug Simpson
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — More than 1.2 million people in metropolitan New Orleans were warned to get out Tuesday as 140-mph Hurricane Ivan churned toward the Gulf Coast, threatening to submerge this below sea level city in what could be the most disastrous storm to hit in nearly 40 years.

Residents streamed inland in bumper-to-bumper traffic in an agonizingly slow exodus amid dire warnings that Ivan could overwhelm New Orleans with up to 20 feet of filthy, chemical polluted water. About three-quarters of a million more people along the coast in Florida, Mississippi and Alabama were also told to evacuate.

Forecasters said Ivan, a killer blamed for at least 68 deaths in the Caribbean, could reach 160 mph and strengthen to Category 5, the highest level, by the time it blows ashore as early as Thursday somewhere along the Gulf Coast.

"Hopefully the house will still be here when we get back," said Tara Chandra, a doctor at Tulane University in New Orleans who packed up his car, moved plants indoors and tried to book a Houston hotel room. Chandra said he wanted to ride out the storm, but his wife wanted to evacuate: "All the news reports are kind of freaking her out."

At nearly 200 miles wide, Ivan could cause significant damage no matter where it strikes. Officials ordered or strongly urged an estimated 1.9 million people to flee in a 330 mile danger zone stretching across four states, from Morgan City and New Orleans in Louisiana to St. Marks in the Florida Panhandle.

"I beg people on the coast: Do not ride this storm out," Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour said, urging people in other parts of the state to open their homes to relatives, friends and co-workers.

As of 5 p.m., Ivan was about 370 miles southeast of the mouth of the Mississippi River, moving northwest at about 9 mph.

New Orleans, the nation's largest city below sea level, is particularly vulnerable to flooding, and Mayor Ray Nagin was among the first to urge residents to get out while they can. The city's Louis Armstrong Airport was ordered closed Tuesday night.

Up to 10 feet below sea level in spots, New Orleans sits between the nearly half mile wide Mississippi River and Rhode Island size Lake Pontchartrain, relying on a system of levees, canals and huge pumps to keep dry.

The city has not taken a major direct hit since Betsy in 1965, when an 8 to 10 foot storm surge submerged parts of the city in 7 feet of water. Betsy was blamed for 74 deaths in Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida.

Exerts said Ivan could be worse, sending water pouring over the levees, flooding to the rooftops and turning streets into a toxic brew of raw sewage, gas and chemicals from nearby refineries.

The mayor said that he would "aggressively recommend" people evacuate, but that it would difficult to order them to do so, because at least 100,000 in the city rely on public transportation and would have no way to leave. In addition, he said 10,000 people were in town for conventions, and there was nowhere for many of them to go except high floors in their hotels.

By midday Tuesday, traffic on Interstate 10, the major hurricane route out of New Orleans, was at a near standstill, and state police turned the interstate west of the city into a one way route out. U.S. Highway 59, the old major route between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, also was jammed.

In the French Quarter, businesses put up plywood and closed their shutters. A few people were still hanging out at Cafe du Monde, a favorite spot for French roast coffee and beignets, and a man playing a trombone outside had a box full of tips.

"They said get out, but I can't change my flight, so I figure I might as well enjoy myself," said George Senton, of Newark, N.J., who listened to the music. "At least I'll have had some good coffee and some good music before it gets me."

Tourist Dee Barkhart, a court reporter from Baltimore, was drinking Hurricane punches at Pat O'Brien's bar.

"I looked into earlier flights, but they were hundreds of dollars more and I wasn't sure I could switch flights," she said. "I figure I'm happier sitting here drinking hurricanes than sitting at the airport worrying about them."

But Barkhart's drinks would have to be for the road. The bar planned to close by nightfall.

Elsewhere along the Gulf Coast, thousands of residents, gamblers and tourists crowded northbound roads. Motels were booked as far north as Jackson, Miss., and Montgomery, Ala.

Mississippi regulators ordered a dozen casinos along the state's 75-mile long coast to close at noon Tuesday, but many gamblers pumped coins into the slot machines right up to closing.

"I don't worry about what's going to happen tomorrow. We can't control it anyway," said Ed Bak of Fairfield, Ohio, who dropped quarters into a machine at the President Casino.

In Alabama, Gov. Bob Riley ordered the evacuation of coastal resorts. "This is a serious storm that requires serious action to get people out of harm's way," he said.

Along Florida's Panhandle, the sounds of saws and drills filled the air as people put up boards to protect their homes and businesses.

"We are just hoping to still be here," said Matt Claxton, an assistant manager of a Perdido Key seafood restaurant as workers brought the patio furniture inside.



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Traffic crawls out of town along the Interstate 10 in New Orleans as people evacuate the area in preparation for Hurricane Ivan.

CIA training could take five years

By Katherine Pfleger Shrader
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush's nominee to head the CIA promised Tuesday to shed his political past and provide precise, objective and independent intelligence to the president and Congress. But he also cautioned it may take longer than the past CIA director's estimate to hire and train all the operatives needed worldwide to combat terrorism and other threats.

"I have made a commitment to nonpartisanship," retiring Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla., told the Senate Intelligence Committee at his confirmation hearing. He conceded that during his 16 years in Congress he may "at times" have engaged in debate with too much vigor.

"Rest assured, however, I understand completely the difference in obligations the position of (director of central intelligence) carries with it and that which the role of a congressman carries," said Goss, who formerly chaired the House Intelligence Committee.

If confirmed, Goss would take over the agency just months after the CIA's last director, George Tenet, shocked some on the Sept. 11 commission by saying it would take five years to install the kind of clandestine service needed to deal with international terrorism. Tenet blamed the situation on tight budgets after the Cold War.

Goss, however, said Tuesday it would take more than five years to train and place all the clandestine operatives the CIA needs. "I don't believe five is enough," Goss said. "It's a long build-out, a long haul. It's been started."

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From left to right: Rebecca Kwong, Lily Lau, Courtney Yee and Frances Chin from Kappa Phi Lambda pose in the Camp Center at their promotional sorority table.

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Campus Polls

By Amelia P. Lincoln

What is you opinion on the textbook issue?



junior
Biology major

"Text books cost money. I wouldn't be in favor of a rental system. I like to own my books."

Maggie Fink (Spent $500+)



sophomore
Journalism major

"I think the annex should try to reduce prices instead of rob the students blind. I would support a rental system."

Jessica Lipman (Spent $300)



sophomore
Theater major

"I am totally in favor of a rental system. When am I going to need these books agian?"

Rebecca Palmer (Spent $150-$200)



sophomore
Psychology major

"Yes, I would be in favor a rental. Students shoul not have to think about the cost of books before they take a course."

Aditya Thaduri (Spent $250)



senior
English major

"Textbook prices are a tad high. I would indeed be in favor of a rental system."

Eric Delisle (Spent $50)



freshman
Psychology major

"I don't think books are overpriced, they are well worth the cost. I would definitely be in favor of a rental system."

Michael Kuhn (Spent $450-$500)

Correction: The new legislation requiring college students to be immunized against meningococcal disease applies to all incoming graduate and undergraduate students, full or part time after August of 2005, not spring semester 2005.

All applicable students may sign a waiver refusing the immunization after they have received information about the risks and dangers of meningococcal disease. Currently the cost for the immunization is $75 at University Health Services; but the charges have not yet been set for the 2005-2006 school year. Students will need to check whether the cost can be reimbursed with their own health insurance plan.

Any students interested in receiving the vaccine now can simply call University Health Services (413) 577-5101 to book an appointment with an immunization nurse.

Book alternatives examined

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rent ones on reserve or wish to add another book onto the basic books list, they can do so by writing a request to the Director of the Textbook Rental Service.

From the University of Massachusetts alone, Follett rakes in nearly $6 million in revenue and the administration receives more than $800,000 annually.

A certain clause that is present in the contract clearly states that no other company can compete with Follett on campus grounds, which is exactly why "Books for Books" is a non-profit organization.

"Books for Books" run by MassPIRG, the Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group is a system in which students can bid on books that they need. For example, a student who has a biology book can call Books for Books and give a price, and then a student who wants to purchase that book can call and make an offer. Before any deal is finalized, the seller gets to approve the price.



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Students wait in long lines at the Textbook Annex to purchase books.

"I want to encourage people to use Books for Books," Napolitano said, "you can buy them so much cheaper, but because of the anti-competitive clause, there can't be any other business competing on campus."

SGA plans to finalize their proposal and present it at the Faculty Senate meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 23 in hopes to make everyone aware of the current crisis.

"We want to show the administration that we're serious," Napolitano said, "but students really don't have a say, the administration will do what is best."

Bustamante and Napolitano believe that not only will students overwhelmingly like this idea, but also, faculty members as well. Professors often times tell students to purchase books at alternate book stores like Food For Though Books, CopyCat, and Jeffery Amherst Books for a variety of reasons.

"Faculty members solicit other places because they are slightly less expensive," Napolitano said, "and other simply boycott the annex because of ethnic concerns with using a huge corporation."

Both Bustamante and Napolitano hope that the University will not renew the contract with Follett; however, they both know that the administration is not looking to take over the Textbook Annex.

"I think that you should be able to rent books as long as you give them back in good condition at the end of the semester," Bustamante said, "people need to be aware that they can save a lot of money."

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Training may take longer than expected

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In his testimony, Goss also outlined a series of commonly cited priorities for the U.S. intelligence community. They included improving human intelligence and analytic capabilities, expanding intelligence sharing with state and local law enforcement agencies and enhancing foreign language capabilities.

A former Army intelligence and CIA clandestine officer, Goss would assume at a tumultuous time the helm of the CIA and the dual role as head of the 14 other agencies in the U.S. intelligence community.

At the Sept. 11 commission's recommendation, Congress and the White House are considering separating Goss' would-be position into two jobs — a CIA director and a national intelligence director. The commission said the latter position should be empowered with budget and personnel authority over all of the nation's spy network.

Goss has said he believes the authority to control budgets for foreign intelligence should be consolidated in a central office. But if confirmed, he said Tuesday, he will "play the cards that are dealt to me on this subject."

Bush has endorsed giving the new national intelligence director budgetary authority, but not all of the powers the commission suggested. Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry has endorsed adopting the commission's 40-plus recommendations in their entirety.

Even as Goss focused on substantive intelligence issues Tuesday, Democrats repeatedly returned to sometimes-terse exchanges about whether Goss could be an independent and non-political CIA chief.

The panel's top Democrat, Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, admonished Goss for his criticism of Kerry, including a March op-ed piece he co-authored titled "Need Intelligence? Don't Ask John Kerry." Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said that Goss, as chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence from 1996 until August, was insufficiently committed to intelligence reform.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., also asked Goss about comments he made to The Associated Press about the prison abuse scandal in Iraq. During a May interview, Goss called ongoing Senate investigations "a circus."

"What you're saying by that comment is certainly a lack of respect not only for this committee, but this body," Feinstein said. "How can there be mutual respect?"

Goss said the comment was directed toward the "media frenzy" that was going on over the pictures of abuse at the now-infamous Abu Ghraib prison outside Baghdad.

"It was not made as a serious comment. It was not meant as a serious comment. It was not reported as a serious comment."



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President George W. Bush waves to spectators after a presidential campaign speech.

Lights out for Iraq; fire set to oil facility

By Jill Krane
Associated Press

KIRKUK, Iraq — Saboteurs wrecked a recently repaired pipeline junction Tuesday and the fire set off a cascade of power blackouts that underlined the frustrations faced by U.S. engineers trying to upgrade northern Iraq's creaky oil facilities in the face of relentless bombings.

The 3 a.m. attack blew up a junction where multiple oil pipelines cross the Tigris River in the northern city of Beiji. The burning oil melted power cables, causing a short that knocked power plants off line and cut off electricity across Iraq until late afternoon, officials said.

The breach also shut down the pipeline ferrying crude oil from Kirkuk's huge oilfield to an export terminal in Ceyhan, Turkey. With crude oil selling above $40 a barrel, the frequent sabotage has cost Iraq more than $2 billion, interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi has said.

"If you build it they will come - and try to blow it up," said Lt. Col. Lee Morrison, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officer who heads a Kirkuk-based oil security team. "It's definitely one step forward, one step back. You fix it and it blows up."

Instead of being sold on the international market, oil burned on the desert and poured, still aflame, into the Tigris. Aerial photos showed flaming slicks of oil floating downstream while black smoke billowed into mammoth columns visible 25 miles away.

Officials at the state-run North Oil Co. said the flames were extinguished late Tuesday.

Judge throws out guilty plea from drug company

By Theo Emery
Associated Press

BOSTON — A federal judge on Tuesday threw out the guilty plea of a former drug company employee who had admitted offering kickbacks to doctors who prescribed her company's medications. The ruling comes after a jury acquitted eight of her former colleagues of similar charges.

In December, former TAP Pharmaceutical Products district manager Kimberlee Chase pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in Boston to conspiracy to defraud the government.

But the day after eight other defendants were acquitted in July after a threemonth trial, U.S. District Judge Douglas P. Woodlock wrote a memorandum to U.S. Attorney Michael Sullivan and lawyers for Chase saying that the legal and factual grounds for accepting Chase's plea "were subject to substantial refinement."

At a hearing Tuesday, Woodlock said: "I'm not going to cling ... to the plea that I accepted at a time when I did not know as much as I know now."

The government's case against the TAP employees has been closely watched by the drug industry and the medical profession, which have been criticized for giving and receiving freebies. Critics say the practice drives up prescription drug prices and erodes public confidence in doctors.

Chase pleaded guilty to the conspiracy count against her, related to her offer of educational grants to Tufts HMO physicians in exchange for prescribing TAP drugs; the government agreed to drop some other counts against her.

Woodlock said Tuesday that Chase would still face on other counts.

No trial date was set.

In July, a jury acquitted all eight current and former employees of the Lake Forest, Ill.-based TAP of charges they offered doctors improper consulting fees, dinners, golf trips and other kickbacks to get them to prescribe certain drugs. Charges were dropped midtrial against three other employees. The company itself had settled with the government in 2001 for $875 million.

U.S. Attorney Michael Sullivan's office said Chase's plea should not be changed.

"While Chase may consider it unfair that she, and she alone, stands convicted of the charge in Count One, that is not a sound basis upon which to permit her to withdraw her plea," prosecutor Michael K. Loucks wrote.

Loucks and attorneys for Chase refused comment after the hearing.

Peterson's clothes yield no evidence

By Brian Skoloff
Associated Press

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — No blood was found on any of the tattered clothing from Laci Peterson's remains, a prosecution witness testified Tuesday at Scott Peterson's double-murder trial.

Pin Kyo, a state Department of Justice criminalist, said she scanned Laci Peterson's clothing for blood after her body was pulled from San Francisco Bay. Kyo previously testified that little blood was found in the Peterson home.

Prosecutors have not said how they believe Peterson killed his pregnant wife, and the body was too decomposed to determine a cause of death. Prosecutors are trying to prove Peterson killed his wife on or around Dec. 24, 2002, then dumped her weighted body into the bay.

The bodies of Laci Peterson and her fetus washed up along the bay in April 2003 not far from the Berkeley Marina, where Scott Peterson says he launched his boat that Christmas Eve morning for a solo fishing trip.

Kyo said she also tested twine-like material taken from around the fetus' neck. Showing a picture of the twine to jurors, prosecutor Dave Harris asked her about what appeared to be a small loop tied off with a knot.

"The way it's tied is very loosely," Kyo said.

Defense lawyers have claimed Laci was abducted, and that the child was born alive and then murdered. They have hinted that they believe the twine was intentionally tied around its neck.

Kyo also testified that the duct tape found on Laci's remains did not match duct tape discovered near where her body washed ashore, and that no tissue or blood was found on a large tarp-like piece of plastic found nearby.

Defense lawyers have implied the plastic and the duct tape may have had some connection to Laci's body.

On Monday, Kyo told jurors that she found no blood on two mops and a bucket seized from the Petersons' home. Prosecutors have implied Scott Peterson used the mops to clean the murder scene, but have presented no evidence to support that theory.

Kyo also testified no blood was found on several other items, including a blue tarp and Peterson's boat cover.

Kyo later said tiny specks of blood were found on the Petersons' comforter cover, but didn't elaborate. A source close to the case later told The Associated Press that DNA testing indicated the blood came from Scott Peterson.

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A photograph shows members of an Iraqi family killed during the guerrilla attacks, who were just a few of the dozens of civilians murdered.

Iraqi guerrilla fighting kills 59

By Kim Housego
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Guerrillas bombed a Baghdad shopping street full of police recruits and fired on a police van north of the capital Tuesday in attacks that killed at least 59 people and struck at the heart of the U.S. strategy for fighting Iraq's escalating insurgency.

The car bombing and shooting — the latest in violence that has killed nearly 150 people in three days — were part of an increasingly brazen and coordinated campaign to bring the battle to Baghdad, sowing chaos in the center of authority for Prime Minister Ayad Allawi and his American allies.

Insurgents appear to have only grown deadlier since Allawi's interim government took power in June, despite U.S. claims that Iraqi security forces are showing more resolve against insurgents.

The mounting attacks aim to wreck the centerpiece of the U.S. plan for defeating the militants: building a strong Iraqi security force able to bring some calm before elections slated for January. Doing so is also a key prerequisite for any withdrawal of American troops.

The Tawhid and Jihad group, headed by Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, posted a Web statement claiming responsibility for Tuesday's car bombing. The al-Qaida-linked group launched a surprise assault in Baghdad on Sunday, killing dozens, and boasted it had the upper hand in the fight against the Americans.

Tuesday evening, another loud explosion rocked Baghdad near the Green Zone, where Iraq's interim government and the U.S. Embassy are located. There was no immediate word on the cause.

The morning car bombing was the deadliest single attack in Baghdad in six months, wrecking buildings and cars on central Haifa Street, leaving charred bodies and hurling body parts, shoes and debris into nearby trees and homes.

The blast ripped through stores where Iraqis were shopping and cafes where men applying for the police force were sipping tea and escaping the summer heat as they waited their turn to sign up at the nearby western Baghdad police headquarters.

The 47 dead included would-be police recruits and civilians. At least 114 people were wounded, Health Ministry spokesman Saad Al-Amili said.

In Baqouba, northeast of the capital, gunmen in two cars opened fire Tuesday on a van carrying policemen, killing 11 officers and a civilian, said Qaisar Hamid of Baqouba General Hospital.

Also Tuesday, clashes between U.S. troops and insurgents killed at least eight civilians and wounded 18 in Ramadi, a predominantly Sunni Muslim city west of the capital where anti-American sentiments are high.

The military said Tuesday that three American soldiers were killed and eight wounded in separate attacks in Iraq in the past 24 hours.

Further highlighting the chaotic situation, electricity was knocked out across the country when saboteurs blew up an oil pipeline junction in northern Iraq, sparking a fire that set off a chain reaction in power generation systems.

In Cairo, the head of the Arab League warned that "the gates of hell are open in Iraq and the situation is getting more complicated and tense." Amr Moussa appealed to Arab countries "to help Iraq to overcome this crisis."

Despite the violence, U.S. and Iraqi forces claimed two successes in recent days. U.S. troops on Tuesday ended their siege of the northwest city of Tal Afar, saying they had cleared it of militants after 12 days of fighting that killed dozens of people.

And on Thursday, U.S. troops entered Samarra, north of Baghdad, for the first time since May 30 after negotiating a deal with local leaders. The city had been a stronghold of Sunni insurgents.

U.S. commanders insisted attacks like Tuesday's won't deter Iraqis from joining the police and Iraqi national guard to help end the violence.

"I'm pretty sure that it's not driving them away, it may in fact have the opposite reaction and strengthen their resolve to join the Iraqi forces," said Lt. Col. Steven Boylan, spokesman for coalition forces in Iraq. "They are tired of the killings and the bombings."

Crowds at the scene of the Baghdad explosion pumped their fists in the air and directed their anger against the United States and Allawi for failing to protect the station even though police recruiting points have repeatedly been attacked.

"Bush is a dog," they chanted.

"Such places were targeted before," said Ali Abul-Amir, who had been waiting to join the police force. "I blame Ayad Allawi's government for what happened because they did not take the necessary security measures."

With medical teams overwhelmed, residents covered burned bodies with blankets and lay them on stretchers. Others collected severed hands, arms and legs and put them into cardboard boxes.

"Seconds earlier, people were drinking tea or eating sandwiches and then I could see their remains hanging from trees," said Mahdi Mohammed, who was outside his barber shop when the explosion went off. "I could see burning people running in all directions."

Some directed their anger at the militants.

"Such acts cannot be considered part of the resistance (against American forces). This is not a jihad, they are not mujahedeen," said Amir Abdel Hassan, a teacher. "Iraq is not a country, it's a big graveyard," he said.

With Allawi in power and January elections approaching, U.S. commanders have said they are stepping up the training and arming of Iraq's security forces.

The U.S. military has been training Iraqi police and the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps members for more than 18 months. But over the summer, the Army officer formerly in charge of training, Maj. Gen. Paul D. Easton, acknowledged that misguided U.S. methods had wasted almost a year.

The forces' weakness were highlighted in April, when police largely abandoned their stations in the face of an uprising by Shiite militiamen in Baghdad and southern cities. When the militia rose up again last month, U.S. forces did most of the fighting.

Workers writing skills not up to workplace standards

By Maddlen Read
Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's not just students who need to brush up on their writing.

A majority of U.S. employers say about one-third of workers do not meet the writing requirements of their positions, according to a survey by the College Board's National Commission on Writing.

"Businesses are really crying out — they need to have people who write better," said College Board President Gaston Caperton.

While writing has always held a spot in American education as one of the three Rs, many say writing clearly and accurately is more important than ever — and not all workers are up to the task.

In a fast-paced workplace, precision and brevity are essential. For e-mails, reports and presentations, the commission found that accuracy, clarity, spelling, punctuation, grammar and conciseness ranked among the most sought-after skills.

"There's no way to say that writing has gotten worse," said Susan Traiman, director of the education initiative for the Business Roundtable. Rather, "the demand has gotten greater."

The commission surveyed Business Roundtable members in six sectors — mining; construction; manufacturing; transportation and utilities; services; and finance, insurance and real estate.

Two-thirds of salaried workers in large U.S. companies have jobs that require some writing — and this includes some of the most technical occupations.

"Writing skills tend to be critical more on the salaried side of things, but even for our hourly jobs, to be able to communicate shift to shift," said Thomas Siegele, a human resources manager for paint and glass maker PPG Industries Inc., based in Pittsburgh.

William Raney, president of the industry group West Virginia Coal Association, said writing skills are necessary for such varied groups as electricians, engineers and foremen, who often draft proposals for government agencies and regulatory bodies.

"There's a great need to translate the technical to the practical," Raney said.

A majority of survey respondents said about two-thirds of employees — both current workers and new hires — meet writing requirements. While lackluster writing skills do not necessarily impede success in all realms, more than half of the companies surveyed reported that they assess writing in hiring and promoting salaried employees.

The solution?

The College Board, which administers the SAT, PSAT and Advanced Placement tests, says the responsibility lies with grade schools and universities — but training represents another potential solution.

Europeans ignore warnings of nuclear program in Iran

By George Jahon
Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — A U.S.-European rift surfaced Tuesday over how harshly to deal with Iran and its suspect nuclear program, with the Europeans ignoring American suggestions and circulating their own recommendations to other delegates at a key meeting of the U.N. atomic agency.

Diplomats at a board of governors meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency had suggested earlier that the United States and the European Union were making progress in drafting common language for a resolution that would set a deadline for Iran to meet demands designed to dispel fears it was trying to make nuclear arms.

But the latest draft, obtained by The Associated Press and being circulated informally Tuesday for reaction from other delegations, was nearly exactly the one that France, Britain and Germany came up with Friday — a text that U.S. officials had said would be unacceptable.

The American suggestions also were made available to the AP. They demand Iran grant agency inspectors "complete, immediate and unrestricted access;" provide "full information" about past illegal nuclear activities; suspend "immediately and fully" uranium enrichment and related activities; and meet all agency demands to "resolve all outstanding issues" nurturing suspicions of a possible weapons program.

The IAEA meeting has become the main battleground between Iran and Washington, which wants to take Iran before the U.N. Security Council for alleged violations of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

A U.S. official who demanded anonymity denied the developments were a blow to Washington.

"Not everybody is happy but not everybody is going to be happy" with the U.S. insistence on a harsh line on Iran, he told the AP. "I think things are moving in our direction."

The Americans asked the draft include an Oct. 31 deadline. The EU text remained vaguer in demands and in a time frame, asking only that IAEA director general Mohamed ElBaradei submit a comprehensive report before November for evaluation by the board.

ElBaradei shrugged off the idea of a deadline.

"We cannot just say there is a magic date," for an end to his agency's Iran probe, he said. He also repeated that his investigation has not definitely established whether Iran is trying to make nuclear arms — as Washington asserts.

"We haven't seen any concrete proof that there is a weapons program," ElBaradei told reporters on the second day of the board meeting. "Can we say everything is peaceful? Obviously we are not at that stage."

Revelations of the rift were expected to prove embarrassing to the Americans. They had expressed confidence they would be able to win over the Europeans and had flown in a team close to U.S. Undersecretary of State John Bolton for the board meeting — effectively sidelining the Vienna-based U.S. mission that usually handles such conferences.

The Americans "introduced amendments that were beyond what the market would bear," said one senior Western diplomat who tracks the IAEA. "The European draft is right now going to have support."

Bolton, the U.S. point-man on nuclear nonproliferation, is considered tough on Iran by most European delegations at the board meeting in the Austrian capital. The diplomat suggested the Washington team "doesn't perhaps have a good sense of what the Vienna audience can accept."

A diplomat representing one of the 25 EU countries said part of the problem was that the Americans came in with modifications after the European Union thought they were happy with the original draft written by France, Germany and Britain.

"We thought we had something with the Americans and they came in with further amendments," said the diplomat, who, like others, spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity.

Asselin loses primary

By Jennifer Peter
Associated Press

BOSTON — Democratic Rep. Christopher Asselin of Springfield, who was indicted on federal corruption charges along with eight members of his family earlier this summer, lost a lopsided primary battle to lawyer Sean Curran in Tuesday's election.

He appeared to be one of the few incumbent lawmakers unable to withstand intraparty challenges. At least 14 other Democratic House incumbents held on to their seats Tuesday as results in 57 primaries began trickling in.

In Suffolk County, Sheriff Andrea Cabral won the most hotly contested primary race, beating City Councilor Stephen Murphy and ensuring herself a new six-year term in office. Cabral, who was appointed to the post in 2002, faces no Republican opposition in November. She is the state's first female sheriff.

Curran — who faces no Republican opponent in the general election - pulled in 53 percent of the vote to Asselin's 15 percent, while a third candidate, Rosemarie Mazza-Moriarty, was shown with 31 percent of the votes.

Curran said it was not Asselin's indictment but voters' desire for a new representative as Springfield tries to claw its way out of a multimillion-dollar budget gap.

"The focus of my campaign was to turn around the economic condition of Springfield," Curran said. "The major issue in this race was how best do we tackle our economic crisis."

Asselin did not immediately return calls for comment.

Some voters said, however, that it was the indictment that steered their decision.

"I wouldn't vote for someone who's been arrested," said Larry Turcotte, an 80-year-old retired optician voting at Our Lady of Hope in Springfield.

Asselin was among 13 people charged with bilking about $1 million from the Springfield Housing Authority. Charges included racketeering, conspiracy, bribery, mail fraud, extortion, money laundering and witness tampering. The Asselins have pleaded innocent.

With 72 percent of the precincts reporting in the closely watched sheriff race in Worcester County, state Sen. Guy Glodis was shown with 69 percent of the vote over 17-year incumbent Sheriff John Flynn's 31 percent.

The winner will face Republican William McCarthy of Worcester in the November general elections.

A slim turnout of voters took to the polls across Massachusetts, casting ballots in dozens of primaries that will determine the final lineup for November's general election. There were primary battles in all but 22 of the state's 351 cities and towns, but the lack of a marquee statewide race translated into a low turnout in many districts throughout the day.

The primary ballots featuring 38 legislative races - five in the Senate and 33 in the House.

The Suffolk sheriff's race drew Connie Dossantos to the polls early at a senior housing complex in the Boston's Jamaica Plain neighborhood.

The 37-year-old saleswoman said the light turnout didn't bother her; she just wanted to be sure she supported Cabral.

"We need more women in politics," said Dossantos. "She's been doing a great job."

But Harold Knight, 36, was frustrated that so few races were contested, especially since the state faces so many important issues.

"The fact that these races are unopposed makes the process less than it should be," said Knight, who is unemployed.

The most high-profile Senate race will determine the Democratic candidate to take on Republican James Coffey in the contest to fill the seat vacated by Sen. David Magnani, D-Framingham. State Rep. Karen Spilka, D-Ashland, faced fellow Democrats Gerard Desilets and Adam Sisitsky, both of Framingham.

Democrat Angus McQuilken was up against three other candidates in his attempt to force a rematch with Republican Sen. Scott Brown, who won a special election against McQuilken earlier this year to fill a vacancy in the Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex District.

In Leominster, the race to determine a successor to Democratic Rep. Mary Jane Simmons, who died earlier this month, was finalized. Her former aide, Democrat Jennifer Flanagan, won a four-way Democratic primary for the seat while Republican David Nault won a two-way Republican primary.





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Textbook rental a step in the right direction

Every year it seems that the cost of books becomes an increasingly large problem for students who are doing their best to get by. As students drop $500 and more each semester on books they may never use again, they pick up second jobs just to be sure they can cover the rising costs and still have enough money to enjoy themselves.

Finally, this issue is being addressed. The contract the University has with eFollett, our current textbook provider, will expire this upcoming summer and the Student Government Association has proposed a system that would focus more on students' needs. Implementing a textbook rental system, as they have suggested, would drastically cut back on the amount of money each student must spend in a semester.

As part of their plan, students would have a supplemental fee ranging from $100 to $150 added to their bill, which would then allow them access to the textbook rental center where theoretically all of their books would be available for the entire semester.

The proposal is definitely a step in the right direction, focusing the University's attention on the needs of those for whom it is supposed to exist. However, the concept seems too good to be true and there are many things to discuss before any action can be taken.

The first issue to take into consideration would be the condition of rented textbooks. Currently, the books available used books have only been previously owned by a minimal amount of people and are generally in good condition. But in a system where the books are changing hands every semester, if not several times a semester, how will we be guaranteed that our books will remain in usable condition?

Another concern is the supplemental fee. If it is automatically added to all of our bills, and all of our textbooks really are available, then it will certainly be an improvement. But in order to assure that students will not have to spend additional money on books that aren't available, a system will have to be in place that will assure students they can get their books when they need them. Making the fee optional for students would at least allow for the freedom to purchase our books on our own if we so choose.

It is uncharted territory as far as UMass is concerned and so there are bound to be flaws to this solution. There are many details that will need to be worked out, and many kinks that will arise in the beginning if such a system is ever approved. But one thing is certain: it is a necessary step to putting the students at this university first. We should not have to continue spending over a thousand dollars a year on the tools with which we learn, just so an outside, independent source can reap the benefits.

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Action in Sudan is needed

One need look no further than the heated political and moral arguments about the United States led intervention in Iraq to see that forceful involvement in the affairs of a distant nation is not something that should be undertaken lightly.

Using the military force of a superpower like the United States to dictate which political regimes and policies are acceptable in foreign, ostensibly sovereign nations invites questions about diplomatic honesty and imperialistic motives.

However, there are times when the need for immediate foreign intervention by any means necessary clearly outweighs these concerns.

Germany, Cambodia, Kosovo and Rwanda are just four recent examples of the human animal at its worst. In addition to innumerable rapes, assaults, and instances of torture, millions of innocent men, women, and children have been killed by state-sanctioned genocide in the past seventy years.

It is beyond question that every head of state in the world would have intervened more quickly and more decisively in each of the examples mentioned above if they had known at the time what we know now. And yet, in Sudan today more than a million people have been killed, raped or forced to live in refugee camps because of their ethnicity, and still no significant international action has been taken.

The conflict in Sudan began in early 2003, when rebels from the nation's western Darfour region began attacking government targets to protest what they felt was unfair treatment by the government in Khartoum. Specifically, the black rebel groups felt that the oil-rich, ethnic-minority controlled government was favoring Arab Sudanese, at the expense of black African Sudanese.

Ethnic tension is nothing new for the east African nation, which has been at war with itself along north-south geographic lines off and on for most of its independence. It has seen tribal conflicts over grazing land in Darfour and elsewhere, dating back centuries.

In this case, however, the initial rebel insurgency was not met with a formal declaration of war or with focused military resistance, but rather with the formation of government-supported ethnic militias. The Sudanese government in Khartoum admits to forming militias for self-defense, but denies any connection to the most notorious militia to be formed since the Darfour rebellion, the Janjaweed.

The Janjaweed are a group of armed Muslim Arabs who have been accused of the committing most of the worst atrocities of the conflict that has left up to 50,000 dead and approximately 1.4 million homeless. Both of the black African rebel groups, the Sudan Liberation Army and Justice and Equality Movement, have also been accused of committing ethnically-motivated atrocities, but it has become clear that the Janjaweed is better armed and supported and has therefore committed the bulk of the atrocities.

Thomas Craven

It has also become increasingly clear that the government's claims to have had nothing to do with the formation or support of the Janjaweed are false. Eyewitness reports indicate that government helicopters frequently provide air support before or during Janjaweed raids, and it seems unlikely that the Janjaweed armed itself without assistance from the government. The story of Idris Abu Moussa, a 26-year-old Sudanese farmer quoted on darfurgenocide.org, supports these claims.

According to Moussa, "They came at 4 a.m. on horseback, on camels, in vehicles, with two helicopters overhead ... they killed 50 people in my village. My father, grandmother, uncle and two brothers were all killed. ... They don't want any blacks left."

Other refugee accounts make clear that the Janjaweed is bent on ethnic cleansing, killing black African men, raping women, and stealing whatever they like from entire villages. Many female refugees report having been abducted and held as sex slaves for more than a week by Janjaweed riders. Meanwhile, both villagers whose homes have been destroyed and those who simply fear for their lives are abandoning Darfour in droves. Estimates have put the number of refugees at 1.4 million, as many as 200,000 of whom have camped out across the border in neighboring Chad.

The bordering region of Chad is ethnically similar to that of Darfour, and many fear that the conflict will spread. In the refugee camps, thousands are at risk of dying from malnutrition or a host of other diseases, many of which are due to the lack of potable water. Children are especially at risk, and thousands have likely already died because of the poor conditions. The Janjaweed reportedly patrol the borders of the refugee camps and kill men and rape women who venture too far in search of water or firewood.

It is thought that the Sudanese government likely initially supported the Janjaweed militias because they neutralized the rebel groups and served as an example to other volatile regions of the nation, that rebellion would gain them nothing. It has further been speculated that the government in Khartoum felt that the international community would not intervene because the United States and its coalition were already spread too thin in Iraq and would not be willing to commit troops to another possibly unpopular war so soon before an election.

Unfortunately, the government's gamble seems to be paying off, as international intervention has been very slow in coming. The European Union set a deadline for the disarmament of militias threatening refugees, which has since passed, but at present the EU is still only threatening sanctions.

The United States, especially Secretary of State Colin Powell, has recently used more forceful language regarding the situation in Sudan, saying that it is genocide. According to the United Nations charter, if the Darfour conflict were recognized as genocide the United Nations would legally have to send an intervention force. And yet, after 50,000 deaths and many more rapes and personal tragedies, the only peacekeeping force currently in Sudan is a group of some 300 Rwandan African Union troops.

While it is true that the government has recently issued statements condemning the Janjaweed, and after international pressure has finally begun to make it a little easier for non-political aid groups to reach the refugee camps, the actions of the government in Khartoum have already shown that it is not viable and must be replaced immediately.

Quite simply, the possibility that the government of Africa's largest nation is a deadly, racist, power and oil obsessed cabal that has infringed on its citizens' basic human rights in ways that cannot be tolerated has become too great to ignore. Whether or not it is the international community's responsibility to introduce democracy, it is undoubtedly the responsibility of all who are able to intervene to put an end to genocide.

As a stopgap, the most intelligent plan seems to be a neutral force of 30,000 troops, one-third from the Sudanese government, one-third from the rebels, and one-third from the African Union. This group must be funded by wealthy nations like the United States, and it must be enacted quickly. People are dying in Sudan now, and it is not acceptable that best the international community can do is to debate possible sanctions and observe diplomatic protocol as lives are lost, women are raped, and children grow up malnourished. If we have learned anything from Rwanda, it must be that the risks of acting too late far outweigh the possible repercussions of rushing in too soon.

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Oppressed by fear

S.J. Port

You are only allowed to go outside during clear daylight hours; dusk and dawn do not constitute daylight hours. During the winter these hours (in New England approximately eight a day, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) are especially limited. However, you are expected to obey the aforementioned rule.

It is suggested that you not walk alone in areas of low pedestrian traffic, such as alleys, side streets, parking lots, your back yard or driveway.

Furthermore, it is not advised that you ever live alone. This is especially true in densely populated areas, like cities, and economically disadvantaged areas. Supposing that you choose to live alone, doing so risks your own safety at a much higher rate than your peers who live with partners, or roommates. To decrease this risk, it is advised you keep an imposing (and thus protective) canine pet.

Clothing should be carefully chosen to not elicit any undesirable attention, or worse, especially when out after sundown. Also remember, regardless of clothing choice, after the sun has set you must be accompanied by an appropriate chaperone.

Regardless of the hour of day, if your car breaks down, do not allow anyone who helpfully pulls over to assist you, unless they are a uniformed police officer. That said, question even the police officer; they to might have ulterior motives or expect unlawful compensation for their aid.

Do not go to the bathroom alone; this is an area of high risk for your kind. Take comrades to the toilet with you.

Do not travel alone; you will be taken advantage of.

If you do not follow the aforementioned recommendations you run the risk of incurring violence upon your person. If violent actions are taken against you, because you have not stuck to the above guidelines, responsibility for said violence will fall partly on your shoulders.

Consider yourself oppressed by the fear of violence: welcome to womanhood.

As young adolescents, daughters are often more restricted by parents than their sons of equal ages. The female gender is raised to believe it is at risk, more vulnerable to assault, and less able to protect itself.

As a female freshman, you hear of a friend, or even a nameless peer, who was assaulted in the bathroom four doors down from your bedroom — the same bathroom you use when the pressure of a full bladder wakes you at 3 a.m. — and that instance of fear sticks with you. The bathroom is added to your running mental list of places that are not safe for women to be at certain times of the night or day.

If your car breaks down, do not allow anyone who helpfully pulls over to assist you, unless they are a uniformed police officer.

One evening this summer, five female friends went out to a bar. Dressed for a girl's night out (meaning there was less focus on revealing skin) the five returned home around 1 a.m. On the 20-minute walk home, through what is considered a safe, small city, the five women encountered constant catcalls from men on the sidewalk and from across the road as they walked.

One group of young fellows followed the five women for about a quarter of a mile repeatedly asking why the five females didn't want to stop and "talk." Eventually, the men found a group of women on their side of the street who were stopped and took interest in them, leaving our heroines to endure only catcalls from static figures on the remainder of their walk home.

Women are raised to feel fear when alone in a questionable situation; all five were surprised to feel fear as a rather solid pack traveling together for the very reason of protection.

The men who followed these five women may have actually only wanted to talk; they might be well-rounded, charming fellows with a few too many beers in them. Men who most nights tuck baby sisters into bed with a hug and a lullaby. That night, however, they scared five women.

Violence against women is an issue of both safety and fear. Women are imprisoned by the learned fear of male violence against women. Whether or not the fear is imbedded in reality, it is a mindset we have absorbed from both the women and men who want to protect us. Statistically, the terror is valid, and socially too often disrespected by men.

Men who do not threaten the safety of women, and in their own relationships are both protective and respectful, often feel no responsibility for male violence. They also, often pooh-pooh their female friends safety fears. These doting boyfriends, brothers, fathers, friends, etc. have taken a personal stand. However, a personal stand is not enough.

All men and women are responsible for violence against women. Standing by and watching your friend talk to the girl who is too drunk to make coherent decisions is allowing violence against women to potentially happen.

I do not know any men that I believe would violate a woman's safety. But I do know men who could have stopped a situation and did not. It is your business, because violence against women affects men directly: it changes how women live and how they relate to men. In order to nullify the female fear of male violence, all men must take an active stand to protect women.

S.J. Port is a Collegian columnist.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NEW CHANCELLOR ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO VOTE

I am excited to be the new Chancellor of Elections this year. I look forward to running a great election for the Senate. Student government is one of the most important aspects of student life here on campus, and I encourage anyone and everyone who wishes to get involved to do so. Being a senator is a significant role in building and shaping student life and our quality of life on campus. For those of you who do not have the time nor interest to take such an active role, please remember to vote — it only takes a second, and it has a significant impact in our community.

The Senate election will take place Wednesday September 29 and Thursday September 30 at the Dining Commons and the Campus Center concourse. Nomination papers can be picked up in the SGA office, 422 Student Union Building, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., beginning today, September 15. Nomination papers are due on Tuesday, September 21 in the SGA office, by 5 p.m. with at least 25 signatures. For any questions call 545-5411.

Good luck to everyone and remember to vote!

Vicki Bronshteyn
Chancellor of Elections

A CALL TO ALL SOUTHWEST RESIDENTS

With the first full week of classes coming to an end, many students will be looking to have a fun, relaxing and enjoyable weekend ahead. In addition to catching up with old and new friends, going to a few parties, or catching a movie, many students will be tuned in to the Red Sox/Yankees three game series both this and next weekend. Given the history of this rivalry, the executive board of the Southwest Area Government, your elected representatives, urges all Southwest residents to enjoy this series in a safe, celebratory, and non-destructive manner.

In addition to planning numerous social events for southwest students, Southwest Area Government is committed to representing our constituents in the best light to the rest of the campus and to the administration. We are only able to do this, to the best of our abilities, when we can show the enormous amount of intelligence, talent, and skill that our constituents embody.

It is for this reason that I implore all Southwest residents to be responsible in their form of celebrations during the upcoming weekends and for the rest of the school year. Together we can prove that the Southwest Residential Area is the best living area on campus, and we can all be proud to be a part of this wonderful community.

Mina Safain
Southwest Area Government Treasurer

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Resident Evil: Apocalypse

Sexy heroines can't save sequel from weak plot

By Johnny Donaldson
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The gleaming high tech Metropolis at the center of "Resident Evil: Apocalypse" is called Raccoon City, and it's such an inexplicable, what-the-hell moniker that it almost fits the bombastic simplicity of a movie that has nothing more on it's mind that blowing away some zombies real good.

A noisy and hectic sequel to the 2002 hit based on the videogame, the movie features an array of ugly ghouls — there are mottled-skin undead folks, zombie Dobermans with bleeding lesions and a trio of hulking monstrosities with five foot long tongues — but they carry no mystery or menace; the movie is more concerned with its arsenal of explosions and automatic weapons to bother scaring us.

'Resident Evil: Apocalypse'
Directed by Alexander Witt
Starring Milla Jovovich, Sienna Guillory
Screen Gems
Rated R
93 mins
Grade B-

"Resident Evil: Apocalypse" isn't a good movie, but it's a fast and juicy piece of trash. The script is by the first film's director Paul W.S. Anderson, who went on to do "Alien vs. Predator" — and it's filled with inane clunkers like "I'm good, but not that good," while the characters — assorted commandos and civilians trying to make it out of the contaminated Raccoon City — are barely given even a half a dimension to work with. There are a pair of sexy female heroes, lead by the inexpressive Ukrainian model Milla Jovovich, and a minimal plot that exists only as a shoehorn for the double-fisted weapons fire.

I wish Witt hadn't directed so many of the action scenes with a quick-cut blur, but the movie, for all it's artlessness, is by far better than the first film, which was too much of a limp "Alien" knock-off. Thank the heavens — or the yeoman designers of a slick guilty pleasure for small favors.



Science experiments go terribly wrong in Director Alexander Witt's "Resident Evil: Apocalypse"



Milla Jovovich shows big guns as the film's hero, "Alice," in the recent blockbuster.

Questions? Ask An Attorney:

Ask the Attorney
Lisa G. Kent

"Ask The Attorney" will showcase solutions to common legal problems affecting UMASS students. To get your legal problem addressed, send in your questions, via e-mail, to arts@daily-collegian.com. Submissions must have your name to verify your student status; however, your name will not be published.

Q: Help! I have a housemate from hell! We're renting an off-campus apartment (we signed a lease together in June) but things are NOT working out. She has big parties and smokes in the house (despite our agreement that she would only smoke outside). My other housemates can't stand her. She didn't contribute her share of the rent this month and says she's moving out next week. My housemates and I can't afford to pay all the rent. What should we do? — Fearful on Fearing Street

A: Dear Fearful — Don't fear. With some negotiation and creativity, you can solve this problem. But first, the legal facts:

Most leases make multiple tenants (you and your housemates) "jointly and severally" responsible for rent. That means that all of you are responsible for each other's share of the rent. The landlord could collect the entire rent from just one of you — he or she doesn't care how the rent is divided, or where it comes from.

If your lease says that you are "jointly and severally" liable for rent payments, the landlord can try to collect the entire rent from you and your other housemates alone.

Leases are complex documents with serious implications. Housemate relations can create touchy situations. The two combined create a potent cocktail of choices and consequences. Your rights largely depend upon the written lease, which usually reserves most of the decision making power to – guess who? The landlord. However, if you have a good relationship with your landlord, you may be able to negotiate a solution and be rid of your hellish housemate.

Do you want a substitute housemate to start sharing rent payments immediately? If so, I'd recommend this approach: begin by impressing on housemate from hell that she is legally bound to pay rent, whether she stays or not. After all, her name is on the lease. (If she replies that she's sticking you with the bill, tell her (politely) that you can sue her in Small Claims Court for the amount she owes. You can also mention that if you can't pay because of her defection, the landlord will be delighted to come after her as well.)

She may re-think her move and offer to continue paying rent while you locate her replacement. But here's where it gets sticky: many leases don't permit tenant substitutions or subletting without the written permission of the landlord. Landlords want to make sure that the new tenant is creditworthy and responsible. Bring your lease to SLSO so that an attorney can determine the viability of the substitution option.

Choose a "model" housemate who can gain your landlord's favor too. Then, open a dialogue with your landlord. Experienced landlords should be flexible, since your situation is all-too common. Make your request politely, verbally and in writing. Explain the reasons for the substitution and why the new housemate should be added to the lease. You might also point out that you'd be getting rid of a smoker and a partier.

A wise landlord should consider your request. After all, if you are unable to pay your rent, she will have to start eviction proceedings and pursue your parents, if they guarantee the lease (assuming you have one) — a costly and time-consuming activity.

If your landlord agrees to the switch, make sure your new housemate's name gets on the lease. If you don't, and the new housemate goes south, you'll find yourself without a legal remedy against her.

Other resolutions may be possible. Come in to SLSO for a consultation. By examining the terms of the lease, we may be able to find other legal solutions. In fact, before doing anything, make an appointment with a legal assistant at the SLSO for free legal advice by calling 545-1995, or visiting Room 922 in the Campus Center. Good luck!

The information contained in this article refers to Massachusetts's law and does not constitute legal advice. If you need legal advice, seek out an attorney who can give you advice based upon your circumstances and applicable law.

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'Sonic Youth' still in top form

Old School Rockers breath life with new album

By Nick Romanow
COLLEGIAN STAFF

When your band's name is Sonic Youth and you're over twenty years into your career, one can assume that there is a lot of pressure on you to keep things fresh. It really should be no surprise though, that Sonic Youth has had no problem maintaining their throne at the top of the art-rock pile.

On their latest, (19th album for those who are keeping track), "Sonic Nurse" — the band continues to go in the direction of 2002's "Murray Street," which found them becoming even more song orientated then ever before, while also strongly retaining the atmosphere and fondness for experimentation from their classic albums such as "Daydream Nation". Not that you'll be hearing Sonic Youth on commercial radio anytime soon, but songs like the opener "Pattern Recognition" are more accessible then a lot of Sonic Youth's earlier material.

Sonic Youth — 'Sonic Nurse' — Geffen Records

But fear not long time fans — "Sonic Nurse" is still made by the same band that recent rock history has come to know and love. There are long passages of twisting; mesmerizing feedback, droning in many songs and of course, Sonic Youth maintains the effortless cool that has practically become their trademark. If anything, Sonic Youth has become even cooler.

"Dripping Dream" comes to a crossroads where it could simply explode into a violent epic but guitarist/vocalist Thurston Moore keeps his cool while a guitar begins to fuzz quietly beneath his gentle lead line. "I Love You Golden Blue" which seems to run from a hazy soundscape and turn into an atmospheric epic.

Bassist/vocalist Kim Gordon has more to do vocally on "Sonic Nurse" then she has had on other albums and she makes the most of it. "Kim Gordon and the Arthur Doyle Hand Cream" finds Gordon barely restraining the seething energy of the music and her own voice. The track shows the band having so much fun that the song threatens to become a roll-the-windows-down summer song.

Lyrically the album is extremely diverse. The band jumps from the subtle to the serious to the political to the cheeky. "...Hand Cream" originally had Mariah Carey's name in place of Gordon's in the title and, as one would gather from that, the song is a tongue-in-cheek ode to the nervous-breakdown diva.

"Dude Ranch Nurse," another Gordon-penned song, is cryptic and mysterious and when she sings, "Let the nurse give you a shot" it sounds more like a threat then anything else. "Paper Cup Exit" and "Peace Attack" are, like many of the songs on this album, jabs at George W. Bush. Most of the lyrics are so subtle in fact that listeners unfamiliar with the band's political behavior (or their many songs that attacked George H.W. Bush) probably won't even notice the message behind them.

In many ways, though, that is the beauty of Sonic Youth. The band most certainly still knows how to rock out, but they have become even more comfortable with subtleties and atmosphere. Usually some form of noise backs a quiet guitar riff and bass line, and in some cases the noise will build and build until the song becomes a noise-rock freak out; but in most songs the band tames the music. They wield power over what should be overwhelming noise and keep it under their control. "Sonic Nurse" finds the band refusing to rely on old tricks, and instead pushing themselves even further to do things they haven't done.

Sonic Youth is at their best when they are trying new things, but not necessarily forcing themselves. "Sonic Nurse" is not their most original album, but it is still nowhere near formulaic. The reason why Sonic Youth can still sound, well, young, is because the band has an intricate type of looseness to match their seemingly effortless tightness. "Sonic Nurse" shows a mature band that still knows how to sound young without faking anything; and the album proves that aging doesn't mean getting old for one of the most original, important, and talented bands of the past twenty years.



Sonic Youth released their 19th album 'Sonic Nurse' after a three year long hiatus from the recording studio. The album boasts a more tame sound with same political messages as their past albums.

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American Music Awards anounces nominees

Usher and Toby Keith amongst top honors

By Anthony Breznican
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — R&B Casanova Usher, whose album "Confessions" steamed up the charts with songs about sex, affairs and breakups, received a leading four nominations Tuesday for the American Music Awards.

Many categories included last year's winners — Toby Keith, Tim McGraw and Linkin Park — and previous nominees Beyonce, Avril Lavigne, Norah Jones and R. Kelly.

Rapper-producer Kanye West, whose album "The College Dropout" combines gospel, rap and braggadocio, had three nominations, the second most after Usher.

Usher was nominated as favorite male artist in both the pop/rock and soul/R&B categories, and his "Confessions" also has best album bids in both groups.

In the hip-hop/rap class, West was up for favorite male artist, "The College Dropout" got a mention for best album, and his third bid came for the cross-genre award as best newcomer.

Two categories feature all of the same nominees as last year. The country male artist group again includes Kenny Chesney, Alan Jackson, Toby Keith, Tim McGraw (who won in 2003). It also was deja vu for contemporary inspirational music, as 2003 winner Steven Curtis Chapman competes once more against MercyMe and Third Day.

OutKast was nominated for best rap/hip-hop group, and its Grammy winning "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below" got a bid for best rap album.

The awards will be presented during a Nov. 14 ceremony that will be shown live on ABC. Talk show host Jimmy Kimmel will host it.

The nominations are based on sales figures and radio play. Winners are selected by a survey of about 20,000 listeners.



R&B crooner Usher continues to rack up nominations with his fourth album release 'Confessions' on Arista Records.

The swimsuit dilemma:

Potential 'Miss Universe' restricted by religion



Artika Sari Devi, Miss Indonesia, may find herself at the end of the road for the title of Miss Universe.

By Michael Casey
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Artika Sari Devi looks the part of a beauty queen with her million-dollar smile and hourglass figure; And she dreams of becoming Indonesia's first Miss Universe.

There is only one thing holding her back — a swimsuit.

Like most international beauty competitions, Miss Universe requires participants to appear in a swimsuit — either a one-piece model or a bikini. But here in the world's most populous Muslim nation, the 24-year-old Miss Indonesia faces condemnation from religious leaders and government officials who say women in swimsuits violate religious tenets requiring them to dress modestly.

"Every country can join the competition, so why not Indonesia?" asks Artika, who won the Miss Indonesia pageant in August, an event that does not require contestants to parade in swimwear. "I don't see a problem with the swimsuit. It's only to show my proportions. ... So many Muslims wear swimsuits. I wear one swimming," she says.

Battles over bathing suits would seem out of place in Indonesia, where newsstands are filled with magazines featuring scantily clad models and miniskirts. Prostitution rings operate openly in all major cities.

But Islamic conservatives — some of whom want to replace Indonesia's secular system with one bound by Islamic law — have been emboldened since the fall of ex-dictator Suharto in 1998. Under pressure from fundamentalists, the male-dominated parliament is debating a law that would make kissing in public and erotic dancing punishable by jail time.

Legislation that would stiffen penalties for domestic violence and allow abortion in certain cases have bogged down amid opposition from conservatives.

Film censors recently banned "Kiss Me Quick," a teenage romantic comedy after protests by a popular Muslim cleric who said the title could encourage promiscuity.

Beauty contests, too, have long been a target of Islamic conservatives in Indonesia and other parts of the world.

In 2002, the Miss World pageant was moved out of Nigeria after it sparked riots by Muslims that killed 200 people, and in 1998 the Miss Bangladesh contest was canceled after days of violent protests by Islamic groups.

During his 32-year reign, Suharto banned women from participating in beauty contests because he felt they were not compatible with "Indonesia's culture."

Alaya Rohali, now a popular television presenter, defied the ban in 1996 and competed in a Miss Universe contest in Las Vegas — only to return home to threats and media attacks.

"Beauty contests manipulate the rights of women for the sake of commercial interests and that is not good for Islam," says Irfan Awwas, a spokesman for the Islamic group Majelis Mujahidin, which has vowed to launch protests if Indonesia sends anyone to Miss Universe.

Miss Indonesia organizers, led by 76-year-old cosmetics executive Mooryati Soedibyo, are seeking to win over a skeptical public, hoping to enable Artika to take part in next summer's Miss Universe pageant in Thailand.

They brought Miss Egypt to Indonesia in July to demonstrate that other Muslim countries take part, including neighboring Malaysia. They also arranged a meeting between Miss Universe 2004, Jennifer Hawkins of Australia, and President Megawati Sukarnoputri.

Officials from Miss Universe, too, have tried to find a compromise — proposing last year that an Indonesian participant wear a one-piece swimsuit like a few other contestants do. But Indonesian organizers told them the country "was not ready."

"Every year, we give the women a choice of what swimsuit they want to wear," says Mary Hilliard McMillan, a spokeswoman for Miss Universe in New York.

"But they have to wear a swimsuit. Our contest has 54 years of history and in those 54 years the competition and rules have been the same. At the end of the day, it's a beauty contest and being judged on physical fitness is one-third of what determines that."

Indonesia's government has so far refrained from taking a side in the controversy, possibly mindful of the protests that engulfed the Suharto administration. "I support the competition as long as it's in accordance with our culture," says Sri Redjeki Soemaryoto, the women's empowerment minister. "But I only support it if she does not wear a bikini."

Mooryati, a soft-spoken Javanese princess, admits her nearly 20-year campaign to send an Indonesian to the Miss Universe contest has stirred its share of controversy.

She considers opposition to the contest as shortsighted, arguing that participation by Miss Indonesia could help Indonesia's battered tourist economy. It has struggled since Islamic militants bombed two nightclubs on the resort island of Bali in 2002, killing 202 people.

"The purpose of this competition is good ... to exchange culture, to promote your tourist industry, your country's products and arts," Mooryati says. "By doing this, we are accepting that we have entered the globalization era."

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Shea looks for first win



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Massachusetts head coach Patty Shea talks with assistant coach Stephen Simpson during practice.

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be in the cage tonight for UMass. Tocco currently ranks third in the Atlantic 10 with a 9.60 save per game average.

Shea feels there is something special about this game. "One thing that is unique in the New England area is the rivalry between our schools," Shea said. "They love representing their school, and they never stop fighting and digging. BU likes to control the tempo of the game, and we can't let them do that in this game."

If UMass is going to win this game, they are going to have to play more cohesively than they have been.

"The biggest thing we need to do is turn the ball over less," Shea said. "We also need better decision making, and we must attack the goal." BU is coming off consecutive losses at California and at home against Boston College. UMass meanwhile was shut out in losses against Maryland (6-0) and American (4-2) at the Terrapin Invitational this past weekend.

"I'm excited for this game," Shea said. "The team is excited for it. We're looking forward to showing off Garber Field, using it to our advantage, and taking all prisoners. You never let another team come in and dominate your field. This is our field."

Ryder team trusts Woods

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come with a caveat.

Nicklaus (for those keeping score, his record was 17-8-3) played in a different era of the Ryder Cup, a time when the Americans only had to show up to claim the gold trophy.

The United States was 5-0-1 in Nicklaus' six Ryder Cups, only one of which came after commental players were added to the European team to make it more competitive. The first one was the famous tie, when he graciously conceded Tony Jacklin a short par putt on the final hole of the final match. In the other five matches, the Americans won by at least five points, a margin that now would be considered a blowout.

Europe has captured the cup six of the last nine times, so it's no surprise that Phil Mickelson (8-5-3) and David Toms (3-1-1) are the only U.S. players with a winning record.

"Guys, I go out there with the same attitude, and that's just to win, period," Woods said. "I don't go into any tournament thinking it would be great to lose. It would be asinine to think that way."

Sutton doesn't believe he has anything to worry about.

He looked like a college football coach during the Tuesday practice round — the square jaw, the sunglasses, arms folded across his paunch — as he watched Woods hit a wedge that spun back over the cup on the 11th green.

Someone mentioned that Woods was in a slump, having won only one time this year and losing the No. 1 ranking for the first time in five years.

"Oh, man, I was out there watching him play. I don't know if you've been out there, but I've been licking my chops over it," Sutton said. "I don't think he's in any sort of a slump right now. I aspire to be in his slumps.

"No, no, don't be worried about Tiger Woods. If that's your only worry, you have no worries."

Europe wasn't buying into it, either.

Padraig Harrington of Ireland, his team's highest-ranked player, said he thought Woods might be tougher this week at Oakland Hills than at his other two Ryder Cups.

"His record has not been as good as he would like," Harrington said. "He's out to prove something. There's definitely going to be a backlash from Tiger at some Ryder Cup. It's going to happen. I would think it's more of a wounded Tiger at the moment, and it would be very dangerous to play against him. "He's going to have something to prove, and I would see him as quite intimidating."

Bartman not forgotten

By Mike Berardino
Knight Ridder Newspapers

CHICAGO — Blair Flavel walked through the portal, gazed out at the green expanse of Wrigley Field on a gorgeous Saturday afternoon and showed his ticket to an usher.

"Oh, my God," the elderly man told Flavel, recoiling at the sight of his stub for this Marlins-Cubs game. "You're in the Bartman seat."

It usually sits empty, the locals say. An unlikely monument of hard, green plastic at the end of Row 8, Aisle 4 down the left-field line.

"Most Chicagoans won't sit there," said Debra Miller of Homewood, Ill., sitting two seats over.

Seat 113 costs the same $36 as all the others in the section. It is covered with 12 small, circular Cubs decals, but otherwise you'd never guess this is the spot where Steve Bartman stood last Oct. 14 and helped change the course of baseball history.

By now every Marlins and Cubs fan has the sequence burned into their memories: Game 6 of the National League Championship Series. Eighth inning. Cubs up, 3-0. Five outs from their first pennant in 58 years.

With Juan Pierre on second, Luis Castillo lofts a foul pop that drifts into the first row of curved seats. Chicago's Moises Alou leaps and thrusts his outstretched glove into a thicket of fans, only to have Bartman knock it away.

Alou threw a fit. Cubs pitcher Mark Prior walked Castillo. In the visiting dugout, the Marlins were walking around saying, "Hey, let's make that guy (Bartman) famous." Eight runs later, the inning finally ended, and so, effectively, did Bartman's life as he knew it.

He is 27 now and still lives in the city's western suburbs. A rumored petition for a job transfer to London apparently never came through.

Bartman quickly went underground after security workers had to escort him out of the field-level boxes and away from an angry mob. He issued a statement of remorse in the days after the Cubs blew the NLCS, but otherwise hasn't been heard from publicly in the last 11 months. And he hasn't been back to Wrigley to watch his beloved Cubs.

"I'm sure, being a Cubs fan, he's had a lot of sleepless nights since then," said Flavel, operations manager for a farm machinery company.

Flavel, 40, was watching Game 6 on TV back in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, with his cousin. They could immediately sense the momentum shift after the Bartman play.

Of course, Flavel also correctly noted Bartman's sin might have been forgiven had former Cubs shortstop Alex Gonzalez not booted Miguel Cabrera's double-play grounder two batters later.

"Steve only did what any fan would do in the heat of the moment," Flavel said. "Right now, I'm not sure I wouldn't put my arm over the wall if a ball came this way. He was just in the wrong place at the wrong time. If he could take it back, he certainly would."

One row back, Brad Rendell just shook his head.

"They blew up the ball," said Rendell, who lives in nearby Winnetka, Ill. "I think they should rip the seat out and blow it up too. They'd get a huge crowd."

Flavel, sporting jeans, a Cubs cap and a Cubs jersey — just like Bartman last October — turned around to make sure the seat wouldn't be blown up with him still in it.

Rendell was sitting with his 14-year-old daughter, Brittany, and 9-year-old son, Austin, who kept leaning over the railing with his glove. Rendell, like many other Cub fans, falls somewhere between bemusement, anger and sympathy when it comes to Bartman.

Rendell's health club has a large, doctored photo of Bartman on its walls. A Billy goat is superimposed in a nod to the other great curse in Cubs history.

"It's funny, but it's unfortunate too," Rendell said. "Actually, I do feel bad for the guy because he gets singled out."

What would these fans say to Bartman if they had the chance? Earlier, in the Cubs clubhouse, Prior said he might ask Bartman how he was doing and tell him, "Don't worry about it."

Flavel's reply: "I'd tell him, Hey, buddy, it's not your fault.'"

At this Debra Miller's husband, David, piped up.

"You know (what) I'd say?" Miller said. " Hey, sorry. You got caught up in the moment, but you are still the goat.' End of story."



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Cubs' fan Steve Bartman, who broke up a Moises Alou catch in game six of the NLCS, sits in the stands on, October 14, 2003.

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UMass gets its first win

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can't make those mistakes, but overall we played much better than we have."

The Minutemen struck early against the Hawks, as junior captain Orail Bullen netted a cross from Charest on the right side of the box, ten yards out. The goal was Bullen's first on the year, and the first goal scored by someone other than a freshman.

As the second half got underway, the Maroon and White scored again, this time it was Bullen sharing with Charest. Bullen crossed a pass in front of the goal and Charest darted and headed in the game's second goal.

A large part of the UMass offense stemmed from the aggressive play of Tyler Pagano. Pagano only had two shots on the game, but was opening up opportunities on the right wing for most of the second half. He and freshman Matty Lemire had several well-placed crosses that nearly resulted in goals.

"I think he (Pagano) was one of many players that played well in the attack, but he's one player out of many and it has to be a full effort from everyone," Koch said.

The Minutemen began to sit back a bit as the period went on, seemingly looking to preserve their lead. Hartford, however, would not go quietly into the night.

Alon Lubesky, the Hawks leading goal scorer (6), received a pass at the inside top left of the box from Kemmiel Martin. Lubesky rocketed the ball past Billman at 60:18 and the pressure was on for the rest of the game.

UMass attacked a few more times, but Carr was nearly unstoppable. Carr ended the game with 10 total saves, including one off of a one-on-one with Bullen in the waning minutes of regulation.

The Hawks scored their second goal with another well-placed pass from Martin. Harry Vasiliadis, who had been subbed into the game earlier in the half, received Martin's pass five meters away from the net and chipped in the equalizer.

Overtime was hard fought by both teams, as neither was able to get off more than one shot in the first 10-minute stanza. However, the one shot on goal for the Hawks was literally inches away from ending the game.

With sophomore keeper Nick Billman out of position Hartford volleyed the ball back into the box and took a shot right on target. Tim Kitchell sprinted in, slid and made the defensive save, all with less than a minute left in the period.

The Minutemen had two shots in the next period as they controlled the ball in the Hawks zone. UMass had three corner kicks in the period, including Higa's which set up the game winner.

"A lot of the guys just got there first win here, we need to be winning at home, and this is our field and we need to take it to our advantage," junior captain Craig Caruvan said.



Freshman midfielder Matty Lemire sprints past a Hartford defender in yesterday's game. UMass will compete in the UMass Classic this weekend.

Woods must lead Ryder Cup team

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Tiger Woods has been chasing Jack Nicklaus in golf record books since he was a kid. When it comes to the Ryder Cup, though, Tiger doesn't mean Jack. Woods has won more PGA Tour events than Nicklaus at this stage in his career, and his eight majors put him on pace to break Nicklaus' all-time record.

Now, U.S. captain Hal Sutton wants him to bring that same purpose to the Ryder Cup.

"Nobody has to give Tiger Woods a pep talk," Sutton said Tuesday after the first day of practice at Oakland Hills.

"All we have to do is just say, 'Hey, Tiger, it's time you felt this is important. I want you to realize that this is going to be an area that guys are going to judge you by down the road, whether you like it or dislike it. You're the one who chose to be as great as you are. Let's give it all you've got and lead this team.'"

Woods can only contribute five points to the 14 1/2 points the United States needs to win back the Ryder Cup, but his record has hardly been an inspiration.

He is 5-8-2 in his three Ryder Cup matches.

He has been shut out on the first day the last two times, allowing Europe to seize early control.

He comes into this one no longer No. 1 in the world, his five-year reign atop the world ranking uprooted by Vijay Singh two weeks ago outside Boston. Even so, he is the star of the American team, and in that regard, his captain's urging is new to Woods.

"It's not any different than the rest of the captains have said," Woods said. "I qualified No. 1 in points every time. All I know is that I've tried my best. Unfortunately, I just haven't gotten more points for our team. Hopefully, I'll be able to get more points for our team where we can win this thing."

Players take one week every other year to compete with their European counterparts for pride and patriotism. The rest of the time, they are trying to win major championships, and Woods drove home that point with a quiz for reporters.

"I'm sure all of you guys probably know what Jack's record is in the Ryder Cup, right?" he said, looking around a crowded room and getting no takers. "Anybody? No?

"How many majors did he win?" Woods continued, and heard murmurs of "18" across the room.

Then again, Woods got himself in trouble with the British press two years ago at the American Express Championship in Ireland, a week before the Ryder Cup. He was asked which week was more important for him to win, and he picked the World Golf Championship.

"Why? I can think of a million reasons," Woods said, referring to the $1 million winner's check. But comparisons to Nicklaus

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Golfer Tiger Woods celebrates a birdie putt that moved him to 10 under on 16, at the Wachovia Championship on May 9th 2004.

Classic coaches enshrined in bronze

By Randall Mell
Knight Ridder

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — There's no getting rid of Bobby Bowden and Joe Paterno now.

Poised to resume chasing each other deeper into uncharted territory in the college football record books, the game's elder statesmen begin this new season with a rare type of security, even ungrateful alumni can't crack.

Deep into their 70s now, well into their sixth decades roaming sidelines, they're enjoying the immortal feeling only bronze can bestow.

In a little more than two weeks, on the eve of the Clemson game, Florida State officials will unveil a 9-foot bronze statue of Bowden adjacent to the north end zone at Doak Campbell Stadium.

"From what I've heard, they ran out of money and bronze and they're going to make him thin," cracked Clemson coach Tommy Bowden, Bobby's son. "It's not realistic, so I'm going to get some red clay and lix that belly."

Bowden is truly larger than life now, while Paterno has been for some time.

Outside the east end zone at Penn State's Beaver Stadium, a 7-foot bronze image of Paterno that weighs nearly half a ton was erected four seasons ago.

Not many coaches end up in bronze, even fewer while they're still alive, almost none while they're still coaching.

No other college football coaches today — apologies to Lou Holtz — rank in the living-legend class with Bowden and Paterno. They're the lone survivors of a bygone era, giants whose personas loom as large as their records, men who entered the profession when Bud Wilkinson, Bear Bryant and Woody Hayes were still prowling sidelines.

While Bowden and Paterno are destined to be remembered with Knute Rockne, Amos Alonzo Stagg and Pop Warner as among the college game's greatest coaches, that doesn't mean they're as beloved as they once were. That's the nature of today's fans. With more losses than they're accustomed the last few seasons, these coaches face inevitable questions about how long they plan to continue to coach. Or, worse yet, how long they should be permitted to continue if they can't keep building on their remarkable records.

There are insiders who believe they'll never retire.

"One of those two will die on the field, I'm sure," Tommy Bowden said.

Bobby Bowden is the winningest football coach in Division I-A, with 342 victories. He overtook Paterno, beating Wake Forest on Oct. 25. Paterno claimed his 340th a season-opening victory against Akron, but his team fell last weekend to Boston College. They both surpassed the legendary Bryant and his 323-victory mark with much fanfare.

How long have these two been around? Holtz, 67, is the closest active Division I coach in wins, and he trails Bowden by 99. Bowden has more than double the victories of the next nearest coach (Frank Beamer, 167).

"Every time I look at that (statue), I keep thinking, Lord, does this mean I'm through?" Bowden said.

Bowden, who will turn 75 on Nov. 8, has watched his program slip a notch, leaving boosters to wonder if last year's correction to 10-3 was a sign Bowden is gearing for another championship run or if it's the best they can expect now. Bowden's teams have lost more games the three past seasons (12) than they did the previous six.

After that unprecedented run of 14 consecutive years with a final top five Associated Press ranking (including two national titles), the Noles haven't cracked the top 10 in the final AP poll in three seasons. It'll be tough to reach those heights after their 10-10 overtime loss to Miami on Sept. 10.

It's worse for Paterno, who will turn 78 at season's end.

Paterno's Nittany Lions are looking to rebound from a stumble to 3-9, Paterno's worst record in 38 years as coach in Happy Valley. It was his third losing season in the past four. Penn State won just a single Big Ten game a year ago.

The winner of two national titles, orchestrator of five perfect seasons, Paterno witnessed the unthinkable last year. A web site titled JoePaMustGo.com made its debut, and it's still up and running.

"I may be back coaching high school football next year," Paterno cracked last week.

With grumbling growing early this year, Paterno silenced speculation he would walk away by signing a four-year contract extension that runs through 2008. He would be 82 when the deal expired.

Bowden is believed to be signed through at least 2008. The nature of his rollover contract is a bit of a mystery.

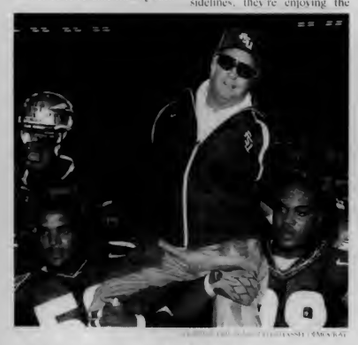
"I don't even know what Dad's contract is," Tommy said. "I think it's whatever he wanted."

Though the adulation may not be as fervent as it was in their prime, these coaches still enjoy what they're doing.

During preparation for the season opener, Paterno must have frightened his coaching staff when he lined up with the kickoff coverage team, then sprinted down the field into oncoming blockers.

"I wanted to show the guys that I'm still faster than they are," Paterno said. "One guy said, 'Don't get in my way, I've been waiting for a shot at Paterno.'"

Concerned that his team has been too uptight living up to expectations, the coach is making a concerted effort to focus on the fun that led him into the game.



FSU Coach Bobby Bowden is hoisted in the air after he passed Joe Paterno for Most Wins by a D-1 coach with 339 on October 25, 2003



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-Dave Matthews Band

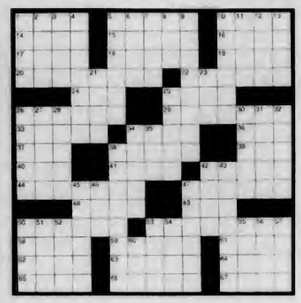
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Minutemen land Hawks

Rob Charest nets winner in OT

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

Sophomore Rob Charest saw it coming and sent Hartford packing.

In the second overtime in its game against the Hawks, Charest played a ball that was deflected by the post and scored the game-winning goal for the Massachusetts men's soccer team. The Minutemen took the game 3-2.

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The opportunity arose after Richard Higa sent a corner kick towards the net, which bobbled around until it slammed off the right post of the goal. Charest braced himself, lired, and sent the slow game-winner past the outstretched arms of Hartford keeper Ryan Carr.

"I was scared at first, that kid made a big save on Tim (Kitchell)," Charest said. "I mean I saw it hit off the post and I said, 'oh no not again,' then I went in and kicked it over the line; it was pretty exciting."

The win was the first of the year for UMass (1-5), who has had its troubles on the offensive side of the ball this season. The three goals scored was more than the Minutemen had tallied in their first three games combined (2).

UMass coach Sam Koch is pleased that his team pulled out its first victory and can now work on progressing as a team.

"It's real big, we needed it and they deserved it, they earned it and I'm very happy for them," Koch said. "The thing we wanted to do was play well and I think that we did. I think we made a couple mistakes and we

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MATTHEW BISHOP/COLLEGIAN

Freshman defender Douglas Rappaport goes to clear a ball against Hartford yesterday. The Minutemen defeated the Hawks 3-2 in double overtime with a goal by Rob Charest.

Field Hockey faces Terriers

By Joshua Pollock
Collegian Correspondent

The Massachusetts field hockey team (0-5) will be looking for its first win of the season tonight against the Boston University Terriers (1-3) at 7 p.m. at Garber Field.

Last season the Terriers defeated the Minutewomen 6-1 in Cambridge. UMass leads the all-time series 14-10-2. This will be the first of a 10 game home stand for the Minutewomen, who are the only team in the A-10 conference without a victory. This home stand will last through October 13.

"Playing on your home field is always an advantage," UMass coach Patty Shea said. "It's the field we practice on every day, so we feel very comfortable here. This home stand is really important because it relieves stress from our players. They don't have to go through the grind of traveling, and they don't miss any class time."

For this victory, the Maroon and White will have to go through sophomore goalkeeper Erin Prediger, who is averaging an America East Conference leading 9.75 saves per game.

"She makes good initial saves, and takes good care of the ball so there's no rebound," Shea said, who considers Prediger an excellent goalkeeper. Prediger is also ranked third in her conference in goals against average (1.61). Surprisingly, the Terriers are 1-3 despite Prediger's excellent defense.

Boston University is a very young team after seeing 11 of its letter winners leave the team, and 11 freshmen join. Terriers Head Coach Sally Starr, who is in her 24th season as head coach, is in the process of rebuilding the team. "Coach Starr has done a lot for field hockey," Shea said, "She started the program at BU and really put it on the map."

Senior UMass goalkeeper Christine Tocco will

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Celtics train in Vt.

BOSTON — The Boston Celtics will hold their training camp this year at the University of Vermont, the team announced Tuesday.

The Celtics head north to Burlington, Vt., for their first camp under new coach Glenn "Doc" Rivers, who was hired in April to replace interim coach John Carroll. Celtics head of basketball operations Danny Ainge hired Rivers to be the 16th coach in team history soon after Boston was swept from the first round of the NBA playoffs by the Indiana Pacers.

"I believe getting away will afford us the opportunity to get to know each other and allow us to become closer as a team," Rivers said.

Since 1999, the Celtics have trained at their 23,000-square foot practice facility located in an industrial park off Route 128 in Waltham.

This year's camp, from Oct. 5 to Oct. 10, will be at UVM's Patrick Gymnasium, which seats 3,228 and is home to the school's men's and women's basketball teams.

"It is great to have them associated with one of the most storied franchises in the history of the NBA," Vermont athletic director Jeff Shulman said.

The team will hold an intra-squad scrimmage at Patrick Gymnasium on Oct. 9 before heading to Manchester, N.H., for their Oct. 12 preseason opener against the Chicago Bulls.

-Associated Press

Skinner get extension

BOSTON — Basketball coach Al Skinner signed a contract extension that will keep him at Boston College through the 2009-2010 season, the school announced Tuesday.

In seven seasons at BC, Skinner has compiled a 122-95 record, taking the Eagles to the NCAA Tournament in 2001, 2002 and 2004.

His best season was in 2000-2001, when BC won a school-record 27 games, winning the Big East's East Division regular season crown and the Big East Tournament championship.

"We're all very excited that Al Skinner will continue to lead our basketball program," athletic director Gene DeFilippo said. "Al is a first-class individual who has done an outstanding job with our basketball team and he's done it in a manner in which we can all be very proud."

Earlier this year, Skinner had his number retired at the University of Massachusetts, where he was one of the program's all-time greats.

A three-time All-Yankee Conference selection in the early 70s, he led UMass to back-to-back NIT appearances. Skinner scored 1,235 career points and led the Minutemen in rebounding from 1971-1974. He was inducted into the UMass Athletic Hall of Fame in 1982.

-Associated Press

Ranger's pitcher arrested

By Janie McCauley
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Oakland Athletics and Texas Rangers disagreed over who's to blame for an altercation in the stands that led to the arrest of Rangers reliever Frank Francisco after he threw a chair that hit a woman and broke her nose.

Dave Rinetti, A's vice president of stadium operations, said Tuesday a review of the ninth-inning fracas the night before — which took place in the lower-box seats between the Texas dugout and bullpen — showed the fans' behavior wasn't over the line according to baseball's rules of conduct that are posted at every ballpark entrance.

"The incident became ugly when players approached the seating area," Rinetti said before the teams played the second game of the four-game series. He noted the fans didn't yell racial slurs or swear at the Texas players.

Yet Rangers manager Buck Showalter was quick to point to previous problems the Rangers have had in the Oakland Coliseum. He claimed the Rangers had asked for more security in the area, but Rinetti said neither he nor his security staff had been approached with such a request.

Still, the A's beefed up security for Tuesday's game and the remainder of the series — and probably for the rest of the season. Several additional officers from the Oakland Police Department were brought in to assist the Coliseum's regular security staff, which was increased by 10 people in the visiting bullpen and dugout.

The Rangers had a lengthy team meeting before the game and their clubhouse was not opened to the media the usual 3 1/2 hours before game time.

Francisco was arrested Tuesday morning on a charge of aggravated battery after he threw a chair into the right-field box seats and hit two spectators in the head during the 7-6, 10-inning loss.

The injured woman, identified by her lawyer Tuesday as Jennifer Bueno, 41, of Livermore, wants Francisco to be prosecuted. A civil suit is also a likely possibility, since she'll need medical treatment, said the lawyer, Gary Gwilliam.

Bueno's husband, Craig Bueno, is a battalion chief with the Hayward Fire Department. Gwilliam wouldn't comment on what Bueno might have yelled at the Rangers' players before the fracas, saying he would let the man speak for himself at a news conference on Wednesday.

"There is no justification for what they did," Gwilliam said. "Fans are fans and they have a right to have some fun and do some badgering if they want." Gwilliam said it wasn't just Francisco who went after the A's fans.

"It's the whole damn team that tried to charge and fight with the fans," he said.

Francisco was taken from the stadium to jail, where he was booked and his mug shot was taken. He was released about two hours later on $15,000 bail, Oakland Police spokeswoman Danielle Ashford said.

Major League Baseball's commissioner Bud Selig said he was "very concerned about the incident."

Sandy Alderson, executive vice president of baseball operations, and Kevin Hallinan, senior vice president of security, were en route to Oakland on Tuesday afternoon.

With two outs in the ninth inning, Texas' Alfonso Soriano tied the game 5-5 with his second homer of the night. Moments later, with Hank Blalock batting, the Texas bench and bullpen cleared.

Francisco threw a plastic chair used by a ball boy at a fan in a lower box near the Rangers' bullpen along the right-field line. The chair hit one man in the head, then bounced and struck the woman on her left temple.

Bob Watson, the vice president of on-field operations for baseball, will decide what punishment will be handed out to the players, while Selig said he would monitor the process.

"There is no excuse whatsoever for any attack of our fans by any of our players under any circumstances," Selig said in a statement.

The A's were trying to contact the woman to apologize.

After the game, Showalter said the fans "went over the line."

"It was a real break from the normal trash you hear from fans. We've had problems about every time we've come here," he said.

But on Tuesday, Texas owner Tom Hicks apologized "for the conduct of some members of our club last night in Oakland."

"Their behavior, especially the injury to a fan, was unacceptable. Even in a difficult or abusive environment, players should never be provoked into such actions," Hicks said in a statement, adding that he had been in contact with the commissioner's office. He did not say whether Francisco or any other player would be punished.

Texas reliever Doug Brocail was seen screaming at a male fan, and the pitcher had to be restrained by his teammates and bullpen coach Mark Connor. Others also had to be held back.

A day of reckoning for NHL

By Ira Podell
Associated Press

TORONTO — Wade Redden took off his practice gear unsure of when he'd have a chance to put it on again.

His injured shoulder wouldn't allow him to play for Canada in the World Cup of Hockey championship on Tuesday night. The lack of a collective bargaining agreement between NHL players and owners figures to keep the Ottawa defenseman off the ice much longer.

The current deal expires at 12:01 a.m. Thursday, and with no talks scheduled between the league and the players association, a lockout is a virtual certainty once the NHL board of governors conclude an afternoon meeting in New York.

Training camps won't open this week and games — slated to begin Oct. 13 — will soon be canceled, too.

"Tomorrow is D-Day and it's going to be probably the last time we get on the ice for a bit," Redden said Tuesday.

A bit would be an optimistic view. The sides haven't spoken since talks broke off last Thursday when the players association made a proposal of a luxury-tax system with revenue sharing, a rollback of salaries, and changes to entry-level contracts.

The owners said that framework doesn't ensure cost certainty for its clubs, and NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said the sides "weren't speaking the same language."

"It's a sad situation but there's nothing you can do right now," free-agent forward Teemu Selanne said. "Everybody is expecting a long lockout which is not good for hockey, but it's going to happen no matter what."

That's what happened in the 1994-95 season when the game was shut down for 103 days and the schedule was cut nearly in half. If no deal is reached by January, like it was the last time, the season would likely be lost.

The message in the locker rooms of Canada and Finland was clear. Players won't accept a salary-cap system and they are prepared to wait as long as necessary to get a deal they can live with.

Even if that means sacrificing a season or two.

"I'd rather not miss a year in hockey when I'm 25," Dallas forward Brenden Morrow said. "I'd like to be playing, but I'm just one small piece of this whole puzzle.

"So until we can divide up that pie and everyone be happy with their piece, we're not going to get too much hockey played this year."

Both the Canadians and Finns said they were keeping their focus on the final game of the World Cup and would worry about the future once the final buzzer sounded Tuesday night.

But they couldn't escape the countless questions about what was coming. And judging by the answers, the tenuous situation was very much on their minds.

"We're going to enjoy this moment as much as we can because you never know when you're going to play next," Selanne said.

While that was true for Selanne, who is mulling various options for what to do during the lockout and others for when the NHL starts up again, some of his teammates do have upcoming games.

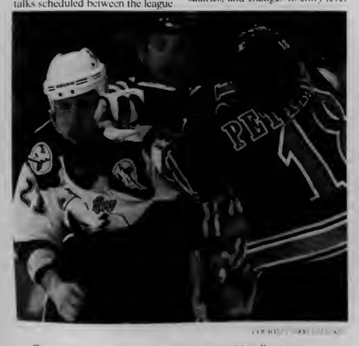
Ville Nieminen, a forward with the Calgary Flames, will join his hometown team in the Finnish Elite League that begins this week. European players have more options in that regard than their North American counterparts, who could join some optimistic startup leagues.

"If I don't do anything I can't play hockey ever again. I like food too much," Nieminen said. Morrow has opportunities to play in Europe but he has been reluctant to act on them since he has an infant baby at home and is not eager to go so far away.

"I want to take a few weeks after this tournament, go back to Dallas and wait for a miracle to happen," he said. "If it doesn't, then I'll check over my options.

"I don't think I'm going to go a year without hockey. I'm going to end up doing something eventually. I'm just not doing anything tomorrow."

On Monday, Nieminen took some of his younger Finnish teammates to the players association offices and introduced them to representatives.



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Tampa Bay's Cory Sarich and Washington's Matt Pettinger engage in a fight during their game in Washington, D.C., on February 3, 2004

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Say goodbye to "AB" and "BC"

UMass incorporates new grading system

By Jeremy Dirac
Collegian Correspondent

After this fall, University of Massachusetts students who are sophomores or older will see two different grading systems used on their transcripts.

UMass students will now be awarded grades in an 11-point grading system rather than the old eight-point system. For instance, an A will equal a 4.0 and an A-minus will equal a score of 3.7. With the old system, an A-minus was equivalent to an "AB". A B-plus was also equal to an "AB".

According to Registrar Elizabeth Pyle, when UMass first began using the old system in 1972, the University was following a national trend in the U.S. educational system by expanding the grading system beyond whole letter grades, such as As, Bs, and Cs.

At the 142nd meeting of the Faculty Senate on May 1 and 8, 1969, the senate passed the eight-point undergraduate grading system. Meanwhile, the Student Senate approved the more radical 12-point system — closer to the system recently adopted. In the end, the 8-point system won out.

In a Collegian interview with Professor Mokhtar Atallah, a member of the Academic Matters Council, Atallah said the new system could possibly create greater difficulties for professors when deciding a student's grade, especially in larger classes where professors and students have less contact with one another. This is something that may have held back the students' plan in 1972.

Atallah originally presented the new grading system to the Student Government Association with Senators Brian Long and Kiera Marikoff.

According to Atallah, the first person to start discussing a change to the grading system was a student representative of the SGA, Christophe Courchesne, in spring 2001.

Courchesne, who graduated from law school in June, said that he wishes the grading system change had been his idea, but it wasn't. Courchesne says that Professor Laura Doyle of the English Department, and Registrar Pyle spearheaded the move to change the grading system.

According to Courchesne, he brought the case for a new grading system before the Academic Matters Council. Pyle recalls Courchesne bringing the suggestion forward to her, and recalls hearing it coming from other directions as well.

"I think that it should have been something that was done a long time ago, and it's great that students are going to get more feedback on their work," Courchesne said.

Long said that delays may have had to do with no one taking the initiative.

"It's something that's been talked about a long time but never had been gotten a hold of by the faculty," he said. "People were always chitchatting about it, it took someone to take a hold of it and start running."

Chair of the Academic Matters council, John Jenkins explained that after a proposal like the grading system change is passed, the changes are usually implemented the following year. The proposal to change the grading system was approved by the Faculty Senate on April 10, 2003 and implemented at the start of this semester.

Jenkins says that sometimes it's a problem to get students to come to Academic Matters council meetings like the one that Courchesne sat in on where he pushed for a new grading system.

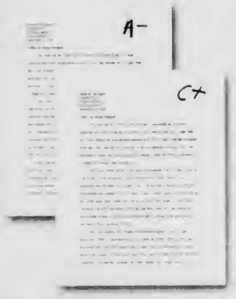
"We have two more openings for students [this semester] and I would be very pleased if we could get two more," he said.

The special report, presented to the Faculty Senate on April 10, said the old grading system is used by fewer than 10 of the 125 Research I and Research II universities, or universities that were deemed comparable to UMass by officials running the survey.

"I would get an occasional call from people saying 'I have this grade on your transcript, I don't have any others like it from anywhere else, I'm having to reinterpret it in my own way,'" Pyle said. "Sometimes those own ways were not very favorable to our students." When a graduate school got grades such as ABs from UMass, they could reinterpret the grades very conservatively — such as treating an AB as a B.

The A-A-minus system (the specific grade points assigned to each letter grade can vary slightly from school to school) puts UMass in conformity with most universities and high schools, including the other four members of the Five

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Whitmore Administration Building houses the Registrars Office, where all UMass student grades are processed.

Students can register to vote on campus this weekend

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

Students from the Five College area are encouraged to come to the Haigis Mall on the University of Massachusetts Saturday to register to vote, apply for an absentee ballot or enjoy the festivities all in part of "01003 Votes," a major campaign by the Student Activities Center to encourage 18 to 24-year-olds to vote.

Melissa Vara, coordinator for "01003 Votes!" is hoping for a large turnout on Saturday. She wants to spread the message to students that the upcoming presidential election is important, perhaps more important than ever.

"It is important because it is our civic duty, voting among 18-24 year olds has been declining," Vara said, "we want to make this as easy as possible for students."

Vara has covered every angle to ensure maximum voter turnout. Students who feel that they don't know enough about the candidates will find representatives from the area to answer any questions.

Representatives from non-partisan groups, the Democratic Party and the Republican Party will also be present to inform. Additionally, festivities include live music from Boston's fam'n 94.5 (WJMN), refreshments from "Sweets and More" and several local bands to provide live entertainment.

"We want to make it fun and also get the message sent," she said. "There will be prizes, games and t-shirts."

Those who are in a hurry can simply register or apply and then leave. Out of state students can also register to vote or apply for an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots are necessary to vote in this year's presidential election on Nov. 2 if students do not plan to be in their hometowns on that day. Students can fill out an application that only requires a name, hometown and a reason for why they will not be present in their hometowns to vote. The application is then sent to their hometown offices and before Nov. 2, a ballot will be mailed to a student's dormitory, apartment or place of residence.

UMass will also be donating the cost of postage to mail out the registrations and the absentee ballot applications as well as providing transportation and shuttles on the day of the election to the various designated poll locations.

"There will be shuttles from various location on campus, so no one has to worry about getting to the polls," Vara said.

Vara wants to urge students to understand the importance of this year's election and the importance of voting.

"It goes along with the mission of UMass, education, academics and being a good citizen," she said. As for a target number of students to come out on Saturday, Vara hopes for, "everyone."

Students, who cannot attend the campaign, are asked to come to the Student Activities Office in the Student Union and request either a registration application or an absentee ballot application. The absolute deadline to register or request and absentee ballot is October 15, 2004.

In the case of rain, "01003 Votes!" will be held in the Student Union Ballroom from 1-4 p.m.

Two UMass professors receive $40,000 grant



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UMass Professor Brian Levine

By Lauren Reingold
Collegian Correspondent

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded two University of Massachusetts professors a grant in the amount of $300,000.

The grant is to be shared with four other professors from the Five College Consortium. UMass assistant professors of computer science Mark Corner and Brian Levine will be using the money to expand the field of computer security, along with their colleagues, Professors Scott Kaplan of Amherst College, Richard Weiss of Hampshire College, Sami Rollins of Mount Holyoke College, and Nicholas Howe of Smith College. Together, the professors will try to improve their respective graduate and undergraduate programs over the course of two years in a field called "information assurance."

Levine and Corner have also been granted an additional $80,000 from the National Security Agency (NSA). This one-year grant is meant to support programs in the Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education (CAEIAE), as well as the scholarship of Amos Wetherbee, an undergraduate enrolled in Commonwealth College.

This grant works hand-in-hand with the larger grant awarded by the NSF which is also supported by the dean of UMass' College of Natural Science and Mathematics, as well as the Computer Science department.

The whole grant project is meant to make more courses and materials available in this specific field. This includes a series of speakers to take place over the two funded years as well. The speakers will expand knowledge in both the academic and industrial sides of computer science and security, laboratory experience, and accessibility to hands-on situations.

One particularly interesting focus of the plan is its aim to get women more involved in computer security where Corner says they are "grossly underrepresented." This component of the project is perhaps what separated this proposal from all the others submitted for this same grant. The NSF puts out a call for such proposals each time it has a grant. In this case the call was about computer security education. The focus on women was simply the result of Corner and Levine's own creativity.

They both hope to have an impact that extends beyond the two years for which they have been funded by using their time to drum up interest in computer security and related fields that are often underestimated in terms of importance. The broad impact they hope to have is made even more possible by the collaboration with the other schools in the Consortium where they share similar goals concerning computer security.

Computer security encompasses subjects from the protection of large-scale systems like SPIRE, to the protection of individual users from things like worms, viruses, or even themselves. So at the end of two years this important sect of computer science will be more publicized and its importance more realized.

This is not the first time that the UMass Computer Science department has received grants from the NIS. In fact, Corner says that they provide a crucial amount of its funding every year. The NSF which funds science and engineering research to more than 2,000 colleges, universities, and other institutions. The NSF boasts a whopping 20 percent of the nation's federal funding for academic research.

The Computer Science department is also not the only University department to benefit from the generosity of the NSF. Recently, for instance, the Isenberg School of management received a grant through Professor Anna Nagurney to study telecommunications/teleshopping. UMass also received funding to connect to the NIS' computer network, Backbone Network Service.



UMass Professor Mark Corner

Clark student found dead

WORCESTER (AP) — Police discovered the body of a missing Clark University student inside his parked car on Wednesday morning, but it was not immediately known how he died.

Joseph S. Veninca, of Westboro, had been missing since last Thursday night, when he went to his parents' home to take a shower and get some supplies before heading back to college.

Family members said Veninca, 20, was an insulin-dependent diabetic who had left his testing supplies behind and was probably running low on insulin.

Veninca's body was found around 9 a.m. inside his Mercury Sable, which was parked on Beaver Brook Parkway in Worcester Police Sgt. Gary Quitadamo said the state medical examiner's office will determine the cause of death.

"No obvious signs of foul play have been discovered," Quitadamo said.

Someone had used Veninca's ATM card Friday morning in a failed attempt to withdraw money. Investigators and the family viewed the ATM surveillance tape and did not recognize Veninca.

His mother, Barbara Veninca, thanked those who helped in the search for her son.

"The community effort and the media and the local businesses and the police service and our friends and family have been overwhelming," she said. "Without all this community support we wouldn't be able to bring him home."

Clark University Dean of Students Denise Darrigand released a statement saying, "Our thoughts and prayers are with the Veninca family during this difficult time."

Associated Press



A member of the Russian police patrols a street corner in Moscow last week.

Russian officials look within own police force for clues to hostage assaliants

By Burt Herman
Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian police investigating the deadly Beslan school siege are looking inside their own squad house: One of the attack organizers was allegedly a former cop who disappeared six years ago.

He wouldn't be the first to turn traitor. Turncoats have appeared in the highest ranks of law enforcement in the Caucasus. Police have been implicated in kidnappings for ransom and accused of allowing Chechen rebels free passage through checkpoints — motivated by either money, sympathy for the fighters' cause or family ties, or a combination of all three.

Vyacheslav Izmailov, a former army major who has worked to resolve kidnappings in Chechnya, said one example of a high-ranking turncoat is a former interior minister of Ingushetia, a Russian region neighboring Chechnya. Daud Korigov, minister from 1997-98, gave rebels the use of a house he owned in the Chechen capital Grozny and was even seen there among captives, Izmailov said.

How many turncoats are there among law enforcement?

"It's not a few," Izmailov told The Associated Press.

Russian authorities say one of the plotters behind the attack in Beslan, where more than 330 people died, was Ali Taziyev, a policeman from Ingushetia. Taziyev was allegedly abducted with another officer in October 1998 while guarding the wife of a government official.

The woman was freed in 2000, and the body of Taziyev's partner was found in Chechnya. Later that year, a court in Ingushetia declared Taziyev dead.

Now, Russian officials believe he actually went over to the rebel side, changing his name to Magomed Yevloyev and taking the nom de guerre "Magas" after the new Ingush capital, the Vremya Novostei newspaper reported.

Taziyev, a Muslim, is accused of becoming an adherent of the extreme Wahhabi sect of Islam — the same as al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden — and forming his own small band of fighters. Islam is the predominant religion in the Caucasus North Ossetia, where the school siege took place, is unusual in that its predominant faith is Russian Orthodox.

Taziyev allegedly also spearheaded a June raid in Ingushetia that targeted police and security forces and killed 88 people. There were conflicting statements at the time about whether he died in the attack. Several other police officers were arrested for involvement.

So far, Taziyev's participation hasn't been confirmed in the attack in Beslan, North Ossetia — which shares borders with both Ingushetia and Chechnya — and his body wasn't among the attackers who died there after Russian forces stormed the building Sept. 3.

A top law enforcement officer signaled Wednesday that investigators are taking a hard look at how police and security agencies responded during the school siege. Meanwhile, students in Beslan returned to class Wednesday, two weeks after the heavily armed militants took more than 1,200 children and adults hostage. The children were accompanied by nervous relatives and armed, camouflage-clad police and the town's schools held a moment of silence to remember the victims.

Questions remain about whether Taziyev was a turncoat while still a policeman — or whether he was turned to the rebel cause by his captors after he was purportedly kidnapped.

It's highly unlikely an honest police officer would have been kidnapped and turned to the rebel side without prior militant ties, said Yulia Latynina, a political analyst and columnist.

"I find it very suspicious that a real policeman who was kidnapped by the Chechen rebels was not killed immediately," she said. "If there's such a story, it's more probable to suspect he was in on the kidnapping from the beginning."

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Curran to restore 'decency' to office

By Trudy Tynan
Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — A political newcomer who ousted indicted two-term state Rep. Christopher Asselin in the Democratic primary says he wants to "restore some decency to the office."

Asselin, 35, and eight members of his politically connected family, including his wife, mother, father, sister and brothers, were indicted in July on federal corruption charges for allegedly bilking more than $1 million from the Springfield Housing Authority.

Sean Curran, 26, who graduated from law school two years ago and lives with his parents, swept the three-way race in the 9th Hampden District with 2,047 votes, followed by Springfield City Councilor Rosemarie Mazza Moriarty with 1,209.

Asselin was third with 594 votes, or about 15 percent of those cast.

In November, Curran faces Libertarian Robert Underwood, a write-in candidate, in the district that includes some heavily Irish neighborhoods.

"Time and time again an incumbent, who fought the law, will lose against a fresh face who says its time for a change," said Tobe Berkovitz, a political muscle and a residual of good will," Berkovitz said. "But don't put money on it."

In Asselin's case, the legal problems were too much to overcome.

"I wouldn't vote for someone who's been arrested," said Larry Turcotte, 80, after casting his ballot at Our Lady of Hope Center.

In his first bid for public office, Curran took dead aim at both Asselin's legal troubles and the cash-strapped city's financial woes, maintaining that Mazza Moriarty, as a two-term city councilor, bore some responsibility for the city's problems.

Mazza Moriarty acknowledged the vote may have reflected "frustration, with the city's current situation."

ROTC does the drill





Members of the UMass Army ROTC perform various training drills around campus yesterday. Above, a member climbs upside down across the Campus Pond by a rope. Right, a member repells off of the wall of the Campus Parking Garage.



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Saudi Arabia violates religious freedom

By George Gedda
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an unusual censure of a key ally in the war on terrorism, the Bush administration on Wednesday accused Saudi Arabia of "particularly severe violations" of religious freedom.

The State Department also included the kingdom for the first time on a list of countries that could be subject to U.S. sanctions because of religious intolerance.

Nations in this category carry a special designation: "countries of particular concern," or CPCs. "Freedom of religion does not exist," the State Department said, summing up the situation in Saudi Arabia in a report that covered religious freedom in 191 countries.

Those who do not adhere to the officially sanctioned strain of Sunni Islam practiced in the country can face "severe repercussions" from religious police, the report said.

It also cited instances in which government-paid mosque preachers "used violent anti-Jewish and anti-Christian language in their sermons."

For the first time in the six years the State Department has been evaluating the state of religious freedom internationally, Saudi Arabia earned the CPC designation.

Other newcomers to the list were Eritrea and Vietnam. Carried over from last year's list were Myanmar, China, Iran, North Korea and Sudan.

The administration took the action against the Saudis despite indications that they are relaxing their policies toward nonofficial religious groups.

Ambassador John Hanford, who is the State Department's top official for the office of religious freedom, praised statements by Saudi ruler Crown Prince Abdullah in support of tolerance and moderation.

Hanford also told reporters the Saudis have begun a dialogue with the Shiite minority, which historically has suffered from discrimination.

In addition, Hanford said, school textbooks have been revised to take out inflammatory statements against non-establishment religious groups.

While acknowledging these improvements, Hanford said the Saudis have not done enough to escape the CPC designation.

He said the administration has had discussions with the Saudis on religious freedom and plans more.

At the time of Secretary of State Colin Powell's last meeting with the Saudi foreign minister, six weeks ago in Jiddah, he congratulated the kingdom for successes in the war on terrorism and praised its reform efforts.

Hanford also extolled the Saudi role in promoting energy security and Middle East peace.



President George W. Bush, left, welcomes Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah to his ranch in 2002.

The CPC designation could mean sanctions for Saudi Arabia, but any such action appears to be unlikely. The Saudi Embassy declined comment on the U.S. action.

The move was welcomed by Preeta D. Bansal, head of the U.S. Commission on International Freedom, an independent group that receives government funding and offers advice to the State Department.

Bansal said the commission's stand was based not only on violations of religious freedom within Saudi Arabia's own borders "but also its propagation and export of an ideology of religious hate and intolerance throughout the world."

Alex Arriaga of Amnesty International USA said, "Sustained pressure will be required to bring about any improvement in Saudi Arabia's egregious record of religious repression."

Jurors examine Peterson photos

By Brain Skoloff
Associated Press

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — Jurors in Scott Peterson's murder trial winced and glanced away Wednesday as they looked at photos of Laci Peterson's badly decomposed body cast in larger-than-life images on a white wall screen.

Her corpse was missing the head, neck, forearms and part of her left leg, and her rib cage and other bones speckled with barnacles were exposed.

Dr. Brian Peterson, the forensic pathologist who performed the autopsy, said two of Laci's ribs were fractured but he could not say whether the injuries came before or after her death. Brian Peterson isn't related to Laci or Scott Peterson.

"The only internal organ that was present was the uterus," Peterson told jurors. "I was limited by the fact there was so much of the body absent."

Peterson said he examined the remains for any signs that her extremities had been physically cut off, but could find nothing conclusive.

"For example, if a joint were taken apart with a knife or a saw, that would oftentimes leave marks on the bone. There were no such marks," Peterson said.

He said the tides and currents in San Francisco Bay, or fish eating away at her flesh, could have caused the body to tear apart.

He explained in detail how autopsies are performed by cutting open the chest and head and removing the organs.

"In this case, there was no brain to examine because the head was missing. There was no heart or lungs to examine because the chest was empty," he said.

He said he could tell the woman had been pregnant by the size of her uterus, which had expanded to about 10 inches. It normally is the size of a golf ball, he said.

Peterson said the top of the uterus was open and there were no signs of a cesarian section.

"I determined the baby had exited through the top of the uterus," he said.

Prosecutors are trying to prove that Peterson killed his eight-months pregnant wife on or around Dec. 24, 2002, then dumped her weighted body into the bay.

The remains of Laci Peterson and her fetus washed up in April 2003 not far from the Berkeley Marina, where Scott Peterson says he launched his boat that Christmas Eve morning for a solo fishing trip.

Defense lawyers maintain that someone else abducted and killed Laci as she walked the couple's dog around the neighborhood after Peterson had left for his fishing trip. They claim the baby was born alive and killed later.

Prosecutors maintain the fetus was expelled from Laci's decaying corpse.

Earlier, prosecutors used an expert to attempt to show Peterson lied about a crucial element in the case when he told police he used cement mix to repair his driveway.

Prosecutors claim Peterson used the cement to make five anchors, one of which was found in his boat. The others, which they allege he used to sink his wife's body in the bay, have not been discovered.

Peterson told police he made only one anchor and used the rest of a 90-pound bag of cement to repair his driveway. Jurors have also heard Peterson tell the same story to his dead wife's brother, Brent Rocha, on a wiretapped telephone call.

However, a prosecution witness testified the concrete samples taken by police from Peterson's driveway did not match the concrete in the anchor discovered on the boat.

Church set to close despite protesting

By Denise Lavoie
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — A Superior Court judge on Wednesday rejected an attempt by parishioners to save St. Albert the Great in Weymouth, siding with archdiocese officials who targeted the church for closure as part of a restructuring plan.

Parishioners have occupied St. Albert the Great since Aug. 29 to protest the closing of the church. They sued, seeking an injunction that would have barred the archdiocese from selling the church buildings and other assets.

In denying that request, Judge Thomas Connolly rejected the parishioners' claim that the church belongs to them and not to the archdiocese.

He did not, however, dismiss the lawsuit altogether, leaving the parishioners with some hope that they could still prevail in trying to keep their church from closing.

"In making this finding, the Court fully appreciates the hurt and suffering and loss suffered by the plaintiffs," Connolly wrote in a footnote to the ruling. "The Court simply is prohibited by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution from involving itself in such a dispute between members of the Church."

Archbishop Sean O'Malley announced in May that 82 parishes would be closed in a major restructuring brought on by falling attendance and economic woes caused partly by the clergy sex abuse scandal that began in Boston.

Parishioners at the targeted parishes have fought the closings in a variety of ways.

On Sunday, parishioners at St. Anselm Church in Sudbury began their own occupation in anticipation of that parish's Wednesday closing.

Colin Riley, a spokesman for the St. Albert's parishioners, said they would continue to press their case in court.

"We will not leave the property," he said.

The Rev. Christopher Coyne, a spokesman for the archdiocese, said church officials hope Wednesday's ruling will help them open a dialogue with St. Albert's parishioners and end their occupation of the church.

He said the archdiocese is looking for a mediator to help resolve the standoffs and acknowledged concerns that parishioners from other churches scheduled to close by the end of the year will also decide to stage sit-ins.

Public schools not up to requirements

BOSTON (AP) — About 400 of the state's public schools are failing to meet federal standards in math and reading and some could face a possible state takeover.

State education officials planned to release the federal government's watch list for failing to make sufficient progress in raising student performance at a news conference Wednesday afternoon. According to The Boston Globe, more than 20 percent of the state's schools are on the list, double last year's number.

Dozens of schools have underperformed for five straight years, opening them up for state takeover, officials said.

At least two Boston schools, the Tobin K-8 School in Roxbury and Marshall Elementary School in Dorchester, failed to meet federal standards for the sixth straight year, the Boston Herald reported.

Even schools that have performed well on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System exams were labeled underperforming because of a new provision in the federal No Child Left Behind law. The change allows schools to be labeled "in need of improvement" because a single group of students failed to meet standards in one of up to 18 categories.

In the middle-class suburb of Marlborough, for instance, school committee members expressed frustration that the district will formally be identified as needing improvement, despite strong gains in nearly every grade. Marlborough's fourth-grade special education students did not reach the math benchmark.

"It's really frustrating to have that label because of one subgroup," committee member Elaine Martel said.

Holyoke superintendent Eduardo Carbollo said most city schools fell below federal standards, in part because student attendance at some schools was below the 92 percent requirement.

New grades mirror nation's schools

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College consortium and the other schools in the university system.

The grading changes affect both undergraduates and graduates. Compromises were made between the Academic Matters Council and the Graduate Council to make the system of grading between undergraduates and graduates uniform. This will make it easier for professors, who will no longer have to use different systems of grading for their classes, Atallah said.

Undergraduates taking courses in the 600-level won't have the Pass/Fail option, but may be able to take their courses Satisfy/Fail (to Satisfy, you need a C grade), like graduate students.

500-level courses are available with more flexible options. The P/F option exists for undergraduates and the S/F option exists for graduate students. Graduates taking undergraduate level courses will now have the full spectrum of grades from A to D and F and are able to take courses P/F.

So far, no officials involved in the transition to change the grading system can recall any major objections being raised to the transition. Pyle said that the changes have no relation to the problems experienced with SPIRE over the past two weeks.

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Hurricane Ivan closing in on New Orleans



Traffic crawls along the Louisiana coastline as residents flee the oncoming hurricane.

By Allen G. Breed
Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — With 135-mph Hurricane Ivan closing in with frightening intensity, this flood-prone city scrambled Wednesday to get people out of harm's way, putting the frail and elderly in the cavernous Louisiana Superdome and urging others to move to higher floors in tall buildings.

Along some 300 miles of threatened coastline from Louisiana to the Florida Panhandle, the churning surf, ominous clouds, swaying traffic lights and escalating winds were all the reminders some people needed to take cover from a storm that made a slight turn north on a path that could bring it ashore early Thursday at the Alabama-Mississippi line, near Mobile, Ala.

"If we turn up dead tomorrow, it's my fault," said Jane Allinder, who stayed stubbornly behind at her daughter's French Quarter doll shop to keep an eye on her cat.

Ivan's eleventh-hour turn may have spared this bowl-shaped region from a direct hit, but forecasters said everyone from New Orleans to the Panhandle should be worried because even the tiniest adjustment in the storm track could change where Ivan comes ashore by hundreds of miles.

Hurricane-force winds extended out 105 miles from the Category 4 storm, meaning a large swath of the Gulf Coast could get slammed with a storm surge of 10 to 16 feet and up to 15 inches of rain. After reaching land, Ivan threatened to stall over the Southeast and southern Appalachians, with a potential for as much as 20 inches of rain.

Ivan's monster waves — some up to 25 feet — were already destroying homes along the Florida coast Wednesday. Twelve-foot waves boomed ashore at Gulf Shores, Ala., eroding the beach. A buoy about 300 miles south of Panama City registered waves over 34 feet high.

"We're leaving today. All this is going under," surfer Chuck Myers said along the beach at Gulf Shores. "We surfed it all day yesterday. It was glorious."

At 5 p.m. EDT Wednesday, Ivan was centered about 125 miles south of the Alabama coast and was moving north at 14 mph.

Of the roughly 2 million who fled the path of the storm, often in bumper-to-bumper caravans on highways turned into one-way evacuation routes, 1.2 million were from greater New Orleans, a city particularly vulnerable to hurricanes because it sits below sea level, between the Mississippi River and Lake Pontchartrain.

Officials warned that the levees and pumping stations that normally hold back the water may not be enough to protect the city.

Police began clearing people off the streets, enforcing a 2 p.m. curfew.

"I think it's safe to say we will have flooding in this city," said Mayor Ray Nagin. However, he contradicted a statement from his emergency preparedness director that the city needed at least 10,000 body bags to handle possible drowning victims.

Thousands of tourists were believed stranded in New Orleans, along with 100,000 mostly inner-city residents without cars. The mayor advised them to resort to "vertical evacuations," suggesting they take shelter in buildings taller than two stories. If that is not possible, he said, they should go into an attic and take equipment with them that would let allow them to cut through the roof and get out.

Rick Pfeifer, a salesman from Washougal, Wash., was stuck in New Orleans with no flights out and no cars to rent after arriving earlier this week for a National Safety Congress convention. His storm rations included as many chips, pretzels and bottled water as he could buy.

"I'm going to ride it out in the high-ground area of the city," he said wryly. "Fourth floor in a good hotel, with a good bar."

Frail, elderly and sick residents unable to get out were moved to the 72,000-seat Louisiana Superdome, where 200 cots supplanted the dome's usual tenant, the New Orleans Saints.

LuLinda Williams wept after dropping off her bedridden grandmother, who is on oxygen, at the Superdome. Only one family member was allowed to stay with each patient, so Williams left her daughter.

"I thought they'd let the family stay with them," Williams said. "Where are the rest of us supposed to go now? How are we supposed to know she's OK?"

The city decided against opening the Superdome to able-bodied people. The last time that happened, during Hurricane Georges in 1998, the 14,000 refugees nearly did more damage than the storm itself. Countless televisions, seat cushions and bar stools were stolen, and workers spent months cleaning graffiti off the walls.

As the storm drew near, streets along Mississippi's Gulf Coast were all but deserted, and homes and businesses, including its 12 floating casinos, were boarded up. Winds howled across Louisiana's bayous with enough force to topple trees and knock out power.

"We heard a loud pop, and I thought, not already," said Harold Plaisance, who had been sitting on the porch watching the storm in the fishing village of Lafitte.

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Freshman Future 201: further words of wisdom

Matt Brochu

Last week I played the part of Professor Trelawney and predicted the events that will occur throughout the current freshmen's first year of college. But writing a column directed at freshmen is like yelling at your roommate's annoying girlfriend. Even though you hope it'll get the message across that you won't allow tampon storage in the medicine cabinet, it will most likely fall upon deaf, 18-year-old ears. The thing is most freshmen don't even know where they are right now, let alone that UMass has a newspaper, so I don't know what to do except to give you part two of my confessions.

Dear Freshmen,

The last few weeks have probably been an unfamiliar whirlwind for you kids, a stomach-turning contrast of tearful goodbyes and drunken hellos, the only constant being your above average Blood Alcohol Content and your growing hatred for your roommate's unhealthy addiction to Funyuns. You'd be surprised, there's quite a few of you who were well on your way to failing out of this place before classes even started. And that's OK. Some parents will even go for the, "college isn't for everybody" excuse. The problem is, most employers won't.

You guys scampered into the wonders of college life two weeks ago like a bunch of untrained puppies, 4001 Dalmatians running around Amherst, causing mischief and sniffing each other's butts. But since I can't physically go out and newspaper the Patterson hallways myself, I will do you a service and read your collective paws again:

You will sleep through entire classes by mistake and wake up with no recollection of turning off your alarm even if you sleep on the top bunk. You will wake up one morning in a room you've never seen before, maybe in the study lounge, maybe wearing boxer shorts that aren't even yours. You will be reminded on a Saturday morning of the ridiculous amount of food you ate the night before by the empty calzone box at the foot of your bed and the marinara stains all over your white pants. You will roll into a Purple Lot after 10 p.m. and you will drive slowly up and down each aisle before settling on a spot in the last row along the tree line, even though you clearly could've gotten the same spot 10 minutes before. You will whine to someone about the school's unnecessary language requirement.

You will "take a break" from your long-distance boyfriend because these relationships never work and it would just be a gigantic waste of time, effort, and potential hook-ups. You will break up with your long-distance boyfriend when it hits you that "taking a break" is more miserable than being together, and you initially called it "a break" not only because you were too nice to admit it was definitely over, but also because you wanted a back-up plan for winter break. You will go home for winter break and you will hook up with your long-distance boyfriend because he isn't quite so long-distance anymore.

You will have the sudden urge to punch your RA in the face. You will drink an entire bottle of that dark, purpley-blue Powerade before bed one night and when you go to the bathroom the next day your poop will be green (if this is untrue, I will personally compensate you for the price of the Powerade). You will do so much damage to your cumulative GPA that averaging a 5.1 over the next six semesters won't get you a "cum" or a "laude" on your diploma. You will wonder why I didn't make a sexual reference in that last sentence.

You will completely overdress for class the first few weeks, probably outfits you've never worn, probably with complicated shoes that make you taller than me. You will realize that no one cares what you wear to class at UMass. You will resort to wearing sweatpants and flip-flops, and you will be a hell of a lot more comfortable walking from Southwest to Lederle. You will save the "Pretty Woman" outfits for when you go out and one weekend you will be hit on by a grad student with brown eyes, dark hair, and an amazing body who writes for the school paper. You will realize that person is me. You will then hang all over the guy standing next to you and claim that he is your boyfriend, even though it's obvious to me, and everyone else at the party, that he's gay.

So when these things happen, just smile and know that I told you so. But as far as the rest of the year goes, I plan on doing a mailbag column every once in a while, an idea I blatantly stole from ESPN.com's "Sports Guy". So send all questions, comments, egregious omissions, advice requests, anthrax envelopes, marriage proposals, fruit baskets, and strip-o-grams to mjbrochu@schoolph.umass.edu. Just be aware that there's a good chance I'll make fun of you publicly, and if no one emails me, I'll probably just make stuff up.

Truly madly deeply,
Matt

Matt Brochu is a UMass Graduate Student

'G'day mates!'

World Perspectives

Jen Kim

So it has begun. A new throng of freshmen scrambling aimlessly to their classes while desperately trying to memorize the campus map in their heads, the sounds of bumpin' music blaring out the dorm windows as the first couple weeks of hardcore parties commence, the excitement and thrill of reuniting with the old friends you haven't seen since last semester, and the one and only orientation week of activities, social events and guest speakers that are actually worthy to check out. These are just a few first moments in the start of a new school year that I will be missing out on.

I experienced a grueling, three-day voyage that included a two-day stopover in Fiji and an eleven-hour layover in the LAX airport. The International terminal was my temporary home for the duration of that time, kind of like Tom Hanks in "The Terminal," but not quite to that extreme. I then finally made it to Wollongong, New South Wales Australia, my home for the next five months. As soon as I stepped out of the Sydney airport, I was greeted by gusty winds and rain, both of which were not part of my painted collage of kangaroos, koalas and constant rays of sunshine that I had in mind.

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Despite the stereotypical images that the media portrays of Australia, kangaroos are not hopping around in the streets nor are koalas hanging around in the trees where I am living. It took me a good month into my time here to actually witness a kangaroo in their habitat (at a national park). But alas, koalas are still yet a figment of my imagination.

I arrived in their winter season, meaning the worst it has gotten for weather is in the low thirties with a mix of rain and wind. Unlike the New England winter season I'm used to, I rarely had to layer and bundle up to take a ten-minute walk to my classes. Speaking of which, walking to class at UMass is a piece of cake compared to walking to "uni" (they refer to the university, class, and campus by this nickname) here. The residence halls at the University of Wollongong are not even on campus. On-campus housing refers to what we consider off-campus housing. The residence hall in which I am in (it's the farthest one out of all of the residence halls from "uni") is a 45-minute walk to campus. To think that I once complained how far Southwest was from the rest of campus!

Luckily, we have a shuttle that transports us from our residence halls to "uni". However, there is always a catch. The catch is we have to pay seven dollars for 10 rides, and this is not included in our program fees. Absurd? I think so! This is when I got smart and invested some money into a second-hand bike. Most students here usually bike or take the campus shuttle to "uni." It is rare and rather courageous seeing students hike it to class over the bridges and through the mean, opposite-side-driving streets of Australia. So my fellow UMassers, be grateful with our oh so beloved PVTA system and take full advantage of it! I know I am definitely taking full advantage of my bike here. Often times, I'll see students riding their bikes to town, pubs, bars and restaurants just for a cheap and yet healthy mode of transportation. It's quite the workout but at the end of the day, you're able to relax with ease in your dorm room knowing that you've done your share of exercise for the day.

It's a great feeling coming back to your dorm room and doing whatever you please without worrying about waking up your roommate or being 'sexed-out'. Ah, the luxuries of having a single. It's actually fairly common to have a single here. In fact, there are no doubles in my residence hall at all! Instead, we live in suite-style units. It is very similar to the Sylvan suites but not as isolated. Also, the single rooms here aren't as storage-closet as they are in Sylvan. My room is quite spacious (I'm able to fit seven people comfortably sitting) and I don't have to worry about colliding into any furniture every time I move like I would have in the Sylvan singles. The rooms come fully furnished including bed linen, a pillow and a blanket. I share my suite with another American and three other Australians. Our common room includes a kitchen sink with cupboards, a refrigerator, and a kitchen table with a booth to accommodate it. We are also blessed with cleaners that come in weekly to tidy up our individual and common rooms, and the bathroom! Oh, the hard knocks of dorm life in Australia!

For now "I'm flat out like a lizard drinking!" (Aussie slang translation: "I'm in a hurry!").

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The five-year plan

Ben Feder

My first grade teacher, Mrs. Leach, was a fibber, or at least she didn't tell us the whole deal when it came to our future.

"You can be whatever you want to be," Mrs. Leach would say to us bright-eyed impressionable youths. "Great," I remember thinking, "I want to play with Legos for the rest of my life and when I'm grown, I will own a Lego factory." Unfortunately, there was no sign-up sheet for future careers, no magic job fairy to seal my fate in the Lego business. All I had were misconceptions of the job market and a pocket full of Lincoln Logs.

Now if I had known that many factors come into play when selecting a job, I would have made a more realistic goal for a profession. But little did I know that supply and demand, the economy, job market, and one's sheer determination all affect what one does in life. Sure you can be whatever you want when you grow up, but are you willing to work for it? The answer to this question, unfortunately for many, is no. People are lazy procrastinators by nature and enjoy the easiest options over anything else. I am no exception. It's not that the past four years at UMass have been a waste. On the contrary, the extra year I'm about to embark upon has given me a lot of crucial insight about the real world.

Hope your company likes sharing your twin size bed and won't complain about the Nintendo Power poster plastered to your wall either.

First of all, you graduate in four years and then you get to be an adult, fully equipped to make your fortune in this great world. Plenty is for the taking I suppose, but wait, first you will have to make a pit stop at your parents' house for oh, say, two to three years. Better clean out the old action figures from the closet because when you bring a date home, you don't want anymore explaining to do after the "I'm still looking for my own place" excuse dies out. Hope your company likes sharing your twin size bed and won't complain about the Nintendo Power poster plastered to your wall either (There's nothing to be ashamed of. How else were you going to find the warp whistle in Super Mario Bros. 3?).

Another thing about returning home is that you time-warp back to your pre-college days where your life comprised of being a bitch to the man and having to deal with your folks who just don't understand. But hey, Mom does make turkey sandwiches just the way you like them. And after he makes you mow the lawn, take out the trash, and look for a job, Dad's not that bad of a guy either. Plus you get to drink with the old man, a moment that the fellow has been anticipating for a while. Since now he can use the alcohol as an excuse to yell at you for being away at college for four years and not returning with any athletic achievements or scholarly merits to call your own. It's all right, your folks go to bed much earlier now anyway.

The third fact is the reality that even though your surroundings are similar, you are no longer 18. You can't get away with anything anymore. You didn't become a successful engineer, entrepreneur, or doctor. Your old friends are gone, have lost touch with their roots, or are working at the gas station down the road because they failed out of the same Ivy League school that they bragged about getting into in the first place.

Plus a whole new group of 18-year-olds have taken over. Fresh with the taste of their dreams in their mouth, the community looks to these young college-bound minds with hope that they can succeed where you have failed. Where you have realized your own shortcomings in a world where gravity seems much stronger, these young kids are going to a weightless wonderland to test their opportunities. Now your unsuccessful persistence turns to bitter resentment, and that is what it means to be in the real world. To take your indifferent, disaffected college days, ball them up, swallow your pride, and test the waters in a shark infested sea of possibilities. Only this time, the sharks seem much bigger.

Taking all of this into consideration, I say, "thank you for the five-year plan." To my friends out there trying to make it on their own and figure out where they will tack up their hard-earned diplomas, to you I say, "Good luck ... I'll be rooting for you here on the inside."

Ben Feder is a Collegian columnist.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WELCOMED BY PROBLEMS

Ah, fall. Back at college. Same room, but wait, new toilets in many dorms. UMass is renting the Hampshire Mall and running buses every fifteen minutes? This year is different! No paper towels in the guy's bathroom for Webster 3. Van Meter bathrooms smell like urine and never get cleaned. Worcester DC has no napkins, while Hampshire DC has a full basket on every table. The ground around the library is torn up. Central's housing is no better; walking to Franklin DC is like an obstacle course from an old Nickelodeon show. Ther is no hot water in some Central bathrooms. There is no cold water at first in Webster's bathrooms and no nozzle handle on the showers in Webster 3, at least.

This is just the beginning of a list of complaints we could build. I'm starting to wonder where my room and board funds went. You rented the Mall out for a night and offered discounts on items, and then our napkins disappear from the DC that services much of campus, and construction makes the other nearby DC a long walk. Start a project to raise the library and the paper towels then vanish from our bathroom. They install new toilets, and in turn we lose functionality from the online system that manages our classes, finances, and the rest of our lives at UMass for weeks and call it an upgrade. I had to fight for five days to drop a class and add a new one. Please, UMass. I love you, but you've got to shape up.

Brian Whalley
UMass student

A MISTAKEN WAR

Bush sent our troops into combat without needed protective equipment? Shame on Bush, he is the one who rushed our brave young men and women into a mistaken war in Iraq.

But as always, Bush hides behind the blame game, even if in doing so he is caught admitting that he is a failed leader. To wit, Bush accuses his critics of supposedly voting against a measure that would have given our brave troops bulletproof vests. In making the charge Bush is admitting that he went ahead and placed members of our armed forces into harms way without this vital protection. Or, did our troops really have such equipment, and Bush is just using the safety of these brave people for his own political gain?

Unprotected or not, these young men and women have done a magnificent job in combat in Iraq, but the politician in the White House has screwed it up. Daily our troops accept the reality of facing death and danger, while, back in Washington, Bush and his neo-cons spin fanciful tails of denial, offer happy talk. In place of accomplishment, and trash the character of anyone who demands that our soldiers in the field receive the kind of leadership that matches their daring, determination, and valor.

Sam Osborne
UMass student

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UMass learns *The Art of Living*

By Meghan Healy
Collegian Staff

SPIRE malfunctions, long lines and high prices at the Textbook Annex, relationship drama, family problems, ever-growing piles of homework — let no one say that the life of a University of Massachusetts student is a simple one. Today's college students are faced with so much stress that it's no wonder the faces you see strolling to class on any given Monday are filled with anxiety, agitation and tension. Anyone actually living life is guaranteed to be living with some amount of unease. Show me a person who is not stressed out and I'll show you some one who likely took one of the Art of Living Foundation's courses.

The Art of Living Foundation, started by Sri Sri Ravi Shankar in the early 1980's, is a not-for-profit organization that focuses on the healing and energizing power of breath itself. AOL spread from one man in India to a current span of 135 countries and over four million people. Amherst is home to one of the 15 centers located in New England.

Last night the ninth floor of the Campus Center played host to an Art of Living seminar titled "Science of Breath." Taught by five-year member of the organization

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"Breath is life itself. It's the first thing you do when you are born ... and the last thing you do before you die."
- Akshaye Sikand

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Bonnaroo and a Phish farewell mark the end of music's muddiest summer

Who knew that I'd spend the best parts of my 19th summer knee-deep in mud? Not my employer, that's for sure. Taking a week off in June was bad enough, but requiring a second vacation in August saw me deciding between my job and Phish. The choice was obvious. My parents didn't understand either. They looked pretty confused when I demanded that they not throw away my sandals, barely recognizable underneath layers of Mother Earth.

Bonnaroo Festival
Centeroo
Performance Field and Festival Village
Mansfield, Tenn
June 11, 12, 13

But, closest to home of course were my own expectations. Upon rolling into Tennessee, it became pretty obvious that I had in no way readied myself for what was to come.

I was not prepared to take in the neo-gospel funk of Robert Randolph's pedal steel at three in the morning, aided and abetted by six-string magicians Eric Krasno and Luther Dickinson. Similarly, I was not prepared to catch the last half hour of Primus' set once Randolph and company had bid us goodnight. I was not prepared to walk back to my tent as the sun rose. Colonel Claypool's low-end ramblings secured safely between my ears. I was not prepared to watch on as my favorite guitarist conducted a symphony orchestra beneath the cover of southern skies. Trey Anastasio blew a lot of minds that night, and opened a lot of ears. Phish's breakup is killing me too, but I can't wait to see what Trey does next. If his set in Tennessee is any indication, it's going to be pretty intense.

And if it's anywhere near as intense as Jazz Mandolin Project's performance, it should be pretty nasty. As nasty as the Project's originals "The Country Open" and "Oh Yeah," turned inside out before an excessively enthusiastic audience? Maybe as nasty as the Project's Led Zeppelin medley? It's possible. Maybe as nasty as their drummer, former Anastasio bandmate Jon Fishman?

Hopefully. To watch Phish's namesake thrash around behind his kit in a jazz setting was a sight to see. There was no escape from the masterful percussionist's drum roll detonations, sly cymbal crashes and tasteful fills.

Likewise, there was no hiding from Marc Ribot's Y Los Cubanos Postizos jazzy salsa, or Soulive's sultry super-funk. Both groups laid it on thick. Soulive especially, with special guest Adam Deitch of Lettuce fame tearing it up on drums (if you witnessed the boys putting down "One in Seven" with Deitch, you saw something special).

But, in the end, aside from all this music, and all these bands, what sticks out most in my mind is the mud. Who knew there'd be that much mud at Bonnaroo?

— *Bradley Farberman*



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The stage of one of the summer's most revered festivals, Bonnaroo, lights up during a set from Phish veteran Trey Anastasio. Anastasio also played with his bandmates in August to mark the end of the jam band's 20-year career.

Eve makes friends in low places



Original Sin
Eve

I should have realized this was a red-flag situation from the start. Instead, I saw it as somewhat romantic. Maybe even exciting. It wasn't a common situation a person just happens to fall into. But it seemed to make perfect sense on that particular day. I decided to drive the long way home.

It was almost dark, which meant I had just enough time to enjoy the beauty of my surroundings, rows of trees aligned either side of the long, winding road. Not a house nor a car could be seen for miles. I was in the middle of nowhere. And I was alone. Until I wasn't.

I glanced in my rear view mirror and noticed a male driver with a New York license plate speeding up behind me. I slowed down to let him pass and noticed he slowed down as well. "What is this guy doing?" I asked myself. He refused to pass, and I refused to let that bother me. I glanced at my flashing-empty gas light and focused my attention on my new destination. I took the one and only upcoming exit off the desolate road and pulled into the one and only small town gas pump. So did he. Maybe he needed gas too? I felt relieved with the thought and filled just enough gas to get me on the road and back home.

Two miles later I felt an intuitive urge to look once again in the rear view. There he was, and now I was annoyed. I rolled down my window and put my hand out as if to say "what?!" and he flicked his high beams. "That's it. I've had it," I said. I pull over on the side of the road and jump out of my car and so does he. "I'm not following you, I promise," he says as he approaches. "I am new around here and you looked cute and I don't know anyone, so ..." He was in his late twenties, slightly overweight, and severely balding. However, completely harmless and apparently very lonely.

"So you decided to make new friends by running me off the road?" I said rudely. He smiled subtly and answered, "I just couldn't let you go." His comment caught me off guard, but it was a great line.

This was one of the most hopelessly romantic situations I could have possibly been in. So we talked and he was hilarious. "Why don't you join me and my friends tonight for dinner?" I asked. His eyes widened and he jumped at the invitation. I told him where to meet us and we parted.

Dinner went incredibly well and somehow he managed to charm everyone at the table. I was happy with the results and as the night came to an end, I told him to call sometime.

I had a restless sleep that night. This was maybe because I had the house to myself for two nights, or maybe I instinctively felt something wasn't quite right. I had nightmares of being followed, cold anxious

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'Silver City' draws inspiration from Dubya

By David Germain
Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) —To paraphrase an old Steve Martin bit: Some politicians have a way with words; others not have way.

Like George W. Bush, Dickie Pilager is the latter. A pivotal character in writer-director John Sayles' new political satire and murder mystery "Silver City," Dickie blunders his way through a campaign for Colorado governor with such pithy pledges as "keeping the infrastructure in place, where it belongs, is a priority."

The character is based on President George W. Bush in his first campaign for Texas governor, with Dickie the son of a successful conservative politician.

Sayles figures Bush's oratorical shortcomings are fair game.

"Being articulate is part of the job. If you can't explain yourself to the American people, how are you going to handle diplomacy?" Sayles told The Associated Press at the Toronto International Film Festival, where "Silver City" played in advance of its theatrical release Friday. "For instance, right at the beginning, right after 9/11, George Bush used the word 'crusade.' For everybody in the Arab world, that's like going to Israel and saying, 'I have the final solution to your problems,' you know?"

Again like George W., Dickie (played by Sayles regular Chris Cooper) encounters an embarrassing incident that has to be explained away. For Bush, it was mistakenly shooting a protected bird while on a dove hunt with reporters in 1994.

Sayles lays out a tougher obstacle for Dickie, who hooks a dead body with his fishing line while preparing for a photo opportunity with the press. The incident has Dickie's handlers on the defensive as they put a disgraced reporter turned private eye (Danny Huston) on the case to dig into the matter and keep it from damaging the campaign.

The ensemble cast also includes Richard Dreyfuss, Daryl Hannah, Maria Bello, Michael Murphy, Tim Roth, Kris Kristofferson, Ralph Waite, Mary Kay Place, Thora Birch and Billy Zane.

Sayles originally had Cooper — an Academy Award winner for "Adaptation" — in mind to play a wealthy puppetmaster for the Pilager clan, a role that went to Kristofferson, while Dickie was going to be handled as more of a comic part.

"We started thinking maybe we don't need a comic actor but somebody who's a really good dramatic actor, and what's comic about him is how serious he is and how bad he is at it," Sayles said. "Because we need him to have enough weight as an actor so he is a bit scary at the end. So you realize this guy's going to win and he's going to be able to do some things. He's not going to remain a laughingstock."

Dickie's faltering remarks include such warnings to hoodlums as, "You do the crime and by God, you're going to have to take your lumps." He astutely observes, "If you're going to have a front burner, which is where you want your priorities ..." Associates call him "Dim Dickie," and his chief handler (Dreyfuss) explains away Dickie's superficiality by saying, "Dickie is not really a fine-print kind of guy. He's more intuitive."

Watching Dickie on TV with the volume turned down, Huston's character quips, "He seems a lot more gubernatorial with the sound off."

Yet as the movie progresses, Dickie grows more confident and sure-tongued, the same as Bush, Cooper said.

"I think over the years, he's gotten a lot better. I mean, frankly, early on, you were taken aback at his performance, at his off-the-cuff remarks," Cooper said. "And listen, my son has severe disabilities, so I think I'm free enough to say, he may have a little dyslexia or whatever."

While Dickie's ramblings are reminiscent of the president's clumsy phrasings, "Silver City" is intended as much more than a mere Bush-bashing flick, said Huston, whose character begins as an apathetic loser but regains his sense of outrage as he roots through the political muck of the Pilagers and their associates.

"I think that John is also making that point to the American voter who feels that he can't make a difference because it's all too rotten, that if one is inquisitive enough, then maybe that spark can be ignited," Huston said.

Hannah hopes "Silver City" might inspire more issue-driven films.

"What would be really phenomenal is if it made a lot of money, and then a lot more political movies were able to be made again like they were in the '70s, when people weren't so afraid to go out there and take a chance creatively and make things that provoke people and get them to start thinking about issues and discussing them," Hannah said.

Such noble wishes aside, bashing Bush was at least part of the intention for the liberal-thinking Sayles and his like-minded cast.

"What I really want to see is a debate between Dickie Pilager and George W. to see who can say the least while saying the most," co-star Belko said. "Who is actually the most inarticulate. That's the debate I would like to see. I think George W. would win hands down."





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Director John Sayles, left, claims that his new film "Silver City" is not merely a "Bush-bashing flick." He hopes to ignite the spirit of American voters with his work. Actor Chris Cooper, right, brings Bush-like Dickie Pilager to life on screen. A regular in Sayles' movies, Cooper turns in an impressive performance in "Silver City."



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Course offers breath of fresh air

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Akshaye Sikand, a graduate student at UMass studying Industrial Engineering, the hour and a half seminar gave a brief introduction to the Foundation's central breathing technique, Sudarshan Kriya.

"How long can you go without eating?" Sikand asked. "Many days, people can fast for five or more days. How long can you go without sleeping? Three days, maybe. But," he continued, "how long can you go without breathing?"

Sikand began "The Science of Breath" telling the 25 guests in attendance a bit about what the Art of Living is. It is not a religious group, he said, and he emphasized the educational aspect of the programs the foundation offers. In addition to the innumerable centers located around the globe the Art of Living has also extended its hands to at-risk youths and over 50,000 incarcerated individuals.

"The Art of Living course has been at UMass for four or five years now," Sikand said, "and in that time 400-500 people have taken the course. I have yet to meet a single person that said [the techniques we taught] didn't work."

The idea behind the techniques is that breathing can alter one's physical, emotional and mental well-being. "For many, breath is a one-way street," Sikand said. "You get relaxed and you exhale; happiness places an emphasis on the inhale. But we think of breath as a two way street ... breathing affects emotion." If a person can control his or her stress then he or she can increase alertness, as well as improve relationships and establish healthy sleeping patterns.

For many the urge to be skeptical about these breathing techniques is strong, but Sikand presented the crowd with medically proven results that these practices do indeed work. A brief video featuring renowned physician Dr. Jim Farrow was shown presenting documented studies done by the Art of Living Foundation as well as medical professionals at other institutions and all studies reached the same conclusion: any way you look at it these techniques improve your quality of life. Cancer, HIV, dysthymia, asthma and depression are just a handful of the ailments that the Art of Living courses not only claim to alleviate, but actually do.

"It's fascinating hearing about all the research," said Craig Surette, a senior Medical Anthropology major at UMass. "I think it's really cool to see the insight and wisdom of another culture is being explored and proven by western science."

"The Science of Breath" is a sort of introduction to the teachings of the Art of Living Foundation's six-day course starting Sept. 30. For a fee of $135 participants will have over 20 hours of Sudarshan Kriya training.

"Once you take the course," Sikand said, "you are essentially a member for life." Students will have access to free weekly sessions as well as the opportunity to retake the course whenever they wish for no charge.

For those that missed last night's "Science of Breath" event, there will be two more sessions tonight at 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. in room 909 of the Campus Center. Sikand and other teachers and students of the Art of Living will be available to answer questions. Those interested in enrolling in the six-day course will have the chance to reserve their place as well.

Anyone who is looking for a way to reduce stress or just trying to find a way to kill time on a Thursday evening should make their way down to the Campus Center and give a listen to what Sikand and the Art of Living have to say.

"What is the difference between noise and music," asked Sikand, summing up the evening. "If all the instruments are playing out of sync, you have noise; if they are together you have harmony ... life is much like music, life is like art, and this is the art of living."



Akshaye Sikand explains the healing power of breathing during a seminar last night.

Another crazy escapade for 'Eve'

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sweats thinking about being watched. As the sun rose I checked my phone to see the exact time. Instead I saw two missed text messages. Two text messages from him. Both consisted of 160 words describing how much fun he had the very few hours before.

I looked out my window and saw something on my car. My heart was racing. I walked outside and slowly picked up a note that was taped on my windshield. "Hi again! Just wanted to say thanks again for last night. See you later," he said. How did he know where I lived? A wave of nausea ran through me and I hurried inside. Just as I reached my front door I looked behind me and froze with fear. He was here. He calls out my name and jogs toward me. I then realized how harmless he really was and became enraged. "What the hell are you doing? Are you crazy? Get off my property now!"

He tried to explain himself, but the romance had already been ruined. "And don't even think about calling me again," I said as I slammed the door. He never did call me again. I never saw him again, either. Only until a few weeks later did I read about him in the paper: 27-year-old arrested and charged with possession of narcotics, possession of arms and a very bad temper. I was shocked but not surprised. All I could think was how lucky I am to have a very bad temper myself.

Goodbye, Barbara

By Frazier Moore
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Mind you, Barbara Walters isn't retiring.

But she's about to do something almost as notable: Relinquish her role as co-host of "20/20" after a quarter-century with that ABC newsmagazine. Walters, who has interviewed almost every big shot worth interviewing and whose own celebrity matches many of her subjects, is ready to retreat from the spotlight, a little.

But first: Friday at 9 p.m. EDT, Walters will preside over a two-hour retrospective of many of the 740 interviews (but who's counting?) she has done for "20/20."

Then on Sept. 24, she will air one more: a conversation with Mary Kay Letourneau, the former sixth-grade schoolteacher who went to prison for having sex with a student.

After that, she plans to spend a whole week with her daughter Jackie at a spa in Southern California. "I don't know when I've gotten away for a week," she says, "without getting called on something."

Time to take the phone off the hook!

"I know that everybody said, 'She'll never stop working. They'll carry her out feet first,'" says Walters, looking relaxed and stylish in a mint pantsuit at her desk a few days ago. "But I wanted to get out of the week-in-week-out grind. And I wanted to leave at the top. I didn't want to leave and have people say, 'Is she still there?'"

Walters, who marks her 75th birthday next week, has been reliably there on the nation's TV screens since the 1960s, as the first female co-host of NBC's "Today."

She became a "20/20" fixture in 1979, joining forces with its then host Hugh Downs following the disastrous experiment that had brought her to ABC three years before: co-anchoring the evening newscast with Harry Reasoner, who quickly made it clear he wanted no one alongside him, especially a woman.

"Very difficult, very painful," Walters calls that misadventure. But at "20/20" she flourished, and, in 1984, became its co-host.

Now replacing her at the anchor desk next to John Stossel will be Elizabeth Vargas.

"But I'm not retiring," Walters says. "I'll be doing specials that I can pick and choose. We're already working on 'The 10 Most Fascinating People of 2004,' for December. I'll continue to do 'The View' (the morning chat and interview hour she started in 1997 whose panel of women she joins a couple of days each week). I might even do an interview for '20/20' from time to time.

"But in terms of anchoring '20/20,' I'm done," she declares.

It's an apt occasion, then, for revisiting Walters' past with a special like "25 on 20/20," whose breadth is reflected by its organizational breakdown: Presidents and first ladies; other world leaders; figures from Sept. 11; killers, scandalmongers and scoundrels; celebrities.

A final section, human interest, not only draws on Walters' inspiring sessions with Christopher Reeve (paralyzed from the neck down after a 1995 horseback-riding accident), but also the subject Walters decrees her most memorable: Bob Smithdas, a teacher and poet with a master's degree who has been deaf and blind since he was 4. In 1998, Walters profiled him and his wife, Michelle, who's also deaf and blind.

There are excerpts from interviews with Richard Nixon, Michael Jackson, Erik and Lyle Menendez, Margaret Thatcher, Muammar Gadhafi, Monica Lewinsky, Bing Crosby, Robin Givens and Mike Tyson, Elton John, Ronald Reagan, and dozens more.

You almost certainly saw some of them when they first aired. But packaged in this greatest-hits collection, they have a heightened impact. "25 on 20/20" is a time capsule packed with a generation's worth of personalities, each certified by the ritual of sitting down with Barbara.

"What a life I've had!" says Walters, herself a bit surprised to take stock. "I never expected this! I always thought I'd be a writer for television. I never even thought I'd be in front of a camera."

The special takes note of Walters' stature as a pop culture phenomenon, with clips of several memorable impersonations of her, including Gilda Radner's classic Baba Wawa sendup.

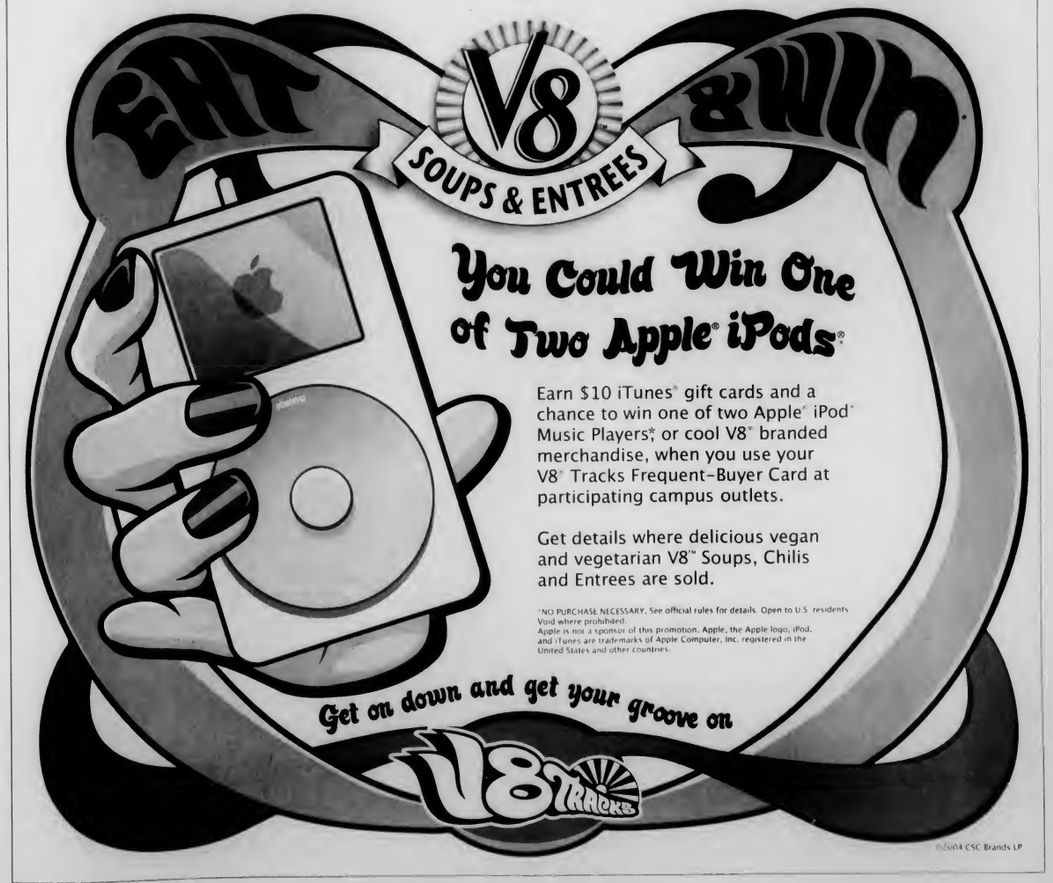
Walters also corrects the record, or tries to, concerning her "What kind of tree would you be?" question, an indelible part of any Barbara Walters spoof. She insists it was asked just once, long ago, in direct response to Katharine Hepburn's likening herself to a tree. The obvious follow-up: What kind of tree?

That may be Walters' best known question, but in her long career there have been thousands more, each strategically sprung.

Like this favorite: "I ask, 'What's the biggest misconception about you?'" Walters says, "and they'll tell you all the things they were never gonna tell you."



Barbara Walters will end her 20-year tenure on ABC's news show "20/20" tomorrow night.



Brady, Patriots strive to keep getting better

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Going 17-1 in games decided by fewer than seven points isn't enough for Tom Brady. Neither is throwing for 335 yards and three touchdowns in his season opener.

He could be 18-0 in those starts. And he did have 12 incompletions among his 38 passes in that first game last Thursday night against the Indianapolis Colts.

There are plenty of ways the two-time Super Bowl MVP for the New England Patriots wants to get better.

"Oh, man, where do I start?" Brady said Wednesday. "There's so many things that I'd like to improve on — my recognition of what the defense is doing, making better decisions with the ball, especially late in the game."

The Patriots beat the Colts 27-24 but failed to put the game away on offense. On Indianapolis's last two series, the defense recovered Edgerrin James' fumble at the New England 1-yard line. It then came up with a 12-yard sack that forced Mike Vanderjagt to try a 48-yard field goal that he missed on the next-to-last play of the game.

"We really had an opportunity at the end of the game to finish the game out the way we wanted to and we put our defense back on the field and that's not something we wanted to do," Brady said.

But his touchdown passes to Deion Branch, David Patten and Daniel Graham — and his impressive 111.2 passer rating — made the win possible.

"Nothing Tom does surprises me," center Dan Koppen said. "He's more prepared on this team than anybody. He got back there and got in a groove."

But that didn't satisfy Brady.

"Tom was very accurate, but every week there's room for improvement," said David Givens, one of seven Patriots with receptions in the opener. "Unless he's completing 100 percent of his balls, he's not going to be complacent."

He's not at all happy about his lone loss by fewer than seven points. It came in the fourth game last year, 20-17 at Washington.

The Patriots trailed 20-3 midway through the third quarter but made it 20-17 and had a first down at the Washington 45-yard line with 1:39 left in the game.

"When you look at those last three plays, it was just ridiculous that we didn't do anything with the ball," Brady said.

Operating from the shotgun, he threw an incompletion toward Branch then hit Larry Centers for a 5-yard gain. Centers then ran up the middle for 2 yards to the 38, but Brady's next pass — and the Patriots' final play — was an incompletion toward Graham.

"That lasted through the rest of last season," Brady said. "That just kind of gnawed at this whole team. That was an embarrassing loss and performance late in the game."

The Patriots haven't lost since — a stretch of 16 regular-season and playoff games. Five teams share the NFL record of 18.

They can make it 17 straight on Sunday in Arizona, then have a bye week before visiting Buffalo on Oct. 3.

The Cardinals have just one winning season in their last 19 but have a new coach, Dennis Green, and suffered a narrow 17-10 loss to St. Louis on Sunday. With a new staff, studying last year's game film may not help the Patriots a great deal.



Jaime Bawden (3) and Patricia Borneo help goaltender Christine Tocco defend her net last night.

Minutewomen fall to Terriers

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corner awarded to UMass. The second shot, attempted by Katelyn Woolfrey, was saved by Boston goalie Erin Prediger. Jaime Bawden caught Woolfrey's rebound and struck quickly for a shot on goal that was also saved by Prediger. The Maroon and White received a third penalty corner on the play, but was unable to create a shot.

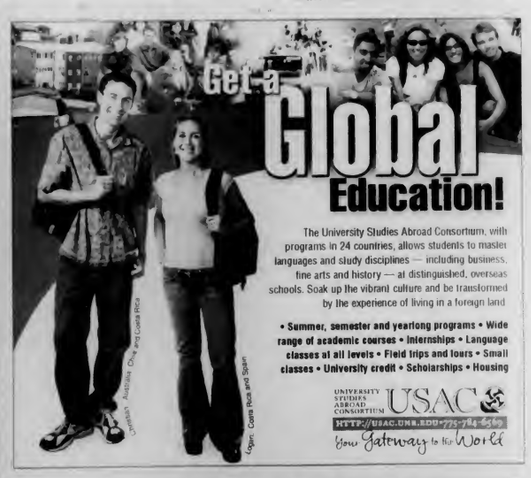
Teaming up for an intense attack, Tigchelaar and Patricia Borneo kept the heat on the Terriers in the second half. Borneo, with help from Tigchelaar, managed to dribble the ball all the way from the Massachusetts circle to BU's. This attempt was also thwarted by Prediger, who earned three saves in the victory.

The heartbreaker of the game was Caitlin Beresin's attempt to tie the game in the last few minutes of play. Tigchelaar led her the ball directly in front of the net, enabling Beresin to take a clean shot, but it narrowly missed the net, crashing against the pole and ricocheting away.

"It was a different team tonight," Shea said, comparing last night's game to last weekend's tour in Maryland. "We really have the ability to be great. The last piece of the puzzle is just putting the ball in the net.









Northeastern University
Location: Brookline, Mass.
Nickname: Huskies
Colors: Red & Black
Home Field: Parsons Field (7,000/artificial turf)

Head Coach: R.E. "Rocky" Hager (first year)
2003 results: 8-4 (6-3; 3rd A-10)
Starters Returning/Lost: 14/8
2004 Predicted finish: 2nd in North Division

Former Temple coach Rocky Hager takes over for his first year with the Huskies, and has the pieces in place for a solid squad in 2004.

Senior quarterback Shawn Brady is back for his fourth and final year, and has an impressive record of 21-9 as a starter to go along with 17 touchdown passes and a 139.4 efficiency rating in 2003. Gone is bruising tailback Tim Gale, but the shifty Anthony Riley gives NU a great deal of speed at the position and should be a nice fit. Wide receiver Cory Parks has caught a conference-best 16 touchdown passes over the last two seasons, and returns with Quintin Mitchell as targets for Brady.

On defense, everything revolves around All-American linebacker Liam Ezekiel. One of the elite defensive players in the nation, Ezekiel led the A-10 in tackles in 2002 with 145 and posted 140 more last season in moving to the top of the program's career lists in that category. Defensive end James Aboni is a solid run-stopper up front and will have to team with Ezekiel in compensating for the loss of five starters.

University of New Hampshire
Location: Durham, N.H.
Nickname: Wildcats
Colors: Blue & White
Home Field: Cowell Stadium (6,500/grass)

Head Coach: Sean McDonnell (five years, 23-35)
2003 results: 5-7 (3-6; Tied 8th A-10)
Starters Returning/Lost: 18/4
2004 Predicted finish: 4th North Division

The Wildcats have had a tremendous start to 2004, knocking off both Delaware and Division I-A Rutgers on the road despite losing starting quarterback Mike Granieri for the season.

Freshman Ricky Santos has stepped in admirably under center for UNH and has put up amazing numbers in being named USA Today's Freshman Player of the Week on Monday and moving the Wildcats into the Top 10. The Bellingham native has completed 40-of-51 passes for 531 yards and six touchdowns to give him an unheard of passer rating of 200.79, and joins tailback R.J. Harvey in giving the 'Cats a pair of playmakers in the backfield.

As is the case on offense as well, nine starters return to give UNH an experienced defensive group led by free safety Aaron Thomas and defensive end George Peterson. A big question for the coaching staff will be in the middle, where sophomore Tim Beckett looks to fill the hole at nose tackle and backup punter Mark Rutberg moves in to play linebacker. After stopping no one in 2003, the defensive front seven is undersized and will have a lot to prove this year.

University of Rhode Island
Location: Kingston, R.I.
Nickname: Rams
Colors: Light Blue, Dark Blue & White
Home Field: Meade Stadium (7,460/grass)

Head Coach: Tim Stowers (four years, 18-26)
2003 results: 4-7 (3-6; Tied 8th A-10)
Starters Returning/Lost: 14/8
2004 Predicted finish: 5th in North Division

Former Georgia Southern coach Tim Stowers continues to struggle with both sides of the ball at URI.

Multi-talented quarterback Jayson Davis is back to run the team's flexbone offense, but has lost a plethora of talent around him, including Wendel Williams. Halfback Jason Ham will look to carry the load for the Rams after finishing third in the A-10 with 1,119 rushing yards in 2003, but the run-first offense is designed to have the ball spread around. Either slight-b built sophomore Jerell Jones or junior Calvin Poole must pick up some of the slack. One positive for Stowers on offense is the return of four starters along the offensive line, namely senior Dustin Bayer.

After finishing 114th out of 121 nationally in total defense last season, Stowers revamped his coaching staff and shifted to a 4-3 alignment in hopes of having URI on the upswing. Only four players return from last year's group, and big question marks abound with a completely new defensive front and a pair of new cornerbacks.

Hofstra University
Location: Hempstead, N.Y.
Nickname: Pride
Colors: Gold, White & Blue
Home Field: James M. Shuart Stadium (15,000/artificial turf)

Head Coach: Joe Gardi (15 years, 107-52-2)
2003 results: 2-10 (2-7; 10th A-10)
Starters Returning/Lost: 14/8
2004 Predicted finish: 6th North Division

Another tough campaign may be in store for the Pride, but there's little doubt that Joe Gardi's team will go down passing.

Quarterback Bobby Seck returns from a broken hand suffered last season to direct the run-and-shoot offense, and has star wide receiver Marques Colston back to work with. At 6-foot-5, 225 lbs., Colston may emerge as one of the conference's top pass-catchers this season, and will team with Issac Irby in attempting to replace all-conference dynamo Ricky Bryant. When Hofstra does run the ball, it will be sophomore Terry Crenshaw who will carry the load.

On the other side of the ball is where the question marks arise, as the Pride will employ at least six underclassmen within the unit. LeVarr Starr is a consistent defensive back and linebacker Cole Hales has become a decent player, as has defensive end Dan Garay and his 13 sacks over the last two seasons, but look for teams to move the ball on Hofstra early and often.

ATLANTIC 10 FOOTBALL

Preseason poll results:

North Division	South Division
Maine	Villanova
Northeastern	Delaware
Massachusetts	William & Mary
New Hampshire	James Madison
Rhode Island	Richmond
Hofstra	Towson

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Villanova University
Location: Villanova, Penn.
Nickname: Wildcats
Colors: Blue & White
Home Field: Villanova Stadium (12,000/artificial turf)

Head Coach: Andy Talley (19 years, 132-77-1)
2003 results: 7-4 (5-4; 4th A-10)
Starters Returning/Lost: 16/6
2004 Predicted finish: 1st in South Division

There is a great deal of talent returning on the Main Line, where veteran coach Andy Talley has the Wildcats geared up for a run at rival Delaware for the South Division title.

Marvin Burroughs has supplanted Joe Casamento as the starter for now, and his mobility and big-time arm will compliment the talent around him well. Multi-faceted tailback Terry Butler is back, along with receivers Noble Champen, Phil DiGiacomo, J.J. Outlaw and John Dieser to give VU an offensive potentially un-matched in the conference outside of Orono.

Defensively, 'Nova may be even stronger. Middle linebacker Brian Hulea was second in the A-10 in tackles last season, and returns alongside Allyn Bacchus and Bryan Adams. Up front, star defensive end Jamil Butler joins Darrell Adams to move bodies while free safety Raymond Ventrone is the best defensive back in the conference who doesn't call Amherst home.

University of Maine
Location: Orono, Maine
Nickname: Black Bears
Colors: Blue & White
Home Field: Morse Field at Harold Alfond Stadium (10,000/artificial turf)

Head Coach: Jack Cosgrove (11 years, 60-66)
2003 results: 7-5 (5-4; Tied 4th A-10)
Starters Returning/Lost: 13/7
2004 Predicted finish: 1st North Division

The Black Bears are as talented as any team in the Atlantic 10, and will strike fear into defensive coordinators' hearts with arguably the best collection of skill players in the conference.

A-10 Rookie of the Year Ron Whitcomb is back to lead the offense after a stellar freshman campaign in which he threw for 2,428 yards and 21 touchdowns and also set a conference freshman record with an average of 220.7 passing yards per game. He will once again have the luxury of handing off to Walter Payton Award finalist and former Amherst Regional star Marcus Williams, who ran for 1,327 yards and 12 touchdowns as the Bears' feature back in 2003. Senior wideout Christian Pereira joined Whitcomb and Williams as all-conference honorees in 2003, and should do so again as Maine's go-to receiver this season.

Maine ranked No. 20 nationally in total defense last year, but must account for six new faces within the unit. Defensive tackle Pat Piau looks to pick up where Dennis Dottin-Carter left off along the front, and Manauris Arias will look to help hold together an almost entirely new secondary.

Towson University
Location: Towson, Md.
Nickname: Tigers
Colors: Black, White & Gold
Home Field: Minnegan Field at Johnny Unitas Stadium (11,198/artificial turf)

Head Coach: Gordy Combs (13 years, 70-56)
2003 results: 6-6
Starters Returning/Lost: 11/11
2004 Predicted finish: 6th in South Division

The Tigers have a lot to prove in their first season as a member of the Atlantic 10 — mainly whether or not they have the talent to compete in one of the nation's elite I-AA leagues. Towson is 17-29-1 all-time versus A-10 opponents, and are expected to struggle mightily in league play this season.

Junior quarterback Anthony Melzi returns after throwing for 1,589 and nine touchdowns, and will be handing the ball off to a first-year starter in sophomore Kerry Milles. Also new on offense are split end James Byroads, tight end Ryan Collins and the entire right side of the line, including the league's longest name in center Konstantinos Kosmakos.

On defense, Towson is led by leading returning tackler Bryan Fitzpatrick and senior P.D. Moore, who has a reputation as a solid playmaker. Holding down the front seven will be senior tackle Mike Collier, along with nose guard Rich Stallone.

University of Delaware
Location: Newark, Del.
Nickname: Fightin' Blue Hens
Colors: Royal Blue & Gold
Home Field: Tubby Raymond Field at Delaware Stadium (22,000/grass)

Head Coach: K.C. Keeler (two years, 21-7)
2003 results: 15-1 (8-1; Tied 1st A-10) Division I-AA National Champions
Starters Returning/Lost: 16/6
2004 Predicted finish: 2nd South Division

The defending National Champions lost the reigning conference offensive and defensive Players of the Year in quarterback Andy Hall and defensive end Shawn Johnson, and K.C. Keeler's squad has a lot of questions to answer following an opening night loss to UNH.

Nonetheless the Hens are always in the mix, and return a solid corps of talent on both sides of the ball. Missouri-transfer Sonny Riccio takes over the reigns of the offense as the new signal caller, and has a talented trio of receivers to work with in David Beler, Justin Lung and Brian Ingram. The Hens will miss star offensive lineman Jason Nerys a great deal, but should have success running the football with feature back Sean Bieler and speedster Lonnie Starks.

Defensively, leading tackler Mondoe Davis and fellow linebacker John Mulhern will anchor the front seven while electrifying all-conference cornerback Sidney Haugabrook leads the secondary.

College of William & Mary
Location: Williamsburg, Va.
Nickname: Tribe
Colors: Green, Gold & Silver
Home Field: Walter J. Zable Stadium at Cary Field (13,279/grass)

Head Coach: Jimmye Laycock (24 years, 159-110-2)
2003 results: 5-5 (4-4; 6th A-10)
Starters Returning/Lost: 16/6
2004 Predicted finish: 3rd in South Division

William & Mary will likely go as far as Lang Campbell will carry them. One of the league's best quarterbacks, Campbell took over for departed legend Dave Corley Jr. and completed 182-of-285 for 2,296 yards and 22 touchdowns, along with just seven interceptions. He finished second in the A-10 in total offense while leading the league in passing yards per game and passing efficiency and winding up second on the team in rushing.

Jon Smith is back to carry most of the load at tailback, but it will be up to Dominique Thompson and John Pitts to make up for the loss of one of the conference's all-time greats in the graduated Rich Musinski.

Junior linebacker Travis McLaurin is a solid tackler for the Tribe, as is junior free safety James Miller. Coach Jimmye Laycock hopes that five returning starters among the front seven and just one in the secondary will translate into success stopping opponents on defense.

James Madison University
Location: Harrisonburg, Va.
Nickname: Dukes
Colors: Purple & Gold
Home Field: Bridgeforth Stadium (14,000/artificial turf)

Head Coach: Mickey Matthews (five years, 27-31)
2003 results: 6-6 (4-5; 7th A-10)
Starters Returning/Lost: 18/4
2004 Predicted finish: 4th South Division

After another sub-par season, Mickey Matthews continues to struggle in attempting to turn the Dukes around. Oft-injured quarterback Matt LeZotte is back to run the offense, and is currently among the top five in school history in four different passing categories after throwing for 1,753 yards and 13 touchdowns last season.

JMU should have success running the football with four returning starters along the offensive front opening holes for the young but talented combination of Maurice Fenner and Alvin Banks, but a pair of new receivers and a new tight end may limit the offense's overall effectiveness.

Isai Bradshaw is as good as they come in the A-10 at the linebacker position, but will likely be searching for help stopping opponents in Matthews' nickel system. LeZotte's younger brother Tony will join a secondary anchored by cornerback Clint Kent and safety Rodney McCarter.

University of Richmond
Location: Richmond, Va.
Nickname: Spiders
Colors: Red & Blue
Home Field: UR Stadium (21,319/grass)

Head Coach: Dave Clawson (first year)
2003 results: 2-9 (1-8; 11th A-10)
Starters Returning/Lost: 12/10
2004 Predicted finish: 9th in South Division

Ultra-talented quarterback Stacey Tutt is back as a full-time starter after taking over for Bryson Spinner late last year. He will have a solid wideout in senior Jake Schools to work with, but must compensate for the loss of four of the team's top five rushers from a year ago.

Defensively the Spiders will once again look to defensive tackle Clifton Coker to lead the charge, along with linemate Brian Burnette. Eight of the team's top ten tacklers are back from a year ago, including senior free safety Antoine Newsome.

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UM to open Atlantic 10 slate

FOOTBALL from page 14

Richmond basketball team, is a threat to run on his opponents, which could create some chaos in the UMass defense on Saturday. Coach Don Brown prepared his team for the scrambling quarterback by plugging running backs Justin Montgomery and Lorenzo Perry in at quarterback during drills this week at practice.

"(Tutt) can beat you by himself with his feet. If we don't take care of him on the perimeter, he's not like some quarterbacks where they can hurt you for 10-15 yards; he can hit a home run against you," Brown said.

The Maroon and White faced a very similar type of quarterback in Chris Brown last week in their game against Colgate. Brown finished the game with 59 rushing yards on 11 carries. He was 27-for-48 in the air with 272 yards and one touchdown, but he was also picked off three times.

Saturday's victory over Colgate was one of sweet revenge for Umass, who was knocked out of the playoffs by the Red Raiders last year. It was unfinished business for the players, but not as much for Don Brown, who was the coach for Northeastern University last season.

The tides are facing a different direction this week. Richmond coach Dave Clawson is also in his first year with a new program. He became the Richmond coach on February 23 after he left Fordham where he was the head coach for five seasons.

In 2002, Fordham knocked Brown's Northeastern squad out of the Division I-AA playoffs in the first round with a 34-29 score. This was the only time these two coaches have met in a game.

UMass will be going after its 500th program victory. It has a career mark of 498-491-51.

In order to reach that plateau, the Minutemen will have to cut down on their mistakes, primarily in the penalty department. They were flagged 11 times in their win last week and 20 times in their victory over Delaware State.

"We brought in an official (to practice) last Thursday for that. It wasn't as much just downright disregard for discipline; it was more effort," Brown said.

Other than that, the team has looked almost flawless. Tim Day has been outstanding at quarterback, completing 30-of-40 passes for 389 yards and six touchdowns with only two interceptions to begin the season. He leads the country with a pass efficiency rating of 229.58 in his first season as the full-time starting quarterback.

Wide receiver Jason Peebler has contributed mightily to Day's numbers as Peebler has caught nine passes for 305 yards. He also has scored two touchdowns in each of the team's first two games.

Heading into the season, it appeared as though the defense would be the backbone of this young team, and to this point the defense has been very tough on its opposition. They didn't allow a single point for the first 87:58 of the season, and they have forced five turnovers through two games.

Richmond's defense was eaten up in the team's first game of the season against Division I-A opponent North Carolina State when they lost 42-0. Still, though, Richmond hasn't allowed a gain of over 25 yards to this point in their 2004 campaign.

The Spiders' defense was led last week by sophomore Adam Golobuski who recorded a career-high 13 tackles. The linebacker had a season high eight tackles last year against UMass as a freshman. He was the first true freshman to play for Richmond in nine years.

Richmond running back David Freeman, a converted safety, rushed for a career high of his own against VMI for 130 yards last week.

"He certainly looked like the real deal against VMI. If you don't tackle him, he is going to make you miss," Brown said.

The Spiders' top threat at receiver is Harry Wilson, son of former San Diego Charger Harrison Wilson, who had 104 yards and two touchdowns on Saturday. This was the first time the Spiders have had a running back and receiver eclipse the 100-yard mark during the same game since 2002.

Richmond has two coaches who have close UMass ties. Offensive line coach Bill Durkin played for the Minutemen from 1989-1993. In 1993, Durkin was a first-team All-American guard and he was named one of the Yankee Conference's Top 50 players of all time.

Special teams coordinator Ben Albert was a defensive lineman for the Maroon and White from 1991-1994 and was an All-Yankee Conference first-team selection in 1994. Both former players became assistant coaches at UMass after their collegiate playing careers ended.

Massachusetts has won the last two games in its series against Richmond including last year's by a 30-17 score to increase its all-time series lead to 12-8. Steve Baylark rushed for 144 yards in that game, and Rich Demers gained 124 yards on the ground. Peebler hauled in seven passes for 143 yards and three touchdowns.

UMass has a 5-4 mark against Richmond at McGuirk Alumni Stadium.

PROJECTED STARTERS

Offense
QB 10 - Tim Day, Sophomore
RB 40 - Rich Demers, Senior
FB 43 - Steve Wysocki, Senior
WR 11 – Jason Peebler, Senior (Captain)
TE 44 – Mike Douglas, Junior
LT 77 – Colin Stoelzel, Junior
LG 74 – Rob Kane, Senior (Captain
C 62 – Alex Miller, Sophomore
RG 73 – David Thompson, Sophomore
RT 72 – O.J. McBride, Junior
WR 9 – Dominique Stewart, Junior

Defense
DE 95 – Keron Williams, Junior
DT 57 – Justin Schweighardt, Junior
DT 97 – Jason Leonard, Sophomore
DE 52 – Jason Hill, Freshman
OLB 56 – Charles Walker, Sophomore
MLB 51 – Serge Tikum, Junior (Captain)
OLB 29 – Brad Anderson, Junior
CB 26 – Tracy Belton, Sophomore
FS 34 – Shannon James, Junior
SS 7 – James Ihedigbo, Sophomore
CB 3 – R.J. Cobbs, Junior

Special Teams
K 46 – Michael Torres, Sophomore
P 13 – Christian Koegel, Sophomore
KR 11 – Jason Peebler, Senior
PR 87 – Nathanael Hasselbeck, Junior

Offense
QB 3 – Stacey Tutt, Junior
RB 30 - David Freeman, Junior
FB 37 – Brandon Neuman, Senior
WR 13 - Jake Schools, Senior
TE 84 – Ben Teufel, Junior
LT 56 – Ken Ralston, Senior
LG 52 – Derek Stoudt, Freshman
C 58 – John Gromin, Junior
RG 51 – Mike Rogers, Senior
RT 77 – Judd Attman, Sophomore
WR 11 – Harry Wilson, Junior

Defense
DE 57 – Ryan Cameron, Sophomore
DT 54 – Dan Mangiero, Junior
DT 91 – Johnny Campbell, Junior
DE 66 – Clifton Coker, Senior
OLB 7 – Anthony Dabney, Senior
MLB 33 – Lance Gray, Sophomore
OLB 42 – Brian Burnette, Junior
CB 8 – Clement Johnson, Senior
FS 36 – Stephen Howell, Freshman
SS 9 – Antione Newsome, Senior
CB 6 – Damien McCallum, Sophomore

Special Teams
K 20 - Joseph Fore, Junior
P 98 - Chris Radford, Junior
KR 11 - Harry Wilson, Junior
PR 11 – Harry Wilson, Junior

Minutemen must stop Tutt

TUTT from page 14

UMass' Brandon London and Michael Torres, among others, Tutt is listed at 6-foot-2-inches, 230 lbs., and is anything but a prototypical drop-back passer. Nonetheless, new head coach Dave Clawson has brought a pro-style offense in from Fordham to replace former coach Jim Reid's option attack, and it has forced Tutt to improve his presence and pocket passing and rely less on his rushing ability.

In a loss to Division I-A North Carolina State and a win over Virginia Military Institute, the Tappahannock, Va. native threw for a combined 296 yards and four touchdowns while maintaining a stellar 125.1 efficiency rating. Yet unlike his three starts at the end of last season, Tutt carried the ball just 11 times for 20 yards and did not find the end zone with his legs.

Nevertheless, after Tutt ran for a season-high 70 yards against the Minutemen in Amherst last season and was third on the team in receptions despite playing receiver for just eight games, Brown is keenly aware of the potential game-breaking ability the Spiders' quarterback has on the ground.

"We've used [running backs] Lorenzo Perry and Justin Montgomery at the quarterback position in practice during the week," Brown said. "We obviously need to prepare for speed at that position, and that's just something that we can't always simulate to the degree we need to with our quarterbacks.

"He's a great player with a lot of ability, and we need to be ready for him. He's the kind of guy you can't mess around with, or he's gone."

In the Spiders' first two games under Clawson, Tutt has had the luxury of an effective tailback in junior David Freeman, who's averaged 6.4 yards per carry in 2004. However if the Minutemen continue to play stingy against the run, as they have against both Delaware State and Colgate, the Spiders may be forced to rely on Tutt to carry the offense again as he did after senior quarterback Bryson Spinner went down last season.

"He's obviously the main guy for them, the offense goes through him." Brown said. "We need to play smart on defense and keep him in front of us and out of the end zone."

And in fact, the Minutemen may be more equipped to contain Tutt than they were in 2003. With a defensive unit that has clearly gotten younger and quicker along the front seven and more experienced in the secondary, defensive coordinator Keith Dudzinski will likely have a lot of options to throw at Tutt, options that begin and end with junior middle linebacker and captain Serge Tikum.

"Tikum's our guy, and he's going to be out there any time the defense is out there," Brown said at the UMass Athletic Association's weekly sports luncheon. "He's got a lot of ability and he's only getting better at things like reading pulls.

"Our defense begins and ends with him."

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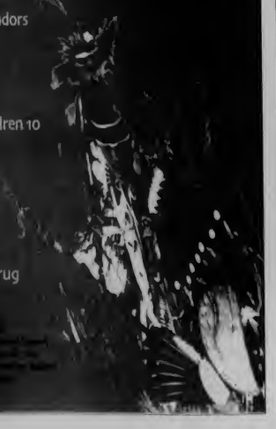
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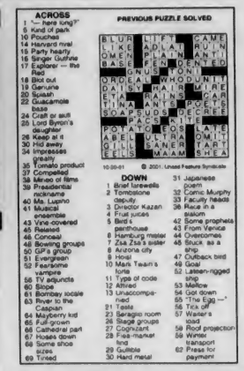
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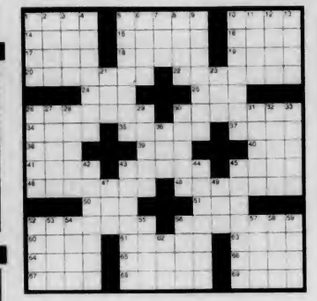












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In the Spiders' web

Minutemen to kick off A-10 schedule against Richmond

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts football team is coming off their most anticipated game of the season last week, a 30-20 flossing of Colgate. The Minutemen are 2-0 and riding high, as they have looked extremely solid to this point in this young season.

UMass' biggest enemy this week may not be its opponents, but its confidence, which could prove fatal as it could be caught in this "trap game" tUMass takes on the defending national champion Delaware Sep. 25th when it opens up their Atlantic-10 schedule against Richmond on Saturday at 1 p.m. at Warren P. McGuirk Alumni Stadium.

"I guess there is a little bit of a cause for concern, but I think our guys realize how important this game is. And we really need to hold serve at home," UMass coach Don Brown said on Wednesday.

The Spiders (1-1, 0-0 Atlantic 10) are fresh off a 34-7 triumph over VMI last week, their largest margin of victory since a 35-7 win over UMass in 2001.

Richmond quarterback Stacy Tutt is coming off multiple career highs when he threw four touchdown passes and passed for 233 yards against VMI.

Tutt, who also plays for the



Richmond	No. 9 UMass
(1-1 Overall 0-0 Atlantic 10)	(2-0 Overall 0-0 Atlantic 10)
Last Week: Defeated VMI 34-7	Last Week: Defeated No. 12 Colgate 30-20

Warren P. McGuirk Alumni Stadium – Amherst, Massachusetts (17,000)
Kickoff 1 p.m.

Television: None

Radio: UMass Football Radio Network – WRNX 100.9 FM Holyoke, flagship (Bob Bernier, play-by-play; Doug White, color commentary; Johnson Owumi, sideline)
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Series record: UMass leads 12-8
Last meeting: UMass 30, Richmond 17 – November 8, 2003

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All-conference defensive back Shannon James and the Minutemen will kick off their Atlantic 10 schedule Saturday against Richmond.

Stopping talented QB a must

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

Make no mistake about it; the Richmond Spiders will go as far as Stacey Tutt will take them in 2004.

For the third consecutive week, the Massachusetts football team will be facing a mobile quarterback, but that cannot prepare them for the challenge they face on Saturday afternoon at McGuirk Alumni Stadium.

Tutt, a former wide receiver who also joined the school's men's basketball team over the winter, is widely considered one of the more electrifying and dynamic players in the Atlantic 10, and has added an improved dimension to his game since being named the Spiders' full-time starter during camp.

A graduate of Fork Union (Va.) Military Academy, the same school that produced

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Patricia Borneo attempts to advance the ball against the Terriers.

Minutewomen fall to Boston University at home for sixth consecutive defeat

By Paula Aden
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts field hockey team suffered a narrow loss last night at Garber Field against in-state rival Boston University. The 1-0 victory improved BU's record to 2-3, while the Minutewomen continue a stretch of six consecutive losses, still without a win this season.

In last night's loss, the Maroon and White came close to finally breaking their losing streak, but ultimately failed after a critical defensive lapse. The game-winner was scored with about 17 minutes left in the second half when forwards Sarah Shute and Jen Joyce charged the circle during a moment of defensive weakness for the Minutewomen.

Goalie Christine Tocco was left alone to defend the cage against the joint attack, and was unable to prevent the score. Tocco attempted to cut off Shute and Joyce at the top of the circle, but they managed to evade Tocco and beat her back to the net. Shute was credited with the game's sole score, while Joyce earned an assist on the goal.

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"We left [Tocco] naked at the end there, and it hurt," Massachusetts coach Patty Shea said. "We didn't have a defensive balance, and that's an issue of awareness."

Tocco achieved eight saves in the loss, bringing her season total to 56, which puts her in third place nationally for saves. A key defensive save was also made late in the second half. After Tocco deflected the ball initially, the Terriers' offense managed another shot on goal. Erin O'Brien dove after the ball, knocking it out of play and earning a defensive save.

After a scoreless first half, Massachusetts came out strong after halftime. Boston dominated the first half of the game, outshooting UMass 9-1. In the second half, the Maroon and White answered each offensive attempt from BU with a shot of their own, with each team earning eight shots in the second period.

With a cohesion not seen in previous games, the Minutewomen worked their offensive maneuvers skillfully in the second half, forcing the Terriers to put up a strong defense.

"I thought that tactically and technically, this was one of the best games UMass has played," Shea said. "They really played as a unit."

Kara Murphy started the second half with a strong offensive play. After a deflected shot from Murphy, the Minutewomen earned three consecutive penalty corners. Marije Tigchelaar took the first shot, which was blocked, but resulted in a second penalty

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With last night's loss, the Minutewomen fall to 0-6 on the season.

Cross country to hold first home meet of 2004 season

By Martha Powers
Collegian Correspondent

Losing two out of your top five runners would have any cross-country coach nervous about the upcoming season. Such is not the case with Massachusetts men's coach Ken O'Brien.

The addition of six freshmen — three times as many as last season — to compliment the experience already in place has shown to be an effective combination.

"The difference is tremendous. The team this season is worlds apart from last year," O'Brien said. "Cross-country is a unique sport because it is basically what the name implies. Therefore, in order to train, the team has to travel up to twenty miles away from campus."

Will, so many new faces in place, it is up to the upperclassmen to assimilate the underclassmen to the different roads and trails. "My words through their eyes" is how O'Brien describes the responsibility the juniors and seniors hold. Since O'Brien may not see his team for miles at a time when they are training, he relies on the experienced runners to guide the others.

"It's due to the dichotomy of experience that forces the older guys to take the younger ones under their wing pretty quickly," O'Brien said. "They must take an active role in helping the underclassmen, and we have a great group of team leaders."

New training routes are just one of the changes that the freshmen are experiencing. College meets are double the distance of high school meets, and O'Brien has been coaching long enough to know not to expect anything at the home-opening contest this Saturday.

"This early meet is a great barometer to see how we stand and to see our potential for the remainder of the season," he said. "You never know until you see the freshmen in action. I expect some inconsistency. Stage fright can hit and you have 18-year-olds running against experienced 21-year-olds."

Maine has this experience. That will be the main advantage the Black Bears have over the Minutemen. Last year, UMass lost by one point to Maine, and O'Brien expects the competition to be just as tough this year.

"Maine lost only one man from last year, and it is going to be an equally difficult battle on Saturday. The race is going to come down to the last mile," O'Brien said.

Leading the Maroon and White on Saturday include senior captains Matt Clark and Andy McCarron. Clark excels on the track at shorter distances like the mile, but has stepped up to run the longer distances of cross-country.

"I anticipate this year to the best year of his four," O'Brien said.

McCarron, described by O'Brien as a "pure distance runner", finished fourth in the Atlantic 10 for the 10,000 meters last year and went on to finish seventh in the New England Championship just six days later.

Cross-country opens its home season this Saturday at 11:30 a.m. when Maine and Vermont come to Totman Field.

Red Sox sell out all 81 games

BOSTON (AP) — The Red Sox have sold out their entire 81-game home schedule for the first time in franchise history, the team said Wednesday.

On Tuesday, the Red Sox sold off their final scattered singles, standing-room only tickets and obstructed view seats, all of which are reserved for game-day sales.

Boston is the fourth team in major league history to sell out an entire season, joining the Cleveland Indians (1996-2000), the Colorado Rockies (1996) and the San Francisco Giants (2000).

"This remarkable achievement is a testament to the passion and commitment of the fans of Red Sox Nation as well as a credit to our exceptional sales force and ticket office," team president Larry Lucchino said in a statement.

With a capacity of about 34,000, Fenway Park, built in 1912, is Major League Baseball's oldest and smallest ballpark.

In recent years, the team's owners have added seating atop the left-field wall, known as the "Green Monster," and on the right-field roof.

"We are well aware that our loyal fans wish we had more seats to accommodate them," Lucchino said.

If all 81 scheduled home games are played, the Red Sox will surpass 2.8 million in home attendance, setting a club record for the fifth consecutive season.

Weather permitting; the Red Sox will finish the regular season with a streak of 145 consecutive home sellouts, dating back to May 15, 2003.

-Associated Press



Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz high-fives a teammate during a recent game. Boston has sold out Fenway Park for all of 2004.



Thrillers 'Cellular' and 'Paparazzi' fare well in theaters

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UMass wins dining award

By Matt Hoffman
Collegian Correspondent

The National Association of College and University Food Services has once again bestowed the University of Massachusetts Amherst Dining Services with the Loyal E. Horton Residence Hall Dining Award this past spring. UMass Dining Services has received the award in four out of the past five years.

Dinning Services programs such as "Breakfast-on-the-Run," "Grab-n-Go Lunch" and "Create-a-Stir" propelled the University to win one silver and three bronze medals. Director of University Dining Services, Ken Toong, is especially proud of the school's emphasis on nutrition, variety, and educational programs.

"Food is like fashion ... kids want change," Toong said. "Our job is to ensure numerous choices are available so that they can choose from many healthy options."

Dining Services created a proposal that detailed the University's commitment to the importance of variety and nutrition in order to enter the contest. The nutrition variety seems to be an aspect of UMass dining that rings well with students.

"It's good that they always have a salad bar open. I'm a fan of that. And I like the fruit. Also, during the week they offer the wrap and omelet bar, soft serve ice cream, and sushi and pasta bars," said freshman student Luba Kogan.

In addition to the variety of food, UMass Dining Services offers a wide array of programs to continuously educate students. UMass is only the second school of higher education in the nation to offer an all-you-can-eat Sushi bar, and the only school to do so on the East Coast.

In the 2003-2004 school year, 24 specials were designed and offered throughout the year. Two such special programs, "Who Wants to be a Meal-ionaire" and "Nutrition Jeopardy," which awarded prizes to its participants, have been in operation the past two years. Campus vendors sponsor these events in an attempt to keep students interested and educated.

Two other events that happened last year, the Student Iron Chef competition and the Taste of UMass were both considered successful events. Dining Services will be having the "Meal of Fortune" program in March of 2005 and other programs throughout the year. Some special dining hall events are the cultural celebration of the Chinese New Year and a lobster special on Halloween, which will be back this year due to popular demand.

According to Toong, the dining commons on campus recently switched to cooking with canola oil. The change was made due to the health concerns from using vegetable oil, which contains higher levels of a more dangerous type of fat.

"We listened to the customer," Toong said.

UMass competed in the large school category for the award, which consisted of schools with over $8 million in revenue. The UMass dining revenue of $35 million ranks against such competitive heavyweights as Harvard University, Stanford University, and the University of California-Berkeley. Due to the fact that UMass is a state school, the administrators have less funding and resources to create a quality product than private schools.

Despite the impressive dining awards that UMass has received, the food on campus has not garnered positive interest from the entire student body.

"Let's just say my roommate and I spent $100 on food at Big Y yesterday," said sophomore student David Kozhuk said.



Students enjoy free food from various sponsors at the Taste of UMass in May 2004. The event is credited with helping UMass Dining Services recieve the Loyal E. Horton Dining Award.

Democracy Now! host speaks in Northampton on Saturday

By Amir Norman
Collegian Correspondent

Amy Goodman, host of the national daily radio and television program "Democracy Now!," is coming to Northampton, this Saturday, September 18, to speak on world issues.

The event will be hosted by United for a Fair Economy and Grassroots International committee and presented in partnership with the American Service Fair committee. Goodman will be at the Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence located at 220 Main Street from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. A $10 donation will be requested at the door.

"We are sponsoring Amy because she is the primary reporter that is covering the issue of equality in the world," said Jerry Koch-Gonzalez, the president of the United for a Fair Economy board. "Whether it is the election, Iraq, or the Bush Administration, she is highlighting the issues of the inequality of America's economy."

The national tour marks the launch of her first book "The Exception to the Rulers: Exposing Oily Politicians, War Profiteers, and the Media That Love Them," SAGE, Every woman's Center, the Solidago Foundation, Odyssey Bookshop and the American Friends Service committee endorse the event.

In the book, Amy offers her "no-holds-barred" perspective on world events and the hidden motives behind those in power on subjects ranging from the deceptions of the George W. Bush's administration, war abuse in Iraq,



Amy Goodman is now the host of Democracy Now!

to the corruption of media monopolies and corporate influence over the government. Amy Goodman attacks and exposes what she conceives to be the lies that put democracy at risk.

Amy Goodman began her career in community radio in 1985 at Pacifica Radio's New York Station, WBAI, where she produced WBAI's Evening News for 10 years. In 1990 and 1991, Amy and colleague Allan Nairn traveled to East Timor and witnessed Indonesian soldiers gunning down 270 East Timorese. The soldiers then beat Amy and Allan, fracturing Allan's skull. In 1996, Amy helped launch Pacifica Radio's, "Democracy Now!" where she has made several documentaries.

Two years later, Amy went to Nigeria, where her radio documentary "Drilling and Killing: Chevron and Nigeria's Oil

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Hurricane Ivan ravages Gulf Coast



A condominium was destroyed by Hurricane Ivan in Orange Beach, AL. The category 4 storm is blamed for 18 deaths and extensive damage along the Gulf Coast near Mobile, AL.

By Pauline Arrillaga
Associated Press

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — Hurricane Ivan drilled the Gulf Coast on Thursday with 130-mph winds that inflicted far less damage than feared everywhere except Florida's Panhandle, where residents were left with surge-ravaged beachfronts, flooded streets and homes ripped apart by deadly tornadoes.

The storm was blamed for at least 20 U.S. deaths, most of them in Florida.

"We were prepared for the hurricane, but the tornadoes were bam, bam, bam," said Glenda Nichols, manager of the Microtel Inn in Marianna, Fla. "There was nothing we could do about it. I put all my guests in their rooms and told them to get in the bathtubs."

Ivan quickly deteriorated to a tropical storm after coming ashore. But forecasters warned it was not done yet: It threatened up to 15 inches of rain and flooding across the South, already soggy after Hurricanes Charley and Frances over the past month. And more danger could be on the horizon: Hurricane Jeanne is tearing through the Caribbean on a path that could take it into Florida early next week.

More than 2 million residents along a 300-mile stretch of the Gulf Coast cleared out as Ivan, a former 165-mph monster that killed 70 people in the Caribbean, closed in on an unsteady path.

Ivan came ashore near Gulf Shores Beach, Ala., around 3 a.m. But it was the Panhandle — squarely in the northeast quadrant of the storm, where the wind are most violent — that took the brunt.

Ivan spun off at least a dozen tornadoes in Florida, while creating a storm surge of 10 to 15 feet, topped by large battering waves. A portion of a bridge on Interstate 10, the major east-west highway through the Panhandle, was washed away.

Insurance experts put the storm's damage at anywhere from $5 billion to $10 billion.

The death toll included 13 in Florida, two in Mississippi, and one in Georgia. In Louisiana, four evacuees died after being taken from their storm-threatened homes to safer parts of the state.

Many of the millions of Gulf Coast residents who spent a frightening night in shelters and boarded up homes emerged to find Ivan was not the catastrophe many feared.

New Orleans, especially vulnerable to storms because much of it lies below sea level, got only some blustery winds, a mere two-tenths of an inch of rain and only some downed tree limbs. By Thursday morning, French Quarter tourists came out of their hotels to sip cafe au lait under brilliant sunshine.

"I leaves in the pool — that's it," said Shane Eschete, assistant general manager of the Inn on Bourbon Street.

"I know I'm going to hear from the Monday morning quarterbacks," said New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin, who had urged the metropolitan area's 1.2 million residents to flee three days ahead of the storm. But he added: "Look at the scenes from Mobile and Pensacola — that could have been us."

Mobile, Ala., a port city of 200,000 that had been in the bull's-eye of the storm, got a break by an 11th-hour shift to the east. Still, its historic oak-tree-lined Government Street was blocked with tree limbs, metal

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CBS News fighting for reputation

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS News is trying to restore its credibility after a week of questions about its report on President Bush's National Guard service — yet it may never conclusively know whether it was duped by fake documents.

The news division has acknowledged for the first time questions about the authenticity of documents used to support the story, and it has promised a stepped-up effort to get at the truth.

"They could have saved themselves a good deal of negative publicity and attacks if they had said that from the beginning," said Charlotte Grimes, a Syracuse University professor with a specialty in political reporting.

Internet watchdogs were the first to raise questions about last week's report, and CBS anchor Dan Rather's critics have been buzzing ever since.

An editorial cartoon in the Birmingham News pictured a door-looking Rather saying on camera, "There is not an anti-Bush media bias. And here's a memo to prove it."

The memos, purportedly written by Bush's late squadron commander, Lt. Col. Jerry B. Killian, indicated he had been pressured to sugar coat Bush's performance and that the future president ignored an order to take a physical. Several document experts say they look suspiciously like they were written on computer, not a 1970s-era typewriter.

CBS flew the late Killian's former secretary, Marian Carr Knox, from Texas to New York Wednesday for an interview, in which she said she believed the documents were fake but their content accurate.

While backing away slightly from the documents, CBS has always maintained — and Rather repeated on "60 Minutes" Wednesday - that no one has disputed the substance of the story: Bush received preferential treatment to get into the National Guard and didn't fulfill his requirements.

But CBS News President Andrew Heyward said "there obviously remain questions surrounding the documents and we're going to redouble our effort to get to the bottom of them."



CBS newsman Dan Rather is under fire due to allegations that a source provided falsified documents used in his news story.

Campus Perspectives

By Matthew Reid

Do you think the faculty puts students first?



freshman
History major

"Absolutely not. If they did, I wouldn't have to pay $300 for books."

Rachel Caliri



senior
Political Science major

"More so than last year, but there are still some big holes to fill."

Todd D. Holmes



freshman
Undeclared major

"Yes, they are helping new students adjust to new situations."

Kyle Young



sophomore
Physics major

"If all students on campus had a proper dorm room to live in [yes]."

Brian Yip



senior
Computer Science Engineering major

"For the most part, but it could be a bit better."

Matt Smigielski



sophomore
Computer Science Engineering major

"I think the university does a good job with providing opportunities for students."

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U.S. concerned over test site

By George Jahn
Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — U.S. and European diplomats tentatively agreed Thursday to demand a new Iranian freeze on uranium enrichment by fall as they fine-tuned a draft resolution meant to deprive Iran of technology that could be used to make nuclear weapons.

But negotiations over the text being prepared for the International Atomic Energy Agency's board of governors were overshadowed by a U.S. charge that the U.N. atomic watchdog had kept silent about its concerns over a possible nuclear weapons-related test site in Iran.

"This is a serious omission," a U.S. official said, alluding to the lack of specific mention of the Parchin complex in a report that IAEA director Mohamed ElBaradei wrote for the board on the status of a probe into Iran's nuclear activities.

The U.S. official, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said the United States believed Parchin, southeast of Iran's capital, Tehran, was being used to test high explosives, possibly for use with nuclear weapons.

Both Iran and the IAEA denied the accusations.

"Parchin has nothing to do with nuclear-related activities," said Hossein Mousavian, Iran's chief delegate to the board meeting. He denied reports that the IAEA had asked to visit the site, but said agency inspectors could do so if they wanted.

IAEA spokesman Mark Gwozdecky said suggestions that the agency willfully omitted sensitive information were "totally baseless ... (and) not worthy of further comment." The ElBaradei report "reflects the facts in an objective manner, and we fully stand by them," he said.

A diplomat who keeps track of the agency's work said there was a veiled, one-paragraph allusion to Parchin in ElBaradei's report.

"The agency has discussed with the Iranian authorities ... information relating to dual use equipment and materials which have applications in the conventional military area and in the civilian sphere as well as in the nuclear military area," the paragraph reads.

Another diplomat familiar with the agency's thinking said Parchin was not specifically listed as a concern partly because the IAEA did not have enough evidence to do so but also so as not to tip the agency's hand and thereby jeopardize future investigations into the site.

A former U.N. nuclear inspector, David Albright, said that while Iran did not specifically turn down IAEA requests to visit Parchin, it "ignored" them. Albright, now head of the Institute for Science and International Security in Washington, described the site as hypothetically having "the capacities that could be used to make high explosives for nuclear weapons."

The revelations on Parchin were likely to be used by Washington to push its case for a tough Iran resolution.

The 35-nation board suspended its meeting Wednesday to allow for back-room negotiations on the draft, and diplomats said the conference was not expected to reconvene until Saturday.

A version of the resolution being circulated late Thursday and made available to AP would express "serious concern" that Iran "has not heeded repeated calls from the board to suspend ... all enrichment-related and reprocessing activities."

The draft also expressed alarm at Iranian plans to process more than 40 tons of raw uranium into uranium hexafluoride, the feed stock for enrichment processes that can produce material usable in both nuclear bombs as well as the generation of electricity.

The text would have the board urge Iran to suspend all enrichment activities; call on ElBaradei to submit a report by November reviewing the past two years of his Iran probe; and demand Iran "resolve all outstanding issues and inconsistencies" that have fed suspicions about its nuclear program.

The wording made no mention of an Oct. 31 deadline — a date proposed by the United States, Canada and Australia for Iran to meet all the conditions. Instead it kept open the option of "further steps" if Iran was interpreted to have failed to meet the board's conditions by November — shorthand for possible referral of Iran to the U.N. Security Council, as demanded by the United States.

Iran is not prohibited from enrichment under its obligations under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty but faces growing international pressure to suspend such activities as a good-faith gesture.

Iran pledged to suspend enrichment a year ago, but international concern has grown that it did not fully honor the promise and has reneged on some of the suspension measures it did enact.

An IAEA report gave Iran some good marks for cooperating with the most recent phase of an investigation that began two years ago when it was learned that the Iranians had been running a clandestine nuclear program for nearly 20 years. But the report also said Iran must do more to banish all suspicions that it is wants to develop nuclear weapons.

U.S.-born terror suspect freed after two years of captivity

By Paisley Dodds
Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — A lawyer for an American-born terror suspect said Thursday that a deal had been tentatively reached with the U.S. government that will send the man to Saudi Arabia and spare him prosecution after being held more than two years without charge.

Yaser Esam Hamdi, who grew up in Saudi Arabia, could become the first American classified as an enemy combatant to renounce his citizenship to avoid prosecution.

"There is an agreement in principle for his release and it's now in the hands of the government," Hamdi's lawyer, Frank Dunham Jr., told The Associated Press.

John Novatsky, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Justice, said negotiations were still under way.

Dunham said Hamdi had agreed to the deal's terms and was excited about returning to his family in Saudi Arabia, where he plans to continue his university studies.

The 23-year-old was captured fighting with Afghanistan's Taliban in late 2001 and held at the U.S. military outpost in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for three months before authorities realized he was a U.S. citizen. He was then transferred to a brig in South Carolina and later to the Norfolk Naval Base in Virginia.

Saying he was forced to fight for the Taliban, Hamdi had challenged his status as an enemy combatant, a classification given to the 585 detainees being held at Guantanamo Bay that affords detainees fewer legal protections than prisoners of war under the Geneva Conventions.

One restriction was not being allowed to see an attorney for months while in solitary confinement. But the Supreme Court ruled in June that enemy combatants may not be indefinitely detained without legal rights, allowing Hamdi to have a lawyer and contest his detention in federal court.

Hamdi weighed how much longer he would have to remain in jail away from his family and decided it was best for him to return to Saudi Arabia even if that meant renouncing his U.S. citizenship, Dunham said.

Although he mentioned Hamdi's citizenship, Dunham would not confirm that was a condition and declined to discuss specific conditions of the deal.

But another lawyer involved in the case said the conditions included Hamdi's giving up his U.S. citizenship and not being allowed to return to the country of his birth. The second lawyer, who spoke to AP on condition of anonymity, said Hamdi could be sent to Saudi Arabia as soon as this week.

The Center for Constitutional Rights, which also reported the deal, said it could set a precedent for others being held without charge in the United States and at Guantanamo.

"The fact that they are letting Hamdi go without charges proves the importance of courts and attorneys. People ought to be screaming about this not just for what was done to Hamdi, but for what it says about what America has become," said Michael Ratner, president of the New York Center for Constitutional Rights.

Hamdi was born in Baton Rouge, La., where his father reportedly worked for an oil company.

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Ivan takes 18 lives

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signs, roofing material and other storm debris. The storm turned the night sky an eerie green with popping electrical transformers.

"The rain was going sideways. You could hear metal bending. It was just bad. It was my first one and there won't be a second," said Deb Harwick, who rode out the storm in a motel near Gulf Shores Beach, Ala.

Tornado warnings were issued across northeast Florida again Thursday, even as search-and-rescue teams were sent to check the rubble for any victims of the night-before twisters.

"It's sad," said a weary Florida Gov. Jeb Bush. "I don't know quite why we've had this run of storms. You just have to accept that."

More than 1.5 million homes and businesses from Louisiana to Florida lost power at the storm's peak.

In the Panhandle, destruction was seemingly around every corner. Huge magnolia trees had fallen across the streets, and the trunk of a 25-foot palm had snapped about eight feet off the ground. Bricks from St. Paul's United Methodist Church lay in heaps beside the building.

Traffic lights lay shattered in the road. Telephone poles leaned over at precipitous angles, the wires sagging to the ground or just feet above it.

Dining halls receive award

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Dictatorship" exposed Chevron's role in the killing of two Nigerian villagers in the Niger Delta, who were protesting yet another oil spill in their community. That documentary won the George Polk Award, the Golden Reel for Best National Documentary from the National Federation of Community Broadcasters, and a Project Censored award.

"Independent Media In A Time Of War" is Amy's hard-hitting new documentary by the Hudson Mohawk Independent Media Center. The VHS or DVD is available at www.hm.indymedia.org. The film is composed of a speech given by Goodman and is illustrated by clips of mainstream media put together with rare footage from independent reporters in Iraq.

Earlier on Saturday, Amy will join congressional representative Carol Moseley Braun, activist Frances Crowe, and singer Holly Near in Cummington, Mass. for the One World Fair, where artists, performers, activists, mothers, children, writers, fathers, and voters come together to celebrate and encourage a spirit of community, creativity and social justice.

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Grading change will bring many benefits

Students at the University of Massachusetts will no longer have to explain to their parents what an "AB" or a "BC" is supposed to mean. UMass is finally moving from its unusual eight-point grading system to the more common eleven-point system. The movement to change the grading system has been in the works for several years now, spearheaded by students, professors and administrators.

The new system will allow for pluses and minuses to be applied to grades, which will ensure that grades are accurate representations of a student's performance in class. Students frustrated by receiving a course grade of AB for a percentage of 91, when other institutions would designate the 91 percent as an A- should be thrilled by the change. On the other hand, students who earn a 78 percent will no longer be able to hide under the cover of a BC, instead receiving a C+.

Christophe Courchesne, a former UMass student representative was one of those who made the push for change back in the spring of 2001. The change should have been done a long time ago in order for students to benefit from the additional feedback on their work, Courchesne said. According to officials involved in the process, no one has had anything negative to say about the change. Objection may occur, however, the majority of those it directly affects — professors and students — will find the transformation beneficial.

UMass is unique in many ways, but one of the biggest distinctions has been our grading policy. The current system is a rarity, and switching to a more conventional system will serve to bring the University in-line with other colleges and universities in the area, specifically those in the Five College Program. This is ironic, as UMass switched to the old eight-point system back in 1972 in an attempt to follow a national trend among other colleges.

The eight-point system was often disadvantageous to students applying to graduate or professional programs that did not understand what an AB meant; unsure of how to read an AB or BC, graduate programs often rounded down these grades to a B+ or C+, respectively. UMass students can now rest assured knowing that their grades will look normal when a prospective employer or administrator looks at their transcripts.

Now able to use a single grading sheet for courses enrolling both undergraduate and graduate students. Professors too will find the new system more usable. In all, the change makes for a more consistent system no matter what way you look at it.

Most likely, this change has finally been brought about simply because the plan was finally put into motion, not because the need is any greater now than it was last year or five years ago. "People were always chitchatting about it, it just needed someone to take a hold of it," said Courchesne. Now that the initiative has been taken, it will be a major step forward in making UMass a more rewarding and modern university.

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Only one right choice

Johnny Donaldson

It's almost that time, that time when we must pick our national leader. The grand old United States of America is rounding the bend into the November 2nd elections, and the trumpets are sounding along both party lines. Their respective conventions are now done and over and now it's up to us, the people, to decide whom it is we want to follow in the next four years of our future.

Hopefully we won't make the wrong choice.

In a normal election year, it wouldn't matter which side you aligned yourself with and voted for. Democrat or Republican, it was your choice to form political biases and vote with whatever candidate best fit your leadership criteria.

But this is not a normal election year. This is an election year when the fate of our land hangs in the balance. Not to sound too hyperbolic about it, but if – and here's to hoping it is only a snowball's chance in hell it happens – if George Walker Bush is once again crowned President of the United States of America, then this country may not survive.

No president has done more to undermine the safety and liberty of this country than the man they have derogatorily christened "Dubya." The information is by now old news to most everyone from dyed-in-the-wool liberals to rabid conservatives grasping at straws to deny any implication of Bushian wrongdoing. Bush has taken our economy from one of the biggest surpluses in history to the biggest deficit, and sacrificed millions of jobs in the process. His environmental policies – those ironically named "Clean Air" laws – have done more damage than protection. His preemptive war, a violation of international treaties, racks up the casualties day after day and will result in a generation of citizens crippled – whether emotionally or physically – by the horror of an unjustified war.

He's cut funding to programs designed to help women's shelters and is pushing

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legislature to deny homosexuals the right to marriage. He, and the Republican Party, are angling to deny workers overtime pay and are attempting to make it harder for workers to unionize. He has denied connections to the Swift Boat campaigns that were meant to smear and tarnish John Kerry's war record, yet evidence shows that members of that campaign have connections to the Bush family.

People still believe that Iraq had something to do with 9/11. When in fact, no Iraqi has harmed an American on American soil in terrorist-related violence. In fact, the members of al-Qaeda that attacked that fateful day were all Egyptian or Saudi – a country Bush has strong allegiances to.

People still – STILL – believe that weapons of mass destruction were found in Iraq. None existed.

People still believe that this war isn't about oil or power or pride. And Bush still tries to demolish our civil rights one by one.

Bush seems like a great guy to have a beer with. He's charming and accessible. But those aren't the qualities that should be priority in the make-up of a president. Kerry may not be the most charismatic man in the world – he may act like a block of wood, with a melting face to boot – but I doubt that he is as dangerous and corrupt as a member of the Bush clan. We need a leader who isn't going to "cowboy up" and become a trigger-happy loon when crisis arises. We need a leader who can bring back our old allies and make new ones, patch up old wounds, and dissolve hotheadedness and big business corruption. I don't know if Kerry is that guy, but Bush definitely is not. We have to make that gamble that he isn't going to be the worst president in our long, uneven history. Since Bushies like to call into question the patriotism of liberals, how about I leave any supporters of the Bush regime with this remark: a vote for Bush is a vote against America.

Johnny Donaldson is a Collegian columnist.

Who will be the last?

Stephen Post

"The purpose of propaganda is not to provide interesting distraction for blasé young gentlemen, but to convince, and what I mean is to convince the masses. But the masses are slow moving, and they always require a certain time before they are ready even to notice a thing, and only after the simplest ideas are repeated thousands of times will the masses finally remember them." – Adolph Hitler, "War Propaganda," "Mein Kampf"

Hitler would be proud. Bush and his confreres have done a stand up job of holding the line, staying on message, never flinching, never blinking, always asserting. In the drive to war, the Bush team hammered away at its core points: Saddam Hussein is an evil man; he has weapons of mass destruction; he gassed his own people; he supports terrorists, etc. The administration engineered convenient associations: al Qaeda – Iraq; Iraq – September 11th.

Repetition works. Even now the line has changed very little. So what if there were no weapons of mass destruction? Saddam Hussein was a weapon of mass destruction; Iraqis are better off, go ahead and ask them.

According to the latest Newsweek Poll [Sept. 2-3], forty-two percent of a pool of "registered voters nationwide" think, Saddam Hussein's regime was "DIRECTLY [their emphasis] involved in planning, financing, or carrying out the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001." Fourteen percent were "unsure."

What's more, the same poll found that fifty-five percent of respondents think the United States "did the right thing" in launching the Iraq war last year. This time, only half as many were unsure.

No amount of polling can bring back the dead. It is the Ides of September, and over a thousand U.S. service men and women are dead. As for Iraqi civilians – remember them – some twelve to fourteen thousand have died. This last figure is inexact mainly because no one is really counting. Still it continues.

But how do you ask a soldier to be the last one to die in Iraq? How do you ask a soldier to be the last one to die for a lie? (Apologies to John Kerry.)

Yes, Bush lied. This much is true, but it is not all. Remember that the war in Iraq was not Bush's to begin with: it was the pet project of a group of Reagan-era notables who refused to shift gears when the Berlin wall came down. The war paint stayed on, the drums still sounded, muffled, perhaps, by a boisterous new economy, but were still there, keeping time as the intrepid Cold Warriors waited for the right moment to take out the big guns again.

We need to ask ourselves if we care enough to stand up and with all our might oppose the policies that have led us over the edge and into a war premised on a lie, signifying nothing.

The truth is the guns never really went away. Bush 1, of course, launched the first war in Iraq before the dust from the wall had a chance to settle. Most of us here at UMass probably still remember bits and pieces of that war as it came across to us on our television screens, mostly flashes of light and the eerie green glow of "night-vision."

That war, too, was not all it seemed to be. And it was built up in much the same way as the latest installment: cast Saddam Hussein as a man of infinite evil, perhaps even evil incarnate; cast ourselves as liberators; move the troops in and lights, camera, action!

Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait, the story goes, so we had no choice but to stop him. No matter that a U.S. official, in a personal meeting with the dictator eight days prior to the invasion, assured him that "we have no opinion on your Arab on Arab conflicts, such as your dispute with Kuwait." No matter that the story about Iraqi soldiers taking babies from their incubators and dashing their bodies to the ground was a bald-faced fiction concocted by the prestigious PR firm of Hill and Knowlton.

The drums did not stop when Clinton came in. It was the Clinton administration that kept a decade of murderous sanctions in place, leaving over half a million Iraqi children dead. And it was Madeline Albright who infamously told Leslie Stahl of "60 Minutes" that "We think the price is worth it." Yes, you heard correctly. New boss, same as the old boss.

Remember the "no-fly zones?" It was the Clinton administration that saw fit to fly bombing runs over Iraq so often that the fact went unreported in all but a few newspapers.

But what good does it do now, really, to discuss any of this? The bottom line is that our soldiers are in Iraq again and we need to do something now to change this fact.

For those who haven't noticed, there is an election coming up. Some say it's the "most important election of our lifetime." Perhaps. But this assumes that elections in this country are even valid anymore.

After 2000, it is amazing that anyone still believes this to be true. Unfortunately, more things need to change in this country than whose face is carved into the battering ram. We need to ask ourselves if we care enough to stand up and with all our might oppose the policies that have led us over the edge and into a war premised on a lie, signifying nothing.

It is perfectly reasonable to want Bush out of office, to say nothing of war crimes charges, impeachment, etc. But it is another thing to think that voting against Bush by voting for a certain John F. Kerry will have any bearing on the direction this country will take, given how little Kerry has done to differentiate himself from the man he presumes to oust.

Not once has Kerry admitted that his vote for military action against Iraq was a mistake. Will he be the one to ask for volunteers to be the last ones to die in Iraq?

Information regarding casualties of war can be found at iraqbodycount.org and icasualties.org.

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The truth about growing up

Peter Foundas

You wake up with a slight headache and a vague recollection of what transpired in the past eight hours. As you sit up from your sheets, you wonder what time it is and whether or not your roommates already went to breakfast. After a pause, the blurry world comes into focus, and you realize that you have to go to the bathroom in the worst way.

You emerge from the bathroom; this is when the fun begins. Assembling with your cohorts from the previous evening's activities, you all try to piece together the past night. Each one of you seems to have your own unique recollection of what happened, but that does not stop you from sharing the mismatched memories, having a few laughs and deciding who gets bragging rights. Perhaps one of you was able to find a suitable hook-up partner, and if so everyone will want to hear the details.

The weekend ends, and the real reasons why you are here begin to unfold. As you enter your new classes for the semester and glance over the syllabus you begin to mentally plot how you can get away with doing the least amount of work and still obtain the grade you want. How much you will actually learn in these classes is up for debate. Will you merely attempt to memorize the bare minimum amount of facts in order to pass the exams, or will you attempt to develop an understanding of the material and do all the assigned readings?

Apathy is the pitfall of every college student. If we succumb to it, our American dream is over.

Some people came to this school with a plan for what they wanted to do when they graduate; hopefully, it is working out for them. However, even those lucky enough to find something to be passionate about may soon realize that the jobs to which they aspire, in reality, do not mirror the idealized images they have created.

The vast majority of us were unsure of ourselves when we came here. Some are still having trouble finding their true passions; others find out too late what their true passions are. After a few years of college it may be too late to switch majors. And, maybe, you have been told there is not much "opportunity" in the field your heading into anyway. So what happens after that?

Indifference starts to set in. Apathy is the pitfall of every college student. If we succumb to it, our American dream is over. We lose the opportunity to actually be what we want to be when we grow up.

Deep down we know what our passions are before we arrive here. There is no way we can suffer through 12 years of education without developing even a slight interest in something, aside from sports or pop culture, because we all cannot be professional athletes or famous celebrities. We'd like to think that we have a perfect understanding of the world around us, but the fact of the matter is most of us have few meaningful experiences with it at all.

What does this mean? That we are doomed to a life of disillusionment and all of us will end up slaving away for the next forty years at a job we hate? No. Think of your college experience as more than just an education, it is the key to happiness, instructing you on how to combine your passions with your work life in the future, this is what we pay our ridiculous tuition for.

It is a series of tests, which you cannot simply cram for to pass. In the coming years we are going to learn what growing up is all about: filing taxes, applying for a mortgage, starting our own careers, starting a family of our own, opening retirement accounts, and caring for aging parents. Maybe some of us got an early start on these things, but very rapidly we will find that growing up is not easy, and it's a much different experience than what we have lived through already. Suddenly, our weekend routines do not seem so important in comparison.

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Dar Williams returns to Northampton



By Meghan Healy
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"Why is it that as we grow older and stronger/ The road signs point us adrift and make us afraid," asks folksy songstress Dar Williams in "You're Aging Well." The track, off her 1993 release "The Honesty Room," seems to have a sentiment that resonates with most college-aged students. Williams seems to have the extraordinary ability to tap into the most basic part of human existence with the simple strum of her guitar. Her voice reflects the fear, optimism and array of emotions people face every day.

Dar Williams
Calvin Theatre
Northampton
Today

In fact a great deal of Williams' work seems to strike a chord with listeners of all ages. Her Web site describes the singer/songwriter's skill as an "insight [that] continues to turn personal experiences into universal experiences to which both dedicated fans and new listeners can relate."

Tonight Williams will bring her insight and folk-inspired sound to the stage of Northampton's Calvin Theater. A former resident of the Pioneer Valley, Dorothy "Dar" Williams has been making music for the better part of 15 years. With seven full-length albums under her belt, including her critically acclaimed fifth studio release "The Beauty of the Rain," Dar has truly come into her own as a musician and songwriter. "Seasons change, but Williams remains both ambitious and pleasingly plain-spoken ... and importantly, she seems more at ease than ever," Rolling Stone said in a recent review of "The Beauty."

The album, featuring guest appearance from the likes of Alison Krauss, Bela Fleck, John Medeski and John Popper represents a more rounded out sound for Williams.

"The songs here are rooted in a migration I made to New York from Massachusetts," said Dar, who lived in Northampton before moving to the City, in regards to her evolving sound. "It can be a little lonely sometimes being a girl with a guitar. I wanted to reach out into the world and see what else was going on."

In addition to her musical endeavors, the multitalented Williams has also branched out into the world of children's literature. As an author Dar's gift with words proves itself ten times over.

"Amalee," Williams' debut novel tells the story of a young girl whose life is thrown into tumult by a tragic turn of events. "She's use to chaos," the singer's website says in a synopsis of the book, "but now her life has become full of uncertainties; school isn't what it used to be, and she has begun questioning her relationship with her friends. However, when Amalee's dad becomes seriously ill, the chaos takes on a new form, and the ways of coping come from some very unexpected places."

For those who are long-time fans as well as those who are simply looking for something to do on a Friday night, now seems to be the best time to catch the rising star in person. Williams can be pretty much guaranteed to put on a show that is both musical sound and thoroughly entertaining.

Dar Williams will play at the Calvin Theater in Northampton tonight at 8 p.m. Tickets range from $32, $27, and $17.50. Dar will also appear at Northampton's Broadside Bookshop on Main Street at 3 p.m. for a signing of "Amalee."

Information from www.dar-williams.com was used in this article.

Punk pioneer succumbs in battle with cancer

By Michael Busack
Collegian Staff

Punk rock is dead.

Johnny Ramone, lead guitarist the Ramones, considered by many to be punk music's most influential band, died Wednesday, after a five-year battle with prostate cancer Wednesday.

Ramone, 55, was born John Cummings. He is now the third member of the Ramones to die since 2001. Singer Joey Ramone, born Jeffrey Hyman, died in 2001 of lymphatic cancer and bassist Dee Dee Ramone, born Douglas Colvin, died of a drug overdose, a year later.

Johnny's wife, Linda, and fellow musicians Eddie Vedder of Pearl Jam, Rob Zombie, and John Frusciante of the Red Hot Chili Peppers were at his bedside at the time of his death. Johnny passed in his sleep during the early afternoon at home in Los Angeles.

After attending military academy, Johnny took up the guitar at age 22. He and his friends shared a love for bands like the New York Dolls and the icon Iggy Pop. Their interest in this music would lead Johnny, singer Joey, bassist Dee Dee and drummer Tommy to form the band, the Ramones in 1974. Despite the fact that they had different original last names, they each legally changed them to Ramone.

"Johnny was a true punk, no question about it," said Gary Kurfirst, The Ramones' former manager.

Kurfirst first met the band in 1977 when they were sharing a bill at the Orpheum Theatre in Boston with the band the Talking Heads. Kurfirst got into an argument with the Ramones over using their lights during the Talking Heads set. In the end, Kurfirst won the argument and was allowed to use the lights.

A year later, Johnny personally called Kurfist and said that he had liked his tenacity and would like him to join on as the bands manager. He would be their manager for the next 25 years.

"To understand Johnny, one only had to stand in the parking lot of Lollapalooza and watch the 50 or so tour busses pull up transporting the various artists, wives and families, security, and road crews, and then see out of the corner of your eye an eight-passenger van pull up with these four leather-clad road warriors," Kurfirst said.

"According to the former manager, the band would drive home from shows in Washington DC, Buffalo and Boston so that they would not waste money on a hotel. This odd decision was a request of Johnny's.

"Why spend money on a hotel when I can sleep in my own bed," he once said. It was odd peccadilloes like this that helped to form Johnny's reputation as a not so average rock star.

The Ramones broke onto the music scene in New York in 1976 with their first album, the self-titled, "Ramones." The band soon became famous for coining what was a new sound: simple rock and roll. Their music mainly consisted of the simplicity of four chords, a catchy tune and odd lyrics. All of this with a speedy tempo created a sound that would inspire generations of punk bands.

Johnny was individually known for his political beliefs. Not belitting of the average punk rock star, Ramone was an

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Lead guitarist Johnny Ramone was known in his time for his live performances with the group the Ramones. Ramone passed away after a long battle with Prostate cancer on Wednesday.

Britney's new music video

By Christopher Gazzara
Collegian Correspondent

Britney Spears' image has been tossed and turned in the collective public eye for the past six years. She has been called a princess, a harlot, a queen, a tramp and everything in between. Finally, she has chosen to make a statement on the matter.

Known for keeping mum when it comes to criticism, Britney has apparently had enough. In her new video, a Bobby Brown cover, slated for release on her greatest hits compilation due out in November, Britney finally lights back.

The first clip depicts Britney driving her car recklessly through the Hollywood Hills, a trip culminating in a crash in the pool of a stately mansion. She exits the car, and proceeds to enter the house, ignoring the shocked faces of the crowd around her. She is soaked from head to toe as she enters the mansion and passes a woman who tugs at the ribbon on her dress. The dress falls to the floor and Britney proceeds through the hallway and enters a room where fiance Kevin Federline sits in an armchair. He appears to be viewing projections of Spears on a screen. The image is an interesting one, not unlike Madonna's video, "Take a Bow." Britney is wearing white lingerie, and is moving around on a bed. Here, she lays down her truth, "All these strange relationships really get me down/I see nothing wrong in spreading myself around."

The real-life Britney stands in front of Federline, dances for a moment and leans in for a kiss. From there, waistfall move her into a changing area and she dons a fur coat. She looks at herself in the mirror, while she coos, "Ego trips is not my thing." Clips of the projection reappear, as well as new clips of real-life Britney lying in a bed, wearing a black dress. She gets up and walks back outside where she meets Federline at the door. He takes her hand and they proceed to walk down an aisle, where a black minister stands, smiling at the couple. As Federline slips the ring on her finger, lights flash behind the altar, and a new Britney appears. She is dancing in a club setting, still in plain view of her wedding ceremony.

She brings together two personalities in this montage public Britney, pop godess and private Britney, a girl in love.

With all the bad press surrounding her recent marriage and annulment to childhood friend, Jason Alexander, it is clear that Spears is using this video as an opportunity to clear up some of the speculation about her motives for marrying Federline.

In a recent interview on the new show, the Larry Elder Show, Alexander slammed Spears, stating that she and her family have changed. "Nothing against her, but I wouldn't want to be a part of that family," he said.

Luckily, I don't believe Mr. Alexander has anything to worry about.

Britney shown above in her new video "My Prerogative."



Britney caused great controversy in the 2003 MTV Video Music Awards.



Britney and beau Kevin Fuderline were recently engaged.

Basinger and Evans deliver suprise performance in 'Cellular'

By Johnny Donaldson
Collegian Staff

Suspense is a state of being that only exists when we don't know what's going to happen. Hollywood thrillers are meant to exploit that tingly sensation of breathless anticipation, yet all too often they come off as flat and predictable — mechanical exercises that go through Hitchcockian motions.

"Cellular," a technology thriller about cell phones and "Paparazzi," a film that gets off from the boogeyman of tabloid celebrity obsession, are both suspense films in the familiar, comfort-food mode of most generic Hollywood jolt-a-thons, but they keep us on the edge of our seat in newly pleasurable ways.

'Cellular'
Directed by David R. Ellis
Starring Kim Basinger Chris Evans
New Line
Rated PG-13
86 mins
Grade B

"Cellular" may be the first movie made that's entirely centered around the technological miracle that is the cell phone. It's based on a story by the cult filmmaker Larry Cohen (the script is actually by Chris Morgan) who last made the last electronic communications thriller, "Phone Booth." That movie pinned Colin Farrell in, yes, a phone booth for 81 minutes, as he parried back and forth with the purring, velvet-voiced sniper on the other end of the line.

In "Cellular" the poor schmuck stuck on the line is Ryan (Chris Evans), a callow beach bum in his twenties that answers his shiny new cellular (it even has a video camera attached) only to be confronted by the frantic pleas of Jessica Martin (Kim Basinger), an Los Angeles based science teacher who has been kidnapped by a band of armed thugs.

Most of "Cellular" consists of Ryan rushing around Los Angeles, stealing cars and brandishing guns. The fun of the movie comes from watching Ryan get in touch with his inner action hero. Events force him into helping out Jessica – she's on a dilapidated phone, and she may not get another chance if the line cuts out. We see Ryan squeezed into a situation straight out of Hitchcock: the innocent man caught in a web of suspense.

Too much of "Cellular" is made from out-of-the-bucket parts; dirty cops, incriminating videotapes, the creeping walk through dark and enclosed spaces. The movie's director is David R. Ellis, who previously directed the giddy and gore-drenched "Final Destination 2." If anything, he knows how to direct a thriller in a way that it zooms along happily on its own formula wavelength (he can also stage a mean highway demolition derby).

The acting in "Cellular" is surprisingly top-notch, from the bruised strength of Basinger to the boyish likeability of Evans to William H. Macy, who is given a rare heroic part.

"Cellular" never actually comes together as a movie, but it does have enough clever parts to keep you entertained.

'Paparazzi'
Directed by Paul Abascal
Starring Cole Hauser Tom Sizemore
Fox
Rated PG-13
93 mins
Grade C

The time is about right to make a drama about the tawdry ghost of celebrity mania. "Paparazzi," is not that movie. We live in a time when we want to know everything about our Hollywood royalty. It would be nice to see a movie that addressed the double-edged sword of celeb worship, to see how the paparazzi that staulk and skewer their prey with a telescopic lens may be scum, but we, the worshippers, are just as complicit. "Paparazzi," however, is a lurid, death-wish revenge fantasy. It's a movie in which we're supposed to cheer at the destruction of life at hand.

Cole Hauser, with his model's face and honeyed-gravel voice, plays Bo Laramie, a Midwestern nobody who becomes a Hollywood somebody when he stars in a schlock action flick titled "Adrenaline Force." We never get to see that movie (I'm not sure I wanted to) but, we get to hear a lot of names dropped and see a lot of celebrity cameos (Vince Vaughn, Chris Rock, Matthew McConaughey) as if the director wanted the movie to be an inside-the-industry satire wrapped in the body of a suspense film.

Unfortunately though, "Paparazzi" never makes sense. The movie leapfrogs through plot hole after plot hole as if that is how to keep us on the edge of our seat, but that just makes the film look even dumber and worse, cartoonish. It exists outside the realm of suspendable disbelief.

Laramie has been stalked by a quartet of scummy camera hounds, led by particularly sleazy photographer Rex Harper (Tom Sizemore.) Boxing him in on the street one night, they cause him to crash, injuring his wife and child. Soon the paparazzi begin dying off one by one, and the detective investigating (Dennis Farina) suspects that Laramie might be involved.

There's some funky inventiveness in the way that Laramie, his face frozen into a mask of stoic vengeance, picks off the paparazzo. Yet the movie is so unbalanced that it topples into oblivion. The movie doesn't just make the shutterbugs into slimy careerists; it has to give them extra-dirty back-stories (attempted rape and assault weapon possession charges just to name a couple) so that we hiss at them even more.

Laramie, meanwhile, is hardly given a personality. His character is written and acted in a way that progressively makes him appear less like a movie star and more like your friendly neighborhood carpenter. His rage is even less convincing in its brutality. It seems to have been contrived and laid upon him by the screenplay. "Paparazzi" wants you to root for Laramie to demolish these camera-touting thugs, but the film is so flat that you hardly care who gets whom. The movie, for all its trickery, just evaporates into thin air.



William H. Macy recently co-starred in David R. Ellis' new thriller "Cellular."



The Ramones have lost three of their members since 1991. On Wednesday, lead guitarist Johnny Ramone became the most recent to pass on.

Johnny Ramone passes away at 55

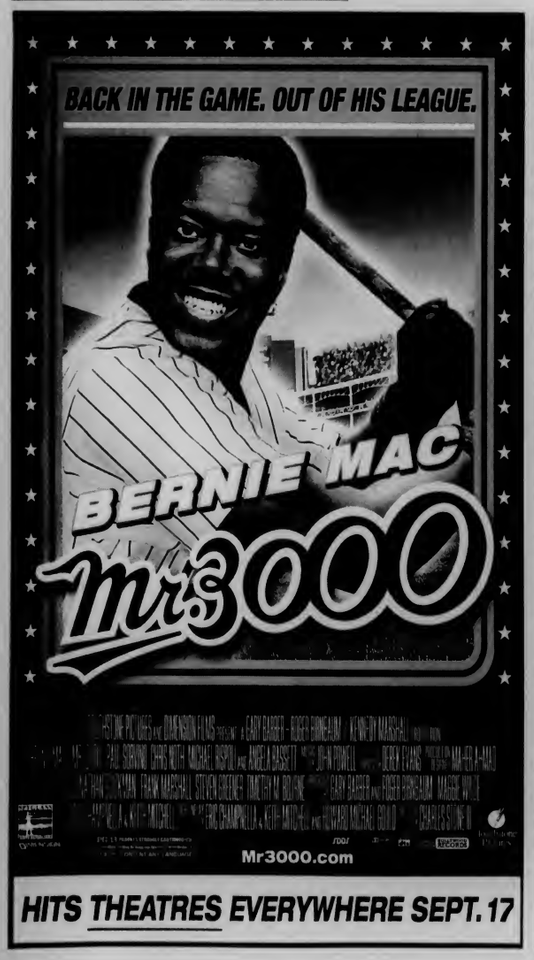
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advocate for the Republican Party and was a staunch supporter of the recently deceased President Ronald Reagan.

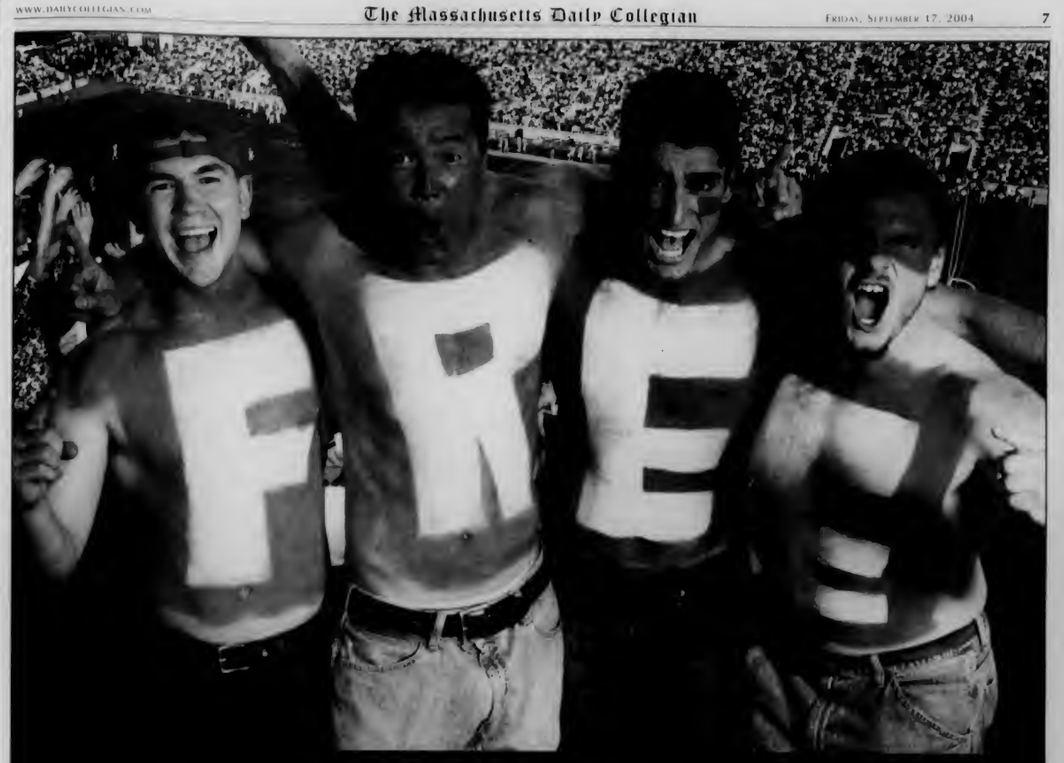
Just before Johnny Ramone's death, on Sunday, September 12, bands like the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Pearl Jam, and even crazed rocker Henry Rollins performed in a Ramones tribute concert in Hollywood to benefit the Lymphoma Research Foundation and the Cedars-Sinai Prostate Cancer Research Center.

Also, A documentary entitled "End of the Century: The Story of The Ramones," was released in theaters recently. The documentary is a complete and in depth biography of the band that spans their entire career before they called it quits for good in 1996. The band was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2002.

Johnny was cremated in a private ceremony on Thursday. There will also be an unveiling of a statue of Johnny Ramone at Hollywood Forever Cemetery next month.







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Ways to pass the time without the National Hockey League

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going to get our entertainment?

College hockey prohibits fighting, and minor league hockey is simply that, amateurs that punch like pansies. Where are we going to find a good fight on TV that won't charge us $60 just to see De La Hoya go down quicker than a pint of your favorite drink?

The answer: celebrity boxing. Rupert Murdoch, if you have any brains left in you, you will sign Gary Coleman to a 12-fight deal before it's too late!

For the rest of you Americans that lost interest in hockey five years ago, it's time to find a new sport to cling to, and yours truly has a suggestion: why not give that other Canadian pastime a try?

You know, that other game the Native Americans invented hundreds of years ago.

I'm talking about lacrosse. It's the perfect combination of stick swinging and body-checking all wrapped up into one. And it's a growing sport, too. Just ask the 46,000 that showed up for last year's NCAA Final Four.

Best of all, you can play it anywhere, not just inside a frigid rink.

Brendan Hall is a Collegian columnist.

NHL players forced to search for work

By Rob Gloster
Associated Press

NHL players began scattering across the globe Thursday in search of work on Day 1 of the lockout, with no negotiations scheduled between union and management.

While rinks from Pittsburgh to Montreal to Anaheim figure to be quiet in the coming weeks, the ice will be crowded with high-priced talent in places such as the Czech Republic.

Jaromir Jagr skated for the first time with the Czech team Rabat Kladno, wearing the blue and white colors of the club that nurtured him before he arrived in the NHL in 1990. His father is the club president.

"He should start playing as soon as he is healthy, hopefully next week," said Ota Cerny, the team's general manager, referring to the hip injury that bothered Jagr during the World Cup of Hockey.

Jagr, who would have been working out with his New York Rangers teammates if not for the lockout, also returned to the Czech Republic during the 1994 NHL lockout. He scored eight goals in 11 games for Kladno.

Pavel Barta, a Czech league official, said about 30 of the 73 Czech-born NHL players will come home to play in local leagues during the lockout – which both NHL owners and players say could wipe out this entire season. Among them is Milan Hejduk of the Colorado Avalanche, who is expected to join HC Moeller Pardubice.

"This is a great bonus that makes the local league much more attractive," Barta said. "The fans will finally see the big names they otherwise see only on television."

In North America, the predominant sound Thursday at NHL practice arenas was silence. In Columbus, Ohio, the speakers outside the Blue Jackets' arena were quiet instead of blaring franchise highlights.

Some players held informal workouts, while others were busy looking for work – either overseas, or in the revived World Hockey Association that plans to open Oct. 29 or in a six-team circuit called the Original Stars Hockey League that will feature four-on-four play.

Others are expected to appear in the AHL, where the season begins Oct. 13. Three Ottawa Senators regulars will play for a farm team in Binghamton, N.Y., and Ottawa goalie Dominik Hasek is expected to at least work out with the minor league team for two weeks.

The league is seeking massive economic change, and NHL commissioner Gary Bettman has said the confrontation possibly could extend to the 2005-06 season and jeopardize the NHL's place in the 2006 Winter Olympics.

He said the teams combined to lose more than $1.8 billion over 10 years, adding management will not agree to a deal that doesn't include a defined relationship between revenue and salaries. Union head Bob Goodenow said players are "not prepared to entertain a salary cap in any way, shape, measure or form."

The 30 teams – 24 in the United States, six in Canada – had been set to start opening training camps Thursday, the day after the expiration of the current labor contract.

The deal was first agreed to in 1995 and extended two years later through Sept. 15, 2004. Bettman termed the extension "a mistake, in hindsight."

While players and owners defended their positions Thursday, one player reflected on what could be his second lost season in recent years.

Several Sabres players and New York Islanders captain Michael Peca gathered at a rink in suburban Buffalo for an informal workout. Peca missed the entire 2000-01 season because of a contract dispute with the Sabres and eventually was traded in June 2001 to the Islanders.

"Speaking from experience, sitting out a season is not the easiest thing to do," he said. "But (now) you have 700-plus guys on your side, and not just you standing alone. Obviously, the principles are very strong and we'll stick by them."

The stoppage is the first for a North American major league since the 1998-99 NBA lockout.

UM to battle Rams

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The junior duo leads the offensive attack for the Rams. Melanie, coming off a season in which she was named the A-10 Offensive Player of the Year, is third on the team in scoring. Megan, a preseason first-team All-Conference selection, is leading the team in points.

The task of containing this twosome will be even more difficult for the Minutewomen if sophomore defender Stephanie Barrett doesn't suit up. Barrett injured her knee in Sunday's game at New Hampshire and, as of Wednesday, Rudy was still unsure if she would be able to play. Barrett turned in her best effort of the season before being injured, shutting down one of the Wildcats' leading scorers.

Despite the prospect of competing against one of the better teams in the A-10 shorthanded, Rudy remains optimistic about his team.

"I think we're about 18 inches away from being 3-1," Rudy said, citing the number of shots that have hit the posts for UMass and the number of passes that have just missed setting up goals.

"We've made a lot of errors that are youth-related, but they're trying hard," Rudy said. "We've been close, and it's frustrating because it's agonizingly close."

This UMass team is very young, as six freshmen have seen extensive playing time already, and Rudy understands that there will be some growing pains.

"I didn't expect to be 0-4," Rudy said. "But I think that reality has set in. We're young, and we're going to make young errors."

And while Rudy is still waiting for his returning players to raise their level of play, he is encouraged that the team has not gotten into any finger-pointing and that the players are continuing to work hard.

One win this early in a long season typically isn't a huge feat, but for the young UMass team, a win Friday night against a top conference opponent could be just what is needed to turn the season around.

Patriots well-rested for Cards

By Bob Baum
Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) – Not that they need it, but the New England Patriots have more going for them than superior talent this weekend against Arizona.

They have three extra days to prepare after opening with a Thursday night victory at home over Indianapolis. And they have a bye to rest up after a sweaty weekend in the desert.

"That really just assured me the sense of humor the NFL has in their schedule," Arizona coach Dennis Green said.

Even the weather gods are smiling on New England. Weeks of triple-digit heat are expected to give way to a cooling trend, with the high forecast in the low to mid 90s for Sunday.

"We need it to be about 110," the Cardinals' Emmitt Smith said.

The Patriots came to Phoenix on Thursday for some extra time to prepare for what still will be warm conditions. The defending Super Bowl champions leave little to chance. That's one reason they have won 16 games in a row, two shy of the NFL record.

"They've got great players all the way around," Smith said. "Great corners, great linebackers, great defensive linemen, a great head coach, great offense, great wide receivers, great schemes, super fans I guess. What else can I say? They're superb."

Coach Bill Belichick, though, will have none of the talk of winning streaks or Super Bowl triumphs.

"There's no championship team. There's been one game played this year, and that's it," he said. "And so nobody's won anything. Nobody's done anything. Everybody's got a long, long way to go and a lot of football left to play."

The Cardinals will be playing their home opener under new coach Dennis Green, and are coming off a competitive, but losing, effort at St. Louis, where they were beaten 17-10 after leading 10-9 early in the fourth quarter.

Green appears to be making progress in changing the attitude of players in the perpetually losing Arizona franchise. Just listen to rookie defensive tackle Darnell Dockett talk about the Patriots.

"I'm a professional player. This is what I get paid to do," he said. "I'm not overwhelmed by all their Super Bowls and all that. I just want to go out there and play, and find out if they're really that good."

Rushing defense was a sore spot for New England in its opener, with Edgerrin James gaining 142 yards for the Colts in a 27-24 Patriots' victory that wasn't assured until Indianapolis' Mike Vanderjagt missed a 48-yard field goal with 24 seconds to play.

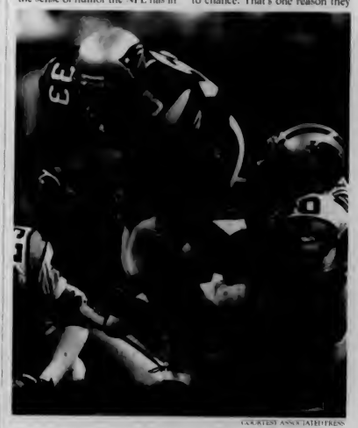
Only Clinton Portis gained more than 100 yards against New England last season.

"If it gets better, maybe it will be an aberration," the Patriots' coach said. "If it doesn't, then we'll say that's a huge problem. We won't know until Sunday where it is."

Green, 3-0 lifetime against Belichick-coached teams, believes there's an obvious reason for the run defense problems.

"They miss Ted Washington," Green said of the big nose tackle who signed with Oakland. "In a league of big players, then there are giant players. Ted Washington is about as big as they get."

Smith, the NFL's career rushing leader, gained 87 yards in 16 carries, including an 11-yard touchdown, against the Rams, his best game since coming to Arizona.



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Patriots running back Kevin Faulk fights for yards during the Super Bowl. Faulk will be inactive once again this weekend.

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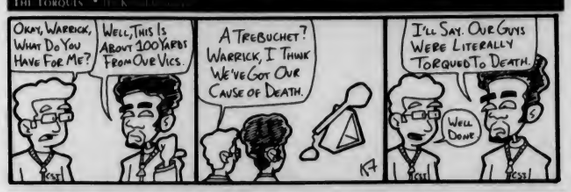
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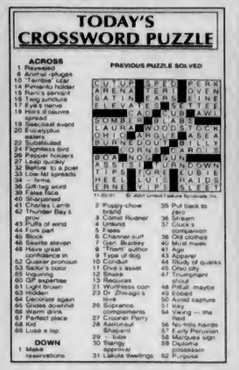
Be careful, Anais, abnormal pleasures kill the taste for normal ones.

--"Henry & June"

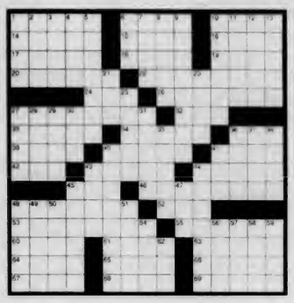
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68 Kid
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UMass Classic on tap

Minutemen to play Siena and Harvard

By Bob McGovern
COLLEGIAN STAFF

After a thrilling 3-2 double overtime victory over Hartford on Wednesday, the Massachusetts men's soccer team (1-3-0, 0-0-0 A-10) is looking to take two this weekend at the UMass Classic.

The Minutemen will take on Siena (0-3-1) and Harvard (1-3-0) on Saturday and Sunday, respectively. This will be the 11th annual UMass Classic, where the Minutemen are 10-4-2.

UMass coach Sam Koch is excited for the event, but is more concerned with his team continuing to improve.

"It's nice to be at home, I wouldn't say it's big, it's an opportunity to play and work on the things we need to work on," Koch said. "Slowly but surely we need to tighten up in the back and create a little bit more on offense."

Koch is looking to advance upon the successes his team achieved in its game against Hartford. In the first half it was pure domination by the Minutemen, but a couple of miscues in the second half turned what looked like a sure thing into a nail biter for UMass.

"We've got to make it more difficult for the other team to get scoring opportunities and we have to stay more compact and identify our defensive assignments better than we have," Koch said.

One major move on defense was the switching of junior captain Craig Canavan to sweeper from center-back midfield. Canavan played most of last year's campaign at sweeper, and feels he is more comfortable on defense.

"I feel a lot more comfortable back there. I can see the field better," Canavan said after Wednesday's game. "To credit Tim Kitchell he tackles a little harder than I do, so I think the positions for each of us are a better fit."

Kitchell was moved up to center midfield where he will join Ian O'Donnell as an aggressive duo on defense. Canavan will be their vocal leader and attempt to organize a defense that has yet to reach its untapped potential.

Over it's first three games the Minutemen gave up a total of nine goals, while only scoring two. Going into this season there was little doubt that the UMass defense would hold its own. Now with this slight alteration, Koch is hoping his defense is finally where it should be.

"They've all played for a long time, so I think they understand the concept, it's now making sure that they're working together as a unit," Koch said. "They need to communicate with each other and how they stay disciplined with their assignments will determine how we play."

Siena is winless on the season, but is coming off a respectable performance against Binghampton, who was ranked No. 22 in the nation. In their three previous contests the Saints were shutout by their opponents, but thanks to a goal and assist by Alejandro Vazquez, Siena was able to break out of its drought.

Harvard has had its share of troubles this year, but won its first game on Sunday against Siena 1-0. The Crimson has given up a total of six goals in three games thus far, and is looking to turnaround its early-season defensive struggles.

Atlantic 10 champion Rhode Island, defeated Harvard in its first game of the season 3-1, so the Crimson is no strangers to some of the top talent in the Minutemen's conference.

Leading the way for Harvard has been Charles Altcheck and Matt Hall. Altcheck has two goals on the season for the Crimson, while Hall has been quite busy on offense with a team-leading 11 shots.



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Sophomore Nick Billman has split time with senior captain Colin Burns in net for the Maroon and White this season.

What to do without the NHL

The inevitable is now official. What was once merely word of mouth on the street has now made its way to the front page. There will be no hockey for quite some time.

So what is a guy or girl like you and I supposed to do to keep entertained while we wait for these stingy owners, bone-headed players and apathetic powers-that-be in the front office to cease clashing and finally adopt a salary cap? Yours' truly has a few suggestions.

Brendan Hall

For starters, I am creating my own rotisserie hockey league. I haven't decided what to name my league yet, but I've got some good ones.

I don't know, does anyone think "The Washed-up, Unemployed, Mullet-haired Hockey Bums League" would be pushing it? I think I'm going to stick with my team's name though—"Greed, Inc." After all, the latest box score off the press is "Greed 1, NHL 0."

But since goals, assists and saves are going to be rendered useless for the next year and a half, I've decided to count things like ignorant statements said in interviews, court appearances, DUI's, Russian supermodels hooked up with, and phrases said that sound wicked hilarious with that weird accent (about time for another Molson, eeh?).

Bonus points will be awarded to players with funny last names. Right now my team consists of Jeremy Roenick, Theo Fleury, Miroslav Satan, Radek Bonk and Mr. 44 himself, Todd Bertuzzi. Think you can beat me?

And for all you Chicago Blackhawks fans, you can stop hucking rocks at Bill Wirtz's house — for now. He's still the worst owner in sports, and his behavior is inexcusable for such a historic franchise, but the player's are the real reason this deal didn't work out and they are out on the street and unemployed.

Do yourselves a favor and pay a visit to your least favorite player and tell them, "My grandmother can hold a job longer than you ... and she can't read!"

For us few, lonely Bruins fans, that's just one less tragedy for us to worry about. By now, we're all sick and tired of the Black and Gold making a great late-season run in which they are practically invincible (or just backing their way in, depending on if it's an even or odd year), only to see them get their butts handed to them on a silver platter.

But that's just the tip of the iceberg. Let's not forget Brady and Schilling were on back-to-back covers of Sports Illustrated, and that other not-so-insignificant guy they used to call "The Glove" would rather quit. I can't sleep at night anymore ... thanks a lot, ESPN.

Don't worry, there's still hope from the revenue perspective. Remember that movie "Field of Dreams?" You know, when the voices in Kevin Costner's head tell him to destroy his farm and build a baseball field, and then all his imaginary friends start playing baseball with him?

I think you get the idea. If you open the doors, fans will still come to the arena to drink beer and cuss at each other from respectable distances. Unless you're in Philadelphia, then a brawl will ensue.

Which brings me to fighting: the one thing that even the casual fan will miss during the lockout. With no hockey fights, where are we

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Tracy Razzano plays the ball during a recent game at Garber Field.

Still in search of first victory, Minutewomen to host Maine

By Joshua Pollock
COLLEGIAN CORRESPONDENT

The Massachusetts field hockey team (0-6) will be looking for its first win of the season as they face Maine (5-2) on Sunday at Garber Field at 2 p.m.

The Maroon and White will look to continue its dominance against the Black Bears, as Maine has never beaten UMass. This will be the first time that these two teams have met in ten years. UMass leads the all-time series 12-0-1.

Maine is currently second in the standings in the America East and is rolling after three consecutive wins against Fairfield, Temple and Dartmouth.

Head coach Patty Shea will be looking for her players to give a performance similar to how they played against Boston University.

"We definitely need to carry over our intensity, fight, emotion and communication," Shea said. "We collectively played the game very strong."

The Minutewomen endured a heartbreaking 1-0 loss at home against BU on Wednesday but played what Shea considered some of their best field hockey of the young season.

"Our defense is doing an incredible job," Shea said. "We haven't been scored against on a penalty corner yet. Right now our biggest weakness is finishing. We need to put the ball in the cage."

Although they made a significant improvement from the Terrapin Invitational, UMass has just two goals in six games this season, and will be looking to avoid its fourth shutout in a row.

Junior goalkeeper Jamie Morin will defend the cage for the Black Bears on Sunday. She currently ranks second in the America East Conference with two shutouts in six games. She also ranks second in goals against average (1.48).

"Goalkeeping is a very strong point for Maine," Shea said. "[Maine coach] Terry Kix is a former goalkeeper, and you can see her strong influence at that position."

After making a tremendous effort in the loss at BU, the team is feeling a little frustration. Shea feels this can be an advantage.

"We need to channel our frustration, and turn it into a positive spin in practice," she said. Perhaps Thursday's day off will also work in favor for the struggling Minutewomen, who haven't scored a goal since September 5 against Harvard. Maine plays Harvard on Saturday before traveling to Amherst for Sunday's game.

In order to win, the Maroon and White will need to have to come up with more scoring opportunities. UMass currently ranks last in the Atlantic-10 averaging a mere six shots per game with a 0.40 goals per game average. In comparison, Atlantic 10 Conference leading Richmond is averaging 24 shots per game, with an average of 5 goals per game.

While they have gotten off to a slow start to the season, Coach Shea remains positive. "It's about where we're going, not what has happened," she said. "We took some critical steps against BU, and we want to carry them over to this game against Maine."

UM will travel to face A-10 rival Rhode Island

By Dan Duggan
COLLEGIAN STAFF

Streaks are a major part of sports. One only needs to look at the recent surge of the Boston Red Sox to see that a prolonged winning streak can change the entire complexion of a season.

The flip side of this coin is dealing with an extended losing streak. This is the challenge facing the Massachusetts women's soccer team: to end its four-game losing skid.

Whereas everything seems to be going the Sox way for the past month, the Minutewomen haven't been able to catch a break. From shots hitting crossbars and posts to a host of injuries and downright inconsistent play, UMass has been unable to register a victory this season.

"We haven't really gotten our measure of luck," coach Jim Rudy said. "But you make some of your luck. The team is pushing hard, and we've been in every game."

The Minutewomen get a chance to break into the win column this Friday night when they travel to the University of Rhode Island to take on the Rams.

URI (2-4, 0-0 Atlantic-10) has played some of the best competition in the country to begin the season, and is expected to be one of the top teams in the A-10 this year.

Rudy sees the game against Rhode Island as an opportunity for the team to turn around the season.

"In a way, the Rhode Island game becomes a new season for us," Rudy said. "You can forget what our record is because in conference we're 0-0."

While Rudy would like nothing more than to leave Rhode Island with a win, UMass will have a tough challenge.

The Maroon and White will have its hands full trying to contain the explosive Kasparek twins.

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Carly Thurman and the Minutewomen will travel to Kingston to face the Rams on Saturday.

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Minutemen fall to Richmond for first loss of 2004
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$40K raised in "Light the Night"

By Mike Di Natale and Erika Lovley
Collegian Staff

Friends and family of Casey Kane, a former Massachusetts Daily Collegian Editor in Chief and University of Massachusetts student, were among the participants who walked in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's 6th annual "Light the Night Walk" at Look Memorial Park in Northampton last night to raise money for the victims of blood cancers like lymphoma, which Kane died of on May 16, 2004.

Hope shined as bright as the crowd's lighted balloons – survivors carrying red, and supporters holding white. The crowd seemed compelled to be there — whether it was the memories of lost loved ones or the arousing sense of camaraderie from fellow walkers. But mostly, the people gathered in hope that their efforts will lead to a cure for the numerous types of blood cancer that effect so many each year. "It was a nice event. I'll definitely do it again. Casey and I were supposed to do it last year, but she wasn't up to it," said Matt Vautour, Casey's friend.

"I want to help find a cure, so that other families don't have to suffer," said Elaine Patrick Smith, 60, who was inspired to participate in this year's walk after her uncle passed away two years ago after a bout with cancer, "It's a good cause."

Caroline Menir, 54, walking for the 4th consecutive year, expressed her desire to help the society, "My cousin's mother passed away because of lymphoma and I heard about this through the grape vine."

This year's two-mile walk, which took participants in a loop around Look Memorial Park, should raise "as much as $40,000 for the society," according to the event's coordinator, Kim McDonough.

The money will be used to raise awareness and fight for a cure for blood cancers like leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma. With these goals in mind, the charity group has become one of the top rated groups of its kind; using 75 percent of their expenditures to directly aid their cause.

The day's activities began shortly after 4:00 p.m., when people began to trickle into the area out the walk's starting point. Taking advantage of the beautiful afternoon, families were taking time for picnic lunches and barbequing, as well as making room to toss around a few baseballs and footballs. The Society provided a DJ to entertain people as they waited for the walk to begin, keeping the mood festive by playing a wide selection of classic oldies.

For the kids, there was face painting, and balloon animals.

As the sun began to set, event leaders took the microphone away from the DJ, and began to thank participants and sponsors for being there, remind the crowd that "everyone can make a difference."

At 6:30 p.m. precisely, the walk began. The participants balloons lit up the night with their flashing lights, shining bright to symbolize the hope of those carrying them. Over 500 walkers participated, varied in age from young to old. One child walked with the aid of crutches, while others whom were unable to walk were pushed in wheelchairs by their fellow participants.

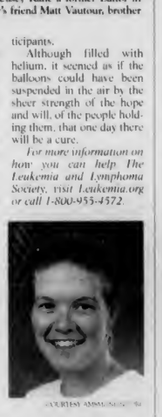
Although filled with helium, it seemed as if the balloons could have been suspended in the air by the sheer strength of the hope and will, of the people holding them, that one day there will be a cure.

For more information on how you can help The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, visit Leukemia.org or call 1-800-955-4572.



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"Light the Night Walk" volunteers walk in memory of Casey Kane a former Editor in Chief of the Massachusetts Daily Collegian. From left, Casey's friend Matt Vautour, brother Chris Kane, mother Eileen Kane and father Bill Kane.



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Casey Kane died of lymphoma in May 2004.

IPO estimates '04-'05 budget deficit

By Jeremy Dirac
Collegian Correspondent

According to a news release Wednesday, the University of Massachusetts projected a $675,000 deficit for the International Program Office this year. It attributes the shortfall to state budget cuts and the outcome of recent arbitration over the controversial international student fee.

"That fee would have provided approximately $180,000 in annual revenue" according to a UMass news release.

The release also said the budget shortfall will be addressed by using money from financial reserves, closing some study abroad programs, increasing fees, and "more vigorous recruitment for study abroad."

Increases in visa fees for foreign students and user fees for domestic students reduced this year's $675,000 deficit projection down to $375,000 according to the news release. It also said that "bridge funds" would cover $315,000. Another $60,000 is to be generated by increasing the application fee for international graduate students from $50 to $65. However, domestic students will still pay $40.

The director of the IPO, Frank Hugus said that the "bridge funds" come from two sources — the IPO's financial reserve and bridge money, whose amount is negotiated with the Provost's office. Hugus said that the increase in the international students' application fee puts UMass in line with other schools.

"Virtually every other university in the country charges a similar fee," said Hugus.

The IPO developed the international student fee to pay for the cut in its funding and to pay for the newly mandated Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), required under the Patriot Act. The system is an electronic record keeping system for international students. About $10 of the $65 fee went towards paying for SEVIS.

The Graduate Employee Organization told The Republican newspaper in August. SEVIS, which is still running, was one of the primary reasons many international students were upset about the fee increases.

"We believe that asking international students to pay for their own surveillance is not only discriminatory, but a blow in the face of the hard-working individuals from foreign countries that contribute to the academic excellence at UMass" reads the GEO website.

International students were also upset because they felt that the fee discriminated against them and ought to be applied throughout the student body. Many of those affected claimed that graduate students cannot take out loans, are limited in the hours that they can work, and faced increases in tuition and housing just before the fee went into place last semester.

Following a long battle between the GEO and others against the administration, the international student fee was repealed.

"It was definitely worth the efforts. We overturned this fee through arbitration, but that was only because of all the efforts we put in elsewhere," said GEO Labor Educator, Craig Sinclair.

Those opposed to the fee made petitions one with about 1000 signatures. Others performed protest rallies the largest was on February 19, when about 250 students marched through Whitmore chanting "This racist policy's got to go." About 20 students from that rally engaged in a hunger strike, while about 200-250 students refused to pay the student fee, risking expulsion and possible deportation.

Sinclair said that the administration has been willing to change the facts, first making SEVIS appear to be the main reason for the international student fee and then downplaying it's role.

"Because they're the establishment, we have to constantly prove that they're fudging the facts" said Sinclair.

Provost Charlena Seymour was unavailable for comment at press time.

Students register at "01003 Votes"

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

Despite poor weather, University of Massachusetts students trenched though heavy downpours to the Student Union Ballroom Saturday to register to vote and enjoy the festivities at the campaign for "01003 Votes!"

Several student groups, volunteers and politicians gathered to support the youth vote and to encourage the college-aged to make a difference in not only this year's presidential election but also elections on the campus, town and state level.

The Student Center for Educational Research and Advocacy, a registered student organization on campus was there to inform students about the importance of voting in all elections, both national and local.

"I got involved with SCERA because I want to see more students getting involved," sophomore Deirdra Felley said, "if we all lived up to our potential, we would make a humongous difference."

According to Felley, UMass would be the largest absentee voting block in the state.

Brian Roberts, a junior, engineering major volunteers for SCERA because he feels that if the youth voters understand the election process, more people would get involved in elections.

"Personally, I am here because I think the students really need to make a change, the apathy of voting now is not good. Being involved and making change on so many issues is important," Roberts said. "If we're not voting or registering to vote, then we can't make any change and we can't do that when we don't have a voting constituency."

SCERA volunteers say that students are interested in voting but choose not to because they are nervous, not informed or are unaware of the actual election process. They handed out pamphlets containing the names, key issues and websites for all of the candidates.

"It does not matter who you are voting for," Roberts said, "it mat-

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From left to right: Sami Schneider, Ashley Curchin, Jessica Vallely and Dawa Lokvitsang register to vote in Student Union Ballroom.



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Band Day!
High school marching bands from across the state came together for the twentieth annual Band Day celebration Saturday. The bands performed with the UMass Minuteman Marching Band during halftime on Saturday.

Goodman speaks in Noho

By Brian Duffey
Collegian Correspondent

NORTHAMPTON — It was standing room only at the Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence on Saturday night for a presentation by Amy Goodman, host of the activist news program Democracy Now!

The presentation was part of a promotion of her new book, "The Exception to the Rulers," which was sponsored by United for a Fair Economy and Grassroots International. Goodman's visit to Northampton is part of a one hundred-city tour.

Eric Bachrach, who is the director of the Community Musical School of Springfield, said he came to hear Amy because of her, "just analysis" of the world's events.

"It's impossible to get information and truth from the standard commercial media, public radio, and public television," Bachrach said. "It's a one-sided biased interpretation with a military agenda."

Kevin Murray, a graduate student of the University of Massachusetts, is the Executive Director of Grassroots International, an organization that raises money from people in the U.S. to give to needy organizations around the globe. Murray spoke briefly about international injustice and the need for every person to do their part to improve our world.

Murray gave one example that happened last year to Disney CEO Michael Eisner. Apparently, Eisner made 115,000 times more than the

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Amy Goodman host of Democracy Now! is currently on a book tour.

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Bush up in polls, denies mobilizing

By Gabriel Dye
Collegian Staff

The poll gap has widened, and the insults are hot.

Current national public opinion polls released at the end of last week vary. Some show President Bush's emerging as a 13 point leader, while others reflect a statistical dead heat between the President and the Democratic nominee John Kerry.

The Pew Research Center for the People and the Press showed the two candidates neck and neck at 46 percent each among likely voters. According to the Gallup poll however, President Bush leads the race among likely voters with 55 percent to Kerry's 42 percent. A sizeable gap of 8 percent still remained between the candidates in the New York Times/CBS poll, with Bush's 51 percent to Kerry's 42 percent.

The polls are subject to change.

Bush's Texas Air National Guard service has taken a spotlight. Bush, addressing National Guard members, said he was proud of his service. In a potentially harmful contrast, documents recently released by CBS indicate that Bush received preferential treatment and refused to take a drug test during his service. The documents however, are of questionable authenticity.

Meanwhile, Kerry and Bush have continued to plug along the campaign trail.

With six weeks until the Nov. 2nd election, Kerry has sharpened his attacks on the Bush administration. Kerry charged Bush with having secret plans to mobilize Army Reserve and National Guard units following the election. "Hide it from the people, then make the move," said Kerry on Friday. A Pentagon spokesman has denied the accusation.

The infamous Swift Boat Veterans for Truth have resurfaced and are running a new attack on Kerry's credibility, citing his post-Vietnam actions. At the same time, the Bush campaign has filed a federal lawsuit in an attempt to force the Federal Election Commission to embrace restrictive regulations on independent advocacy groups.

The debate over Iraq remains the dominant theme of the election. Bush has latched onto a speech discrediting Kerry as a possible commander-in-chief.

"The problem is, just last summer [Kerry] had a completely different view (on the cost of our operations in Iraq)," Bush said Tuesday.

Kerry quickly responded with charges that Bush "glosses over Iraq as if everything is fine."

Kerry and Bush continue to campaign, mainly in key battleground states.



Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry reaches out to greet well wishers after his speech in Aurora, Colorado.



President George W. Bush speaks at the 126th National Guard Conference in Las Vegas.

Goodman speaks of worldwide equality and media

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average Haitian worker who sewed Disney insignia. Murray said that such inequality must be eradicated.

The Executive Director for United for a Fair Economy, Meizhu Lui said, "We're here because we feel that the biggest problem in the U.S. today is a growing inequality, poverty is growing at the bottom and the middle class is shrinking." This daughter of Chinese immigrants, said, "We have King George who wants to build an empire... of the corporations, by the corporations, and for the corporations."

A documentary titled "Exception to the Rulers," was shown where Goodman narrates her interpretation of the current condition of the media. It brought up the point that there is a real discussion in the national media as to whether or not torture is an acceptable means to obtain information. The film also described glaring disparities between the war coverage by CNN and CNN International. CNN International, as well as other non-American news outlets routinely shows the pictures of the casualties in Iraq, while CNN and other American channels do not disclose these pictures.

In the film, Amy says that there is an "explosion, or concentration of ownership," in the media. It uses Clear Channel — a company that now owns over 1400 radio stations — as an example. According to the film, Clear Channel, which a Bush-connected company, sponsors pro-war rallies and does not allow anti-war music on its airwaves. The film also reports that MTV will not play any video that uses the word war.

The documentary detailed a news phenomenon in which networks are paying retired military generals to assist with war coverage. The film asks the question, "Why don't they have peace activists on the payroll?"

In regards to the film, Goodman said, "This is journalism in America today."

In the time leading up to the occupation of Iraq, out of 393 pre-war interviews; CBS, NBC, ABC, and PBS combined only aired three anti-war voices, according to the film.

The film, which came out in April, was co-authored by Goodman's brother, David. He spoke after the film was shown.

"You can choose fiction or non-fiction," David Goodman said among a few chuckles and claps, which were not uncommon throughout the night. He referred to the media as "stenographers, megaphones for the government."

David Goodman addressed the issue of civil rights, which he feels have been eroded. He used several excerpts from the book to illustrate his point. One such story involved a man from South Carolina who was arrested for holding a, 'No war for oil,' sign.

The man was allegedly told to protest in a 'free speech zone.' He claims he responded by saying that he thought the whole country was a free speech zone. The man was subsequently arrested and charged with threatening the President's safety.

Mr. Goodman also cited the Democratic National Convention in Boston, where protestors were relegated to 'free speech' cages away from the convention site.

Before she had even uttered a word, Goodman was given a sustained standing ovation. She began by saying, "We have to challenge the corporate media and shore up independent media, it is a matter of life and death."

Goodman said the national corporate media has not interviewed her or her brother about the book, which is currently at number seventeen on the New York Times bestseller list. Amy told the story that at the beginning of the bombing campaign in Iraq, Dan Rather was interviewed by the BBC, a British broadcast news network, and he said that he can't ask the hard questions or he'll be neck laced.

Goodman mentioned the recent apology by the New York Times for their substandard coverage on Iraq. She said the apology is not enough. Goodman believes that their "lies" cost lives. She said that people believed that there were 'weapons of mass destruction' because the Times told them so.

"The people are not stupid, they just read these lies," she said.

Goodman also believes that there was a "re-writing of history" by the media following President Reagan's death.

She said that she is concerned that people will not leave their homes to vote in November. Goodman said that in 2000 most people in the U.S. did not go to the polls. "The only thing that's going to save this country is dissent,"she said.

Jay Deacon, the minister of the Unitarian Society said that he is a daily listener of Democracy Now! The hourly news program airs daily from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on 91.1 WMUA FM; it is broadcast on more than two hundred and seventy-five radio stations nationwide. Minister Deacon said that he does discuss current political issues with his congregation.

"Where the Bush administration has taken this county is disastrous and dangerous," said Deacon.

"We want to get the people addicted to truth," said Northampton resident Frances Crowe, who wore an 'I love the people of Iraq,' button over her Democracy Now t-shirt. Crowe spent four years advocating bringing Goodman's Democracy Now! program to WMUA.

"She's what a real journalist should be," said UMass Communications professor Sut Jhally.

Jhally went on to say that Democracy Now! is, "the only place where you can get real news."

Jhally recently finished a film called "Hijacking Catastrophe," which looks at how the Bush administration used 9/11 to sell a predetermined agenda for the invasion of Iraq. The film is already in theatres in San Francisco and New York. Jhally urges students to wake up at eight o'clock each morning to listen to Democracy Now! and said it will make students feel better because they will begin the day properly informed.

SCERA gets voters

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ters that you are voting."

SCERA is also running a campaign dubbed "Dorm Storm" where volunteers go into the campus dormitories knocking on doors asking people to register to vote or to educate them about the issues.

Michael DiNatal, a senior journalism major, re-registered to vote yesterday as a UMass Amherst resident.

"We live in a free democratic society and in order to live in that society, you have to vote.

DiNatal, who is voting for David Cobb of the Green Party this November, said that it is more important that the youth population votes rather than the candidate they are voting for.

Students from one of the newest Registered Student Organization additions "Voices of Planned Parenthood" were there to support youth voting and to educate students about abortions rights, sexuality and emergency contraception.

"We want to encourage people to vote in general but Kerry is pro-choice and that is important," said Jessica Parker, a sophomore BDIC major.

Their table was decorated with information about STD's, condoms and t-shirts. It also included posters with the slogan, "Politics is like sex, protect yourself – vote," a motto that actress Drew Barrymore has been known to wear on a t-shirt.

Other groups that represented youth voting and education were WOCLN," a women's voting group and "Democracy Matters!" The WOCLN encourages women of color and minorities to make a difference in this year's election.

Dawa Lokyitsang, a sophomore, said that is it especially important for women of color to vote. "It seems to me like a lot of youth is not voting and on top of that minorities are not and women of color are not voicing their demands," Lokyitsang said. "If you want change the vote, there are a lot of issues facing women of color."

Democracy Matters was there to educate students about public campaign funding and the idea of making it feasible for anyone to run in an election.

They mentioned that it seems like only very wealthy people run for president because of the high costs of campaigning. They want to "level the playing field" and give everyone a chance to run.

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Michael Gargano stopped by the ballroom and was pleased that so many students are coming out to register and re-register.

"I hope students get involved in the election process and don't take for granted being a citizen," Gargano said.

He also wants the student body to become more engaged in campus Elections.

"Voting matters nationally as well as locally," he said.

Festivities for the afternoon included music from Boston's hip-hop station WIMN-FM (Jam'n 94.5) and live music from local band, "Barry Kingston and the Screaming Souls."

Jessica Acosta, of the WIMN's Street Team has visited all UMass campuses in the state to register voters and offered incentives for registering like free CD's, t-shirts and gift certificates.

Acosta said that the most prevalent issue that the youth population is facing today is tuition prices and healthcare.

The total number of people that came to register, or request and absentee ballot has not been compiled yet because applications are still coming into the Student Activities office and the Dorm Storm Team is still gathering voter registration forms.

If you wish to register to vote or obtain an absentee ballot application, please visit the Student Activities Center in the Student Union.

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Students urged to vote in election

With Election Day drawing closer, there has been a lot more emphasis on today's youth to get out there and vote. And this year will be as key an election year as any for college students to stand out and have their voices heard. A lot of emphasis has been placed on younger voters, not so much from the presidential candidates, but from the country in general. There are many things that have been done by campus groups, as well as the government, to alleviate the voter registration process for students. For those who are not already registered to vote, students should take the initiative and get registered, regardless of whom they plan on voting for.

According to www.registerandvote2004.org, a site dedicated to helping young Americans get involved with the upcoming election by informing them on the issues and helping them register to vote, the 18-21 year-old demographic was first permitted to vote in 1972. Electoral participation among Americans under age 25 since then has declined 13 percent. As a direct result of the decline in student voting, many on-campus groups are attempting to assist those not yet registered to vote. One group, specifically, aiming to help students this election year is MassPIRG (Massachusetts Public Interest Relations Group).

During the first day of classes, MassPIRG representatives spoke to students during the first few minutes of class regarding the importance of voting. One argument that was mentioned were the dopies of some of the issues that the presidential candidates were focused on, one being prescription medication. Older Americans are the ones who are voting, and therefore, are more often addressed by the candidates. MassPIRG representatives concluded their speeches by handing out voter registration forms to all students who were not registered.

There was also a federal law set in place in 1998 that requires colleges and universities to alleviate the voter registration process for students. According to an article published in Scripps Howard News Service, an online news service based in Washington D.C., in a survey recently released by Harvard's Institute of Politics and The Chronicle of Higher Education, 16.9 percent of those institutions surveyed complied with the 1998 amendment to the Higher Education Act that requires colleges to obtain voter-registration forms 120 days before the local registration deadline and distribute them to all students.

For those UMass students who are not well-versed in the literature of the presidential election, www.registerandvote2004.org offers a lot of information on the candidates, including direct links to all the major news organizations' coverage of the election such as CNN, NBC and many more. The website also offers information and links on all the political parties' websites, along with biographies of all the candidates. In addition, the website includes many of the popular television commercials available for viewing that are encouraging people to vote.

This year, many celebrities, in particular a lot of hip-hop artists such as Sean "P. Diddy" Combs and Fat Joe are appearing in many commercials encouraging young Americans to vote. With all the publicity surrounding the upcoming election, many public figures have been throwing themselves out there in an attempt to gain more awareness to America's youth regarding the election. All students who have not already registered to vote are greatly encouraged to register and participate in the 2004 presidential election.

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UMass alumna Casey Kane: Collegian legend not forgotten



Erika Lovley

Thename may mean nothing to you, but to the staff at the Massachusetts Daily Collegian, Casey Kane is a legend.

Casey Kane was an Editor-in-Chief and Sports Editor of the Massachusetts Daily Collegian. She was also a Red Sox fan, a UMass student and a friend.

The last time she darkened the doors of the Collegian was when she graduated from the journalism program in May of 1999 — but the mark she left on the newspaper and the people who make it flourishes still today.

Here at the Collegian, our family grows by the day. We are constantly gaining new writers, meeting new people and branching out in the UMass community. However on May 19, our newspaper lost a member who may arguably have been its finest. Casey Kane died of pneumonia due to complications with lymphoma treatment. She was 28.

I do not remember Casey. She graduated several years before I had even heard of the Collegian. But sitting here at the news desk on an unremarkable weeknight in the newsroom, I have a very good sense of who she was. There is a common thread that bonds every person who ever holds a position in the newsroom — the love of journalism.

Casey was, first and foremost, a Collegian writer. Awarded 12 varsity letters for tennis, field hockey, swimming and soccer, she was not unique simply because of her athletic prowess.

The Holyoke native aspired to be a professional sports writer — an admirable challenge for any woman in a genre of journalism that is still dominated by men.

She began immediately as a freshman, walking the trail of a sports reporter across Garber Field, Warren P. McGuirk Alumni Stadium and the Mullins Center, impressing everyone she came into contact with, from her fellow reporters to the athletes she covered.

When she became Editor-in-Chief, the most highly regarded position on the paper; Casey didn't just make sure the papers hit the press on time and that every headline was balanced, well reported and clear. She did much more.

Casey made the Collegian a fun place to work — a daunting and often impossible task for any leader in an environment where a night can stretch from 5 p.m. until 3 a.m., where the pressure of up-to-the-minute deadlines, chronic exhaustion and endless criticism from the outside community can sometimes cause the desk editors themselves to question why they don't throw down the pen and notebook, climb the stairs of the Campus Center and

According to her friends and coworkers, when Casey worked at the Collegian, she made the newsroom feel much like it does today — like a family.

rejoin the world of regularly-sleeping, socially active UMass students.

It's a story like Casey's that lifts our spirits, and keeps us vying for the most captivating interview or that perfect photograph.

According to her friends and coworkers, when Casey worked at the Collegian, she made the newsroom feel much like it does today — like a family. Matt Vautour, a close friend and former Collegian Editor-in-Chief himself, said, "She liked people liking to be in her company."

"She was the closest thing the Collegian ever had to a rock star — and held that role modestly and effortlessly," wrote Julie Fialkow, a former Collegian staff writer. "I have never met a woman like Casey before and I know I never will."

Casey's gleaming personality continued even in January of 2000, when she was first diagnosed with Hodgkins disease, a form of lymphoma.

"In typical Casey fashion, she was often scared to talk about her illness. Mostly, she was scared about how other people would react, so she sheltered many of us," wrote Jon Solomon, a co-worker at the Anderson Independent Mail, where Casey covered University of South Carolina sports after college when she was first diagnosed.

As her blonde hair fell out and regrew brown and curly due to chemotherapy treatments, Casey refused to let those around her be worried with her illness, humorously dyeing her hair funky shades of red, and referring to her treatment as "Keno Therapy."

"She said all you had to do was pick the right numbers," said Vautour, who shaved his head to match Casey's the first time she lost her hair.

Her struggle with lymphoma was long and tiring. Not one or two, but three bouts of recurring cancer and treatment dotted her life for over two years. To this day, Vautour still carries with him an everyday reminder of Casey's struggle — the top of his head has remained bald from her second chemotherapy session.

"I'm not ready to change it yet," he said.

Although many of us never knew her, Casey is still very much a part of the Collegian. Sometimes late at night, when every computer is humming, the coffee is being passed around and we all joke and laugh while rushing to finish the next day's issue before deadline, the names of old Collegian legends begin to haunt our conversations.

We tell stories of old writers and editors who grew from writing previews of on-campus lectures to gracing the front pages of the Boston Globe, the newscasts of ESPN and hosting radio shows all over the nation. We tell stories of people who typed on these very computers in the basement of the Campus Center and dreamed as big as we do — dreams of following the passion that first led us all to the Collegian.

As time goes on, some of the names begin to sink into the shadows. But unlike a good news story — current today, old tomorrow — the name of one Collegian legend will always be timely: Casey Kane.

Erika Lovley is a Collegian editor.

Too much faith in the news

Ramzi Kanazi

After paying attention to recent news, election politics seem to be more confusing than ever. Could we, as Americans, be less informed due to media strategies of misinformation? We are barraged with stories of our candidates' previous military service, exposés of their wives and 527 ads that attack their characters. We hear so many perspectives on the same issue; it's impossible to accept any single source.

To further exacerbate the situation, journalists in the New York Times and USA Today have extensively fabricated their articles. Both of these papers are among the most widely distributed in the nation. Yet, can we trust them? Furthermore, if reputable papers can be so misleading, how could we trust those that have not made their mark? What's a registered voter to do?

Dan Rather recently presented a story on Sept. 8 concerning Bush's service in the National Guard on the news program "60 Minutes." Prior to this report, rampant controversy had surrounded Bush's enlistment in the military. A scattered paper trail barely substantiates Bush's purported military service. On the program, former Texas House Speaker Ben Barnes discussed how he assisted Bush's approval to the Guard. Barnes saved Bush from risking death in overseas combat. In addition, "60 Minutes" presented memos that suggest Bush's absence of duty and failure to report to a physical examination. Bush has stated on numerous occasions that he performed his duty to our nation during a time of war. The documents that Rather displayed indicate otherwise.

Fox News reporters have been questioning the authenticity of the documents Rather used in his report. They have stated that the documents have been forged. ABC has reported that two CBS employees raised concern about the reliability of the documents to their employer while strongly advising the documents be withdrawn from "60 Minutes." CBS, however, has reconfirmed their stance in response to the reports of the other leading networks. It seems like another grudge match.

While this may be an interesting conflict, many are left in a much-compromised position. How can we know whether to trust our president regarding his military service? Is Bush's elusive service in the National Guard even as important as his use of the military during his current term as president of the United States?

While we must be vigilant in our reception of reported news, we must also be careful not to lose focus on the issues that will concern us most in the future.

Do we really need to look so deeply at his prior military service to understand that this president just might be deceiving us? When will the media report that deception is part of the job description and that voters vote for the best liar? Clinton didn't lie to us. Nixon—nope—definitely not a liar. Reagan didn't lie to us either, and I'm not lying to you right now. I'm part of the media, and we never lie.

Ask Dan Rather; those documents are real. Jayson Blair authenticated them.

The follies of our headline media are clouding the most important concerns of voters. While we must be vigilant in our reception of reported news, we must also be careful not to lose focus on the issues that will concern us most in the future. These issues may differ among individuals, but they are not the diatribes of networks embattled for ratings. Although they are entertaining, the result of electing a president based on media squabbles and pernicious reporting will not be so amusing.

Still, the question remains, how do we become more informed about our presidential candidates? We need the media so that we can learn what the candidates intend to do with the next four years.

While many of us will not get all the information that we seek from typical news sources, most of us can find what we are looking for by simply ignoring the most ostentatious headlines and spending some time on the rest of the paper. Skip the front page. Search news sites online for specific information. Listen to NPR instead of Bill O'Reilly (or in addition to—depending on how much you can take). Finally, the best way to learn who should be president is obviously by reading the op/ed columns. We'll tell you whom to vote for. That's why UMass elections are smooth-sailing.

Ramzi Kanazi is a Collegian columnist.

Time flies when growing up

Becky Martins

Age is not always "just a number." Sometimes, it is necessary to realize that the time has come to face reality and grow up.

The people we are upon entering college and who we have become by graduation are two different individuals. After high school, we set out to begin our undergraduate work not knowing what to expect. If we are lucky, we attend our first choice college, instead of settling for a safety school.

Very few of us have prior knowledge of what it means to be independent either. But for many, when the time comes to finally accept that hard-earned diploma, we realize how drastically things have changed in four years. Unless we are continuing on to graduate school, the long road of formal education is over. What lies ahead is the real test in which our years of classroom experience will be put to use. But what if we did not know what direction we wanted life to take? Sure, many begin college with a clear picture of what the forthcoming years will hold, but there are also those whose visions are somewhat cloudier.

Growing up in the United States, we were told from an early age that the future held no limit. Nothing was out of reach, whether we wanted to become a professional athlete or the first female president. What really mattered was that we dreamt big and worked hard at attaining these goals. After all, were we not living the American Dream?

As we entered our final years of high school, college became more of a reality. We sought schools that had appealing academic programs as well as social scenes, declared our majors and headed off in the fall ready to begin this next chapter of our lives. But upon arriving at campus and beginning class, many individuals, including myself, quickly realized they were in for a rude awakening.

It is safe to say I hate change. Anyone who knows me would also say I am not good at making decisions that are final and life determining. So how unreasonable is it that I have changed my major at least 6 times since coming to UMass Amherst a year ago?

It seems that as soon as I figure out what I want to do, something else seems more appealing. And honestly, having to seriously decide what I will "do with my life" is much too final. In my eyes, I am far from being mature enough to be making these types of decisions, yet my parents, the university and the rest of society seem to think otherwise.

I had realized, however, that last week the time had come to grow up. Here I was, a first semester sophomore on her last semester of General Education courses. After this, there are no more "filler" classes left to take while I tried to decide what step to take after that, but it did not faze me until recently. I was sitting in a School of Management open house, thinking maybe a business degree would fit me well for this month at least, when it hit me. As I sat listening to the professor, I realized I had none of the prerequisites to get into any of the programs. What made matters worse was that I realized it would take me a full year just to become qualified to apply. Suddenly time did not seem so ample. I realized it was time to seriously take a good look at my future. I may have a 3.7 grade point average and work hard in all my classes, but I surely was not making much progress.

I advise students to take the time to take a variety of classes: ruling out what could never be pursued as a career, while finding subjects that spark interest. While taking these courses, however, be aware of the big picture.

In response to my eye-opening experience, for the past seven days my schedule has become packed with different departmental advisor appointments, hours spent on UMass' website researching majors and copious advice from friends about which majors are worth pursuing. Although it has only been a week, it feels good to have a little direction. I may not be exactly certain of how the rest of my college years will be spent, but at least I am now giving them some serious thought.

When I tell people I am a sophomore, they say I am young and have plenty of time to figure things out. And while I do realize my situation could be worse, why let it get to that point? I advise students to take the time to take a variety of classes: ruling out what could never be pursued as a career, while finding subjects that spark interest. While taking these courses, however, be aware of the big picture. Make the best of our time here and have a good experience, but do not fall behind and struggle to catch up. We are paying thousands of dollars a year in tuition for a reason.

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Emmys 2004: this year's winners

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) - "Frasier," "Friends" and "Sex and the City" were taking a final Emmy Awards bow Sunday.

HBO's "Sex and the City" was the leading comedy nominee at the 56th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards, with 11 bids including ones for best—comedy series and for star Sarah Jessica Parker.

Kelsey Grammer and David Hyde Pierce of "Frasier" and Jennifer Aniston and Matt LeBlanc of "Friends" were nominated for acting trophies.

The three comedies ended this past season. "Frasier," which aired for 11 years, had a chance to add to its record 31 Emmys, including five best comedy series awards and a three acting awards each for Grammer and Pierce.

The most nominated drama series was HBO's "The Sopranos" with 20, including bids for James Gandolfini and Edie Falco. Although both actors have won before, the mob story has yet to snatch the top drama award.

Its competition includes NBC's four-time winner "The West Wing."

HBO's miniseries "Angels in America," the leading nominee with 21 bids, tried to ascend to record Emmy heights. The drama about the AIDS crisis in the 1980s won four awards at the Sept. 12 creative arts ceremony for craft achievements and was competing in seven categories Sunday.

The benchmarks: "Eleanor and Franklin," whose 11 awards in 1976 are the most for any program in one season, and "Roots," the most — honored miniseries with nine awards in 1977.

Awards in 27 categories were to be presented at the ceremony broadcast by ABC.

The third Bob Hope Humanitarian Award was to be presented posthumously to actor, producer and philanthropist Danny Thomas, with his daughter, actress Marlo Thomas, accepting.

HBO led the nominations with its highest ever total, 124. NBC was second with 65, followed by CBS with 44, Fox with 31 and ABC with 33. PBS earned 27 nominations. The awards are given by the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.



HBO was the top network with 124 nominations, including the hit series 'The Sopranos.'



Last Laugh: the 2004 Emmy's became the final award sendoff for some of television's most momutental shows such as NBC's 'Friends' (right), & 'Frasier' (left), and HBO's 'Sex and The City (not pictured).

'Less is more' this weeks rule



Style 101
Monique Jemmott

From a young age I have had always had stars in my eyes when it comes to fashion. Throughout the years I have experimented with my look and gone through every phase imaginable.

First there was the hip-hop, baggy jeans and shirt phase in junior high— I wore all of my clothes backwards, and big enough to fit another person. From there I moved on to the teen pop queen world, with Brandy and Monica as my idols. I felt it necessary to copy everything that they did, not realizing that the things they wore were made to wear on TV, and that a large electric blue faux fur coat and matching eye shadow are not appropriate for school.

My next phase was the Erykah Badu phase — enough said. But ultimately through all of this trial and error, I learned lessons that delivered me to my personal style, and one golden rule when it comes to fashion and style: less is more.

Less is more; a mantra that I know and live by and center my look around because it works so well. This is not to be confused with being a plain Jane. I still enjoy the idea of being glamorous when it comes to getting dressed, but I now know that I don't need a short dress, high heels, a head full of curls and a fur coat to make the outfit complete. I can now focus on one feature I want to highlight and work around it.

If I wear a pair of 6 inch stilettos, then I know that I may want to hold off on the micro mini; and if my jacket is very elaborate and stands out a lot, then I know that a pair of jeans and a plain t-shirt or tank may do it more justice than anything else. Less is more is about balance, as well as avoiding the biggest fashion faux paux of all time — over excessiveness.

These thoughts have made

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Pop Princess gets hitched

'Oops' she did it again; Britney weds Federline in private ceremony

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Pop singer Britney Spears married her fiance, dancer Kevin Federline, in a surprise ceremony, her record label said Sunday.

"She did marry him yesterday," Jive Records spokeswoman Sonia Muckle said. She declined to provide further details.

The wedding was held Saturday evening at a private home in the Studio City area with 20 to 30 people attending, 'Entertainment Tonight' said on its Web site.

Nicole King, a spokeswoman for BWR Public Relations, which represents Spears, did not return a message seeking comment.

Spears, 22, and Federline, 26, announced their engagement in June after dating since early this year.

It was the second marriage in nine months for Spears.

In January, she married childhood friend Jason Alexander in a surprise wedding in Las Vegas. That marriage was annulled 55 hours later.

Spears' label said Spears and Alexander had taken a joke too far. The bride wore a baseball cap and torn jeans down the aisle and was escorted by a casino limousine driver.

Federline appeared in the movie 'You Got Served' and performed as a backup dancer for singer Justin Timberlake. Spears' former boyfriend.

He was previously involved with actress Shar Jackson of TV's 'Moesha.' They have two children, a 2-year-old and a newborn.

—*Associated Press*

Britney Spears marries once more in 2004, this time to fiance' Kevin Federline. She was formerly married Jason Alexander.

Miss America begins quest for cure

Alabama native speaks of plans to help fight child cancer



'Miss America' Deidre Downs plans to use her crown for good by helping fight childhood cancer.

By John Curran
Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. - Deidre Downs passed up medical school so she could compete for Miss America. Now she plans to spend her reign advocating for pediatric cancer victims.

"People don't like to associate cancer with children," she said Sunday. "Children with cancer need a voice, and I want to be that voice."

Downs, of Birmingham, Ala., outlasted 51 other women to win the pageant Saturday, impressing the judges with her smarts, beauty and singing prowess. Competing head-to-head against Miss Louisiana, Jennifer Dupont, Downs turned in a strong performance singing "I'm Afraid This Must Be Love."

The 5-foot-10 1/2-inch brunette graduated magna cum laude from Samford University in Birmingham. A Rhodes Scholar finalist, she was accepted to the University of Alabama's medical school in Birmingham but delayed her entry after winning the Miss Alabama title on her fifth try.

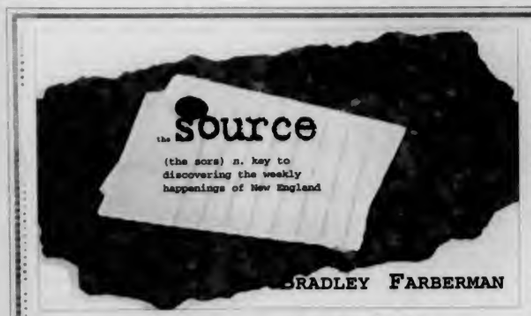
"I guess I was just a sucker for punishment," she said.

Downs paid her way through college using nearly $50,000 in scholarship money won competing for Miss Alabama. She'll get $50,000 more for winning Miss America and could make several times that much in appearance fees during her yearlong reign.

Downs' victory capped a shorter Miss America telecast that showed more skin and fewer talent routines. Whether the changes succeeded isn't known yet. Nielsen Media Research ratings come out later this week.



Deidre Downs receives her crown as the new Miss America.



MondaySeptember20

Music

Tonight reggae pioneers Toots and the Maytals will bring their legendary live show to Northampton's Pearl Street Night Club. Responsible for dance floor standards like "Sweet and Dandy," "54-46 Was My Number," and the irresistible "Pressure Drop," Toots Hibbert and company were there when it all began; their song "Do the Reggay" is often thought to have named the genre back in 1968.

Forty years later, they've made it all the way from Jamaica to inject western Massachusetts with a dose of island flavor. Things heat up at 8:30 p.m.; Fear Nuttin' Band opens.

FridaySeptember25

Music

The Sam Kininger Band settles in at the Bishop's Lounge tonight in Northampton. Kininger and his cronies are guaranteed to make you sweat; their expert original tunes and airtight arrangements on covers like John Coltrane's "Naima" and Billy Cobham's "Red Baron" are certain to keep you far from your seats.

Plus, Kininger plays a mean alto saxophone (check out his debut recording, Sam Kininger, out now). The band hits at 9:30 p.m.

TuesdaySeptember22

Music

Bezanson Recital Hall is the place to be tonight when members of the string and piano faculty welcome cellist Astrid Schween into their fold. The performance will include sonatas by Hindemith and Prokofiev. Admission is $5 for UMass students, $10 for the general public; show starts at 8 p.m.

ThursdaySeptember24

Lecture

Smith College's Leo Weinstein Auditorium, in Wright Hall, will host authors Johnetta B. Cole and Beverly Guy-Sheftall today when they read from their new book, Gender Talk: The Struggle for Women's Equality in African American Communities. This event, beginning at 4:30 p.m., is free and open to the public; the authors will be introduced by Professor Paula Giddings, Afro-American studies.

TuesdaySeptember29

Lecture

The Student Union Ballroom welcomes author William Greider today, at 4 p.m. Greider's appearance is part of the Gamble Lecture Series, honoring Philip Gamble; Gamble chaired UMass' economics department for a number of years. The author will speak on topics covered in his new book The Soul of Capitalism; this event is free and open to the public.

weekly pinup



MARIA MITCHELL

Maria Mitchell expressive dancer will perform at the the Augusta Savage Gallery at UMass, September 27, at 7pm. Her style includes modern and jazz techniques along with traditional West African Movement. This event is free and open to the public.

Philly Orchestra members extend contract

By Marylaire Dale
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia Orchestra officials and musicians decided shortly before a Sunday midnight deadline to extend their contract for 30 days, ending the threat of an immediate strike.

As a result, the 104-year-old orchestra, renowned worldwide for its string section and lush 'Philadelphia Sound,' will open its 2004-05 season as scheduled Tuesday night.

Representatives of the orchestra's 109 unionized members had walked out of talks Friday, balking at management's position on salaries, pension cuts and a possible reduction in the orchestra's size, and a day later authorized a strike.

Officials said the talks would set the tone for pending orchestra negotiations in three other large U.S. cities, including Cleveland.

Steve Albertini, a management spokesman, said musicians must help the orchestra cut its budget from $38.6 million this fiscal year to $35.7 million in the coming year.

The orchestra, despite filling more than 90 percent of its seats, has run deficits in all but one of the last nine years, he said. But a balanced budget is a condition of several large gifts pledged as part of a $125 million endowment campaign, he said.

'We realize that the only product that we really have is the lush sound of the Philadelphia Orchestra,' Albertini said. 'However, if we are not a fiscally responsible organization, we are not going to have a Philadelphia Orchestra down the road.'

The administration trimmed more than $2.4 million of its expenses, including cutting its staff from 78 two years ago to 65 today, while seeking $1.8 million in cuts and revenue-generating proposals from musicians, Albertini said.

Union spokesman Dan Fee said management was dismissive of suggestions the musicians put forth during the five months of negotiations.

In 1996, Philadelphia Orchestra members struck for nine weeks before the two sides reached an accord.

The union members, who belong to Local 77 of the American Federation of Musicians, include 106 musicians and three librarians.

The musicians' current minimum salary is $105,040, although principal players and some other members earn substantially more.

The orchestra, which owns its former venue, the Academy of Music, now pays rent at its new home down the street in the $265 million Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, which opened in 2001.

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'Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow' proves strong

By Alex Vega
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The debut flight of 'Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow' landed the No. 1 weekend box office spot with an estimated $16.2 million amid an overall lackluster turnout at theaters.

The $70 million, film-noir-styled fantasy starring Jude Law, Gwyneth Paltrow and Angelina Jolie cast its live actors against digitally animated giant robots on a backdrop of 1930s New York.

The film was originally slated to debut during the summer blockbuster season, but distributor Paramount pushed back the opening amid post-production delays.

"You got to figure, with a project like this, you don't know what the response is going to be from the audience," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box office tracker Exhibitor Relations Co. "I think they maximized the potential of the movie by taking it out of the summer and putting it here because it was the only way it was going to be No. 1."

Wayne Lewellen, Paramount's head of distribution, acknowledged the film might have drawn a larger opening audience as a summer release.

'Absolutely. You have a larger audience in summer than in the fall,' Lewellen said. 'I thought we had a great date in June prior to the opening of 'Spider Man 2'). Unfortunately, they couldn't deliver the picture.'

The film drew a largely older audience, according to studio tracking, which estimated 70 percent of viewers were over 25. About 55 percent of the audience was male, Paramount said.

"Just the look of the picture, the kind of retro look, probably had an appeal to an older audience," Lewellen said, adding that he hopes the film will attract younger audiences in the coming weeks.

Two other debut films broke into the box office top 10.

Mr. 3000,' a baseball comedy starring Bernie Mac, grabbed the No. 2 spot with a $9.2 million. 'Wimbledon,' a romantic comedy starring Kirsten Dunst as a rising tennis player who falls for a fading tennis star played by British actor Paul Bettany, grabbed the No. 4 spot with $7.8 million.

Mac plays a retired, egotistical baseball star trying to make a comeback. It's the first leading film role for Mac, who stars in his own television show and has played several supporting characters in films like 'Ocean's 11' and 'Head of State.'

"For Bernie Mac it's solid, in the context of the time of year and how the box office has been in a slump," Dergarabedian said.

Zombie attack fest 'Resident Evil: Apocalypse,' starring Milla Jovovich as a bath-towel-wearing heroine, earned $9 million, a 61 percent tumble from its No. 1 debut last weekend.

"It's a pretty normal drop for the genre," said Rory Bruer, president of distribution for Sony Pictures.

'Wimbledon' appealed mostly to female viewers under 30, according to tracking by Universal Pictures.

"It's not a disappointment for us," said Paul Pflug, spokesman for the studio. 'It's a movie that opened well, and we believe it will have some playability in the United States.'

Overall traffic at movie theaters was down over the weekend. Viewership for the top 10 movies saw a decline of more than 25 percent compared to a year ago, when 'Underworld' led the box office, Dergarabedian said.





Left: Giovanni Ribisi, Jude Law, and Gwenth Paltrow in Paramount Pictures 'Sky Captain and the World of Tommorrow.' Right: Angelina Jolie

Style 101; your fashion guide

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their way into this week's column, and for good reason of course. Seeing how women on this campus dress at a party makes me wonder what they're thinking when they get dressed. I know what I'm thinking when I put my clothes on: I want to look nice; sexy, yet tasteful, fashionable but not too trendy.

To me this is what looks good. I take lessons from some of my favorite stars: Halle Berry for instance. She is the queen of less is more. Her look is always sexy, and glamorous whether she's in an evening gown, or jeans and a T-shirt.

While at the party I took a survey of the people in the room (men and women) about what they were wearing. Sometimes it was painful, and a few times I saw what I was looking for: the balance. The people who looked good to me were the people who appeared not to try too hard. The ones who were conscious of the fact that every single thing does not have to match and the women who knew that they were beautiful without having to show off their entire bodies.

Another lesson I have learned is that being stylish doesn't happen over night. I consider myself stylish at this point, but it definitely hasn't always been that way. It took a lot of mishaps, mistakes and looking at old pictures saying — what was I thinking? But finally, I think I got it right. Even if you haven't made it there just yet, having the right idea about style can take you all the way.

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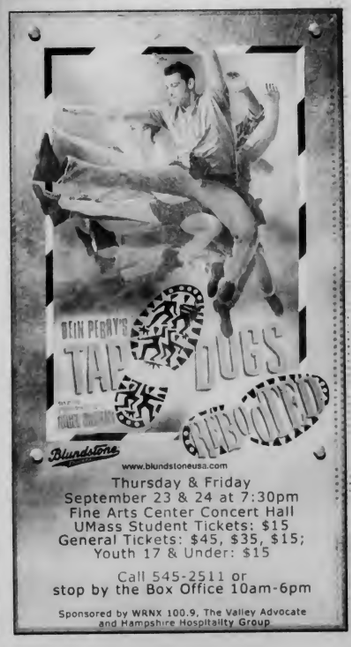
Hollywood actress Halle Berry proves 'less is more' in her Valentino gown.

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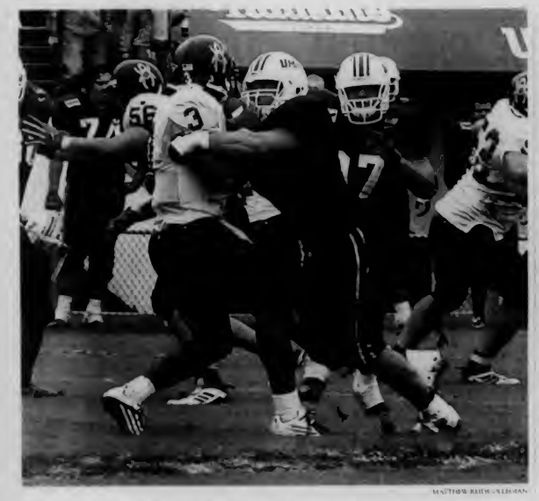
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Richmond quarterback Stacy Tutt is swarmed by UMass' Justin Schweigardt. Tutt led the Spiders to victory and earned Atlantic 10 Offensive Player of the Week honors for his performance.

UMass upset by Richmond

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fourth quarter for the only other ball he saw in the game.

Richmond tied the score with just under 11 minutes remaining in the second quarter when Tutt faked a handoff to running back David Freeman and ran through the UMass defense untouched for a 41-yard touchdown.

Chaos then broke loose during Richmond's final drive of the first half. After a six-yard run by Freeman to the Massachusetts 40-yard-line with nine seconds to play, the referees signaled that it was fourth down – a call that fired up Richmond coach Dave Clawson, who demanded a measurement.

After a short delay and conference by the referees, a measurement was granted and a first down was awarded to the Spiders.

"That was huge because it was a 14-14 game, and we barely get a first down. If we don't get that first down, we probably run out the clock," Clawson said.

On the next play, Tutt ran around in the backfield to buy some time for his receivers to get open. After evading UMass defenders and getting help from a huge block by Freeman, Tutt rolled to his left and slung the ball into the end zone to hit a wide-open Harry Wilson as time expired. Richmond took a 21-14 lead and momentum into the locker room at halftime.

Richmond then led a slow, methodical drive in the third quarter all the way down to the UMass nine-yard-line before Shannon James picked off a Tutt pass in the end zone to breathe new life into the Minutemen. Instead of starting the drive from their own 20-yard-line, though, the referees penalized the Minutemen 10 yards for excessive celebration.

A 16-yard pass to Dominique Stewart was then negated by the refs on the next play for an ineligible receiver downfield, and UMass was backed up to its 5-yard-line. The Minutemen were forced to punt and were flagged for kick-catching interference, which allowed Richmond to start their drive on the UMass 23-yard-line.

After only gaining four yards of offense on that drive, Joseph Fore kicked a 37-yard field goal that flattened UMass and sealed the game for the Spiders.



Freshman Douglas Rappoport winds up to drive the ball across the field during action at the UMass Soccer Classic over the weekend. The Minutemen beat Siena on Friday but lost to Harvard yesterday.

Men's soccer splits

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up its defense and held Siena without a scoring chance for the next 10 minutes of play.

Acting as an 11th offensive player as time ran down, Henry ran towards midfield during the 89th minute in hopes of gaining possession of the ball and pressuring the Minutemen one last time.

As the teams struggled at midfield, UMass sophomore Richie Higa gained control of a loose ball and chipped a shot over Henry into the net for a fourth and decisive goal.

"The last 12 minutes, we had good control of the ball, but they really pressured us and we just didn't defend as well as we needed to," UMass coach Sam Koch said. "We shouldn't have let up any goals."

After defeating Siena, UMass hosted a heavily favored Harvard team that was fresh off Friday's 4-2 semifinal victory over Hartford.

UMass and the Crimson played to a physical stalemate until the Minutemen were charged with a costly penalty at 29:18. UMass junior defender Tim Kitchell was administered a red card for cleating a Harvard player who was on the ground.

As a result of the infraction, Massachusetts was forced to play man-down for the rest of the game.

Harvard wasted no time in taking advantage of the extra player and scored twice before the half expired.

At 14:56, William Craig assisted Crimson teammate Matt Hoff on a direct kick. The goal was Hoff's second of the season.

Six minutes later, Pablo Koe-Kropecher sent a corner kick to the left side of UMass goalie Nick Billman where it was controlled and netted by Anthony Tomaritis.

Action in the second half reflected the physical stalemate of the game's first 20 minutes, until Harvard increased its lead to three. Tomaritis assisted his brother Nicholas in the 79th minute to give Harvard a 3-0 lead.

Matty LeMire scored the lone Massachusetts goal with less than five-minutes to play.

The loss drops Massachusetts to 10-5-2 all-time in the Classic.

"No games are more important than others. We want to win every game we play, but this weekend does mean a little more because it's our home tournament," Koch said.

After the game, Minutemen Bullen, Lemire and Rob Charest were named to the all-tournament squad.

UMass returns to action Wednesday at Rudd Field to host New Hampshire at 3:30.

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UMass sophomore Stephanie Barrett gets ready to pass the ball during a soccer game last season. The Minutewomen lost to Rhode Island 4-1 on Friday night.

UMass falls to Rhode Island

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widening the gap on the scoreboard two minutes later. Nelson made a nice cross to Megan Kasparek over the middle, and the midfielder brushed it nicely into the net to give the Rams a 3-0 advantage.

The Minutewomen continued to back away until something broke, and it did over the remainder of the second half. After Canfield's shot careened over the crossbar, and Blyler went down again (ankle), the Maroon and White began to play with a sense of urgency led by Fairweather that was too little too late.

With 15 minutes to go, Canfield began to circle the right end of the goal. As she began to close in on the keeper, she was tripped up, but not before she booted the ball back out to the top of the penalty area where a waiting Fairweather dished the ball off to freshman Jenny Roehrig. Roehrig fired a shot into the back of the net to close the gap to two.

That was as close as the Minutewomen would get, though. Freshman Jessica Gadd streaked down the left side of the field where she crossed the ball to Ionsdottir who booted it by Walker to once again for the game's final score.

Minutewomen shut out Maine; record first win of 2004 season

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Christine Tocco provided the foundation for the defensive teamwork with eight saves in the game.

As Maine invaded UMass' circle, Tocco stepped up her defense, making two clutch saves in succession with just five and a half minutes remaining.

"Everyone worked great defensively," Massachusetts head coach Patty Shea said. "Our defensive penalty corners were played very well, and everything clicked today."

Shea was also very proud of her goalkeeper's performance.

"Christine did everything right today," the veteran coach said. "She did exactly what she needed to do, and that was to save the savable shots. You really can't ask much more than that."

Maine had several opportunities to score, including five penalty corners, but failed to convert all of them.

"We have four different defensive formations that we use for penalty corners," Shea said, describing the strategies used against the Black Bears' corners. "Most of it can be explained by pure guts and reaction."

While the Maroon and White did come away with the victory, coach Shea was upset with the offensive production as a whole. UMass had three penalty corners of its own but failed to muster a shot on goal on all but one of them.

"We didn't execute a single penalty corner today," Shea said, "and we can't afford not to execute here at home. When we put one goal on the board, we have to want to score again."

This game was easily the Minutewomen's best performance, as they played aggressively from start to finish. The majority of the first half was spent in the Black Bears' half of the field, and Caitlin Bereda and Gina Sanders kept sophomore goalkeeper Jamie Morin on her toes.

Maine came out of the gates strong, posting nine of its 11 second half shots before Borneo scored the game-winner for the Minutewomen. The gratifying win could be just the thing to turn around the struggling Maroon and White's season.

"This victory is very satisfying for us," Shea said. "We worked really hard, and they earned this victory."

The Minutewomen return to action at Garber Field next weekend, with consecutive games on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. UMass will be hosting Connecticut on September 25 and Vermont a day later. The scheduled game time for both events is 1 p.m.

Men's cross country places second in rain

By Martha Powers
Collegian Correspondent

In weather conditions that would have cancelled any other sporting event, the Massachusetts men's cross-country team ran its first meet of the season. With the ground flooded and the rain continuing to come down, the Minutemen lost to Maine by a score of 29 to 32. Vermont finished third with 69 points.

Looking strong was junior Ryan Corbett, who finished second overall and was the first UMass runner to cruss the line. Running in his first collegiate race, freshman Nils Fischer finished behind Corbett, coming in third overall. Eighth place went to Paul Noone, ninth place to Matt Klypka and tenth place to Matt Clark.

"I felt great today despite the weather," Corbett said. "Even though we lost by three points, this race was a big step for the team. Considering half the team is freshmen, we are still getting used to running together. I am disappointed that we lost, but we are going to gain so much more in the long run that will help us with the big meets."

Despite the narrow loss, UMass coach Ken O'Brien was positive about the race.

"I am very happy with how everyone ran. Everyone handled the race and adverse conditions well," O'Brien said. "We had a close time-spread between our top five runners which is encouraging. We have a lot of potential."

O'Brien was especially pleased with how the freshmen preformed.

"Not only was this their first five-mile race, but the weather conditions were tough. Everybody ran well considering," O'Brien said.

The Minutemen will be in action next Saturday in Syracuse to race in the Orange Cross Country Classic.

Europe outclasses U.S. at Ryder Cup

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) - Over here, over there, it no longer matters. Europe again proved to be the best in the Ryder Cup with its biggest romp over the Americans.

The final blow Sunday was a scene all too familiar at Oakland Hills: With the cup already won, Padraig Harrington made a 25-foot par putt on the 18th hole of the last match that only counted in the record books.

Europe 18 1/2, United States 9 1/2.

It was the Americans' worst loss in the 77-year history of the Ryder Cup, and there was no doubt who the underdogs are now.

"We haven't been winning it," Davis Love III said. "If they keep bringing the cup back on their airplane, we are the underdog.

"It's a long two years until we get to do it again."

Lee Westwood ended the slightest suspense with a 4-foot par putt on the 18th to beat Kenny Perry with six matches left to be completed. Colin Montgomerie was 1 up on the 18th hole and assured a half-point, so Europe had the 14 points it needed to retain the cup.

Montgomerie also made a 4-foot par putt to beat David Toms and secure outright victory for Europe for the fourth time in the last five Ryder Cup matches.

The Europeans are not only winning, they are winning big.

"Obviously, our results would suggest that," Darren Clarke said. "We come here with a big heart, full of hopes, full of expectations."

The United States still leads the series 24-9-2, but Europe is closing in. It has captured the cup seven times in the last 10 matches with a collection of players not many people know in the States until they are posing with the 19-inch gold trophy.

"We came here again as underdogs. It's amazing how well we do," Montgomerie said. "I don't know how it happens."

The Americans haven't figured it out, either. They have the higher world ranking, more majors, greater star power.

But when it comes to the Ryder Cup, it's no contest.

The Europeans won for the third time on U.S. soil, and they made sure there was no rally like Brookline five years ago when the Americans stormed back from a 10-6 deficit by putting its best players at the top of the lineup and riding a tidal wave of momentum.

Tiger Woods finally did his part, the only player not to lose a single hole in an easy victory over Paul Casey. The Americans had early leads in the first five matches as cheers of "USA! USA!" rang out across the course, the crowd trying to urge them to pull off another improbable comeback.

But just as it had gone all week, the Americans simply couldn't keep it up.

Sergio Garcia made three straight birdies to quickly turn the tide against Phil Mickelson, then won the match when Lefty tried a peculiar shot at a crucial moment - a low punch that came up short and rolled into the water on the 16th.

Clarke was two holes behind with three to play when he made an 8-foot birdie on the 16th, chipped in from behind the green on the 17th to square the match and wound up halving his match with Love after both missed par putts.

Westwood also rallied from an early two-hole deficit, winning the 15th with a par to go 1 up, and then holing his cup-clinching putt to seal the victory.

"I had a fair idea the way everyone was biting their nails," Westwood said when asked whether he knew his putt was for the Ryder Cup.

This was no nail-biter. It was a rout from the start.

Europe led 11-5 going into the 12 singles matches and needed only three points to retain the cup. Five matches were still in progress when it clinched the cup, and the celebration was under way.

Fans began lustily singing "Ole, Ole, Ole, Ole!" and players swarmed captain Bernhard Langer with hugs. Garcia waved the European flag on the back of a cart, as he sped off to watch the final matches.

Champagne filled the air over the 18th green, and Langer took a sweet sip as his players roared.

"The Europeans are great," U.S. captain Hal Sutton. "They played ferociously. There are a lot of great players in America, but we got outplayed this week."

Fred Funk and Perry, in their first Ryder Cup, were the only players who failed to win a point. Mickelson went 1-3, while Woods had another losing record at 2-3.

Garcia and Westwood were the European stars, each going 4-0-1. And when Thomas Levet beat Funk for his first point of the week, he assured every European player contributed something to this record victory.

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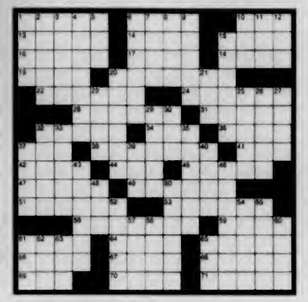
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Spider bite

UMass drops its first game at McGuirk in two years

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts football team couldn't overcome a multitude of penalties or a tremendous performance by Richmond quarterback Stacy Tutt in a 24-14 loss to the Spiders on Saturday at a rain-soaked Warren P. McGuirk Alumni Stadium.

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UMass (2-1, 0-1 Atlantic 10) was penalized 15 times for 111 total yards, but it was more in the timing of the penalties that destroyed its rhythm in the game's final three quarters. The Minutemen weren't able to establish any sense of an offense after scoring all of their 14 points in the first quarter.

Richmond (2-1, 1-0 Atlantic 10) was only penalized six times for 40 yards in the game.

The real Achilles heel for UMass, however, was the stellar play of Tutt, who was named the Atlantic 10 Offensive Player of the Week after he threw for two touchdowns and ran for another on Saturday. He amassed 117 yards on the ground and passed for 132 yards.

The Minutemen had contained Tutt and the Richmond offense on their first three drives, but midway through the first quarter, the Spiders' offense tied the score at seven on a touchdown drive that single-handedly told the entire game story.

Tutt began the drive with two straight runs of 16 yards and 13 yards, respectively. Later in the drive, on a third-and-six from the Massachusetts 40-yard-line, Tutt threw an incomplete pass at one of his offensive linemen, but UMass was flagged for defensive holding which resulted in a Richmond first down.

Three plays later, on third-and-13, Tutt broke a handful of tackles to avoid a sack and scampered from one side of the field to the other for a 15-yard gain and another first down.



MATTHEW KEISS/COLLEGIAN

Tim Day fires a pass downfield during Saturday's game against Richmond at McGuirk Stadium.



MATTHEW KEISS/COLLEGIAN

Jason Peebler catches a pass against Richmond. Peebler had four receptions for 130 yards and a touchdown on Saturday.

"We had planned a lot of quarterback runs coming into the game, but until (Tutt) broke eight tackles on one scramble, it woke me up and I said that I need to call his number more," Richmond coach Dave Clawson said.

Tutt capped off the drive with a seven-yard touchdown pass to Brandon Neuman.

UMass only needed a three-play drive to retake its first-quarter lead as Tim Day hit wide receiver Jason Peebler on a 50-yard touchdown pass.

Peebler finished the first quarter with three receptions for 121 yards and the one touchdown.

It was a frustrating day after that for Peebler, however, who had a nagging hamstring injury all week that limited his action for the rest of the game. It was evident that the Massachusetts offense lost its first quarter momentum with Peebler on the sideline, as he only caught a nine-yard reception in the

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UM falls to URI

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts women's soccer team went into Friday night's match up with Rhode Island with a sense of determination lighting in its eyes.

"We were fired up more than we have been all season," sophomore defender Nadia Villaroel said.

But for one reason or another, be it missed scoring opportunities or trouble shutting down a speedy group of attackers, the Minutewomen (0-5, 0-1 Atlantic 10) weren't able to kick off the Atlantic 10 season in the fashion they would have liked to, falling to the Rams 4-1 under the lights.

"It's a shame we lost," coach Jim Rudy said. "You can't be satisfied with losing, but you know, I thought they did a great job. The big difference for me in this game was two things: their keeper made saves, and their players scored goals.

"I'm really pleased with their commitment out there. A lot of players stepped up. We had some good combinations out there. We just didn't get the goals. That was the difference."

The Rams (3-4, 1-0 A-10) received a majority of its contribution from several standout freshmen as Debra Nelson (two goals, one assist) and Thorunn Jonsdottir (one goal, one assist) led a high-speed offensive charge that proved to be a nuisance early on for the Maroon and White.

But UMass had plenty of chances, too.

"You look up at that scoreboard, and what do you see?" senior Lindsey "Stormy" Fairweather said. "We took 14 shots; they took 15. There's not much of a difference there. What it really came down to was [URI] making their shots, and we weren't."

The Minutewomen got an up close and personal look at the young offense of the Rams early in the first half. Nelson provided a clamp-like pressure on the back four of UMass through the first portion of the first half, dishing off passes to Jonsdottir and twins Melanie and Megan Kasparek that were turned away, as well as taking shots herself that went wide.

It was only a matter of time before something broke for the Rams, and they found the back of the net in the 30th minute when Nelson took a feed from senior Claire Landon and embarked on a breakaway. Nelson fired one at goalie Kristin Walker, but the shot took a bad bounce off Walker's hands that took a seat in the top back corner of the net.

Nelson struck again just ten minutes later, this time through a scrum in the penalty area. The pass came from Jonsdottir, and the sliding Neslon tapped it right over Walker's head.

"That first goal was a piece of work," Rudy said. "[Nelson] was a real package in that first half, but they had a real funky system of play. It was real deceiving trying to pick it up. At times it looked like they only had one frontrunner, next thing you know the two Kasparek kids are no longer at midfield and are instead frontrunners. [Nelson and Jonsdottir] are two very good frontrunners."

But the Minutewomen didn't lose their cool. They played on and, through the remaining 20 minutes of the half, played even ball with the Rams. They got a scare when Adair Blyler went down with an ankle injury with 15 minutes to go, but freshman Britt Canfield came off the bench and gave the Rams some force of her own.

That pressure, however, surfaced more in the second stanza of the match, as Canfield continued to find ways to break through the defense and create scoring opportunities from almost every angle. Her first shot of the second half, a breakaway in the 51st minute, was saved by Carroll. A minute and a half later, she would come back stronger, this time almost flipping it right over a sliding Carroll.

The Rams responded to Canfield's hastiness, however, by

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Minutemen split two games at UMass Soccer Classic

By Matt Barstow
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts men's soccer team (2-4) experienced the ebbs and flows of collegiate athletics this weekend as it hosted the 11th annual UMass Soccer Classic.

Friday, UMass defeated Siena (0-4-1) 4-2 in the first round of the Classic, but fell to Harvard (3-2) 3-1 yesterday to close out the tournament.

Junior captain Oral Bullen led the Maroon and White to victory Friday with his first two goals of the season.

Bullen picked up his first score four minutes into the game when he outraced the defense to a ball sent into the UMass zone by sophomore Rob Charest. Charest forced a Siena turnover at midfield and sent a pass to Bullen who ran down the pass and converted on the breakaway.

The Minutemen forced another scoring opportunity when, deep in the UMass zone, a Siena defender charged a lob with the intention of heading the ball to prevent it from going out of bounds. Anticipating a Siena misplay, UMass freshman Mike Mingione ran behind his man and received the ball after it sailed over the airborne Siena defender. With no one between him and the goalie, sophomore Ralph Pace rang a shot off the post.

The Saints capitalized on their good luck by controlling the rebound and driving the ball down the field where T.J. Melly found the back of the net during the 45th minute.

Mingione gave the Minutemen their lead back when he scored on an outside shot with 45 seconds left in the half. Mingione recorded his first collegiate goal after tucking a 25-yard shot under the crossbar.

As the second half got underway, UMass increased its lead to 3-1 with Bullen's second goal in the 62nd minute. Massachusetts net minder Colin Burns initiated the play by booming a free kick 60 yards downfield where it was headed into the offensive zone by freshman Matty Lemire. Lemire directed his header to Bullen, who finished the bang-bang play with a well-placed shot past a diving Patrick Henry of Siena. Burns and Lemire were credited with assists.

"It was just unbelievable, I don't think I've ever had a point before. It just sort of happened," Burns said. "It means a lot to me because I've been here for four years with [Bullen] and it felt great to set him up for the goal."

Siena managed to cut the lead once again with a Tom Santoro goal in the 66th minute to make the score 3-2.

Unwilling to give up the tying goal, UMass stepped

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MATTHEW KEISS/COLLEGIAN

Massachusetts midfielder Michael Donnelly tracks down a ball during the UMass Soccer Classic over the weekend.

Pats keep rolling

By Bob Baum
Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) – When a team wins 17 in a row, some of them are bound to be ugly.

New England's 23-12 victory over the sputtering Arizona Cardinals on Sunday was one of those.

"What streak?" coach Bill Belichick said. "We're just trying to win a game."

That one-game-at-a-time approach has worked for almost exactly a year. After a bye next week, the Patriots (2-0) can tie the NFL record of 18 straight victories with a win at Buffalo on Oct. 3.

New England	23
Arizona	12

Corey Dillon gained 158 yards on 32 carries, and Tom Brady threw two first-half touchdown passes to Daniel Graham.

Eugene Wilson intercepted Josh McCown twice, leading to 10 points for the Super Bowl champions. Brady was 15-of-26 for 217 yards. He was intercepted twice.

But big performances didn't add up to big points.

New England drove to the Arizona 2-, 10- and 2-yard line in the second half, but had to settle for short field goals by Adam Vinatieri each time.

"It's frustrating," Brady said. "Sometimes you come out of these games almost with a sour taste in your mouth, knowing you could have performed so much better."

With the exception of a costly fumble, Dillon had the kind of day he envisioned when he left lowly Cincinnati after last season.

"I didn't come here to rot away and take L's," he said. "I wanted to be part of something that's a winning tradition, and this is it."

Wilson's second interception, on McCown's ill-advised pass into double-coverage, gave New England the ball at its 49 in the fourth quarter. Brady threw 27 yards to David Givens, one of his six catches for 118 yards. The drive stalled on fourth-and-1 at the 2, and Vinatieri's 24-yard field goal put New England up 23-12.

Givens got more playing time because Deion Branch was knocked out with a knee injury on the final play of the first half.

"A guys goes down, we have ammunition to hack him up," Givens said. "We have five guys (receivers) who can all play."

Arizona managed just 167 yards, 117 through the air and 50 on the ground. For the second week in a row, the Cardinals scored just one touchdown. Coach Dennis Green, who made his reputation on offense, was disgusted.

"We're not on the same page, and that's a shame," he said, "because system-wise, style-wise this is probably the best offense in the National Football League right now. It's hard to believe that we developed it. It's hard to believe that we created it and we don't know how to run it."

Repeatedly, Patriots linebacker Mike Vrabel had an untouched path to McCown, who was sacked five times, all in the first half.

Field hockey tops Maine

By Joshua Pollock and Paula Aden
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts field hockey team finally emerged from a six-game losing streak, beating Maine 1-0 at Garber Field for its first win of 2004.

UMass	1
Maine	0

UMass and Maine have not faced each other in ten years, but the Minutewomen continued their dominance over the Lady Black Bears by improving their all-time series record to 13-0-1. The Maroon and White remain unbeaten against the Maine since their first meeting in 1975.

Junior midfielder Patricia Borneo scored an unassisted goal, which ended a 329-minute scoreless stretch for the Minutewomen, and gave them the lead to stay. UMass previously hadn't scored since a September 5 home game against Harvard.

During a strong attack on the Maine defense, Marije Tigchelaar attempted a pass to Borneo that was intercepted. Borneo managed to recover the ball once more, getting off a shot that found the back of the net with 4:30 remaining in the second half. The goal was Borneo's first of the season.

In the first half of the game, Borneo was unable to get a single shot off against the defense of the Black Bears.

"We talked to [Borneo] about making adjustments at halftime, and she had an excellent second half," Shea said. The adjustments proved to be the key needed for Borneo to net the Minutewomen's game-winner.

The UMass defense was the strongest it has been all season, receiving excellent work from Katelyn Woolfrey, Kwylan Iaggassar, Kara Murphy and Tigchelaar. Senior goalkeeper

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Minutewomen set to face off against the Blue Devils
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Controversial 'sexual' mural graces lobby of John Quincy Adams dorm

By Mike Travis
Collegian Correspondent

University of Massachusetts students residing in John Quincy Adams dorm in Southwest Residential Area are enjoying more than just speedy new elevator rides this semester — they are admiring the lively decor in the lobby.

The lobby of JQA is now adorned with a reproduction of Hieronymus Bosch's somewhat controversial painting, "The Garden of Earthly Delights."

"There is a lot of sexual and hidden innuendo in this piece," said senior JQA resident Jennifer Loiselle. "You can't really get around that the first thing that it makes you think of is sex."

Created by students and staff from the Hampden Gallery located in the middle of Southwest Residential Living Area — the work of art was funded by Housing Services in collaboration with the Fine Arts Center.

Hampden Gallery Manager John Simpson, who directed the project, said that the Bosch painting is a part of the ongoing effort to beautify places on campus — particularly in Southwest.

"The Bosch Project has so much detail. It has an interesting combination of humans, animals, plants, minerals and mastery of color and depth," Simpson said.

Michael Gargano, vice chancellor of student affairs and campus life, proposed such beautification efforts to change students' perception of Southwest shortly after a series of on-campus disturbances and a riot took place in Southwest last fall.

The reproduction is an extreme close-up of the center panel from the original Bosch painting, which



MIKE TRAVIS/COLLEGIAN

A reproduction of Hieronymus Bosch's 'The Garden of Earthly Delights' adorns the lobby of JQA dorm in Southwest. According to students, the painting contains questionable sexual innuendo.

was created in Northern Europe in 1500.

According to Simpson, there was a mutual consensus between the artists and Housing Services to take artistic liberties with the painting, in particular, removing all genitalia in the reproduction.

"It was painted in 1500, and even 500 years later it still seems scandalous," said Simpson. "We cleaned it up a little bit, but still kept it edgy."

Hampden Gallery Director Anne LaPrade said it would be insulting to assume college students couldn't handle the painting. "Real life is challenging and brutal ... we had to be willing to withstand controversy," LaPrade said.

Still, some think the "Rated-G" version of the painting is an insult to their maturity and has only added to the Southwest stigma.

"I think that if they didn't want any genitalia, they should have picked another painting for the dorm since the whole point of that painting is sex and sin," said a member of residence life staff, who wishes to remain anonymous. "I find it very ironic that it is in JQA. Residential Life has wanted to stop JQA from being a hotspot for partying and riots, but this painting in a way just confirms that this type of behavior happens here and it is okay."

It took two-and-a-half months to build the frame and complete the acrylic painting. Bosch left no clues behind as to the themes and subject matter that went into the painting and there has been little consensus on its meaning, except that it represents the realms of potentiality, action and consequences.

Umass graduate student Dan Miller and senior Kelly Fuller, both worked on the large-scale project.

"It was a little overwhelming and I had my doubts if it was going to get done, but it did," said Miller.

Fuller, who just finished the painting program at the University, said it was a great opportunity and rare for art students to be involved with such a large-scale project.

A larger, three-piece triptych version of the Bosch painting will be placed in Hampden Gallery during Christmas and should remain on display throughout the spring semester.

$781,774 education grant awarded to associate professor

By Hayden Marx
Collegian Correspondent



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Associate Professor Mary Lynn Boscardin.

Mary Lynn Boscardin, associate professor in the department of Student Development and Pupil Personnel Service, was recently awarded a four-year $781,774 federal grant to improve special education and administration training.

The grant comes from the U.S. Department of Education and will be used to train administrators to better serve students with disabilities and special education needs.

Participants in the grant will first be required to take special and general education administration courses, after which they will be placed into internship positions at local- and federal/state-level agencies in order to understand how these agencies interact with federal policies.

Students will have direct experience with how policy influences practice. Course work and internships allow participants to discover the relationship between federal/state- and local-level policies.

For example, not all schools are complying with IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act). When schools are out of compliance, federal funding to the state is at risk not only for education, but for all state agencies receiving federal funding. This has forced politicians not to go after failing schools for fear of losing funding and the next election.

Interns will also learn to better understand and help students from diverse backgrounds. This will be done by having them intern in places that are linguistically, racially, ethnically or socio-economically different from what they are used to.

Boscardin says it is important for interns to be open to learning about people from backgrounds that are different from their own, because they will not know exactly where they will be working.

She feels that internships are very important in any field because they tie what is lectured in the classroom to practice.

"[The internship experience is] having enough latitude to allow participants to pursue a plan that best meets their needs while meeting grant competence requirements," she said.

Many people enter into internships thinking they know exactly what they want to do, only to find other opportunities available to them, she said.

By working in many different areas of the field the intern is exposed to a range of opportunities, so that their perspective of work available is broadened and they do not feel limited to their original choice, she said.

The Taste of Russia comes to Amherst

Amherst Common fills with music, food, and culture



COURTESY ANATOLIY BORYSSENKO

Members of the dance group from the Amherst Russian Club don handmade Slavic costumes made according to sketches from historical museums. The scarves were made in Russia.

By Jeremy Dirac
Collegian Correspondent

Like the great Russian city of St. Petersburg — which was built on a miserable swamp near the Gulf of Finland — the Taste of Russia festival was built on the miserable swamp that was the Amherst Town Common Saturday. Despite the dismal weather, cheerful festival-goers turned out in galoshes and rain-coats, whether it was to attend a performance by the Amherst Regional High School Hurricanes; to talk with William Taubman, the Pulitzer-Prize-winning author of "Khrushchev: The Man and His Era;" or if it was just to grab a hot bowl of borscht — or beet soup.

"This morning it was torrential rain and there were still people coming out," said Paul Richardson, publisher of Russian Life magazine, which organized the festival along with Larrabee Enterprises.

Larry Stevens, the president of Larrabee Enterprises, acknowledged that the weather probably kept some people inside, but still felt that the turnout was good. Next year, he wants to have two tents instead of one. He said that they've already booked the same spot on the Amherst Town Common for Sept. 17, 2005.

The fifth Taste of Russia festival was the first to be held outside of Vermont, and the organizers expect to start having it in Amherst in the future.

Underneath the big white tent, over 3,000 "Russophiles" from different parts of the country came to enjoy the festivities, according to the festival's Web site. Richardson said that there were people there that had come from as far away as Alaska and Texas. However, Olga Bush of Waterford, Conn., didn't feel the festival was worth the trip.

"It was more disappointing. I anticipated more people, and they've been advertising for quite a long time. There's not a big variety of foods," said Bush.

Bush's seven-and-a-half year old daughter, Natalia, didn't seem to mind the lack of variety. She munched on her honey cake and said that she liked "the funny guy."

Natalia may have been referring to Creative Director of Circus Smirkus — a circus made up of kid performers — Troy Wunderle, who worked Saturday as a circus performer.

Following his juggling/magic act, Wunderle opened up three great boxes filled with juggling balls, pins, rubber plates, and other circus items.

Children and adults gathered around him to learn how to juggle balls and balance plates, giving Wunderle a Pied Piper appearance.

The circus is popular in Russia, and Wunderle said he'd trained with many Russian circus coaches. "It's amazing, the talent that comes out of there," said Wunderle.

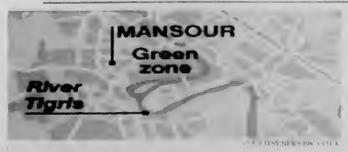
Other festival-goers came to shop at the tents of Russian crafts. For sale were Matrioshkas (decorative Russian nesting dolls), wooden carvings, hand-painted silk scarves, painted eggs, and ornate jewelry boxes, among other things. Crafts could also be purchased from Father Deacon Robert Alexander Hubiak, who was putting all the money he collected toward the

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COURTESY ANATOLIY BORYSSENKO

Elen Boryssenko and Maria Soprounova wear replicas of 1,000 year-old Slavic costumes made by the Amherst Russian Club.



COURTESY SERGEY CHUZAVKOV

A map of Baghdad shows where Armstrong was abducted.

Iraqi video shows beheading of American

By Bassem Mroue
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A video posted Monday on a Web site showed the beheading of a man identified as American civil engineer Eugene Armstrong. The militant group led by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi claimed responsibility for the slaying and said another hostage — either an American or a Briton — would be killed in 24 hours.

The grisly decapitation was the latest killing in a particularly violent month in Iraq, with more than 300 people dead from insurgent attacks and U.S. military strikes over the past seven days. Earlier Monday, gunmen in Baghdad assassinated two clerics from a powerful Sunni Muslim group that has served as a mediator to release hostages.

The video of the beheading of the man believed to be Armstrong surfaced soon after the expiration of a 48-hour deadline set earlier by al-Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad Group for the beheading of the three civil engineers. The men — Armstrong, American Jack Hensley

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CIA still reviewing video tape

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and Briton Kenneth Bigley — were abducted Thursday from their homes in a wealthy Baghdad neighborhood.

A militant whose voice resembled al-Zarqawi, who has been linked to al-Qaida, read a statement in the video saying the next hostage would be killed in 24 hours unless all Muslim women prisoners are released from U.S. military jails.

"You, sister, rejoice. God's soldiers are coming to get you out of your chains and restore your purity by returning you to your mother and father," he said before grabbing the hostage, seated at his feet, and cutting his throat.

In Washington a U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Armstrong's body had been recovered, but the official would provide no information about where or when.

The taped beheading appears to be of Armstrong, but the CIA is still reviewing the tape to be sure, the official said.

The 9-minute tape, posted on a Web site used by Islamic militants, showed a man seated on the floor, blindfolded and wearing an orange jumpsuit — similar to the orange uniform worn by prisoners at the U.S. naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba — with his hands bound behind his back. Five militants dressed in black stood behind him, four of them armed with assault rifles, with a black Tawhid and Jihad Group banner on the wall.

The militant in the center read out a statement, as the hostage rocked back and forth and side to side where he sat. After finishing, the militant pulled a knife and cut his throat until the head was severed.

The victim gasped loudly as blood poured from his neck. His killer held up the head at one point, and placed it on top of the body.

"The fate of the first infidel was cutting off the head before your eyes and ears. You have a 24-hour opportunity. Abide by our demand in full and release all the Muslim women, otherwise the head of the other will follow this one," the speaker said.

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Gov. Romney expects Bush to win presidential elections

BOSTON (AP) — Republican Gov. Mitt Romney, the most prominent champion for President Bush in Massachusetts, said Monday that he expects Democratic rival John Kerry to win the presidential debates — but for Bush to ultimately win the election.

"On points, my guess is John Kerry will win handily," Romney said. "On who wins the debates in terms of getting votes, I think it will be the president."

Romney said that Kerry is a sharp debater, showing great command of facts and recall in a debate with former Gov. William Weld in Kerry's 1996 re-election campaign.

"I think John Kerry is a very skilled, effective debater, but I think that the qualities of character that are associated with presidency will suggest that President Bush will end up stronger following the debates even though I don't think they expect him to win on points," Romney said.

Democrats warned not to be fooled by Republicans who downplay the president's debating prowess.

"He won the governorship against Ann Richards who was no slouch as a public speaker and debater in large part because he performed so well that year," state Democratic Party Chairman Phil Johnston said. "In the Gore/Bush debates it's fair to say he did well against Gore. Now he's been the incumbent president for four years, he should perform very well."

-Associated Press



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Governor Mitt Romney speaks at the 2004 Republican National Convention in New York City on September 1.

Amherst Russian Club exhibits traditional Slavic costumes

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building of an Orthodox church in Danbury, Conn.

The Taste of Russia started on Friday night with a VIP Dinner and vodka tasting at Hotel Northampton. Those present at the event heard Pulitzer Prize winner William Taubman speak about his book on Khrushchev. As a teaser, Taubman pointed out that one of the things people most remember Khruschev doing — pounding his shoe on the United Nations table — may not really have happened.

"There are no actual photos of it," said Taubman.

Just down the road, Amherst College had a Russian Animation Film Fest in the Stirn Auditorium and a Russian Art Show in the Mead Art Museum. In the evening, the Tsiganov Brothers Jazz Quintet played in the Buckley Recital Hall.

One of the most popular stands was the one selling Russian food. The Taste of Russia offered borscht, pelmeni (Russian dumplings), baklava, honey cakes, and a walnut shaped pastry.

"I tried all the deserts. I thought the honey cake was the best," said Rebecca Mueller, a student at Smith College and member of the Russian Club.

Some people ran into a comical problem after acquiring stickers from zealous volunteers that said, "YES! I Speak Russian!" and then became confused when fellow fairgoers started speaking to them in Russian.

Festival participant John Ledes said that attending the festival was an opportunity to get in touch with his family heritage. His grandfather came to America from Sukhumi, in the former Soviet Republic of Georgia. "It's delightful, it's a wonderful idea," he said.

Next year's festival may be a year away, but organizers are already planning the next bash on the festival's Web site. Organizers feel that Amherst will continue to be a good location, because it is between New York and Boston. Another reason is local interest. Judith Wobst, a Russian teacher at Amherst Regional High School, said Amherst has both strong middle and high school programs and that many local students go on to study Russian language and literature in the Five Colleges.

"[Amherst college professors] complain that Amherst High School students do all the talking in the classes," said Wobst.

Wobst said she is saddened that the University of Massachusetts Russian program could not be a part of the festival. "UMass killed its program, sadly," said Wobst.

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The burning questions



Yousef Munayyer

Alex Arredondo grew up in Quincy, Massachusetts. Like many other Massachusetts natives his age, this August 24th he may have been watching the Red Sox or perhaps gearing up for the school year ahead. However, Alex was not near a diamond or a campus this August; he was spending the last moments of his life in Najaf, Iraq.

Private first class Alexander Arredondo was killed in combat only a few weeks ago. At 20 years old, he lost his life in the desert before he was old enough to buy a drink back home.

In Florida, three marines approached the residence of Carlos Arredondo, Alex's father. The marines, in formal uniform, were bearing news that no father ever wants to here.

In Carlos' eyes, however, they must have looked more like grim reapers than marines. It is hard to imagine what must have been going through his head when he beheld that site at his doorstep. Before the marines could even say a word to him, he surely already knew.

To say that Carlos Arredondo did not take the news well would be an understatement. With the marines at his doorstep, he silently went into his garage and returned with a propane tank, a gallon of gasoline and a welder's torch. The helpless and now distraught father climbed into the van that the marines had driven to his house. He proceeded to douse the interior of the van with gasoline and set it ablaze. This was his tragic attempt to end his now meaningless life. This was the scream that he did not let out on his doorstep.

Carlos Arredondo still outlives his son. The marines were able to get him out of the inferno that he created for himself. Though over half of his body was covered in severe burns, his wife stated that it looks like he will recover physically.

Luz Marina Arredondo, Alex's grandmother, felt the government was at fault for her grandson's death. She said, "They send them like guinea pigs over there."

There are over 1,000 stories like this. There are over 1,000 reactions to troubling news. There are over 1,000 visits which marines did not have to make.

Thousands of miles away, back in the deserts of Iraq, there are more deaths. Marines do not show up on the doorsteps in Iraq, though. The civilian deaths in Iraq are staggering. Perhaps these death stories total 10,000 or more. Yet there are no condolences that we hear of, no apologies for misguided JDAMs or errant apache fires on civilian crowds.

But apologies and message bearers never bring back the dead, they never right the wrong. The only progress we can make is to stop the killing before it continues. Lives hinge on our willingness to admit mistakes, yet pride continues to drill nails into coffins that will soon be covered in flags or forgotten in some desert town.

There was a time when civilians were not as affected by war. In the past, battles raged in open fields and in many cases, civilians congregated on surrounding hills to watch the outcome. With the coming of the last century, war was brought closer to home as the average person became more involved. Mobilization led to larger armies and fiercer battles. Battles came to cities, trenches were dug, bombs that evaporated the enemy were dropped, and huts filled with women and children were sprayed with automatic fire. After the Vietnam era, the ratio of military deaths to civilian deaths was 1:8. The people dying in the wars of today are not only the soldiers; in fact, most of those who die as a result of war have nothing to do with the war or politics at all. They are just there when it happens.

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For this reason, the decision to go to war is more important today than it has ever been. If war is to be fought with the weapons of the new century, it must be decided with the wisdom of centuries past.

The people affected most by war today, whether they are the fathers in burning vans or mothers in the smoldering streets of Baghdad, have to be thought about before war commences. Foolish decisions are as unacceptable as unnecessary killings.

With every death, the magnitude of the mistake grows exponentially. The guinea pigs continue to die. Marines will continue to bear bad news on doorsteps. However, worst of all, grandmothers will continue to search for reasons why their hope for the future has gone up in smoke.

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No cell phones in baseball

Dan McDonnell

I am a die-hard baseball fan. I've been watching the sport since I was a little kid. Being from the Boston area means I am, of course, a Red Sox fan. But I will watch any game played by any two teams at any time of the day. I even catch a few games here and there on ESPN Classic from the '70s and '80s.

Hundreds of little things have changed about the game over the last decade. Everyone that watches notices things like better hitters, harder-throwing pitchers, etc. Even the people in the crowd have changed. Nowadays you see more corporate suits in the front row and fewer devoted fans. It's a shame because this new influx of fans has led to the most annoying thing on television: the cell phone guy.

Every time I turn on a ballgame, I am forced to see some guy sitting in the third row on his cell phone waving like a madman to everyone out there watching TV. These guys sit down and instantly, their cell phone is attached to their ear to call absolutely every number in their phone book. Then, of course, as soon as they have someone on the other end, they feel the need to wave crazily.

It happens without fail every time I watch a baseball game. It doesn't matter if it's the Sox and the Yankees or the Expos and the Pirates. There's always someone on the phone waving to his or her friends at home watching the game. There must be an unwritten rule that a Major League Baseball game cannot be broadcast on television unless they are expected to have a minimum of three guys per inning on their cell phones calling their buddy Steve from behind home plate.

I am at a point where I just can't take it anymore. This is by far the most irritating thing on my TV today. I turned on a Sox game the other day and honest to God, there were five people standing up at the same time, phone in one hand attached to the ear with the other hand flailing about like they were all swatting at a swarm of bees. That one event officially brought me to my breaking point. I felt like Rocky Balboa in Rocky V when he finally snaps at the end and has the street fight with his former protégé, Tommy Gunn. I had been pushed over the edge.

There must be an unwritten rule that a Major League Baseball game cannot be broadcast on television unless they are expected to have a minimum of three guys per inning on their cell phones calling their buddy Steve from behind home plate.

Something needs to be done about the "cell phone guy," and it needs to be done soon. Do we really need to see someone waving to all his or her friends at every game on TV? I mean, we get it, you're on TV. Fabulous. We don't really care. Nobody needs to see you going crazy simply because you believe that you have "made it." Being on TV because you happened to be the fastest one to the seats that were formerly occupied by the not-so-big baseball fan who needed to leave early to beat traffic doesn't make you some kind of television star. It just makes you that "cell phone guy" who aggravates the hell out of everyone sitting at home trying to watch a game.

The ushers need to start regulating this new and downright bothersome phenomenon. Everyone sitting behind the plate in the region that will be seen on TV should be stripped of his or her cell phones. The ushers should just have a basket for cell phones. If you want to sit behind the plate, you are going to have to sacrifice the phone. If you need to make a call, then get out of your seat, walk down by the hot dog stand and dial whomever you want. Just please stop doing it on my television while I am trying to watch a game.

It's a simple request. From April through October, baseball is a big part of my daily routine. I don't like my routine being interrupted, especially by a guy distracting me from good, solid, athletic competition because his friend Tom might want to see him on TV. I don't come to your house and sidetrack you from eating your Cheerios and reading the morning paper. So please stop interfering in my daily habit of watching a ballgame. It's all I ask.

Dan McDonnell is a Collegian columnist.

Dining halls deserve more credit

Stacy Kasdin

From elementary school through college, students have had one consistent complaint: cafeteria food. I've eaten at UCLA. I've eaten at Tufts. I'm not going to lie: I was jealous of their fresh fruit spread, and I wasn't thrilled about having to come back to UMass food. Known for such specialties as Trix pizza and cornflake macaroni and cheese, the UMass dining halls aren't exactly five-star quality. However, I came to the realization this summer that they are not getting nearly as much credit as they deserve.

I spent the last 10 days before I returned to school on a cruise around the Hawaiian Islands with my parents. We were trying out a new cruise line, NCL America, which is a division of Norwegian Cruise Lines. The line was just starting up and had only been running for about two months. They were trying out a new system called freestyle dining, which means that instead of having an assigned mealtime, vacationers could choose to eat at one of two main restaurants, one of three specialty restaurants or at a buffet-style self-serve location. These were all available for four-hour intervals three times a day. Well, it seemed like a good idea.

The first night on the boat, the restaurants were not open. Quite a few people went to the two main restaurants, and the rest, including my family, went to the buffet. The line must have been made up of 150-200 people and grew by the second. We stood there without moving for a while, moved about a foot, and then continued to stand for some time again. In all, I think it took us about 30 minutes to get to the front of the line, at which point I discovered that the main course offerings consisted of hamburgers, hotdogs and ribs. I don't eat red meat. My long-awaited meal consisted of half a cold corn on the cob and a cheese and pickle sandwich.

As much as we may complain about the food offered here, we really do have a decent selection, and we can get our food quickly and be on our way.

The buffet system was very similar to that of the dining halls on campus. You come in, get your tray and stand in line. You take your food and go find a seat. I've never stood in a line in the dining hall for more than five minutes. Maybe 10 minutes on lobster night.

I'm not sure exactly what the problem was on the boat, but the lines moved beyond sluggishly, and the potato product and cold fish I ended up getting for just about every lunch and dinner really wasn't worth the wait. It got to the point where my father, a diabetic, was eating dessert nearly every night and taking extra insulin because there just wasn't anything else to eat.

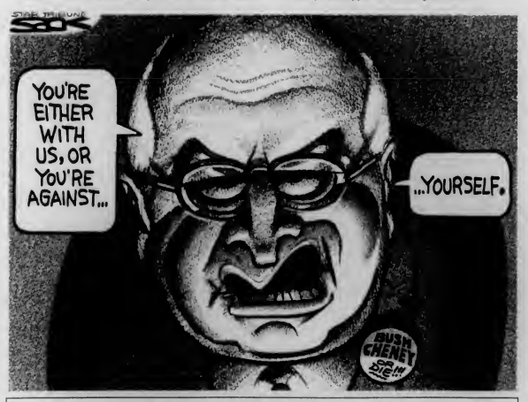
I've done my fair share of complaining about the dining hall food, but they always have a sandwich bar, a pasta bar, a waffle maker and salad. They also always have a vegetarian option. Furthermore, the cost of my one-year school meal plan was substantially less than the cost of this cruise. At one point, I had a discussion with the cruise director about implementing a system similar to UMass' grab-n-go on the boat. When in port we would leave the boat for excursions, and if we didn't get up two hours early, we wouldn't be able to get breakfast before we left. If they had packs of cereal, pastries, bagels, coffee, etc. available, it would have been very convenient.

The director sort of shrugged me off, saying that some of the longer excursions provided meals for their guests. I don't know about the other dining halls, but I know Worcester hangs their student comment cards on a bulletin board near the entrance and tries to take all suggestions into account. A similarity between the dining halls on campus and the cruise was that they both offered ice cream every day. The difference? The dining halls offer soft-serve and hard ice cream pretty much from the middle of breakfast until the end of dinner. The boat offered it from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., but ran out every day around 4 p.m.

Eventually, the main and specialty restaurants opened, and people stood outside waiting for anywhere between one and three hours for a table, whether or not they had reservations, and then waited about an hour at their table to get their food. At the specialty restaurants, they were paying as much as $15 extra per person for this poor service. My family and I heard this and decided not even to bother, because as bad as the buffet was, three hours was a lot more than the 30 minutes to an hour it took to get through the buffet. Luckily, about halfway through the cruise, we began traveling at night and people were too nauseous to eat, which provided a bit more restaurant space. We ate at one of the main restaurants on our last night on the boat. It was certainly nothing special.

By the fourth or fifth day on the boat, I was proudly telling people that I was a college student and was very much looking forward to returning to my school's dining hall food. As much as we may complain about the food offered here, we really do have a decent selection, and we can get our food quickly and be on our way. That cruise has given me a newfound appreciation for such delicacies as Trix pizza and cornflake macaroni and cheese. The Trix pizza is hot, the macaroni and cheese vegetarian and the ice cream plentiful. For that, I am eternally thankful.

Stacy Kasdin is a Collegian columnist.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IN KERRY'S DEFENSE

In their editorials on Sept. 17, Collegian columnists Johnny Donaldson and Stephen Post both offered strong indictments of the Bush administration (with which I heartily agree). Yet both found it hard to muster any real enthusiasm for his opponent, John Kerry. Donaldson, after describing his ideal candidate, concluded, "I don't know if Kerry is that guy, but Bush definitely is not." Meanwhile, Post fueled the fires of voter apathy by warning that there is little to differentiate Kerry from Bush. These are hardly ringing endorsements of this year's Democratic candidate.

In fact, there is plenty to differentiate Kerry from Bush. Let me offer just a couple of examples why I believe Kerry may, indeed, be "that guy" who can lead our country in a better direction.

Donaldson mentioned his concern for environmental protection; it would be hard to find two candidates more strongly "differentiated" than Bush and Kerry when it comes to environmental issues. The non-partisan League of Conservation Voters puts John Kerry's lifetime, pro-environment voting record at a whopping 97 percent, one of the highest in the Senate. (As a standard of comparison, Al Gore only scored 68 percent when he was in the Senate.) President Bush, on the other hand, is the first President in 34 years to earn a grade of "F" from the League.

Donaldson also mentioned his concern for the rights of gay Americans. Here again, there is a clear choice. In 1996, John Kerry was one of only 14 Senators who voted in opposition to the anti-gay "Defense of Marriage" Act. President Bush, on the other hand, advocates elevating that piece of discriminatory legislation to the level of a Constitutional Amendment.

Perhaps neither candidate fully matches our picture of the ideal leader, but a vote is not a statement of ideals. It is an ACTION by which the next President of our country will be determined. On Election Day, my own course of action will be clear.

LIZA KNAPP
UMASS STUDENT

THANKS FOR FIRST WEEK SUCCESS

The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Campus Life would like to extend a hearty thank you to the UMass Amherst student body for your participation and collaboration with First Week activities. The return of the spirit, energy and passion that only students can exhibit on our campus was a welcomed site.

First Week 2004 was a critical success due to the joined forces and enthusiasm of the many offices and volunteers that gave of their time and energy long before the week started. I personally want to extend my deep gratitude to all those individuals and offices from Academic Affairs, Administration and Finance, Alumni Relations, University Advancement and Student Affairs and Campus Life for your early morning, late night and everything in between assistance and for putting into action our STUDENTS FIRST philosophy. I encourage the campus community to perpetuate the good feeling and rousing school spirit that was created throughout the academic year.

Thanks and GO UMASS!

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Old 97's lead singer Rhett Miller will invade the Pearl Street night club tonight with his band's version of what has been branded alternative country.

Old 97's: A new kind of country

By Spencer Ziegler
Collegian Correspondent

The Old 97's will be playing at the Pearl Street Night Club tonight in support of their new album, "Drag it Up."

The band was formed in Dallas, Texas by singer Rhett Miller and guitarist/bassist guitarist Murray Hammond. The remainder of the band is made up of guitarist Ken Bethea and drummer Phil Peeples.

Their first album, "Wreck Your Life," was released in 1995. The bands popularity began to rise soon there after, with the success of future albums such as "Fight Songs" and "Satellite Rides."

Some of their most well known songs "Victoria", "Nineteen" and "Question," are good examples of the bands sound, that is best described as alternative country. The Old 97's fall in to the same category as such success stories as Wilco and Whiskeytown.

Whiskeytown's tempermental, former lead singer Ryan Adams has since gone solo and is also a great artist to listen to for those who enjoy the Old 97's. Adams, who has been hailed by the likes of Rolling Stone Magazine and British rock legend Elton John, has become a staple in this genre of music. He is also rumored to have stormed off stage once during a live performance after concert patrons insisted, he perform songs by the like-named artist Bryan Adams.

The Old 97's 2004 release "Drag it Up" is a solid, although not quite as good as some of their previous efforts. The reviews for the album have been a little underwhelming. Rolling Stone played on the album title by referring to it as "kind of a drag."

Part of the problem with the album is that a few of the songs have lost some of their charm through the recording process. "Won't be Home," was a fantastic simple song, when performed live, but on the album it seems as if something has been lost in the translation.

That is not to say that the album is sub par. It still features a handful of great songs such as "Bloomington." If it weren't for the band's success with their other discs, perhaps this disk could also be considered great.

Lead singer Miller is also known for his 2002 solo effort, "The Instigator." That album featured 12 well-written and clever songs including the single "Come Around," which received moderate radio airplay. "The Instigator," sounds as if it is an Old 97's album in which only Miller's work was actually recorded. Although it is a fine album, it is not enough of a departure from Miller's previous work to warrant a solo album.

Those interested in Old 97's music should check out their 2001 release "Satellite Rides," though hardcore fans tend to gravitate towards their 1997 release, "Too tough to Care", which featured the great song "Barrier Reef."

Old 97's
Pearl Street
Northampton
Today

"Satellite Rides" is their most accessible album, even though it is a bit of a departure from previous albums, in that it is not as strongly influenced by country music. Interesting enough for this Texas foursome, it sounds much more like a Brit-rock album. The album features some fantastic and witty songs such as the aforementioned "Question," "King of all of the World," and a personal favorite, "Rollerskate Skinny."

Certain editions of "Satellite Rides" feature a bonus disk that has five recordings of older songs that do a good job in summing up where the Old 97's have been and what they're capable of. This album comes highly recommended and is a great starter album for anyone who wants to get into the Old 97's.

Opening for the Old 97's tonight is Chuck Prophet. This alternative country guitarist is supporting his recent album "Turn the Pigeons Loose," which is his 8th solo album. Before turning solo Prophet was in an alt-country band Green on Red.

The show begins at seven and tickets are $15 in advance and $18 at the door.



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Though hailed in Rolling Stone magazine in 2001 the Old 97's recent release is said to be dull.

'Dar' becomes hometown staple

By Meghan Healy
Collegian Staff

Northampton – For Dar Williams Friday's performance at the Calvin Theater marked a significant homecoming: she was back and better than ever.

Williams, a former resident of Northampton, defected to New York City recently, after spending much of her early thirties and a significant chunk of her time as a songwriter in the Pioneer Valley. Though her sound has changed since the move, Friday's performance saw Northampton's favorite daughter all the better for the change of scenery. Not only has her talent and strength as a songwriter grown considerably, but Dar has also begun an odyssey into the world of book writing as well.

From the moment the quirky, blond singer/songwriter took the stage, she held her audience captive under a spell woven from her melodic voice and delicate acoustic arrangements. For an hour and a half she played a well-rounded assortment of old and new songs and in the tradition of VH1's "Storytellers" took time to tell a little bit about most of her songs. Williams' one-woman show gave both seasoned fans and those who had never heard her music before a chance to get to know the performer and form an attachment to the songs.

A new mother herself, Dar began her show with the silly yet moving tribute to caregivers everywhere called, "The Babysitter's Here." "She's the best one that we've ever had/She sits on her hair, and she's tall as my dad/ And she tie-dyed my shirt, and she pierced her own ear/ And it's peace, man, cool, yeah, the babysitter's here," she sang in the refrain. As the song went on, however, it gained some depth. "But it's Saturday night, I can't sleep, and we're watching the news/ She says, 'Do me a favor, don't go with a guy who would make you choose,' " she sang with the innocence and curiosity of a child as a deeper story about the babysitter herself unfolds.

Also on the roster were fan-favorites "Christians and Pagans" and "When I Was a Boy," songs about acceptance and the absurdity of gender roles, respectively. "Are You Out There," a less folk and more rock-folk song, and "The End of Summer," a timely ballad, rounded out the set.

The highlight of the phenomenal show was probably "The Beauty of the Rain," the title track off Williams' most recent studio album. With the help of Dar's voice, the bittersweet song was moving, and the crowd was completely enchanted by her graceful and elegant guitar playing.

Williams also played a couple of new tunes for the generously sized crowd: one she had written in Northampton a long time ago and another she hadn't quite finished. In spite of not being finished, the song that Dar explained as a sort of exploration of her dedication to religion as a child in a house of atheists ("I used to go free-lance to Sunday school," she joked) was impressive. If this is the quality of music Williams will be delivering in the future, then fans both old and new certainly have a lot to look forward to.



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Dar Williams has shown she is multi talented with the release of her first book 'Amalee.'



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Complete with a new baby and a new book Dar Williams returned to Northampton Friday.

'Mr. 3000' swings but misses

By Michael Busack
Collegian Staff

It has finally happened. If people weren't bothered by the fact that comedian Bernie Mac stars in his own family sitcom, viewers must surely be grossed out by the direction that Mac's movies are taking. Wholesome and fuzzy, "Mr. 3000" just doesn't cut it.

Not to be rude, but didn't Bernie Mac's comedic performances have guts before? Not that "Mr. 3000" wasn't humorous (cough sell-out cough). But if this were 15 years ago, Bill Cosby would have played this role with more efficiency. There are two types of comedians in this world: ones that do standup and ones that do television. Historically, with a few minor exceptions (Larry David, Ray Romano and Andy Kaufman), when a comedian begins television and movies, much of their heart is lost in the transition.

The point is Bernie Mac grew up in inner city Chicago. Fans historically have enjoyed the fact that he is raw. In "The Kings of Comedy" Mac was in his prime. He was reminiscent of great comedians of the past like Richard Pryor. He rivaled peers like Chris Rock and D.L. Hughley. He was on top of the game because his comedy, despite being crude and at times offensive, was real. It was unique in the sense that it drew in a whole new audience to comedy.

'Mr. 3000'
Directed by Charles Stone III
Starring Bernie Mac, Angela Bassett
Touchstone Pictures
Rated PG-13
104 mins.
Grade D

Since then Mac has starred in major blockbuster hits like "Mo' Money," "Ocean's Eleven," and the 1996 Spike Lee movie "Get on the Bus." He even had his own HBO comedy special named "Midnight Mac."

In "Mr. 3000" it is almost laughable to consider that Mac actually chose this role because he thought he would be the best actor to play it. Honestly, it may not be far-fetched that the former "King of Comedy" may be making his royal decisions based on what will garner a larger paycheck. The ironic part is, the character Mac plays in the film is branded a sell-out and Mac makes this role seem far too autobiographical.

In "Mr. 3000," Mac plays the fictional, self-centered, Milwaukee Brewers superstar baseball player, Stan Ross. Ross was once a gifted player who decided to quit the game at his prime after he achieved his 3000th hit. Ross leaves his team while they are in the heat of a playoff race because he believes the milestone would surely grant him a spot in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Nine years later, Ross is the proprietor of a plaza of stores named for his major achievement. He owns 3000 Woks, a Chinese food restaurant; 3000 Paws, a dog grooming shop; and even a pub named Mr. 3000's Sports Bar that has 3000 different types of beer. The only catch is, the fact-checking commission in charge of reviewing possible Hall of Fame candidates finds out

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Bernie Mac practices in the weight room as Stan Ross in the new baseball flick 'Mr. 3000'

Doherty ignites Fox's 'North Shore'

By Daniel Fineberg
Zap2it.com

On Aug. 8, "North Shore" was a Fox summer soap trying desperately to find enough of an audience to stay afloat. On Aug. 9, Fox revealed that former "Beverly Hills, 90210" teen queen Shannen Doherty was joining the cast for at least three episodes with the possibility of a longer run.

Just like magic, on Aug. 13 Fox announced that "North Shore" was getting a back-nine pick-up, the ultimate vote of confidence for a show whose fan base is devoted, if tiny.

Nobody is explicitly saying that "North Shore" is sticking around because of Doherty – in fact, executive producer Bert Salke insists it was coming either way – but even in discussions about the part, the actress knew what might be at stake.

"I think it had been casually mentioned to me," Doherty laughs.

The natural instinct, particularly if you're a wildly optimistic Fox executive, is to compare Doherty's arrival on "North Shore" to the moment Heather Locklear moved into "Melrose Place" and transformed what was a sluggish "90210" spin-off into a brilliantly trashy institution. Certainly there appears to be some similarly bitchy DNA shared between Locklear's fiery Amanda Woodward and Doherty's, Alexandra Hudson.

"We wanted what we sometimes call an 'engine' on these shows, to not only give an expected ratings jump and bringing more viewers to a show that has momentum, but also that is something that a story spins off on," Salke says. "She was just the perfect [character] for people to spin around.

On Monday, Alexandra arrives on the North Shore to surprise everybody with the revelation that she's Walter Booth's [Christopher McDonald] daughter and therefore Nicole's [Brooke Burns] sister. One can only imagine that this deeply buried secret will set off a few fireworks. But is Doherty comfortable with assuming the Locklear mantle as show-saver?

"No, I'm not. It's a huge amount of pressure," Doherty says nervously. "Heather Locklear is amazing and what she does for shows is terrific and it's big footsteps to follow in. I'm very comfortable with the fact that I have an amazing fan base that is just so loyal."

Although Salke and fellow showrunner Chris Brancato were aware of Doherty's reputation for being occasionally difficult, he praises Doherty's professionalism and says that the only concern was the delicate ecosystem of a new show.

"Chris and I have done a lot of shows and we learned long ago not to judge somebody on what you hear, but on what you know," he says. "Frankly the fear is not about somebody's reputation, but the fact of a 'star' coming on to a show that's getting its legs, where a group of people have been together, somewhat clustered in Hawaii, for four months and you add someone new who's probably a big personality to that dynamic. That's the fear."

The experiment seems to be working so far. In addition to snagging its back-nine order, "North Shore" has already signed Doherty for three additional episodes, bringing her run to six and counting.

"I don't think they looked at it like me being a savior and I certainly don't look at it that way," she says.

How long Doherty will stay with the series remains open and having already left two successful shows in the midst of their runs, she acknowledges that she finds the TV schedule "a grind." She may ultimately leave that choice to others.



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Former Beverly Hills, 90210 star Shannen Doherty is hoping to breathe new life in to the ailing Fox show 'North Shore.'

Mac strikes out

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that due to a recording error, Ross' totals were incorrect. He really only achieved 2997 total hits, but 3 hits were recorded twice.

Ross has built his entire reputation on this number. It is his legacy. He goes through a short period of confusion, but he decides that he has no other choice but to make a return to the game of baseball at age 47. It's a good thing this plot isn't far-fetched. That would make this hard to believe. Note the sarcasm.

Through it all, Mac played the same type of character that he has been playing on Fox's Bernie Mac Show. He is sly, witty, yet at times the lovable jerk. He prides himself on his past achievements and really can't let go of his past.

Directed by Charles Stone III ("Drumline," "Paid in Full"), "Mr. 3000" falls in with a long line of feel-good baseball movies. There are many funny moments that provoke a giggle or two, but be sure, there will be no Oscar nominations or teenage following for this film. There is an overall cute bubble that makes the movie far too safe for the average Bernie Mac fan.

A shining note in the film was the role of Mo, played by Angela Bassett. Though a wretched makeup job made her look old in the film, Bassett shined in her role as Ross' love interest. She is quick, intelligent and tough, as she is in nearly every role she has had in her career. With her well-rounded talent, Bassett quite possibly could be one of America's most underrated actresses.

Another interesting note of the film was the seditious commentary on what the commercialization of professional sports has done to the ego of the player. One thing "Mr. 3000" does accurately is point out what has happened to America's favorite pastime. The video game generation has helped to turn what used to be a game about talent and pride into a contest of egos.

"Mr. 3000" did something that not many movies are able to do. It is pretty funny yet not so funny for Mac. It has great acting yet not so great acting from Mac, who is the star of the film. It had an interesting plotline, but Bernie Mac could have done better. Maybe next time he could star in a movie about a parent and a child who magically switch bodies; that hasn't been done yet. Note more sarcasm.

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Belichick quoted in 'Patriot Reign'

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — Bill Belichick and Bill Parcells can agree on one thing: A book that dredges up the stormiest part of their relationship is old news.

"I don't have anything to say about it," Parcells said at the Cowboys' practice facility in Irving, Texas, on Monday. "Gosh almighty, how many years ago was that?"

The book, "Patriot Reign: Bill Belichick, the Coaches, and the Players Who Built a Champion," by former Boston Globe sports writer Michael Holley, is more about the inner workings of the Patriots. But the most explosive details could be those that pertain to Parcells' departure from New England following the 1997 Super Bowl.

The Patriots lost that one to the Green Bay Packers; Parcells did not fly back to New England with the team, and he was working for the Jets soon after. According to a review of the book on SI.com, Belichick said Parcells' behavior was a distraction as the team prepared to play for the NFL title.

"Yeah, I'd say it was a little bit of a distraction all the way around. I can tell you first-hand, there was a lot of stuff going on prior to the game. I mean, him talking to other teams. He was trying to make up his mind about what he was going to do. Which, honestly, I felt was totally inappropriate," Belichick said, according to SI.com.

"How many chances do you get to play for the Super Bowl? Tell them to get back to you in a couple of days. I'm not saying it was disrespectful to me, but it was in terms of the overall commitment to the team."

The book also reports that there were "dozens" of calls made from Parcells' hotel room at the Super Bowl to Hempstead, N.Y., where the Jets have their headquarters, according to SI.com. Attempts to obtain comment from the book's publisher, William Morrow, were unsuccessful.

In his weekly briefing with reporters on Monday, Belichick downplayed the book, noting that many of the allegations had been previously reported. The claim that telephone records prove contact between Parcells and the Jets before the Super Bowl was reported at the time, though the records have never been produced publicly.

"I'm not part of hyping the book. I'm not on that hype program," Belichick said. "It's old news. All that stuff was talked about. I can't tell you how many Bill Parcells questions and stories there were last year in the Dallas game and all that. I'm trying to concentrate on this season."

US Ryder Cup team down and out

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while he has never had a winning record in any of the four Ryder Cup matches he has played.

Maybe the Americans simply care too much.

For anyone to suggest they don't get as excited as Europe about the Ryder Cup is to ignore what happened on the 12th green Sunday at Oakland Hills. In a singles match he already was winning handily, Woods watched his 35-foot eagle putt track to the hole, then removed his cap and thrust it toward the crowd when it disappeared.

It was the most emotion he has shown all year. But he and the rest of the Americans were wound so tight at the start of this Ryder Cup that it took five shots on the opening hole of the better-ball matches before someone (Stewart Cink) found the fairway.

Hal Sutton made some curious decisions as the U.S. captain, although the nine-point loss will spare him much of the second-guessing that follows any Ryder Cup.

Sure, the Woods-Phil Mickelson pairing was a bust and gave Europe early momentum. But who could have guessed David Toms and Jim Furyk would lose in the first session? And who thought Jay Haas and Chris DiMarco would be the Americans' best alternate-shot pairing?

Sutton made some keen observations after his team fell five points behind after the first day. During the eight hours he spent on the course Friday, he saw the Americans gritting their teeth and Europeans smiling.

"It looked like they were trying to make something happen," Sutton said. "And it looked like we were trying to make sure we didn't have anything bad happen."



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Tiger Woods celebrates his eagle on Hole 13 on the final day of the Ryder Cup on Sunday.

A-10 title up for grabs in '04

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defense wins championships and the George Washington Colonials hope to ride their phenomenal defense straight to an A-10 title. The Colonial's "D" is anchored by senior backs Lindsay Bruno and Kelly Lawton. Lawton and Bruno, a preseason A-10 Conference team member, were the essential parts of a defense that allowed just 0.87 goals per game last year. Junior Michelle Miller and sophomores Nicole Cavino and Shari Taylor will all help fortify the defense. Anna Handzlik will take over as the fulltime goalkeeper. The transfer from the University of Colorado enjoyed a solid first season with the Colonials in 2003 posting a 0.89 GAA and led the league in saves per game with 6.43. On the offensive end, George Washington will need one or several players to step up and replace the play-making ability of graduated forward Kim Warner.

Sophomore Sarah Sample, a member of the 2003 A-10 All-Rookie team, looks to be ready for the challenge. After contributing 11 points last season, Sample has already put up five points (2 G, 1A) (that doesn't add up—ed.) so far this season. Aiding her on the offensive end will be junior midfielders, Ina Kain and Ashley Squires, and junior forward, Lise Beckman. Also, keep an eye on rookie forward Kiki Colker, a prized recruit who scored the game-winning goal against South Dakota State.

Duquesne University
2003 Record 8-10-2 (4-6-1 in A-10)
Current Record: 4-4 (0-0-0 A-10)
Coach: James Walker (2nd Year)

After a difficult 2003 season, The Duquesne Dukes are hoping to bounce back strong in 2004. The Dukes will bring back seven starters from the 2003 squad including seniors Erica Carey and Katie Schwager. Coach Walker will need the duo to provide both leadership and scoring after leading scorer and All-Conference midfielder Lauren Bracco's having graduated. Freshman midfielder Audra Matthews has had a strong start to her college career. The pre-season A-10 Rookie team member leads the team in both goals (five) and assists (five). Another pleasant surprise has been freshman Fay Rasmussen. The rookie has started all seven games and has tallied three goals so far this year.

The Duke's "D" will continue to be a strong point for the team as it returns four starters from last year's squad: senior Caitlin Holmes, junior Katie McCarter and sophomores Jessica Legge and Elizabeth Bok. The Dukes will need this group to pick up from where they left off last year, only allowing 1.55 goals per game. Virginia Bondi will be in net for Duquesne this season. Bondi won the job after splitting time with Rachel Gecik in 2003, but has struggled in the early goings allowing more than three goals per outing.

St. Bonaventure University
2003 Record: 5-13-1 (3-7-1 in A-10)
Current Record: 6-2 (0-0-0 A-10)
Coach: Dan Magner (3rd Season)

It's been relatively smooth sailing for the Bonnies this year after a disappointing 2003 campaign. St. Bonaventure is 4-1 in its last 5 games including wins of 5-0 and 8-0 against Niagara and St. Peters respectively. The Bonnies will rely mainly on its 11 juniors for success this year as only one senior, Cheryl Benacci, returns to the team for the 2004 season. The Bonnie defense, for example, will be composed of four juniors: Katie Fredlund, Lois Bennett, Alyssa Castranova and Emily Kridler, all of whom saw significant time as sophomores. St. Bonaventure hopes the quartet has learned from last season and will give up less than the 44 goals allowed last year. For offense, the Bonnies have been stellar, averaging more than three goals per game.

Leading the charge has been sophomore forward Kerry O'Malley. The ultimate playmaker, O'Malley has scored nine goals already this season while setting up her teammates for another eight. Nipping right on her heels is Heather MacDougal. The junior forward has eight goals including four against St. Peter's and was named A-10 Player of the Week on September 14th. Jackie Parmiter, a freshman, is also making her presence known. She is third on the team in scoring with three goals and four assists.

La Salle University
2003 Record: 3-13-1 (3-8-0 in A-10)
Current Record: 2-1-2 (1-0-0 A-10)
Coach: Paul Royal (2nd year)

The La Salle Explorers are looking to return to the A-10 tournament after not qualifying for the first time in three years in 2003. Leading the way for offense will be junior Alexis Petrucci and sophomore Heather Barclay. Both have four goals and an assist.

Barclay did the bulk of her scoring against A-10 foe Fordham as she posted her first career hat trick. For her efforts she was named A-10 player of the week. The defense will be led by senior Liz Ash, junior Erin McNulty and freshman Jenna Guagenti. Senior Kerry Schamberger has been tremendous in front of the net this year. So far she's posted a 0.65 GAA with 23 saves and two shutouts in six games this season.

Temple University
2003 Record: 4-14-1 (2-9-0 in A-10)
Current Record: 2-3 (0-0-0 A-10)
Coach: David Jones (1st Season)

The good news is that the Temple Owls will probably improve in the A-10 standings this season. The bad news is that Temple finished a league worst 2-9 in 2003. Coach Jones will look to twins Samantha and Stephanie Vietry to drive this year's offense. The sophomore duo combined for 12 goals last year, and this year they share the team lead for goals with two a piece. Aiding the twins on the offensive end will be senior midfielder Melissa Foley and sophomore Kelly Lare.

On the defensive end, captain Courtney Eaton will be in charge of leading the Owl's backs. Eaton will be joined by juniors Trish Dalton and Jackie Conn. Dalton has been a starter since her freshman year and can also provide some offense for Temple. Handling the goal keeping responsibilities will be 2003 team MVP Jackie Mauro. The senior stopped 109 shots last season while recording a 2.47 GAA and two shutouts.


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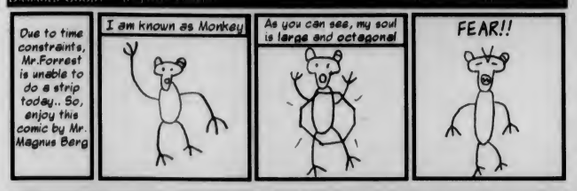
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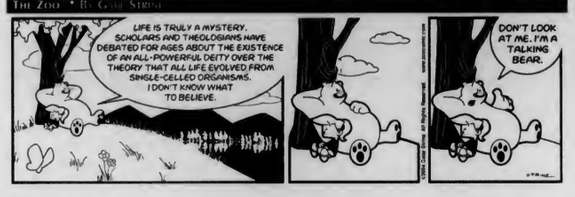
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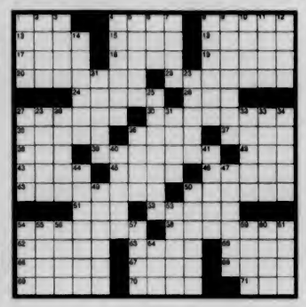
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UMass to face Blue Devils

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts women's soccer team will head to New Britain, Conn. tomorrow ready to face a world of difficulty.

Sporting a roster that includes three players from Canadian, four from Great Britain and one from Sweden, the Central Connecticut State Blue Devils (4-3) are coming off a convincing 4-0 defeat of the Oregon Ducks, and will be looking to add to their win column with their different style of play.

"They don't knock it around a whole lot," UMass coach Jim Rudy said. "It's a very English style, very straightforward. It's up, back and over, or up, square and through. They're fairly direct, and they tackle very hard, too."

So, how effective is the imported style on the field? CCSU's top three scorers have scored a combined nine goals for 25 points through seven games in 2004. The Minutewomen (0-5) have scored just three goals all season long, all three coming from freshmen.

Topping the stat sheet for the Blue Devils is the dangerous sophomore midfield/forward Jess McCavanagh, who has four goals and five assists for 13 points on the year. With numbers like that, you can be sure Rudy will be eyeing the Massapequa, N.Y. native like a hawk.

"I think with McCavanagh, you just got to keep in mind where she is at all times," Rudy said. "She tends to ghost out on the left flank, and [the Blue Devils] will take advantage of that."

Another real threat comes from the European side of the Blue Devils' diverse offense in Swedish-born Marina Lorentzson and England's own Sophie Hooper. While they won't turn any heads with the numbers they put up (a combined one goal and one assist for three points,) it is their setups that have directed the Blue Devils to some great scoring opportunities all year long.

"McCavanagh's great, but I think the real danger in this thing is the impact of Lorentzson and Hooper," Rudy said. "They are real big in the air. They win about every air ball there is, and I can't say we're great in the air. We're getting better, though."

But the role of spoiler is a position the Maroon and White have been playing all year. With all the hard work that's been going into their practices, and all the scoring opportunities that have gone wide, the feeling is that something may break soon. Today would be a perfect opportunity.

"If we do win tomorrow, I think it's going to make a whole different season for us," senior Lindsey "Stormy" Fairweather said.

With the season-ending injuries to seniors Erica Wideburg and Carly Turman now official, she remains the lone senior guiding along an attack that includes Adair Blyler, Lindsey Bellini and freshman Britt Canfield.

"We've got to go out there and play like we have been," Fairweather added. "Maybe we could score some more, that would be nice. Coach has been trying to tell us to keep our spirits up, not get ourselves down."

But if the Minutewomen are to keep pace tomorrow, they will have to start making some shots. As a team, they are converting just over 14 percent of their shots into goals.

"I don't think our tactics are the problem, as far as our positions on the field are and everything," Fairweather said. "It's just our focus when we get into that final third of the field. We're always two feet away from the post, or not coming close enough."



Junior Lindsey Bellini dribbles the ball during the 2003 campaign. Bellini has a goal and an assist on the season for the Minutewomen.

Excuses follow USA's defeat

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — The Americans have run out of explanations, but not excuses.

It should no longer be a mystery — nor an upset, for that matter — when the Europeans go home with the Ryder Cup, because that's what they have done seven out of the last 10 matches. Just never like this.

For the first time, Europe won every format over three days at Oakland Hills — alternate shot (4 1/2-3 1/2), better ball (6 1/2-1 1/2) and singles (7 1/2-4 1/2) — and wound up handing the Americans their worst loss (18 1/2-9 1/2) since this friendly little exhibition began in 1927.

The United States was gracious in defeat until someone mentioned the Presidents Cup.

"It's harder on us, playing it every year," Davis Love III said.

"It does take a lot out of you," Tiger Woods added. "As the Europeans said, if they had to do this every year, it would be very difficult."

Funny, but that's what the Americans said in 1998 after getting drubbed Down Under at the Presidents Cup. It has become a convenient excuse for them to complain about playing in these team events every year — against Europe in the Ryder Cup, then against everyone but Europe in the Presidents Cup. And maybe there is some truth to that.

The arrival of the Presidents Cup coincided with the Americans' slump in the Ryder Cup; they are 1-4 since 1994. Against a stronger International team, they are 3-1-1 in the Presidents Cup. They can handle Vijay Singh, Ernie Els, Mike Weir and Retief Goosen, four of the top seven players in the world with nine major championships among them. They get badly beaten by Lee Westwood and Sergio Garcia.

Does anyone really think doing away with the Presidents Cup will help the Americans in the Ryder Cup? If anything, they should see the Presidents Cup as a solution. It is more like a working vacation. The Americans are far more relaxed, and it brings out the best in their golf.

Woods is 8-7-0 in the Presidents Cup,

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Atlantic 10, a talented group in 2004

By Dave Quinn
Collegian Correspondent

University of Dayton
2003 Record: 12-5-2 (8-1 in A-10)
Current Record: 6-1 (0-0-0 A-10)
Coach: Mike Tucker (10th Season)

The Dayton Flyers have dominated the A-10 in recent years, finishing atop the league standings the last six seasons to go along with league titles in 1999, 2001, and 2003. It should come as no surprise that the Flyers have been picked to win the conference once again by the A-10 Coaches' Association. Leading the way this year will be senior midfielder Tesia Kozlowski and junior forward Reba Sedlacek, members of the 2003 Atlantic 10 first and second teams respectively. Sarah West, a sophomore goalkeeper, will also be key to Dayton's success. As a freshman, West posted four shutouts and a league leading .844 save percentage. Seniors Jen Samonetti and Leah Phelps, along with junior Jacqueline Luehers, will help anchor Dayton's stellar defense that allowed less than one goal per game.

Fordham University
2003 Record: 11-5-2 (7-2-2 in A-10)
Current Record: 4-1 (0-1-0 A-10)
Coach: Ness Salmani (9th Season)

After a very successful 2003 campaign, Coach Ness Salmani hopes that 2004 will bring similar fortune. Salmani, last year's A-10 Coach of the Year, returns six seniors to this year's squad, including defender Corey Dunfey. Dunfey, a member of the 2003 All-Atlantic 10 team, had six goals and eight assists last season and has notched two assists thus far this year. Joining Dunfey in the backfield are junior Lindsey Glode and freshman Laura Muzzatti. Muzzatti, a highly touted recruit, was named to the 2004 preseason All-Rookie team. On the offensive end, senior forward Beth Purcell has played well, tallying a goal and two assists in five games this season.

University of Richmond
2003 Record: 11-9-2 (7-3-0 in A-10)
Current Record: 2-3-1 (0-0-0 A-10)
Coach: Peter Albright (9th season)

With eight returning starters from last year's third-place squad, the Richmond Spiders will be a force to be reckoned with this year. If their record seems a little sub-par, it's only because the Spiders have had a rigorous non-conference schedule including Clemson (ranked ninth) as well as Oregon State and James Madison, both of which have received votes in national Top 25 polls. The highlight of the Spider's non-conference season however, has been the upset of No. 7 Tennessee Volunteers on September 16th. Seniors Whitey Sikes and Meghan Ogilvie have provided the majority of the offense this year, combining for three of the team's four goals.

Sophomore Brooke Binswanger will also play a major role in the offense. Richmond's leading scorer last year, Binswanger was named to this year's pre-season All-Conference team. Dani Amarant, a sophomore, who was also named to the pre-season All-Conference squad as well, will guide the defense. Megan Cox will handle the goalkeeping duties. Cox was very solid in the net last season posting a 1.20 GAA (goals against average), with seven shutouts. Her performance landed her a slot on the 2003 All-Conference team.

Xavier University
2003 Record: 11-7-1 (7-4 in A-10)
Current Record: 1-7 (0-0-0 A-10)
Head Coach: Ron Quinn (12th Year)

The Xavier Musketeers have struggled out of the gate this year despite eight returning starters from the 2003 team. This year's squad will be led by senior tri-captains Melissa Clavier, Andrea Garber and Nicole Giesting. Giesting's sister, Lauren, will be the focal point of this year's offense.

A second team All-Conference member, Lauren Giesting leads the team with two goals. Xavier can also expect some offense from sophomore Amber Silvis (2003 All Rookie team) and freshmen Jillian Chuck and Kristin Martini. For defense, the Musketeers will look to Clavier as well as juniors Laura Merkel and Kristen Ruehlmann. Garber will return as goalkeeper this year. The senior should return to 2003 form in which she posted a 1.43 GAA as well as six shutouts despite struggling early this season.

St Joseph's University
2003 Record: 9-7-1 (7-4-0 in A-10)
Current Record: 2-5 (0-0-0 A-10)
Coach: Jess Reynolds (4th Season)

Despite their 1-3 record, the St. Joseph's Hawks should be right in the thick of things this year, losing only one starter from last year's squad. Last year's A-10 Rookie of the Year, Megan Schutt, will be the team's offensive catalyst. In 2003, she scored 11 goals and dished out five assists, setting the Hawk freshman scoring record with 27 points.

Sophomores Ali Wean and Nancy Cook will add to the Hawk's offensive punch. Cook was an A-10 All-Rookie team selection in 2003 and Wean is in her first year at St Joseph's after transferring from Florida State. Sophomore Kimmy Leigh and senior Marisa Barrier will be the featured midfielders and will be key to the team's success.

Co-captains Jen Harris and Alisha Paine, who will provide leadership and tenacity to this young squad, will control the defense. Freshman Jen Khun beat out incumbent Nicole Dienna for the starting goalkeeper slot. So far the freshman has responded well with a 1.60 GAA and one shutout in six games. She also posted 10 saves against No. 22 Villanova.

University Of Rhode Island
2003 Record: 8-8-2 (6-4-1 in A-10)
Current Record: 4-4 (1-0-0 A-10)
Coach: Lisa Cole (2nd year)

At first glance, the Rhode Island Rams look to be struggling in the first part of their season. What the record doesn't tell you, though, is that the Rams have had the toughest non-conference schedule of any A-10 team. Rhody has faced two nationally ranked squads in Santa Clara and Arizona State as well as highly regarded programs such as Michigan State, Southern California, and James Madison.

Don't be fooled, the Rams will be in contention for this year's A-10 title. URI will look for the Kasparek Twins, Melanie and Megan, to lead the way. Melanie, the 2003 A-10 Offensive Player of the Year, has lead the league in scoring over the past two years and has one goal already this year.

Megan was also productive last season with three goals and four assists. This year she leads the team in scoring with three goals and one assist. Also be on the look out for freshman Debni Nelson. Nelson posted two goals and an assist against UMass. Coach Lisa Cole thinks Nelson can be a major contributor if she finishes her shots more consistently like she did against the Minutewomen. The Rams will be chock full of experience on defense as all four starters from the 2003 squad (Molly Parkhurst with juniors Molly Bergren, Laura Gothberg and Kelly McTurk) return for the 2004 season. Ria Carroll, a transfer from Pace University in New York, will take over as the goalkeeper. Carroll currently has a 1.30 GAA with two shutouts.

George Washington
2003 Record: 11-6-2 (5-5-1 in A-10)
Current Record: 2-2-2 (0-0-0 A-10)
Coach Tanya Vogel (5th Season)

There's an old adage that

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Duquesne junior midfielder Jennifer LaCava has three shots on goal this year for the Dukes and adds depth to an already potent offense.



Richmond freshman Carrie Holland won her second A-10 Rookie of the Week award last week after scoring a goal against No. 7 Tennessee.



'Quality' performance comes to Pearl Street.
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By Megan Daley
Collegian Staff

Students and faculty are invited to view the sunrise and sunset of the Autumnal Equinox at the University of Massachusetts Sunwheel on September 22 and 23.

Doctor Judith Young, a member of the Astronomy department is the one responsible for having a Sunwheel erected at UMass.

According to the Young's Sunwheel information site, a Sunwheel is a type of solar calendar made up of an outdoor stone circle. The stones of the circle line up with the positions on the horizon of the rising and setting sun at the times of the solstices and equinoxes. The most famous example of a Sunwheel is Stonehenge.

Young is also the organizer of the solstice and equinox viewings that occur every year. The event is will be attended by members of the Astronomy department and anyone else who wishes to attend.

Following the viewings, there will be a presentation about the seasons, the sun and moon, as well as a history of the Sunwheel itself. A question and answer session will also take place.

The Autumnal Equinox, which takes place on September 22 at 12:30 p.m. will signify the start of autumn and the days will begin to get shorter soon after. The equinox also signals the time when clocks should be set back one hour at midnight between September 21 and September 22.

For people wishing to visit the Sunwheel, Young advises to dress in warm clothing, suitable for standing still on wet or soggy ground and to arrive at 6:45 a.m. to watch the sunrise and at 6:00 p.m. to watch the sunset. T-shirts and sweatshirts will be on sale and a $3 donation is requested to help cover the cost of future stone work at the site.

If there is rain on either day, the events for that day will be cancelled, though people are always welcome to visit the site by themselves.

The Sunwheel is located south of Alumni Stadium, just off Rocky Hill Road. According to Young, the location was chosen because it provided all necessary elements for an effective Sunwheel, including an open, accessible area, a clear view of the horizons uninhibited by trees or buildings.

The Sunwheel's construction was approved by the Faculty Senate in 1995. Work was then done to find the best location for the Sunwheel on campus and construction began in 1997. Small, two-foot stones were first used for the circle, but a grant from the National Science Foundation in 1999 made it possible to erect eight to 10-foot stones instead, in November 2000.

In the future, Young hopes to do further construction at the Sunwheel, including a stone path and patio, as well as an exhibit of new Moonstones. The cost of construction so far has been $25,000 and the cost of materials has been close to $50,000.

For more information on the Sunwheel, visit www.umass.edu/sunwheel.

SGA struggles to organize the upcoming Senate elections

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

Without a sufficient amount of election commissioners, Student Government Association senate elections slated to be held next week in the Dining Commons may have to be held in the Campus Center.

Because the SGA Coordinating Council did not meet regularly this past summer, the Chancellor of the Elections Commission was not elected until a last minute meeting on Sept. 8.

Viktoriya Bonshteyn, who is the new Chancellor of Elections, was not present during the meeting in which she was appointed because it was called just four hours in advance.

Bonshteyn is responsible for appointing election commissioners, whose job it is to oversee senate elections in the various dining commons on campus. Senate elections are scheduled for next Wednesday, Sept. 29 and 30. However, if there are not enough election commissioners, students who would normally vote on their way into dinner, may have to travel a bit further.

Coordinating Council member Pavel Payano says that if elections are held in the Campus Center, the candidates may have to work harder to campaign for votes.

"Maybe this is a good thing," Payano said, "but last year, one DC was closed and it drew in a lot of controversy."

Last spring, during the SGA presidential elections, one polling station in the Berkshire Dining Commons in Southwest Residential area was shut down both mornings of the election, disenfranchising 3,000 Southwest residents.

Payano hopes that a meeting will be called soon to straighten out this confusion. He said that SGA Speaker Patrick Higgins acted irresponsibly this summer by not calling a Coordinating Council meeting.

"He gave 24 hours notice and I live two hours away and I work, so I couldn't attend," Payano said. "Some of the seats knew a week in advance and some didn't even know there was a meeting at all. He doesn't have the power not to recognize anybody; he has broken so many by-laws."

Election commissioners are essential in an election because they maintain the Dining Commons polling stations and count the votes. Without any surveillance at the stations, the entire election may be held at the Campus Center.

At least 10 elections commissioners need to man the Dining Commons. They are assigned to one DC over the five residential areas on campus.

Jeffery Napolitano, secretary of public policy and relations for SGA, says he has some concern about the location of the elections.

"The worst case scenario is that the elections take place in the Campus Center," he said. "The Coordinating Council did not meet this summer and so elections are being rushed since a chancellor was just elected in mid-September, there should have already been two full months of preparations."

Napolitano anticipates over 100 nominations from area residential locations.

"The Chancellor of Elections will go though the papers and verify that there are at least signatures for each and then call a meeting of the senate," he said.

Last year there were well over 150 nominations to the senate, and according to Payano, that was because of the controversy surrounding former Speaker Jared Nokes and the ALANA seats. Nokes refused to recognize the seats in the ALANA caucus last year.

"Last year the controversy drew in attention," Payano said, "people saw injustice."

Napolitano, who is unsure of the exact number of senate seats available, expects that the seats will be heavily contested.

The number of senate seats available is unclear because Speaker Patrick Higgins has not completed the apportionment process. According to SGA by-laws, there should be one senator elected for every 250 students. It is has not been determined by Higgins how many students reside on campus in the different residential areas.

Internet website claims second American hostage executed

By Bassem Mroue
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A posting on an Islamic Web site claimed Tuesday that the al-Qaida-linked group led by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi has slain a second American hostage in Iraq. The claim could not be verified immediately.

The group kidnapped two Americans — Jack Hensley and Eugene Armstrong — along with Briton Kenneth Bigley in Baghdad on Sept. 16. Armstrong was beheaded by al-Zarqawi and the militants on Monday posted a gruesome video of his death.

The new posting came as a 24-hour deadline set by al-Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad group passed for the release of all Iraqi women from U.S. custody.

"The nation's zealous sons slaughtered the second American hostage after the end of the deadline," the statement said, and it promised to provide video proof of the death soon. It was signed with the pseudonym Abu Maysara al-Iraqi, the name usually used on statements from al-Zarqawi's group.

The brief statement did not give the name of the hostage killed. A Western diplomat in Baghdad, speaking on condition of anonymity, said authorities could not confirm the slaying because they had no body.

A car bomb struck a U.S. patrol on the road to Baghdad's airport Tuesday, wounding four American soldiers and several Iraqis. The car bomb destroyed an armored Humvee and about 10 civilian vehicles on the highway. Ambulances rushed at least two women, a child and three wounded men to a hospital.

September has seen more than 30 car bombings as insurgents intensify a strategy of explosions and abductions in their campaign against U.S. forces and the allied government of Prime Minister Ayad Allawi.

The military announced Tuesday that two Marines were killed in action west of Baghdad, one in an attack on Monday, the other dying of wounds from an earlier incident. More that 1,000 U.S. service members have died in Iraq since March 2003.

The slaying of Armstrong — a 52-year-old civil engineer originally from Hillsdale, Mich. — was shown in a video released Monday in which a militant read out a statement saying it was in revenge for the jailing of Muslim women and setting the 24-hour deadline for the killing of the next hostage.

A CIA official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the agency's technical analysis determined with a "high degree of confidence" that the voice on the video is that of al-Zarqawi and that he personally beheaded Armstrong. A text on the video also claims that al-Zarqawi himself killed the American.

Armstrong's body was found Monday hours before the news of his beheading became public, discovered near a highway overpass a few blocks from where he lived in the leafy west Baghdad neighborhood of Mansour, officials and witnesses said Tuesday.

In New York, President Bush condemned the beheading and told the visiting Iraqi prime minister on Tuesday that "we will not allow these thugs to decide your fate."

He expressed "heartfelt condolences" to Armstrong's family and said "we all stand in solidarity with the American that is now being held captive."

Secretary of State Colin Powell said Armstrong's slaying was carried out by "terrorists who do not want to see the Iraqi people live in peace and freedom."

"They have to be dealt with," Powell said. "This is not the time to think that we can walk away or run away from this challenge."

In the nine-minute video of Armstrong's death, posted

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UMass professor awarded Fulbright Scholar grant

By Alfred Letendre
Collegian Correspondent

A Fulbright Scholar grant has been awarded to University of Massachusetts Professor of Linguistics and Philosophy Barbara Partee.

The grant will enable Partee to lecture at the Russian State University of the Humanities and Moscow State University in Russia from January to June of 2005.

The primary objective of the Fulbright program is to bring about working academic relationships with other nations in hopes of closing various academic gaps throughout the world. Fulbright grants are given to people who exhibit unwavering dedication, leadership and potential in their academic field.

Partee's field of research is semantics, which she defines as "the study of meanings." Partee will attempt to integrate Russian and American semantic styles — or the style of meanings in languages — by combining western structural semantics with Russian lexical semantics.

The two styles of semantics differ immensely. The Russian approach is primarily meaning based, while the American approach focuses intently on technicality and structure. Partee says it is her aspiration to establish a new style, which utilizes the semantic principals of both nations.

This will be the seventh consecutive year in which Partee travels to Russia to conduct research. This is the first year however, that it will be funded. Partee has footed the majority of the financial burden of her research prior to this point.



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University of Massachusetts professor Barbara Partee.

While she is partially retired she has been splitting her time between Amherst and Moscow. Not only has Partee been without funding for the duration of her research, but she also has essentially been without pay, earning approximately $400 per semester.

Partee, however, underplays her financial sacrifices. "UMass has been a Utopia for me," she said.

In addition to The Fulbright grant, Partee has also recently received additional funding for her research by way of a National Science Foundation grant, which will help to fund additional research that "focuses on the semantics and distribution of the Russian genitive of negation and its relation to a range of issues," according to Partee's Web site.

Partee speaks passionately about the Linguistics department here at UMass. She says she believes strongly that the Universities Linguistic PHD program rivals the best in the nation.

According to Partee, many of her colleagues have received lucrative offers from esteemed Ivy League universities, only to turn them down in favor of the superior UMass program.

Partee's husband, Borschev Partee, also shares her interests in semantics and will be traveling with her to Moscow to aid in her research. The two have been married since 1997.

Professor Partee received a B.A. in Mathematics, from Swarthmore College with minors in Russian and Philosophy, and a Ph.D. in linguistics, with a minor in mathematics, from M.I.T in 1965.

CBS apologizes for story

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — CBS News apologized Monday for a "mistake in judgment" in its story questioning President Bush's National Guard service, claiming it was misled by the source of documents that several experts have dismissed as fakes.

The network said it would appoint an independent panel to look at its reporting about the memos. The story has mushroomed into a major media scandal, threatening the reputations of CBS News and chief anchor Dan Rather.

It also has become an issue in the presidential campaign. The White House said the affair raises questions about the connections between CBS's source, retired Texas National Guard officer Bill Burkett, and Democrat John Kerry's campaign. A Kerry adviser also said he had called Burkett at the request of a CBS producer.

Rather joined CBS News President Andrew Heyward in issuing an apology Monday.

"We made a mistake in judgment, and for that I am sorry," Rather said. "It was an error that was made, however, in good faith and in the spirit of trying to carry on a CBS News tradition of investigative reporting without fear or favoritism."

Almost immediately after the story aired Sept. 8, document experts questioned memos purportedly written by Bush's late squadron leader, Lt. Col. Jerry B. Killian, saying they appeared to have been created on a computer and not on the kind of typewriter in use during the 1970s.

CBS strongly defended its story. It wasn't until a week later — after Killian's former secretary said she believed the memos were fake — that the news division admitted they were questionable.

Burkett admitted this weekend to CBS that he lied about obtaining the documents from another former National Guard member, the network said. CBS hasn't been able to conclusively tell how he got them, or even definitely tell whether they're fakes or not. But the network has given up trying to defend them.

"Based on what we now know, CBS News cannot prove that the documents are authentic, which is the only acceptable journalistic standard to justify using them in the report," Heyward said. "We should not

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K-9 Unit assists in arrests

Two vehicle searches result in three charges

Tuesday September 14

1:43 a.m. A caller reported several subjects standing outside their room window in McNamara Hall in Sylvan yelling and throwing things out the window. The officer reported the parties were stringing up Christmas lights and they had stopped for the evening.

1:59 a.m. A party reported being approached by a suspicious person attempting to sell stolen CDs and DVDs. A report was taken.

9:47 a.m. Two stereo speakers valued at approximately $110 were reported missing from a vehicle in Lot 44.

7:43 p.m. A party in Van Meter Hall stated a subject threatened them with bodily harm as well as destruction of their vehicle. The investigating officer stated no such threats had been made, and the subject apologized for scaring the party.

10:29 p.m. Voices and projectile rocks were reported coming from bushes in Lot 33. No one was found.

Wednesday September 15

12:48 a.m. A caller from Moore Hall in Southwest stated that subjects appeared to be smoking marijuana. The responding officer confiscated a pipe and returned subjects to their rooms.

9:06 p.m. Gregory Warfield of Hyannis was arrested in Lot 11 for possession of alcohol under the age of 21.

10:35 p.m. A caller from Dickinson Hall reported individuals running up and down the dorm halls writing obscenities on white boards. The responding officer stated subjects had left the area.

11:01 p.m. A police officer warned a group of students found breaking bottles against Greenough Hall.

11:57 p.m. 20 to 30 subjects were reported standing in the Sylvan courtyard, yelling, "Yankees suck." An officer investigated the area and reported all to be quiet.

Thursday September 16

3:20 p.m. A party outside the Admissions Building stated that the rear window of a vehicle was shattered. The Physical Plant will replace the window.

5:26 p.m. Evan Levine, 20, of Chappaqua, N.Y., and Aaron Mackles, 20, of Millwood, N.Y., were arrested at Cance Hall and charged with possession of alcohol under the age of 21.

8:33 p.m. Jon Hambley, 19, of South Hadley was arrested at Washington Hall for possession of alcohol under the age of 21.

9:08 p.m. A UMPD K-9 unit was requested to aid in a search after a driver eluded the Massachusetts State Police and abandoned the vehicle in a Southwest tow zone.

11:32 p.m. A subject was transported to Cooley Dickinson Hospital after kicking a sign and cutting their foot.

Friday September 17

3:05 p.m. Theft was reported in a car in Lot 44 with the lock on the driver's side pulled out and the steering column ripped apart. A report was taken.

Saturday September 18

12:53 a.m. Amherst Fire Department was called to transport a subject to Cooley Dickinson Hospital who was breathing but unresponsive after drinking in a room in Brown Hall.

1:47 a.m. A caller reported an intoxicated person sitting on a golf cart in the Parking Garage. The subject was taken into protective custody and transported by Amherst Fire Department to Cooley Dickinson Hospital for a leg puncture wound.

2:40 a.m. Police arrested Christopher Lepkowski, 19, of Ballston Lake, N.Y. in Lot 32 for a second offense DUI, as well as negligent care in starting, stopping, backing, and turning a vehicle and false identification.

4:32 a.m. A laptop and other items were reported stolen from McNamara Hall. The party stated they knew who stole the items. The officer spoke with the suspect, who admitted to taking the items. A summons will be issued for larceny.

7:24 p.m. Andrew Cameron, 19, of Pittsfield was arrested for possession of alcohol under the age of 21 in Lot 21.

8:07 p.m. In Lot 33, police arrested Joseph Drain, 18, Brian Travers, 19, Christopher Lyons, 20, and Thomas Shannon, 18, all of Milton, for possession of alcohol under the age of 21.

9:12 p.m. Kevin White, 19, of Georgetown was arrested for possession of alcohol under the age of 21 in Lot 22.

9:27 p.m. Krista Lynn, 19, and Brian Caron, 19, both of Chelmsford, were arrested for possession of alcohol under the age of 21 in Lot 32.

11:40 p.m. A K-9 unit was requested to search a vehicle during a traffic stop on University Drive. Officers arrested Annawon Weeden, 32, of New Bedford for possession of a Class D drug. Also arrested was Matthew Byron, 19, of Ledyard, Conn., for possession of a Class D drug, possession of alcohol under the age of 21, and an equipment violation.

Sunday September 19

1:34 a.m. A K-9 was requested for a vehicle search. Timothy Coco, 19, of Haverhill was charged with possession and possession to distribute a Class D drug, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, possession of a Class B drug, and possession of alcohol under the age of 21.

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American hostage beheaded

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Monday on the Internet, the sobbing, blindfolded hostage knelt in front of five masked militants dressed in black, with a black Tawhid and Jihad banner on the wall behind them.

The man believed to be al-Zarqawi, standing the center, read a statement, then pulled a knife, grabbed the hostage seated at his feet and sliced his head off. The victim screamed and blood poured from his neck.

"You, sister, rejoice. God's soldiers are coming to get you out of your chains and restore your purity by returning you to your mother and father," the speaker said, addressing Iraqi women in U.S.-run jails in Iraq.

The U.S. military says the only two women in its custody in Iraq are two security prisoners: Dr. Rihab Rashid Taha, a scientist who became known as "Dr. Germ" for helping Iraq make weapons out of anthrax, and Huda Salih Mahdi Ammash, a biotech researcher known as "Mrs. Anthrax."

In the hours before the Tuesday deadline, relatives pleaded for the lives of the two remaining hostages, the 48-year-old Hensley of Marrietta, Ga., and the 62-year-old Bigley of Britain.

Pati Hensley, Jack Hensley's wife, appealed to his captors Tuesday to open lines of communication and spare his life.

"I understand their political agenda, but what I need them to understand is the man who I have been with for 23 years, who is the father of our 13-year-old daughter, who does not understand this situation, why someone would want to hurt her father," she said in an interview with CNN. "I would plead with them to please realize this man does not deserve this fate."

In London, the Bigley family

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Hundreds dead after severe floods strike from Tropical Storm Jeanne

By Amy Bracken
Associated Press

GONAIVES, Haiti — Blood swirled in knee-deep floodwaters as workers stacked bodies outside the hospital morgue Tuesday. Carcasses of pigs, goats and dogs and pieces of smashed furniture floated in muddy streams that once were the streets of this battered city. Desperate people swarmed a truck delivering water.

The death toll across Haiti from the weekend deluges brought by Tropical Storm Jeanne rose to 691, with 600 of them in Gonaives, and officials said they expected to find more dead and estimated tens of thousands of people were homeless.

Waterlines up to 10 feet high on Gonaives' buildings marked the worst of the storm that sent water gushing down denuded hills, destroying homes and crops in the Artibonite region that is Haiti's breadbasket.

Floodwaters receded, but half of Haiti's third-largest city was still swamped with contaminated water up to two feet deep four days after Jeanne passed. Not a house in the city of 250,000 people escaped damage. The homeless sloshed through the streets carrying belongings on their heads, while people with houses that still had roofs tried to dry scavenged clothes.

"We're going to start burying people in mass graves," said Toussaint Kongo-Doudou, a spokesman for the U.N. peacekeeping mission in Haiti. Some victims were buried Monday.

Flies buzzed around bloated corpses piled high at the city's three morgues, where the electricity was off as temperatures reached into the 90s.

Only about 30 of the 250 bodies at the morgue of the flood-damaged General Hospital hade been identified, said Dr. Daniel Rubens of the International Red Cross. Many of the dead there were children.

"I lost my kids and there's nothing I can do," said Jean Estimable, whose 2-year-old daughter was killed and another of his five children was missing and presumed dead.

Dieufort Desloges, spokesman for the civil protection agency, said he expected the death toll to rise as reports came in from outlying villages and estimated a quarter million Haitians had been made homeless.

More than 1,000 people were missing, said Raoul Elysee, head of the Haitian Red Cross, which was trying desperately to find doctors to help. The international aid group CARE said 85 of its 200 workers in Gonaives were unaccounted for.

"It's really catastrophic. We're still discovering bodies," said Francoise Gruloos of the U.N. Children's Fund.

Brazilian and Jordanian troops in the U.N. peacekeeping mission sent to stabilize Haiti after rebels ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in February struggled to help the needy as aid workers ferried supplies of water and food to victims.

CARE spokesman Rick Perera said the agency had about 660 tons of dry food in Gonaives, including corn-soy blend, dried lentils and cooking oil and was trying to set up distribution points. Police said aid vehicles were being waylaid by mobs on the outskirts of Gonaives. One truck that made it to City Hall in the town center was swarmed by people who began throwing its load of bagged water into the crowd, setting off a melee. The driver finally sped off, bouncing people off the truck.

Addressing the U.N. General Assembly on Tuesday, Haiti's interim president, Boniface Alexandre, pleaded for help.

"In the face of this tragedy ... I appeal urgently for the solidarity of the international community so it may once again support the government in the framework of emergency assistance," he said. The European Union sent $1.8 million in urgent aid, to be distributed by the Red Cross and other aid agencies, according to EU Development Commissioner Poul Nielson.

Venezuela's government is sending $1 million as well as a boat loaded with food, water, tents and a rescue squad. Venezuelan Information Minister Andres Izarra said.

On Monday, the U.S. Embassy announced $60,000 in immediate relief aid, an amount criticized as "a drop in the bucket" by U.S. Rep. Kendrick Meek, D-Fla., whose district includes some of the Miami area's Haitian community.

"The government of Haiti is totally unequipped and unable to deal with this massive crisis, because they have neither the resources nor the organization," Meek said in a statement. "Private voluntary groups are reportedly overwhelmed by the enormity of this crisis."



A Haitian boy stands in flood water observing the mass destruction caused by Tropical Storm Jeanne.

Anchor Dan Rather apologizes to public

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have used them."

CBS said it approached Burkett initially about the documents. Rather said Burkett was well known in National Guard circles for several years for trying to discredit Bush's military record.

Burkett, in an interview with Rather aired on the "CBS Evening News," said he was pressured by CBS to reveal his source for the documents, and "I simply threw out a name that was basically, I guess, to get a little pressure off for the moment."

He said he didn't fake or forge any documents.

"I didn't totally mislead you," he said. "I did mislead you about one individual."

Burkett said he also insisted that CBS authenticate the documents on its own. Two document experts consulted by CBS later said they raised red flags that network officials apparently disregarded. Rather acknowledged CBS failed to properly determine whether the documents were genuine.

Burkett did not immediately return a phone call for comment from The Associated Press.

Heyward told The Associated Press it was not clear what, if any, disciplinary action would be taken against CBS News employees. Besides tainting the network's flagship broadcast, "60 Minutes," the report was a damaging blow to Rather, 72. Some have suggested the scandal, along with the low ratings of the "CBS Evening News," could hasten Rather's retirement.

"Please know that nothing is more important to us than people's trust in our ability and our commitment to report fairly and truthfully," Rather said.

Alex Jones, director of Harvard University's Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy, said it appeared to be an honest mistake by CBS, not a willful attempt to deceive. But he said the network was too slow to respond. "I think that their delaying and obvious resistance to acknowledge the evident realities has kept the story alive a lot longer than it needed to be and was a lot more damaging to CBS than it needed to be," he said.

For "60 Minutes," it's the biggest ethical mess since the 1995 incident captured in the movie "The Insider," which depicted the newsmagazine caving to pressure from CBS lawyers and not airing a whistleblowing report from an ex-tobacco executive.

Jones said questions will probably center on the story's producer, Mary Mapes. She's one of the network's top investigators and broke the story of the Abu Ghraib prison abuse scandal photos. Her immediate boss is Josh Howard, recently named executive producer of the "60 Minutes" Wednesday edition.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said the White House appreciated CBS's expression of regret but that there were still serious questions about Burkett.

"Bill Burkett, who CBS now says is their source, in fact is not an unimpeachable source as was previously claimed," McLellan said. "Bill Burkett is a source who has been discredited and so this raises a lot of questions. There were media reports about Mr. Burkett having senior level contacts with the Kerry campaign."

The Kerry campaign has said it had nothing to do with the story.

Hostage's family fears the worst

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asked British Prime Minister Tony Blair to meet the captors' demands.

"I ask Tony Blair personally to consider the amount of bloodshed already suffered," Craig Bigley, 33, said in a videotaped statement. "Please meet the demands and release my father — two women for two men. ... Only you can save him now. You have children and you will understand how I feel at this time."

Blair condemned the kidnappings at a news conference Monday.

"But our response has not got to be to weaken," he said. "Our response has got to be to stand firm."

Tawhid and Jihad — Arabic for "Monotheism and Holy War" — has claimed responsibility for the slaying of at least six hostages in the past, including American Nicholas Berg, who was abducted in April. The group has also said it is behind a number of bombings and gun attacks.

More than 130 foreigners have been kidnapped in Iraq, and at least 26 of them have been executed. Iraqis have also faced an epidemic of kidnappings in the chaos since the fall of Saddam Hussein last year, in many cases for ransom.

The kidnappers' demands and stopped working in Iraq, the Foreign Ministry said. Top had been abducted north of Baghdad on Aug. 5 by kidnappers who threatened to behead him.

UMass students seek out polls

With time running out, students at the University of Massachusetts have asked state Rep. Ellen Story, D-Amherst, to help them get a polling place on the Amherst campus.

To establish a polling place for this November's election, a special bill would have to be filed with the Legislature within the next two weeks, said Brian Roberts, who is coordinating the effort the Student Government Association.

The Amherst Select Board endorsed the idea at its August meeting, but said special state legislation was needed to have it operating by November.

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I vote for No One

Sanam Hakim

I hate it when people tell me whom I should vote for. "Your vote counts," they say, as they hand me a "Vote for Bush" flyer, or a Socialist newspaper, or a "Vote Democrat 2004" bumper sticker. My vote counts for what, another tally on your list of supporters or perhaps a brief satisfaction of pressing your views on an innocent passerby?

In a way, I find it insulting. Here I am, a student of public higher education, apparently so weak in opinion and low in intelligence that, in one minute of talking to me, or playing a thirty second commercial, or handing me a colorful little sticker, my whole perspective on life will change.

There are three major problems with this. First of all, the concept of partisan politics is illogical and weak-minded. It is an artificial separation of people, in a society, designed to brainwash the masses to the point where no one even cares anymore. Instead of looking at the individual, we look at the party. He's a Democrat; I'm a Democrat. I will vote Democrat. It's a clever trick if you really think about it: let Americans associate themselves with a group instead of investigating the characters of the individuals running. That way, unqualified individuals are put in positions of power by people who know nothing about them — people who voted for them based on the party they associate with the most, not by looking at the distinguishable qualities of the candidates which separate the good leaders from the bad.

We have become a nation of critics who only focus on negative qualities. We have brought our standards so low that we choose whom we vote for based on how bad the other candidate is.

The backlash of partisan politics is the negativity that comes with it. As the presidential election gets closer and closer, the media is filled with all kinds of propaganda. Republicans broadcast Kerry's congressional record on the radio and point out his constantly changing standpoints. Democrats feverishly remind Americans about Bush's mistakes after the September 11 terrorist attacks. Reformists criticize the election process. Constitutionalists criticize change. Libertarians criticize structure.

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Which brings me right into my third point: that the government and media undermine our intelligence as students of public higher education. We are the future of America, treated as a mindless and vacant group of children. To elected officials, the only people that exist are the people who can elect them. To elected officials, we do not exist because we do not vote.

I say vote. Prove to the nation that we exist and that we are an intelligent group of people. Do not be brainwashed — think about whom you are going to vote for. Take fifteen minutes out of your day and look at the websites of all the candidates who are running for office. Look at the good qualities they will bring to our nation and vote for the one you feel is most qualified.

If you think no one is qualified, vote for no one. Go down to the voting booth, check off "Other," and write out "No One." The elected officials will know we are here; they will know we are watching, but what they won't know, is that we're smarter than they think. If they can't accept that, we'll vote for No One.

Sanam Hakim is a Collegian columnist.

Time for changes

S.J. Port

W.B. Yeats wrote, "In dreams begin responsibility." Now is the time for change. In dreams we imagine revolutions, but without responsible activism, dreams continue as abstractions.

In a world where the impossible becomes possible daily we — specifically Americans — have stopped believing in our individual ability to influence the tides. An era of disillusionment and distrust has overwhelmed the once impregnable spirit of the progressive American identity. The land of opportunity has become politically stolid under overbearing bureaucracy; the general sentiment of powerlessness in turn has allowed for an uninvolved citizenry. With so many options in every realm of experience, we, as a people, have been engulfed by consumerism. If every choice is possible, why chose anything? If any change is theoretically possible, which change do we begin with?

Each of us has our own agenda, whether it be gay rights, the environment, reversing Roe v. Wade, or getting out before Bush takes dictatorship to the next level. What every change has in common is its root — empowerment. The empowerment of idea and person arises from an individual citizen's decision to take the steps, small and steady, to work toward a specific agenda.

Some of you have stopped here and said, "But there are so many factions in this country that each faction's agenda cancels out the work of its opposing faction."

This is true. However, not all change has opposition. This is especially true at the local levels, where change has failed to occur only because no one has taken the initiative to nominate change. Two recent examples of unopposed campaigns for change on our own campus are the transition from an eight-point grading system to an eleven-point system and the effort to develop University funding.

Sam Krentzman, a junior Chinese Language and Literature major, took responsibility for organizing a benefit for Durfee Conservatory last year, after its budget was crippled by University cuts.

The Conservatory, located at the base of Central and Orchard Hill, is the 137-year-old home to the University's diverse collection of flora. Old Aggie (the nickname for UMass when it was an agricultural school) was threatened by the state's budget cuts until Krentzman and his gaggle of volunteers assisted Durfee's Interim director Armand Prevost by arranging a concert in the Japanese Gardens.

A success the first time around, Krentzman has repeated his work to change the future of something he cares about by arranging Durfee's second benefit concert, which will take place tomorrow evening between 5:00 and 9:00 p.m. Krentzman asks for a voluntary donation of $5.00 from attendees; the amount is small per person, but collectively will continue the enormous effects Krentzman, Prevost and other volunteers have had on Durfee Conservatory.

The loudest voice finds its way to the masses, and the most deep-felt issues can move to the federal level if empowered with the weight of an active citizenry.

This kind of work makes a difference to life on campus, but it is also an example of taking responsibility for change.

The issues of factional conflict on issues of change comes into play in less concrete issues, such as free-tutoring for student-athletes, the prayer over the Massachusetts House of Representatives' session, or ongoing issues between Israel and Palestine. However, it is the existence of factional contests that keeps democracy pumping strong through our veins.

Our founding father's depended on people's divergent interests to challenge one another — and in turn the government. Involved citizens have a hegemonic power over our amorphous government: read our Constitution and send me an email if you don't find the people's potency inscribed in our history. Nobody can demarcate your value as a participating citizen.

Others reading this may have begun to scoff at my seeming naiveté, my idealism and my belief in the American system. If this is you, I ask only that you read on and keep your scoffs to yourself, for the revolution commencing in your neighbors mind is delicate, easily killed by your sneers.

Some change is quick. Two years ago the Student Government Association was not making use of its seat at Faculty Senate, but after a Collegian editorial expressed this, an SGA representative appeared at the following week's Faculty Senate meeting and has remained in place to speak for the student body ever since. The more local and specific the issue, the easier it is to influence.

Other change takes time. As a member of Town Meeting, my father helped to wage a 10-year battle to establish any kind of affordable housing in our community.

Remember, the squeaky wheel gets the grease; the loudest voice finds its way to the masses, and the most deep-felt issues can move to the federal level if empowered with the weight of an active citizenry.

Do not feed into the bitterness. The overly used, common stereotype of the "dirty politician" and "corrupt government" make my stomach flop and my heart sink each time I hear them used. The fact is there aren't enough politicians.

Progress is standing up and participating by taking one small step after another. Choose your battle, work steadily, and you shall see progress. If sounds naive, perhaps even ridiculously simple, but it's all true.

S.J. Port is a Collegian columnist.

Inside the SGA

Pavel Payano

For the past year, conflict, controversy, and corruption have filled the Student Government Association to a point where it has disconnected itself from the students it is supposed to represent.

In fact, many students do not even know what the SGA is, nor do they know about the potential ability the SGA has to solve the problems (e.g. overpriced textbooks, high tuition bill, the need for more teachers, etc.) that we students face.

Luckily I was chosen by my constituency last year to represent them as a Senator for the Central Residential Area. Since the day I was inaugurated I have witnessed corruption and conflict plague the SGA.

Yet, after all the stress and the fighting, I realize that in some places some people judge the color of my skin, my accent or the country of my birth before they judge the content of my character.

Throughout last year, there have been times that bigotry and hatred ruled and conquered the senate. To point out an example to the newcomers of this University, last year's senators had many heated debates that lasted several hours over the issue of whether to say the Pledge of Allegiance before or during the announcements portion of the senate meeting.

Throughout this meeting, phrases from senators like "go back to your country," or, "Africa has nothing to do with the United States," defined the mood and the mind frame of many senators in that meeting. At the end of this, over five hour meeting, I found myself to be in a position of "privilege" when a group of senators dubbed me with the responsibility as being one of those "certain people" that ruin the Senate, even though at that meeting I never opposed them.

Another example of those times of controversy was last year when the SGA elections were thrown out after the University's first minority President in seven years, won fairly. Although he won the first time by several hundred votes, he was forced to run a second time. A process, which I would like to point out, is very time consuming and requires a great deal of energy.

With the election of a hard-working, progressive president, I believed that these types of conflicts would end. Over the summer, however, I was soon proven wrong. During the summer, when the Senate is not in session, a group of senators, chaired by the Speaker of the Senate, formed the Coordinating Council. These students met to deal with important issues of the SGA. In order to ensure a successful summer for the Senate, I made sure to become a member for this council because I did not want a repeat of last year.

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However, the Speaker of the Senate, Patrick Higgins, decided that instead of fixing up the wounds in the SGA, he would tear those wounds deeper and remind us of summers past. This summer, the Speaker violated so many laws and bylaws in the SGA Constitution that even I can no longer distinguish what's right from wrong.

Higgins began his first Coordinating Council meeting displaying a high degree of incompetence. Speaker Higgins' friends were told, up to a week before the meeting took place, of its time and location. Others, however, were not as lucky. Four ALANA Caucus members, who were also Coordinating Council members, (the ALANA Caucus is a legislative body in the SGA that advocates for racial and ethnic diversity in this University) were not even told the meeting was going to take place.

He gave me, an elected Coordinating Council member, what he called "reasonable notice" — an email twenty-four hours before the meeting took place. I think that when a person lives hours away from campus, in the middle of the summer, a reasonable time should have been exactly the amount notice his friends received.

President Bustamante also got "reasonable notice" to attend the Coordinating Council meeting. What boggles my mind about the short notice given to the President is that his office is only 15 steps away from Higgins's office.

Because the Speaker has "moral objections" to following the by-laws, specifically those that allow for ALANA Caucus appointed seats, he chose not to hold another senate meeting for the entire summer. The elections, to take place in a week, are being rushed, and an unnecessary burden has fallen on the shoulders of the Chancellor of Elections. This is all because the Speaker was not willing to recognize those senators, dedicated to diversity issues, until a day before school began.

I write this to not only let the Student Body know what went on this summer, but also to let the Senate nominees understand the issues that they are going to be dealing with. Even though the Senate was personally full of mental and physical hardship, I still believe there is hope.

That hope is you, the incoming senators and an informed student body.

"Tomorrow I see change, a chance to build a new, build on spirits intent of heart and ideas based on truth." -Tupac Shakur

Pavel Payano is a UMass student.

Flirting with fate

Thomas Naughton

I was going to pee my pants when I heard his deep voice.

"Hey, Red!" The stubby Italian boy in the FILA sweat suit shouted at me.

I, of course, looked around, rationalizing that he was talking to someone else since we did not know one another. So I turned my back to him and stared out into the street. It was a Thursday night in Cambridge, and it was that limbo time between fall and winter in November when its like our hemisphere is feeling the sun's warmth inch further away, and the meteorological forces are taking a deep breath to decide what to do next.

I needed some air before going back into Manray, the club that my friends and I had escaped UMass to go to. Sometimes all the loud music, loud boys, crazy drag queens and constant posing can be overwhelming.

"Do you speak English, Red? I'm talking to you, cutie." The FILA boy shouted again at me.

He was absolutely talking to me. This huge guy whose arms were as big as my thighs was definitely addressing the redheaded guy who was standing by himself like a loser, obviously talking to no one else. In other words — me.

I didn't know what to say, and I was kind of scared that this kid was just a frat boy who was out on a dare to humiliate an oddly-dressed gay guy, so I did what any suave young stud would do to a perspective date: I waved. As I waved, I said to myself, "Self, you are so stupid for waving right now."

"Alls I get is a wave? Ouch, Red, you must got a boyfriend or somethin', cause I know you ain't gonna snub a nice guy like me who's only tryin to holla."

I remember to this day every word he said because no one has ever talked to me that way before, and I doubt anyone will ever again. He was bold; I loved it, it made my heart beat faster.

He walked right over to me and grabbed my hand in his huge, stubbly, veiny hand that was calloused from lifting weights. He introduced himself as Dino, but he said I could call him "D". He was very Italian, very dark, very handsome, very sure of himself and very big in comparison to me.

My eyes were huge and immature taking in Dino's bold flirtation; I was only 19 and Dino was at least 24. I always thought of myself (despite some of my behavior) as somewhat mature for my age, but because it was my first time at Manray, I felt quite young, and even younger with Dino's huge arm around me.

We must have looked so strange together. He, very muscled and into hip-hop culture and I, slim with a Mohawk and a Freddy Kruger sweater. That kind of stuff is what makes these situations so amazing, people who for all intents and purposes should not be together in close quarters and getting closer. The night was ending and I was headed back to UMass that same night in hopes of perhaps getting enough sleep to make it to one of my classes in the morning. Dino pulled me over to him.

"You better be comin' home soon. I'm just getting started with you." He kissed me for what seemed like a long time and I felt my knees buckle and heard my friends laughing at this maudlin PDA, which I was kind of laughing at myself.

For the next few months, Dino and I talked every day, sometimes more than twice a day. We hung out a couple times very briefly to get coffee in Boston when I was home on odd weekends. Then he just disappeared.

It didn't strike me as strange, or even upsetting really. Dino was just a guy I talked to, kissed a couple times. I figured he found a boyfriend and didn't need to keep calling some kid who was an hour or so away.

I heard from Dino that summer; almost six months had gone by. He had gone to jail for a little while for some mishap in New York City that he didn't want to tell me about. It was good to hear his deep voice and smooth talk again. He then disappeared again, very quickly. In the meantime, I had been in some crazy situations, crazy relationships and well, it was easy for such a breezy character like him to slip out of my preoccupied mind.

When I saw "Dino calling" on my cell-phone caller ID last spring, I laughed out loud. It had been months since I had heard from him. He said he had been in California; he had done some modeling, and he was back in Massachusetts for good.

"Why for good? You're too young to retire," I said coyly. "Well at least we can hang out now."

"Yeah, we definitely can hang out now." He said and then his voice dropped, "I gotta tell you something first."

"You got a sex-change in Cali and now you want me to call you Dianna," I said, thinking I was so clever.

"No," he said and then laughed, "I have HIV."

All I could say was, "Oh."

Then I started to cry a little from the shock, and I told him how sorry I was. He had unprotected sex with his boyfriend who was cheating and had contracted the disease.

"Dino, I still want to hang out with you, I want to help you in any way I can," I choked.

"Red, its all good, it's gonna be all good and yeah, we can still hang, I just wanted to be straight with you."

"D, straight with me is something you never wanted to be!" I said to break the tension and we both laughed loudly.

I didn't speak to Dino again after that. We never hung out. He killed himself days after.

It was like it always was: Dino came into my life, made me smile and then disappeared. The difference was this time, there wasn't going to be another appearance. I cried a little when I heard; I cried for this boy I didn't know well, but who had made a definite impression on me. I cried because his death posed many questions to me, questions I knew I could answer and those answers, which were made useless by his death became weighty and sad for me, even now.

I couldn't help but wonder, if he hadn't disappeared, would he have stayed with me, would he have gotten the HIV virus and would I be asking these questions today? My questions, however, make me think of fate and ancient history. Early civilizations knew not to mess with fate, and I know in my heart I could never have changed his.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STUDENT ABROAD SAYS BEER SHEVA ATTACKS SIGNIFICANT

As a UMass student studying at Beer Sheva, Israel, I was deeply offended by Yousef Munayyer's article on September 14, "Page A12." That day's bombing was significant for several reasons, leading to its eye-catching placement in the New York Times. First, Beer Sheva had previously been shielded from terrorism, as this was the first act of terrorism to hit the desert community. Additionally, this was the first major suicide bombing in Israel in five or six months.

More important than the significance of the attack, however, is Yousef's claim that the media is biased. There is no denying that fact. However, he only uses one newspaper as the source of his argument; in order to make such a claim of a pro-Israel media, a breadth of sources is needed. Using solely the New York Times fails to prove his argument.

Finally, I do not find it surprising that the newspaper did not give the Gaza bombing as much coverage. Hamas outright admitted that those 15 Palestinians who perished in the bombing were members of Hamas and were training. Why should it be a surprise that terrorists were killed?

Alicia Drucker
UMass student

SOLDIER DEFENDS BUSH'S ACTIONS

I would like to comment on "A Mistaken War" which appeared in last Thursday's Collegian. I am a soldier in the U.S. Army, proudly serving our country for the past three years, and for many years to come. President Bush did not "send our troops into battle without needed protective equipment" as claimed; we can thank President Clinton for that, due in part because of massive dollar cuts in the military, for example.

It was not until President Bush took office that those serving our country in uniform saw a much deserved pay increase, benefit expansion and an influx of dollars to help upgrade a deteriorating arsenal of equipment.

The bill President Bush recently signed into law (while Senator Kerry was absent to vote on the legislation) increased funding to outfit my fellow soldiers with new bulletproof vests that provide more protection than the old flak-jackets and also provided funds to upgrade body armor on the widely used M998 (Hummvee).

Our military has grown larger and stronger because of the leadership of our current President. He has done his best to give soldiers the tools needed to be effective on the battlefield. It is a shame that President Bush had to play "catch-up" because of the previous administration's shortcomings.

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Kweli to deliver 'quality' performance

Rawkus Records recording artist plays Pearl St. nightclub



Rapper Talib Kweli comes to Pearl St. Nightclub in Northampton this Thursday. His 'Connected' tour features L.E.G.A.C.Y, and Foreign Excange.

Monique Jemmott
COLLEGIAN STAFF

Talib Kweli is not like many MC's. You will not hear him 'Big Pimpin' or giving advice on how to stay a step ahead of the police when selling drugs. He doesn't have war stories to boast about, or a near death experience to catapult him into the limelight—what Talib Kweli has is pure, unadulterated talent, and a hunger to share it with the world.

This Thursday at the Pearl St. Nightclub, at 8pm, you can catch Rawkus recording artist Talib Kweli on the 'Connected' Tour. Along with Foreign Exchange,L.E.G.A.C.Y, and the Away Team; Northampton will feel the power of superior lyricism.

A Brooklyn native, Talib Kweli got his start much like other hip hop artists — on the frontlines known as MC battles. He and longtime friend Mos Def met here, and continued on to make music together. Along with Cincinnati Producer/DJ Hi Tek, Kweli went on to be featured on Rawkus Record's first volume of their compilation album 'Soundbombing ' with a track called 'Fortified Live,' which went on to be hailed as a classic amongst the underground scene, and establish Kweli as a wordsmith as the top of his game.

In 1998, Kweli teamed up with Mos Def, to release 'Mos Def and Talib Kweli are Blackstar.' The group named after the shipping line company of Revolutionary/activist Marcus Garvey, was among 1998's best albums, and one of the most introspective looks at urban life in a long while at this period. With tracks like 'Respiration,' and 'KOS Determination,' they proved to be worlds apart from their Hip Hop counterparts.

Kweli went on to release and album with DJ Hi Tek in 2000 titled 'Reflection Eternal.' It was on this album that he garned some mainstream noteriety with the single 'The Blast' whose video received airplay from both BET, and MTV.

Finally in 2002, Kweli released a solo album titled 'Quality.' Depsite it's upbeat feel, and more mainstream approach, there was still no denying what Kweli is made of as an artist. Tracks like 'Get by' and 'Wont you stay' played on the emotional strings of listeners; while 'Good to you' proved to the naysayers that the artist they had grown to appreciate and respect was still intact and that there would be no trading 'Quality' for success.

Kweli has continued to remain the alternative to the nightmare that hip-hop has become today — and not just for what he says, but also what he does. His messages of hope, and truth transcend the recording booth. In 1998, Talib, along with Mos Def took on the responsibility of ensuring that one of their Brooklyn neighborhoods landmarks— Nikuri booktore, remained opened despite financial troubles. The two bought the bookstore, and converted it to the Nikuri center for education and culture, a non-profit organization that promotes literature and culture.

'I always try to make responsible music' Kweli says in an interview with Blackbook magazine in 2003 'I have the inclinantion to speal about things going on, but you can drive yourself crazy doing that — you come off as preachy.' There seems to be no issue with fans about sounding preachy: being at a Talib Kweli concert is like being at a sing along. Fans, and admirers nod their head like their listening to the gospel on a Sunday afternoon and mouth each and every word, like their lives depend on it — and with good reason how can you resist singing along when you hear songs such as get by:

'This morning/I woke up/feeling brand new/and I jumped up/feeling my highs/and my lows/and my soul/and my goals/just to stop smoking/and stop drinking and I been thinking/I got my reasons/just to get by.'

To the untrained eye, Kweli's world seems to be grounded in nobility, and a desire to be the missing link in hip hop, and seems to make sense — the meaning of his Arabic name is 'student of truth'; and maybe this explains why we so desperately need him to be.

Smithsonian Honors Indian Culture



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The building design of the 'Museum of the American Indian' includes representations of various Indian tribes from the United States and Canada.

By FREDERIC J. FROMMER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A colorful Native Nations procession heralded the opening Tuesday of the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of the American Indian, the newest addition to the historical treasure — trove dotting the National Mall.

A group of five White Mountain Apache Indians from White River, Ariz., drew a crowd with their exotic dress. Four had their chests painted black with white lettering while the fifth was painted white with black lettering. Pine needles were wrapped around their arms and waists, and wooden headgear reached two feet above their heads, which were covered in masks. As they danced, metal balls around their shoes added to the sounds of an accompanying drummer.



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American Indian families arrive at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. for debut of the exhibit.

Nearby, Aztec Indians from San Francisco danced with headfeathers that reached as high as six feet above their heads.

Crowds gathered in crisp weather under a brilliant sun to witness the spectacle in advance of an opening ceremony featuring speeches by Sens. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, R-Colo., and Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii. Peruvian President Alejandro Toledo Manrique and others.

In the afternoon, the museum was to open to the public, and musicians, dancers and storytellers were to begin the First Americans Festival, which will last the rest of the week.

Deanette Ives, vice chairman of the Port Sklallam Gamble Tribe near Kingston, Wash., said she took her 14-year-old daughter out of school to attend the ceremony. "I thought it was important to share this historic moment, "said Ives, wearing a black and red shall embroidered with the tribe's logo, a killer whale. "This is a time she'll remember for the rest of her life."

On Monday, hundreds of people already were milling about the museum to get an early peek. "At last we're getting some kind of recognition as Indian people," said Lawrence Orcutt, from the Yurok tribe in northern California. Dave Anderson, who heads the Bureau of Indian Affairs, said the museum will allow Indians to open a new chapter in the United States. "I look at this whole museum opening as an opportunity for healing, for optimism," he said.

Missing from the opening festivities, however, was the architect who designed the stunning tan building, layered in swooping levels of Minnesota limestone rounded to depict the curves of the Earth, sun and moon: Douglas J. Cardinal, a Canadian, was hired as architect in 1993, but he wound up in a dispute with the architectural firm that he subcontracted for, GBQC of Philadelphia, claiming he was losing money.

The Smithsonian failed to settle the differences between the two parties and fired both in 1998. Another architectural team finished the work.

Two months ago, museum director Richard West wrote Cardinal a three-page letter, asking him to attend Tuesday's opening ceremonies and offering to pay for Cardinal's travel and accommodations.

"There I would like to recognize and thank you publicly for the gift of your work and artistic inspiration to the National Museum of the American Indian in the form of its signature building in the monumental core of America's capital," West wrote.

He called Cardinal's design "a principal physical and, indeed, spiritual marker for the native peoples of this hemisphere long beyond the lives of either of us." Cardinal, a Blackfeet Indian, turned down the offer after consulting with family members and tribal elders.

"It was not a gift but professional work for which I should be reimbursed," wrote Cardinal, who claims he is owed $1 million for the work he did on the museum. Responded Smithsonian spokesman Thomas Sweeney: "The Smithsonian Institution paid Mr. Cardinal up to the time of the termination."

Cardinal's design is unlike any other structure in Washington's wealth of monuments and museum. Built at a cost of $214 million, the sweeping lines represent a communing with nature as the country's tribal peoples did. It houses 8,000 objects from across the Western Hemisphere. Four million visitors a year are expected for the museum's movies and music; paintings, photographs and sculptures; masks, weapons and animals, jewelry and medals, even food and plants.

Toots: Back at it with new album

Legendary reggae artists bring island flavor to valley



Godfathers of reggae Toots and the Maytals performed at Pearl Street in Northampton on Monday night.

By Bradley Farberman
Collegian Staff

Folks are drawn to live music for all kinds of reasons. When I check out Medeski, Martin and Wood, I get a shot of funk and a taste of the avant-garde in one sitting, (a "two for the price of one" type deal, if you will). A Phish show is like some grand adventure; one can never quite predict where the music will go, and catching Cold Duck Complex is always a romp through wishful thinking.

But reggae legends Toots and the Maytals, that's something different. A Toots show is just plain fun — once the room heats up, the grooves don't stop.

Hailing from Kingston, Jamaica, where Raleigh Gordon and Jerry Matthias formed the original Maytals in 1962 (both Gordon and Matthias have since passed on), Toots Hibbert et al. first rose to prominence in 1973 when two of their most enduring singles, one of them the stunning "Pressure Drop," were included on "The Harder They Come," a reggae compilation featuring Jimmy Cliff as its standout contributor.

But the Maytals made just as big of a splash, and they made a splash at Pearl Street on Monday night, too. Running through their vast canon of island hits with an ebullience that belied at least Toots' age, (the singer will turn 60 next year). The group kept a mostly packed ballroom on their feet for an uninterrupted performance that lasted close to two hours.

Tunes like "True Love is Hard to Find," "Sweet and Dandy" and the show stopping, "Pressure Drop" hit early on in the show. The band was tight and the sly, sexy beat that typifies reggae music was deep, and in your face.

Later on, Toots treated us to the funky "Reggae Got Soul." "Do the Reggay," which many believe to have named the genre, and "54-46 Was My Number," which recounts his time in prison. All the while, Toots danced and worked the crowd like a man possessed; by show's close, he was dripping.

And so were we. Toots taught us all a valuable lesson that night — always let them see you sweat. Like any performer worth his proverbial salt, Toots knows that energy is circular; the more he enjoys his own performance, the more we do — and we did.





Above, Toots and The Maytals latest album cover art. On top, the original legendary group members on their first project. The band has been credited for the success of mainstream reggae.

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Greenday returns to the top

Punk rock trio gets political with album 'American Idiot'



After a long hiatus, punk rockers Greenday return with 'American Idiot'.

By Adam Langlais
(U-WIRE) Kingston, R.I.

By all accounts, Green Day's new release, "American Idiot," should have sucked.

Arguably, it's been years since the band has put out a good album. On their earliest records such as "Kerplunk," "Insomniac" and their major label breakthrough, "Dookie," the Berkeley, Calif., trio established themselves as pop-punk pioneers with an affection for in-your-face snottiness.

But in subsequent years, the boys fell to the background as younger bands seemed poised to take over, and they were left in a bit of a musical purgatory as their only new releases in the past four years consisted of a greatest hits album, and a rarities collection. It would have been perfectly easy then, to write Green Day off as a casualty of an expired musical era — But they have never gone down that easy, and Green Day is ready to kick ass once again.

A self-proclaimed rock opera, "American Idiot" is Green Day's most ambitious album to date. It's both conceptual and self-indulgent; a truly epic album that rips through the classic idea of the American dream.

The opening song (the title track), is chock full of the band's trademark attitude and sparks a political streak that runs through the entire album. It's a blatant shot against the Bush administration — a theme that is revisited in "Holiday," which details the current situation in Iraq.

The highlight of the album is the impressive "Jesus of Suburbia," a nine-minute song that progresses through five unique chapters and never loses its power. Songs such as "St. Jimmy," "She's a Rebel" and "Letterbomb" come closest to the band's older sound. Rather than fall back into their old routine, however, they give it a new polish, underlined with politically charged lyrics.

"American Idiot" is certainly the band's best album to date. If nothing else, it has single-handedly opened up a whole new chapter in their career. Their lyrics have found relevancy for a new generation of audiences stuck in a world of political turmoil.

Listening to this album will make you proud to be a Green Day fan again.

Emusic is born again

By Alex Veiga
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nearly a year since it was sold by Vivendi Universal to private investors, online retailer eMusic has undergone a facelift that includes a panel of music critics to help users comb its trove of independent music.

The revamped service, scheduled to debut Wednesday, is the latest evolution for the pioneering retailer, the first to sell digital music files online in the late 1990s.

EMusic eschews copy protection technology as consumer-unfriendly, and caters to people whose tastes are largely ignored by mainstream music retailers.

"We're going after the minority of the market who doesn't want to wade through Britney Spears or OutKast," said David Pakman, eMusic's chief operating officer.

The major online music retailers, such as Napster, MusicNet and market-leader iTunes Music Store, sell tunes by mostly major label acts.

The eMusic revamp has been in the works for the better part of a year, since the company was acquired from Vivendi by New York — based Dimensional Associates Inc., the private equity arm of DFS Capital Management Inc.

When Dimensional took over, it began adding staff with experience running subscription-based businesses and immediately changed the pricing model so subscribers could no longer download an unlimited number of tracks.

"That was a negative gross margin business," Pakman said. "The company was losing money," hile eMusic's pricing model remains the same — subscriptions start at $9.99 per month for 40 downloads — what's changed is the means by which users can search and discover new music. So the service has added its panel of so-called music curators.

"What was missing from the e-Music service was a bunch of tools and features to really aid you in discovery process," Pakman said. "What was missing was the curators."

Among the roster of music experts hired by eMusic are former Rolling Stone writer and author Michael Azerrad, former New York Times music critic Ann Powers and Justin Davidson, who won a Pulitzer Prize for his coverage of classical music. The critics will write album reviews, columns, and communicate with subscribers on a message board.

Users will also be able to discuss or swap song recommendations with other subscribers through the message boards and other online community features.

By avoiding tracks from major labels, which only make their content available in file formats that come with licensing and copy protection safeguards, eMusic has also been able to sell its content in the MP3 file format. MP3s can be played on most if not all-digital music players on the market, and can be copied to other computers or burned to CDs without the limits imposed by record companies on other online retailers.

Apprentice wins ratings

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In the battle of rich guys turned TV stars, Donald Trump has it all over Mark Cuban.

Trump drew just under 16 million viewers to NBC last week for the second installment of "The Apprentice 2," according to Nielsen Media Research.

While the series is starting slowly this time around, it's not nearly as slow as Cuban's "The Benefactor." The colorful Dallas Mavericks owner is giving away money on a new ABC reality show, and its debut reached 5.5 million people, Nielsen said. A rerun the following night had fewer than 3 million viewers.

During the week before the official opening of the fall season, the most popular program was — appropriately enough — a rerun, "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" had 22.3 million viewers.

Two of television's signature events — the Emmy Awards and the Miss America Pageant — both fell out of Nielsen's top 10. The Emmys were seen by only 13.8 million people on ABC Sunday.

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Men's soccer prepairs for UNH

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have center-back midfielder Tim Kitchell in the game due to a red card he earned in the 3-1 loss to Harvard on Sunday.

Kitchell received the red card at 29:18 against the Crimson after he cleated a Harvard player who was lying on the pitch.

The infraction will open a hole in the UMass defense, one that Koch is confident he can fill with a number of players.

"There are a number of candidates, there is no single one in particular," Koch said. "We're looking at a lot of different variations whether we put Ralph Pace back there, we might have Kenny Cook Back there. Skelton was injured but we'll see how he is and we'll see if he can go back in. So we have a lot of different situations."

Junior captain Craig Canavan, who switched to sweeper earlier in the season, had started the season where Kitchell usually plays. Although he has experience, Koch is more comfortable with him in the back, controlling the defense.

Another issue for the Minutemen has been the play of their typically sound goalkeeping tandem. Senior captain Colin Burns and sophomore Nick Billman continue to split time this year, but neither has been playing well over the last few games.

Both keepers have played three games this season and have given up eight goals each. Koch knows that neither has been up to snuff so far, but is confident in their abilities as the season rolls on.

"I think both of them can play better and I think both of them would say the same thing. I don't think either one is pleased with the way they've played in the last week and a half," Koch said. "I still feel that they continue to work hard in training and their attitudes have been great.

"I think they've both had a couple of off-games and haven't been able to make the big save when I know they are both capable of doing it."

The Wildcats have had mixed results from its offense this year, scoring four goals in five contests. UNH is coming off of its first win of the season, however, with a 1-0 win over Colgate on Saturday.

Ross Fishbain and Tyler Jackson have been leading the way for the Wildcats this year, accounting for five points this year between the two of them.



Freshman Douglas Rappaport dribbles the ball on defense for the Minutemen. Rappaport has started one game for UMass this season.

Hamilton fights charges

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at the Athens Olympics.

Asked about Hamilton's reported positive test at the Olympics, IOC medical director Patrick Schamasch said, "For the moment, I can't confirm or deny anything."

IOC spokeswoman Giselle Davies said, "As with all doping procedures, while a process is underway, we can't go into details."

USA Cycling CEO Gerard Bisceglia said the IOC had not said anything to his organization about Hamilton's medal. He said he was waiting to see the results of the tests Hamilton was to take Tuesday.

"We're not in a position to take a position. We hope for the best with this, as we do with any athlete," Bisceglia said.

The U.S. Olympic Committee said it had no comment.

Hamilton's gold was one of four medals won by American cyclists at the Athens Games — the team's best showing since winning nine at the boycotted 1984 Los Angeles Olympics. Hamilton was the only American cyclist to win a gold medal in Athens, and he called that victory "the highlight of my career, by far."

Hamilton's father, Bill, said from the family's home in Marblehead, that he and his wife Lorna had spoken to their son by phone Tuesday.

"He did tell us this was totally bogus," Bill Hamilton said. "He is terribly upset by this whole thing, because now you know you are guilty until proven innocent."

He compared his son's circumstances to those of six-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong, a former teammate of Hamilton's who also has denied doping allegations in his career.

"They've tried to bring down Lance Armstrong for years, and now they're trying to bring down Tyler," Bill Hamilton said. "I think it's a witch hunt. It will be proven, mark my words, that this is totally bogus."

Hopkins earns respect with De La Hoya KO

By Bernard Fernandez
Knight Ridder Newspapers

LAS VEGAS — When he was doing time in Graterford penitentiary for robbers, and even after he'd become a world champion, Bernard Hopkins' boxing dreams were confined within the city limits of Philadelphia.

If you asked him back then what he hoped to accomplish as a prizefighter, he'd tell you that one day he wanted his neighbors to place him on a pedestal occupied by such princes of Philly pugilism as Bennie Briscoe, Willie "The Worm" Monroe, Eugene "Cyclone" Hart, Bobby "Boogaloo" Watts and George Benton.

"Those guys are legends," Hopkins said in 1995, after he won the IBF middleweight title by knocking out Segundo Mercado. "I owe them a debt I can never repay because they created the tradition I've tried to live up to."

It's funny how dreams can soar with increased success. Little Donald Tramp put away his Monopoly board game one day and started building actual hotels on Boardwalk. And as the victories and prestige piled up, Bernard "The Executioner" Hopkins began to think of his place in the world beyond Broad Street.

So it came to pass that Hopkins, who became the first man ever to knock out the most popular fighter on the planet, Oscar De La Hoya, found himself at the podium of a ballroom here in the MGM Grand, looking very much like a 39-year-old kid whose trading-card heroes had suddenly come to life.

Mike Tyson was standing off to the side. Thomas Hearns and Roberto Duran were seated in an audience mostly composed of media members who now wanted to know how Hopkins thought he stacked up in comparison to such middleweight greats as Sugar Ray Robinson, Marvelous Marvin Hagler, Carlos Monzon and Jake La Motta.

Hopkins' ninth-round stoppage of De La Hoya on Saturday night extended his division record of title defenses to 19. Asked if he would consider relinquishing one of his four world championship belts if presented the opportunity for a megabucks, non-middleweight fight, Hopkins shook his head. Money is important, sure, but immortality for a lighter cannot be purchased as if it were just another pricey item on the shelf at Neiman-Marcus.

"If I have to give up a belt and not reach my goal of 20 defenses, I'd be going against what I want to do for history," said Hopkins, who was paid a career-high $10 million to De La Hoya's $27 million.

"When my daughter, who's 5 years old now, becomes a teenager and somebody tells her about her daddy, they're not going to talk about money. They're going to talk about history and how great of a fighter he was. That lives way after I'm dead. That's important to Bernard Hopkins."

When that stranger's conversation with Latrice Hopkins does take place at some future date, it almost surely will include a reference to the signature punch landed during her father's career in the ring — a short left hook to the body that left the "Golden Boy" crumpled on the canvas like a discarded Styrofoam cup.

Through eight mostly tactical rounds that had not followed the expected script, Hopkins (45-2-1, 32 KOs) had built a comfortable points lead by controlling the flow of the action. But he hadn't delivered many fireworks and, well, the most breathlessly anticipated middleweight matchup since Sugar Ray Leonard upset Hagler in 1987 was in danger of becoming as lackluster as your typical Super Bowl.

But Hopkins' 76-year-old Yoda of a trainer, Bouie Fisher, spotted something in De La Hoya (37-4, 29 KOs) he thought his guy could take advantage of. So, following the seventh round, he instructed Hopkins to look for an opening to hook to the body off the jab.

As brilliant revelations go, it was on par with Albert Einstein giving us E=mc2. Hopkins came out for the ninth round, fired a jab, and delivered a shot just under De La Hoya's ribcage that an HBO analyst admiringly described as "chopped liver" and Hopkins added, "with Hopkins sauce on it."

"I set him up with the jab, leaned to the left and hit him in the liver," Hopkins said. "The left hook made him say, 'Ughhh!' I heard the wind come out of him."

De La Hoya collapsed, his face a mask of pain. Try as he might, he couldn't pull himself to his feet before referee Kenny Bayless reached the count of 10.

"He caught me right on the button," said De La Hoya, the 1992 Olympic gold medalist from East Los Angeles who went off as a 2-1 underdog, his first experience as a longshot. "Believe me, I tried getting up. I have what it takes to get up.

"I know it's hard to knock me out. Never in my wildest dreams did I think I'd get stopped by a body shot. But he landed a great, great shot and stopped me. What can I say? He's the middleweight champion of the world."

At the time of the knockout, which came after an elapsed time of 1 minute, 38 seconds, Hopkins led by margins of 79-73 and 78-74 on the scorecards submitted, respectively, by judges Dave Moretti and Paul Smith. Keith Macdonald, taking the minority viewpoint, had De La Hoya ahead, 77-75.

In adding De La Hoya's WBO middleweight championship to the WBC, WBA and IBF titles he already held, Hopkins becomes the first fighter to take simultaneous possession of belts from the four most widely recognized sanctioning bodies. Since the WBC is the lead organization for Hopkins' next defense, his celebration of No. 20 could be a mandatory against the WBC's No. 1 contender, England's Howard Eastman. Hopkins also might request an exemption to go after a bigger-name opponent, possibly the winner of the Oct. 2 bout between Felix Trinidad, whom he's already defeated, and Ricardo Mayorga.

After that, Hopkins — who turns 40 on Jan. 15 — could move up in weight to challenge WBC light-heavyweight champion Antonio Tarver or the man he's chased since 1993, Roy Jones Jr. Jones handed Hopkins his last defeat 11 years ago, and it left an aftertaste that has lingered in his mouth like that of a tainted cheesesteak.

"I'm not a light-heavyweight," conceded Hopkins, who weighed a taut 156 pounds for De La Hoya. "Do I put myself at great risk to do something that I know my body can't carry? I got to think hard about that.

"I do want big fights. I need big fights. But I'm going to be smart about it."



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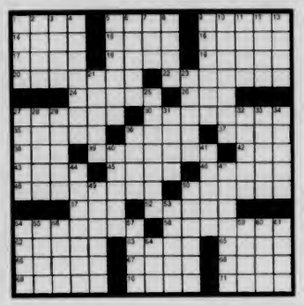


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By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts men's soccer team has done one thing right all year. Unfortunately for the Minutemen, it's either offense or defense, never both.

After going 2-2 during its current five-game home stand, UMass is set to face the Wildcats of New Hampshire (1-1-3) today in its last game at Rudd Field until Atlantic 10 rival comes to town on October 15.

The Minutemen (2-4-0, 0-0-0 A-10) have had trouble with their consistency so far this season and are looking to get both offense and defense on the same page. Recently, it's been the offense that has been picking up the slack, scoring eight goals over the last three games.

UMass coach Sam Koch is concerned about his defense and is looking for the unit to literally get on the ball.

"We're not closing down our man quick enough and we're not staying with our men as far as man-to-man marking in areas where we need to," Koch said. "Every now and then we get caught sleeping, and when we have that happen we get punished."

As if the defense (which has given up seven goals in the last three games), needed any more hardships, the Minutemen won't

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Freshman Matty Lemire (center) has two goals and an assist this year for the Minutemen. Lemire is one of three freshmen to have a goal for UMass this season. The Minutemen take on UNH today at Rudd Field, kickoff is slated for 3:30 p.m.

Twins keep running

By Nancy Armour
Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Nothing fazes the Minnesota Twins.

Threatened with contraction three years ago, they ran away with the AL Central title. In disarray at the All-Star break last year, they regrouped and won the division again. And 2004? This might just be the most improbable run of them all.

Forced by economics to replace half of the team, then riddled with injuries, the Twins should have been out of contention two months ago. Instead, they're making room at the Metrodome for another AL Central trophy after clinching Monday night and getting ready for the third straight trip to the playoffs, a first in the team's 44-year history.

"No matter what you throw at us, we're going to try and bob and weave," said Torii Hunter, one of the players left from the contraction team. "We might get hit every once in a while, but we're going to try and bob and weave, try to make do and try to stay alive. I think that's what's keeping us going and proving a lot of people wrong."

It's one thing for the New York Yankees or Atlanta Braves to win year after year. The Braves have one of the most stable organizations in the big leagues, with Bobby Cox the manager since 1990 and John Schuerholz in his 14th season as general manager. The Yankees have more money than some small countries, allowing them to build a star-studded lineup and go after any player they want.

But the Twins? They put the "small" in "small-market team." Their payroll at the start of the year was $53.585 million, less than a third of what the Yankees were spending. Their highest-paid player, Brad Radke, will earn $10.75 million this season, which doesn't even crack the top 25 in the list of biggest paychecks.

It's not as if the Twins can count on continuity, either. They lost Eddie Guardado, LaTroy Hawkins, A.J. Pierzynski, Eric Milton, Dustan Mohr, Denny Hocking and Kenny Rogers in the offseason, and then traded Doug Mientkiewicz in July.

Losing that kind of talent would make most teams want to curl up in their clubhouses and wait for spring training.

Not the Twins.

"We really don't think about all those things," manager Ron Gardenhire said. "It's not like we sit around and go, 'Wow, let's show 'em.' We just go out and play. We go out and have some fun, and we've got good players."

While the Twins have managed to keep a core of key veterans — Hunter, Radke, Jacque Jones, Corey Koskie, Shannon Stewart — who can show the newcomers the Minnesota way, general manager Terry Ryan also has shown a knack for finding the right people to fill his holes.

Joe Nathan was a former starter who had one career save when the Twins acquired him from San Francisco in the Pierzynski trade. Now he ranks third in the American League with 43 saves, blowing only three all year.

Johan Santana has gone from a little-known member of the bullpen last season to a favorite for the AL Cy Young Award. He's won his last 11 starts and leads the league in ERA (2.65) and strikeouts (254).

And young players who come up through the Minnesota farm system get an early introduction into what Gardenhire and the Twins expect. The Twins bring a lot of minor leaguers — coaches and players — to spring training so everyone in the entire organization can be on the same page. What Gardenhire does with his club is no different than what's done at Double-A New Britain.

"It has to be the whole system," Gardenhire said. "It can't just be one level, it has to be everywhere. And we've got a pretty good system going here where everybody talks about the same thing."

That hasn't gone unnoticed by the opposition.

Minutewomen win first game of season

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts women's soccer team's quest for its first victory of the season ended yesterday in New Britain, Connecticut. The Minutewomen toppled the Central Connecticut State Blue Devils 3-2 on the road to break into the win column.

UMass (1-5, 0-1-0 A-10) got on the scoreboard first, registering two goals in the first 15 minutes of play. Junior Adair Blyler put the Minutewomen ahead 12 minutes into the contest off of an assist from senior Lindsey Fairweather.

A minute and a half later Fairweather gave UMass a two-goal cushion. Junior midfielder Lindsey Bellini set up Fairweather's goal on a cross to the front of the net. Fairweather was able to get the back of her foot onto the ball and send it into the goal.

Central Connecticut State (4-4) pulled to within a goal with 23:51 left in the first half, on a goal by leading scorer Jess McCavanagh. McCavanagh pushed the ball in after UMass keeper Kristin Walker mishandled a cross from Kari Mancini.

The Blue Devils notched the equalizer with 10:28 to go in the half on freshmen Heather Spada's first career goal. Spada headed in a corner kick by Sophie Hopper to tie the game at two.

With five minutes remaining in the half, freshmen Jenny Roehrig recorded the game-winner for the Maroon and White. Roehrig let loose a blast from 25-yards out just over the goalkeeper's hands and into the top right corner of the net. The goal was the second in as many games for Roehrig.

The rest of the game resulted in no goals, but was filled with intense and physical play as evidenced by the teams combining for 33 fouls.

"That was a playoff-level game," UMass coach Jim Rudy said. "The second half was very intense and physical."

The Minutewomen had opportunities to expand on their lead in the second half, but were unable to do so.

"We kept the pressure on in the second half," Rudy said. "We could have scored another goal or two, but nothing was uncontested."

UMass out shot CCSU 20-16 for the game, but had many more scoring threats, as 11 of the Minutewomen's shots were on goal as opposed to only five for the Blue Devils.

The Minutewomen thwarted CCSU's last real threat with a little help from the crossbar. With 13 minutes to play, Hopper unleashed a shot from 20-yards out that hit off the post and was cleared out of the area by the UMass defense.

Central Connecticut State presented a difficult challenge to the UMass defense because they run a unique offense. The Blue Devils' roster contains five Europeans and they play a distinct English style of play. The Minutewomen were able to slow the offensive attack in part because of their strong play on air balls.

Rudy credited the defensive efforts of junior Amy Maffucci and freshmen Tina Rodriguez and Christina Nunes for keeping the Blue Devils at bay in the second half.

This game was the first of the season in which UMass got substantial contributions from its returning players, as well as continued strong play from the large core of freshmen.

Rudy was also pleased with the performance Blyler turned in. The team's leading scorer from a year ago had been off to a slow start this season, but was a major factor in yesterday's win.

"Blyler was running all over the field making plays for us," Rudy said.

The Minutewomen must now turn their attention to the upcoming Atlantic-10 conference schedule. Rudy said he hopes the team will build off this victory and get rolling.

"Now they know how to win which is important," Rudy added.



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Senior midfielder Carly Turman takes possession of the ball for the Minutewomen. UMass defeated CCSU 3-2 yesterday.



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Fall dominance

Freshman Masha Pozar played at Amherst College yesterday. The UMass women's tennis team won three titles at the Eastern Collegiate Championship on Sunday.

Cyclist claims innocence

By Naomi Koppel
Associated Press

REGENSDORF, Switzerland (AP) — Olympic time-trial champion Tyler Hamilton declared his innocence Tuesday after his pro cycling team said he's being investigated for possible blood doping and could be stripped of his gold medal.

Hamilton said he would "fight this until I don't have a euro left in my pocket."

Tests at the Athens Olympics on Aug. 19 and at the Spanish Vuelta on Sept. 11 showed evidence of blood from another person, cycling's governing body said, according to a spokesman for Hamilton's team, Phonak. Follow-up tests were scheduled for later Tuesday.

Phonak spokesman Georges Luedinger said Hamilton denied having a transfusion — which can boost an athlete's performance by increasing the amount of oxygen-transporting red blood cells in his system.

"Tyler told us he did nothing," Luedinger said.

If found guilty of a violation at the Olympics, Hamilton would lose his gold. Three athletes had gold medals revoked for doping during the Aug. 13-29 games.

"I am 100 percent innocent," Hamilton said.

Former world champion Oscar Camenzind was fired by Phonak and announced his retirement after testing positive for the performance-enhancing substance EPO shortly before the Olympics.

A record 24 athletes — none American — from various sports were cited for drug-test violations

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UMass celebrates Autumnal Equinox

Crowds gather at Sunwheel for sunrise

By Megan Daley
Collegian Staff

At the time when most people were waking up, a small group of University of Massachusetts students and Amherst residents gathered yesterday at the UMass Sunwheel to watch the sunrise in celebration of the Autumnal Equinox with Doctor Judith Young of the UMass Astronomy department.

Later, an even larger group gathered to watch the sunset. At both sunrise and sunset, Young directed a presentation about the phases of the sun and moon and the stones of the Sunwheel.

"This is one of only two days a year when the sun truly rises due east and sets due west," she said. "You could see this sight from anywhere on earth except the north and south poles."

Young said a guest once described the Autumnal Equinox as "a sort of international unity day."

To the guests at the sunrise watch, Young pointed out the gray at the edge of the western hemisphere, explaining that it was the Earth's shadow projected on the atmosphere. She also directed the guests' attention to the spreading light and shadows on the distant mountains, before the shadows began to stretch from the rocks at sunrise.

Young explained that viewers would not see the sun rise at exactly due east from the Amherst Sunwheel because the sun rises at an angle and trees and hills block the point in the east where the sun rose. Onlookers had to wait until the sun broke the edge of the trees for their view of the last sunrise of summer.

For those who attended the sunset watch, Young talked about what made the Autumnal equinox special, such as the fact that the amount of night and day is exactly equal and that, at the equator, a person would cast no shadow at noon.

Young, who has been doing presentations at the Sunwheel since 1997, then showed pictures of past sunrises, sunsets and phases of the sky, while explaining what one would see in the sky in different seasons.

When asked why she wanted to set the Sunwheel stones up, Young explained that she learned about the rise and set of the sun from her study of the Anasazi Indians.

"How wonderful to learn something from ancient astronomers, it's a tradition that's passed down and that's amazing."

Young, who recently visited Stonehenge, says that studying the Sunwheel, "connects us to the past."

Alyssa O'Malley and Joelle Vautour, environmental science majors who attended the sunrise, were impressed.

"It was cool," said O'Malley. Vautour agreed, saying, "It's great that someone cares enough to do all this."

Christopher Mira, a geoscience major, has been attending several viewings at the Sunwheel for the past two years, ever since he learned of the Sunwheel's existence from his astronomy class.

"It gives you a good perspective of life beyond the material world," he said. "It's the true experience of existence."

One Amherst man asked about the risk of the 500-ton rocks sinking into the wet land. Young said because of the care taken in the foundation and setting the stones, "the people who helped me put all this together assure me that the Sunwheel will be standing for 5,000 years."

Steven Buczowski, an astrophysicist, even brought his young daughter to the event. He said he wanted to "try and educate her about natural science and the ways of the world."

Amherst resident Sam Skillings was also enthusiastic about seeing the sun rise and set. He had read about Stonehenge as a child and watched as the Sunwheel was built.

"I just never got around to coming until today. It actually fell on my birthday today so I thought it was a good time for me to come see this," he said. "Getting my wife out of bed this morning was the hardest part."

The same event also takes place today at 6:00 p.m. for a sunset viewing.



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Professor Judith Young of the UMass Astronomy department speaks about the Autumnal Equinox at the Sunwheel yesterday evening.

Speaker Higgins contests alleged election problems

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

Patrick Higgins, speaker of the University of Massachusetts Student Government Association, denied rumors yesterday that Senate elections slated for next Wednesday and Thursday would be held in the Campus Center rather than in the Dining Commons.

Speaker Higgins claimed that elections will undoubtedly be held in all of the Dining Commons as well as in the Campus Center and that there will be professional staff and student volunteers present to assist in the voting process.

According to fellow Coordinating Council member Pavel Payano and Secretary of Press and Relations Jeffrey Napolitano, the polling locations for the election is questionable because an elections commission has not yet been appointed and those commissioners would be vital to the election process.

"I was surprised with Napolitano's and Payano's comments," Speaker Higgins said. "We have a professional staff coming from student affairs and students. All DCs will be open."

In order to become an elections commissioner, one has to be approved by the Governor. At the beginning of this academic year, Speaker Higgins thought that there was a complete staff.

"We weren't concerned that we didn't have a full commission, because they [present election commissioners] were people from last year," he said. "It wasn't until we started making phone calls that people backed out."

Speaker Higgins stated that

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Dukakis featured in lecture series

By Jeremy Dirac
Collegian Correspondent

Former Massachusetts Governor and 1988 Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis will speak at the Bowker Auditorium in Stockbridge Hall today at 4 p.m.

The non-partisan Center for Public Policy and Administration will feature Dukakis as part of the CPPA's "Distinguished Lecture Series." Following the event, Dukakis will receive a Public Service Award.

"Michael Dukakis presided as Governor over some difficult budgetary times at the University as well as some good ones in his last administration," said CPPA Director John Hird. "He is being honored as an exemplary public leader — and a man of high personal and professional integrity who has devoted his entire life to public service."

In his talk "The Uninsured: 44 Million and Counting", Dukakis will be speaking on the issue of health care in America.

In a telephone interview with The Daily Collegian,

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Durfee Conservatory hosts second annual benefit today

By Hannah Drake
Collegian Correspondent

The University of Massachusetts' best-kept secret, the Durfee Conservatory, is hosting its Second Annual Benefit Concert today from 5 to 9 p.m. among its very own gardens. Coordinators Armand Prevost, the conservatory's interim director, and Sam Krentzman, a junior Chinese Language and Literature major at UMass, have scheduled rock, blue grass, Irish, funk, and folk bands to perform, such as Busted Vacuum, Rudy Brown, Northern Aggression, Sam, JD, and Bob, and The Chicken Stand Throw Down Band from New York. Also present will be Earth Foods, the student-run vegetarian collective.

Although the Durfee Conservatory is located near the Central residence area and only a building away from Franklin Dining Hall, it still manages to have an inconspicuous location. It is so inconspicuous that it might be possible for a student to graduate from UMass never having known the pleasure of this weekday retreat and arboretum.

"Durfee is the heart of the school," said Kretzman. "It's been around since the founding. It's like an oasis for students, a haven in the middle of the daily grind, a small Garden of Eden."

Apart from the benefit concert, the Durfee Conservatory, founded in 1867 and named after Trustee Dr. Nathan Durfee, has a lot to offer. Visitors will find inviting benches, a bamboo grove, 130-year-old bonzai trees, vegetable gardens, and a charming pond complete with carp and a bridge to admire. If that's not enough of an attraction, visitors might enjoy the company of its two adorable kittens.

The first benefit concert was prompted last year, when like many departments of the University, the Durfee Conservatory suffered budget cuts. Last year's concert featured DJ Nondeskript from WMUA and bands such as Busted Vacuum, Baker Baby Makers, and Death Amphetamine.

Although it attracted several hundred people, Kretzman says last year's concert only raised a total of $400. This year, coordinators hope to raise a total of $1,000 through a combination of $5 "suggested donation" ticket sales, contributions from local businesses and a raffle or auction.

Kretzman urges students to attend "to really immerse yourself in what UMass is — a school in touch with the land."

The rain date for the event is Sept. 30.



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The Durfee Conservatory hopes to raise $1,000 today at the annual benefit today.

Lecture series kicks off 50th anniversary of Brown v. Board



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Professor Charles Payne is the first speaker in a series of lectures commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Brown v. Board of Education decision.

By Bill Donovan
Collegian Correspondent

The History department at the University of Massachusetts will be debuting the first part in a series of free lectures entitled "Race, Law, and Civil Rights: Fifty Years of Brown v. Board of Education" today. The series commemorates the 50th anniversary of the landmark Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court case.

Charles Payne, a Professor of African-American studies, history and sociology at Duke University will present the first section, "The Whole United States is Southern!: Brown v. Board of Education and the Mystification of Race" on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Flavin Auditorium, Room 137 of the Isenberg School of Management.

"The intention of this event is to bring together the University and community together on Brown v. Board of Education and to make people aware of the changes it caused," said Carl H. Nightingale, associate professor of history and coordinator of program events.

The lecture program is being funded by 1967 UMass graduate Kenneth R. Feinberg and his family and friends. The program is also made possible in part by the UMass College of Humanities and Fine Arts, the Department of Afro-American Studies, the Department of Women's Studies, the Department Legal Studies, the Center for Public Policy and Administration, the Political Economy Research Institute and the Sports Management Department.

Feinberg was an assistant United States attorney in the Southern District of New York in the 1970s. He also served on Special Counsel, and the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary from 1975 to 1978. From 1977 to 1979, he served as an administrative aide to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy.

"The UMass History Department commends Feinberg," said Gerald W. McFarland, professor of history and director of undergraduate studies. "He's truly an amazing individual whose professionalism has repeatedly been recognized through appointments to major public service posts.

"He also retains strong ties with UMass and the professorship that he and his family and friends have endowed for the purpose of examining how the study of history illuminates contemporary public policy issues is an outstanding example of his support for education at UMass Amherst."

Feinberg-lecturer Charles Payne is the author of many works, including "Getting What We Ask For; The Ambiguity of Success and Failure In Urban

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British hostage appears on Web site video weeping

By Kim Housego
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A British hostage appeared on a video posted on an Islamic Web site Wednesday weeping and pleading for his life as Iraq's leader and U.S. officials crushed reports that a high-profile female Iraqi weapons scientist could be released from jail soon — as demanded by the kidnappers.

The captive, Kenneth Bigley, appealed to British Prime Minister Tony Blair to intervene. "I think this is possibly my last chance," he said. "I don't want to die."

Bigley was being held by a militant group led by Jordanian-born terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. The group has already beheaded Americans Eugene Armstrong and Jack Hensley, whom it abducted along with Bigley from the Westerners' Baghdad home last week.

On Wednesday, the group also posted a video of Hensley's killing on the Internet, as it had two days earlier of Armstrong's beheading. Hensley's decapitated body was found Wednesday in Baghdad.

The gruesome hostage drama played out as fighting raged on in Iraq, killing three U.S. soldiers and wounding four others.

Suicide attackers struck key diplomatic and commercial centers of the capital, and American tanks and troops searching for weapons stormed into the Sadr City slum, a stronghold of Shiite militants, only to come under a barrage of mortar and automatic weapons fire. The violence across Baghdad left at least 17 Iraqis dead and 100 injured and underscored the inability of U.S. and Iraqi forces to bring security to even the most vital areas of the capital.

U.S. and Iraqi troops battled with insurgents in the central city of Samarra, where U.S. forces had earlier claimed success against militants waging a 17-month insurgency, police said. At least one child was killed and five people wounded in the fighting, police said.



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An image from a videotape posted on an Islamic website Wednesday, shows British hostage Kenneth Bigley, pleading for his life.

The confusion over the fate of female detainees began when a Justice Ministry official announced that Rihab Rashid Taha, a scientist who became known as "Dr. Germ" for helping Iraq make weapons out of anthrax, would be freed in the coming days because she was no longer a threat to national security.

The U.S. and Iraqi officials found themselves at odds over who had custody over Taha and another female scientist involved in Saddam Hussein's biological weapons programs, with Iraqi national security adviser Qassim Daoud saying they were in the hands of Iraqi security forces and that "Iraqi judges decided to release them because they didn't have any evidence."

But a U.S. Embassy spokesman disagreed, saying the pair "are in our legal and physical custody."

Prime Minister Ayad Allawi told The Associated Press that his government has begun reviewing the status of its detainees, including the two female scientists.

But he said the review process had nothing to do with the current hostage situation and had started weeks ago in Iraq.

"We have not been negotiating and we will not negotiate with terrorists on the release of hostages," he said in a telephone interview from New York. "No release takes place unless I authorize it."

The conflicting U.S. and Iraqi statements raised questions over who has authority in the country, even after the handover of sovereignty to Allawi's interim government in June. U.S. officials have been saying that they have been giving more decision-making power to Iraqis, including over security matters.

Teenage Palestinian suicide bomber kills two policemen

By Pete Enav
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — A Palestinian teenager blew herself up at a busy Jerusalem bus station Wednesday, killing two Israeli policemen who stopped her for a security check and wounding 16 bystanders in an attack that evaded Israel's clampdown on the West Bank for the Jewish holidays.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, meanwhile, dropped a plan to evacuate 21 Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip simultaneously at the beginning of next year, reverting to an earlier formula — a staged pullout in the summer of 2005.

That prompted Secretary of State Colin Powell to say Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia — and not Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat — should be empowered to take control of Gaza. Arafat "is not able to act in this manner," Powell said Wednesday. Israel and the United States are boycotting Arafat, the head of the Palestinian Authority.

Sharon also hinted that Israel might one day assassinate Arafat, as it did with two leaders of the Islamic militant group Hamas responsible for scores of suicide bombings.

The Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, a violent group with ties to Arafat's Fatah movement, claimed responsibility for Wednesday's bombing, but it was unclear what would trigger an Israeli move to assassinate Arafat. Israel has not carried out earlier threats despite attacks with dozens of casualties.

The blast at a busy intersection in the French Hill neighborhood of northern Jerusalem destroyed a nearby police post, leaving shards of glass in the road as the smell of burning rubber wafted in the air.

The Al Aqsa brigades identified the bomber as Zainab Abu Salem, 19, from the Askar refugee camp near the West Bank city of Nablus.

A group member in Nablus told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity that Zainab volunteered for a suicide attack, saying she wanted to avenge Palestinian militants killed recently by Israeli troops in Nablus.

"She said that if we refused, she would attack an army post with a knife," the Al Aqsa member said. "So we organized quickly. We set up the attack within 17 hours and we chose this site in Jerusalem because we know it."

Her father, Ali Abu Salem, 48, collapsed and his wife, Sahar, wailed at the news of their daughter's attack.

"Why? Why is this happening to us?" Sahar asked.

Police said two border guards at the bus stop spotted the young woman carrying a bag and asked her to open it. She refused, and then detonated as much as 11 pounds of explosives inside.

"I just heard this loud explosion and people started yelling, 'Terrorist! Terrorist!'" said Freda Amsalem, 40, from the nearby West Bank settlement of Maaleh Adumim. "Why do they do this to us? Why do they do this to innocent people? They're destroying families. Enough!"

Amsalem was not injured.

The bombing came two days before the holiest day on the Jewish calendar — the fast of Yom Kippur — and at a time of heightened police presence nationwide. Israel clamped down on the West Bank last week at the start of the Jewish New Year's holiday, banning Palestinians from entering the country.

Former governor Dukakis to speak at Bowker today

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Dukakis says that he likes presidential candidate John Kerry and his working to get him elected. He says that "there is no comparison" between Kerry's health care plan — which he favors — and Bush's.

In comparing President George W. Bush with his father, George Bush senior, Dukakis said: "He's [George W. Bush] far more conservative. He's surrounded by ideologues ... they're far more dangerous."

Dukakis says that health care is an important issue, which he plans to discuss in greater depth today.

Hird said that students should be interested in the issue of health care. "One reason health care is so important is the rapid escalation in health care costs in the U.S. The U.S. spends more of its prodigious resources on health care than any other nation, and cost increases are forcing policymakers to confront difficult choices in financing Medicaid and Medicare. There are more than 44 nilllion other reasons why health care is so important this year; the number of people without health care insurance."

Dukakis says he is often referred to as a "liberal," but does not know what the current definition of liberal is. He says that he understands the word "conservative" to mean someone who is "careful with their money." However, he feels that the fiscally conservative party these days is the Democratic Party.

Dukakis has no plans to return to public office. "Not if I want to stay married," he said.

The organizer of Thursday's event, Wendy Varner, expects "a full house." The location was chosen because "Bowker Auditorium is the perfect venue for an interactive presentation and discussion," stated Varner.

There will be a short reception after the talk. The event is free of admission and open to the public.

Duke professor visits UMass

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Education" and "I've Got the Light of Freedom: The Organizing Tradition in the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement."

Payne has also received awards from the Southern Regional Council, Choice Magazine, the Simon Wisenthal Center and the Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Human Rights in North America.

In addition, Payne is founding director and executive director of the Urban Education Project in Orange, New Jersey. The Urban Education Project is a non-profit community center, which strives to broaden educational experiences for urban youths.

Payne has worked on many different college campuses, including Williams College, Southern University, and Northwestern University. At Northwestern, he held the Charles Deering McCormick Chair for Teaching Excellence.

"This is definitely one of the largest commemorations we have done for an event on campus, said Nightingale. "There are 14 separate events scheduled along the course of the semester."

Following Payne's lecture on Sept. 23, Former U.S. Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach will present "Brown and the Civil Rights Movement: A View From Washington" at Mahar Auditorium in ISOM at 7:30 p.m.

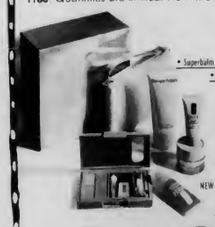
The Mahar Auditorium will also host Patricia Williams' lecture, "Diary of a Mad Law Professor: Recent Entries." Williams is a professor of Law at Columbia University and a Nation columnist.

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Experts offer estimate on time of death for Laci Peterson's fetus

By Brian Skoloff
Associated Press



Laci Peterson's parents, Sharon Rocha, left, and Ron Grantski, right, prepare to enter the San Mateo County Courthouse in Redwood City, Calif. yesterday.

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — Laci Peterson's fetus likely died around Dec. 23, 2002, a day before the pregnant schoolteacher was reported missing, an expert testified Wednesday in the murder trial of her husband.

Prosecutors allege that Scott Peterson killed his wife on or around Dec. 24, 2002, in their Modesto home, then dumped her body into the bay.

Her remains and that of her fetus washed up in April 2003, not far from the marina where he launched his boat on Christmas Eve for what he claims was a solo fishing trip.

Peterson's lawyers maintain someone else abducted and killed Laci.

Dr. Greggory DeVore, an expert in fetal medicine, said he was asked by prosecutors to examine Laci's medical records and bones taken from the dead fetus to help determine when it died.

The age of the fetus is important because prosecutors claim it was expelled dead from Laci's decaying corpse. Defense lawyers maintain the baby was born alive after Laci vanished, proving that her husband could not be the killer given the baby's due date of Feb. 10.

The coroner who performed the autopsy on the fetus estimated its age at death to be about nine months, or full term. A forensic anthropologist testified previously that the fetus' age was between 33 and 38 weeks.

DeVore said the Dec. 23 death date for the fetus was an average taken from several different examinations. The fetus could have also died on Dec. 21 or Dec. 24, he said. He estimated the fetus' age at its time of death to be about 33 weeks and one day.

DeVore never physically examined Laci Peterson before her death.

On cross-examination, defense lawyer Mark Geragos quickly pointed out the "varying results" from different doctors regarding the age of the fetus, and noted DeVore's opinions were simply based on averages and estimates.

"We know that two out of three of these calculations are wrong, is that correct?" Geragos asked, noting that Laci Peterson's baby was still alive when she visited her doctor on Dec. 23.

DeVore agreed but defended his estimates.

Geragos also noted to the obviously flustered DeVore that a test using another scientific method would indicate the fetus died on Dec. 28.

On Tuesday, Modesto police Detective Craig Grogan said police had more than enough reason to suspect Scott Peterson was involved in his pregnant wife's disappearance, and that her body lay somewhere in San Francisco Bay.

Grogan ticked off the list of reasons in rapid succession providing jurors with the first detailed narrative of the murder case against Peterson in the 17-week trial. Grogan's account had jurors leaning forward in their seats, scribbling notes.

Speaker Higgins says he will not be viewed as the SGA's 'next Jared Nokes'

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commissioners decided not to renew their positions for a variety of reasons, not just one particular instance.

"Some said they had no time, and I don't blame them," he said. "They were burnt out from running two elections last spring."

Speaker Higgins says he is exceptionally pleased with the opportunities that this year's Senate elections will provide to the students. In an unprecedented decision, voting will take place over the course of two days — Sept. 29-30 — rather than just one. He said he hopes that this will give students more of an opportunity to cast their votes.

The Speaker also noted that there are more nominees for Senate than last year.

"There are twelve more names on the ballot this year," he said, "there are 97 names this year."

Speaker Higgins says he greatly disagrees with the statements of Napolitano and Payano in yesterday's Collegian, claiming that the allegations and statements were completely false.

"I'm hoping that we can rise above this," he said, "I want a successful senate and I feel like there is a lack of trust. People get bogged down with your agendas and their agendas."

Speaker Higgins fears that people will view him as the "Jared Nokes of last year."

Nokes, the former president of the SGA was highly criticized for not recognizing the seats of the ALANA Caucus. ALANA is the on-campus diversity group that insisted that its seats on the Senate be recognized by the president.

Speaker Higgins, like Nokes, also does not want to recognize the appointed ALANA Caucus seats but he said that he is ready to move on if it is going to create problems like last year.

"My belief is that they [ALANA seats] shouldn't be a part of Coordinating Council, but I am recognizing them now out of good faith. I'm not looking for another year of fighting."

Speaker Higgins chose this past not to recognize the seats because they are not recognized in the Senate; and he claims that the Coordinating Council acts like the Senate over summer break and that they shouldn't be recognized.

"We were just setting ourselves up for a light that wasn't worth it, we'll deal with it internally and the seats will be recognized," he said.

Speaker Higgins, who has not spoken to Payano or Napolitano is worried about the situations because he doesn't want to give students the wrong message about SGA.

"Bottom line the SGA is doing more this year and we want the students involved, hopefully we're going to put this behind us."

In a memo that Payano sent to Speaker Higgins yesterday, he expressed much opposition and anger towards the Speaker's priorities and objectives.

"Given that you had no successful session during June, July and August, and only one in September, I am inclined to wonder what exactly you did all summer," Payano stated in the letter.

In addition, Payano claimed that since Speaker Higgins was elected last May, he has not done a sufficient job.

"I don't know when you became aware of the problem regarding our lack of election commissioners, but it would have been useful to have had this knowledge during the summer. At this point, according to the by-laws, we are unable to fill those positions, though we could have done so, if Coordinating Council had met to appoint the Chancellor of Elections sooner," he said in the memo.

Both Napolitano and Payano were unable to be contacted after Speaker Higgins's comments to The Daily Collegian.

Maker of Twinkies files for bankruptcy

By David Twiddy
Associated Press



Twinkies await sale on a shelf in a Wonder Bread Outlet store in Kansas City, Mo. Makers blame recent high-protein, low-carb diet crazes for a drop in sales.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Interstate Bakeries Corp., the maker of lunch box staples Wonder Bread and Twinkies, filed for bankruptcy Wednesday after months of financial turmoil brought on in part by the low-carb craze.

"The nation's largest wholesale baker filed for Chapter 11 reorganization and installed new management, saying it intended to survive. The company will continue operating its bakeries, outlet stores and distribution centers, and analysts said that its famous brands are unlikely to disappear from store shelves.

Tony Alvarez, the head of turnaround firm Alvarez & Marsal and the baker's new chief executive, said the company had no immediate plans to lay off additional workers. But, he added, "It's very rare in this country that anyone goes through Chapter 11 and is layoff-free."

For more than a year, Interstate Bakeries has struggled with declining sales of its bread and sweet goods products, a drop the company and analysts blame on the popularity of high-protein, low-carb diets such as Atkins and South Beach.

Thomas Morabito, a food analyst at Longbow Research in Cleveland, said the company was hurt by what he called a "lack of innovation" in responding to the low-carb market; it didn't release a low-carb product until February.

He said the diet trend, combined with the company's high debt and large overhead costs, led to the filing.

"I think the low-carb phenomenon was just a final blow to IBC," Morabito said.

The Kansas City-based company listed assets of $1.6 billion and liabilities of $1.3 billion in its court filings. In those filings, it said chairman and CEO James Elsesser had resigned effective Wednesday.

Satisfaction reported by health advisers for meningitis shot

By Diedtra Henderson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal health advisers said Wednesday that they were satisfied with the safety and effectiveness of a longer-lasting vaccine against bacterial meningitis, which is especially deadly among otherwise healthy teenagers and young adults.

But additional study will be needed to watch for any unexpected complications that could arise when the vaccine reaches a wider population, advisers to the Food and Drug Administration said.

The vaccine Menactra is manufactured by Aventis Pasteur to protect against the A, C, Y and W-135 strains of bacteria that cause meningococcal diseases. The vaccine, being considered for people ages 11 to 55, still needs approval from the FDA. The agency often follows its advisers' recommendations but is not bound by them.

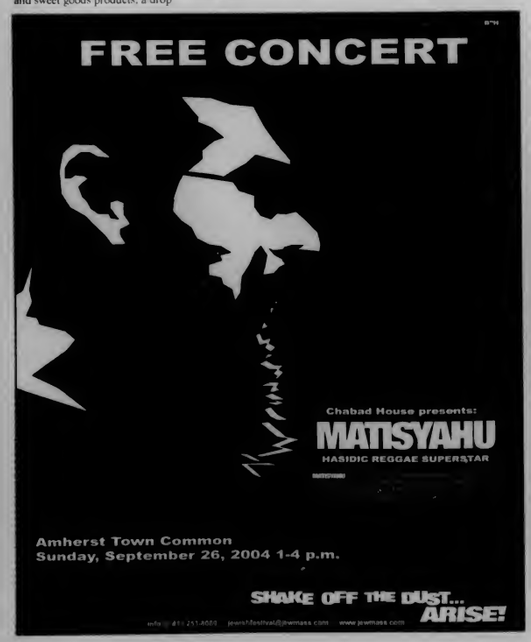
More than 500,000 cases of meningococcal disease occur each year in the world, causing 135,000 deaths. Up to 15 percent of survivors have long-term problems, including mental disability, loss of hearing and paralysis. In the United States, there are fewer than 3,000 cases of invasive meningococcal disease per year, according to the CDC.

The bacterial ailment, which causes inflammation of the spinal cord and the fluid surrounding the brain, strikes young otherwise healthy people. Americans ages 15-24 suffer the highest mortality rates. The Centers for Disease Control favors routine immunizations for all adolescents as well as college freshmen living in dorms.

Freshmen crowded in college dorms can have lifestyles that combine risk factors: living in close contact, smoking cigarettes and hopping from bar to bar. Those living in such close quarters are more than twice as likely to become infected by meningitis as other freshmen.

In six years of testing by Aventis Pasteur, a single dose of Menactra showed enough power to protect students all through their college years. Compared to the current vaccine, Menactra proved as capable of boosting immune response 28 days after the patients enrolled in clinical trials got their shots. But the new vaccine, which would cost $80 per shot, provided longer-term immune system protection that persisted three years after the first immunization, when protection from the current vaccine had worn off.

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What storms may come

Aaron Wodin-Schwartz

Bonnie, Charley, Frances, Ivan. Who would have ever suspected these seemingly innocuous and quotidian names in the American vernacular to be capable of the widespread havoc that they have wreaked upon the South of our nation in recent weeks? All the same, they have been sent in their apocalyptic splendor and they have extracted bitter revenge for our environmentally degrading development along the coasts of Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. The skies opened as torrential wind and rains pounded hard like celestial hammers and massive destruction was forthcoming for days on end.

Don't let the wording fool you: this is no laughing matter. Since mid-August Hurricanes Bonnie, Charley, Frances, and Ivan have proven more than a simple blip on America's radar screen. The devastating hurricane season that annually terrorizes our Caribbean neighbors to the South and generally only brushes the southern Floridian shores seems to have migrated a bit farther North than usual this year.

What if the increased frequency in worldwide weather extremities is indicative of a larger a problem; one that has been increasingly addressed by our pop culture in the past few years?

According to David Helvarg, President of the Blue Frontier Campaign and author of the books "The War Against the Greens" and "Blue Frontier: Saving Americas Living Seas," this is not an entirely uncommon occurrence: the hemisphere generally goes through 25-40 year cycles of lesser and greater hurricane activity. The 1990s represented a lull in the sequence and the first decade of the new millennium will prove to be a rise in local hurricane activity. Why, then, is everybody in such upheaval about a perfectly natural and predictable climate shift?

"The only difference between the last period of intensified hurricanes back in the '50s and the '60s and today is massive coastal sprawls," Helvarg asserts. "We have a government report that says 25 percent of all houses within 500 feet of the ocean will be gone in the next 50 years. And yet we have a federal flood insurance system that drives the development." Gulf Shores, Ala. is the town that has borne not only the brunt of Hurricane Ivan, but also a similar category-4 storm named Frederic 25 years ago. After Frederic provided his free demolition services to the town in September, 1979, developers used federal funds to replace destroyed beach shacks with tacky, 14 story condominiums — condos that Ivan gladly smashed into glass shards and parquet splinters last week.

Ernie Smith, the director of economic development in Gulf Shores, Alabama, has long been intent upon developing the town into a tourist hotspot; he just needed a blank canvas to work with. "Ivan may move the schedule up some, but we already had ourselves a plan," Mr. Smith told the New York Times on Tuesday, referring to arrangements for a 66-acre shopping center and a corporate jet runway at the local airport. It appears that their irresponsible infrastructural development will once again be fueled by federal money.

But back to the more pressing issue of the direction of climatic change, what if Mr. Helvarg is wrong? What if the cyclical conclusion yielded by his analysis of the recent meteorological events is not as accurate as many would like to think? What if something is different this time around? What if the increased frequency in worldwide weather extremities is indicative of a larger a problem; one that has been increasingly addressed by our pop culture in the past few years?

Many will recall the summer thriller "The Day After Tomorrow" that essentially attributed the downfall of civilization as we know it to a sudden outbreak of severe climate shifts and disastrous natural disasters resulting from human-induced global warming and general environmental disregard. While the film was highly sensationalistic and accelerated in the pace that such catastrophes would actually occur, there is always, in the words of director Roland Emmerich, "something factual, something real for the audience to grab on to." At the time of release, movie promoters pointed to the February release of a Pentagon report outlining the national security threats posed by global climate change. Even so, few deemed the production sufficiently congruous with reality to warrant much concern for its core theme.

So our central question ultimately relates to whether or not the recent wave of hurricanes, as well as a plethora of other disturbing occurrences around the rest of the globe over the past few years, lends enough credence to Emmerich's doomsday ecology for us to be worried.

Lamentably, the answer is yes. For centuries we've been clearing forests, thinning phytoplankton, burning coal, oil and gas, and pouring carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping gases into the atmosphere faster than plants and the atmosphere can sustainably absorb them. We cannot continue to damage our home at such atrocious levels without expecting some sort of natural counter-reaction. Atmospheric carbon dioxide levels are at 20 million-year highs and 34 percent above pre-Industrial Revolution levels. In the next 100 years, global temperatures are expected to rise an average of 1.4 to 5.8 degrees Celsius per year, with the colder, polar regions warming more than equatorial areas. Many scientists now believe that within 50 years we could see the appearance of new, category-5 storms so powerful that they will redefine what we consider to be coastal.

Fortunately, not all is lost. We can help assuage much of this impending doom simply by respecting our home more than we have in the past. Subtle, everyday things like recycling, using public or non-motorized transportation, reusing plastic items, and purchasing environmentally-friendly products are all actions that we can all take without drastically altering our lifestyles. Larger political and social action is of course necessary as well, and so we should pressure our local and national representatives to demand that the US clean up its act and strengthen important international environmental legislation like the Kyoto Protocol. This is not a question of humans ruining the biosphere and rendering it forever unlivable; it is a question of changing the way we live and operate. Either we can make voluntary and gradual changes to our lifestyles now, or nature will make them for us later. If the rest of the developed world can meet ambitious environmental stringencies without ruining their economies then so can we. And, moreover, we should.

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Kerry falls very short

Matthew M. Burke

I love John Kerry. I can't explain it but it's dizzying. I am the biggest John Kerry fan in the universe at this juncture in the election because he makes it so easy to discredit his ideas and his potential leadership.

This isn't even challenging anymore. Bush's foul ups are a mere footnote to Kerry's shoddy record. In an age where unprovoked butchers crash airliners into our buildings killing thousands, Kerry wants to be more sensitive in the war on terror. This comes as the terrorists savagely behead our fellow Americans.

Bush has many shortcomings and I disagree with him on many issues but Kerry will actually make us more susceptible to further attacks and that should be the number one issue come November. Over 40 countries now have or will soon have nuclear weapons. It is feasible that Al Qaeda could get their wretched hands on them. September 11 should have taught us something: never say never.

Kerry is a man who served and fought bravely in Vietnam. The Swift Boat Vets would like you to believe otherwise, but he was in fact a hero. The Swift Boat Veterans are another miserable group that has thrown its hat into the ring. Remember Moveon.org? Yes, unfortunately for Senator Kerry it works both ways. His record in Vietnam isn't enough to make him a good President.

Kerry said he threw his war medals over the fence on Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House. This dishonors my grandfather, who served in World War II and my great-grandfather who fought in the trenches of WWI. He later recanted his claims but this is the first example of his many infamous flip-flops. He also said he committed atrocities in Vietnam only to say, years later, that he used the wrong words to describe his actions.

Bush didn't commit atrocities. In fact he did what most of you are doing right now. He went to college and partied while there was a war raging. Not the most honorable thing, but not dishonorable. He earned a degree from Yale, so he's not as dumb as liberals think. President Bush has an honorable discharge from the Texas Air National Guard so we won't be attacking him for that either. Thanks, Mr. Rather.

You can all criticize Bush for the war in Iraq. There weren't weapons of mass destruction but Saddam's mass graves have stopped expanding.

Kerry changes his mind so much that he has no defined message or plan. He has several different ones depending on whom he is addressing. Most liberals will vote for him just to get Bush out of office. Shame on you. I say don't vote at all. Things aren't going to get better on Kerry's watch.

This election process has been a great ride. I mean, I laughed when John Edwards demanded that Bush apologize for the Swift Boat people when all along Bush has said that 527 groups should be banned. I cried when Kerry told the American people in March that he "voted for the 87 billion before he voted against it." That money was going to protect our brothers and sisters on the front lines, thanks.

You can all criticize Bush for the war in Iraq. There weren't weapons of mass destruction, but Saddam Hussein's mass graves have stopped expanding. And don't scoff because Kerry voted for the same war, remember? Then Kerry flips and flops like a fish out of water again. He later told Reuters that it was the "wrong war at the wrong time." What he really means will never be clear.

The fact of the matter is that Saddam ignored resolutions for a decade or more and the United Nations threatened with "serious consequences" if he did not comply with numerous resolutions which we all know that he did not. The U.N. failed and that is why we are in Iraq.

Kerry plans on raising taxes, which is simply not acceptable. In the Senate he voted 98 times to raise taxes. This came to a little over two trillion dollars. My father is the soul provider for my family and also a small business owner. If Kerry is elected then the tax hike will cripple what little progress he has been able to make in this economy that started it's descent before Bush came into office. The economy is rebounding and a tax hike will not help.

Kerry also has a four-point plan for Iraq. In brief he wants to share contracts with other nations to get a few more foreign boots on the ground, train Iraqi troops, create jobs and boost their economy through the selling of Iraqi oil. He is also seeking U.N. support for Iraq's upcoming elections. The Bush campaign responded to his plan several days ago, "We are already doing that," they said.

With the first debate in Miami on Sept. 30, everyone should listen to what Kerry says when he is forced to explain himself for his record and for his future plans. You'll hear a misguided man with an unclear vision of America. Bush may not be perfect but he goes to bat for his people instead of trying to please the entire world at the expense of those very same people's safety.

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A divine lack

Elizabeth Carter

Times they are changing, but people, I don't know about them. I refer not to individuals, but rather to mankind on a whole. We build, we destroy, we laugh, we cry, we do, and then we quickly forget. Time passes and points each age differently, different clothes, different music, and different points of view. But there is one thing, one despairing desire and seemingly innate drive that grips the heart and core within each of us (albeit to varying degrees) that time and poor memory seemingly cannot do away with. What else could I be referring to, but the search (and often substitution) for some sort of divine force in this universe? And I say divine force, because I feel that the word "God" has practically no meaning, and that happened the day we made a profound idea into a man, yet I digress.

No one can deny that at some point in their existence this question has in some way plagued them. The hows and the whys of this silly little world we all love or despise, inevitably lead back to it. Yet, asking questions without any answers hurts and confuses. With time and disappointment many of us give up on asking the questions no one can answer.

We accept our inevitable fate of never knowing, and we march on, heads down dancing to the beat of a drum whose player most have accepted that we will never know. Yet is it possible that in our modern culture this innate drive towards divinity, when left unsatisfied in the tangible world has found a way to transmute itself into it? We don't know the divine, but we all seek it. We don't find the divine, so we ignore it. We pay worship to other things (Sports anyone?). We find other outlets for this drive that we are so desperately trying to ignore. For each man/woman, the question is asked and never answered, yet it always finds an outlet.

We accept our inevitable fate of never knowing and we march on, heads down dancing to the beat of a drum whose player most have accepted we'll never know.

In our glittery, interconnected Global society, it seems that many, much like the Greeks and Romans before us, we have found a more personal, a more real and a more human source for this lack of the divine. In absence of a God to imitate, it seems many in our society and across the world, choose to imitate our own Greek Gods of the day. We talk the way they talk, dress the way they dress, we even try to eat the way they eat, and while abstract, this is nonetheless a form of adulation. And whom could I be talking about, but celebrities? They're perfect, or at least perfect for the role: Oh so beautiful, oh so dramatic, and oh so unreachably far away. They are our modern day deities whom we read stories about and gossip about. We even treat them as if they were familiar friends. We casually drop their names, never acknowledging that these are people we do not know now, nor will we ever know them, and maybe that's their allure. The vast majority of us will never know these far off beautiful people whom we revere so much.

Doesn't that sound familiar to something or someone else? I can understand the comfort of it all. They are imperfect just like us, but oh how they radiate all the things so many of us covet in life: wealth, fame and unparalleled beauty. Yet, still they are human, they are flawed, and that is what makes them so easy to love. Yet this is a love that gives no understanding, and is never returned. It is an admiration that will never fulfill. It can only empty, leaving us wanting for more. I guess when it comes to the questions we cannot help but ask, I'd just rather look for answers than unrequited substitutions. I hope that you keep looking too, disappointment be damned.

Elizabeth Carter is a Collegian columnist.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

VOTING SHOULD MATTER

In response to Sanam Hakim's editorial, "I vote for No One," I would say that whether one writes in "No One" or votes for a third party, they are merely taking the vote and throwing it in the trash. As the late Joseph Stalin once said, "the people who cast the votes don't decide an election, the people who count the votes do."

On Nov. 2 we might as well stay home (voting is a security risk) and let the Electoral College decide which one of two old men win, regardless of the "popular" vote. The young aren't apathetic because they dislike democracy, the young are apathetic because they want democracy!

People think, "why should I bother when, like last time, the guy with the most votes lost?"

What is the point of taking place in a process which I have seemingly little impact on and in the end does the outcome matter?

I am personally going to vote for Kerry on Nov. 2, but I know it will only bring about superficial changes. It is up to our generation to create a true democratic process where our votes really are counted and do matter. No one will do it for us. We have to do for ourselves. We are the people! This is our nation and maybe we ought to take it back. Unless the sytem begins to change, apathy will continue to plague all potential voters. It is up to us. John Kerry and George Bush won't do it for us.

I leave the question up to you. How do we take back democracy? I don't have all the answers either.

Daniel Greene
UMass Student

VOTING COULD MEAN LIFE OR DEATH

This presidential election will be critical for college students. In fact, its outcome could well mean the difference between life and death for many of you. Allow a gray-haired veteran of the '60s' anti-war movement to explain why.

I'm assuming you've heard of the US invasion and occupation of Iraq. The US has had 100,000 troops there for 18 months. Things are getting worse, not better. The strength of the Iraqi insurgency has been steadily growing and is now estimated at 20,000 fighters.

Here's the problem. To quell the insurgency, many more American troops will have to be sent to Iraq, but we have no more troops to send. We have already called up all of the available reservists and part-time National Guard members and we still need more, about 300,000 more. Who do you think will be sent to Iraq to fight? Please look in the mirror. You are in the crosshairs of a target.

There is only one way for the US government to come up with that many additional troops: reinstatement of a compulsory draft of 18-26 year-old men and women to serve in the armed forces. President Bush has already brought up the possibility of reinstating the draft. His advisors are interested in invading Iran as well. Republicans presently control both houses of Congress.

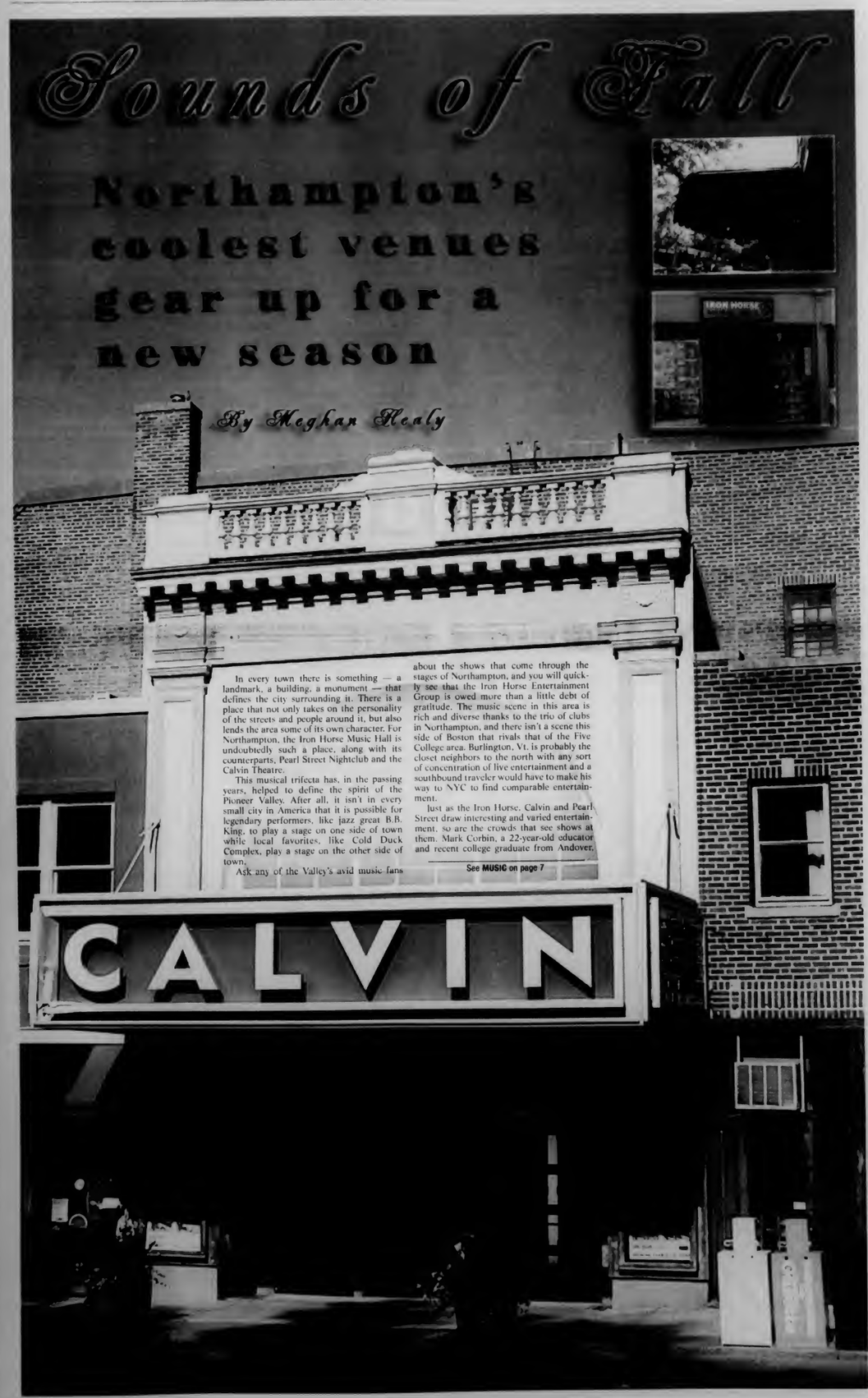
As I mentioned above, the outcome of this election could well mean life or death for many 18-26 year-olds. Do you want to die for Halliburton? If not, the time to start yelling is now.

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In every town there is something — a landmark, a building, a monument — that defines the city surrounding it. There is a place that not only takes on the personality of the streets and people around it, but also lends the area some of its own character. For Northampton, the Iron Horse Music Hall is undoubtedly such a place, along with its counterparts, Pearl Street Nightclub and the Calvin Theatre.

This musical trifecta has, in the passing years, helped to define the spirit of the Pioneer Valley. After all, it isn't in every small city in America that it is possible for legendary performers, like jazz great B.B. King, to play a stage on one side of town while local favorites, like Cold Duck Complex, play a stage on the other side of town.

Ask any of the Valley's avid music fans about the shows that come through the stages of Northampton, and you will quickly see that the Iron Horse Entertainment Group is owed more than a little debt of gratitude. The music scene in this area is rich and diverse thanks to the trio of clubs in Northampton, and there isn't a scene this side of Boston that rivals that of the Five College area. Burlington, Vt. is probably the closet neighbors to the north with any sort of concentration of live entertainment and a southbound traveler would have to make his way to NYC to find comparable entertainment.

Just as the Iron Horse, Calvin and Pearl Street draw interesting and varied entertainment, so are the crowds that see shows at them. Mark Corbin, a 22-year-old educator and recent college graduate from Andover, Vt. recently traveled to Northampton to see folk singer Dar Williams perform at the Calvin Theatre. "I know I could have seen her closer to home, but I am glad I came here," Corbin said. "It's a great place to see a show." The character of the Northampton streetscape coupled with the elegant and welcoming atmosphere of the Calvin itself made the journey worth it for Corbin.

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Iron Horse, Pearl Street and Calvin look to big fall season

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The audience of any given show is pretty much guaranteed to be composed of not only Northampton locals and fans on a musical expedition, but also, many times in large numbers, University of Massachusetts students.

"I think it's cool, the whole variety they have there," said Elisha Trundle, a senior Communications major at UMass. Trundle, a Resident Assistant in Patterson Hall, transferred to UMass from the University of California at Santa Cruz in the spring of 2003. The scene in Northampton is a welcomed change for Trundle.

"The location makes it easy to go to shows," she said. "[In Santa Cruz] there were musical venues but we definitely had to go much further to see big acts."

Trundle certainly won't have to travel far to see some big acts this semester. The bills at Pearl Street, Calvin and Iron Horse are packed with a slew of both high profile and high talent acts, with more being added everyday. Among the performers scheduled to appear at the Iron Horse are musical masters Charlie Hunter Trio (Oct. 1) and indie favorites The Butchies (Oct. 29). According to iheg.com, "Hunter is the world's only simultaneous jazz guitarist/bassist, an eight-string feat that makes him unique."

UMass grad and Iron Horse favorite Stephen Kellogg will also appear there on Oct. 22. Folk artists Jay Unger and Molly Mason, who recent won acclaim for their scores in PBS's "The Civil War," will appear this weekend.

Pearl Street will welcome Sublime tribute band Badfish(Oct. 1), The Slip (Oct. 30) and The Wailers (Nov. 6) among others this fall. Medeski, Martin and Wood, a trio of arguably the best guitarists of our time will play the venue on Dec. 3 and groups like the Von Bondies (Sept. 30), Zox (Oct 8.) and Antibalas Afrobeat Orchestra (Nov. 5) will round out the line up.

The Calvin will host probably the most well known of the acts presented by IHEG. Grateful Dead alum Bob Weir (Oct. 14) will share the stage with the likes of acoustic rocker Howie Day (Oct. 17), piano great George Winston (Oct. 19), Kevin Bacon and his brother Michael (Nov. 18) and the Vienna Boys Choir wrapping up the season on Dec. 4.

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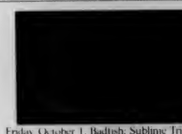
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Thursday, November 18, The Bacon Brothers,
$37.50, $25, $17.50
Friday, November 19,
Greg Brown, $32.50, $25, $22.50
Saturday, December 4, The Vienna Boys Choir, $40, $30, $22.50, $15



Friday, October 1, Badfish: Sublime Tribute Band, Brookfield - $10
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Sunday, October 10, North Mississippi Allstars, The Dirty Dozen Brass Band,
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Old 97's bring a little bit of country to NoHo

By Spencer Ziegler
Collegian Correspondent

In the front row of the Pearl Street ballroom on Tuesday night stood a teenager with a four-inch Mohawk swaying to the music alongside an old man with cowboy boots, leather pants and a ten gallon hat. This intriguing mixture of styles is what made the Old 97's concert a success.

The Old 97's appealed to both the cowboy and the rocker in everyone, with an eclectic set featuring songs from various albums and styles. The band captured everyone's attention by starting out with the up-tempo "Won't Be Home," off their most recent record "Drag it Up." They followed it up with some ballads ("Four-eyed Girl," which is off of lead singer Rhett Miller's solo album "The Instigator"), some country ("Mama Tried") and even a Kinks cover ("She's Got Everything") which the band recently recorded back in their home state of Texas. The band left the concert hall on as high of a note as they entered on by ending with the fan favorite "Time Bomb."



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Alt-country band Old 97's brought their unique sound to the Pearl Street ballroom yesterday. The band proved their talents to a diverse crowd.

Not only did the band switch up the style and selection of songs, but also the singers. Bass guitarist Murry Hammond stepped up to the mic to sing a number of songs, most of which were selections off of earlier albums. On top of that, lead guitarist Philip Peeples surprised the audience for the first time this tour by taking over the singing duties for "Drag It Up's" "Coahuila."

Perhaps the real treat in hearing the Old 97's lies in the groups clever lyrics. Rhett Miller gave the audience plenty of nuggets of witty wisdom on Tuesday night with such lines as "I went through the motions with her, with her on top and me on liquor" from the song "Barrier Reef" and "You can go ahead and get married and this'll be our secret thing. I won't tell a soul except for the people in the nightclub where I sing" in the tune "Designs on You."

The band was on top of their game musically. The Old 97's played intensely, as shown by a number of broken guitar strings. Rhett Miller's singing was impressive as usual. He has an incredible vocal and emotional range to his voice. Yet, as the show went on it became clear that his voice was not where his real talent lies. Miller spoke of his real forte when he told the mostly college-aged crowd "I never went to college, but I think I'm getting my bachelor's degree tonight in shaking my ass."

And shake it he did.

He shook his tushy in any given song more often than Beyonce could ever dream of. The fact that he resembled Warren Sapp much more so than Beyonce was no deterrent for the singer. The rump-shaking was contagious and by the end of the night he had the whole crowd shaking it to the music with him. The cowboy, the mohawked kid and, yes, even this rhythmically-challenged Collegian reporter.

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Opening act Chuck Prophet started the night out on the right foot along with his five-piece band. The band played a fast paced 30-minute set with a style that sounded like a bluesy mix of Dire Straits, Tom Petty and Cracker. The highlight of the performance was the moderate radio hit "Summertime Love" off of Prophet's 2002 album "No Other Love."

Eve gets her taste of Italy on a date with a made man



Original Sin

Eve

I was once told about a sacred ritual solely practiced by single women in their late 40s. I decided it was time to incorporate the tradition in my early 20s. It has been said to work, and I needed a quick fix.

It's a wish list. It maybe is more like a "make your perfect man" list, which a woman constructs on a blank sheet of paper. It can be long, short, descriptive or bland. Once this masterpiece of an unreasonably perfect man is created through words, the woman must burn it. The wish is then sent to a semi-perfect man through the smoky air, and soon enough, he will find you. What is the harm in that?

I was warned by many to be as detailed as I could. To write what I didn't want in the perfect man as well. But of course, I was too eager to listen. I spent one full day writing this list. Eight and a half pages later, I was ready. Upon burning the list, I suddenly realized how silly this seemed. How have I succumbed to this?

Later that night I headed out to one of my favorite nightspots. Before I had a chance to order, someone grabbed my hand and twirled me around. "Wanna dance?" he asked. I was startled for a minute by his aggressiveness.

"Who does that?" I thought. He was quite good-looking, slightly older than me, respectful, a good dresser and a very good dancer. These are five qualities on my list. "Sure," I say. We danced, and as we danced he told me about himself.

"I am Italian. I have six older sisters. I love expensive cars. I am in school at BU. I love animals. And I think you are beautiful." Six more attributes that I was looking for. A worldly man with intelligence and a heart. I couldn't believe my luck.

At the end of the night I gave him my number. He called me the next day. This is the first must on my list. I agreed to meet him for dinner that evening. As we sat comfortably together at the table, I noticed he was missing a tooth. Whoops, forgot to write down that little detail, but it didn't bother me. I actually thought it was funny.

He mentioned he has to fly to Italy later in the week to "take care of some business." I looked at him skeptically, but said nothing. His phone then rang and he answered, "You have two days. I want to see that money now!" He then slammed his phone shut. I suddenly had a sickening feeling in my stomach. He was Mafia. I forgot to write that down on the unwanted character traits.

I excused myself from the table and rushed to the bathroom. I called my closest-to-the-mafia friend and told him the name of the guy waiting for me just a few tables away.

"Get out of there, now," he said sternly. I felt like I was in a poorly remixed version of the Sopranos.

I crept back to the table and he smiled. "What took you so long? If we are going to see each other, you can't go around leaving me waiting, Eve, once you are in, you are in." He winked playfully and I lost my appetite. I forgot to add that I dislike angry men with murderous capabilities. I knew I had to go home and rewrite the list before anyone, such as myself, gets hurt.

I asked him politely if we could leave. I told him that I wasn't feeling well and it worked. As he walked me to my car, I remembered a simple rule in Mafia culture: once you're out, you're done. But, if you're never in, you're safe.

This was my chance. "You know, I don't think this will ever work. You are not the type of guy I'm looking for at the moment, but it was really great to have met you." I cringed to see his reaction. He stared at me blankly and leaned against my car.

"Why? Do you think I'm ugly?" I stared back in disbelief, "No! You look great. It's just that... I'm Jewish." That's all I had to say. He shook his head as if he was sorry, and gave me a long heartfelt hug.

"That's okay. I understand." He walked away. I guess I was never in. That was the first sentence I wrote down the second I got home.

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Olympic champion Hamilton tests positive for blood doping

By Jim Litke
Associated Press

Another sweet sports story turned sour with the news that Olympic cycling champion Tyler Hamilton tested positive for blood doping.

Because it almost doesn't matter what happens from here on out.

Cycling insiders will tell you the 33-year-old American was the nicest guy in racing, one of the most deserving, and the last one they thought would get busted. Cynics, meanwhile, simply wink at the notion that anybody that good in such a dirty racket could be clean.

In the past, Hamilton stood up for the rest of his sport. Those words used to carry a lot of weight. This time he was speaking for himself. The sad part is that nobody gets the benefit of the doubt anymore.

"I am 100 percent innocent," he said Tuesday while awaiting the results of backup tests. "I worked hard for that gold medal, and it isn't going anywhere."

Both the results of the new and improved doping tests in the Athens Olympic Games last month and at the Spanish Vuelta, less than two weeks ago, say something else. Both found evidence of blood from another person, a signal that Hamilton received a transfusion, an old-school cycling ruse to boost performance by increasing the amount of oxygen-transporting red blood cells in his system.

Hamilton called that "completely impossible." "No. 1, that's risking my life," he said, citing the fear of contracting AIDS. "No. 2, that's risking my wife's life. And for someone to accuse me of doing that ... I'm very angry about that."

And he's not the only one.

Summing up the mood in the riding community in the States, editor Steve Madden of Bicycling magazine said, "It's a bad day for American cycling if it's true. It's a bad day, in fact, even if it isn't true."

The reason is that stories abound about Hamilton's courage, his long-suffering display of loyalty and his sense of fairness as a competitor. The thinking goes that if guys like Hamilton are dirty, then maybe the cynics have it right; maybe everybody else is, too.

In the 2003 Tour de France, just two years after giving up his job as Lance Armstrong's chief lieutenant on the U.S. Postal squad to lead his own team, Hamilton broke his collarbone in the first stage and rode through the pain to a fourth-place finish.

In stage 15, after Armstrong bumped a spectator's bag early in the climb and crashed.

Hamilton raced to the front of the pack, waving his arms and yelling, forcing the other riders to slow and observe the code of honor that says nobody takes advantage of a fallen leader.

Armstrong caught up to the main pack, and then raced away with breathtaking swiftness, winning that day's race and setting the stage for the fifth of his six straight Tour titles. When Hamilton won the next day's race with a show of grit that defied everyone's expectations, Armstrong called it "the biggest day of the Tour."

Now those heroics, as well as the Olympic win that Hamilton called the "the highlight of my career, by far," are tainted. Where once we marveled at human achievement, we now immediately suspect better living through chemistry.

So it should come as no surprise that rumors about Hamilton were already making the rounds. According to one, an analysis of his time-trial win in Athens revealed Hamilton's "wattage" numbers – basically, a measurement of how much energy a rider produces and translates to the pedals – were significantly higher than normal.

His sponsor, a Swiss company named Phonak, said Tuesday it was standing behind Hamilton, but qualified that support a day later. Phonak chairman Andy Rihs had said that even another round of positives in Hamilton's backup tests would not necessarily convince him the rider was guilty of doping.

"I don't fire innocent people," Rihs said Tuesday. "For me, Tyler is innocent as long as no one proves the contrary."

But on Wednesday, the team released a statement under the heading "We believe Tyler," in which it said, "We have to concentrate on the facts. These seem to speak against Tyler. But so long as we're not 100 percent certain that he's guilty of manipulation," Rihs continued, "we will believe him."

Immediately below the statement, however, Phonak said Hamilton's suspension would hold "pending further notice" until tests and proceedings are completed.

"If Hamilton is not able to prove his innocence, then the contract will be canceled effective immediately," the statement said.

A few others will withhold judgment, but not many. Three gold medalists in Athens have already been stripped, and Hamilton would become the first American caught by drug testers. The concept of innocent until proven guilty still holds sway in a court of law here, but not in the court of public opinion.

And no matter how this story ends, all the good work Hamilton has done there is about to be undone.

Pats' Graham is catching on

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

FOXBORO (AP) — Daniel Graham was just a college sophomore when Ben Coates was wrapping up his brilliant career at tight end for the New England Patriots.

Now, after two seasons marked by injuries and dropped passes, Graham is making catches at a rate that matches Coates' production and is emerging as a bruising blocker.

He's developed from a first-round pick out of Colorado in 2002 who had just 15 catches in an injury-plagued rookie season.

This season, he has nine receptions and leads the AFC with three touchdown catches in two games after scoring just five touchdowns and totaling 53 receptions in his first two years.

"He's so strong," quarterback Tom Brady said. "He catches everything you throw to him. [He's] tough, hard-nosed, smart, and he's a great player. We're lucky to have him."

The Patriots, who take a 2-0 record into their bye week, also have Christian Fauria and rookie first-rounder Benjamin Watson from Georgia at a position where they struggled once Coates left after a 32-catch season in 1999. The next two seasons, their top tight ends were Rod Rutledge, Jermaine Wiggins and Eric Bjornson. The following year, Fauria led the tight ends with only 27 catches.

"That should be a productive position, and it has been," coach Bill Belichick said. "All three players have shown that they can be productive in the running game and the passing game."

From 1993 through 1998, Coates averaged 71 catches. Graham is on a pace to grab 72. Last year he had 38 catches and Fauria added 28. Any thought that they might rotate regularly as the No. 1 tight end vanished when Graham had an outstanding offseason.

"There isn't any competition. He's the starter and I'm just trying to pick up as many plays as I can," said Fauria, who also went to Colorado.

"The first I heard of him is when my buddy called me and said, 'Hey, there's this tight end at Colorado,' and I was like, 'Oh, yeah, yeah, whatever.' So I watched him on TV. I was like 'This guy's a beast.' Ironic. As it was he ended up signing here. I was like, 'Oh, great.' "

There's no sign of tension between the two. Graham said Fauria has helped him progress. Fauria, a 10-year veteran, calls the 6-foot-3, 257-pound Graham "one of the best blockers I've ever seen (at tight end). At least, top three."

He's also held on to passes after dropping several good throws the previous two seasons.

In the 27-24 season-opening win over Indianapolis, Graham had seven catches for 57 yards and an 8-yard reception that gave the Patriots a 27-17 lead late in the third quarter. Then he had just two catches, but they were for New England's only touchdowns, in a 23-12 win at Arizona.

"He really builds on the good plays and he's had so many good plays now it's hard to shake his confidence," Brady said.

Graham won the John Mackey Award as the top tight end in college football in 2001. Then he learned it wasn't as easy in the pros. Injuries limited him to 12 games as a rookie and he started only six.

"It wasn't frustrating for me," he said. "It was a learning experience that I went through and it's something a lot of rookies go through."

But he improved last season then reported in excellent shape after an injury-free offseason in which he was able to work out regularly. He's also benefited from two seasons plus the off-season with Brady.

"It's helped me out a lot just to understand what Tom's looking for when I run my routes," Graham said.

He's done it so well that Brady is looking for him in the end zone two years after Fauria caught seven scoring passes, most from inside the 20-yard line.

"I'm not saying I'm taking over anybody's role," Graham said. "I'm just getting open in the end zone and running the plays called."

Ryder Cup loss leaves bad taste

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

Phil Mickelson has a green jacket in his closet to remind him this has been a great year.

It just might not seem that way right now.

In the ultimate case of "what have you done for me lately," Mickelson has gone from Masters champion to Ryder Cup renegade.

He certainly wasn't the goat at Oakland Hills; for once, that was a team effort. But most of the criticism probably will fall into his lap for a series of dubious decisions that were magnified by poor play.

First, he changed equipment companies a week before the Ryder Cup. Then he didn't play on the tournament course the final two days before the matches.

All that would have been overlooked except for his performance. Mickelson got benched Saturday morning. He lost his singles match with what NBC analyst Johnny Miller called a "nut shot." And his 1-3 mark at Oakland Hills was the first time in five Ryder Cups that Lefty had a losing record.

Asked to explain what went wrong for the Americans, one can only hope Mickelson wasn't serious when he said that playing in the Ryder Cup was a "career-defining moment for us."

If that's the case, Mickelson's defining moment would be that knockdown 9-iron he tried to bounce onto the 16th green along the water at Oakland Hills, not the 18-foot birdie putt on the final hole at Augusta National. He would be remembered as the guy who skipped two days of team practice, not the one who so brilliantly mapped out a strategy at the majors that he came within five shots of winning all four. The next thing Mickelson said Sunday night was more accurate.

"When we get here, we are under constant ridicule and scrutiny over our play, and not coming together as a team, and all of this stuff that we know to be false," he said.

Mickelson was begging for scrutiny. Given the events leading up to the Ryder Cup, it's a wonder he didn't replace the small American flag on the back of his team uniform with a bulls-eye.

He is not the first player to change equipment before the Ryder Cup. Tiger Woods caused a stir when he switched to Nike irons a week before the '02 Ryder Cup at The Belfry. But then he won the World Golf Championship that week in Ireland by not making a bogey until the 72nd hole.

Mickelson switched to the Callaway driver, fairway metals and golf ball at the Canadian Open and tied for 57th with his highest-score of the year (291) and fewest number of birdies (11).

Not surprisingly, Mickelson was pounded with questions about his new tools during the Ryder Cup. It was easy to blame his play on the equipment change, even though he was coming off back-to-back bad weeks on tour.

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Richie Higa plays the ball during UMass' win over New Hampshire yesterday at Rudd Field.

Minutemen sneak past UNH

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With the win, UMass coach Sam Koch pulls within one victory of becoming a 150 game winner on the Massachusetts bench.

Ross Fishbain gave UNH the game's first lead with an acrobatic goal at 11:51. Matt Bow set up the play by driving a corner kick to the near post. UMass goalie Colin Burns charged out of the net to intercept the pass, but was beaten to the ball by Fishbain, who bicycle-kicked the ball into the goal.

Roughly 10 minutes later, Bullen received a touch-pass from Ralph Pace from 20 yards out. He fired a shot to the top left corner of the goal to pull Massachusetts even. The score stood at one goal apiece at the break.

Commencement of the second half signaled the beginning of 10 minutes of stagnant play as the teams battled for position at midfield. Play went back-and-forth without either team gaining a decisive advantage, until a series of quick Wildcat passes at centerfield caused confusion among the Minutemen ranks and set up a Bryan Stewart goal. The Massachusetts defense scrambled to get into position but a well-placed pass by Brian Levey found its way into the offensive zone. The ball was chased down by Stewart and shot into the net at 55:15, putting the Wildcats back on top, 2-1.

"Defense was an issue, again we let up some soft goals," Koch said. "We still need to tighten up on the ball. We're certainly getting there, but it's taking longer than we expected."

The UNH lead was short lived however, because Charest recorded his first goal at 70:15. A crossing pass from Matty LeMire to Tyler Pagano led to a Pagano outside shot, which was deflected into the net by Charest. Pagano booted his initial shot from 20-yards out and both he and LeMire were credited with assists.

The rest of regulation continued without incident, setting the stage for the golden goal. In extra time, the Maroon and White kept the ball in its offensive zone for almost the entire 10 minutes, out shooting the Wildcats 3-0 and defeating UNH to improve to 26-11-3 all-time against New Hampshire.

For a relatively high scoring game, neither goalie was forced to make many saves. Out of 10 New Hampshire shots, only four made it on net, two of which were successfully saved by Burns. Massachusetts shot the ball 18 times and Brian Levey recorded five saves.

"We definitely created chances, that's not our problem," Koch said. "We have plenty of offensive ability and are always a threat to score, but that's not what we're stressing. We need to find a way to combine our offensive strengths with a sound defense."

UNH faltered in the second half, something it had not done thus far. Before facing the Minutemen, New Hampshire had out-shot foes 47-36 and after half-time they had outscored opponents 4-1.

The largest concern for Massachusetts entering yesterday's game was filling the void left by junior defender Tim Kitchell, who was issued a red card in Sunday's 3-1 loss to Harvard, and consequently forced to sit out the following game. Massachusetts addressed this issue by attacking the ball at midfield and pressuring UNH on offense. This strategy was intended to take pressure off the UMass defense and put it on the Wildcats.

"You just have to try some different things and find out what works," Koch said. "This is a very young team but we have some time before [Boston University] to work out some of the kinks."

Massachusetts will travel to BU on Sept. 28, to kick off a road trip that will keep the Minutemen away from Rudd Field until Oct. 15.

Former Minutemen in AHL

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approximately 40 players on their preliminary rosters. While the chaos of the last few weeks has made it difficult to track or predict where NHL players will end up playing while the labor strife continues, it's certainly possible that the minor leagues will see many big leaguers spending their impromptu vacations in AHL uniforms.

For Mauldin, it won't be much added pressure. The winger from Hollliston played six games for the Columbus Blue Jackets, who selected him with their 10th pick (199th) overall in the 2002 NHL Entry Draft. Mauldin averaged 8:47 of ice time, took four penalty minutes and six shots during his short stint. Despite coming off of a college season that saw him emerge as one of the top scorers in Hockey East, Mauldin has no illusions of grandeur for this year, and isn't worried about "losing" a spot on the roster.

"I never really thought I had a spot on the team, so I'm just going to take it day to day," he said. "Spots come and go so fast in the pros, you can be up one day and they'll send you right back down because someone comes back from a healthy scratch. The management's trying to develop the players and win."

Peck finds himself in a slightly different situation. The Austrian defenseman entered the NHL as a free agent with the benefit of a full four years of college experience and the dividends of that, as well as his numerous appearances with the Austrian National team — including in the 2002 Winter Olympics. He also had two goals, two assists, and an average of 18:37 of ice time in his six games with the New York Rangers. For Peck, though nothing was set in stone, the lockout ended any hopes — and there were plenty — of starting the 2004-05 season with the Blueshirts.

"The way I look at is that I would have had a shot at the big club," he said. "[The lockout] makes a huge difference, because now there are 15 defensemen coming to Hartford instead of seven or eight. There would have been a few of us that would have made it. So now it's definitely going to be hard. It's going to be a battle, but it is wherever you go in the pros. It's never easy."

Kuiper, who couldn't be reached for this story, will head to the Norfolk Admirals camp on Sept. 30. Kuiper signed with the Chicago Blackhawks on March 30, but did not end up playing a shift for the team. He was officially assigned to Norfolk on Sept. 16, where he'll join nine other defensemen on the 33-man preseason roster.

Training camp will be Mauldin's first chance to get back to competitive hockey since the end of the 2003-04 season, but he said he's spent his summer preparing for his first full year as a pro.

"I think I'm doing just fine, it's just the little things, the thinking part of the game is a little bit faster," he said. "Players are bigger and stronger, and I think I got better with that. I'm up to 200 lbs., and at the beginning of the year I was around 190. I spent the whole summer out [in Ohio] working hard to train."



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QB 10 - Tim Day, Sophomore	QB 5 – Sonny Riccio, Junior
RB 40 - Rich Demers, Senior	RB 22 – Sean Bleiler, Senior
FB 43 - Steve Wysocki, Senior	WR 18 – Joe Bleymaier, Junior
WR 11 – Jason Peebler, Senior (Captain)	WR 6 - David Boler, Junior
TE 44 – Mike Douglas, Junior	TE 87 – Steve Selk, Sophomore
LT 77 – Colin Stoetzel, Junior	LT 72 – Trip DelCampo, Senior
LG 74 – Rob Kane, Senior (Captain)	LG 67 – Rich Beverly, Freshman
C 62 – Alex Miller, Sophomore	C 69 – Chris Edwards, Senior
RG 73 – David Thompson, Sophomore	RG 74 – Brian Sims, Junior
RT 72 – O.J. McBride, Junior	RT 78 – Paul Thomson, Senior
WR 9 – Dominique Stewart, Junior	WR 8 – Justin Long, Junior
Defense	**Defense**
DE 98 – Ola Sanusi, Freshman	DE 1 – Dominic Santoli, Senior
DT 57 – Justin Schweighardt, Junior	DT 92 – Chris Mooney, Senior
DT 97 – Jason Leonard, Sophomore	DT 51 – Tom Parks, Junior
DE 52 – Jason Hill, Freshman	DE 37 – Lou Samba, Junior
OLB 56 – Charles Walker, Sophomore	OLB 44 – John Mulhern, Junior
MLB 51 – Serge Tikum, Junior (Captain)	MLB 58 – Mondoe Davis, Senior
OLB 29 – Brad Anderson, Junior	OLB 53 – Mark Moore, Senior
CB 26 – Tracy Belton, Sophomore	CB 15 – Rashaad Woodard, Sophomore
FS 34 – Shannon James, Junior	FS 2 – Garron Bible, Senior
SS 7 – James Ihedigbo, Sophomore	SS 32 – Kyle Campbell, Sophomore
CB 3 – R.J. Cobbs, Junior	CB 47 – Sidney Haugabrook, Senior
Special Teams	**Special Teams**
K 46 – Michael Torres, Sophomore	K 21 - Brad Shushman, Senior
P 13 – Christian Koegel, Sophomore	P 19 - Mike Webber, Junior
KR 11 – Jason Peebler, Senior	KR 47 - Sidney Haugabrook, Senior
PR 87 – Nathanael Hasselbeck, Junior	PR 47 – Sidney Haugabrook, Senior

Penalties remain troublesome

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pick, and a personal foul was called on UMass.

The offense had to begin the ensuing drive on its own 10-yard-line. On the very next play, a 16-yard completion to Dominique Stewart, the Minutemen were flagged for another illegal receiver downfield, bringing the drive back to the five-yard-line.

After UMass was unable to convert a first down, C.J. Koegel was forced to punt from the back of his own end zone.

The penalties in this series of plays didn't end there as Brandon Freeman was called for kick catching interference, a questionable ruling since Harry Wilson was able to field the punt cleanly. Richmond began its drive on the Massachusetts 23-yard-line and was able to kick a field goal after only moving the ball four yards that drive.

UMass was trailing by 10 midway through the fourth quarter when Day threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Stewart that was called back for offensive holding. The Minutemen weren't able to gain any more yards on the drive, and Michael Torres missed a field goal wide to the right.

Brown obviously didn't agree with the difference in penalty calls, and he sent a tape to the Atlantic 10 this week for them to check out.

He noted at the UMass Athletic Association Sports Luncheon yesterday that he thought Richmond center John Gronin could have been called for holding on every play. None of the Spiders' six penalties were holding calls.

"I think it's been so lopsided. I'm looking at the tape on Sundays, and I just want to make sure they're calling it both ways," Brown said.

"There are some things that upset me. Obviously, that's why I sent the tape in," Brown said. "The reality is that we're 2-1, and that's not going to change that.

You just want to make sure that you're pointing things out. There are two teams out there, and I think the lopsided piece is a little bit frightening.



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Senior wide receiver Dominique Stewart and the Minutemen were flagged for 15 of the 21 penalties called during a loss to Richmond.



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Junior defensive lineman Keron Williams will likely be unavailible for Saturday's game with Delaware.

UMass to host Hens

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and scoring a touchdown, while Starks has chipped in with 171 yards on 31 carries.

"Bleiler is a big and powerful kid who's a banger, while [Starks] is a different cat, a little bit more shifty and shaky," Brown said. "Obviously Riccio is no slouch either carrying the ball, and when you put that together with four good wideouts, you've got your hands full."

One star that has returned for UD is first team All-A-10 cornerback Sidney Haugabrook, who earned his reputation as a pure playmaker from his elite skills as a kick returner but has also developed into one of the premier cornerbacks in the A-10.

He already has an interception to his credit and ranks third on the team in solo tackles with 14. He will likely be a big part of Delaware's attempt to shut down UMass star Jason Peebler. He is also expected to play a large role on special teams.

"[Outside of UMass] I think [Haugabrook] is the most productive corner in the conference," Brown said. "When you factor in the punt returns, he strikes feat in your heart."

"Just look at his numbers and make no mistake, he put them back in the game at Towson with an 80-yard punt return, and that's not the first time he's done that."

Peebler, meanwhile, practiced wearing a yellow "no-contact" jersey on Tuesday, but Brown expects him to return to regular workouts and be ready for Saturday.

The news is not as promising for defensive lineman Keron Williams, however. The junior continues to nurse an undisclosed injury sustained in the Colgate game, and Brown said his return would likely come a week from Saturday, when UMass travels to face Boston College.



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Tim Day eludes the Richmond defense as he carries the football during UMass' 24-14 loss.

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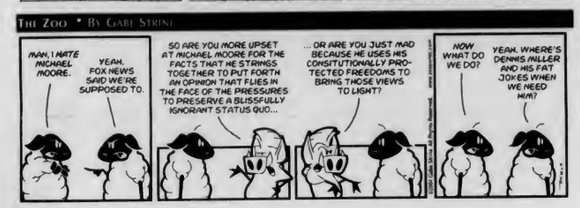
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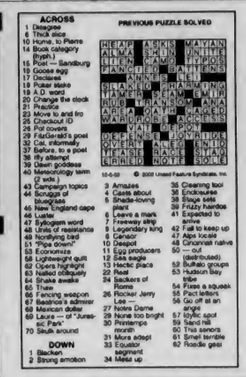
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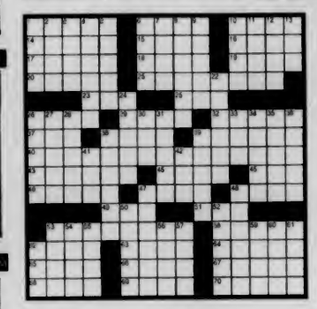


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15 Post — Sarisbury
16 Goose egg
17 Declares
18 Putter stake
19 A.D. word
20 Change the clock
21 Practice
23 Move to and fro
25 Checkout ID
26 Pot covers
29 FitzGerald's poet
32 Cal., informally
37 Before, to a poet
38 Fly attempt
39 Dawn goddess
40 Meteorology team (2 wds.)
43 Campaign topics
44 Smidgin of Smidgens
46 New England cape
48 Lustre
49 Syllogism word
50 Units of resistance
52 Nonflying bird
54 "Pipe down!"
55 Economize
58 Lightweight quilt
62 Open highlight
63 Hashed obliquely
64 Shake awake
65 Thaw
66 Fencing weapon
67 Beatrice's admirer
68 Mexican dollar
69 Laura — of "Jurassic Park"
70 Sleuth around

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2 Strong emotion
3 Amazes
4 Casts about
5 Shade-loving plant
6 Leave a mark
7 Freeway strip
8 Legendary king
9 Censor
10 Despot
11 Egg producers
12 Bald eagle
13 Hectic place
22 Read
24 Slackers of Rome
26 Rocker Jerry Lee —
27 Notre Dame
28 None too bright
30 Preterms month
31 More adept
33 Equator segment
34 Mess up
35 Cleaning tool
36 Enclosures
38 Stage bills
39 Frizzy hairdos
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A long-awaited rematch

UMass to host Delaware in latest battle of A-10's elite

BY MIKE MARZELLI
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"Adversity introduces a man to himself."

Massachusetts football coach Don Brown was justifiably unhappy when he spoke those words on Wednesday afternoon. For the initial three games of the 2004 season, Brown has been relegated to watching his new team from the press box as part of a settlement with his former employer, Northeastern University. It was a difficult experience, one that Brown said "[may not] ever really leave me," and for those three games, the adversity was clearly on his shoulders.

Meanwhile, after winning the first two games in impressive fashion, the Massachusetts football team laid an egg Saturday. Opening their Atlantic 10 slate on a sloppy, rain-soaked field, the Maroon and White lost to Stacey Tutt and Richmond — a loss that was the team's first in Amherst since the end of the 2002 season.

The adversity had shifted, and now each of the Minutemen share part of the burden — the need to discover their identity as a team had clearly arrived, just a week before one of the biggest games of the season.

Last November, before a frenzied, sellout crowd of 21,804 at Delaware Stadium, the University of Delaware combined with the Minutemen for 182 offensive plays, 950 net yards, 50 first downs, four ties, and four lead changes before eventually outlasting Mark Whipple's squad 51-45 in triple overtime.

Now, the No. 4 Fightin' Blue Hens (2-1 1-0 A-10) and their legion of fans will arrive at Warren P. McGuirk Alumni Stadium on Saturday for a 1 p.m. kickoff as the defending Division I-AA National Champions will face a No. 16 Massachusetts team (2-1 0-1 A-10) led by Brown for the first time in the most crucial of early season games.

For the Minutemen, a win would go a long way in helping Brown's first UMass team realize its true colors, while a loss would be devastating for either squad's playoff hopes at this early juncture of the I-AA season.

The rematch is certainly on.

"This is a big game for both teams, no question about it," Brown said. "We certainly have a challenge ahead of us. They're the No. 4 team in America and obviously our guys are excited to play this game."

"It means a lot to some of our core guys who were on the team last year and were a part of such a tough loss, to come back and have another crack at Delaware."

Despite winning the schools first championship at the I-AA level last year, all is not well in Newark for K.C. Keeler's group. The Hens dropped their season opener to New Hampshire in shocking fashion, and followed that up with unimpressive performances in wins over A-10 newcomer Towson and Division II West Chester.

Gone from Delaware's ranks are the reigning A-10 Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year in quarterback Andy Hall and defensive end Shawn Johnson, but Brown knows that Keeler has plenty to work with, including Missouri-transfer Sonny Riccio under center.

"They're pretty good," Brown said. "Riccio seems like he's getting better with each game. All the receivers are back and they look like pretty much the same group on offense.

"On defense they have a lot of guys back. It's going to be the same strong Delaware defense; some pressure, some base and very aggressive in nature."

One major difference for the Hens is at the running back position, where power back Sean Bleiler and speedster Tonnie Starks gives Keeler a good chance of pace in replacing the departed duo of Germaine Bennett and Antwan Jenkins.

The 220-pound Bleiler has emerged as the feature back after gaining 223 yards and 42 carries

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Steve Baylark leads the Maroon and White with 240 yards rushing.

GAME DAY CENTRAL

No. 4 Delaware	No. 16 UMass
1-2-1 Overall 1-0 Atlantic 10	1-2-1 Overall 0-1 Atlantic 10
Last Week: Defeated West Chester 24-6	*Last Week:* Lost to Richmond 24-14

Warren P. McGuirk Alumni Stadium – Amherst, Massachusetts (17,000/Grass)
Kickoff: 1 p.m.

TELEVISION: College Sports Television (Shown locally on CN8) – Tom McCarthy, play-by-play; Scott Zolak, color commentary; Jenny Cavnar, sidelines

RADIO: UMass Football Radio Network – WRNX 100.9 FM Holyoke, flagship (Bob Behler, play-by-play; Doug White, color commentary; Johnson Owumi, sideline)

UMass Student Radio – WMUA 91.1 FM Amherst (Derek Volner, play-by-play; Jonathan Junkins, color commentary)

Blue Hen Radio Network – The River 94.7 FM Newark, Del. (Mike Corvo, play-by-play; Bill Komissaroff, color commentary; Dan Clark, sideline)

Series record: Delaware leads 22-4
Last meeting: Delaware 51 UMass 45 - November 15, 2003 in Newark, Del.

UM alums ready for AHL camp

BY ANDREW MERRITT
COLLEGIAN STAFF

Finally admitting one of the worst-kept secrets in pro sports over the last six months, the National Hockey League put an end to any hopes of its 2004-05 season starting on time, when the NHL owners opted to lock out the players until a new labor agreement is signed. The main reason for the conflict, whether it'll be called a salary cap or "cost certainty," has divided the players and owners more sharply than the 2004 presidential election has the electorate. Though few related to the negotiations have come out and said it, there isn't much of an end in sight to the league's second lockout in the last ten years.

While many of the NHL's finest have agreed to play in temporary situations in Europe and North America, many young prospects are getting ready to begin training camp for the American Hockey League. The lockout won't prevent former Massachusetts standouts Greg Mauldin, Thomas Pock, and Nick Kuiper, from continuing their fledgling pro careers, but it could certainly make securing a roster spot on their minor league teams a little more difficult.

Pock and Mauldin both said that Hartford Wolf Pack and Syracuse Crunch camps, respectively, will number

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Excessive penalties have cost Minutemen in early going

BY JEFF HOWE
COLLEGIAN STAFF

Anyone following the Massachusetts football team this season can make a few broad comments. The defense has been spectacular, the offense has been efficient, but the penalty numbers have been absolutely staggering.

The No. 16 Minutemen have been penalized 46 times for 383 yards through only three games this year. Their opposition has only been flagged 20 times for 155 total yards, an eye-catching number if one notices that UMass has averaged 127.7 penalty yards each contest.

Massachusetts was penalized 20 times in its 51-0 victory at Delaware State in their season opener. The team was only penalized 11 times against Colgate in their home opener, but two touchdowns were called back on the Minutemen in their 30-20 victory over the Red Raiders.

And last week, in a game refereed by Darrell Davis, the same referee who called the Delaware State game, UMass was flagged 15 times against Richmond, who was only penalized six times all game. The Spiders capitalized on the lopsided penalty numbers with a 24-14 victory at McGuirk Stadium.

It was a matter that concerned UMass coach Don Brown so much that he brought an official into practice last Thursday to help the Minutemen out with their formation shifts and technical aspects of the game to reduce the amount of calls against his squad.

The problem clearly went unsolved, and Brown was forced to address the topic again in practice this week.

"(Tuesday) we were talking about it after practice. We were really clean, really sharp and made our shifts and movements (at practice)," Brown said. "Whenever you make a focus as a coach, usually players will follow that focus."

In the game against Richmond, however, it was the timing and the way that the penalties were called that hurt UMass the most.

Richmond had the ball on a third-and-six at the Massachusetts 40-yard-line. Quarterback Stacy Tutt got in trouble and threw a pass directly at his offensive lineman, a play that appeared to be intentional grounding. Instead, a 10-yard holding penalty was called against UMass, which gave the Spiders an automatic first down and allowed Tutt to lead his team down the field for a game-tying touchdown.

On a drive late in the first half, Minuteman quarterback Tim Day threw an incomplete pass to tight end Mike Douglas. Although it appeared that UR linebacker Lance Gray grabbed onto Douglas, nothing was called. When the Massachusetts bench began yelling in disbelief, a sideline warming was issued against the Minutemen.

On the final play of the first half, a play that was granted after an uncertain group of officials awarded Richmond a first down after a short conference sparked by Richmond coach Dave Clawson, Tutt completed a 40-yard touchdown pass to Harry Wilson. A sizeable portion of the Spiders celebrated in the end zone, but no unsportsmanlike conduct was called against Richmond.

This conflicted with a call made against the Minutemen after free safety Shannon James intercepted a pass in the same end zone in the third quarter to end a long Richmond drive. About five members of the defense celebrated after the

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Junior defensive back R.J. Cobbs and the Minutemen will look to beat National Champion Delaware for the first time since 2002.

Costello may miss remainder of 2004

BY MIKE MARZELLI
COLLEGIAN STAFF

While speaking at the UMass Athletic Association's weekly sports luncheon yesterday, Massachusetts football coach Don Brown said that senior defensive back Steve Costello might sit out the remainder of the season as a medical red shirt, opening the door for him to make a healthy return in 2005.

One of three captain-elects for the 2004 Minutemen, Costello was injured towards the end of the 2003 regular season, but continued to play through what then coach Mark Whipple described as an abdominal strain. The injury required off-season surgery. Costello flew to Philadelphia to be operated on by a specialist, whose prognosis indicated that the Kingston, N.Y. native would be healthy in time for the start of the regular season.

After sitting out during UMass' 51-0 win over Delaware State, Costello returned to limited action against both Colgate and Richmond, seeing the field for what Brown described as "eight to 11 plays," but he is still bothered by the troublesome injury.

"He's playing through a lot of pain," Brown said. "We're just not sure if it's worth it to have him out there at less than full speed right now, where we could have him healthy and at full speed next year. That's where we're at. Obviously that's something we're evaluating at this point."



Rob Charest (right) advances the ball during yesterday's win.

UM wins OT thriller

Charest's goal wins it in 98th minute

BY MATT BARSTOW
COLLEGIAN STAFF

What do you do when you are in desperate need of an overtime goal? Why not pass to a guy who scored a sudden death winner the previous week?

That's what the Massachusetts men's soccer team (3-1) did yesterday and it worked wonders.

Facing a golden-goal situation with two minutes remaining in overtime, tied 2-2 with New Hampshire (1-2-3), UMass captain Oral Buflen found Rob Charest, who came through for the Minutemen with his second goal of the game.

Buflen forced a Wildcat turnover at midfield and drove a breakaway pass towards the UNH net, where Charest chased it down and put it away at 98:02. The decisive goal was Charest's second of the year. His first came in the 20th minute of overtime against Hartford on Sept. 14.

"It's kind of hard to believe," Charest said. "Coach was actually going to take me out on the next whistle, but I managed to get in a good scoring chance and end the game before he could."

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UNH	2

The 3-2 win wraps up a five-game home stand in which the Minutemen played to a 3-2 record and improved their ratio of goals scored at home compared to goals scored on the road, to 12:2.

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Dukakis speaks of universal health care

BY JEREMY DIRAC
COLLEGIAN CORRESPONDENT

Former Massachusetts governor and 1988 Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis spoke to a full crowd at the Bowker Auditorium yesterday in Stockbridge Hall on the issue of health care in America.

"We now have 45 million people in this country without a dime of health insurance, overwhelmingly working class people and members of working families. These folks aren't loafing around, they're working. Some of them have two or three jobs."

Dukakis said that universal health care has been an issue since Theodore Roosevelt's presidency, and that we've been seriously debating it since President Truman. Ideally, he said he would like to see the universal health care plan proposed by Truman come about, but would settle on any type of universal plan as soon as possible.

"When people talk to me these days about incremental approaches to achieving universal health care I kind of sign off, maybe it's my advancing age," said Dukakis. Every person in Massachusetts would currently have health care if the universal health care bill he signed in 1988 were implemented, said Dukakis.

"Unfortunately, I left the statehouse when we began implementing it ... but [former Governor William] Weld never got it, he did everything he could to screw it up, and I regret to say he was successful. So, today my friends, we have some 250,000 more uninsured people in Massachusetts than we did when I left office."

Dukakis said that per capita, the United States spends twice as much on health care as the other industrialized nations and claims this country still has inferior service.

One of the main problems with our health care system, he said, is that you have certain companies which do not provide their employees with health insurance, which means that the slack has to be taken up by those that do, and by the government.

"Public funds that can't go to this university and education generally, and for affordable housing, and other important needs are not being met because they're getting sucked up as the commonwealth tries to fill this gap, which we just can't do."

Dukakis said that the Bush campaign would soon be talking about 'consumer driven health care.' The Bush campaign is opposed to a government-based system and favors improving the current plan.

Dukakis called Bush's plan "screw the little guy" health care. He said, "It's certainly not going to make a significant dent in the 45 million without health insurance."

The market cannot work in the case of health care, according to Dukakis.

"It doesn't work in transportation, and as the people of California know, it probably doesn't work in the distribution and generation of electric energy. There are some things you gotta' regulate. Health care's one of 'em."

Dukakis favors the health care plan proposed by his former Lieutenant Governor, John Kerry, where people will be able to buy into a government system.

"His health care plan is a heck of a lot better than the Bush plan," said Dukakis.

In regards to the presidential election, Dukakis acknowledged that the remainder of the race will be tough for Senator Kerry. In a press conference prior to his talk, Dukakis took aim at the Bush administration.

"This is the worst administration I've ever lived under, and I've been on the planet for seventy years," he said.

He said that the negative ads against Kerry — as well as Senator John McCain in 2000 and Senator Max Cleland in 2002 — are similar to what he experienced when running for president in 1988 against George H.W. Bush, who accused him of having psychological problems.

"The first guy spent six years in a cage, the second guy came back from Vietnam missing two legs and an arm and now they're trying to do it to Kerry. I think it's despicable, particularly coming from the source. And the notion that the Bush campaign and Mr. Rove had nothing to do with this is preposterous," said Dukakis.

Admission to the non-partisan Center for Public Policy and Administration sponsored event was free and open to the public. Following remarks by Provost Seymour and Chancellor Lombardi, Dukakis accepted the CPPA's Public Service Award – a Josh Simpson Megaplanet.

"This recognizes your lifelong accomplishments as a leader in public affairs and your ongoing commitment to educating and inspiring ..." said Lombardi.

Dukakis first became Governor of Massachusetts in 1974. He was reelected in 1982 and 1986 – an unprecedented third term "by one of the largest margins in history," according to the CPPA bio. He lost to George H.W. Bush in the 1988 presidential race. Currently he teaches at Northeastern University and has no plans to return to public life.

"One of the reasons I teach today ... is because my mission in life is to encourage young people to pursue a life in public service ... in trying to make life better for ones fellow citizens, that's what it's all about," he said.



Former Massachusetts governor Michael Dukakis spoke with Chancellor John Lombardi during his speech yesterday in Bowker Auditorium.

SGA and GSS speak to faculty

BY DAN KOFFMAN
COLLEGIAN STAFF

University of Massachusetts SGA President Eduardo E. Bustamante and Graduate Student Senate President Uri Strauss distributed a letter concerning the proposed textbook rental system to faculty as they gathered to convene for the semester's first Faculty Senate meeting, held yesterday in Herter Hall. Faculty Senate proceedings also included two motions to address the SPIRE situation, and an informal administrative address from Chancellor John Lombardi concerning the University's budget.

The letter which Bustamante and Strauss presented asked for the Senate's help in passing the textbook rental proposal, which would relieve students of the growing financial burden each semester.

"In his ten-minute address, Bustamante related to the assembly how he had surveyed approximately 600 students in front of the Textbook Annex during the first days of the semester. The surveys detailed, according to Bustamante, that nursing students were paying upwards of $1000 this semester on textbooks, and that other students were paying sums close to that amount.

The letter also put into detail how the rental system would work.

"With this system, full-time students pay from $120 to $150 per semester to rent their textbooks. If they wish to purchase them at the end of the semester, they can; and they do so at a discounted rate."

Bustamante asked two things of faculty members at the meeting: "First, the faculty must use the rental system for every course where it is possible to do so. Second, the faculty must assign the same textbook for a minimum of two years, except in rare exceptions."

Follet, the company that is in control of operations at the Textbook Annex, has a contract with the University that expires in July 2005. Bustamante told the Faculty Senate that action must be taken as soon as possible.

"If we don't do it now, the next five years will have students paying a ridiculous amount of money for books," he said.

In addition to the discussion of textbook costs, Strauss brought up the issue of housing for graduate students. Graduate students, said Strauss, were "squeezed out of Crampton [Hall]" over the summer, leaving Prince Hall as the main abode for graduate students seeking on campus housing. He also said that new ventures to create housing on campus will prove to be too expensive for his fellow graduate students to utilize.

Upon the conclusion of Bustamante and Strauss' presentations, the Senate moved onto the motions of the day as well as other administrative announcements.

The proceedings opened with the approval of two movements involving SPIRE, the Web site that provides student access to the Student Information System and its Internet server Peoplesoft. The first movement dealt with establishing a more effective process through which faculty will be able to report problems and follow the progress of solving submitted problems regarding SPIRE or Peoplesoft. The second motion dealt with the Faculty Senate authorizing the Rules Committee to establish a committee to explore the success of alternatives to SPIRE at institutions similar in size to UMass Amherst, to give the University a "comparative basis" with which to judge SPIRE.

Giving his administrative update, Chancellor John V. Lombardi spoke about the student acceptance rate for this year, which is nearly identical to that of the previous year. He then announced that 70 new faculty members have been recently hired for this year or coming year, and 40 more will be recruited for hire within the next calendar year.

Lombardi relayed that the "operating budget of the University is basically flat," meaning the bottom line will be very similar in number to that of last year's budget. He reiterated that the budget plan that was put into place last year is still being used, and no unforeseen circumstances have caused the budget to be disrupted tremendously. "All in all," he stated, "we're pretty much on track."

Second Durfee benefit concert raises over $400



Durfee Interim Director Armand Prevost (left) and benefit organizer Sam Krentzman pose at the entrance of the Durfee Conservatory.

BY HANNA DRAKE
COLLEGIAN CORRESPONDENT

Sam Krentzman rocked out in an impromptu performance yesterday at the Second Annual Durfee Conservatory Benefit Concert. Krentzman, a junior Chinese language and literature major at the University of Massachusetts, and one of the coordinators of the event wasn't planning on performing, but one of the scheduled bands didn't show up.

The benefit concert, which was held at the conservatory's gardens from 5-8 p.m., featured jazz, funk, bluegrass, and rock music. Among the bands present were Rudy Brown, Northern Aggression, and The Chicken Stand Throw Down Band. Between sets, visitors won prizes such as a skin care kit and gift certificates to the Black Sheep and Amherst Books. Coordinators also sold drinks and a variety of homemade cookies baked by Sarah Rutherford, a senior English major involved in the concert's organization.

Aaron New, a UMass student, said "[The Benefit Concert is] pretty cool. I came here last year, and it seemed pretty successful, and it's nice because it's for charity." His friend Kathryn Devaney, a senior at UMass, agreed, "I came because I think Durfee is one of the most beautiful places on campus, so anything to benefit it is a great thing."

The concert also attracted people new to Durfee's splendors. "I live in Central, so I walk through [Durfee] a lot, but this is the first event I've been to," said Francis Wilkins, senior accounting major at UMass.

"It's a beautiful night, and the band we heard [Sam's band] was great. Durfee is really beautiful. I've never been in here before," said Carol Krentzman, mother of coordinator Sam Krentzman.

With two hours remaining, the proceeds of the benefit were estimated by Durfee's Interim Director Armand Prevost at $400. "I think the turnout has been very good, actually, almost equal and if not, better than last year," Prevost said, estimating that there were 200 people present. "We've got a great night, great groups here, and a lot of great people from campus," he added. Prevost wants people to know that Durfee is open to everyone: it's relaxing, healthy, and gorgeous in the wintertime. But, he added, it would be possible to just walk by. "Maybe [students] think they can't come in. People can go to school for four, five years here, never knowing that they can come. But that's what we're trying to do, let students know it's here for them," Prevost said. He also mentioned that there would be another benefit concert in the spring semester.

Prevost teaches the history of plant matter, propagates failing plants, and teaches work-study students how to work with plants. He's also running a bonsai workshop that will begin this Saturday morning. Prevost has "a lot of things" planned for the conservatory, including a medicinal and herb garden, which could benefit sports medicine. He's also "mending a broken bridge" by working with the Amherst Orchid Society. According to Prevost, after January of next year Durfee will begin to host four orchid shows a year, showcasing 400-700 kinds of orchids.

Krentzman thought the benefit concert was very successful. "People came out to have a good time and to enjoy the music and to support Durfee, and that was exactly what we wanted."

Chief Metawampe statue vandalized near Campus Center

BY ERIKA LOVLEY
COLLEGIAN STAFF

The Chief Metawampe statue was stolen from its stand near the Student Union around 5 a.m. on Sunday morning. The approximately 500-pound statue was pulled from its stand and then dragged into the roadway of North Pleasant Street. The University of Massachusetts police department is searching for suspects in the vandalism.

"The Chief is okay, but he's damaged," said Larry Snyder, associate director of buildings and grounds services at the Physical Plant.

The bronze-coated statue sustained notable damage, including a leather and rifle broken off. UMPD Deputy Chief Patrick Archbald said he was unable to estimate the damage cost or when the statue will be repaired.

"It appears as if a vehicle was involved, but we're not totally sure if that is the case," he said.

"There's evidence of some type of vehicle," said Snyder. "Possibly, a car drove down the street [North Pleasant Street], up over the curb, backed up, Metawampe lawn and put him [Chief Metawampe] in the trunk."

Snyder said the statue itself stands 5-foot, 8-inches tall and was secured by four bolts on a granite pedestal that is approximately 3 feet tall. The statue normally stands overlooking the Campus pond behind the Student Union in a large patch of rhododendrons on Metawampe Lawn.

"It looks like they knocked him [The Chief] over, picked him up, put him in the back of a trunk and took off and dumped him in the middle of the street," said Snyder.

"There were thoughts it could be a fraternity prank," said Archbald. "We don't have any suspects."

Due to the statue's size, Snyder said it would have taken four strong people to lift the statue and put it into the trunk of a vehicle.

"The poor guy is in our [The Physical Plant's] storage facility until we can fix him," he said.

Snyder is currently collaborating with members of the Arts Department who have experience working with bronze, hoping to come up with damage estimates and a repair plan.

"Hopefully, we'll get an estimate on fixing, and fix him to be remounted," he said.

The Chief Metawampe statue was donated by the Class of 1930 and erected by the Class of 1936, according to Snyder.

According to UMass History Professor Alice Nash, Chief Metawampe symbolizes the University's relationship with the native peoples who once inhabited the area.



Police are investigating the vandalism of the Chief Metawampe statue, ripped off its stand Sunday morning.

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Kerry: Bush heading toward the draft

By Terence Hunt
Associated Press

KING OF PRUSSIA, Penn. (AP) — President Bush mocked John Kerry's fitness to be commander in chief Wednesday, saying the way to bring U.S. troops home from Iraq "is not to wilt or waver." Kerry suggested to a campaign crowd that Bush might bring back the military draft and said in an Associated Press interview that the president was "living in a make-believe world."

Answering a question about the possible revival of the draft at a forum with voters in West Palm Beach, Fla., Kerry said, "If George Bush were to be re-elected, given the way he has gone about this war and given his avoidance of responsibility in North Korea and Iran and other places, it is possible."

Bush, trying to show a leadership contrast with his Democratic opponent, said on a campaign trip to battleground Pennsylvania: "I'm driven by my desire to protect the American people. I'll be steadfast in my resolve to do everything I can to make you secure."

Less than six weeks before the election, Iraq's prominence as a campaign issue was increasing, thrust to center stage by spreading violence, kidnappings, beheadings and the deaths of more than 1,000 U.S. troops. With Americans divided about the war, Bush is trying to keep voters focused on what he says are Kerry's conflicting statements rather than the daily bombings and bloodshed.



President George W. Bush speaks at a Pennsylvania elementary school as part of a tour through the state. Bush and rival John Kerry have been debating the war in Iraq over the past few days.

CHARLES DHARAPAK/ASSOCIATED PRESS

"George Bush is trying to fight a phantom here because he won't tell the American people the truth, so he sets up something that's not a real issue and attacks it," Kerry said in the AP interview after his West Palm Beach event. He said Bush was "living in a make-believe world," unwilling to tell the truth or to understand the situation in Iraq.

"Even today, he blundered again saying there are only a handful of terrorists in Iraq," Kerry said. "George Bush retreated from Fallujah and other communities in Iraq which are now overrun with terrorists and threaten our troops."

Bush, in Pennsylvania, had said, "It's hard to help a country go from tyranny to elections to peace when there are a handful of people who are willing to kill in order to stop the process. And that's what you're seeing on the TV screens. You know, these people cannot beat us militarily."

Bush said the insurgents "use the only tool at their disposal, which is beheadings and death, to try to shake our will. They understand the nature of America. ... We weep when we think about the families affected by those who have been brutalized by these terrorists."

Back in Washington, Vice President Dick Cheney went before television cameras on Capitol Hill to say Kerry's statements on Iraq and the war on terror showed "someone who lacks the resolve, the determination and the conviction to prevail in this conflict."

In that same vein, the Bush campaign put out a new television advertisement ridiculing Kerry on Iraq and other issues. It shows Kerry windsurfing left and right and says his positions shift "whichever way the wind blows." The democrats struck back with their own ad that says: "In the face of the Iraq quagmire, George Bush's answer is to run a juvenile and tasteless attack ad."

Kerry accuses Bush of creating a major crisis in Iraq with no prospect of an end. A number of U.S. troops have had their assignments extended because of the war, but Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and other Pentagon officials have said repeatedly that reviving the draft would be neither necessary nor desirable. The Bush campaign called Kerry's comment on the draft irresponsible.

Bush campaigned Wednesday in the suburbs of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. It was his 37th visit to Pennsylvania, his top target in the presidential sweepstakes with 21 of the 270 electoral votes needed to win. Four years ago Bush lost Pennsylvania to Democrat Al Gore but polls show the race this year is close.

In between speeches, Bush took an aerial tour of Allegheny County, where the remnants of Hurricane Ivan caused flooding that damaged or destroyed thousands of homes and businesses.

On Iraq, Bush will meet at the White House on Thursday with Ayad Allawi, the prime minister of Iraq's interim government who has said the terrorists are being defeated. Bush cited Allawi as a witness to the wisdom of U.S. policy.

"These are critical times and I'm glad the prime minister is here to reinforce the strategy we have in place," Bush said. He said more Iraqis have electricity now than under Saddam Hussein and that more children are going to school and getting immunizations.

Violence sweeps through Iraq

Shiite Muslim clerics still promise elections

By Denis D. Gray
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. warplanes blasted insurgent positions in Sadr City, and American ground troops pushed into the sprawling Baghdad slum Thursday in a new operation aimed at disarming the militia of a renegade anti-U.S. Shiite cleric.

Despite violence sweeping the country, Iraq's top Shiite Muslim cleric Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani is insisting elections promised for January must be held on time, an aide said.

With car bombs, shootings and kidnappings escalating and several cities effectively under insurgent control, there are concerns that Iraq will not be ready to hold a vote by the Jan. 31 deadline. But Shiites, who make up about 60 percent of Iraq's 25 million people, are eager to hold elections since they expect to dominate whatever government emerges.



This image of Kenneth Bigley, a British hostage in Iraq was released Thursday. The hostage takers are threatening to murder him within 48 hrs.

Interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, in a speech to a joint session of the U.S. Congress on Thursday, vowed not to let violence derail the election timetable. He said 14 or 15 of Iraq's 18 provinces "are completely safe."

However, at least six provinces — Baghdad, Anbar, Diyala, Salahuddin, Kirkuk and Nineveh — have been the scene of significant attacks on U.S. troops and Iraqi authorities in the past month. The only areas not plagued by bloodshed are the three northern provinces controlled by Kurds. The situation in many areas, however, is unknown since journalists' travel is restricted by security fears.

Allawi also condemned the beheading of two Americans, and relatives of a British hostage pleaded for his freedom. The appeal came after U.S. and Iraqi authorities refused militants' demands to release female Iraqi prisoners.

American warplanes and helicopters were again in action over Sadr City on Thursday, following a day of fierce clashes between U.S. troops and fighters loyal to rebel cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. Iraqi doctors said one person was killed Thursday and 12 were wounded, many of them children.

Militia fighters returned fire with machine guns and an American Bradley fighting vehicle was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade and caught fire, according to a U.S. military report. It was not clear if there were casualties.

Duke professor reflects on Brown v. Board decision

By Bill Donovan
Collegian Correspondent

University of Massachusetts students, faculty and community members packed SOM's Flavin auditorium to hear the lecture, "The Whole United States is Southern! Brown v. Board and the Mystification of Race," given by Charles M. Payne, a Sally B. Robinson professor at Duke University.

"This is exactly what are hopes were for this commemoration. We gathered a lot of people into a room and asked controversial questions," said Carl H. Nightingale, UMass associate professor of history and program coordinator of events.

Payne touched upon many moments in the landmark Supreme Court case Brown vs. Board of Education, starting with explaining when he believed the use of the word segregation went into use in the south. He said it was used by southerners during the Civil War time period. Segregation was a word used by southerners who had some control over the southern economy. Confederate soldiers had always believed there was something problematic with blacks, explained Payne.

At points during his speech, Payne placed the audience in the shoes of African-Americans during these times of social anxiety.

"Think about being black and in high school and not being able to go eat in your cafeteria for four years just because you weren't the same color," described Payne. "There was great fear in black communities, they worried about what would happen if their children were put in with whites. What if the teachers their kids had lost their jobs because of the Brown v. Board of Education settlement, and they did."

Payne also added the fact that even though this court decision may have helped black students join with whites, but reactions were varied.

"The symbolism of this decision probably wasn't that meaningful to blacks who were poor. After all, it didn't help put any food on their plates," Payne explained. "Parents were often caught between making the decision of where their kids would go to school."

Faculty at the event, including UMass Chancellor John Lombardi, lauded Payne for coming to speak to the UMass Campus.

"When we come across a great scholar such as this, to be able to have him here is an honor," said Chancellor Lombardi.

The lecture program is being funded by 1967 UMass graduate Kenneth R. Feinberg and his family and friends. Other sponsors for the program include the UMass College of Humanities and Fine Arts, the Department of Afro-American studies, the Department of Women's Studies, the Department of Legal Studies, the Center for Public Policy and Administration, the Political Economy Research Institute and the Sports Management Department.

Feinberg was an assistant United States attorney in the Southern District of New York in the 1970s. He also served on Special Counsel, and the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary from 1975 to 1978. From 1977 to 1979, he served as an administrative aide to Sen. Edward Kennedy.

"The UMass History Department commends Feinberg," said Gerald W. McFarland, professor of history and director of undergraduate studies. "He's truly an amazing individual whose professionalism has repeatedly been recognized through appointments through major public service posts."

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A different perspective from the outside world

Ben Duffy

Some conservatives just make conservatives look bad. Perhaps you know what I'm talking about — when a person of a similar political stripe as your own goes out and says stupid things that reflect poorly on your own politics. Suddenly, you find yourself on guard seemingly defending viewpoints that you may not even agree with yourself.

I've discovered a diseased thread in the conservative cloth. I don't like to admit it, because I call myself a conservative. It hit me in the face just the other day, when talking with a fellow conservative, that there are some people in my camp who believe that you can't truly love America until you hate every other nation on earth. Any type of curiosity about a foreign nation is to be shunned as un-American.

Such an attitude feeds the flame of liberalism. They already have the idea in their minds that they are the enlightened ones, in contrast with the insularism of the right. They seem to think that conservatives would all be cured of their affliction if they would just open their eyes to the great big world that exists outside of the United States. After all, they believe, conservatism is synonymous with narrow-minded Americanism.

As long as I can remember, I've never believed that true patriotism comes from contempt for the rest of the world. I've always had a taste for other languages and cultures, history and geography. I enjoy traveling and learning. I know several UMass students who are more traveled and are worldlier than I am, but they represent a small fraction of the student body. In my short time on this earth, I've been to 27 U.S. states, 14 countries and three continents. Every new trip I've embarked upon has been a priceless learning experience.

In order to be a lefty in good standing, you have to be cosmopolitan, and you can't be truly cosmopolitan until you believe that America is always wrong.

I've always loved history and geography. In middle school, I twice won the school geography bee, and once went to the state finals at Clark University. In high school, I took both French and Spanish, and managed to get A's in every class except French I, when a pulled a paltry B minus. When I graduated, I was given the award for excellence in French. These days, my passion is for German language and culture.

I never found any of this to be in conflict with my conservative values either. During the two wonderful years I spent in Germany, I was never overcome with the urge to hand over American national sovereignty to the United Nations, or to outlaw virtually all firearms.

Sadly, I've found that liberals have exactly the opposite attitude, and it's just as misguided. In order to be a lefty in good standing, you have to be cosmopolitan, and you can't be truly cosmopolitan until you believe that America is always wrong. A good liberal spends sleepless nights fretting over the popularity of our president among Europeans. A good liberal thinks that a foreign viewpoint always represents an enlightened philosophy, and a contrasting American idea is backwards by default. A good liberal believes that we should vote the way foreign nations want us to vote, so as not to seem too arrogant or unwilling to join the "world community."

Take, for example, the Clinton-Lewinsky scandal of 1998. At its height, I remember the Clinton-defending pundits on network news telling us that the French were laughing at us. All of those saucy Frenchmen across the pond thought that the whole saga was typically American — childish, puritanical, naive. Europeans, we were told, were not so easily scandalized, and they believed that private sex lives should remain private, even when they belonged to public figures. They seemed to think that we Americans were making a big deal out of nothing. After all, it was just sex!

There's just one problem — the French, in their infinite wisdom, were misinformed as to the issues at hand. Clinton was not in hot water because of a consensual affair. The charges against him included perjury, suborning perjury and obstruction of justice. The president was trying to cheat Paula Jones out of her fair day in court, plain and simple. We now know that Clinton was undeniably guilty of two of the three charges.

I've been to France twice since the whole Lewinsky debacle, and I haven't changed my mind. I still believe that perjury and obstruction of justice are serious crimes, no matter what the French say. If that makes me a rube, than so be it. Personally, I think that it just makes me a whole lot more informed as to what actually happened than the French are. I'm not going to change my opinion based solely on the fact that a foreign nation disapproves of my backwards-American idea that Clinton committed serious crimes that warranted his removal from office.

I read a Molly Ivins column concerning recent a trip she made to Canada. Her thesis was that President Bush is the laughing stock of Canada, and that Canadians were raising a unified eyebrow in dismay that we might actually elect the guy again. Well, good for the Canadians. It just so happens that Bush isn't seeking office in Canada, and so I'm not the least bit persuaded by their opinion. But for a liberal, these Canadian aspersions mean that we have to boot Bush out of office and mend fences with our neighbors to the North. I assume that Canada will consult us the next time Paul Martin, Canada's left-of-center prime minister, is up for reelection — fat chance of that happening.

Or perhaps it's the war in Iraq, homosexual marriage or capital punishment. Whatever the particular issue may be, it's important to form our opinions based on the facts, not on whether a viewpoint is popular in Canada, Sweden or any other country. I hate to disappoint Molly Ivins, but when I find myself in the election booth, I'm going to weigh the merits of the candidate, not his popularity in foreign lands. This is our country, not theirs. They're free to their opinions, just as I'm free to mine. The difference between my opinion and theirs is that I'm an American citizen and I can vote in American elections.

Ben Duffy is a Collegian columnist.

No more elected cowboys

Kate Baldacci

This is my tribute to the polarized electorate.

I hate to burst the proverbial bubble, but the United States is something of a joke in the international arena. Try blatantly showing your American pride when abroad and see if anyone takes you seriously.

A recent poll of 35 countries found that only one in five people want President Bush elected. Please, I beg of you, don't take the stance that "it doesn't matter." We are not an isolated country, on a planet all alone (although it is beginning to feel this way). America is nothing without its worldly context — existence necessitates a backdrop. Taking this into consideration is not only a good idea; it's a necessary part of being a citizen of the world.

Obviously this alone cannot constitute John Kerry's foreign policy plan; it's going to take more than Kerry simply stepping into the oval office and beginning his presidency in order for America to once again be respected in the world. But I don't think I'm far off base to presume that this simple symbolic action would be a huge leap in the right direction.

The fact of the matter is that following the events that took place on Sept. 11, America was united in our sorrow. We had the world's attention, the world's adoration and the world's sympathy. For a rare moment in history, we were truly united.

President Bush did his part to captivate us with his emotion-filled speeches following the event. Yet, I hold him that almost anyone could have handled the situation to the extent that Bush did. Admit it; Americans wanted someone to look up to, someone with misty tears in his eyes and strength in his step. What we got was Bush, but this is not to say that he was the best man for the job.

In the months that followed Sept. 11, he abused our unadulterated attention, our deference to the higher authority. He continued to elevate our already heightened levels of fear, keeping our attention in check with a glorified color wheel. Not that an informed populace is a bad thing, but this spectrum of shades had two effects on Americans: complete disregard, or complete fear – neither of which are productive emotions in the face of potential danger, both of which grant Bush more power to make decisions on behalf of society.

It makes me sick to envision Bush, standing before the United Nations and grinning broadly, touting the supposed success in Iraq like it was a science fair project; a mere experiment in the expanse of his power.

This event, this frightening day in American history, is the bedrock upon which Bush is running his campaign. Try telling me that the Republican Convention's proximity to Sept. 11 was merely due to scheduling conflicts. After all, what is there for him to run on? The things that immediately come to mind: economic shortfall, a record budget deficit, our environment, that is getting worse before stands are made to improve it, children who are being left behind. Sept. 11 is all that remains, the one thing we are almost all in agreement over. Bush is human, so naturally he is conjuring up images of fallen brothers, forcing us to somehow correlate the travesty with his authority to make outlandish decisions.

Everyone criticizes Kerry's stance on Iraq and the War on Terrorism (please note that I list them separately due to their lack of substantial connections). Some of this is founded. As a Presidential candidate, it is expected that you will be clear about your intentions (President Bush, are you writing this down?). When Kerry spoke recently at New York University he cleared up the confusion by laying down a decisive plan to ameliorate our current situation in Iraq.

To the Bush administration's reply of "we are already doing that," I reply, "Oh, you're already doing that?" Explain why are we breeding more terrorists? Why are we approaching this unilaterally? I'm not saying that we need Mr. Sensitivity in Iraq; Kerry is no pushover. But we need to realize that taking a cookie cutter approach to imposing a democracy puts us back in grade school. The situation necessitates a reassessment. It makes me sick to envision Bush, standing before the United Nations and grinning broadly, touting the supposed success in Iraq like it was a science fair project; a mere experiment in the expanse of his power. A test of how much he can get away with before the American public comes to its senses.

Obviously, one would not expect him to decry the scenario, it is after all, an election year. Bush reminds me of the guy that gets lost on a barren street and fails to ask for directions, only to find himself deeper into the woods. "It's alright; I've got this under control." Look over your shoulder, President Bush. Who is behind you now after public sentiment flip-flopped and support for the war is waning?

I had the privilege of attending the Democratic National Convention this summer in Boston. All week long, the mantra was "be positive." Kerry was clear that the Bush administration was not to be attacked. Do Americans value honorable behavior anymore? Decency? Courtesy? No, we want the cowboy. We want politics to look like it does on the big picture with mud slinging, good guys and bad guys abound. So I guess that's what we get. Now it's time for you to decide who ends up on top.

Kate Baldacci is a UMass student.

The future of instant messenger

Michelle Dozois

One afternoon this week, my friend "Sally" (not her real name) came into my room and asked me, "Can I read the away messages on your buddy list? I've already read all of the ones on mine." I said yes — only because I had some cleaning to do, and therefore wouldn't be able to do any right-clicking of my own for the next few minutes anyways.

Out of our group of friends, Sally and I are probably the people most preoccupied with AIM (or maybe we're just the most obvious about it). During a typical night out with Sally, she'll usually ask anyone with a nearby computer, "Can you check and see how long I've been idle? I love being idle!" During a typical night at our — I mean her — apartment, she'll often leave a room saying, "I have to go read away messages now."

I, on the other hand, try to be stealthier about my fascination with AIM, although the fact that my profile changes more often than my roommate showers (don't worry, she showers daily) is probably a tip-off of how much time I spend online.

Ever since I got an A on a 15-page research paper on AIM (and almost wrote my thesis on AIM), I almost feel like my fascination is legitimized. As a journalism and psychology major, it's not so odd to be preoccupied with exploring this strange world where privacy rarely exists and deciding whether or not to "go idle" is a big deal. Is it?

I know, I know. It's one thing to be curious about the psychology of AIM; it's another thing to spend more time thinking about what my next away message is going to be than, oh, just about anything else in the world. (Kidding. Obviously, I spend way more time planning the content of my profile than planning what's going in my away message.)

I'd like to fast forward ten years and see what my buddy list looks like. Will I have one? Probably ... well, maybe. It's just weird to think about.

Since we're basically the first generation to widely use IM and away messages, and it's becoming more and more common for households to have an ever-ready Internet connection, at what point will the extensively descriptive and/or melodramatic away messages stop? Will we read commentary like "Picking up the kids at soccer practice, then dropping them off at the 'rents' so I can have some alone time with the hubby [winking face]?" Will we recognize our friends' midlife crises not by the fancy new cars they drive, but by the sudden switch to depressing song lyrics in their profiles?

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Yeah, it does sound pretty ridiculous. Part of me hopes that AIM won't be as ubiquitous when we finally "grow up." Part of me just doesn't want to grow up.

In the meantime, as Sally was right-clicking down my buddy list the other day I said, "I bet your kid will have a screen name by the time she's one year old."

She laughed. "Probably," she said. "And you know I'll be the one making up her away messages!"

(No, Sally, I thought the baby would be typing "Mmm, lunchtime, you know what that means! [winking face]" all herself.)

Oh, Sally. This summer I predicted (and she agreed) that when she's pregnant with her first child, and ready to dash to the hospital, she'd probably run (or waddle, perhaps) to her laptop first so she can change her away message.

Of course, she'll need a back-up plan in case she's not at home when the time comes. If she's at the supermarket because a watermelon-and-pickles craving hits, she can whip out her cell phone and phone a friend.

"Hi! I need to go to the hospital ... can you break into my apartment and change my away message from 'when is Lil' Subie gonna come out?! [angry face]' to 'In labor! Call the cell! [sunglasses-face]'? Oh, also, if you could let my husband know that I'm having contractions, that'd be cool. Thanks!"

Twenty hours later, her friends will call the cell. "Is it a boy or a girl?"

"It's a boy," she'll say. "How long have I been idle?"

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There's always a place to turn

Paige Cram

It's a common misconception that, despite the vastness of this world with all its population density, each of us is alone in our journey through life. Joseph Conrad writes in, "Heart of Darkness," "We dream, as we live ... alone." I've been giving his words a lot of consideration in the past week and with all due respect to Mr. Conrad, I disagree.

We are most definitely not alone, and I don't mean that in the "there's life on other planets" sense. For all I know about science, there may be aliens out there, but we hardly need them when we're surrounded by billions of our own species. If you think about it that way, it's virtually impossible for any of us to ever be completely by ourselves.

The funny thing about us humans is that we are all amazingly self-centered. When something goes wrong in our lives, we immediately begin to think that our problems are unquestionably unique. Whether it's a death in the family, a best friend moving away, the end of a relationship or the loss of a pet, we often allow ourselves to believe that no one has ever experienced a pain like the one which we are experiencing. We honestly believe that no one else's suffering could be as severe. In reality, however, there is nothing that we can experience that is truly original. All of our stories, even the most tragic ones, have been lived out thousands of times before ... and yet, the world goes on.

It's very easy to feel alone in this world, which often seems to lack compassion, when you view yourself as the martyr in a world of people with perfect lives.

It's this dangerous belief of being isolated from the rest of "happy" society that gets people into trouble. It's very easy to feel alone in this world, which often seems to lack compassion, when you view yourself as the martyr in a world of people with perfect lives. We see only our own pain and neglect to consider the problems of others. When you start believing that no one could possibly understand, you run the risk of heading down a path from which there is no short-cut back.

Besides, the truth is that, everyone understands. When you start talking to people, friends, family, whoever, you realize that we are all human; we all feel the same emotions of love and joy, of loss and pain. And no matter what incredible cross you are trying bear alone, chances are that someone you know has already done it successfully. So do yourself a favor, admit that your problems are not so special because once you do that, the struggle to overcome them becomes much more of a fair fight.

The world that Conrad created may have granted him international fame, but a world where we can never be truly understood or connected to anyone is not one in which I would want to live. I much prefer to see the world as a place full of kindred spirits who are fighting their way through life, just like us. A place where you can always find a shoulder to cry on because everyone knows that they will someday need the favor returned.

This may sound idealistic to some of you, but take a look around. You'll see that my world is a much more accurate representation of reality. So when you find yourself falling into some of those potholes along the road of life, just remember that we are never alone. There are friends, family members and even strangers who are with us all along the way whether we realize it or not. And if you look close enough, you can probably see someone else's footprint in that exact same hole.

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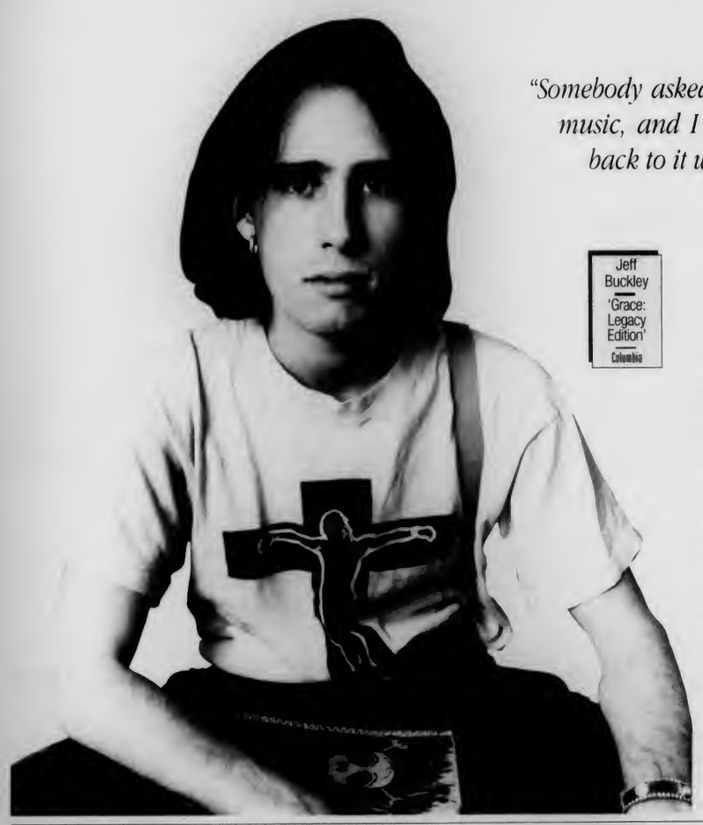
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Buckley achieves life after death with 'Grace: Legacy Edition'

"Somebody asked me what I wanted to do with music, and I just said I wanted just to give back to it what it has given me."

— Jeff Buckley



By Michael Busack
Collegian Staff

Touted as one of Rolling Stones Magazine's "500 Greatest Albums of All Time," the late Jeff Buckley's first album, "Grace," has been re-released to the delight of fans everywhere.

In spring of 1997, a 25-year-old Jeff Buckley went swimming with his friend Keith Foti at the Wolf River Marina in the Memphis Harbor shore. According to Foti, a towboat that had been passing caused a wash on the shore and Foti lost sight of Buckley. The body of Jeff Buckley was found and positively identified five days later. Ironically, Buckley's father famed folk musician Tim Buckley also passed away in the prime of his youth. Tim Buckley, however, succumbed to death after an overdose of heroin.

Three years before this tragic accident that claimed his life, Jeff Buckley, bassist Mick Grondahl, guitarist Michael Tighe, and drummer Matt Johnson, along with a host of other musicians recorded the studio E.P. "Grace." While the disc was released on the highly hyped Columbia Records, Buckley's first release did not initially reach a target audience; "Grace" did not go unrecognized. Buckley became popular in New York City. As a result of the NYC avant-garde club scene in the 1990's, he soon became a popular underground artist. Since then, the late musician has been considered by many as one of the most extraordinary musical talents of the present generation.

The full-length, full-band album, "Grace," was released in the United States on August 23, 1994. In April of 1995 the album was awarded France's Gran Prix International Du Disque, an honor that is given to recognized outstanding musical accomplishment. Journalists, producers, and the president of French Culture, among others decided upon the award. Past winners include Joni Mitchell, Bob Dylan, and Folk legend Joan Baez.

Though this would be the only LP release that Buckley would be able to witness, the legacy and success of the young artist would be left to his mother Mary Guibert. Luckily, Guibert has been able to help form five Jeff Buckley albums with archived recordings of her late son. Buckley's music has since been cited as a favorite of current successful artists like John Mayer, Radiohead and Coldplay.

Posthumously, the release of a double-CD entitled "Sketches For My Sweetheart the Drunk," was released on Columbia records in 1998. The album received massive critical acclaim and even was nominated for a Grammy Award in the Best Male Rock Vocal category.

Also since his death, Columbia

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Brits release second album

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who also plays guitar) mix acoustic strumming and emotive electric solos, managing to make both sound fresh. "Campaign of Hate" is Powell's shining moment; the song progressively builds up its tempo until the last 30 seconds, when Powell successfully chases down Doherty's galloping vocals.

The first single from "The Libertines," "Can't Stand Me Now," showcases the variety on the second album. The vocals have a slightly vaudevillian tinge (Doherty and Barat banter back and forth can't take you anywhere / wouldn't take you anywhere"), there's folksy harmonica, and Powell plays several solos on what seems to be a wooden block.

In addition to playing around with new instruments and techniques, the band manipulates the pacing of its songs differently on "The Libertines." While "Up the Bracket's" songs mostly hovered around the three minute mark, the Libertines experiment with shorter blasts of sound ("Arbeit Macht Frei" is 1:13) and longer songs with lots of relatively empty space ("Road To Ruin" is 4:21, two minutes of which have no vocals and are filled in with the other musicians' studio jam session).

Though the album sounds different than the Libertines' first, it's thematically similar. Continuing the tradition of "Up the Bracket," the Libertines show off the band's penchant for unexpected historical ("And the gate read: / Arbeit Macht Frei") and literary ("Well wouldn't it be nice to be Dorian Gray?") references. There are also sly digs at fellow members of their music scene: "Campaign of Hate" skewers "Poor kids dressing like they're rich (mods) / Rich kids dressing like they're poor (oh my god)."

The Libertines directly reference their debut at least twice. A line in "Don't Be Shy" jokes that "the bracket's higher now" and "The Man Who Would Be King" directly continues the story of "Tell It to the King" from "Up the Bracket." The two "King" songs share the same opening drum riff (a subtle hint at their connection) and a variation of the same first line ("I've got a little secret for ya" versus "Another secret for ya"), a not-so-subtle hint. The lyrics of both deal with the narrator's anxiety about being in charge and letting his life run out of control. Which brings us back to Doherty.

The Libertines examine what it means to fall down so far that eventually the only place left on the map left to explore is up. In pure yo-yo fashion, springing from the chaos of their past, they turn out a new work superior, albeit connected at its seams, to the original. Without the fleeting moments of insanity, the CD wouldn't sound like the scrappy British band fans have come to love. But it's the album's sophisticated development that catapults the Libertines past the hype they never got the first time around.



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Despite drug addiction and trouble with the law, the Libertines have managed to recieve positive reviews of their self-titled release.

Grace remains in 'The Legacy Edition' release

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has released "Mystery White Boy – Live '95-'96," "Live at L'Olympia," "The Grace EPs," and "Songs to No One: '91-'92."

As for the success of "Grace," even Jeff Buckley himself could not have predicted the success of his first full-length endeavor. The album has sold over two million copies to date and has been certified Gold in the United States.

In order to pay tribute to Buckley, and honor the 10-year anniversary of the "Grace" album, Steve Berkowitz of Legacy Recordings A&R and Mary Guibert have produced the special reissuing of the album and added materials. The set includes the original album, additional unreleased tracks, and a DVD biography of the making of the album and the life of the artist.

The "Grace: Legacy Edition," disc is the first digitally remastered version of the disc since it's release. The album includes such Buckley staples as "Last Goodbye," "Lilac Wine," and the often-covered "Lover, You Should've Come Over." The new sound on the disc does not stray from the original, but it does offer a crisper version of the album.

The second of the three discs includes thirteen tracks compiled from some of Buckley's more rare studio performances, including extras from the original "Grace" recording sessions that took place in Bearsville Studios in Woodstock, New York.

The disc includes versions of Hank William's "Lost Highway," Bob Dylan's "Mama, You Been on My Mind," and even a version of his own tune, "Dream Brother" with alternate lyrics than what appeared on the initial release of "Grace." The ability to listen to Buckley share some of his affection for the music he loves is almost as remarkable as being able to hear the artist in the midst of his creative process. The hardcore Jeff Buckley fan will be impressed.

Also included on the second disc is a blues medly that Buckley plays with an acoustic guitar, and also a cover of the equally blues infused Nina Simone song, "The Other Woman." Buckley seemed to garner the ability to attack various musical genres in his career; these tunes demonstrate his natural brilliance and versatility in performance.

The third disc of the collection is a DVD produced by independent producer/director Ernie Fritz. This may possibly be the most remarkable addition to this collection. The DVD chronicles the life and career of one of the 1990's most intriguing artists. It weaves interviews, live performances, in-studio video recordings, and even four promotional music videos that were recorded to help support the release of "Grace."

The personal interviews with Buckley provide the most interesting look in to his creative ideals. He explained his passion for the art form and not the business and what plans he had for his music.

"What do I want people to get from the music? Whatever they want, you know. Whatever you like," he said.

Buckley also noted in the interview that music grabbed his attention at a very early age. He was intrigued by the creation of music early on in life, and had not been able to let go since.

"I was captured by music at an early age, " Buckley said. "It was my mother. It was my father. It was my plaything, my toy. It was the best thing in my life."

Buckley is both stirring and emotional in his description of his musical influences. His words on the subject leave the viewer with an understanding of what made Jeff Buckley tick. One gets the feeling that even if he had lived a thousand years, Jeff Buckley would have only had one love: music.

"Somebody asked me what I wanted to do with music, and I just said I wanted just to give back to it what it has given me, and to meet all the other people who are doing it … just to be in the world really."

As the film draws to an end, a performance of Buckley's, "Last Goodbye" graces the screen. While initially the song and rendition seem to be a bit of an eerie foreshadowing of his death and maybe a cheap and easy way to end the movie, the filmmakers made the correct decision to not end the movie there. Another scene where Buckley is very much alive and active ends the film, inferring that even in death, the life and art of Jeff Buckley will continue on.



This year marked the 10 year anniversary of the initial release of Jeff Buckley's "Grace."

Grayson's 'Mindful Loving' a bestseller

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to what's in front of you."

The Center for Mindfulness at the University of Massachusetts Medical School uses many techniques to teach mindfulness. One exercise involves taking 20 minutes to eat two raisins. Participants notice how the raisins look and smell. They feel the texture. And finally, they taste.

Mindfulness isn't alternative medicine, but complements traditional medicine, said Saki Santorelli, the center's director.

"This approach which used mindfulness was pretty radical when the program started," he said. "But we showed the medical community that it wasn't taking advantage of its greatest ally – the patients themselves.

The link to Buddhism isn't emphasized, he said.

"People who come to our clinic don't care about Buddhism or any -ism," he said. "They're suffering and want relief. Mindfulness helps them tap inner resources."

But some in the medical community say more scientific studies are needed to evaluate the benefits of mindfulness.

"Given the potential benefits and increasing popularity of mindfulness training, it seems critically important," Ruth Baer of the University of Kentucky's psychology department, wrote last year in a scholarly paper.

Being disciplined about meditating is the hardest challenge, many people say.

At the Maria Kannon Zen Center in Dallas, people gather every day to meditate. Executive Director Helen Cortes said 200 students may pass through in a year, but only a few will stick with it.

"Not everybody likes sitting still for 25 minutes or an hour," she said. "But there are other choices. People need to follow their own temperament to develop mindfulness."

She said sweeping the floor, mowing the lawn, washing dishes and even cleaning toilets can serve as mindfulness meditations.

"We remind people you wash dishes not in order to get them clean, but rather to simply wash the dishes," she said. "You feel the water, smell the soap, be aware of your body when you put the dishes away."

Scholars say concepts similar to mindfulness are found in other religions – the daily cycle of prayers said by Christian monks, Orthodox Jews and MuslimThese observances are ways of paying attention to the presence of God in all things.

The Rev. Frederick Schmidt of the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University said there's a vast difference between those who embrace mindfulness for spiritual reasons and those who don't.

"Meeting God is an entirely different proposition than managing my stress," he said.

Stuard, the former Buddhist monk, says mindfulness meditation goes hand in hand with his Christian faith.

"In Christian language, we see it as valuing every moment as sacrament," he said. "For Buddhists, mindfulness is the miracle of the present moment."





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In his new book "Mindful Loving," Dr. Henry Grayson stresses the importance of breath. "Your breath draws you into the here and now," he says.

'Mindful Loving' author suggests living consciously

By Susan Hogan/Albach
The Dallas Morning News

Psychologist Henry Grayson says his book, "Mindful Loving," might not have been a bestseller if his publisher had stuck to a title he'd suggested: "The New Physics of Love."

Three months ago, Body & Soul magazine added the phrase, "The Natural Guide to Mindful Living" to its cover. Mindfulness – living consciously in the moment – has become "just that significant" in American culture, said editor-in-chief Seth Bauer.

Mindfulness books and tapes are frequent bestsellers. Mindfulness training is a staple at seminars, retreats and spas. Hospitals and psychologists are teaching mindfulness as a means to handle everything from chronic illness and addiction to stress and depression.

Even corporate America is on board. Some businesses now offer mindfulness workshops to improve concentration, employee relations and ethics. Last year, Spirituality & Health magazine featured an article titled, "Lessons from Mindful Corporations."

Experts say mindfulness is cultivated. The most common way is by sitting in quiet meditation and observing one's breath. Some people count breaths as they inhale and exhale. Others follow the rising and falling of the breath, or some other variation.

"The point of mindfulness meditation is not to zone out but to tune in," Stuard said.

The challenge comes when the mind drifts. Each time that happens, people are told to take notice, then return to their breath without judging their thoughts and emotions as good or bad.

"Your breath draws you into the here and now," said Dr. Grayson, the Mindful Loving author. "People are realizing that they spend so much of their lives worrying about the past or thinking about the future that they miss out on the present."

The point is to bring awareness to all aspects of life.

Whether practiced for spiritual, health or other reasons, mindfulness is all about conscious living. (If you've ever mindlessly stuffed yourself while watching TV, you know something about unconscious living.)

Mindfulness is integral to Buddhism, an ancient religion that has enjoyed waves of popularity in America.

In the 1960s, the influence of the Beat writers, such as Allen Ginsberg, became widespread.

The 1970s celebrated Robert Pirsig's "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance."

In the 1990s, Hollywood stepped forward with "Kundun and Seven Years in Tibet."

And now, whenever the Dalai Lama visits, crowds befitting a rock star greet him.

Many say the seeds for the current mindfulness craze were largely planted by the 1975 book, "The Miracle of Mindfulness" by Thich Nhat Hanh, a Vietnamese Buddhist monk once nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize by Martin Luther King Jr.

"Mindfulness is the miracle by which we master and restore ourselves," wrote the monk, who lives in France.

For Buddhists, mindfulness is embedded in ethics and compassion.

"It's not just for ourselves, but for making the world a better place," Salzberg said.

Michael Sauvante shares that philosophy, though he isn't a Buddhist. He's the chief executive of Rolltronics, a Menlo Park, Calif., company identified as "mindful" by Spirituality & Health.

The corporation creates technology for flat panel monitors and other products.

In spiritual circles, mindfulness is a path to inner awakening. In the medical community, it's seen as a path to better health.



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Psychologist Henry Grayson's new book "Mindful Loving" has become a national bestseller.

More than 200 U.S. hospitals and clinics use mindfulness training to promote mental and physical health.

Austin family physician Paul Keinarth, on the verge of burnout, turned to mindfulness meditation four years ago. Racing thoughts, worries and stress plagued him. He had difficulty sleeping. He was emotionally distant from his family.

"The change has been dramatic," said Keinarth, who now teaches mindfulness courses. "I'm living my own life as it unfolds now instead of living a lot of stories about what happened to me or to other people. My relationships to my family and to my patients have vastly improved."

Dr. James Ruiz, a radiologist from Baton Rouge, La., said his interest in mindfulness began when his 6-year-old son was an infant. When the baby would cry in the middle of the night, he would hold him while doing a walking mindfulness meditation.

Mindfulness has changed the way he parents, he said.

"Being up in the middle of the night with a child in distress is not what drives you to madness," he said. "What drives you crazy is that you want to be back in bed. Mindfulness is letting go of that, accepting the reality and attending

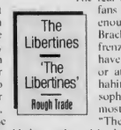
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Libertines persevere

By Blair Rainsford
Tufts Daily

The Libertines' debut, "Up the Bracket," was released in 2002 at the tail-end of the "garage rock" phenomenon that blew up in the music press.

Maybe they weren't good looking enough (compared to the Strokes), or maybe they weren't kitschy enough (like the Hives), or maybe they were too good at playing their instruments (the Vines), but somehow the Libertines managed to avoid the deluge of hype (at least in the United States) that so many of their peers experienced.



Whatever the reason, most rock fans know at least two things about the Libertines by now: that former Clash founding member Mick Jones produces them and that lead singer Pete Doherty has had "difficulties" with the police. He was addicted to heroin and crack-cocaine and has been arrested for, among other things, carrying a switchblade and robbing bandmate Carl Bart's apartment.

It is hard to review the Libertines' new album (pulling a Weezer Green-Album-type stunt, they named their second CD "The Libertines") without mentioning drugs. Talking about Pete Doherty without talking about addiction is like trying to ignore the elephant in the room: the unintelligibly British, crack-smoking elephant.

The real Libertine addicts fans who couldn't get enough of "Up the Bracket"'s manic punk frenzy – are going to have to find a new drug, or at least adjust their habits for this self-titled sophomore effort. The most striking feature of "The Libertines" is what it's lacking: the unrestrained wildness of its first album.

Gone is Doherty's animalistic wail at the beginning of "Up the Bracket." In its place is the playful opening to "What Katie Did" ("shoop shoop, shoop de-lang de-lang"): perhaps an updated version of the Chiffons' "He's So Fine."

As Doherty switches into '60s pop mode, Barat (guitar and vocals), John Hassall (bass), and Gary Powell (drums) follow his lead and readjust accordingly. On "Music When the Lights Go Out," a slow ballad, Hassall and Powell (and probably Doherty,

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Hamilton to keep gold medal

By Stephen Wilson
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Assisted by a laboratory's big blunder, Tyler Hamilton will be allowed to keep his Olympic cycling gold medal.

The International Olympic Committee dropped its investigation Thursday into a blood test from the Summer Games that showed Hamilton used a transfusion to boost his endurance. The decision was made only because the Athens lab mistakenly put his backup sample in a deep freeze — not because the IOC believes he was clean.

Hamilton, who declared he is "100 percent innocent," tested positive for blood doping on Aug. 14, after his time-trial victory. The finding, however, could not be confirmed because there were not enough intact red blood cells in the second sample, the IOC said.

An athlete is considered guilty of doping only when both samples from a drug test come back positive.

The last American to lose an Olympic gold medal for a drug violation was Jerome Young of the 1,600-meter relay team in 2000. He tested positive for the steroid nandrolone in 1999 and was stripped of his gold medal from the team, which included Michael Johnson.

Asked whether Hamilton had slipped through the net, IOC medical commission chairman Arne Ljungqvist said, "It's up to everyone to draw his own conclusions on that."

Although Hamilton's gold medal is safe, he is not completely in the clear.

Both blood samples taken from Hamilton at the Spanish Vuelta on Sept. 11 came back positive, his Swiss racing team Phonak said.

The tests allegedly showed evidence of a transfusion with blood from another person. Blood transfusions can boost endurance by pumping oxygen-rich red blood cells to the muscles.

It's up to the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency and the International Cycling Union to decide whether to take action against Hamilton for the positive tests in Spain. If found guilty of blood doping, the 33-year-old cyclist could face a two-year ban from the sport.

Cycling spokesman Enrico Carpani said the federation would not comment until USADA had dealt with the case. The U.S. body, which handles cases involving American athletes, has 30 days to deliver its findings to the cycling federation, he said.

"This is a matter still being reviewed. As such, we're not in a position to comment," U.S. Olympic Committee spokesman Darryl Seibel said Thursday. "We understand that if it is going to be adjudicated, it will be adjudicated by USADA (U.S. Anti-Doping Agency)."

Phonak plans to investigate the accuracy of the new tests.

"Since the new method is an effort based on probability and interpretation ... measurements, uncertainties will remain in this examination and procedure in any case," the team said.

Phonak said Hamilton is suspended from racing but remains on the team, pending the review. Hamilton, a former teammate of Lance Armstrong, could not be reached for comment after the IOC announcement. But earlier, in a statement on the Phonak Web site, he said, "I am sure that the gold medal that I worked so hard for will stay in my hands.

"I guarantee that I represented the United States of America as an honest, clean and proud athlete."

Hamilton said he would support the team's inquiry to "prove my innocence."

"I am confident that its result will bring me back to cycling soon so I can pursue my dream of winning the Tour de France," he said.

The IOC said it was informed Aug. 22 by the drug lab in Athens that Hamilton's blood sample produced a "suspicious result." A group of experts studied the case and concluded Sept. 16 that the sample was positive.

The IOC set up a disciplinary panel to deal with the matter. But the IOC was informed Wednesday that Hamilton's backup sample was "nonconclusive" and the panel dismissed the case.

UMass in must-win situation

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in that span will be on October 2 against cross-state foe Boston College, its only Division I-A opponent on the schedule this season. That could potentially be UMass' third loss in a row in the middle of the season, and the Minutemen would likely need to win out in the rest of their schedule to gain a birth in the postseason.

They were able to qualify for the playoffs last season with a 10-2 regular season record. With the Division I-AA playoff system qualifications being as complicated as they are, UMass can ill afford to drop their third game so early in the year.

After Boston College, the Maroon and White will travel to Virginia to take on James Madison which was just added to the Sports Network Top 25 poll for the first time since 2002.

On October 16, the Minutemen will travel to Durham to take on New Hampshire, a program that knocked off Delaware in the first week of the regular season when the Hens were still ranked No. 1 in the country.

To prove they weren't a one-hit-wonder, the Wildcats defeated Division I-A opponent Rutgers in their second game of the season. Freshman quarterback Ricky Santos was named I-AA Offensive Player of the Week by The Sports Network thanks to his huge performance in UNH's comeback win over Rutgers.

After traveling to Rhode Island to wrap up their road trip, the Minutemen will return to McGuirk to take on Maine, who was picked to win the A-10 North Division. The Black Bears have already beaten SEC power Mississippi State but is untested in conference play to this point.

Following Maine, UMass has its most interesting opponent on the schedule with a road game at Northeastern. Massachusetts coach Don Brown left the Huskies in February to become head coach of the Minutemen, and he was forced to watch the first three games this season from the press box as a penalty due to contract violations.

As showcased, UMass' remaining schedule proves to be very tough, and last week's slipup against Richmond puts the Minutemen at an extremely pivotal point in the year already. Tomorrow's game could point UMass in one of two directions as they continue with their season.

A win would give them a sweep of the two teams that played for the championship last season and propel them into a game against Boston College.

A loss tomorrow could start a freefall towards the bottom of the Atlantic 10 before October even comes around.

It's time to play ball.

UM XC teams travel to 'Cuse

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be looking for another strong showing from Derosa and expects the team to perform well against the challenges that they will encounter against Syracuse. Last year's Orange County Classic was won by Binghamton University, who will not be attending this years meet.

The UMass men's cross-country team will also be competing in the Syracuse Big Orange Invitational against Syracuse, SUNY-Binghamton, and Niagara University. Last year was the first time that the Minutemen competed in this meet, and they placed second to Syracuse.

"Syracuse is a step above us," coach Ken O'Brien said. "They are a solid team that finishes between fifth and seventh in the Big East. They will be a challenge again this year as eleven of their top twelve runners returned."

O'Brien seemed focused on reversing last year's outcome at this week's event.

"We need to take our lessons from last week's race and enter the meet on Saturday with the intent to win. We need to step it up a notch," O'Brien said.

O'Brien's hopes are not unfounded.

"Last Saturday the team competed very well and ran with confidence. The times were as good as or faster than last year which is especially encouraging considering the adverse conditions," O'Brien said.

"I anticipate ups and downs in individual performances throughout the next few weeks, but hopefully as we build our consistency, we can continue our success," O'Brien said.

Green honors faith over sports

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made Greenberg a model for second-generation Jews struggling with similar issues at work.

Green, who sat out on Yom Kipper three years ago and ended a streak of 415 consecutive games played, is making an impact even as he considers doing it again in a more crucial situation for his team.

"In some ways it's a contribution not only to the American Jewish community but to America to have the spotlight on someone who is publicly responding to a question of his religious obligation," Abramowitz said. "That in itself is a gift for us all."

Green has 27 homers this season and is the most accomplished of 10 active Jewish players. He was among the 143 ballplayers honored at the Hall of Fame celebration. Another, former Oakland pitcher Ken Holtzman, told of his refusal to dress for a game on Yom Kippur in the 1973 playoffs against Baltimore.

He was surprised when a limousine arrived at his Baltimore hotel on Yom Kippur morning to whisk him to a synagogue, where he was escorted to the front row and welcomed by Orioles owner Jerry Hoffberger.

Holtzman must have found some blessings because he won the next game 2-1 with a three-hitter over 11 innings.

Ron Blomberg, who won trivia fame by becoming the first designated hitter, was also among the Jewish players celebrated by the Hall. In 1971 at Yankee Stadium against Cleveland, he, too, chose to sit out on Yom Kippur and became known as "the Sundown Kid."

"It was ... nearing sundown at home, tie game, two outs in the bottom of the ninth with a man on third base," Blomberg told the Long Island Press. "I'm up. If I don't do it, we go past sundown, and if we go past sundown, I'm going to have to leave. I hit a single to center field and we won the game. From that day on I was idolized by every Jew in the city."

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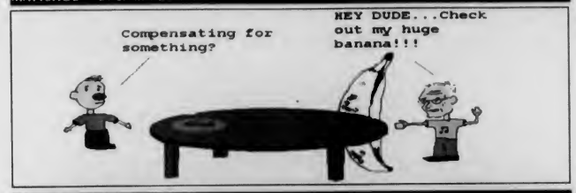
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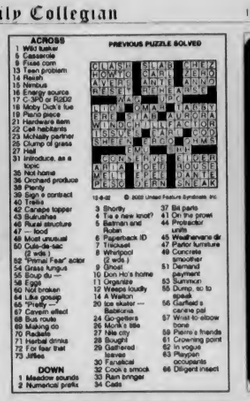
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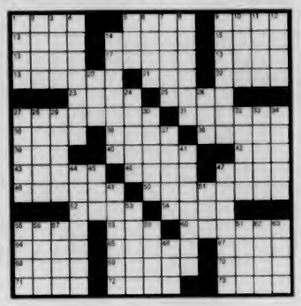


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New England showdowns

Minutewomen look to continue winning ways against No. 6 UConn and Vermont this weekend

By Dave Quinn
Collegian Correspondent

One of the biggest themes around this Saturday's Massachusetts women's field hockey game is streaks. The Minutewomen snapped a six game losing streak last Sunday with a 1-0 victory over Maine. Continuing their winning ways will be no easy feat as the No. 6 Connecticut Huskies (9-0) come to Amherst riding a nine-game winning streak of their own.

"Connecticut is strong. They're physical, they can hit the ball, they're skilled and they play with a lot of confidence," coach Patty Shea said.

The Huskies have good reason to be confident. On the defensive end, the Huskies have been stellar, allowing just four goals in their nine games this season and have shut out their opponents five times.

As good as the Connecticut defense has been, they have been as strong offensively, posting 37 goals so far this season. Even more remarkable is that 11 different Huskies have already posted goals in the 2004 campaign.

"They're all good," Shea said about the UConn offense. "Their skills are good, they can all hit the ball, they're strong and they're athletic. One of the critical things is at any time any one of them can come on to the field and do the job. Their frontline and midfield know how to score goals. They know how to put the ball in, and they can finish the one-on-ones. So they're all very dangerous."

While the Husky offense is very talented, senior forward Lauren Henderson is without question the focal point of the Connecticut offense. Henderson has 13 goals this season and will enter Saturday's game just one shy of tying UConn's all time record.

"Lauren Henderson is very dangerous when it comes to the corners," Shea stated. "She's the playmaker for them. She sets up a lot of things."

Coach Shea stressed two keys for a UMass victory. The first lies in the Massachusetts defense.

"Our defensive unit is very, very strong. I know we match up pretty well in regards to team speed. We have great athletes on our team as well. Defensively, we have a very strong opportunity to stop them because we play very well as a defensive unit," the UMass coach said.

In order for the Minutewomen to pull off the upset, they will need to remain patient on offense and move the ball down the field with precise ball control.

"We need to be patient to find the space around the Connecticut defenders to move around the field," Shea said. "You have to be patient to get it to their goal. You can't just go straight, straight straight, you have to work it down the field to get it to their goal. We need to connect on a few more passes, and that will be the tell all. Our forward line needs to step up their game a little bit."

One thing is certain; UConn's ranking will not intimidate the Minutewomen. UMass has faced more than its fair share of ranked opponents including No. 2 Maryland, No. 12 Boston College, No. 13 American and No. 16 Harvard. Coach Shea stressed the team's focus was not the rankings, or what is on paper but on executing on the field.

On Sunday, Massachusetts will square off against the Vermont Catamounts. UVM has lost eight of their last nine games, including a 4-0 loss to Connecticut.

Both games will be played at Garber Field.



MATTHEW BRIGHTMAN

Patricia Bornea swats a ball in a game against Maine. The Minutewomen will take on No. 6 UConn and UVM this weekend.



MATTHEW BRIGHTMAN/COLLEGIAN

UMass quarterback Tim Days gets ready to fire a pass downfield in a game last week against Richmond. Day and the Minutemen will host Atlantic 10 rival Delaware tomorrow at McGuirk Stadium at 1 p.m.

Green keeps faith

By Steve Wilstein
Associated Press

Shawn Green is anguishing over the same conflict that confronted Hall of Famers Sandy Koufax and Hank Greenberg.

The game or the synagogue? A pennant race or prayers?

In Green's case, he's torn about missing two critical games for the Los Angeles Dodgers against the San Francisco Giants. The games will take place on the holiest of Jewish High Holy Days, Yom Kippur, which begins sundown on Friday and lasts until sundown on Saturday.

Should he play one game and abstain from the other, seeking a compromise in his commitments to his team and his faith? Should he play both games or attend services, fast and refrain from work in solemn observance of the Day of Atonement?

Will he be criticized one way or another? No doubt, but he has to answer only to himself.

"It's a really tough deal," Green said Wednesday night before the Dodgers lost to San Diego 4-0 and saw their NL West lead over San Francisco shrink to a half-game.

"I've bounced back and forth and am just trying to do the right thing. It's hard to know what that is. I've really been toying with two different options: Play one of them or not play at all. I will miss at least one game."

To play or not to play on Yom Kippur is a personal decision for a Jewish ballplayer that can have a larger impact.

"It strikes a chord with each one of us who has to wonder, 'What do I do in this situation? Do I go to work? Am I going to observe my faith in a very visible way? Or do I just go with the flow?'" said Rabbi David Fine, Pacific Northwest regional director for the Union for Reform Judaism.

Koufax and Greenberg won the everlasting affection of American Jews, and the respect of many non-Jews, by observing Yom Kippur rather than playing in big games – Koufax in the 1965 World Series as pitching ace of the Dodgers, Greenberg in the 1934 pennant race as the home run slugger for the Detroit Tigers.

"It's not quite a profile in courage, but it's still a courageous stand," said Fine, who grew up in Detroit hearing about Greenberg long after the last of his 331 home runs and his 58 in 1938. "It's when baseball players really become heroes in the eyes of those of us who watch them. It's when they go beyond good players to being real examples and role models."

Koufax attended synagogue in Minnesota instead of pitching in Game 1 of the '65 Series against the Twins. Don Drysdale pitched that day and gave up seven runs in 2 2-3 innings. When manager Walter Alston came out to pull him from the game, Drysdale cracked, "I bet right now you wish I was Jewish, too."

Greenberg wrestled with whether to play on Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year. He spoke to his rabbi about it, got a dispensation to play, and hit two homers that day. The Detroit Free Press ran a banner headline, in Hebrew, that read: "Happy New Year, Hank."

On Yom Kippur, the pennant not quite clinched, Greenberg sat. "Greenberg's decision electrified the American Jewish community, and generations of people remember that with incredible pride," said Martin Abramowitz, who recently helped the Hall of Fame organize "A celebration of Jews in baseball."

The world has changed in 70 years – Green doesn't have to face the same anti-Semitism that Greenberg did. But the issues are the same and it's still a matter of a man examining his principles and conscience.

"Greenberg's choice (was) how to balance loyalty to parents, religion, and tradition with commitment to his American profession and his desire to fully participate in American life," historian Peter Levine wrote.

Sitting out on Yom Kippur

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High stakes on the line vs. Delaware

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

It seems to be a little early in the season for the Massachusetts football team (2-1, 0-1 Atlantic 10) to be in a must-win situation, but that is the dilemma that the Minutemen have found themselves in as they are set to take on the Delaware Fightin' Blue Hens tomorrow at McGuirk Stadium.

UMass lost to Richmond at McGuirk last Saturday in a game the Minutemen clearly expected to win. Fresh off of taking care of some unsettled business in a victory over Colgate the week before, UMass may have come out a little too confident in the Richmond game, and it cost them an early season loss to a conference opponent.

With the Atlantic 10 being so strong from top to bottom this year (seven teams are nationally ranked this week), holding serve at home becomes that much more crucial, especially with UMass, ranked No. 9 at the time, so heavily favored against an unranked Richmond squad.

It may have also been a tough game for the Minutemen to get up for, since the schedule had Richmond sandwiched in between both teams that played in last season's Division I-AA national championship.

So this week, with the defending champs coming to Amherst, UMass faces a huge task in order not to fall to 0-2 in conference. The Minutemen will also be looking to avenge last season's 51-45 triple-overtime loss to the Fightin' Blue Hens down in Delaware.

If the Minutemen aren't able to outlast Delaware, they will fall to 2-2 with an even more daunting task ahead of them as they head out on the road for four consecutive weeks.

Massachusetts' first road game

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UMass cross-country heads to Syracuse

By Eric Athas and Martha Powers
Collegian Correspondents

Pouring rain may cause some to stay indoors, but it did not slow down the Massachusetts women's cross-country team last Saturday. Led by freshman standout Christina Derosa, the team won the UMass Invitational in rough weather conditions.

"I was pleased with the girls' performance considering the weather," coach Julie Lafreniere said. "They ran with a lot of heart and courage, and I am proud of them for that."

Derosa, who placed first, overall, finishing the 3-mile course with a time of 18:12, anchored the win. Not far behind came Cuisle Kierans (18:30), who was second among UMass runners. Amanda Dahlberg (18:35) and Alexis Anzelone (18:38), who were third and fourth, respectively.

Tricia Silva (19:09), Kara Gilette (19:10) and Ashley Davidson (19:13) crossed the line within seconds of each other, making seven of the top 13 runners from UMass.

Like the rain a week ago, tomorrow the team faces yet another natural challenge at the Orange Cross County Classic at Drumlins Golf Course in Syracuse. The terrain there is hilly, and the climate tends to bring with it harsh winds. However, Lafreniere is confident that the challenging course will not get the better of the girls.

"Last year, there was a lot of wind, and I'd rate the course as very challenging. But I don't think it will beat up our runners," Lafreniere said. "We are really going to have to perform, not only because of the course, but also because Syracuse is a really strong program."

While other schools will be attending the meet, it is Syracuse that is expected to give UMass the most trouble. Lafreniere will

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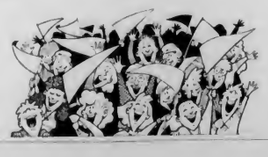
UMass Weekend Schedule

Saturday, September 25

Sport	Opp./Event	Time
Football	vs. Delaware	1:00 p.m.
Softball	at UConn	10:30 a.m.
Softball	vs. Boston College	12:15 p.m.
Men's Cross Country	at Orange Classic in Syracuse	10:00 a.m.
Women's Cross Country	at Orange Classic in Syracuse	11:00 a.m.
Field Hockey	vs. No. 6 UConn	1:00 p.m.
Women's Lacrosse	Alumni game	6:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 26

Sport	Opp./Event	Time
Baseball	at Vermont	12:00 p.m.
Softball	vs. LIU in Storrs,	12:15 p.m.
Softball	vs. Boston College in Storrs	4:00 p.m.
Field Hockey	vs. Vermont	1:00 p.m.



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Higgins, SGA under fire

Photos of speaker and other representatives cause furor

By Erika Lovley & Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

University of Massachusetts officials are investigating photographs taken of nine UMass student representatives drinking alcohol in the Student Center for Educational Research and Advocacy office and making references to the Ku Klux Klan.

The pictures, posted on the website of SCERA Student Coordinator Brian Roberts, were first revealed to an unspecified member of the ALANA (African Latino Asian/Pacific Islander and Native American) Caucus Friday evening.

The photos were taken on March 29, the same day Speaker of the Student Government Association Patrick Higgins — then the Chairman of Ways and Means Committee — lost the presidential election to Eduardo Bustamante.

The photos show senators, SGA and SCERA members drinking alcoholic beverages and playing card games in the SCERA offices, as well as a caricature drawn on a dry erase board fashioned to resemble Higgins. The figure holds a burning cross, wears a pointed hat, a cape and a shirt that reads "Grand Wizard". Above, the words "I love ALANA" float in a word bubble.

According to Brian Roberts, the photos were allegedly removed from the Internet last July. However, once ALANA members discovered the pictures Friday evening, copies began circulating by email throughout the UMass administration, faculty and student body.

In a phone interview with the Massachusetts Daily Collegian, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Michael Gargano said he has already launched a full investigation involving the Deans Office, as well as University police.

"That [SCERA] office is to be used for University official business and student business," he said. "I don't see anywhere in the bylaws were its to be used to have a party."

Before meeting with his cabinet yesterday afternoon, Gargano said that as a senior University administrator, he found the photos disturbing and disgusting, and caused him to question the functionality of the SCERA office.

Gargano said he has noticed a continuing pattern of disturbing acts on campus — the defacing and destruction of a Holocaust memorial last year when students threw flags into the Campus Pond, and the recent vandalism of the Metawampe Native American statue that sits on the Metawampe Lawn by the Campus Pond.

"There's a lot more at play that actually lead to whatever happened in that room," he said. "My hunch is that there are other photos out there floating."

Gargano said that an investigation and reevaluations of all the student agencies might be in the future.

"We have to take a step back and rethink all these agencies," he said. "They were originally formed with a certain mission, and we need to see how close we still are to that mission."

Higgins apologized for his behavior in the disturbing photographs posted online during a phone interview with The Massachusetts Daily Collegian.

Higgins, who was notified late Friday evening about the publicity of the photographs, said he is ready to take full responsibility.

"I was being accused of being a racist last year," he said, "and that night we were making a joke about it — that I am not in any way

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A panel of speakers fields questions and comments from concerned students about issues of racism on campus yesterday. The meeting was held in the Malcolm X Community Center in Southwest to discuss the surfacing of incriminating photos of nine SGA members, including Speaker Patrick Higgins.



SGA Speaker Patrick Higgins, right, and SCERA member Tim Daly pose in front of a drawing depicting Higgins as a Ku Klux Klan Grand Wizard.



Daly, Higgins, and former SGA senator Adrienne Girard in the SCERA office in March, the night before the 2004 presidential election was thrown out.

STUDENTS APPEARING IN THE PHOTOGRAPHS:

PATRICK HIGGINS: SGA Speaker and SCERA Board member
BRIAN ROBERTS: SCERA Student Coordinator, Senate Nominee
TIM DALY: SCERA member and previous Trustee candidate
MICHAEL SHERIDAN: SCERA member, SGA Senate Nominee
SEAMUS BRENNAN: SGA Associate Speaker, former SGA Senator
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LINDSAY HIGGINS: SGA Senator and SGA Senate Nominee
DEIRDRA FEELEY: SGA Senator and SGA Senate Nominee
STACY CANEPARI: SCERA member and OHAG member

Sunderland blaze determined to be arson



An early morning blaze burns near the Dove's Nest Restaurant in Sunderland on Saturday. Fire officials have ruled that the fire was intentionally set. No injuries were reported.

By Erin Whitney
Collegian Correspondent

SUNDERLAND — Firefighters battled a fire intentionally set a few feet from a restaurant's propane tank on Saturday morning, narrowly preventing an explosion in the Sunderland Shopping Center.

Residents of Squire Village, located just behind the plaza, reported hearing a small explosion from the direction of the Sunderland Shopping Center just before 2 a.m. on Saturday.

"It woke me out of my sleep," said one bystander. "My god, at least they got it under control."

The Sunderland Fire Department arrived on scene at just after 2 a.m., and the Deerfield Fire Department followed shortly afterwards.

The fire had started in a wooden shed, which was used as storage space by the Dove's Nest eatery. The shed was about five feet away from a propane tank used by the restaurant's kitchen. Firefighters extinguished the blaze before the tank exploded, but scans with a thermal imager showed the tank as dangerously overheated.

The rear corner of the central building in the complex also started to smolder in the heat of the fire. Firefighters carefully checked the wood-roofed building, which had no firewalls to ensure that the fire had not spread further.

The central building, which contains seven local businesses, was relatively undamaged; the storage shed, which held financial records and register receipts for the Dove's Nest, is a complete loss. Only the blackened, collapsed skeleton of the building remains.

The Dove's Nest was closed on Saturday while the fire department ensured that the building was safe, but reopened for business on Sunday.

The fire has been ruled arson and has been confirmed as the cause of the shopping center blaze, according to Sunderland Fire Chief Robert Ahearn. "It definitely didn't start on its own," Ahearn said.

Another fire also started simultaneously behind Apartment 7 in Squire Village.

These fires are the latest in a series of arson fires that began over the summer in Sunderland. The fire department is offering a reward through the State Fire Marshall's office for information on the arsonist.

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Candidate Update 2004: 35 days and counting

Bush talks to UN, Kerry lays out his plan for terrorism

By Gabriel Dye
Collegian Staff

Last week, President Bush spoke to the United Nations General Assembly in his Fourth Annual Address, according to the New York Times.

Without mention of casualties or increasing setbacks, he defended the war in Iraq and assured that "the people of Iraq have regained sovereignty."

At the same time, he called for greater U.N. support.

"The U.N. and its member nations must ... do more to help build an Iraq that is secure, democratic, federal and free," Bush said. The Assembly remained silent throughout the speech, but politely applauded at the end.

Later in that week, Prime Minister Ayad Allawi of Iraq visited Washington. He stood next to Bush in the White House Rose Garden and echoed the President's position on the current situation. Both Bush and Allawi stressed that Iraq will hold free elections in January.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld commented that due to persistent violence, Iraqi elections might be limited to certain areas.

"Let's say you tried to have an election, and you could have it in three-quarters or four-fifths of the country, but some places you couldn't because the violence was too great, well, that's so be it," said Rumsfeld.

Both Bush and Allawi granted that the elections "may not be perfect."

"You can understand it's tough and still be optimistic," Bush said.

While Bush continues to describe Iraq as a success, often refraining from comments on set backs and violence, Democratic nominee John Kerry presents a view of an Iraq in desperate need of help, torn by bombings and beheadings. He claims that Bush is "living in a fantasy world of spin."

Kerry said that as President, he would focus on the war on terror.

"The invasion of Iraq was a profound diversion from the battle against our greatest enemy — al-Qaeda," Kerry said last week. "Iraq is now what it was not before the war — a haven for terrorists."

On Friday, Kerry presented his most detailed plan-to-date on fighting terrorism.

According to Kerry's official website (www.JohnKerry.com), the seven-point proposal includes plans to "deny terrorists the weapons they seek by securing nuclear materials worldwide," "cut off terrorist finances and... make homeland security a real priority," and to "prevent terrorists from poisoning more minds."

As both candidates present opposing views and opinions on the dominant theme of the 2004 election — Iraq — the public will have a chance this Thursday to see them debate foreign policy side by side.

Finally, after weeks of disagreements, Kerry and Bush lawyers have agreed to a contract detailing three 90-minute debates. The contract outlines that the two candidates may not speak directly to each other, that they may not move from behind their respective podiums, and other stipulations including placement of warning lights when a candidate has exceeded his response time limit.

The first debate, which will focus on foreign policy and domestic security, is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 30 and will be aired from the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida.



President Bush speaks at a recent White House press conference.



Sen. John Kerry delivers a speech on Iraq and U.S. foreign policy at New York University in New York on September 20.

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Key Iraqi commander arrested on having ties to insurgents

By Fisnik Abrashi
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Two car bombs wounded American and Iraqi troops west of the capital Sunday and a few hours later the U.S. military announced the arrest of a senior Iraqi National Guard commander on suspicion of ties to insurgents, underscoring the challenges to building a strong Iraq security service capable of restoring stability.

The two attackers who died in the twin blasts tried to ram their cars into a National Guard base in Kharma, a town on the outskirts of the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah, a U.S. military official said on condition of anonymity.

The number of U.S. and Iraqi casualties was not immediately clear, but a statement from the U.S. Marines said there were no serious injuries among American troops at the base.

The National Guard is the centerpiece of U.S. plans to turn over security responsibilities after elections slated for January and guardsmen have been targeted repeatedly by insurgents who are trying to undermine Iraq's interim government and drive out the U.S.-led coalition.

But the threat may not only come from outside the force. Guard Brig. Gen. Talib al-Lahibi, who previously served as an infantry officer in Saddam Hussein's army, was detained Thursday in the province of Diyala, northeast of Baghdad, a U.S. military statement announced.

The statement provided no details, but said he was suspected of having links to militants who have been attacking coalition and Iraqi forces for 17 months. Al-Lahibi was the acting head of the Iraqi National Guard for Diyala province, said Maj. Neal O'Brien, spokesman for the U.S. Army's 1st Infantry Division.

Meanwhile, an Egyptian diplomat and two British Muslim leaders urged religious leaders here to help secure the release of hostages.

Egyptian official Farouq Mabrouk sought help for six Egyptian telecommunications workers abducted with four Iraqis last week. Mabrouk refused to speak to reporters after his 30-minute meeting with Harith al-Dhari, who heads the Association of Muslim Scholars, a conservative organization that has helped win the release of other foreign captives.

Gunmen abducted two of the Egyptians on Thursday in a raid on their firm's Baghdad office, the latest in a string of kidnappings targeting engineers working on rebuilding Iraq. Eight other employees, four Egyptians and four Iraqis, were seized outside of Baghdad on Wednesday.

Two senior officials of the Muslim Council of Britain were in Baghdad seeking freedom for hostage Kenneth Bigley, a British civil engineer kidnapped Sept. 16 with two Americans who were later beheaded.

After meeting with Muslim and Christian leaders, Daud Abdullah and Musharraf Hussain told reporters, "We cannot hold a British citizen responsible for what (British Prime Minister) Tony Blair did."

A posting on an Islamic Internet site Saturday claimed followers of Jordanian terror mastermind Abu-Musab al-Zarqawi had killed Bigley, but the British Foreign Office said the claim was not credible.

Bigley's brother, Paul, said Sunday he was told the captive was still alive.

"I have received information this evening that Ken is alive," Paul Bigley said by video link to a gathering at the Brighton, England, conference of Blair's Labour Party.

He provided few details, but he urged Blair to make a personal plea for his brother's release.

"All I am asking is for communication," Paul Bigley said. "Just simply send a bloody fax pleading for my brother's life."

Earlier Sunday, Blair said his government was doing everything it "properly and legitimately" could to secure Ken Bigley's release. The prime minister's office said Blair phoned the Bigley family again Sunday, as he did earlier in the week.

Yasser el-Sirri, head of the London-based Islamic Observation Center, told The Associated Press his organization appealed Thursday to al-Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad group to free Kenneth Bigley after the British government rejected its demands to free Muslim women from jail.

"We have received a positive answer that the group will consider our appeal when they decide his fate, and they confirmed that he is alive," said el-Sirri, whose organization often is a reliable source of information on Muslim militants.

Pressed on how he received the information on Kenneth Bigley, el-Sirri would only say it was "through a mediator in Iraq."

Paramilitary police killed suspected al-Qaida operative

By Zarar Khan
Associated Press

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Para-military police killed a suspected top al-Qaida operative wanted for alleged involvement in the kidnapping of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl, during a four-hour shootout Sunday at a southern Pakistan house, the information minister said. At least two other men were arrested.

Amjad Hussain Farooqi was wanted for his alleged role in the kidnapping and beheading of Pearl in 2002 and two assassination attempts against President Gen. Pervez Musharraf in December 2003.

"I as chief spokesman for the government of Pakistan confirm that our forces have killed Amjad Hussain Farooqi," Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed told The Associated Press by phone from Amsterdam, where he has gone on an official trip with Musharraf.

Ahmed said "two or three other people were also arrested during a big gunfight." He declined to identify them but said they were still being questioned by authorities and were "very important."

"This is the work of our security agencies, and they have done a great job," Ahmed said.

An intelligence official in Karachi identified the arrested men as Abdul Rehman and Yaqoob Farooqi. It was not clear what relation, if any, Yaqoob Farooqi had to Amjad Hussain Farooqi. Other officials could not

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International Programs Office hosts the Education Abroad Fair

By Erin Corcoran
Collegian Correspondent

The University of Massachusetts International Programs Office Education Abroad Fair takes place tonight in the Campus Center Auditorium from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Education Abroad Fair is a seminar created for students to inform them of their travel options while attending the University. UMass coordinators, as well outside vendors, will provide students with information and options for the wanderer and the curious alike. According to organizer JoAnn Bernhard, Associate Director of Education Abroad, UMass has many different international connections between schools waiting to be utilized by eager students.

According to Bernhard, whether students have a minor curiosity to look at the options available or an interest in traveling, studying, or working in another country, the fair is not only about studying abroad.

Volunteering abroad will also be addressed.

"Education occurs in more ways than just study," said Bernhard.

Vernacular holds the term as "studs abroad," but it is not inclusive to just 'studying' alone, and that is a crucial fact to keep in mind. By naming the event The Education Abroad Fair, Bernhard says the International Programs Office hopes to "broaden the concept" of what it means to study abroad.

There is the traditional studying abroad for undergraduates, but graduate students can also apply for work abroad. Aside from those two options, programs for volunteering abroad include short term and long summer programs.

A student can spend a semester, a year, or even a January abroad. "[There are] a variety of opportunities in all majors at all levels," said Bernhard.

Students can expect to feast their eyes on a wide variety of programs. Slated are 27 outside providers, as well as the 85 exchanges and study abroad programs readily available through the University. As an added convenience, the STA Travel group will be present tonight, and will be raffling off airline ticket vouchers.

At the fair, students can have their choice of traveling to countries on all six continents — or more accurately — anywhere in the world that they choose.

Operative linked to U.S. journalist's disappearance

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immediately confirm that information.

However, Interior Minister Aftab Ahmed Khan Sherpao said three associates of Farooqi, all Pakistanis, were arrested.

Pakistan is a key ally of the United States in its war against terrorism and has arrested more than 600 al-Qaida suspects, including several senior figures in the terror network. Many of them have been handed over to U.S. authorities.

Since mid-July, Pakistan says it has arrested at least 70 terrorist suspects, including Mohammed Naeem Noor Khan, an alleged al-Qaida computer expert, and Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani, a Tanzanian suspect in the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in east Africa that killed more than 200 people.

Earlier Sunday, intelligence officials said authorities launched a raid on the house in Nawabshah, a town about 125 miles northeast of the main southern city of Karachi, after police received a tip that Farooqi was hiding there.

Two men who tried to flee, one of whom was injured in the gunbattle, were arrested, said local police official Ismail Jamali, adding that intelligence officials led them away in blindfolds.

A paramilitary official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the siege lasted four hours.

The official said the suspect who was killed, presumably Amjad Hussain Farooqi, had shouted in Urdu, the main language in Pakistan, that he'd prefer death to capture. The suspect also pointed to the sky and shouted, "I fulfilled my promise to Allah," he said.

One woman and two children were also taken from the house. Firefighters were called to put out a blaze in one room that broke out during the gunbattle.

After a search, officials left the house carrying three boxes. It was not immediately clear what they contained.

Farooqi was believed to have been an associate of Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, the reputed al-Qaida No. 3 captured in Pakistan last year.

Farooqi had been missing since Pearl was abducted in Karachi in January 2002.

Pearl's captors beheaded the journalist and released a videotape of the killing. Four Islamic militants have been convicted of his kidnapping but seven other suspects, including those who allegedly slit his throat, remain at large.

Farooqi, thought to be 32, was born in a village in eastern Punjab province. His family says he was radicalized by a visit to Kashmir, where he trained with Islamic militants fighting against Indian security forces. He later visited Taliban-ruled Afghanistan.

"We pray to God Almighty to accept my brother's sacrifice," Mohammed Javed, Farooqi's elder brother, told the AP by phone from the village.

Javed said the government had not informed them about Farooqi's death, and he demanded that the body be returned to allow its burial according to Islamic ritual.

Javed said the family did not know whether Farooqi had been involved in acts of terrorism.

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Gargano: 'A picture is worth a thousand words'



From left to right: Tim Daly, Patrick Higgins, Adrienne Girard and Brian Roberts.

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shape or form a racist. We were drawing on the insults of the absurdity of me being a racist."

Higgins admitted that what he did was wrong and insensitive, but he did not intend to make anyone in the student body feel uncomfortable.

"I don't think that anyone can be better than anyone else," he said, "from homosexuals to Jewish people to the KKK — I'm really hurt by it, thousands will be offended."

Higgins says he wants to make himself accessible to the student community and send out a "heartfelt apology."

"I want to make people at ease and I want them to know the context it was in," he said, "but I have to realize what may be a joke to some people, to others it is offensive. Hopefully we will learn something from this — this was a stupid incident that was insensitive."

Higgins said that he has spoken to Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Michael Gargano, who is concerned about the situation.

"[Gargano] is concerned this isn't good for the University," Higgins said, "he feels that the students might feel uncomfortable. I explained my intentions and he agreed that I have some work to do."

Higgins, who spent the weekend in Boston, plans to speak to students this morning individually. However, he told The Collegian that he was not prepared to comment on any of the legal implications that could erupt from underage drinking in a University office.

Coordinating Council member and ALANA caucus chair Pavel Payano said he was not surprised at the photographs, and claimed that he even expected this from certain SGA members.

"I am personally not surprised, but ALANA is shocked. They see it as this horrible act and it is, but I'm just not surprised," he said.

Payano said that there has been no formal apology to ALANA from any of the parties involved in the photographs, although he app-roached Roberts last night and asked him if he was planning on resigning.

"Roberts isn't planning on resigning and he is running for Senate," said Payano, "if he isn't resigning, that means that no one else will and these people will get elected."

ALANA members expressed anger and anguish in an email sent out to all members Saturday morning.

"We can't let these people keep their positions in our student government. We can't tolerate such blatant racism and irresponsibility at our school," the email read.

ALANA members, outraged over the SCERA office photographs, met yesterday afternoon at the Malcolm X Center to discuss the photographs with members of the SGA and the administrators, as well as members of the faculty.

Gladys Franco, an ALANA member and graduate assistant of ALANA affairs, spoke yesterday on behalf of the members.

"This is a sad moment and it shouldn't be taken lightly. [The photos' subjects] need to be punished," Franco said, "this isn't healthy for any of us."

Members sent around a petition that they hope to present to the administration, requesting the removal of the all the SGA members shown in the pictures.

Franco said she hopes that the photographed members will resign out of morality, but fears that they will not.

"I'm hoping that they will step down because we have no trust in them anymore," she said.

Jeff Napolitano, secretary of press relations for the SGA, admitted that he was shocked at the photos but wants to use this incident as an opportunity to spread awareness of racial issues on campus.

"It's not like there were a bunch of drunk kids making racist comments," Napolitano said, "they are supposed to be the leaders and the representatives of our campus. They were SGA members, SCERA members — we should let this remind people that this isn't isolated and these people shouldn't be scapegoats for the lack of diversity on this campus."

Napolitano also said he found the caricature of Higgins to be ironic.

"I love ALANA was like Higgins' mantra last year," he said, "and to the right of it [the dry erase board], there was a poster for 'Black History Month' and a 'March against racism' poster."

Gargano also spoke at the impromptu meeting.

"I am absolutely disgusted and appalled that something like this could happen here," he said, "we have already begun an investigation on a variety of issues. We will get to the bottom and we're going to charge them with everything we possibly can. There is zero tolerance, we will take swift decisive action."

SGA President Eduardo Bustamante said he wants this incident to be a wake-up call to the UMass community.

"These students are still student leaders and I am disgusted and shocked," he said, "I hope this is a wake-up call ... I have full confidence that this is going to move us forward."

Arrest made in hit and run

By Erika Lovley & Dan O'Brien
Collegian Staff

A University of Massachusetts junior was arrested Friday morning and after hitting a pedestrian on Commonwealth Avenue and leaving the scene, according to UMPD Deputy Police Chief Patrick Archbald.

Heather M. Winchester, 21, of Billerica, Mass., struck 19-year-old Clara Tran of Dorchester, Mass., at approximately 2:50 a.m., while driving south. Tran, a freshman, was listed in critical condition by the Amherst Fire Department upon her arrival at Bay State Medical Center.

Winchester is charged with operation under the influence of liquor with negligence in operation resulting in serious injury, leaving the scene of an accident, and operation under the influence of alcohol.

According to Archbald, Tran and three friends were walking south in the right lane after parking a car near the Mullins Center when she was struck by Winchester's 1994 dark green Subaru, throwing her onto the hood. Winchester then fled the scene. Police were unable to determine the speed of the vehicle.

According to Lieutenant Robert Thrasher, Winchester was leaving a party at the time of the accident.

"She was driving home from a party in North Amherst ... She saw her [Tran] last minute and tried to pull around," he said.

"She [Tran] was bleeding heavily and conscious but not coherent," Archbald said. "The vehicle didn't stop."

Tran was immediately transported to Baystate Medical Center in Springfield by Amherst Fire Department. The extent of her injuries was not available at press time.

UMPD made an extensive search of all parking lots on the UMass campus and found Winchester's vehicle in Lot 11 with extensive right front damage to the fender, hood, and a "spider web" windshield that matched shattered glass left behind at the scene. The vehicle was secured by Massachusetts State Police and UMPD.

Police responded to the door of Winchester's dorm room, but were unable to gain access because there was no answer at the door. Police stood outside the door and secured the room for several hours until Winchester opened the door and emerged.

Winchester voluntarily came to the station when asked for an interview by police, where she was later arrested. The UMPD detective bureau is still investigating the incident.

Baystate Medical Center officials said Tran is no longer in critical condition but is still in the hospital. Her condition was unavailable at press time.

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Disheartening photos raise serious questions

The Student Government Association is arguably the most embattled student organization at the University of Massachusetts, and to some extent, that largely comes with the territory; politicians are some of the most polarizing figures in our society.

The list of conflicts involving the SGA would fill this page, and it is more than likely that the balance of fault would end up right in the middle, between the organization and the bodies with which it has clashed.

However, the abominable photos that surfaced this weekend, some of which can be found in today's Collegian, are possibly the most damning evidence against the SGA in the last decade. Charges of racism and malfeasance have been swirling around Speaker Patrick Higgins and the other individuals who appear in the photos, and will certainly continue and intensify over the next week as the full story comes to light.

What we know is this: according to an email sent to members of the ALANA caucus, and a website linked in the email, Brian Roberts, the student coordinator of the Student Center for Educational Research and Advocacy, posted a series of pictures that are purported to have been taken the night before the 2004 SGA Presidential Election.

The pictures depict a group of individuals, all identified in the email as members of SCERA and/or the SGA, drinking, playing cards, and in the case of Higgins and SCERA member Timothy Daly, posing in front of a whiteboard drawing that shows Higgins in a pointed hood and cape, holding a burning cross, saying "I love ALANA." There are plenty of other photos with at least eight other SCERA and SGA members drinking beer. The photos were clearly taken in the SCERA office.

The fallout from this will last for weeks, and may likely result in resignations and even expulsions from the university. The context of the photos is disputed, and will most likely become known once all parties have had a chance to react. So the question becomes, where do we go from here?

While the wrongdoing by public officials is obviously displayed by the photographs, the racism charges have much more dimension, and will ultimately be decided by the community. However, even for those who don't feel offended or angered by the pictures personally, every student on this campus must be outraged at what these pictures represent.

The SGA is a representative voice on this campus. In fact, it is in many ways the premier advocacy group for the student body. Any chance for improvement of student life will fall on the SGA's shoulders, and anything done by the administration or other bodies to restrict our ability to enjoy our time here is the SGA's fight.

The members of the student government are picked from among our population, and they are supposed to represent our best and brightest when it comes to governance. These pictures have proven conclusively that the students' interest is not being fully upheld within the SGA, that we are not being represented in a professional, competent manner. It is up to each and every individual student to decide if he or she is personally offended by the content of the photos, but no matter what, we all should be shocked and dismayed by this single fact: the SGA has failed to uphold its mission to advocate for students, and the ramifications of that fact will most certainly be dire.

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Playwright sparks plagiarism debate



Allison Edles

Plagiarism has become such a huge ordeal in today's society. One would think that, with all the legal penalties and severe repercussions it would have to one's career, the occurrences would be less frequent, if not as blatant. The New York Times recently released charges of plagiarism toward Bryony Lavery, an English playwright who wrote this year's Tony-nominated play "Frozen." Lavery is just one of the many public figures that have within the past few years been accused of committing obvious acts of plagiarism. The bottom line is that in this day and age it can be very easy to point fingers and cry "plagiarism." However, the situation should never come close to that accusation and many of today's public figures should know better.

Lavery was accused of 12 instances of plagiarism in her play that were taken from a New Yorker profile written by Dr. Dorothy Otnow Lewis on Malcom Gladwell in 1997 and from Lewis' book entitled "Guilty by Reason of Insanity". Lewis' lawyer, Martin Garbus, had claimed to an Associated Press reporter that "had she asked for material, we would have given it to her, but what she has done is a theft." In the grand tradition of plagiarism that went too far without being caught, her play has been nominated for a 2004 Tony award.

While it's easy to say that one was "inspired" by a novel or published story, it's completely different and downright unacceptable to adopt those ideas as your own. Lewis is, as a result of the incident, asking for credit where credit is due, including a public announcement regarding the articles plagiarized.

Another incident of plagiarism that has seen the light of the news was with the many novels written by Stephen Ambrose, a best-selling historian. Ambrose's works include the novel "Band of Brothers", which was turned into an HBO mini-series by Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks. His situation was somewhat different from Lavery's where, in Lavery's case, she neglected to acknowledge the use of other sources for her play. In Ambrose's novels, specifically Citizen Soldiers and Nixon: Ruin and Recovery 1973-1990, Ambrose cited his sources in footnotes, but didn't correctly site it within the text. Ambrose neglected the use of quotation marks when whole passages of text were lifted from his sources. According to an article published by Forbes Magazine back in 2002, the author of one of Ambrose's sources, Joseph Balkoski who wrote Beyond the Beachhead. "He will footnote me, but the writing is either identical or subtly changed without using quotation marks." Ambrose later when on to publicly acknowledge his mistake and apologize.

As much as many students dread taking entry-level college writing courses, Ambrose's mistakes make it even more important for those courses to be in existence and teach how proper citations and attributions are to be made.

One other mainstream case of plagiarism that occurred within the past year was Jayson Blair of the New York Times who fabricated many articles about the war in Iraq, making up quotes and information, writing many of the compelling stories about American soldiers in the battlefield from his own apartment in New York City. Once again, this situation was also unique in the sense that, while Blair was writing blatantly incorrect articles, the Times knowingly still printed the materials, even though some of his information was taken from other sources as well, such as the Washington Post. Blair has since resigned from the Times, but the impression he has made on that publication and the rest of its readers is everlasting.

There are many varying degrees of plagiarism and what can be considered as such. Among college students, oftentimes the line is slightly blurred because of lenient professors who may or may not require a properly-cited paper with a works cited page for every essay they assign. If the consequences are not made to be real, if that notion of "oh, that will never happen to me" is condoned and not countered, then more and more instances of plagiarism will be excused and let to pass. One way to remedy the situation is for professors to have their students hand in a properly-cited essay, including a page of sources written correctly, and enforce the dangers and consequences of such an offense.

Lavery is just one of many writers out there who will be experiencing many hellish days that are lined up in the distance. Her career will be drastically affected by the accusations made, all of which could have been prevented. Hopefully, this will pose as yet another sad example of the dangers of plagiarism.

Allison Edles is a Collegian editor.

A disease we must not forget



Matthew Reid

If someone asked you what disease affects more than 4.5 million Americans of all races, genders and cultures, and costs over $1 billion a year to fight, you would probably answer AIDS or lung cancer. The correct answer, however, would be Alzheimer's disease. It is a "silent killer," going virtually unnoticed when compared to other diseases of similar magnitude. However, great strides are being made in fighting the disease.

The American Alzheimer's Association website defines the disease as a "disorder that destroys cells in the brain, which is the leading cause of dementia, a condition that involves gradual memory loss, decline in the ability to perform routine tasks, disorientation, difficulty in learning, loss of language skills, impairment of judgment, and personality changes."

The website goes on to describe the AAA's mission as, "eliminating Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research and enhancing care and support for individuals, their families, and caregivers."

One of the most impacting and noticeable events that the AAA puts on is the Memory Walk. In Massachusetts, a total of ten walks are scheduled for September and October of this year. Over the summer, while working as a staff writer for my hometown's paper, I had the privilege of working on a preview for the Northern Quabbin Valley Memory Walk, which was scheduled to take place in Athol, MA on Saturday, Sept. 18. The Athol walk alone has raised tens of thousands of dollars towards Alzheimer's research in the past five years.

While I was interviewing people for the memory walk preview, I encountered several interesting people that made me think of Alzheimer's disease in ways I had never considered before. Hearing stories about Alzheimer's sufferers made me rethink every preconceived notion I held about the disease. Not being close to anyone with Alzheimer's, I had little personal experience to form a valid opinion. However, after spending time with Alzheimer's patients, and talking with family caregivers, I realized that this disease is not talked about, not funded, and not recognized nearly as much as it should be.

It is important to understand why Alzheimer's disease is not at the forefront of people's minds when they think about the most damaging diseases. There is no doubt that cancer and AIDS are horrible diseases, and worthy of a great deal of attention and research. However, with both diseases generating such a reaction from the public, it leads to other serious diseases, such as Alzheimer's, to get lost in the shuffle.

After spending time with Alzheimer's patients, and talking with family caregivers, I realized that this disease is not talked about, not funded, and not recognized nearly as much as it should be.

Another reason is that Alzheimer's disease is not as noticeable as cancer and AIDS. Someone who has gone through chemotherapy, for example, shows noticeable signs of treatment. It's easy to see someone who has lost all of their hair, or all of their weight, or someone who looks sickly in general, and feel sympathy for them. Alzheimer's disease, on the other hand, is a different case. It is a disease that affects the mind, and is only noticeable if you speak one-on-one with the individual. It's easy to ignore a disease of this nature, whereas other more "in-your-face" diseases are almost impossible to ignore.

Alzheimer's disease is also one of the most misunderstood diseases out there. People think that the only warning sign is memory loss, and in fact that is one of the most common symptoms. However, other warning signs include difficulty with language, extreme changes in behavior, lethargic behavior, and even the resurfacing of old, painful, seemingly forgotten memories from decades ago.

Lastly, it must be considered who Alzheimer's disease affects — the elderly. Seeing a small child ravaged with Leukemia will surely tug at your heartstrings. Seeing an old woman who can't remember her grandchild's name is completely different. There is a STIGMA in this country that makes the elderly seem less important than everyone else. It is a type of systematic violence that perpetuates the ideas that older people become useless and burdensome as they age. We feel justified in putting the elderly in nursing homes or passing them along to other family members, in an "out of sight, out of mind" way of thinking. However we cannot continue to allow Alzheimer's disease to go unnoticed. It is a disease worthy of our attention and deserving of funding for research.

This is exactly what makes the American Alzheimer's Association such a remarkable organization. People are working hard everyday to stop this terrible disease, but they can't do it alone. Fundraising drives, such as the memory walks, are a crucial part of the fight. As funding and education increase, the battle against Alzheimer's disease is becoming one that we can realistically win. In the mean time, do not shy away from loved ones with the disease. They are still human beings, with emotions and feelings. It may be frustrating talking with an Alzheimer's sufferer, but treating them like they don't exist only makes their lives harder ... and as I found out personally, you may be surprised at just how enlightening and rewarding of an experience it can be.

Matthew Reid is a Collegian editor.

Supporting terror must stop

Anis Sarrage

Osama Bin-Laden is a man of peace. What is your reaction? I must be joking, right? Or maybe I'm stupid, crazy, or maybe I love terrorists. With that kind of statement, would I be fit to be the most powerful man alive, namely the president of the USA? Well guess what, our president said the same thing...actually worse, depending on how you look at it.

Michael Moore brought up many great points in his recent film, Fahrenheit 9/11. He didn't mention one crucial topic in that film, though. Maybe he forgot, or maybe he just didn't want to go there. You left me no choice, Michael, so I will go there.

America's love for Israel is no secret. Every time the rest of the world condemns Israeli actions and they are ordered to do something about it, we turn around and veto. Just to refresh your memories, the Israelis are building a wall over 400 miles long to keep the Palestinians out, putting serious limits on their water, their trees, and splitting up more of their land.

In July, the UN world court, consisting of 15 countries, voted 14-1 that the construction of the wall is completely illegal and suggested the wall tear it down. Who was the one country to vote against the other 14, you may ask? Why that would be us, the USA.

We said the world court is not the proper venue for this matter. I ask-what is? Let's not forget early September 2001. Not the one you're thinking of. I'm talking about the world conference on racism in Durban, South Africa, in which two countries dropped out of the conference. The Palestinian issue was brought up at that conference, and we decided to take Israel and ditch the conference.

Both these men are responsible for the death of nearly 3,000 people each. Why is it that Bin-Laden is the most wanted man alive, and Sharon is a man of peace?

Are we still the greatest country in the world? If so, how do you justify these actions? Soon after he took office, George Bush took a trip to Israel, in which Ariel Sharon took him for a little intimate helicopter ride. Immediately following that ride, Bush came on the news and said "Ariel Sharon is a man of peace." Maybe some of you don't know a lot about this Palestinian/Israeli issue. I am not an expert myself, but I know enough not to call a terrorist/murderer a man of peace. This past weekend marked the 22nd anniversary of the Sabra and Shatila refugee camp massacre. These were camps right outside of Beirut, Lebanon that were home to Palestinian refugees. Israel's defense minister at the time, none other than Ariel Sharon, sent in a right-wing Lebanese Militia to wipe out 3,000 men, women and children within 72 hours. As if that wasn't enough, Sharon thought it would be nice if he also sent in some Israeli troops for logistical support. The highest court in Israel found Sharon responsible for the atrocities as well.

On Sept. 11, 2001, Osama Bin-Laden had a similar idea-to wipe out as many Americans as possible, and he killed over 2,800 within a few hours. Both these men are responsible for the death of nearly 3,000 people each. Why is it that Bin-Laden is the most wanted man alive, and Sharon is a man of peace? Are Palestinian lives worth less that American lives? Or does our undying love for this terrorist state called Israel cover all that up? After all, they are the beneficiaries of over $3 billion a year in military support, or nearly $10 million a day. Iran and Syria are both lucky enough to be on our sanctions list. What did they have to do to earn such a spot?

Just train some 'terrorists' and give them support. Are these terrorists any different than Sharon and his gang? Actually, yes-these 'terrorists' fight within their borders to protect their country, and in their home countries are known as 'freedom fighters.' Maybe that's where that line comes from; One man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter.

In more recent news, our government will be supplying Israel with 5,000 smart bombs, costing $319 million of our tax money. America knows Israel is using our weapons in violation of AECA agreements between both countries. The AECA agreements stipulate that Israel must not use such weapons in civilian territories, yet Israel consistently uses these weapons in densely populated areas and the U.S. has never even reprimanded Israel for doing so.

All in all, Bush and his administration love terrorists as much as anyone else. Since they support and defend other terrorists, wouldn't that make them terrorists, similar to Iran and Syria?

These people should not be in charge of our country; once called the greatest country on earth. We have the right to speak against what they do, especially when it is of this magnitude. I don't even have to mention Afghanistan or Iraq, they should speak for themselves.

If we don't wake up now, we will soon suffer like all the others. If we want to be the greatest nation once more, we must let our voices come out, along with our actions.

We must remember those who died in the atrocities at Sabra and Shatila because our decisions reflect the fate of many lives.

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'Candy Freak' a sweet treat

Author explains the ins and outs of the candy game

By Molly Quinn
Collegian Correspondent

Steve Almond's new novel is an ambitious attempt at unwrapping the candy business by touring candy factories nationwide, visiting with a bonilide 'candy historian,' and fellow candy aficionados; and (finally) penning a dazzling love letter to chocolate.

'Candy Freak' By Steve Almond Algonquin

'Candyfreak' is a deliciously well-written book, chock-full of perfectly chosen prose and droll slang, and sprinkled with delicately placed personal revelations. It's a good thing Almond's passion for candy is infectious, because, let's face it- it isn't easy to make a 260 page book on chocolate riveting.

But he succeeds — this man is a candy freak.

Almond immediately outlines several facts that point to his penchant for candy as pre-destined. Namely, both his father and grandfather's proclivity for sweets, his birthday (four days before Halloween), his syrupy sounding last name, and the fact that he grew up on a street named — I'm not kidding here —Wilkie Way.

Coincidence? Not to Almond. Indeed, all of these facts direct the reader to a man who always has between three and seven pounds of candy in his home at any given time, not to mention the twelve cases of Kit Kat Dark he has stashed in an undisclosed warehouse.

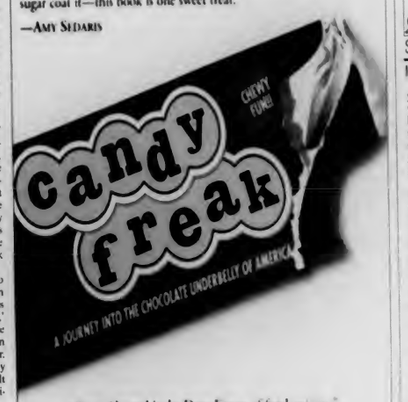
However, this book isn't just an exercise in reviewing different candies or describing the manufacture of obscure chocolate bars like the 'Twin Bing' and the 'Goo Goo Cluster,' although he does so with deceptively elegant prose; Nor is it a connoisseur's take on the history of chocolate bars in America, though Almond does do an excellent job outlining the rise of the three chocolate empires: Mars, Nestle and Hershey.

Instead, 'Candyfreak' takes you on a fantastic journey across the United States, touring factories in true Willy Wonka fashion, sampling Peanut Chews straight off the conveyor belt at the Goldenberg Candy Factory in Philadelphia, which is bizarrely situated across the street from a large pink prison.

It brings you back to Almond's early days as a teen in California, which he sums up with 'got high, ate candy,' and his mournful ode to the unfortunate discontinuation of his beloved Caravelle bar. Almond hints at his lonely childhood and the adult paranoia and fear that cultivate his candy habit today.

'Candyfreak' succeeds in stunning you with its engaging approach and surprising tenderness. And though his style has been compared to Dave Eggers and David Sedaris, Almond deserves his own accolades. Because I doubt either of the other two authors ever inspired a two-hour trip to the candy aisle at CVS.

"I got a real sugar rush and cluster headache reading this bittersweet book by Steve Almond-joy, the sugar daddy himself. I won't sugar coat it—this book is one sweet treat."
—Amy Sedaris



"Steve Almond is the Dave Eggers of food writing."
— John Thorne

by Steve Almond

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Steve Almond explores a candy obsession in his new book "Candy Freak."

Style 101: your weekly guide

Style 101
Monique Jemmott

Growing up, one of my favorite people has been my grandfather for many reasons. One being that in a family of strong matriarch's who can only get their point across by yelling, my grandfather (whom we call Dickey), has always kept his cool, and made his point through calm rationale and reason. Another reason was that my grandfather smelled and looked good at all times.

As a tax lawyer for the state, Dickey was the only black lawyer for many years at his job. From a young child I remember him saying to me, "you have to dress for the job that you want, not the job you have," and if that was true, then my grandfather must have wanted to be the president of the United States — or Billy Dee Williams. He wore suits everyday to work, never just a shirt and tie, complete with suspenders and a feather fedora; and on the weekends, even when doing repairs on the house he would rise early, and put on his weekend uniform of khaki pants, a polo, and Sperry Boatshoes. My grandfather put an ideal in my mind about how a man should present himself, and it is an ideal that I still hold onto today.

My expectations of how a man should dress have changed just as often as how I should dress has changed. Oftentimes (as shallow as it may be), I begin the survey of a potential mate at the shoes — what they look like, I feel that a person's shoes tell [illegible] them and the [illegible] something [illegible] taught me. And [illegible] the shoes are [illegible] holes, talking [illegible] they don't pass the [illegible] they don't get on [illegible] me. I am fully [illegible] sounds like [illegible] ideal even before [illegible] to stop myself from [illegible] way, but that is [illegible] dents.

I can admit [illegible] has not exactly [illegible] thing. There [illegible] when I was [illegible] something [illegible] summer we [illegible] pen to meet [illegible] lot of fun [illegible] company of [illegible] we got along [illegible] always had good [illegible] and we'd ran out [illegible] but of course the [illegible] lem — he couldn't [illegible] bothered me [illegible] bit. We would [illegible] and he would [illegible] and cutoff t-shirts [illegible] out to a club and he would [illegible] jeans and sneakers [illegible] a cocktail dress [illegible].

Although it [illegible] dealt with it. I continued [illegible] him, although [illegible] often turned [illegible] would suggest [illegible] 'make it a [illegible] Eventually [illegible] dissolved because [illegible] was boring.

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By Bradley Farberman

MondaySeptember27

WORKSHOP

The Women's Health Project (part of the Health Education Department of University Health Services) brings us "Making Choices," a workshop on safe sex, tonight at 7 p.m. in Wheeler (Central Residential Area). The presentation will focus on information one might use towards safer sex, and offer contraception options. Admission is free; for more information, contact Cherry at (413) 577-5182.

WednesdaySeptember29

LECTURE

Arab women's rights advocate Nawal El Saadawi will lecture tonight (and on October 20) at Smith College's Weinstein Auditorium in Wright Hall (additionally, she will speak on October 6 at Smith's Neilson Library Browsing Room), at 7:30 p.m. El Saadawi has written numerous plays, novels, memoirs and pieces on the woman's role in Arab society; tonight she will discuss "Politics, Women and democracy." All lectures are free and open to the public.

ThursdaySeptember30

MUSIC

Guitarist Elliot Sharp will perform solo at Bezanson Recital Hall tonight, at 8 p.m.; the show will inaugurate this season's Magic Triangle Jazz Series, an annual event. Sharp, a legendary sonic adventurer, will work out pieces from his "velocity of hue" project, all on "enhanced" acoustic guitar; tickets are $10 for the public, $5 for students.

FridayOctober1

MUSIC

Less is more? Tell that to eight-string (yes, eight string!) guitarist Charlie Hunter. The incomparable Hunter brings his trio to the Iron Horse tonight in support of their new album, Friends Seen and Unseen (out now on Ropeadope records), and you won't want to miss it. Likewise, you won't want to be "that guy" at a Charlie Hunter show, asking where the bass lines are coming from. Hunter's extra two strings enable him to play bass and guitar simultaneously, so get ready to watch a real virtuoso at work. Show is at 10 p.m.; tickets are $16 in advance and $19 at the door. For more information, check out www.Charliehunter.com.

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Come check out the 30th annual Multiband Pops at the Fine Arts Center Concert Hall, tonight at 8 p.m.; participants include Chapel Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble I, Marimba Ensemble, Minuteman Marching band, Orchestra, Percussion Ensemble, Symphony Band, University Dancers, Vocal Jazz Ensemble and Wind Ensemble. Directors include Jeffrey Holmes, Thom Hannum, Catherine Jensen-Hole, Eduardo Leandro, Ken Lipitz, Lanfranco Marcelletti, Jr., George Parks, Laura Rexroth and David Sporny. Tickets are $18 for the public, $12 for students; for more information, contact the Fine Arts Center Box Office at (413) 545-2511.

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EXHIBIT

Today the Burnett Gallery of the Jones Library in Amherst will be showing an exhibit titled 'Designed by nature: leaves, trees, flowers, and fungi' a photography exhibtit by Julian Hadley. Come view these colorful photos on the wonders of nature. This exhibit will run from today through Oct. 30. Today will also be an opening reception held from 1p.m to 4 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

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NEW TWIST ON SHAKESPEARE

Come witness what is described as "an uproariously funny and heart-warming" version of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. The first performance on Wednesday will be in English, while the second will be performed on Thursday in Spanish. $5 students, $8 adults.

Clothes or the man?

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the situation, and give me an honest answer void, of regards for my feelings — my girls. On the way to class the other day, I asked a friend of mine how she felt about dating a guy that cannot dress. "I couldn't do it," she immediately declared, "a guy doesn't have to be the best looking thing on the planet, but if he can dress, that means so much more to me," when I asked her why she thought about it a moment before she responded, "I'm not really sure, a man who can dress just looks so much more put together, and like he knows what he wants." I asked, "so it's a power thing?" She replied, "yeah I guess so." She then said, "who doesn't want a man who's in charge of things and knows where he's going?"

Is that what it really all comes down to? Power? Is that why I love a man who knows how to tie a tie, or wears suspenders with a suit? Is that why my grandmother, no matter how boisterous and intimidating she is to anyone who meets her, her tone declines two octaves when she speaks to my grandfather? Possibly. Just looking at some of my favorite celebrities tells a story about how much I appreciate a well-dressed man.

First off, there's P. Diddy — Undoubtedly one of the best-dressed men in entertainment. I can honestly say that I am not a fan of Diddy's music, but of his style? I am probably his number one fan. I love to watch award shows to see Mr. Diddy coming down the red carpet, outdressing all of his hip-hop counterparts.

At the 2004 MTV video Music Awards, I sat like a kid waiting for Christmas, for the Hollywood glitterati as they paraded down the red carpet, and when P. Diddy came, in the biggest yacht, and the best white Armani suit — my little heart was content. And It's not just P.Diddy: amongst my favorite dressed celebrities is Andre 3000. His look has truly brought back the dapper look of earlier times, complete with the Fedoras, and the suspenders. I spoke so fondly of earlier.

Finally, after many days of conflict with my question, I realized that for me it is deeper than just wanting a man who can dress. A well-dressed man has many implications in society. If a man knows how to dress, then that means he has one less thing to worry about, when it is time for him to enter society and the workforce. I am highly bothered by a man who can't tie a tie, or doesn't own a suit, to me it implies that he hasn't been exposed to a cetain level of professionalism, that people our age should be, so do clothes make the man? Possibly, but I'd rather he make them.



P. Diddy (left) and Andre 3000 are both prime examples of a girl's desire for a well-dressed man.

Artists perform on great wall

BEIJING (AP) Alicia Keys, Nellie McKay and Cyndi Lauper brought pop music to an ancient setting, performing for thousands of Chinese fans at the foot of the Great Wall.

Also on the bill of Saturday's concert was Boyz II Men and vocalist Sylvia Tosun.

Keys wore a leather jacket and a hat pulled low over her face as she performed eight songs on a stage beside one of the wall's immense gatehouses north of the Chinese capital.

"Thank you for having me at the Great Wall," she said as fans cheered. Organizers described the concert as the first by foreign musicians at the wall, although British disk jockey Paul Oakenfold performed there last year and later released an album of the show.

Some of the proceeds from Saturday's concert were to go to a Chinese children's charity, promoters said.

Despite the chilly autumn evening, Lauper performed part of her set barefoot. She descended from the stage and into the audience at one point, causing a brief flurry as Chinese police ordered spectators to sit down.

A children's choir joined Tosun as she sang a traditional Chinese song, "Jasmine."

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New program changes face of med schools

Harvard students gain hands-on experience through experimental teaching methods

By Justin Pope
Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE (AP) — Carolyn Casey's pager jolted her awake in wee hours of the morning: One of the Harvard medical student's patients had checked into the hospital and needed a Caesarean section. Casey rushed off, arriving just in time to help deliver her first baby.

Later, Casey visited the mother, Camila Santans, newborn Matthew and other family members in their room at The Cambridge Hospital, talking with them about breastfeeding and the gestational diabetes that had complicated the pregnancy. In the coming weeks, Casey will accompany Santans to follow-up appointments and checkups with Matthew's pediatrician.

It's all the kind of attentive, hands-on experience many assume is typical in a doctor's training. In fact, it's exceedingly rare.

At Harvard Medical School, as elsewhere, most students will see a dozen births or more during a three-week obstetrics rotation, but they rarely will meet a mother before she arrives at the hospital, or see her again once she leaves. On other rotations, they may see acutely ill cancer patients, but they may not be there to break the news, or follow them and their illnesses over a course of chemotherapy.

Casey and seven other third-year Harvard students are part of an experimental program that hopes to address those shortcomings by casting aside the traditional hospital rotation system. Rather than moving from specialty to specialty every few weeks for intensive blocks of training, they are following individual patients, wherever their conditions take them in the health care system.

Some patients are pregnant, others ill — either already diagnosed with complicated medical problems or picked up in the emergency room before anyone knows what is wrong.

If the patients have specialist appointments, the students accompany them, even sitting with them in the waiting room.

If they need surgery, students observe and assist. In some cases, they visit patients at home. And if patients die, as has already happened in the early months of the program, students will be there for that, too.

The hope is that these relationships will both help the students become more empathetic physicians, and make the science they are supposed to be learning stick in their minds.

'We remember experiences because they are meaningful to us,' Casey said.

The experiment is one of several around the country that concern clinical training, though Harvard's is 'unique in scope,' said Dr. Michael Whitcomb, senior vice president for medical education at the Association of American Medical Colleges.

The efforts are emblematic of a growing dissatisfaction among some medical educators with the clinical training that students receive in their third and fourth years of medical school, after two years in the classroom.

That discontent stems from significant changes at the teaching hospitals where clinical training takes place. Patients once spent weeks in teaching hospitals, and students could follow them from diagnosis through treatment. Now teaching hospitals, like other medical centers, shuffle patients quickly in and out, and students get little more than a snapshot.

Teachers involved in the Harvard program say typical medical students aren't getting the same human contact that instructors remember from their training days. Nor are students necessarily getting interdisciplinary views of illnesses, which don't always fit neatly into categories.

Perhaps most importantly, the teachers worry students aren't practicing the skills that, for all of the changes in medicine, are still supposed to be the focus of the third year: taking patient histories and thinking through a diagnosis.

In the past 'you had students involved in really core thinking that was going on to diagnose a patient, and you were with a patient long enough to see it actually happen,' said Dr. Barbara Ogur, one of two co-directors of the Harvard program. 'That was being totally lost.' The focus in teaching hospitals now is on stabilizing patients; often a diagnosis has already been made, or the patient is discharged before it is completed, she said.

Still, the prevailing rotation system has lasted for decades because it has its virtues: it exposes students to a range of cases, is relatively easy to organize, and offers hospitals a pool of free labor. In 2000, an Association of American Medical Colleges survey found that medical schools had responded to the explosion of new drugs, technologies and treatments with a substantial retooling of the classroom portions of their curricula, Whitcomb said. But the third and fourth years of medical school had been largely untouched.

Reform has been 'remarkable for its slowness,' said Dr. Kenneth Ludmerer, a historian of medical education at Washington University in St. Louis. Several similar attempts at changing clinical rotations during the 1950s failed, he said. Even as health care has become increasingly outpatient, 'it's been so convenient for hospitals to keep teaching in the hospital,' he said.

Dr. David Hirsh, Ogur's co-director, admits some colleagues have been skeptical about the new program, and even he isn't sure it could work on a broader basis.

'My biggest concern is scaling up,' he said. 'It may be the best thing since peanut butter.

But the question is, is that because we're putting a tremendous amount of resources into only eight people?' The logistics have been tough, he said, as has been lining up the extra teaching the students need to cover material they might not otherwise see. And even if Harvard could make the system work for all 170 students in a class, that's no guarantee poorer or larger programs could do so.



Harvard medical students will have more interaction with patients by following their own patients

Hirsh says the key to success is picking patients who will expose the students to the widest range of experiences.

A typical example is Catalino Rodriguez, who on a recent afternoon visited student Joanna Epstein at the Windsor Street Health Center in Cambridge, an outpatient clinic. Rodriguez has a variety of complicated and considerably interconnected health issues: a leg injury from a workplace accident, heart problems, and most recently a dangerous infection that hospitalized him for five weeks. He also is in recovery from substance abuse.

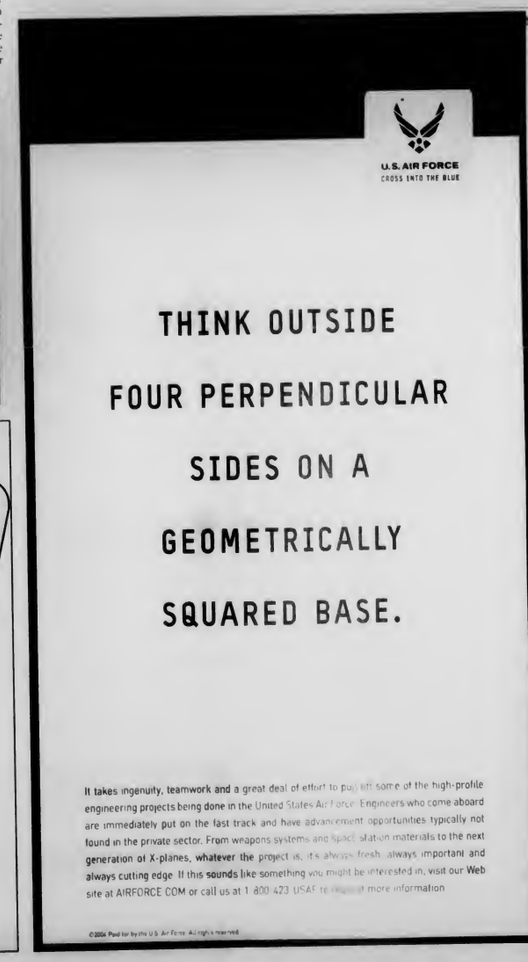
Epstein first met Rodriguez during his hospital stay; he went to the Windsor Street Center with girlfriend and caretaker Patti Miller, who worried that a recent, small spike in his temperature could signal a recurrence of the infection. Epstein and Ogur, who joined the appointment later, concluded that it wasn't an immediate threat but told Rodriguez to watch his temperature carefully.

"When you're [illegible] seeing someone. She knows a friendly face, it makes a [illegible] a little more [illegible] Rodriguez said of Epstein. "She can speak up for you."

Miller said Epstein also helped her deal with the [illegible] of Rodriguez's hospital stay. "She's younger, she's more [illegible] age," she said. I thought it [illegible] for us to talk to her."

Epstein says the relationship has paid off for her [illegible]

"He's actually [illegible] Epstein says. I tell [illegible] Harvard professor at this point. He can add that to [illegible] resume."



Cross-country successful in NY

By Eric Atlas and Martha Powers
Collegian Correspondents

On Saturday the Massachusetts men's cross-country team earned first place in the Orange County Classic in Syracuse, New York. The meet came down to Syracuse and Massachusetts with the Minutemen pulling ahead for a victory 29-31.

"I was hopeful that we could beat Syracuse, but I was pleasantly surprised about the win," coach Ken O'Brien said. "Last year we were beaten convincingly by Syracuse, and we needed a good performance."

Finishing first for the Minutemen was Ryan Corbett followed by Nils Fischer, Matt Klyplia, Andy McCarron, Matt Clark, Paul Ncone, and Ryan Durkin.

"Corbett and Fischer were matched pretty well with the top Syracuse runners for the first three and a half miles. The last mile and a half they lost a little ground, but there was a very strong pack of UMass runners behind them that stayed together and gained ground," O'Brien said. "Our top six runners were in before Syracuse's fourth runner."

The meet took place on a golf course and proved to be a challenging run.

"Almost everyone performed at their maximum level, and it was enjoyable to see that at this stage of the season. Another reason we won today was because the runners who were on last year's team improved their times by 20 to 45 seconds," O'Brien said. "The newcomers were also a big part of our victory."

Freshman Nils Fischer, who finished fifth overall, has been a welcomed addition to the team.

"The most exciting thing about the race wasn't just that we won, but that we could have done so much better," Fischer said.

Ryan Durkin, also a freshman, improved his rank when he finished seventh for Massachusetts, up from 10th place last week.

"I felt pretty good the entire race. Sean Corbett was a big help to me because he would tell me to speed it up when I started to slow down," Durkin said. "College cross-country is so much more fun than high school. I'm having a great time."

In the women's meet, it was Syracuse University that took the win over Massachusetts at the Orange Cross Country Classic at Syracuse. Syracuse edged UMass 30-34 to won the invitational.

UMass freshman Christina Derosa took second place with a time of 19:53.14 and continues to be the key runner for the team. Derosa crossed the finish line behind another freshman, Liz Cutari (18:58.03) of Syracuse. Freshman Cuisle Kierans (20:15.16) placed fifth, and juniors Amanda Dahlberg (20:23.59) and Alexis Anzelone (20:32.79) placed seventh and eight for UMass. Freshman Kristen Ross (20:52.92) came in 12th place.

Overall, UMass placed second overall and had five runners in the top 12 to finish ahead of Siena, Niagara and Canisius.

UM set to take on Holy Cross

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of a victory since September 3, a 1-0 victory over Siena. They have tallied just six goals all season long led by sophomore Meredith Davis (two goals).

But are the Crusaders going to be overlooked? Don't kid yourself. Just like the Maroon and White, Holy Cross has been playing tough in 2004 with five of their six losses being decided by one just one goal.

"I look at it to be a really tough game," coach Jim Rudy said. "Right now they're 1-1[6], and if we treat them like a 1-[6] team, then we shall surely suffer the same fate as Central Connecticut."

It has been nearly three years since the Minutewomen have faced Holy Cross in an exhibition and almost 15 since they played an actual regular season game. But that doesn't make them a mystery.

From a distance, the Crusaders may look like a team lacking defense, letting opposing offenses squeeze into the area, but they are a defense that absorbs and minimizes room needed to create plays which worries Rudy.

"We're susceptible on counter-attacks. When we push a lot of people forward, they're susceptible because they're new and they don't have great speed," Rudy said. "Unless you're real clinical with your finishing in the box in a crowded penalty area, they're the type of team that just feeds off the breaks, and that's what scares me."

That defensive corps includes senior midfielder Danielle Carvalho. While she has yet to register a point on the stat sheet, she sticks out on the radar as a major threat for creating breaks.

"She's sort of a go-to-person for them, a real catalyst for them," Rudy said.

Midfielder Lindsey Pereira, a sophomore from nearby Ludlow, has notched one goal for two points through 2004. She is also the daughter of Freddy Pereira, one of the greatest soccer players ever to come out of western Massachusetts.

But the Minutewomen are practicing heavily on their shots, and the results began to show off against CCSU. UMass scored three goals in the first half, including the first of the season for both Fairweather and Blyler.

"That was really big for us," Blyler said. "We've been struggling on offense a lot, and it was really hurting us that we were playing defense the whole time. So I think that's definitely taken a lot of pressure off the defense, and it takes a lot of pressure off us, too, because we've been pretty frustrated lately with not being able to finish goals."

The coming around of Fairweather, Blyler and junior midfielder Lindsey Bellini has allowed the further development of the younger portion of the squad. Though freshmen Britt Canfield and Jenny Roehrig still lead the team in goals with two apiece, the Minutewomen attack is becoming more and more balanced with each game.

"I don't know if you can really judge a team by its record since we're 1-5, and I think we're pretty talented," Blyler said. "I think they're struggling, too, so we can capitalize on that. We just had our first win. Their first win was a few games back. We definitely have momentum going into this game."

Delaware knocks off UMass

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age of 53.0 yards per kick.

The offensive stalemate continued into the second quarter when the Massachusetts defense had two rare breakdowns. Riccio, in his first year with Delaware after transferring from Missouri, accounted for more than half of his passing yards on two plays that highlighted the Delaware scoring drive.

Riccio completed a 37-yard pass to receiver Justin Long to the UMass 28-yard-line, and he hooked up with a wide-open Joe Bleymaier on a 26-yard touchdown pass two plays later.

The lead was short-lived, however, as the Minutemen had three third down conversions while putting together a 12-play, 76-yard scoring drive to answer the Delaware touchdown. Wide receiver Brandon London scored his first career touchdown when he caught a nine-yard pass from quarterback Tim Day, and the score was tied at seven.

UMass began its second drive of the second half at its own five-yard-line and moved the ball deep into Delaware territory before Haugabrook intercepted a pass at the Delaware 12-yard-line to keep the stalemate knotted at seven.

Haugabrook said he knew Peebler would be running an out-pattern because of the film study he did heading into the game.

"If Peebler goes in motion, they're going to run an out-route or an out-and-up route," Haugabrook said. "I saw the ball come, and I tried to go get it."

Delaware retook the lead in the fourth quarter when Riccio hit David Boler on third down for a 10-yard touchdown pass on a fade route to the back corner of the end zone.

The Massachusetts offense only ran six plays and couldn't gain a single first down for the rest of the game after Delaware took the lead. The Fightin' Blue Hens were able to put the game away after feeding UMass a steady diet of Sean Bleiler for the remainder of the fourth quarter.

The Blue Hens put together an 11-play, 57-yard touchdown drive that clinched the game and took the life out of UMass. They were able to eat up 5:54 off the clock as they converted on three third downs. Bleiler ran the ball 10 out of the 11 plays on that drive, including the final seven plays.

Bleiler ran for 46 yards on the drive, which he capped off with an eight-yard touchdown run with only 1:41 to play in the game.

Any thoughts of a UMass comeback were dismissed when linebacker L.A. Love fielded a short kickoff and fumbled the ball at the Massachusetts 33-yard-line.

Penalties once again hurt the Minutemen as well. They were penalized 11 times for 81 yards, with three of those flags coming because of substitution infractions. Keeler said that he prepared his squad to stay smart in that category.

"I told the guys that this is one of the most penalized teams in the country," Keeler said. "We need to play clean. We need to see if we can get some yardage that way."

UMass was led on defense by sophomore linebacker Charles Walker who tied a school record with 23 total tackles. Walker only had 24 tackles on the season entering the game.

Peebler, UMass' biggest offensive threat, has had a nagging hamstring injury that has slowed him over the past couple weeks. He only caught one ball for seven yards against Delaware.

"I don't know what Peebler's injury was, but whatever kept him off the field, I was glad about that," Keeler said.

The Minutemen will try to win their 500th all-time game for the third straight week on Saturday when they travel to Boston College to take on the Eagles at 1 p.m.



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UMass quarterback Tim Day fires a pass on Saturday at McGuirk Stadium. The Minutemen lost to Delaware 21-7.

Minutewomen split at Garber

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In the second half, the Huskies tacked on three insurance goals to their lead. Puddle earned an assist, setting up Lauren Henderson's 12th goal of the season. Henderson currently leads in the nation in scoring. The final two goals were both scored by Kari Cavanagh unassisted.

The Minutewomen created a few solid chances to score against UConn but were unable to make any of them materialize. In the first half, the Maroon and White had a penalty corner which resulted in two consecutive shots. Marije Tigchelaar took the first shot, which was saved by Bostwick. Nicole Phelan attempted to score on the rebound but miscalculated, and the shot was high.

Another scoring opportunity came for the Minutewomen with just over a minute left in the first half with a strong offensive charge on a penalty corner. The Maroon and White managed two shots in a row, but both Jaime Bawden's initial attempt and Tigchelaar's rebound shot were saved by Bostwick.

"We really need to be at a certain level when we come to play our conference games, and that's what these games are for," Massachusetts coach Patty Shea said. "We have to test ourselves out there. We failed some parts of the test today, but we just have to figure out those pieces of the puzzle."

Against Vermont, UMass scored the game-winner with 1:45 remaining in the first half. Bawden earned her first goal of the season off the penalty corner, and assists were credited to Tigchelaar and Katelyn Woolfrey.

"We had a lead going into the second half," Shea said. "But you need to play for success, not to protect a lead. Once you start playing to protect a lead, you are in serious trouble. The other team has nothing to lose, but we do."

Especially remarkable in yesterday's game were two defensive saves made in the second half by the Minutewomen. After a diving save from Tocco, the Catamount offense managed to get past her, but Tigchelaar pounced on the shot for a defensive save. Borneo also earned a defensive save later in the half, knocking the ball away after a scuffle in front of the cage.

UVM dominated the second half of the game with 18 shots and 12 penalty corners. Despite the concentrated offensive pressure from the Catamounts, they were unable to score against Tocco, who made 10 second half saves.

"In the second half, we became individuals. It wasn't a unit moving, and it became really random," Shea said.

At 14:28, Vermont nearly managed to tie the game. After Tocco made a diving stop, there was a rebound scramble in front of the net. Although the ball made its way into the cage, it bounced off a player's knee and was ruled no goal by the referee.

Towards the end of the game, UMass finally began to put offensive pressure on the Catamounts. With just under two minutes left to play, Caitlin Beresin scored an insurance goal for the Maroon and White. As a Vermont defender tipped the ball, Beresin managed to intercept it, snapping it past the goalie for the game's final score.

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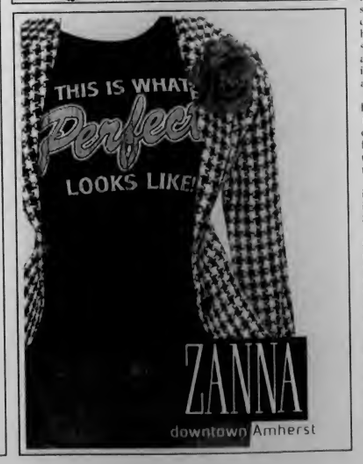
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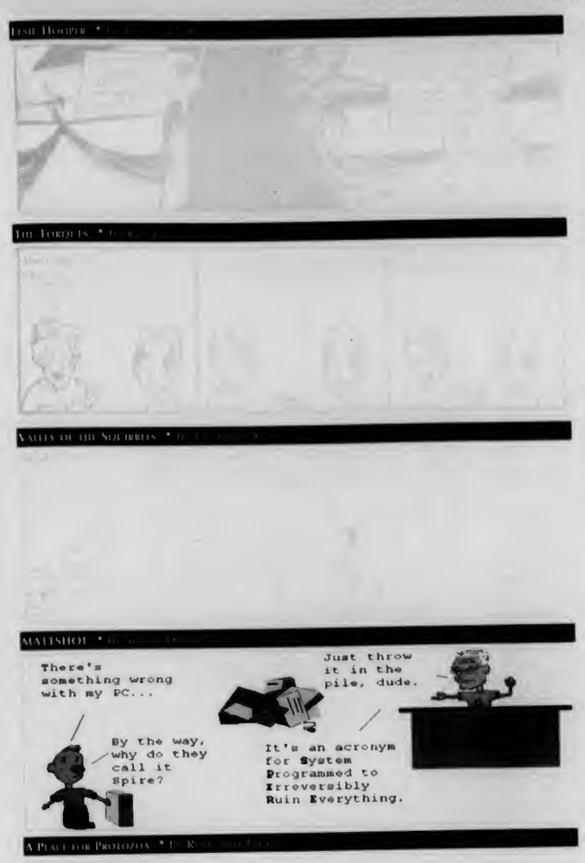
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Hens force UMass to lay an egg

Minutemen lose their second straight game at McGuirk

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

For the second consecutive week, the Massachusetts football team was unable to muster much of an offense and dropped its second game in a row as a result.

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The defending NCAA Division I-AA National Champion Delaware Fightin' Blue Hens defeated UMass 21-7 in front of 11,298 at Warren P. McGuirk Alumni Stadium on Saturday.

UMass scored 95 points in its first nine quarters of the season, but has been slow and inconsistent since then.

"We've only scored seven points in the last seven quarters," UMass coach Don Brown said. "We've got to go back to the drawing board and do a better job on that end in finishing drives. We've got to get some answers there."



Massachusetts receiver Brandon London hauls in his first career touchdown reception on Saturday. London caught 5 passes for 56 yards.



UMass quarterback Tim Day tries to elude the rush of Delaware freshman linebacker Marquez Davis. Davis tallied seven tackles and forced a fumble on Saturday while Day was 12-23 for 114 yards and a TD.

Leading the way for the Delaware 13-1 2-0 Atlantic 10) offense was junior quarterback Sonny Riccio, who was 11-of-18 for 115 yards and two touchdowns. Although his passing wasn't spectacular, his scrambling ability kept the UMass 12-2-0-2 A-10) defense off balance, as he ran for 70 yards on 17 carries.

Sean Bleiler and Lonnie Starks also anchored Delaware's running game. Bleiler, a bruising, power running back ran for 110 yards and a touchdown on 22 carries while Starks, a quicker back, ran the ball 12 times for 61 yards.

The disparity between Fightin' Blue Hens' big offensive line and the Massachusetts' undersized defensive line allowed Delaware to control the ball on the ground while rushing for 239 yards as a team.

The first quarter was a big battle for field position as the two teams failed to put any points up on the board. After UMass did not gain a first down on its first possession of the game, it appeared as though Delaware would begin its next drive with good field position after the Minutemen stalled their drive on their own 23-yard-line.

However Sophomore punter Christian Koegel boomed a punt over the head of Delaware;s Sidney Haugabrook, and the ball bounced around wildly before rolling out of bounds inside the Delaware one-yard-line. The 76-yard punt was the third longest punt in UMass history and the longest by a UMass punter since 1998.

Koegel was named Atlantic 10 Special Teams Player of the Week for his performance, as he punted six times on Saturday for an aver-

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Delaware wins in the trenches

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

Leading 21-7 with less than a minute remaining in Saturday's win over Massachusetts, Delaware coach K.C. Keeler attempted to drive a stake through the Minuteman defense's collective heart.

Facing first-and-goal from the 1-yard line, Keeler called tailback Sean Bleiler's number rather than taking a knee and ending the game. It was a decision that did not go over well with UMass linebacker Serge Tikum, who came across the line cleanly and laid a vicious hit on Bleiler, stopping the 220-pounder dead in his tracks before driving him to the turf.

It was the kind of hit that Maroon and White fans have come to expect from Tikum, a junior captain who has garnered the reputation as one of the team's resident assassins. Yet what the play represented more than anything else was frustration — the kind of frustration that forms when the best lick you lay on your opponent comes after the outcome of the game has long-since been decided.

The UMass defense's front seven was exposed on Saturday. Billed by coach Don Brown as aggressive, risky and lightning-quick, the Minutemen were certainly all of these during what amounted to another ferocious battle with the defending National Champions. However in allowing the Fightin' Blue Hens to chalk up 239 yards rushing, it was the group's youth, inexperience and lack of size that essentially made the difference in another disappointing loss.

"Defensively, [Brown] is playing a lot of young guys and moving a lot of guys around," Keeler said. "They're a little light in the butt up front, and we felt that that is where we needed to attack. We love their secondary — it's the best secondary in the league — so we felt the best match up for us was to run the football."

And run the football they did. Through the first quarter, 16 of Delaware's 18 offensive plays were on the ground, and while they had yet to produce any points to show for it, the Hens were well on their way to wearing down UMass' senior-less defensive front with an offensive line that outweighed the Minutemen across the board.

"With all the new players [along the defensive front], and their lack of size, we felt like we could just continue to hammer away at them and never waver from that," Keeler said. "We've had some trouble establishing the run and getting a push up front, but against the pressure and the blitzes we knew we would get, we thought it would be our best course of action."

While shifty halfback Lonnie Starks (61 yards) and quarterback Sonny Riccio (70 yards) carried the football effectively in the first three quarters, the teams remained deadlocked until the fourth quarter. Yet after wide receiver David Boler hauled in a 10-yard touchdown pass from Riccio with 12:27 to play, Keeler and the Hens were finally rewarded for their persistence in sticking with their game plan.

With an offensive line that averages 300 pounds, including 6-foot-6, 330-pound right tackle Paul Thompson, Delaware effectively pounded away with Bleiler for 81 total yards in the final frame and, more importantly, ate up 11:37 of the final 15 minutes to keep UMass from battling back.

"Our youth up front on defense was [evident]," Brown said. "I thought that we really got tired towards the end, and that made a difference in the game.

"Obviously they came in with a game plan to take advantage of our lack of size and I thought we did a good job against it. But obviously when you're in a grinder like that you need to be able to stem the tide in the fourth quarter, and we weren't able to do that."



UMass running back Bryan Smith carries the ball through a swarm of Delaware defenders. Smith rushed five times for 18 yards.



Patricia Bornea goes after a ball during field hockey action over the weekend. The Minutewomen played two games at Garber, winning one.

Minutewomen split two at Garber Field

By Paula Aden
Collegian Staff

After a busy weekend at Garber Field, the Massachusetts field hockey team emerged with a win and a loss to show for their efforts. On Saturday, the Minutewomen (2-7) fell 4-0 to No. 6 Connecticut (9-0), but defeated Vermont (1-9) yesterday afternoon 2-0.

UConn	4
UMass	0

Senior goalie Christine Tocco was especially occupied during this weekend's pair of non-conference games, with a total of 21 saves. Tocco had 10 saves during the UConn game, while managing 11 against UVM. Tocco's saves were extremely acrobatic, including one particularly dramatic diving save against the Huskies where she was sprawled out on the ground, just barely managing to stop the shot with her outstretched stick.

UMass	2
Vermont	0

Tocco and the Massachusetts defense managed to keep the game close in the first period, only trailing 1-0 at the half. Despite Tocco's five first half saves, Laura Puddle managed to thread through the defensive line and score unassisted off a rebound. Puddle's goal turned out to be the game-winner due to Connecticut goalie Melissa Bostwick's sixth shutout of the season.

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UM ready to take on HC

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

Now that the Massachusetts women's soccer team is seeing the results show up in the win column, there has been a change in attitude.

"Someone said it, I don't know who, but it feels like we've won the NCAA [tournament]," junior Adair Blyler said of finally pulling off the first win in 2004, a 3-2 downing of the tough-playing Central Connecticut State Blue Devils. "It was a great feeling. I think it was just really a big relief for all of us. It relieved some tension."

"We've been fighting so hard lately, and things hadn't been going so well for us," senior Lindsey "Stormy" Fairweather said. "They haven't been going our way, so to finally be winning is a huge relief."

The Minutewomen (1-5) would love nothing more than to keep the momentum rolling as they embrace upon a live-game homestand today against the Holy Cross Crusaders (1-6). Losers of four straight, the Crusaders have not felt the thrill

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SGA photo controversy continues for UMass Bustamante plans to remove students involved



Eddie Bustamante speaks to students in the Malcolm X Community Center last Sunday.

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life Michael Gargano and President of the Student Government Association Eduardo Bustamante plan to remove the individuals pictured in the controversial photographs from office and further the investigation to press criminal charges. The nine students photographed last March drinking alcohol in front of a caricature of a Ku Klux Klan Grand Wizard in the Student Center for Educational Research and Advocacy office could face a variety of criminal charges according to Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life Michael Gargano.

Members of the SGA and SCERA are the subjects of an ongoing investigation, that according to Gargano is, "well underway" with the aid of University lawyers.

"We are going to charge the students with everything," he said, "they [charges] will include the misuse of private property, underage drinking - we are going to look at who they bought the alcohol from, and there is an investigation of the symbol that reflects racism and hate."

Gargano recognizes that he has the authority to punish these individuals an array of measures; however, he has not chosen any one action to bring against them yet.

"I have the authority to remove these people from office," he said, "I could give them 500 hours of community service, have them conduct an open forum discussion; I have a variety of sanctions at my disposal, I'm not ruling out dismissal."

The Vice Chancellor stated that he is still waiting for more pictures to be reveled

He also mentioned that he is waiting for more pictures to be revealed and urging the person who found Student Coordinator Brian Roberts' website to come forward. The unknown subject allegedly copied the original website and posted it in a memo sent out by the ALANA caucus Saturday.

Gargano formally announced that he believes that it is ethically right for these subjects involved to call it upon themselves to resign.

"I think that it is appropriate for all students to consider resigning," he said, "no one so far has said that they're resigning."

Both the Vice Chancellor and President of Student Government Association Eduardo Bustamante said they hope this will bring a positive look to the upcoming Senate elections this Wednesday and Thursday.

"I hope this will have a positive effect and encourage students to run for office and get involved," Gargano said, "it's important that students ask questions and find out where the [candidates] stand on the real issues."

Gargano wants a debate style forum to aid students and candidates to get to know each other and the issues at stake and Bustamante wants this incident to result in more student voting.

"I expect to see a bigger students turnout than ever," Bustamante said, "it is crucial that we speak out and I really want to express that this is a big opportunity for the student body to step it up."

During their meeting last night, Bustamante and Gargano agreed that change is imminent on this community.

"I want to stress that this isn't about the alcohol, it is about the culture that related the images. We were talking about the change that has to happen on the culture of this campus," Bustamante said, "I want to stress that it is not the individual students but their behavior and that they felt that it was acceptable to act that way — they will definitely be removed."

Bustamante talked about a "New Era of the SGA" and that this is the end of an old one.

"I am questioning how to exercise my executive authority within SCERA," he said, "everything will be really concise — I am going to do everything to remove this from SGA."

Bustamante referred to not only the removal of the nine photographed but also the removal the potentially discriminatory culture on campus.

"Racism is a world-wide problem and it is not acceptable and no one should find it acceptable to joke about," he said eager to start a new environment on campus. "SGA started a new era when I got elected, and this is a call to us [the students] to step it up."

Bustamante plans to address the campus community today at a press conference at 4:30 p.m. in Dukes Room, where he will have a logistical strategy to remove the nine subjects.

Legally, he recognizes that he cannot force the resignation of potential senators running in this week's Senate elections, but he can request the removal of hired positions like Speaker and Associate Speaker.

According to a report in The Massachusetts Daily Collegian yesterday, the website than contained the pictures belonging to Brain Roberts was dismantled this past July; however according to Coordinating Council member Pavel Payano, the website was still running last week.

"If I had only known about this in July," Payano said. "It's not like we've been planning it."

According to Payano, Roberts' website crashed sometime between Friday evening and early Saturday morning after the SCERA Student Coordinator was made aware that the pictures had been circulating.

SGA Speaker Patrick Higgins who was photographed several times and represented in the controversial told The Daily Collegian Sunday that the site had been taken down in July and that someone must have been in possession of the pictures since then.

Neither Higgins nor Roberts have been available for clarification.

Charges Against Certain Members of SGA:

1. Underage drinking
2. Misuse of Campus property
3. Providing Alcohol to a Minor
4. Potential acts of hate crimes

Students react to photos

By Erika Lovley
Collegian Staff

Many University of Massachusetts students learned for the first time yesterday that nine members of the Student Government Association and the Student Center for Education Research Advocacy were photographed drinking alcohol in a University office and posing by a drawing depicting the SGA Speaker Patrick Higgins as the Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan.

"It's so sad for our school," said Naomi Rudar, a senior. "To show such disrespect for students and express it so hatefully — it's disgusting."

Some students said they felt that the student leaders should not necessarily be expelled, but removed from their positions in the SGA.

"They shouldn't be around to run for another office," said junior Jason Andujar.

Andujar said he wouldn't want the students to be expelled, but they should recognize the toll their actions are taking on the student body.

"I think [Higgins] should resign," he said.

Freshman Chris Langseth said he first saw the photographs on one of several links to an Internet Web site where they were posted by an unidentified American Latino African Native American [ALANA] group supporter. Langseth said he was first struck by the caricature of Higgins portraying KKK imagery.

"The KKK is the most bothering," he said. "I don't want a white-only supporting Student Government."

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Michael Gargano says the students involved in the photos may face criminal charges for underage drinking on University property, however, some students said the fact that drinking occurred

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Bangs Community Center provides unique ways to volunteer



Leah Hanin, left, and Jillian Grover are the supervisor and assistant supervisor of the Fun Club.

By Dan Tebe
Collegian Correspondent

Besides the usual Antonio's Pizza and college bar scene, there is another destination in downtown Amherst for University of Massachusetts students on Wednesday evenings.

The Fun Club in the Bangs Community Center on Boltwood Walk provides volunteers with the unique opportunity to interact with mentally and physically disabled members of the local community through activities such as decorating cookies and playing bingo. The Fun Club is a program coordinated by the Boltwood Project of UMass and Amherst Leisure Services.

The Bangs Center provides volunteers with a comfortable, easy-going atmosphere. "I love it," said Chad Cabaniol, a junior who works for Amherst Leisure Services. "Everything is so simple ... this is a great chance for different kinds of people to get together and not feel uncomfortable."

After the group and volunteers finish a project, every accomplished piece is presented to the rest of the group so that all the participants and volunteers get to know each other.

However, this process can seem more like a formality than a necessity, because everyone already acts as if they are with old friends. Jillian Grover, a fourth-year English major, is the assistant supervisor of the group. This is her second semester working with the Fun Club, and she says that she returned because she wanted to continue a friendship that developed with a member of the group last year.

Other Fun Club activities include dancing, talent shows, movie nights, and assorted outings in the area. Leah Hanin, a fourth-year political science major, is a member of another Boltwood group that volunteered at Northampton Pediatrics last year.

Hanin is the supervisor of the Fun Club for this semester. She says the club is a great way "to kill time," but she says she will always participate in community service no matter how busy she is.

Besides the Fun Club and the three Boltwood groups that volunteer at Northampton Pediatrics, there are many other groups run by the Boltwood Project. At Jessie's House — a center for displaced families in Amherst — volunteers can spend one-on-one time with adults in different homes in the area. The volunteers and disabled participants go to UMass Hockey games and take trips to the Hampshire Mall in Hadley.

"It is a[great stress relief — an outlet by doing something good for others and helping improve yourself," said Hanin.

At the end of a group outing night, it is not uncommon to hear the participants asking to be walked to the door by the volunteers, wishing to spend a bit more time with their newly made friends.

The Boltwood Project was created 33 years ago by Professor Emeritus Merle Willmann, who was a professor of recreational management and design at the time.

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Education Abroad Fair highlights studying and working around world

By Erin Corcoran
Collegian Correspondent

Students, organizers, and vendors alike flocked to the Education Abroad Fair yesterday afternoon in the Campus Center.

At the fair, students with eager expressions could be seen all around.

Freshmen Nick Straggas and Amanda MacDonald expressed hopes to go the University of London for the entirety of their sophomore.

"I want to take it all in," said Straggas. "I want to experience the culture," said MacDonald.

Older students who have already experienced the travel abroad programs were present at the fair to express how wonderful it is to go. Several said that they wished they had stayed longer.

Senior Chanel Hooper said her travel abroad program took her to Oviedo, Spain for a semester. Hooper says she was scared, but went "with an open mind" and had the time of her life.

Chancel said it was such an influential experience, that Chanel changed her undeclared/communications major to Spanish.

Hooper says the most important point of traveling abroad is "location, location."

"Research on your programs...go for as much as you think you can handle," she said.

Chanel's said her most remarkable semester in Spain has inspired her to finish her classes in Argentina, were she hopes to work as an au pair. "Go abroad for long as your parents are willing to pay for," she said.

Senior Amy Pires visited Sienna, Italy for a year and said she loved every moment. She is currently a legal studies major with a minor in Italian. By living in Italy, she was able to strengthen the three semesters of Italian she has taken at UMass. Amy says that an experience abroad "is amazing [and] opens many doors."

Emir Borogovac, a native of Bosnia, has lived in the US on and off for six years. He says he has already done what so many students want to do—experience other cultures.

However, Borogovac says his

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Voting to be held for Senate tomorrow

The Student Government senate elections will be held this Wednesday, September 29, and Thursday, September 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Polling stations are located in all of the Dining Commons on campus and in the Campus Center. Residents from each living area are assigned to vote in a specific Dining Common.

—Residents of Northeast and Sylvan are expected to vote in the Worcester DC.

Residents of Orchard Hill and Central are expected to vote in the Franklin DC.

—Residents of Southwest are expected to vote in the Hampshire and Berkshire DCs.

Commuters are expected to vote in the Campus Center.

In the cases where they are needed, absentee ballots will be provided at the polls. The Vice Chancellor's office will provide some staff assistance to ensure that all polling locations will be open and available to the student body.

—*Composed by Erika Lovley*



Students volunteer for disabled locals through Boltwood Project



FINN HANSON/COLLEGIAN

Finn Hanson plays the piano with a participant of The Fun Club last Wednesday evening.

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The program began with a few students visiting the Belchertown State School —an institution for the mentally and physically disabled — to assist the staff.

Willmann was told about the idea by a graduate student while at a coffee house on Boltwood Walk — hence the name of the project. For the past 20 years, the Boltwood Project has been student-run with minimal faculty control.

Becoming a member of the Boltwood Project is not difficult, but requires a short application process. Students who are selected participate in their group's two-hour meeting once a week. Students can earn one to two credits for participating, depending on their chosen level of involvement.

Enrollment for the fall semester has closed but The Boltwood Project is always looking for more people to join. If you are interested in participating this spring, you can contact The Boltwood Project at (413) 545-6753.

Prosecutors won't pursue rape charges against Dupre



Bishop Thomas Dupre

By Adam Gorlick
Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Just hours after an indictment against former Springfield Bishop Thomas Dupre was unsealed Monday charging him of molesting two boys in the 1970s, the county prosecutor refused to pursue the case because the statute of limitations had expired.

"I felt I took it as far as I could. We've done everything we could do," Hampden District Attorney William Bennett said.

In the grand jury's indictment, Dupre was charged with molesting two boys in the 1970s becoming the first Roman Catholic prelate to face criminal charges in the sex abuse scandal in the American church.

However, the grand jury returned indictments only related directly to child abuse, and not to other possible charges, such as witness tampering and obstruction of justice. Without indictments on those charges, Bennett said he was precluded from pursuing the case because the statute of limitations in force at the time of the alleged crimes was limited to six years.

Still, Dupre's legal troubles are far from over. He still faces lawsuits filed against him by his accusers — and Bennett said he plans to turn over the results of the grand jury investigation to authorities in New Hampshire, New York and Canada, where some of the abuse allegedly took place. Bennett said those jurisdictions may not be hamstrung by the same statute of limitation issues.

"They could then make their judgment as to what, if anything, they deem appropriate," Bennett said.

Dupre, 70, cited health reasons when he resigned in February after nine years as head of the Springfield Diocese. But his departure came one day after The Republican newspaper of Springfield confronted him with allegations that he abused two boys while he was a parish priest. According to the indictment, Dupre started raping one of the boys in 1976; he started abusing the other boy in 1979.

Dupre's alleged victims, who filed lawsuits against the bishop, have said the abuse continued for years and that Dupre asked them to keep quiet about it when he was made auxiliary bishop in 1990. Bennett said the investigation uncovered no evidence to suggest there were any other victims, nor was there evidence that any church officials were aware of the allegations until they became public earlier this year.

He also said that there was no evidence Dupre destroyed or concealed any evidence of sexual misconduct by other church officials. Dupre's lawyer, Michael Jennings, said Bennett was doing the right thing by choosing not to prosecute the case.

"It was the grand jury that brought these charges, not the district attorney," he said. "Grand juries are very often used to investigate. He had announced that there would be different avenues pursued, cover-ups. He has concluded that these allegations of wrongdoing cannot be prosecuted."

But Jeffrey Newman, an attorney for the alleged victims, said the indictment showed that there is credible evidence against Dupre.

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'Global awareness' big in going abroad

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experience was not happy. Borogovac says that he "doesn't like [the U.S. culture]" for "ideological and personal reasons." One of Borogovac's reasons includes the long distance he is away from family.

The International Programs Office has an STA travel agency located in the Campus Center. STA is the largest student travel agency in the world. It has many student discount fares and offers many flexible options. Peter Easton, local STA travel agent, says that STA "works through IPO."

IPO is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, and is located on the fourth floor in the South Hills Building.

Graduate student, T.A. and IPO program assistant Maria Quiray says a primary aim with education abroad is "global awareness."

As the IPO slogan says: "the world is within your reach."

Students unsure if expulsion is answer

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in the SCERA office did not bother them.

"I don't care that they were drinking," said Langseth.

Reactions from UMass alum on the Massachusetts Daily Collegian Web site voiced mostly disappointment at the misuse of power and resources within the student government.

"The resources of SCERA are a powerful tool to help shape public higher education policy," wrote former student coordinator of SCERA and UMass alum Jason Vecchio-Smith. "Use the power or lose the power!"

However, senior Jen Clark wrote that she felt that the photographs had been blown out of proportion and that more attention needs to be focused on the individuals who posted the pictures on the Internet, which appeared days before the scheduled SGA senate elections this Wednsday and Thursday.

"I am deeply saddened to see individuals within the ALANA office throwing the racism word at anyone who opposes or questions their actions," said Clark. While the drinking and whiteboard drawing was not excusable, Clark wrote that she felt "this intentional ploy by members in the SGA and ALANA office is being blown out of proportion."

Andujar said he was mostly shocked at the irresponsibility of the student leaders.

"He [Higgins] should have been more careful of his actions — especially in front of a camera," he said.

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Reform needed for Student Government

The current plight that the Student Government Association finds itself in has no clear solution or easy fix. The photos that have emerged raise serious questions about the character and integrity of certain elected officials of the SGA. What is clear is this: strong leadership will be needed in the coming weeks to see the SGA through these times of trouble.

For the past two semesters, the SGA has been plagued with one problem after another. As a result, the reputation and legitimacy of the SGA has been called into question. Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life Michael Gargano has personally doubted whether the SGA is able to fulfill its mission of representing the students of this campus. It may be that the administration is considering serious changes to the way the SGA operates or reducing the authority it holds. In the past the administration has even taken the drastic measure of disbanding the SGA.

The timing of this latest controversy could not have been worse. The SGA is preparing to hold its Senate elections this Wednesday and Thursday. The process to establish proper procedures for the elections has been a long and difficult task. Now that effort is undermined by the current controversy.

The officials pictured in the now controversial photos should do what is best for the SGA and student body, and that is to resign. The only way the SGA can reclaim its legitimacy is to rid itself of those responsible for tarnishing its reputation. It is impossible for the body to effectively govern with those officials remaining in positions of power.

Resignations will not be enough, however. The SGA faces a difficult task of restoring the trust of the students. Strong leadership will be needed in order to steer the SGA back to its founding principles. If there is to be a future of the SGA, the importance of character in the candidates running for the senate seats is to be set at the highest priority. With the extreme significance of the upcoming SGA elections, it is vital that the student body take great pains to adequately research and select a candidate who will sufficiently uphold the values of this university.

Around halls in the dormitories and the DCs, there are flyers posted up all over announcing the candidates for the senate seats. However, not much is known about them beyond what can be typed on a flyer. And, on a campus this large and with a full course load, it can be very difficult for the candidates themselves to find the time to adequately introduce themselves to the general public.

Unfortunately, it is too late for this upcoming election, but one useful idea for future elections would be to hold a formal debate. This would help the student body, as well as members of the faculty, to form their own opinions of each of the candidates based on the information presented. Much like the presidential elections, this seems like a successful way to educate the student body and to let them know and feel comfortable with the people that will be speaking on their behalf. This will also allow us to more accurately judge for ourselves the character and integrity of the candidates.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

AN APOLOGY TO THE STUDENT BODY

Six months ago, following the conclusion of the Student Government Presidential Election, a group of students who spent countless hours working on my campaign gathered together to reflect on the semester. The semester had seen numerous emails and propaganda released claiming I was a bigot. After working for students for almost three years, my friends and the people I have encountered from various walks of life know this to be false. That evening I used poor judgment in choosing the SCERA office as a place to gather and showed insensitivity that I apologize for today.

During the course of the evening, one of the people in the room decided to depict me as a member of the KKK. Students, administrators and friends were bombarded last semester with false attacks against my character and this was a way for us to vent the frustration that accompanied these claims. The people in that room knew the hard work all of us had put in to improving the lives of all students, and this drawing represented a response to the inaccuracy of a semester's worth of attacks. A member of the group took pictures and posted them on his personal website feeling that people would understand the context of the evening and the drawing. I realize this to be naive and as I reflected on the evening and the picture, I realize how many in our community could be hurt by these photos.

It is my greatest honor to represent the Undergraduate Student Senate and be a member of this fine university. I have spent my last three years working to improve the lives of all students on this campus and lay the groundwork for an even better UMass for future generations of students. I recognize how this has made many in our community feel, and I will be working from this moment forward to begin to heal these wounds. I hope that this serves as an opportunity for us all to see how insensitive actions can affect so many people. This is a lesson I have learned first hand.

After the Presidential Election of the spring, I knew many people felt alienated by the SGA. This year, I recognized the appointed caucus senators on the Coordinating Council as an act of good faith and hopefully as a way to build a more united student body. I recognize that the pictures being circulated represent a setback to our goals of building a community where every student can feel at home, but I am confident that as a university we will only grow stronger in our quest for this ideal. Over the course of this week, I will personally be meeting with the various groups on campus to discuss this unfortunate evening. We have much work to do to heal these wounds, build a stronger community and move forward. I will be doing my best to aid this process.

Once again, I extend a heart-felt apology for the poor choices I made and the insensitivity that was shown, and I ask for your forgiveness as a community.

Pat Higgins
Speaker of the Senate

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Haiti in need of help



Yousef Munayyer

The recent hurricanes that have battered the southern parts of this country and devastated the Caribbean have caused significant damage totaling in the billions of dollars. Houses were blown to pieces, cars were left under water and people watched as everything they owned was submerged and destroyed. However, these people can still be considered fortunate.

Imagine that the house you're living in is held together by mud. The walls of the structure in which you live comprise old oil cans held together by dried up dirt. This type of structure stands no chance in a vicious storm.

This past week, mass graves were being prepared for the victims of hurricane Jeanne in Haiti. The tiny, impoverished nation, which shares the island of Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic, is the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere and most certainly among the three poorest nations in the world. The shantytowns, which are found all across the island nation, stood no chance against this hurricane. The port cities were especially affected.

I recall when I heard the first reports of a death toll last week. The headline mentioned that at least 300 had died because of the hurricane. I was shocked. However, it was not because the number was high, but because the number was low. Something told me that the death toll would continue to climb. As the hours, and then days, went by, I watched the reports come in; 550 dead, 700 dead, 1000 dead. Many more were lost. Finally, they had no choice but to wait until the waters had receded. There was no way to tell. There was only fear and hope, and many families were tragically disappointed.

In Haiti, millions practice or believe in some form of voodoo. If a body is not properly buried with traditional rituals it is believed that there soul will not rest in peace. However, for many souls, a proper burial is not going to happen. Bodies have been placed in mass graves and identification is very difficult. More bodies are uncovered in groups washed up toward slightly higher ground.

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The most tragic of all of this though is the inequality that is on display. When the hurricane will reach here, it will not do nearly as much damage. Many Floridians will board up their windows and some may even plan an evening indoors with flashlights and Yahtzee. The ones that are evacuating will drive their sport utility vehicles up a paved, three-lane highway. Many of them would probably not be able to locate Haiti on a map. However, many Haitians can find the United States; many of them dream of it.

Haiti's relationship with the Western world has been rough. At one point in the past 300 years, Haiti was one of the richest colonies in the French empire. Today, after centuries of plunder from both external invaders and internal corruption, Haiti is in a dismal state. No nation in the Western Hemisphere deserves more of our attention than Haiti, and no nation receives so little.

In 1804, Haiti became the first independent nation in the Western Hemisphere to ban slavery. It struggled for liberation from the French and now struggles to be liberated from underdevelopment. Still, this feat seems beyond Herculean as tragedy after tragedy punishes the island. Political corruption also plays a roll, as Haiti has only just begun to recover from decades of absolute fear under the Duvalier's. Political instability continues as Haiti made headlines last spring as a rebellion in Gonaives spread through the country and resulted in the exile of former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Clearly this underdevelopment has accumulated over the years.

Now not only does Haiti have to clean up politically, but it also has to reconstruct the nearly non-existent infrastructure it had. With very few resources, few exports and consistent instability, investing in Haiti is similar to investing in Enron today, if not worse.

When a boat full of Cubans arrives in Florida, they are welcomed and given political asylum because they come from a place that our government deems as repressive. History shows us, however, that next to the Duvalier's, Castro looks like a Care Bear. The economic situation, if it can even be called that, is so bad in Haiti that its makes Cuba look like El Dorado. Yet when a boat full of darker-skinned Haitians arrives, we are not so welcoming. Our policy towards Haiti has to change. We must think about actual facts on the ground and history before determining how much help they need. Ideological considerations cannot be the only factor.

Haiti needs help and a lot of it. They don't need guns. They don't need an occupation. They need a lot of monetary assistance, loan guarantees and help getting back on their feet. We, as the richest nation on earth, can fill that role. There may not be oil in Haiti, nor is there any benefit from helping them whatsoever. However, if every nation is going to wait to find a clear interest or profit in helping Haiti, you have to wonder if it's ever going to happen at all.

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Dorms not ideal for freshmen

Zach Oelschlegel

I'll be honest. Coming into this school as a freshman sucked. Being from Philadelphia, I knew absolutely no one at this school and had been in Massachusetts a total of four times in my life, two of those times before I turned ten.

Living in Sylvan didn't help the situation, either. As I stumbled into Brown and saw the outrageously small room that qualified as a double, then the single bar in the corner that was to serve as our "closet," I felt like doing the wimpy thing and crying. I had moved into the smallest room on campus, not knowing one person, and had to find someone to sit with for freshman convocation at the Mullins Center.

The only thing I gave one crap about those first few days was making friends. I already knew how bad my schedule stunk, but I didn't dread going to class. The only thing I was looking for were for a few pals. And while most of us come in thinking that out of the 24,000 students who go here, we'll find someone to hang out with by default, it couldn't be harder to make friends because the UMass housing system is a complete embarrassment.

Later that week, as I started to meet people on the floor, I realized that a lot of these people weren't even close to my age. Apparently the guy who lived across the hall was in his thirties, and the majority of the hall were transfer students, upperclassmen who wanted to get a single and freshmen.

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I had two upperclassmen in my suite and I think, throughout the year, I could count using my toes the amount of words each of them said to me. Juniors and seniors already have a set of friends and don't really need to find more, since they already have it made in a sense. I think the biggest tip-off describing my experience with these guys is that I haven't talked to them since my freshman year ended, and frankly, I have trouble recalling their names. It's no mistake that the only people that I still talk to from that suite were freshmen, since each of us had "making friends" a high priority on our to-do lists.

Judging that stories like mine aren't all that uncommon, with freshmen and seniors and twenty-eight-year-olds living on the same floor, the whole system clearly needs an overhaul. UMass would do itself a huge favor by implementing a new plan as soon as possible, similar to the one Michael Gargano is proposing. By changing the system, the school would simultaneously be addressing some of the university's chief problems in one shot.

The administration took a step in the right direction this year when they made the Pierpont and Moore dorms in Southwest all-freshman dorms to go along with Butterfield in Central. My question is, why did it take so long, and why aren't there five of six more dorms like Pierpont and Moore?

The best advantage to having more freshman dorms is that they build community, undeniably the best facelift this school could get. Since Massachusetts is so small, students can essentially go home at will if they have a car, and we all know how difficult it is to get to know people if they aren't in the vicinity. Every time a student leaves to go home to meet up with that safety net of high school friends, the university hurts a little. Having freshman housing would increase the amount of friends each student has on campus, meaning it would be less likely that a student go home whenever he or she can. Isn't one of the biggest goals of college to have lifelong friendships?

The other big upside to having all-freshmen dorms is that upperclassmen would be given dorms better suited to address their needs, since the dorm wouldn't really be as much of a melting pot of graduating classes. Housing programs would be geared more to preparing students for graduation than toward social events designed for first-year students. There would be fewer RAs monitoring the halls, since older students tend to police themselves a bit more and also have that maturity factor going for them. Every student would have a housing experience that fits his or her needs rather than meeting the needs of only a few people on the floor.

The stance that many in the UMass administration have taken is that living with upperclassmen is good for freshmen, because those older students will keep them in line, befriend them and give them tips on how to make it on this campus. Being reminded of my freshman year and seeing the experiences of freshmen on my floor today, I know how ridiculous that idea is.

I really am jealous of these Pierpont and Moore freshmen, because they are getting something the other four thousand freshmen are missing out on. Not only do they get to live in the hub of Southwest freshman year, but they also will leave UMass with a lot of lifelong friendships that others won't see. The administration finally took the hint this year with those two dorms, and they would be wise to keep the changes coming.

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Since his directorial debut in the 1964 film "Hag in a Black Leather Jacket," John Waters has become legendary for his peculiar and often times disgusting humor. Though he has strayed from the legendary Waters' effects in his last group of films, his recent release, "A Dirty Shame," shows a return to the revolting discourse that has marked Waters as both one of the most deplored and celebrated independent filmmakers of all time.

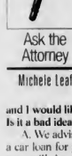
Today's comedies have ushered in such aggressive topics as pubic hair on a wedding cake ("American Wedding") and men drinking a cup of feces and referring to it as nutty ("Austin Powers 2: The Spy Who Shagged Me"), yet still, many of the films that John Waters created in the '70s and '80s make these films look like as if they were made by Disney.

In a surprising change of paths, though, Waters' last two films, "Cecil B. Demented," and "Pecker," have been somewhat mild. This is not to say that either film was a failure in any sense, but what can be said is that both films seem to lack the bit of Waters punch like the days when Waters had the 400-pound transvestite Divine eat excrement in his film as she reened the mantra, "Filth is my politics."

The movie stars Tracey Ullman, of "Tracey Takes On" fame as Sylvia Stickles, the sex-free housewife of Vaughn Stickles (Chris Isaak). One day while Sylvia is driving through a suburban Baltimore neighborhood, she gets stuck in traffic. As she sits in the car, wallowing in her anger, her head is struck by something hanging out of a truck driving by. The blow lands her unconscious and when she awakens, a truck driver named Ray-Ray (Johnny Knoxville) is standing above her. Ray-Ray tells Stickles about how the accident has transformed her into a sex

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Michele Leaf

Q. My friend has bad credit and asked me to co-sign a car loan for him. I know my friend needs a car to get to work and that he needs the job so that he can stay in school. I have excellent credit and I would like to help my friend. Is it a bad idea to co-sign the loan?

A. We advise you not to co-sign a car loan for your friend, because you will be putting both your friendship and good credit at risk. If your friend fails to make payments, you will be legally responsible and might well end up owing more than the car is worth.

A car loan is a specific type of contractual agreement where the lender or creditor has agreed to provide money to the borrower. When someone wants to take out a loan, they must qualify for it by having sufficient credit to provide for repayment of the loan. The lender wants to be reasonably sure of being paid back before agreeing to a loan. One way the lender can be reasonably assured is to require that the car be provided as collateral for the debt. That way, if the borrower does not pay, the lender can take possession of the car and sell it to satisfy the debt. When a loan is not repaid as specified in the contract, the borrower is considered to be in default, and the entire balance of the loan becomes due immediately, instead of in monthly payments. I

In addition, the creditor has the right to repossess the car after taking certain steps. The creditor is not required to give advance notice of the repossession and generally will not do so. Once a creditor has repossessed the car the creditor can keep it for compensation and, can do with it what he or she likes. Since they typically sell the cars at auction, the amount of the sale is usually for a price far beneath the retail fair market value and the amount still owed on the loan. In any case where the sale price is less than the loan amount the creditor can sue the borrower for the remaining balance, including all costs associated with the repossession and sale. Of course, in a situation where the borrower has been unable to make the monthly payments and has already lost the car to repossession, the creditor has little likelihood of actually collecting the money from that borrower.

This is why you are being asked to be a co-signer of the loan. The creditor has decided your friend is a poor credit risk and fears that even with the car as collateral the loan might not be paid off. By agreeing to approve the loan only if somebody else with good credit is made fully responsible for the debt, the creditor is signaling that the risk is significant that the borrower will have problems meeting the loan obligation. A co-signor can be held equally responsible for the debt, even though they have no use of the car.

Federal law requires that prospective co-signers be given a written notice before they co-sign a loan, making sure that the co-signer understands the legal obligations. You should carefully heed this notice. You may have to pay up to the full amount of the debt if the borrower defaults. It is important to understand that your liability includes all late fees and collection costs, including the cost of repossessing the car. There is no requirement that the creditor take legal action against the borrower before trying to collect from the co-signer. What's more, even if you do make payment, the fact that the loan was ever in default could end up as a negative mark on your credit report, for up to seven years.

If you still desire to help your friend, there are other options to consider that would limit your risk. You could loan your friend money for a larger down payment, which might make your friend eligible for a loan without a co-signer. If you still decide to go ahead with co-signing, you might lose your money . If despite this advice you still want to co-sign, you should try to negotiate with the lender to limit your liability. You can ask the lender to establish the maximum amount of money that you might owe in case of default. The lender does not have to do this, but some will if asked. For example, you may agree to pay the principal balance on the loan, but not be held responsible for late charges, court costs, or attorney's fees.

If you can reach such an agreement with the lender be sure it is in writing. Another thing you can do is to ask the lender to agree, in writing, to notify you if the borrower misses a payment. Notification should come before a late charge is added, or before the loan is "accelerated" [when the whole loan must be repaid at once]. This way you will have time to deal with the problem or make back monthly payments without having to repay the whole amount or risking the additional cost and consequences of repossession.

Wright movie sure to join cult classics

By Johnny Donaldson
Collegian Staff

Day in and day out, as we wander about doing our daily routines, we are nothing but zombies. We shuffle along, lost in our own private universes, single-mindedly set on our own goals, oblivious to the world that surrounds us. That's the wry joke that propels "Shaun of the Dead," a cheeky, daft British zombie comedy that satirizes that venerable staple of the horror genre while simultaneously honoring its mutated pedigree.

The movie isn't a puerile spoof of the genre a la the "Scary Movie" films, but a film that seriously combines elements of horror and humor. This is not always a successful hybrid that, at it's best, has given us films like "An American Werewolf in London" and "Tremors." On the opposite side of the coin we often get uneven junkers like "Club Dread" and "Leprechaun."

"Shaun of the Dead" references everything from Lucio Fulci (hardened and sharp-eyed horror buffs will have to look for the joke) to "28 Days Later" to, naturally, the oeuvre of zombie godfather George A. Romero. The film is often brilliantly funny in that traditionally deadpan British way, but the gore quotient is still high enough to satisfy fans with a bit of a bloodlust.

The tagline for "Shaun of the Dead" calls the film "a romantic comedy with zombies," and the filmmakers have christened it a "rom zom com," (a romantic zombie comedy) which goes to show you the direction in which they skew it. And that direction is towards the daffy, motley crew of characters rather than the groaning undead who populate the streets of London after God knows what happened to revive the recently deceased. Since zombies are pretty much alike, writers Simon Pegg and Edgar Wright (Wright directs; Pegg gets to handle leading man duties) wisely have chosen to focus there attentions on the humans fighting against the cannibal horde pawing at windows for the fresh meat within.

Shaun (Pegg) is a 29-year-old slacker stuck in a dead-end life. His girlfriend of three years, Liz (Kate Ashfield), has dumped him thanks to the encouragement of friends who recognize Shaun's lack of ambition and inability to arrange anything nice for their anniversary. He doesn't get any respect at his job as the senior clerk at an electronics store. He hates his stepdad (Bill Nighy.) And he's constantly stuck in a battle of wills between his roommates, one of whom is his slothful, greasy and utterly indolent best friend Ed (Nick Frost.)

Shaun is so wrapped up in his staggeringly ordinary life as an overgrown kid that he fails to notice what's happening around him. Heading over to the market across the street to get breakfast in order to nurse his hangover, Shaun doesn't even notice that the neighborhood has gone to hell in a handbasket, with the first of many ghouls waddling down the street. The hyperventilating news reports are nothing but white noise for the videogame-loving duo of Ed and Shaun. It's only when a pair of zombies, whom they fend off with vinyl records, confronts them both in the garden, that the friends realize what's really wrong.

It's off to mum's house for Shaun, who, for once in his life, becomes proactive. His plan is to gather up friends and family and head over to the Winchester, the local pub with an antique rifle over the bar. After all, it's familiar territory to the chronic social-drinker Shaun.

"Shaun of the Dead" plays like a very-well written sitcom. Shaun is the gape-jawed loser suffering indignities at the hands of friends and family. He's got the dithering parental figure this mother, played by Penelope Wilton), the exasperated girlfriend and the doughnut-do-well best friend.

The strength of the film is in it's expertly played and written sight gags, from Shaun's aforementioned ignorant stroll through the neighborhood, to an attempt to dupe zombies by pretending to be zombies. Pegg makes for a particularly engaging hero. He makes his likable loafer even more winning the more dangerous things get.

The longer the movie goes on, the less funny it gets. By the end, we're firmly entrenched in traditional horror tropes. The result is a movie much like what Romero practically patented, the dwindling cast in a standoff with the evergrowing horde outside the walls, with dashes of Sam Raimi and early Peter Jackson. The grossest moment involves a character literally being torn apart tthough it's a moment punctuated by comic insanity.! Since we've grown to like the characters - a hard feat for even a comic horror movie - the loss of life is genuinely sad and by the time that the movie reaches its climax, we realize it has transcended its goopy origins. "Shaun of the Dead" isn't just a witty reinvention of an old chestnut, but a film with a genuine identity of it's own. Alternately weird, silly, smart, moving, funny and scary, "Shaun of the Dead" is potentially a cult classic that's in a field of its own.

'Shaun of the Dead'
Directed by Edgar Wright
Starring Simon Pegg Nick Frost
Rogue
Rated R
99 mins
Grade A



Simon Pegg starred in the British response to the recent slew of mock horror films 'Shaun of the Dead'

Salles reveals the story of Che

By Jamie Morvane
Daily Collegian Columnist

Gael Garcia Bernal wants to know why Britney Spears wears a Che Guevara T-shirt. Does the pop singer know anything about the man behind the Cuban Revolution?

"[Guevara] might be very famous in a way, or incredibly well-known, but in most cases it's just the icon that people recognize. The icon has no 3-dimensionality, it's only pictures," the actor said on a recent visit to Chicago to discuss his role as the infamous revolutionary in "The Motorcycle Diaries." "Britney Spears wears a T-shirt of Che Guevara and it'd be interesting to see what she has to say about it."

Mexican born Bernal is right to wonder. Many people are familiar with the popular black silk-screened image of the revolutionary sporting a beret, but just as many do not know what came before. In this Walter Salles-directed, Robert Redford-produced film, Bernal's mission is to enlighten, to bring Guevara, whose opposition to the United States intervention in Latin America led to his 1967 assassination, to life for moviegoers.

Based on Ernesto "Che" Guevara's memoirs, namely "The Motorcycle Diaries," and his close friend Alberto Granado's "Traveling with Che Guevara," the film tells a poignant tale not of a hostile anarchist but of a 23-year-old on a journey to discover the world he only knew from books and in turn, to discover himself.

The film begins in January 1952 in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where Guevara was a medical student specializing in leprology. His friend is 29-year-old Alberto Granado [Rodrigo de la Serna], a biochemist. The two embark on a motorcycle trip across South America on Granado's 1939 Norton 500, which he calls "La Poderosa" or "The Mighty One." The goal is to complete the journey on Granado's 50th birthday, but "The Mighty One" is anything but mighty throughout their trip and Guevara battles severe asthma, something so insignificant, yet unthinkable, of such a powerful figure.

In eight months, the two men grew as close as brothers and traveled more than 8,000 miles. What was once a fun-filled voyage became a more profound journey that neither of them had expected. They encountered everyone from wealthy countrymen to homeless miners searching for work to lepers [portrayed by actual lepers], all of whom aided in illustrating the infinite inequalities that plagued South America. But Guevara, who helped those no one would help and gave a voice to those who had no voice, saw that there was hope. After realizing they were forever transformed on their trip, Guevara and Granado were determined to make a difference. As the film's maxim goes, "Let the world change you and you can change the world." Bernal, who starred in Alfonso Cuaron's Academy Award-nominated "Y Tu Mama Tambien," said, "I just relate very strongly to [Guevara] and in a way it was very heavy and overwhelming to play this character. We prepared exhaustingly for six months, and then I still didn't feel ready. I wanted to do it well. It's who I am." Bernal continued, "And all the information we had – it wasn't enough. [Guevara] needed our experiences to be alive [on screen]. Eventually, I could use my voice. I didn't have to make it overly dramatic or heroic."

The finished product shows Bernal playing Guevara for the second time in his career – the first time was for the 2002 mini-series "Fidel."

"The fact that I did it before made me want to do it again – right," Bernal said.

It seems he nailed it with "The Motorcycle Diaries," in which he went to extremes – mentally and physically – even going so far as to swim across the Amazon River, which he said was "the best," but wouldn't recommend it for others.

Overall, the film is "a great transcendence to what's going on in the world," Bernal said. "It really shows that politics is about the person, not the contingents of a political party. ... Democracy is very fishy. There's no real representation or way of governing. The U.S. is not a great nation, it's a great people."

Bernal hopes "The Motorcycle Diaries" will inspire people everywhere, as it inspired him.

"It re-affirmed my priorities and challenged me. It's an approach, a pathway to knowledge. You can understand the human condition and work to change it," he said. "I'll only do a movie if there's something meaningful. ... It's not for the money. If it was, I'd be living in L.A. and trying to be a star."

That won't be necessary. In January 2004 – 52 years after that original journey began – "The Motorcycle Diaries" world-premiered at the Sundance Film Festival. It was met with a standing ovation. The film opens in Chicago theaters early October.



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Since his assasination in 1967, Che Guevara has been a popular symbol of revolution.



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Director Walter Salles has approached the daunting task of documenting Guevara's life in the new film 'Che.'

Waters' return to filth

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addict, then orally pleases her in the middle of the road. Knoxville gives her a business card, and needless to say, it wouldn't be long before Stickles would put the digits to use.

The accident claims Sylvia as the twelfth apostle of a group of sex addicts that have formed in her city and meet in Ray-Ray's garage. Each one of the apostles has suffered a concussion before and has found a new addiction to many varieties of sexual deviances. This includes, but certainly is not limited to, a police officer who has succumbed to infantilism, a convenience store worker who is attracted to dirt, and even Stickles own daughter, Caprice Stickles (Selma Blair), who is otherwise known by locals as Ursula Udders because of her, well, extremely large mammary glands.

After being introduced to most of the group, Sylvia is told that they are on a quest to discover a new sex act, and that she is the twelfth apostle, the chosen member that will lead them to this act. While the path seems destined to the deviant dozen, a select group of the city, including Mr. Stickles and Sylvia's mother (Mink Stole), have formed a group called the Neuters. "Neuter" is a term coined for the sexless portion of the city. So, the plot doesn't necessarily thicken from there. I could reveal more, but hey, this isn't a Kenneth Branagh film, and I don't expect to see this film discussed on "Inside the Actors Studio" any day soon. There are, however, some interesting aspects to the film that do warrant mentioning. First, the movie is rated NC-17, the equivalent to the old rating of XXX. While movies have had this rating in the past, most studios will not grant permission for a movie with this rating; it's just bad business. Luckily, Waters' fans will rejoice to know that Fine Line Features was up to the task of helping this film make it to screens nationally.

The Prince of Puke began his illustrious film career in the 1960s in Baltimore. He used to rent out halls in churches and use leaflets to spread the word of his films. Today Waters is a professor of film and subculture at the European Graduate School in Saas-Fee, Switzerland. It is funny how things change.

I believe it is safe to say that America has become a more sensitive country since the birth of John Waters, yet it appears that Waters reveals some of society's insecure topics in his movies. In "A Dirty Shame," he toys with the idea of Americans being all too concerned with what other people do in the bedroom. I think most people would be disgusted with some of the perverse sexual acts that are strewn about in the film, but this can only be to the glee of Waters.

Sit back, enjoy the show, and try to avoid concussions. The Pope of Trash is back, and he has a whole new bag of tricks.



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Tracy Ullman plays sex-starved Sylvia Stickles in 'A Dirty Shame'



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Selma Blair lended her hand as Ursula Udders in Water's new flick.

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Vets can't hang them up

By David Pollak
Knight Ridder

SAN JOSE, CA (AP) — Perhaps future Hall of Famers Jerry Rice and Tim Brown can one day look each other in the eye and ask: What happened to us?

Rice, 41, caught zero passes a week ago — zero! — for the first time since 1985. Brown was more involved for the Raos, with seven receptions. But the man with a career average of 13.7 yards per catch gets about half that now. And Tampa Bay's injury-riddled roster is so thin that Brown is the NFL's senior punt returner, at 38.

So a second question may follow:

Is it time?

"Very seldom do we know it's time to hang it up," said Jim Plunkett, the former Stanford quarterback who kept his own NFL career going until he reached 40. "Usually we all have to be told by someone else — not that they're necessarily right."

Former NFL players are not inclined to pass judgment on Rice and Brown for extending their careers past their prime. Talk with even a handful of them and it is evident that there's no formula for determining when it's time to run off the field for keeps.

Plunkett thought he could still play until then-Raiders coach Mike Shanahan told him in 1988 that his days as a Raider were over — and no other NFL team showed interest. Former 49ers running back Roger Craig woke up one morning at 33 and knew it was time to move on. Center Randy Cross figured out more gradually that his level of play had dropped after 13 years as a 49er. Defensive back Rod Woodson, who finished last season with the Raiders, let his knee make the decision.

And wide receiver Lynn Swann, whose nine-year career with Pittsburgh could easily have been extended beyond the 1982 season, treated it strictly as a business matter. Broadcasting beckoned.

"Could I have played another two or three years? Absolutely. Did I leave something behind? Absolutely," said Swann, whose 16.5 yards per reception helped put him in the Hall of Fame. "But that was OK. I didn't think the opportunity presented to me by ABC would be there the next year, and so I took it."

He turns to the words of NBA legend Julius Erving in explaining how most pro athletes look at retirement (even though Swann didn't follow the advice). "He said, I'd rather play one year too long than one year too few," said Swann, 52, who is one of ABC's more visible analysts. "If you get out thinking you've still got something to give, you'll always regret it."

For most players, Swann said, multimillion-dollar salaries are a big incentive to keep playing. But there are others: the camaraderie, the challenge and the crowds.

There's also ego — and, Swann said, don't buy into the idea that some players are such nice guys that they don't have one. "Every guy on that field believes 100 percent in himself and his ability to beat the guy on the other side. Every guy's got an ego," he said, "and it's tough to swallow when they tell you We're going to put you on the bench."

Swann said he never wanted to face that moment. Other players have been willing to make the accommodation.

Craig spent the final two years of his career with Minnesota. With the Raiders in 1991, he carried the ball 162 times; with the Vikings, that number dropped to 105, then 38. That wasn't a problem, he said. He knew his role was to help younger players develop.

"When Dennis Green called me to come to Minnesota, he said, 'Roger, I need you to lead the ship, to show these guys what it takes to be a champion,'" said Craig, now the director of business development for Tibco Software. "I didn't look for anything more or say I deserved to get this or that. It's all about adjusting."

Early in his final season, Craig knew in an instant that the end was near.

"Normally I was the first guy in and the last one to leave the football field," he said. "One morning I just could not do it. I didn't have the same passion. I didn't want to hurt myself, I didn't want to hurt the team."

That internal wake-up call never came for Plunkett. He didn't get the message until the Raiders showed him the door. Plunkett was willing to make the adjustment Craig talked about, but the chance never came.

"When I got released, I was hoping to hear from another team," said Plunkett, who entered the NFL in 1971 with New England. "If I got a call, I knew I could help in one fashion or another. I could help with a young player during practice, but if I had to step on the field, I could do that as well."

The phone didn't ring.

Ironically, there were times a decade earlier with the 49ers when Plunkett considered calling it quits.

"I was getting the crap beat out of me," said Plunkett, now a TV co-host for Oakland's Silver & Black show. "Sometimes I felt that maybe I should just do something else for my own health. My brain was telling me I'm taking a licking here and it's not going anywhere and I don't feel good afterward. Psychologically, we were losing, but it was more than that. It was the losing and the fans being on you, and the press being on you.

"But I stuck it out and fortunately it turned out the way it did," said Plunkett, who went on to lead the Raiders to Super Bowl championships in the 1980 and 1983 seasons.

Unlike Plunkett, who faults his final coach for hastening his exit from the game, Cross credits Bill Walsh for making the process smoother.

"That was one of the things he was very very good at," Cross said. "He'd have talks with people. It was generally at a pretty positive time in their careers. You'd get that, 'You have two or three more effective years left,' which gave you kind of a window that most players just don't have."

Cross, now an analyst with CBS, said he was getting an inkling that it was time to quit throughout his final season. "I could have kept playing, but my play in general definitely wasn't up to the kind of football I expected out of myself," said Cross, who ended his NFL career after the 49ers' Super Bowl win over Cincinnati following the 1988 season.

Hamm fighting for his gold

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The USOC's lead attorney, Jeff Benz, said he argued three points:

— That the court could not make decisions on "field-of-play" issues — in other words, on judgment calls made by officials during the competition.

— That the South Koreans didn't protest in time for there to be any change in the results.

— That simply adding 0.1 points to Yang's score wouldn't give an accurate reflection of the results because there was another event to go after the disputed parallel bars, and nobody knows what would have happened had the scores been different heading in.

"We are confident we were able to express ourselves to arbitrators to the fullest extent possible in a way they understood," Benz said.

The International Gymnastics Federation, known as FIG, acknowledged the scoring error and suspended three judges for the rest of the games. It said repeatedly that it would not change the results because the South Koreans didn't file a protest in time.

FIG president Bruno Grandi confused the issue, however, when he sent a letter to Hamm asking him to surrender the medal voluntarily. In the letter, Grandi wrote, "The true winner of the all-around competition is Yang Tae-young."

USA Gymnastics President Bob Colarossi said the competition should have been considered closed the moment the results were published.

"It's a bad precedent to look at field-of-play calls in court," he said. "There's a human element in sport. There are always going to be some things that happen that on review might have gone differently."

CAS traditionally does not involve itself in "field-of-play" decisions, but Tae-Young had nowhere else to go. The USOC rejected the South Korean's plea for a duplicate gold medal and is spending about $300,000 to defend Hamm.

"We're extremely proud of what Paul accomplished," USOC spokesman Darryl Seibel said.



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Paul Hamm, after winning gold in the 2004 Olympic Games.

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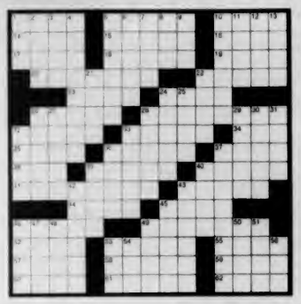
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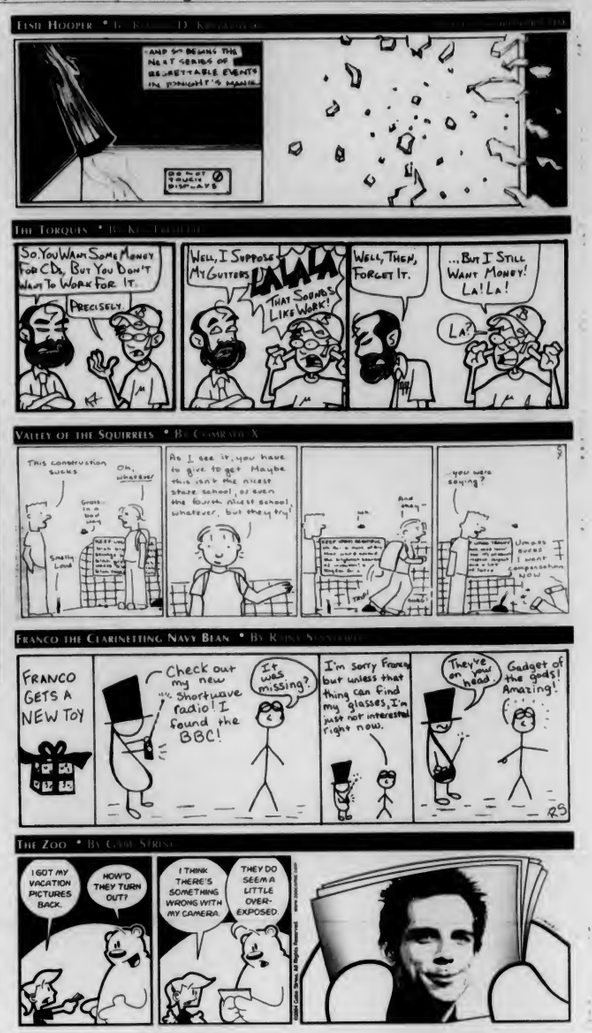
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One away from history

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If the Patriots beat the Bills, they should be favored to go 4-0 and set a record of 19 consecutive wins. That's because their next game is at home against struggling Miami in the opener of a three-game homestand that includes two unbeaten teams, Seattle and the New York Jets.

Miami is one of the five teams that shares the 18-win record, having accomplished it by going 17-0, including three playoff wins, in 1972 then winning the opener in 1973. The streak ended with a 12-7 loss at Oakland, then Miami won its next 10 games and went on to capture its second straight NFL title. The Dolphins were 32-2 over those two seasons.

The other teams NFL sharing the record are Chicago in 1933-34 and again in 1941-42, San Francisco in 1989-90 and Denver in 1997-98. The Cleveland Browns also won 18 straight in 1947-48 but were in the All American Football Conference.

One task facing the Patriots is getting into a regular-season routine. They opened the season on a Thursday night, then had their next game 10 days later then followed that with the bye week.

"We're going to be able to start a regular rhythm and get on track as far as having a scheduled standard plan that we do week in and week out," defensive end Richard Seymour said.

Just as they've gotten into a year-long rhythm of winning that has brought them to the brink of an NFL record victory streak.

"Obviously, we'd love to be a part of history and be successful that way," linebacker Roman Phifer said, "but it's not going to really make a difference as far as us trying to achieve our goal, which is to win championships."



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New England Patriots' quarterback Tom Brady looks for an open receiver during Super Bowl XXXVIII in Houston, Texas.

Hamm's medal in limbo

By Sam Cage
Associated Press

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — Paul Hamm fought to keep his Olympic gymnastics gold medal Monday during an 11 and 1/2-hour hearing before the sports world's highest court, and the panel adjourned without making a decision.

Three Court of Arbitration for Sports arbitrators convened to hear the appeal from a South Korean who lost the gold medal in the all-around at the Athens Olympics after a scoring error by the judges.

CAS General Secretary Matthieu Reeb said the arbitrators — from Germany, Kenya and Britain — hoped to make a decision within the next two weeks.

Yang Tae-young wants the court to order international gymnastics officials to change the rankings, give him the gold and give Hamm the silver. Hamm and the U.S. Olympic Committee spent the hearing fighting Tae-young's appeal.

"I thought everything went very smoothly," Hamm said in a teleconference after the hearing. "It was a very fair hearing and everyone got the chance to say what they thought."

Yang, who finished with a bronze, was mistakenly docked 0.100 points on the start value of his next-to-last routine, the parallel bars. He finished third, 0.049 points behind Hamm, who became the first American man to win gymnastics' biggest prize.

With the extra 0.100, Yang would have finished 0.051 points ahead of Hamm. That, however, assumes everything in the final rotation would have played out the same way.

"The issue is whether this (mistake) affected the result," Reeb said.

South Korean officials declined comment following the hearing.

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Rudy wins 200th as UMass coach

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the program to be a three-time All-America (honorable mention in '94 and '96, first team in '95). She was also a three-time All-New England and All-Atlantic 10.

Current assistant coach Rebecca Myers was part of the dynamic squads from the early 90's too, earning All-America honors during her freshman and sophomore years ('93 and '94), and racking up plenty of A-10 honors, including Rookie of the Year and four All-A-10 selections.

Wilkins, Lynch and Myers were crucial parts of that famed 1993 squad, which made the NCAA Final Four and lost to eventual champion North Carolina, but none were more crucial than Brianna Scurry.

A two-time Olympic gold medallist and Women's World Cup champion, the Minnesota native managed to make only one All-America squad—in '93, as a second teamer. The 1993 Adidas Goalkeeper of the Year owns a career Goals Against Average of 0.56, fifth all-time at UMass. She ranks second in the saves column with 368 as well as shutouts, with 37.

Drop the name to anybody around the University of Massachusetts and they will all tell you the same thing.

"Bri Scurry, she's the best," Rudy said.

There have been some great players, and some great games like the triple overtime thriller over Harvard in 1996 that advanced them to the Sweet 16, but that isn't to take anything away from the current squad in progress.

"This is the first I've heard of it," freshman Vanessa Lima said, when asked to comment on Rudy's milestone win.



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Jim Rudy won his 200th game coaching for UMass yesterday.

"Rudy didn't really say anything to us [about the 200th win]," junior forward Adair Blyler said. "But this is great for him. There's nothing better than achieving a win like this."

Now that the word is out, everything is calm once again at Rudd Field. For now.

UMass crushes Holy Cross

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some heavy pressure in the Crusader zone, with Lindsey "Stormy" Fairweather, Lindsey Bellini and Caelyn Caldwell taking plenty of shots. But Holy Cross did a fine job of exposing the weak Maroon and White counterattack for what it was, and managed to get their fair share of breakaways.



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Freshman Tina Rodriguez plays the ball against Holy Cross.

The Minutewomen battled back and forth throughout the first half, with Fairweather notching the first goal of the game, a great turn-and-shoot feed from Bellini, in the 37th minute.

The Crusaders immediately bounced back with a goal of their own four minutes later, when junior midfielder Allison Hayes took a swift pass from Lauren Pereira just inside the 18-yard box from the left side and booted one upwards toward the top right corner. The shot deflected backwards off goalie Kristin Walker's hands, and just like that the women were playing even again.

"The first half, I thought we did a good job. We had our opportunities, and they did too," junior forward Adair Blyler said.

But there was a serious change in momentum from then on favoring the Maroon and White. However, it came at the expense of Bellini, who went down early in the second half with a rib injury.

In came freshman Vanessa Lima, who provided an instant spark to the offense. No more than four minutes later, fellow frosh Jenny Roehrig took a pitch from Lima and found the back of the net to put the Minutewomen up for good, 2-1. But they were not done yet.

"Part of that change in the second half was we changed our formation, bringing back another defender," Blyler said. "That really helped out the defense. We had a much quicker attack, even though we had one less scorer."

How fitting it was, then, that UMass's fastest player, freshman Britt Canfield, was next to tally a score. Taking a feed near midfield from Blyler, Canfield went on a fast break before firing from the right side just inside the 18-yard box, a shot that rolled wide of Jessica Pietrowicz to make it 3-1.

After tallying a goal, Canfield quickly returned to the bench. "

The Minutewomen tallied one final insurance goal with just over three minutes to go. Liz Weinstein curled the ball right around the Holy Cross defense to Nadia Villarcel, who promptly dropped the ball off to a waiting Caitlin Footit for her first career goal.

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UMass tops Crusaders

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

After more than 18 years, and over 400 minutes of play, the Holy Cross women's soccer team finally registered a goal against the Massachusetts Minute-women yesterday afternoon at Rudd Field.

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Up until that point, the Crusaders (1-7) had been outscored 0-14 in their four meetings with UMass.

But unfortunately, one swift shot to the back of the net was all the Crusaders would be able to muster, as the Maroon and White went on to thump Holy Cross 4-1, giving head coach Jim Rudy his 200th win as coach of UMass (12-5).

Number 200 came on the heels of several nicely put together goals, including a last-minute thread through the defense that set up freshman Caitlin Foote for her first career goal.

But it was only after the Minutewomen nullified the absorb-and-react style of play by the Crusaders that they were able to put some numbers up on the scoreboard.

"We didn't do a good job in the first half," Rudy said. "We definitely got a little greedy, even before we scored. I felt like we took them for granted, and they're a tough team. They're resilient; they hang in there. They gave us everything we could handle — they don't quit."

The Maroon and White started things off in the first half with



Junior defender Amy Mattucci clears the ball for the Minutewomen yesterday during their game against Holy Cross. UMass won the game 4-1 over the Crusaders, giving head coach Jim Rudy his 200th victory at UMass.

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Rudy wins number 200

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

Following his 200th win as women's soccer coach at the University of Massachusetts, Jim Rudy was greeted with a hug from goalkeeper Kristin Rutland.

"Congratulations on your 200th win, coach," Rutland said.

"Well, it's nice to know that I have it now," he replied with a grin.

Like some other coaches around the University of Massachusetts, Rudy doesn't pay too much attention to numbers. But when a significant one like this — his 200th win as a coach at UMass — comes around, you can bet he is all smiles.

"It feels good, now that I know about it," Rudy said with a chuckle.

Faster than you can say "goal," however, his voice gets softer and he becomes more serious — and a bit more emotional.

"I'm pleased for it. UMass has given me a great opportunity here," Rudy said, "I came up here from Orlando, Florida, and it was a good move. I'll never regret coming here."

Perhaps that's partly due to some of the great teams he's assembled, and the great players that composed them.

Be it at Central Florida — where his teams were national powerhouses year in and year out, and former Olympian Michelle Akers was the main attraction — or UMass, Rudy has carried a sense of pride throughout his career.

"I've coached a long time, and I've coached a lot of good players. That'll get you 200 real quick," Rudy said.

And there were a lot of them.

There was Paula Wilkins, a 1993 All-America first team who Rudy regards as the shrewdest tactician to ever come through his program. A great leader, her skills have paid off in the form of the head coaching job at Penn State.

Erin Lynch was another of those dynamic players, a fiery defender from Austin, Texas. A two time Atlantic 10 Player of the Year (1994 and '95), she is the only player in the history of

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Men's soccer to face Terriers

By Matt Barstow
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts men's soccer team (3-4) will head down the Mass Pike tomorrow to begin a five-game road stand, starting against Boston University (2-4, 1-0 America East).

UMass is coming off a 3-2, overtime victory over New Hampshire last Wednesday, a game in which sophomore Rob Charest scored his second golden goal of the season. In the 99th minute, Charest capitalized on a breakaway pass from junior captain Oral Bullen and netted the game winner for his second goal of the game.

A week prior, in another two-goal performance, Charest led the Maroon and White to victory over Hartford with a sudden-death tally in the 104th minute.

After struggling to score goals in the early going (two in the first three games), the Massachusetts offense is starting to show promise.

Bullen, held scoreless in the first three games, picked up two goals in a win over Siena (Sept. 17) and another goal against Hartford on Sept. 14. He leads the team with seven points on three goals and one assist.

"We just need to keep finding ways to score," UMass coach Sam Koch said. "We keep getting chances and if we play the way we're capable of there shouldn't be a problem."

For one of the youngest teams in the country — UMass fields a squad of 17 freshman and sophomores and only two seniors — The Minutemen have found a way to get 11 different players on the scoresheet.

Aside from Charest and Bullen, four players have more than one point, three of which are freshman. Matty Lennie, Mike Mingione and Tyler Pigano have scored goals within the first four weeks of their collegiate careers, helping to answer the largest pre-season question mark.

"We need it. We need freshman production if we are going to be successful," Koch said. "Unfortunately, it took longer than we wanted for everyone to get adjusted but I expect many more goals from all the freshman."

A UMass victory tomorrow will mean the Maroon and White overcame the hurdle of scoring on the road. The Minutemen have scored twelve goals at home compared to only two on the road.

The game will act as preparation for Atlantic 10 play, which begins Friday at St. Joseph's for UMass, but also holds special meaning for Koch.

In his 15th season with the Minutemen, Koch is poised one win shy of 150 for his UMass career. He is already the winningest coach in program history and has racked up 208 collegiate victories over a 20-year career.

But even with a win, Koch is unlikely to publicly celebrate reaching the 150-win milestone.

"Whatever win it is doesn't matter so long as it helps us get ready for Friday's conference game," Koch said. "We're concentrating on the task at hand and trying not getting distracted by outside things ... BU's going to give us enough to worry about."

Unfortunately for UMass, they will kick off at Nickerson Field tomorrow at what might be the worst possible time. BU is fresh off Saturdays 2-0 victory over defending-league champion Binghamton and riding the coattails of a two game unbeaten streak.

Boston University started the season slow, loosing the first four contests, but bounced back with a 3-2 overtime victory over Rhode Island Sept. 22, a win that snapped the Bearcats 20-game regular-season undefeated streak.

The two Terrier victories have come against nationally ranked opponents, with Binghamton sitting at No. 20 and Rhode Island ranked No. 24.

UMass did fare better against then No. 9 Notre Dame however, Massachusetts and BU's only common foe. UMass tied the Irish 0-0 during a preseason match August 28, while Boston University lost 2-0 on Sept. 3.

"It's always a good game when we play BU," Koch said. "They have a good team that is big and strong and I'm sure it will be a very difficult game. We just need to make sure we take care of the ball and don't make too many mistakes."

The key to UMass success may be the neutralization of the three-pronged attack of Erik Evjen, Roland Erlichman and Steve Gahl, a trio of Terriers who lead the team with two goals each.

The Minutemen will not play another home game at Rudd Field until October 18.



Sophomore defender Michael Donnelly goes to clear the ball for UMass. The Minutemen take on Boston University today at 7 p.m.

Coaches bring class to UMass



Bob McGovern

Amidst the excitement of football, basketball, and recently hockey, soccer has fallen by the wayside here at the University of Massachusetts. Except for the few that show up at Rudd Field during the balmy fall days of Western Mass., the two teams go relatively unnoticed, year in and year out.

This is not to say that either team is unsuccessful. In fact, UMass soccer has been at the forefront of the New England soccer over the past decade. Most, if not all of this, is due to two coaches who are approaching or have already achieved milestones.

Yesterday women's soccer coach Jim Rudy notched his 200th win at UMass with a 4-1 victory over Holy Cross. Today, men's soccer coach Sam Koch is looking to ring up number 150 as the Minutemen travel east to take on Boston University.

Both have won a majority of their games coaching for UMass and have become staples in the New England soccer scene. Rudy and Koch have won a total of 349 games and all with a small amount of scholarships in relation to the nation's elite.

Perhaps Rudy's 200th and Koch's 150th won't be the biggest news in UMass athletics this year, but these marks are a testament to what both have brought to their respective programs. Even with a relatively small fan base, both have brought top caliber soccer to the Pioneer Valley and have only four losing seasons between them.

Koch came into UMass with a very tricky situation on his hands for a first-year coach. The Minutemen were slated to be rebuilt at the end of Koch's first season (1981), so he was basically there to set the floundering program to rest.

Now, 14 years later, Koch has taken UMass from the veritable doormat of New England soccer, and turned it into a respected force in the Northeast. Koch has already broken the all-time wins record at UMass (125), which was set by legendary Lawrence Briggs who coached the Minutemen for 37 years.

Rudy, who is already far and away the winningest coach in UMass women's soccer history, is starting to get his name heard around the country. With yesterday's win, Rudy not only won his 200th game at UMass, but also picked up win number 274 for his career, making him the fourth winningest coach in collegiate women's soccer history.

Perhaps the most amazing accomplishment that these coaches have brought to UMass can't be seen on a stat sheet. On September 8, 2002 Rudd Field was dedicated to the University of Massachusetts as the home of UMass soccer.

Previous to this groundbreaking addition, the soccer teams were playing most of their games on a patch next to Sylvan. Soccer was out of the way for the bulk of campus, on a pitch a fraction of the quality of Rudd.

Andrew and Jinny Rudd, who were long-time fans of UMass soccer and the parents of UMass soccer player Alexandra Rudd, gave $500,000 of the money needed. More than $100,000 extra was given from a strong UMass fan base.

Soccer will never bring in the same crowd size that the bigger sports draw, but luckily that's not always the measuring stick for success. Both of these coaches have been around and weathered the storms that come from coaching sparsely funded programs and have come out on top.

Numbers don't always tell the whole story, but for Rudy and Koch, 200 and 150 are a good way to start.

— Bob McGovern is a Collegian Columnist

Patriots wary to mention win streak

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

FOXBORO (AP) — The New England Patriots returned from their bye week to face the same question they'd heard before they left: What about The Streak?

Their answer was the same: What streak?

Sure, they know they haven't lost a regular-season or playoff game in a very long time, although 11 of them weren't with the team last season. In fact, Tuesday is the first anniversary of their last loss, 20-17 at Washington, in a game they had a chance to win in the final minute.

Since then, the Patriots have won 17 games, including their second Super Bowl in three years. That's one less than the NFL record shared by five teams, but they know it will be tough to tie it if they don't focus only on their next game.

And that happens to be on Sunday in the same stadium where they suffered their only other loss last season, a 31-0 season-opening rout at Buffalo.

"You can talk about streaks all day, but I've never heard a player in here say anything about it," center Dan Koppen said. "It's always been the media."

On Monday, there were more reporters than players in the locker room during the 45-minute media access period. It was the players' first work day since last Thursday, and they have their regular day off Tuesday before resuming preparations for the Bills.

Buffalo is 0-2, losing both games 13-10, and has a new coach, Mike Mularkey, after a 6-10 season cost Gregg Williams his job.

"They're only a couple of plays away from being 2-0," Patriots safety Rodney Harrison said, "so we can't look at their record because, just like (Sunday), who thought Houston was going to beat Kansas City. It doesn't matter what record you have."

The only record that matters this week to Harrison is 3-0, not the record for consecutive wins.

"To be honest with you, I did not even think about the streak until you just mentioned it," Harrison insisted. "Really, I'm telling you. Guys are not even thinking about the streak. We are thinking about going up in there and just beating Buffalo.

"We're trying to win a game and, if it happens to continue the streak, that's fine. But we're just trying to win that one game in the division that's going to help us get to 3-0."

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Senate Elections for SGA postponed over turmoil surrounding pictures

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

Student Government Association President Eduardo Bustamante and the SGA Elections Commission announced yesterday that the senate elections originally scheduled for today and tomorrow in various Dining Commons have been postponed until next week.

After extensive debate, the elections were indefinitely called off last night just after 10 p.m., amid the controversial circumstances surrounding the eight other officials from the SGA and the Student Center for Educational Research and Advocacy engaged in drinking in the SCERA office.

Several of the pictures also show a drawing on a dry-erase board depicting Higgins as a Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan. The photographs were uncovered last weekend by an unknown member of the African Latino Asian and Native American group.

The elections were rescheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 6 and Thursday, Oct. 7.

"After much thought about this, it is extremely important, and we want to nail it," Bustamante said. "We want students to know the candidates better."

Bustamante hopes that students will now make a more educated choice on a candidate now that they have an additional week to do research.

Among the problems that prevented the elections from taking place was the SGA's struggle to achieve a full Coordinating Council and election staff.

"There are extenuating circumstances," he said, "we've never had a large number of Coordinating Council not be here, not to mention a Speaker and Associate Speaker."

Bustamante told The Collegian last night that Higgins plans to formally resign today.

"This is also a chance for students to take their names off the ballots," he said, referring to the others photographed — some of who are running for Senate seats.

By SGA rule, Chancellor of Elections Viktoryia Brohnsheyn made the final decision to postpone today's vote.

"She had very limited time," Bustamante said. "She had less than one month before elections to prepare; she really wants to make sure that she nails it."

Last week, controversy arose when it was discovered that the 10 election commissioners needed to man the polling stations were not returning from last year.

Speaker Higgins appointed a professional staff to assist — an unprecedented move by an SGA speaker. However, he was not able to compile a full roster.

"We found enough people, we found staff — students, faculty and grad students and I thank them for it, but this is extremely important because the student body is about to show a huge interest in elections," Bustamante said.

If elections were to proceed as initially planned, there was a strong likelihood that they would be thrown out because of violations of SGA bylaws. Bustamante's initial election to the office of president was originally thrown out in March because of bylaw violations in the election process.

"[SGA] has been too dark for too long and it would be discouraging to the students to throw out another election," he said.

He also said that he feared students would lose faith in the SGA if the elections were discarded.

Bustamante said he is anxious to move forward with a newly appointed Senate, so that the SGA can get to the process of governance.

If Speaker Higgins does indeed resign as planned, Associate Speaker Seamus Brennan — also pictured in the photos — would be automatically appointed Speaker.

If both Higgins and Brennan resign, the newly elected Senate will ratify the elections and then vote internally on the appointment of a new Speaker and Associate Speaker.

Bustamante said that the election postponement, as well as this week's controversy surrounding the photographs, slowed his ability to push forward with his agenda.



President of the SGA Eduardo Bustamante holds a press conference before announcing elections are postponed.

However, he said he proceeds to keep working on his goals for the year, including the implementation of a textbook rental system.

"[The photograph incident] has already slowed me down," he said. "Everyone is just saturated with the controversy, we just have to keep working."

We the Elections Commission feel that due to the circumstances involving the SGA and the curret condition of the Elections Commission, feel that this is in the best interest of the student body to postpone the Senate elections. We hope that this time will allow students to become better educated on the candidates as well as he election process, and also to allow or staff to become more familiar with the elections process.

We feel that becuase of the importance of the SGA and the senate body, thier commitment to the student body and the student's rights which we strive to protect, that postponing these elections is the honorable thing to do.

- The Student Government Association

New Linux IBM computer laboratory opens in Machmer

By Kaitlin Barry
Collegian Correspondent

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences hosted an open house last Wednesday to showcase the new Linux Open-Source Software Teaching Lab with 20 new IBM computers in Machmer Hall to approximately 40 students and faculty members.

"Linux is an operating system that is becoming a potential rival to Windows. Computer scientists and engineers use this operating system all the time," said Charlie Schweik, lab principal investigator and joint faculty member in both the Center for Public Policy and Administration and the Department of Natural Resource Conservation.

IBM and an anonymous donor from Amherst Computer Works offered over $100,000 to create the new teaching lab, among the first of its kind in the nation. IBM also donated the salaries for Aaltonen and Jacobson to install the lab this summer and to administer the lab this year as IBM co-ops. Dee Weber of the Social and Demographic Research Institute will be responsible for lab management.

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences provided the space for the lab in Machmer.

Schweik said that with the new lab, students and faculty within departments such as Biology, Political Science, and Management will have the opportunity to use computers to further their studies.

Schweik discussed the history of the project at the event and introduced Oliver Aaltonen and John Jacobson, two UMass students who installed the lab this summer. Aaltonen presented a demonstration on the Linux operating system at the open house.

Mark Hanny and Scott MacPhetres, the representatives from IBM responsible for the donation of equipment, software, and co-support, joined the celebration, along with Dean Janet Rifkin of CSBS.

"IBM sees Linux and open-source software as a new business model for them. They see this as a way to move people away from Microsoft Windows products. IBM has embraced the open-source paradigm," said Schweik.

IBM intends to meet the escalating demand for skilled professionals in the technology field this year and will rely on universities, such as UMass, to prepare students for such positions.

"The lab is intended to expose UMass students to the Linux computer operating system and open-source software. Open-source software is typically free and available on the Internet. The 'Open Office' productivity suite is freely downloadable and has features that are similar to Microsoft Word. Potentially, this could save students money," said Schweik. "Also, programs can be modified by the user and redistributed because of the innovative alternative licensing. A user can improve a program or fix a problem."

IBM co-op Jacobson, mathematics major with a concentration in computing and computer science minor, witnessed the excitement about Linux and open-source software at the open house.

"Many students whom I spoke with were very excited about the lab, saying, 'This is a great thing.' 'How can I get an account?' 'When is the lab open,' said Jacobson.

"I had a faculty member

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UMass Professor receives grant for book research

By Sarah Freddie
Collegian Correspondent

Manisha Sinha, an associate professor at the University of Massachusetts, received a $40,000 National Humanities grant in order to research her latest book, "Redefining Democracy: African Americans and the Movement to Abolish Slavery, 1775-1865," which is under contract with Harvard University Press.

Sinha said the grant is enabling her to research and prepare for her book.

Sinha, a specialist in 19th century U.S. History, is on leave for a year while doing research for her book. At the University, Sinha teaches Introduction to African American History. She also conducts "project seminars and honors seminars on slavery and abolition for Commonwealth College."



Professor Manisha Sinha received a $40,000 grant to aid her research on a new book.

Sinha's accomplishments do not end there. In 2003, she was selected to participate in the Distinguished Lectureship Series of the Organization of American Historians, and she also mentors grad students.

Sinha, a woman of Indian descent, has chosen to write books and embark in a career on African American studies and history.

"I am originally from India and as a woman of color identify greatly with the struggles of African Americans in this country," she said. "Of course, there is no parallel between the historic oppressions suffered by African Americans and the obstacles faced by immigrants to this country from anywhere at any point in its history."

The basis of Sinha's new book is the attitude of African Americans during the Abolition Movement. "The primary focus [of the book] 'Redefining Democracy' is to explain how African American abolitionists helped to determine goals and ideas during the movement," she said.

Sinha said that even though African Americans were not allowed to vote during the Abolition Movement, they were able to help determine the tactics of the movement through their participation in public arenas.

"Just because African Americans couldn't participate in public life, they were able to develop a public intellectual protest tradition," she said.

This tradition enabled them to have their political opinions heard, increasing the intensity of the abolition movement during a politically unjust time period.

Prior to this book, Sinha had written and published another book entitled "The Counterrevolution of Slavery (2000)." She has also co-edited with John Bracey the two volumes, "African American Mosaic: A Documentary History of African Americans from the Slave Trade to the Twenty First Century."

When asked why she decided to write her new book, Sinha said that she wrote it because she wanted to look at the opposite side of her previous book and focus on the study of black abolitionist ideology instead.

Sinha has been researching for many months in preparation for her new book. She principally reads primary resources, such as leaflets, pamphlets and other documentation written by African Americans during the Abolitionist Movement. She has sought out "primary resources that were not easily accessible."

"Redelining Dentocracy: African Americans and the Movement to Abolish Slavery, 1775-1865," is due out in a year to a year-and-half, Sinha said.

Finneran deprives state of contested legislative elections

By Jennifer Peter
Associated Press

BOSTON — With his abrupt resignation, House Speaker Thomas Finneran has deprived the state's newly energized Republican Party of one of its most potent symbols just five weeks before this fall's hotly — contested legislative elections.

For years, Republicans have relied on Finneran, a powerful leader known for brokering back — room deals and quashing dissension, as a one — word campaign slogan for everything they believe is wrong with Beacon Hill.

In 2002, the Boston Democrat was a leading member of the infamous "Gang of Three" — a trio of longtime Beacon Hill Democrats that Republican Gov. Mitt Romney ran against successfully as part of his quest to bring reform to the Statehouse.

His name has also been bandied about in the early weeks of the fall elections, with Republicans describing him as "the Democrats' most feared, controlling and vindictive party boss" in a fund — raising letter sent under Romney's name.

Even some of Finneran's most loyal followers in the House acknowledged that his decision Monday to leave the

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Finneran's resignaiton comes as complete surprise

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post to become the leader of a biotechnology trade organization will be a boon for their re—election bids.

"The governor appeared to be tying the noose of Finneran around our necks," said Rep. David Flynn, D — Bridgewater, who is in a competitive race.

House Ways and Means Chairman John Rogers, D — Norwood, who will become House Majority Leader, said the timing of Finneran's announcement was a "a political coup."

"I think the Romney playbook was designed to focus squarely on the personality of Tom Finneran," said Rogers, a Finneran loyalist.

Republicans, who are making an aggressive effort to cut into Democrats' overwhelming legislative majority, immediately changed tactics Tuesday, refocusing instead on the behind — closed — door manner in which the Democrats anointed another Boston insider as the new speaker, before any formal vote.

House Majority Leader Salvatore DiMasi, D—Boston, Finneran's second—in—command, became the speaker—elect over the weekend, after lining up support among House members and sitting down at his North End home with Rogers, who also sought the position. A formal vote is expected on Wednesday.

"It's just the passing of the crown from one longtime Beacon Hill pol to another," said Republican consultant Charley Manning, a political adviser to the state Republican Party. "When voters see their state representatives just marching in lockstep and handing the scepter of the speaker's office to the next politician in line, they'll know that nothing's changed."

While DiMasi is much more socially liberal than the conservative outgoing speaker, he has been a loyal second — in — command, enforcing many of Finneran's edicts.

"Sure, one of our targets is now gone, but it's doesn't change our message or our focus," said Tim O'Brien, executive director of the Massachusetts Republican Party. "DiMasi's just a taller Finneran."

But unlike Finneran, DiMasi is not a household name in Massachusetts and is unlikely to be carry the same punch as a campaign tool for the GOP.

"It will take them a while to demonize him," said Lou DiNatale, a political science professor at the University of Massachusetts — Boston. "The 'gang of one' has escaped and he's on the run."

In 2002, Romney dubbed Finneran, incoming Senate President Robert Travaglini, and Democratic gubernatorial candidate Shannon O'Brien as the "Gang of Three," who would reign unchecked if he was not elected.

Republicans, who are fielding more than 100 candidates against Democratic incumbents in the fall elections, have been even more pointed this year. On the state Republican Web site, they tell voters that GOP candidates "offer the only alternative to the status quo on Beacon Hill, an establishment controlled by Tom Finneran and longtime friends of (former Senate President) Billy Bulger."

"I think it was pretty clear that I was going to be part of the Romney re-election efforts that are underway out there," Finneran said Tuesday, on his last day as speaker. "But each election has its own dynamic and its own intangibles and a lot depends on shoe leather and personality and not getting pushed around."



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Speaker Thomas Finneran resigned abruptly, announcing his resignation after serving for four years.

Florida suffers from Hurricane Jeanne

By Mike Schneider
Associated Press

VERO BEACH, Fla. — Janet Hettinger waited more than two days to return to her home on this city's barrier island, only to be told she couldn't go inside. Hurricane Jeanne had made it impossible.

"There's nothing to see anymore anyway," the 81-year-old Hettinger said Tuesday, putting her pointer finger to her temple and pretending to pull the trigger.

The five-story condo where she lived was severely damaged by Hurricane Frances early this month before Jeanne finished the job — ripped off facing, tearing through walls and leaving aluminum siding dangling.

Rebuilding, if residents decide to, would take about three years.

"I don't know if I will live that long. I'm ready to call it quits right now," Hettinger said.

Thousands of residents waited in a mile-long line Tuesday to finally get a chance to see the destruction Jeanne meted out in Vero Beach. Condo owners like Hettinger fared the worst, while most of the single-family homes seemed to have made it through.

As it churned north, the storm's remnants dumped torrential rain and spawned tornadoes. Two deaths in South Carolina on Monday were blamed on the tropical depression, and damage was widespread.

More than three inches of rain had fallen by Tuesday afternoon in Hagerstown, Md., and dozens of roads were closed because of flooding in Maryland's Appalachian foothills. The storms also spawned a tornado that hit the New Castle County, Md., Airport, the National Weather Service said.

At least six possible twisters were reported Monday in North Carolina, damaging more than 100 buildings. In South Carolina, a tornado killed one man while another died after his car ran off a rain-slicked highway.

Around storm-battered Florida, more than 5,300 people were staying in shelters, nearly 1.3 million homes and businesses were without power, and at least one insurance company was seeking state help because it was overwhelmed with claims.

The emotional toll mounted, too. Gov. Jeb Bush announced that domestic violence reports were spiking in areas hit by the four hurricanes that have slammed Florida in the past six weeks.

"Nerves are frayed and frustration levels run high," Bush said. "The stress of rebuilding a home or business can be overwhelming."

President Bush, the governor's brother, planned to make his fourth visit to Florida to tour storm-ravaged areas.

Combined, Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne have damaged more than one of every five Florida homes. The insurance industry was expecting claims this season to top two million, greatly exceeding the 700,000 claims filed 12 years ago in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew, the nation's most destructive hurricane ever.

Tom Gallagher, who as Florida's chief financial officer oversees insurance regulation, estimated insured losses from this season's four storms at $18 billion, or $3 billion more than Andrew.

Last weekend, Jeanne killed at least six people in Florida, bearing down on the state with winds of 120 mph. The havoc caused by the four hurricanes prompted the largest relief effort ever undertaken by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

President Bush asked Congress late Monday for more than $7.1 billion to help Southeastern states recover from their lashing by four hurricanes. His third request for storm aid brings total possible funding to at least $12.2 billion.

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New lab ready for students

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come up to me and ask me how he could learn about Linux and if there would be classes or seminars for this purpose. So, even faculty are excited."

Six classes are utilizing the new lab this semester, including courses in economics, sociology and public policy and administration. Schweik said that faculty in various departments will be developing courses that use Linux and open-source software in the teaching lab.

In addition to small workshops about Linux, guest lectures from IBM employees are being planned and "Linux-fests" sponsored by the Linux User Group will take place this semester to show students how to install and use the Linux operating system.

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Five Italian hostages released in Iraq

By Alexandra Zavis
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Kidnappers released two female Italian aid workers and five other hostages Tuesday, raising hopes for at least 18 foreigners still in captivity. But insurgents showed no sign of easing their blood-soaked campaign against the U.S. presence in Iraq, staging a show of defiance in Samarra and striking twice with deadly force in Basra.It was unclear what prompted the two separate groups of kidnappers to release the Italians, three Egyptians and two Iraqis, and whether any ransom had been paid. It was the second day in a row that foreigners were freed.

The Italian women were wearing full black veils that revealed only their eyes as they were received by the Italian Red Cross in a Baghdad neighborhood, according to video broadcast by the Arab news station Al-Jazeera. Looking dazed but smiling, Simona Torretta lifted her veil and repeated, "Thank you," in Arabic. Simona Pari hesitated before also lifting her veil.

Later Tuesday, the two women were flown home aboard a Falcon 20 plane, arriving at a military airport in Rome shortly after 11 p.m. The two, now in long, white dresses, emerged smiling and held hands as they walked on the tarmac, their relatives by their side. Asked by reporters how she felt, Pari just said, "Good."

Pari and Torretta were abducted Sept. 7 in a bold raid on the Baghdad office of their aid agency "Un Ponte Per ..." ("A Bridge To ..."). Two Iraqis, Raad Ali Aziz and Mahnaz Bassam, were also seized; they too were released Tuesday.

News of the release came after a Muslim leader from Italy met with an influential Muslim association in Baghdad on Tuesday to press for their freedom, though it was not immediately known if there was a connection. The two women, both 29, had been working on school and water projects in Iraq.

The Kuwaiti newspaper Al-Rai al-Aam had reported Tuesday that they could be released by Friday in return for a $1 million ransom. But Al-Arabiya TV, citing unidentified sources involved in the negotiations, said no ransom was paid.

Pope John Paul II, who recently urged that all hostages held in Iraq be freed, expressed "great joy" over the release of the Italian aid workers, the Vatican said.

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi went before Parliament to announce their release.

"Finally a moment of joy," Berlusconi said, as the assembly broke into applause. "The two girls are well and will be able to return to their loved ones tonight."

Four Egyptian telecommunications workers abducted last week were also freed, their parent company, Orascom, announced in Cairo. One of the Egyptians was released Monday and the rest on Tuesday, said the company. Two other Egyptian employees remain in captivity.

The Egyptian charge d'affaires in Baghdad, Farouq Mabrouk, said the kidnappings were "motivated by financial reasons." But an Orascom spokesman declined to comment on whether a ransom had been paid.



Family members embrace after they were freed from being held hostage by Iraqi insurgents.

More than 140 foreigners have been kidnapped in Iraq — some by anti-U.S. insurgents and others by criminals seeking ransom. At least 26 have been killed, including two Americans whose beheadings were recorded on grisly video footage and posted on the Internet last week.

A Western official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said this week's back-to-back releases raised hopes for those still in captivity, including British hostage Kenneth Bigley, who was captured with the Americans from their Baghdad house on Sept. 16. But with so many different groups involved in the kidnappings, the diplomat cautioned against drawing any conclusion.

A man identified as a French negotiator told Al-Arabiya that he has met two French journalists held hostage here for over a month and secured a promise for their release. He did not give a time frame, and said there was no demand for ransom.

Negotiators were also able to secure a promise from the kidnappers "to make an audiotape in which they announce the imminent release of the two," said the man, identified by the station as Philippe Brett.

A French foreign ministry spokesman in Paris, speaking on condition of anonymity, said: "We do not have any knowledge of the accord mentioned on Al-Arabiya."

In a statement e-mailed to The Associated Press in Cairo and also posted on a discussion board of the Iraq Islamic Army, the kidnappers of the journalists praised France's "positive steps toward the Iraqi people," a sign that the hostage-takers may be softening their anti-French position.

The group said it hoped "this is a beginning for a new era of understanding our issues and respect of our constants."

Meanwhile, dozens of masked gunmen carrying flags of Iraq's most feared terror group drove down the main street of the central city of Samarra in a show of strength Tuesday for the first time since U.S. troops briefly entered the central city this month under a deal brokered with tribal leaders.

The militants, loyal to terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, stopped some cars, asking the occupants to hand over music tapes in exchange for ones with recitations from the Muslim holy book, the Quran.

The city north of Baghdad has been under insurgent control and a virtual "no-go" area for U.S. troops since May 30.

Al-Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad group has claimed responsibility for a series of bombings and kidnappings, including those of Bigley and the two slain Americans, Eugene Armstrong and Jack Hensley. Intelligence reports indicate the al-Qaida-linked group has been forced to reorganize its leadership, the military said in a statement.

Four dead in high school shooting in Buenos Aires

By Bill Cormier
Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — A high school student opened fire in a classroom in southern Argentina, killing four classmates and wounding five Tuesday in Argentina's worst school rampage on record, police said.

The 15-year-old suspect began his attack without uttering a word, letting go with intermittent bursts of gunfire from a 9-millimeter handgun as students cowered beneath their desks, authorities said.

The rampage at Islas Malvinas Middle School No. 2 in a remote southern corner of Buenos Aires province, touched off intense nationwide debate about spiraling school violence in Argentina, long considered one of South America's safer countries.

Stabbings and other attacks on teachers and students have recently alarmed educators and parents alike and Tuesday's gunfire triggered public soul-searching about the state of Argentina's classrooms.

"We heard gunfire and a lot of screaming and then everyone coming out into the hallway," said one boy on local television, who did not identify himself. "We saw three bodies on the ground with bullet wounds."

Authorities provided no immediate motive for the attack but said they were questioning the student, who was arrested soon after the attack on the classroom in Carmen de Patagones, some 610 miles south of Buenos Aires.

The suspect showed up around 7:30 a.m. before the teacher arrived, walked into a classroom, drew the gun from its holster and began firing indiscriminately at classmates, according to police.

Some students said it sounded like firecrackers going off, until they saw bloodied students screaming as they fled the room, according to local news agency Diarios y Noticias. One boy said the suspect terrified classmates as he took out the weapon and began shooting.

"Everyone hid underneath the desks and then he began firing," he told local Canal 7 television station.

After the shooting stopped, police said, two girls and a boy ranging from 14 to 16 were dead and a teenage girl was mortally wounded. Five others were injured, one in serious condition. Police said they arrested the suspected gunman without resistance soon afterward in the schoolyard.

Mario Oporto, education minister for vast Buenos Aires province that includes Carmen de Patagones, lamented the violence.

"This is a case of violence that has exceeded all bounds," Oporto said.

Reports of classroom violence have raised public concern in recent months and years even before the shooting, which is the worst on record.

In July, a 12-year-old schoolgirl was hospitalized after she was badly beaten, allegedly by classmates, at a school in La Plata southeast of Buenos Aires.

A 17-year-old student in central Cordoba was found stabbed, last November. In October 2003, a teacher in Mendoza, western Argentina, had her skull fractured by a tossed paving stone.

Before midday Tuesday, firefighters rolled three bodies out of the school in black plastic body bags. A shocked crowd milled outside amid the ambulances and police cars standing by.

Authorities said they had whisked the teenage suspect to a juvenile court center in Bahia Blanca, another city in southern Buenos Aires province. Officials said he would undergo psychiatric tests as part of the first stages of the investigation.

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Cat Stevens says he was victim of 'unjust' treatment

LOS ANGELES — When he was yanked off a Washington-bound plane and sent home, the singer formerly known as Cat Stevens says he became the victim of an "unjust and arbitrary system" that is diminishing the United States' reputation as a defender of freedom.

In an opinion piece published in Tuesday's Los Angeles Times, Yusuf Islam said he and his 21-year-old daughter were on their way to Nashville last week to look into a music project when their flight from London was diverted to Bangor, Maine.

The captain told passengers "heavy traffic" was to blame, Islam said, but as soon as the plane touched the ground, a half-dozen uniformed men approached, asked his name and told him to come with them. He had turned up on a list of people suspected of having terrorist links.

"I was devastated," Islam wrote. "The unbelievable thing is that only two months earlier, I had been having meetings in Washington with top officials from the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives to talk about my charity work.

"Had I changed that much? No. Actually, it's the indiscriminate procedure of profiling that's changed," Islam wrote. "I am a victim of an unjust and arbitrary system, hastily imposed, that serves only to belittle America's image as a defender of the civil liberties that so many dearly struggled and died for over the centuries."

Since he converted to Islam in 1977, he said, there have been repeated efforts to link him to violent causes and groups.

"I denounce all forms of terrorism and injustice; it is simply outrageous for anyone to suggest otherwise," he said, noting he has spoken out against the Sept. 11 attacks and the taking of hostages in Iraq.

He has largely shunned music in recent years, although he did record a new version of his 1971 hit "Peace Train" last year for the album "Hope," which raised money for Iraqi children. Others participating in the project were Paul McCartney, David Bowie and Avril Lavigne.

Islam told ABC in an interview to be broadcast Friday on "20/20" that he has been a frequent U.S. visitor in recent years.

He said in his opinion piece that he was trying to keep this visit low-profile "because of the speculation it might have raised in the music world about a return of the Cat."

"Media attention was the last thing I wanted," he said. "But it seems God wanted otherwise."

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SGA SENATE ELECTIONS

postponed one week



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Choice to postpone elections a good one

Amidst the turmoil and chaos of the latest Student Government Association scandal, senate elections were scheduled for today at each of the four Dining Commons as well as the Campus Center. There was much debate over whether or not these elections should even take place, and late last night, the SGA decided to postpone them, due to a total lack of preparation.

Typically, the Coordinating Council of the SGA meets over the summer to appoint a Chancellor of Elections who can begin to prepare for the fall semester. This step of the organizational effort is the responsibility of the Speaker of the Senate — in this case — Patrick Higgins.

This summer, the elections commission was not organized until the first day of school because the council was caught in an internal struggle over whether or not the ALANA caucus seats would remain in tact.

Aside from this setback, there is also the matter of the events of the past week. While the community holds its breath in anticipation of resignations from the nine individuals pictured in the scandalous photos, their names all remained on the ballots of today's would-be elections.

Because of these factors, it is unlikely that an election, whatever its outcome, would've be ratified by the Senate. If the elections were thrown out, there would have to be a special election held later in the semester before anyone's positions could be determined. If this sounds at all familiar, it's because it is exactly what happened last spring. Worst of all, this special election would be taking place at the expense of the students. More time, effort and money would have to go into determining which candidates would best serve the students as SGA senators.

Taking all of this into consideration, it was a good move on the part of the SGA and its coordinating council to postpone the elections. Unless the elections can be executed properly, holding them is simply not an option. Postponing the elections will save not only the students, but also the SGA itself, from being put through another ordeal like the one we all experienced last semester.

Elections have been scheduled for Wednesday of Thursday of next week, and hopefully by then they will be better prepared to handle them.

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READERS RESPOND TO THE SGA

A DISPLAY OF 'MODERN' RACISM

As a Jew and an ALANA graduate student at UMass, I felt disgusted and angry by the behavior of Patrick Higgins, Brian Roberts, Tim Daly and their friends in the photographs published Monday. I wondered why they would possibly think their behavior was acceptable. Or did they just think no one would hold them accountable?

Reading The Massachusetts Daily Collegian story, "Higgins, SGA Under Fire," I gained some insight into Higgins' perspective. Yet, I'm no less disgusted or angry. I worry that Higgins may have a dangerously narrow view of white supremacy.

In response to students accusing him of "being a racist," Higgins said he and his friends were "making a joke about it," by drawing a picture of him as a Klansman. I imagine their logic was, "Students accuse me of being a racist. How absurd. Klansmen are racist, and I'm not a Klansman, so how could anyone accuse me of being a racist?"

But Klansman aren't the only White Supremacists. And not all White Supremacists wear pointy hats and burn crosses. Even David Duke, former Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, has changed tactics; Duke and other "modern racists" have suggested that White Supremacists put away their sheets and crosses and get involved in politics, use government to further promote White Supremacy.

A key point for "modern racism" is the denial that policies continue to privilege whites and oppress ALANA people. Is Patrick Higgins a Klansman? I doubt it, though I acknowledge the possibility. But Higgins has supported policies that I believe promote white students' dominance and ALANA students' marginalization in the SGA and at UMass. For example, Higgins has stated that he does not want to recognize ALANA Caucus seats in the SGA Senate, though he might "to avoid another year of fighting" (Daily Collegian, 9/23/04).

I'm greatly concerned that any SGA member or UMass student would advocate policies that disenfranchise ALANA students and then make light of their behavior by comparing it to more widely recognized White Supremacist behavior. Will Patrick Higgins, Tim Daly, Brian Roberts, and the others in the photos voluntarily resign, to make meaningful their "heartfelt" apologies? I hope so, but I doubt it. Abolitionist Frederick Douglass said, "Power concedes nothing without a demand."

Eric Hamako
UMass graduate student

OPEN LETTER TO THE UMASS STUDENT COMMUNITY

The pictures posted on a personal Web site which recently surfaced were taken the day before my first presidential election was thrown out. The pictures featured and were taken by the same people who led the charge to throw out the election

This discovery has attracted the attention of local media, angered and insulted the minority communities and elicited predictable damage control sounds such as "zero tolerance, stern discipline, and criminal charges" from the administration. Equally predictable was that it evoked a public apology and expression of regret from one of the "student leaders" responsible.

I have no doubt that these students genuinely regret and are embarrassed by the lapse of judgment and taste on their part — especially its public disclosure.

I would like to be able to accept the explanation that the drawing was no more than a drunken prank, a bad joke, a momentary lapse of judgment, and no more. It is hard enough to believe that even if one was totally inebriated and had poor taste, that one could imagine the Ku Klux Klan to be a matter of humor.

However, it is impossible to believe that the next morning, once sober, one would record the "joke" for posterity and circulation on a Web site. This suggests that the problem runs deeper. It would be regrettable for any student, but these are leaders of the Student Government who claim to represent the values and interests of this student body.

This is racism; we have grown and we have to extinguish it. These symbols are among other things, a rebuke and insult to the process of education and enlightenment to which our University is committed. But it is not the end of the world nor is it a capital crime.

Talk of dismissing students is both excessive and unhelpful, and can be counterproductive. It can lead us to believe we have done something, when all we have done is cut the symptom and left the root of racism untouched.

It would be far better to see this regrettable incident as an opportunity for education, community building, and administrative self-examination.

As President of the Student Government Association, I devote most of my time working with the student body and I can affirm that these attitudes do not represent the vast majority of students on this campus.

I have received only one letter of resignation. For the students involved who are not removing themselves from public office it becomes the responsibility of us, the students, to remove them.

There is another matter of great importance to consider. As President of the Student Government my duty is not only to represent the interest of students but also to affirm and protect the autonomy of the Student Government on campus. It will be a great mistake for us to allow the administration in an act of face saving and damage control to remove these students from publicly elected office.

Such action not only disempowers students, but also attempts to establish a very ominous precedent. It is patently not the business of the administration to determine who the student leadership should or should not be. It is our responsibility and right, and ours alone, to redeem the reputation of our community and the integrity of our Student Government by electing officers that represent the decency and sensitivity that I have observed in working with you all on campus.

It is time for some major house cleaning and it has to start with the SGA. The SGA must rid itself of an environment that perpetuates racism.

This is an opportunity for the administration to follow suit. And not by punishing and making scapegoats of these students but by looking at how the administration has contributed or been influenced by this mindset.

ALANA students have been trying to talk to the administration about a culture of creeping racism for a long time and have not been listened to. Perhaps the administration will hear a message coming from the entire student community. I call upon you all to send that message loudly and clearly with your vote on Wednseday and Thursday of next week, at the Dining Commons and Campus Center for senate elections.

Together we can reinvigorate Student Government on this campus and create a unified and effective instrument, which represents the true values and interests of the student community on campus.

Eduardo Bustamante
SGA President

Books are worth their cost

S.J. Port

Financing an education is an issue of tremendous concern for the majority of students. Add to that concern about the outrageous cost of books each semester and you begin to wonder whether that little piece of paper, which holds so much societal weight by declaring degree credentials, is worth the accrued credit card and loan debt.

Students begin to wonder if they need every book for every course, how hard it would be to share their books, and whether or not they should bother to buy a book they may not read anyway.

Student Government Association President Eduardo Bustamante and his colleagues have proposed a book-borrowing system to save the poor student from one burden of generally unbearable educational costs — fabulous. Except, what about the majors who enjoy reading?

Call me a nerd, but I get excited by the covers of books, the smell of books, the ideas in books, the power of understanding and owning books. Books evoke powerful emotions in me — when I pick up a weathered favorite, I remember a phase of my life.

As an English and political science double major, the majority of my time is spent reading and writing about readings. The syllabi for my courses contain classics, anthologies and political readings, the majority of which will be relevant for decades to come, but it is not just the humanities for which course books remain a valuable wing of one's personal library.

My father, a doctorate of mathematics, continually draws from his reserve of undergraduate and graduate level mathematical texts [from the 1960s and 70s] for discussions and impromptu lessons. Recently, he opened these archives to my brother, a mathematics and physics major at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and his books continue to be useful 30 years after purchase.

The only books bought for courses that I have not kept for my personal library were textbooks for two required science-based general education courses. That said, admittedly, my subjects are not as time sensitive as the new or technology-based fields. It is these fields that perhaps would benefit from Bustamante's proposed rental-system.

The only books bought for courses that I have not kept for my personal library were textbooks for two required science-based general education courses.

However, for those of us in majors that often require books to be purchased from alternative sources — such as the myriad of small local bookstores — the additional cost applied to our student bills would actually create an added pecuniary stress. If this fee were optional, it is unlikely to raise the $800,000 that the University receives each year from Follet.

Besides unanswered questions regarding how much the proposal would actually save students, what shape the books would be in, what percentage of students this would benefit, how this would affect the library (really, isn't the foundation of a book-borrowing system rooted in a well-funded, updated, superb library collection?), there is momentous assumption that the University could dependably organize this effort!

The rental company would require students to use their UCards to access the rental-system, which would then access the student's SPIRE information to ensure that students purchase the correct textbooks.

This creates two new problems: the added stress to the miserably unreliable SPIRE system and the possible distribution of private student information (student identification and social security numbers as well as financial aid and administrative data) to the lending corporation. Since SPIRE can't handle the responsibilities it currently carries for the University, how can we tack on one more enormous burden and expect the University to function on any level?

Furthermore, as our University struggles to stay in the black, the loss of Follet's $800,000 deposit to our budget (part of their contract, which in turn generates a $6 million-a-year revenue for their pockets) will hurt. Which University program will that 800,000 be cut from? Unless the rental-fee (which would have to be at least $100 per semester) were mandatory for all undergraduate students, it is unlikely this loss would be made up.

Bustamante wants students to be aware of options and potential savings, which is a great sensitivity in a leader, but why not suggest that students purchase textbooks online? The World Wide Web has provided a plethora of opportunities to save on books as well as sell used texts. Students who do not use the Internet to buy and sell should consider their book expenses as part of their educational cost. A simple budget-appeal on your financial aid form to include abnormally high textbook costs (easily proven through receipts) would up the amount students can borrow in loans — and sometimes even increase their opportunities for increased federal, University or private financial aid [non-loan aid].

The proposal inflicts upon an already beleaguered academia the notion that books are not worth buying.

There are high costs to higher education; unfortunately, a book-borrowing system is not the ultimate answer.

S.J. Port is a Collegian columnist.

All classes are created equal



Andrew Merritt

One of the great virtues of the University of Massachusetts is that because of its considerable size, there is a wealth of opportunity for students and educators alike. However, one of the flaws of UMass' overall expanse is a general feeling of anonymity within the student body, that among the other 300 people in a lecture hall, you're not really very connected to your professor.

Perhaps that's the initial reason why I was so shocked and disappointed at what happened in my small class yesterday. The class, a high-level journalism class taught by one of the department's finest instructors, was small to begin with, at only five students. When two more dropped the class, we were left with a three-hour period of very intimate and interesting interaction with our professor.

In short, for anyone who has toiled away in Bartlett 65 or Mahar, my cozy four-way discussion (counting the professor) is a godsend — real contact with the instructor, and the ability to truly get your point across in a setting that isn't more befitting a summer movie than education.

However, while we were more than an hour into a film that related heavily to the class material, a constantly growing cluster of students began to mill around expectantly just outside the door. Though I noticed a few students peering into the classroom, I paid it no mind.

UMass Students are accustomed to being herded around, dealing with too many people on SPIRE network at once, and not being able to graduate on time because the required classes are too full with people who will eventually drop out anyway.

Minutes later, the door suddenly opened, and a well-dressed man walked in. He didn't introduce himself, and while there's no reason to post his name here, it took my professor's insistent asking to get him to say it. He loudly and incredulously asked, "There are only four people in this class?" as if we had broken a code of conduct by being so small.

"Yes," my professor answered, and after I got up to pause the film because it was clear that the man wasn't going to be cordial, he requested — nearly demanded — that we leave the room and find another space so that his class could move in. In retrospect, perhaps we should have put up more of a fight, but it was such a jarring series of events in the setting of a classroom that I believe we were all a little too taken aback to say anything.

Before I go on, I should clarify that this wasn't some rogue operation, a group of nomads just skirting the rules and finding their own place to be. In fact, the class had been bumped from their original room by what he described as a small number of people in a Judaic Studies class. Why he didn't barge in on them, I couldn't guess. So, the instructor and his merry band of learners took up residence in our room, the room we were assigned at the beginning of the semester.

It should also be noted that my class had been planning to make little use of the room for the rest of the semester. Because we are essentially just a small group of friends meeting for discussion once a week now, we've decided to start having class semi-regularly at a coffee shop. So it's not the intention of this writer to say that moving our small group out of a regular-size classroom in the Herter building was some sort of outrage — in fact, I suspect that none of us would have spoken a word of protest if we were asked to meet in an office or find another, smaller spot every week. No, this isn't about any insult I felt because I was forced to pack up my things and move to another room. We survived, and went next door where we finished the film, and our discussion of it.

My outrage (and that of my classmates) springs from the absolutely callous and offensive way we were treated by someone who is expected to hold some sort of dignified demeanor, at least within the university walls. We were rudely interrupted, talked over, and finally asked to leave a classroom we deserved to have, as if our learning experience was somehow lesser than his students'.

What's the point of my rant, you ask? Sure, the slighting done that day was only minor, and the 10 feet of hallway we had to traverse to complete our mission of watching a video for class wasn't exactly a daunting distance. We made it to the next room safely, and finished our video, before walking away in disgust.

It's not that I had to pack up my things and move, it's not that we had to briefly pause our movie. It's in the message sent by someone who should be sensitive to the issues of such a large school. UMass students are accustomed to being herded around, dealing with too many people on the SPIRE network at once, and not being able to graduate on time because the required classes are too full with people who will eventually drop out anyway. So it sends a frightening and disenchanting message when a professor, someone who has certainly dealt with some of UMass' ills firsthand, would be so cavalier in demanding a group of bright, driven students to discontinue their work so that his class could take over the room. Certainly, the fact that the professor's lecture was inadvertently bumped is a problem, and using our assigned room was understandable. But for him to treat us as if we were less important, simply because there were fewer of us speaks to every legitimate gripe students have about this school.

Andrew Merritt is a Collegian editor.

Rules for restaurants: Tips for better tipping

Thomas Naughton

Having been a server in various restaurants over the years, I have noticed some alarming and blatantly rude trends sweeping through the restaurant business. Restaurants of the Pioneer Valley must have quite the mixture of feelings concerning our return to the area, for the summers in Amherst are no doubt ghostly in comparison to the hopping school year.

However, some young people were never taught by their parents how to dine out politely, causing students to behave in ways that would make servers wish they had never come back at all. On one hand, I feel that any server in this area should have a bit more understanding considering the demographic they are serving — young students who are somewhat poor and extolling the virtues of newfound freedom out of the watchful eye of their parents.

On the other hand, this is not just a "student" issue; people in general do not understand the trials and tribulations of working at a restaurant. The general dining population with some exceptions is surly, rude, at times cheap, and on the whole not suited for eating in public. To remedy this situation, I offer you New Rules for Restaurants, and why they should be implemented. I hope that by doing this, server and guest alike can unite in the sheer pleasure of what brought them together in the first place: food.

Under-tipping a server who is a crabby jerk is not the answer to bad service. You are giving this mean person more reason to be mean and horrible.

Rule #1. If you cannot afford to tip your server at least 20 percent of your total bill, you cannot afford to dine out, period.

Why: In Massachusetts, the server's wage is $2.63 per hour. Yes, that wage is hourly, not by the minute. Tipping your server 20 percent of your total bill is not a gift for excellent, backbreaking service — it's the lowest common denominator. Say for instance you meet Sally, a server at the local feedbag. You and your friend eat dinner and your bill comes to roughly $18.00. You tip Sally $3.60 (20 percent) because you are not stupid, and Sally did her job. You were Sally's only table that hour. That means that Sally made $6.23 in that hour. Sweatshop workers in Cambodia make more than that (not really, but it's not far off). It's not your fault though, you tipped 20 percent; you did the right thing.

However, let's look upon 20 percent not as the maximum amount you can tip the way Americans seem to believe, but as a jumping-off point. I know, you're thinking "that's crazy," but keep reading and I might persuade you. Sally made $6.23 that hour that you were in her care, which really sucks, huh? Imagine that Sally is your best friend, or girlfriend, or sister, or mother, or mother of your child. Would you want that person in your life to be making that little money per hour? I doubt it. Entertain this tipping scheme for a moment, keeping in mind the aforementioned special person in your life who made $6.00.

If your server does their job, in that they get your food, drinks and check out in a quick and neat fashion, they don't swear at you or spill hot soup on you purposefully, and they are at least courteous, you should always tip 20 percent.

If your server does the above and they are funny, nice, caring, approachable, good conversation, mindful of your children and their needs, and if they are honest with you about what tastes the best and is the best value, you should absolutely tip more.

I'm not talking 50 percent but even 22 percent would make a difference. Servers work 13-hour shifts sometimes with people breathing down their necks, angry about food, beverage and the world. If your server can stay positive and competent, they surely deserve more than $3.60 on an $18.00 bill.

Under-tipping a server who is a crabby jerk is not the answer to bad service. You are giving this mean person more reason to be mean and horrible. Tip the server 15 percent at least (think: minimum wage) and always speak to a manager. That is the only way the server will be corrected or fired. No server will ever say "Gee, that last table didn't tip me well or at all, maybe I should take some Lithium, suck it up, and be nice." More often than not, an un-tipped server will continue to suck if not sink to new lows.

Under-tipping a server for a long wait on your food, or food mistakes when a server honestly rang the item in correctly is unacceptable. There are often three servers to one grill cook, and those servers often have at least two orders to place at one time. That's a lot of orders for one person; people are bound to make mistakes, and orders are bound to take longer than McDonald's. Taking this out on your server is wrong.

As a last note on tipping, more often than not, you will not be the only table that a server has in one hour, but this does not let you out of the above tipping scheme. Most restaurants are corporate and do not allow servers to have more than three or four tables at a given time. If you take that information as reason to tip below 20 percent, we're back to square one with three tables giving Sally $1 or $2 tips. Those tips combined with her wages still don't equal what those idiots at Coach make for organizing expensive bags while looking bored.

The best way to think about tipping is this: you're paying for a service; if you go to a hardware store and buy a hammer, you can't decide if you will pay full price for the hammer based on how nice the clerk at the register is. Sure, the tip is not included in the price of a meal, but in order to ensure good service for you and others in the future, pay it forward, and pay it well.

Thomas Naughton is a Collegian columnist.

Eat your heart out



Bob McGovern

This summer, I attended my first WNBA basketball game and left with insight into a world very few of us take the time to examine.

It was an experience as exciting as watching paint dry, in slow motion. As the New York Liberty and the Washington Mystics made their way to the Madison Square Garden locker rooms at halftime, I started to wonder if the mind-numbing action could possibly get any worse.

Then came "The Black Widow."

For the halftime show there was a Chicken McNugget eating contest, between three seemingly normal people. There was a generic fat man named "Beautiful" Brian Sieken, one Joe Shmoe with face paint to the tune of the late wrestling great, The Ultimate Warrior, and Sonya Thomas known by her fans as "The Black Widow."

It turns out that, not only does Thomas have her own Web site, but she has a fan site and belongs to a league of "athletes" who share her abnormal eating habits.

At first glance there didn't seem to be much competition. Sieken was huge, I mean really huge. The McNuggets didn't seem to stand a chance against a man of his girth. It was then that I realized how this small Korean woman earned her name.

Weighing no more than 110 pounds, Thomas dominated the men. As the five-minute clock ticked away, it became increasingly obvious that she wasn't just some freelance eater; she was something different.

There was something professional about the way she ate, something that I've never witnessed.

Thomas ate 80 McNuggets in five minutes.

The crowd went ballistic as the announcer handed her the McNugget championship belt. It was unbelievable. Sieken didn't even come close, and neither did the other guy. She stared at the crowd with a, "you're damn right I just did that," look and washed the feast down with a couple sips of water.

When I went home that night, I immediately went onto the internet and plugged in her name, hoping with a shot in the dark I would uncover her mystery. Low and behold, it was easier than I could have imagined.

It turns out that, not only does Thomas have her own website, but she has a fan site and belongs to a league of "athletes" who share her abnormal eating habits. It is the International Federation of Competitive Eating (IFOCE), a group that embraces the competitive nature of forced gluttony.

Delving deeper into this emerging "athletic" group, I discovered that, much like any other sport, there is a type of hierarchy depending upon the amount of victories in various events. Thomas is hands down the top female eater in the world and exhibited that she is one of the top in the world on the IFOCE's biggest stage: The Nathan's Hot Dog Dogfest.

Thomas came in third in the event, eating 32 dogs (buns and all), to break her own female/American record of the previous year. Although this number is astounding, it can't hold a flame to the main figurehead of the IFOCE, a Japanese man by the name of Takeru Kobayashi.

Kobayashi, affectionately known as "Kobe," has won Dogfest the past four years. He has beaten men two times his size, and this year he put down a grand total of 53.5 dogs in 12 minutes.

Although this event is one of the few that is recognized by the public eye, there are dozens of events that span across many different kinds of calorie-pumping foods.

Each food has a specialist and each specialist has a record that is as intimidating as any record in contemporary athletics. Men like Crazy Legs Conti, who ate 5 1/2 pounds of buffet food in 12 minutes, make up this list and headline the IFOCE circuit.

Now I wouldn't call what these extreme eaters do a sport, but their stomach-widening performances are still intimidating in their own right.

On the IFOCE website, there is a link that says "Join as an eater," where web-surfers can put in their information in hopes of becoming a professional eater.

I looked at the form and decided, "What the hell," and threw my name out there. Part of the form asks to list your food specialty. I tried to think of something that, if push came to shove, I could potentially digest in a large quantity.

After some thought, I figured out the one food that could potentially put me on the map of competitive overindulgence.

Yes sir, give me some Jelly Beans.

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In defense of Nader

Mike Sances

I could write an entire column on why I feel Ralph Nader is the best choice for the nation — the candidate who would best represent the interests of the American people while in the White House. But it would likely be skipped over by most readers, the typical reaction to the mere idea of Nader running being one of studied narrow-mindedness, a hostile pragmatism based on the tired cliché that "a vote for Nader is a vote for Bush." In light of the circumstances, then, I realize that any endorsement of the independent should come only after I have dispelled the "spoiler" mythology, re-legitimizing what would normally be seen as a citizen's inalienable right to pursue political office.

Since announcing his candidacy in February, Nader has been the victim of a frenzy of attacks, some of them outright slanderous, but all seeming to center on the idea that Nader caused Al Gore to lose in 2000. Indeed, so effusive has this criticism been that it's impossible to find press coverage of the independent untainted by the word "spoiler."

Now, Democrats are entitled to say what they will, and one can certainly understand their zeal in attempting to dethrone the incumbent. After all, according to the conventional wisdom, the former Green Party candidate cost Gore essential votes in two hotly contested states four years ago.

Or did he? The problem with this logic, though admittedly straightforward, is that it omits the important fact that over seven million registered Democrats voted for Bush in 2000. Of those, two hundred and fifty thousand were cast in the state of Florida, according to www.votenader.org. For anyone interested in arithmetic, these figures far exceed the number of Nader voters who claimed in 2000 exit polls that Al Gore was their second choice. Taking things a step further, we are also forced to conclude that the Democrats failed miserably four years ago by losing so many voters to the other side.

There are some very serious institutional problems in this country that are stifling change in mainstream politics. Put simply, if we try to collar independent reformers like Nader, how are these problems ever going to get discussed, let alone solved?

Pragmatism can often lead to this sort of tunnel vision. It can also lead to hypocrisy: in particular, the puzzling fact that the same people who blame Ralph Nader for their loss in 2000 are also quite fond of claiming that they actually did win the election, but that it was stolen from them by George Bush, the Supreme Court, racist GOP tactics in Florida, or whatever; as long as they can avoid blaming themselves.

Having dealt with the spoiler myth, I'll now point out that in my opinion, whether or not Nader did steal crucial votes from Gore in 2000 is actually irrelevant — call me old-fashioned, but I just don't feel that it's our place to tell anyone they should give up one of their fundamental rights, then throw a coordinated tantrum when they refuse. Indeed, so absurd is this notion of attacking one's right to run for office that it apparently doesn't even merit serious recognition. In a televised exchange this summer between Nader and former Vermont Governor Howard Dean, the official topic of discussion was alleged to be "the role of third parties in American politics."

Needless to say, 90 percent of the debate consisted of Dean's vacuous and repetitive urgings for Nader to quit the race, contrasted with the independent's eloquent and persuasive rebuttals. When asked by the moderator whether he was in favor of abolishing the Electoral College, something most political science undergrads probably have an opinion on, Dean was caught off guard, sputtering that he wasn't prepared to answer, having never given the matter any serious thought.

Nader replied in the affirmative, proceeding to offer several reasons in support of his position.

This leads us to another important point. Half the eligible voters four years ago chose not to vote, and those who did vote were so bored with the respective candidates that they could barely choose between the lesser of two evils. Clearly, Americans are desperate for fresh ideas, for real change. There are some very serious institutional problems in this country that are stifling change in mainstream politics. Put simply, if we try to collar independent reformers like Nader, how are these problems ever going to get discussed, let alone solved?

Now that we're back in reality, where facts matter and democratic rights are recognized on a more than selective basis, I suppose I might close by telling you outright whom I think you should vote for. But in the spirit of self-determination, I'll let you decide that for yourself. We should resist having our minds made up for us, not only by supporters of particular candidates, but by those who are now telling us that the coming election is too important for principles. Even if that's true, and tactical voting proves necessary, the choice remains a personal one — not something to be decided by mere slogans.

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"V" is for voting

Lisa McLaughlin

In a recent performance I saw at the Mullins Center, comedian Lewis Black emphasized to UMass students the importance of voting in the upcoming presidential election. He lamented that for most Americans, this is always an awful, degrading experience, because we have to choose between two candidates that are (what he deemed) "sh*t, and sh*ttier." He went on to say, "I don't know about you, but I'm voting for sh*t!"

Black and his colleagues are always using their droll perspectives to look at the very unfunny world of politics, which for many college students can make the normal lassitude of CNN turn into a series of comedy sketches on Saturday Night Live. I will attempt to use this humor to my advantage (and your interest) when dealing with "blah" yet important subjects.

Now I want to seriously talk about a special "P" word that gets thrown around a lot these days. It's not priest, it's not peace, and no, it's not potato. Survey says ... it's patriotism. Let me tell you ... I have been called unpatriotic for not supporting the war in Iraq. I have been called unpatriotic for protesting against government decisions I find unethical. I might as well be called unpatriotic for not hanging an American flag in my bedroom window, with a huge "Support Our Troops!" sign screaming right beside it. Because obviously, if I don't do that, then I don't have enough love for America.

According to the US Census Bureau, the voter turnout for the 2000 presidential election was a pathetic 60 percent of the citizen voter-age population.

America has different forms of patriotism, because we're a nation based on the individual. Among countless other things, my individualized idea of patriotism is in exercising my right to protest, serve on a jury, and most importantly, participate in electing my representatives.

The sense of apathy in this country really makes me want to throw things and cuss like a sailor! According to the U.S Census Bureau, the voter turnout for the 2000 presidential election was a pathetic 60 percent of the citizen voter-age population. Hello?! All of my fellow college students know what that percentage gets you in a class you need to graduate: A big, fat "D," which is barely escaping the horror and shame of having an "F" on your transcript. If that is going to happen, you might as well try to withdraw and get a "W" (not standing for you-know-who) instead, right? So people who fail to complete the voting process should just leave the country!

Oh, now you're paying attention!. I'm not going to expect you to take what I just wrote seriously. So you can put your assault rifles, ninja stars, and ultimate Frisbees down, and try to hear me out. By not registering to vote, and/or being registered to vote and not going to the polls people are telling me this:

-I don't care about my personal healthcare decisions or the cost of the prescription drugs that enable me to live.

-I don't care about my brother/sister, son/daughter, cousin or best friend who will have to go halfway around the world to fight in a war. I don't care about the training they will need or the equipment they will use. I could not care less about whether or not their equipment is the most up-to-date and safest available.

-I don't care about education, particularly public education (a reminder that most people reading this newspaper attend or have attended a public institution).

-I don't care about the rate of unemployment, and the likelihood of not being able to get a real job when I graduate.

-I don't care about freedom of speech. I believe that the government has the right to monitor everything that I do, to punish me for holding certain opinions, and to silence me through means of imprisonment or execution.

Since the presidential election is terrifyingly close, I feel compelled to use it as an example. Let it be known that I am not only encouraging you to vote on November 2nd, but to go to the polls faithfully to vote for your city/town officials, representatives, congresswomen/men, senators, etc. While your voice makes the most difference in the local sphere, it can also make a difference at the national level, even if it seems like only a small difference.

I do not endorse any candidate. Vote for Kerry. Vote for Bush. Vote for Nader. Write in Al Sharpton, or one of your best friends who you think can do the job right. Write in Mr. Potatohead for all I care. Just make sure you vote!

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Hometown heroes return

Northampton's Stephen Kellogg and The Sixers play UMass

By Meghan Healy
Collegian Staff

Stephen Kellogg and The Sixers
Tonight
Student Union Ballroom
7:30

Bill Cosby, The Pixies and... Stephen Kellogg?

The list of University of Massachusetts alumni returning to campus to perform this semester just got longer.

Former UMass alum Stephen Kellogg will take over the Student Union Ballroom tonight at 7 p.m. Appearing with his band, The Sixers, the University Productions and Concerts sponsored show, will also feature under-the-radar opener Rich Price.

Tall, thin and shaggy-haired, Stephen Kellogg looks the part of ex-UMasser, current Northamptonite and dedicated musician. The Connecticut native moved up to Amherst as a college freshman and after graduation was drawn to the musical and artistic scene that Northampton had to offer. While attending the University, Kellogg lived in both the Northeast and Central residential areas.

Concerning his time at UMass, Kellogg has nothing but fond memories. "It was great," he said in a previous interview with The Massachusetts Daily Collegian. "Not to sound boring or drab, I really felt like it was a sort of parent. You really get out of it what you put in."

Kellogg's sound is a little harder to describe. He is a young guy armed with an acoustic guitar so the temptation to label him a singer-songwriter is strong. Yet there is an edge to his music, a more rock-inspired sound that makes that typical label seem too acute for him. Even Kellogg himself has a difficult time giving what he does a title.

"I would describe [my music] as acoustic-rock centered around lyrics," he said in a previous interview. "It's very song based, but it's not really folk. It's definitely more rock."

The rock edge has become more apparent since Kellogg teamed up with fellow UMass alum Brian Factor and good friend Kit Karlson. Although the trio has performed together frequently, the formation of The Sixers last year created a new musical environment for their sound to grow. "This last record we just started playing more like a band," Kellogg told Massachusetts Daily Collegian. "It just became about being a band."

No longer a solo artist, Kellogg released his latest album, "Bulletproof Heart," in February and since then The Sixers have hit the road in support of their new disc and their new allegiance.

Tonight's performance at the Student Union Ballroom marks the first of three alumni performance on campus. Next month Bill Cosby will grace the Mullins Center stage for his "Cosby Comes Home" show and in the following month UMass' most famous dropouts. The Pixies, will play Mullins as part of a reunion tour.

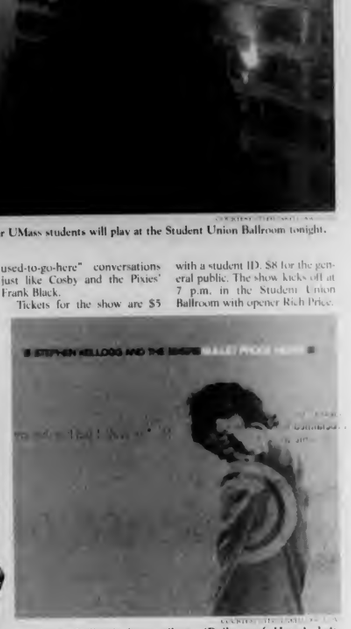
Although Kellogg may not have achieved the same caliber of mainstream fame as the others just yet, if his steadily rising star is any indication, it won't be long before the name "Stephen Kellogg" is tossed around in "you-know-who-used-to-go-here" conversations just like Cosby and the Pixies' Frank Black.

Tickets for the show are $5 with a student ID, $8 for the general public. The show kicks off at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom with opener Rich Price.



Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers, a Northampton based band of former UMass students will play at the Student Union Ballroom tonight.





Above, Kellogg's latest album, 'Bulletproof Heart'. Left, Kellogg, Factor, and Karlson have a lot to be smiling about.

Talib Kweli: the beautiful concert

Rawkus recording artist delivers without 'struggle'

By Monique Jemmott
Collegian Staff

Northampton's Pearl Street nightclub may not strike you as a place to have a hip-hop concert. It looks more like an old theater with its dark atmosphere and high ceilings. But last Thursday night, it was undoubtedly a haven for B-boys and Hip Hop heads alike, as Talib Kweli, MC extraordinaire, performed to a full house in the clubroom of Pearl Street.



Kweli released his sophomore solo album, 'The Beautiful Struggle' yesterday. The album includes features from Mary J. Blige and Common.

The night began a little slow as people trickled in. There were little reminders of the fact that Pearl Street is not a 'hip-hop' club — the house DJ played techno and progressive house to keep the waiting crowd entertained.

Talib Kweli
Pearl Street
Northhampton
Sept. 23

Fortunately the wait wasn't long, and the show began promptly at 8 p.m. with an opening artist by the name of Krabeer.

Once again, on this night things were not what they seemed — looking more like a stagehand, the young man (who resembled Donkey Lips from that old Nickelodeon TV show), proceeded to rock the mic, with a seriously precise flow, riding every note of the synthesized beats his DJ played, which were a balanced mix of techno and hip-hop.

The crowd, though engaged at the beginning of the performance, soon became uninterested in this unknown MC. He soon wore out his welcome with an unnecessarily long set — the crowd was ready for Kweli.

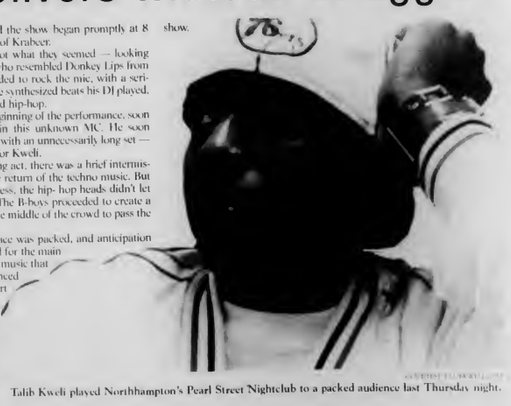
Following the opening act, there was a brief intermission, which meant the return of the techno music. But with skill and tactfulness, the hip- hop heads didn't let that ruin their night. The B-boys proceeded to create a little breaking pit in the middle of the crowd to pass the time.

By 9:15 p.m. the place was packed, and anticipation loomed in the air as concertgoers waited for the main event to start. Seemingly annoyed by the music that was there, one man next to me announced rather loudly, "I wish this shit would start already" — and I agreed with him.

About a half hour later, the show began and Mr. Kweli himself entered the stage, looking cool as a cucumber in a pink Polo shirt and Yankees cap. He opened the show with "What You Wanna Do" from the "Quality" album. The crowd seemed very pleased with the selection, as they cheered and pumped their fists.

From there, he moved on to a tailored verse of Kanye West's "Get 'Em High" from "The College Dropout" featuring Kweli. He finished off with a freestyle personalized to the state of Massachusetts, and the crowd seemed extremely pleased.

The entire show was very entertaining, because it wasn't your typical hip-hop concert — it wasn't the 'get your hands up, put your hands down, do the Hokey Pokey' deal — it was engaging, but not repetitive. Kweli had fun with the audience, and his energy level remained high throughout the entire show — there was no entourage on the stage, and no hype man — just the audience and the DJ to help move the show along. Kweli did his job, delivering his verses sharper than ginsu knives throughout the entire show.



Talib Kweli played Northhampton's Pearl Street Nightclub to a packed audience last Thursday night.

Midway through the show, the crowd was taken back into time when the DJ put on Michael Jackson's "Don't Stop" and Kweli called for the soul clap. Most of the audience wasn't familiar with the soul clap, but they did their best. Following this was Parliament Funkadelic's "Me Myself and I." Everyone seemed to be having fun, but only the true funk and soul heads were really enthralled.

Finally came the time in the show for the DJ to get his spotlight, and DJ Jeff did just that as he scratched and mixed to his heart's content. He blended a Tribe Called Quest's "World Tour" with Kweli's "What You

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The Killers release new album

Las Vegas band makes known what the fuss is all about

By Matt O'Rourke
Collegian Staff

The Killers
'Hot Fuss'
Island Records

The Killers entrench themselves into the indie-rock scene with 'Hot Fuss' by combining a Duran Duran synthesizer with the dance hall groove of Franz Ferdinand. 'Hot Fuss' serves as a life preserver for those drowning in the ever-spreading indie-dance hall music ocean, providing not only tracks to dance to, but also tracks where one can let loose, play air guitar and start drumming on tables.

The Las Vegas based pop-rock quartet formed in late 2002, after lead singer Brandon Flowers' previous band, 'Blush Response,' dropped him. Flowers responded to an ad placed by Oasis aficionado Dave Keuing, who was looking to form a band. Eventually, Flowers and Keuing discovered drummer Ronnie Vannucci and bassist Mark Stoermer, and the group began playing together in a garage, which became their rehearsal space.

The group soon came into their own, grabbing the attention of U.K.- based record label Lizard King and began to play gigs in and around London, eventually signing with Island Records for a debut album. 'Hot Fuss' was mixed and pieced together by Alan Moulder of U2 and 'Smashing Pumpkins' fame. Recent acclaim for The Killers include being named the 'Hot Band of 2004' by Rolling Stone and a nomination for the Shortlist Music Prize.



Island recording artists The Killers pose for their debut album "Hot Fuss." The band was previously named the "Hot Band of 2004" by Rolling Stone Magazine.

The album opens with 'Jenny Was a Friend of Mine' with a feel somewhat reminiscent of Oasis' song 'Morning Glory,' with helicopter sound clips and echoing guitars. 'Mr. Brightside' offers a sarcastic look on relationships, and 'Smile Like You Mean It' provides a true 80's feel, with U2-style guitar sound and rising synthesizers.

The lyrical demise of The Killers begins with 'Somebody Told Me.' Flowers sings, 'Well somebody told me/ You had a boyfriend/ That looked like a girlfriend.' It is backed by a 70's disco beat on drums that sounds more cliché than inventive.

'All These Things That I've Done' opens similarly, to U2's 'Where the Streets Have No Name,' but becomes an original artistic rock piece. With organs rising in the beginning of the tune with Flowers' voice, and Vannucci's drums thundering in to accompany Keuing's strumming, one cannot help but tap their foot and sing along. Flowers belts out, 'Yeah, you know got to help me out/ don't you put me on the backburn,' backed at one point by a gospel choir, adding a soulful feel to an already rocking song. 'Andy, You're a Star' is a somewhat disappointing follow-up to the previous track, praising sarcastically someone who might have stolen a girl from Flowers at some point in his life.

Overall, this track seems to be a strange musical number in some kind of futuristic Broadway play. 'On Top' features a Duran Duran synthesizer/electronic horn feel. 'Change Your Mind' deals a driving bass line, and while it sounds much more like a rip-off of the Strokes' '12:51' than an original song, it is still fun to listen to. That's not to say the entire album isn't original, but rather that the album borrows from ideas created by other artists and merges them in an attempt at originality, which sometimes succeeds.

'Believe Me Natalie' continues the cliche lyrics, but adds a tribal rock element, with heavy drums, plenty of tom fills and crescendo-ing synthesizers.

Perhaps the best track on the album is 'Midnight Show.' The song begs the listener to 'drive faster,' and that's just the kind of song it is — one you should blast in your car while speeding down the freeway. 'Everything Will Be Alright' kills the acoustic drum set sound for an electric beat. Flowers sings with a voice-altering microphone, as he does for most of the album, but somehow in this song it feels more appropriate with the other electronic sounds. Who knows for certain what this song is truly about, but one can only hope The Killers will push for more rocking moments in future endeavors.

On the whole, 'Hot Fuss' is worth a listen or two, with some songs that grow on you and others you'll slowly begin to care less for. Fans of the Strokes, Franz Ferdinand, or U2's the Edge will take a liking to this album quickly. 'Hot Fuss' is definitely a cool album for the indie-rock scene, combining past elements of great music with the atmosphere of the dance hall to create a memorable experience.

Information from this article was taken from www.thekillersmusic.com

Kweli plays Pearl Street

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Wanna Do?"

The show continued to gain momentum as Kweli invited the B-Boys and girls to the stage to showcase their skills. And while he got just that, he also got a bunch of starry-eyed females, who seemed to be waiting on their cue to come onto stage and showcase their goodies. Not impressed with the crowd's failure to follow direction, Talib politely asked the non B-boys and girls to leave the stage. "All that freaky shit is for later on tonight," he joked.

Kweli also performed songs from his new album, "The Beautiful Struggle," including the new single, "Why Try," produced by Kanye West and featuring Mary J. Blige. After a few more classics, including "Respiration," from the Blackstar debut, and "Good To You," which Kweli proclaimed his favorite song, the show came to a close.

Kweli delivered on his promise to young ladies to be able to show off their dancing skills, and the DJ began to play all of the ladies' songs, including "Goodies," by newcomer Ciara, and the ladies got their chance to show what they were working with.

Offstage, Talib Kweli had a bit more relaxed approach to things. Winding down from the killer performance, he took the time to answer some questions for the Daily Collegian:

MDC: What is 'The Beautiful Struggle' about? What was your thought process when writing and recording for this album?

TK: This album is honest; I always try to make the most honest music possible.

MDC: Do you feel a need to keep up with the trends of rappers today such as Kanye West or 50 Cent?

TK: Not at all, I feel like they are trying to keep up with me.

MDC: Why did you choose the first single 'Why Try'?

TK: I felt that this song would work best with radio and video, and also I love Mary J. Blige's sound.

MDC: Is there another Black Star album in the works? And when will it be done?

TK: Yes, it'll be done when it's done.

MDC: What is your perspective on the upcoming presidential elections?

TK: I think the upcoming elections are important. I feel it will determine the way people view America. I've voted before, but I feel more important than the presidential election, we need community politics. When the 2000 elections were stolen, members of the Black caucus spoke out and were shut down. Nothing really changes for blacks through politics.

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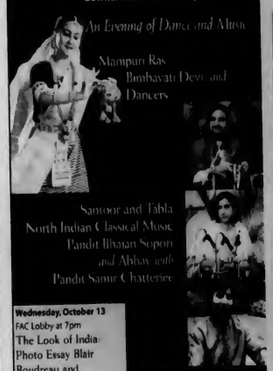


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Harrington refutes Goose's comments



Joey Harrington reacts after being hit during third period action of their game at Green Bay on Sunday, September 14, 2003.

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Siragusa. "He's the kind of guy that's on the other side of the club than I am. He's over there with the champagne and caviar and also the strawberries and chocolate."

Stockton: "We get the idea."

The broadcasters' comments had Detroit's sports talk radio buzzing Monday, but Harrington said he was not aware of them until he heard part of coach Steve Mariucci's weekly news conference and was asked about the comments later by reporters.

Harrington, 25, showed no sign of anger, but he seemed annoyed by the comments, which apparently stemmed from the time he spent with the Fox broadcasters during a production meeting Friday.

"If he's got a problem with the way I play, then go ahead and say it," Harrington said. "But if he looks at how I play, I don't think he'd be making those comments.

"If he looks at how I work, I don't think he'd be making those comments. If he came to the parking lot and checked to see whose car was the last one out of here each day, he wouldn't be making those comments."

Harrington did take one shot at Siragusa, though.

"It's nice playing in front of the best linebacker in the history of the game, isn't it?" he said, a reference to Siragusa's NFL career, which was relatively undistinguished until he landed on the defensive line of the 2000 Baltimore Ravens, with All-Pro linebacker Ray Lewis making plays behind him on the way to a Super Bowl title.

Since he retired as a player, Siragusa has tried to make a career as the fat, lovable, guys' guy. He's more outspoken than informative and sometimes dresses in Hawaiian shirts on the sidelines. He also appeared as strong, silent bodyguard Frankie Cortese in HBO's "The Sopranos."

Harrington indicated that the production meeting with Stockton, Johnston and Siragusa was routine, and there was no indication Siragusa was critical of his play or his personality.

"I don't know where the comments came from, I don't care where the comments came from," Harrington said. "He didn't ask anything. He just sat on the other side of the table and sat there."

Harrington, the Lions' first pick in the 2002 draft and the third player taken overall, has been criticized by some fans and media for being too optimistic, regardless of how poorly the team played in his first two seasons.

He said he probably came into the production meeting in a good mood, but he wasn't sure how it could be interpreted as over-confident.

"I'm a guy who enjoys what I do, and I'm sure I came off the practice field smiling," he said. "And I'm sure I came into the production meeting in a great mood. I do remember a question; he asked me if I was — how did he phrase it? – if I was worried about any of the corners in this league.

"I told him I'm not going to be worried about anybody in this league. I'm not going to back away from throwing at anybody. That's the kind of attitude I've got to have. If he thinks I'm over-confident by that, then so be it.

Maybe I'm an over-confident guy, but you've got to be confident in this league. If you're not, you're going to get waxed off the table, and you're not going to be here next year."

A Fox spokesman said that the network had no response to Harrington's comments.

Harrington was defended by Mariucci.

"I think with winning all that kind of goes away," Mariucci said. "Keep in mind, Joey's a hell of a guy. If you were his dad, you'd be very proud of him. He wants to win as badly as anybody. He gives a full day's work. He's in here like crazy; you've got to shoo him out of the building on his days off, at nights and the whole thing. He's just a worker.

"As he starts to have more and more success, the respect from the Siragusas of the world will come. That's just how it is when he lives in the world of being a starting quarterback in the National Football League. He's developed thick skin. He can handle it."

Mariucci said he was with the Packers during Brett Favre's early years and remembers that Favre took verbal abuse, too.

Fast start for the Eagles

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The 11-year veteran caught a 1-yard TD pass from McNabb — four of Bartrum's six career catches are TDs — and celebrated by snapping the ball nearly 20 yards between his and tight end T.J. Smith's legs. The innovative move cost the Eagles 15 yards they could afford against the overmatched Lions, and assured Bartrum a spot on highlight shows.

And, of course, there's wide receiver Freddie Mitchell, who gestures and prances after every catch he makes, including 8-yard receptions on third-and-10.

Even stoic coach Andy Reid has joined in, occasionally mixing a self-deprecating fat joke into his bland news conferences.

The Eagles are enjoying themselves for good reason. They're not just winning, they're dominating opponents, outscoring teams by an average of two touchdowns.

First, the Eagles steamrolled the New York Giants 31-17, with Owens catching three TDs in his Philadelphia debut. Then came a 27-16 Monday night victory over Daunte Culpepper, Randy Moss and the Minnesota Vikings that wasn't as close as the final indicates. The previously unbeaten Lions were the easiest victim, falling behind 21-0 in the second quarter.

Five other teams remain undefeated. None has won each of its games by double digits.

"The guys can really challenge themselves this year," McNabb said. "Everything that happened last year has made us hungry."

A third consecutive loss in the NFC title game — underdog Carolina won 13-3 at the Linc last season — didn't sit well with fans, players, coaches or management. The Eagles needed a drastic change to help them get to the Super Bowl.

On the first day of the NFL's free agency period, they signed Kearse to a $66 million, eight-year deal. A three-time Pro Bowl defensive end with Tennessee, Kearse has returned to his old form, becoming a disruptive force.

Though he doesn't have an oversized ego like Owens, Kearse brings tenacity and intensity to a defense that hasn't had a player cause this many problems for quarterbacks since Reggie White wore silver and green.

"This is a beautiful thing," said Kearse, who had all three of his sacks against Detroit. "I'm lining up wherever they want me to and I'm having fun doing it. They just put me in the open and let me line up with someone that is not really that good at blocking."

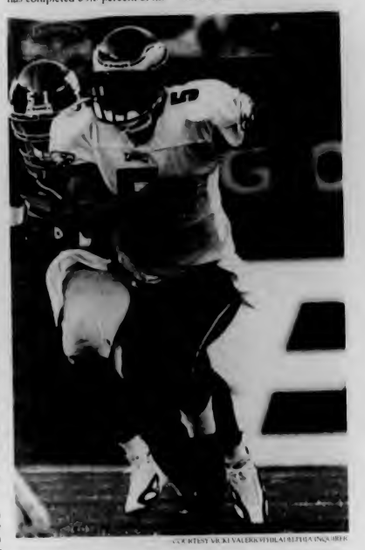
Meanwhile, Owens is thriving on offense. He has 18 catches for 254 yards and five TDs. His presence has made other players better, too, helping McNabb to the best start of his six-year career.

Now that James Thrash is no longer his first option on pass plays, McNabb has excelled. He has completed 69.8 percent of his passes (74 of 106) for 931 yards, eight TDs, no interceptions, and has run for two scores.

This time last year, McNabb was playing poorly, hearing boos and dealing with the racially charged critique of then-ESPN commentator Rush Limbaugh, who said the Pro Bowl quarterback was overrated because the media wants to see a black quarterback succeed.

Wonder what Limbaugh thinks now.

McNabb's only problem is figuring out whether to throw to Owens, Mitchell, Smith, Chad Lewis, Todd Pinkston or Brian Westbrook.



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Donovan McNabb scrambles away from the New York Giants defense in Philadelphia on September 12, 2004.

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Singh dominating

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Majors: Singh won his only major, the PGA Championship at Whistling Straits, when Justin Leonard bogeyed the last two holes in regulation and Singh won the three-hole playoff by making his only birdie of the day.

Woods won the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach by a record 15 shots. He completed the career Grand Slam at St. Andrews by winning the British Open by eight shots. He won the PGA Championship in a playoff over Bob May after both shot a bogey-free 31 on the back nine at Valhalla.

Victories: Woods doesn't play as often as Singh, but he usually plays only the tournaments that attract the strongest fields. All but one of his victories in 2000 included at least seven of the top 10 players on the PGA Tour money list that season, the exception coming at the Canadian Open. He won nine of the 20 tournaments he played.

Unless he changes his schedule, Singh will have played 29 times in 2004. He beat Woods head-to-head in Boston to replace him at No. 1 in the world, and he also held off Woods at the Buick Open.

But three of Singh's victories — 84 Lumber, Houston Open, New Orleans — included only one other player from the top five in the world ranking.

Margin of victory: Singh's most dominant victory this year came at Pebble Beach, where he started the final round tied with Arron Oberholser and won by three shots. Woods won five tournaments in 2000 by at least four shots, two of those by double digits (15 shots at the U.S. Open, 11 shots at the NEC Invitational).

Both players won twice in a playoff.

Woods won his nine tournaments by a combined 46 shots. Singh has won eight times by a combined 11 shots.

Money: Although the seasons are only four years apart, the money is substantially higher in 2004 than it was when Woods set the record of $9.1 million in 2000.

Singh has played in 18 tournaments with at least a $5 million purse; Woods played in only six of those in 2000. Singh has played 26 tournaments with a total purse of $139.6 million; Woods played 20 tournaments with a total purse of $77.3 million. Comparatively, Woods won 11.8 percent of the purse he played for in 2000; Singh has won 6.8 percent of the purse he has played for this year.

In other words, if prize money in 2000 were equal to 2004, Woods would have earned $13,336,932.

Scoring: Singh leads the PGA Tour with a 68.92 adjusted scoring average, giving him a .02 lead over Phil Mickelson. Woods set the record in 2000 at 67.79, which was nearly 1 1/2 strokes better than Mickelson.

Woods was under par in every tournament and played his final 47 rounds (including three majors) at par or better.



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Vijay Singh chips out of the 13th sand bunker during the final round of the Funai Classic at Walt Disney World in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, on Sunday, October 26, 2003.

Harrington responds to Goose

By Curt Sylvester
Knight Ridder Newspapers

DETROIT (KRT) — Mild-mannered, speak-no-evil Joey Harrington fired back Monday at the Fox broadcasters — most notably former lineman Tony Siragusa — who referred to him as a "champagne and caviar" and "strawberries with chocolate" type of player.

Siragusa, a Fox sideline reporter, made his comments Sunday during the Lions' 30-13 loss to Philadelphia.

"Am I supposed to care what he says?" Harrington asked.

"I'm not his kind of guy? Why, because I was cordial in the production meeting? Because I tried to be articulate? Because I smile when I play? Because I enjoy myself out there? Because I'm not a Billy Bad-Ass?

"I was raised a certain way. I was raised to be polite, I was raised to look someone in the eye and when they ask you a question, you answer it."

Siragusa belittled Harrington, the Lions' quarterback, during an exchange with announcers Dick Stockton and Daryl Johnston.

"He seemed a little different than what I expected," Siragusa said. "I thought he was a little bit too over-confident in the meeting, just a different kind of guy.

"Not a meat-and-potato guy. Very sophisticated man. That's as much as I can go into right now."

Johnston: "More champagne and caviar than meat and potatoes?"

Siragusa: "Yeah, I wouldn't see him going out and ordering a beer any time soon."

Stockton: "In other words, he may not be your kind of guy, Goose?"

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Youth revolution in the A-10

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one but two freshmen. Thorunn Ionsdottir and Debbie Nelson, making significant impact on her squad.

Ionsdottir is tied for the team lead in goals with three, and has one assist. Nelson, a 5-8 forward, has two goals and two assist. She is third on the team in points with six.

St. Bonaventure has also been pleasantly surprised with the play of forward Jacquee Permiter. Parmiter has played the role of playmaker as she has set up seven goals so far this season.

She also has a knack for putting the ball in the net herself, as she is third on the team in goals with three.

There is also Carrie Holland from the University of Richmond. Though she has only tallied one goal so far, it might have been the biggest goal of the season. Her first score was the game winner against No. 7 Tennessee.

UMass has also been the beneficiary of two last adjusting freshmen. Forward Britt Canfield and Midfielder Jenny Roehrig have provided the majority of the offense for the Minutewomen each drilling home three goals each.

Other freshmen have been making an impact on the defensive end. Dayton's Courtney Simrans was named to the Soccer America team of the week for her play against Virginia Tech and LSU on Sept. 10 and 12.

Simrans had the game-tying goal against the Huskies and then in the following game helped anchor the Flyer defense to shut out Louisiana State. St. Joseph's goalkeeper Jennifer Kuhn has also preformed well so far in her first season. Kuhn has posted a 1.36 goals against average to go along with 33 saves and two shutouts.

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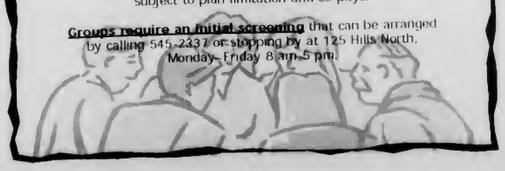
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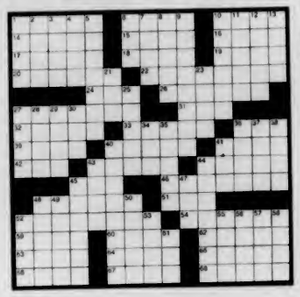
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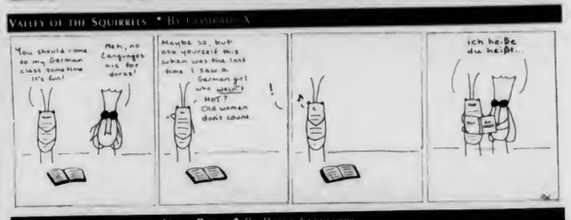
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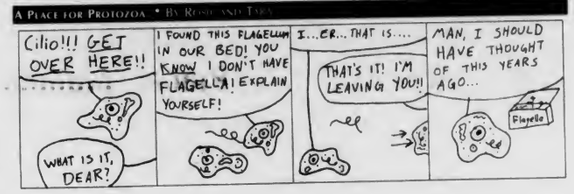












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UMass looks for two in a row

By Paula Aden
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts field hockey team (2-7) continues its 10-game home stand tonight against Providence. The non-conference action, originally scheduled as an away game, will begin at 7 p.m. under the lights at Garber Field.

The Friars (4-7) and Minutewomen have been facing each other every year since 1982, with an all-time series record of 18-5 in favor of UMass.

The Maroon and White have not defeated Providence since a 1-0 victory in 2000, when the game came down to penalty strokes after four overtimes. Last year, Providence defeated UMass in overtime, 2-1.

With 15 returning letter winners for the Friars and 16 for the Minutewomen, both teams can remember last year's tight match. Massachusetts goalie Christine Tocco made eight saves in the game, keeping the game scoreless until the last five minutes of regulation, when Melissa McGow scored to tie the game.

McGow's goal forced play into overtime, where the Friars secured a victory off of Stefanie Suenholtz's game winner, assisted by Katharine Lary.

Providence lost Suenholtz to graduation, but McGow and Lary will be returning with the Friars in an attempt to repeat last year's success. McGow currently leads the team in assists (10) and points (16). Lary has had five goals this season, including one game winner, and boasts a shots on goal percentage of .722. Amy Phillips is the Friar's leader in goals (7), shots (41), and shots on goal (21). Of Phillips's seven goals, three have been game winners.

For the Minutewomen, Caitlin Beresin leads in points (14) and goals (12), while Jaime Bawden has taken the most shots (17). Marije Tigchelaar, Katelyn Woolfrey, and Kiwlan Jaggassar have each tallied one assist.

Last year, UMass dominated the first half of the game, but grew tired in the second half and allowed Providence to take control. The Minutewomen's loss of intensity in the second half gave the Friars the opportunity to score, and eventually take the victory.

UMass was reminded of these lessons in Sunday's game against Vermont. The Minutewomen came out slow after halftime, and nearly allowed the Catamounts to do what the Friars did last year. This reminder could not have come at a better time, as the Maroon and White can now focus on the important skills for tonight's game.

"They have to study, they have to understand how difficult it is to bear down and concentrate when they're tired," Massachusetts head coach Patty Shea said.

After last year's loss to the Friars, Shea lamented the team's lack of doing the simple. In preparation for this season's match, Shea echoed her sentiments from last season.

"The simpler you keep the game, the easier the game is. The simpler the decision, the more correct the decision is. If you don't do the simple, it's going the other way," Shea said.

This season, the Friars have been out shot by their opponents 205-129 and outscored 39-22, while the Minutewomen have been out shot 195-62 and outscored 26-5.



Junior midfielder Patricia Borneo takes control of the ball during the 2003 campaign. Borneo and the Minutewomen will play Providence today at Garber Field at 7 p.m.

A-10 takes on nation's best

By Dave Quinn
Collegian Staff

Several of the Atlantic 10 teams have decided to take advantage of their non-conference scheduling by slating games against some of the top teams in the nation.

Atlantic A-10 Notebook

Unfortunately, A-10 teams have not fared well into the win column, only managing one victory in eight games. The lone victory came from Richmond who defeated No. 7 Tennessee 1-0 on Sept. 16.

The majority of the losses have been close contests. Richmond lost a tough 1-0 contest to No. 10 Clemson, Dayton dropped a 3-2 decision to No. 6 Florida, and St. Joe's was defeated 2-0 by the Villanova Wildcats who have floated in and out of the Top 25.

Other A-10 schools haven't been able to keep things so close. Ohio State walloped the Musketeers of Xavier by the score of 8-1 and URI was trounced 6-0 and 4-0 by No. 13 Santa Clara and No. 21 Arizona State respectively. However, the Rams were able keep within striking distance of USC, but eventually lost a 3-2 contest to the Trojans earlier this season.

The Atlantic 10 had one last chance to improve its record against Top 25 teams as Richmond Spiders faced No. 3 Virginia in late action last night.

Fearless Freshmen

While most athletes spend their freshman season wading in to college level play, there have been a few rookies around the A-10 that have made a big splash early on this season. No one would know this better than URI Coach Lisa Cole who has not

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Citgo sign to be restored after season

BOSTON — The Citgo sign familiar to Red Sox fans is undergoing a makeover, but the work won't leave the Fenway faithful in the dark.

Citgo Petroleum Corp. says renovation work on the Kenmore Square landmark, visible beyond Fenway Park's "Green Monster" left field wall, began Monday on the side facing away from the ballpark. The entire 60-by-60 foot panel will be removed and restored, meaning that part of the sign will be turned off for about two-and-a-half weeks.

The Fenway Park side of the sign will remain lit until the Red Sox season ends. That panel will then be removed and restored, officials of the Texas-based oil company said.

A malfunction caused the Citgo sign to go dark during the American League playoffs last year, leading some superstitious Red Sox fans to blame it for the team's loss to the Yankees.

"After all these years, we know how passionate Bostonians are about our sign, which is commonly referred to as a Boston landmark," Citgo president and CEO Luis Marin said in a statement Friday.

"That's why we designed our refurbishment plan to accommodate not only the baseball schedule, but also to ensure the sign is illuminated as quickly as possible once work begins."

Mayor Thomas M. Menino said the postponed renovation is one ingredient to helping the Red Sox win a World Series, something they haven't done since 1918.

— *Associated Press*

Eagles flying through initial weeks

By Robb Maaddi
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Eagles had talent. Now they have swagger and personality, too.

No, these aren't the same old Eagles, who lost the last three NFC championship games. And it isn't just because they added Terrell Owens and Jevon Kearse and brought back Hugh Douglas and Jeremiah Trotter. Sure, Owens and Kearse have proved to be the missing pieces on offense and defense, helping the Eagles start 3-0 for the first time since they won four in a row to open the 1995 season.

But they've also helped provide another missing ingredient: attitude.

These Eagles are cocky and confident. They strut their stuff on the field, in the end zone and in the locker room.

When they're not connecting on long passes, Owens and quarterback Donovan McNabb are sharing laughs on the sidelines, or critiquing each other's dance moves. McNabb prefers old-school Michael Jackson routines, seemingly oblivious to the fact that the Moonwalk went out in the '80s.

Owens likes the hip-hop style, though he has stuck to flexing and posing after scoring touchdowns this season. He hammed it up at a Monday night game by giving the national TV audience a close look at his golden mouthpiece, grinning into the camera.

McNabb and Owens are also rubbing off on teammates. In Philadelphia's latest rout, a 30-13 victory at Detroit on Sunday, Mike Bartrum — yes, a third-string tight end who usually gets in just to snap on punts and kicks — became the first Eagles player penalized for excessive celebration this season.



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Donovan McNabb celebrates as he scores against Minnesota Vikings on September 20, 2004.

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Singh's season is one for the books

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

Vijay Singh has one month to put the final touches on what already is a masterpiece.

He won for the eighth time this year at the 84 Lumber Classic, setting the single-season earnings record with more than $9.4 million. Singh has at least three tournaments left, so the 10-10 mark — 10 victories, $10 million — is in range. And as a sign that the 41-year-old Fijian is only getting stronger, he has won five of his last six starts.

Clearly, comparisons with Tiger Woods are inevitable.

As long as the year is 1999 — not 2000.

Five years ago, Woods launched a spectacular finish to the season by winning the PGA Championship at Medinah. He became No. 1 in the world, shattered the single-season money record and wound up with eight tour victories, winning five of his last six starts.

Singh is every bit as good as that.

But no one stacks up against Woods in 2000, the modern standard of greatness.

"Tiger won three majors in 2000," Singh said. "You can't beat three majors. It's so much more difficult to win major events than normal tournaments. I'm just going to try to enjoy my own good season."

Indeed. Singh should take a bow.

He joins Woods (1999, 2000), Johnny Miller (1974) and Arnold Palmer (1960, 1962) as the only players since 1960 to have won at least eight PGA Tour events in one year. If he were to run the table and finish with 11 victories, that would tie for third all-time behind Byron Nelson (18 in 1945) and Ben Hogan (13 in 1946). Sam Snead also won 11 in 1950.

Still, Singh's phenomenal season only illustrates how dominant Woods was in 2000, when he won nine times, captured the final three majors and set or tied 27 records.

"To me, that's still the best year anybody ever had," Stewart Cink said. "Unfortunately for Vijay, he doesn't have any more major tournaments this year."

Everyone remembers the majors, but that was only a part of

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Vijay Singh celebrates a victory at the Funai Classic at Walt Disney World in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, on Sunday, October 26, 2003.



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Looking ahead

Junior captain Oral Bullen looks on during UMass's game against Siena on September 17. The Minutemen played Boston University yesterday at 7 p.m. For the game story, read tomorrow's Collegian.

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Forum stirs tension within student body as fingers point toward Vice Chancellor

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

Nine students whose questionable behavior was revealed in photos taken last March were dubbed by a panel as the "The KKK Nine," in a forum entitled "How to Live and Learn in a Diverse Community."

The panel included distinguished faculty members, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life Michael Gargano and Student Government President Eduardo Bustamante. About 250 students attended to discuss the most recent situation and to ask questions.

All agreed that the culture of the University of Massachusetts campus must change, although many people including faculty members strongly opposed Gargano's inconclusive decisions regarding the potential punishments of the nine students involved in the controversial pictures.

Student representatives including Speaker of the SGA Patrick Higgins were photographed last March drinking alcohol and mocking a caricature of a Ku Klux Klan Grand Wizard.

Gargano received a great deal of criticism regarding his intentions. African Latino Asian Native American staff member Gladys Franco specifically asked Gargano why the students have not yet resigned.

"I have urged these students to resign," Gargano emphasized, "if the Student Government Association doesn't move on it, I will. Are we clear? Resign!"

He also has not ruled out expulsion, however, he said that educating these people is extremely important.

"Sanctions can range from warning to dismissal, but in this world everyone has the right to free speech. We may not like that but that's the law," Gargano said over a booing crowd.

Gargano insisted that now is the time for students to get involved in SGA and the upcoming elections that were postponed until next week.

"This has never been a better time to support SGA," he said. "Please run for office, please vote. The SGA is very important to UMass and so I ask you to support President Bustamante. I am currently suspending certain rules so that the SGA can move forward, therefore I encourage participation."

President of SGA Eduardo Bustamante told the crowd that no formal resignation has been submitted to him despite his assumption that it would have been done Monday morning.

"No one that I know of has submitted a resignation," Bustamante said, "the only person who is still running for Senate is the Student Coordinator for SCERA (Student Center for Educational Research and Advocacy) but his position can be removed."

Brian Roberts, the Student Coordinator for SCERA and the person who allegedly snapped many of the photos and posted them on his own website has not made any public statement to the SGA, the student body or the administration.

Bustamante stressed that this is not an isolated incident but rather the latest of a series of recent events on this campus.

"What I want to stress is that it's not about this specific incident it's about the environment we created," Bustamante said. "We have allowed our student government to be in the dark for a long time. It's up to us. It is our right, our responsibility to become intricately involved in our own government."

Bustamante noted that ALANA has been struggling for a long time and this incident might "be a wake-up call to the administration."

As for the elections, Bustamante said that this is the time for students to research the candidates and to understand where the candidates stand on the issues.

"Come out next week. We are going to take ownership and make it what we want and we will be listened to."



Hundreds of students gather in the Campus Center Auditorium at a forum entitled "How to Live and Learn in a Diverse Community" last night. Members of the SGA and administration attended.

Students say election delay a good thing

By Jeremy Dirac
Collegian Staff

Although the Student Government Association senate elections have been postponed until next Wednesday, many University of Massachusetts students seemed to agree that the Chancellor of Elections' decision to delay the elections was a good one.

One reason given was that students judgment will be blurred after photographs showing members of the SGA and the Student Center for Educational Research and Advocacy (SCERA) group drinking in a University office and making references to the Ku Klux Klan.

"I think it's a very good idea to postpone (the elections), because when you've got something controversial like this and something so important like an election people could be swayed by it," said sophomore business major Ben McDonald.

Others felt that not enough information is available to students in order to make the right voting decisions, but hope that the controversy will fuel an interest in voting.

"I think it's a good idea. I noticed a lot of people haven't been campaigning a lot. It gives people more of an opportunity to take it more seriously, especially after recent events," said Kim Johnson, sophomore exercise and neuroscience major.

16 students interviewed by The Massachusetts Daily Collegian agreed that the behavior shown in the photos was inappropriate. People differed on their agreement to what degree the behavior was inappropriate. Some were more concerned with the underage drinking by student leaders, others with the representation of SGA Speaker Patrick Higgins in a outfit that is meant to depict the garb of members of the Ku Klux Klan.

"It's sort of a shock, very irresponsible. It's exactly what people would expect from UMass kids. It's unfortunate to fulfill the stereotype," said senior journalism major Adrienne Bossi, who said she was bothered to see drinking within the SCERA office.

Junior psychology major Amber Sargent said she was also bothered by the drinking.

"I definitely don't think they should be in office if they were underage drinking. But I don't know about expulsion."

Senior economics major Mas Theodat II was bothered mainly by the caricature of SGA Speaker Patrick Higgins in a Ku Klux Klan outfit, and hoped that the postponing of the elections would give people time to understand the scandal and vote against those involved based on that information.

"It'll give people time to actually digest and realize who they are. A lot of truth comes out when you're drunk ... I know that those people were racist, but finally the truth comes out."

"Those images shouldn't be trotted out in any context and the fact that [Higgins] was comfortable with putting up those images in that place is disturbing," said a member of the African Latino Asian Native American (ALANA) community.

There were people who felt

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W.E.B. DuBois Library construction battles severe flooding; students and staff complain of disturbing workers' racket

By Brian Duffy
Collegian Correspondent

Construction work on the exterior deck of the W.E.B. DuBois Library has caused severe leakage in the library basement, causing rows of bookcases to be hidden behind heavy tarps for protection. Workers from Gardner Engineering, the project's contractor, worked throughout the night on Tuesday battling leaks from several spots in the ceiling.

"You always run into certain things you can't anticipate," said Gardner Superintendent Ian Judson.

The exterior deck was supposed to be completed by last summer. "This project has been a long time coming," said Henry Merriman Jr., the Capital Project Manager for the Facilities Planning Division.

"We're not excited about the construction, but we're excited about the possibilities for when the construction is finished," said Library Director Ian Schafer.

Both Merriman and Schafer admit the project has been problematic. This summer, there were two separate incidents of concrete falling through the ceilings.

Some library personnel who usually work on the main floor have been relocated to higher floors to avoid the construction and Schafer said he has given each employee this option.

"It's not turned out the way we had planned," said Emily Silverman, Communications Specialist and Reference Librarian.

The library was also closed over the summer in the morning and on weekends due to demolition work.

"We're trying to get the job done as soon as possible," said Judson.

In the meantime, Merriman has suggested that the library close study areas near the staircases on the main floor because of a potential for leakage issues. He says that study areas on the opposite side of the main floor are safer for students, as the southern and western end of the deck above this safe zone was successfully waterproofed this past weekend.

According to Project Superintendent Ian Judson, the fenced-in walkway is next in line to be torn apart for waterproofing. The walkway is located directly above the rows of computers on the basement level, which could be a potential problem if severe leaking were to occur.

Judson says there will be "minimal if any" leaking above the computers. "We will put somewhat closer attention to this area," he said.

For many members of the library staff and students, the noise from the construction has been a major inconvenience. Reference librarian Liz Fitzpatrick said there were several complaints by students on Saturday about the noise caused by the construction.

"It's been very noisy, it's been a lot more inconvenient than we thought. It's been a tough project for the staff and the students," said Fitzpatrick.

Mandy Rudi, a sophomore who works at the library's information desk, said that students have been complaining to her about the noise on the main floor and have sought out alternative places to study.

Ryan McSheehy, a sophomore transfer student who also works at the information desk, said she has faced difficulties in locating information for students. She said that the construction has caused a confusing reorganization.

"It's distracting," said senior political science major Josh Risen. Risen routinely studies at the library for several hours daily and said he has been forced to leave on several occasions due to the noise.

Merriman said the exterior construction would most likely be completed by the beginning of the 2005-2006 school year.



TRACY TSENG/COLLEGIAN

Book shelves in the library basement remain covered in plastic tarps to shield the volumes from the leaking ceiling on Tuesday.



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Construction will soon begin above the room where the public computers sit, which could cause problems if more leaking occurs.

Lecture highlights first-ever Audubon Day at UMass

By Charles Caldi
Collegian Correspondent

Columbus Day Weekend is usually the peak week for fall foliage in the Pioneer Valley area that is looked forward to by University of Massachusetts community and other residents of the rural Pioneer Valley.

However, keeping natural environments such as the Five College Area away from urbanization has become the center for concern for many local non-profits and environmentalists.

Many organizations such as Mass Audubon work hard to maintain the area green and raise awareness about the importance of our natural surroundings.

Today, several environmentalists and naturalists will inaugurate the first Massachusetts Audubon Day at the University of Massachusetts. Events will consist of lectures on different fields of environmental. The event will take place from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

The host of Audubon Day, University Store General Book Manager Wally Swist feels that it is important to raise awareness about the growing urbanization of the Pioneer Valley and the possible negative effects of it.

"I'm a self-proclaimed naturalist, nature is really important to me and there is less and less green space in the Valley," Swist

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'Hijacking Catastrophe' film attracts large local audience



COURTESY PHOTO

Professor Sut Jhally.

By Brian Duffy
Collegian Correspondent

The showing of 'Hijacking Catastrophe', a film created by University of Massachusetts Communications Professor Sut Jhally and communication Ph.D. candidate Jeremy Earp, was shown twice Tuesday evening due to an unexpectedly large audience.

"We didn't really expect this many people," said Jhally.

Jhally and Earp produced the film in conjunction with the Media Education Foundation.

The film presents the notion that the Bush administration had intentions of invading Iraq prior to the events that unfolded on Sept. 11, 2001. It also suggests that a small group of right wing Republicans had formulated this plan long before George W. Bush was elected President.

Despite the severity of the

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Bush slammed in UMass documentary

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subject matter, laughter from the audience was consistent throughout the movie. Many times the crowd laughed at comments made by President Bush, a former high school cheerleader, and other members of his staff.

"I'm a war president with war on my mind," President Bush said grinning. Referring to Saddam Hussein, he said, "He is a homicidal dictator who's addicted to weapons of mass destruction." The packed crowd roared in unified laughter after both of these comments.

"He's a coward, he lied to us, he bushwhacked us," said Scott Ritter, retired Marine Corps major and former U.N. weapons inspector. Ritter, along with others interviewed for the film, were not paid. Both Jhally and Earp said they received remarkable cooperation from individuals like Ritter while making the film.

The film stated that the United States is spending roughly $400 billion annually on the military budget. It also estimates the country will be in debt in an amount of $7 trillion by the end of this year.

"[The film] was very powerful," said Emily West, a professor of communications at UMass.

After the film, Jhally and Earp fielded questions from the audience. When asked how people can spread the film's message to individuals who disagree, Jhally said that there are those who are basically unreachable and unwilling to hear the opposing side. However, he said he is optimistic that there are many people who are open to new ideas.

Jhally also explained that he and members of the Media Education Foundation are working diligently to expose this film to as many people, in as many places as possible.

Jhally said that he is grateful to Michael Moore, the creator of the documentary "Fahrenheit 9-11," for opening the door for wider interest in political documentaries. He said it is essential that all Americans question their leaders.

"These people [President Bush and his staff] are not Americans, not in the American tradition. The founding fathers would call them traitors," Jhally said.

The film is available on VHS and DVD at Hijacking-Catastrophe.org.

Jhally will show the film at UMass before the November election.



MATTHEW MEDEIROS/COLLEGIAN

Get a job

Students search for potential business career opportunities at the SOM Career Fair yesterday.

Lecture to explore natural history

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said.

To Swist, this is not just an event on Green Politics; it's also a way of introducing the audience to authors and researches who aren't very well known.

"There are books I want people to know about. I'm honoring Mass Audubon, the writers, and UMass Press," he said.

There will be six lecturers at this event, including Boston University Professor Thomas Conuel, author of "Quabbin: the Accidental Wilderness." The book tells the story of how four towns and six villages in the Swift River Valley of Massachusetts were flooded to make way for the Quabbin water reservoir.

Harvard faculty member Jane Brox, will be citing from her most recent book "Clearing Land: Legacies of the American Farm." Her first book "Here and Nowhere Else" won the L.L. Winship/PEN New England Award.

Principal ecologist for the Friends of the Mohawk Trail State Forest, Robert Leverett will be reading from "The Sierra Club Guide to the Ancient Forests of the Northeast," which he co-authored with Bruce Kershner.

Distinguished UMass Professor in the Department of Geosciences Lynn Margulis who received the National Medal of Science from President Bill Clinton in 1999, will be reading from the book she co-edited with Clifford Matthews and Aaron Haselton, "Environmental Evolution: Effects of the Origin of Evolution and Life on Planet Earth."

Students react to election delays

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that the elections should have gone forward, however.

"I think it's an abuse of power and Eddie took two previous elections as a mandate that he hasn't rightly earned ... I think the fact that this came out this week and not three weeks ago or three weeks from now implies someone knew what they were doing," said senior political science major Sasha Horwitz.

Senior economics major Jessica Jorgensen had similar feelings. She said that "[Bustamante] definitely had something to do with releasing the pictures.

"I think that they should let people run and let the students decide. People get caught doing stupid things. Since I know them [those in the pictures,] I know that they were joking. I think you have to look at the context. People were calling Higgins a racist ... it wasn't like a hate crime, it was just them being stupid," Jorgensen said.

Fred Phillips, a sophomore communications major, is not worried that the scandal will reflect negatively on UMass and doesn't care about the SGA.

"I don't think it's all that bad really. Is the school going to cease to function? No. It doesn't affect anybody's life."

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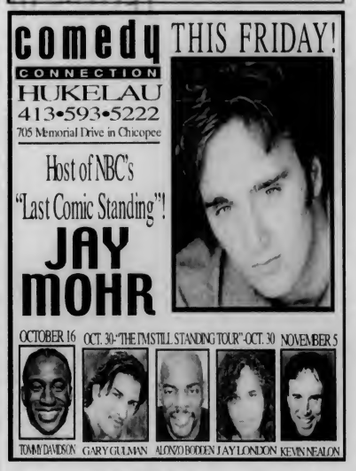
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Encouraging the first steps

Mike Anmuth

The trouble with writing an opinion column is that you have to have an opinion on something. Recently, most of my opinions have been focused on trying to get acclimated here at UMass as an older transfer student.

When I say older, I'm only talking 21 years old and when I say a transfer, I mean I'm coming in as a junior. Still, I'm no longer a wide-eyed freshman of 18, seeing the world anew as parental control and bedtimes disappear in favor of wandering around at 3 a.m. and experiencing those from places which I had never heard of before. No, transferring in at 21 creates its own challenges and advantages that I had never considered before setting foot here in early September.

I considered a lot of things when I first arrived here. Perhaps I shouldn't have taken an entire academic year off to travel, or I should have listened to my parents who insisted that continuous schooling was the way to get a degree and then ultimately get a job. Maybe I should have stayed at the school I went to before, which shall go unnamed, but I don't recall a fondness for it or else I would still be there. No, this challenge was something that I wanted and needed to make not just a good story to tell at bars, but also a transition that would make me into a better person.

As a transfer, I found a lot in common with the freshmen who have just arrived here. I didn't know many people. I had to make friends in order to survive, and I looked perplexedly at the campus map, which contained strange sounding buildings like the Chenoweth Lab Addition and Dickinson (not to be confused, I learned on my first day, with Dickinson Hall.)

Since I was active in high school, in college I wanted to join a whole bunch of student organizations and get involved on campus to make it feel smaller and more at home. I won't tell you this has been an easy process, or that I'm now the most popular guy on campus. Chances are, you've never heard of me, and chances are, you may never.

The reason every person comes to UMass is different, but every person should feel like they're an important part of the university.

As transfer students get acclimated to new surroundings, we face the same challenges that we did as freshmen except we're older now, some of us wiser, and most of us still looking for an identity in college.

I felt this was important to write about because I know that I'm not the only person in my situation. In fact, according to UMass's website, 1,153 transfer students enrolled in the 2003 transfer class. While I'm part of the 2004 transfer class, I can imagine the statistics are similar this year, which means there are probably over 1,000 other people in my shoes. I want to reach out to this community and say sometimes it's easy to adjust, sometimes it's hard to adjust, and sometimes adjustment comes when we least expect it.

My advice to transfer students is to get involved, get a place that feels comfortable and make it your own. What other university has so much opportunity in student organizations? What campus has events like the movie on the top of the Campus Center every weekend, or the ability to watch athletics like our beloved Minutemen and Minutewomen? The reason every person comes to UMass is different, but every person should feel like they're an important part of the university.

While I've only been here a short time, and oddly enough I get to write my opinion after only a couple of weeks, I've tried to make the most of my experience, and it's become an enjoyable process. I will fully admit that I'm not adjusted yet to UMass life, nor is it adjusted to me, but I like to consider everything in life a learning experience and this is one great example.

I can only conclude by saying that the possibilities here are endless. A Chinese proverb by Lao-Tzu says, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." Each step we transfers take in this new adventure at the University of Massachusetts brings us closer to our journey of feeling like a part of the school, a part of the community and ultimately gaining a second home here in Amherst.

Mike Anmuth is a Collegian columnist.

The dos and don'ts of the game

Ben Feder

First off, men are idiots and women are crazy. You can even switch the adjectives and the idea is still the same. Truth is, no one knows any more about the opposite sex than they did when they first passed the "will you go out with me? Circle yes or no" note to their 7th-grade biology lab partner. Over the years I've learned things about men and women that may prove useful to those new to the college dating pool. So grab your floaties and let's dive in.

First, some guidelines:

For the men, don't cheat. You're bad at lying and you will always get caught. Even though you'll try to hide your little affair, you will soon brag about it or even slip to your friends about how you've doubled your pleasure and doubled your fun. And when you are caught, you have to deal with that whole loss of trust thing.

Don't lie. You're simple-minded creatures that can only hold so much capacity for rational thought beyond hungry, sleepy, and horny, so try and keep the amount of brain activity to a minimum. It's much easier and fruitful to avoid lying and it saves a lot of energy on your part. This is energy you'd much rather utilize for that horny priority.

Whether it's your significant other or a drunken fling, that bond is still made. The more times you hook up, the stronger the bond gets, and eventually the more you start to like and enjoy the other person.

Be honest. Whoever you're trying to impress will appreciate it in the long run. Furthermore, you won't send out any mix messages or signals. Plus you can worry about more important matters, like how to remedy that horny priority that has been on your brain since you woke up this morning and ate breakfast.

Another thing, don't be a jackass. The world is full of stupid people and stupid people imitating stupid people. You were taught manners so demonstrate them and leave the trucker hat at home.

Now for the women, don't cheat. You are much better at hiding things than men are but women are also excellent gatherers of information. You're secret will soon be leaked from person to person until it is revealed to the one individual you were hiding it from.

Say what you mean. You are complex, with many undertones and layers that make up who you are and that's great. But understand that many people might not be that complex, and what you think is an obvious signal, sign or waving red flag, might be perceived by others as nothing at all.

Also, say what you want. Many times you don't voice your opinions or preferences and that is very annoying, especially for birthdays! What you have to say matters so speak up about it so all those inner desires can finally be fulfilled.

Now, some ground rules.

There is no such thing as hook-up friends. When you hook-up with someone, your brain is making an emotional connection with him or her. Whether it's your significant other or a drunken fling, that bond is still made. The more times you hook up, the stronger the bond gets, and eventually the more you start to like and enjoy the other person. Now you want something more, unfortunately, the other person does not. The bond is broken and feelings are hurt. Heartache sucks.

Don't ask, "what are you thinking about?" This is the most annoying question because it completely wipes the mind of any thought. So the only cognitive answer is "I don't know," or "nothing," and that just angers the person asking the question. I'm sure your partner is deep so why not throw him or her off guard and ask them something more specific?

Don't say things you don't mean to win arguments. Fighting with someone is hard enough already, especially when one person tries to defeat the other with some outrageous and hurtful comment in the interest of winning the fight. For example, you didn't "sleep with a hundred people" after you and your ex broke up. You still care about the person and you probably haven't moved on yet since you are still fighting in the first place. So relax and be rational.

Don't divulge too much information about past relationships to your new interest. He or she doesn't want to hear about your past ex and how cheap, shallow, stupid, crazy, bipolar, sexy, hot, or well-endowed and gifted they were. All they want to hear is how much better they are compared to the flings of the past.

I guess my advice to everyone is to not overreact. Dating can be very simple once you eliminate the mind games, suspicion and craziness and just stick to simplicity. In retrospect, men and women are not totally different in seeking their final goal: a warm body to sleep beside and someone they can brag to all their friends about. We're still young and have the rest of our lives ahead of us so let's not get too carried away.

Ben Feder is a Collegian columnist.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:
A CONTROVERSY'S CONSEQUENCES

NOT SO DISHEARTENING AFTER ALL

What I see in "the photos," as they have come to be known, is a group of friends drinking socially and having some fun. If that is a crime then I believe the majority of this University would have to plead guilty. Maybe we just shouldn't have fun anymore, because it seems like whenever we try to have a little fun, someone gets screwed. Sure they shouldn't have been drinking in the SCERA office, and sure they shouldn't have drawn the caricature on the board, but c'mon people, since when have we not been able to take a joke, because that's all it was, a joke.

Some people get caught up in the moment and forget this is the Student Government we're talking about, "student" being the key word. We're not dealing with our nation's government here. This is small scale, small beans type of stuff. This is no "blue dress" scandal.

Gargano was quoted in the Collegian saying, "I have the authority to remove these people from office," and "I could give them 500 hours of community service ... " I believe Gargano should not trip over his ego, calm down with the harsh allegations, and not let ALANA force him into doing something he shouldn't. Just like ALANA has done in the past, they will start calling people racists, just to get things done their way. The following is a quote from The Republican: "Higgins, a senior history major from Milton, told The Republican Sunday night that the party came as a way of letting off steam after a "semester's worth of absurdity" of being called racist in a heated contest for student government president with Eduardo E. Bustamante of Amherst." I agree with senior Jen Clark who was quoted in the Collegian saying "I am deeply saddened to see individuals within the ALANA office throwing the racism word at anyone who opposes or questions their actions."

I am in no way pointing fingers at ALANA but it would be the first place I'd turn to try and find who publicized the photos. The fact that the photos were brought to the public only days before the SGA senate elections is quite suspicious, and there's a rumor saying ALANA wants to gain a majority on the senate board so they can have more things go their way. It has been said that the photos were taken off the Internet over the summer, so an anonymous someone must have been holding on to them waiting for the right time to publicize them. Why is someone trying to ruin the lives of these SGA and SCERA members over a trifle of an incident? There are more reasons for why ALANA has disheartening feelings towards the SGA. Previously, ALANA had a certain number of seats on their board set aside for minorities, last year the SGA took these appointed seats away, seats ALANA enjoyed having.

Why has no one mentioned all the good things these SGA and SCERA members have done. One little mishap and now they're being asked to resign from their positions. I want everyone who reads this who is bothered by what happened to take a chill pill, take a breather, take a break, and just let it go. I still believe we have a great SGA that does great things. So go ahead and kick them all out of office and get inexperienced and unmotivated students in there and let's just see what happens. It'll make for a comical semester.

Kenneth M. Anderson
UMass Student



ELECTION INSTABILITY TROUBLING

The Student Government Association's backroom decision to postpone elections 12 hours before the first ballots were to be cast was irresponsible. The SGA's arbitrary decision once again reflects that it is unable to run clean elections — after all, they knew months before that the polling stations would be understaffed. After appointing a Chancellor of Elections and hiring a professional staff to assist with the elections, the SGA was still somehow unable get itself together on Election Day.

While it is important for students to have enough time to make an informed decision, SGA's recent display of gross incompetence and corrupt behavior has made it clear that the organization has crossed the border into illegitimacy. It is bad enough that those self-incriminating idiots who lead the Student Senate have made a disgrace of the SGA, but the SGA's postponing and overturning elections have made the electoral process here look like an ugly stepchild of Iraqi democracy.

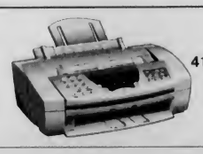
If the SGA is unable to hold its own elections, how can we trust them to properly appropriate funds for students and advocate for students? We cannot trust them. Reform must come from outside the SGA, and in order to do so we must have clean elections.

Jason Poulos
SGA Senate Nominee

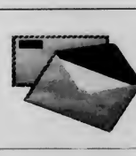
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New England's Big Event

The Big E brings food, music and more to western Massachusetts



By Meghan Healy
Collegian Staff

The streets are lined with stands selling freshly harvested pumpkins. The trees have exploded into reds, oranges and yellows. The Big E is in full swing. In New England, these are sure signs that fall has arrived.

For West Springfield, the Big E signals not only the arrival of autumn, but also the beginning of the Northeast's biggest county fair. When the trailers and trucks roll into this relatively unassuming western Massachusetts town in mid-September, they find New England in the last days of summer. By the time the exhibitioners and vendors pack-up and drive off, they leave us in the throws of fall.

In that transitional time however, New Englanders are granted three weeks of food, games, music, expositions and performances. The Big E bills itself as "the largest fair in the northeast with participants and guests that come from along the eastern seaboard as well as throughout the country."

Started in 1916, the Big E was originally a chance for New Englanders to stock up on wares for the coming winter. Attendees were given the chance to put display their livestock and compete in agricultural competitions. From its humble beginnings a regional tradition was born, a tradition that still strives to keep the spirit of the Big E alive today. Hundreds of livestock exhibitions, a horse show and the Avenue of Agriculture keep the farm-inspired beginnings of the Big E current.

For the scores of suburban families and local teens, however, it isn't the sheep shearing demonstrations and tractor exhibits that lure thm in. The Big E also offers a wide variety of shopping, carnival rides and entertainment. Performances by Clay Aiken, of "American Idol" fame, pop-opera group Amici Forever and '80s sensation Heart, have already played the Comcast Stage.

Fellow "Idol" alum Kimberly Locke will play the stage this Saturday and the fair will go out with a bang as pop star Jessica Simpson will peform at 7 p.m. Simpson, who has gained noterity starring on the MTV reality show, "Newlyweds" with husband Nick Lachey, will be the finale to the three weeks of entertainment. Both Locke and Simpson's shows are free with the price of admission to the fair.

In additon to goods from across the Atlantic, the Big E offers up a wide selection of food. The now-famous Big-Eclair is availible for fair-goers to both watch being made, as well as sampling the goods. For those looking for a classier dining experience the Storrowton Tavern offers up both regional favorites and pub style food as well.

Fans of artery-clogging cuisine need not worry; all the old favorites are still avaliable. The Big E offers the usual carnival fare — cotton candy, fried dough and hotdogs. At every step of the way there is another cart or kiosk, ablaze in colored and flashing lights, selling deep fried oreos or various meats on a stick.

For those on a tight budget, the Avenue of the States, a row of six houses, each dedicated to a different New England state, and the exposition centers are the loophole. Free samples of fudge, dips, soups and assorted other foods are in large supply and could be enough to fill you up. Make sure to check out the cider in Vermont House, even though it's not free, it's worth the $2.

The Big E will close its gates this Sunday at 9 p.m. Although the Big E marks the end of summer, it is a fitting way to welcome autumn to the Pioneer Valley.

Admission is $15 for adults. Check out www.thebige.com for more information.

Eve's trip down Rt.9



Original Sin

Eve

There are some things in life that really are better left unsaid.

But this story, this occurrence, is simply too amusing to let go. He lives in the only house on Route 9. Many of you have probably been to his infamous house parties before, but I happened to go to the very first opening party this summer, and that was my first mistake.

My second was spending the night with him, my best friend. I prefer not to cross those boundaries unless I must. And that one night has definitely changed our relationship for a while. I met him last summer on the Vineyard. We played a game of pool against each other, and he won. Later, I find out he also attends UMass. What a coincidence.

We grew overwhelmingly close in just a short period of time, so close that we were already too platonic to be physical, but that was on the Vineyard. By late summer, we both parted and vowed to reunite once school began. I went home to Boston and he moved into the Route 9 house early. So naturally, I decided to visit the following weekend.

What can I say? I missed the guy. There we were, happily reunited as friends, once again. Until he says, "I don't want this to ruin our friendship, but why don't you stay over?" He smiled devilishly and pulled me close to his body. He felt so good, so comfortable and I couldn't refuse.

One too many drinks later, and with one remaining guest at the party, I decided to crawl into his bed. He followed shortly after, jumping on the bed and kissing me passionately. He is exceptionally big compared to me. In length, muscular width and weight. One of his hands can easily cover my stomach, and the other can easily pick me up and toss me quite far, but two hands can cause a scene, and that is what he did. He flipped me around on his bed forcefully and all of a sudden we hear, crack! We looked at each other fearfully and we fall directly onto the hardwood floor. He broke the bed and we laughed because that is all we could do. We stood up and surveyed the damage.

"I made that bed by hand," he said half-smiling. I rolled my eyes at his craftsmanship and put on one of his button down shirts to cover up. I had to go to the bathroom, and the nearest one was on the other side of the beer pong area. His shirt was an oversized dress on me, but that was better than nothing.

I turned the knob to his bedroom door and pulled. His door was definitely not opening. I tugged, I pulled, and I even put one foot up for extra power and nothing. We were locked in. The doorknob was somehow stuck.

"Did you make this too?" I asked giggling.

"Yup." He answered proudly. "I made the door and the handle part." He stopped and realized what had happened.

"Wow, the only way we can fix this is through the other side."

I looked at him, then the window, then at him again.

"Fine. I'll jump out of the window." I opened the window and realized that the jump was a mere 12 feet. No big deal. I jumped out and landed on my butt. I ran around the side of the house, neglecting to realize I was on Route 9 in a shirt-dress with no shoes. I approached the front door and then let myself in.

We worked on his door for an hour, and finally decided to take it off completely. He grabbed his mighty screwdriver and knocked the hinges off the sides. He leaned it up against the wall and looked at me, "come, we need to go to bed."

I nodded my head, over exhausted and aching with bruises.

We ended up falling asleep on an old futon filled with sawdust, and covered ourselves with one small blanket. That was all we could do.

His roommate woke up later that day and stood in his doorway stunned. "What happened?" were the first words I woke up to. I sat up slowly and looked around in disbelief at the demolished area.

I smiled and replied. "Long story, you'll read about it later," and went back to sleep.

Puppets bring new twist to old classic

El Chonchon's Romeo and Juliet
Tonight
Rand Theater
UMass
$5, $8

While you may think you've seen every style of William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," from the stage to the screen, El Chonchon's Puppet Theater is here tonight to prove you wrong. The Argentinean troupe of puppeteers will challenge any viewer's typical perspective of what traditional Shakespearean theater consists of.

El Chonchon uses hand puppets for players. Each puppet is dressed up in miniature costumes. They even have quirky set design to match. Their rendition of "Romeo and Juliet" aims at being original, and breaking all the rules of traditional Shakespearean theater as they set out to convey the story of the famous star-crossed lovers.

El Chonchon, the Spanish-speaking troupe from Argentina was originally founded by Miguel Oyarzun from Valparaiso, Chile in 1979 at the age of 11. Beginning in 1989, Oyarzun formed his ensemble and the puppet theater company began touring Argenti-na, Chile, Brazil, Uruguay, Spain, and the United States. Along with Shakes-peare, other works by playwrights Javier Villafane, Ro-berto Espina, Oro Freytas, and Federico Garcia Lorca have been staged using El Chonchon's Puppet Theater.

According to a press release for the event, El Chonchon's Puppet Theater "is equally concerned with exploring the universe of hand-puppet animation, the relationship between object and character and what distinguishes puppets from other forms of expression."

Puppetry, an age-old art, has existed in our society and in diverse cultures for many centuries. It has been widely used to aid in both education and entertainment. Still, while puppet shows have notoriously been categorized as a juvenile dimension of theater, El Chonchon feels that the subject matter opens itself to audiences 12 years of age and older in revealing the deepest meaning of "Romeo and Juliet."

"They are informal, unhurried and unpredictable. They improvise on the fly. They put themselves right into the audience, and may spontaneously leave the stage to interact with the kids in the audience." — "El Adelantado de Segovia" (Spain)

The performance will be in Spanish tonight at the Rand Theater beginning at 7:30 p.m.

— Eva Piccozzi

UMass experiences 'Revolution'

Pollen Revolution
Tonight
Bowker Auditorium
UMass
$7, $10

By Leann Leake
Collegian Correspondent

Butoh, or "stomping dance," is a Japanese form of modern dance that appeared after World War II. Based on the highly ornate and showy Japanese dance-theater form called Kabuki, it features splashy costumes and hairstyles, but most importantly, emotionally charged dancing. Butoh involves no learned steps or styles; Butoh is said to be easiest for untrained dancers, because they have nothing to unlearn. The best-known Butoh performances involve dancers, their skin painted white and their hair tangled and ragged or shaved completely, contorted in agonizingly slow gestures that interpret nature.

This Friday, students will have the opportunity to see a very different kind of Butoh: Akira Kasai will perform "Pollen Revolution" right here in UMass Amherst. Kasai's dancing is energetic and choppy, full of jumps and twitches and frenzied motions. His music combines traditional Japanese, electronic, hip-hop, and classic rock forms. Groundbreaking dance within a groundbreaking dance form? Absolutely.

When he first performed "Pollen Revolution" in April 2001 at 59, Kasai rocked the modern dance world with his use of hip-hop in his routine and dance techniques. In an interview Kasai explained that "Hip-hop came from the bottom of the social pyramid; Butoh came from the underground of Japanese society," he said. "In hip-hop the movements come from a very deep, soulful source, but they are at the same time sculpted from the outside — it's not just making a beautiful form, but deforming it and breaking it down. That is also an essential element of Butoh."

This is hardly strange from Kasai, who has been introducing unexpected sources and traditions into Butoh since he started practicing it in the 1960's. This show, however, has lead him to be compared to Russian ballet icon Nijinsky, who also steered away from traditional forms of dance and scandalized the art world with his experimenting.

"Pollen Revolution" is Kasai's attempt to "create infinite life." He dances three movements that seem to carry him through time: at first, he is a demure Kabuki heoine in traditional robes, but electronic noises break into the soundtrack. Soon he and the set have changed; now he wears black and dances on a harsh, bare stage. In the final movement he wears a white suit and seems to be in the future; hip-hop moves and music have taken over the piece. In his encore he dances energetically to Elvis Presley's "Heartbreak Hotel" while throwing red carnations to the audience.

Akira Kasai will perform "Pollen Revolution" in the Bowker Auditorium at 8 p.m. tomorrow. Tickets are $20 or $15 for adults and $10 or $7 for students. A reception will be held in the Curry Hicks Lobby from five to six (please RSVP to save a space). Call 577-2486 for more information.



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QB 10 - Tim Day, Sophomore
RB 5 - Steve Baylark, Junior
FB 40 - Rich Demers, Senior
WR 11 – Jason Peebler, Senior
TE 44 – Mike Douglas, Junior
LT 77 – Colin Stoetzel, Junior
LG 74 – Rob Kane, Senior
C 62 – Alex Miller, Sophomore
RG 73 – David Thompson, Sophomore
RT 72 – O.J. McBride, Junior
WR 9 – Dominique Stewart, Junior

Defense

DE 95 – Keron Williams, Junior
DT 57 – Justin Schweighardt, Junior
DT 97 – Jason Leonard, Sophomore
DE 52 – Jason Hill, Freshman
OLB 56 – Charles Walker, Sophomore
MLB 51 – Serge Tikum, Junior
OLB 29 – Brad Anderson, Junior
CB 26 – Tracy Belton, Sophomore
FS 34 – Shannon James, Junior
SS 7 – James Ihedigbo, Sophomore
CB 3 – R.J. Cobbs, Junior

Special Teams

K 33 – Matt Goldstein, Senior
P 13 – Christian Koegel, Sophomore
KR 11 – Jason Peebler, Senior
PR 87 – Nathanael Hasselbeck, Junior
LS 97 – Jason Leonard, Sophomore
HLD 10 – Tim Day, Junior

Offense

QB 18 – Paul Peterson, Senior
RB 30 – L.V. Whitworth, Freshman
FB 49 – Mark Palmer, Sophomore
WR 5 - Grant Adams, Senior
TE 86 – David Kashetta, Senior
LT 72 – Jeremy Trueblood, Junior
LG 70 – James Marten, Sophomore
C 66 – Patrick Ross, Junior
RG 75 – Josh Beekman, Sophomore
RT 77 – Gosder Cherilus, Freshman
WR 17 – Joel Hazard, Senior

Defense

DE 94 – Mathias Kiwanuka, Junior
DT 56 – Alvin Washington, Junior
DT 98 – Tim Bulman, Senior
DE 93 – Phil Mettling, Senior
OLB 55 – Ricky Brown, Junior
MLB 3 – Ray Henderson, Junior
OLB 42 – John Misiewicz, Junior
CB 1 – Will Blackmon, Junior
SS 23 – T.J. Stancil, Senior
SS 44 – Jamie Silva, Freshman
CB 19 – Peter Shean, Senior

Special Teams

K 37 – Ryan Ohliger, Freshman
P 46 – Johnny Ayers, Freshman
KR 1 – Will Blackmon, Junior
PR 1 – Will Blackmon, Junior
LS 81 – Francois Brochu, Junior
HLD 12 – Matthew Ryan, Freshman

UMass falls to BU

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts men's soccer team played perfect defense for 90 minutes against Boston University on Tuesday night.

It was three minutes into overtime, however, that the Minutemen (3-5-0, 0-0-0 A-10) had their one and most costly mistake.

BU	1
UMass	0

UMass lost to the Terriers 1-0 in their first game of a five-game road stint. The Minutemen travel to Philadelphia tomorrow to take on St. Joseph's, for their first Atlantic 10 matchup.

The goal came after BU (3-4-0) did a quick throw-in from 30-yards out, which was then relayed off of Brian Conway's foot to Sedric Chin, who was sprinting to space. Chin found a seam in the UMass defense and blasted the golden goal past sophomore Nick Billman.

"I was pleased by the way we played in the back, but I was not happy with the goal," UMass coach Sam Koch said. "We could have stopped it if we were more aware of the quick restart, obviously there are still things that we have to work on."

The Minutemen were playing without the services of defensive midfielder Tim Kitchell, who was sidelined for the red card he received against Harvard on Sept. 19. Koch changed his defensive strategy accordingly and played Ralph Pace and Todd Skelton in the center backfield.

Pace was the most active player on offense for UMass with four shots on the game, two of which were on goal. The Minutemen had several opportunities, including a shot for Oral Bullen from 10 feet out that was snubbed by BU keeper Chad Conroe.

Koch credited the Terrier defense, but also mentioned that the sloppy field conditions were not exactly conducive to running a smooth offense.

"BU's defense is solid. They were playing five in the back, which was difficult," Koch said. "We were playing on a wet field, which didn't really help."

A bigger game than most for Hasselbeck

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go and let it control my mind.

"Despite how I feel, I have to play each play like it doesn't matter who I'm playing against."

Nonetheless, it will be difficult for Hasselbeck to stay out of the spotlight this weekend. Both of his parents will be in attendance — albeit wearing UMass colors — and the desire to prove himself to a BC coaching staff that never believed in his offensive abilities will surely be there.

"I know I can play wide receiver," Hasselbeck said. "Things kind of unraveled [at BC] after three years of playing defense and doing some special teams things, and I wanted to get out and play offense.

"My dad and brothers always told me that I had too good hands to be playing defense, and now it's up to me to show I can play."

While some may question why Hasselbeck would give up a family legacy and the many perks of playing Division I-A college football on the eve of his first meeting with his former school, he maintains that the decision was the right one.

"You know what, keep all the material stuff [that comes with playing in Division I-A], I'll take the smiles I'll have [at UMass] for the next two years instead," Hasselbeck said. "The coaches here are great and so are the players, and I'm just having a blast."

Massachusetts' coach Don Brown concurs, and knows that in the end, Hasselbeck's decision — as well as Saturday's game — doesn't involve family, tradition or anything. It's just about football.

"If you look across the country at the kids who transfer from I-A to I-AA, it has nothing to do with things like allegiances," he said. "It's more about the fact that he's just looking for the best opportunity to play the game he loves to play, wherever that may be."

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Rosario and Ross meet on opposite sides

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season, he missed the last seven games of the season due to injury. He has only carried the ball nine times for 28 yards this season.

"It doesn't affect me much. The better man plays, and I'm just waiting my turn," Rosario said.

Brown has integrated Rosario into special teams play to get him on the field as much as possible.

"Obviously, for us that has been a plus because his effort level is always high," Brown said. "We've been happy with his special teams play."

When Ross first came to Boston College, O'Brien moved him to defensive back to sure up that side of the ball.

"He played line [at cornerback]," O'Brien said. "A lot of times we take kids who are two-position players and try to start them on defense because our team has been missing a championship caliber defense in the past.

"We try to put our best guys on defense, but we needed him more at tailback so we moved him back to tailback," O'Brien said.

Due to the emergence of L.V. Whitworth and Andre Callender at running back, Ross' role at tailback has declined since he was named the starter in Boston College's first game against Ball State. He has only carried the ball 18 times for 59 yards this year.

"(Ross dropping down the depth chart) has to do with Whitworth and Callender playing so well," O'Brien said. "It has nothing to do with what Jeff has done."

Ross doesn't plan on staying off the field for long, however.

"I'm in the process of working my way back up (the depth chart). I just approach every game the same: work hard and hope the coach can see that," Ross said.

If he can use the same work ethic that Rosario taught him, he should be fine in that category, but there was one thing that Rosario said he couldn't teach Ross.

"His first couple years, he really wasn't much of a ladies' man, but I would imagine that has changed since he started playing and tore it up," Rosario joked.

Maybe that just depends on whom you ask.

"I never had a problem getting girls," Ross replied.

Okay, but who was the better player? Rosario holds Lowell High's season rushing record with 1,752 yards in 1998, but Ross is second with 1,745 in 2001.

Ross holds the single-game record with 347 yards against rival Chelmsford, which broke Rosario's record of 336 yards.

Over the course of his career, Rosario holds the school's scoring record with 314 points, well ahead of Ross, who scored 208 points.

"Who's better? I'm going to have to go with me on that one," Rosario claimed.

"He always says that," Ross explained. "We're different types of players."

Even though it has been five years since the two first met, their roles haven't changed much.

"It's going to be crazy (playing against Rosario)," Ross said. "I'm just going to watch him go to work, and just try to learn from."

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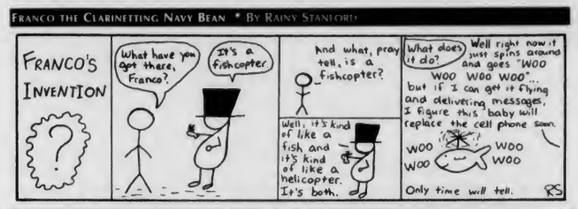
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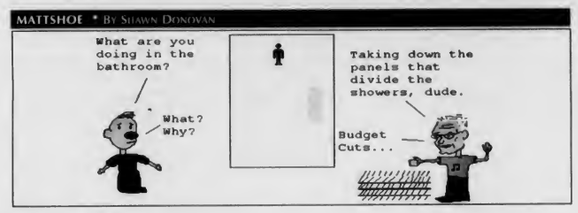
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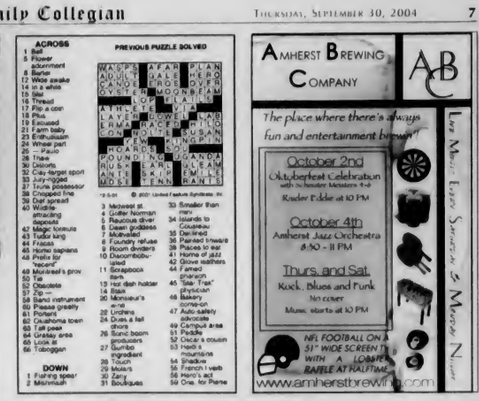
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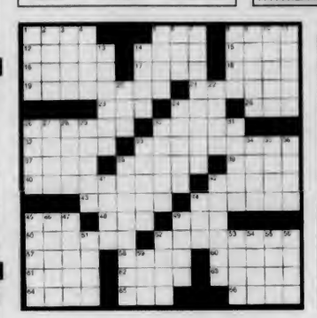
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A Commonwealth classic

UMass to face Boston College for the first time in 22 years

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

For 22 years the respective football programs of Boston College and the University of Massachusetts have gone their separate ways.

The Eagles have evolved into a successful Division I-A stalwart, making bowl games an annual occurrence and becoming a factory for producing professional offensive lineman. They've had Doug Flutie and the Hail Mary, David Gordon and The Kick, and most recently a monumental move to the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The Minutemen, meanwhile, have been enjoying their own success at the Division I-AA level. They've produced NFL players such as Marcel Shipp, and coaches like Mark Whipple, and have evolved into one of the best programs at their level, culminating with a National Championship in 1998.

So for the students, alumni, friends and supporters of two of the state of Massachusetts' foremost athletic institutions, Saturday will be a day more than two decades in the making. For the first time since Nov. 6, 1982, UMass and BC will meet on the gridiron with kickoff scheduled for 1 p.m. at Alumni Stadium in Chestnut Hill.

"It's obviously a natural rivalry, and one that will attract attention from both schools with all the legacy going back," UMass 12-2 0-2 Atlantic 10 coach Don Brown said. "It's a great game for us and one we're looking forward to, and it's also great for our fans and alumni.

"We're excited about it. I know a lot of our guys know a lot of the guys on their team, and it's a chance for us to get after it against a quality opponent in a big time environment."

Clearly for the Minutemen, the opportunity to pull off a monumental upset exists. However after watching A-10 schools New Hampshire and Maine knock off BCS Big East rival Rutgers and Mississippi State, respectively, the Eagles will surely be prepared for and wary of an upstart UM group.

"It's hard to equate what the other Atlantic 10 schools did to what we're trying to do on Saturday," Brown said. "Maine and UNH beat a pair of teams that are in major transition stages, and coach O'Brien and his staff have been at BC for a long time. They've had a lot of recruiting classes to get the guys they want, and I'm sure we'll have their full attention."

On the field, UMass will certainly face a tall order in more ways than one. A week after having their lack of size along the defensive front exploited by Delaware, the Minutemen will be up against one of the biggest offensive lines in the nation. It's a matchup that worries Brown, and will likely cause problems as BC (3-1 0-0 Big East) tries to establish it's running game.

"Absolutely, it's a cause for concern," Brown said. "They've got tremendous size, and their philosophy is very similar to mine. They want to pound it in the running game and set up play action and everything comes off of those things. It's going to be up to us to fly around on defense and try to disrupt that.

In addition, UMass must attempt to contain mobile quarterback Paul Peterson, whom many compare to Flutie. However Brown believes that his defensive backfield is up to the task.

"I think our defensive backfield doesn't take a backseat to any wide receivers in America," Brown said. "There are going to be times where we have to match them up one-on-one, and I have confidence that we'll be able to do that."

On the offensive side of the ball, the Minutemen will look to get untracked after scoring just seven points in their last seven quarters. However, that will be easier said than done against a tough Eagle defense led by cornerback Will Blackmon, who leads the team with 23 tackles and two interceptions, as well as defensive end Mathi Kiwanuka, who paces the squad with three sacks.

"They have a lot of playmakers on defense," Brown said. "We need to get a going consistently on offense and try to play out of their hands. We just want to play within ourselves and try to move the ball when and where we can."

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R.J. Cobbs (left), Greg Scott and the Minutemen will look to knock off a Division I-A opponent for the first time in school history.

Past meets present for UM's Hasselbeck

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

For Don Hasselbeck's three sons, the question of where to play collegiate football has never been a difficult one.

A resident of Norfolk who spent nine seasons playing tight end in the National Football League, the patriarch of one of Massachusetts' most highly regarded football families, he has been watching his boys play for Boston College for the past 10 seasons, and with much success.

The eldest, Matt, threw for 4,348 yards in two seasons as a starter at the Heights before moving on to become a Pro Bowl quarterback with the NFL's Seattle Seahawks and handing the reigns to younger brother Tim.

The middle Hasselbeck brother was no slouch either. After leading BC to a pair of bowl games, Tim moved on to the NFL as well, spending time with four teams before landing in Washington.

For Nathaniel, the youngest, the path to success has never been as clear. After joining the Eagles as an undersized wide receiver, head coach Tom O'Brien moved him to the defensive backfield, where he wallowed on the sidelines for two seasons and saw the field only during spot duty as a punt and kick returner.

It was a frustrating experience for him. He knew he had the talent to play offense. So after sitting down with his parents and discussing it with his brothers, he came to the biggest and boldest decision of his young football career: he was going to leave Boston College and transfer to the University of Massachusetts, where he could step in and play wide receiver immediately.

Thus, when the Minutemen meet the Eagles at Alumni Stadium on Saturday, there will be much more involved than just football for the Hasselbecks. Because for the first time ever, a member of Boston College's first family will be playing for the enemy.

"It's going to be a little weird, but it's something I knew would happen eventually," Hasselbeck said before practice Wednesday. "It's going to be emotional going in there and playing in that stadium and being in the visiting locker room, but at the same time I can't

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Friars down Minutewomen 2-1

Marije Tigchelaar scored UMass' only goal as Providence prevailed 2-1 at Garber Field last night.

Foes for the first time

Former teammates renew acquaintances

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

Sometimes it's just funny how things work. It's funny how we meet different people, and it's funny how small the world really can become.

About five years ago, two young men with nothing more in common than the sport they played would be introduced at Cawley Stadium, the home of the Lowell High School football team. Raunny Rosario, a three-year veteran of the Red Raiders and a growing legend on the Lowell gridiron, was told he had a rookie to keep a watchful eye on.

"Coach [Scott Boyle] told me to take him under my wing and keep him out of trouble," Rosario said.

That rookie was Jeff Ross. Ross decided he wanted to pick up a new sport at Lowell High: football.

Originally, it appeared that it would be a bigger challenge than most around the Lowell football fields would have thought. After all, Ross showed up to his first practice with his shoulder pads on backwards and his elbow pads in his pants.

"I had never played football before," Ross said while laughing. "I was a soccer player. I knew that I was small so I got the biggest pads possible. I got offensive line shoulder pads, and I didn't even know (the elbow pads) weren't kneepads. It was pretty embarrassing."

Rosario didn't hold that against him, though.

"He was new to football and didn't know much," Rosario said. "He was a natural athlete, and he picked up the sport pretty quickly."

Those were high praises at the time from Rosario, who finished his career second on the school's all-time rushing list with 3,337 yards, but he also had a similar experience to Ross.

Boyle, who has a 48-27-2 record as the head coach at Lowell High, recalls Rosario's first game as a sophomore.

"It was a cold night. He had two orange traffic gloves on. We started him at nose guard at first because he was so quick," Boyle said.

Boyle let it slide, but he made Rosario take his gloves off when he was finally moved to running back, the position he holds now for the Massachusetts football team.



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Raunny Rosario ran for 758 yards as a freshman at UMass.



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Jeff Ross has rushed for 49 yards on 18 carries this season.

Ross is now a running back at Boston College, and the two former Lowell High standouts will play on the same field, albeit on different sidelines, for the first time since Rosario graduated from LHS in 2000 when UMass travels to Alumni Stadium to play BC on Saturday. Boyle plans on being in attendance to see two of his favorite former players reunite on the field.

"They are not just great football players," Boyle said. "They are great kids. They both stand out, but they are very humble guys. They were team-oriented players. It was never about them."

Boyle isn't the only coach who praises them like this. UMass coach Don Brown shares the same feelings about Rosario.

"He has been a great teammate. He is a competitor, and he plays the game with a little bit of pop," Brown said.

Boston College coach Tom O'Brien is plenty happy with Ross, too.

"He has a great rapport with the rest of the players," O'Brien said. "He is always working hard in the weight room. He sets a great example, especially with the younger kids."

That is just one of the things he learned how to do from Rosario, who would stop at nothing to help his younger teammate out. Ross came to Lowell from New York, where Rosario is also from, but Ross' journey was much more complicated than that.

Originally from Liberia, Ross left his homeland to escape a horrific civil war. It would make his way to America at the age of 14. When he finally found Lowell, he didn't know anyone that he could turn to until the coaches introduced him to Rosario.

"We had a really good relationship," Ross said. "He was like my big brother. I used to have to walk home after practice which would take about an hour and a half, but Raunny would drive me home when he had a car so I wouldn't have to walk."

Boyle saw first hand just how much Ross respected his football mentor.

"Jeff was young when Raunny was a senior," Boyle said. "He looked up to Raunny and really respected how hard he worked."

"We were good friends," Rosario agreed. "We hung around a lot my senior year."

Unfortunately, for these two high school studs, they haven't seen the ball as much in their collegiate careers.

In 2002, his first year on the field for the Minutemen, Rosario rushed for 758 yards and three touchdowns on 154 carries. Last

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Presidential candidates debate

Bush, Kerry clash over the War in Iraq; trade barbs on foreign policy

By TERENCE HUNT
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CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — Sen. John Kerry accused President Bush Thursday night of a "colossal error in judgment" in ordering the invasion of Iraq. "The world is better off without Saddam Hussein," the president shot back in campaign debate, adding his rival once said so himself.

"I agree with him," Bush jabbed sarcastically at a rival he depicts as prone to flip-flops.

In a 90-minute debate dominated by a war that has claimed more than 1,000 American lives, Kerry called the conflict a diversion in the broader struggle against terror and the hunt for Osama bin Laden.

The four-term Massachusetts senator said he could do a better job than Bush of protecting the nation against another Sept. 11-style attack, and pledged to be strong and resolute in fighting terrorism.

"But we also have to be smart ... and smart means not diverting our attention from the war on terror and taking it off to Iraq," Kerry said.

"This president, I don't know if he really sees what's happening over there," Kerry said of Bush, standing 10 feet away on a University of Miami debate stage.

Bush swiftly returned to his theme of Kerry as a man who changes his mind too often to be president.

"He voted to authorize the use of force and now says it's the wrong war at the wrong time. ... I don't think you can lead if you say 'wrong war, wrong time, wrong place.' What message does that send to our troops?" said the Republican incumbent.

With less than four weeks until the election, the polls show Bush with a small lead in the race for the White House, and several battleground states exceedingly close. Even some Democrats said the debate, with a national television audience in the tens of millions, represented Kerry's best chance to gain late-campaign momentum.



Several students watch the projection screen set up in the Campus Center as President Bush and Senator John Kerry debate foreign policy issues.

Both men used well-rehearsed lines during their face-to-face encounter, but this was the first time each had to listen to the criticism at close quarters.

Bush appeared perturbed when Kerry leveled some of his charges, scowling at times and looking away in apparent disgust at others. Kerry often took notes when the president spoke. Some networks offered a split screen to viewers so they could see both men at the same time and watch their reactions.

Bush and Kerry differed over North Korea, Iran and Russia as well as Iraq in a debate limited to foreign policy and terrorism.

Kerry charged that North Korea and Iran both have advanced their nuclear weapons programs during the Bush administration. "As president I'll never take my eye off that ball," the senator said.

Bush said he believed that a diplomatic initiative currently under way could solve the crisis with North Korea.

"On Iran, I hope we can do the same," the president said.

Bush said that with North Korea, he would continue to pursue a strategy that involves the United States, China, Japan, Russia and South Korea in talks with North Korea to defuse the crisis. Kerry advocated bilateral talks between the United States and North Korea to find a solution.

Kerry voiced concerns about conditions in Russia, saying that crackdowns initiated by Vladimir Putin go beyond what's necessary to combat terror.

Bush said he had a good personal relationship with Putin that "enables me to better comment to him and the better to discuss with him some of the decisions he makes." Bush said Russia was a country in transition and that would remind Putin "of the great benefits of democracy."

Bush supporters few and far between; Kerry soars

By DAN O'BRIEN
COLLEGIAN STAFF

Joining millions of people across the nation who watched last night's presidential debate between President George W. Bush and Massachusetts Senator John Kerry, approximately 50 students gathered in the Campus Center's Blue Wall Cafe.

True to the roots of the overtly Democratic state of Massachusetts, there appeared to be little support for the Republican President among students in the crowd.

The Daily Collegian was unable to find a Bush supporter among the people watching the event at the cafe, which featured the first debate between the two candidates on a large projection screen.

"I think Kerry smoked Bush," said Stephanie Costa, a sophomore Communications major. "Bush definitely seemed really intimidated; it seemed obvious with his gestures."

"Kerry was very poised. He seemed like he was really paying attention to what's going on," she said.

The students in attendance apparently were sharing the opinion of the majority of Americans who watched the debate, according to a CBS News poll. The network showed the result of the poll minutes after the debate ended, indicating that 51 percent of those polled said they felt Kerry had a strong plan of action for the war in Iraq, while only 33 percent felt the same about Bush. It should be noted, though, that early polls are unscientific and their reliability is often lessened due to their time constraints.

Jenny Herbert, a senior Sociology major, said that she would rather see Kerry's plan for Iraq go into action than continue Bush's current plan.

"I'm completely opposed to the war. The results of the war so far have sickened me," she said.

The University Democrats, an on-campus student group, organized the debate viewing. The UMass Republican Club did not appear to be in attendance at the event, though no survey was taken. University Democrats director Pat MacLeod put together the event.

"I extended an invite to the Republican Club three times and no one showed," MacLeod said.

MacLeod stood by his Democratic stance on the election while commenting about the debates.

"I think President Bush had only international issues on his mind. His issues are based on promoting unquestioned American power abroad," he said. "I don't think he cares about domestic issues."

In response to questions about his thoughts on Kerry, MacLeod reiterated his support for the Bay State's junior senator.

"[Kerry] made sure to relate to the core concerns of the general public. He's not afraid to uncover Bush's irrationality and lack of responsibility," he said.

In the midst of the recent on-campus controversy regarding the University's Student Government Association, MacLeod took the opportunity of the debate to mention that the University Democrats would like to help appoint more student Democrats to the SGA.

In response to the question of whether the University Democrats would take advantage of newly appointed SGA seats as a result of the recent controversy, MacLeod explained that his group is very dedicated to helping student Democrats become elected to senate seats.

"We are willing to back all Democratic Senators who are running and we'll put any and all resources behind [their] campaigns," he said.

According to MacLeod, four Senators have been in contact and two general meetings have been held so far.

Higgins announces resignation

By JULIE O'DONNELL
COLLEGIAN STAFF

Student Government Association Speaker Patrick Higgins submitted his letter of resignation yesterday afternoon, one week after requests from SGA members, university groups and students asked him to step down because of the controversial photos that included Higgins and other SGA members.

In his letter, Higgins apologized and emphasized that he wants the University of Massachusetts campus to "move forward."

"It is with great sadness and remorse that I write this letter. It has been my greatest honor to represent the students of this University over the past few years. I love this University and never wanted to tarnish its good name. I have always attempted to improve the lives of all students. Yet today I realize that to do this I must resign as the Speaker of the Undergraduate Senate," Higgins wrote.

Although his resignation came one day later than expected, Secretary of Press Relations for SGA Jeff Napolitano expressed his approval of Higgins' decision.

"I wish it had come earlier [when] it was expected," Napolitano said. "I was not in favor of expelling."

According to Gargano at a forum Wednesday night, Higgins' expulsion has not been ruled out.

"Sanctions can range from warning to dismissal," Gargano said during Wednesday's forum.

Higgins also wrote that he has been grateful to serve the UMass community even though he has made poor decisions.

"The photographs from last March represent an irresponsibility and insensitivity that is unbecoming of a student representative. While I in no way support bigotry and prejudice I know my actions have caused many in our community great pain. I hope that through time and as a community our school can move forward," Higgins wrote.

Associate Speaker Seamus Brennan will take Higgins' position immediately if he chooses not to resign himself. Brennan was also one of the nine students photographed drinking alcohol and mocking a caricature of the Ku Klux Klan last March.

"No one else has resigned," Napolitano said. "Eddie [Bustamante, SGA President] has asked Chuck DeMare to hire Brian Roberts as Student Coordinator for SCERA [the Student Center for Educational Research and Advocacy], but if Seamus doesn't resign, hopefully when we have a full Senate, they will impeach him."

Chuck DiMare is the Director of Student Legal Services and serves as a Student Attorney, however he is also representing Roberts.

According to Napolitano, the Chancellor of Elections Viktoryia Bonshteyn sent out an email to all of the students running for Senate regarding the postponement of this week's Senate elections requesting that those who may choose not run, have an additional week to make their decision.

Senate elections were slated to be earlier this week, but were postponed Tuesday night due to the lack of professional staff; Higgins had initially promised a full staff to man the polling stations.



COURTESY SCOTT FLEMMING II

Patrick Higgins resigned as Speaker of the Student Senate.

This Fall's Festivities: BBQ and hayrides



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Participants enjoy a few burgers at the Stonewall Center's Annual ALANA BBQ at Crampton Hall. The event is part of a series of fall activities sponsored by UMass student organizations.



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Students take a hay ride near the Worcester Dining Common as part of "fall festivities" events.

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Campus Perspectives

By Matthew Reid

Do you have faith in the SGA to be your student representatives?



senior

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"Yes, each individual representative has the oppurtunity to make positive change, despite the horrible actions of a few."

Bill Gallagher



junior

Computer Science major

"I never had faith in the SGA. They argue over unimportant issues, while leaving the students seeking real educations, with nowhere to turn for help when the administration cancels programs."

Dennis Gove



sophomore

Political Science major

"Absolutely not. People are abusing their priveledges in their appointed positions and if nothing is done the UMass SGA will become nothing less than a microcosm of this country's government - where a few political elites, which happen to be white males, are able to use federal spending for malicious cause."

Katharina McCarty



sophomore

Political Science major/ U-DEMS treasurer

"Yes, if the students won't represent us, who will? Especially now since the upcoming election has been postponed and is getting a lot of attention, I am confident that the student body will research the candidates and put the right people in the SGA."

Kelly Krug

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35 Iraqi children dead after surprise attack

By Alexandra Zavis
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A string of bombs killed 35 children and wounded scores of others as U.S. troops handed out candy Thursday at a government-sponsored celebration to inaugurate a sewage plant. It was the largest death toll of children in any insurgent attack since the start of the Iraq conflict.

Grief-stricken mothers wailed over their children's bloodied corpses, as relatives collected body parts from the street for burial and a boy picked up the damaged bicycle of his dead brother.

The wounded were rushed to Yarmouk Hospital, where angry relatives screamed for attention from the overwhelmed doctors, many of whom wore uniforms covered in blood. One woman tore at her hair before pulling back the sheet covering her dead brother and kissing his body.

The bombings in Baghdad's western al-Amel neighborhood - at least two of which were in cars - came amid a series of savage attacks that killed at least 51 people and wounded 230 nationwide.

At least one U.S. soldier was among the dead and 15 were wounded.

Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad group claimed responsibility for bloody attacks in Baghdad on Thursday, according to a statement posted on a militant Web site.

The authenticity of the statement could not be verified, and it was unclear whether the three "heroic operations" it cites - attacks on a government complex and "a convoy of invading forces" - included the bombs that killed the children.

Early reports said a U.S. convoy was passing by the celebration when the attack occurred. The U.S. military said later that American soldiers were taking part in the celebration but that no convoy was passing through the area.

Deputy Interior Minister Gen. Hussein Ali Kamal said intense military pressure on insurgents holed up in Fallujah, west of Baghdad, was forcing them to turn their bombs on the capital. He said the day's attacks were "definitely coordinated."

Banning of gay marriages fails

House votes and rejects proposal

By David Espo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House rejected a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage Thursday, the latest in a string of conservative pet causes advanced by Republican leaders in the run-up to Election Day.

The vote was 227-186, 49 votes shy of the two-thirds needed for approval of an amendment that President Bush backed but the Senate had previously scuttled.

"God created Adam and Eve. He didn't create Adam and Steve," said Rep. Roscoe Bartlett, Md., on behalf of a measure that supporters said was designed to protect an old institution.

Democrats countered that Republicans were motivated by election-year politics as much as anything, particularly since a Senate vote this year ended any immediate chance the amendment could be sent to the states for ratification.

Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland, the Democratic whip, accused GOP leaders of "raw political cynicism" and said they hoped to "create the fodder for a demagogic political ad."

The measure drew the support of 191 Republicans and 36 Democrats. Voting against it were 158 Democrats, 27 Republicans and one independent.

The debate on the gay marriage amendment came a day after the House voted 250-171 to overturn a 28-year municipal ban on handgun ownership in the District of Columbia. And last week, Republicans forced a vote on legislation to protect the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance from court challenge. It passed, 247-175.

While both of those measures face uncertain prospects in the Senate, they - along with the gay marriage proposal - appeal to voting groups whose support Republicans are counting on in the Nov. 2 elections. Recent surveys in battleground states in the presidential race indicate roughly one-quarter of Bush's supporters say moral or family values are uppermost in their minds.

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To the Parents of Vice Chancellor Gargano

Matt Brochu

I am writing to express my concern about your son. Don't get me wrong, I like the little guy, and I understand that he's still the new kid in school. It's just that, like most new kids, he's trying way too hard to fit in. You know the type (overeager, does anything to impress cute girls, laughs obnoxiously at everyone's jokes in the cafeteria, etc. ...). But with all due respect, he's not too bright. Allow me to explain.

Earlier this summer, your son sent a letter to my house. This wouldn't have been surprising, as it has happened a few times before, except for one thing — it was addressed to "The Parents of Matthew Brochu." Well I was curious, so I opened it anyway because they weren't home from work yet (I hope you won't tell anyone, because I'm pretty sure that's a felony), and found a pamphlet urging the parents of Matthew Brochu (Jan and Dan) to educate their child (me) about the dangers of alcohol. This too, wouldn't have been surprising, except for one thing: I'm not a freshman who gets hammered and runs around the Kennedy hallways like a kid without his Ritalin, stealing dry-erase markers and tearing down my RA's bulletin boards.

Come to think of it, I'm a 22 year-old graduate student, an employee at UMass Medical Center and a very experienced drinker. As a matter of fact, alcohol and I are celebrating our Wooden Anniversary in December (that's 5 years), and unlike the people who should be receiving these letters, I don't need my friend's older brother's roommate's dental hygienist's expired New Jersey ID with the bent corners to get into a bar uptown.

When students are that comfortable, how could you possibly expect them to stand up and get a prophylactic? By putting beds in each room, your son actually encourages unprotected sex.

Anyway, the address on the envelope prompted the following exchange between my parents and I:

Dad: You skipped study hall again, didn't you? Don't make me go up to Amherst for another parent-teacher conference.

Me: No, it was gym class. We were doing swimming and I forgot to get a fake note from my doctor saying I was on my period.

Mom: I still think they're asking for money somewhere in there.

But don't worry, Mr. and Mrs. Gargano, I'm here to help. I could go on and on about how "To the Parents Of" letters should officially stop when I can legally date the woman who receives it. I could talk about the fact that "To the Parents of" letters should include phrases like "annual lice check," "win a pizza party," or "non-perishable canned food drive," and that, although beer may be canned, it clearly isn't a nonperishable good. I could suggest that he might as well take this a step further and make D.A.R.E. a General Education Requirement. That way, no one could actually take classes within their respective majors until senior year.

The problem is, your son is fighting the wrong battle here. Alcohol is our friend, while couches (and surfaces with cushions of any kind) are clearly the enemy. The following demonstrates how couches account for the three major problems on campus:

1) Low GPA — Students flopping down on couches after class drains motivation like Evanescence's "My Immortal" drains my will to live. A mysterious old man could run into me on campus and hand me a pill that would cure Cancer, destroy Stephen A. Smith's vocal cords and guarantee Keira Knightley's hand in marriage upon ingestion. But if I felt like laying down on my futon "for a little bit" when I got home, I probably wouldn't get around to taking that pill until at least 9 or 10:30.

2) Rioting — Other than toilet paper and Yankees fans, what's the most common thing set on fire during riots? Lounge furniture. I don't mean to infer that couches start riots. That's stupid. Couches can't shoot pepper balls, use excessive amounts of force or yell obscenities at students. That's what cops are for.

3) Unprotected Sex — Sure, bathrooms, handicapped elevators and Cluster Office counter tops see their fair share of action, but couches and beds get most of it. When students are that comfortable, how could you possibly expect them to stand up and get a prophylactic? By putting beds in each room, your son actually encourages unprotected sex.

So tell your son to leave my buddy alcohol alone and to quit it with the unnecessary letters. Instead, maybe you could suggest that he give the excess paper to the library so we can print out our class notes in the computer labs without getting bitched at by the work-study kids anymore. Ever since my roommate's printer broke last week, I've been filling up my ink cartridge more often than my gas tank.

Anyway, I hope to see you two at the Open House next month. Little Michael's drawing of a pink penguin riding a tractor is proudly tacked to the bulletin board at the back of the room. And if you'd like to respond, I only ask that you send it to me and not to my parents. If they find out I quoted them without their permission, they might take away my phone privileges for the week.

Sincerely,

The Son of the Parents of Matthew Brochu

Matt Brochu is a UMass graduate student.

Too old for child's play

Johnny Donaldson

I turned 21 in August, just over a month ago. I am now truly, officially an adult. I can smoke. Play the lottery. Buy porn. Go into a bar and order a drink and not have to worry about being arrested. I am an adult. A mature — well, supposedly mature — human being who is capable of making decisions on my own, whether those decisions are for the good or the bad. Hell, I was an adult when I came into college. I was 18, not a legal drinker yet, but still old enough to do most grown-up things.

So, if I'm legally an adult, then why is it that I feel like I'm a child at this place?

I have a class here at UMass — I won't mention what it is or who the teacher is — a class I can't stand to be in. It fulfills a junior year writing requirement (though I am a senior and placed out of all English classes) and as such it requires a lot of writing. Fine, so be it. This is college. Papers are necessary; I can suck it up and write. It isn't that that bothers me. It's the way said teacher treats us like little kids when we write. She's a perfectionist when it comes to papers — every little piece of grammar has to be right, despite the fact that no one ever speaks in grammatical perfection. When we type things incorrectly, she lectures us for a good part of the class on how we need to learn the proper way to write. And she does so in a way that's so uptight and condescending that it makes me feel like a 5 year-old who has done something wrong.

But, wait a minute, I'm 21. Who cares if I use the passive voice or speak just a bit more poetically than is necessary in my writings? That's me, my voice, my style. Why do I have to shoehorn myself into some conventional, classical structure? And why do I have to be talked down to if I refuse?

Who cares if I use the passive voice or speak just a bit more poetically than is necessary in my writings? That's me, my voice, my style. Why do I have to shoehorn myself into some conventional, classical structure?

But that's how it goes at this college. We're supposed to be learning to deal with the real world, yet I often feel as though I'm treated like I'm still in junior high. The aforementioned teacher, with her wearying, patronizing attitude is bad enough.

But I don't need the whole you-get-three-unexcuseds-before-you-need-a-note routine. Why do I need a note? I'm an adult. I pay for my way here, so it's my responsibility to keep up with my learning.

Instead of docking students for not going to class, professors and TAs should just shrug them off; if the student doesn't show then it's his or her responsibility to get notes from a friend. If they miss out on a class, too bad, move forward, and let them flounder for info if they don't have the intelligence to attend their classes. I don't need to slink to the doctors and ask for a note, or ask my parents for a little letter if I need to go to a family function: "Mommy, Daddy, I need a note for Mrs. Doe's class saying I have to go to a funeral."

It's this "you're not adults, you're kids" attitude that disgusts me. Yes, some of us do act childish and immature, but then, as adults we have to be held accountable for our childish actions. That does not mean we must be treated like little kids.

I don't need to be told to show up for class or else; it's my responsibility and if I don't then I'm just screwing myself over. I don't need to be told what classes I have to take to "enrich" my learning – if I'm paying for this place, I should be able to take the classes I think will better me, not the ones the administration requires of me. (At least, as a senior, I thankfully have my godforsaken Gen Eds out of the way.) And I certainly don't need to be talked down to by some "adult" who thinks she's better than I am just because she's even older than I am. This is my money I'm funneling into this place; if I'm paying, I don't want to come just to be disrespected.

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A new declaration of independence

Stephen Post

Wouldn't it be nice if putting a new president in office really changed things? Wouldn't it be nice if things were so simple? Think of it: you step into a voting booth, mark a piece of paper and — VOILA! — you've got yourself some change.

Well sure, that's a nice thought now isn't it? But anyone who thinks anything happens that easily is probably trying to lose weight on a pop-a-pill, eat-what-you-like-and-don't-exercise diet. Things just aren't that simple.

It says something that lots of us think it is this simple. Clearly, we're a nation of people who indulge in quick fixes and wishful thinking.

How did it come to this? Why do we think we can do next-to-nothing and achieve a result worth having? Why do we think that sticking a new body in the White House will change anything? Furthermore, why do we assume that electing someone who thinks he can win votes by adopting the incumbent's asinine policies will get us anywhere? Why?

It's called stupidity.

We must face the issues that transcend which fool is president. We have to care less about crappy versus crappier and more about the underlying structure of power in this country and how it obstructs change. One of the biggest obstacles is the military-industrial complex. In 1789, George Washington told us to "avoid the necessity of those overgrown military establishments which, under any form of government, are inauspicious to liberty, and which are to be regarded as particularly hostile to republican liberty." Did we listen?

In a piece published this past January, historian Chalmers Johnson indicated the extent of what he calls "America's Empire of Bases." According to official documents, "the Pentagon currently owns or rents 702 overseas bases in about 130 countries and has another 6,000 bases in the United States and its territories." These bases are peopled by "some 253,288 uniformed personnel, plus an equal number of dependents and Department of Defense civilian officials, and [employ] an additional 44,446 locally hired foreigners. The Pentagon claims that these bases contain 44,870 barracks, hangars, hospitals, and other buildings, which it owns, and that it leases 4,844 more." And that does not include outposts in Kosovo, Israel, Iraq, Afghanistan, and some key former Soviet republics, such as Uzbekistan (whose strategic value, like other states in the area, has to do with oil). And, of course, we're only talking about what's reported.

Whether we like it or not, we paid for every death in Iraq — military and civilian — in cold, hard cash.

According to the Department of Defense, the projected "official" budget for fiscal year 2005 is roughly $450 billion, up considerably from the $276 billion of fiscal 1999. To put this in perspective, let's look at what some other countries are spending. China, for example, spent roughly $56 billion in fiscal 2002, and its total expenditures for 2003 were $300 billion. With nearly 1.3 billion people, China is still the world's most populous country.

In short, in terms of gross expenditures, the U.S. outspends EVERYBODY when it comes to defense. On a per-capita basis, only Israel and Singapore spend more — Israel spends about $1500 a person, while Singapore and the U.S. about $950. The U.S. ranks second only to China in the number of people it employs in arms production (some 2.3 million, as of 2001).

These are our tax dollars. Our tax dollars supported the invasion of Iraq. Our tax dollars filled the suitcases that CIA operatives handed to "Northern Alliance" warlords in Afghanistan to win them over to "our side." Our tax dollars subsidized Ahmed Chalabi's lobbying campaign for a war in Iraq (in other words, at some level, we paid to be convinced to go to war). Our parent's tax dollars outfitted Afghanistan's Mujaha-deen in the 1980s, and helped train one of the CIA's finest recruits, Osama bin Laden. Our parent's tax dollars sent Donald Rumsfeld on a diplomatic mission to Iraq to tell Saddam Hussein that we were on his side. Our taxes pay for the Pentagon's "black projects," top-secret research and development programs resulting in ever more lethal weapons to use in the wars we finance. And, whether we like it or not, we paid for every death in Iraq — military and civilian — in cold, hard cash.

If voting won't change this, then voting, I am sorry to say, does not matter. Sure, there are differences between Bush and Kerry. Contrary to what Kerry says sometimes, I still believe they are distinctly different people. But the question we have to ask ourselves is this: Are these differences, whatever they are, enough to radically change the status quo in America? Is the difference between Kerry and Bush — to the extent that there is one — going to make any difference when it comes to entrenched structures like the military-industrial complex? Kerry, after all, is a military man. Bush, on the other hand, may or may not be. But the discussion is still happening within the dominant framework. Nobody is challenging the status quo.

Can there be change now? I don't know. We need to ask ourselves what our country is and what we would like it to be. If the house is falling down then we have to rebuild it from the ground up. We must declare our independence again. We can't afford anything less.

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Northampton Welcomes A New Wilco

By Mike Busack
Collegian Staff

What happened to Wilco?

Just when you think the band has found their niche, Wilco has gone and done it again. Their new album, "A Ghost is Born," is yet another sound transmutation from previous albums.

Change seems to have become the mantra for the obscure, yet magnetic alt-country band. Despite lead singer Jeff Tweedy taking a trip to rehab earlier this year after a brief addiction to the painkillers he had been taking for migraines, Wilco was able to release a new album. The content of which could present some of the uncanniest sounds the band has produced yet.

It was not long ago that Wilco was kicked off of the Reprise Records label because the oddities that comprised their previous release, " Yankee Hotel Foxtrot," just weren't conventional enough. Most likely this decision proved to be to the chagrin of the label, because Nonesuch Records released the album instead, and soon it became one of the years largest successes, both critically and commercially.

Wilco's newest release, "A Ghost is Born," is a shot of the Beatles, a drop of Willy Porter, and a dash of Neil Young. For most of the album, there is an isolated and deliberate meter to the tunes. There is an echo of the pain and heartache, but the listener gets the sense that the artist knows the worst is over.

Another peculiarity of "A Ghost is Born" is that, though many of the songs are a bit bleak, some might say a downright bummer, this album will not force your to run to the Prozac, but rather, you may just end up making a dash to your local record store to buy copies for all of your equally alt-country friends (because burning the CD would be a sin, wink-wink.)

Wilco
'A Ghost is Born'
Nonesuch

Tweedy's voice is remarkably grainy on this collection. In each of his albums this remains the constant, though, you may find more interest in his abrasive guitar solos or perhaps even the amazing wail of feedback that throws some unexpected energy in to the band's tunes.

"Less Than You Think," a tune off of the new album, reeks of innovation. A 12-minute ode to the roots of rock, "Less Than You Think" opens with a hushed and pensive hum, and soon breaks into a one-chord tune that is an ultimate display of Tweedy and company's raw vision.

Wilco and The Fiery Furnaces
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The ultimate force behind "A Ghost is Born" must be the absolute conscious effort in the creation. It seems Tweedy's lyrics are more deliberate than ever, and the music seconds this theory. Wilco is a product of progression and growth. Each album has seen this development that is unlike most of their musical peers.

Luckily for alt-country connoisseurs in Hampden County, Wilco will be making a trip to the Calvin this Sunday, Oct. 3. The band is touring in support of their new album and will be playing with opening act The Fiery Furnaces.

The show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are $27.50 at the box office..

'ESPN 2K5' and 'Madden 2005' fight it out on the tube

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Reid Davenport

Not since Hulk Hogan faced Andre the Giant has the small competitor been a threat to a much bigger opponent. Against all odds, ESPN's football franchise is giving Electronic Arts' Madden NFL series a run for its money.

The only way to tell which the better of the two is to break them down section by section. Each game has its own ups and downs, but the one who can reach the endzone the most in this battle will obviously come out on top.

'Madden NFL 2005'
Gamecube, XBox, PS2
Publisher EA Sports
Developer Electronic Arts Tiburon
Rated E

The Offensive Game

Both Madden NFL 2005 and ESPN NFL 2K5 provide players with different controls to mount a large offensive attack against their foes. Gamers that are looking for new ways to make their best friends beg for mercy as they run up the score will appreciate the offensive options supplied by both games.

ESPN went with a charging option for the running game. You can tap the button to sprint or hold it down to charge up. Once your runner is charged up, you can perform a dive, spin, or try to bash off a would-be tackler. It's not an easy option to use, but with a little practice you can break some nice runs down the sidelines while knowing it happened because you made it happen.

Madden fights back with a new on-the-spot playmaker option. You can tell receivers to take different directional routes or move people around while keeping the same play on. But there isn't much else to learn for gamers who have followed the Madden series.

Edge: Madden — While ESPN's charge option is nice, the playmaker option comes in handy in tough situations.

The Defensive Game

Defense is what this year's Madden brags about. The new hit stick control allows you to cause more fumbles and dropped passes. You can also tell cornerbacks, safeties, and strong safeties to blitz or cover a certain receiver. This time around it is also a bit easier to grab control of a linebacker, read the quarterback, and pick off a pass.

ESPN's defensive game, however, should be calling for a flag on the play since it too has the individual coverage option for your defensive backs, but it came out a month before Madden. Like the offensive charge, you have a defensive charge that lets you lay a heavy hit on the offense. This option, while a little lacking for offense, works nicely for good defensive hits.

Edge: ESPN – Using the charge alone with the coverage option works better than the hit-stick, as the hit stick can cause your guy to completely miss the tackle.

Online Gaming

While it's nothing new to PS2 users, X-Box Live users are getting their first taste of Madden online. The people at EA have even added a fair play rule that prevents players from going for it on fourth down when it's more than a yard from the first-down line. While it is meant to prevent newcomers from being destroyed, it doesn't help the cause as your opponents can still go for two points after a touchdown. You will also find that a lot of players like throwing Hail Mary after Hail Mary if your defense isn't very good on coverage.

Madden's online feature also comes with the EA Sports Premium Pass presented by Dodge as a free service this year to all Madden NFL 2005 users on PS2 online and Xbox Live. The VIP pass allows users access to enhanced gameplay features, customization, and content that regular users won't have access to. The sketchy part is you're required to enter a credit card number for ID verification, but there will be no charge at all, so there's no worry.

ESPN, on the other hand, has no visual masterpiece displaying scores or giving gamers all of the same fancy options. But, just like Madden, it allows players to play ranked games or make tournaments, leagues, and so on. It also gives gamers a better chance of competing in games because most gamers are used to Madden's controls, thus you won't see someone faking with Michael Vick, then running 70 yards for the touchdown. The playing field is vaster and lets newbies have a bit more fun playing.

Edge: Madden – The sponsorship of something that would normally cost players more to use is a big boost in most gamers' eyes. Despite the fact that for the first 10 games you play, unless you're an experienced player, you will be tossed around like a rag doll by the competition. Fortunately you can seek out other new players to give you a hand in gaining experience.

Extra Features

ESPN has added a nice touch with "The Crib." You basically get a big house to fill with all of those pieces of football memorabilia that you could never afford, unless you got drafted into the NFL. You'll get a few calls from B-list celebrities like Jamie Kennedy, Steve-O, and Carmen Electra for gaming challenges to earn more points to buy more stuff for your "crib."

ESPN also has a feature that lets you edit the game's music playlist, only on X-Box, which you have saved on your hard drive. You can mark the edited tracks to play at certain times during a game. An example would be having the opening part of "Welcome to the Jungle," playing as your team gets ready to kick off. It's an excellent option that adds more character to the games.

'ESPN NFL 2K5'
XBox & PS2
Publisher SEGA
Developer Visual Concepts
Rated E

Madden has the EA Sports Radio Show where people voice their comments on many NFL related topics, and sometimes your own players will give interviews. Another nice feature, like the radio, found in Franchise mode is the newspapers, which are actual licensed rags from your team's home. So if you play as the New England Patriots, you will read The Boston Globe.

Madden once again made the mistake, however, in bringing back Owner mode. Many players who get the game for the sports aspect, find this mode an absolute waste of space. The owner mode is something you try on a Sunday afternoon when there is nothing to do.

Edge: Tie – Both games offer up enough extras. Even though the Crib is much cooler than Owner mode, ESPN loses points for making gamers have to play and listen to a bad actor like David Arquette in football.

Overall both games manage to have plenty of features that could bring some gamers into a new style of NFL gaming, while others will stick with old faithful. You may say that if this was a contest with one play left and Madden's team leading by four points, with ESPN needing that one yard to win, Madden's defense would more than likely be stuffing ESPN and taking home the championship.

Both games, despite the outcome, are excellent NFL games and will no doubt cause one another to look into improving each franchise. ESPN NFL 2K5 is available now for around $19.99 on PS2 and X-Box and Madden NFL 2005 is available for $49.99 on Gamecube, PS2, and X-Box. X-Box Live is sold separately and is required for online play. Online play for Gamecube is not available.



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While Sega's new game 'ESPN NFL 2K5' has received great ratings, it does not fare as well as 'Madden NFL 2005.'

Dunne's last a disappointment

By Molly J. Quinn
Collegian Correspondent



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John Gregory Dunne's posthumous release 'Nothing Lost' has been described as confusing and full of clichés.

Reading John Gregory Dunne's final novel "Nothing Lost" is kind of like watching a precocious director ruin a film by jumping between past and present and abruptly switching narrators, despite working with a terrific plot and a fantastic cast.

The book was disappointing to say the least, given Dunne's accomplished literary career in fiction, criticism, essays, and film scripts. He was published in notable magazines, including "Esquire" and "New York Magazine," and wrote over 20 scripts, including the famous Barbara Streisand vehicle, "A Star Is Born." He was, perhaps, best known for his family. His brother is the investigative reporter and author Dominick Dunne and his wife of more than 30 years is the essayist Joan Didion.

The posthumously published "Nothing Lost" opens with a vignette, following a woman on a surveillance tape, seemingly narrated by someone who knows her but hasn't seen her in a long time. As suddenly as we are introduced to her, she is gone, replaced by an unknown narrator (later to be introduced as Max Cline) living in the fictitious state of "South Midland."

'Nothing Lost'
By John Gregory Dunne
Random House

It is Max Cline who clumsily outlines the story of Edgar Parlance and his gruesome murder in Regent, South Midland. This is the starting point for the multiple storylines that Dunne introduces at random.

The murder of Parlance, an African-American drifter remembered fondly by the Regent community, sets the scene for a media frenzy that launches at least six separate narratives, often told by a different character in a different style, depending on which chapter you're reading.

Max Cline is a gay lawyer and former prosecutor for the South Midland attorney general's office, recently demoted to teaching criminal law classes at a community college and private practice, after being booted by the newly-elected, homophobic attorney general Gerry Wormwold. Cline is our guide through the confusing milieu surrounding Parlance's death.

We meet Jocko Cannon, the meathead star athlete for the "Rhino" football team accused of dragging a 19 year-old co-ed down three flights of stairs shattering her cheek and fracturing her skull.

There is Carlyle, the trashy, media-obsessed supermodel, and half-sister to Duane Lajoie who is standing trial for allegedly murdering Parlance. Not to mention the philandering J.J. McClure, in charge of prosecuting the case, and his wife, Poppy McClure, the rich, beautiful, outrageous right-wing Congresswoman.

Those are only a few of the characters Dunne introduces with varying degrees of thoroughness. While all of these characters are interesting on their own, Dunne's vacillating literary styles prevent the development of any connection between the reader and the people in the book. This eventually compromises the integrity of the entire book, and at the end it is hard for the reader to sympathize with the breakdown of a relationship and character never fully explored in the book.

For example, the story of Teresa Kean is told alternately by Cline's unknown italicized memories, and through her own account, mysteriously recovered from her computer. Were she the main character, she might merit being explored from so many different angles. However Kean is only one of many characters that Dunne introduces using various literary devices, perhaps hoping to deflect from the truth. He is so bent of creating a multifarious story line that he fails to develop any single story enough to capture his audience's attention, and capturing the audience's attention is the real objective of any mystery writer; otherwise the author is the only one along for the ride.

Dunne uses cliché one-liners more reminiscent of a made-for-TV movie than a serious novel. Perhaps his experience writing scripts colors his ability to construct believable dialogue. In real life, no one ends their conversations with dramatic quips right out of a soap opera. Most of his paragraphs and chapters end with obnoxious cliffhangers that make the reader groan. "I think we're about to find that out, Teresa," Dunne writes.

The meat of the story, Parlance's murder and the trial of Duane Lajoie, is often ignored in favor of seamy side stories that add little to the overall book. There are J.J. McClure's sexual conquests, Kean's encounter with penile injections, a trailer park teen who sends illicit photos of herself to Lajoie in prison with her young son sitting on the bed, soiling himself. None of this adds to the general momentum of the book, serving only to momentarily distract the reader.

At some points, Dunne employs large-print titles using the names of different characters to differentiate between who is actually speaking from paragraph to paragraph. He must have realized the disadvantage the numerous story lines put him at.

Dunne often simply tells the reader what is going to be important later on. Even Max Cline muses whether or not he can put together a plausible narrative. Considering that this is the last book published from his lengthy career, it's too bad Dunne didn't ponder the same question.

Springsteen: 'Vote for Change'

By Tom Moon
Philadelphia Inquirer

When the music quiets and Bruce Springsteen begins what he calls the "public-service announcement" portion of his set at Friday night's Vote for Change concert at the Wachovia Center, the New Jersey native will do something he has resisted throughout a career of more than 30 years; make an overtly partisan political statement.

"There's some reluctance, certainly, to be coming out and doing what we're doing now," Springsteen said Tuesday in a phone interview about the series of 37 benefit performances he helped organize for Americans Coming Together, the group that's mobilizing voters for Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry.

The barnstorming tour of 12 swing states — which involves Pearl Jam, the Dave Matthews Band, the Dixie Chicks, R.E.M., Sheryl Crow, Keb' Mo', and others — represents a significant change in the delicate mix of rock and politics. While stars have often lent their skills to causes (famine relief, nuclear disarmament, aid to farmers), there has never been such a coordinated campaign to elect a candidate. The two-week effort arrives in Pennsylvania with shows held simultaneously in Philadelphia, Reading, Lancaster, Pittsburgh, State College and Wilkes-Barre. (The Philly show is sold out.)

Springsteen, 55, acknowledges that his stand probably will alienate some fans. He has accepted the risk, he says, because he believes the stakes are too high.

"This election is about a set of ideals and truthfulness, and creating the country you want your kids to grow up in," says the father of three, who lives in Rumson, N.J. "No other election I can remember has had that kind of significance to me."

Early in the campaign, Springsteen discovered that many of his musician peers felt likewise, and were looking for "some way to have a collective impact." Those conversations sealed it for him: "I realized that this is the time. I can't sit this one out if I meant the things I've been writing about these 30 years."

Springsteen's songbook includes poignant odes about deserted Rust Belt towns and police brutality and the heroic firefighters of 9-11. But while he has spoken eloquently on social issues at his shows for years, he says he isn't preparing a statement to deliver at the Vote for Change performances.

"There will be no intense speechifying from the stage, as far as I know," he says of the bill, which also includes John Fogerty and Bright Eyes.

Yet he knows that everything he says will resonate differently. "The same words are going to be ... changed by the moment and the event. I actually think it will add clarity to some of my music, recast some of the things I've been saying in a clearer and more powerful light."

He rejects criticism that the Vote for Change shows preach to the converted. After all, everyone with a ticket knows that his money is going to a group bent on dumping President Bush.

"We're going to find the Republicans in the crowd, and there will be a laying on of hands. ... We're going to convert people!" he says, sounding like a street preacher.

Then, turning more serious, Springsteen notes that he has encountered "a lot of people who actually haven't made their minds up" about how they will vote. "I have friends who grew up Republican, and they're unsure. One guy's an outdoorsman, so the environment is important to him. Those kinds of people we might be able to reach."

Another issue is the war in Iraq, a topic on which Springsteen is anything but ambivalent: "If you mislead your people into a war, and that costs a thousand lives and many, many more wounded and $200 billion of taxpayer money, and it turns out the grounds for going to war have been false, you lose your job ... There's an element of common sense to it."

Political observers believe the Vote for Change tour could be a factor in swaying voters.

"You get 10,000 people in a stadium, and swing them to your side, well, we saw states decided by less than that four years ago," says Matthew Felling, media director for the nonpartisan research group Center for Media and Public Affairs.

He believes Vote for Change removes "the conservative's favorite charge against entertainers, that they're chardonnay-sipping out-of-touch liberals. You can't say that about red-white-and-blue Bruce Springsteen."

More important, Felling says, is the capital Springsteen and others have built up. "The singers have a power the politicians don't possess — sincerity. Americans know that the wardrobes of Bush and Kerry are focus-grouped to death. There's more trust with the artists."

But there are risks to the performer. Robert Thompson, professor of popular culture at Syracuse University, puts it this way: "In a divided country, where people who think one way tend to get upset with people who think differently, (a performer) could alienate a big portion of the fan base very quickly. This wouldn't have been the case in the '60s, where issues like the draft united whole generations."

Thompson adds that Vote for Change's high visibility poses another danger: the taint of association that could last far beyond Nov. 2. "You're forever linked to this cause, no matter how the election turns out," he says.

That didn't stop Conor Oberst, the singer, songwriter and leader of Bright Eyes, from getting involved in the tour.

"It's not a time for subtleties," says Oberst, 24, who put aside work on a new CD to participate.

"I'm not saying electing Kerry will wipe the slate, but at a time when civil liberties are being flushed down the toilet and there are worries about freedom of speech," having Kerry in the White House "will be a vastly better situation. If you're an artist, I think you have an obligation to talk about these things, do what you can to change the situation."

Springsteen says that while he's been frustrated by the media's handling of Iraq and the apparent unwillingness of John Kerry to treat the election as a "street fight," he remains convinced that the idealism that spawned Vote for Change is not misplaced.

"That is a deeper sort of Americanism than the jingoism, the right-or-wrong dime-store version of the American myth the Republicans are so good at packaging. To me it's the essence of patriotism, being truthful."

'Weapons of Mass Distortion' tour electrifies the Iron Horse

By Silas Lowe
Collegian Correspondent

NORTHAMPTON — Project Object opened their "Weapons of Mass Distortion" tour at the Iron Horse in Northampton on Tuesday. Rarely does one go to see a tribute band expecting to be blown away, nevertheless the artful way in which this band was able to reproduce the music of Frank Zappa while at the same time infusing it with their own interpretations left the audience floored. However, with two prominent members of Zappa's band as the front men, Napoleon Murphy Brock and Ike Willis, one can hardly call Project Object a typical tribute band.

Project Object
Iron Horse
Northampton
Sept. 29

The music is a tapestry of complex time signatures, erratic melodies, striking band cohesion and satirical wit that defies categorization. At any given point it balances between avant-garde, jazz, reggae, rock and a myriad of other divergent musical genres.

When asked why he plays the music of Frank Zappa, keyboard player Eric Svagard simply stated, "Because it sucks."

The title of the tour "Weapons of Mass Distortion" is an obvious attack on the Bush administration. The band made this overtly clear by belittling our President at every opportunity, going so far as to insert his name into the lyric of some of Zappa's more vulgar songs.

The show opened with the well-known "Montana," about a dental floss farmer in the state who uses zircon-encrusted tweezers to do his harvesting and waxing, which was from the album, "Overnight Sensation."

The band covered a wide spectrum of Zappa's career including, but not limited to "Stick it Out" from "Joe's Garage," "King Kong," a medley from "Freak Out" (Frank Zappa's debut album), "Trying to Grow a Chin" and an encore of "Zombie Wolf."

The band, as assembled at the Iron Horse, consisted of Willis, Brock, Andre Cholmondeley, Dave Johnsen, Glen Leonard, Svagard and special guest guitar player Robbie Seahag. On a side note they will be playing at the Middle East in Cambridge on Nov. 10 with guest guitar player Dave Fiuzcynski of the Screaming Headless Torsos. If you don't know this band, and many people don't, you should.

Fiuzcynski is a fretless guitar player who redefines the art of playing stringed instruments. He also put out an album with John Medeski entitled "Lunar Crush," which is a real gem of an album.

Check out Project object at http://www.projectobject.com/ and the Iron Horse at www.ihog.com.

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In the nick of time, offense heating up for a pair at home

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

Looking to build off two consecutive wins, the Massachusetts women's soccer team returns to action this weekend with a pair of home matches. The Minutewomen take on Saint Joseph's at 3:30 p.m. today, and Temple visits Rudd Field for a 1 p.m. game on Sunday.

The Minutewomen (2-5, 0-1 Atlantic 10) have experienced a boost in their offensive production of late. The Minutewomen have put seven goals on the board in the last two games. At the start of the season, goals were at a premium as they tallied only four in the first five games.

Coach Jim Rudy, fresh off collecting his 200th career win at UMass, hopes his squad is turning the corner after the slow start.

"Monday was big," Rudy said of his team's win against Holy Cross. "Everyone was making a big deal about the 200th victory, but I was making a big deal because it was our second win of the year.

"We've seen some constant progress in every game," Rudy said. "Every week there's something that's a little bit better."

Rudy has been preaching patience all year to his young team, and it finally seems like the Minutewomen are beginning to jell.

"Our upperclassmen are coming around, and they're all figuring out how to play together," Rudy said.

The biggest difference for UMass in the last two games has been an increase in scoring chances. The team has been getting more players to the goal, and the result has been more production.

One player who has stood out for the Maroon and White during its recent surge is freshman midfielder Jenny Roehrig. Roehrig has notched a goal in each of the past three contests, with the two most recent serving as game-winners.

Rudy looks at any offense provided by Roehrig as a bonus because her main role is taking care of the dirty work around midfield such as tracking down opponents, getting to balls and connecting with teammates.

"Roehrig's major contribution is helping to establish a presence at midfield," Rudy said.

One of Roehrig's strengths is her ability to pick and choose when to make her presence felt on the offensive end.

"She's a smart and deceptive player," Rudy said. "She doesn't overtly attack or take many shots, but then all of a sudden she appears at times when the opponents don't expect it."

"She's reminiscent, in a way, of the great player Erin Lynch. Lynch was called the dagger because two or three times a game, she would wait for the right opportunity and then surge to the ball and send a dagger through the other team," Rudy said.

It is clear how highly Rudy regards Roehrig by his comparison of her to Lynch, a three-time All-American and the 1994 and 1995 Atlantic 10 Player of the Year.

Rudy will need Roehrig and the rest of her teammates to keep playing at a high level this weekend as they take on two Atlantic 10 foes.

First up are the St. Joseph's Hawks (3-7, 1-0 A-10), who have yet to live up to some lofty preseason expectations. The Hawks qualified for last year's A-10 tournament and coach Jess Reynolds was quoted before the season as eyeing a conference championship this year.

UMass takes on Temple (3-5, 0-1 A-10) Sunday, yet another physical opponent. The Owls feature a balanced offensive attack with five players sharing the team lead for points.

Minutewomen keep reeling

By Dave Quinn
Collegian Correspondent

Wednesday night's field hockey contest between Massachusetts and the Providence Lady Friars was a game of runs. The Maroon and White controlled the ball for the opening 15 minutes of play but struggled during a 10-minute offensive surge by PC in a 2-1 loss at Garber Field.

UMass (2-8) moved the ball well in the opening minutes and controlled the flow and tempo of the game. The Minutewomen drew their second penalty corner just eight minutes in to the game. Patricia Borneo sent the corner stroke to teammate Katelyn Wolfrey, who set up Marlie Tigchelaar for the goal. Tigchelaar's first goal of the season gave Massachusetts a 1-0 lead.

"I thought we played well in the very beginning of the game because we kept it simple," coach Patty Shea said. "We came out and scored a goal, and then we stopped doing the simple (things). We were stringing some nice passes together, we had some great play in the beginning and then we slipped in to a comfort zone."

PC (5-7) took advantage of the complacent Minutewomen and responded swiftly with an offensive counterattack. The Lady Friars fired four shots over six corners before finally striking pay dirt. Lauren Sickel released a shot that Massachusetts' goalie Christine Tocco blocked with a kick save. The ball bounced off of Tocco's pad right to a perfectly positioned Abby Maguire, who knocked the rebound in for PC's first goal.

"They didn't make any adjustments. We lost our discipline. We didn't stay balanced enough," Shea said. "We got caught with too many players up field. We didn't stay balanced with our defense. We just weren't really aware of where our teammates had moved so we lost our balance on the field, and we let them slip behind us. That can't happen. When you give them a chance like that, they are going to take advantage."

The Lady Friars didn't wait long to strike again. Providence forward Kati Lary intercepted an errant pass and sprinted to an uncontested breakaway on Christine Tocco. Lary drew the Massachusetts goalie out of the net and then dropped a pass over to a trailing Maguire, who drilled home her second goal of the game with 10:27 left in the first half. The goal put PC up for good.

"It was very preventable," Shea said of the goal. "We weren't in balance. We had the ball we were all kind of drifting forward on attack. We all lost our mental discipline in regards to our balance defensively. They came up with a great interception and threw the ball forward. We got caught on our heels. At that point, they were on a 2-0 break, and there's not much you can do. Our goalkeeper did the right thing; came out and forced her wide, and we didn't get back to help her."

After the two Lady Friar goals, UMass was unable to muster much offensively for the rest of the half. The closest the Minutewomen came was with under a minute to go, but Adrianne Monaco's shot was saved by Friar goalie Meredith Jones and Gina Sanders missed wide with the follow up.

On paper, the game appeared to be a deadlock as both teams fired seven shots in the half while Providence led six to four in corners.

The second half provided fewer scoring opportunities for the Minutewomen, as they were only able to get off four shots on goal in the final period.

"At halftime we needed to be more disciplined and needed to get back to the simple things. I think they did some things, but then at the end of the game, (Providence) started to press, and (we) started to get away from the simple. And they tried get back to the spectacular when they're under pressure which is extremely difficult to do," Shea said.

Maguire and Lari lead the barrage, launching five of Providence's 11 shots, but none of the attempts found the back of the net.

Tocco's play in the net was the key to keeping PC off the board in the second half. Tocco registered four of her seven saves in the second half. The seven saves brought the senior goalie's total up to 92, which puts her in the top five in saves nationally. Friar keeper Meredith Jones was equally impressive in goal, registering five saves.

URI returns to top of the heap in 2004

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Spiders have had trouble stopping opposing offenses, allowing a total of 25 goals on 46 shots. Freshman goalie Eric Sciocchetti has seen the majority of time in net, playing in the first six games and giving up 20 goals.

The defense of Richmond has been tweaked from week to week and is the team's main weakness. Seniors Stephen Douglas (one goal, one assist) and Jimmy Budd have not been able to pull together a young core of defensemen that includes sophomores Andre Townsend (one goal, one assist) and Joe Dinocero (one assist). Freshmen Phil Hartman, Trey Thornton and Sant Pugsley (one goal) also share time and are expected to grow and contribute more in years to come.

Junior midfielder Steven Wolfe (three goals, one assist) and junior forward Colin Vini (two goals, one assist) are the only pure offensive threats the Spiders possess. Vini was the team's MVP in 2003. Senior midfielder Paul Kelly (four assists) has proven to be effective at getting those guys the ball deep in opponent's territory.

The Spiders open league play at Fordham tomorrow. With losses to No. 22 Seton Hall, and the always-competitive Connecticut, it's hard to tell whether Richmond can turn their season around and make a run for the title. If they improve and do well in the A-10, it will be because Gettler found the right chemistry on defense.

Saint Joseph's

Saint Joseph's 18-year coach Tom Turner was hit hard at the end of last season, losing eight senior starters to graduation. Despite the loss and a current record of 1-6 hopes are still high that the Hawks can compete for the A-10 crown.

"Even though we are going to learn on the run, I still believe we can achieve our goal of making the Atlantic 10 playoffs," Turner posted on the teams Web site.

Saint Joe's was 8-11-1 overall (5-5-1 A-10) last season. They are returning only two seniors, keeper Chris DiStefano (21 goals against, 39 saves) who will see the majority of playing time in net, and defenseman Pat Mondile who should be a non-factor having played in only two games this season.

The Hawks have only scored six goals so far and will have to improve if they intend on making a run. The two leading scorers for the Hawks are junior midfielder Scott Cunningham (two goals) and sophomore defensemen Jim Brown (two goals). Freshman forward Chris Powell and sophomore forward Andrew Takats have also scored this season. Turner has found another promising player in freshman midfielder Patrick Duddy (two assists).

The Hawks are young and might be good in a few years, but with no scorers and shoddy defense, look for them to finish close to the bottom of the A-10 this season. They host UMass in the start of league play today.

Xavier

The Musketeers have not made the playoffs in the A-10 since 1997. They were 4-15-1 last season with a 3-8 record in conference. They did not win a single game on the road last year and are returning only two seniors. They were shut out 12 times and set a record for a season low in goals scored with only 13. Coach Jack Hermans is in his 14th year as head coach at Xavier, and he is very optimistic.

Despite a 2-6 record this season, Xavier will most certainly be exciting to watch should they make it to Washington, D.C. for the A-10 playoffs. With victories over Bowling Green and Conference USA powerhouse Cincinnati, Xavier has one of the toughest non-conference schedules in the A-10. The Musketeers have lost close games to Wright State, Georgia State, Detroit and Cleveland State. Their record could very easily be 6-2 heading into conference play today at Duquesne.

Hermans brought in a wealth of young offensive minded players at the start of this year after the lack of goals last season. Freshmen Jimmy Cummings, Jon Enders (two goals), Joe Fleckenstein (two assists), Matt Guidry, Patrick Hewitt, Matt Soldano (one goal, one assist) and Matthew Wheeler are all expected to contribute right away.

The offensive tenacity brought by these young players has even reinvigorated the returning upperclassmen. Senior forward Nick Frasher (three goals, one assist), junior defenseman Chris Wolever (one goal), junior midfielder Mike Horejs (one goal) and 2003 all-rookie team selection sophomore forward Toni Skudrzik (three goals, one assist) have all had impressive starts.

Junior Ty Helmle (five goals allowed, 22 saves) and senior Brian Schaeper (14 goals allowed, 27 saves) have been splitting time in the goal for the Musketeers.

Temple

The Temple Owls were 7-3-1 in conference last year (13-6-3 overall) and lost in the championship game to Rhode Island while completing their best season since 1990. Coach David MacWilliams has reason to smile with nine returning starters. Two exhibition wins over Barbados Soccer Academy and Villanova showed that Temple was a force to be reckoned with. Despite only scoring seven goals heading into league play, the Owls have held opponents to just 10 goals.

The team is anchored by senior goalkeeper Patrick Hannigan (nine goals allowed, 31 saves). Hannigan was named player of the week by the A-10 and the Philadelphia Soccer Seven for the week ending September 19. He also garnered a preseason all-conference team selection and last year's Atlantic 10 Defensive Player of the Year. Temple has received great defensive performances from seniors Andy Watto, Steven Wacker (one assist) and Tony Viglietti.

Temple features a solid but young team. Freshman forward Stephen Bristow (two goals, one assist) leads the team in offensive production. Sophomores Matt Maher (one goal), Ryan Heins (one goal) and Ryan McMullen (one goal, one assist) have all grown as players and have stepped into a more involved role in the offense.

The team is led by experienced juniors who, last year, propelled the Owls deep into the A-10 tournament. Forward Nick Ebersole has two assists, defenseman Joe Brocker has one goal, and midfielder Tony Donatelli has a goal and an assist.

Look for Temple to make it deep into the A-10 playoffs. They almost beat Duke and NC State, and they won big against Long Island, Rutgers and Drexel, which legitimizes a potential run for the crown. Temple opens A-10 play tomorrow against Rhode Island. This could be the test needed to see how far they can make it in the postseason.

Duquesne

The Dukes were co-Atlantic 10 regular season champions last season. Two-time A-10 coach of the year Wade Jean, in his seventh year, returns to the helm after another impressive campaign, going 13-3-3 (8-2-1 in A-10). Duquesne was bumped out in the semifinals of the A-10 postseason tournament last year. They finished the season nationally ranked No. 25 in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America poll. Jean returns eight starters but lost the school's all-time leading scorer Damien Pottinger to graduation.

At 4-4, the Dukes have found it tough living up to lofty expectations. With arguably one of the easiest schedules in the A-10, they have managed to defeat Philadelphia, Yale, Lehigh and Robert Morris. They have recorded losses to Albany, Lafayette, Cleveland State and Brown. Preseason all-conference selection senior midfielder Derek Mackenzie (one goal, two assists) and fellow preseason all-conference selection sophomore defenseman Noah Salsi (one goal, one assist) have been virtually shut down by opposing teams thus far.

Last season's A-10 Rookie of the Year, sophomore goalie Zach Varga, has allowed only seven goals and has recorded 16 saves to pace the Dukes. Senior defenseman Matt Mehler (two assists), junior forward Andrew Bell (three goals), senior midfielder Jason Sourbeer (one goal, one assist) and junior forward Steve Mellor (two goals, one assist) have provided steady offensive production.

Freshman forward Auron Van Overschelde (one goal), and preseason all-rookie team selections, midfielders Travis Mackenzie, and Nick Balara, are also expected to help the marked stars of the team. Duquesne begins A-10 play tomorrow against Xavier. The Dukes remain at home until they travel to URI, UMass and St. Bonaventure to conclude conference play. Having almost a month of home field advantage might be enough to get them into the playoffs, but unless they can beat the teams they are supposed to beat, this season will not be as successful as last year.

Dayton

In the A-10 coaches' poll, Dayton is the preseason favorite to take the A-10 regular season title. In coach Dave Schureck's fifth season, Dayton (3-3-1) has already beaten Wright State, Evansville and Eastern Illinois. Close losses to Michigan State, No. 9 Michigan and Wisconsin make their current non-conference record deceiving.

Last season, Dayton (12-5-2, 7-3-1 A-10) cracked the top 10 in the nation only to fall out of NCAA tournament contention due to a string of injuries. This season, they return 19 of those players while losing only one starter. Star senior midfielder and team leader Tye Stebbins (four goals, one assist) was named to the College Soccer News National Team of the Week for the week ending Sept. 19. Stebbins scored the lone goal against Michigan in a losing effort. Stebbins and senior forward Chris Rolfe were chosen as preseason all-conference selections.

The Flyers offense has gotten a huge helping hand from their juniors. Defensemen Nate Darr (one goal, one assist), Dasan Robinson (one goal, two assists), midfielder George Nanchoff (one goal, three assists) and forward Omar Jarun (two goals) have shown that they can play at the championship level.

Senior keeper Steve Ladislaw (nine goals allowed, 13 saves) has helped bring along freshman keeper Matt Troop (five goals allowed, 16 saves). The two now share time in between the posts for the Flyers. Troop is a player to watch in the future as are preseason all-rookie selections Aaron Swanson and Chad Tetirick.

La Salle

Pat Farrell is in his 18th year as the head coach of the Explorers. Last season, he led La Salle to a 5-11-3 overall record (3-8 A-10) and a three-way tie for ninth place with Xavier and Fordham. This season, the Explorers are hoping that the right mixture of new and old faces will lead to a better record and a postseason berth.

This season, La Salle (4-2-1) has defeated Delaware, Philadelphia, Bucknell, Drexel and tied Navy. Their losses came at the hands of Villanova and Virginia Commonwealth University. They look strong behind the 2002 Defensive Player of the Year, senior goalkeeper Stash Graham (nine goals allowed, 34 saves).

Their sub par record last year reflected their immaturity and youth, but this year Explorer fans should see it as a blessing. Junior midfielder Josh France (two goals, one assist), junior midfielder Ryan Moseley (three goals, one assist), senior midfielder Kevin Coleman (two goals, three assists) and junior defenseman Scott Golden (three goals, two assists) have put both points on the board and helped to win games for La Salle.

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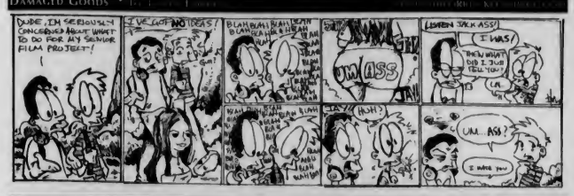
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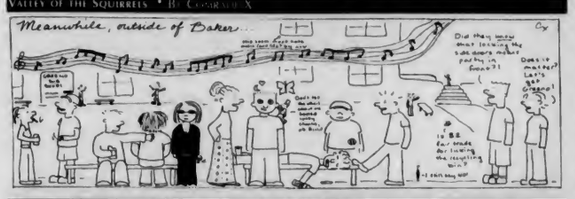
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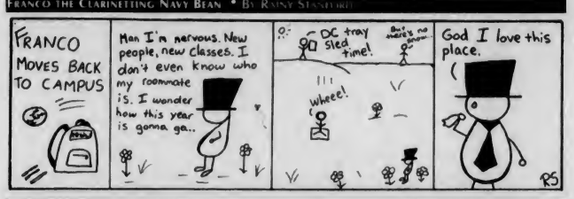
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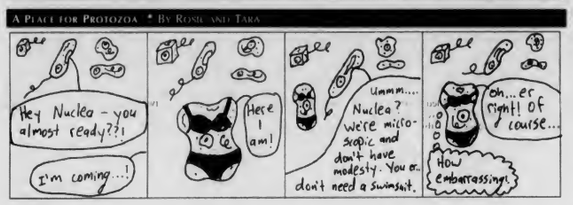
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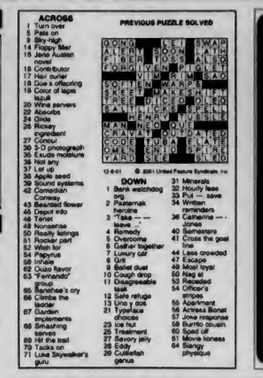
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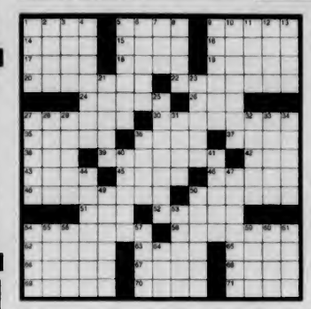
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Minutemen looking to clip wings

UMass opens conference play against St. Joseph's tonight



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Freshman forward Sam Griswold splits between two New Hampshire defenders during soccer action last week. The Minutemen are 3-5 on the season, and they look to improve that record tonight at St. Joe's.

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

After getting mixed results during its non-conference schedule, the Massachusetts men's soccer team will travel to Philadelphia to kick off its Atlantic 10 season against St. Joseph's (1-6-0, 0-0-0 A-10).

The Minutemen, who have won three out of their last five games, are still looking for their offense and defense to get on the same page. In its last game, UMass (3-5-0, 0-0-0 A-10) held Boston University scoreless through regulation. As the defense stepped up, the offense fell by the wayside as UMass ended up losing in overtime.

UMass has been missing the assistance of Tim Kitchell, who usually plays center defensive midfield. Kitchell was given a red card in the Minutemen's game against Harvard for cleating a downed player on Sept. 14. Kitchell has served his suspension and will be a key component to a team that has been looking for stability up the middle.

With Kitchell back in the lineup, players like Todd Skelton and Ralph Pace can return to being offensive threats rather than defensive options. In the last game, UMass moved Pace and Skelton to the back at times to sure things up.

Leading the way for the Minutemen on offense so far has been Rob Charest and Oral Bullen, who have four goals and two assists apiece. Two of Charest's goals have been game-winners, his first in double overtime against Hartford on Sept. 14, then again against New Hampshire in overtime on Sept. 22.

St. Joseph's has had its fair share of issues this season, losing its last two games. The Hawks one and only win of the season came against little known Philadelphia University, 3-2 in double overtime on Sept. 15.

The Hawks lost a lot in the offseason, with eight starters graduating. Three of their top goal-scorers were part of this graduating class, with Adam Duffy (six goals, three assists), Matt James (five goals, one assist) and Andrew Kulinski (three goals, five assists), who was the all-time leader in assists.

The loss of offense has obviously hurt St. Joseph's as it has only scored five goals in seven games, including three shutouts.

If there were one team that the Minutemen would like to get on the same page for, it would be the Hawks. Last year, UMass had its most dominating performance against St. Joseph's, lighting up the scoreboard in a 5-0 victory on Nov. 2, 2003.

The ongoing battle for goalie between Nick Billman and Colin Burns is continuing into the A-10 season. Both goalies have played four games this year, and both have 1-2 records.

Billman has the slight edge in goals against average with 2.15 while Burns has a 2.45.

Shaking down A-10 men's soccer

By Matthew M. Burke
Collegian Correspondent

Rhode Island

Reigning Atlantic 10 champion Rhode Island (5-3) has started out exactly where it left off last season. URI has beaten Rider, Harvard, Northeastern, Providence and Vermont. The Rams losses have come against perennially successful clubs, Lafayette, Oregon State and Boston University have proven to be tough non-conference opponents no matter who they have lined up against and have given URI problems. Despite a record that may not correctly reflect their success, the Rams started the season ranked 24th nationally.

Coach Ed Bradley goes for his 200th victory today at Temple. Bradley, in his 16th season, went 13-10-1 last season (6-4-1 A-10) and led the Rams past Temple in the A-10 finals. Bradley and the Rams were finally downed by Connecticut in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Coach Bradley will depend on a scoring attack that, last year, was devastating to opponents. Striker forward Sasha Gotsmanov (eight goals, one assist) was named to the preseason all-conference team and has so far lived up to the hype with 24 career goals. Sophomore midfielder Jeff Gonsalves (three goals, three assists) has matured and stepped up for the offense, scoring two goals against Harvard to down the Ivy League favorites.

Freshman midfielder and preseason all-rookie selection Dawid Badecki has two goals and an assist, and junior forward John Kochis, junior midfielder Simon Gatti, sophomore forward Joe Spofford, freshman midfielder and preseason all-rookie selection Lukasz Turnikz, and junior forward Brian Mazza have all contributed to the Rams success with a goal apiece.

Anchoring the defense is junior keeper Dean Ruddy (11 goals allowed, 30 saves). Rudds, a redshirt junior, has 91 saves in his career at Rhode Island in his second year as the starter.

St. Bonaventure

With the toughest schedule in the A-10, the Bonnies have started out 4-2-1 by beating non-conference teams Bowling Green, Syracuse and Loyola. After tying Binghamton, St. Bonaventure went on to beat Niagara, only to receive their first two losses of the season against Oregon State and Gonzaga in consecutive games last week.

Sixth year coach Bill Brady had hoped to improve on last season's dismal record (2-16-1, 1-10 A-10). The Bonnies have responded thus far by going undefeated for the first three weeks of the season and carrying a national ranking (25th) until the two recent losses.

Leading the charge in the rejuvenation of St. Bonaventure is junior midfielder Andy Garcia (two goals, five assists, last years all-rookie team member forward Kevin Omokhua (three goals), junior midfielder Frederick Taylor (one goal, one assist) and junior midfielder Konrad Paszkowski (three goals).

The Bonnies expect big things from freshman defenseman John Darrah (one assist), freshman forward Brendan Roach (one goal), and the two freshman twins Jon and Nick Lopez.

Senior goalkeeper Sean Eyde has been superb allowing just nine goals and recording 31 saves, and senior forward Mike Hanna (one goal) has been effective off the bench.

St. Bonaventure could easily take this year's title. They have the defense and the goal scorers to go up against anybody. They have shown that they can win anywhere under any circumstances. If Omokhua can be the scorer he has shown glimpses of becoming, then the Bonnies are unbeatable. Pay close attention Oct. 31 when they play at Rhode Island, as it could be a preview of the postseason championship game.

Fordham University

Second year coach Jim McElderry and his Fordham Rams are looking to improve on last year's 10th place finish (4-12-1, 3-8 A-10). The Rams have a mixture of senior leadership and exciting new talent that they hope can revamp their program.

Last year's team MVP and current captain Riad Mehovic has two goals and an assist so far this season. Both goals paced Fordham to a 3-0 win over Army on Sept. 19. Mehovic has nine goals in his career at Fordham. Fellow seniors Scott Felluss, and Greg Mannix will be seeing significant playing time as defense while Luke Nephew will join Mehovic at midfield. Junior forward Mike Forenza has a goal against both Marist and Army and is in a four-way tie for the team lead in goals with two. Junior goaltender Stephen Faber will get the majority of time in the net for the Rams. He has allowed six goals in six games and is expected to groom freshman heir Justin Burse.

Burse leads a class of freshmen and sophomores who are highly touted around the league. Freshman midfielder Brian Glennon was named to the preseason all-rookie team. Forwards David Jacques (two goals) and Shaun Muantem (one goal) have exceeded expectations, while sophomore forward Anthony Akande (two goals) was named last week's Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week.

Before the start of league play next week the Rams are 2-3-0 with wins against Army and Iona College. They are 2-1 at home this season. If their youth can continue to improve, they will likely be a contender in years to come. They start league play against Richmond today at home and then go on a four-game road trip. They return to Murphy Field on Oct. 17 against Temple. If they want to be successful this season, they must learn to win on the road.

George Washington

George Washington (1-5-1) is looking at a rebuilding year after losing eight seniors at the end of last season, including one of the top scorers in Colonials' history, Arnar Johannsson. Coach George Lidster, who is in his 17th season, is counting on his two senior co-captains, defenseman Trent Wilee (one goal) and midfielder Matt Miller (one assist), to teach the freshmen the ropes of Division I soccer. With only two seniors on a team with 12 freshmen, success this season will depend on the progression of the younger players.

Juniors Andre Chapman (two goals, one assist) and Benjamin Mortimer (one goal) have been offensively productive so far this season. Junior forward Jon Allen (two goals, one assist) has also picked up some of the offensive slack in trying to replace Johannsson. Junior midfielder/forward Frank Ambrosio (two assists), and junior midfielder Steve Brown (two assists) have also given the Colonials a much-needed offensive spark.

Sophomore Jeremiah Burke, who was named to last year's all-rookie team, also comes back to help lead the defense. Other young up-and-coming players include goalie Derek Biss (10 goals allowed in six starts), preseason all-rookie team defender Matt Davis (one assist), sophomore midfielder Joseph Siegel (one goal), and freshman forward Wade Gerhardt (two assists).

The Colonials finished 7-11-2 last year with a 5-4-2 record in conference. With only one win this year, coming against Howard, it is doubtful that they will be a threat in the A-10. They open up A-10 play tomorrow at La Salle.

Richmond

In 2003, Richmond made it to the A-10 tournament semifinals but is off to a rocky 1-5-1 start in non-conference play. The Spiders shared the A-10 regular season title with Duquesne last season as well. Despite losing nine seniors, coach Jeff Gettler was optimistic that they could make another run for the title.

"Overcoming the loss of nine players is never an easy task, but with the solid nucleus of returning players and a talented group of newcomers, we expect to compete for the Atlantic 10 championship once again," Gettler said on the University of Richmond Department of Athletics' official Web site in August.

Richmond was undefeated in league play last season, going 7-0-4 (10-5-5 overall). This season, the

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STAFF PHOTO

Craig Canavan (left) and the Minutemen begin another grueling Atlantic 10 schedule today when they visit Saint Joseph's at 7:30 p.m. UMass will have to battle another state school, Rhode Island, for this year's title.

UMASS

Weekend Schedule

Friday, Oct. 1

Sport	Opp./Event	Time
Men's Soccer	at St. Joseph's	7:30 p.m.
Women's Soccer	vs. St. Joseph's	3:30 p.m.
Women's Tennis	vs. Amherst	4:00 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 2

Sport	Opp./Event	Time
Football	at Boston College	1:00 p.m.
Field Hockey	vs. No.16 Syracuse	1:00 p.m.
Men's Hockey	vs. St. Francis Xavier (EX)	5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 3

Sport	Opp./Event	Time
Men's Soccer	at Temple	1:00 p.m.
Women's Soccer	vs. Temple	1:00 p.m.
Field Hockey	vs. Northeastern	1:00 p.m.



Cool Keith comes to Pearl Street

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Minutemen fall to Boston College

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Pagan pride in Amherst



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The Pioneer Valley Network of Pagans attracts people at the Fifth Annual Pagan Pride Day, held this Sunday in Amherst Common.

By Maria Varmazis
Collegian Correspondent

The Fifth Annual Pagan Pride Day, sponsored by the Pioneer Valley Network of Pagans, was held on the Amherst Town Green on Sunday with a large turnout.

The day had "a pretty darn good" turnout according to Co-Coordinator Lisa Wood.

Drumming, music, rituals, storytelling, vendor booths, divinations, crafts and rides were among the many venues offered. Pagan Pride Day was held to spread awareness of the local Pagan community and educate non-Pagans in the area about the practices and realities of Pagan traditions.

Sarah-Megan Walsh, president of the UMass club Student Pagans Integrating Religion and Life Spiritually explained Paganism as a "diverse... Earth-centered," religion that makes "no distinction between nature and spirit."

Wood was encouraged by the large attendance and believed that as more than 250 people had already shown up only two hours into the event—a number on the way of surpassing last year's turnout of 350 people.

Pagan Pride Day was also held as a goodwill venture to collect food items to benefit the Western Massachusetts Food Bank. The previous year's contribution of 875 pounds to the Food Bank would be easily beaten this year.

Wood said that many Pagans practice alone. She thought that this event would be a great opportunity for followers to be more knowledgeable about their faith.

"A lot of pagans practice by themselves so this is a chance to get to see that there are other people out there."

Wood also wanted the event to reach out to community members that are unfamiliar with Pagan practices. "We're different and we're like everybody else," she said. "We're not scary and we're not mysterious...we're soccer moms and we're other than soccer moms."

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Applefest a success

By Samantha Smith
Collegian Staff

Families, friends and students came to Amherst Common to enjoy artwork, music and a bevy of booths exhibiting a healthy supply of food at the eighteenth annual Apple Harvest Festival on Saturday morning.

The Festival, which was run by the Amherst Family Center, lasted from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. In this time span there were a multitude of events for adults, children, and students to enjoy including hayrides, pony rides, carnival-like games and live entertainment. One entertainer, award-winning musician Roger Tincknell, was happy to be part of the festivities.

"The Amherst Family Center sponsored me," Tincknell said.

A graduate of UMass Amherst, Tincknell volunteered to provide an hour-long gig that let children interact with him and each other. It proved to be quite enjoyable for the kids and the older audience as well.

And, watching the live spectacle of performers wouldn't have been complete without snacking on the famous fruit of the day — apples, which were supplied by Atkins Farm, a local farm stand located in South Amherst. Assistant Buyer Manager of Atkins, Paul Hodgkins, explained his relationship with the Festival.

"We got involved with the Amherst Family Center five and a half years ago," he said. "We have our orchard and a retail store, and we liked the idea of getting involved with a craft fair. We had no way to say no."

Hodgkins also explained his relationship with UMass.

"We do a lot of business on the UMass campus," he said. "The business community has been working together for a long time, and I hope we continue to do so."



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Feeding the goats is one of several activities featured at Applefest this weekend.

After enjoying a caramel apple or two, it was impossible to not see the numerous craft booths the festival had to offer. One such booth, Beads Indeed, ran by artist Marie Wallace, contained many pieces of handcrafted jewelry of all styles and designs. This was Wallace's first time at the Festival. She noted that she enjoyed the "beautiful New England town" of Amherst, and thought that the campus of UMass was equally picturesque.

What was clearly evident at this Festival was the amount of hard work that was put into it explained Nancy DiProsse, the director of the Apple Harvest.

"The Apple Harvest," she said, "is a major fundraiser for the Amherst Family Center. It's run mostly by parent volunteers and office staff, but tons of people in the community are involved, too."

DiProsse explained that the festival's staff works to make sure the event is at its best.

"The staff gets together to organize such things as getting about 100 crafters to come...they sort through the possible crafters to keep the quality high," she said. "Volunteers work on everything from publicity, getting the equipment we need, to finding sponsors to buy ads in our program book."

Lastly, DiProsse explained how important the Applefest fundraiser is for UMass.

"The Amherst Family Center is affiliated with UMass's Commuter Services and Housing Department. It's a nonprofit organization that helps provide education and a place for children to play and meet other families. We've been helping students get involved for over twenty years."

UMass Freshman Anna Drury summed up the day nicely.

"It was good to see the community and the school come together to get involved with something that benefits both sides," she said.



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A girl enjoys a ball-throwing game, one of many activities provided at Applefest this weekend in Amherst Common.

Women's group holds discussion

By Brian Duffey
Collegian Correspondent

The Everywoman's Center of Amherst and the Women's Studies Department is hosting a panel presentation and discussion titled "Women Activists Speak Out: Why Our Vote Matters," this afternoon from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Campus Center room 911-915.

Five panelists will focus on the impact of the upcoming election on women and the importance of voting. Each panelist will speak for roughly ten minutes on a particular woman's issue. There will be a question and answer portion to follow.

Sandy Mandel, the events coordinator for the Everywoman's Center, stated that her primary motivation for putting the event together was to inform women on the impact the election will have on each one of their lives. She also emphasized the impact that women can have on the election.

"It's not like the election is going to happen to us," said Mandel.

She feels the "differences are extreme" between the stances President Bush and Senator John Kerry have on women's issues. Mandel said that President Bush's stance on issues such as gay marriage, abortion and the economy are quite different than those of Sen. Kerry.

"The election will impact every area of women's lives," Mandel said.

Nancy Patteson, Women's Studies Graduate Program Coordinator, helped to organize the event. She said wanted to help "provide perspectives on the impact of the election."

State Representative, Ellen Story, will moderate the discussion.

"I'm very pleased to be asked, especially with the important election coming. The more the public gets to know about the politicians the better," Story said.

Story hopes this event will motivate people to get involved in government. She feels it is vital that, "bright, eager, young people learn about what goes on in government."

Katy Noone, a senior Journalism major and Women's Studies minor, will be one of the esteemed panelists this evening. Noone was recommended to the panel by professor Millian Kang.

Noone completed a research project on "Women and Voting" for Kang's Critical Perspectives in Women's Studies class. The project consisted of a 10-page long research paper and an on-campus action component. Noone's component consisted of her and several other classmates working in the Campus Center for a week last April, handing out voter registration forms and absentee ballots. They were able to register fifty students to vote.

No one said that absentee ballots must be submitted in person by noon on the day before the election at the local town hall. All students who are registered at home will not be able to vote in Amherst unless this absentee ballot is completed or if they re-registered to vote in the town of Amherst.

The panel also includes Mayor of Northampton Mary Clare Higgins, Professor of Economics at UMass Nancy Folbre, MacArthur Foundation recipient Annalise Fonza, legislative aide to Springfield Representative Benjamin Swan and Eimy Santiago, who recently spoke at the Democratic National Convention.

The League of Women Voters of Amherst will offer voter registration at the event, which is free, open to the public and handicap accessible. Refreshments will be provided.

For information contact: Everywoman's Center at 413-545-0883 or Women's Studies at 413-545-1922.

Jaguar receives unsafe ratings

By Dee-Ann Durbin
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 2004 Jaguar X-Type got the worst rating of any midsize sedan in side-impact crash tests conducted by the insurance industry.

The X-Type, which starts at $31,000, fared worse than some less expensive cars, according to test results released Sunday by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

The institute's test measures the impact on dummies in the front and back seats of a sedan that is struck in the side by a sport utility vehicle traveling 31 mph. The government's test mimics a side-impact crash involving two cars.

Adrian Lund, the institute's chief operating officer, said the Jaguar's side air bags protected the dummies' heads, but the side of the vehicle was crushed and could have caused severe injuries to the driver's torso.

Both the 2005 Mitsubishi Galant and the 2004 Saab 9-3 earned the institute's highest rating, along with the 2004 Lexus ES 330 and the 2004 Acura TL.

The 2004 Saab 9-5, 2005 Mercedes C class and 2005 Volvo S40 earned the institute's second-highest rating, "acceptable."

The Saab 9-3 and the Toyota RAV4, a small sport utility vehicle, are the only vehicles to earn the institute's best pick designation on both side-impact and front-crash tests, Lund said.

The Mitsubishi Galant's top rating was a significant improvement from 2004, when it was tested without side air bags and got the institute's lowest rating. In 2004, the vehicle had optional side air bags.

The institute does not test vehicles with air bags unless the safety devices are standard. The 2005 Galant has standard air bags that protect the chest and head. Lund said the difference was dramatic.

"Mitsubishi should be commended for making side air bags with head protection standard in this relatively inexpensive car," Lund said. "The results for the Galant show that you don't have to spend a lot of money to get good protection in side-impact crashes.

The starting price for the 2004 Galant was around $18,500.

The institute said all of the cars had head-protecting side air bags, which have been shown to reduce deaths by about 45 percent among drivers who are struck in the driver's side.

Twenty-seven percent of 2004 vehicles offered head-protecting side air bags as standard equipment. An additional 21 percent offered them as an option, the institute said.

Car accident; 3 injured

By Erika Lovley
Collegian Staff

Two female passengers were injured Friday after being struck by a car driven by a Hadley man on University Drive on the University of Massachusetts campus. The accident victims' male companions then assaulted the driver when he got out of his vehicle.

Brian Delisle, 19, struck Erica Conforti, 17, and Shauna Moroney, 17 of Stoughton, Mass., while they were crossing University Drive near Southwest Residential area at 9:54 p.m.

According to the UMass Police Department, the females were not in the crosswalk at the time of the accident. Neither the operator nor pedestrians are UMass students. The names and ages of the male companions were unavailable at press time.

Delisle and Moroney were both transported by Amherst Fire Department to Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton and released. Delisle's injuries were due to the assault, according to UMPD. Conforti was treated at the scene.

The cause of the accident is still under investigation, as well as the altercation that took place immediately following the accident.

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A bicyclist participates in this weekend's bicycle events that took place around Amherst. The event featured several off-road trails and attracted several experienced bicyclists from around New England.

Pagan Pride event successful

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This year's Pride Day marks a significant change in location, a change that Wood believes contributed to the larger turnout than previous years. In the previous four years, the event was held in Strathmore Park in Russell, which is "slightly more enclosed." According to Wood, the location change "[has] been excellent, everybody was really excited to have it in Amherst this year."

In response to questions about the college Pagan community, Wood believes that the college years are a key time for many to realize their religious convictions.

"A lot of students come to Paganism in college. It's the first time they... meet other people, and I know a lot of times I hear it's like 'I didn't realize other people thought or felt the same way I did, until I went out to school.'" she said.

Walsh said Pagan Pride Day was a chance for us to gather together in the open and celebrate.

"It's something that we enjoy doing and we encourage those from the community, even those who have no clue what Paganism is, to come out and spend time with us. By spending time and seeing and meeting people you get to overcome preconceptions and fears and learn more."

She emphasized the importance of educating people about Paganism, especially when many are under false impressions.

"We try to do a lot of clearing of negative stereotypes and to show that it's not living up to the stereotypes that have been associated with it for so long... [Paganism] is not the black witch and the pointy hat..." Walsh said.

Surette agreed with Walsh's statement.

"We still have a lot of Christian churches telling people that we're in service with the devil... and that's not the case. We still have local law enforcement agencies thinking that we're Satanists... and we have nothing to do with that sort of thing," Surette said.

Community members in attendance were pleased with the day's events, echoing the enthusiasm of the Pagan Pride Day coordinator.

"It met my expectations, they had a lovely day for being out on the common like this, and I wasn't sure... whether it would feel weird to be in a public square...[but] since Pagan Pride is meant to be that kind of showing who you are to more of the world so they can know that it's not all the stuff that all the propagandа says," said Tamatin Laurel.

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Iraqi forces emerge in patrols

By Zidan Khalaf
Associated Press

SAMARRA, Iraq (AP) — Bloodied by weeks of suicide bombings and assassinations, Iraqi security forces emerged Sunday to patrol Samarra after a morale-boosting victory in this Sunni Triangle city, and U.S. commanders praised their performance.

American and Iraqi commanders have declared the operation in Samarra, 60 miles northwest of Baghdad, a successful first step in a major push to wrest key areas of Iraq from insurgents before January elections.

But locals were angered by the civilian death toll.

Of the 70 dead brought to Samarra General Hospital since fighting erupted, 23 were children and 18 were women, hospital official Abdul-Nasser Hamed Yassin said. Another 160 wounded people also were treated.

"The people who were hurt most are normal people who have nothing to do with anything," said Abdel Latif Hadi, 45.

Twelve miles south of Baghdad, two bodies - those of a woman and a man whose head was severed - were found, with police saying the corpses looked like those of Westerners.

Police Lt. Hussein Rizouqi said no identification was found on the corpses. The woman, who was shot in the head, had blond hair, he said.

Insurgents have used kidnappings and grisly beheadings in their 17-month campaign to drive the United States and its allies out of Iraq. More than 140 foreigners have been kidnapped since April, some as political leverage and others for ransoms. At least 26 have been killed.

A Lebanese electrical company appealed to Iraqi kidnappers to release two employees seized last week, saying they were not working with U.S. forces. The men were among 10 people seized by a group calling itself the Islamic Army in Iraq - the same group that claimed responsibility for abducting two French journalists last month.

U.S. warplanes hammered another rebel-held city, Fallujah, the latest strike in weeks of attacks targeting groups linked to terrorists, particularly the network of Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

The city hospital said two people were killed and 12 were wounded in the airstrikes. Two more people, a man and his wife, were killed and two others were wounded when a tank fired on a house, Dr. Rafe al-Issawi said.

The U.S. military, which confirmed only one strike targeting a building where insurgents were moving weapons, regularly accesses the hospital of inflating casualty figures.

Residents said U.S. troops built temporary checkpoints across two entrances into the city, 40 miles west of Baghdad, regarded by the U.S. military as the "toughest nut to crack" in Iraq.

"We're very worried that Fallujah might be next after Samarra," Fallujah resident Saad Majid, 40, said. "I have children I'm very worried about them. We don't sleep all night because of the strikes."

U.S. military officials have signaled they plan to step up attacks into key Iraqi cities this fall - partly as a way to pressure insurgents into negotiating with Iraqi officials.

"I have personally informed (Fallujah residents) that it will not be a picnic. It will be very difficult and devastating," Iraqi President Ghazi al-Yawer said Sunday on the Al-Arabiya television net work.

But he said Iraqi troops had to establish a presence in all cities.

On Sunday, residents said they heard sporadic explosions as U.S. and Iraqi forces hunted for rebel holdouts in an otherwise calmer Samarra. Iraqi police patrolled the city, while American soldiers

St. Helens update

By David Amkins
Associated Press

MOUNT ST. HELENS, Wash. (AP) — Mount St. Helens stewed in volcanic gases and low-level earthquakes Sunday, with crowds of eager tourists hoping to glimpse an eruption that scientists said could happen immediately or take a few weeks.

A second long tremor early Sunday and an increase in volcanic gases strongly suggest magma is moving inside, researchers from the U.S. Geological Survey said. The mountain's alert was raised to Level 3, the highest possible, after a volcanic tremor was detected Saturday for the first time since before the mountain's 1980 eruption.

"I don't think anyone now thinks this will stop with steam explosions," geologist Willie Scott said Sunday at the Geological Survey's Cascades Volcano Observatory in Vancouver, Wash., about 50 miles south.

But Scott said scientists discussed lowering their alert from a Level 3 "volcano advisory," which indicates eruption is imminent, to Level 2 "volcanic unrest," which indicates an eruption is possible. They needed more data before making any change, he said.

"What we haven't gotten back today yet is a lot of field measurements - there's a gas flight going on, a flight to use thermal imaging to look at the (lava) dome, GPS data needs to be downloaded," Scott said Sunday. "There's a lot of work that needs to be done. That will occur overnight and tomorrow morning."

Scientists said they do not expect anything close to the devastation of the May 18, 1980, explosion, which killed 57 people and coated much of the Northwest with ash.

"Of course the volcano reserves the right to change its mind," said monument scientist Peter Frenzen with the U.S. Forest Service, which operates the park.

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Age of innocence over

Becky Martins

Nothing can feel more violating than being a victim of theft.

From an early age, people are educated on the importance of morals. We are taught not to lie, cheat, hurt others, and steal. Many of us learn from such lessons and apply them to our own lives, but others fail to see the significance in ethical behavior. These individuals believe themselves to be above the law and above the concept of treating fellow human beings with respect. Before long, their actions illustrate their lack of consideration and concern for others.

Until coming to college, I guess I lived life in a bubble. Coming from a small town, the only real crime I saw was on the news. Many people would leave their doors unlocked at night without thinking twice. And while illegal activity occurred, it was rare and oftentimes kept quiet. I guess growing up in such an environment influenced my perception of the world. Negative things only happened to others, not myself. People could not possibly be so immoral as to take from or hurt others. I knew I was not capable of such things, so how could others be?

But two weeks ago, I received a very rude awakening.

The night began like any other Friday. I went out, made appearances at a couple of parties, and returned to my dorm room in Kennedy early Saturday morning. After unlocking my door, I threw my purse on my bed, as I had done every night upon getting home. Afterwards, I went down the hall to visit some friends, unconsciously leaving my door resting against the door-frame, unlocked. I had had intentions of returning soon, but before long, a few minutes had become an hour. Around 2 a.m. I headed back to my room, tired and ready for sleep. I did not think to check my belongings. As far as I knew, my room was in the exact condition as I had left it an hour earlier. Surely, no one would have entered and searched through my things, knowing I could be back at any minute.

The next morning, I woke up at 10 a.m. and felt the need to use my cell phone. I began to look for my black Guess bag, knowing my phone would there since I had used it the night before. But after few minutes, my search proved unsuccessful. My room was fairly clean and did not provide many hiding places. I knew my purse had to be there, since I had gotten into my building and unlocked my door the night before. But after calling my cell with my room phone and hearing no ring, I panicked. My wallet, credit cards, IDs, keys, and miscellaneous, but personal, items could not just disappear? At this point, after rethinking my actions the previous night, I came to a realization: As much as I did not want to believe it, my belongings most likely had been stolen.

After filing a police report, having my dorm room lock changed, and canceling cards and replacing IDs, I was lucky enough to get a break. After being missing for a week, my purse turned up in the laundry room on the floor below me: with contents soaked, my cash stolen, and cell phone still missing—So much for a happy ending.

Even though I have some of my belongings back, it does not make the situation any easier to deal with. The comfortableness I had felt living in the dorms is gone. The trust I had felt in my peers, since they are mostly likely the ones responsible, is broken. But most significant to me is the change in how I perceive people.

It is disheartening to realize how much theft occurs in the world, especially on UMass' campus. All of the dorms, especially in Southwest, have chronic breaking and entering and cases of stolen property. It is not uncommon for someone to find his or her belongings missing, such as when a friend of mine's bag was stolen from the Text Book Annex while she bought books. Even campus property, which is oftentimes donated and something to take pride in, is not safe from culprits.

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For instance, on September 19, 2004, the Chief Metawampe statue, which had stood near the Student Union, was taken from its stand. Though it was found, the incident still resulted in the figure sustaining noticeable damage, as well as in giving UMass students a rap of being disrespectful, unappreciative, and irresponsible. Basically, because certain individuals find it acceptable to steal and deface property not belonging to them, we all have to pay.

I wish people had enough respect for themselves, and for others, to leave property alone not belonging to them. But I know this is too much to ask for in today's growingly immoral society. Instead, I advise people to learn from my mistakes and not to be naïve to reality. The world is not a carefree place where little crime occurs, despite what lies we may have grown up believing. Never assume we are immune to the world's negativity. Some people are capable of hurting others and feeling little remorse for their actions. Sadly, though, these are some life lessons I had to learn the hard way.

Becky Martins is a Collegian Columnist.

Watching a silenced perspective

Ramzi Kanazi

After one of the bloodiest days since the start of the second Intifada, western Massachusetts celebrated the Palestinian Film Festival,"Aqoola Lakum" (Let Me Tell You). The BBC reported that on Thursday, "at least 27 Palestinians and three Israelis died in fighting...many civilians were among the dead and injured."

On Friday, the festival screened 26 films from October 1 to October 3 in Northampton, Holyoke, and Springfield, commenced at Smith College with "Ticket to Jerusalem" at 7 pm. The contrast is startling.

The first night's program, "Life Under Occupation" featured a short film, "Like Twenty Impossibles," and a faux documentary "Ford Transit". These films offered a powerful view on a nearly silenced perspective of Palestinian life. Those often seen in the media as only killers or victims were real people this weekend.

In the first film, "Ticket to Jerusalem" by Rashid Masharawi, a man travels from checkpoint to checkpoint so that he can show movies to children with his mobile cinema throughout the occupied territories.

This movie tells a tale of a man who struggles with issues familiar to all people—from his relationship with his wife to struggles with work. It does so under the suffocating setting of Israeli occupation. Considering refugee status and what the future may hold for them, the film also illustrates some of the conflicts between Palestinians and Israeli settlers: Israelis who live in homes recognized as Palestinian or areas accorded to Palestinians under international law.

This touching film highlights the sacrifices that the protagonist makes to provide cinema to the occupied children. The cinema exerted such a powerful effect on his own upbringing that he could not fathom the idea that these children who suffer humiliation and so many injustices could miss out on such a positive, formative experience. His commitment to these endeavors caused stress in his relationship with his wife, but she realizes and ultimately accepts that his sacrifice is her sacrifice too.

Following the screening, a question and answer session took place. This was conducted by a panel that consisted of three Palestinian filmmakers Hanna Elias, Annemarie Jacir and Kamran Rastegar. These filmmakers were uniquely passionate about the subject matter of their work. The audience, as well, was engaged and interested to learn more about the Palestinian experience.

In "Ticket to Jerusalem", Jewish settlers had taken over the residence of an old Palestinian woman and her daughter, leaving them just one room in a very large home. The settlers tormented them by locking the only bathroom door, by running in the courtyard naked, and through verbal belittlement. After viewing the film, one member of the audience asked the panel why the Jews were portrayed so despicably. The panel responded that this was not the case, and they commented that the settlers are many times worse than the images presented in the film. They distinguished that there are many Israeli Jews who are very progressive and committed to the peace process. The settlers, on the other hand, are in some number, opportunists who descend onto the Palestinians' land, wreaking havoc on those trapped within the occupied territories. These settlers are belligerent towards the Palestinians. The presenters heatedly described this point. Their depiction of the settlers made it clear that the cinematic rendition of their actions was generous indeed.

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In addition, the panel members discussed the difficulties that they themselves experienced while filming in Israel. They spoke of instances where their equipment was confiscated and their tapes were either erased or destroyed. They encountered the same checkpoints that were prevalent in several of the films shown during the festival. These artists had to endure long waits and unflattering confrontations. They have been hurt and dispossessed. Their movie characters are often reflections of their own lives.

As well as participating in the question and answer session after the first film, the Palestinian-American Jacir responded to questions following the screening of her own work, "Like Twenty Impossibles," a short verite fiction that explores different identities of Palestinians and their treatment under Israeli occupation. After this discussion, it was apparent that she modeled the main character, which she played, after herself. She explained that her films reflect what she sees as a "process of humiliation." She continued by describing situations during her childhood in which witnessed her family strip-searched upon crossing the bridge from Jordan to Israel as a child. Living in Ramallah, Jacir stated that after 9pm, "the ghetto is locked." No one is allowed into or out of the city. Other occupied cities experience curfews where the occupants cannot leave their homes for extended periods of time. Despite this, she continues to travel there for the three months allowed as a tourist because she knows that this is home.

It was truly refreshing to be exposed to information that is normally silenced. I hope that many more will join in exploring other facets of disputed peoples not reported in the West.

Ramzi Kanazi is a Collegian Columnist.

Choking on alphabet soup: Organizations face questions

Chris Eckel

How many acronyms can I fit into one column? Start counting... The chatter on campus is that the two worst groups around are the SGA and OIT, because neither is very effective. OIT always lets down the students and never manages to return those emails we all send at 2:30 in the morning when SPIRE isn't working. And don't even think about trying to find OIT staffers in the office unless you've got all day. They manage to hide away for several hours, although they do eventually give into the persistence of students who can't function without their AIM. Once you track them down, it's a matter of mere weeks before your problem is fixed. There has been no shortage of displeasure expressed about the SGA in the last several years.

Complaints about the existence of ALANA Senate seats, the lack of ALANA Senate seats, flawed elections, and the budget apportionment process have all swept across this campus. Most recently, students from Grayson to Coolidge have seen the website depicting prominent members of the Student Government Association drinking in the SCERA office and posing next to a caricature of Speaker Patrick Higgins as a member of the KKK. All the people in those photographs erred tremendously, and UMass will suffer for their poor decisions.

Higgins has paid dearly for his lapse in judgment, as he has lost the privilege to lead the students of this campus. Other officers who were at the party may resign in the future. Further-more, there is no way to predict the chain of events that will come about because of these photos, and the potential for a racially and/or ideologically divided campus is frighteningly real.

However, now is not the time to dismiss the ability of the SGA to effect positive change on this campus. The potential for the SGA to improve this school remains vast, and you can all help in doing that work. If the actions of the SGA truly matter to you, and they should, get out there and get involved. The first step, of course, is to vote. Later this week, dozens of your fellow students are going to be outside the DC's begging for your vote. It's tempting to just walk by, but give them a second of your time and see if they are worth voting for. If they're willing to stand outside for two days to try and improve their school, it doesn't seem too unreasonable for you to give 34 seconds of your time to do the same. The reward for voting is that once the candidates are elected, their job is to listen to you, their constituents. Go and find your Senator. They aren't that hard to track down, since their phone number and emails are listed on the website, and some will live in your living area. The highest-ranking officers of the SGA are even easier to find. The Speaker and the President both spend much of their time in the SGA office, located in 420 Student Union. Contrary to popular belief, they aren't there because they have nothing else going on in their lives. They are paid out of student fees to work in that office. Go and make an appointment and tell them what you think about the issues that matter to you.

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Don't think there's anything going on at UMass that concerns you? How about the new alcohol policy that mandates that your parents are going to find out if you sneak a sip of beer? How about the new construction all over campus that's just now beginning and is slated to cost over $500 million when all is said and done? What about the proposals to re-organize the Greek system? This year there will 130 security cameras that will be operating on campus, and soon, if all goes to plan, there will be cameras in every residence hall.

For all you lobby Casanovas, how do you feel about having your embarrassing attempt to secure some digits recorded for posterity? Judging by the Fox network, everyone in America wants to be on television, but this doesn't seem the best way to do it. Anyone interested in whether or not the football team will be moving to Division 1?

These are just some serious issues that the student government will be dealing with this year. Not only do the officers of the SGA want your opinion, they need it. An effective government is one that listens and acts upon the concerns of those it governs. However, to be heard, you have to do more than write or talk about how the SGA needs fixing. Go and talk to people who serve the SGA, and let your opinion be known in unmistakable terms.

Complaining to your friends about our student government isn't doing enough, and simply emailing the officers of the SGA also fails to do the job. Go and track them down and talk to them face to face. Just ask the guys at OIT: It's a lot easier to ignore an email than it is a face. And by the way, the answer is 22.

Chris Eckel is a Collegian Columnist.

All oppression must go

Wesley LaRochelle

Racism has always been a tempered subject, particularly on diverse and liberal college campuses such as this one. It is a pressing issue and certainly one that has not gone away. But something bothers me about the reaction being laid out towards this subject in the recent past: why is there hardly ever such a reaction to the problems of "homophobia?"

Whenever there is a hate-crime committed against a homosexual on campus, it hardly appears as a threat to the campus community. I do not want to take away from the necessary attention paid to racism, I just want a heightened awareness of the fact that homophobia and racism are interlinked and that homophobia is a real issue on campus.

Nobody has made mention to the delicacy of safety there is to homosexuals in this area. As in the past debate of same-sex marriage where homosexuality has been put in the spotlight, not many people have commented on the danger homosexuals have been placed in.

When the holocaust memorial was wrecked, the native american statue tampered with and even the recent photos depicting examples of racism were presented to campus it was met with outrage.

Since I've been on campus, I've had people threaten to beat me up for looking at them, I had someone write "fag" on my door late at night, I've seen hundreds of words scrawled across walls, posters, and so forth expressing hatred to gays, I've seen GLBTQA posters ripped down, slurs written across them, and constantly overhear conversations of people speaking derogatively of gay (and other) individuals. The ALANA website even lists the GLBT special interest floor as the only floor undisclosed of its location to keep people from harassing the students that live on it. Why hasn't anyone done anything to improve that situation? I'm sure the floor in itself is there to spread the educational understanding of homosexuality—as is the Stonewall Center—but this doesn't give the campus an excuse not to be involved.

If you walk by the Stonewall Center you may notice the damage done to the plexi-glass that covers their display sign. Swastikas, cracks from rocks, dirt, the words "homo" and "fag" are all etched into the glass and there has been nothing done to replace it. I have to walk by this everyday. Imagine if you were Jewish and had to walk by a sign for your center etched with such commentary, or if you were black and every day you had to see racist comments sprawled across the sign that adorned your cultural center.

When the Holocaust Memorial was wrecked, the Native American Statue tampered with, and even the recent photos depicting examples of racism were presented to the campus, it was met with outrage. But when I spent a month with a roommate who did nothing but ridicule my lifestyle, argue with me on how "disgusting and gross" homosexuality was, and in the end threatened me and called me a faggot, no one told me how far I should've gone with it. I was too scared to drag the event on any longer myself and still no one stepped up to me as a University official and expressed the importance of taking actions further to stop this and other incidences like it.

I express gratitude toward those that are concerned with the safety and well being of all individuals regardless of sexuality, race, gender, religion, ability or age. All I ask is that people recognize that oppression based on sexual orientation is just as real and pressing as other forms of oppression. I also ask that this campus work together to overcome all forms of hatred and not at the expense of placing one group's needs over another. I, myself, am here to let you know that there is so much you can do as an individual to stop these hateful acts. Also, I'm letting you know how important it is that you step up to speak out about ANYTHING you see or hear that is disrespectful of anyone.twas met with outrage.

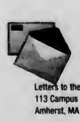
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Working Gear

Walking around campus, it's pretty hard to imagine that yourself and your peers will soon run the world. It doesn't seem likely that the girl who sleeps next to you in chemistry class may be the next Nobel Prize winner, or that the guys who spits on the buttons in the elevator on a drunken Saturday night may be the next CEO or a Fortune 500 company. But a few times a semester you are reminded of this eerie fact, and it makes you absoluteley afraid — career fair time.

Style 101

Monique Jemmott

Last Wednesday, the SOM career fair brought out our bright-eyed eager leaders of tommorrow in their Sunday's best. The looks ranged from business casual of a shirt and tie for men, or a skirt and blouse for women; to a full blown suit, complete with power tie, and jr. executive briefcase. I personally didn't go to the career fair (I plan to defer the responsibilities of the real world for at least one more year through grad school,) but I did begin to wonder, if infact I did trade in my jeans and Uggs for the working stiff's uniform, would I be able to maintain my fondness for the trends?

The more I thought about it, the more I realized that I really only have one suit. A simple black one that I bought for an interview last year, and wear whenever I need to be in professional wear (of course with different color blouses and shoes). I've never had a need for more than one suit, or a host of business attire at that.

I find that amongst the people I know, the amount of professional clothes they own varies by what types of fields they study. My friends who are business or economics majors have way more business attire than say, myself (a journalism major,) or my friends studying art, or communications — oftentimes because they have had internships in corporate settings.

So what would I do if in fact I did have to go to work upon graduation? To build up a whole professional wardrobe is quite expensive, and I don't forsee having wardrobe-building money right after I graduate— and I think that the people I work with would eventually notice that I keep wearing the same suit every day with different shirts.

The other night while on the phone with one of my close friend's, who recently graduated from UMass, I asked her about her experience. "I was looking like a straight bum for the first month I was working there" she confessed to me "I felt really bad, because all the other girls had their cute little power suits, and trendy little pumps, and I had like 5 pairs of pants I was wearing every week, one for each day, praying that a pair didn't rip or something" eventually, she got the wardrobe together and has more pairs of pants, amongst other things in the rotation.

This may seem like something very minimal to someone of their first job, but how you dress at work really does make a profound statement on your character. As a summer intern at for a major retailer's corporate office, I was lucky that the summer was business casual. But still, I can recall on more than one occasion in my two summers there, the topic of cooler-talk being how the new executives look more like they're going to class than to work — appearance matters more than you think.

And so here I offer a few pieces of advice for keeping your name out of future workplace conversation titled "where does she think she's going?" — begin picking out business attire now, there are many separates that can be worn to work, that are very trendy now (i.e: Tweed, cardigans, cropped slacks, pumps), so you don't have to wait for work to start to wear them; Start off shopping in modestly priced stores for business attire (you don't need the $600 DKNY suit just yet, slow down). Instead cruise stores such as H&M and Target where you can get trendy, stylish suits for as low as $50, and don't be afraid to hit the wholesale clubs (Costco, BJ's, Sams) for your basic business items such as blouses, and stalkings. The prices will be significantly cheaper than the department stores, and you can buy stockings to last a year! And lastly, a simple way to pull together all the cheap business chic attire you will find along your journey — tailor. Hemming too long slacks, or taking in a jacket that may be a tad to big, can make a world of difference in your look, when your clothes appear to be made just for you it gives your entire appearance a look that no one can deny is all about business.

-Monique Jemmott is a Collegian Editor.

Kool Keith comes to Northampton

Rapper brings unique style to the Valley

By Nick Romanow
Collegian Staff

Kool Keith may not be a household name, but anyone that knows his unique brand of eccentric, funked-up rap also knows he's one of the most influential — and most copied rappers —to have ever evaded the mainstream radar. Fans and curious parties will get a chance to see the prolific but rarely touring MC on Monday night when he stops by Pearl St. to unleash a show that will no doubt be unlike anything most of the audience has seen before.

Kool Keith
Pearl Street
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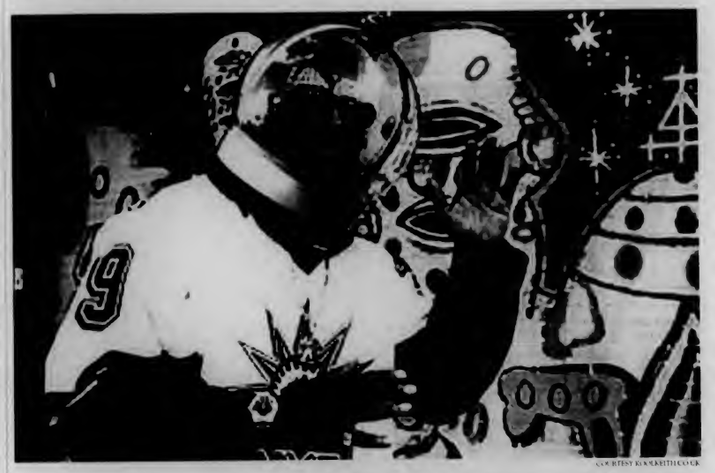
Keith, who has released four albums so far this year, first came into the public eye in the '80s when he was part of the classic hip-hop group "Ultramagnetic MCs" before going solo after the group broke up in the mid '90s. Keith's first solo LP, "Sex Style" was instantly recognized as innovative, skillful, and brilliantly eccentric. The rapper furthered his reputation for all those qualities with his next album. Released under the name Dr. Octagon, the album "Dr. Octagon-ecologyst" is Keith's most successful album — and arguably his best. The album, rapped by Keith as a futuristic, alien, cannibal gynecologist was Keith's first real foray into releasing discs under pseudonyms. This soon became one of Keith's many infamous traits and now it seems more unusual for him to release an album under his own name then to use a pseudonym.

Keith has continued to release many albums under many different names over the past 10 years, and while the quality of some of them varies, Keith has remained a force to be reckoned with. While Keith has a strong reputation for writing hizarre and brilliant rhymes, he has just as strong a reputation for talking trash. Granted, Keith is one of the few rappers who measure up to his own boasts.

He has gained a reputation as an honest, if borderline ranting, artist who is not afraid to tell it like it is, or stand up to major record label and corporate giants. But like any worthwhile musician, Keith knows how to put his money where his mouth is and back up his infamously great claims about himself— especially since it's all on record.

Anyone can hear sounds on Keith's records from 10 years ago, and realize that for instance, Outkast is getting a lot of praise for doing things very similar (right down to music video costumes) to what Keith used to do. As such, Keith has gained an even stronger reputation as a pioneer and as an artist who is ahead of his time. If someone wants to hear what the sound of rap in 5 years will sound like, they'd be wise to listen to one of Keith's current records.

When Kool Keith stops by Pearl Street on Monday, ostensibly to promote his new album — recorded with longtime collaborator Kutmasta Kurt under the name The Diesel Truckers, fans and people who have never heard Keith's music before will certainly get quite a show. It can be safe to expect Keith to perform a career-spanning set of tracks, rant a bit, bring some friends on stage, and almost certainly, throw some porno magazines out to the crowd. Aside from that, it's hard to guess what Keith will do; his shows are notoriously unpredictable, but it will certainly be worth the price of admission. Fans will most delinitely go home happy, and rap fans looking for something exciting and fresh will leave with a new favorite rapper.



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Legendary rap artist Kool Keith will be in town this week. He will perform his greatest hits at Northampton's Pearl Street Nightclub.

People in — the news

Stones: Watts cured

LONDON (AP) — Rolling Stones drummer Charlie Watts has won a battle with throat cancer, lead singer Mick Jagger said.

Watts, 63, was diagnosed with cancer four months ago and recently finished a successful six-week chemotherapy treatment at a London hospital.

"Charlie has had all his treatments and he's now been cleared and is free of any illness," Jagger told the Daily Mirror for Saturday's editions.

The chemotherapy left Watts weak, and he will spend time recovering with his wife, Shirley, before going back to work, the Mirror reported.

The drummer has recently split his time between the Stones and his jazz band, Tentet. Jagger said he hoped to record new material and schedule a tour in the near future for the Stones.

"Keith Richards and I have been writing lots of songs for the new Rolling Stones album," Jagger said. "We haven't booked the tour yet and when we do we'll let you know, but there will definitely be another one."

Campbell honored

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Glen Campbell is joining a heady list of Western heroes.

The Autry National Center is honoring Campbell with its Western Heritage Award for promoting the spirit and legacy of the American West. Past recipients include James Stewart, James Garner, Clint Eastwood, James Arness, Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash, Robert Wagner, Clayton Moore and Gene Autry.

"I'm in some pretty heavy company," said Campbell, 68, noting, "Gene Autry was my hero. Dad would take us to see his movies. Gene Autry was just awesome."

Campbell served 10 nights in jail for extreme drunken driving earlier this year following an arrest near his posh Phoenix home. His string of hits include 'Rhinestone Cowboy,' 'Galveston,' 'Gentle on My Mind' and 'By the Time I Get to Phoenix.'

Connery cancelled

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — James Bond no longer has diplomatic status — at least not in Panama.

The government on Friday canceled 121 diplomatic passports issued by the previous presidential administration, including one extended to actor Sean Connery.

The cancelations came as part of a massive effort to clean up and update the Foreign Relation Department's files, according to Vice President Samuel Lewis Navarro.

The vice president described the Scotland-born Connery as a friend of former President Mireya Moscoso. Connery traveled to Panama in March 2003, visited a coffee plantation belonging to Moscoso and received an award from the then-president.

'Tonight' for Conan

NEW YORK (AP) — Conan O'Brien said he was looking forward to "being on at a time when people can see me" when he replaces Jay Leno as host of the 'Tonight' show in five years.

NBC announced last week that O'Brien, whose show airs at 12:35 a.m. Eastern, will move up an hour earlier when he takes over for Leno in 2009. The move by NBC — and endorsed by Leno — was to keep O'Brien from jumping to another network when his contract expired.

"My parents have no idea what I do for a living," O'Brien joked Saturday night about his late, late gig. "They think I'm still in law school."

O'Brien, who spoke at The New Yorker Festival, said he would likely leave New York, where his "Late Night" show is based, to Los Angeles, home of 'Tonight.'

"We have time to figure it out," he said.

O'Brien, 41, was twice the editor of the Harvard Lampoon, worked as a writer on 'Saturday Night Live' for three and a half years and was the supervising producer of 'The Simpsons.'

He debuted on 'Late Night' in September 1993 after David Letterman moved to CBS for an earlier time slot when he was passed up for the 'Tonight' show job.



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Home Again!

Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers at their performance last Wednesday in the Student Union Ballroom.

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MondayOctober 4

LECTURE

Come join this panel discussion of women's issues in upcoming elections. Moderated by State Rep. Ellen Story, Panelists will include: Mary Clare Higgins, Mayor, Northampton; Annalise Fonza, Legislative Aide to State Rep. Ben Swan; Eimy Santiago, YouthBuild, Springfield; Nancy Folbre, Professor of Economics, UMass Amherst; Katy Noone, UMass Amherst student. The League of Women Voters of Amherst will sponsor a voter registration table at this event. Event will be held in the Umass campus center from 4-6pm, this event is free and open to the public.

TuesdayOctober 5

MUSIC

Northampton's intimate Iron Horse Music Hall hosts The Bad Plus, tonight at 7 p.m. Hailed by Rolling Stone as "hot players with hard-rock hearts," these cats don't play the jazz that your mom likes; think Thelonious Monk and John Bonham jamming out at a house party. Tickets are $15 in advance, $18 at the door.

Thursday October 6

LECTURE

Music theory professor Bret Aarden presents "The End of Music as We Know It: How Musical Minds Listen at Cadences," today at 12:20 p.m. in Bezanson Recital Hall. The lecture will address the "psychology of melody perception and a new experimental method that can measure a listener's expectations of melody and cadence." This event is free; Aarden will speak for 50 minutes.

LECTURE

Mount Holyoke College's Gamble Auditorium will host "Human Rights in the U.S. and Abroad," a lecture sponsored by the Weissman Center tonight at 7:30 p.m. Professor Elaine Scarry and John Shattuck, CEO of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, will present their findings on the topic; Professor Christopher Pyle will moderate. This event is free.

weekly pinup



AXIS DANCE

The Fine Arts Center Concert Hall will be the place where AXIS Dance Company thrills audiences with a new form of contemporary dance, bringing to the stage a dynamic, powerful, and innovative repartory for dancers with and without disabilities. Performance will be followed by a talk-back with the dancers. The event costs $20; show starts 7 p.m.

Peterson not ACC ready

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yards and a touchdown against UMass on Saturday in a 29-7 Eagles' victory.

But take a closer look at the stats. He has also thrown six interceptions this season. Three of them were by the Minutemen. Two of those were by Shannon James.

"(Peterson) had three interceptions and, as I said, he could have had five," UMass coach Don Brown said following the game.

There is one thing you can't read in the stat sheets, though. There aren't any statistics called "poor decisions" or "terrible throws."

In the first quarter on Saturday, with the Eagles already leading 7-0, Peterson found himself scrambling around on third-and-14. When he finally looked downfield, he noticed a wide-open Larry Lester for a 60-yard completion. It should have been a touchdown, but Peterson badly under threw Lester and BC was forced to settle for a field goal later in the drive.

The Eagles may be able to take points off the board against Division AA teams, but they won't be able to hang with ACC opponents in years to come by doing things like that.

With the ball and leading 13-7 in the second quarter, Peterson connected with Kevin Challenger for a 35-yard touchdown pass. Once again, the ball was under thrown, but it somehow found its way through Tracy Belton's hands and into Challenger's.

This happened all game. Peterson couldn't throw downfield to his receivers with any consistency or much accuracy. In fact, of his 16 completions against UMass, only nine of them were to receivers or tight ends, and his leading receiver was fullback Mark Palmer, who caught six balls. No one else caught more than three.

The fact that he couldn't connect with his receivers is even more mind-boggling because they were often in single coverage. Due to the disparity in size between BC's offensive line and UMass' defensive line, the Minutemen were forced to stack the box and blitz their linebackers. This would normally be a quarterback's dream if he could pick up on the coverage, something Peterson wasn't able to take advantage of regularly enough.

Peterson was often rattled in the pocket, and he was too quick to pull the ball down and take off with it rather than looking for an open receiver. He dropped back to pass 37 times in the game, and he decided to abort mission and run with the ball seven of those times.

These weren't characteristics of Flutie, so I think the comparisons are very premature at best and, as a senior, Peterson doesn't have much time left to add to his BC resume.

"Paul has got a long way to go," Brown said. "(Flutie) had a heck of a career."

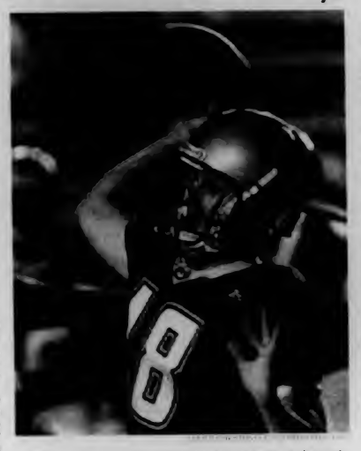
Brown does see one important stat that the two quarterbacks have in common: an impressive number in the win column.

"I don't really judge quarterbacks on numbers," Brown said. "That's all part of it. It's wins, and he is 4-1 as a starter (this season), so I think that's enough said."

If the Flutie comparison seems to be a bit far fetched, maybe Boston College Super Fans can start another comparison with another New England quarterback who does his fair share of winning.

Start the presses, everyone. Paul Peterson just may be the next Tom Brady.

Jeff Howe is a Collegian columnist.



BC quarterback Paul Peterson had 219 yards passing and a touchdown for the Eagles. He also threwthree interceptions against UMass.

Minutemen get stomped by BC

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the game away with a play that was very symbolic of the afternoon for UMass: close, but not close enough.

Having taken possession at their own 41, the Eagles used a 13-yard completion to Larry Lester and an 11-yard run by Brooks to move the ball down to the UM 35 yard line. On the next play, Peterson lofted a pass towards the left side of the end zone for wide receiver Kevin Challenger, who was covered on the play by the Minutemen's Tracy Belton.

As the ball approached, Belton leaped to make the interception but had the ball sail through his fingertips and into Challenger's hands for a touchdown. The 35-yard strike concluded a four-play, 59-yard drive and gave the Eagles a 20-7 lead with 9:54 left before halftime.

BC went on to add a Ryan Ohlinger field goal at the 4:22 mark of the second quarter, and took a 23-7 lead into halftime.

Strong defensive efforts from both sides relegated the second half to a stalemate. BC finally broke the ice when Brooks broke free for a 49-yard touchdown run with 3:51 to play in the game, giving the Eagles the 29-7 lead after Ohlinger proceeded to miss the extra point.

The Eagles wasted no time in finding the end zone on their initial possession of the game. Brooks, starting in place of the injured Andre Callendar, carried six times during an eight play, 47-yard drive that culminated with the freshman easily finding the end zone from a yard out to give BC a 7-0 lead just 3:11 into the game.

Boston College then forced UMass to go three-and-out on its first possession, and added a 27-yard Ryan Ohlinger field goal at the 5:36 mark to grab a 10-0 edge.

The Minutemen did not go away, however, as James intercepted a Peterson pass on the next BC possession and returned it 47 yards to the Eagles' 16-yard line.

After a holding call pushed UMass back to 24 yard line, Day found sophomore wide receiver Brandon London with a 23-yard pass and followed it up with a one-yard quarterback sneak into the end zone to cut the BC lead to 10-7 with 1:35 remaining in the first quarter.

However the Eagles resumed pounding away on UMass' undersized defensive front, as Whitworth carried the ball eight times during a 12-play 54-yard drive that set up another Ohlinger field goal and a 13-7 BC advantage.

Mixed results for Minutewomen

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scorer.

"We decided to take a pretty aggressive format today," Rudy said about adding Canfield to the starting lineup.

The move clearly paid off as the team amassed more shots in yesterday's game than in any game this season and Canfield led the way by putting eight of her 11 shots on goal.

While the weekend ended on a positive note for the Maroon and White, things didn't start as well as they fell to St. Joseph's 1-0 on Friday.

St. Joes (4-7, 2-1 A-10) is known around the league for its physical play and the Hawks only solidified their reputation against UMass, as Friday's game was more of a battle than a soccer game.

Walker kept the game scoreless in the first half as she recorded a number of great saves.

The outlook of the game changed drastically with 5:20 left in the first half. UMass defenders Tiffany Hamill and Christina Nunes collided while going for a loose ball. Both left the game, as Hamill suffered a bruised sternum and Nunes badly bruised her knee.

"That was a big moment in the game," Rudy said. "We were really hitting our stride and I felt good and then that play happened."

Rudy was forced to juggle the lineup and UMass was unable to regain any momentum.

The game appeared to be headed to overtime scoreless until the Hawks' Megan Schutt delivered the only goal of the game with 17:51 remaining.

The Minutewomen had a chance to tie the game with four minutes remaining as Canfield had an impressive attack on goal. Unfortunately for UMass, Canfield's breakaway shot went wide, ending the Minute-women's last scoring attempt of the game.

UMass drops two against ranked teams

By Dave Quinn
Collegian Correspondent

It was yet another tough weekend for the Massachusetts field hockey team as they faced two nationally ranked opponents and walked away with dual losses.

The Minutewomen (2-10) were less than a minute from walking into halftime confident, as they would have held No. 16 Syracuse (7-4) to one goal in the first half. With 34 seconds left in the half, Orange forward Brittany Carriero tapped in a pass from teammate Paige Sullivan to put Syracuse up 2-0.

The last-second goal seemed to take the wind out of the sails of the Maroon and White as they entered second half flat. The Orange-women capitalized on the momentum swing after just two minutes in to play. Paige Sullivan intercepted a cross pass deep in UMass territory and fired an uncontested hit which she put top shelf past Tocco.

"The thing that causes concern is that we're not working hard enough to get in the right defensive position. Defense is hard work; it's moving your feet, it's getting there," Massachusetts coach Patty Shea said.

The Orange added yet another insurance goal three minutes later as Joanne Lombard took a feed from Meredith Getzel and Lindsazy Pierson on a Syracuse corner stroke. The goal put Syracuse up 4-0.

UMass struggled to get the ball deep in to Syracuse's territory for most of the second half. Their first shot on goal didn't come until 7:26 when Caitlin Beresin shot just wide of the net. Fortunately for the Minutewomen, forward Rachael Mervine was able to get a stick on the rebound as she put the ball in for the only UMass goal of the game.

The first half was a different story for UMass. The Minutewomen were patient on offense, working the ball around the field and finding teammates in the open seams.

"We had opportunities, we've had opportunities in every game we've played. We have to finish, we have to know when it's smart to maintain possession and when it's smart to take the pressure off," Shea said. "I think we're trying to thread some perfect passes that you've got to be the most incredibly skilled player to do."

In the second game of the weekend No. 10 Northeastern (9-2) put the pressure on early and often in route a 6-1 victory of Massachusetts.

The Huskies put on a tenacious offensive attack in the opening minutes of the game rifling nine shots, seven of which were on goal.

The pressure finally payed off at 19:14 when Mari Creatini scored on a pass from Whitney Shean.

Creatini and Shean hooked up five minutes later as Creatini drilled in her second of the game and twelfth of the season. Less than 30 seconds after collecting her second assist, Shean stole a pass off the face off and went in for a breakaway goal putting the Huskies up 3-0.

Northeastern had put 16 shots on goal and drew five corners against the young UMass defense. In comparison, the Massachusetts offense was able to muster just three shots on goal and was unable to draw a penalty corner.

"We miss trapped some balls. We knew exactly what they were going to do on corners and your players have to be disciplined on the field to understand it and execute it," Shea said.

The offensive assault continued in the second half as the Huskies struck twice in the early portion of the half. Ashley Webber scored Northeastern's fourth goal of the game on a pass from Jay Quinn at 31:11. Less than three minutes later Liane Dixon put back a rebound of her own shot to put the Huskies up by a score of 5-0. Dixon would later add another goal to make the score 6-0.

"I think there were some speed match-ups," Shea said when asked about the most potent part of the NU attack. "When someone has more speed you almost have to give them a little bit more space. I thought they had some speed advantages in some instances and we just chose some wrong angles to go at."

Massachusetts got on the board with 12:44 left to go in the game. Caitlin Beresin was able to put back a loose ball in front of the net to make it 6-1. For the game, the Minutewomen were out-shot 33-to-5 and were unable to draw any penalty corners. The Huskies on the other hand drew 11 penalty corners over the course of the game.



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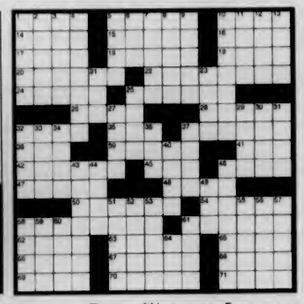
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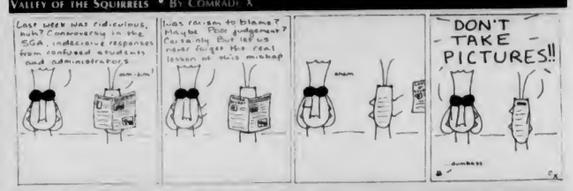
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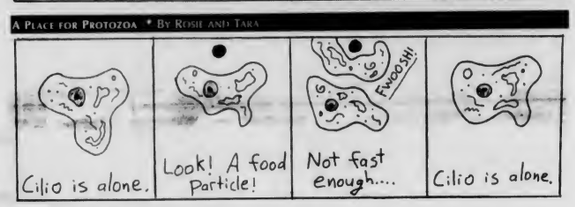
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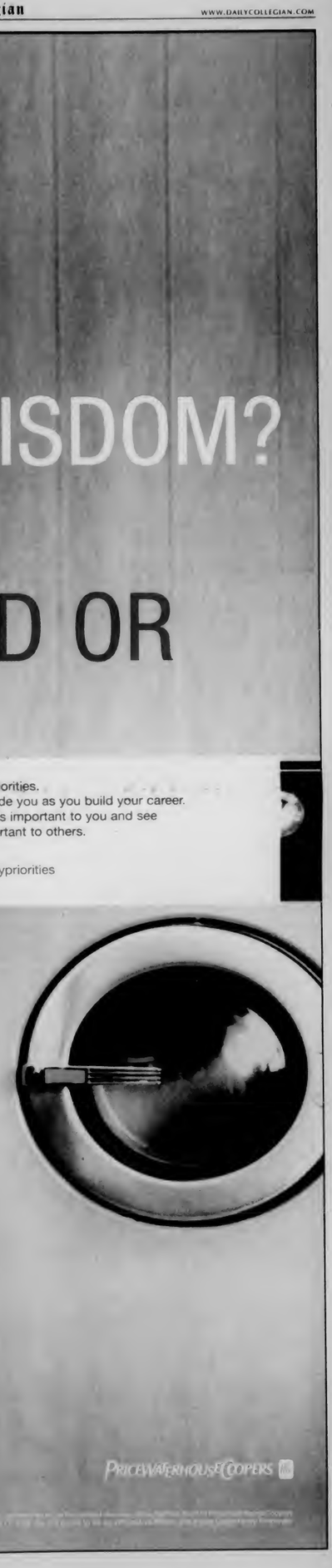
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Eagles soar over UMass

BC too much for Minutemen

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

CHESTNUT HILL – For Massachusetts head football coach Don Brown, Saturday's game with Division I-A Boston College was exactly what was to be expected.

Using their mammoth offensive and defensive lines to move UMass off the ball on both sides, the Eagles took control of the game in the first half and held on against a competitive Minuteman defense for a 29-7 victory before 43,262 at Alumni Stadium – the third largest crowd to see a UMass football game in the program's history.

UMass	7
BC	29

The loss was the third in a row for the Minutemen (2-3 0-2 Atlantic 10), who return to Atlantic 10 action when they travel to Harrisonburg, VA. to battle James Madison on Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

"We played a very big, physical team on both sides of the ball today, and they were extremely well-coached," Brown said. "They pounded us on both sides of the ball, and they deserved to win the football game."

Freshman tailback A.J. Brooks paced the Eagles (4-1 0-0 Big East) offense with 161 yards and a touchdown on 23 carries, while L.V. Whitworth also chipped in with 76 yards of his own on 15 carries.

Quarterback Paul Peterson was 16-of-30 for 239 yards and a touchdown, but was intercepted three times, including one by sophomore Tracy Belton and a pair from junior Shannon James, who was named Atlantic 10 Defensive Player of the Week for his effort.

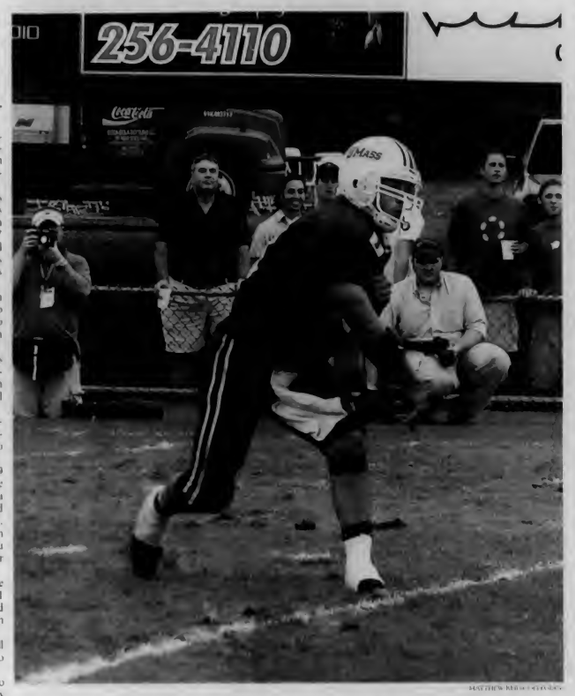
"Interceptions are going to happen," Boston College coach Tom O'Brien said. "UMass comes at you from all different angles…I think it was a good test for our offense."

Junior Tim Day had trouble moving the offense once again for UMass, completing 13-of-31 for 131 yards and recording just eight first downs. It marked the second consecutive week that the Minutemen scored just seven points.

"We had some trouble on offense again, but we'll fix them," Day said. "We'll be back next week, ready to go, and I'm looking forward to it."

Leading by only six with just over nine minutes to play in the first half, Boston College essentially put they

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UMass quarterback Tim Day throws the ball deep during the Minutemen's game against Delaware. Day had 121 passing yards against Boston College on Saturday. UMass will take on James Madison awat this Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Peterson gets too much hype



Jeff Howe

Let's put an end to this now.

It shouldn't be open for discussion, and even saying these two names in the same sentence is even a ridiculous stretch.

In fact, there is one way that these two names can be put into one sentence, and I'm about to do it.

Paul Peterson is in absolutely no way as good as Doug Flutie. He shouldn't be drawing comparisons to Flutie, and anyone who considers themselves to have a football IQ higher than Mike Tice should understand this.

Flutie was an icon, not just around the Boston College campus, but around all of New England. He was notoriously small in stature, but his passion and leadership were unmatched.

Flutie helped put Boston College football on the national map in 1984, not just with the Miami miracle, but also with a victory over Alabama earlier in the season on national television. He meant more to the BC program than Michael Vick meant to Virginia Tech a few years ago.

"The Play," or Flutie's 48-yard Hail Mary heave that fell in Gerard Phelan's lap to beat No. 1 Miami 20 years ago next month, is one of the most celebrated plays in sports history.

Flutie was a Heisman Trophy winner, and he had amassed 11,318 total yards in his collegiate career, the most total yards by any single player in college football history. And no one playing football in Chestnut Hill will ever wear the number "22" again.

But lately there have been whispers around the Boston area linking these two quarterbacks together.

Maybe it is Peterson's running and scrambling abilities that remind BC fans of Flutie. After all, there has been a long spell of pocket passers taking snaps at Alumni Stadium. But should Peterson be compared to Flutie because he is quick on his feet

I don't think someone who couldn't beat out Quinton Porter for the starting quarterback job in 2003 should be praised as the second-coming of Flutie.

Sure, Peterson has some nice stats under his name. He is 7-1 as a starter since taking over the job when Porter was injured with three games to go last year. He has thrown for 1,055 yards and eight touchdowns through five games this season. He was 16-30 for 239

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Men's soccer ties twice

By Matt Barstow
Collegian Staff

In its opening weekend of conference play, the Massachusetts men's soccer team (3-5-2) (0 - 0 - 2 Atlantic 10) traveled across Philadelphia, from Saint Josephs (1-6-1) (0-0-2 A-10) on Friday to Temple (4-5-1) (1-0-1 A-10) on Sunday.

UMass	1
St. Joseph's	1

UMass battled for 220 minutes against the Owls and Hawks, and the final result in both games were the same—after two overtime periods the matches ended in 1-1 ties.

UMass	1
Temple	1

Against the Owls, UMass captain Oral Bullen scored in the 78th minute to force OT. Bullen's goal came after he headed a pass from sophomore Richie Higa past Temple goalie Patrick Hannigan. Freshman Mike Mingione was also credited with an assist for setting up the play.

Bullen's goal drew UMass even with Temple after Owl captain Steven Wacker started the scoring in the 48th minute. Wacker received a pass from sophomore Ryan Heins and fired a shot past Minuteman goalie Nick Billman from 15-yards out for his first goal of the season.

The Maroon and White have now played at least one overtime period in its last four games, going 1-1-2 during that stretch.

A defensive minded team, Massachusetts was unwilling to compromise its defensive position to attack the Owl goal. The teams fought to a stalemate over control of the midfield, and committed a combined 10 penalties.

Massachusetts received four yellow cards and Temple accumulated five.

A turning point in the game came in the final 16 minutes of overtime, when Chad Baker of Temple was red-carded for committing an unsportsmanlike conduct foul. Baker's infraction forced the Owls to play a man down for the remainder of OT.

On Friday, Saint Joseph's freshman Craig Olsen started the scoring with an unassisted goal in the 26th minute. Olsen deflected a shot off a Massachusetts defender, controlled his own rebound, and bounced a shot off the crossbar into the net.

Thanks to a lucky bounce, Olsen was able to score from point-blank range because senior captain Colin Burns was caught out of position, having run out of the net to defend the initial shot.

UMass answered with a goal at 60:11, when Tyler Pagano sent a long cross to Robby Charest, who headed the ball past St. Joseph's goalie Chris DiStefano from five yards away.

The teams played a defensive and physical match, and St. Joseph's was called for 5 yellow cards while the Minutemen were charged with two.

The defensive styles of both teams were seen during extended play, as neither team record a shot in either of the two overtime periods. Reflective of the Temple game, UMass did not want to open up a scoring opportunity for the Hawks by over committing on the offensive side of the ball.

DiStefano faced 17 shots and recorded five saves; Burns made two saves on nine shots.

Charest and Bullen lead the Maroon and White with five goals and two assists each.

Two of Charest's scores have been golden-goals, scored in the final minutes of overtime. He decided a contest September 14th, with a double overtime goal coming in the 104th minute against Hartford. Then on September 22nd, Charest broke a 2-2 tie with New Hampshire in the 94th minute, when he capitalized on a breakaway pass from Bullen for his second goal of the game.

After being held without a goal in the first three games, Bullen recorded a pair of goals in a win over Siena (Sept. 17), and a goal against Hartford.



Freshman Tyler Pagano dribbles the ball against New Hampshire on September 22nd. Pagano has a goal and three assists this year.

Minutewomen split pair

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

The results of this weekend's games for the Massachusetts women's soccer team couldn't have been more different.

On Friday, the Minutewomen dropped a 1-0 heartbreaker at home to St. Joseph's but rebounded yesterday with a thrilling 3-2 overtime win over Temple at Rudd Field.

Temple	2
UMass	3

In Sunday's contest, the Minutewomen dominated play but were forced to come from behind twice to tie the score and force overtime.

St. Joseph's	1
UMass	0

With 1:18 remaining in the first overtime, freshman forward Britt Canfield took a pass from sophomore Liz Weinsten and beat the Temple goalie on a shot into the right corner of the net.

Canfield's second goal of the game gave the Minutewomen their first Atlantic-10 win of the year.

UMass coach Jim Rudy was pleased with his team's effort yesterday, especially coming off such a tough loss on Friday.

"This is a big win," Rudy said. "We really needed this one, especially because next weekend is going to be incredibly hard."

Next weekend the Minutewomen (3-6, 1-2 A-10) host conference foes Richmond and George Washington.

While goals were hard to come by for UMass on Sunday, the same cannot be said for shots. The Maroon and White out-shot Temple 32-7, with 17 of those shots on goal. The Owls only tested sophomore goalie Kristin Walker with three shots on goal.

"We certainly did it the hard way," Rudy said referring to his team's lack of goals despite controlling the game. "We couldn't have had a loss today after that game the other day and with our domination today."

UMass seemed to be a bit sluggish at the start of the game as Temple (3-7, 0-3 A-10) got on the board ten minutes into the game on a perfectly placed free kick from 30 yards out by Courtney Eaton.



Freshman defensive midfielder Tina Rodriguez plays the ball against Holy Cross. UMass plays Richmond this Friday at home at 3:30 p.m.

The shot deflected off Walker's hands then hit the crossbar landing just over the goal line.

Senior Lindsey Fairweather answered for Umass, tying the game with just over two minutes remaining in the first half. Fairweather took a long pass from freshman Tina Rodriguez and dribbled past one defender before depositing the ball into the right corner of the net for her third goal of the season.

Temple would take the lead five minutes into the second half on a goal by Melissa Foley, but UMass continued to attack until Canfield finally evened the score.

Canfield knocked in a loose ball amid a mass of players on the Temple goal line with 24:02 to play.

The play was set up by junior Lindsey Bellini's cross in front of the net.

UMass had a chance to take the lead four minutes later, but Fairweather's shot hit the crossbar after getting set-up in front by Canfield.

Fairweather said it was important for the team to pick up a win on the first weekend of Atlantic-10 play.

"Friday's loss was hard for us," Fairweather said. "We came out today and said 'we're not losing.'"

"We just kept going at them," Fairweather added. "Possession-wise we definitely dominated."

Both Rudy and Fairweather

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Coordinating Council appoints election commissioners to man polls tomorrow

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

After receiving special permission from the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life, Michael Gargano, the Coordinating Council held a meeting last night to appoint elections commissioners to man the polling stations during this week's Student Government Association Senate elections.

SGA President Eduardo Bustamante and the Chancellor of Elections Viktoriya Bronshteyn decided last week to postpone Senate elections, previously slated for last Wednesday and Thursday, due to the lack of volunteers to assist with the polling stations and ballot counting. Gargano granted permission for the SGA to hold an emergency meeting in order to appoint eight commissioners that will hold the job temporarily so that Senators for the SGA can be elected.

"We got special permission to have this meeting," Bustamante said. "This meeting is strictly about getting election commissioners so that we can have good elections this Wednesday and Thursday."

All eight motions to appoint an elections commission passed overwhelmingly. Undergraduate students Emma Lang, Ahad Hayat, Bibi Khandija, Urfan Sadozai, Harkirat Kour, Michelle Pedevillano, Glana Tortorella and Caitlin Burbidge will all be working in various dining commons during the elections. They also will be donating their time to help Bronshteyn tally up the votes.

"This is a very important time for everyone in SGA," Bustamante said. "Because right now we have no senate or judiciary, it is important that we nail this, and this is a moment where we either get stronger or we go into a darkness and the administration takes over."



Members of the Student Government Association Coordinating Council appointed all election commissioners for the upcoming Senate elections last night. Elections will be held on Wednesday and Thursday.

In addition to electing a new Senate, President Bustamante had been under the assumption that once Senate elections were ratified, a new Speaker and Associate Speaker would be appointed. However, Associate Speaker Seamus Brennan has yet to resign and insisted in a memo that he be recognized as his formal position.

Jeffrey Napolitano, Secretary of Press Relations for SGA, was enraged to find out that Brennan had not submitted a resignation. "He said he was going to resign for literally a week now," Napolitano said. "[Bustamante] even got special permission to have a session without a Speaker or Associate Speaker."

According to Napolitano, Brennan plans to take over the position of Speaker, appoint an Associate Speaker, then resign, thus lining up the newly appointed Associate Speaker for Speaker position.

Former Speaker Patrick Higgins resigned last Thursday after controversial photos revealed him and eight other prominent SGA figures drinking in a University office and referencing a caricature a Ku Klux Klan Grand Wizard.

Student Coordinator for the Student Center for Educational Research and Advocacy, Brian Roberts, who allegedly snapped the pictures and posted them on his website, has not yet resigned and plans to run for Senate this week.

"I have a hard time believing that members of the 'KKK9' are not resigning. If pictures of them drunk, in a University office with Klan graffiti behind them isn't enough to shame them into resigning, I don't know what is," Napolitano said.

Bustamante, who did not anticipate Roberts' attendance at the meeting, condemned his decision to run for Senator in Orchard Hill.

"His behavior isn't compatible with the position of running SCERA," Bustamante said. "What is even scarier is that he said that he recognizes his poor behavior but feels this whole thing is being blown out of proportion."

Bustamante acknowledges that he cannot interfere with democracy and attempt to prevent Roberts from running; however, he said that he plans to do everything in his power to remove him as Student Coordinator for SCERA.

Football player receives neck wound in fight

By Erika Lowley
Collegian Staff

A member of the Massachusetts football team suffered a puncture wound to his neck during a fight involving five other UMass students early Friday morning in the Southwest Residential Area.

According to three anonymous sources, including an unidentified member of the football team, starting junior defensive back R.J. Cobbs of Parsippany Hills, N.J., suffered a puncture wound on the right side of his neck. UMass police would not identify the victim due to a pending investigation.

Cobbs was treated and released from Cooley Dickinson Hospital for the quarter-inch deep cut and released with a two-inch by two-inch gauze bandage. He was still able to start in the football game against Boston College on Saturday.

The injuries of the other men involved are not known, although UMass Deputy Police Chief Patrick Archbald said some facial injuries might have been sustained due to punching.

UMass police are unsure if the puncture wound was caused by a weapon or the bushes that the six men were wrestling in during the fight.

"We're not sure of the implement of the puncture wound," said Archbald. "We don't believe it was a knife."

According to the same sources, the fight involving three Caucasian and three African American males broke out at approximately 2:30 a.m. Friday morning directly outside of the main entrance of McKinnie Dorm. Three of the six men involved are also members of the football team.

According to Archbald, the three white males were standing on the outside of the dorm engaged in a heated argument with two black males on the inside of the building, and challenged them to come outside and fight. The two recruited a third male from inside to help them in the fight, which lasted approximately one minute. At least three of the men involved had been drinking, according to the Umass Police Department.

Parts of the fight were captured by a security camera on the outside of one of the dorms. The tape shows the men hitting, kicking, and wrestling in the nearby bushes. The videotape is now being reviewed by UMPD to determine if any charges will be brought against the six, as well as identify more witnesses.

"We have identified all six parties and several witnesses," said Archbald. "The investigation is only about 70 percent complete."

Archbald said that racial overtones were a factor in the fight and police have already met with the victim, several witnesses and the District Attorney's office to determine if civil rights violations were a factor.

Police are required by law to report any incident involving a civil rights or hate crime violation to the DAS office to determine if the charges are valid.

"We do take these matters very seriously," said Archbald. "We have to proceed meticulously … as soon as we can move forward we will."

No charges have been formally brought against the six because police have yet to speak to two of the men involved. According to Archbald, charges may not be brought against all of the men, but could range anywhere from disorderly conduct to assault and battery to civil rights violations.

UMPD was not notified of the incident until 6:18 a.m. on Friday morning, when a nurse at Cooley

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Voting to be held for Senate tomorrow

The Student Government senate elections will be held this Wednesday, October 7, and Thursday, October 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Polling stations are located in all of the Dining Commons on campus and in the Campus Center. Residents from each living area are assigned to vote in a specific Dining Common.

-Residents of Northeast and Sylvan are expected to vote in the Worcester DC

-Residents of Orchard Hill and Central are expected to vote in the Franklin DC

-Residents of Southwest are expected to vote in the Hampshire and Berkshire DCs.

Commuters are expected to vote in the Campus Center.

In the cases where they are needed, absentee ballots will be provided at the polls. The Vice Chancellor's office will provide some staff assistance to ensure that all polling locations will be open and available to the student body.

—*Composed by Erika Lowley*

Bush says Kerry is dangerous for peace

By Pete Yost
Associated Press

CLIVE, Iowa (AP) — President Bush said Monday that rival John Kerry's foreign policy stands "are dangerous for world peace," leveling some of his harshest criticism of the campaign during a trip to an important battleground state. Bush also signed tax relief legislation for 94 million Americans and hit Kerry on that issue, too.

Labeling Kerry a tax-and-spend liberal, Bush told over a thousand campaign supporters, "I've lowered taxes and my opponent wants to raise taxes."

Re-fighting last week's TV debate on Iraq, in which polls suggest Bush lost ground to Kerry, the president said, "The policies of my opponent are dangerous for world peace. If they were implemented they would make this world not more peaceful but more dangerous."

The Kerry campaign answered back. "If George Bush thinks John Kerry's plans to strengthen the military, build alliances and implement the 9/11 Commission's intelligence reforms will make the world a more dangerous place, he's even more detached from reality than he demonstrated at the debate the other night."

Bush lost Iowa four years ago by less than 5,000 votes, and the president used the trip to play off his frequent portrayal of Kerry as a candidate who shifts his stand on the war in Iraq.

"You may have noticed he changes his position quite frequently, but not on taxes," Bush said. "In his 20 years in the Senate, he's voted to raise your taxes 98 times. Now all of a sudden he saying he's for middle-class tax relief."

Ellen Story, Mayor of Northampton encourage women to vote in elections

By Brian Duffy
Collegian Staff

Ellen Story, Massachusetts State Representative for the Third Hampshire District, and Northampton Mayor Mary Clare Higgins were among several of the notable speakers highlighted in the "Women Activists Speak Out: Why Our Vote Matters" presentation given in the Campus Center last night at the University of Massachusetts.

Arranged by Nancy Patteson of the Women's Studies department, in collaboration with Sandy Mandel of the Everywoman's Center of Amherst, the event encouraged women to vote. The League of Women Voters of Amherst provided voter registration for all in attendance.

One hundred million people did not vote in the 2000 Presidential election, said Story. Story said she asks everyone she meets if they are registered to vote, from the checkout person at Stop & Shop to her dental hygienist.

Julia Scribner, a Women's Studies major, attended the event hoping to improve the quality of her research paper for a women's studies course. "I haven't registered to vote and I need to," she said.

Nancy Folbre, Professor of Economics at UMass, was the first of five panelists to speak. She opened by urging those in attendance to "Rock the Vote."

"Democracy is the worst form of government except for all the other ones we've tried," she said, quoting Winston Churchill. Folbre said that our country's government resembles a plutocracy, with "money that votes, and money that wins." She encouraged the crowd to keep their spirits up in a time of great political uncertainty. "The point is not to understand the world, but to change it," she said, quoting Karl Marx. "I think we should do both."

Mary Clare Higgins, the Mayor of Northampton, urged women to vote and run for office. "Women need to be in the rooms, and at the table making decisions," said Higgins. She explained that white men typically make political decisions. Higgins is one of only five female mayors, out of 42 possible positions in the state of Massachusetts.

She said she reads several different newspapers each day and asked the crowd if they do the same. "If you don't know what's going on in the community, how do you know what needs to be changed?" she asked.

She said the election is between two "starkly different" candidates. "If you think the government is designed to

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Northampton Mayor Mary Clare Higgins speaks during the "Women Activists Speak Out" event last night, above. Below, State Representative Ellen Story encourages women to vote.



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Nobel Prize awarded for odor-sensing research

By Malcolm Ritter
Associated Press


Linda B. Buck

Two Americans won the Nobel Prize in medicine Monday for discovering how people can recognize an estimated 10,000 odors, from spoiled meat to a lover's perfume.

Dr. Richard Axel, 58, of Columbia University and Linda B. Buck, 57, of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle revealed odor-sensing proteins in the nose and traced how they send their information to the brain.

The Nobel Assembly at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm said it chose the pair for the $1.3 million prize not because of any practical payoff from the work, but simply because they enhanced understanding of "the most enigmatic of our senses."

For two scientists to single-handedly map one of the major human senses is unique in the history of science, Nobel assembly chairman Goeran Hansson said.

"It's pretty amazing to be able to sit here in the 21st century and reward discoveries that explain one of the human senses," he said.

Buck said that she had not even known she was under consideration. "People have said things like 'You should win the Nobel Prize,'" she said. "I feel very honored, of course."

Axel said sharing the prize with Buck was "a joy and a deep honor. ... I'm very surprised and very happy." He also said that the work might ultimately help scientists develop better insect repellents to keep away mosquitoes that transmit malaria, for example.

In 1991, Axel and Buck jointly reported discovering a large family of genes devoted to producing different odor-sensing proteins, called receptors, in the nose. Before that, scientists could only guess at how many different receptors were needed to distinguish smells in the environment.

Scientists now know that people have some 350 to 400 types of odor receptors, each of which can detect only a limited number of odors.

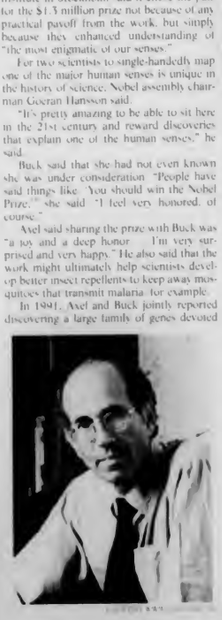
When a person sniffs perfume or fine wine, for example, a mix of different types of molecules flows over the receptors in the back of the nose. That activates an array of receptors, but only those primed to respond to those particular molecules. The brain notes which receptors are activated and interprets this pattern as the smell.

Since any given receptor can participate in more than one pattern, "you might have a rose and a skunk being recognized by some of the same receptors," Buck said.

Axel and Buck, who worked independently following their 1991 paper, went on to show that only one kind of receptor appears on each of the 5 million or so odor-sensing nerve cells in the nose, which was a surprise. They also showed how these nerve cells are wired into the brain.

The Nobel assembly said that it is still unclear what the medical and scientific implications of the discoveries will be, but that the work could affect areas as diverse as psychology — to explain why scents often remind us of childhood — and cooking, since scent and taste are intertwined.

"It's possible, I guess, that someone down the road could use this knowledge to cook up something really delicious," Hansson said. "But I think that's pretty far in the future."


Doctor Richard Axel

World leaders accused of indifference to suffering

By Ibrahim Barzak
Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — On Monday, Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia condemned what he called international indifference to Palestinian suffering in the face of a broad Israeli offensive in the Gaza Strip aimed at halting rocket attacks on Israel.

At least 65 Palestinians have been killed in the five-day offensive, making it the deadliest Israeli incursion into Gaza in more than four years of fighting. Seven people died in Monday's violence, including four militants and a 14-year-old girl who residents said was shot as she baked bread with her mother in their garden.

In southern Gaza, Palestinian residents said a 4-year-old boy was killed by tank fire as he stood in the doorway to his house near the town of Khan Younis. The Israeli military said there were no shootings in the area.

Also Monday, a spat between Israel and a top U.N. official in the region escalated after the U.N. official acknowledged some of his Palestinian employees were probably members of militant groups.

Israel invaded northern Gaza last week after a Palestinian rocket attack killed two children in the Israeli town of Sderot. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has said that the operation will continue until the rocket attacks stop.

Despite the Israeli campaign, Palestinian militants managed to fire two more rockets at Sderot on Monday, slightly wounding one man with shrapnel.

Israeli forces have carved out a five-mile buffer zone in northern Gaza in an attempt to get its towns out of rocket range.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said in a radio address Monday that the people of Gaza will never surrender, but he hinted the militants should halt the rocket fire.

"I call on the factions to put the Palestinian high interest above everything ... not to give the occupation any excuse against us," he said.

The operation has exacted a heavy price on the Palestinians, leaving a wide swath of destruction in the Jebaliya refugee camp and leaving dozens homeless.

Qureia, speaking before a meeting of the Palestinian Cabinet in the West Bank town of Ramallah, criticized the "massive destruction" and called for strong international pressure on Israel.

"This ugly Israeli crime is taking place in full view of the world, and so far, we have not heard a strong word from the world community that can bring an end to this aggression," he said.

The United States, European Union and a number of other European countries have urged restraint by Israel and raised concerns about civilian casualties.

France condemned the Israeli operation on Monday, while Egypt's foreign minister urged Israel to stop its "policy of assassination and destruction," the semi-official Middle East News Agency reported.

The U.N. Security Council also called an emergency meeting at the request of Arab nations to consider a resolution demanding an immediate halt to the offensive.

But much of the international reaction has been directed at the Palestinians as well, urging an end to rocket attacks and recognizing Israel's right to defend itself.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Adam Ereli said the United States was calling on both sides "to take every measure to avoid civilian casualties and we are urging the Israelis to minimize the humanitarian consequences of their actions. At the same time, we would reiterate Israel's right to defend itself."

Ruanan Gissin, a senior Israeli official, attributed the tepid international response to recognition of Israel's security needs. "The world has come to know Palestinian terror organizations for what they are," he said.

Analysts also cited world "fatigue" with the festering Israeli-Palestinian conflict, as well as the international focus on Iraq.

"All efforts are concentrated on Iraq," said Germano Dottori, a political analyst at the Center for Strategic Studies in Rome.

Mark Heller, an analyst at the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University, said that international outrage may be tempered by Israel's "serious determination" to pull out of Gaza next year.

The rocket attacks threaten to undermine support for Sharon's withdrawal plan, Israeli officials say. the offensive is aimed at clearing the way for the pullout to proceed on schedule next year.

In a separate development Monday, Israeli officials renewed accusations that the U.N. agency in charge of Palestinian refugees was harboring terrorists.

Israel has demanded that the U.N. investigate the actions of its top official in Gaza, Peter Hansen, after the Israeli army released video taken by an unmanned aircraft flying over the Gaza Strip that Israel said showed militants loading a rocket into a U.N. vehicle.

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UMPD still investigating the footage of early morning fight

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Dickinson Hospital in Northampton reported a student had been admitted with a stab wound. Police immediately secured the area in Southwest as a crime scene and recovered several unidentified items, one of which could have been an item used in the puncture wound stabbing.

UMPD has interviewed four witnesses so far and are searching for others who have been identified through the videotape. "We are ... in hopes of getting a more neutral representation," Archbald said. "There were a number of people traveling into the dorm during the altercation ... [who] we are still trying to track down."

"We are aware of the incident," said Director of Athletics John McCutcheon according to a UMass Athletics Department press release. "At this time we are waiting for the situation to run its course through the University system."

McCutcheon said that the student athletes involved in the incident have been willing to work with the University and officials.

Northampton Mayor says there is no excuse not to vote

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help you, you're for Kerry. If you think the government is evil, you're with Bush."

The third panelist to speak, Annalise Fonza, is a PhD candidate at UMass in the department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning. She is also a Legislative Aide for the House of Representatives and a former United Methodist Pastor. She currently teaches a class in the Afro-American Studies Department, called "Black Springfield Revisited."

She described voting as a "democratic and human right" and encouraged women to avoid "politics of victimization," including "I can't do this because I'm a woman, because I'm a lesbian, or because I'm black."

"Labels limit us," Fonza said. She finished her talk by urging all people to continue to fight for equality by remaining committed to the struggle.

Senior Journalism major and Women's Studies minor, Katy Noone, said, "I really believe in women having a voice both locally and nationally." She said that voting is a "revolutionary tool."

No one spoke on the findings of the research project she completed last spring semester. Her paper concluded that college-age women spend a lot of their time engaged in leisure activities (watching TV, chatting online, drinking alcohol) that do not further the feminist voice.

The last hour of the event consisted of a question and answer exchange. One audience member expressed her dissatisfaction with the difficulties in voting.

Mayor Higgins said that despite the fact that Election Day is on Tuesday, it is no excuse not to vote. She told the crowd that it is possible that between four to five new Supreme Court Justices may be nominated during the next Presidential term.

"You don't have to like the President," Higgins said. She asked the crowd to look at the totality of politics of each candidate.

Annalise Fonza encouraged the crowd to be wary of media coverage and their depiction of the candidates. "Search out truth yourselves," she said.

A teacher at Youthbuild told the crowd that many inner-city people don't vote because they don't understand the process or the issues. She asked how best to go about informing members of her program about the principal aspects of the election and the election process.

Fonza encouraged her to write a grant asking for the addition of an informative program. Representative Benjamin Swan of Springfield was in attendance and encouraged this woman to do the same.

Everywoman's Center Events Coordinator Sandy Mandel urged the crowd to respect their individual political leanings, despite often uncomfortable criticisms from family members.

"I thought it was very inspirational. I wish more women could hear this kind of stuff, not just privileged college students," said Stephanie Costa the public relations officer for the University Democrats.

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Televisions impractical in the dining commons

The University of Massachusetts as a whole has been trying to cope with the difficult situation that has been presented to everyone as a result of the recent budget cuts. Consequently, campus life has become a lot more complex for its students, requiring more money to be paid to the university and, despite advertisements' claims, a bumpier transition process into the semester.

In the Worcester Dining Commons, four brand-new, flat-screen televisions were installed so that students may be able to watch television and keep up to date with the news while they eat. While the intentions are noble, the logistics and practicalities of placing televisions, which could range anywhere from $2,000 to $5,000 apiece, were not thought through from all angles.

Since the budget cuts, there have been many changes that the student body has had to endure. First off, the physical education department was eradicated due to lack of funding about two years ago, and most recently, the journalism and communications departments were forced to merge last year for the same reason. In addition, there are many professors working for the university that should be receiving a higher salary, but are not because money is so tight. Furthermore, the university didn't have a working computer system where students could print out their class schedules for the first week of classes. Having four brand-new televisions that are highly expensive installed in the DC may not seem like the best use of the university's money to make the student body happy given the current financial situation.

Also, one must think of the location in which the televisions were mounted. On average, a student spends a very minimal portion of their day in the DC, when compared to the time spent attending class, doing work and chilling in their dorm room. The amount of time it takes, on average, for a student to get his or her food, sit and eat may total 30 minutes at most, especially when a lot of students are in a rush to eat so they can get to their classes on time. While the intention of offering students some entertainment and trying to keep them informed via CNN while they dine is certainly noble, it is not practical in the sense that the majority of what a student would be able to watch during his/her time at the DC would most likely consist of commercials.

One other aspect that was seemingly not taken into consideration was the volume of students in the DC compared to the actual level of sound emitting from the televisions. It is quite hard to actually try and listen to the programs being shown unless one is sitting right under them.

With the University of Massachusetts being in its current financial bind, the appropriate appointing of current funds is crucial to the future growth and prosperity of this university. And, of course, student life should come first in deciding where the money should be spent seeing as how they are the reason higher education exists at all. However, when tuition, fees and housing costs are raised in the middle of semesters, and students are incapable of having a working Internet connection in their dorms after they have already paid the fees for one, the priority in alleviating student life does not come with an expensive television during mealtime.

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Debate sizes up candidates

Dan McDonnell

Like almost everybody else in the United States of America, I spent last Thursday night watching the presidential debate. It was back and forth between good old John Kerry and George W. Bush. It was a good solid hour and a half of arguing over the War on Terrorism, among other issues. This was actually one of the first full debates I have ever watched.

I have never been a big fan of politics. It has just never been something that really caught my attention. Watching a debate to me is like standing in front of a dartboard while wearing a white t-shirt and a bull's eye painted on my chest. It's just not something I really want to do, ever. But my journalism teachers keep telling me that I need to be informed on the presidential race so I figured, what the hell, let's check it out.

So I sat and watched the entire debate, minus a food and bathroom break and a lot of spacing out because I just can't stay focused on politics for more than 10 minutes at a time without having an aneurysm. It's actually funny that I am even writing a column about politics because I swore to myself I wouldn't do it. I promised myself I would stay away from the political issues because in all truth, I am completely clueless about anything having to do with politics.

Basically, what I learned from 9:00 p.m. through 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004, is that George Bush supports the War on Terrorism and John Kerry does not. At least that is what I came to understand. It turns out that's not completely true; Kerry just doesn't support Bush's methods as it has been explained to me. I also observed Bush explaining that Kerry continues to change positions on every issue and Kerry just believes that Bush is an incompetent moron (again I might be wrong; like I said, I'm pretty clueless, so bear with me).

Now, if I were going to vote this year, I personally would lean towards G.W. He might not be the smartest man in the country, but at least he sticks to his guns. He believes that this war is necessary, and he will not go back on that thought. He might be wrong, but at least he is solid on where he stands.

Kerry, on the other hand, seems to change his mind every 37 seconds, just like G.W. said. (By the way, isn't G.W. a better name than George? I'd vote for him on the G.W. thing alone. Just say it out loud, G-Dubya. Classic.) Kerry does not seem to have an official stance on anything other than the fact that he thinks G.W. is a bad leader and an incompetent moron. One minute Kerry says he has a plan to fix everything in Iraq, the next minute he wants decaf with cream and Sweet'N Low. Then he wants a bagel, and finally he thinks the war was a mistake. And people think Bush is the one who's lost.

A Presidential candidate took the ball on the mound of Fenway Park, one of the most historical athletic complexes ever built. Kerry didn't even reach home plate. My respect left the building quicker than Pauly Shore left Hollywood's A-List in the mid-90s.

One of the other big factors in this election actually took place last month. John Kerry showed up at a Red Sox game, which, I will admit, made me like him a little bit more. But then he took the mound to throw out the ceremonial first pitch. A Presidential candidate took the ball on the mound of Fenway Park, one of the most historical athletic complexes ever built. Kerry didn't even reach home plate. My respect left the building quicker than Pauly Shore left Hollywood's A-List in the mid-90s.

Flashback to last year at the World Series, even though it took place in hell's backyard of Yankee Stadium, G.W. threw a perfect strike. Who would you rather have leading our country, the guy who threw it right down the middle or the guy who has a weaker arm than my grandmother? I'm going with the big Texan with the cannon and the pinpoint control.

I'm not saying I am a 100 percent definite G.W. supporter, but if I were voting, he'd be my guy. Maybe he isn't the best guy for the job, but he's definitely more consistent than Kerry, which is what we need. Plus, Kerry recently became one of the three guys in America I would love to just walk up to and punch, the others being Jorge Posada and whoever it is that came up with the idea for those Geico commercials. You know the ones I mean, the "well, I've got good news...I just saved a bunch of money on my car insurance." Those commercials have taken time off of my life that I'll never get back. Posada is self-explanatory, just look at the guy and you'll understand.

To sum up my Thursday night, I can only say this. I sat and watched two guys argue over the War on Terrorism and foreign policy and sacrificed the last hour of WWE Smackdown, and I am still not completely convinced as to who is definitively the better man for the job. The election is coming up in a little over a month. Am I going to vote? Yeah, I am going to vote, but probably not this year. I am waiting for 2008, when Jesse "The Body" Ventura runs for office.

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A convenient union


Yousef Munayyer

At the conventions for the American Israeli Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), you may not be surprised to learn that the convention floor will be packed with people waving Israeli flags. However, what may surprise you is that many of these people are "Christians." I leave that word in quotation marks because it is another religious title that has been hijacked and manipulated for political gain, however that is a topic for another column. The focus, rather, should be on the strangest of bedfellows, Zionism and Christian fundamentalism.

At first glance, they may seem to be as cooperative as ice cream and salsa, but the reality is they are very closely knit and use each other in many ways. In the short term, both groups support Israel in the strongest way. In the long term, however, they differ because of ideology.

Zionism's support for Israel is pretty clear, as are its intentions. It is the political movement that led to the establishment of the state at the expense of indigenous Palestinians. On the contrary, Right-wing "Christians," have a different plan in mind. Their widely held belief, which can be clearly understood through examining the literature and statements of their leaders, is that their support for Israel and their actions that influence the geo-political landscape of the holy land will echo into heaven and expedite the process of Armageddon. I kid you not.

Hal Lindsey, author of the best selling, "The Late Great Planet Earth," has said, "144,000 Jews would bow down before Jesus and be saved, but the rest of Jewry would perish in the mother of all holocausts." Does anyone agree with me that these people are out of their minds? I completely support religious freedom. Yet, there is a fine line between religion and fairy tale, and these people have fallen off the edge.

What is truly scary, though, is how many people actually believe this stuff. There is this idea of "rapture" in which hopeful "Christians" would be taken to hang with Jesus as the rest of humanity is in turmoil and suffering just before the end the world. These ideologies hold that several terrible events may happen before as a sign of warning, anything from an abnormal hurricane season, a volcano or your typical attack of locusts and rivers of blood. The ideology is clearly intended to create a situation of perpetual fear, scaring people into belief. Lindsay's book sold 20 million copies in the United States and 30 million worldwide.

A large group of people who believe in this "dispensationalist" group act blindly to support Israel. Ironically, central to the theory is that the second coming of Christ, or the rapture, will mean the end of the world. And to many, this can only happen if Jews are in possession of the "land given to them by God." In other words, these "Christians" are supporting Jews now only in order to abolish them.

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Zionists, on the other hand, don't seem to mind very much. This alliance, a temporary marriage of convenience, will give them all the political strength they need from a global superpower, in the short run, to secure their future as an oppressive, racist state.

Rabbi Jerome Epstein of the United Synagogue (a conservative Jewish organization) doesn't seem to mind the intentions of the Christian right. He says, "I'm going to take the support because Israel needs it. Their theology is in a different world. We can cope with it. If I convince them not to support Israel, are they going to give up on their attempt to convert Jews? No."

The "Christian" right plays a very large roll in American politics and has a stronghold in the White House. The president himself is born again, and his Attorney General hums "Rock of Ages" as he deports suspicious Muslims. The administration won on the bedrock of the southern United States, the cesspool of rotting Christian values, and even took Tennessee from Al Gore in 2000. This year, the President will once again rely heavily on those states for his re-election bid.

The Jerry Falwells and Pat Robertsons of this country are leading a flock blindly. If they could see past their lunacy, which I'm not even sure many of the leaders believe in, they would see how many of the policies of the Zionist state are war-like, aggressive and murderous. This is the mentality of those who would cast the first stone. On the other hand, what else can you expect when Revelations is their favorite book?

There is something dangerous about planning your future by using the end of the world as your starting point. America's "Christians" need to look at their stance on this issue and reexamine it. They cannot continue to operate in a state of constant paranoia. Every time I hear about a dead Palestinian child, of which there are thousands, I have to wonder what the hell is so "Christian" about supporting that. It's time for these people to wake up and smell the chutzpah, even if it takes being born for a third time.

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Modernization a good thing

Stacy Kasdin

Since midway through my freshman year at UMass, I've had this plan: when I got enough money, I was going to invest it in the redevelopment of Hampshire Mall. I was going to move in another department store or two, revamp the food court and put in some clothing stores to catch the high school and college audience's eye (like American Eagle, Abercrombie, Hot Topic, Express, etc.). I was also going to put on a second floor. Nearly four years later, I'm far lower on funds and substantially further away from putting my plan into action. Fortunately, though unfortunately, someone else had the same bright idea I did.

This tiny Route 9 mall, despite its basic lack of modern and popular stores, has done a great deal of business through their movie theater and food court for as long as I've been here, and most likely longer. College and high school students flock to the mall on weekends and evenings to eat, see movies, and play video games in the small arcade, but until recently there was little else to do besides those three things. Then about a year ago, K-Mart went out of business, and along came the mall's original savior: Target.

Wal-Mart's chic cousin attracted to the mall a new crowd who wanted something a little classier but still low-priced. It also gave the old crowd some place new to occupy their time. That's when someone had the brilliant idea that if Target could attract this many new patrons, then even more people would be attracted to a bunch of new stores, specifically those appealing to the youth of this college town. Thus, in came American Eagle and Pacific Sunwear. In addition to Deb, these two stores have given JC Penney's juniors department a run for its money, providing stylish name-brand clothes within the college student's budget.

It amazes me how a town can take on so many new, modern parts and still keep its same old charm, but I believe Amherst has done just that.

Right now, Hampshire Mall is a bit of a mess due to the construction of the three latest mall-rejuvenation-efforts: Dick's Sporting Goods, Hot Topic and Best Buy. Best Buy is replacing its lesser-known counterpart, Media Play (which went out of business last spring), and is sure to bring an even larger crowd to the mall when it opens. Dick's is replacing a sporting goods store I no longer remember the name of that closed a few years ago. Hot Topic is simply coming in because it will inevitably be a surefire hit with the young crowd in this area. Among the aforementioned stores, Bath and Body Works, Claire's, Electronics Boutique and Radio Shack, Hampshire Mall is shaping up to actually look like ... well, a mall.

In fact, it seems like since I've been here, that whole area of town has taken a turn for the better. Across from the mall, the shopping center that used to house Wal-Mart, Bread and Circus, Linens 'N Things, Marshalls and a few small local shops is now home to Old Navy, Michael's and Barnes and Noble. Even Amherst Center is welcoming new shops like Fatso Burger and Ben and Jerry's. It amazes me how a town can take on so many new, modern parts and still keep its same old charm, but I believe Amherst has done just that.

Many people seem to think that all this renovation is going to be bad for the local mom-and-pop stores in the area, but I think exactly the opposite. In addition to all these new shops and eateries, there are still plenty of little local businesses receiving a lot of support and achieving success. The local businesses here are so unique and appeal to their customers needs so well that I do not think they could go out of business. Many of them offer products that could never be found at a mainstream franchise, such as Food for Thought's unusual book selection and Antonio's specialty pizzas.

I feel that modernization has been a big step forward for the Amherst/Hadley area because now it offers the best of both worlds, which is great for the young and old alike.

I get a little jealous thinking about what projects are in store for this little section of the Pioneer Valley after I graduate and go off into the world, but here in the five-college area, there will certainly always be people around to enjoy them. I guess I'll just have to come back and visit often!

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A 'Revolution' in dance

Butoh performer visits Bowker Auditorium



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When the lights darkened, we were left for several still moments with nothing at all to watch, the only sounds were self-conscious rustles and nervous coughs. No one knew what this would really be like, but the theater was full and we expected something.

Where were we? At Japanese modern dancer Akira Kasai's solo performance titled Pollen Revolution last Friday night. Kasai is a practitioner of Butoh, a uniquely Japanese form of dance that involves a lot of improvisation and emphasizes emotions over technique. Kasai has been a Butoh dancer almost from its beginning in 1959, but he has always been a rogue element in it, stretching the boundaries and experimenting constantly. In the early 80's he studied eurhythmics, which he later used in his approach to Butoh. Starting in 2001 he began to take inspiration from hip-hop in his work.

In the theater Friday night, the feelings of nervousness and something like fear were palpable in the dark: no matter what we had read, no one knew what to expect. The audience was absolutely silent as the lights came up with agonizing slowness to reveal (blurry guess by blurry guess) Akira Kasai in the ornate kimono, white makeup, and elaborate hair of a geisha, his back to the audience. After a strange rising electronic noise that built in volume and pitch with the lights, the music became a traditional Japanese piece with samisen and voice. Kasai danced slowly and ornately, pausing regular in delicate poses. But at three intervals in this movement the electronic rushing noise intruded, breaking through and obliterating the formal music and causing Kasai's character to become bewildered and break out of the formal dance. It was these intervals that were particularly disturbing, as the geisha made grasping motions, pantomimed opening doors and running, grimacing and making faces as though screaming.

After a change on stage, Kasai emerged into the light dressed in black and dancing more freely to electronic music. When this second section started he danced in a thin beam of intense white light that fell across the stage as though a giant's door was open behind the audience. Soon the music became more rhythmic and the dancing more tortured, with Kasai twisting and jumping. He began to shout in "Japanese: takeover China … take over Japan … take over Jupiter, Neptune, Saturn! Take over human!" changing as he spoke into a white suit.

With this the third and shortest movement had begun. As hip-hop music blasted, Kasai twisted and shook and leapt in an absolute celebration of life. In retrospect it seems that it would be easy to dismiss or laugh at a Japanese dancer performing to hip-hop, but it was exciting and beautiful to watch. Kasai has mastered this fusion of hip-hop and Butoh.

"Hip-hop came from the bottom of the social pyramid. Butoh came from the underground of Japanese society. In hip-hop the movements come from a very deep, soulful source, but they are at the same time sculpted from the outside. It's not just making a beautiful form, but deforming it and breaking it down. That is also an essential element of Butoh," Kasai said. At the end of the song, snowflakes poured from the ceiling and Kasai swirled his hands in them, leaping and shaking his hands with joy and triumph.

After a standing ovation, he danced to Elvis' "Heartbreak Hotel" as an encore, throwing carnations exuberantly to the crowd. Positive energy filled the air.

While I went in expecting an interesting experience, I did not expect to truly enjoy myself and connect so emotionally to the piece. The improvised words and moves felt energetic and altogether wonderfully human, just like the struggle of humans through time that was carried out throughout the piece. I was impressed and delighted at the sheer power and energy that Kasai, at 60 years old, kept up throughout the 70-minute piece. Pollen Revolution was absolutely wonderful, in ways that only something as ambiguous and open to interpretation that a medium like dance can be. Some people cried in the theater that night because of the tortured struggle that Kasai acted out, but I left fascinated and uplifted.

Coyote Ugly girls continue wild ways despite labels of degradation



COURTESY TONYA JAMESON

Lisa Rackley takes a moment to cut loose and dance with friends at the College Street Saloon in Charlotte, N.C. in August 2004.

BY TONYA JAMESON
CHARLOTTE OBSERVER

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – I'm torn.

I'm standing in Coyote Ugly saloon on College Street in Charlotte. A woman lies on the bar with freshly poured tequila spilling from her belly button.

A man slurps the tequila from her navel while other guys cheer him on. Testosterone permeates the air.

The woman towels off her belly, stands and dances until another customer shells out $20 for a body shot.

The partyer inside me briefly considers buying one, but the aspiring feminist in me screams: DEGRADING!

Like female Olympians half-naked in FHM magazine, "Girls Gone Wild" videos and bare breasts at Mardi Gras (or anything with free beads), Coyote Ugly exemplifies the complex success of the women's rights movement today.

Whether we like it or not, the struggle to give women the right to vote, choose an abortion and to excel in corporate America has also given women the right to be knitters, stay-at-home moms and Coyotes. The line separating career aspirations and personal fulfillment is as blurry as the one between exploitation and expression.

Coyote Ugly, which has 14 establishments nationwide, is a money-making contradiction in girl power. The bar falls somewhere between Hooters and the Men's Club because it uses cute women in tight clothes to sell alcohol to horny men. Unlike the other establishments, Coyote Ugly is primarily owned and operated by women.

"It's all about the female empowerment," said co-owner Joanna Olsen.

Women pour the drinks, do choreographed dances atop the bar and allow body shots. They also grab men by the head to pour liquor down their throats, playfully spank patrons and routinely call guys punks or worse for being afraid to get smacked on the rump or take a shot.

"They're sexy, but they're in charge," Olsen said. "When they're on that bar, they're totally in charge."

Men love the abuse.

"It's crazy," said one guy. "It's like nothing I've ever seen before."

"No bar in town beats this," said another.

The true genius of Coyote Ugly, however, isn't in catering to men, it's the bar's treatment of the girlfriends and wives of male customers. Women get in free and the Coyotes entice them to express themselves: to play on the bar or to hang their bras from the barbed wire dangling above.

On opening night, Lisa Rackley climbed atop the bar with her friend Betsy White. The two are bar-dancing vets, having stomped on the wood at Bar Charlotte, which has a swing suspended from the ceiling.

"It's just fun to do," said White, a mortgage broker. "It's breaking out of the norm."

Tammy Casper shared her sentiments.

"I love to dance," said Casper, a financial planner. "Any chance I can get on a bar and dance in front of people is great."

She said she didn't mind having men leer at her.

"None of them are grabbing," she said. "They can look all they want."

A couple of weeks after I met Casper, White and Rackley, I met a Pennsylvania man who stopped by to get a T-shirt for his 17-year-old daughter. She loves the 2000 movie based on the original bar in New York. To his dismay, she wants to become a Coyote instead of a college student.

The Charlotte club gets five to 10 job inquiries a week and holds tryouts from 9 to 11 p.m. Wednesdays. More than 200 women auditioned in early August at the initial tryouts. The willingness of women to get buck-wild while men hoot at them isn't limited to working and partying at Coyote Ugly.

I heard similar comments from women, college students and professionals, who flash their breasts at Harley-Davidson bike week in Myrtle Beach and at the "Girls Gone Wild" party at Ibiza nightclub a few years ago. All cared more about having fun than whether they were degrading themselves.

Their attitude is why I'm torn. These women seem to be having a great time, and except for having some strange guy suck on my belly, working at Coyote Ugly looks fun.

However, I know the consistent objectification of women in music, television, magazines and movies sends the wrong message to kids. Entertainment tells these young eyes that part of being a woman means baring it all and shaking it fast for men. We see too many girls absorbing these messages in the way they dress and how they dance at grade school parties.

I want my young nieces to know being a woman means more than being a sexual object, but I'm standing in Coyote Ugly watching another man slurp vodka off a woman's belly knowing I'll be back again. But I won't be buying a body shot.

Keane, a ray of 'Sunshine'

BY MATT O'ROURKE
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Keane crossed the pond in full fashion with their soaring debut album, "Hopes and Fears." With vocalist Tom Chaplin at the helm, the piano-rock trio is certain to seize fans of pop and rock alike with their attractive melodies and intelligent lyrics.

Keane formed, not unlike many bands, when the now trio (their guitarist left in 2002) met in high school. Fierce Panda Records signed Keane, and this is where the band recorded their first single, "Everybody's Changing." The single has been praised by NME records as "indisputably mighty," and is also considered to be one of the most successful releases in Fierce Panda's history (including releases from bands such as Coldplay and Idlewind).

Keane
'Hope and Fears'
Interscope

"Hopes and Fears" has received many accolades, including Album of the Year from Q Magazine, and a Shortlist Music Prize nomination.

The album title "Hopes and Fears" is a fitting name for the album, as Keane reflects on the highs and lows of one's emotions. The album kicks off with "Somewhere Only We Know," a ballad that describes a place where Chaplin and a significant other used to go, a place they could call their own. The piano-drums arrangement is complemented by Chaplin's powerful vocal backup in a melody that is sure to stick in your mind all day.

Unlike the U.K. version of the album, the second track on the U.S. version is "This is the Last Time." This is yet another tune about love, but it also embraces the attempt to forgive someone for lying and offering someone one last chance. The driving rhythm in Richard Hughes' drumming pushes the efforts of Tim Rice-Oxley's heavy piano chords on one hand and light melody on the other. One cannot help but make the comparison of Chaplin's voice to that of Fran Healey of Travis, mixed with a dash of Freddie Mercury of Queen.

"Bend and Break" pushes the album forward with a style similar to that of Coldplay's "Clocks," while providing a slightly more powerful falsetto than Chris Martin's. The tempo slows with "We Might As Well Be Strangers," but the momentum does not falter as the song builds and eventually dissolves into "Everybody's Changing." This track is backed by slight electronic sounds, which only amplify Oxley's melody and Hughes' constant beat.

Beginning with a light falsetto and precise heartbeat-like drum pulse, "She Has No Time" builds brilliantly into a bittersweet ballad. The lyrics are simple, yet deep. At one point, Chaplin sings, "Think about the lonely people/Then think about the day she found you/Or lie to yourself/And see it all dissolve around you." This is simple, yet good advice.

"Sunshine" rings with beautiful vocal effects, granting the listener a somewhat visual mental picture of the sun at different times of day. The song of course, has little to do with the sun, but rather the music adds to the lyrical image of struggling with love.

"Untitled 1" makes use of a beatbox and Flaming Lips-style electronic effects to add to Chaplin's vocals.

"Bedshaped" provides a light-air melody, which builds with Chaplin's singing, "You'll follow me back/With the sun in your eyes/And on your own/Bedshaped/And legs of stone." There is also a unique guitar-style backup on Oxley's keyboards, which you must hear yourself to appreciate. It is a great finish to the album, which only leaves the listener wondering what Keane will craft next.

To say that Keane is a cheap rip-off of Travis and Coldplay is foolish. Keane takes piano/keyboard rock groups to a new level for which Coldplay was merely setting the foundation. Fans of Travis and Coldplay will most likely love Keane, but those who appreciate piano-rock groups and well-written lyrics should also take the time to give this album a serious listen. There's something for everyone on this album, and pop-rock enthusiasts should immediately add this to their collection.



COURTESY PETERS OPT

Despite many comparisions to fellow Interscope artist Coldplay and Travis, Keane has experienced much success with their new release 'Hopes and Fears.'

Eve's night out in New York



Original Sin
Eve

New York City is probably the only place I can visit and feel justified being single. It is a place for adventures, for surprises, and above all, a place to meet new people. I choose to go alone, and somehow I never end up feeling lonely.

I arrived late in the afternoon, which was just enough time to enjoy a long awaited coffee in Central park. I parked my car uptown and walked forty blocks toward my destination. I circled the park until I found the perfect bench and sat down without a care in the world. I was content. I had absolutely no idea where I was to sleep that night, and the only two people I knew in the city were away. That is probably the most exciting feeling, the feeling when you know that anything could happen.

I noticed how late it was getting, so I bit my lip and dialed 411. "Hi, could I have the number for a two-star hotel in the city?" I love living on the edge. Any more stars would make me feel like I was on a business trip. After calling six different hotels, I started to worry. Everything was booked. I looked up and noticed someone walking toward my bench. He was very cute and seemed normal compared to the other people in the park. He sat down next to me and began reading his book. I looked over at him and smiled sweetly. "Excuse me? You wouldn't happen to know of any cheap hotels in this area? I'm not from around here, and I need a place to stay … " He closed his book and thought for a moment. "Um … well … there's a … um … place I know down the street … um … my brother works there. Call this number." He wrote down a number and handed it to me. He was shaking. He opened his book and continued reading. I had never met such a shy person. Especially in this city. "Hey, what's your name?" I asked. He looked up and seemed happy. I took initiative. "I'm Samson. What's yours?" I was so pleased to hear that. I was actually conversing with a shy Jewish guy who reads books. This was deliantly something to write home about.

That is how our friendship began. We spoke for a full hour about everything, and found that we were very similar. He is pre-med. I am pre-vet. He speaks Hebrew. I speak Hebrew. He has six brothers and sisters. I don't? I paused for a minute and felt confused, but he kept talking, so I decided not to question. After a while I noticed I was near starving and invited him to join me for dinner. He agreed and we made our way downtown.

"Um … I am Kosher. I hope you don't mind. I can't really eat anywhere non-Kosher." He looked at me nervously. I accidentally flashed him the "are-you-serious-that-is-so-annoyingly-ridiculous" face while rolling my eyes. I just can't understand this side of my culture.

"Ok, whatever," I said. "I'm hungry and if you know a place feel free to lead us there." He smiled and I followed. Seventy-five blocks later, we arrived. It was one of the most run-down, dirty restaurants I had ever seen. I held my breath and sat down on a rickety chair, situated in front of a very sticky table. He felt right at home. I looked around and noticed that every single person in the restaurant was Orthodox, and every one of them was covered head to toe in this ninety-degree weather. I was wearing close to nothing. After I ordered something I had never heard of, I realized what was happening.

"You are Orthodox? Why didn't you tell me?" He blushed and answered, "Because I didn't think you would even talk to me." He looked down, completely embarrassed. All I wondered was why he would want to talk to me. I am every religious person's worst nightmare, and that is exactly what I said to him. He stared at me for a moment then answered, "You are refreshing. It's nice to meet someone so free of rules and religious authority. Thank you." I was flattered.

After dinner and breaking the ice with our mutual acceptance, I had a brilliant idea. "Hey, how about letting me show you what it's like to live my life?" I smiled devilishly. "Okay, where to?" And we were off. Off to a better place with lots of new people to meet, and many drinks to be had. To this day, he will gladly admit he had a hell of a good time.

'Ladder 49' gives truth to the heroics of firefighters

BY TAMMI MUNN
COLLEGIAN STAFF

"How is it that firefighters run into a burning building while everyone else is running out?" This is the tantalizing line that John Travolta utters in "Ladder 49," a line that alludes to the great courage of firefighters.

'Ladder 49'
Directed by Jay Russell
Starring John Travolta, Joaquin Phoenix
Touchstone
Rated PG-13
115 mins.
Grade B-

Jack Morrison (Joaquin Phoenix), a member of the Baltimore City Fire Department, finds himself trapped in the depths of a blazing inferno one night after having successfully rescued a victim trapped 12 floors up. It is his job to rescue the fire victims and return back to safety with both them and himself. As he lies waiting to be rescued himself, he reflects on his journey through life, his days as a rookie, the transformation that he went through to become a seasoned firefighter, his marriage and the experience of fatherhood.

The acting is quite spectacular in this film. There couldn't have been a better casting than Phoenix in the lead role and Travolta as his mentor, friend and captain of the firehouse. The pace, however, lacked a steadiness that would have allowed the viewer to form a bond with the other characters. It was obvious that the most important subjects in "Ladder 49" were the firemen themselves, the jobs they have to do and their bonds with each other.

The love story between Jack and his wife Linda (Jacinda Barrett) seems poorly developed, but then it technically should seem that way if the flashbacks are of the important moments of Jack's life. The conversation that Jack and Linda have on their first date is very slow with silent moments of awkwardness. The flashbacks go forward after this, advancing with ever widening gaps in years until as much as ten years goes by in between flashbacks, it may have been better to slow the story down at this point. The story seems to fly from first date to the couple having nine and ten-year-old kids in such a short span of time, that it is a bit disorienting.

First impressions of this film led the viewer to believe that it was nothing spectacular, but on second thought, it truly was an amazing film. It is interesting to consider what a person who hasn't had the pleasure of hands on firehouse antics would think of this film; surely they would learn a great deal about the everyday firefighter.

One major flawed procedure that will jump out at any firefighter who watches the film is the fact that the character Jack finds himself wrapped in difficult situations twice. Requiring his comrades to save him both times. His only excuse for getting into these problems is because he is expected to save the fire victims all by himself. Any firefighter would know that real-ristically this does not happen. A single person is not capable of saving another human being in a flaming building without some form of back-up.

Other than that, "Ladder 49" made a truly accurate account of a firefighter's daily life, though some people may think there are many clichés. The film depicts the tricky [illegible] pride of [illegible] parade, the [illegible] scene and the [illegible] on the job. These [illegible] are [illegible] and the [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Payton shows up to Celts camp on time, ready to be a leader

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

WALTHAM (AP) – Gary Payton is running the show again after playing a supporting role in the Shaq and Kobe drama.

Any doubts that family concerns would keep the aggressive point guard from reporting to the Celtics vanished Monday when he showed up at training camp to prepare to lead Boston's new up-tempo game and teach his young teammates how to lead the offense.

"I know I'm going to have to take a couple of them under my wing to try to make them better basketball players," Payton said. "Hopefully, they can catch on really quick and we can get wins."

That's a change from his one season with the Los Angeles Lakers, where the offense revolved around Shaquille O'Neal (now with Miami) and Kobe Bryant, two stars with an uneasy relationship. So even when Payton did bring the ball up and pass it, he didn't get it back as much as he would have liked.

"Last year it was tough for him to get tired because of the way they were playing. He was standing in the corner by himself without the ball a lot," said Celtics coach Doc Rivers, who noted the Lakers got away from Payton pushing the ball up court as the season progressed. "Gary's a guy that likes to run the show and that's why we brought him in here."

Despite Payton's frustration with the Lakers' playing style, he exercised a $5.4 million option with them for the coming season and wasn't ecstatic about leaving the West Coast, in part because his daughter is a high school student there.

"There's always a lot of uncertainty when it's flipped on you like that," the 36-year-old Payton said. "I had a lot of family issues that I had to deal with, a lot of things that I had to work out first, and I don't know where everybody got that from because nobody heard me say that I wasn't coming."

Rivers said he always expected Payton to report, but Danny Ainge, Boston's executive director of basketball operations, said he had some doubts. Ainge said he talked to Payton on Sunday for the first time since the trade was made on Aug. 6.

"I've known Gary for a long time and I know that it would be a difficult decision for him," Ainge said. "So, yeah, there were some anxious moments."

But now Ainge has the "instigator" he thinks the team needs – a physical player who drives to the basket and plays scrappy defense. Payton also provides a third scoring option to go with Paul Pierce and Ricky Davis. Payton expressed no misgivings about joining a team that has won just three playoff series in the last 12 seasons and was swept by Indiana in the first round last season.

"This is a basketball type of city," he said at a news conference with the team's 16 championship banners hanging from the ceiling of its practice gym. From Tuesday through Sunday, the Celtics will hold training camp at the University of Vermont in Burlington.

Ainge, a pesky guard on Boston's championship teams in 1984 and 1986, thinks Payton will bring his own feistiness.

"We talk a lot about toughness. We talk a lot about instigators and Gary fits that criteria," Ainge said. "He's been there before. He knows how to win and I think he can be a good influence on our team."

Marcus Banks, who was in the original workings of the trade that brought Payton and Rick Fox to the Celtics, had a tough rookie season after being drafted in the first round last year. Banks isn't likely to play as much now that Payton is in Boston, but thinks Payton can help him learn how to run a team.

"I'm a team player and whatever it takes for us to win a game, I'm all for it, no matter if I play or not," Banks said.

Payton was in the All-Star game in nine of his 14 seasons and has career averages of 18 points, 7.2 assists and 36.8 minutes per game. But last season, he averaged 14.6 points, 5.5 assists and 34.5 minutes. All were the lowest in the past 11 seasons.

He said he wasn't accustomed to the Lakers' offensive system after playing 12 full seasons in Seattle and 52 games there in his 13th before finishing the 2002-03 season with Milwaukee. He played in all of the Lakers' 82 games last season.

"I didn't get the chance to play the type of basketball I wanted to play," he said. "Now that's over with. I feel comfortable coming here. I know it's going to be different so it'll be back to my days when I (had) free reins to do the things that I can do."

Worcester native Leary puts on a great show at Fleetcenter

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themselves several miles away from the fire where the chief can still communicate with his firefighters in the air and on the ground.

"A mobile command center is like a Winnebago that is built like a tank," Leary said. "That's how big these things are. If they ever have another experience like 9/11, they don't have to be in the building."

Both vehicles were tested out at each of the city's respective national conventions.

Leary's work doesn't go unnoticed, especially by the players.

"You read about all of the things that Denis has done for the firefighters in Worcester," Young said. "I'm from Worcester so it's great that I'm allowed to play in something like this and help out.

"He's done so much, and you can see what he's doing with his show ["Rescue Me"], and it's bringing a lot of awareness to the firefighters in New York. It's just a good thing."

"I haven't had the chance to do this," Sweeney said. "But, given the state of the game right now (with the NHL lockout), myself, Scott Young, Brendan Shannahan and Tom Poti are people who live in the New England area, especially in the off season, it's an opportunity to give back to the community. It's such a worth cause, and Denis goes an awful long way in trying to help out that cause."

Clarke jokingly made sure the donations kept on rolling in.

"I just sold my tie for $500 to some guy in the hall," Clarke said. "I donated the money to the foundation. I'll just pat myself on the back."

Although Leary's foundation was started primarily to help the Worcester Fire Department, it has since gained much support and gone national.

"(Leary) raises money all over the country now – New York, Colorado – this is bigger than just Boston," Clarke said.

Patriots are looking to win 19th straight, set new NFL record

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press

FOXBORO (AP) – The Patriots have found a streak they think less of than their own: It's the four-game losing streak Miami will bring to New England next week.

"We don't look at anybody's record," safety Rodney Harrison said. "Any day they could turn it around. Hopefully, it's not Sunday."

The Patriots have won 18 consecutive games – matching the longest winning streak in NFL history – but it's not something the team likes to talk about. Coach Bill Belichick has steadfastly refused to even acknowledge that the team has a good thing going, reminding reporters – and his team – that last year doesn't matter and this one won't either if they worry about their winning streak.

"We've won three games," he said after the Patriots beat Buffalo 31-17 on Sunday. "That's it." But that's not it.

The Patriots have not lost in more than a year, finishing last season with 15 consecutive victories and a Super Bowl title and then picking up right where they left off in their first three games this year. If they beat Miami on Sunday, the Patriots will separate themselves from five others who have won 18 straight – including the Dolphins that went 17-0 in 1972 and won their first game the next season.

The 1997-98 Broncos, 1989-90 49ers, and the 1933-34 and 1941-42 Bears also won 18 in a row, as did the Cleveland Browns in 1947-48 in the All-America Football Conference.

The NFL schedule-makers sent Miami to New England for the potential record-breaker. The '72 Dolphins are protective of their perfect season – popping champagne each year whenever the last unbeaten team picks up a loss – so Miami figured to bring a certain pride into the game.

But that was before Ricky Williams left and the Dolphins scrambled to replace him. Miami coach Dave Wannstedt has also shuffled quarterbacks trying to spark an offense that has scored two touchdowns while committing 14 turnovers.

Now, the Dolphins look like pushovers.

Just don't try telling that to the Patriots.

"They are tough, and they have always been tough. ... They are competitive in every game," Belichick said. "I'm sure they feel like if they could eliminate those turnovers they would probably have two or three, maybe four wins here. I'm sure they are working on that. And we had better be able to do a better job at the things we didn't do a good job of (against Buffalo), or we're not going to be too happy with the outcome."

Of course, Belichick has said similar things about most of the last 18 games New England has won – some easily, and some not. While he denies the existence of the streak, others just question its importance.

"I don't think you're going to be talking about this 20 years from now like you hear about the '72 Dolphins," cornerback Ty Law said. "That can't be taken away from those guys. They were the first ones. All you can do is match it.

"You're talking about the '72 Dolphins. This doesn't mean a thing compared to that."



Patriots receiver Deion Branch is tackled by Colts safety Mike Doss. Indianapolis was New England's first victim of the 2004 season and number 16 overall. The Pats go for a record 19th straight win Sunday.

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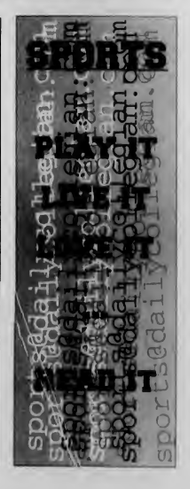
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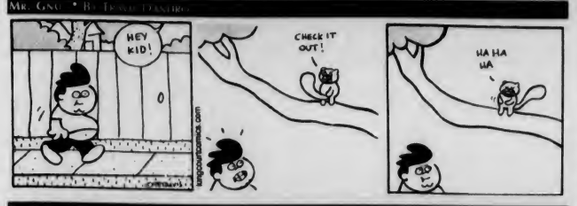
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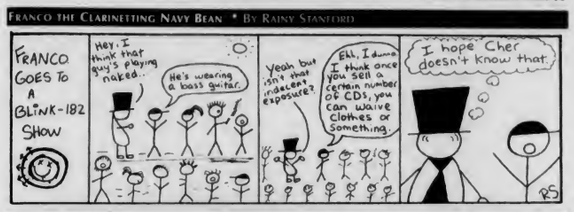
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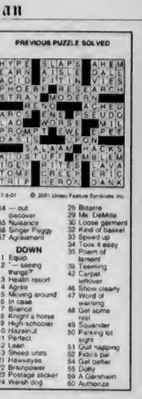
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-Oprah Winfrey

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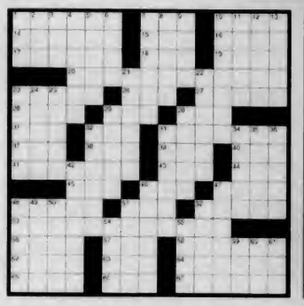
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SPORTS TUESDAY

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Celebrity Hat Trick nets a winner

Hockey game raises money for firefighters

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

BOSTON — As the nation grieved with the Worcester Fire Department and the families who tragically lost their loved ones in the fire and wreckage of the Cold Storage Warehouse in December of 1999, many were looking for answers while others were looking to find hope.

Everything started when two homeless people lit a candle, but it all ended with six firefighters losing their lives. Actor and comedian Denis Leary, who lost his cousin and one of his childhood friends in the blaze, felt the urgency to set up a relief fund.

On Sunday, Leary hosted his fifth annual Celebrity Hat Trick at the FleetCenter, and all of the proceeds from the event will go straight to fire departments across the country.

"We usually raised about $400-500 thousand for the event, which is fantastic," Leary said after the game.

The FleetCenter filled up quite nicely for the main event, which featured actors and hockey legends, past and present. Featured were former Boston Bruins Bobby Orr, Ray Bourque, Cam Neely, Terry O'Reilly, Wayne Cashman, Don Sweeney and Lyndon Byers.

Hollywood stars such as Michael J. Fox, Kiefer Sutherland of "24," Lenny Clarke of "Rescue Me," Steven Tyler of Aerosmith, Chad Smith of the Red Hot Chili Peppers, director Bobby Farrelly and of course, Denis Leary.

Heading into the game, the players were excited but were also cautious of Leary's competitive nature.

"I'm just thrilled to be a part of it," Neely said. "On a scale of one to 10 on how competitive we are, Denis is a 10 and we're all a two."

"It could be interesting to see some of the actors and some of the firefighters [skate]," current Dallas Stars right-winger Scott Young said. "I think it's going to be a lot of fun. I think it's going to be a great day."

"Denis plays an awful lot of hockey so he can find his way around here," Sweeney, who currently plays with Dallas, said. "And the guys [whose numbers] are hanging up here in the rafters like Cam [Neely] don't ever lose that touch. There is a good collection of hockey players here and obviously, it's for a great cause."

When the game had finished, the MasterCard All-Stars [MC] defeated the EMC All-Stars 17-16 in an offensive affair.

At the end of the first half, hockey Hall of Famer, Pat LaFontaine of EMC, was awarded a penalty shot. LaFontaine skated toward the net as the MC All-Stars threw their sticks at him, but he was able to skate through them to score and cut the lead to 10-8 while making the crowd erupt at the same time.

With 19 minutes remaining in the second period, new EMC goalie Chad Smith had given up four straight soft goals, and coach Lenny Clarke traded him to MC for goalie Mike Dunham. Smith went on to make an array of acrobatic saves, including a highlight reel stop when Ray Bourque set Neely up for a one-timer in front of the net.

"If [Smith] had made two of those saves for our team, we would have never traded him," said Clarke. "It was a scam. I think he just wanted to be near [MC coach Bobby Orr]."

With 22.9 seconds left in the game and EMC having eight skaters on the ice, Michael J. Fox, a huge fan favorite, scored his second goal of the game to cut the lead to 17-16.

"I knew that no matter what I did today, no matter how I tried to cheat or sneak or do anything wrong against the rules, I was going to lose to you," Clarke said after the game to Orr. "Get off my back. You just happen to be the greatest hockey player who ever lived."

"This year was easy," Orr responded. "It really was. We were very confident right from the beginning. We had a plan."

Leary puts part of the blame on fellow "Rescue Me" star and assistant coach Gina Gershon for the loss.

"She brought the whip and got the guys in line in the first half," Leary said. "Then she had to leave, and the guys fell apart on the bench. No whip, no discipline."

The players and the fans alike had a great time during the game, but the real reason for the event was to support the fire departments.

"We don't really think about the money," Leary said. "We think about things. We buy trucks and training equipment. We bought two trucks this year, one for the Boston Fire Department and one for the New York Fire Department.

"On 9/11, one of the reasons [the FDNY] lost so much of their manpower is because, when you fight fires in a skyscraper, your command station is in the lobby, and most senior members of the FDNY were in the two lobbies of the World Trade Center," Leary said.

The two trucks donated by Leary's foundation are mobile command centers, which are used out west to fight wildfires. They are able to station

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Dennis Leary and FDNY commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta pose together on July 19.

Red Sox open Division Series with new ace on the mound

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Curt Schilling is a three-time All-Star, a World Series co-MVP and a top-2 contender for AL Cy Young Award this year. And he's finally the ace of his own pitching staff again.

Although he deferred to Pedro Martinez after coming to Boston, Schilling has claimed the top spot in the Red Sox rotation and earned the chance to pitch Tuesday's playoff opener against Jarrod Washburn (11-8) and the Anaheim Angels. While Martinez struggled in September, Schilling (21-6) cemented his position as the Boston ace by winning his last eight decisions.

"He was the No. 1 pitcher from the get-go. He deserves to be the No. 1 starter," Martinez said after his regular season finale when he lost his fourth consecutive start. "I actually should pitch like fifth, or maybe not even pitch in the playoffs if I continue to pitch the way I have."

That's not likely because even a slumping Martinez was good enough to finish second in the AL in strikeouts, ninth in ERA and 10th in wins. But in the final month, Martinez went 2-4 with a 4.95 ERA, while Schilling went 10-2 after the All-Star break and 4-0 with a 2.61 ERA in September.

For the Red Sox, though, it's never that easy.

The team was slow to acknowledge that Schilling had surpassed Martinez, in part because during the season it doesn't really matter who is considered to be the ace. But it can't be avoided once the playoffs start.

The No. 1 guy in a live-game, one off-day series can come back on normal rest and pitch Game 5, if necessary – or Game 4 on three-day's rest if desperate. The team also wants its ace on the mound for the opener to avoid falling into an early hole, though it's not as if choosing Martinez would be a surrender.

But Boston management put off the announcement as long as possible because it couldn't predict how Martinez would react.

The highest-paid pitcher in the game, one beloved in Boston, Martinez has occasionally instead taken the occasional heckler to heart. He long resented the Los Angeles Dodgers for trading him away as a wild, young pitcher, and his contract negotiations in Boston grew contentious when the team was unable to re-sign him to a long-term deal over the off season.



PAUL J. BERSWELL/SUNDAY

For the first time since joining the Red Sox, Pedro Martinez will not be the team's ace. Schilling takes the mound against Anaheim today.

Having once picked up his option 11 months early just to keep him happy, the Red Sox have walked gingerly around the future free agent for fear of damaging their chances to re-sign him this winter.

"We have to be respectful of everybody in Pedro's case. He deserves it," manager Terry Francona said. "He's a very prideful guy, and that's part of the reason he's so good.

"He was about as professional as you can be," Francona said after delivering the news. "He's going to get the ball in game two. I'm really OK with that."

Schilling was used to playing second banana. Despite some stellar seasons, he was Randy Johnson's No. 2 for three-plus years on the Arizona Diamondbacks. During that time, the two shared the Series MVP and Johnson won the last three of his four consecutive NL Cy Youngs; Schilling finished second to his teammate twice (2001-02).

He was also fourth in NL Cy Young voting in 1997 with the Phillies. A young Montreal Expos right-hander named Pedro Martinez won the award that year.

So when Schilling came to Boston over Thanksgiving, he begged off any campaign against the incumbent.

"How many Cy Youngs has he got, three or four? At last count, that's three more than I've got. He is the No. 1 on that stall," Schilling said. "I didn't have a problem pitching behind Randy Johnson in Arizona, and I'm going to be equally comfortable pitching behind Pedro Martinez."

Now he'll find out how comfortable he is pitching in front of Martinez.

UMass is slumping

By Matt Barstow
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts men's soccer team (3-5-3, 0-0-2 Atlantic 10) seems to be stuck in a slump.

The defense is doing its job, grinding out 90-minutes with the opposition and keeping the score close. The Minutemen have allowed only two goals in the last three contests but failed to pick up a win, tying 1-1 twice this past weekend at Saint Joseph's and Temple. The loss came on the road, 1-0 at Boston University on Sept. 28.

Ironically, the heart of the problem lies in the very philosophy that has helped keep UMass competitive for the last five years.

With a young team comprised of 17 underclassman and two seniors, UMass plays an extremely defensive-minded game, designed to slow down opposing offenses and create a relatively low number of quality scoring opportunities.

By trapping teams in their defensive zone, the Minutemen have enjoyed successful seasons, banking on the fact that forced turnovers create immediate scoring chances.

The problem with this year's team is that only two players seem to use the pressing style of UMass' defense to their advantage.

Luckily for the Maroon and White, offensive midfielder Robby Charest and senior forward Oral Bullen have utilized the wide area of open space created by a team unwilling to compromise its defensive position by streaking non-forwards up field.

Bullen and Charest, two of the smaller and faster players, have been able to chase down clearing passes and convert them into scoring chances.

This was exemplified in UMass' 4-2 victory over Siena on Sept. 17. Midway through the second half, goalie Colin Burns booted a goal kick across midfield where Matty LeMire headed it into the offensive zone. Bullen gave chase and beat the Siena defense to the ball, setting up a one-on-one opportunity with the goalie.

By out running the defense, Bullen and Charest have a combined 14 points on five goals and two assists apiece — compared to the rest of the team, which has managed to accumulate only 20 points over the first 11 games.

The end result of the unbalanced scoring has been seen over the last few games, when opposing teams began blanketing Charest and Bullen with one and sometimes two defenders.

If the Minutemen are going to make a run for the conference title, they must find alternative ways to score. LeMire, with two goals, is the only player other than Bullen and Charest to have more than one goal. He has utilized his strong leg to record a pair of scores that came off shots from beyond the box.

LeMire created scoring chances from far enough out that he didn't compromise his defensive responsibility as a midfielder; yet still put pressure on the other team. This adjustment was a necessary movement away from the two-pronged attack of Bullen and Charest.

The major concern about UMass' defense is that it requires a large amount of physical contact. While effective, the Minutemen are often called for penalties. On Sunday, UMass received four yellow cards and on Sept. 19 lost starting defender Tim Kitchell for most of the Harvard game and the entire New Hampshire game, after the junior was red-carded for cleating a downed player.

When calls have gone their way, the Maroon and White have been unable to capitalize. Sunday, Chad Baker of Temple was handed a red card for unsportsmanlike conduct. The infraction put the Minutemen at a decisive advantage by forcing the Owls to play man down for the final 16 minutes of overtime. Despite the extra attacker, UMass did not record a single shot in 20 minutes of OT and only mustered one quality scoring opportunity that came when Richie Higa sailed a shot over the crossbar.

The Minutemen will look to get their offense cranking on Friday, when they travel to face A-10 rival Richmond. UMass coach Sam Koch will search for his 150th win from behind the Massachusetts bench.



MATTHEW BRIDGE/COLLEGIAN

UMass freshman defender Kenny Cook plays the ball. The Minutemen have been struggling to build consistancy this season.



'First Daughter' premiers, but fizzles.

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Minutemen rely on scoring duo to spark offense

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Graduate of UMass Amherst now United States Ambassador to Yemen

By Matt Hoffman
Collegian Correspondent

This past June, the U.S. State Department appointed Thomas Krajeski, a graduate of the University of Massachusetts Amherst, to the position of United States Ambassador to Yemen.

With such an influential appointment, high-ranking State Department officials can now be counted among the diverse alumni of UMass Amherst. Krajeski joins the likes of UMass's other prominent alumni, including Bill Cosby and Ken Feinberg, Special Master of the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund.

Krajeski, a 1975 graduate, studied Russian and German while at UMass. Born in Groveland, Mass., he attended UMass Amherst and owned a home with his wife and daughter in North Hadley. Despite the ambassador's New England roots, the former minuteman likes to point out that "it's an international world."



STEPHEN MORTON/AP

Krajeski bids farewell to Khalaf Al Habtoor as he takes a new post as deputy Director in the Office of Northern Gulf Affairs.

At the time that Krajeski was studying at UMass in 1968, the Vietnam War was raging. He reflects, "Were we fighting for freedom and democracy against the evil of communism, as some believed, or was it an imperialistic war of oppression against a poor third-world country, as others thought?"

Similar thoughts may ring familiar with students today as American public opinion is divided with regards to current American involvement in Iraq.

Krajeski's studies at UMass were divided into two periods of time. In 1970, after a year-and-a-half on campus, he was drafted into the armed forces. After refusing to serve on the grounds of being a conscientious objector, he was sentenced to two years of community service at several hospitals in Boston.

Krajeski finally returned to the University in August of 1972 and graduated in 1975. From the discussions that continued unabated on campus during that tumultuous time period, Krajeski says that he "learned to question, criticize, and analyze foreign affairs."

"How can students take advantage of the opportunities available to them while at college?" Krajeski asked. "Learn a language or two. Travel, travel, travel. Get involved in an international voluntary organization."



COURTESY IMAGE

Thomas C. Krajeski

When considering a major, the ambassador said that many students are at a loss as to what area will propel them furthest in the direction towards their desired success. How can learning a language help? The ambassador said that he is "constantly amazed at the lack of foreign language abilities among Americans. If you are at all interested in working for a major international company, or a law firm, or one of the hundreds of international, non-governmental organizations," the knowledge of a foreign language is "essential."

As for studying abroad in Yemen, Krajeski said, "Anybody who wants to study the Arabic language should consider Yemen a fascinating Arab country." He

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Police continuing investigation on possible stabbing

By Erika Lovley
Collegian Staff

University of Massachusetts Police are still investigating a fight that took place early Friday morning involving three Massachusetts football players including starting defensive back Robert J. Cobbs, who received a quarter-inch deep puncture wound to the neck during the fight.

Police have not released the identities of the other five men involved in the fight, but are looking to file charges by today or tomorrow. UMPD has not said if Cobbs' injury was implicated from a person.

"We are narrowing down the necessary interviews," said UMPD Deputy Police Chief Patrick Archibald. "We want to progress as much as anyone."

Cobbs started in the away game at Boston College on Saturday, and led the team with 12 tackles, despite his injury.

According to Associate Athletic Director Jason Yellin, the athletic department and coach Don Brown were aware of Cobbs' injury before game time. Cobbs is still practicing and playing with the team.

When asked by the Massachusetts Daily Collegian if the athletic department will take disciplinary action against Cobbs or the other two unidentified players if criminal charges are filed, Yellin said he had no comment at this point.

"At this point in time we are waiting for a review by the University," he said.

Archibald says the Dean of Students Office is aware of the investigation and that the District Attorney's office is helping to determine whether or not civil rights were violated during the fight, in which three of the men were Caucasian and three were African American. Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life, Michael Gargano, could not be reached for comment.

According to the Massachusetts District Attorney's office, the DA is aware of the investigation, but is refusing comment until official charges have been filed by police.

The UMass Athletic Department's Student-Athlete Misconduct Policy states that all student athletes are subject to prosecution and disciplinary action for any violation of state, local, and federal law as well as punishment by the University and Athletic Department for violation of University policy.

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Students to 'rally against racism' today on Student Union steps

By Brian Duffy
Collegian Staff

A rally will be held today on the University of Massachusetts campus at noon to inform students about "a culture of racism", according to Student Government Association President Eduardo Bustamante.

The event will begin on the steps of the Student Union and conclude outside of Whitmore Administration Building, with s speakers at each location.

Cassandra Engeman, a graduate student in the Labor Studies Department and a member of the Graduate Student Union, feels the march from the Student Union to Whitmore will symbolize a much-needed improvement in relations between the administration and the student body.

The rally is being organized by members of the campus community and ALANA who have met at the Malcolm X Center for the past two Sundays.

Susan Allen, sophomore communications major and intern at the office of ALANA Affairs, described the first meeting as "emotionally charged." At the second meeting she said, "we decided what action we wanted to take as a community." Allen hopes the rally will provide students with awareness of the issues and "bring the campus as a whole on the same page."

Graduate Assistant for Leadership Development at ALANA Affairs, Gladys Franco, said that her office has not received an apology from Patrick Higgins, Brian Roberts, or any of the other individuals involved with the photos that were taken by SGA members who illegally drank alcohol and drew Ku Klux Klan pictures in the SGA office.

"These people have been attacking the ALANA Caucus and the office of ALANA affairs for over a year," Franco said.

"We've been dealing with blatant and institutional racism on this campus for years. We can't let leaders of the SGA pose next to pictures of the Ku Klux Klan and think it's funny. It's not blown out of proportion," Franco said.

Gladys said she has been told that the light involving football player Robert J. Cobbs outside of McKimmie Dormitory last Friday morning was racially charged. She said that the UMass Police Department has been unwilling to release information on the altercation.

"That's a problem because the community is not aware," she said.

Franco feels that the administration is creating the façade that things are going well. She believes that UMass has become "a business, not a place where education is the primary focus."

She says that there is no commitment by the University to address issues of diversity.

Franco said Mike Gargano, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, to be a liar. "Gargano has given us so many excuses; he's lying to the community, and he knows it," said Franco. She said Gargano's actions are inconsistent with his words.

The position of Assistant Director for Community Development and Support Services for ALANA has been vacant for two years. Franco says that Gargano has stalled this hiring process repeatedly. "He's put up one barrier after another. We comply with what he wants, and he puts up another barrier."



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Students voice their opinions last year at a rally against racism at the Student Union.

Alumni reunion looks at issues in journalism

By Dan O'Brien
Collegian Staff

The University of Massachusetts' Journalism Department alumni met at Herter Hall Saturday to discuss a range of issues that affect today's journalists.

The two-hour long session featured a discussion panel of three journalists: Craig Sandler, president of the Massachusetts State House News Service; Cosmo Macero, columnist and business editor for The Boston Herald; and Joan Vennochi, a columnist for The Boston Globe. The title of the event was "Don't Blame Us: Massachusetts Politics — Where We Are, Where We're Heading." This seemed quite appropriate as the board of journalists often shared the enthusiastic emotions of many fellow journalists in the audience when talking about events in today's local and national political scene.

The discussion's main topic was the repercussions of the recent change in Speaker of the House at the Massachusetts State House. Speaker Thomas Finneran (D-Mattapan) resigned last week and was replaced by Democratic State Representative Salvatore DiMasi of Boston's North End.

Sandler mentioned that DiMasi's

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Senate elections today in Dining Commons

The Student Government senate elections will be held this Wednesday, September 29, and Thursday, September 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Polling stations are located in all of the Dining Commons on campus and in the Campus Center. Residents from each living area are assigned to vote in a specific Dining Common.

-Residents of Northeast and Sylvan are expected to vote in the Worcester DC.

-Residents of Orchard Hill and Central are expected to vote in the Franklin DC.

-Residents of Southwest are expected to vote in the Hampshire and Berkshire DC's.

-Commuters are expected to vote in the Campus Center.

In the cases where they are needed, absentee ballots will be provided at the polls. The Vice Chancellor's office will provide some staff assistance to ensure that all polling locations will be open and available to the student body.

—*By Erika Lovley*

Vice President Cheney and Senator Edwards battle in debate last night

By Tom Raum
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Sen. John Edwards accused the Bush administration Tuesday night of bungling the war in Iraq and presiding over a historic loss of jobs. "Your facts are just wrong," Vice President Dick Cheney shot back in a crackling campaign debate.

In a clash at close quarters, Edwards accused Cheney of "not being straight" with the American people about the war. He said U.S. casualties are rising monthly and the United States is bearing 90 percent of the cost and suffering 90 percent of the dead and wounded. Cheney promptly challenged those figures, saying the Iraqi security forces had taken nearly half of the casualties.

"For you to demean their sacrifice is beyond the pale," he said to Edwards seated a few feet away.

"Oh, I'm not," Edwards protested before the vice president cut him off.

The debate format encouraged give-and-take, and neither the vice president nor Sen. John Kerry's running mate shrunk from the task.

"Frankly, senator, you have a record that's not very distinguished," Cheney said to the North Carolina lawmaker after accusing him of a pattern of absences in the Senate during his one term.

Edwards summed up his points like the former trial lawyer he is.

In a jab at the Bush-Cheney campaign's claim on experience, he said, "Mr. Vice President, I don't think the country can take four more years of this type of experience."

He also said that as a member of Congress more than a decade ago, Cheney voted against Head Start and banning plastic guns that can escape detection in metal detectors.

Edwards was on the attack from the opening moments of the debate.

He said that in addition to mismanaging the war in Iraq, the administration had Osama bin Laden cornered in the mountains of Afghanistan at one point, but turned over the hunt for the mastermind behind the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks to Afghan warlords.

"The senator has got his facts wrong," said Cheney. "We've never let up on Osama bin Laden from Day One. We've actively and aggressively pursued him."

In rebuttal to Edwards'

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new appointment will make it hard for Governor Mitt Romney to target the Speaker's position as being held by a villainous figure, as he has done in the recent past with Finneran.

"Romney sets opponents up as targets and knocks them out," Sandler said.

Examples he gave included Finneran and former UMass President William Bulger. He said DiMasi will probably be less of a target for now.

Macero said he was not sure how good of a job Romney did to portray Finneran as a villain. He said there were merely "a lot of business-like differences between the two," referring to Finneran and DiMasi.

According to Macero, many people had viewed DiMasi as the enforcer of Finneran's seats, making sure people were in attendance. However, he did point out some major difference in philosophy between the two. For example, he said that DiMasi "single-handedly steered" the Jane Doe Program for Women through the state's complicated budget process.

He also said that Finneran's fiscal conservatism is probably gone with the appointment of DiMasi, who he thinks will create more programs for constituents.

Vennochi pointed out that DiMasi has received good press during his change in power.

"[DiMasi has] received a clean slate from the media," she said. She also mentioned that citizens are more likely to give him a chance due to the positive press coverage.

Another topic of discussion included Governor Romney's possible presidential campaign. The general consensus regarding Governor Romney was that he has not made a big enough impact as governor to be presidential material.

Sandler explained it has been hard for Romney to accomplish anything due to the large numbers of Democrats currently holding seats in the State House. He drew an outline on the chalkboard that said there are 22 Republicans and 137 Democrats in the House and 6 Republicans and 34 Democrats in the Senate.

"If enough people vote Republican and the Republican numbers go into double digits, then Romney's big ideas can have some impact," Sandler said.

Prosecution put to rest the murder case against Peterson on trial for wife's murder

By Kim Curtis
Associated Press

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — Prosecutors rested their murder case against Scott Peterson on Tuesday, having presented 174 witnesses trying to convince jurors he was a cheating husband who killed his pregnant wife and lied to police and family alike to cover his tracks.

The prosecution ended its 19-week case by portraying the defendant as a man on the run. Modesto Police Detective Jon Buehler said Peterson had a load of new camping gear and nearly $15,000 in cash when he was arrested April 19, 2003, near San Diego.

Peterson was arrested soon after the remains of Laci Peterson and her fetus washed ashore not far from the marina where Peterson launched his boat the previous Christmas Eve. He could face the death penalty if convicted.

Prosecutors allege Peterson killed his eight-months-pregnant wife in their Modesto home on or around Dec. 24, 2002, then dumped her body into the bay. Defense lawyers maintain someone else abducted and killed Laci.

Prosecutors have put together a detailed web of circumstantial evidence to cast suspicion on Peterson. The prosecution couldn't point to a murder weapon, a crime scene or even a cause of death, but legal experts said a detailed narrative from Modesto Detective Craig Grogan helped improve the prospects for their case.

On Tuesday, Buehler testified that when Peterson, 31, was arrested, he had a backpack and an overnight bag stuffed with everything from hunting knives and a water purifier to snorkeling and fishing equipment, a shovel and duct tape. Much of the camping equipment had been purchased a month earlier, Buehler said.

The camping equipment was found in a used, red Mercedes he had bought using his mother's name, Jacqueline. Peterson also had several changes of clothes, four cell phones, two driver's licenses — his and his brother's — and six credit cards, including one in girlfriend Amber Frey's name.

But defense lawyer Mark Geragos showed photos of similar clothes and equipment found in Peterson's truck months earlier, portraying him as a man who simply lived out of his vehicle.

On the day he was arrested, Peterson drove a circuitous nearly 170-mile route in Southern California in what prosecutors suggested was an attempt to evade police. Defense lawyers have maintained Peterson was trying to elude media scrutiny.

In the trunk of Peterson's car were several flyers advertising a reward for Laci Peterson's safe return, Buehler said. Peterson had also packed "The Purpose Driven Life: What on Earth Am I Here For?"

Frey had given him the book, along with a card dated Feb. 16, 2003. "I can only hope that this will come to an end soon," she wrote. "I wish I could go back in time. I'm praying for you and your family."

Experts disagreed on whether the last day of testimony was as dramatic as it needed to be to stick in jurors' minds. Chuck Smith, a former San Mateo County prosecutor, said the prosecution's case "ended with more of a whimper than a bang."

But Paula Canny, a defense lawyer and former prosecutor who has been watching the trial, said the prosecution showed that Peterson "lied to everybody."

"The strongest evidence the prosecution has is what Scott Peterson said and what Scott Peterson did," she said.

Geragos will begin calling witnesses when court resumes next Tuesday. Observers expect him to present experts who will contradict scientific evidence like the age of the fetus and law enforcement officers who will shore up the defense's accusation that police targeted Peterson and failed to look at other possible suspects.

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UMass professor currently working at Columbia University in Paris

Brian W. Ogilvie, Associate Professor of History, has been conducting research in Europe on a $40,000 Fellowship for University Teachers from the National Endowment for the Humanities and a fellowship at the Columbia University Institute for Scholars at Reid Hall in Paris.

His work centers on his hypothesis that the culture of 17th-century diplomacy encouraged reconciliation between erudition and polite society.

"In a nutshell, diplomats were not professionals in the 17th century. That is, there were no schools that trained diplomats, no civil service in the modern sense, and the like. They were often recruited from the ranks of scholars, because Latin was still the language of international law and it was also still used for negotiation. So there were a lot of diplomats who were scholars."

More specifically, Ogilvie is gathering information on Ezechiel Spanheim, a numismatist (coin studier), scholar and diplomat. Ogilvie believes that Spanheim's unique role in European culture will offer a glimpse into the changing nature of the era (and validate his hypothesis). An obstacle in this is the fact that although he was famous in his day, he is now almost forgotten.

"I have asked a few dozen historians who are specialists on early modern European history whether they have heard of Ezechiel Spanheim and almost always, the answer is no."

Ogilvie describes his stay in Paris as very helpful to this end.

"Paris is a great place to do my research. The city has a wide range of libraries, with all of Spanheim's works and a wide range of his contemporaries' writings. Some Parisian archives will be useful for my research. And Spanheim spent, in total, more than twelve years of his life in Paris."

He will be returning spring semester 2006 and can be contacted at ogilvie@history.umass.edu.

-By Hayden Max



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Professor Brian W. Ogilvie

Krajeski withdrew from UMass to study the Yemenis culture

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admitted that the U.S. State Department warns Americans to consider carefully the risks of traveling to Yemen. Yet he insists that Yemenis are not "terrorists who support Osama Bin Laden."

"Yemenis want a normal life. They want to preserve their culture and traditions while moving forward into the modern world." As for aiding that goal, Krajeski says that the challenge is "helping Yemenis build a viable, strong economy that can offer job opportunities, raise standards of living, and offer a future to young people."

When asked how he proposes to bring harmony to the whole Middle East (Krajeski reported on the Gaza-Jericho agreement in which Israel handed over control of parts of Gaza and the entire city of Jericho to the Palestinian Authority), the ambassador was wary about using the United States as a model. He does not necessarily agree with the notion that America is a country where the population lives in harmony with people of all backgrounds.

"Frankly, I'm not sure a poor African-American kid in the South Bronx or a new Cambodian refugee in New Orleans would agree with that assertion.

America is without doubt the best place to live on earth. Hundreds of thousands of people testify to that with their feet standing in long lines all over the world hoping to get visas, but I try not to impose the U.S. as a 'model nation' on the rest of the world."

The ambassador has noticed that people everywhere want to adapt some successful American institutions, but that the U.S. cannot impose their culture on others. His philosophy is that a movement towards the goal of a freer region must come from within each country.

However, Krajeski is "confident and even optimistic that many of the countries in this difficult and dangerous part of the world are changing. Once democracy, free markets, and respect for individual rights take hold, there's no stopping them."

Krajeski proudly proclaims that, "I have loved nearly every minute of my career, and can't imagine doing anything else."

However, the ambassador said that his journey has not been easy, and he encountered many obstacles along the way.

For example, Krajeski refers to "the mysteries of governmental bureaucracy," pointing out that, "I entered the Foreign Service in 1979 with strong Russian and German, and was immediately assigned study the Nepali language and go to Kathmandu. I still haven't figured that out."

Cheney Edwards debate

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charges on the war. Cheney repeatedly criticized the Democratic presidential nominee, Sen. John Kerry, for shifting positions on the conflict.

Referring to Kerry's debate with President Bush last week, Cheney said the four-term Massachusetts senator had declared he would submit American military commitments overseas to a global test.

He said that was part of a record that led Kerry to oppose the first Persian Gulf War in 1991 and "always being on the wrong side" of defense issues.

On domestic issues, Edwards said Bush has presided over a loss of jobs during his administration — the first president to do so since Herbert Hoover sat in the White House.

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The awful truth: a note from the outside



Peter Lothian

My time at U-Mass as the Aussie exchange kid was like living on every American movie set I could have imagined. From the frat basses to the hockey games, from the Southwest riots to "club sidewalk," it often felt as though I were living in a Tarantino-scripted Road Trip meets Animal House. It was clear from these experiences, and the way in which I was welcomed into peoples' homes and lives, that many labels and stereotypes attached to Americans abroad are unsubstantiated.

The U.S. as a "tall poppy" in the international arena is destined to gain scrutiny for its actions. However, because of the War on Terrorism in Iraq, most individuals throughout the world do not acknowledge the vast cultural and intellectual contributions of the U.S. such as Noam Chomsky, the splitting of the genome and the creation of the Internet, to name just a few. But rather, individuals lay blame upon the U.S. for a myriad of world issues, and this has a trickle-down effect on individual Americans the world over.

Some of my best memories come from living in the night-club community of Southwest and living an American college life, which is why the following is hard to say. On my wayward journey home, I stumbled into a restaurant in Bangkok to see one of the most disturbing sights I've experienced on my travels. The street was bare except for this one overcrowded bar, full of solemn faces gazing at the screens.

It was Fahrenheit 9/11.

People from Sweden, Australia, England, California and all other remote corners of the world were gazing at the leader of the free world's galactic stupidity. A look of shock and awe on all of these well-travelled souls' faces was the only consistency amongst their ethnically diverse demeanours, where nobody knew better than the implications made by Moore was the possibility that we would have to endure four more years of this. Say what you will of Michael Moore's motives or methods, the man has a point.

Up until this point, the rest of the world has enjoyed the reality TV that comes out of the U.S. We've laughed at William Hung and toy cars going were the "sun don't shine," but the "reality" of Bush and his golf buddies on TV is a little too much. Having extensively travelled within Bush's term and since, by chance, living in Washington, D.C. for Sept. 11, I have seen America become more isolationist. As a consequence, the world generally turned against Americans abroad. I've seen Americans viewed with harsh looks in hostels in Paris, Barcelona and Bali; I've also met many Americans on the streets and cafes in Bangkok, Bali or London who were embarrassed by the way their country is acting. For the first time, they were learning of the effects of their country's actions over dinner table discussions with people from the outside world. I've even seen Americans posing as Canadians so as not to be harshly stereotyped.

One way the image of the U.S. can improve is for students like you to go abroad and show the world the type of compassion and friendship that all of last year's exchange students and I enjoyed.

Despite the realities of this message, do not take this as a message not to travel. One way the image of the U.S. can improve is for students like you to go abroad and show the world the type of compassion and friendship that all of last year's exchange students and I enjoyed.

This is a call to make a difference. America is scrutinized all over the world for the way it acts and interacts and really, it doesn't bother me whether you vote for a war-mongering oil baron or a liberal Boston war hero. If anything, take from this article the effects your nation's government has on the world and the effect this has on you as an American.

Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." I can only hope that the next generation of America's leaders don't make that day November 2. Above all, remember that we are all in this together.

Peter Lothian is a former UMass student.

15 years of correspondence

S.J. Port

Amidst the cornfields at the northern end of Marshall County's German township, between the silo and the water tower, the Hoosier rattle and hum sputters along.

Take Route 31 south from South Bend to Route 331 to Plymouth Street. Pass the Sunoco station and an Arby's and merge onto Center Street. Motor past the old mint distillery and Woodie's supermarket to a small, white ranch house on the corner of South Center Street and East Sherman.

Once upon a time that house was yellow, to match the yellow-and-rose wallpaper in Grandma's kitchen. The porch wasn't walled in then, and the groans of Grandpa's porch swing gave bass to the rustle of his rainbow-colored windsocks hung all along the porch railing. Next door was another home, and on their back deck was an aboveground swimming pool.

Clambering onto the sink countertop in the bathroom at the back of the house a view onto the neighbor's deck could be found.

One day, when adults and children alike were miserable in the sweltering mid-July heat, Grandma found me staring out the window and gave me a choice: shuck sweet corn with Whistle and her, or run back and introduce myself to the neighbors.

The cigarette was barely back at her lips before I'd grabbed her round middle, sinking tightly into the soft familiar flesh, and quickly fled to the backyard.

Once there I strutted between clotheslines for a moment; for the first time in my life I was timid, unsure whether this cool 9-year-old girl from Indiana would accept a punkish 7-year-old from out east.

I dawdled around the yard until Grandma and Whistle came out onto the back steps to shuck the corn. Seeing my hesitancy, Grandma took my hand in hers and led me to the neighbor's front door. Ten minutes later I ran home for my swimsuit. Grandma had brought the suit down from my bedroom and after a quick strip down and a one-legged, naked stumble through the kitchen and into the suit, I was out the back door, through Jamie's front door, out to her back deck, up into a cannonball and down under the cool water.

When I resurfaced Jamie was sitting on the edge of the pool. What we talked about has left my memory, but after that summer letters began to fly back and forth between Bremen, Indiana, and Massachusetts.

Grandma died two years later, when I was nine. She was the most illuminating person in my life, and when they buried her I wanted badly to crawl inside the casket and go with her.

Grandpa died when I was 11. It was after that that we sold their house, and stopped coming home to Bremen.

My visits became less and less frequent, but the letters more regular and more urgent. As our teen years passed, and our adult lives took divergent paths, we clung to

In a world fraught with insincerity and perishables, we've fought to keep communication lines open even if we weren't sure why we remained so important to one another.

our friendship. It may have began as a neighborly need to cool off, but in fifteen years of correspondence Jamie has grown to be my oldest and dearest friend.

We come from different cultures (Midwestern v. New Englander), different classes (blue collar v. white collar), different religious backgrounds (Christian v. mixed-family), and will most likely oppose one another's votes in the upcoming presidential election.

Our experiences as modern women have been radically different as she went to cheerleading competitions and I battled off derogatory remarks as a female ice hockey player.

Despite the developments — and highly questionable phases of our youth, our friendship has endured through parents' divorces and remarriages; rape; cancer; boyfriend after boyfriend; academic and personal accolades; miscarriages; my battles with atheism and her religious, right-wing dabbling; differing views on homosexuality, race, racism, and feminism; Jamie's wedding and divorce; family feuds; depression; chronic illness; the births of nieces and nephews; and the deaths of loved ones. We've had our fights, cut at one another, and spent months steaming off harsh words and honest answers to rhetorical questions in our different parts of the country. The different planes of our lives, however, remain parallel because of the heavy-duty bungee cords we lassoed between the two tracks.

The letters today, now footnoted by emails and phone calls, are no less numerous or important. However, the additional benefit of our fifteen years of snail-mail correspondence is that we both have developed strong writing, reading and interpretation skills.

In a world fraught with insincerity and perishables, we've fought to keep communication lines open even if we weren't sure why we remained so important to one another. Consumerism is so deeply ingrained in our habits that it has penetrated even that which is most innate to human nature: interpersonal relationships. When the going gets tough, if we disagree, or if we haven't seen each other in ages, we find new friends.

The majority of our relationships are due to convenience; nothing about my friendship with Jamie is convenient. The most rewarding remains the most difficult and often, that means sticking by in tough times. Friends, family and lovers are thrown to the curbside too often today. We're young; we have time to build these relationships. Why worry about it now? Because we share history, and I want her in my future. That means work now, in the present.

This weekend, I returned to Indiana and saw Jamie for the first time in three years. During our short time together, Jamie did something nobody else has ever done for me: allowed me time to grieve graveside. Stopping at Woodie's supermarket, we bought a dozen yellow roses. Then she took me to the cemetery, helped me lay the flowers across my grandparents' graves, and waited — with tissues in hand — beneath the pale blue water tower, as I said goodbye.

Thank you, Jamie, may our rattle and hum motor on.

S.J. Port is a Collegian columnist.



Where have all the voters gone?

Lindsey Ferris

As I watched the first presidential debate on Thursday night in my dorm room, I could hear the commotion of music and students getting ready and making plans for the night. There was an important political event taking place, and all many students were concerned about was what they were going to wear and where they were going to party. The results of the 2004 presidential election will have a significant effect on our country, so why are so many students not interested?

When I ask this question to students, I hear many of the same answers: "I don't know the issues," "I think politics are boring," and "Why should I register or vote?" Well, politicians do not pay much attention to the youth, and it's because we don't pay much attention to them.

I think it's about time we do.

I had the response two years ago that most students do when asked about politics. Then I was assigned to do a speech in my class on something we felt strongly about. As I was researching I came across the subject of partial birth abortion. I was intrigued by it and horrified to learn that it was legal. After presenting the speech to my class, I felt so strongly about this one issue, it inspired me to register. I thought maybe I could give these helpless babies a voice.

That is what every student can be, a voice. Even if there is one issue you feel strongly about, it's worth voting for. And even if there are no issues you care about, there more likely than not will be some in the future. That possibility is worth registering for.

This is what every student can be, a voice. Even if there is one issue you feel strongly about, it's worth voting for.

The issues involved in this year's election are so important to our future that it is vital all students become educated, become involved and most importantly, vote. The war in Iraq will affect so many people that are our age in so many ways; it is important we know the significant difference of opinions both candidates have on this issue.

There are places you can find information on the presidential race other than Saturday Night Live and the Daily Show. There are official Web sites you can visit to learn more about the candidates and what they stand for. There are also Web sites that describe how you can get involved, such as Rockthevote.com. There are two more presidential debates before the election. One is on Friday, October 8, and the other is on Wednesday, October 13. Election Day is Tuesday, November 2, and you must be registered 20 days before Election Day to be able to vote.

I am not telling you which candidate to vote for. I am not even telling you to vote. You have the freedom to vote for whom you want or not vote at all, but you also have a privilege. You have the privilege to vote and choose where your country will be led next.

I am asking you to please just take the time to educate yourself and consider the issues. I am asking you to register, so if an issue comes up that you care about, you can make a difference and vote. I am asking you to have a voice on November 2.

Lindsey Ferris is a UMass student.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WALK TO STOP VIOLENCE

This Friday, wonderful people are going to join together to stand against abuse. Every 12 seconds there is someone victimized by abuse. Only 12 seconds; that is something I want everybody to think about. The next time you heat a Pop Tart or watch the commercials in between your favorite show, there were five to 10 people abused.

We as a community need to show how we feel about this. We need to send a message to as many people as possible saying that abuse is something that has to stop. Awareness and education will help to increase the 12-second span. That is why I am asking for everyone who reads this or hears of this Friday's Men's Walk to End Abuse to join us in our stand.

I understand that people are leaving for home this long weekend, and for those, this message is only a reminder of the harsh truth out there today. However, this message is designed specifically to those who are without obligation this Friday from 2 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.; show your belief.

Many others and I have already committed to this necessary statement of Anti-Abuse by planning on walking from the Amherst Common to the UMass campus, but we are looking for others who believe that what is happening every 12 seconds is wrong. Those who do not join but could have can only be expressing that they do not believe ending abuse is essential; they might be the very ones who not only encourage but practice the act of victimizing others.

So join me, and others, who, on Friday afternoon, will stand tall and walk with a message: Abuse is wrong and 12 seconds is too short.

Jim Darling
UMass Student

CONSERVATIVES HAVE A CAMPUS VOICE TOO

I just wanted to say that it was very refreshing to read the editorial written by Dan McDonnell on Oct. 5. In this state, and especially at this school, having a negative opinion of John Kerry is not the popular thing.

I support President Bush proudly, for reasons and issues not widely discussed during this election. When I had shown my support with "W '04" stickers, I had them written on and then ripped down. I have since replaced them because I am not ashamed to support Bush. It was nice to see somebody else was not ashamed to express his opinion even if it went against the grain.

Thank you for writing and publishing the editorial. Not everyone at UMass is for Kerry.

Jessica Rider
UMass Student

TVS IN DCS ARE STUDENT REQUESTED

I would like to respond to the editorial article published on Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2004 titled "Televisions impractical in the dining commons".

Since we installed four TVs one week ago, we received a lot of positive feedback from students on our initiative. The idea of having television installed at DCs was based on the past surveys when we asked the question, "What would you like to see to enhance your dining experience?" Having TV in the DC far outweighed soft music, or live bands and live plays, according to the students' responses.

The students told us that they like to keep updated on the news, sports events and most of all, socially, they like to watch the TV with their friends, including the upcoming Red Sox baseball games.

Yesterday we conducted two surveys during the breakfast and lunch period and asked the question, "Do you like TV playing at the Worcester DC?" The result was that close to 90 percent said yes and only 10 percent said no based on 594 responses.

Dining Services continually interacts with its students and we will continue to seek their input in further improving our service to them. The TVs are just one of many initiatives which we have implemented because of our student feedback.

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First daughter finishes last

By Ryan Aubert
Collegian Correspondent

It seems like only yesterday that "Chasing Liberty" arrived in the theaters to mixed applause. The film followed Mandy Moore as the president's daughter who was hung up on finding her man by being a regular teenager. Of course, being a real teenager involves romping around Europe with all expenses paid and magically finding a British love interest.

Now nine months later, "First Daughter" follows in its predecessor's footsteps as a sloppily put-together hodgepodge of mushy, unrealistic scenes that depend on the viewer having an IQ of a 9-year-old. The movie not only embraces every cliché of the chick flick genre, but relishes in it and overstays its welcome.

'First Daughter'
Directed by Forest Whitaker
Starring Katie Holmes, Marc Blucas
20th Century Fox
Rated PG
105 mins.
Grade D+



Katie Holmes stars as Samantha Mackenzie, the only child of the president (Michael Keaton) and the first lady (Margaret Colin). At 18, she decides she wants to go to college and at least try to be a regular teenager. Unsurprisingly, attempting to be a regular teenager and have fun is not possible because of the plethora of Secret Service agents surrounding her.

Of course, the increased security is absolutely necessary because as the president points out, we live in a different world since September 11. Sounds like they got a hold of Bush's talking points.

Eventually, Mackenzie falls in love with her typically hot RA, who strangely looks about 30 years old. Don't fret, though, because that feature is explained in the main plot twist that can be guessed very early on. James Lansome (Marc Blucas) woos her in cliche, chick-flick dates such as a boat ride, complete with umbrella for the girl, and a dark movie theater showing an old film. How romantic.

Each scene seems to stand on its own with a beginning, middle, and an end. The transitions from scene to scene are very awkward because of this. In addition, random scenes are placed in for comedic effect that has absolutely no bearing on what's going on at all. The viewer is harraged by imagery of both cliché and random sights that do not mesh together. Random events include shopping with a cameo of Vera Wang and a scene in which Mackenzie and her roommate meet a fellow floormate who plays the trombone.

The dialogue is equally as bad. It is as if the filmmakers made a list of everything that has been said before in these types of movies and put it into a script. The words are forced, and the love is lost.

Katie Holmes, however, is indeed watchable because she has a certain charm. Her acting is not great, but it is better than other twenty-something women playing teenagers in chick flicks. She has an aura that is invoked on-screen and is very likeable, making the torturous scenes bearable.

"First Daughter" is Forest Whitaker's fifth outing as director, but his style (or lack thereof) in this film leaves much to be desired. Whitaker makes the film a direct rehash of typical conventions in this genre without introducing bringing new. Perhaps he should just stick to the acting part of his career.



Katie Holmes plays the daughter of the president of the United States of America in a teen movie flop.

A legend honored

By Derrik J. Lang
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Friends of Tony Randall, many of whom have graced the Great White Way numerous times, filled the Majestic Theatre to pay tribute to the actor and Broadway producer who died last May.

The theater, home of 'The Phantom of the Opera,' was instilled more with spirit and laughter Tuesday than sadness. Speakers — including Harry Belafonte, Garry Marshall and Eli Wallach — shared personal stories with the audience.

Broadway actor James Naughton hosted the affair. Naughton began the ceremony by reading snippets from the official Tony Randall Day proclamation, issued earlier by Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

"I'm going to skip through the whereases and so forths," he joked with the audience before reciting highlights. Naughton's wit and poise set the tone for the afternoon event, which was seasoned with songs from Randall's performing friends.

Ben Vereen crooned 'Life Is Just a Bowl of Cherries' to the audience. Before he began, the 'Roots' star said that the song's title was a motto by which Randall lived each day. When mezzo-soprano Marilyn Horne strolled onto the stage, she warned the crowd she wasn't going to perform opera — she now teaches it — but did sing 'At the River,' a song she believed meant passing on to the other side was like meeting your friends on the other side of a river.

Naughton also apologized for not performing opera — albeit jokingly — because he's not an opera singer. Naughton performed 'Razzle Dazzle' from 'Chicago,' a song he said Randall's wife, Heather Harlan, told him that Randall would perform for her during cocktail hour in their home.

The crowd welcomed Tony-winning Julie Harris, accompanied by Maria Tucci, with boisterous applause. Tucci, Randall's last co-star in 'Right You Are,' was brought to tears when speaking about the last time she saw Randall. Harris patted Tucci on the cheek when the tears arrived. "He said, 'See you Tuesday,'" Tucci told the crowd.

Many of the speakers touched upon how happy Randall was during the last years of his life, commenting on how he was a devoted family man. Randall and Harlan had two children, Julia and Jefferson.

Others spoke about his commitment to the theater. In 1991, Randall founded the National Actors Theatre with the intent of bringing serious theater with serious actors to the masses. 'The Crucible,' NAT's first production, starred Martin Sheen and Michael York. Under Randall's artistic direction, NAT produced 19 plays including, 'The Gin Game,' 'Inherit the Wind' and 'The Persians.'

The tribute ended appropriately with Jack Klugman, who starred with Randall on stage and on television in 'The Odd Couple' — Randall's most well-known work — as well as other theatrical productions such as 'The Sunshine Boys' and 'Three Men on a Horse.'

Klugman said he hoped in the near future there would be a theater in New York called the Tony Randall Theater.



Entertainment legend Tony Randall, is pictured above with Renee Zellweger and Sarah Paulson.

Nielsen report: 'desperate' does it

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Until the premiere of 'Desperate Housewives,' the last time ABC scaled the television ratings summit with a scripted series, it was with a show that no longer exists.

The dark suburban comedy was seen by 21.6 million viewers on Sunday, making it the most popular show of the week. The last ABC series at the top was 'The Practice' three years ago, according to Nielsen Media Research.

The second episode of ABC's 'Lost' was seen by 17 million viewers on Wednesday, then another 8.8 million when the network repeated the first two episodes on Saturday.

Although CBS was the most popular network again, ABC won among the 18-to-49-year-old demographic, the most craved demographic among advertisers. The last time ABC won in that category this early in a TV season was 10 years ago.

"There are surprises in every television season, and we're happy to be on the upside of a couple of them," said Steve McPherson, ABC entertainment president.

McPherson got this job last spring and is now benefiting from the unexpected success of shows developed by former ABC executives Lloyd Braun and Susan Lyne.

ABC can thank George Bush and John Kerry for some of its success last week. Chances are that 'Desperate Housewives' would not have been the week's No. 1 show if the presidential debate hadn't wiped out part of strong Thursday lineups on CBS and NBC.

NBC finished a disappointing third for the week, with no show reaching higher than No. 13 in the rankings. The show that did reach No. 13 was 'The Apprentice 2,' which drew a below-average audience of 14.7 million viewers because it had to be switched to Wednesday because of the debate.

The return of 'American Idol' in January can't come soon enough for Fox. Not a single Fox show was seen by more than 8 million viewers, Nielsen said. Its most popular program, 'Trading Spouses,' ranked No. 53 for the week.

The poor start has already claimed one casualty: Fox announced that its boxing reality series, 'The Next Great Champ,' was being shuffled off to Fox Sports Net. Last week's edition had only 4.4 million viewers.

On cable's Comedy Central, 'The Daily Show' with Jon Stewart had its biggest audience ever the night of the Bush-Kerry debate. The 2.4 million viewers were a half-million more than the series' previous record, Nielsen said.

For the week, CBS averaged 12.5 million viewers (8.2 rating, 13 share), ABC had 10.8 million (7.1, 12), NBC had 9.7 million (6.5, 11), Fox had 5 million (3.4, 5), the WB had 4 million (2.7, 4), UPN had 3.1 million (2.2, 4) and Pax TV had 860,000 (0.5, 1).



ABC's "Desperate Housewives" ranks among top shows of last week, according to Nielsen ratings.

'Friday Night' lights it up



Billy Bob Thornton plays a Texas football coach in Peter Berg's adaptation of "Friday Night Lights".

By Christy Lemire
Associated Press

The rhapsodic hyperbole, the media scrutiny, the fan obsession. No, we're not talking about the Boston Red Sox at playoff time. This is Texas high school football, and exaggeration is impossible.

From the big cities to the smallest wind-swept towns, it really is a way of life. H.G. 'Buzz' Bissinger captured it with eloquence and evocative detail in his 1990 bestseller, 'Friday Night Lights' — and director Peter Berg does it again in his film of the same name.

It's easy to overdramatize the heroism and heartache of a sports movie, but Berg, who adapted Bissinger's book with screenwriter David Aaron Cohen, resists the urge and goes in the opposite direction.

The focus is on Permian High School football in the West Texas city of Odessa, both on the field and in the locker room. The look is stripped down and bleached out, making the already parched landscape of oil fields and scrub brush seem even bleaker, though in a strikingly beautiful way. The soundtrack is an eclectic mix of old-school rap, rock and punk, including the truly inspired use of 'The Stooges' 'I Wanna Be Your Dog' during the Permian Panthers' gutsy second half in the 1988 state championship.

There is an awful lot of action, though — the football scenes have a bone-jarring realism thanks to stunt coordinator Allan Graf, a former USC offensive lineman who also choreographed the plays in 'Any Given Sunday' and 'Jerry Maguire' — but sometimes at the expense of character development.

For example, the book focused more on Brian Chavez, Permian's star tight end who went on to Harvard and is now a lawyer in Odessa. Here, he's a barely fleshed-out supporting character played by 'Crazy/Beautiful' co-star Jay Hernandez.

Bissinger, who happens to be Berg's second cousin, also spent more time exploring the racial and socio-economic rifts that existed both within Odessa in the late 1980s and between Odessa and rival Midland, a wealthier, whiter town 20 miles east.

But Berg does faithfully depict the be-all, end-all element of high school football in places like this, where literally every store shuts down on Friday nights and the 20,000 people packing the stadium all have some opinion on how the coach should run the team.

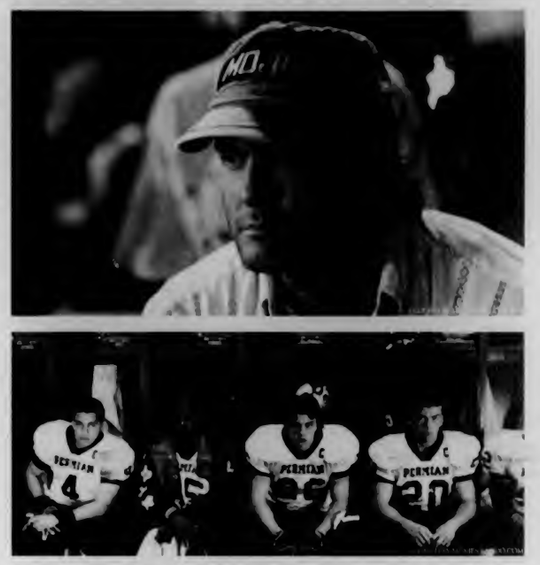
As the under-pressure Coach Gaines, Billy Bob Thornton continues to show he can bring nuance to any role. Thornton doesn't turn the character into a cliche, barking out orders like a drill sergeant. Instead, he shows the seething anxiety of living under the constant possibility of being fired (after a huge Permian loss, Gaines comes home to a sea of 'For Sale' signs sprouting from his front lawn) as well as the genuine desire to develop strong players and even stronger men.

'Friday Night Lights'
Directed by Peter Berg
Starring Billy Bob Thornton, Tim McGraw
Universal Pictures
Rated PG-13
105 mins.
Grade A

Among the stars of his squad are shy quarterback Mike Winchell (Lucas Black, who played opposite Thornton as a boy in 'Sling Blade'), who's not really sure why he's playing football, and party-boy tailback Don Billingsley (Garrett Hedlund), who's living in the shadow of his alcoholic father (Tim McGraw), who was a star at Permian 20 years earlier. McGraw, the country music stud, gives a surprisingly convincing performance in his film debut, one that's reminiscent of Dwight Yoakam's turn in 'Sling Blade.'

The showiest role of all, and the one that offers the greatest range, is that of Boobie Miles (Derek Luke), the showboating running back who helps the Panthers light up the scoreboard in their first game, only to suffer a serious injury at the end that sidelines him for the rest of the season. Luke, the 'Antwone Fisher' star, is magnetic at his character's high point then furious and fearful as he realizes his dreams of playing college and pro football have been destroyed.

His performance vividly conveys how high school football can be more than a religion — it can represent life itself, for better or worse. Berg, as Bissinger did before him, lets us decide for ourselves.



Above, Tim McGraw makes his film debut in the football drama "Friday Night Lights." Below, Jay Hernandez, Derek Luke, Garrett Hedlund, and Lucas Black play high school team heroes.

Cake offers nothing fresh with 'Pressure Chief'



The rock band Cake fails to reclaim their earlier album's success.

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Some think that in order to appreciate a piece of art, it must be fully divorced from its context. One's personal feelings and past experience with the artist must be suspended, as the appraisal's objectivity is of critical importance. The perspective with objectivity, it is argued, is the only perspective with any value.

Considering Cake's 'Pressure Chief' album in such a manner would have yielded a significantly higher rating. The group's lackadaisical brand of guitar pop with minimalist accentuation is certainly not stridently disagreeable, and it is vastly preferable to the legions of mall-punk bands emoting their way into the hearts of sixth-graders everywhere (read: Good Charlotte).

Objectively, Cake blends a carefree attitude, catchy guitar hooks and some pleasing embellishments with trumpets, synthesizers and assorted found-sound noisemakers into condensed songs that are easy to digest. Admittedly, the group's sound wears a bit thin over the course of a 55-minute album, but Cake seems to be taking itself lightheartedly enough, so it's not too grating.

Unfortunately for Cake, the notion of objectivity is b.s. All of Cake's albums before this one sound exactly the same. Yes, John McCrea's low-key, speak-sing delivery and Vince Di Fiore's occasional trumpet bursts are interesting and enjoyable at first, but over the course of five albums and 10 years, Cake is in dire need of either innovation or an indefinite hiatus. Cake's sound still isn't disagreeable per se, but it's so damn boring by now that getting excited about the group is quite difficult.

Fortunately, 'Pressure Chief' doesn't completely recycle Cake's previous efforts. For example, McCrea has adopted the role of a social commentator in a few of the album's songs. Unfortunately, most of his statements are of such bland and general nature that they border on being wholly impotent. 'No Phone' deals with predictably, the proliferation of cell phones and other such technology that has permeated American society in recent years. 'Carbon Monoxide' focuses on — you guessed it — the unhealthy state of the earth's atmosphere.

The instrumentation on this album remains standard Cake fare — the aforementioned guitar hooks, synthesizers, trumpet and McCrea's trademark delivery style have all remained intact.

Ultimately, 'Pressure Chief' is not going to win over any new Cake fans, nor will it divide their existing ones. Some will rush to buy this album, but the rest of us will just occasionally listen to the copies of 'Fashion Nugget' we bought in junior high.

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from cigarette-maker R.J. Reynold's Winston brand to telecommunications giant Nextel.

As part of the whole scrubbing-up process, NASCAR president Mike Helton told drivers in February to watch their language on radio and television. Less than a month later, he showed he meant it: Johnny Sauter lost 25 points for swearing during a radio interview after a Busch Series race in Las Vegas.

Ron Hornaday, Jr. was also fined and lost 25 points for cursing during a live radio interview in June during a Busch race in Dover, Del.

"Helton made it clear ... that we, as a family sport, were taking this very seriously and adhering to FCC guidelines," NASCAR spokesman Mike Zizzo said. "The timing is unfortunate for Dale, Jr., but NASCAR also made it clear to the competitors that we would police the last 10 races just like we did the first 26."

It's also part of an overall trend in sports and media, the most talked-about example being Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction" during her halftime performance at the Super Bowl. CBS was fined a record $550,000 by the FCC for Jackson's breast-baring, and federal regulators cracked down on other objectionable content on TV and radio.

"I know the FCC has been hard on everybody since the Super Bowl mess, and we should have clean language. Mike Helton tells us to act like there are people from 8 to 80 that are watching us, but it's tough," driver Elliott Sadler said. "I can understand if we do something stupid on the race track to get penalized for it, because it might be putting somebody's life in danger for doing something stupid. But as far as cussing or saying a bad word, maybe they should be a little lenient on that."

Networks have installed delays of up to 10 seconds for some programming, and ABC's "Monday Night Football" is using a 5-second delay this season. NBC does not give itself a chance to censor its NASCAR telecasts, though.

That's why viewers in nearly 7 million homes were able to hear Earnhardt use a vulgarity when he was asked about the significance of his fifth victory at Talladega. Earnhardt told NBC, "It don't mean s— right now. Daddy's won here 10 times."

Earnhardt's father, easily the most popular driver of his era, was killed in a last-lap crash at the Daytona 500 in 2001.

Father and son won the adoration of millions in part because they built reputations for saying whatever they're thinking.

Cardinals peck Dodgers

ST. LOUIS — Larry Walker homered twice and the St. Louis Cardinals tied a postseason record by hitting five home runs, overwhelming Odalis Perez and the Los Angeles Dodgers in an 8-3 blowout Tuesday in the opener of their NL playoff series.

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Albert Pujols, Jim Edmonds and Mike Matheny also connected. Add in a strong six-inning performance from Woody Williams and the Cardinals looked every bit as dominating as they did in leading the majors with 105 wins.

Game 2 of the best-of-five series is Thursday night at Busch Stadium. Jason Marquis pitches for St. Louis against Jeff Weaver. The Cardinals are one of four teams to hit five homers in a postseason game, joining the 1984 Cubs (NLCS), the 1928 Yankees (World Series) and the 1989 Athletics (World Series).

Edgar Renteria had a two-run double in the five-run third that broke open the game. Edmonds followed with a two-run homer to chase Perez.

Walker, who was 1-for-15 against Perez in the regular season, got the two-out, third-inning rally started with his two-out homer on the first pitch. Edmonds also connected on the first pitch.

Perez, making his first career postseason start, gave up six runs on five hits — three homers — in 2 2-3 innings.

Matheny connected off Elmer Dessens in the fourth to make it 7-0. After the Dodgers cut the deficit to 7-2, Walker homered again off Giovanni Carrara in the seventh.

Williams, a compromise pick as St. Louis' Game 1 starter after an injury to 15-game winner Chris Carpenter, labored somewhat and threw 116 pitches with two strikeouts and one walk. The Dodgers scored in the fifth on consecutive doubles by Cesar Izturis and Jayson Werth, and added a run in the sixth on Adrian Beltre's leadoff single and Alex Cora's two-out triple.

Tom Wilson hit a two-out homer in the ninth for Los Angeles.

-The Associated Press



Cardinals Scott Rolen heads to first base with his game-winning single in the tenth inning during their game against the Chicago Cubs at Busch Stadium in St. Louis, Missouri, on Sunday, May 2, 2004.

Shaq's training camp is a full media frenzy

By Israel Gutierrez
Knight Ridder Newspapers

MIAMI, Flor. — In some ways, training camp will be a lot easier than this part of Shaquille O'Neal's Miami experience.

In training camp, he won't be asked to stand wearing his Heat uniform and fur-lined slippers under the scalding sun while a photographer and his assistants poke and pose him for more than 30 minutes.

In training camp, he won't be asked to step into a pool in full uniform, submerge his head in the water about 15 times and then smile wide each time as if the chlorine wasn't stinging his eyes.

In training camp, he won't conduct interviews poolside while hotel workers from the Mandarin Oriental come by with towels to wipe the sweat collecting on his face.

No, this is nothing like camp. This is a Sports Illustrated cover shoot — one of the final distractions O'Neal has to deal with before his true Miami Heat experience begins Tuesday with the opening of camp.

Sitting poolside after all the camera shutters have stopped clicking and the photographer has stopped barking childish instructions such as, 'Let's see those big eyes,' O'Neal, with his feet dangling in the water, has plenty on his mind.

He's about to embark on a journey with his third team, and he can't help but be excited about the prospects. He's practically giddy about being back in Florida, this time in a city that he calls the perfect mixture of Orlando and Los Angeles. But there's also some bitterness lingering in O'Neal — bitterness toward his old Lakers organization and of course, toward his former teammate, superstar Kobe Bryant.

And when O'Neal has a lot on his mind, don't bother trying to interrupt him with silly things like questions. Just like he controls the paint, O'Neal will dominate the conversation.

O'Neal can't say enough about his new boss, Heat president Pat Riley, and the team Riley has put together.

"I had a conversation with Pat and I'm looking at the team, looking at what Dwyane Wade did last year," O'Neal said. "All they needed was one piece. I'm that piece. I need them, and they need me.

"Pat is smart. He knows what he's doing. He has given me a lot of shooters, a lot of role players and a lot of hard workers. I've got like three or four 6' 9" big guys that aren't even looking for plays being called. They're rebounding. Malik Allen can hit that wide-open jumper. We've got me, we've got Eddie Jones. We're straight.

"It's not something I'm going to talk about all year because I don't like to count my chickens before they hatch, but I was looking on paper the other day and I like it.

"I've been getting passes from dudes that I haven't seen in a while. I actually have to get used to them. Like Thursday, I was standing in the paint and Damon Jones is coming down the middle of the lane. I'm used to guys not even dropping it off, but he threw it by the rim and I said, 'Oh,' and went up and got it. I'm going to get easy buckets like that."

Get to the point.

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NBA's best sidekick retires

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the playoffs. Only Kareem Abdul-Jabbar with 237 has played in more post-season games than Pippen (208).

Pippen finished his career with a 16.1 scoring average to go with his 6.4 rebounds and 5.2 assists averages. He said that one of his biggest thrills was being a member of the first "Dream Team" to win a gold medal at the Olympics, as he did at Barcelona in 1992.

Pippen said his various injuries have left him unable to play a full season. Still, the Bulls will pay him the $5 million remaining on his two-year contract this season, general manager and former teammate John Paxson said.

"After 17 years, I got all the basketball out of me I possibly could," Pippen said.

And unlike Jordan, who made two comebacks after retiring, Pippen promised he's finished.

"There won't be any return for me," he added.

Although Pippen was being heralded Tuesday as a consummate teammate, there was one selfish episode during Jordan's one full season away from the game that will always be remembered.

Unhappy when a final shot was called for Toni Kukoc instead of him, Pippen sat out the final 1.8 seconds of Game 3 of the 1994 Eastern Conference semifinals. Kukoc made the shot to win the game, but the Bulls lost the series.

And the 1997-98 season had barely started when Pippen, recovering from foot surgery and unhappy with his contract, demanded a trade. He eventually returned, but his bitterness with then general manager Jerry Krause festered.

Krause, who acquired Pippen's rights in a draft-day deal for Olden Polynice in 1987 — which turned out to be one of the team's best transactions ever — has his own banner hanging from the rafters at the United Center.

Next season, the Bulls plan to retire Pippen's number, 33.

Pippen plans to stick around Chicago and be a volunteer coach of sorts, working with some of the Bulls' younger players during training camp.

"I've done all I could as a player," Pippen said on how he would be remembered. "I kind of leave that up to the fans and individuals to judge me on how I was as a player and a person.

Shula thinks Pats could go unbeaten

By Steven Wine
Associated Press

MIAMI — Don Shula knows what it takes to achieve a perfect season, and he says the New England Patriots have a chance to do it.

On the other hand, Shula says, the winless Miami Dolphins have a shot at an upset Sunday at New England.

The Hall of Fame coach has a vested interest for two reasons. He led the Dolphins for 26 years and still roots for them, and his 1972-73 teams won 18 consecutive games, an NFL record the Patriots hope to break Sunday.

Four other teams share the record, but only Shula's 1972 Dolphins went 17-0. The Patriots need 16 more wins in a row for the second perfect season in league history, which would be 19-0.

"They've got a real shot at it," Shula said Tuesday. "They've got to win a lot of games to do it, and tough teams down the road. But they certainly are a legitimate threat to do it. They're a team that's solid in every way, from ownership to coaching to the players."

That's in contrast to the 2004 Dolphins, off to their worst start since their expansion season in 1966 with four consecutive losses.

It's a level of failure foreign to Shula, who holds the NFL record with 328 coaching victories. He never endured an 0-4 start in 33 years as a coach, and 16 times he had four losses or less the entire season.

"Obviously the Dolphins are 0-4 and not happy about that," he said. "They haven't been able to put together any drives offensively. If they can get something together offensively, with the great defense they play, they've got a chance to win some games this year, and they've got a chance against New England have contributions to Miami's woes.



Bill Belichick holds up the Lombardi Trophy following the Patriots' victory over Carolina.

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A-10 has twin billings

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defense that shut out six of their first nine opponents.

On the offensive, St. Bonaventure must find someone other than Heather MacDougal to provide some offense. The A-10 leader in both goals and points, MacDougal has scored all three of the team's goals in the last four games. Even more damaging is the loss of sophomore forward Kelly O'Malley.

O'Malley, who shares the A-10 lead in points with MacDougal, suffered a season-ending knee injury just three minutes into their A-10 opener against Duquesne on Sept. 26.

Dayton Continues to Surge

Coaches around the A-10 knew that Dayton was going to be good, but nobody thought they'd be this good. After dropping a 3-2 decision to No. 12 Florida, the Flyers have won ten in a row and sit atop the A-10 standings at 3-0. So far, the offense has been relatively consistent averaging two goals per game, good for third in the Atlantic 10. It's the defense however that's been dominant.

The Flyer D ranks first in fewest goals allowed with 6 and has a .55 goals against average. It hasn't just been a matter of tremendous goaltending either.

While keeper Stacey DeLuca leads the league in shut outs and is second in goals against average, she doesn't even place in the top 10 for saves. Bottom line, the Dayton backs and midfielders are preventing opponents from getting shots off. If the Flyers keep this up, they'll be well on their way to yet another A-10 title and possibly a national ranking.

Double Trouble

Several A-10 teams have sets of twins making large contributions this season. As mentioned before, the Rhody Rams have been fortunate enough to have not one, but two very talented Kaspareks. Not only has Melanie been producing for Rhody, sister Megan has been excellent on offense, scoring five goals and dishing out assists on three others.

Temple is another team with a dynamic offensive duo, Santantta and Stephanie Vietry. The Cranston, RI natives share the team's lead for goals with two apiece. Samantha is also second on the team in assists with two.

The Musketeers of Xavier are also beneficiaries of a dynamic twin billing. Amber Silvis, a 2003 All-Rookie team member is having a successful sophomore campaign, having scored two goals this season while appearing in all 11 Xavier games. Her sister Ashley, a defender, has played well for the Musketeers this season. She too has appeared in 11 games and has started in 10 of them.

Hockey East signs NESN contract

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the bottom third. Northeastern came in at No. 7 despite missing the playoffs after a meager season that ended in a race to the bottom with Merrimack. The Warriors were picked to finish last for the fifth time in six years, one spot behind Providence.

Early birds

Giving even more credence to Jack Parker's annual gripe that the Hockey East teams play too long a season, four HEA teams played games last weekend, including one matchup between a current conference stalwart (Maine), and next year's newcomers (Vermont).

Merrimack also played a pair of early games, earning a win and a tie in two exhibitions against St. Thomas University of New Brunswick. Providence and UMass each played St. Francis Xavier of Nova Scotia last weekend, and both squads earned exhibition wins against the X-Men.

Friday Night's all right for fightin'

In a move that is sure to improve Hockey East's television coverage over last year's flighty plan, the New England Sports Network (NESN) will broadcast 13 regular season games, including 10 as part of its "Friday Night Ice" package, which begins at the turn of the new year. BU, who signed a new deal to call NESN its broadcast home, made out as the biggest winner in the deal, with four games on the network's Friday package, and 10 games overall, including the always-enticing January battle with Boston College.

UMass also got in on the deal, with three games scheduled for broadcast.

Bullen and Charest pace offense

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scored one goal last year would be carrying a significant portion of the Minutemen's goal scoring. As a freshman, Charest was relegated to the bench for much of the year and only started twice in 17 games.

Koch, however, isn't shocked by the way Charest has responded to more playing time. He mentioned that he is a hard worker on and off the field, and every goal he scores is well earned.

"I'm not surprised; I think he's one of our better players," Koch said. "To have live at this point in the season is maybe a few more than I thought, but I'm not really surprised because I know he can put the ball in the back of the net."

Bullen, however, started the season with much higher expectations. As the captain and the returning starter with the most goals from last year, Bullen was the focal point of the UMass offense.

Although he has not had any golden goals, Bullen is still opening up chances and putting the ball away for the Minutemen. He and Charest have been staples in an offense that has gone through several changes this season, all in hopes of finding a unit that clicks.

"I think the tough thing for him is that he's the one frontrunner that everybody knows about," Koch said on Bullen. "When he goes into a game, the other team tries to stop him."

After completing nearly half its season, UMass has a couple more frontrunners that opposing coaches are on the lookout for. Charest and Bullen have been more than sufficient for the Minutemen this year, but freshman Matt Lemire has also been a threat with two goals and two assists in the season.

"Matt Lemire has definitely helped, because now the other team has to worry about him," Koch said. "This gives Oral [Bullen] a little more space to run. Now all three of them are helping each other."



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Junior captain Oral Bullen puts a move on a New Hampshire defender. Bullen has five goals this year.

Pippen hangs them up

By Rick Gano
Associated Press

DEERFIELD, Ill. — Scottie Pippen played the sidekick to basketball's greatest star, Michael Jordan, creating a partnership the Chicago Bulls parlayed into an NBA dynasty with six titles in the 1990s.

Pippen's career came to an end Tuesday as he announced his retirement following 17 years in the league. He made the announcement while standing in front of the six championship trophies he helped the Bulls win.

"As I stand here and as I look back, I don't think Michael [Jordan] had any championship trophies without me," Pippen said of a basketball relationship that was mutually beneficial.

Jordan already was a star when Pippen arrived in 1987. Four seasons later, they brought the Bulls their first title.

"It was a taste for us we had never had before," Pippen said, looking back on the five-game victory over the Lakers.

There were two "three-peat" championships interrupted by Jordan's unsuccessful foray into baseball and a 72-10 regular season that may never be surpassed.

"He was playing with the best of all time," Bulls coach Scott Skiles said. "I don't know, maybe Michael wouldn't have gotten them without Scottie, either. You could make a case for that, for sure."

Pippen, 39, chosen as one of the NBA's 50 greatest players in 1996 for the league's 50th anniversary, was known for his all-around play — especially his long-armed defense at 6-foot-7 against some of the league's best scorers. The seven-time All-Star directed the Bulls' famed triangle offense with his ball-handling skills.

"Michael was here seven years before they started winning championships," said former Bull Bill Wennington.

"What was the problem? He needed someone who agreed that you needed to go up the court and work your backside off to get it done. And Scottie was that guy who came in and said, 'Yeah I will do that and you know what? If I'm the second man, that's OK.'"

After 11 years with the Bulls, Pippen left after the 1999 lockout and played one year in Houston and four more in Portland.

Looking for some leadership, the Bulls brought Pippen back last season to work with their young team. But he had knee surgery in December and played in only 23 games as the Bulls went 23-59.

It was the first time in his career Pippen missed

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Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen won six NBA Championships together, including a 72-10 season which was the best of all time. Pippen averaged 16 points, six rebounds, and five assists over his career.

Earnhardt punished for profanity

By Mike Harris
Associated Press

A slip of the tongue on TV cost Dale Earnhardt, Jr. first place and $10,000, penalties imposed by an increasingly image-conscious NASCAR.

Earnhardt was docked 25 points Tuesday in the Nextel Cup standings for using vulgarity in an NBC interview after his victory at Talladega Superspeedway, dropping him to second place with seven races left in the season. He will appeal the point penalty.

Earnhardt still gets credit for the 14th victory of his career Sunday, and he has plenty of time to make up the deficit on new leader Kurt Busch, with up to 190 points available at each race.

Nonetheless, the punishment was criticized by Earnhardt's team as being too harsh, and it served as another example of how NASCAR is trying to shed its image as a sport that traces its roots to Good Ol' Boys running moonshine through the hills of Georgia and the Carolinas.

"The popularity of this sport is based on colorful personalities and the fact that everyone can relate to these drivers and their emotions," said Richie Gilmore, director of competition for Dale Earnhardt, Inc. "Now it seems like that's a detriment."

Enjoying tremendous growth in mainstream popularity lately, the racing league landed a $2.8 billion television contract with NBC and Fox that began in 2001. Also, this season switched the sponsorship of its top division

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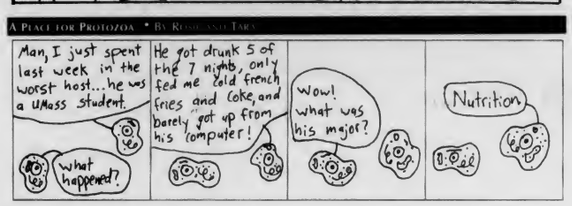
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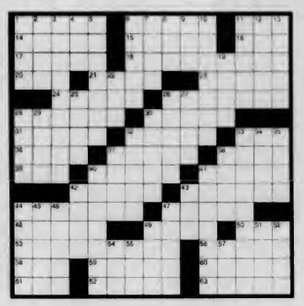
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Minutemen use scoring duo

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

Sometimes it takes a few snags in the road before a team begins to understand its offense. Junior captain Oral Bullen and sophomore Rob Charest have figured out this problem and are helping the University of Massachusetts men's soccer team turn a preseason weakness into a midseason strength.

Going into the 2004 campaign, the Minutemen were looking at one of the finest defensive units in the Atlantic 10. UMass shut out Notre Dame, who was then ranked No. 9 in the country, in a preseason exhibition and came storming into the season with a defense peaking and an offense looking for some answers.

Then, once the Minutemen gave up 13 goals in their first five games, it was uncertain where the team's strength would lie. It was then that Charest and Bullen showed that they were ready to bear the brunt of the offensive load.

"They have done very well," UMass head coach Sam Koch said. "Now that we're in conference, every goal means that much more. I think they are doing a good job with that responsibility."

Part of Charest's job has apparently been winning games for the Minutemen. So far Charest has netted two game-winning goals for UMass, one against Hartford on September 14th, and another against the Wildcats of New Hampshire on September 22nd.

Charest, who is typically a quiet player, has been a spark plug for the Minutemen this year and is currently tied with Bullen for most goals on the team with five.

"He's so quiet the other team doesn't know where he is, and he sneaks behind them," Koch said jokingly. "He has a very good eye for the goal. He sees situations, he sees what's there, and he's been able to capitalize on it."

It seems odd that a player that only

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Sophomore wing Rob Charest darts by a New Hampshire defender on September 22 at Rudd Field. Charest would score the eventual golden goal in overtime. The goal was his second game winner of the season, with is first coming against BU.

Kasparek keeps on top of game

By Dave Quinn
Collegian Staff

Kasparek Heating Up

It was a quiet opening of the 2004 season for returning A-10 Player of the Year Melanie Kasparek. Through her first seven games, the junior midfielder produced just one goal and one assist. However, much to the delight of Rhode Island coach Lisa Cole and much to the chagrin of many coaches around the A-10, Kasparek caught fire this weekend. On Oct. 1, Kasparek torched Temple for three goals, en route to a 5-0 win over Temple. Incidentally, it was Kasparek's twin sister Megan who provided the other two goals for the Rhody win. Then, on Oct. 3, Kasparek picked up right where she left off against Temple as she got the Rams on the board just six minutes into the game against St. Joe's. Rhody would go on to win the game 2-1 in OT. This weekend put her season totals up to seven goals and two assists. Currently Kasparek ranks third in the league for goals and sixth in overall points with 16.

A-10 Notebook

St. Bonaventure Struggling

After opening the season at 7-2, St. Bonaventure has fallen on tough times, dropping their last three contests. Even more damaging is that the three losses were against A-10 foes, so the Bonnies have found themselves in the cellar of the conference. The problems for St. Bonaventure appear to be two-fold. Goals seem to be at a premium as the Bonnies have produced just two in their last three games. In their first nine contests they averaged more than three goals per game. The defense has also been suspect as of late. Opponents have scored four goals in each of the last three games against a

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Sox route Anaheim

By John Nadel
Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Curt Schilling and the Boston Red Sox got the jump on Anaheim in the AL playoffs. Perhaps that's how the Angels prefer it.

Schilling pitched 6 2-3 effective innings, Manny Ramirez and Kevin Millar homered during a seven-run burst, and the Red Sox beat the Angels 9-3 Tuesday in Game 1.

Pedro Martinez will pitch against Anaheim's Bartolo Colon in Game 2 on Wednesday night before the best-of-five series moves to Boston.

Red Sox	9
Angels	3

Two years ago the Angels lost the openers to the Yankees. Twins and Giants before bouncing back to win all three series en route to the championship.

Just like the 2002 postseason, most of the fans at Angel Stadium wore red and made it noisy by hanging ThunderStix. The volume level decreased significantly after the Red Sox's big fourth inning gave them an 8-0 lead, and not even stuffed Rally Monkeys could spur the Angels.

The seven runs were the most ever scored by the Red Sox in an inning in the postseason and the most ever allowed by the Angels. Five of the runs were unearned because of a throwing error by third baseman Chone Figgins.

An eight-run lead was more than enough for Schilling, who entered with a 5-1 record and a 1.06 ERA in 11 previous postseason appearances.

He wasn't at his best, allowing nine hits and three runs, two earned, while walking two and striking out four. But that was good enough.

Schilling, who allowed at least one baserunner in every inning, was relieved by Alan Embree with a runner at second, two outs in the seventh and the Red Sox leading 8-3. Embree retired pinch hitter Adam Riggs on foul popup to end the inning.

Boston went ahead for good off Jarrod Washburn in the first on a two-out double by Ramirez and a broken-bat single by David Ortiz.

Ortiz walked to begin the fourth and Millar hit an 0-1 offspeed pitch into the left-field bullpen, making it 3-0. The Red Sox then loaded the bases with one out, and two runs scored when Figgins fielded Johnny Damon's grounder but was far off target with his throw home as he went for the force.

Scot Shields relieved and struck out Mark Bellhorn, but Ramirez capped the inning with a three-run homer over the left-center field fence.

Troy Glaus, MVP of the 2002 World Series, hit Schilling's second pitch in the bottom half for a long home run.

Darin Erstad added a solo homer in the seventh, and the Angels got another run on Schilling's throwing error and an RBI double by Glaus. Schilling grabbed at his right ankle after watching his throw to first bounce down the right-field line, and stayed in for one more batter.

Many in the crowd began waving Rally Monkeys during the seventh. They were all over the place during the Angels' postseason run two years ago.

The Red Sox got a run back in the eighth on Doug Mientkiewicz's two-out bunt single off Ramon Ortiz.

Slow-footed Bengie Molina lined a single with two outs and a runner at first in the Angels' sixth. Right fielder Gabe Kapler threw to first, with the ball sailing over first baseman Millar's head. The play prompted laughter in the Boston dugout and would have been close had the throw been accurate.



Red Sox Johnny Damon watches his 7th inning homer against the New York Yankees at Fenway Park in Boston on September 24.

BC on top of preseason poll

By Andrew Merritt
Collegian Staff

In 20 full years of Hockey East competition, one thing is unequivocally true about the Northeast's premier college hockey league: there are very few surprises to start the season.

Despite the fact that it didn't make it to the conference final last year, Boston College once again found itself atop the league's preseason coaches' poll. The Eagles, who were the unanimous pick to win the league title last year at this time, received five first-place votes, two more than second-place Maine, and four more than third-place Boston University, which finished the 2003-04 regular season with just enough points to edge Northeastern for the last playoff spot.

Hockey East Notebook

More than anything, the No. 1 league ranking speaks to the Eagles' consistently top-shelf offense, which averaged 3.67 goals per game last year, the best in the league. There's no arguing that BC is one of the top teams in the nation, at least on paper, so it's justifiable that the Eagles would once again be the team to beat in the preseason poll. Rounding out the rankings, New Hampshire was picked fourth, a testament to the Wildcats' depth despite the considerable losses of all-world goaltender Mike Ayers and Player of the Year Steve Saviano.

Ayers, who established himself as the league's most dependable goalie during a stellar career between the pipes, was a sixth-round NHL draft pick by Chicago in 2000, but opted to join the Charlotte Checkers, the New York Rangers' ECHL affiliate. Saviano stayed in New England, joining the AHL's Lowell Lock



MATTHEW REILLY/COLLEGIAN

UMass goalie Tim Warner had 10 saves in the Minutemen's 2-1 win over St. Francais Xavier.

Monsters, but leaves a talented offensive corps behind in Durham.

UMass Lowell and Massachusetts are No. 5 and 6 respectively, right around where they were last year. In

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Pierce ready to avenge shaky season

BURLINGTON, Vt. — For Paul Pierce, last year was a low point.

Before the start of his sixth professional season, the Celtics swingman saw his co-star, Antoine Walker, traded to the Dallas Mavericks. Coach Jim O'Brien resigned in January, and Pierce seemed to lose interest as the team limped to a 36-win season under interim coach John Carroll and was swept from the first round of the playoffs by the Indiana Pacers.

Pierce averaged 23 points, his lowest since 1999-2000. His 40 percent field goal percentage and 30 percent shooting from behind the three-point arc were both career lows.

The Celtics began training camp Tuesday at the University of Vermont with the expectation that if the team is going to turn things around, Pierce must do better. With a new coach and a new supporting cast, he may now have the tools to do so.

"You can't leave everything on Paul," said point guard Gary Payton, perhaps the biggest offseason acquisition for the Celtics after Coach Glenn "Doc" Rivers.

"He's been trying to do it for years here," Payton said. "He needs some help and needs to be able to go out and play basketball instead of trying to dictate what everyone else does. He needs a veteran like me to take some pressure off, and that's what's going to happen."

Despite his struggles, Pierce ranked fifth in the league in points last season. But without Walker to shoulder some of the load, he seemed impatient at times and often rushed his shots.

Rivers thinks the team has been molded in a way that can help Pierce to succeed this season.

"Gary has the ability to get Paul the ball in the spot he should get it. And I think with Jiri (Welch) and Ricky (Davis) back, and Paul more comfortable with them I don't think Paul will feel the need to force shots now," Rivers said.

Pierce's sees the new season as a chance to start over. Despite being a veteran on a team that includes five players with a year or less of NBA experience, he sees the tools to succeed and seems at comfort with the situation.

"I look at this camp as something refreshing for me," he said. "It's like a new start I feel. You got a whole new staff, a whole new system, a whole new set of players, it's almost like starting over, but I'm already seven years in."

Playing with veterans like Pierce and Payton should help rookies Tony Allen, Al Jefferson, and Delonte West adjust to NBA life. Add in veterans Mark Blount, Davis, Raef LaFrenz, Walter McCarty and Welsh, and Rivers has something to work with.

— *Associated Press*

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Students storm Whitmore during ALANA rally for racial diversity



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Hundreds of UMass students swarm the Student Union during a rally for racial diversity held by ALANA and concerned students yesterday. Speakers included faculty and staff, as well as students.

By Brian Duffey
Collegian Staff

Several hundred people gathered outside of the Student Union yesterday at noon to rally against racial inequalities and injustices on the University of Massachusetts campus.

"It was a great turnout with great student support," said Student Government Association President Eduardo Bustamante. The crowd continued to grow as the event progressed, including students, faculty, and members of the Amherst community.

"We're here for the development of diversity that does not exist on this campus," said junior Nicole Thompson. Thompson, who is a member of ALANA and Take Back UMass, said that issues of race affect everyone on campus.

The rally's first speaker, Aziaro Elizarov, urged the crowd to "break the silence." In reference to the University's handling of the infamous "KKK-9" photos showing members of the SGA posing behind a drawing of a student leader dressed as the Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan.

"University inaction towards the students who committed this inexplicable act of hatred is indicative of this administration's lack of interest in fostering diversity," said Elizarov. A graduate student of Mexican, Russian, and Armenian descent, Elizarov asked for the immediate expulsion of the student leaders shown in the photos.

Speaker Jacqui Pinn encouraged the crowd to vote and demand moral and ethical leadership.

Andres Gomez, a member of Take Back UMass demanded "less blah, blah, blah and more cha cha cha." The crowd laughed and cheered in response.

Gomez and other members of Take Back UMass have begun a judicial process to have the student leaders involved in the photographs expelled. Gomez pointed out that neither Chancellor John Lombardi, nor Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life Mike Gargano were in attendance at the rally.

"Lombardi doesn't care," said Professor John Brayce of the Afro-American Studies department. Brayce held up a blank piece of paper and said it symbolized Lombardi's stance on diver-

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Students divided on ballot questions

By Dan O'Brien
Collegian Staff

University of Massachusetts students are currently in the midst of student government elections, which were held yesterday and will continue to be held today.

Polling times and locations are as follows: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hampshire, Worcester and Franklin Dinning Commons and the Campus Center. 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Berkshire, Worcester and Franklin Dinning Commons and the Campus Center.

Students who live in Orchard Hill or Central residential areas may vote at the Franklin Dinning Hall. Northeast and Sylvan residents may vote at the Worcester Dinning Hall. Southwest-North residents may vote at the Hampshire Dinning Hall. Southwest-South residents may vote at the Berkshire Dinning Hall. Off-campus students may vote at the Campus Center. Those students who cannot vote in their respective polling location may vote at the location of their choice by filling out an absentee ballot at that location.

In wake of the recent scandal involving Student Government Association members posing in photographs taken at the Student Center for Educational Research and Advocacy office, voting attendance has not been any higher than usual, according to several people manning the polling stations.

"I was at the Worcester D.C. at 11:45 this morning," said Bibi Khadija, an undeclared sophomore who is working the polling stations. "When I walked in, there were a lot of people standing and voting."

The number of people voting around 5 p.m. in the Campus Center was relatively moderate as well. One by one, students steadily showed up to vote.

Maxine Dube, who is running to represent Central in the SGA Senate, spoke on several issues surrounding this election including the proposed student run textbook rental service.

"The administration and university's goal is to make revenue either way. If it's student-run then obviously that component would be gone," Dube said.

"I think it's a great idea. I don't think anyone's losing money, especially if it's student run," she said.

Sophomore Peter Joseph agreed that the textbook rental system is a good idea.

"You have to be for it. Anything that will let kids spend less than $300 a semester is a good thing," Joseph said.

Mac Chevrette, a freshman student also said she liked the idea.

"I think it's awesome because I paid $600 for textbooks and now that I took the shrink wrap off I can't return some of them," Chevrette said.

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Former Attorney General to visit UMass community

By Casey Novak
Collegian Staff

Former U.S. Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach will speak at the University of Massachusetts this evening as part of a semester-long commemoration the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark decision in 1954 that banned segregation in public schools. The event takes place at 7:30 p.m. in Mahar.

Katzenbach's topic will be "Brown and the Civil Rights Movement: A View from Washington." His is the second part of the Feinberg Family Distinguished Lecture Series presented by the History Department. The series is made possible by Kenneth Feinberg, his family, and friends, who have established a Distinguished Visiting Professorship in History to broaden awareness of the past and its importance to the present and future.

"You can learn from history — we don't often do it, but if you have some understanding of what happened and why it happened it may affect your actions today," Katzenbach said. "We still have an awful lot of social segregation in our society today. It's better today, but there are still too few whites that have black friends and too few blacks that have white friends."

First serving as Deputy Attorney General under Robert F. Kennedy, Katzenbach directed the Justice Department's field operations in the struggle to desegregate the University of Mississippi in 1962 and the University of Alabama in 1963.

"The study of history can enlighten people about contemporary events," said Gerald W. McFarland, professor of history and director of undergraduate studies. "Certainly race in America is still a significant public topic and since this happens to be the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court desegregation case, it seemed timely to review where we have come in 50 years."

McFarland said the department is delighted to have Mr. Katzenbach visit the university since he was a distinguished eyewitness in an inside position during the 1960s.

Influential in the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Katzenbach drafted the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and helped to see it through Congress.

After being named acting Attorney General when Kennedy left that post to run for president, Katzenbach became Attorney General in 1965 and served in that capacity until a dispute with J. Edgar Hoover over the FBI's unauthorized wiretaps of Martin Luther King, Jr. and others led him to resign.

President John-son then named him Under Secretary of State. In 1968 he returned to private practice in Princeton, N.J.

According to Katzenbach, it is important to understand what happened in our country during those years since racism is still an issue that remains unsolved.

"It has mostly gone underground today," Katzenbach said. "It used to be very overt, particularly in the South. There was a good deal of violence and many people were hurt in the process. We've made progress, but 50 years is a long time and I'm sorry we haven't made more progress."

Officials say Iran is moving closer to nuclear enrichment

By Ali Akbar Dareini
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran said Wednesday it has processed several tons of raw "yellowcake" uranium to prepare it for enrichment — a key step in developing atomic weapons — in defiance of the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency.

Converting raw uranium into hexafluoride gas does not violate any agreements Iran has made regarding its nuclear program and was done with the full knowledge of the International Atomic Energy Agency. However, it draws Iran and the United States — which quickly voiced its disapproval — closer to a showdown before the U.N. Security Council.

The IAEA board of governors specifically demanded last month that Iran stop all enrichment-related activities, and cited the plans to convert raw uranium into hexafluoride gas as particularly alarming. Iran has refused to back down, and its parliament is studying a bill that would require the government to proceed with the enrichment process over any objections.

Hossein Mousavian, Iran's chief delegate to the IAEA, would not specify how much hexafluoride gas had been produced, but he told The Associated Press in an interview that a few tons of raw uranium — also known as yellowcake — had been converted.

The conversion process yields nearly the same amount of gas, meaning a few tons would have been produced.

"We have used part of the raw uranium we had. A few tons of yellowcake has been converted," Mousavian told the AP.

"We are not in a hurry to do it," he added. "The amount we've produced is [for] an experimental process, not industrial production."

It also is less than what experts estimate would be required to make a single bomb — something Iran insists it has no intention of doing.

A diplomat close to the agency told the AP in Vienna that although the conversion does not contradict Iran's obligations, it will be viewed by some countries as a provocation.

In the United States, the White House quickly disapproved, with spokesman Scott McClellan again accusing Iran of pursuing nuclear weapons and saying it must give up the quest.

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Wind turbine dismantled for future display in Smithsonian



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The original wind turbine stands behind Orchard Hill residential area earlier this fall, left. Right, the wind turbine is shown proped on its side after being deconstructed yesterday morning.

By Hannah Drake
Collegian Correspondent

The historic wind turbine behind Orchard Hill on the University of Massachusetts campus was dismantled at 8 a.m. yesterday by the engineering group that originally constructed it — the UMass Mafia.

The wind turbine, which stands 60 feet tall and has a four-to-five meter blade length, will be going to the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C. as part of a renewable energy display in the next three years. It is currently being stored in the Astronomy Research Facility on campus.

Members of the UMass Mafia and Deerfield Valley contractors began disassembly of the wind turbine at approximately 8 a.m. The contractors, who couldn't use blowtorches because of the wooden roofing nearby, had to grind down triangular-metal pieces.

The pieces had been used as a ladder, but were in the way of the clamp that needed to be placed directly beneath the cell of the turbine. Once the clamp was in place, the contractors brought in a large crane and workers undid the three steel suspension cords. Around midday, the entire 7,000 pound wind turbine was lifted out of its ball-and-socket joint and gently lowered onto a wooden crate, where the blades were removed.

Once the blades were removed, members of Environmental Safety and Health came in to clean the wind turbine of bird waste, which is considered toxic.

According to Woody Stoddard, Mafia member and distinguished graduate, the wind turbine and the Mafia first came into existence due to UMass civil engineering professor Bill Heronemus. Heronemus predicted the energy crisis of the 1970s in the 1960s, and decided he would attempt to build one of the first working wind turbines in the United States.

He recruited a group of eight UMass students to begin research and design for wind energy in 1971. They later became the original members of the self-proclaimed UMass Mafia.

According to Stoddard, the Mafia currently includes hundreds of graduates. "We're like spies, only we're highly respected," Stoddard joked.

The members are respected because at the time of their recruitment, there was little previous wind turbine research, Stoddard said. The most recent research at the time was done in England and Germany and dated from the 1930s.

The students' creativity is apparent in the design of the turbine.

"They used a differential [gear] from an old truck or something like that as part of the drivetrain," said Tony Ellis, a graduate research fellow for the UMass Department of Renewable Energy Research and current Mafia member. "The pitching mechanism with sprockets looks like it came out of a bike shop," he said. "But essentially it was made and designed by the students here."

Students also took design ideas from classes and past experience. The cell of the wind turbine is shaped like a submarine, because at the time Mafia member Louis Manfredi was

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Four arrested for breaking into cars in Lot 22

TuesdaySeptember 26

4:49 a.m. Outside of McNamara dormitory a party reported three subjects tearing the letters off the front side of the building. The officer could not locate subjects.

8:28 a.m. A caller stated that a parked vehicle has rear window smashed out in lot 63. The officer attempted to locate vehicle's owner.

11:11 a.m. A caller stated that student lost their saxophone with an approximate value is $2800. An incident report was taken.

12:53 p.m. A caller stated the doors look to have broken into in South College. Party notified doors were damaged by AFD due to an earlier fire alarm.

WednesdaySeptember29

7:59 p.m. A caller stated that subject broke into a room and stayed the night in Middlesex House. An officer investigated but no subject was found.

ThursdaySeptember30

1:26 a.m. Subjects found checking door handles of vehicles, looking into vehicle windows and attempted to smash windshield of one vehicle in lot 22. Four arrests were made:

Shawn David Stebbins of Granby was charged with destruction of property exceeding $250.

Luke Peter Harvey of Granby was charged with destruction of property exceeding $250.

Angel Gomez of Granby was charged with destruction of property exceeding $250.

Stephen Dick Henry of Newport, Mich. is charged with carrying a firearm on school grounds and destruction of property exceeding $250.

FridayOctober1

11:54 p.m. Officers investigated a pedestrian hit by a vehicle on University Drive. An ambulance transported the subjects to the hospital. Photos and statements were taken from witnesses, and a summons will be issued for assault and battery and disorderly conduct.

SaturdayOctober2

6:27 a.m. A caller stated that there was a light pole down with wires exposed on Campus Center Way but there was no vehicle in the area.

11:54 a.m. A caller stated that their vehicle was broken into in lot 32 and riding equipment was stolen. Approximate value $480.

2:57 p.m. A caller stated that their sunroof was shattered and scratches were on the hood of the vehicle in lot 13. An incident report was taken.

SundayOctober3

12:47 a.m. An officer stated that a subject was having a large party in the Southwest Mall and partiers were urinating off the balcony. The subjects told the officer that it would not happen again.

8:02 p.m. A caller stated that their vehicle was broken into in lot 22 and stereo equipment was stolen valued at $500. An incident report was taken.

11:42 p.m. A caller reported students throwing firecrackers out the windows of McNamara dormitory. Police are working with Housing Services to locate the room with the fireworks.

— Compiled by Julie O'Donnell

Turbine blades' shape designed after helicopter

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taking a course on submarine design. The blades of the turbine resemble those found on helicopters, as Stoddard had previously worked in the air force as a helicopter designer.

The turbine was largely successfully once completed. It was first used in a research project to generate "AC," or alternating current, which was used to heat a 3,000 gallon tank of water in the basement, Ellis said. Stoddard said that the hot water was used to heat the building.

The members of the Mafia also found a way to use the turbine to run an electricity meter backwards, effectively creating a live-discount for wind power. The invention could have created a large incentive to use wind energy in addition to fossil energy, but according to Stoddard, the utility companies didn't approve the idea.

Once the energy crisis began, the UMass Renewable Energy Research Department received a lot of attention from surrounding schools.

"I think the biggest result is that today, the UMass engineering graduates are of the highest demand in the recruiting force, ever," said Stoddard.

Stoddard also said that everyone who has been a part of the UMass Mafia currently has highly respected jobs dealing with wind energy or other types of renewable energy.

According to Stoddard, the UMass Mafia is better known in Europe. "They're so much more positive about wind power," he said. Stoddard, who wrote a textbook on wind power in 1987, said the book did very well in Europe but not in the United States.

"If you go over to Europe and they find out you're from UMass, they all start asking questions about different wind-turbine related problems," he said.

The disassembly project was financed by alumni and the Electrical Engineering Department.

Brennan says he will not resign as Associate Speaker

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Students' and candidates' opinions differed when asked about the proposed bill that would reduce the number of credits required for graduation from 60 to 48.

"I agree with it," said Dube. "I'm a biology major and I'm also in Commonwealth College. There are requirements for the University, Commonwealth College and my major and they don't necessarily overlap ... This system could keep a better balance of people graduating within four years."

Jont Fredette, a junior Biology major agreed.

"I'm very in favor of that ... I already have a hard enough time studying for four classes as it is," Fredette said.

"I don't like that idea very much. I currently take six classes a semester and that's not unmanageable," said Brian Benoit, a junior Mechanical Engineering major.

Robin Drew, a sophomore S.O.M. major explained she does not like the idea either.

"If you don't know what your major is going to be, you can take a wide variety of classes to help you decide," Drew said.

Associate Speaker Seamus Brennan and SCERA member and SGA nominee Michael Sheridan, both of whom were pictured in the controversial SGA photos, were handing out campaign fliers in front of Berkshire Dining Commons last night.

Brennan said he will become Speaker and said he has no intention to resign from his position.

Sheridan said he is "most definitely" not resigning.

"It was a vicious attack by the cowards who did that," said Sheridan, referring to the unidentified person who released the photos to an anonymous ALANA (African Latino Asian/Pacific Islander and Native American) Caucus member.

Georgia Kelly, a sophomore Senate candidate for Southwest-South said Brennan's decision not to resign should be left up to him.

"I think it's Seamus' choice. I think he'll do the right thing if he is honest with himself," Kelly said, adding that she has known him for a year and said he is "a good kid."

Kelly thinks the consequences of the photos on the campus community have been unfortunate. She said that any racial tensions on campus make for a sad situation.

"I think it's unfortunate that it has to be prevalent all of the sudden. It's sad," she said. "I worked with them last year and the pictures just came as a shock."

U.S. says Iran must stop quest for nuclear weapons

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"The international community is speaking very clearly to Iran: If they continue in the direction they are going we will have to look at what additional action may need to be taken, including looking to the U.N. Security Council," he said.

Last month, the IAEA's board of governors unanimously passed a resolution demanding for the first time that Iran freeze all work on uranium enrichment, including conversion. The board suggested Iran could ultimately face U.N. sanctions if it defied the demands.

Mousavian, who also heads the Foreign Policy Committee at Iran's Supreme National Security Council, said the IAEA "knows of every milligram of uranium converted."

In Vienna, IAEA spokeswoman Melissa Fleming agreed the process was "being done fully under IAEA's watch," but said she could not immediately confirm how far the Iranians had gotten.

"Inspectors are visiting that facility and we have other verification tools that are providing us with constant information about the operation of that facility," Fleming said.

Uranium hexafluoride gas is the material that, in the next stage, is fed into centrifuges used to enrich uranium. Uranium enriched to a low level is used to produce nuclear fuel to generate electricity and enriched further can be used to manufacture atomic bombs.

Iran said last month that it had started converting about 40 tons of raw uranium being mined for enrichment, but Wednesday's remarks were the first confirmation Iran had gone beyond creating precursors to the gas.

Thus far, Iran has said it is honoring a pledge not to put uranium hexafluoride gas into centrifuges, spin it and make enriched uranium. That, however, could change soon.

In Iran, the nuclear program is a matter of national pride — an area where the conservative parliament and reformist government of President Mohammad Khatami agree. Legislation being drafted by conservative lawmakers to force the government to resume uranium enrichment ultimately is expected to be approved.

Mousavian said, however, that Iran is ready to guarantee that its nuclear program will not be diverted to military use and to take steps to eliminate concerns.

"IAEA is the responsible body for nonproliferation. Iran is prepared to consider any IAEA proposal to take specific measures that its nuclear program will not be diverted toward weapons in the future. The specific measures should be defined by the IAEA," he said.

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UMass community comes together



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Students hold signs on the Student Union steps reading "Education Yes! Racism No!" and "An Attack on One is an Attack on All," above.
Upper left, rally participants march toward Whitmore Administration building.
Lower left, SGA President Eduardo Bustamante urges the audience to fight for diversity on campus.
Upper right, Bustamante raises a fist celebrating the success of the rally.
Lower right, students storm past a Whitmore lobby sign that reads "Welcome! The staff of Whitmore is please to serve you."

President Bustamante pleased with rally's high turnout

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sity, or lack there of. He described the University's pamphlets and flyers as "dishonest."

He said that these advertisements exaggerate the number of non-white students on campus, saying that it is possible to walk through campus and not see a single minority student.

"You can't be educated in an all-white racist institution and expect to succeed in the 21st Century," Brayce said. He said he fears that UMass is fast approaching the homogeny of the University of New Hampshire and the University of Vermont.

Lawanza Lett-Brewington, Director of Community Education at the Everywoman's Center, quoted Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"An injustice anywhere is an injustice everywhere," she said

"I'm proud of this moment," Bustamante said to the crowd. "Anything we get as students is what we stand up for. We're not going to be given anything."

He urged the crowd to act as grown-ups, discontinue reliance on their parents, and march towards Whitmore as adult members of the University of Massachusetts. "I am hopeful that things are going to change around here," Bustamante finished.

"Be disrespectful, because they disrespect us," doctoral student Anthony Ratcliff, advised the noisy and motivated crowd that began their procession towards Whitmore.

He said he supports the removal of Charles Dimare, an on-campus attorney, whom Ratcliff says has defended the student leaders.

The crowd chanted, "Hey ho, hey ho, racism has got to go," in solidarity as they marched toward the headquarters of the UMass administration. "I'm really happy with the turnout, it's a very diverse crowd," said Ratcliff.

Without hesitation, the crowd went through the front doors of Whitmore and up the stairs towards the Chancellor's offices on the third floor. Once on the third floor, the hundreds of protesters began to chant for the dismissal of Mike Gargano. Neither Gargano, nor Lombardi emerged to speak with the crowd. The crowd circled the third floor, loudly voicing their intentions.

Following the rally, Bustamante said, "they expressed their feelings, it's the purest form of the student voice." The demonstration was organized by ALANA and other UMass students.

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Flu vaccine message delay is harmful

With the weather getting colder and more students staying inside in close quarters, the increase of sickness is becoming a more serious threat. As winter approaches, the flu is vastly becoming the biggest concern among people throughout the nation. However, the amount of flu vaccines that will be available to Americans this season has been decreased by half, making the illness that much larger of a danger.

According to the New York Times, the British government has suspended the manufacturing license of American-owned Chiron Corporation's factory in Liverpool. The reason for the three-month suspension is because an issue of contamination was raised. The bacteria that was uncovered, known as serratia, was first found back in August and is "not normally harmful to humans but can cause problems." The fact that this was first realized in August and is being brought to our nation's attention now, with the flu season fast approaching, is not acceptable and threatens to place the nation in a very dangerous situation.

As a direct consequence of the late notice given to American government officials of the contamination problems, it now puts America in a very difficult situation of having to scramble at the last minute to find other companies who would be able to ship flu vaccines to the United States. Unfortunately, this is a very difficult thing to be doing so last minute because flu vaccines have to be grown and take a very long time to produce.

The factory in Liverpool whose license was suspended produces 90 percent of the flu vaccines shipped to the United States. Reason being, the Liverpool factory is the only factory approved by the Food and Drug Administration. This not only puts great strain on America, but it also puts a lot of pressure on all other companies who produce the flu vaccine, having to quickly try and satisfy those suppliers who were let down by Chiron.

Dr. William Schaffner, a member of the National Vaccine Advisory Committee, stated "Everybody who's involved with Chiron vaccine wishes we had been told three weeks ago, a month ago, that you may have to change your plan, because we could have been working on it," according to the New York Times. With a product that is so important to the health and well being of so many people around the world, Chiron should have notified its clients of the problem with the vaccines as early as possible. Having waited until now doesn't just hinder their business, but more importantly, may prove detrimental to American citizens who may not have a flu vaccine accessible when they need it this season.

Fortunately, on a college campus, influenza is not a major cause for concern. Because of the ages of most college students, their immune systems are considerably stronger than those of geriatrics or infants. However, healthy college students do not make up the majority of the United States population, and, in recent years, a lack of flu vaccines has been a cause for many deaths throughout the country. Consequently, such an illness cannot be taken lightly and, sadly, the officials who were responsible for delaying the announcement of the contaminated vaccines will not be the ones feeling the harmful effects.

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Other issues worth examining

Debbie Friedman

When you look at George W. Bush, what to do you see? I see a guy in over his head, uncomfortable with his responsibilities and longing for more vacation time at the ranch. However, his campaign wants you to see a tough Texas cowboy who doesn't take no for an answer. I guess everyone is just supposed to forget his northeastern background. He's the only cowboy I know who went to Yale.

Then there is John Kerry. He's a mundane, old wealthy man who doesn't stand out from the crowd, at least until the first debate. He won the support of many solely because he is not Bush, but is not by any means the ideal candidate for the democrats. His campaign has him roll up his sleeves to appeal more to the working class, and there are even rumors that he got Botox to make himself appear younger.

All the image control going on in the campaigns got me thinking about how ridiculous it is that so much emphasis is put on the superficial aspects of this race. Unfortunately, this reality stems from the public because in every aspect of our culture we expect perfect looking people and judge based on relatively insignificant ideals. However, why does the same standard apply in the political realm?

In this day and age, each candidate has their own website with their platforms laid out for anyone to see. If you want to see their stance on anything or read any speech or bill they ever said or passed, you can pretty much do that.

Unfortunately, this useful information at our fingertips is often overlooked and overshadowed by the most shallow of reasons. There are many people who honestly are going to vote on Nov. 2 based on whom they would like to have a beer with or who throws a baseball better. Or even whom they find more attractive. That really scares me.

Don't get me wrong, I would love to sit down and have a beer with George. Who wouldn't? He's amusing even without the beer. Kerry, on the other hand, would definitely need a beer to ever be remotely fun and even then, I know I would hear way too many war stories. But to even factor that in to whom you want to run this country is ridiculous!

Perhaps I am not seeing how vital these aspects of the candidates are to running the country. Maybe the fact that John Kerry can snowboard is more important than his stance on the war. And who cares that Bush can barely construct a sentence without his speechwriters because he can throw a baseball better than Kerry!

Don't get me wrong, I would love to sit down and have a beer with George. Who wouldn't? He's amusing even without the beer. Kerry, on the other hand, would definitely need a beer to ever be remotely fun and even then, I know I would hear way too many war stories. But to even factor that in to whom you want to run this country is ridiculous!

The president of this country is supposed to be exceptional. Exceptionally smart, exceptionally good at communicating and most of all, an exceptional leader. It doesn't matter how good they can throw out the first pitch. If that were what mattered, then Derek Jeter, I mean, Pedro Martinez, would be running for president. And it doesn't matter how much fun they are to drink with because if that were the case, the crazy guy down the hall from me would be running. We all have to remember that the president is not supposed to be your best bud or the average guy. If the Bush campaign wants to argue that G.W. is an average guy, fine. But in my opinion, that is not a good thing.

The President of the United States is the highest office in the world, and if that isn't reason enough to expect someone exceptional, then I don't know what is.

Debbie Friedman is a UMass student.

Cheney picks up slack

Matthew Burke

After watching President George W. Bush fumble over his words at the hands of a veteran debater like John Kerry in Miami, I was pleased to see his message finally delivered clearly on Tuesday night at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. The slick slogans and hollow promises that the Kerry camp has blindfolded Americans with was finally exposed to all. However, I was surprised the bearer of that message was the sometimes-enigmatic Vice-President Dick Cheney.

Despite not being a fan of Mr. Cheney, I thought he was clear, focused, amiable, unafraid of accusations (Halliburton) and honestly forthcoming with answers as he soundly defeated Senator John Edwards (D- North Carolina) in an increasingly important V.P. showdown.

Past Vice Presidential debates have not meant nearly as much, but with Kerry and Bush virtually deadlocked in the polls, it appeared going into the debate that if Edwards won, tied or even angered the easily flustered Cheney, then the momentum would swing in favor of John Kerry and the Democratic Party. There would be two fronts in this war of words: foreign and domestic issues (both won by Cheney).

Cheney set the tone and answered Edwards as if there was no one in the room and he had not been scripted. He appeared more human than ever and spoke from the heart. He demanded that Kerry and Edwards honor the sacrifices of the coalition, which Cheney said, "includes all the Iraqi soldiers, policemen, and civilians that have been killed." Their numbers are "about 50 percent of the casualties." Cheney insisted that the Iraqis want freedom and are willing to fight for it.

Cheney picked apart Kerry and Edwards' "global test" foreign policy, and their willingness to increase U.S. troop strength instead of demanding that the Iraqi's quickly take over the job. It hurt Edwards's argument that Kerry was strong, when Cheney quoted Kerry in his bid for Congress many years ago, saying, "We need U.N. approval to deploy troops."

Cheney also briefly touched on the fact that Prime Minister Allawi will not want to work with a U.S. President that has such a horrid record of support and then a subsequent lack thereof. The Kerry camp has called Allawi a puppet.

When Edwards accused the current President of going into Iraq to divert attention from Bin Laden and Afghanistan, Cheney rebounded by stating

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the facts about Saddam's regime and Kerry's campaign record of taking up many different positions.

"We know Saddam was a sponsor of terror and not al Qaeda linked," Cheney said. "If I had it to recommend all over again, I would recommend exactly the same course of action."

Hussein had in fact "paid the families of suicide bombers in Palestine," "allowed training camps on Iraqi soil (like Al-Zarqawi's)," used chemical weapons on Iran and fellow Iraqi's, tortured their own, etc.

When asked to comment on Bin Laden, Cheney replied, "We'll get him." This seemed to leave Edwards with no wind left in his sails.

Edwards continued to make outrageous claims on Kerry's behalf further losing the domestic battle. He stated that they would only roll back the tax cuts of everybody who makes over $200,000 per year, implying that we could cut the deficit in half by doing so and pay for universal health coverage. This doesn't add up.

Cheney argued that 900,000 small businesses would be affected by rolling back the cuts due, in part, because they file under their own personal taxes to avoid paying the corporate rates and that seven out of 10 new jobs come from these small businesses. The economy would be weaker, not stronger.

Cheney showed a sentimental side I was not aware of when talking about supporting his lesbian daughter Mary. He went on to say that the administration understands the working class problems as he was the first in his family to graduate college, that he had formerly been a card carrying member of a labor union, that he had been laid off and that he had also been hospitalized with no health insurance. Edwards seemed confused and weak in the face of Cheney's domestic rebuttals, using recycled campaign rhetoric instead of attacking current policy and speaking from the soul.

When Cheney attacked, he caught Edwards, saying that his brief Senate career was not distinguished, and that he was a perennial no-show at votes and meetings.

The most shocking and striking thing about Edwards was his negativity. This is typical of the John Kerry campaign right now. It's all they have to run on. He said he had once lived in the "bright light that was America," and now that was "flickering." He said that both he and John Kerry see it, but Bush and Cheney don't. I guess with that point they are finally right. I don't feel it "flickering," and I'm glad our president doesn't either. I live in the best nation in the world, by far. I'm proud to be an American. I'm optimistic about the future of this country, a future that will get stronger with the reelection of President George W. Bush. Thanks Cheney, for giving the little guy a boost.

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Red Sox Nation paradox

Aaron Wodin-Schwartz

I would like to speak briefly about something that is equally as sacred to me as it probably is to most of my readers. The Boston Red Sox have occupied a disproportionate amount of my consciousness since April, and from many Aprils past. This summer saw me watching every single Sox game with my best friend — all day long obsessing over every play, any statement made by player or personnel in the organization. We were, in effect, emulating the ridiculous talk radio analysts on WEEI that we listened to every day at work.

I spent the last year studying abroad in Brussels, Belgium and you can bet your old Jim Rice jersey that I kept track of my beloved Sox in spite of the distance. Once the playoffs started I found an American bar whose owner was a Red Sox fan with a special military TV package that allowed him to pick up American sports networks overseas. After a bit of persuasion and promises of bringing in late-night business, he agreed to let me come and watch the games even though most of them did not start until 2 a.m. over there. On the infamous night of Game 7 of the ALCS, I stayed with my friends at the bar until six in the morning, only to drag my sagging head to the second day of my internship an hour later. Every Sox fan has a story, right?

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Like all of my compatriots in Red Sox Nation, I yearn for the promised night of jubilee that the glorious World Series trophy glistens under the Fenway Park lights for all of New England to see. Despite my mid-summer attempts to quell any naïve hope this time around, the streaking Sox have cast a 34-12 record since August 16 and reeled me back in hook, line and sinker. I now have that special tingling in my toes from a year ago that our long-awaited night of glory will soon be upon us. The next couple of weeks should take us for a wild ride and this time we shall emerge victorious!

Ironically, I fear that such a long-awaited conquest, far from augmenting the spirit of The Nation, would actually cause much of the fan base to rapidly erode. I speak no heresy. Please do not accuse me of treason. Think about it for a minute.

As we all know, the Red Sox have the best and most profoundly dedicated fans in all of baseball. Brought together largely by geography, our bond has been forged in pine tar and leather over 86 years of disappointment, the eventual naming of our curse and an intense and ultimately losing rivalry with our archnemesis to the south. Seeking to capitalize upon this brotherhood, new Sox owner Larry Lucchino came out and aptly referred to the Yankees as the Evil Empire, thereby increasing the strength of the Red Sox community and our individual identities as members of the Red Sox Nation. Indeed, Red Sox fanaticism has often been likened to religious fundamentalism with its submissive devotion, supernatural belief system, and meticulous pre-game routines and prayers.

Yet Red Sox Nation, regardless of the depth of its roots, is founded almost entirely upon a cult of masochism. Like it or not, the principal reason for such fervent rallying around our hometown heroes is their persistent inability to deliver us the ultimate pride that a fan can boast. With each passing year that finds Boston without a championship, with each abnormal occurrence that defeats us at the brink of success, our longing increases and the cycle of injustice deepens.

We are in solidarity because we suffer together. We feel a closer proximity to our players than most fans because they have suffered with us, even if they are not the same players as before. Consciously or not, this suffering is our rallying point and has been for some time now. So many times we have together been redeemed for our false hope and now our determination together grows to finally be delivered to the Promised Land. Or so we think.

As a cult of masochism, Red Sox Nation requires suffering to sustain itself. Our adversary surpassed, the world title gained, the raison d'être of our beloved fraternity would be undermined. Our fanaticism would be reduced to mere admiration of our players and lukewarm satisfaction at having achieved a long-awaited goal. Does that sound like Sox fans to you? The baseball gods willing, with nothing left to look forward to and no further chance of suffering, most of the fun of being a Sox fan would dissipate and the fire of our movement be pacified.

I still long for the Red Sox to win it all this year. They seem to have a pretty good shot, and only the St. Louis Cardinals really scare me. Yet I can envision a future in which the nostalgia for our current era of drought is immense and no abundance of World Series titles will be able to offset the longing for something greater.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

TEXTBOOK RENTAL SYSTEM FLAWED

UMass may start a new textbook rental system in the near future. Their deal with eFollet, the current textbook provider, is coming to an end.

Contrary to what The Collegian says, this is a move in the wrong direction. The main issue isn't being addressed. eFollet operates the textbook annex and receives $6 million a year through it, and pays the UMass administration more than $800,000 per year. eFollet is in the business to screw the students. They sell high and buy low — to and from the students. You pay $130 for a Calculus book, and at the end of the semester, they offer you $30 in cash for it. Next semester, they sell it used for $110 to another UMass student. That student may sell it back for $30, and eFollett gets to resell it again. What a nice business.

The problem? The middleman.

Administration plans to tack on an extra $100 to $150 to the bill so students can rent books. Since the books will be passing through many hands, they will be worn down and the quality will be worse. Students also will have less freedom with the books, and if any are lost, or if you're the unlucky one that rented it right before the bind fell out, guess what — you have to replace it.

If you're retaking classes, the fee still stands. That means if you're taking the same classes this semester as last semester, then you would have paid $200 to $300 to rent the same books. Students often retake classes, so in reality, they would be better off owning their books instead of paying a rental fee, in which ownership goes to the school, but liability is still with the student.

The books will need to be constantly updated as new editions come out. Yes, the four pages that changed from last semester's Calculus book requires a brand new 18th edition so you have to cough up more money.

One side effect of the rental system may be university pressure on professors to stay with dated books to save money and increase the books' lifespan. However, if not properly implemented, UMass students may suffer by not being taught on up-to-date books.

The rental system does not remove the middleman – it replaces one evil with another, and a fee on top of that. That $800,000 that UMass received for the last several years from eFollet needs to be replaced somehow. The rental system only benefits UMass administration. 15,000 on-campus students paying $100 each is $1.5 million a semester; at $150 each that is $2.25 million a semester. So, with two semesters in a year, it's $3 million to $4.5 million a year. That's an increase of 375 percent to 563 percent in revenue. Not bad.

Sure, books cost money, but UMass will buy in bulk and save money. They will probably buy some of the books used (who would know the difference?). Do you really think the savings will transfer to you?

Wayne Chang
UMass student

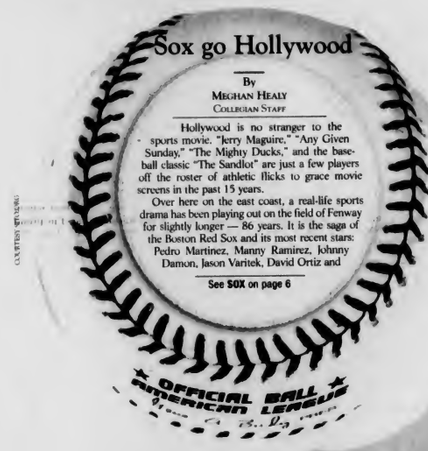
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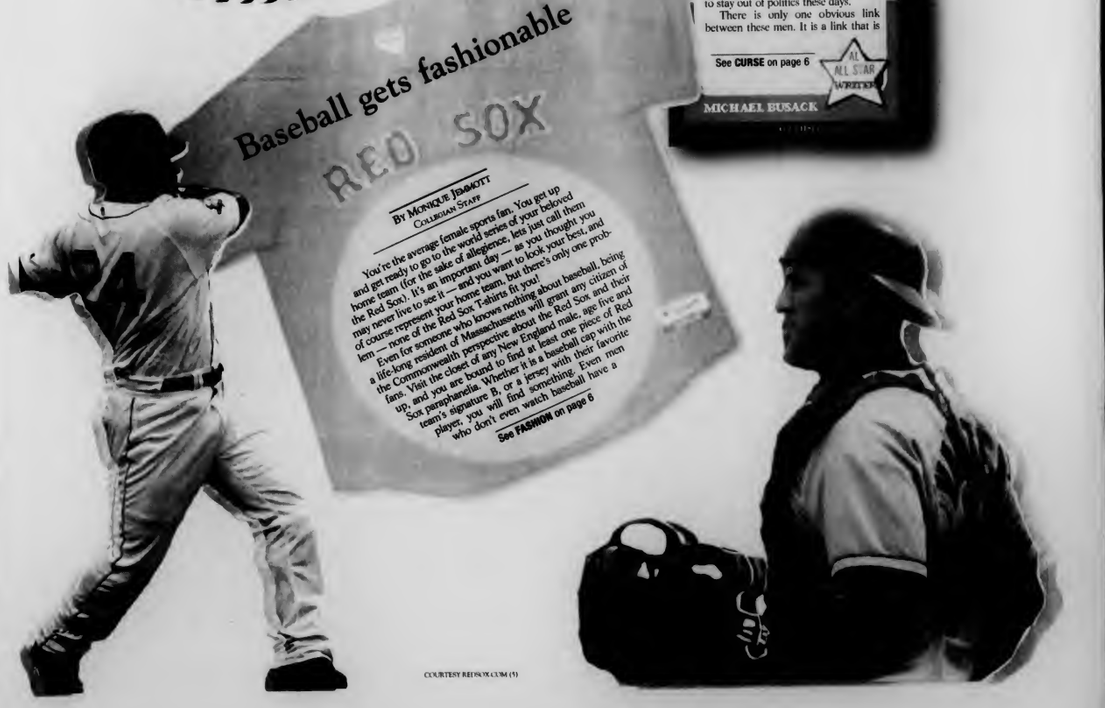
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RED SOX NATION

I pledge allegiance to the fans, of the entire Red Sox Nation, and to the Fenway faithful, in all the stands. One team, under Terry, unbeatable, with offense, and pitching
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No, really, this is the year

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bound by the blood of the nation, the Red Sox Nation. Yes, all of these men understand the perennial drama that is the Boston Red Sox.

In 1914 a young prospect by the name of George Herman Ruth signed with the Boston Red Sox. In the next three years, Ruth acted as one of Boston's sole pitchers. He earned a 67-34 record, and an amazing 415 strikeouts with three saves and a 2.07 ERA in 121 appearances. Ruth shined as a batter as well. He hit .298 with nine home runs. The next year, Ruth brought his team to the Chicago, where he won two games as a pitcher, and led the Red Sox to a World Series championship.

In a decision that would affect the stigma of Beantown Baseball forever, after Ruth posted career numbers in 1919, Sox owner Harry Frazee sold Ruth for $125,000 in cash and a $300,000 loan. Rather then using this money for more talent, Frazee used this money to open a failure of a stage production called "No, No, Nanette."

Now, this story would be irrelevant if the Red Sox would have had success during the post-Ruth era, or any era post-Ruth for that matter, but this is simply not the case. In truth, some may say that due to the "Curse of the Bambino," the Sox have had much success since the trade, but never again have they experienced the triumph of a World Series Championship.

Since the notorious trade of Babe Ruth, Sox fans have experienced one dissatisfaction after another. Bucky Dent, Bill Buckner, and every other tragic Buck you can think of has stood in the way of that glorius moment. The kind of moment that will make up for the almosts like Teddy Ballgame, Yaz, Rice and of course 1986. That instant that will help us to forget about the promises that came with the Jose Canseco and the Mo Vaughns. Just one series ring, and maybe I will take Grady Little's picture off my dartboard.

With all of these heartbreaks that a true diehard has experienced, it is no wonder the amount of emotion that spirals from these games. For it is no longer merely just a competition. For the Red Sox it is do or die.

Last year's close call, and this season's late-season surge has sparked a boom in Red Sox trinkets. If you walk to the game, on Brookline Street, just past the Cask 'N' Flagon, you will notice many new unofficial Red Sox memorabilia. Just past the drunks, further down from the street musicians, but before the sausage and $6 waters, there has been a revival of enthusiastic street vendors. There are now such rare items like key chains with a caricature of a little boy urinating on a Yankees logo, or bobble head dolls in the likeness of ex-manager Little.

There is also a market of materials very obviously aimed at the traditional Red Sox fans. A group of South Boston kids have taken it upon themselves to be all entrepreneurial like and make some slogans of their own to splash on T-shirts, mugs, and even maybe a hand-stitched pillow for grandma.

"A-Rod is an A-hole," adorned a t-shirt being sold outside the game, while others said things like "take your 26 rings and shove 'em up your ass" and "Shank a Yank."

Bitter? We're not bitter, we're just glee challenged.

In all reality the thing is, each year is a different battle. As time goes by, we as Red Sox fans have found every excuse to believe that Babe Ruth is haunting us, that Yankees are evil and that next year is the year. With all of the heartbreak, drama, and resentment, you have to ask yourself one thing: would you prefer it any other way?

Fittingly, Go Sox, and Yankees ... well, suck!

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Ladies get into Red Sox style

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likeness for Red Sox clothes.

This goes in many ways for women, too. What better way to cover up a horrible hairday (or sneak back to you own place after a long night,) than in a baseball cap from your favorite team? Women have become just as fond of these pieces of clothing as their male counterparts, and just as important to the sports paraphenelia market; so much so that the makers of these items have started to pay attention, and decided to indulge the female sports fan.

Just take a trip to your local department store in the sportswear section, and you will find Boston's beloved Sox logos in colors such as pretty pink and baby blue. You will also find Red Sox baby tees and jerseys designed to fit women. Female sports fans have spoken out, and retailers have responded.

"The Red Sox women's apparel became really popular last year, once they started doing well in the season," said Gavin Hazard-Johnson, University of Massachsetts student, and summer intern for Filene's department store. "There was a pretty high demand, and not a lot of competition, so Filene's did pretty well with it."

The stores to push the merchandise calculated even the marketing scheme. The women's apparel can be found in the men's sportswear section of most stores. "This way when women shop for their husbands, and boyfriends they will see Red Sox clothing for themselves as well."

For the summer months, items include, baby tees, hats, and tank tops, and for the fall sweat shirts and long sleeved tees have hit the floor.

The response has been so good, that stores such as Filene's have decided to bring in women's apparel for NFL teams. "For the football season, Filene's will be bringing in women's apparel for all NFL teams in the New England region," some of these teams include The Pittsburgh Steelers, The New England Patriots, and the Buffalo Bills.

"I think it's about time that they came up with this idea," Elize Davis said. "Guys aren't the only ones who are fans of sports, and they aren't the only ones who love sports, and they aren't the only ones who want wear their teams favorite logos, I'm just glad now I don't have to shop in kids section anymore for it."

Legend passes away at age 82

By David Germain
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rodney Dangerfield, the bug-eyed comic whose self-deprecating one-liners brought him stardom in clubs, television and movies and made his lament "I don't get no respect" a catchphrase, died Tuesday. He was 82.

Dangerfield, who fell into a coma after undergoing heart surgery, died at 1:20 p.m., said publicist Kevin Sasaki. Dangerfield had a heart valve replaced Aug. 25 at the University of California, Los Angeles, Medical Center.

Sasaki said in a statement that Dangerfield suffered a small stroke after the operation and developed infectious and abdominal complications. But in the past week he had emerged from the coma, the publicist said.

"When Rodney emerged, he kissed me, squeezed my hand and smiled for his doctors," Dangerfield's wife, Joan, said in the statement. The comic is also survived by two children from a previous marriage.

As a comic, Dangerfield — clad in a black suit, red tie and white shirt with collar that seemed too tight — convulsed audiences with lines such as: "When I was born, I was so ugly that the doctor slapped my mother;" "When I started in show business, I played one club that was so far out my act was reviewed in Field and Stream;" and "Every time I get in an elevator, the operator says the same thing to me: 'Basement?'"



In a 1986 interview, he explained the origin of his "respect" trademark: "I had this joke: 'I played hide and seek; they wouldn't even look for me.' To make it work better, you look for something to put in front of it: I was so poor, I was so dumb, so this, so that. I thought, 'Now what fits that joke?' Well, 'No one liked me' was all right. But then I thought, a more profound thing would be, 'I get no respect.'"

He tried it at a New York club, and the joke drew a bigger response than ever. He kept the phrase in the act, and it seemed to establish a bond with his audience. After hearing him perform years later, Jack Benny remarked: "Me, I get laughs because I'm cheap and 39. Your image goes into the soul of everyone."

Flowers were placed on his star on Hollywood Boulevard after word of his death, and the marquee of The Improv, a comedy club where Dangerfield often performed, read "Rest In Peace Rodney."

"When you saw Rodney on 'The Tonight Show' sitting on the couch with Johnny Carson, you didn't want it to go to commercial," comic Bernie Mac said in a statement. "He always left you wanting more and I'm going to miss him."

Dangerfield had a strange career in show business. At 19 he started as a standup comedian. He made only a fair living, traveling a great deal and appearing in rundown joints. Married at 27, he decided he couldn't support a family on his meager earnings.

He returned to comedy at 42 and began to attract notice. He appeared on the Ed Sullivan show seven times and on "The Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson more than 70 times.

After his first major film role in "Caddyshack," he began starring in his own movies.

He was born Jacob Cohen on Nov. 22, 1921, on New York's Long Island. Growing up in the borough of Queens, his mother was uncaring and his father was absent.

As Philip Roy, the father and his brother toured in vaudeville as a pantomime comedy-juggling act, Roy and Arthur. Young Jacob's parents divorced, and the mother struggled to support her daughter and son.

The boy helped bring in money by selling ice cream at the beach and working for a grocery store. "I found myself going to school with kids and then in the afternoon I'd be delivering groceries to their back door," he recalled. "I ended up feeling inferior to everybody."

Red Sox break in to entertainment

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others, are yet again looking to give the Red Sox Nation their long-awaited happy ending and bring home a World Series victory.

The joy, pain, triumph, fear, anger and assorted other emotions a Red Sox fan feels on any given game day is in many ways similar to the emotions elicited by some of Hollywood's biggest blockbusters, and they are catching on.

The Red Sox, who were recently the focus of the locally revered documentary "We Still Believe: The Boston Red Sox Movie," have slowly began to seep into the entertainment industry. Take for example "Fever Pitch," the forth-coming Red Sox centered comedy from the Farrelly Brothers. Known as lifelong fans of the Sox, the brothers' flick stars "Saturday Night Live" veteran Jimmy Fallon and starlett Drew Barrymore. "Fever Pitch" seems to be a film all devoted Red Sox fans will be able to relate to, the pull between the people we love and the team we worship. Fenway itself gets a starring role in the movie, which is still in shooting.

Not to be left behind, the literary sect of the entertainment world has contracted a case of Red Sox fever as well. "Screwball," a fiction novel by author David Ferrell, capitalizes on the agony and exctasy of the team's history. Though the story — a tale of mysterious murders following the team and their wunderkind player Ron Kane in a race to the playoffs — is rooted in fantasy, the feel of Fenway is present in the pages.

If a society's entertainment is any indication of how much they value a certain aspect of their culture, the Red Sox phenomenon is surely a sign that the major leagues' eternal underdog has gained a presence in the mainstream mindframe. The magic of the Sox has started to spread beyond the Charles, past the limits of New England and created one true Red Sox Nation.



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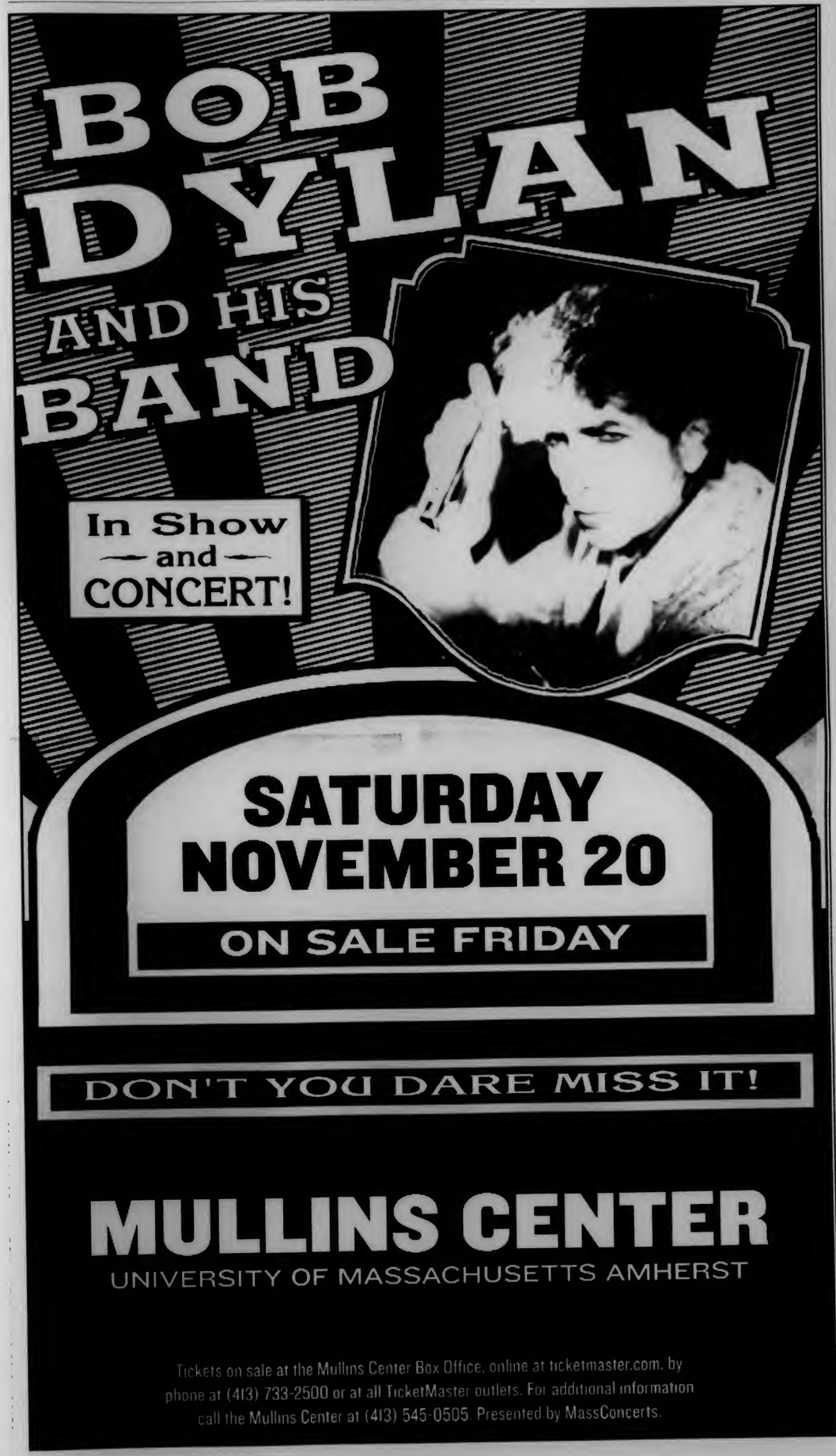
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Live Von Bondies show lacks energy

By Johnny Donaldson
Collegian Staff

NORTHAMPTON — In today's celebrity saturated world, tabloid gossip will always outdo actual artistry when it comes to giving a person of any public renown an identifier. It's why we, as readers, eat up scandal-mongering rags like the National Enquirer and Star Magazine in order to get our fix of daily celeb salaciousness. It's enough pointless tittle-tattle to make any celebrity's head spin.

Jason Stollsteimer is one man who has become very acquainted with the idea of being the target of that tawdry rumor mill. He's the unassuming, floppy-haired lead singer of a little Detroit indie rock band called the Von Bondies, and it's doubtful that he ever expected to find himself in the pages of music magazines everywhere for an event that had nothing to do with the music (but everything to do with long-standing music rivalries.)



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The Von Bondies
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Auf Der Mar
The Peels
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See, Stollsteimer was once friends with Jack White, one half of an even more famous Detroit rock duo named the White Stripes, but Stollsteimer and White have not been friends for a long time, and one fateful night earlier this year the two wound up in a light at a club, where White ended up beating on Stollsteimer. White wound up in court; the Von Bondie in the tabs.

The incident did work to give the Bondies a bigger profile then they previously had, a convenience considering that they were just about to release their major label debut on Sire, "Pawn Shoppe Heart."

But the Detroit fight came to overcome the music, so what is a burgeoning rock band to do? Go on tour and try to prove it's all about the music, man.

If only the performance had a little more juice than it did. The Von Bondies took their brand of old school Rock 'n Roll through Massachusetts Thursday, stopping at the Pearl Street Nightclub to help make up for a dreary, rainy night by rocking out. But they were overshadowed by their opening acts, never a good sign, and though they performed solidly in was an otherwise uninspired and lifeless set.



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Detroit rockers the Von Bondies played a mediocre show in Northampton on Thursday. Melissa Auf Der Mar, below, and her band also played a set.

It hardly helped matters that the Bondies seemed to have only token interest in their audience. The band played most of the set without referencing the audience between songs; instead they just hopped from one song to the next, only occasionally (especially at the end) stopping to converse with fans. Their new bassist did play right in the audience during one song, but it was too little, too late.

The set lived and died solely on the strength of the songs (including "C'Mon C'Mon" the MTV-approved first single off "Pawn Shoppe Heart") rather than the actual live playing. It was a competent and proffesional set at best, but one lacking in urgency or danger.

The Peels, coming to us straight from San Francisco, opened the show at 8:30. They played for what was, unfortuantely, a sparse crowd, and one almost pathologically unable to do more than cerebrally appreciate their show. The band's lead singer Robyn looks like Michelle Branch channelling Karen O, with the singer writhing and dancing on stage to the beat of the music. The band's music similarly sounds like a more refined version of what the Yeah Yeah Yeahs accomplish — a little less chaotic, a little less jagged, but with the same playful spirit. Alas, a bad sound mix sent Robyn's voice scurrying under the instruments. One could barely make out Robyn over the guitars, bass and drum, effectively muting an otherwise strong set.

It was a problem encountered during Auf Der Mar's set too. The band is lead by Melissa Auf Der Mar, a veteran alt-rocker who rose to prominence as bassist for such seminal early '90s acts as Hole and the Smashing Pumpkins. Now that those bands have long since dissolved, Auf Der Maur decided to become frontwoman for her own band, playing metallic, Gothic stoner rock that comes to us straight out of 1995.

And it was a good set, but it would have been better had the audience been able to hear Ms. Auf Der Mar sing. Her girlish vocals were swamped by the loud, gnarly music throughout the course of the night; the songs were practically turned into instrumentals. Auf Der Mar — the woman, not the group — made up for it using her accessiblity. She chatted to the audience during and after the set and even stayed with the audience to watch the Bondies play. Despite her years in the business and her obvious exhaustion (the band was touring for nine months) she was down to earth and cool. You know, the kind of person that the tabloids wouldn't be interested in.

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Sports in brief

ATLANTA (AP) — Baltimore Ravens running back Jamal Lewis has agreed to plead guilty in his federal drug conspiracy case, an aide to the presiding judge said.

Lewis is scheduled to enter his plea Thursday in federal court in Atlanta, said Vicki Hanna, the courtroom deputy for U.S. District Judge Orinda D. Evans.

Hanna would not release details about Lewis' plea, including what charge he will admit to.

A source familiar with the plea negotiations told The Associated Press this past weekend that lawyers for Lewis have been negotiating a deal that would allow him to serve jail time in the offseason.

MIAMI (AP) — Ricky Williams wants to rejoin the Dolphins and has asked the NFL how soon he can return, his agent said.

It's unclear whether the 2002 NFL rushing champion must serve a suspension the rest of this season for repeated violations of the league drug program. He has asked the league for a hearing to clarify his status, but no date has been set.

A Dolphins source speaking on condition of anonymity said the team's understanding is that Williams can't play this year because of the violations.

Sheffield said he applied the cream on his surgically repaired right knee in 2002. He was not told it contained an illegal steroid, the magazine said.

Under baseball's labor deal, players with major league contracts were each tested once for steroids this season. A provision allows more frequent testing if a joint management-labor panel of physicians finds "reasonable cause."

Sheffield also told ESPN he used another steroid called "the clear" for two months, the network reported. He said it was to aid his recovery from workouts and that he stopped using it because it wasn't helping.

AUTO RACING

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — John Andretti and ppc Racing, one of the top teams in NASCAR's Busch Series, will get together on a Nextel Cup team that will begin racing Oct. 16 at Lowe's Motor Speedway.

Andretti will run five of the last six events of the season, excluding Martinsville, Va., and the entire 36-race schedule in 2005, the team announced.

The ppc team, owned by Greg Pollex, won the Busch Series championship in 2000 with Jeff Green and also has four runner-up finishes. The Nextel Cup team will be sponsored by Victory Brand LLC, Sunoco, APlus convenience stores and Ford.

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TENNIS

LYON, France (AP) — Top-seeded Nicolas Massu was ousted by Agustin Calleri of Argentina 6-3, 6-4 in the upset-filled first round of the Lyon Open.

Calleri rose to 21-14 this year, while double Olympic gold medalist Massu fell to 36-24.

Third-seeded Juan Carlos Ferrero and No. 7 Vince Spadea also won, but other seeded players fared poorly. No. 5 Tommy Robredo and eighth-seeded Mario Ancic made early exits.

FILDERSTADT, Germany (AP) — Vera Zvonareva's bid to join four of her Russian compatriots in the top 10 of the WTA Tour rankings was slowed at the Porsche Grand Prix when she double faulted 13 times in a loss to Elena Likhovtseva.

Likhovtseva upset the sixth-seeded Zvonareva 6-3, 7-5 to advance to the second round of the $650,000 event, which features five of the world's top six players.

Zvonareva, ranked 11th, is trying to join countrywomen such as French Open champion Anastasia Myskina, Wimbledon champ Maria Sharapova and U.S. champion Svetlana Kuznetsova in the top 10.

Mary Pierce also advanced to the second round with a 6-2, 6-3 win against Paola Suarez of Argentina, while Slovakia's Daniela Hantuchova struggled past American Lilia Osterloh 3-6, 6-2, 6-1. Colombia's Fabiola Zuluaga and Nathalie Dechy of France also won.

SOCCER

HERZOGENAUROCH, Germany (AP) — Major League Soccer signed a 10-year deal with Adidas, making the company its official athletic sponsor and licensed supplier.

The announcement was made by Adidas managing director Erich Stamminger to company shareholders. The deal is worth an estimated $150 million.

Williams may return to NFL

By Steven Wine
Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) – Maybe Ricky Williams is tired of traveling. Maybe he has run out of books to read. Or maybe he doesn't want to pay the $8.6 million he owes the Miami Dolphins for breach of contract.

Whatever the reason, Williams wants to rejoin the Dolphins and has asked the NFL how soon he can return, his agent said Tuesday.

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A Dolphins source speaking on condition of anonymity said the team's understanding is that Williams can't play this year because of the violations.

Williams left the Dolphins reeling when he retired just before training camp in late July, and they're off to an 0-4 start, their worst since 1966. His agent, Leigh Steinberg, declined to discuss Williams' change of heart.

"All I can tell you is that Ricky has asked me to explore and to try to facilitate his return," Steinberg said. "He's excited and in good shape and misses football."

One likely factor for Williams' reversal: On Sept. 24, an arbitrator ordered him to repay more than $8.6 million to the team for breaching his contract.

Steinberg and the Dolphins declined to say whether there have been recent conversations between the two parties.

"This is an issue between the player, his representative and the league," Dolphins general manager Rick Spielman said. "Accordingly, we don't have a comment on the matter."

Last week, coach Dave Wannstedt said he hadn't talked to Williams in about a month.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello declined to comment on the situation.

Since retiring, Williams has traveled to Asia and Australia, but Steinberg said he's now in the United States.

"He's in excellent shape," Steinberg said. "He has been working out regularly and looks great."

Williams and the Dolphins traded long-distance barbs in the days after he quit. But the Dolphins' poor start would likely make them more inclined to take him back.

The 27-year-old running back has given many reasons for retiring. He expressed a desire to travel, read and continue smoking marijuana. He said he was unhappy about his contract, a workload he considered excessive and Miami's new offensive coordinator Chris Foerster.

He acknowledged testing positive for marijuana three times. Under league rules, a player in the NFL's drug program faces suspension if he returns in the calendar year after he announces his retirement. If he returns after a year, he faces a lesser suspension.

The Dolphins might be headed toward their first losing season since 1988. They have scored only two touchdowns in four games without Williams, who rushed for 3,225 yards in two seasons after being obtained in a trade with New Orleans.

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Back in the swing of things

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Big weekend in college football

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

From the Coliseum to Athens, the national championship race will take shape and Heisman Trophy contenders will emerge Saturday.

Six games will match ranked teams with the biggest of the big games being played in California, Texas and Georgia.

No. 1 Southern California faces No. 7 California at the Los Angeles Coliseum; No. 2 Oklahoma and No. 5 Texas meet at the state fairgrounds in Dallas in the Red River Shootout; and No. 3 Georgia hosts No. 17 Tennessee between the hedges at Sanford Stadium in Athens.

"I'm asked if OU is a big game for us, and every game is a must game for us," Texas coach Mack Brown said.

The difference is the Oklahoma game is defining Brown's otherwise stellar career.

His Longhorns have lost four straight to coach Bob Stoops' Sooners in both embarrassing and excruciating fashion. Last season, the Sooners won 65-13 in the most lopsided contest in the 98-game history of the border rivalry.

"There's no number that we might have on Texas in the series," Stoops said. "It's a year-to-year thing."

Heisman Trophy winner Jason White is off to another strong start for Oklahoma, ranking sixth in the nation in passing efficiency with 859 yards and nine touchdowns.

Texas tailback Cedric Benson leads the nation in rushing. He has said that given a choice between one or the other, he'd rather win the Heisman than beat the Sooners. The fact is, he'll probably have to lead the Longhorns past the Sooners to have a chance to win the Heisman.

Georgia also has a four-game winning streak in its series against Tennessee, including the last three under coach Mark Richt, who has turned the Bulldogs into the team to beat in the Southeastern Conference East.

The Volunteers are coming off a 34-10 loss to Auburn, but with a win over Florida already on their record, beating Georgia would put them in control of the SEC East race.

Bulldogs quarterback David Greene looked like Heisman material last week, when he threw five touchdown passes against LSU.

USC-Cal doesn't have the history of Oklahoma-Texas and Georgia-Tennessee, but it is every bit as significant. The Trojans have won 13 straight since losing 34-31 at Cal last season. The loss cost USC an outright national title.

If the Golden Bears can make it two in a row over the Trojans, they'll validate themselves as national title contenders.

"There is a really fun buildup to this game," USC coach Pete Carroll said. "With what happened last year, it adds to it all. It brings more excitement."

While USC quarterback Matt Leinart has received most of the Heisman hype, Cal's Aaron Rodgers is the Pac-10's leading passer, averaging over 300 yards per game.

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QB 10 - Tim Day, Sophomore	QB 11 – Justin Rascati, Sophomore
RB 5 - Steve Baylark, Junior	RB 32 – Maurice Fenner, Sophomore
FB 43 - Steve Wysocki, Senior	FB 39 – Will Patrick, Sophomore
WR 11 – Jason Peebler, Senior	WR 82 - D.D. Boxley, Sophomore
TE 44 – Mike Douglas, Junior	TE 10 – Tom Ridley, Senior
LT 77 – Colin Stoetzel, Junior	LT 65 – Corey Davis, Sophomore
LG 74 – Rob Kane, Senior	LG 53 – Matt Magerko, Junior
C 62 – Alex Miller, Sophomore	C 76 – Leon Steinfeld, Senior
RG 73 – David Thompson, Sophomore	RG 63 – George Burns, Senior
RT 72 – O.J. McBride, Junior	RT 61 – Jamaal Crowder, Senior
WR 9 – Dominique Stewart, Junior	WR 2 – Nic Tolley, Junior
Defense	**Defense**
DE 95 – Keron Williams, Junior	DE 97 – Sid Evans, Senior
DT 57 – Justin Schweighardt, Junior	DT 90 – Frank Cobbs, Junior
DT 97 – Jason Leonard, Sophomore	DT 68 – Brandon Beach, Senior
DE 52 – Jason Hill, Freshman	DE 45 – Kevin Winston, Sophomore
OLB 56 – Charles Walker, Sophomore	LB 13 – Kwynn Walton, Senior
MLB 51 – Serge Tikum, Junior	LB 6 – Trey Toownsend, Senior
OLB 29 – Brad Anderson, Junior	CB 5 – Cortez Thompson, Senior
CB 26 – Tracy Belton, Sophomore	WS 8 – Rodney McCarter, Senior
FS 34 – Shannon James, Junior	FS 21 – Tony LeZotte, Freshman
SS 7 – James Ihedigbo, Sophomore	SS 22 – Bruce Johnson, Junior
CB 3 – R.J. Cobbs, Junior	CB 41 – Clint K. Junior
Special Teams	**Special Teams**
K 33 – Matt Goldstein, Senior	K 42 - David Rabil, Sophomore
P 13 – Christian Koegel, Sophomore	P 14 - Nick Englehart, Junior
KR 11 – Jason Peebler, Senior	KR 23 - Ardon Bransford, Sophomore
PR 87 – Nathanael Hasselbeck, Junior	PR 15 – L.C. Baker, Freshman

Minutemen set to battle JMU

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The James Madison offense also leeds off of its running game. Last week, running backs Maurice Fenner (148 yards) and Alvin Banks (118 yards) combined for 266 yards on the ground in a 31-21 win against Hofstra. It was the second time this season that both backs have rushed for over 100 yards in the same game.

James Madison received a huge blow this week, however, when they learned that Banks suffered a broken left leg in the first half last week. He won't need surgery, but is still expected to be on the shelf for the next three-to-five weeks.

"We'll prepare for (Banks), but they're both good backs," Brown said. "They've got a tandem group, but they don't seem to change their scheme from one back to the other so preparing for one is like preparing for the other."

Fenner, who will get the start against UMass, leads the Atlantic 10 with an average of 110.3 rushing yards per game this season, but Banks is considered the better blocker and receiver.

Quarterback Justin Rascati, who arrived in Harrisonburg from the University of Louisville after also being courted by UMass, has reaped the benefits of his team's solid rushing attack.

"Part of the reason they've been able to have success is that they've been able to generate the run game so people are defending the run, then all of a sudden you're getting beat by the play action," Brown said. "They're doing a nice job of trying to mix it."

Rascati has completed 42-of-63 passes this season for 445 yards and four touchdowns, and his only interception came three games ago in a 62-7 win over Lock Haven. Rascati was 19-of-22 last week for 188 yards, and he completed all eight of his passes in the second half.

"They have a controlled passing game, and they get the ball out there quickly," Brown said. "(They throw) a lot of short passes, and they have been able to be economical that way."

One of the UMass defenders trying to shut down the James Madison offensive attack will be Shannon James, who was just named the Atlantic 10 Defensive Player of the Week after recording seven tackles and two interceptions at Boston College last week. The free safety has picked off five total passes this year, and it was the second time in his career that he has been given that Atlantic 10 honor.

"(James) has probably been the most consistent performer we've had on our defense," Brown said. "He was a preseason All-Atlantic 10 pick. I think he has lived up to that billing. He has given us great intangible leadership on the field – not by voice – just by his play."

Massachusetts linebacker Charles Walker has also emerged as a solid contributor. He has recorded 56 tackles and 3.5 sacks through five games this season.

The UMass offense has been led by tailback Steve Baylark who has rushed for 344 yards and three touchdowns.

Quarterback Tim Day has completed 74-of-127 passes for 1,013 yards, eight touchdowns and four interceptions. He also rushed for a touchdown against BC last week. Day's efficiency rating is 139.76.

UMass holds a 6-3-1 record in the all-time series against James Madison including wins in the last four contests dating back to 1998. Only one of those wins was in Harrisonburg.

While the head coach at Northeastern, Brown had beaten the Dukes each of the past four seasons for an all-time 4-0 record against the team.

Beleaguered offense must step up for UMass on Saturday

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only 12 completions for 114 yards, as only two players caught more than one pass.

In last week's 29-7 setback at Boston College, Day misfired on 18 attempts and managed only 121 yards, while nearly leading the offense to as many three-and-outs (nine), and punts (12), as he had completions (13).

One major reason for Day's recent troubles has been the relative disappearance of wide receiver Iason Peebler. After posting three 100-plus yard receiving games in as many weeks, the all-conference star has caught just six balls in the last two games, with five of those coming last Saturday against the Eagles.

Additionally, after finding the end zone on a 50-yard screen pass against Richmond, Peebler has been kept off the scoreboard for consecutive weeks and hasn't shown the same explosiveness that previously prompted Delaware coach K.C. Keeler to admit that he changed his defenses to account for the senior captain's whereabouts.

One major reason for that may be the troublesome chronic hamstring problems that have plagued Peebler since he first hurt his leg in a 24-14 win over William & Mary almost a year ago, but it also likely has a lot to do with team's shifting their looks and coverages on defense to keep UMass' elite playmaker at bay.

This is something that Brown believes JMU coach Mickey Matthews will employ this weekend.

"[The Dukes] are going to account for him at all times," Brown said. "They don't want to get beat, and they know he's capable of it. They're going to do what a lot of teams have done against us, and make sure that their coverages keep him in front of them and try to direct the ball in other directions."

With that in mind, it is not just Peebler who must step up in giving Day options with the football. After a breakout season in 2003 that entrenched him as the team's No. 2 receiver this season, Dominique Stewart has struggled to get the ball this season. After catching four passes against the Spiders, the senior was held without a reception against Delaware and managed just one catch against BC, giving him eight total on the season without a touchdown.

Redshirt freshman J.J. Moore has also experienced a similar drop-off in production. After making an early splash with a touchdown against Delaware State, Moore managed only 24 and 20 yards receiving against Richmond and Delaware, respectively, and was held without a catch against BC.

While the group's lack of production has opened the door for solid early play from sophomore Brandon London, there is clearly an urgent need to shape up as a unit. With James Madison playing its best football in years, the Minutemen will certainly be tested on the road, in front of a sellout crowd on Family Weekend in Harrisonburg.

However with Matthews using a 4-4 defense designed to stop the run, the opportunity for Day and the offense to turn things around and lead the Minutemen to a win is there for the taking. All that's left is to go out and make it happen.

"We just need to get out there and play our kind of football," Brown said. "We know what we're capable of, and we know what we need to do. We've had a good week of practice, and the guys have really been getting after it. We just need to make sure that translates into a solid effort and a good performance on Saturday."



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Quarterback Tim Day has led a struggling UMass offense to just four touchdowns over the last three games, all of which were losses.

Cross country to compete in New England Championship

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out of his way to help the newer runners, and we felt that it was time to expand the team to tri-captains," O'Brien said.

Tri-captain Matt Clark is in agreement.

"We have so many great leaders on the team. We all kind of carry each other during races. We help each other and we can drive better and more forward because we are so close," Clark said.

Clark, a senior, is enthusiastic about the team. "Last year we didn't think we were good, so we didn't do well. The attitude this year is one hundred percent different. We are good and we're only going to get better," Clark said.

"The season is going great, and I couldn't be happier. We are all pretty pumped for Friday, and I'm expecting a really great turnout from all of us," Clark said.

On the women's side, coach Julie Lafreniere is worried about the dynamics of the course.

"The course is a little dangerous," Lafreniere said. "It's very crowded in the beginning cause it's narrow. We've had incidents on this course in which runners have fallen and been injured."

The course starts very narrow and goes only 200 meters before taking a sharp turn. Normally courses are about 800 meters before making any abrupt turn. The course opens up eventually however, and becomes easier and less risky. Lafreniere is not too worried about the danger of the course, but she warned new runners that the narrow and fast start is tough.

To prepare for the challenging meet, the team took part in a unique early morning practice last Friday that Lafreniere has made a tradition. After waking at 6 a.m., the team ran a hard three miles up a dirt hill.

"Since the ground is pretty flat at the New England Championships, I figured if they can run like they did up these hills, then the meet on Friday should seem easier," Lafreniere said. Freshman Christina Derosa ran the best time of 21:41 up the steep terrain, and hopes to transfer that success tomorrow.

Derosa has been a force during her rookie campaign and is confident that she and her teammates will do just as well tomorrow.

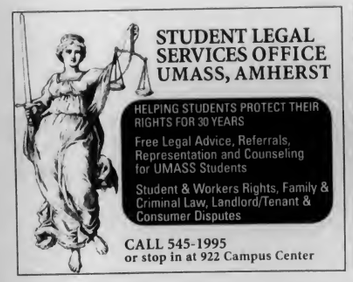
"We are really excited about this meet, and ready to run hard," Derosa said. "This meet is very important."

Along with Derosa, seniors Amanda Dahlberg and Alexis Anzelone look to make an impact in tomorrow's meet. They have been solid all year and have shown leadership on a primarily young team.

Among other runners, Cuisle Kierans, the No. 2 runner, has had an excellent start during her first year at UMass and looks to continue her strong performance. Tricia Silva and Kara Gillette round up the top six runners for UMass as the sixth and seventh runners.

The team had a bye last weekend and has had plenty of time to prepare for this much-anticipated meet. According to Lafreniere, the practices have been upbeat and focused on the task at hand.

"We have been working on running a hard two miles to prepare us for that fast start that this course has," Lafreniere said. "The girls run relays in groups of two and the really run as hard as they can. The relays make the practices exciting."



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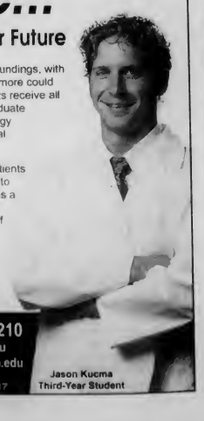


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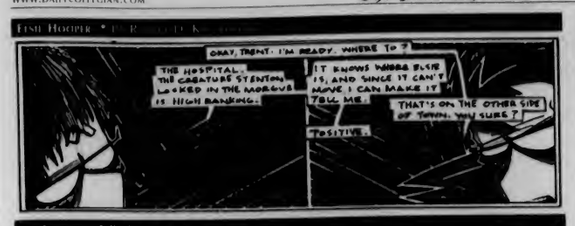
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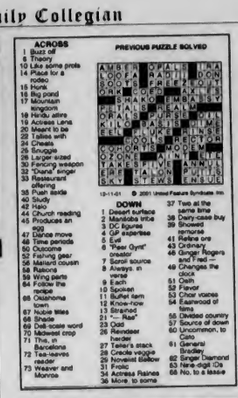




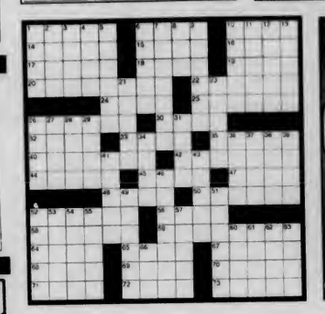














Horoscopes

aquarius • Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Don't wish for anything. It will backfire, as it always does.

pisces • Feb. 19-Mar. 20
Time for you to bring out the scarf, unless you want your neck to be chilly.

aries • Mar. 21-Apr. 19
You need a small animal to love; one that doesn't require lots of attention. Like a fish.

taurus • Apr. 20-May 20
Just when you're feeling down, someone will give you a compliment.

gemini • May 21-Jun. 21
You should rethink your plans for this weekend.

cancer • Jun. 22-Jul. 22
If Smurfs existed, you would probably step on them.

leo • Jul., 23-Aug. 22
Simmer down. No one needs to see you jumping around.

virgo • Aug. 23-Sept. 22
That squeakiness means your chair is about to break.

libra • Sept. 23-Oct. 22
You're going to be kidnapped by aliens. Or not.

scorpio • Oct. 23-Nov. 21
Sometimes you have the most twisted thoughts. You could write a good screenplay.

sagittarius • Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Perhaps taking a break from your favorite recreational activity will be beneficial.

capricorn • Dec. 22-Jan. 19
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Minutemen ready to Duke it out

UMass looks to snap losing streak at JMU

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts football team, which is unranked for the first time all season, will be looking to end its three-game skid when it travels to Harrisonburg, Va. to take on No. 19 James Madison on Saturday at Bridgeforth Stadium at 1:30 p.m.

The Minutemen (2-3, 0-2 Atlantic 10) will have their fourth crack at the program's 500th all-time victory, but they will have to beat an overachieving Dukes squad (3-1, 2-0 A-10) to accomplish the milestone.

UMass' struggles have clearly been on the offensive side of the ball, as they have only scored 14 points in their last 11 quarters during the losing streak. This is coming after UMass put up 95 points in its first nine quarters of the season.

This could be a direct correlation with All-American wide receiver Jason Peebler's performance during that stretch. Peebler caught 12 balls for 426 yards and five touchdowns during the team's first nine quarters in 2004. Over the last 11, however, he only has seven receptions for 86 yards and no touchdowns.

UMass coach Don Brown says that opposing defenses are preparing different schemes for Peebler such as a cover-2 on his side of the field.

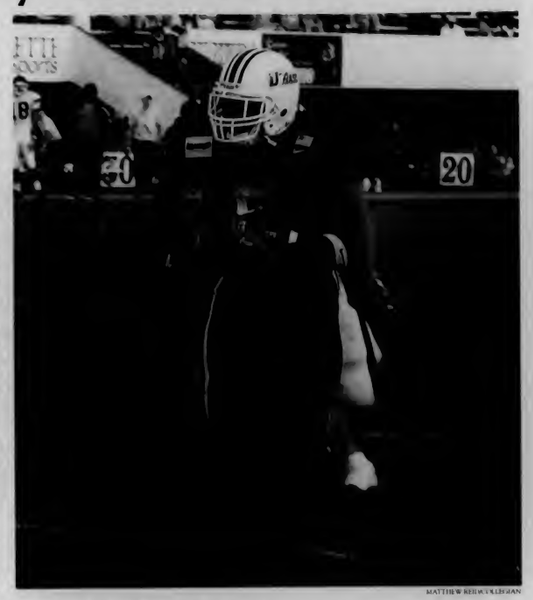
"(Defenses) are playing a short and a deep defender to protect over the top," Brown said. "They're definitely paying attention to him. We've got to get him the football, but at the same time, there are a number of things we have to [improve] on offense. (The offense) just needs something positive to happen early, and then they'll take off."

The Minutemen have played two very tough defenses in a row as well. Last week, they lost to Division I-A state rival Boston College, a week after losing to defending Division I-AA national champion Delaware.

UMass will have a new challenge this week, as the offense will go up against a Dukes' eight-man defensive front that could create a serious problem for the Minuteman running game. Brown knows he needs to disguise and change his formations to have success against the Dukes' 4-4 defense.

"You just can't let them get camped in there," Brown said. "We're going to have to be a little bit more pro-conscious and look at what we can do throwing the football."

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MATTHEW REISWIG/COLLEGIAN

Junior tailback Steve Baylark and the Minutemen return to Atlantic 10 action this Saturday.

GAME DAY CENTRAL

No. 19 James Madison	Massachusetts
3-1 Overall 2-0 Atlantic 10	0-3 Overall 0-2 Atlantic 10
Last Week: Defeated Hofstra 31-21	*Last Week:* Lost to Boston College 29-7

Bridgeforth Stadium/Zane Showker Field – Harrisonburg, Virginia (13,559/Turf)
Kickoff: 1:30 p.m.

TELEVISION: None

RADIO: UMass Football Radio Network – WRNX 100.9 FM Holyoke, flagship (Bob Behler, play-by-play, Doug White, color commentary, Johnson Owumi' sidelines)
UMass Student Radio – WMUA 91.1 FM Amherst (Derek Volner play-by-play, Mike Marzelli- color commentary)
JMU Sports Network – Harrisonburg, VA (Mike Schikman's play-by-play, Curt Dudley, color commentary)

Series record: UMass leads 6-3-1
Last meeting: UMass 31, James Madison 26 (September 27, 2003 - Amherst, Massachusetts)



MATTHEW REISWIG/COLLEGIAN

Bryan Smith carries the ball during UMass' 21-7 loss to Delaware.

Offense must step up for UM

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

It was widely recognized when Don Brown was hired as coach of the Massachusetts football team that the days of five wide receivers and the throw-it-all-over-the-place-for-four-quarters offense of former coach Mark Whipple was going the way of the dinosaur.

After all, Brown and offensive coordinator Kevin Morris had made names for themselves within the conference utilizing an effective combination of running the football to set up the play-action pass and playing great defense in turning Northeastern into an annual contender.

Their plan was clearly to turn the Minutemen into a power football machine, using wrecking-ball tailbacks Steve Baylark and Rich Demers to run the ball behind a veteran offensive line and preach speed and versatility on defense to keep the opposition on its heels.

When Tim Day was tabbed as the starting quarterback prior to week one, he was essentially the final piece of the puzzle; a mobile quarterback with an accurate arm to manage the offense and get the ball out of his hands and into those of the team's many playmakers.

The plan worked flawlessly at first, as Day set a new school record for passing efficiency in a 51-0 romp over Delaware State and paced the offense in a 30-point output against national runner-up Colgate.

However after three weeks of spotty ball control, a near-anemic passing attack and three consecutive losses, the new UMass offense is quickly moving past the problematic stage and into the realm of a potentially fatal flaw.

In those three losses the Minutemen have scored a total of four touchdowns, and in an Atlantic 10 conference where parity rules, that just isn't going to cut it.

"It's certainly something we need to correct," Brown said. "We haven't been able to establish the run like we've wanted to against some of the physical opponents we've faced in the last few weeks, and that's hurt us in the passing game as well."

This weekend, UMass returns to A-10 action for the remainder of the season, and the need to improve on offense is clearly imminent. For all intents and purposes, UMass must win out if it hopes to make the Division I-AA playoffs – a tall order given the top-to-bottom talent in the league. Yet for a team loaded with playmakers on both sides of the ball, it's hardly a shot in the dark.

So as the Maroon and White gets set to take on a James Madison team ripe with holdovers from the group that surrendered 31 points to Whipple's squad last October, the time for UMass' core group of offensive players to step up has arrived.

"It's time for our guys to go out and make plays," Brown said. "We've had trouble putting points on the board over the last three weeks, and that obviously needs to change.

"We're not going to get by scoring one or two touchdowns a game in this league."

First and foremost, the onus falls on Day to ignite the dormant passing game. With Baylark having established himself as a known commodity carrying the football, it's clearly been the team's lack of consistent passing attack that has slowed No. 5 as teams have loaded up in the box to stop the run.

After throwing for 230 yards and a touchdown in a loss to Richmond three weeks ago, Day has quickly experienced a decline in his effectiveness. The following week against Delaware, the junior managed

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Cross country to run in New Englands

By Martha Powers and Eric Athas
Collegian Correspondents

Tomorrow, the Massachusetts men's and women's cross-country teams will compete in the New England Championships held in Boston at Franklin Park. The meet includes over 45 different schools, hundreds of runners and one difficult course. It is also different from other events UMass usually competes in due to the wide spectrum of participants.

"This conference is a little unique in that D-I, D-II, and D-III schools are all in the same championship," men's coach Ken O'Brien said. "It was developed a long time ago to give schools that are near each other, but wouldn't normally compete, the opportunity to race."

The size of the race is also different from what the Maroon and White is used to. "There are just under 50 teams competing, which means that there are about 300 runners. Therefore, the level of competition is huge," O'Brien said.

"Eleven of the schools that will be competing are ranked in the top-20 of their respective national cross-country polls," O'Brien said. Historically, Providence College has been the favorite to take the first-place spot. The last time the Minutemen grabbed the title was in 1987.

Teams from all different conferences, such as the Atlantic 10, Big East, and Ivy League, will be running on Friday. The race encompasses the entire New England region, as schools will travel from all over the Northeast to compete.

"Cross-country is an interesting sport in that the size of the school does not usually matter. It's only the top five runners who score, so small schools are just as successful as the larger ones," O'Brien said.

But O'Brien is excited about the race.

"Franklin Park is a good course for mostly everyone. Even though this meet is a step up for us, the team has responded better than last year, and I anticipate moving up the ladder."

Franklin Park is known to be a relatively easy, flat course, which will be a change from the challenging Massachusetts home course and the course in Syracuse.

"Franklin Park is not a new venue for us. A lot of kids competed on this course in high school, so that will help us ease into conference play," O'Brien said.

"This is the midpoint of the season, and the start of things getting a bit more serious. It is more important to have a better performance in the second half of our season than in the first half," O'Brien said.

It was after the last meet in Syracuse that junior Ryan Corbett was announced as a tri-captain.

"Ryan is great leader and an enthusiastic runner. He has gone

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Freshman making an impact

By Eric Athas
Collegian Correspondent

The switch from high school to college can be a struggle for some freshmen, but for Massachusetts women's cross country runner Christina Derosa, it has been a cakewalk.

As a freshman, Derosa doesn't have to worry simply about juggling classes and getting use to the different lifestyle, she also has the pressure of being the number one runner on the No. 15 Massachusetts cross country team.

"The transition has been very good so far," Derosa said. "It's definitely a lot different than high school though."

Derosa has been outstanding during her first year in college, placing first among UMass runners in every meet this year and earning the top position on the team. In her first college meet ever, Derosa placed 21st out of 94 overall runners at the New Hampshire Invitational, where UMass placed seventh as a team.

On Sept. 18, Derosa took first place with a time of 18:12 at the three-mile long UMass Invitational. Her most recent meet was against challenging Syracuse University at the Orange Cross Country Classic, where she placed second overall and first among UMass runners. Despite her success, Derosa continues to make the difficult transition from high school cross country to college.

"Since it's my first year here, I haven't ran any of these courses in a meet before, so I don't know what to expect," Derosa said. "But it also takes away from the pressure, because I don't really know what parts of the course are going to be challenging, so I don't have to worry about it."

The meets are not the only major difference that Derosa has faced so far, as she is also getting use to the different style of practices that coach Julie Lafreniere runs.

"Christina is responding very well to the type of training that we have been doing," Lafreniere said. "We have two hard practices a week in which the girls have to get up early."

Derosa's practices in high school were much shorter when it comes to running, but she has benefited from running longer distances during practice in order to prepare for the meets.

She has also benefited from having a strong team behind her, and veteran leadership from seniors Amanda Dahlberg and Alexis Anzelone.

"In high school it was usually me and another girl that were the top runners on the team," Derosa said.

"It is so much different because everyone on this team are good runners, and the team as a whole is strong."

Academically, Derosa has been managing her time and doing her work during the little time that she isn't running.

She is happy with her class schedule and has been getting plenty of sleep, getting to bed at 9:30 p.m. some nights, especially before those early 6 a.m. practices.

Derosa and her teammates continue the season with the New England Championships tomorrow followed by the Albany Invitational on October 16.

Jim Breuer to hit UMass on October 9th
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Former A.G. speaks on race



Former United States Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach delivers speech at UMass regarding Brown v. Board of Education.

By Casey Novak
Collegian Staff

Former U.S. Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach visited Mahar Auditorium last night to deliver a lecture examining how far the United States has come over the past 50 years since the landmark Supreme Court case of "Brown v. Board of Education," which banned segregation in public schools.

Katzenbach was introduced to a crowd of over one hundred people by University of Massachusetts alumni Kenneth Feinberg, who referred to the former Attorney General as a "true American hero" that was a participant during the turbulent 1960s. He was a voice who experienced the events of the decade first hand.

Katzenbach started his speech by stating that today, 50 years after racial segregation was made illegal, more students are attending all white or all black schools than was the case in the 1954. During the event, he raised the important questions, "Why should we celebrate the Brown versus Board of Education decision?"

"Was it really the most significant decision in court during the last century as many claim?" Katzenbach asked the crowd. "Or was it largely a failure as a number of African-Americans felt at the time? Or is it possible as I believe, that it was both."

To understand the significance of the Brown case, Katzenbach said it would be necessary to put yourself in the shoes of a 1950s African American.

At a time when blacks were forced to use separate restrooms, drinking fountains, and sometimes even enter restaurants through a different door than whites, it was clear, Katzenbach explained, that the 1896 Supreme Court decision of "Plessy v. Ferguson," a ruling that declared separate but equal facilities for the two races, implied inferiority to blacks.

"There is an obvious irony that almost a century after fighting a bloody war over slavery, [Americans] continued to live in a racially segregated society," Katzenbach said.

Throughout 1940s and 1950s, he said that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) exposed that separate was in fact never equal. They demonstrated the inequality of segregation in public education, which became qualifying grounds for the Supreme Court to look at six different cases involving segregation in public school in five states, as well as the District of Columbia in 1953. Brown v. Board of Education was one of these six cases.

"Once Plessy v. Ferguson was overruled in 1954, the clear majority believed that ramification should be gradual in order to lessen the danger of violence," Katzenbach said. "So [the court] put off any remedy until a third hearing, which led the court to order desegregation with all deliberate speed."

Katzenbach, however, added that some public schools were not about to comply with the ruling. He said that in Little Rock, Ark. students sometimes had to be escorted by the state guards to and from their classes.

Although the court decision did not immediately give equality to blacks, according to Katzenbach it, "opened the door to direct political action."

"Brown created new expectations and thus opened up an entirely new road," he said.

During the years that followed, blacks were participating in sit-ins at lunch counters and department stores, bus boycotts and freedom rides, all following the non-violent philosophy preached by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unfortunately, as Katzenbach pointed out, this still led to violence on the part of the whites who did not agree with the Civil Rights Movement.

"This was a fascinating time in our country," Katzenbach said. "And in a way it brought out the best of us, as well as the worst in our country."

There were many white students who joined black students in demonstrations in the South, he said, adding that the inspiring March on Washington in 1963 was integrated and met with a peaceful crowd, by a number that exceeded all expectations.

"If we think of Brown in political terms we have accomplished much, it inspired African Americans to insist, with great courage, on the rights to which all of us are entitled. To take political action often involving risk of serious personal injury," Katzenbach said.

"And in final analysis, we owe it to the court to have the courage and unanimity to decide the Brown case."

Campus elections bring out students

By Dan O'Brien
Collegian Staff

The general consensus on the second and final day of elections at polling areas around the University of Massachusetts was that there was a high voter turnout rate.

A Campus Center voting station attendant said he guessed that around 70 people had voted at his station between 10 a.m. and noon. Station attendants concluded that the turnout was consistent at the Worcester Dinning Hall in the evening as well. Sophomore Bibi Khadija was stationed at the Worcester D.C. and said that there was a constant stream of voters between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Student voters had three issues to vote on. The first was the respective voter's residential area Student Government Association Senate seats. There were a large number of students running for each of the five residential area seats, as well as commuter student seats.

Aimee Ayers is one of 15 candidates running for a Senate seat representing commuter students. She hopes that the recent controversy involving the Student Government Association's involvement in the questionable "KKK-9" photos will get students interested in student government.

"I hope that this whole controversy with the SGA will spark a lot of people to vote and take an interest in student government," Ayers said.

Ayers said she is in favor of a textbook rental system as well.

"I'm in favor of the textbook rental system. I think the costs for books are just ridiculous," she said.

Luis Giovanni, a senior Spanish major agrees.

"It would be good. People don't really use the books for more than a semester or two anyway," Giovanni said.

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Bush admits Saddam did not possess any weapons of mass destruction

By Scott Lindlaw
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush and his vice president conceded Thursday in the clearest terms yet that Saddam Hussein had no weapons of mass destruction, even as they tried to shift the Iraq war debate to a new issue – whether the invasion was justified because Saddam was abusing a U.N. oil-for-food program.

Ridiculing the Bush administration's evolving rationale for war, Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry shot back: "You don't make up or lind reasons to go to war after the fact."

Vice President Dick Cheney brushed aside the central findings of chief U.S. weapons hunter Charles Duelfer – that Saddam not only had no weapons of mass destruction and had not made any since 1991, but he had no means of making any either – while Bush unapologetically defended his decision to invade Iraq.

"The Duelfer report showed that Saddam was systematically gaming the system, using the U.N. oil-for-food program to try to influence countries and companies in an effort to undermine sanctions," Bush told reporters as he prepared to fly to campaign events in Wisconsin. "He was doing so with the intent of restarting his weapons program once the world looked away."

Duelfer found no formal plan by Saddam to resume WMD production, but the inspector surmised that Saddam intended to do so if U.N. sanctions were lifted. Bush seized upon that inference, using the word "intent" three times in reference to Saddam's plans to resume making weapons.

Cheney dismissed the significance of Duelfer's central findings, telling a town-hall style meeting of supporters in Miami, "The headlines all say 'no weapons of mass destruction stockpiled in Baghdad.' We already knew that."

The vice president said he found other parts of the report "more intriguing," including its finding that Saddam's main goal was the removal of international sanctions.

"As soon as the sanctions were lifted, he had every intention of going back" to his weapons program, Cheney said.

The report underscored that "delay, defer, wait, wasn't an option," Cheney said. And he told



President George W. Bush

a later forum in Fort Myers, Fla., speaking of the oil-for-food program: "The sanctions regime was coming apart at the seams.

Saddam perverted that whole thing and generated billions of dollars."

Yet Bush and Cheney acknowledged more definitively than before that Saddam did not have the banned weapons that both men had asserted he did – and had cited as the major justification before attacking Iraq in March 2003.

Bush has recently left the question open. For example, when asked in June whether he thought such weapons had existed in Iraq, Bush said he would "wait until Charlie (Duelfer) gets back with the final report."

In July, Bush said, "We have not found stockpiles of weapons of mass destruction," a sentence construction that kept alive the possibility the weapons might yet be discovered.

On Thursday, the president used the clearest language to date nailing the question shut: "Iraq did not have the weapons that our intelligence believed were there," Bush said. His words placed the blame on U.S. intelligence agencies.

Rocket hits parking lot near diplomatic area

By Daniel Cooney
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A rocket slammed into the Afghan capital near the U.S. Embassy and other diplomatic missions early Friday, a day before landmark elections. All U.S. embassy staff were ordered to briefly take cover in an underground bunker.

The rocket hit a parking lot near a media accreditation center for the elections, causing no damage or casualties, said Lt. Commander Ken MacKillop, a spokesman for international peacekeepers.

He said peacekeepers suspected a second rocket may have hit nearby, but no impact site was found.

"We are alert and investigating," he said.

Heavily-armed U.S. and Afghan troops sealed off the roads leading to the diplomatic area.

Beth Lee, a spokeswoman for the U.S. embassy, said all staff had been ordered to take cover in an underground bunker as a precaution. A senior U.S. official in Washington said embassy staff were allowed out of the bunkers a short time later.

The blast shattered a relatively calm lead-up to Saturday's vote, at least in the capital. It was loud enough to shake windows and rouse people from bed.

The headquarters for the 9,000-strong NATO-led International Security Assistance Force is also close to the U.S. Embassy, as are the German and Pakistani missions.

It was the first apparent attack in Kabul since August 28, when a huge car bomb outside a private U.S. security firm killed 10 people - three of them Americans.

The Americans were helping train anti-narcotics police.



Four UMass students running for SGA Senate seats pose for a picture outside the Berkshire D.C.

Lingerie show fundraiser tonight

By Mike Travis
Collegian Staff

A lingerie show to benefit the University of Massachusetts Everywoman's Center will be held tonight at 7 p.m. at Shear Bliss Day Spa, located at 479 West St. in Amherst.

The event is open to both men and women and is being run by UndercoverWear Inc., a Tewksbury based company specializing in lingerie, sleepwear and bedroom novelty items. The 27-year-old company has been featured in media outlets such as CNN, Playboy and Oprah.

Door prizes and refreshments will be served until 7:30 p.m., followed by a 45-minute-long lingerie show modeled by three UMass Sigma Kappa sorority sisters. People will then be invited to shop for lingerie or book their own parties.

Kimberly Lucas of Amherst, the UnderCover Wear agent who will be hosting the event, has been the company's sole Western Massachusetts salesperson for some 15 years. She said this is the first time in 10 years since the Everywoman's Center has had a fundraiser from an outside source.

"It's one hundred percent supported by UndercoverWear itself to do fundraisers," said Lucas. "They encourage their salespeople because it's a good way to get involved with the community."

A total of 10 percent of the night's total retail sales will go directly to the EveryWoman's Center. If someone signs up to have their own party at the event, Lucas will donate an additional five percent of her sales from that party to the Center.

"Our funds for advertising were limited, so we didn't really advertise," Lucas said. She encourages those interested in attending the show to call (413) 549-2747, as space is limited.

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AT&T to make 7,500 job cuts

By Bruce Meyerson
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — AT&T Corp. announced Thursday that it is cutting at least 7,500 more jobs and slashing the value of its assets by $11.4 billion, drastic moves prompted by the company's plan to retreat from the traditional consumer telephone business.

The company now plans to shrink its work force by more than a fifth, or about 12,500 jobs, during 2004 – up from a previous target of about 4,900 jobs. Severance costs and other expenses related to the job cuts will reduce third-quarter earnings by $1.1 billion, the company said.

The asset writedown of $11.4 billion amounts to about a quarter of the company's assets, and reflects the reduced value of AT&T's network now that it will be carrying less consumer voice traffic.

"In response to recent regulatory developments and a highly competitive market, we have made some tough decisions to reduce our work force and cut costs," said AT&T chairman and chief executive Dave Dorman.

While the writedown is an acknowledgment that AT&T wasted billions of dollars upgrading its network and marketing to consumers, the sharply reduced value of the company's assets will mean tremendous savings on paper.

The announcement came after the close of trading. AT&T shares, which had slipped 16 cents to $15.04, rose 2.5 percent in after-hours trading, to $15.42.

Many analysts have speculated that AT&T will make itself a more attractive takeover candidate by cleaning up its books and reducing depreciation expense. Talks to be acquired by former subsidiary BellSouth Corp. collapsed earlier this year.

AT&T, still the nation's biggest long-distance carrier with about 30 million customers, announced in July that it would no longer spend money to sell long distance or local service to consumers. The company is still spending aggressively to sign up homes for its new Internet-based phone service.

The withdrawal from the traditional phone business followed a federal court decision that will make it more expensive for AT&T to sell local service by leasing residential lines from the four regional Bells – who at the same time are luring away AT&T's long-distance customers.

The consumer business, once a cash cow that generated $25 billion a year in long-distance revenue, is expected to bring in less than a third of that amount in 2004. In addition to increased competition, the business has been hit hard by rival technologies such as cell phones and Internet phone service.

Students' opinions differ on certain ballot proposition

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Brian Benoit, a junior Mechanical Engineering major said he takes more classes than most students and does not feel that five classes are a difficult amount of work.

"I don't like that idea. I currently take six classes a semester and that's not unmanageable," Benoit said.

Robin Drew, a sophomore S.O.M. major said she thinks taking at least five classes per semester can actually help students.

"You can take a more variety of classes. If you don't know what your major is going to be, you can take a wide variety of classes to help you decide," Drew said.

"Five is good. It's fair," said senior Luis Giovanni.

However, in the midst of the debate over election questions, several students are concerned with bigger problems on campus. Particularly, a few students have mentioned their concern over issues of race in the aftermath of the controversial SGA photos. This was a concern of Masha Khazanovich, a junior Economics major.

"I think we need to abolish racism on this campus, seeing as we have a wonderfully diverse campus. Everyone needs to feel as comfortable as



From left, seniors Kevin Zhang and Andy Tseng discuss election issues before they cast their vote at the Franklin Dining Commons.

Bomb kills ten at Baghdad hotel

By Alexandra Zavis
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Rockets struck a Baghdad hotel housing foreign contractors and journalists late Thursday, drawing return fire and underscoring the precarious security in the heart of the Iraqi capital. Outside Baghdad, roadside bombings killed two more American soldiers.

Early Friday, U.S. aircraft attacked what the U.S. command said was a hideout of terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi in Fallujah. The military said "credible intelligence sources" reported terrorist leaders were meeting there.

A Fallujah doctor said the attack killed 10 people, including a groom on his wedding night, and wounded the bride and 16 others. Residents reported several other strong explosions in the insurgent stronghold through the night.

The latest attacks came as aide to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr offered to disarm his Mahdi Army militia in a move that could bring an end to weeks of fighting in Baghdad's Shiite district Sadr City. The government cautiously welcomed the offer and suggested other militant groups also lay down their arms.

Three Katyusha rockets slammed into the Sheraton hotel, the Interior Ministry said, triggering thunderous explosions, shattering windows and setting off small fires. Dazed guests, including western journalists, contractors and a bride and groom on their wedding night stumbled to safety through the smoke and debris.

"I made a mistake by booking at the Sheraton," said Hayer Abdul Zahra, holding his shivering bride under his arm. "I knew something like this would happen."

There were no deaths or serious injuries, Iraqi officials said.

The hotels, which have been targeted by rockets and mortars before, stand as symbols of continued U.S. and Western dominance in Iraq despite the formal handover of power to an interim Iraqi government June 28.

Egypt blast kills 30

By Ariel Schalit
Associated Press Writer

EILAT, Israel (AP) — An explosion tore through a resort hotel in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula where Israelis were vacationing at the end of a Jewish holiday Thursday night, killing at least 30 people and wounding more than 160, officials said.

Two smaller blasts were reported later at other tourist sites in the Sinai, and witnesses gave reports that car bombs caused all three explosions. Egyptian officials said they had no evidence of terrorism but that it was unlikely the three blasts could be coincidence.

The huge blast collapsed a 10-story wing of the luxury Hilton hotel built by Israel when it controlled Taba from 1967 to 1989. Israeli security officials told The Associated Press they were convinced it was caused by a car bomb.

Israelis described a chaotic scene as the explosion brought the top floors of the hotel crashing into the lobby.

Meir Frajun said his three children were playing one floor below the lobby when the blast tore through the building. He went down but found only two of them.

"Everything was filled with smoke," Frajun told The Associated Press after crossing into the nearby Israeli resort of Eilat. "We were hysterically looking for the child. In the end we found him sitting outside with an Arab guest of the hotel."

Four hours after the blast, Israel's military took command of the scene, according to the army spokeswoman, Brig. Gen. Ruth Yaron, but there were delays in sending Israeli forces and rescue workers across the tense bor'er.

The explosions came a month after the Israeli government urged citizens not to visit Egypt, citing a "concrete" terror threat to tourists in an area. The warning, issued Sept. 9 by the counter terrorism center in Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's office, identified the Sinai Peninsula as the target of a potential attack.

The initial blast, about 10 p.m., rocked the Hilton hotel in the Taba resort, only yards from the Israeli border.

"The whole front of the hotel has collapsed. There are dozens of people on the floor, lots of blood," witness Yigal Vakni told Army Radio. "I am standing outside of the hotel, the whole thing is burning and they have nothing to put it out with."

A spokesman for the rescue workers, Yeruchaim Mendola said others were trapped in the debris.

A car rental manager at the Hilton, Mohammed Saleh said he was in the storeroom and couldn't see where the explosion originated but that several people at the hotel claimed it was caused by a car bomb outside the reception area. Some witnesses reported seeing the wreckage of a car.

Just before midnight two smaller blasts struck the area of Ras Shitan, a camping area near the town of Nuweiba south of Taba, witnesses said. Egyptian hospital officials said four people were killed in those explosions, and Israel's Channel 10 TV said two Israelis died.

Ameulem Tarrag, whose uncle and cousin own camps in Ras Shitan, said both told him that Israeli cars exploded outside their camps. The two blasts were only five seconds apart, he said. He said the camps were full of vacationing Israelis.

Man kept alligator, tiger in apartment

By Samuel Maull
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A man who pleaded guilty to keeping an alligator and a tiger in his apartment while children lived there was sentenced Thursday to five months in jail.

Antoine Yates, who pleaded guilty in July to reckless endangerment, told the judge he never intended to put anyone at risk and that the children were never in danger.

Judge Budd Goodman said he was disturbed by a presentencing report that described Yates, 36, as delusional about having a special gift for handling animals.

Goodman also sentenced Yates to five years probation and told him to get a job and not to keep wild animals.

Prosecutor Jeremy Saland said witnesses' reports and documents indicated Yates also may have kept a leopard and a panther in his home.

"There were even reports of a bear," the prosecutor said. "There's a whole slew of animals, a lineup you would expect to find on the Discovery Channel."

Saland has said that at various times eight children lived in Yates' Harlem apartment with him and his 69-year-old mother between April 2002 and January 2003 while animals were there. Some of the children were relatives and some were foster children.

Saland said it was a miracle none of the children was harmed. Yates' lawyer, Raymond Colon, said his client committed no crime and objected to Saland's listing of animals Yates reportedly kept.

Yates was arrested in October 2003 in Philadelphia, where he went for treatment of a deep bite on his right leg, inflicted by the 400-pound tiger, Ming.

The tiger is being kept at an animal sanctuary in Ohio; the alligator is at a sanctuary in Indiana.

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New compassionate majority

Eric Magazu

You see President George Bush on television and immediately your stomach turns. You watch him make his tired and oft-repeated cases for invading Iraq or perhaps for the tax cut for his rich friends. You know that he puts his corporate buddies at Halliburton ahead of regular people.

I decided to take some time to look over President Bush's record, and I am not convinced that these initial reactions are accurate. In fact, President Bush has supported many viewpoints that traditionally have been held by progressives. A thorough review of the Bush policy will show that it rivals President Lyndon Johnson's Great Society. I invite you to take a second look at President Bush, and hopefully you will come to the conclusion that he indeed advances the progressive cause.

In office, he has supported a bill to crack down on chief executives, despite his reputation for having corporate buddies. This was only after the Enron scandal, but the fact is that when the issue actually came to table, he supported the initiative. He even supported the tougher Democratic version over a more corporate-friendly version that came out of the House of Representatives. The law increased penalties for chief executives that make false statements. It also made chief financial officers personally responsible for the financial reports of their companies. The law required corporations to prepare an incredible amount of additional paperwork to document their numbers.

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President Bush was able to achieve passage of one of the main planks in his 2000 platform, the "No Child Left Behind Act." President Bush has taken an aggressive stance against poorly performing school systems, and offered a large amount of money to back this up. He has a core conviction that the old policy of "social promotion" should be considered just a, "soft bigotry of low expectations." That phrase refers to those who feel that some children just cannot learn. After some compromise that made the bill even more progressive, President Bush's NCLB Act earned the endorsement of Senator Edward Kennedy.

President Bush has also advocated for large increases for Head Start and early-childhood education. He is providing additional funding for research on how children develop reading and math skills. Instead of calling for the removal of the federal government from education, he has vastly increased federal funding in nearly all areas surrounding education.

On healthcare, he called for the largest overhaul of Medicare since its inception, providing an additional $400 billion to fund a prescription drug benefit for senior citizens. It utilizes private insurance companies to deliver the benefit instead of a costly government bureaucracy, but the fact remains it is a huge entitlement designed to benefit our senior citizens. President Bush pushed this bill through Congress over the objections of many conservatives.

President Bush has also secured additional funding into research on renewable sources of energy. George Bush is committed to the vision of a day in which our economy is not based on fossil fuels; he only differs from other progressives in that he knows that in the meantime our oil-based economy cannot be shut down.

He is also the first president to fund stem-cell research. Contrary to popular opinion, the President has not tried to ban stem-cell research. Private corporations have been investigating this avenue of research for some time now. President Bush recognized the potential of this research, and has set aside federal money for this line of research. He only ran into opposition when he limited the new public funding to areas that are consistent with preserving the dignity of life at all stages. The research has found new momentum thanks to Presidents Bush's support.

Since the party of President Bush has the majority in both the upper and lower houses of Congress, it allows him to have more of a free reign. Republicans are eager to please President Bush and many conservatives roll over and support more generous spending because they want to support the president. Unless the democrats can win outright control of Congress, a democrat in the White House will inevitably lead the conservatives in Congress to stand firm against expansion of most social programs. This is evident from a comparison of the amount of spending between President Clinton's and President Bush's times in office. Do not get me wrong: I am talking about non-military, social spending.

Human rights are an issue important to most progressives, and here as well, President Bush has advocated for the rights of people around the world. Michael Moore makes the argument that President Bush invaded Afghanistan for an oil pipeline project, but even most Democrats support the effort there. In Iraq, there is less support among Democrats, but I am not going to review the arguments for and against going to war. In both Afghanistan and Iraq, the rights of citizens, and most especially women, have been utterly transformed. While there is still violence in both countries, the future is now extremely hopeful for its citizens. Freedom and human rights have expanded worldwide under President Bush.

I know in the past when you saw President Bush on TV, you saw a simple-minded cowboy. Next time he is on television, I ask you to reevaluate your core beliefs, and see if you now agree that President Bush works hard toward solving the problems of today's suffering world. Perhaps you too are a member of the new emerging republican majority; this is President Bush's new compassionate majority.

Eric Magazu is a UMass student.

Halting the draft rumor

Ben Duffy

I know you've heard the rumor. I think I've heard it roughly a thousand times, and I suspect that the average UMass student has as well. It's the sort of rumor that might make even the most apathetic citizen sit up and pay attention.

The rumor is that the draft is coming back. What a scary word that is: draft. And that's exactly why it's being thrown around: to scare people. The news wings of CBS and MTV, both subdivisions of the left-leaning Viacom Corporation, have done stories on the issue. Unfortunately, we can't count on either of these "esteemed" news agencies to tell us the whole truth. We can, however, count on them to propagandize for the Democratic Party.

There's some truth to the rumor. Actually, there's a bill in Congress that's been bogged down in committee for almost two years, called Universal National Service Act of 2003. In fact, it's a degree more severe than a draft, in the sense that there is no lottery system. It requires two years of mandatory military service, for both men and women. There will be alternative service for conscientious objectors, but no deferment for college students. An official summary of its contents is available on the World Wide Web at thomas.loc.gov. It reads as follows:

"It is the obligation of every U.S. citizen, and every other person residing in the United States, between the ages of 18 and 26 to perform a two-year period of national service, unless exempted, either as a member of an active or reserve component of the armed forces or in a civilian capacity that promotes national defense. Requires induction into national service by the President. Sets forth provisions governing: (1) induction deferments, postponements, and exemptions, including exemption of a conscientious objector from military service that includes combatant training; and (2) discharge following national service.

Amends the Military Selective Service Act to authorize the military registration of females."

When it comes to the idea of drafting women and college students, nothing could be scarier to middle America, to young voters or to their parents.

There's just one problem — it's not Bush's idea, and the media seems unwilling to tell us whose idea it really is. Actually, the bill belongs to Rep-resentative Charles Rangel, a liberal Democrat. It has fourteen co-sponsors, all anti-war Democrats. On the other side, there is a bill in the house that would abolish the Selective Service System entirely. The bill's sponsor is Ron Paul, a moderate Texas Republican. Co-sponsors include members of both parties.

You wouldn't know that if you read a recent Associated Press article by Terence Hunt. The article made reference to Kerry's reaction to outright rumors that the president might bring the draft back, without a single reference to the existence of Rangel's bill.

There's a bill in Congress that's been bogged down in committee for almost two years.

CBS News did a segment on the topic as well. The entire story revolved around a nervous mom who is concerned with "mass emails" circulating "among worried parents." In other words, CBS now does news stories on rumors, without a single reference to the tangible Rangel bill.

The email admits to being third-hand information from an anonymous source — "Someone I know forwarded this to me, it was forwarded to them from someone they know who has a friend that works in the dept of defense." It reads: "There is pending legislation in the House and Senate (twin bills: S 89 and HR 163) which will time the program's initiation so the draft can begin at early as Spring 2005 – just after the 2004 presidential election. The administration is quietly trying to get these bills passed now, while the public's attention is on the elections, so our action on this is needed immediately."

You might think that CBS News would point out who sponsored these bills, and the absurdity of fifteen of Congress's most liberal anti-war Democrats acting in collusion with the president, but of course they didn't. The focus of the story, a worried mother named Beverly Cocco, is presented as a Bush supporter. She says that she might change her vote according to the fictitious draft "issue." The reporter says that "Beverly is not buying it," referring to Bush's assurances that he would not reinstitute the draft. The reporter asks her if she would vote for a Democrat, if it would mean avoiding the draft. She says that she would vote for Howdy-Doody, if it meant that she could keep her sons at home.

The fictitious draft "issue" is a plus for Bush, but the casual viewer might not understand that from CBS's insinuations to the contrary. For the record, both presidential candidates and Donald Rumsfeld have repeatedly rejected the idea of a draft. According to the website of the draft board, www.sss.gov, there are no plans in place to reinstate the draft.

More importantly, it's best to do away with whispers that Bush is plotting some sort of post-election, middle-of-the-night executive order to reinstate the draft. It's nonsense, for the simple reason that only Congress has that authority. Bush does not.

Rangel's bill is destined to fail, and he knows that. Rangel has written an excellent editorial on his legislation, and he makes it very clear that this legislation is not based on support for the war, but rather based in its opposition. He believes that minorities, as well as poor and rural whites, fill a disproportionate section of our military's enlisted ranks. Meanwhile, white upper and middle-class folks go to college. I couldn't agree more. I just don't think that the draft is the right way to change this terrible situation. If you agree with Rangel, and you're a middle class white kid, then I suggest that you drop out immediately and enlist in the interest of fairness to minorities and the poor.

So please, if you oppose the draft, then write a letter to Charles Rangel. Write a letter to your congressman. Or you can just vote and boot the draft scare-mongers out of office.

Ben Duffy is a Collegian columnist.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

RACIST 'JOKES' SHOULD NOT BE MINIMIZED

This goes out as a plea to each and every student on this campus, regardless of race, creed, orientation or any other source of identity. Since the surfacing of those controversial photos, many people have voiced their concern, and in some instances, nonchalance and disregard for the severity of their contents.

As a student leader on this campus, and also being a person of color, I can admit that I was perturbed on two fronts. The first being the weak and insulting claim that it was all a "joke" shared by friends having a good time, and was being taken out context. Apparently, unbeknownst to those involved, the implications of their actions were nothing remotely close to being comedic in any way. To those of you in the student body who are brushing off this disturbing occurrence and urging people to take a "chill pill," I implore you to look back on events over the course of global history that beg to differ.

By searching beyond the basics, one will quickly realize that far too much has gone unaddressed and undocumented, and that which has would much rather be disguised than exposed for the monstrous reality it brings to light. The Grand Wizard has never appeared on a sketch for "Saturday Night Live," and for a good reason.

Originally established as a social organization, the Ku Klux Klan quickly evolved into a means of executing horrific and dehumanizing acts against African-Americans and other persons of color. To the advantage of klansmen, the protection of officials in law enforcement allowed them to practice their debauchery without prosecution. With a track record that boasts senseless and unwarranted lynchings, burnings, beatings, murders, draggings, among other deplorable acts of violence, I'm supposed to somehow expunge any reference made to such a group because it was all in good fun?

Secondly, I was disturbed because these "student leaders" are among my colleagues. I have been involved in RSO's since my first year at this university, and slowly made my way up the ranks to assuming leadership roles within several groups. For me, being an active member of this campus community has helped me form great alliances, friendships, and become part of a huge network of individuals who selflessly give of themselves and their services to benefit others. For many student leaders on this campus, our roles and responsibilities are taken quite seriously, and literally I might add.

On the contrary, some people don't recognize the breadth of their influence and privilege, and the consequences their actions bear. In closing, my earnest plea to everyone reading this is to examine this situation critically, and consider its implications and severity. Furthermore, I caution you all in minimizing the reactions of those students who were not only deeply offended by these actions, but were also forced to question their acceptance and safety on campus. Each of us is entitled to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, but certainly not at the expense of others.

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Kerry tough on defense

Dan Wallace

The trash flung at John Kerry makes me cringe. With a combination of half-truths and extremism, John Kerry's critics have implied that if you vote for John Kerry, you will die. If you look beyond the sound bites and commercials, John Kerry's actions make all the sense in the world.

Most anybody paying attention to the presidential election has heard Kerry's foot-in-his-mouth quote: "I voted for the $87 billion before I voted against it." The media didn't show you everything. What Kerry was trying to explain was that he voted for the $87 billion Iraq and Afghanistan funding, paid for by rolling back the tax cuts for people earning $400,000 or more a year. What he did vote against was paying for the funding by going further into debt, which is what George Bush and the Republicans wanted.

Congress, against John Kerry, decided to go into more debt. More debt now means more interest payments later, which means needlessly higher taxes in the future. Thank you John Kerry for voting against more debt.

Do you need more proof that John Kerry will not mean a weaker United States? His critics complain that he voted to cut spending on particular lighter planes and combat vehicles. Ironically, Dick Cheney was Secretary of Defense during Bush Sr.'s administration, and he pushed for nearly all the military cuts that John Kerry voted for. The Cold War was over then, and the exorbitant military spending on missiles and fighter planes was unnecessary; it is still unnecessary. How often do you hear that the military doesn't have enough deadly weapons?

And while we have all the deadly weapons we need for the military, we still don't have enough troops, and we sorely need them. Terrorists hold no allegiance to any one country, but are united in the destruction of America. It takes the manpower of specially trained troops to locate and destroy stealthy terrorist cells effectively. If we don't get more troops in the army, we can expect to meet the terrorists at the front doors of our embassies, foreign bases, and big cities over and over again.

Terrorists are cockroaches, and exterminators don't get rid off cockroaches by blowing up the house; they are subtler than that. John Kerry has consistently supported pay increases for our troops. John Kerry voted for a 4.5 percent pay raise for troops in 1989, and a pay raise that is 0.5 percent higher than the inflation rate through 2006. The raise will keep servicemen in the army longer and attract additional people. More troops are a superior ingredient for defeating terrorists.

"Weak on defense" certainly does not apply to John Kerry. Kerry recognizes that our tax dollars can't be squandered away. John Kerry realizes that there is not a silver bullet that will defeat terrorism; instead, a million small pricks will bleed it to death.

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JIM BREUER, BACK AT AND STRANGE AS EVER

By Reid Davenport
Collegian Staff

On Saturday Oct. 9th, former "Saturday Night Live" star and comedian Jim Breuer returns to the University of Massachusetts with his out-of-control style of comedy.

Breuer, no stranger to the Fine Arts Center, brings his "World Therapy Tour" to campus, most likely backed up by guitarist and comedian Paul Bond. On their last stop through, Breuer and Bond delivered a solid performance with Bond's mood setting guitar riffs during Breuer's whacky antics.

Despite being a husband and father of two, when he's home in Long Island, N.Y., Breuer still delivers a performance only a hyperactive college student could be capable of. Constantly laughing at his own actions and thoughts, Breuer always manages to keep the crowd bursting with laughter.

Breuer is known from his time spent on the famed NBC show, Saturday Night Live. On "SNL" he became wildly popular for his Goat Boy character, as well an immitation of Joe Pesci on a farce entitled "The Joe Pesci Show."

His first breakthrough role after leaving "SNL" was Brian, the Jerry Garcia loving potthead, from "Half-Baked." Since then, he has done standup comedy specials for Comedy Central and had minor roles in movies such as "Titan A.E.," "Crooked Lines" and "American Dummy."

Jim Breuer
Fine Arts Center
Amherst
Oct. 9

"This was a lot better than I thought it was going to be," Breuer commented in a previous interview from his last UMass show. "Usually the first time I ever see where I'm playing is when I walk out and [tonight] I was like, 'Dude there's a lot of people out there!'"

Jim Breuer's "World Therapy Tour" stops at the Fine Arts Center this Saturday at 10 p.m. Tickets are $5 for UMass students, $10 for Five-College students and $15 for the general public. Tickets can be purchased at the Fine Arts Center box office. The show is brought to you by the Student Activities Center.



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Thriller movie is easily 'Forgotten'

By Johnny Donaldson
Collegian Staff

There's a nifty special effect that anchors "The Forgotten," a supernatural thriller in the "gotcha" mode of a M. Night Shyamalan film. In this film the characters don't see dead people, but they do have a tendency to get sucked into the sky right before your very eyes. They'll be standing there when – whoosh – they get whisked right into the ether. It's a neat trick, but it's practically all that the movie has to offer. "The Forgotten" is one of those thrillers that have mood, and, almost, nothing else. It builds on a mystery that only gets less mysterious the longer it takes to end.

I could spoil the secrets of the movie, but the trailers have done that job for me. I will say that the movie is one of those thrillers of obfuscation in which what we think we know happens to not be true at all. Of course, there have been so many of these kinds of films since little Haley Joel Osment began seeing ghosts that those surprise twists lack their old power. Sitting down to watch "The Forgotten" I managed to guess – correctly – the big "shocker" within the first five minutes.

For the first quarter, though, "The Forgotten" manages to be compelling. Telly Peretta (Julianne Moore) is a mother grieving for her son, who died in a plane crash 14 months earlier. She's been locked in her anguish for so long that she's been seeing a therapist (Gary Sinise) at the urging of her husband (Anthony Edwards). Then one day, her son is missing from the family photos. Everyone – her husband, her therapist, even the babysitter – claim that her son never existed, that she miscarried and invented his life from scratch.

It's a fascinating hook for a movie, the parent who mourns their child only to learn that the child never existed. Too bad the movie abandons the premise before it's even halfway through. "The Forgotten" turns into a conventional and rather boring mysterioso thriller, all chases and twists and hidden meanings, and that has the result of flattening the movie out. The movie could have – should have – been a great psychological drama but it instead turns into the umpteenth Shyamalan rip-off.

The movie's cast includes actors as skilled as Gary Sinise and Alfre Woodard given roles that barely rate as two-dimensional tonce you spot the shifty-eyed Sinise, you know something's up.) Moore's central performance turns out to not be very interesting; the milky skinned actress, who's one of the most adept at balancing fragility and toughness, seems lost amidst the fallow surroundings. Her range moves from sad to determined and back again, without much in between. It's a distracting shallow performance, but it matches that of her co-star. Dominic West, who plays a neighborhood father with her exact same problem; his performance is similarly lacking in gradations.

"The Forgotten" is competently made but ultimately lifeless. The movie plods along on its way to its functional conclusion, but it sacrifices depth and substance for unearned twists, forced atmosphere and cool special effects. The movie's name is apropos for its purposes; by next week it'll be among the forgotten.



'The Forgotten'
Directed by Joseph Ruben
Starring Julianne Moore, Dominic West
Columbia
Rated PG-13
85 mins.
Grade C+

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Julianne Moore stars as Telly Peretta, in the newest film in a long line of Hollywood thriller. In the 'The Forgotten,' Moore co-stars with Domic West.

A wise Eve says : Friends go before men, forever



Original Sin
Eve

Can someone please explain to me why people change who they are the minute they land a relationship? Is it too difficult to keep your individuality maintained? Is that why people are so afraid to remain single?

I think it is the word "we" that bothers me. The minute one of my girlfriends tries to put that word in a sentence, a wave of nausea erupts inside of me like a bad case of morning sickness. Speaking of morning sickness, my best girlfriend can tell you all about it. She called me hysterically crying two weeks ago claiming that she was pregnant. Maybe if we were sixteen, inexperienced, or even freshmen, I would cry for her too. However, we are twenty-two and quite aware of the consequences of our sexual behavior.

So I asked her how it happened. "I didn't think I was fertile. So we never used protection," she says matter-of-factly. I took a moment to understand her rationale, then I took another moment to let the "we" run through me, so as not to hang up the phone. Then I lectured her like a sixth grade sex-ed teacher. And I don't think she seemed to mind.

She asked me to come to Boston and help her through the abortion ordeal, and naturally I was flattered. "Of course I'll come, but what about your boyfriend?" I asked cringing at that horrifying word. She remained silent for a minute then answered, "He has been so supportive and understanding through this whole thing. He wants to be there, but I really think I'd prefer you to be around," and that was all she had to say.

We planned to meet on Friday night. I made her a big dinner at my house and she swallowed the pill while holding my hand. "Good girl," I said as she finished off her glass of water. I set her up on the couch and tucked her in with the most comfortable blankets I could find. It was so nice to have a moment alone with her again. Ever since he showed up I haven't been able to converse with her unless it was on his clock. But if she was happy, I was happy ... but not really. Within moments we were laughing and joking around like old times, as if neither of us had a care in the world. For a moment everything seemed comfortable.

The doorbell rang; she stopped laughing and became quiet. I opened the door only to find him standing in front of me. Uncomfortably, I said "Hi! Come in. She's on the couch." I walked away leaving the door wide open. He entered my house quietly, and walked directly towards her.

"Hi, hun," she whispered solemnly. There were no more laughs, no more jokes, and no more happiness. I couldn't believe the switch in personality. Does he make her miserable? Or is she just miserable with him? I studied their interactions carefully and concluded that she is better off alone or with someone else. But she hates being alone, and he is convenient for now. That is nauseating.

He looks at his watch and says, "Come. Let's go home to bed." My heart skipped five beats. I knew this was her final test. Spend the night with a boyfriend of four months or a best friend of two years. As expected, she chose the guy, and I had no choice but to understand. However, I don't understand why I haven't seen her since.

We spoke once later that weekend, but I was someone she never found time to meet up with. I didn't even bother to say good-bye when I left to go back to school. Two days later, I received a two-minute message on my phone, apologies and all; "I'm sooo sorry we didn't spend time together. Please understand I wasn't choosing him over you. I appreciate you coming down, and I love you. Call me back."

I called her back, only because she was aware of how I was feeling, and no "boyfriend" can ever change that.

EA strikes gold again with 'Def Jam'



Press Start to Play
Reid Davenport



The newest release from EA Sports, 'Def Jam:Fight for NY' is highly acclaimed for its celebrity cameos and total revamping of the original game 'Def Jam Vendetta'.

After "Electronic Arts" announced it would make a sequel to a game as poor as "Def Jam Vendetta," most gamers were probably surprised as "Vendetta" was not very popular. Despite using the popular grappling engine, which was how you wrestled in World Wrestling Entertainment's hit games "No Mercy" and "Wrestle Mania" on the N64, "Vendetta" did not appeal to the wrestling audience and the rap aspect of it was more odd than annoying.

However, EA has revamped the game and made it into a true fighting game. Even though there is a level you climb into a ring, don't think this has gone back to rappers acting like pro-wrestlers again. This time around you knuckle up as your own character, with a list of other popular rappers, and fight for respect and territory.

The game is far beyond "Vendetta" and the only thing carrying over is the storyline. It begins with the infamous D-Mob being lead away in cuffs, following the final battle in the previous game, then your character crashes the party – literally – and takes D-Mob back home.

'Def Jam: Fight for NY'
X-Box and PS2
Publisher
EA Games
Developer
EA Canada
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EA creates an interesting way to create your character by using a cop from the scene to identify the suspect, which is your character. They also give you a feature so you can give your character the voice you want, so there's no more of the miming expressions instead of talking.

You will quickly recognize many of today's popular rap artists in the game: Method Man, Redman, Warren G, Snoop Dogg, Fat Joe, Iced-T, Busta Rhymes, Falva Flav, Lil' Kim and even appearances by actress Carmen Electra and rocker Henry Rollins. With a long list of names both starring and lending their musical talent to the game, it shows that EA definitely planned on investing more time to make this a better game.

Your character will earn points to use in "The Gym" to build up strengths, learn new finishing moves, and learn new styles of fighting to KO your opponents. You will also earn money so you can become the biggest playa in the circuit. You can purchase throwback Michael Jordan jerseys, a pair of Sean John jeans, get your hair dreaded up, toss a tattoo on your back, grab some diamond earrings, necklaces, and rings to make yourself all pimped out for your next fight.

While lights can sometimes become overwhelming, you will eventually learn what you need to do to survive and win. It's all about timing and taking advantage of being able to toss your opponent into the crowd, or objects, to do more damage. You will find that weapons come in handy if your energy is fading fast.

The last significant improvement is the story mode. The story is very well developed with turns that you don't really expect. EA also didn't hold back on the language as F-bombs are dropped left and right. They did an excellent job trying to show a more realistic, rap based game. It's not hard to find yourself playing for a few hours just to find out what happens next.

Overall EA did a fantastic job giving "Def Jam Vendetta" a complete face lift to create "Fight for NY." Even if you are not a fan of rap, this game still provides a solid fighting game to spend hours at a time playing.

EA's "Def Jam: Fight for New York" is available now on all three major platforms for around $49.99. It is rated M for mature due to violence, strong language, and adult situations.

Stern fights back

By Daniel Rubin
The Philadelphia Inquirer

If you want to hear Howard Stern, starting in Jan. 2006, you'll need to shell out $12.95 a month for satellite radio.

Sirius, the number two of orbital radio companies, announced Wednesday that it had lured the nation's most popular morning disc jockey to an exclusive five-year deal that, all told, will cost them a staggering $500 million.

The move promises to launch satellite radio into the mainstream.

Stern, 50, who has spent years pushing the line of what's permissible on broadcast radio, told his millions of listeners Wednesday he was "tired of the censorship."

With its porn-star confessionals and his crude talk, Stern's show has cost broadcasters more than $2 million in settlements with the Federal Communications Commission since 1995. Little is out of bounds on satellite radio, which, like cable television, has escaped federal regulation for indecency.

"I've decided what my future is," Stern said Wednesday. "It's not this kind of radio anymore."

Scott Greenstein, Sirius' president of entertainment and sports, called Stern "the greatest prize in radio, maybe radio history."

Bernoff said the move would make Sirius, with 600,000 subscribers, more competitive with its rival, XM Radio, which has 2.5 million.

Stern's weekday morning program airs in 46 markets, including in Philadelphia on WYSP-FM, and is heard by between 8 million and 12 million people, Joe Clayton, Sirius' chief executive officer, noted in an interview. Stern's hold on the key 18-to-49-year-old male demographic, which he is counting on to pay for his investment in the shock jock.

To break even, Sirius says it needs to sign up 1 million new subscribers at $12.95 a month, and keep them until Stern's contract expires in 2010.

Sirius' stock closed Wednesday at $5.87 a share, up 52 cents, or 16 percent. XM Radio closed at $29 a share, down 48 cents, or 2 percent.

A national debate on objectionable content has brewed since the FCC staff decision last fall, later reversed – not to penalize NBC affiliates after the singer Bono used the f-word during the 2003 Golden Globes award show. Janet Jackson's breast-baring on the Super Bowl halftime show in February raised the volume. That month Clear Channel dropped Stern's show from six stations after pledging "zero tolerance" for indecency.

Stern recently said on the air that Jackson's exposure could cost him his job. Actually, it may have made him millions. Sirius, however, would not disclose what Stern would be paid – only that he will get 1 million stock options that he can keep should he leave after five years.

Sirius projected $100 million yearly cost for Stern includes staff salary, studio construction in New York and production expenses. Stern talked of developing two more channels in addition to his morning talk show, and Sirius executives suggested he could develop a music show.

The deal does not address the cable television broadcast of Stern's show, which has been the most popular talk fare on the I-1 network for a decade.

Stern is the latest and most-known radio host to [illegible] radio in the face of government pressure. Shock jock Opie [illegible] dumped by Infinity [illegible] radio after [illegible] public places [illegible] Cincinnati in New Year's [illegible] Washington Monday, the same day [illegible] former NPR "Morning Edition" host Bob Edwards began his [illegible] show on XM.

Stern's service will be available to subscribers of Sirius, which, like XM, plays through [illegible] radios receivers and [illegible] receivers.

Clayton said investors in this most lucrative would be able to block stations they find objectionable, a feature not now available in many satellite car radio receivers.

Can knitting be the next trend to hit the college circuit?

By Daina Klimanis
Knight Ridder

After Sarah Asher Morris began knitting about three years ago, she got a dose of teasing. People would say things like, "I thought only grandmothers did that!"

Now a junior at the University of Oregon, Morris often sees students knitting during lectures. A new knitting group has formed in one of the dorms, she said; another meets in the student union. The two knitting classes at the craft center on campus fill up so quickly; people who want to learn how to knit must turn elsewhere, such as the University Students Fibers Guild, of which Morris is co-president.

"People want something so that they can pull away from whatever they're doing just for an hour, instead of (doing) yoga or something else," Morris said. " ... It's meditative. It's relaxing."

The University of Oregon is among schools nationwide where knitting clubs are blossoming as many college-aged women, as well as an increasing number of men, are taking up the ancient craft. According to a survey done for the Craft Yarn Council of America, the percentage of women younger than 45 who knit doubled in recent years, going from 9 to 18 percent between 2000 and 2002, the most recent year for which data is available.

Since then, knitting has become even more popular among young people, giving a boost to the business, said Mary Colucci, the yarn council's executive director. She estimates yarn vendors have seen yarn sales grow by double-digit percentages in the last two years.

"I know publishers have added more knitting and crocheting titles because the demand is there," Colucci said. " ... I know from retailers around the country, a lot of them have added more and more (knitting) classes and some shops, they fill up their classes so quickly, people have to wait to get in."

Lisa Meyers, owner of Rosie's Yarn Cellar in Philadelphia, said college-aged students make up about 20 percent of her customer base; it was only 5 percent when she opened her shop nine years ago. Now she's getting calls from resident assistants at area colleges who want her to organize knitting sessions in dormitories.

"People think this is an industry where you're going to be dealing with people with hearing aids all day long," Meyers said. "Not at all."

Knitters are eager to explain the hobby's appeal. Sure, it's cheap and portable, many said they take their knitting to class to help them stay awake – and it's a great source of cheap gifts for friends and family. But for many, the true appeal lies in the repetitive motion itself, which they use to escape stress, or at least keep their hands busy.

"Last semester I knitted a lot and it helped me stop biting my nails," said Elissa Washuta, a sophomore at the University of Maryland. "Then I stopped, and I started biting my nails again."

But none of this is news; the gentle clack of knitting needles has been around for thousands of years. What's changing is the knitting industry, which has been stocking stores with funky yarns and trendy patterns to draw adventurous young knitters.

"It's not such an old lady frumpy sweater thing," said Emily Powell, a junior at the University of Maryland.

Powell, who enjoys making matching hats and mittens, said even those who make fun of her hobby end up appreciating the results.

"A lot of times they laugh, but then they think it's pretty cool when I stay warm in the winter due to my cool knitted things," she said.

Not only are yarn makers putting more effort into producing bright colors and interesting textures, but improving technology makes yarn softer and lighter, Colucci said.

"You hear, 'Wow, why weren't these yarns around?'" Colucci said. "I think we've all experienced kind of those really heavy handmade things. It's not that way anymore."

The result, combined with new larger needles that speed the knitting process and patterns that keep pace with fashion, appeals to those who grew up on fluffy store-bought knits.

Men are getting in on this traditionally woman's activity more than ever before. At a recent knitting club meeting at the University of Maryland, four of the 20 attendees were men. One was sophomore Mat Lewis, a club regular who began learning to knit about a year ago.

"A lot of punk rock guys I know knit, because it's a fun thing to do, and they like to switch up gender roles," Lewis said.

A number of male knitters have showed up at the University of Oregon as well, said University Student Fibers Guild co-president Morris. Many had already learned knitting from a family member or a class.

As younger adults turn toward knitting in increasing numbers, more and more knitting resources are targeting the younger set. Across the country, Stitch 'N' Bitch knitting circles target sassy young knitters. The Web site of Stitch 'N' Bitch Chicago sells "knitting paraphernalia of a new generation." An online knitting magazine, Knitty.com, recently shared patterns for fashionable lingerie and these kinds of knitting resources are attracting new knitters in turn.

"With the new patterns and new types of yarns and more textures, it's become more fun to do," Powell said. "It's a fashion statement."

The result is that more women and men are finding themselves less dependent on the inventory of their local department store.

"I'm obsessed with (BBC television show) 'Dr. Who' and (show actor) Tom Baker," said Sarah McKisson, University of Maryland sophomore. "He has a really awesome scarf that you can't buy anywhere, but I found a pattern for it to knit!"

Six months and at least six skeins of wool later, McKisson has a multicolored scarf that's twice as long as she is tall. Now she has moved on to other knitting projects, using her new skills to knit gifts for friends and family.

The slow pace of knitting projects sets the activity apart from other pursuits, said Lizzy Malouf, president of the University of Maryland's knitting club. In a world where spending hours to make a present for a friend has become a rarity, people have greater appreciation for these homemade gifts.

"It stands out and it shows that you spent a lot of time on it, and time is something that no one has anymore," Malouf said.

KNITTING RESOURCES

Looking for knitting patterns, or just some basic instructions? Some college knitters share their favorite books and Web sites.

For beginners:

"Knitting for Dummies," by Pam Allen et. al., For Dummies, $21.99

"If you're looking for a book that will go through the basics and it has pictures," said Lizzy Malouf, University of Maryland

www.learntoknit.com

"It explains kinds of yarn, needles-it even has crochet instructions... That's the site I learned to knit from," said Sarah McKisson, University of Maryland.

"Stitch 'N Bitch: The Knitter's Handbook," by Debbie Stoller, Workman Publishing $13.95.



Tony Nguyen, right, learns to knit from Melissa Carder, a campus ministry intern at the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland.

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Spiders looking to defend A-10

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TEMPLE

The Owls had a promising start to their opening with wins against Lehigh and Syracuse, though they went on to lose their next three games against American, Temple and Maine. Currently, the Owls stand at 3-5, which is not as standard as it is, until I think since Temple has one of the harder schedules in the A-10, has to play all three ranked teams in their first eight games. Temple dropped its next eight games to ranked teams, Penn State and Delaware.

At center, head coach Lauren Fuchs's team has displayed an aggressive offense, scoring four times against Temple and three times against Lehigh. While showing signs of change on the offensive side, the Owls have also shown a severe lack of production on defense. Goalie Erin Conroy and her defensive defense have been hurt for 25 goals, while the offense has only scored 15. Overall, the Owls have been outscored as a team by a total of 67-46.

Lauren Fuchs will have to guide her defense and inspire her offense if the Owls hope to compete against Richmond in their conference opener tomorrow and against the rest of the A-10 in the tournament.

WESTCHESTER

The Rhode Island, the WCU Golden Rams have their first three games of the season. Though unlike URI, the Golden Rams went on to lose nine more of their next 10 games giving them a 1-10 record.

Furthermore, one of their problems is that they've been playing all of their home games on the road. The construction of a new turf stadium forced the Golden Rams to travel north 40 minutes to Ol' Roberts High School for home games.

Kathy Krannebitter's team has lost many heartbreakers in the first month of the season, including 2-1 losses to Rider, Ursinus and Monmouth, all of which were in overtime. The 2004 WCU program is obviously not where it should be. With a potent offensive attack consisting of forwards Jen McGinley, Jen Doody and Megan Glielmi, WCU should be in contention with other team such as Temple and St. Joe's.

Krannebitter's experience as a coach is unparallel among other A-10 coaches. 2004 is her 19th season as coach for the Golden Rams and, in that time, she has a 181-154 record. Over the past two seasons, the WCU program has fallen apart, though. So far this season, her team has scored only three goals. This is an embarrassing stat, which shows that perhaps it is time for WCU to move on and look for guidance from a more youthful coach.

LASALLE

The Explorers, coached by Sarah Catlin, opened up their season with a tough 2-1 loss to Drexel though quickly regained their composure with two wins against Lafayette and Monmouth. LaSalle's schedule is perhaps one of the easiest in the A-10, playing only two ranked teams, one of which is non-conference.

Their toughest loss so far came in a 5-0 defeat to Wake Forest, a team that is now 11-2 overall. The Explorers stand at 4-6 for the season with their biggest wins coming against a weak Robert Morris team, which they beat 6-0 and Rider, which they also shut out 4-0. Defense has been the name of the game for the Explorers. Goalie Colleen Bolger along with blanking Rider and Robert Morris, has also shut out Lock Haven and Bucknell.

Minutemen play a pair of weekend league games

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to a red card received against Harvard on September 19. Kitchell was a peg in the center defensive midfield. During his suspension, Koch played around with the lineup, pushing players like Ralph Pace and Todd Skelton to double-team the area.

Now, with Kitchell back in the lineup, Koch is wary to stray from a strategy that has only let up three goals over the last three games, a vast improvement over the nine given up over the first three games of the season.

"We're playing with two guys in the central part of the defense, one is more of a defensive midfielder, one is more of a back," Koch said. "We're getting more compact as a unit, and since we've done it, it's cut the goals down by two-thirds."

Koch is looking for his defense to be in top form this weekend against two teams that love to attack.

Both Richmond and George Washington tend to attack fast and often, vying to break the ice. Neither team has done particularly well thus far, and Koch is looking to stifle whatever first attempts they send the Minutemen's way.

"I know they are both very direct in the way they play, as in they like to get it to the opposite-third as quick as they can," Koch said.

One thing UMass can't do is let either of these teams get on the board first. Whenever either squad scores first, they tend to be more conservative and pull their attacking midfielders back.

Koch has seen their style before and is making a point to try to strike first.

"The one thing you don't want to do in either of these games is get behind," Koch said. "Once either of them gets up by a goal, they tend to just pack it in. They'll just sit back there and make it as impossible as possible to score."



MATTHEW KEEFE/COLLEGIAN

UMass freshman defender Douglas Rappaport flies by a Hartford defender on September 14. UMass will continue its defensive strategy in two games this weekend.

Shea looking to build momentum

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opportunities. The thought process in anything has to be that there is never going to be another chance. This is the last chance you're going to have," Shea said.

Shea will look to several of her players to provide these opportunities. One is Trish Borneo. The junior midfielder and member of the Trinidad and Tobago national team, has one goal and one assist so far this season.

She has the ability to be a spectacular, spectacular player," Shea said of Borneo. "She's just too unselfish, and she doesn't want to take the ball. Yet, that's the thing we need her to do to help us."

Shea also mentioned that she needed a boost from her younger players including Gina Sanders.

"I think we need some underclassmen to step it up. I think we need Gina Sanders to step up and finish some of the opportunities that she's had," Shea said.

On the defensive end, Massachusetts must do a better job of attacking opponents further up the field. The Minutewomen have been doing a better job of that as of late but still continue to play a "bend-not-break" defense which allows teams deep in to Massachusetts territory but doesn't allow many quality shots on goal.

The backs must also provide more support for senior goaltender Christine Tocco. Tocco has been outstanding in net, registering 100 saves. Her 2.82 GAA doesn't nearly reflect how excellent she has played in front of the cage.

"I think Christine Tocco has been keeping us in games. She's been playing very well in goal. You look at the scores, and it doesn't really seem it. And then you look at the shots that she's faced, and it's incredible. She's been doing a great job and she's been really keeping us going," Shea stated.

UM shoots for more success at Rudd

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts women's soccer team wraps up its five game home stand this weekend with games against Richmond and George Washington.

The Minutewomen have been successful on their longest home stretch of the season, winning two of their first three matches, but they face two of the Atlantic-10's toughest teams in the Spiders and Colonials.

UMass hopes the offense can get rolling this weekend, and a big part of that will be based on the play of Britt Canfield.

The freshman scoring-machine was named the Atlantic-10 Rookie of the Week after her efforts in Sunday's game against Temple. Canfield scored twice in the game, including the game-winner in overtime.

Canfield leads the team in goals (5), points (10) and shots (34).

"Britt's been playing great," assistant coach Rebecca Myers said. "She's stepping up, and she's getting us the goals that we need. She's getting great help to get those goals, but she's also setting herself up in good position to get them."

Just past the midway point of the season, UMass (3-6, 1-2 A-10) seems to be hitting its stride, winning three of the last four games. The Minutewomen are looking to build off their most impressive victory of the season, a 3-2 overtime win over conference foe Temple.

Senior forward Lindsey Fairweather said the team's expectations are high for the weekend doubleheader.

"We're not looking for a split this weekend," Fairweather said. "We want to win them both."

Junior midfielder Lindsey Bellini echoed Fairweather's sentiment.

"These are two of the most competitive teams in the A-10 so hopefully we can go at least 1-1, but hopefully it'll be 2-0," Bellini said. "We can definitely play with them if we come out confident."

The goal all season for UMass has been to make the Atlantic-10 tournament which is scheduled to take place on UMass' home turf at Rudd Field.

The top six teams in the conference qualify for the tournament, and UMass is currently in a three-way tie for seventh place. The Minutewomen will have plenty of opportunities to improve their conference standing as their eight remaining games are all against league opponents.

There is a sense of urgency for the Maroon and White to make the conference tournament for the first time since 2000, and it starts with the upperclassmen.

"I'm not going out senior year without making the tournament," Fairweather said as she pointed out this weekend's games as an opportunity to bolster the team's conference record.

With the tournament being played at UMass, the emphasis is even greater.

"We want to make it," Bellini said, "especially with it being held here."

The first challenge for UMass this weekend will be Richmond at 3:30 p.m. Friday. Richmond (4-4-1, 2-1 A-10) was predicted to be the No. 2 team in the A-10 in the preseason by the league's coaches, and the Spiders have not disappointed.

Richmond boasts four players on the preseason All-Conference team including two first-team honorees from last year.

There will be no let-up for UMass on Sunday when George Washington travels to Amherst. GW was predicted to finish No. 4 in the A-10 and is undefeated so far in league play.

The Colonials (4-4-3, 2-0-1 A-10) feature first team All-Conference defender Lindsay Bruno.

"We're going to see what we're made out of in both games," Myers said. "Whatever the result is on Friday, we have to be able to come back and battle on Sunday."

"They're two tough teams, and if we don't come out to play they're going to have their way. If we do show up to play it's going to be a fun weekend."

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Brady's receivers change, results don't

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

FOXBORO (AP) – When Tom Brady looked downfield last season his top targets were Deion Branch and Troy Brown. He'll be focusing on other wide receivers Sunday.

Branch is doubtful with a knee injury, and Brown is questionable with a shoulder injury for the game against the Miami Dolphins that could give the New England Patriots an NFL record 19th straight win.

And Brady will be facing a strong pass defense.

"I'm not concerned," the two-time Super Bowl MVP said.

That's because he has plenty of other teammates to throw to – wide receivers David Patten, David Givens and Bethel Johnson and tight ends Daniel Graham and Christian Fauria.

Branch led the Patriots with 57 catches and Brown was third with 40 last season. Kevin Faulk had 48 receptions, mostly short gains out of the backfield.

This year, the Patriots also have rookie P.K. Sam, a fifth-round draft choice from Florida State, who saw his first NFL action – he recalls being in three or four plays – in last Sunday's 31-17 win at Buffalo.

"It was fun," Sam said Thursday, "actually being on that side of the line instead of the sideline. It was cool so (I'm) just waiting to see what happens this week."

With so many good receivers already with the Patriots, he's had to be patient after making 50 catches as a junior last year and leaving school with athletic eligibility left.

"That's part of the program when you come to a great team like this, so it was expected," Sam said. "I'm just waiting for my time, but everything's cool right now. I'm just learning from the older guys."

Most of the Patriots' other wide receivers also took a while to develop.

Brown was drafted in the eighth round in 1993 and didn't become a full-time starter until 2000 when he caught 83 passes. Patten, an undrafted free agent out of college, totaled 71 catches in his first four seasons then joined the Patriots in 2001 and had 112 in his first two seasons with them.

Givens, a seventh-rounder in 2002, had nine catches as a rookie but 34 last year and leads the team with 14 this year. He's a big receiver with good hands.

"David is a tremendous player," Brady said. "He just keeps getting better. The more you throw to him, the more reliable he is."

Johnson, a second-round pick, had 16 catches as a rookie last year. He and Sam have to make progress before getting into the regular rotation at wide receiver. "It was a start," coach Bill Belichick said of Sam's play against Buffalo. "I am sure it will be better. Well, I am not sure. I hope he will be better as he continues to gain experience."

Sam was 21 last February and is one of the NFL's youngest players. He was sidelined for part of training camp and says he's content to wait his turn on a strong team rather than play sooner on a weak team.

"Definitely," he said. "That's why even in college I chose Florida State. Anybody can be in a lesser program."

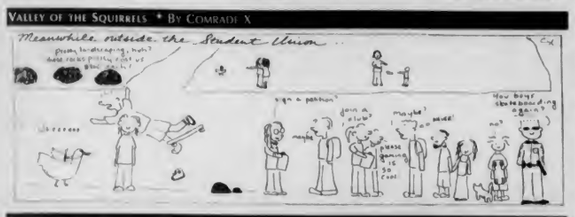
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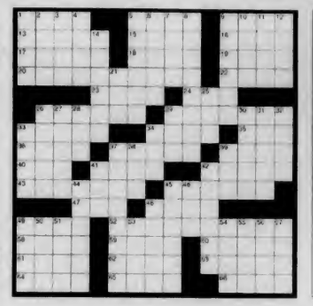


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Time to drop the puck

Minutemen ready to open hockey season after losing last season's core players

By Andrew Merritt
Collegian Staff

To say that the Massachusetts hockey team's last meaningful game came on March 20 would be a gross understatement. The epic Hockey East final, which the Minutemen finally dropped to Maine after a total of 109:27 of hockey, was under seven months ago, and in some ways, for all the changes the Minutemen have endured, it could have been 70 years ago.

The squad lost all three of last year's captains to graduation, and with them went Thomas Pock's scoring ability, Nick Kuiper's size and defensive skills, and Mike Warner's overall leadership. If that weren't enough, junior forward Greg Mauldin bowed out early to join the Columbus Blue Jackets, who drafted him in 2002.

In addition, one assistant coach – Bill Gilligan – stepped out, and one assistant coach – former Princeton bench boss Len Quesnelle – stepped in.

Then again, coach Don Cahoon has repeated many times over the years that he "doesn't want any historians" on his team. So, the Minutemen will play their first official game since Ben Murphy tipped Mathew Deschamps' slap shot past Gabe Winer to clinch the Hockey East title, tomorrow night at 7 p.m. when they host Clarkson. And while reaching the conference final for the first time in the program's history was certainly a landmark event, Cahoon and his charges are intent on looking ahead, specifically to tomorrow's first-ever meeting with the Golden Knights.

In the realm of positive changes, the Minutemen discovered late last year that they could function as a two-goaltender team. Junior Gabe Winer is slated to make the start tomorrow night, but senior Tim Warner proved in his clutch playoff performances last year that he has the ability to be a consistent part of the net minding picture.

"If we had two games this weekend, Tim would play one and Gabe would get the other," Cahoon said. "The following weekend we play two games, and my intention will be to play two goaltenders. Timmy's been every bit as good going into the preseason as Gabe, and has really picked up where he left off last year, which is a great credit to him for getting prepared. I just think Gabe's very comfortable in general, and up to this point doesn't seem to get affected by much."

In terms of ability, the two goaltenders seemed to be near equals in combining for one goal allowed in Saturday's 2-1 overtime win over St. Francis Xavier of Nova Scotia. The determining factor in deciding who would open up the 2004-05 season, Cahoon said, came down to which netminder was more suited for the pressure of the first game.

"It's the first game of the year, so [Warner] might feel like if he doesn't have a great performance, he's not going to factor in, and that's not the case at all," Cahoon said. "Pressure wise, we need focus out of Gabe, and we need him to play well, but I didn't want one guy hanging out there and thinking in the first game out that he's not in the equation."

If UMass is short on anything, it certainly isn't heralded rookies. Six brand-new players will vie for ice time just months after finishing up with their high school teams.

In terms of name recognition, the cream of the crop may be forwards Matt Burto (Boston Jr. Bruins) and P.J. Fenton (New England Jr. Coyotes), who played against each other last year in the Eastern Junior Hockey League. However, forward Dan Gordon, a late addition, and defensemen Mike Kostka and David Leaderer both showed plenty of grit and ability in the exhibition game against St. Francis Xavier.

Not to be ignored, either, are Zech Klann and Paul Lynch. Klann did not become eligible until this season but worked out heavily away from the team last year and already looks able to contribute. Lynch, who transferred from Maine prior to last season but had to sit out due to NCAA regulations, has a booming slap shot, and at 6-foot-3, 220 lbs. is hard to miss on the ice.

"I think you're going to see a lot of the younger kids over the course of the first half-dozen games," Cahoon said, "you'll see enough of them to get an idea of what they'll be able to do for us. And, still, the core of the team will be the older kids, and they're going to carry the load. The younger kids will be used in a complementary fashion."

UMass set for two at Garber

By Dave Quinn
Collegian Staff

The weekends have not been kind to the Massachusetts field hockey team (2-10). The Maroon and White have faced six nationally ranked teams and managed just two wins in their 10 attempts.

This weekend, Massachusetts has a chance to turn that all around. The Minutewomen will open the A-10 portion of their schedule taking on West Chester (1-10) on Saturday and then the Explorers of La Salle (4-7) on Sunday. Both games will take place at 1:00 p.m. at Garber Field.

Despite the similar records, Massachusetts coach Patty Shea isn't looking past either team.

"They both bring a lot of emotion, and they know that their conference is their best way to get to the tournament," Shea said. "Once the conference starts, everything is out the window, all records, all everything. You know you maybe have to take care of three or four games to get to the championship."

Leading the West Chester attack will be Megan Gilemi and Jennifer Doody who have three goals apiece. Carrie Hanshue will handle the duties in net for the Golden Rams. Hanshue enters the game with a 2.24 goals against average and a whopping 125 saves.

The La Salle attack will be lead by Emily Simone, Allison Geiger and Amy Comstock. Simone and Geiger both have three goals while Comstock has provided two goals and two assists. Unfortunately for the Explorers, playmaker Sarah Camilli is doubtful for this weekend's game. Camilli, the team leader in goals and assist, is suffering from a severe ankle injury.

Offensively, the Minutewomen must find a way to finish their shots. Massachusetts has had several opportunities to put goals up on the board in the last few games but have been unable to capitalize.

"We've had more scoring opportunities in the last few games that we just haven't capitalized on. A lot of that is patience, a lot of that is discipline, and you have to go for the jugular. When you have the chance to put a team down, you have to put the team down. We'll have more scoring opportunities if we create them. And if we're patient and play the style of hockey we need to play, then we'll have more scoring

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Spiders are looking to catch A-10 in web

By Pat Woodward
Collegian Correspondent

Richmond

Defending Atlantic-10 champion Richmond, coached by Ange Bradley, has started the 2004 season exactly how it ended its last, by dominating the competition. In the Spiders' opening game, they trampled Monmouth 12-0, following up their next two games against tenth ranked Virginia and number thirteen American with 2-1 and 2-0 wins respectively. So far, Richmond's overall record stands at 8-2.

The majority of Richmond's scoring can be attributed to their leading scorer Hollie Cram, who has an amazing 22 total points on 10 goals and two assists along with Whitney Wells's five goals and one assist. The Spiders have scored a league leading 28 goals thus far in the first 10 games played. This, coupled with the expert goal tending of Michelle Swartz, who has a .90 GAA compared to the rest of the league's 2.80, makes Richmond the top competitor within the A-10.

Richmond, who last year earned a national top-10 ranking, begins its A-10 schedule tomorrow vs. the Temple Owls.

Rhode Island

The Rhode Island Rams, coached by Stacey Bean, have had a rough opening to the 2004 season. They lost their first three games to Hofstra.

Monmouth and Albany by a combined score of 7-1, a discouraging start to the year after they had hoped to bounce back from a disappointing 7-13 record last season.

So far, the Rams have defeated Fairfield, UMBC and Siena, though they have been outscored by their opponents 22-8 and out-assisted 18-8. Rhode Island's leading scorer is Jess Records, who has three goals. The Rams' overall record is 3-6. Their A-10 schedule opened October 6th against Providence.

St. Joseph's

The Hawks' head coach Michelle Finnegan, the winningest coach in St. Joe's field hockey history, is quite confident that her team will give Richmond a run for their money once the A-10 tournament starts up. So far, the Hawks overall record is 6-4.

The reason for Finnegan's early hopes is the return of last year's A-10 Rookie of the Year Nicole Antolini. Thus far in 2004, Antolini has been the Hawks leading scorer with eight goals and eight assists for a total of 24 points. St. Joe's has outscored its opponents 26-13 with eight of those coming in a shutout against Robert Morris. The Hawks defense has notched four shutouts thus far.

Two of their four losses have come against nationally ranked teams Delaware and Penn State in which they scored a total of only one goal.

These losses should be a cause for concern for Finnegan. Finnegan must inspire her team to step it up if they want to contend with Richmond at the



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Junior back Katelyn Woolfrey and the rest of the Minutewomen will have a tough challenge this season against a stacked Atlantic 10.

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UMASS

Weekend Schedule

Friday, Oct. 8

Sport	Opp./Event	Time
Men's Soccer	at Richmond	7:30 p.m.
Women's Soccer	vs. Richmond	3:30 p.m.
Women's Cross Country	at New England's	12:00 p.m.
Men's Cross Country	at New England's	1:00 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 9

Sport	Opp./Event	Time
Football	at James Madison	1:30 p.m.
Field Hockey	vs. West Chester	12:00 p.m.
Men's Hockey	vs. Clarkson	7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 10

Sport	Opp./Event	Time
Men's Soccer	at George Washington	1:00 p.m.
Women's Soccer	vs. George Washington	1:00 p.m.
Field Hockey	vs. LaSalle	12:00 p.m.

Defensive alterations have been the key for UM lately

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

Sometimes when things aren't working, all it takes is a quick tweak to get everything back on track.

For the Massachusetts men's soccer team (3-5-2, 0--2 A-10), this alteration has been to the way they approach their defense. The Minutemen will use a much more conservative defensive strategy on the road this weekend against Atlantic 10 conference foes Richmond and George Washington.

UMass will play at Richmond (1-6-2, 0-1-1 A-10) tonight at 7:30 p.m. and will head north to play the Colonials (1-6-2, 0-1-1 A-10) on Sunday for a 1 p.m. kickoff.

This defensive change was first put into effect last weekend against St. Joseph's and Temple on Friday and Sunday, respectively. Essentially, the Minutemen are stacking their defensive midfield rather than sending an extra player forward.

The Maroon and White ended up with two 1-1 ties on the weekend, bringing into question whether this defensive alteration is taking a toll on the offense.

"You're always going to win if you can score more goals than your opponent, but we haven't gotten a shutout this year," UMass coach Sam Koch said. "I think right now in order to help our defense, we need to tighten up, even if it takes a little bit away from our offense."

The Minutemen will still be attacking with their best front men, with Oral Bullen and Rob Charest setting each other up. Both Bullen and Charest have five goals and three assists this season and have been pacing an offense that has been up and down all season.

Adding to the mix are freshmen Matty Lemire (two goals, two assists), Tyler Pagano (one goal, two assists) and fighting-quick sophomore Richard Iliga. All three have made opportunities; it's just been a matter of finishing the job.

"The main thing is that we're creating (opportunities). Finishing them isn't necessarily a big deal. We have guys that can put it in the back of the net," Koch said. "As far as being on the same page, I think they are on the same page; it's just that, technically, we need to finish the opportunities we're creating."

Another small alteration has been the repositioning of Tim Kitchell to offensive midfield. Kitchell, who has been a sweeper and a defensive midfielder so far, will add to Koch's aggressive offense.

"Right now, (Kitchell) is given us something we need, and right now, we plan to play him up top for the weekend," Koch said.

Previous to his suspension, due

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SGA Senate elections not yet ratified

By Dan O'Brien
Collegian Staff

The University of Massachusetts Student Government Association Senate elections were not ratified last night due to lack of attendance at the Coordinating Council meeting.

The meeting has been postponed to Thursday evening at 6 p.m. in the SGA's Student Union office.

"The Senate could not be ratified due to quorum," said SGA President Eduardo Bustamante. Bustamante also said he believed many people involved in the SGA were not informed of the meeting until Saturday and many people were out of town because of the three-day weekend.

"I'm really disappointed that we couldn't have the meeting," said Associate Speaker Seamus Brennan. "The [election] turnout was excellent. We had about 2,200 people voting … Every seat was contested."

Despite the lack of attendance, SGA election results were released on the Association's Web site, www.umass.edu/SGA/senate_elections, this weekend.

The winners of the Commuter Area Senate seats are as follows: Anthony Leonardi with 30 votes; Eric Robbie with 15 votes; Julia Kristan with 14 votes; Michael Goldberg with 14 votes; Erin Lemikey with 12 votes; Nora Ritchie with 12 votes; Mark Morrison with 12 votes; Aimee Ayers with 10 votes; Brian Long with 8 votes; Song Anh Nguyen with 8 votes; Colin Delargy with 7 votes; Sofia Binoris with 7 votes; Tom Faust with 6 votes; Todd David Holmes with 6 votes; Justina Jassen with 6 votes; Stephanie LaMarca with 6 votes; Jesus Ortiz with 6 votes; Juan Gabriel Medrano with 5 votes; Justin Eldridge-Otero with 4 votes; Samantha Brown with 3 votes; Lauren Renwanz with 3 votes. There were 217 total votes cast.



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President Eduardo Bustamante

The winners of the Central Area Senate seats are as follows: Pavel Payano with 88 votes; Rufaro Nyangoni with 47 write-in votes; Sean Bliss with 46 votes; Abdullah Mamun with 39 votes; Robert McCaw with 36 votes; Maxine Dube with 25 votes; Eoin Moore with 25 votes; Ryan Mudawar with 21 votes. There were 353 total votes cast.

The winners of the Northeast Area Senate seats are as follows: Elizabeth Ayers with 41 votes; Raul Brens Jr. with 28 votes; Jaimil Corliss with 20 votes; Kiev Tran with 18 votes; Saqib Hossain with 17 votes. There were 176 total votes cast.

The winners of the Sylvan Area Senate seats are as follows: Jason Poulos with 41 votes; Alan Chow with 37 votes; Krystal Tucker with 29 votes; Ayotunde Onikoro with 22 votes; Mery Volmar with 21 write-in votes. There were 164 total votes cast.

The winners of the Orchard Hill Area Senate seats are as follows: Adam Szajgin with 60 write-in votes; William Evans with 37 votes; Tristan Brown with 33 votes; Karl Solomon with 32 votes; Brian Whalley with 29 votes. There were 279 total votes cast.

The winners of the Southwest North Area Senate seats are as follows: Lola-Ade Akintobi with 46 votes; Sarah Stern-O'Connor with 43 votes; Peter Barros with 28 votes; Damien Weinstein with 21 votes; Angela Flete with 18 votes; Eric Magazu with 17 votes; Vilgrain Richemond with 8 votes; Brandon Kelly with 7 votes; Brian Tse with 6 votes. There were 252 total votes cast.

The winners of the Southwest South Area Senate seats are as follows: Wendy Lopez with 86 votes; Georgia Kelly with 83 votes; Thomas Shajl Varghese with 57 votes; Shayna Smallwood with 50 votes; Kevin East with 40 votes; Michael Sheridan with 33 votes; Mehdi Rahmeni with 32 votes; Galvin Hazard-Johnson with 30 votes; Kevin Randall with 26 votes; Nadya Stevens with 26 write-in votes; Laura Manley with 20 votes; Lindsay Higgins with 19 votes. There were 657 total votes cast.

Two Amherst fires determined arson

By Erika Lovley
Collegian Staff

Amherst – Two fires that took place within an hour of one another on Saturday night are believed to be arson. The larger fire left residents of a 21-unit Crestview Apartment complex on North Pleasant temporarily homeless Saturday night.

According to several media sources, Fire Chief Keith E. Hoyle of the Amherst Fire Department said Sunday that no one was injured in the 10:22 p.m. fire, although fire officials estimated that the building sustained over $35,000 worth of damage from intense heat and smoke.

Hoyle said over 40 firefighters, four pumper trucks, an aerial truck and three chief officers from Belchertown and Northampton responded to the smoky fire, which was located and contained in the basement, but left the building uninhabitable. According to state and local fire investigators, there was evidence of arson in a storage area in the basement.

Firefighters had to break through several walls on the first floor in order to control the minor fire. All other apartments in the complex had loss of electricity, smoke and water damage. The building is owned by Jones Properties of Amherst.

The smaller fire took place in a bathroom in 32 Alpine Commons around 9:30 p.m. on Saturday. There were no injuries, but the fire caused over $1,000 in damage. The building is owned by Aspen Chase Management.

The fires are additions to a series of fires that are believed to be arson in the Amherst area within the last month. In September, a fire was set in a basement storage bin the Presidential Complex apartment buildings on North Pleasant Street.

Local apartment owners are being advised by the fire department to keep storage areas locked and check smoke detectors.

The state fire marshal is investigating four different fires that took place in Sunderland over the last month, two of which were in apartment buildings.

Sigma Kappa sisters model lingerie to benefit UMass Everywoman's Center



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A member of Sigma Kappa models a nightgown Friday night at Sheer Bliss Day Spa in Amherst.

By Mike Travis
Collegian Staff

Three Sorority Sisters from the University of Massachusetts chapter of Sigma Kappa modeled lingerie Friday night at Shear Bliss Day Spa in Amherst in support of a fundraiser to benefit the UMass Everywoman's Center.

The Lingerie Show, open to both men and women, was sponsored by UndercoverWear, a Tewksbury based company specializing in lingerie, sleepwear and bedroom novelty items.

The event had smaller crowd than anticipated, which UndercoverWear agent Kimberly Lucas attributed to Friday night's presidential debate and Red Sox game that coincided with the show.

"The Columbus Day weekend also added to the lack of students who attended," said UMass senior Teresa Roach, who attended the lingerie show.

Red wine and cookies were served until 8 p.m., followed by a half hour lingerie show featuring pajamas, bras and panties modeled by Ashlee Gordon, Lynne Harrington and Katrina Skurka — all Sigma Kappa sorority sisters.

One particular product in the company's party line called "Sensuous You" caused an outburst of laughter when Lucas mentioned that both the bra and panties have lace ribbon ties for "easy access."

After the show, the products were put on clothing racks and the small number of people who attended were invited to shop for lingerie or book their own parties. None of the women had any previous modeling experience.

"Frankly we are all comfortable being naked," said Harrington, a senior Biology major. "We don't have inhabitations."

The Sigma Kappa sisters did not purchase anything for themselves Friday night, but plan to hold their own fundraiser lingerie show for the Everywoman's Center at their sorority house sometime in the near future.

"Two of my roommates work for the Everywoman's Center and they loved the idea," said Gordon, an Environmental Science major. "I think it's a great fundraising idea," said Skurka, who majors in Classics. "Still some saw fundraising for the Everywoman's Center by selling lingerie degrading to women.

"It was quite the experience, but I don't think it is the greatest way to raise money for the Everywoman's Center because it promotes the objectification of women," said Teresa Roach, a UMass senior majoring in English and Criminal Justice.

Amherst businesses who helped sponsor the event were The Mercantile, Collective Copies, Rao's Coffee Roasting Company and The

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Women unable to vote in Saudi elections

By Donna Abu-Nasr
Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Women may neither vote nor run in Saudi Arabia's first nationwide elections, the government announced Monday, dashing hopes of progressive Saudis and easing fears among conservatives that the kingdom is moving too fast on reforms.

Some women considered the move yet another indignity in a country where they need their husbands' permission to study, travel or work. But others said they wouldn't trust themselves to judge whether a candidate is more than just a handsome face.

The religious establishment had been lobbying against women's participation in the elections, diplomats said.

But an electoral official cited administrative and logistical reasons Monday for the decision to ban women from the municipal elections, scheduled to be held in three stages from Feb. 10 to April 21.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said there are not enough women to run women's-only registration centers and polling stations, and that only a fraction of the country's women have the photo identity cards that would have been needed to vote.

Many women in Saudi Arabia, the birthplace of Islam, have balked at getting the ID cards — introduced three years ago — because the photographs would show their faces unveiled.

Saudi women have limited freedoms. Without written permission from a male guardian, they may not travel, get an education or work. Regardless of permissions, they are not allowed to drive, mix with men in public or leave home without covering themselves with black cloaks, called abayas.

The decision was first announced by Interior Minister Prince Nayef in an interview published Monday.

Register to vote

Wednesday, Oct. 13 is the last day for students to register to vote in this year's presidential election. Students who are already registered can obtain an application for an absentee ballot form online or in the student activities center in the Student Union.

In order to vote at the designated polling stations on Nov. 2, students must either be an Amherst registered voter, or possess an absentee ballot form from their hometown.

Registration forms and absentee ballot information can be found on the website, www.sec.state.ma.us, out-of-state forms can also be found on the Internet on each state's homepage.

Applications must be postmarked by Wednesday and students can drop off their forms at the Student Activities Center to be mailed.

By Julie O'Donnell

Shiite fighters turn in weapons-for-cash

By Alexandra Zavis
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Shiite fighters in tracksuits and sneakers unloaded cars full of machine guns, mortars and land mines yesterday as a five-day, weapons-for-cash disarmament program kicked off in Baghdad's Sadr City district — a sign of progress in the center of Shiite resistance in Iraq.

A lasting peace in the sprawling slum would allow U.S. and Iraqi forces to focus on the mounting Sunni insurgency. Underscoring the threat, two American soldiers were killed in a rocket attack in southern Baghdad, and a third U.S. soldier died when a suicide driver exploded a car bomb in front of a U.S. convoy in the northern city of Mosul.

U.S. aircraft attacked a mosque in the predominantly Sunni town of Hit and set it on fire after insurgents hiding in the shrine, opened fire on American Marines, the U.S. military said. In the Sunni insurgent stronghold of Fallujah, a U.S. warplane destroyed a popular restaurant that the American command said was a meeting place for members of Iraq's most feared terrorist organization, Tawhid and Jihad, led by Jordanian-born extremist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. There was no report of casualties, and the Haj Hussein restaurant was closed during the 12:01 a.m. Tuesday attack.

In Sadr City, followers of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr promised the government last weekend they would hand over

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JEN RUSSELL/COLLEGIAN

Walking against violence

Members of the UMass community, Everywoman's Center, and volunteers walk in the "Men Walking to End Abuse" walk across Amherst in a memorial to women who lost their lives to domestic murder on Friday.

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Candidate Update ... 21 days left

Polls say Kerry won last debate

By Jeremy Dirac
Collegian Staff

Friday night was the second televised debate between President George W. Bush and Senator John Kerry.

The two presidential candidates debated in a town hall type of meeting in St. Louis where they were asked questions from an audience of undecided voters. "The Bush and Kerry camps can barely disguise the disdain they have for each other," read a picture caption in a recent Newsweek article, which showed the two men scowling at one another. However, in greeting one another, the candidates were smiling.

According to the polls, Bush faired better in Friday's debate than he did in the first debate. An ABC poll, 35 percent of voters thought Kerry won the second debate and 32 percent thought Bush did. According to a previous ABC poll on the first debate, 52 percent perceived Kerry to be the winner, with 23 percent favoring Bush. "Head to head: Bush limped into St. Louis, but bounded back out — confident that his debate performance left the race dead even," said a Newsweek headline.



An ABC News poll says Bush leads in the "leadership" category after the town meeting debate.



John Kerry critized Bush's energy policy and environmental efforts in last week's debate.

A variety of issues were debated, from taxes to terrorism. According to Newsweek, a highlight of Bush's performance was when he said, "You can run but you can't hide," where Bush cited Kerry's Senate record on tax hikes. The Bush campaign called Kerry a liberal who is weak on defense.

The Bush campaign released a new television ad that cites a New York Times interview where Kerry said, "We have to go back to the place we were, where terrorists are not the focus of our lives but they're a nuisance."

According to a report from CBS news, Bush also criticized this comment at a campaign stop in Hobbs, New Mexico where he said, "Our goal is not to reduce terror to some acceptable level of nuisance. Our goal is to defeat terror. " Bush said that the way to do this is to "go on the offensive," or to preempt a terrorist attack on the United States. According to the ABC news poll, Bush still holds a lead in the category of "leadership."

According to Newsweek, a highlight for Kerry was a comical moment where he referred to the people in the room who he suspected would be effected by his tax roll back — he, President Bush, and moderator Charles Gibson — "Charlie, I'm sorry. You too," said Kerry.

According to the ABC news poll, "Kerry remains more competitive in terms of personal popularity than he was before debate No. 1." According to a CNN/USA Today/Gallup when asked which candidate "cares about the needs of people like you," 49 percent of likely voters chose Kerry, versus 42 percent who chose Bush.

While Bush attacked Kerry on national security, Kerry, in Santa Fe New Mexico, said that Bush's "energy policy has failed," reads a New York Times article. Kerry said that he would "set up a trust fund to develop alternative fuels, cut energy costs by encouraging energy-efficient buildings, diversify sources of oil and other fuels and upgrade electricity grids to prevent blackouts." Kerry said that Bush favored "friends in the oil industry," over consumers.

The nation is still pretty evenly split over whom they would prefer as their president according to two recent polls. One poll by ABC News holds that Bush is in the lead with 50 percent of those polled supporting him compared with 46 percent supporting Kerry. It has a margin of error of 2.5 percentage points. Meanwhile, Kerry is in the lead in a poll by Reuters/Zogby with 47 percent supporting Kerry and 44 percent supporting Bush. It has a margin of error of 2.9 percentage points.

On Wednesday, the third and final debate will be concerned with domestic issues. It will be held at Arizona State University.

TNT paste, guns turned in

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medium and heavy weapons for cash in a deal considered an important step toward ending weeks of fighting with U.S. and Iraqi forces. Iraqi police and National Guardsmen will then assume security responsibility for the district, which is home to more than 2 million people.

In return, the government has pledged to start releasing al-Sadr followers who have not committed crimes, suspend raids and rebuild the war-ravaged slum.

Members of al-Sadr's Mahdi Army started showing up at three designated police stations early yesterday morning, carting bags full of guns and explosives — even TNT paste. Many of the weapons appeared old and rusted, but government officials expressed satisfaction with the first day's haul.

"Sadr City residents were very responsive, and the process went without any incidents," Interior Ministry spokesman Col. Adnan Abdul-Rahman said. "We hope this will be completed in a comprehensive manner so that reconstruction can start in the city."

Security was tight, with numerous checkpoints set up along the way and Iraqi troops deployed on the rooftops. U.S. soldiers also watched from a distance.

Abdul al-Nawaf pulled up in front of al-Habibiya station in a white sedan and started unloading machine guns, mortar shells and grenade launchers.

"We have more, but we're waiting to see whether money will be paid or not," the 26-year-old fighter said. "We also want to see if there will be a truce — and whether that truce will last."

Pajamas featured in Friday's show

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Souper Bowl.

Kimberly Lucas of Amherst has been the company's sole Western Massachusetts' salesperson for some 15 years. She hopes to get more involved with student fundraisers, and is thinking about running a show at a UMass residence hall.

"It's one hundred percent supported by UndercoverWear itself to do fundraisers," Lucas said. "They encourage their salespeople because it's a good way to get involved with the community."

UndercoverWear has been featured in media outlets such as CNN Live with Regis and Kathy Lee, Playboy and Oprah. Lucas encourages those interested in hosting or attending a show to call (413) 549-2747.

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Redefining racism is cliché

Zach Oelschlegel

According to how the word is used on this campus, I am a racist. I'll be the first to admit to that one, based solely on the premise that the word "racist," according to University of Massachusetts standards, does not mean that I am "a person with a prejudiced belief that one race is superior to others," as defined in the dictionary. Rather, the new and improved definition for the word when used at UMass is, "someone who disagrees with ALANA [Asian Latino African Native American]" or "someone who is winning or has won an argument against a person from ALANA."

It's something I've seen on this campus all too many times. All along before they were officially given the moronic and unfair dubbing as the "KKK Nine," Pat Higgins, Tim Daly, and the rest who drank themselves silly in the SCERA offices were racists. This was essentially for being at odds with ALANA senators during SGA meetings usually regarding the appointed seats ALANA was given in the Senate up until Jared Nokes, last year's speaker, announced that he wasn't going to recognize them.

While I disagree with the assertion that this is proof that they are blatantly racist, ALANA is right in saying that what happened was offensive. But investigating it as a possible hate crime, as many in ALANA are calling for, is completely ridiculous.

ALANA was pissed, and judging from their point of view, I would be too if I had a giant gift that I was expecting every year that was taken away from me. Of course, when Nokes didn't back down from his democratic stance on how we elect those in charge, he was called – you guessed it – a racist.

I'll never understand the line of thinking that the ALANA Caucus had with this one. By being given free Senate seats, what the SGA was essentially saying to minority students across campus was "Hey! Since we consider all of you to be too stupid to actually run for senator the same way everyone else does, we are just going to give you some seats so we make sure that everyone is fairly represented on this campus." I think that minority students made it clear that they did, in fact, have the intelligence to run for office when they nabbed twenty-five percent of the Senate with over, "ninety percent of ALANA sponsored candidates winning their respective races," as reported by The Massachusetts Daily Collegian last year. Of course, this still didn't keep ALANA from calling Nokes and senators like Higgins racists.

But let's put the past behind us and talk about the present shall we? Thus far for the year, ALANA has already exceeded its prior level of obnoxiousness from the 2003-2004 school year, with their reaction to the current controversy.

Yes, we all know that Higgins and the others were not exactly what most would term "brainy" after posting pictures of the fun they had on March 29 online. While I disagree with the assertion that this is proof that they are blatantly racist, ALANA is right in saying that what happened was offensive. But investigating it as a possible hate crime, as many in ALANA are calling for, is completely ridiculous.

ALANA has been extremely hypocritical during my UMass career on the concept of free speech. For instance, last year, when the SGA elections were thrown out, students from ALANA cried foul and duct taped over their mouths, claiming that they had been silenced. More recently, at a forum a couple weeks ago, students booed Vice-Chancellor Michael Gargano after he said, "in this world everyone has the right to free speech." Booing someone for stating the rights one has as an American, especially after you spend so much time whining about how your own rights have been taken away, is just plain dumb. Despite how legitimate ALANA's claims may be, Pat Higgins would have the right to be a racist if he so chose to because of the First Amendment. As the philosopher Voltaire said, "I may disagree with what you have to say, but I shall defend, to the death, your right to say it." The only valid reason ever for throwing Higgins out of school would be for drinking in the Student Union.

Finally, there was the rally sponsored by ALANA last Tuesday, which contained some of the most dim-witted quotes I have ever heard. There was the line from professor John Bracey about UMass being "an all-white racist institution," thus confirming ALANA's own hypocrisy by stereotyping whites as the reason to why racial problems are present at UMass. But my personal favorite had to be from Anthony Ratcliff when he told protestors to "be disrespectful, because they disrespect us." Apparently ALANA had its top mathematicians working on a new equation that proved the theory that two wrongs do equal a right. ALANA showed that it wasn't afraid to sink to the supposed level of those it attacks with that excerpt. Making it more outrageous, and to his credit, SGA president Eddie Busiamante had previously told the crowd to "act as grown-ups and march towards Whitmore as adult members of the University of Massachusetts." Somehow Ratcliff felt justified in instructing the crowd to act like jackasses.

So there you have it. ALANA is correct when it says that there is an intolerable level of racism on this campus. But the means that it has taken to address race issues are wholly unacceptable. Making examples out of students who aren't racists or telling brooding crowds to be ill-mannered is not the way to change things. What should be an organization that truly addresses the needs of minorities at UMass just seems to be a nasty set of talking heads that are more nauseating as the days go by.

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Diagnosing the neo-cons



Yousef Munayyer

Surely we have all heard of this faction. The neo-conservatives, a group of policy buffs who dominate the Defense Department; who always provide for interesting talk or even conspiracy theory. The faction is made up of individuals who are not exactly "conservative." In fact socially speaking they are pretty liberal but national policy is not their forte. Rather they specialize in foreign policy, crafting and planning strategies that will direct the might of the United States.

Cheney, Rumsfeld, Wolfowitz, these names may sound like a familiar cast of characters. From the vice-president of the United States down to members of the defense department policy planning board, the "neo-cons" dominate the foreign policy in the nation today.

One thing to keep in mind about this lovely bunch of characters is that they are always planning. The policies, which are in effect today reflect the writings which they have published in the past decade. The scary part is that it's all out there in the open. You can read reports by many of these individuals, which call for a take over of Arab nations, pre-emptive nuclear strikes, and regime change.

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The neo-cons developed after the Vietnam era. They come from a school of thinkers who were disgusted by America's withdrawal from Vietnam. They developed at the end of the Carter administration however, most significantly during the Reagan administration. However let's make one thing perfectly clear, neo-cons are not republicans or democrats, they, like parasites feed on the nearest host.

Under Reagan, the Iran contra was a huge embarrassment and many of these individuals were right in the middle of this mess. Including Larry Franklin who was investigated during the contra and was once again investigated this summer for possible espionage charges and transferring secret information to Israel. Several neo-cons are practically in bed with Israel, particularly Israel's right-wing parties. In the 1990s several neo-cons, namely Perle and Fieth were acting as political advisors to Benjamin Netanyahu, then Israeli prime minister. In fact "A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm" a policy report which dealt with several policy recommendations, such as dealing with regional enemies (Iraq, Syria, Iran) and subduing the Palestinian Authority. This report was given to Netanyahu and then almost repeated word for word in a speech he gave to congress.

So what happened when the Bush administration came to power? The influences of these policy makers became clear, even though Netanyahu was no longer in power, his counterpart Ariel Sharon was there to play his part. Arafat was sidelined and the United States adopted a policy of not recognizing him, a drastic shift from the peace negotiations, which the Clinton administration and the rest of the world seemed to support. Also, shortly after 9-11 the axis of evil was named and Israel's regional foes became a target.

However this is only one faction within a faction. Not every neo-con is in on the game because of their fervent support for Israel. In fact, those who have interests else where, say Halliburton, use their positions of power to suit those interests, Cheney doesn't give a damn about Israel, but he follows suit when he has to.

Let's look at North Korea for an example. That regime may be the most brutal regime that we know of. Starvation is wide spread, as is corruption and underdevelopment. The society is militarized, alienated and scared. Proliferation has become part of daily government business and if you don't know what I'm talking about ask Abdul Qadeer Khan. So looking at the national defense strategy, we should be in North Korea liberating people already, but we aren't. What's the explanation? The factions within the neo-cons can't agree on North Korea. That is why our policy towards North Korea is strikingly similar to that of the Clinton administration. The Israeli faction sees no direct benefit for their interests and the oil and contract guzzling faction found no place to drill. This is why we are in Iraq and not North Korea. Iraq is a place that suits the interests of the entire neo-conservative group.

Also, this shouldn't be misunderstood as a claim of, "Jews rule the world" because that is simply absurd. This is about the politics of interests and some of the people in power in the United States share strategic interests with right wing parties in Israel. If religion plays any roll in this administration it would be Christian fundamentalism, the glue that holds the rest of the administration together, blinding them of their moral corruption. If this should teach us anything, particularly in an election year when foreign policy is a major issue, it is that we cannot only consider who is running for office, but it is also vital to think about whom they will be surrounding themselves with.

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The prospects of invasion

Mike Sances

I've had two professors recently inform their students that the United States will be invading Iran within the next six months. This they said with the utmost confidence and seriousness, one of them even claiming that said invasion will go forward regardless of which party controls the White House. Both of these classes were large lectures, so in order to counter what may have since become a disseminating rumor, I will now explain why this notion of war with Iran struck me at once as simply bizarre — even within the sadly narrow grounds within which these professors' minds apparently operate. A reality in which the Executive Branch acts recklessly and unilaterally, unrestrained by Congress, the public, or even the slightest legal or moral justification.

The first thing that should come to mind, when faced with the suggestion of invading Iran, is that it has been clear for some time that the United States does not attack countries who actually possess nuclear weapons, or even countries who actively pursue a nuclear weapons program. Nor does it attack countries with formidable armies: according to Mark Levey of ZNet, Iran has a potential force of up to twelve million. Iran, in short, is not prewar Iraq, which had been rendered near defenseless by a decade of international sanctions. The country is instead far more similar, in this respect at least, to North Korea — who, it might be noted, is apparently overlooked by those predicting war with its counterpart. Still, this discrepancy might be explained by the Islamic state's more strategic location.

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Yet that is only one reason war with Iran is unlikely. Another, perhaps just as obvious, is that right now the military is notoriously overstretched. Any additional military operations against a country like Iran would most likely require a draft. Even disregarding the repeated statements of both the President and the Secretary of Defense, who insist there will not be any such thing while they are in office, it should be obvious that conscription is definitely not in the interests of an oligarchy intent on carrying out meaningless and protracted wars for the sole benefit of the elite class. And I think those in power know this, too (last week the House voted 402-2 against Charlie Rangel's conscription bill).

The idea that we might instead pull our forces out of Iraq to attack Iran, which has also been suggested to me, doesn't sound too plausible either, since the whole point of attacking Iraq — indeed, the only explanation that makes consistent sense — is to establish a prolonged military presence in an oil-rich nation at the center of a crucial region. This process has already begun as the Chicago Tribune reported on March 26, in the form of fourteen "enduring bases" in the country "designed to last for years."

Also, assuming that war planners in Washington have a brain cell or two, it should be clear to them that the last time they invaded a Middle Eastern country, it turned out to be an utter disaster. Indeed, if the US were to invade Iran, we would have to go about it in an entirely novel way, allowing for all the surprises encountered in Iraq.

Despite all of this, I admit that the prospect of yet another war has caused me to be more receptive to press coverage of US-Iran relations. Though I've yet to find anything that even considers the arguments I've laid out above, I have learned a little bit more as to "why" a conflict with Iran might occur.

Israel — who continues to possess nuclear weapons and who routinely violates UN resolutions, but who is conspicuously not subject to US invasion — is worried that Iran may produce a nuclear weapon in the near future. Despite Iran's consistent denial of these allegations, and full compliance with the International Atomic Energy Association (both of which you can find in any of the recent news articles on the subject), the world has pretty much concluded that Iran is pursuing nuclear weapons, no doubt to defend itself against potential Israeli aggression. Israel, at the same time, is reportedly gearing up for a preventive strike on Iran, reminiscent of its 1981 attack on Iraq's Osirik nuclear reactor. The conflict, then, would play out as such: Israel first attacks Iran with its air force; Iran, seeing Israel as a US proxy, then moves against American forces in neighboring Iraq; the US uses Iraq as a military base to fight Iran.

Still, I am forced to conclude that the notion of war with Iran is, to coin a phrase, "tenuous at best" — even within the solely pragmatic framework that I've just run through, which ignores all the moral and legal arguments waiting in the wings. Those who see war with Iran as inevitable, then, have convinced themselves of either one of two things: that the United States is no longer a democracy, but is instead run by a small group of ideologues; or, far more gravely, that our foreign policy is determined by the perceived security interests of a small client state.

It would have taken only the slightest shred of optimism for these doomsayers to append their predictions by saying that this nightmare scenario will occur only "if we let it." The merest adherence to ideals of American democracy loudly affirms, "We won't!"

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RAISING GLBT AWARENESS

Yesterday was National Coming Out Day. Granted, it may not be New Year's Eve, St. Patrick's Day, or even Homecoming, but for many of your peers, it's much more important.

Beyond the public expression of sexual orientation, National Coming Out Day is also a time for all gay lesbian bisexual and trans people and our allies to reflect upon the struggles and oppressions, social and self-imposed, that gay and lesbian Americans continue to face in this country every single day. In addition, it is a time to reaffirm that we, as a community, support an environment where every person lives free from fear and discrimination.

For those of you who are not members of the GLBT community, National Coming Out Day may not be a noteworthy time. But it should be significant, because more likely than not, you are friends with, took a class alongside, or have someone in your family who is gay or lesbian (though you may not know it). And for these people, coming out of the closet remains a long, difficult, and emotional process; I speak from experience. We face fear, discrimination, harassment, rejection, and even violence by revealing our sexual orientation. And this is why we need your support.

The easiest way you can support your gay and lesbian friends is by creating an accepting environment, not just on your campus, but in the nation as well. This means choosing a leader who respects and supports gay and lesbian Americans in their struggles.

President Bush has used the lives of gay and lesbian Americans as a political tool. He has pandered to homophobia and bigotry for political purposes, and has attempted to enshrine in the constitution permanent second-class citizen status for GLBT Americans. In George W. Bush's country, GLBT people are a threat to the fabric of America.

On the other hand, John Kerry opposes the Federal Marriage Amendment. He was one of only 14 Senators to vote against the "Defense of Marriage Act" in 1996. And he passionately opposed the discriminating "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

Additionally, John Kerry supports the passage of comprehensive hate-crimes legislation and the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, so GLBT people can work in environments free of discrimination. John Kerry has a long record of supporting gays and lesbians, and he understands that the real threats to America are not the expressions of sexual orientation, but prejudice and fear.

Oct. 11 was an important day for GLBT people across this country, but the truth is, we are more concerned with the quality of our lives for the next four years. When you go into the voting booth or mark your absentee ballot on Nov. 2, think of how far gays and lesbians have come as a community, and how far we still must go. And vote for a president who will respect our dignity and our rights.

Wayne Ting
National Chair, GLBT Caucus of College Democrats of America

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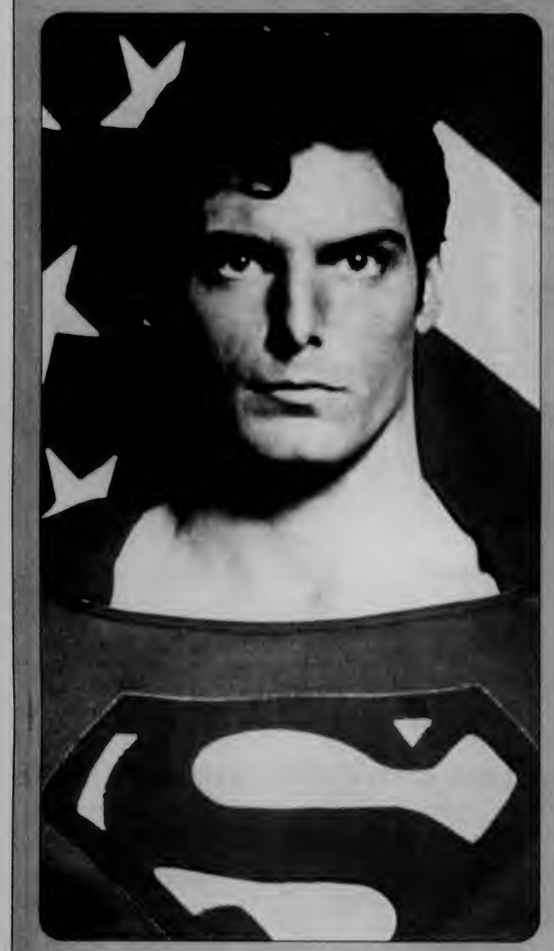
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The life and death of a 'Superman'



Christoper Reeve
1952-2004

By JIM FITZGERALD
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"Superman" actor Christopher Reeve, who turned personal tragedy into a public crusade and from his wheelchair became the nation's most recognizable spokesman for spinal cord research, has died. He was 52.

Reeve went into cardiac arrest Saturday while at his Pound Ridge home, then fell into a coma and died Sunday at a hospital surrounded by his family, his publicist said.

His advocacy for stem cell research helped it emerge as a major campaign issue between President Bush and his Democratic opponent, John Kerry. His name was even mentioned by Kerry during the second presidential debate Friday evening.

In the last week Reeve had developed a serious systemic infection from a pressure wound, a common complication for people living with paralysis. He entered the hospital Saturday.

Dana Reeve thanked her husband's personal staff of nurses and aides, "as well as the millions of fans from around the world."

Before the 1995 accident, his athletic, 6-foot-4-inch frame and love of adventure made him a natural, if largely unknown, choice for the title role in the first "Superman" movie in 1978. He insisted on performing his own stunts.

"Look, I've flown, I've become evil, loved, stopped and turned the world backward, I've faced my peers, I've befriended children and small animals and I've rescued cats from trees," Reeve told the Los Angeles Times in 1983, just before the release of the third "Superman" movie. "What else is there left for Superman to do that hasn't been done?"

Though he owed his fame to it, Reeve made a concerted effort to, as he often put it, "escape the cape." He played an embittered, crippled Vietnam veteran in the 1980 Broadway play "Fifth of July," a lovestruck time-traveler in the 1980 movie "Somewhere in Time," and

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Jim Breuer, again excites crowd at the Fine Arts Center

By REID DAVENPORT
COLLEGIAN STAFF

It had been almost two years since former Saturday Night Live star Jim Breuer played to a packed house at the Fine Arts Center. This past Saturday evening was no different. Despite the long weekend, when many students chose to go home, the Student Activities Center once again provided Breuer with a packed house to perform to.

It was an event that may not have happened if Breuer felt like he did last time he came to the University of Massachusetts.

"I was tired of stand up," said Breuer. "The Comedy Central show fell through [last fall] because they kept holding me back. Now I have the best gig of my life doing a radio show for Sirius Satellite on the Raw Dog channel every Friday night," Breuer said. "It's better than SNL and Half-Baked. It's the best thing that has ever happened to me. I can say whatever and do whatever I want."

Breuer was also without guitar man and comedian Paul Bond this time around. Bond can, however, can be seen playing guitar on Breuer's Comedy Central special. Jim said that Paul wanted to do his own thing for this go around. So they went their separate ways.

After, the crowd overwhelmed with student representation, welcomed Breuer with a standing ovation. He slapped some hands up front, shouted a bit, let the audience calm down and then began taunting people in the audience who came in late. He followed with his own definition of his favorite curse word.

Breuer immediately dove into a pro-Red Sox speech. Being a Mets fan, Breuer has found himself in the same situation most Sox fans are in praying for playoff victory over the Yankees.

"I have something to announce," exclaimed Breuer. "I officially reversed the curse. I played at Hampton Beach this summer when the Red Sox came back at Fenway to beat the Yankees and I announced they won on stage. Someone tossed a Sox hat up and I did a little prayer for the rest of the night," Breuer said.

"The Yankees get players because they have a mob deal," Breuer joked to the delight of the crowd. "They went and got the best player in the whole country of Japan. The whole country. They went and got him because they just sent little Joe Pesci over to get him into the limo and bring him back." Breuer kept the act going by doing his Joe Pesci imitation and noting how the Yankees used the mob to get Matsui and A-Rod.

Jumping from the topic of baseball to politics Breuer kept the laughter coming while touching on a more serious subject. He poked fun at President George W. Bush, saying that he is not a true leader and that America is constantly being shown things that aren't real life.

"If Bush is re-elected," said Breuer. "It's going to be the worst time in American history. He's a nightmare, a phony, and he really scares me."

"You guys have to stop it with the porn," Breuer continued on the topic of what reality is. "That's not real life. No woman does that stuff, unless she's wicked drunk."

Breuer also found himself in a situation most comedians are familiar with in hecklers from the crowd.

"You came all the way here just to shout that?" Breuer joked towards a heckler named Phil. "You go to college, where you are supposed to be getting an education. You come all the way here and your mind thinks, 'What's the most educated thing I could possibly say?' And that was it?"

Jim Breuer
Fine Arts Center
UMass
Oct. 9

Breuer also touched upon his family life and how as adults, we get up in the morning read the paper, watch TV, and drink our coffee. But to his five year old daughter, it's just another day in which she can get up to play with her dad.

"Daddy, you're a bad man and you can't catch me because I'm a cat, 'MEOW!'" said Breuer, imitating his daughter. "Kids are just so energetic and they just want to play, play, and play because they don't have a care in the world."

He then jumped back into the serious topic of drug abuse and how when he was in high school he had a buddy who gave him drugs that made him "freak out."

"He probably said, 'Look out for the oil stains when we're walking because you don't want to fall in the dark,'" Breuer started. "But what I heard was, 'Whatever you do, don't step in the darkness.' So, I ended up stepping in the darkness, and I was freaking out. All my buddies are laughing at me in super slow motion."

Breuer consistantly had the audience filled with laughter by dishing out physical comedy and ending with his skits entitled "Party in the Stomach" and "The Three Armed Umpire."

Breuer ended by thanking the crowd and informing them that his radio show airs on Sirius Satellite. He also plans on having a music and comedy album out soon. His other projects include a homemade DVD and a cartoon short, which he hopes to post on his official website JimBreuer.com in December.

"I'm thinking of doing a tour in late spring," Breuer mentioned. "I'd bring the crew from my radio show and I would like to bring a popular band with me."

"I loved the reaction of the crowd here," Breuer said following the show. "Maybe I could do an HBO special here." Student Activities Assistant Director of Staff Lloyd Henley replied, "just tell me when."

More info on Jim Breuer and tour dates can be found at JimBreuer.com. For more information on upcoming events put on by the Student Activities Center you can check out http://www.umass.edu/umhome/events/.



COURTESY KEITH SANDS

In a return visit to the UMass Fine Arts Center, Jim Breuer amused a packed crowd Saturday. Breuer managed to comment on a wide range of topics including drug use to the upcoming presidential election.

Reeve passes on at age 52

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an aspiring playwright in the 1982 suspense thriller "Deathtrap."

More recent films included John Carpenter's "Village of the Damned," and the HBO movies "Above Suspicion" and "In the Gloaming," which he directed. Among his other film credits are "The Remains of the Day," "The Aviator," and "Morning Glory."

Reeve's life changed completely after he broke his neck in May 1995 when he was thrown from his horse during an equestrian competition in Culpeper, Va.

Enduring months of therapy to allow him to breathe for longer and longer periods without a respirator, Reeve emerged to lobby Congress for better insurance protection against catastrophic injury. He moved an Academy Award audience to tears with a call for more films about social issues.

"Hollywood needs to do more," he said in the 1996 Oscar awards appearance. "Let's continue to take risks. Let's tackle the issues. In many ways our film community can do it better than anyone else."

He returned to directing, and even returned to acting in a 1998 production of "Rear Window," a modern update of the Hitchcock thriller about a man in a wheelchair who becomes convinced a neighbor has been murdered. Reeve won a Screen Actors Guild award for best actor in a TV movie or miniseries.

"I was worried that only acting with my voice and my face, I might not be able to communicate effectively enough to tell the story," Reeve said. "But I was surprised to find that if I really concentrated, and just let the thoughts happen, that they would read on my face."

In 2000, Reeve was able to move his index finger, and a specialized workout regimen made his legs and arms stronger. With rigorous therapy, involving repeated electrical stimulation of the muscles, he also regained sensation in other parts of his body. He vowed to walk again.

"I refuse to allow a disability to determine how I live my life. I don't mean to be reckless, but setting a goal that seems a bit daunting actually is very helpful toward recovery," Reeve said.

Dr. John McDonald treated Reeve as director of the Spinal Cord Injury Program at Washington University in St. Louis. He called Reeve "one of the most intense individuals I've ever met in my life."

"Before him there was really no hope," McDonald said. "If you had a spinal cord injury like his there was not much that could be done, but he's changed all that. He's demonstrated that there is hope and that there are things that can be done."

Reeve was born Sept. 25, 1952, in New York City, son of a novelist and a newspaper reporter. About the age of 10, he made his first stage appearance in Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Yeoman of the Guard" at a theater in Princeton, N.J.

After graduating from Cornell University in 1974, he landed a part as coldhearted bigamist Ben Harper on the soap opera "Love of Life." He also performed frequently on stage, winning his first Broadway role as the grandson of Katharine Hepburn's character in "A Matter of Gravity."

Reeve's first movie role was a minor one in the submarine disaster movie "Gray Lady Down," released in 1978. "Superman" soon followed. Reeve was selected for the role from among about 200 aspirants.

While filming "Superman" in London, Reeve met modeling agency co-founder Gae Exton, and the two began a relationship that lasted several years. The couple had a son and a daughter, but never wed.

Reeve later married Dana Morosini; they had one son, Will, 12. Reeve also is survived by his mother, Barbara Johnson; his father, Franklin Reeve; his brother, Benjamin Reeve; and his two children from his relationship with Exton, Matthew, 25, and Alexandra, 21.

No plans for a funeral were immediately announced.

In his 1998 book, "Still Me," he recalled that after the accident, when he contemplating giving up, his wife told him: "I want you to know that I'll be with you for the long haul, no matter what. You're still you. And I love you."

His children helped, too, he told interviewer Barbara Walters. "I could see how much they needed me and wanted me ... and how lucky we all are and that my brain is on straight."

Singer Ciara's single 'Goodies' climbs to number one on the Billboard Top 100



By JIM FARBER
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Let's hear it for soundalike hits. First, Usher racked up the biggest single of the year with "Yeah!"

Now, a new singer named Ciara (pronounced Sierra) has struck No. 1 with a single called "Goodies" that makes you go, "Hmmm, where have I heard this one before?"

Ciara 'Goodies' LaFace

"That's an opinion," Ciara says, before admitting it's one she has heard many times before. "I didn't look at the song like that." But her collaborators must have.

"Goodies" was produced by Lil Jon (who oversaw "Yeah!") and co-written by Sean Garrett (who wrote the Usher powerhouse). Small wonder it has nearly the same synth hook and virtually the same beat.

It's the "crunk" beat – that signature Southern hip-hop sound that has, in the last year, kidnapped the attention of the entire country.

Ciara's debut CD, conveniently titled after the smash, hit stores last week.

Though Ciara's name appears first on the credits, the recording gives more space to "guest" rapper Petey Pablo. The singer provides a counterpoint monotone murmur that could well be the most minimal vocal in a pop single since "Gimmie Dat Ding." Judging by the record, Ciara's voice is understated enough to make Janet Jackson sound like Maria Callas.

"I'm not saying I'm Whitney Houston," the singer admits. "This record isn't about singing, singing, singing. It's just a vibe." If nothing else, Ciara makes a great spokesmodel for the record. In fact, the 18-year-old (whose last name is Harris and whose first name comes from the perfume) wanted to be a model growing up, not a singer. She has done runway work in her native Atlanta. She switched her attention to vocal work after seeing Destiny's Child perform on TV when she was 14.

"I could dance and I could model, so I thought, 'Let's be an artist,'" she explains.

She had an agent who got her a meeting with Jazzy Pha, of Sho Nuff Records. He became her mentor, much like Irv Gotti is to Ashanti. Jazzy hooked Ciara up with Lil Jon.

Ciara wrote the hit's lyrics, which have a funny hook line. "If you're looking for goodies," she tells a guy who comes on to her, "keep on looking/'cause they stay in the jar."

Ciara admits her debut album isn't the deepest CD in the bins, but says, "That will come later. I don't want to give you everything right now."

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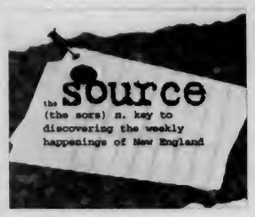
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ThursdayOctober14

How do you follow up ten years of success in the music industry? If you're Henry Grimes, you disappear. The fabled bassist recorded with a who's-who of jazz legends (including Benny Goodman, Coleman Hawkins and Charles Mingus) between 1957 and 1966 before he promptly left this career behind to pursue largely sterile, though no less noble endeavors.

In 2002, bassist William Parker came across Grimes living in a one-room apartment in Los Angeles and eventually found him a bass (he did not own one). Today, you can find the elder lowender playing with musicians the like of John Zorn, Marc Ribot, Nels Cline and Andrew Cyrille.

Parker will perform and lecture tonight at 7 p.m. at the University of Massachusetts' Augusta Savage Gallery, located in the New Africa House. Admission is free. For more information, contact the Augusta Savage Gallery at (413) 545-5177.

SaturdayOctober16

The Incomparable Jazz Mandolin Project makes its way to Northampton's Iron Horse Music Hall. Mandolin virtuoso Jamie Masefield's famed quartet (of which he is the only original member) always puts on a great show. They did so last December in a show also at the Iron Horse. On Saturday evening, the jazz/grass soiree should be no different.

The current incarnation of the band includes Masefield, Scott Ritchie on bass, Michael "Mad Dog" Mavridoglou on trumpet and keyboards and the wildly talented Dan Weiss on drums. Tickets are $12.50 in advance, and $15 at the door; show is at 10 p.m.

WednesdayOctober20

Smith College's Otelia Cromwell Series will host Paul Frymer, author of "Uneasy Alliances: Race and Party Competition in America" Wednesday, at 7 p.m., in the Neilson Browsing Room. The author will discuss the role of race in electoral politics.

Otelia Cromwell was the first African-American to graduate from Smith, back in 1900. Smith college will celebrate Otelia Cromwell Day on Nov. 2.

The Fine Arts Center at the University of Massachusetts brings us "The Look of India," a photo essay by Blair Boudreau and Kelly Basner Wednesday at 7 p.m. The exhibit presents recent documentation of the architecture, animals and people of North and South India. Basner will be on hand to comment. This event is free, and will be held in the lobby.

SaturdayOctober23

Bowker Auditorium will host a performance of "James Baldwin: Down from the Mountaintop," a one-man play by Calvin Levels. The Tony award nominee will also be on hand to perform his composition, Saturday at 8 p.m.

The play will detail the life of the famed novelist, essayist, playwright and civil rights activist. Tickets are $5 for UMass students, $7.50 for 5-College students and $10 for the public.

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Mario Avila's oil painting collection 'Interiors' is currently on display at the Augusta Savage Gallery in the New Africa House. The display will continue until Oct. 15th.

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Hunter Trio sounds off at the Iron Horse

By Bradley Farberman
Collegian Staff

Musicians make use of sound differently. Ben Folds can impregnate a room with nothing more than his voice and piano. Five-piece rock ensemble 311 struggle to even fill the amphitheatres that they call home. The Charlie Hunter Trio, however, tore apart Northampton's cozy Iron Horse Music Hall Friday night when they applied their self-proclaimed "rhythm music" to every spare surface in the joint.

Charlie Hunter Trio
Iron Horse
Northampton
Oct. 8

If you do it right, three musicians can sound like twenty. These cats know how to use space.

Who needs twenty when you've got the Charlie Hunter Trio? Opening with "Moore's Alphabet," the closing track on their new album, "Friends Seen and Unseen," Hunter and company rocked the house for close to two hours, distributing generous helpings of their soul-infused sound to the lucky few in attendance. Even at capacity, you can only cram so many students and/or aging hippies into the hallowed hall.

Everyone gets seconds when Uncle Charlie comes to dinner. Eight-string guitar in hand, Hunter blew minds with every phrase. Sinuous bass lines were coupled with scorching guitar licks at every turn, all courtesy of one man's hands; Hunter essentially performs the duties of two musicians. The trio tours without a bassist.

Derek Phillips is no slouch, either. A slammin' drummer with impeccable taste, Phillips' task is no cakewalk. Supporting a guitarist as tremendous as Hunter, and a reeds-man as talented as John Ellis, requires hig-time chops and masterful listening skills, but make no mistake, Phillips is the man for the job. His drumming on the heavy tune "Running in Fear from Imaginary Assailants" was exceptional and damn funky.

Speaking of big-time chops, enter tenor saxophonist John Ellis (he broke out his bass clarinet at the show as well). The man simply drips with tone and style, as evidenced by his solos on tunes like the quirky "Lulus Crawl."

One needs merely to sit back, or stand up, for that matter and enjoy a show by these guys. True road warriors, their performance that night stank of a telepathy that only comes from playing together day in and day out. The interplay between the musicians, the way they wove lines around each other, and in between one another, was remarkable.

Their abilities caught the eye of an awesome new record label. "Friends" is Hunter's third release for Ropeadope records (each one features Phillips and Ellis), and the partnership is seemingly fruitful; "Friends Seen and Unseen, Right Now Move" and "Right Now Live" (a DVD documenting the Right Now Move tour) are all excellent.

As would be expected. The Charlie Hunter Trio is kicking out the jams right now in support of their new disc, and it looks like they can do no wrong; they're putting out great records, and backing it up with a spectacular live show. Please, check these guys out.



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Sax-man Calder Spanier was added to fill out the band's sound.

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Red Sox ready for Yankees

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about 60 pitches in a bullpen session, according to pitching coach Mel Stottlemyre.

Major league baseball decided Monday to move Game 5, the only scheduled afternoon contest of the series, into prime time, bumping the NLCS to the earlier time slot. They are the two biggest spenders in baseball, the Yankees at $186.4 million and the Red Sox at $128.1 million, according to the Aug. 31 payroll. Judging by the TV ratings, baseball fans are captivated by New York's Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez and Boston's Manny Ramirez and David Ortiz.

"I know this is what everyone was hoping for, I imagine," Mussina said. "I think it's the way it should be."

Schilling, acquired by the Red Sox from Arizona last November, plays for moments like these. He's won six straight postseason decisions since 1993, allowing two earned runs or fewer in all nine of his starts. He beat Mussina for the Diamondbacks in the 2001 World Series opener, then defeated him again on April 15 this year at Fenway Park.

"I don't know that I've ever pitched in a game that will have the atmosphere that tomorrow's game has. In Arizona during the World Series, it was electric," Schilling said, "but I think the Yankees and the Red Sox is a step above everything else."

Wearing a T-shirt with the words "Why Not Us?" Schilling talked about how he likes to quiet fans when he pitches on the road — especially Yankees fans' still giddy following the seventh straight AL East title for New York (101-61) and the seventh second-place finish in a row by Boston (98-64).

"It's going to be loud," he predicted. "It's going to be thunderous."

Schilling, who went 21-6 to lead the major leagues in wins, threw short tosses Monday, a day after testing out an injection of painkillers on his right ankle.

Three years ago, he said the Diamondbacks weren't intimidated by the Yankees because "mystique and aura, those are dancers in a nightclub, those are not things we concern ourselves on the ball field." Then he watched New York hit tying two-run homers in the bottom of the ninth on consecutive nights to win Games 4 and 5 before Arizona rallied against Rivera in Game 7 to stop New York's streak of three straight titles.

He knows games like these define careers.

"You can make a name for yourself in one inning, one play, one pitch that you can't make in another series with any other teams," he said.



Courtesy Getty Images

Curt Schilling pitched seven and two-thirds strong innings to reach the 20-win plateau for the third time in his career.

Penalties hurt the game



Jeff Howe

The Massachusetts hockey team defeated Clarkson 6-4 on Saturday night at the Mullins Center in a contest that shouldn't be confused with a hockey game, because it just wasn't hockey.

It closer resembled a group of guys skating around the rink with seemingly common goals while referees randomly stopped play to send a new person into the penalty box, over, and over and over again.

Sure, the win will still count for UMass and likewise the loss for Clarkson. All of the stats will be tallied, and Matt Anderson will still be the CCM Hockey Player of the Week for his three-goal and two-assist performance. But it still wasn't hockey.

There were rarely five skaters on the ice for both teams at the same time due to the 28 penalties that were called during the 60-minute contest. Out of the 10 goals scored, seven were on the power play, one was shorthanded, one was during a four-on-four and only one was during five-on-five play.

UMass clearly had the better special teams play as the scoreboard showed, but who was the best team at regular strength. The Minutemen had a 1-0 advantage in that department, but since less than half the game was played at even strength it's tough to really give an answer to that.

And it may turn out to be that way for the entire season since the NCAA has told its referees to call much tighter games. The result has been ugly to this point in the very young college hockey season.

Penalties were way up over the weekend, and most of the games had a similar amount of residents in the penalty box as there were in Amherst on Saturday night.

"It's a frustrating game when it's played that way," Clarkson coach George Roll said.

It's frustrating for the players, but it's just as frustrating for the fans who are trying to get into the game.

There was never any rhythm established because of the ongoing sporadic whistles.

Alienating the fans should be the last thing the NCAA should want to do, especially with the NHL lockout still going strong.

College hockey has a tremendous chance to get on the national map since hockey fans will have little else to watch in the coming months. No one will want to tune into any games if they are going to be continually called like this.

And with television networks like ESPN already hesitant to sign any college hockey deals, the chances of making this game a mainstream event will diminish as the referees are set to determine the style of the game instead of letting the players play it out.

The calls weren't swayed toward either side, with both teams being whistled 14 times. Individually, however, the penalties were confusing and very inconsistent.

"It's frustrating for the players," Roll said. "They're not sure what they can or can't do. You make a body check, and (the ref) calls you for a trip."

The NCAA is supposedly trying to open the game up more for the skaters by minimizing clutching and grabbing in the corners and while skating up the ice. The governing body of college sports is saying that, as a result of the tight calls, the game will ultimately be more exciting.

For this to happen, players will have to go through a transitional phase to learn how to play a different game than the one they have been playing their entire lives.

Until everyone figures out which game that is, though, don't call what you're seeing, "hockey".

Jeff Howe is a Collegian columnist.

Offensive masterpiece for UMass

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sign that officials will actually be cracking down on obstruction and interference, as addressed in a letter from the NCAA given to coaches a few weeks ago.

"It's really hard, you don't get any flow to the game, it's a bit discouraging," said UMass forward Stephen Werner, who had a goal and three assists. "It's not that much fun when that many calls are going on. We found out about [the crackdown] about a week and a half ago, and obviously you think they're going to do something like that, but I had no idea that it would be this severe, and that they'd be making this many calls. It'll probably take a few games for teams to get used to it."

In all, 12 obstruction and interference calls were made, as well as three holding whistles. UMass coach Don Cahoon, who had already seen a few penalty-filled games in preseason scouting, was not surprised at the number of trips to the box that each team made.

"That's just the way it is," Cahoon said. "It was interesting from a coaching standpoint, because I knew it was going to take shape that way. So I was very accepting, for the first time in my life that those calls were going to be made.

"I think the idea is to change the culture," he said. "[The officials] claim that they're going to be calling the game the same way at the end of the year, and it's up to the players to play it. The game didn't seem to be excessively hostile tonight, and it looked like the game could have broken out a lot earlier, and finally in the third period they let it break out, and it became an entertaining event."

Indeed, only four penalties were called in the final frame, compared to nine in the second period and a whopping 15 in the first.

When not playing special teams, which took up nearly half the game, both squads played well. The Minutemen opened the scoring 6:47 in, when Marvin Degon took a feed from Werner, who won an offensive-zone faceoff, and fired a slap shot that beat Traylen high.

But Latullippe scored in the 16th minute of the first period for Clarkson, and responded again less than a minute after Anderson scored his first of the night. Werner sent the Minutemen to the locker room with a lead, converting on a power-play feed from Degon with 29 seconds left.

The Golden Knights established a foothold in the second period, as Chris Blight and Steve Zalewski bookended the frame with goals at 5:18 and 17:35, respectively. The Minutemen were hurt by penalties throughout the second period, but survived the onslaught and rebounded in the third.

Though neither goaltender made any waves, UMass' Gabe Winer earned the win with a respectable 29-save performance, and saw a barrage of shots in the first period but held together throughout. Traylen was narrowly outmatched, making 26 stops on 33 shots.

Anderson opens with a hat-trick

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trick goal, doesn't exactly cast the same shadow as Mauldin, the scoring ability of Werner and Anderson was still evident all night. The duo teamed effortlessly on every shift, as they did in the exhibition against St. Francis Xavier on Oct. 2 when they combined for the game-winning goal in overtime.

"I think when you have two good players, the chemistry is just there automatically," said Werner, who assisted on Anderson's second and third goals. "I felt it the first time I skated with [Anderson], and it's just great to be back on the ice with him."

A year's absence, even with strenuous off-ice workout and occasional stints on the ice after practice, would normally result in slowed reflexes and less ice time. Anderson, however, led the Minutemen in shots (six), and his top line was on the ice in some shape or form, especially with the massive amount of penalties called both ways, and the loss of a third line winger (freshman Zech Klann) in the first period.

"I wasn't planning on playing him in the exhibition last week, but we didn't have a couple people, there were some guys who were banged up," UMass coach Don Cahoon said. "So I said, 'Jeez, we'll get him out there,' and I think after I saw him last week, even in special teams, I realized this kid's going to be productive, that's for sure. Matt's got a great feel for the game. It's really nice to have him back, he fills a void, that's for sure."

Ever the team-oriented leader, Anderson responded to one post-game question about his early success with an answer about the team's general performance.

"I think it's early. I think we need to do this in April when it really counts. It's too early in the season to judge," he said, clearly referring to the squad's overall work in the 6-4 victory.

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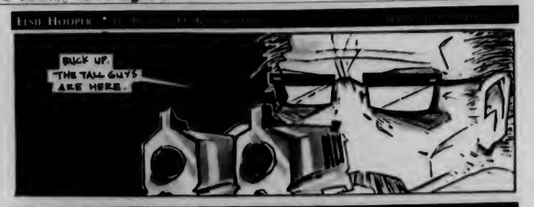
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JMU slams UMass

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you don't want your quarterback to be throwing the ball 50 times a game, but that's what happens when you can't run the ball."

"There were a couple drops, a couple missed assignments and we didn't run the ball very well," Day said. "I don't know where to pinpoint the problems."

Another consistent problem was Day's inability to get the ball in the hands of All-Conference wide receiver Jason Peebler. The senior captain finished with three catches for 20 yards, and has not made a major impact since his 50-yard touchdown reception in a loss to Richmond.

"It's frustrating not getting the ball," Peebler said. "It's something I'm probably going to bring up, because I feel if I got the ball more in certain situations I could make some things happen."

Asked about the possibility of making a major change on offense due to the struggles – with one possibility clearly being replacing Day with freshman Liam Coen, Brown was hesitant to make a decision right away.

"I'm not going to make that statement right now after an emotional football game," UMass' first-year coach said. "That's something that we have to analyze and take a look at."

Day, meanwhile, was not concerned with his job security, and replied with "No, not at all," when asked if he was worried about losing his starting position.

After a Christian Koegel punt pinned James Madison down at its own four-yard line with 8:51 to play in the third quarter, the Dukes used 11 plays to march 96 yards and break the scoreless tie. Tailback Raymond Hines ripped off the drive's biggest play – a 61-yard gain on 3rd-and-three to move JMU down to the UMass 14-yard line – before quarterback Justin Rascati eventually plunged in from one yard out to put the Dukes up 7-0 at the 4:01 mark of the third quarter.

James Madison then forced UMass to go three-and-out on its next possession, and quickly doubled its advantage with a 12-play, 63-yard scoring march. Relying on the legs of Fenner and Hines, who gained a combined 36 yards on the drive, the Dukes moved down to the Minuteman 5-yard line and Rascati again found the end zone, this time diving for the goal line to complete a scamper that made the score 14-0 with 11:56 to play.

JMU safety Tony LeZotte set up JMU's third score when he intercepted Day and returned the ball 10 yards to the UMass 24-yard line. From there, Hines carried the ball 15 yards down to the 9-yard line and then put the Dukes' on the board again with a nine-yard burst into the end zone to give James Madison a 21-0 lead.

UMass finally answered back on its next possession, as Day found Moore over the middle with a 40-yard pass on the first play of the drive, and eventually hooked up with tight end Mike Douglas for a two-yard touchdown pass to cut the deficit to 21-7 with just under five minutes remaining.



Junior receiver Nathanael Hasselbeck catches a ball for the Minutemen. Hasselbeck has 19 yards this year for UMass.

Minutewomen split

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Just ten shots between the two teams were taken heading into the second, but that all changed when the wall of the UMass defense was delivered a hole.

Ten minutes in, Megan Ogilvie took a nice feed from Whitney Sikes and rolled a shot that slipped by a diving Kristin Walker and plopped safely into the bottom left corner of the net. The goal put the Spiders ahead 1-0.

Ultimately, it was a 1-0 deficit the Minutewomen could not recover from, due to the fact that they were on the defensive for most of the game.

Canfield had one last chance to tie it up, a breakaway with 30 seconds to go. However, the chance was nullified by a crucial penalty against UMass.

On Sunday, the Minutewomen turned the tables and delivered a shutout of their own, their first since October of 2002. That is, a 2-0 defeat of the George Washington Colonials to wrap up the homestand.

While the affair with Richmond was more of a physical game, Sunday's match with the Colonials boiled down to strategy, not force.

"We definitely dominated [this] game, and it's a win we deserve to win," Bellini said. "You can play well and lose, and you can also play shitty and win. We actually played well and won, so that's good."

Maffucci's return to action made a world of a difference for the Minutewomen, as a more tightly-wound defense allowed the Maroon and White to take 20 shots, their highest single-game total in 2004.

"That was very big," Walker said of Maffucci's return to the lineup. "She's like the voice of our defense, in every aspect. She controls it, keeps everyone in it. If something goes wrong, she keeps everyone's spirits up… very big to have her back."

The defense allowed Walker to receive her first shutout of her career, a huge relief having witnessed several heartbreakers fall through her grasp in 2004.

"This is like a turnaround for this team," Walker added. "Everyone pressured today, and everyone's happy with the result. It feels good."

The Minutewomen first found the back of the net at the 18-minute mark in the first half. Fairweather flipped the ball up to a waiting Adair Blyler on the right side, and in turn she flicked her shot right over the head of goalie Anna Handzlik to make it a 1-0 affair.

It was the first time in four years that the Minutewomen had registered a goal against the Colonials, but it certainly wouldn't be the last.

With 15 minutes left in regulation, Canfield took advantage of some heavy GW pressure and scripted a beautiful counterattack. This one was a one-woman show, however, as she took the ball near her own 18-yard box and streaked down the far sideline untouched. With a thrust of the leg, she booted one at Handzlik, and ball ricocheted off her hands into the net. Handzlik left the game 15 seconds later with a hand injury.

The Minutewomen came away from the homestand with three wins and two losses, and have tied their win total from a year ago with six games to go.



Freshman Britt Canfield has six goals on the season this year for the Minutewomen. Canfield had a goal against GW on Sunday.

Schilling ready to take on Yanks

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Curt Schilling signed with Boston for this very reason — to silence the hated Yankees and pitch the Red Sox to that elusive World Series title.

"I'm not sure I can think of any scenario more enjoyable than making 55,000 people from New York shut up," he said Monday, a day before starting the opener at Yankee Stadium against Mike Mussina.

Before the first pitch was even thrown, the AL championship series had players buzzing. They thought back to the 45 intense meetings between the rivals during the past two years, to the on-field fights and the clubhouse boasts.

But in a series that seemed predestined since Aaron Boone's Game 7 homer off Tim Wakefield won last October's playoff in the 11th inning, there was an element of uncertainty for the Yankees this time. It centered on the status of closer Mariano Rivera, who returned to Panama on Sunday after two of his wife's relatives — a cousin and his son — were electrocuted in his swimming pool.

While the Yankees said Rivera planned to be back for Tuesday night's game, manager Joe Torre wasn't taking anything for granted.

"If he's here tomorrow, obviously, it would be wonderful," Torre said. "If not, we understand that."

Tom Gordon, his left eye still a little blurry after it was hit by a champagne cork in Saturday's clubhouse celebration at Minnesota, would take over as the closer if Rivera is absent. Tanyon Sturtze and Paul Quantrill would replace Gordon as the setup man.

While Gordon's good, he's not Rivera. No one else is.

"I never had a problem with it. I enjoyed closing," Gordon said. "Whatever it takes for this team to get a win."

Following Boston's first-round sweep of Anaheim and New York's 3-1 win over the Twins, Schilling and Mussina are rested heading into the opener. The Red Sox rotation has Pedro Martinez pitching Game 2 on Wednesday, followed by Bronson Arroyo on Friday at Fenway Park and Wakefield the following day in Game 4.

Jon Lieber and Kevin Brown follow Mussina for the Yankees, who still haven't decided between Orlando Hernandez or Javier Vazquez in the fourth game. El Duque, bothered by a tired arm, felt better Monday, when he threw

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UMass stumbles again

Minutemen fall to JMU

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

HARRISONBURG, Va. – After struggling mightily to move the ball for three consecutive games, an ineffective offense led by quarterback Tim Day finally brought the Massachusetts football team to a place it never wanted to be: the point of no return.

After a scoreless first half in Saturday's Atlantic 10 contest between the Minutemen and No. 19 James Madison, the Dukes finally cracked a tired and overworked UMass defense and the offense never got on tracked as the Minutemen fell to the Dukes 28-7 before a sellout crowd of 15,321 at Bridgeforth Stadium.

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With the loss – UMass' first to JMU since 1997 – the Minutemen fall to 2-4 overall and 0-3 in A-10 play. They will return to action next Saturday in Durham, N.H. for a 1 p.m. match up with No. 9 New Hampshire.

The Maroon and White is now also all but eliminated from Division I-AA playoff contention, and remains in last place in the A-10 East Division.

Junior quarterback Tim Day completed 28-of-52 attempts for 213 yards and a touchdown while also throwing two interceptions. His completion total tied for third most in program history, while the attempts were second on the school's all-time list.

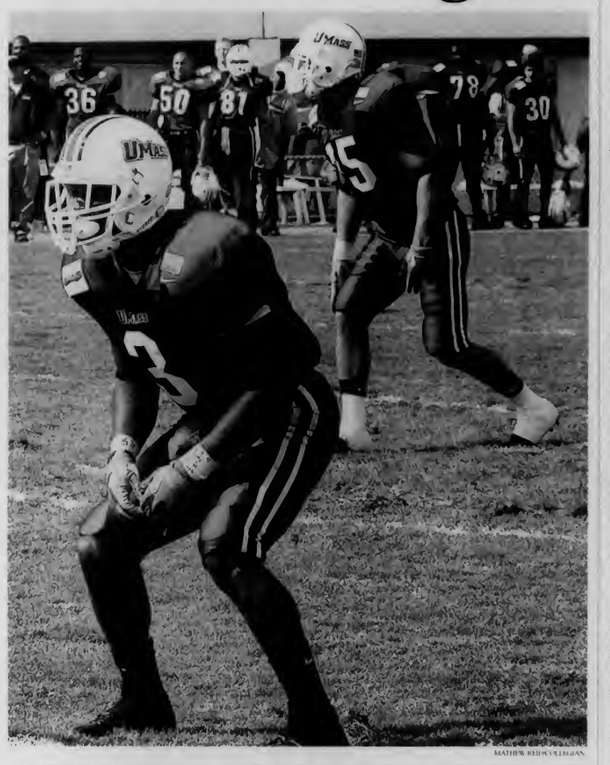
JMU quarterback Justin Rascati was 11-of-17 for 79 yards and rushed for a pair of touchdowns.

Junior tailback Steve Baylark was the Minutemen's leading rusher, gaining 48 yards on 16 carries. Raymond Hines led James Madison (4-1 3-0 A-10) with 123 yards and a touchdown on 12 carries, while Maurice Fenner chipped in with 96 yards on 22 carries and a touchdown as well.

Redshirt freshman J.J. Moore paced UMass' receivers with seven catches for 75 yards and junior Dominique Stewart and senior fullback Rich Demers had six catches apiece, but the Minutemen were hurt severely by dropped passes throughout the game.

"It just seemed like every time we got something going, we would self destruct," UMass coach Don Brown said. "Obviously

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Defensive back R.J. Cobbs (front) sets up on defense alongside junior Greg Scorr. Cobbs had one tackle against James Madison on Saturday. The Minutemen lost the game 28-7, dropping their record to 2-4 on the year.

Minutewomen split weekend

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

When the Massachusetts women's soccer came back to Amherst for a five-game homestand two weeks ago, it knew that it needed to come away with more wins than losses over the stretch if they were to stay in post-season competition.

But to keep up with the pack, they were going to have to play incredible ball against some stiff competition.

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The Minutewomen (4-4, 2-3 Atlantic 10) did just that, splitting the final two games of their home stretch this weekend against two A-10 powerhouses in Richmond and George Washington. Now they have some momentum on their side as they hurdle through the second leg of the A-10 season.

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To kick off the weekend, UMass hosted a defensively-sound Richmond squad that was physically larger than life. Fighting against a roster with an average height of 5'7", the Minutewomen were going to have to play big. And they did — or, at least, for the first 45 minutes of play.

After playing even ball through the first half, the Spiders (5-5-1, 3-2 A-10) finally broke through with a goal early in the second, and would nurse that lead right up to the end to seal a 1-0 downing of UMass.

The Minutewoman defense wasn't just undersized, however. They were also playing without junior Amy Maffucci, one of the more vocal defenders for the Maroon and White, due to a knee injury.

"She's a talker, a big organizer," sophomore Nadia Villaroel said of Maffucci's absence. "I think everybody had to talk a whole lot more and organize better, not just rely on her. I think we did that really well."

"There wasn't anything we really couldn't handle," freshman Kaelyn Caldwell said of defending the Spiders. "The goal they scored was unlucky, somehow it didn't get backed back out. But, I think it was a close game for the most part."

The likes of Caldwell, Villaroel and Stephanie Barrett were able to keep a clamp on the brute Richmond attack in the first half.

The only real surge of offense came midway through the first half, when a series of one-touch passes allowed Lindsey "Stormy" Fairweather and Lindsey Bellini to get off several shots that went wide.

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An offensive explosion

By Andrew Merritt
Collegian Staff

When a reporter asked Matt Anderson a tongue-in-cheek question about trying to shake off the rust he had from missing a whole season of hockey Saturday night, all Anderson could do was chuckle.

That's because Anderson, whose last game was the Massachusetts hockey team's loss to New Hampshire in the 2003 Hockey East semifinals, had just scored a hat trick in the Minutemen's 6-4 win over Clarkson at the Mullins Center Saturday night. Anderson's trifecta was the first by a UMass player in nearly two years, dating back to Thomas Pöck's hat trick against Providence on Jan. 5, 2003.

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James Solon scored the game-winner for the Minutemen, crashing the net as P.J. Fenton lired a slap shot at Clarkson goaltender Dustin Traylen. The puck bounced up off of Traylen, and the speeding Solon knocked it home with his body.

Although the tally won't go in any highlight reels as a "goal-scorer's" goal, it came at a perfect time for UMass, who found itself trailing for the first time all game to start the third period, after the Golden Knights scored the only two goals of the second period to make it 4-3.

However, Anderson scored his second of the night just 16 seconds in to the third period to tie it, and Solon followed up with 5:33 to go, scoring one of only three even-strength goals by either team.

Anderson then completed the troika when sophomore Kevin Iarman opted to feed him at the blue line, rather than take it in himself on an empty net. Anderson took the pass, worked his way to the hash marks, and potted the final goal of the game, with 37 seconds remaining.

"It went pretty well, but at the same time, overall, I think we need to do this again in April," Anderson said.

Although Anderson's scoring outburst highlighted the game, and the team combined for 10 goals, the contest was marred by a plethora of penalties. In all, each team was assessed 14 penalties, for a combined 59 minutes. The penalty box parade was the season's first

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Ups and downs of the road

By Matt Barstow
Collegian Staff

If the Massachusetts men's soccer team had a stress indicator, it would be flashing red and suggesting the squad take a stiff drink.

In a grueling weekend of conference play, the Minutemen (4-6-2, 1-1-2 Atlantic 10) were handed a 3-2 loss at the hands of Richmond (2-6-2, 1-1-1) on Friday, but bounced back to defeat George Washington (1-7-3, 0-2-2), 2-1 in double overtime on Sunday.

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No stranger to playing in nail-biters, Sunday's game marked the sixth contest of the season for the Minutemen to be decided in overtime, and the fifth in the last six games. The defensive-minded Minutemen have gone 3-2-1 during that stretch.

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At George Washington, UMass coach Sam Koch picked up his 150th career win from behind the Maroon and White bench, thanks to Tim Kitchell's golden goal in the 105th minute.

The game winner was set up by a Ralph Pace on a throw-in. Pace lobbed a high pass to Kitchell, who headed the ball with the back of his head for his first goal of the season. The shot deflected off the cross bar and past Colonial goalie Derek Biss to give UMass its first A-10 win of the year.

UMass took 12 shots on the day and put only two on net, but both were for goals that came in the form of headers.

The first score came from sophomore Rob Charest in the 62nd minute. Charest netted his team-leading, sixth-goal of the season when Ian O'Donnell and Pace set up a Charest on a bang-bang play deep in the Massachusetts zone, to give the Minutemen a 1-0 lead close to midway through the second half.

The lead was short lived however, as George Washington responded in the 80th minute with a Jon Allen breakaway goal.

The Colonials out shot the Minutemen 8-0 in the first half but could only capitalize on one scoring opportunity, despite holding a 12-6 advantage in corner kicks.

UMass freshman goalkeeper Nick Billman recorded five saves and won his second game as a starter.

Pace came up big for the Maroon and White on Friday as well, but a pair of goals in the second half was not enough to lead the Maroon and White to a come-from-behind victory over conference foe Richmond.

The Minutemen outshot the Spiders 12-to-3 in the second period as they tried to overcome a 2-0 halftime deficit. Pace led the effort with scores in the 80th and 87th minute.

Pace's first goal of the season came when he sent a header past Spider goalkeeper Eric Sciocchetti to put the Minutemen on the board. The 6-2 sophomore took advantage of his superior height and gained position in front of the Richmond goal, where he out jumped the competition and redirected a Todd Skelton crossing pass.

Seven minute later, Pace was given a golden scoring opportunity that was set up by a Richmond foul inside the box. On the ensuing penalty kick, Pace placed his shot perfectly, inside the left post past a diving Sciocchetti.



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Freshman Douglas Rappaport gets set to clear the ball against UNH on September 22nd.

Anderson returns with a bang

By Andrew Merritt
Collegian Staff

Sitting in the Mullins Center's green room, a towel around his neck, Matt Anderson pretty much said it all.

"What else could I ask for?" he said, a thief's grin sneaking across his face.

The sophomore, who had not played an official game in more than a year, showed all 2,486 in attendance at Saturday night's season opener against Clarkson what they — and he — had been missing for the entirety of the 2003-04 season, which he sat out because of a shoulder injury he re-aggravated just before the season began.

All Anderson did in his first game back was score three goals, assist on two, and be on the ice for five of the Minutemen's six tallies. Were so many of the goals not scored on power plays, Anderson would have finished the game in the neighborhood of plus-four. Looking like they were using telepathy, Anderson and his linemates moved so effectively and fluidly, it would be hard to believe, if you didn't know better, that this was Anderson's first real game in 575 days.

When Anderson was last a regular member of the UMass lineup, he was a part of the promising "WAM" line, comprised of himself, Stephen Werner, and departed winger Greg Mauldin. In one year together, the trio combined for 47 goals and 63 assists, and their 110-point total raised hopes that the combination might lead the Minutemen for years to come. However, Anderson suffered an injury late in the 2002-03 season that reappeared before the next season's opener, and was serious enough to require season-ending surgery.

Saturday night was, among other things, a showcase of what might have been, had Anderson been able to avoid surgery. Though Kevin Iarman, the burly power forward who ultimately set up Anderson's hat

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Marr Anderson plays the puck against Clarkson on Saturday. Anderson had a hat-trick for UMass.



Hillary Duff stars in poor new teen flick.

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Candidates prepare for final debate

By Neora Pickler
Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Bracing for their final debate, John Kerry accused President Bush of favoring "friends in the oil industry" over consumers strapped with rising fuel bills on Monday while Bush said his challenger so misunderstood the war on terror that he thought it could be reduced to "a nuisance" akin to prostitution or illegal gambling.

Both candidates campaigned in the West ahead of their third presidential debate, which will take place Wednesday night at Arizona State University in Tempe. Kerry focused on domestic issues — the subject of that debate — and criticized Bush and the Republican-led Congress for not doing more to reduce U.S. dependence on imported oil.

Bush mixed domestic policy with national security, criticizing Kerry as a tax-and-spend liberal while questioning anew the Democrat's fitness to lead the war against terror.

At a rally in Hobbs, N.M., the Republican incumbent ridiculed Kerry for saying in an interview in The New York Times Magazine: "We have to get back to the place we were, where terrorists are not the focus of our lives but they're a nuisance."

In the interview published Sunday, Kerry compared the anti-terror battle to efforts by law enforcement to root out prostitution or illegal gambling, knowing such an activity could never be ended but could be reduced to where "it isn't threatening people's lives every day." He cited his experience as a former prosecutor in Massachusetts.

"I couldn't disagree more," Bush said. "Our goal is not to reduce terror to some acceptable level of nuisance. Our goal is to defeat terror by staying on the offensive."

The Bush campaign also takes on the "nuisance" comment in a new television ad. And Vice President Dick Cheney, campaigning in Medford, N.J., called Kerry's remarks "naive and dangerous."

Phil Singer, a Kerry-Edwards spokesman, said the Republicans took Kerry's single sentence out of context. "Considering that George Bush doesn't think we can win the war on terror, let Osama bin Laden escape and rushed into Iraq with no plan to win the peace, it's no surprise that his campaign is distorting every word John Kerry has ever said," he said.

The Kerry campaign circulated another terrorism-as-a-nuisance quote, a 2-year-old comment from retired Gen. Brent Scowcroft, who was national security adviser for Bush's father. "There is going to be no peace treaty on the battleship Missouri in the war on terrorism, but we can break it's back so that it is a horrible nuisance and not a paralyzing influence on our soci-

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New plasma televisions installed in the Dining Commons for students

By Jeremy Dirac
Collegian Staff

Recently four 50-inch wide plasma screen televisions were installed in the Worcester Dining Commons in the Northeast residential area. Each television was $4200 (without the cost of installation). Director of Dining Services, Ken Toong, said, "The TVs are just one of many initiatives which we have implemented because of our student feedback."

Dining Services conducted an Internet survey some time in late February over a period of about two weeks where students were asked questions like what kind of addition would make eating at the DC more fun? Some of the options were ideas like having live music, feature movies, reality shows, clowns or even plasma televisions.

Out of 393 votes, 206 went to the push to purchase the new televisions. Following the survey, on behalf of Dining Services, Toong requested the purchase of the televisions, which was first, approved by the Director of Auxiliary Services, then the Chancellor of the Administration of Finance and so on up the chain. The televisions were purchased from a local vendor approved by the UMass procurement office according to Toong.

The purchase of the televisions is part of a larger plan where Toong hopes that the DCs will become more of "a hub" for student activity. "I think the TVs will help to promote campus life ... it keeps us together, it keeps us informed," said Toong.

Beyond the televisions, other changes are being made to the University of Massachusetts' dining services including renovations to the Berkshire Dining Commons in Southwest, increased serving hours, and themed events. He said that UMass is not the first school to have big screen TVs in its dining facilities. "You may not know that most schools put big screen TVs in their dining halls."

According to Toong, the televisions were not paid for with student tuition money. "We are different from the academic department because we are self sufficient. The money comes from our own operating budget."

The operating budget for dining services comes primarily from student meal plan costs, but also comes from payments from groups that rent the facilities during the summer.

Toong estimated the annual operating budget at $30 million. According to the Northeast Area Governor, Ahmed Nasef, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Michael Gargano, knew nothing about the television purchases when it was

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A group of students watch a baseball game on the new plasma televisions that were installed last month in the Worcester Dining Common.

U.N. helicopter brought down on its way to collect ballot boxes

By Stephen Graham
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) – Engine failure brought down a U.N. helicopter sent to collect ballot boxes from northeastern Afghanistan on Tuesday, injuring no one but causing a new glitch in efforts to tally the results of the country's landmark presidential election.

The accident came as a panel of foreign experts began probing irregularities in Saturday's vote alleged by rivals of front-running interim leader Hamid Karzai.

The complaints have stalled the start of vote counting, though officials were hopeful the tally could begin Wednesday. Final results could take until late October.

The helicopter had yet to pick up any ballot boxes when it crash-landed in a snowy field in the Pamir Mountains of Badakhshan province, said David Avery, chief of operations for the U.N.-Afghan body managing the vote.

The American military said one of its C-130 transport planes dropped emergency supplies, including sleeping bags and food, to the three crewmembers, three election workers and two police officers on board.

The group took shelter in an abandoned house, and the U.S. military said another helicopter would try to rescue them Wednesday.

Avery said the loss of the Russian-made Mi-8 would slow the recovery of ballots from Badakhshan, one of the country's most inaccessible provinces. Donkeys have also been used to bring ballot boxes from remote villages.

The helicopter was "at such an altitude that it's unlikely to be recoverable," Avery said.

The massive task of counting the results of this war-ravaged nation's first-ever Western-style vote was also being slowed by faulty paperwork accompanying some of the boxes flooding into regional counting centers, Avery said.

The tally will begin Wednesday at the earliest, and final results are not expected until late October.

Chances for a conclusive outcome were on firmer ground after several of Karzai's challengers backed away from a boycott of the vote, indicating they would accept an independent commission to probe vote-fraud charges.

Karzai is the clear favorite to win, but his ability to consolidate his rule would be undermined if the opposition refused to acknowledge the vote results.

Ethnic Tajik candidate Yunus Qanooni, considered Karzai's closest rival, said Monday he would accept an investigation by independent experts into opposition complaints that the supposedly indelible ink used to mark voters' thumbs in some polling stations could be rubbed off, allowing some to vote more than once.

There were indications another rival, ethnic Uzbek warlord Abdul Rashid Dostum, might be considering backing down as well. Dostum traveled Tuesday to Kabul from his home in the north, and his spokesman said he was considering accepting a compromise.

The candidates had a Tuesday afternoon deadline to submit formal protests.

Election officials said Qanooni and two other candidates were complaining about a shortage of ballots in some areas in addition to the problems with the ink.

U.N. spokesman Manuel de Almeida e Silva said Tuesday that two members of the panel had been appointed and had "started working today." A third member was in the "final stages of being identified."

He said it was "totally realistic" that vote-counting could begin Wednesday.

Election organizers agreed to the panel in hopes it would end a crisis begun when all 15 opposition candidates declared the boycott Saturday.

The election has been hailed as a success by U.N. officials, President Bush and other world leaders. International observers have criticized the 15, saying their demand to nullify the vote was unjustified.

A high voter turnout in Afghanistan, which never before has tasted democracy, and a failure of Taliban rebels to launch a massive attack have also been held up as proof of success.



MATTHEW REHO/COLLEGIAN

Come on Out!
Dozens of students gathered yesterday celebrating National Coming Out Day in front of the Student Union steps.

Concordia professor set to speak to students today

By Sherry Larnard
Collegian Correspondent

The Center for the Study of Communication is presenting a speech by Professor Martin Allor of Concordia University in Montreal.

The professor is well known in the field of documentaries as an acclaimed scholar.

"I can tell you that he is very influential and very insightful in his line of work," said Professor Bruce Geisler, the director of the Center for the Study of Communication at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

"His speech, titled 'Actuality and Remediation: Documentary Epistemology and Intermedia Circulation' will examine cumulative effects of the blurring of the boundaries between informational, fictional, promotional and entertainment forms of the documentary field." According to a press release about the event.

George Liu of the UMass Communication Department said the speech would give students an idea of, "the nature of documentary and how it reflects the reality of the world."

He feels that this speech can broaden the view of UMass students not only in the way of academics, but also in the way of cultural and global views.

In contrast to what many people have become familiarized with as "reality" put forth largely through the reality television craze, George feels that documentaries inform people, whereas reality TV is a form of entertainment.

Documentaries do not have the ad support that one may find for television.



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Professor Martin Allor from Concordia University of Montreal

The professor plans to speak on an array of topics, one of them being how in the current culture the differences between fact and fiction have become tenuous at best, thus making them distinction between the two very difficult.

The professor will also speak about the modifications that have been made in producing documentaries with new technology that has been on the rise. He will speak of the current ease of making and distributing documentaries as Internet technology has developed and changed over the more recent years.

The speech may be an opportunity for students to learn and develop an interest in the world of documentary that they may never have been previously exposed to.

The talk is scheduled to take place in room 905 on the 9th floor of the Campus Center on Wednesday, October 19th at 12:15 p.m

Magma still rising from Mount Saint Helens

By Peggy Andersen
Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Magma that has been rising inside Mount St. Helens after weeks of earthquakes and steam eruptions finally pushed its way to the surface Tuesday, forming a new lava-dome just behind the existing one in the volcano's crater.

The quakes subsided as the new lava emerged and cooled in the open air, suggesting molten rock from deep inside the Earth had found the path of least resistance by going around the old dome, said Jon Major, a hydrologist with the U.S. Geological Survey's Cascades Volcano Observatory in Vancouver, Wash.

Unlike the dramatic rivers of red-hot lava from Hawaii's volcano, St. Helens' extrusion of new rock was subtle and difficult to see from outside the crater. A lazy plume of steam rose slowly from the mountain for much of Tuesday.

The last dome-building activity at St. Helens began in the months after its deadly May 1980 eruption and lasted six years. Layers of emerging rock gradually formed a rocky dome nearly 1,000 feet

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Last chance to get informed and register

November 2 is approaching fast, and with only twenty days left until the election, the pressure is on for people to decide who will win their vote.

There have been two presidential debates so far, along with the vice-presidential one, where the candidates battled over this year's biggest issues: the war in Iraq, gay marriage, abortion, the economy, stem-cell research and healthcare reform. John Kerry and President Bush differ in their stance on almost ever issue, yet there are still an alarming number of eligible voters who are ignorant to the facts.

Tonight is the third and final debate between the presidential candidates. At Arizona State University, they will give voters one last chance to hear them out and get their questions answered. Starting at 9 p.m., the debate will be on every major station and we, at the Daily Collegian, strongly recommend that those of you who don't feel that you are up-to-date on the issues tune in. Even if you feel that you know who you are voting for, it's important to stay on top of things right up until election day.

So in between innings of the Red Sox game, be sure to pay attention because while baseball will not decide your future or the future of this country, the presidential election certainly will.

Today is also significant in that it is the last day by which your registration cards must be post-marked. Both parties have been exerting huge efforts to register new voters who could be on their side, but still there are people who are eligible to vote and have not yet registered.

This is your last chance.

If you mail in your registration card today, you will still be able to vote on November 2. Even if you don't yet know who to vote for or even if you don't think you will vote, it's important to have the option. It may be too late to register for an absentee ballot for your hometown, but you can still register as an Amherst resident. Please exercise your right as a United States citizen to have a say in the future of this country.

Politicians will never light for the issues that concern us if we don't show them that we have a voice. In recent years, the student age bracket has been less than enthusiastic in its support for national elections, but we have 20 days left to change that. So, watch the debate, register today and vote with an informed opinion.

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Redefining our campus diversity

SJ Port

How we define diversity has a lot to do with how we relate to other people. If we define diversity as the aesthetics of human appearance, also know as the visible distinctions between people in a group then perhaps the University of Massachusetts is not a diverse place. If we define the diversity of our campus in terms of race, religion, sexuality and ethnicity, what was just a polarized vision with no basis in the person's being becomes less black and white then our campus' diversity begins to appear. However, if we use the broadest language to identify diversity at UMass — and beyond — suddenly it becomes easier to relate to and include the majority of our peers, as opposed to only a minority.

Diversity is not something we can see; that definition of the weighty word is a fluffy 1950's vision. Today, we live in too complicated a world to rely solely on our vision to define such an important ideological term. Diversity is the very quality of being diverse; it suggests that there is a point at which things differ between members of a group. That difference can be as common as whether one prefers mustard or ketchup on his/her hot dog, or it can be as profound as growing up a wealthy Puerto-Rican man who practices Judaism but lives in a poor, white, Protestant, western Massachusetts community.

Diversity is of the mind. Diversity is what makes life interesting — especially as students and academics.

Race, unlike diversity, is easier to identify — or dangerously assume and project — with only sight. However, does that mean that a black man from Mattapan has more in common with a black woman from the French-speaking Congo? Does it mean that if we judge them on their appearance alone, we can group them together? Admittedly, this is what American society does; equally true, however, is our ability to change this.

Imagine an author that only wrote about one type of character. Each of their stories consisted of multiple characters that differed only in physical description. They may differ in who they are, what religion they subscribe to, where their ancestors came from, how they vote, what sports they play, how old they are, what life altering experiences they have had, etc. But all that this author tells us is their initials, and the small visible differences between each of them. The author never develops the character beyond what they see of

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each other as they pass one another on the paths of their individual daily lives.

This would not be a very interesting story, nor would the author likely achieve any great success. We ask our authors to develop their characters, to show us who they are in different scenes, settings and interactions with other various characters.

Yet, we don't often respect the characters in our autobiographies as such. Passing one another on our way between Machmer and Herter we look each other up and down noting appearance and attractiveness — and sometimes race or visible ethnicity or cultural association. Then we judge each other, and later we sit in class together and forget to listen, listen for the differences but also for what unites us.

This author, you'll notice does not have a bendee. Currently, not all Collegian columnists are required to have their headshot next to their work. However in years past, when headshots were mandatory (not to mention unflattering) I battled with colleagues and editors to keep my image away from my words. Had readers seen my face beside each opinion piece it would surely have flavored their taste of my ideas.

Imagine if news writers, the supposed bastion of objectivity in journalistic writing, had bendees next to their articles about the SGA's election or Professor Wigam's latest lecture? Or, perhaps, a more blatant example, imagine if a reporter assigned to cover the Red Sox was depicted wearing a Yankees cap in a picture next to his article; would you read his coverage, listen to his opinion, bother to get to know him well enough to read that his deceased son played for the Yankees despite his loyalty to the Sox?

Diversity is not physical alone; its simplification as such is at its core a racist one. Prominent and powerful student groups on campus, as well as certain nameless professors, missed this lesson. Now it is the job of an active citizenry on campus to make sure they hear it, internalize it and use it.

A wise elder once told me that a person who replies just as the first speaker concludes her statement was not really listening to the speaker. The person replying could not have been listening if he had so quickly began to respond. If you really listen to a person — and this is what it requires to see them as more than one aesthetic stereotype or another — then you do not think of your response while they speak, and when they finish speaking you consider your reaction and respond.

To develop a clearer image of the diverse characters on campus, we must listen to hear, understand and appreciate the diversity among us. And like it or not, we are a group — whatever color we are — we are UMass.

Sound too simple to be true? Try it, guaranteed money back if things don't change.

S.J. Port is a Collegian columnist.

Greek sisters don't speak for every woman

Paige Cram

I'm sure most of you saw the paper yesterday, the one with the front-page picture of the Sigma Kappa girl in a slip with a headline reading "Sigma Kappa sisters model lingerie to benefit UMass Everywoman's Center." Umm, can anyone say contradiction?

Now don't get me wrong, I'm all for fundraising, especially if it is going to benefit groups, such as the Everywoman's Center, who are working to create a better environment for all of us on campus. However, there's something wrong with promoting the objectification of women in order to support a group who strives to do just the opposite. By all means, if you want to have a wet t-shirt contest on your front lawn in order to raise money for a kick-ass Halloween party at your Sorority house, go right ahead. But if the proceeds are going to an organization, then the event also reflects on the image of that organization.

The Everywoman's Center works very hard to encourage both men and women to develop a positive, respectful image of the female sex. They hold many events and offer numerous support programs with one goal in mind: to change how this community thinks about women so that things like sexual harassment, rape, domestic abuse and sex discrimination will come to an end.

The way I see it, this fundraiser is a step backwards. These girls are essentially selling themselves and then claiming it is for the sake of women all over campus.

Sure, it will provide the Center with some additional funding for some of its programs, but at what cost? Every person who picked up the paper yesterday got one more reinforcement of the belief that for women to get what they want in this society, they have to use their bodies.

Yes, we are all taught this lesson at a very young age. Yes, it may be reinforced every day in many places, so why should we hold these girls responsible? The answer is simple: because we can't afford to ignore it. If we continue to accept examples of clear exploitation like this one, we will never be able to change the image of women in this society.

Now, it's one thing to be comfortable with your body. Good for the Sigma Kappa sis-

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ters that they can all be "comfortable being naked." I think it's something that more women need to strive for, but just because you are comfortable with it doesn't mean you should exploit yourself to raise money. Women, as well as men, need to understand that with events like this, you are acknowledging that the objectification of women is OK, that you accept it and that it works. In doing that, you are only holding us back in our struggle to gain some ground in the battle for equality and respect.

And no, that does not mean that I am against modeling in general. First of all, professional models are paid to do a job, and we hold these girls responsible? The answer is simple: because we can't afford to ignore it. If we continue to accept examples of clear exploitation like this one, we will never be able to change the image of women in this society.

Secondly, there are an equal number of males who have to do their little turn on the catwalk wearing nothing but Calvin Klein's newest style of briefs. But when was the last time any fraternity on this campus raised money by resorting to a fashion show in their boxers?

Exactly, and that's the difference.

Now I know that these girls didn't arrange the event that took place on Friday; they merely participated in it. But they acknowledged plans to organize a similar event in the near future, and I can only hope that they reconsider.

I'm sure after reading this, people will try to accuse me of saying things that I didn't say, so let me be very clear: I am in no way trying to discourage fundraising, especially for the Everywoman's Center. I am simply asking that Sigma Kappa rethink its approach and hold a benefit that will not only reap financial gain, but would also be consistent with the message and values of the organization that they are so nobly trying to help.

Paige Cram is a Collegian editor.

Handle your scandal, Mike

Thomas Naughton

Nothing. Not a single thing has occurred since the publishing of the photos featuring members of the Student Government Association and Student Center for Educational Research and Advocacy posing with a caricature of Patrick Higgins as the Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, at least not to remedy the situation. Sure, Pat Higgins has resigned, there was a rally against racism and a panel discussion on "Diversity," but nothing has occurred in the vein of consequences for the students still enrolled at this University who were pictured drunk in a public office accompanied by their KKK whiteboard drawing.

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However, when it comes to idiotic jerks who pose drunk with a KKK drawing in an office that was set up for "research and education" and then cry foul when the campus sees the pictures and the truth, I don't have a zero-tolerance policy; I have a "Get The Hell Out of My School, You Idiot Policy."

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My policy includes something called action, which is not something associated with an administrator like Mike Gargano. The pictures drew and quartered the campus; one quarter was outraged, one quarter was defensive of the pictured, one quarter didn't care and one quarter had no idea what was going on, still doesn't and furthermore doesn't want to. I wish I didn't care, but then I'd have an office on the third floor of Whitmore. And while I love some of the friends I have made at Housing Assignments, I'm pretty sure they would be less excited to see me if I hung out there all the time.

I was at the Rally Against Racism, and it was great to be with people who were angry and upset by what has occurred at our University. I marched into Whitmore with the other protestors, blew a kiss to Housing Assignments and headed into Gargano's office to say hi and ask him if he had forgotten about the whole "picture thing." I gave him the benefit of the doubt; he must have forgotten about it and that's why all the students pictured weren't promptly booted from our campus community.

To my dismay, he knew exactly why all these students were in his office, and he didn't seem to care. He was lounging on his couch, flanked by secretaries or whoever they were. I'm glad he was comfortable; it must be hard work to not care about students all day. Coming up with ideas to make things more difficult is hard, too. I know from experience; I was the baby of my family.

We were hustled out of his office, not by the bored secretaries, but by the organizers of the protest, which shocked me. I was late for my design class because I wanted to hang out with Mike Gargano, and they were making me leave? I was pissed. What is the point of getting all rowdy and ready for fighting if you're just going to show up and then leave so quickly? I've stayed longer at the houses of people I hate. I guess it's a good idea to rally against racism, and then go home and not face one of the guys who angered you. The organizers said that he was just going to tell us lies, which was probably true, but I at least would have liked to join Gargano on his couch to be lied to.

I really am dumbfounded by this whole situation. What possesses students to get drunk in the office that they work in, draw pictures of themselves as members of the KKK and then to take photos of the whole event? Friends of the students involved want the student body to believe that it was merely a "joke" in response to Pat Higgins being called a racist all semester. That is the biggest piece of crap excuse I have ever heard. I guarantee that someone accused of being a Neo-Nazi would not shave his head in joking response to those allegations.

I think its great that Higgins resigned. However, I kind of expected him to resign along with the other elected officials of the nine drunks in the SGA/SCERA family photo album. That resignation should have been submitted by default because each and every one of those students should have been expelled from this University. Seamus Brennan's refusal to resign is indicative of the lack of remorse he and the other students involved have for embarrassing the University. The jig is up; the SGA is an ineffectual club of resume hounds like Seamus Brennan who don't care about our school.

The blame for this issue does not rest only with the members of the SGA. Mike Gargano is also responsible for these events for he allowed the SGA to deteriorate to such a level. The party in the SCERA office happened on his watch; the students should he expelled and he should resign. However, given Gargano's staunch position on the couch, I don't think things will be changing very soon.

What will the outcome of the surreal events of the past few weeks be? More silence about real issues, more rhetoric from Chancellor Gargano and a definite change of location for future SCERA/SGA benders. Cameras will not be allowed. As for Patrick Higgins, I wouldn't worry about his future; this whole ordeal has probably made him the most promising young prospect the GOP has seen in a long time.

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No news is bad news

Lisa McLaughlin

I had several tasks to accomplish when I came back to UMass this year. The surprisingly easy ones included moving into an off-campus apartment, registering for classes with the crashed Spire system and waiting in an endless line after making futile attempts to find affordable used textbooks. The most difficult task the valley handed me was acquiring a decent part-time job that would help me scrape by and earn the good amount of work-study money I was awarded.

Why I am currently unemployed? On Sept. 1, I printed out and highlighted a list of openings from the work-study website. I called places. Throughout the week, I dressed appropriately. I filled out numerous applications, talked to people, shook hands. I was friendly and conversational. I made sure I was a face, not just a name. I entrusted people with my most personal information when I was interviewed. I answered sensible and sometimes difficult questions and waited patiently for any news.

I was betrayed.

Not to sound melodramatic, but that is how I felt. Classes started, and a week passed. I stopped to inquire at the various places I applied to, not trying to sound aggressive or pushy, merely interested. Most were still looking over applications, and others stated that my hours were not what they were looking for. Such things are completely understandable, so I was still optimistic.

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Another week passed. No snail-mail, no voice-mail, not even a generic e-mail informing all applicants that sorry, it was a tough decision due to the abundance of applications they received, but they decided to hire somebody else. All of these menial office jobs were looking to hire as soon as possible, if not immediately. Surely, they could not be looking over applications still.

I decided to visit these offices again and find out what was going on.

Office A: The woman I originally spoke to after I filled out my application told me that my hours were exactly what they were looking for. She also said that I had good experience and would definitely get an interview. After two weeks, I approached the hiring manager and asked her if she got a chance to review my application. She looked over her notes, and informed me that my hours were not what they were looking for. This was the complete opposite of what the other person told me, so somebody obviously lied to me. I did not want to bother arguing with anyone though, so I left.

Office B: Here I had an interview with the three people who run the office. I liked the atmosphere, and felt comfortable talking with them. They asked me questions, and I answered them the best I could, making sure to maintain eye contact with all three. Not hearing from them was the biggest disappointment, taking into account that I had an interview in which I thought I did very well.

I have never handled confrontation well. I am the type of person that doesn't say anything when a waitress messes up my order, because maybe I didn't speak clearly enough. While I can be the biggest pushover, I never let anyone take advantage of me. So when I walked into Office B two weeks later, I was apprehensive. I bit my lip and shuffled into the room. I stuttered, and couldn't make eye contact when I asked them if they were still in the process of interviewing for the job. I looked lost, and it almost felt like I was asking them for directions. They told me sorry, they already filled the position, and sorry, we should have contacted you. I nodded my head, mumbled an "okay," and shuffled out.

I have contemplated over and over why this keeps happening to me. I have come up with "theories," which I present here. My first theory was that employers want to hire people, not emotions. They don't want to be the jerk who has to say what inevitably sounds like, "You're not good enough; we're hiring someone better than you." If this was true, I would inform employers beforehand that I would not be deeply hurt by their decision. It is their decision. Obviously I would be disappointed because I'm human, but it is not the end of the world. Afterwards, I would ask them for some constructive criticism so I could develop a better approach for future interviews.

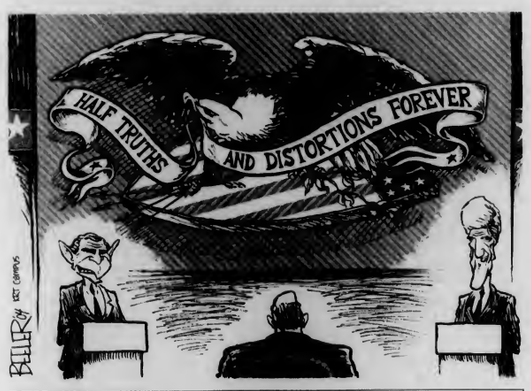
My second theory pondered upon whether or not I had some undiscovered personality flaw. Do I frighten people? Am I too forward? Is there something displeasing about my appearance? Did I miss the "No Irish Need Apply" sign? What's wrong with me? I posed these questions to my roommate to which she replied cynically, "There is nothing wrong with you. It's just that after they hire someone, you no longer exist. They don't want to put the time and effort into writing rejection letters."

Ding! An epiphany: I am a nonsensical idealist, blinded by optimism. I sincerely believed that there were no rude people in the professional world. I was lost in a place where an employee's main task was to be polite and courteous to all those coming in and out of the office. How absurd and old-fashioned of me to live in a world of R.S.V.P.'s and thank-you cards!

But is it really too much to ask? I feel a loss of respect when I am met with silence, rather than outright rejection. Pardon me, but I hate it when people cannot honor me with their honest opinion, since I always offer mine free of charge. That's a prominent reason why I write here. Why lead me to believe that I have a chance at something when I don't? It wastes my time, and more importantly it wastes your time. The world would be infinitely more efficient if everybody resolved to cut the crap.

Time is money. That's why I don't have a job.

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Magic of a New England fall

Mike Anmuth

Being born and raised in Philadelphia, you can imagine my surprise and delight at this phenomenon called, "autumn in New England." Oh, sure, we have fall at home, but it mostly consists of that two week period when the tree in the front yard puts a layer of leaves on top of everything right before it gets really cold outside. I can imagine in Philadelphia right now, it's probably still warm whereas I've had my coat here on for a week or two already.

But who cares about the temperature outside? Autumn in New England is something that I imagine most of you have lived with most or all of your lives. According to the statistics on the UMass Undergraduate Admissions Quick Facts page, roughly 19 percent of students are from out-of-state, so the other 81 percent of you have seen these seasons time and time again. For this undergrad, however, this is something new and different. While the weather may be cooler here than in the mid-Atlantic, the colors and scenery more than make up for having to wear long pants and sweaters before Oct. 1.

I'm not saying that I have never seen trees before, but the trees here have leaves of all colors, leaves that stay on the tree for more than two weeks, and when someone envisions fall in New England, it's that image which is most apparent. How many postcards have trees with multicolored leaves and mountains in the background that show off the beauty of Massachusetts?

The great thing about the Pioneer Valley, is that we can look out of our windows and see the same backdrop, the trees and the mountains. No longer do I need publications with lush changing greenery, I can look out from one of the upper floors of the library. For those fortunate enough to live in one of the towers in Southwest, the same view may be apparent from your dorm room window. Wherever you are on campus, chances are there is bound to be at least one glorious showing of autumn in New England, which you may never have noticed before.

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There is more than just the sight of foliage to let you know the season has changed. The sense of smell, for instance, is prominent this time of year as fires are started in fireplaces and one can tell that winter is coming. I cannot tell you that I've ever been fanatical about the outside, especially because that would be rather difficult in a city where one's outside consists mostly of cement and skyscrapers. However, being here in New England allows me to stand on campus in the early evening, smell the wood burning and know that Western Massachusetts is settling into the fall.

I could wax on for quite a while about the scenery and the amazement that it holds for me, like a naiveté for nature as I drive, bike or walk around the campus, as if I had never seen trees before in my 21 years on this planet. By now you must be asking, "Mike, what does this have to do with me?" Excellent question, I must say. I put this notion of the change in seasons down on paper because this time of year is an excellent time to be outside. Besides the obvious activities like walking to and from class, this time of year is great for wandering around town, bicycling, hiking, climbing mountains or any other activity that lets one get outside and feel like a part of nature.

If your five senses aren't enough to capture the essence of autumn, I recommend taking pictures or lying out on the lawn, on campus or elsewhere, assuming it's in the warm part of the afternoon and not in the cold part of the early morning. Some of the best art and photography is from this part of the year, so you, too, can be inspired to be creative while you're creating your own communion with the outdoors. I'm sure not everyone is as excited as I am about this time of year, but for those who are enthused, go out and enjoy it.

While New England autumn is something new and magical for me, I can say that whether it's new or old, there is an intrinsic enjoyment in the season, one that everyone can experience and luckily we are in a place that really brings out the colors and emotions of the fall.

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Why John Kerry will win

Rick Volpe

Anybody with a rudimentary grasp of statistics knows that no poll is perfectly reliable. Political polls are taken on samples of the American people and the resulting statistics are extrapolated to represent the opinions of the population. Samples do not always give accurate representations of populations for a variety of reasons. Now, to be fair, repeated sampling reveals a far more accurate representation of the population than does sampling a single time, and despite the shift in momentum from the first debates, both nationwide and swing state polls are repeatedly showing Bush with a small lead.

Yet these polls are almost certainly wrong.

In 1948, every single major poll in the country predicted Thomas Dewey would win the presidential election by a landslide over Harry Truman. The polls were so convincing that all 50 of the leading political journalists of the time reported to "Newsweek" that Dewey would easily win. But by 4 a.m. on the morning after Election Day, Dewey ceded defeat and it became official that Harry Truman was to be the next president.

One of the reasons the polls were so wrong was due to the fact that polling ceased well before the election, and therefore they did not pick up on the snowball effect Truman's sunny persona and enthusiastic rallies were having on voters. But also of great importance was the sampling bias of the polling companies. The samples for the polls were taken largely by telephone and at that time telephones were still considered something of a luxury, found in upscale residences. Then, much like today, the upper class of Americans was dominated by Republicans and therefore Republicans were greatly over sampled resulting in biased polls.

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Now, in 2004, the polls are drawing inaccurate samples again. I do not believe the bias now is as severe as it was in 1948, but at the same time the polls are not predicting Bush by a landslide; most of them are predicting Bush will squeak by with the victory. The primary flaw in the sampling process this time around is the polling of likely voters over registered voters.

All across the country, but especially in crucial swing states like Ohio and Florida, voters are registering in record numbers. And it's not just a few hundred more here or there than in 2000; it is to the point where town halls are hiring temps to handle the massive overflow. Of course both parties are claiming huge success in registering new voters, but the largest surges by far have been in the low-income areas that are heavily populated by minorities. You don't have to be Dr. George Gallup to know that Bush doesn't have a lot of support in these places. Likely voters are defined as people who have voted repeatedly in the past, and therefore none of these people who are swarming the registration booths are counted in the polls.

Compounding this effect is the increasing prevalence of cell phones. Scientific polls are taken on landline phones only, and therefore people who use only their cell phone are not being polled. Exclusive cell phone use is growing in popularity among all Americans but most significantly among people age 18-29, which means that even the rare poll that samples registered voters will not speak with these people. The polls that have been taken among the 18-29 age bracket show Kerry leading by a large margin.

Finally, if you read the fine print on the Gallup website, you will see that they weight their samples in proportion to the population at large. For each sample, 40 percent of the people they contact are registered Republicans. The problem with that is that according to the 2000 census data, only 35 percent of Americans are Republicans. So above and beyond any of the complications I listed before, the most respected and scientifically sound polling agency in the country is over sampling Republicans.

Of course, I am not the first person to notice any of these polling issues. Even distinguished statisticians have spoken about issues such as the lack of cell phone users in polls and determined that an issue such as that would really only shift the election by a point or two. So suppose that each of the major issues I've discussed are each "minor" and could only shift the election in that tiny way. Then we are talking about subtracting 3-6 points from Bush and adding 3-6 points to Kerry.

Given that, check out the websites www.electoralvote.com and www.electionprojection.com. Both update regularly with polls in the swing states, but one site leans to the left and the other to the right. My point is, according to the extensive polling compiled on these sites, even the "small" effects of these sampling issues translate into Kerry winning Pennsylvania, Ohio, Florida, Iowa, Michigan, and Minnesota without a problem.

The title of this piece must surely come as a shock to a lot of people, since the popular opinion even here in Massachusetts seems to be that a Bush victory in November is a foregone conclusion. The truth of the matter is that no matter how badly the Republican spinsters want us all to believe that Bush will steamroll Kerry, such is not the case.

People may not be passionate about electing John Kerry but they certainly are passionate about seeing George Bush defeated. If you don't believe that Americans are uniting behind Kerry then try to explain the fact that the Kerry campaign had less than 3 million in the bank after the primaries, but went on to raise more money than any non-incumbent in the history of U.S. politics, including George Bush in 2000. Kerry isn't backed by the millionaires and billionaires of this country, so the money had to come from real people, people who can only give a little bit here and there. You do the math.

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Teen Queen Duff fails to deliver in 'Raise your voice'

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If you put "Coyote Ugly," "Fame," and vomit into a blender and mixed it around, the result would be "Raise Your Voice."

Before I tear this movie apart like a Bengal Tiger pouncing on a poor, defenseless, handicapped squirrel lathering itself in teriyaki sauce, I should come clean — this movie was not made for me. The movie was made to make money, primarily off of young, sentimental teenage girls. This fact became immediately clear to me before Hillary Duff even showed up on screen when the title of the Production Company, "A Chicks Film," shined upon the screen.

'Raise Your Voice'
Directed by Sean McNamara
Starring Hillary Duff, Rita Wilson
Now Line Cinema
Rated PG
1 hour 43 mins.
Grade D

Director Sean McNamara's movie is told in three acts. The first of which shows Hillary Duff's character Terri, struggling to go to a selective Los Angeles music school despite her stubborn father's wishes. Through the effort of her passive mother (Rita Wilson), her conniving aunt (Rebecca De Mornay) and her rebellious brother, played by "Joan of Arcadia's" Jason Ritter, Terri is able to finagle her way into Los Angles so she can sing.

The second part of the movie revolves around Terri's problem of being able to remember how to sing with happiness and spunk. I call this section, "how Hillary got her hudspa back." Terri, distraught by the tragedy in the first act (her brother dies in a car crash so as to provide some emotional weight to the movie), finds herself unable to reach down and sing with all her might, like she used to. What can save her from this trouble? A hunky boy of course! The hunk is interestingly enough a goofy looking British fellow named Jay (Oliver James) whose hair looks like a porcupine with high lights is lying on his head. Once Terri finds this little fella everything is perfect, or is it?

I won't go into too many details about the last section of the movie so I don't ruin it for the one or two or people planning on seeing it, but it is centered on Terri's up and down relationship with Jay and the upcoming recital at the end of the summer that determines who gets a $10,000 scholarship.

Ultimately, the plot of the movie is a small town girl escapes her over-protective father so she can be successful singing in the big scary city. Let's contrast this with the plot summary of 2000's hit Coyote Ugly: A small town girl escapes her over-protective father so she can be successful singing in the big scary city — interesting.

This is not to say that seeing the movie is a complete waste of time; there are parts of the film that are quite enjoyable. For one thing, the music (aside from Duff's singing) is quite good. There's a character named Shuan who is just an incredible pianist. Also, James Avery, better known as Phillip Banks from "The Fresh Prince of Bell-Air" is in the movie, which automatically bumps "Raise your Voice's" grade up a notch.

The real strength of the movie is in its unintentional comedy. Some of the characters are such stereotypes that it is laughable. For example, John Corbett (known for his role in "My Big, Fat, Greek Wedding) plays a rebellious teacher, who in the first scene shows up with long hair, a beard, a leather vest and yes, leather pants. Overkill. Then there is Terri's rival at school, who gets to say such inspiring lines such as "I'm bad ... but I can be badder." The movie had people laughing, just not when it intended to.

There's a line in the movie where professor Torvald (John Corbett) tells Terri, "Artists can be emotional, they make the audience feel what they're feeling." If that's true then director Sean McNamara must have been passing a kidney stone when he made this movie, cause that's what watching the movie felt like.



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Hillary Duff plays a gifted L.A. teen who dreams of being a singer in film "Raise your voice."



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Hillary Duff's character "Terri" attends a selective Los Angeles music school against dad's wishes. Where she finds her talent as a singer is a good outlet for her teen angst.

Classic Cinema Revisited

BY JEFFREY HOROWITZ
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Has there ever been a movie that is utterly perfect? I don't think so, but I can name you films that come close and personify an ideal of greatness. Initially I knew I didn't want to merely review movies — I wanted to review the greatest movies.

With the amount of time we spend on modern trash (although some of it is good trash), how much time do we spend on the classics? How many of us revisit the films from way back when, that made film into an art form?

How many people know the works of Fellini, Ozu, Welles, Bunuel, or Kurosawa? The list can go on forever. Do kids know what they are missing? Sure it's a drag to watch a black and white movie or one with subtitles, but do you know how good some of those movies really are? Have you ever watched one and realized it was truly great? Do you have a favorite film that is foreign? Most kids my age don't know any movie titles from before 1985, and since I am a film lover that intensely loves to share the joy, it disturbs me — it always has. The other day a girl told me she's never seen "The Godfather." "The Godfather!" Of all movies to never have seen, this particular one is my favorite and I am well known among friends to drag someone that I'm aware is ignorant of a masterpiece in front of a television screen and force them to watch it. When the film is done they usually thank me and leave deep in thought; and it's a good feeling.

The objective of this column is to spread the love of truly great movies, and the knowledge of truly great filmmakers. When people read this column,

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CrunknB princess releases her debut album

Ciara gives the "Goodies" with a new sound straight from the dirty south.

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Increasingly we find that with R&B songbirds, the hype is major, and the talent is minor. So often in fact that when we are blessed with the occasional Mary J's, Alicia's, and Beyonce's, we are appreciative. Well we just may have been introduced to a new force, Ms. "Goodies" Herself — Ciara.

"Goodies" the debut album by the proclaimed princess of "CrunknB," defined as the gritty dirty south sound made popular by King Crunk, Lil Jon; mixed with smooth R&B vocals, has made it's imprint on the urban music scene, along with the billboard charts, "TRL", and "106 & Park." Much talent has come out of Ciara's hometown of Atlanta, artists and groups such as TLC, Usher, Outkast, Monica and Ludacris, all claim Atlanta as their home, so Ciara is among good company when the topic of talent comes up.

Ciara 'Goodies' Laface Records

"Goodies" is a mix of many things. The album's production, which is grade A, was made possible by the likes of Lil John, Jazze Phae, and R. Kelly is what will keep the album on rotation in the disc changer. The melodic, futuristic beats of Jazze Phae, and the rowdy head banging of the Little John sound, work quite nicely to the backdrop of Ciara's smooth, sexy sound.

Tracks such as the title "Goodies," featuring Petey Pablo, and "1,2 Step," featuring Missy Elliot are examples of this, and are coincidentally the first and second singles from the album. Both have infectious beats, and catchy lyrics as they rely heavily on them even in the lyrics where Ciara croons, "This beat is automatic, supersonic, hypnotic, funky fresh" at the beginning of "1,2 Step."

Along with the danceable tracks are the uniform love ballads that make any R&B album. Done with the sweet innocence of a "young around the way" girl, tracks like "Thug Style" and "Ooh Baby" find their place.

On "Thug Style," we are reminded of the age of Ms. Ciara, 19 to be exact, when she sings "Now my parents are gone, I can't believe it's me who needed to see you" and "I know you got a curfew," as she sings to her love prospect of equal youth. "Ohh Baby" paints the picture of an infatuation with an older guy, to which she sing "Ohh baby I just cant say no to you baby."

Ciara also does a great job representing her hometown of Atlanta, which has increasingly become known for the entire sub culture of its own within hip-hop, which includes, "crunk", and now "CrunknB."

On "Oh" featuring Ludacris, Ciara paints an image of what it's like to live in the dirty south when she sings "Oh, round her we riding slow, getting crunk off in the club gets low."

Although "Goodies" has highlights, and shows much potential for this new comer, it seriously lacked in the task of making an impressionable first album. While the production, and catchy lyrics were quite enjoyable, the album fails to illustrate, exactly who Ciara is, and whether she has what it takes to stay in the game.

There is no real connection between Ciara's lyrics and style, mainly because she doesn't appear to have one. On each track, she sounds like an R&B diva from the past. On "Next to you" produced by R. Kelly, Ciara has an eerily familiar sound made famous by the late songstress Aaliyah; and on "Lookin at you," I had to double check the album to make sure that I didn't accidentally get it mixed it up with my Beyonce CD.

"Goodies" is an album of limitations. Listening to it I can assure you that you will be pleased with the production, you will hear each an every single mudered on music channels, and urban radio, and there will be another album from Ciara. What I am still fuzzy on is, whether or not Ciara can actually sing, and whether Jazze Phae can top himself in this shameless ploy to be super producer for 2005.

Overall, it's not the type of album you will rely on to get you through the rough times and the lonely days. It's not even the type of album you will remember in six months. But what it is is the type of album you put on getting dressed to go to the club, on the ride to the club, and on the ride to breakfast after the club.



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R&B songstress Ciara releases her new debut album 'Goodies' on Laface records. Debut features' new sound, crunknb.



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Ciara's debut features production from Jazze Phae, and Lil' John. Songs include title track "Goodies" featuring Petey Pablo.

Revisiting the greats: 'The Godfather'

Classic movie tells tale of loyalty, pride, and honor.

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I can only hope they will go out and discover the classics I glorify. The objective is to spread awareness, knowledge and appreciation of great movies from long ago.

I will start with the greatest movies ever made and work my way back and as a tribute to that girl (who will go unnamed for her own protection), and to myself, I will start with my favorite movie — "The Godfather." As I asked in the beginning has a movie ever been utterly perfect? I don't think so, but if ever a movie came closer then any ever made, it was "The Godfather."

"Never take sides against the family."

"The Godfather" has the weight of a Shakespearean tragedy because it's about a king of sorts and his three sons. Each son has drastically different qualities and the movie is mostly about which one will inherit the kingdom. That the kingdom sits on a throne of organized crime has stereotyped this as a mere gangster film, but it is so much more. The mobster quality is crucial to its success because the film now has dimensions, which would not be allowed in any other context.

Mobsters compete for control of the streets and so the film is about competing factions. There are territories and groups that rule over these lands, they meet around a table at crucial times and try to keep the coexistence between the groups civilized. The film is also, about a war that breaks out between two groups. The Corleone and The Tattaglia's. And here's something to consider — the man that leads these group meetings goes by the name Barzini. He is the head of all mob bosses. If one mob boss wars with another it's bad news, but what would happen if Barzini went to war with one of the other bosses due to a conflict of interest? All the other bosses would join him against the one mob boss, seeing as Barzini is the head. Would the mob boss warring against Barzini stand any chance at all? It's something to think about.

While an interesting question, it is an irrelevant one nonetheless because the war in the basis of the movie is between the Corleone's and the Tattaglia's. The main characters in the film are the Corleone's headed by Don Vito Corleone (Marlon Brando).

The film begins in a stunning opening sequence with an undertaker asking Don Corleone for justice against a crime committed on his daughter. It is the wedding day of the Don's daughter and so this should weigh on his feelings but, pay attention to the way the Don explains his reasoning and why he will or won't fulfill the undertaker's wish. He appears to be very wise.

"The Godfather" is known for it's flawless introduction of characters in the beginning, as much as it is known for its skilled character study. Throughout the opening wedding sequence it introduces every character gradually. Within five minutes of each character introduction we know the kind of person we are watching. Pacino's line, "my father made him an offer he couldn't refuse" story introduces Michael and Kay, but also illustrates their characters as people. Michael does not want to go into a family of crime. He's a college graduate, a war hero and wants a legitimate job. His choices throughout the movie reflect various themes that will haunt every character for the entire Godfather trilogy — fate vs. choice; which will raise the crucial theme, loyalty vs. honesty.

In a few scenes, director Francis Ford Coppola portrays Sonny as the hot head, Tom Hagen as the voice of reason, Fredo as the idiot, and of course the Don as the wise old king that will lead us always down the right path. With the horse's head scene, the way these people enforce their laws is established and the story is set in motion. A new business man by the name of Solozzo is in town and requests a partnership with the Corleones as well as a loan of a million dollars to help start his business. The Don finds out that his business is dealing drugs, which is quickly catching on ("The Godfather" is a period piece set in the 1940's) and will make them lots of money. Both Tom Hagen and Sonny think they should get a piece of the action. The Don politely passes on Solozzo's proposal, "Understand, doesn't matter to me what a man does for a living, but your business is a little dangerous." And later he tells Barzini, "Drugs is a dirty business. It's true I have friends in the courts and government, judges and senators, but they wouldn't be my friends very long if they knew my business was drugs, instead of gambling and women which they consider harmless vices."

His stand is a moral one and so his refusal insults Solozzo and Tattaglia who have already united in the business. They order the assasination of the Don who takes five bullets in the back under the guard of Fredo, and still survives.

I don't want to give away too much of the plot for those who haven't seen it. This is when the sons get involved and finish where their father left off. In short, the war rages and all hell breaks lose. Could anyone foresee the shocking tollbooth scene, which lives in infamy? Could anyone predict the fate of Michael, which takes place in an Italian restaurant with Solozzo and a police chief?

My favorite scene is when Michael walks into an empty hospital at the wrong time to visit his father, and cool under pressure rectifies the problem accompanied by the tear inducing line, "I'm with you now pap, I'm with you now." With countless classic scenes, countless classic sayings that can be attributed to endless inspirations and gags in future films, "The Godfather" is the most influential, memorable and unforgettable movie ever made.

It has one of the most ingenious twists in movie history. It's the best source of character analysis I've ever seen in any art form. The story is unrivaled and is more consistently watch-able then any movie ever made. It is the most popular old film, I think of any movie I will review in this column.

What makes "The Godfather" so appealing is that since the war is within the context of organized crime, we as audience members have been introduced to an entirely different reality. The rules have changed and the laws no matter apply because they don't govern these citizens. Since we have been taken into this world we are part of the club and the film gets us to sympathize with murderers and sometimes justifies murder as the right path.

The ending inter-cut with a religious ceremony is the greatest conclusion to any film in the history of movies because it hypocritically denounces evil, cheats the law by establishing an alibi, and makes a character the new Godfather in two senses. It also takes a naive character and converts him into a ruthless killer and by the end we are routing for him with a proud ideology of murder as an acceptable decision.

The movie is merely a tool of manipulation for the audiences, usually emotional, and never has a movie manipulated our minds, emotions, and thoughts as well as "The Godfather." Convincing us that a group of killers is acceptable as heroes.

Look at the cinematography of this film, breathtaking; the structure, virtuoso, and the performances, brilliant; that haunting Nino Rota score, beautiful. Then stare into the tragic eyes of the Don on the cover who wishes everyone would accept his merciful rule while it lasts — the rule of his son will be anything but.



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"The Godfather" is said to be one of the greatest films of all time for its story line and cinematography.



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Marlon Brando stars as Don Corleone, the aging head of the Corleone crime family in this classic tale of family, loyalty, and honor in "The Godfather." The film also stars Al Pacino.

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Monday, October 18th

Movie: Bill Cosby Himself. With TV's favorite dad, Emmy Award-winner Bill Cosby.
Student Union Ballroom, 8p.m. FREE

UNH is an even opponent for UMass

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mate Iattie Bawden drilled home the game winner on the Minutewomen's last shot.

Keeping their winning streak going will be no easy feat with the Wildcats coming to town. Both teams posses similar records and are coming off victories as New Hampshire defeated Northwestern 4-3 on Sunday. Katie White was the hero of that game scoring three goals, two of which came a minute a part, to lead the Cats to victory.

For her efforts she was named the America East Player of the Week.

White should be a familiar name to Massachusetts's field hockey fans. Last year the junior forward posted the game's first three goals as New Hampshire went on to defeat the Minutewomen 5-2. Also returning is sophomore Caitlin Gillen who scored the Wildcat's other two goals in that game. Gillen and White share the team lead in goals scored with Kaitlyn Skelley, all of who have four goals. This trio should pose a very formidable challenge for the Maroon and White defense.

The Minutewomen offense should be in good shape if they continue to keep things simple. Beresin and Monaco will be the key to the Maroon and White attack. The two forwards have been the offensive catalysts of late scoring four of the teams last six goals. Bawden and Borneo have been providing excellent support from the midfield of late and should continue to do so.

Cardinals favorite to win series

NLCS from page 10

despite being 38. Realizes this may be his final go-round with Astros, and silenced critics with his best playoff performance against Atlanta – was 8-of-20 (.400) with a homer and four RBIs. Moved to LF when Carlos Beltran arrived. Regardless, the team's worst defensive player.

Cardinals: Reggie Sanders. Adds occasional pop and speed to attack, but with flair for occasional dramatic hit. Average defensively, but took move from right to left after August deal for Larry Walker without grumbling. Fifth time in the playoffs.

Edge: Astros.

Center Field

Astros: Carlos Beltran. One of the most talented players in the majors, acquired from Kansas City on June 24. Came up huge in first playoff series, going 10-of-22 (.455) with club-record four homers and eight RBIs.



The Cardinals' Edgar Renteria crosses the plate for a run against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Cardinals: Jim Edmonds. Big second half propelled him into MVP talk along with teammates Pujols and Rolen. Hit 42 homers, one off franchise record for left-handed hitters set by Johnny Mize in 1940.

Edge: Even.

Right Field

Astros: Lance Berkman. Switch-hitter is the most powerful bat in a star-studded lineup. Production fell off a bit after strong start, but bounced back in a big way during the playoff run. Provides a solid glove in outfield, too.

Cardinals: Larry Walker. Three-time NL batting champion was final piece to game's best lineup, thriving in second slot ahead of Pujols. Making only second postseason appearance, and first since 1995 with Colorado. Acquired from Rockies on Aug. 6.

Edge: Even.

Starting Pitching

Astros: RH Brandon Backe, RH Pete Munro, RH Roger Clemens, RH Roy Oswalt. Few teams can boast a 1-2 punch like Clemens and Oswalt – but they won't pitch the first two games after closing out the opening round. Won crucial games for Astros en route to NLCS. Munro started season in minors with Twins.

Cardinals: RH Woody Williams, RH Matt Morris, RH Jeff Suppan, RH Jason Marquis. Instead, Marquis (15 wins), Suppan (16) and injured Chris Carpenter (15) put together career years. Carpenter is still out with nerve damage in his right biceps and Morris has had up-and-down season, leaving Williams as the de facto ace.

Edge: Cardinals – would be different if Clemens and Oswalt opened the series.

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Tocco from a goalkeeping family

TOCCO from page 10

making a play on the ball, but I think it proves my point.

DQ: You had two brothers, one of which played hockey at Holy Cross, what if any impact did they have on you athletically?

CT: My brother Greg was a lot older so I really wasn't around for his high school years. My brother John was four years ahead of me and he was really in to ice hockey. I had to travel all over New England to go to all of his games and he was a goalie. So I think the biggest impact was probably becoming a goalie. We didn't have one my freshman year and my coach asked if anyone wanted to do it and I though "Hey my brother's a goalie, I'll try." So that's how I got in to the position.

DQ: Did he ever try to give you advice?

CT: He thinks he can help me (laughs). He didn't really try to. He let me do my own thing.

DQ: What's the first thing you're doing if the Red Sox win the World Series?

CT: I haven't thought that far ahead. I don't want to get my hopes too high, but I will do something!

DQ: Do you believe in "The Curse?"

CT: I don't. I think it's a shame we haven't won in a long time, but I think it can easily be broken.

DQ: What's the best part of being a student athlete?

CT: I would have to say coming to school and having friends already. It made the adjustment of coming to college so much easier. I thought that was great, and keeping those friends and making new ones within the athletic department. I have friends outside, but I think the friends in the athletic department understand where we're coming from, so we're on the same page.

DQ: On the flip side what's the worst part of being a student athlete?

CT: I think it's the stereotype we're given that we think we're cool or we're the big jock on campus. I don't like that.

DQ: Your family owns a plumbing company, what's the best way to unclog a toilet and does jiggling the handle work?

CT: Well my family owns an electrical company.

DQ: Sorry I got some bad information then.

CT: It's my uncle's company, and he's not even an electrician. He just owns it. But to answer your question, I've done it numerous times, my apartment toilet is not so great. Jiggling, no it never works, at least not for us. As far as plunging a toilet, I don't know, you just do it.



MATHEW REDCOLLEGIAN

UMass keeper Christine Tocco has a 2.96 goals against average (GAA), this season.

DQ: It's Friday night and you've got Saturday off from field hockey, what are you doing with yourself?

CT: Focusing on the next game

DQ: Don't lie to me.

CT: Laughs, I try to get out and spend time with friends. You get so caught up in athletics, doing something with your team. I try to venture out from the athletic world and see the other side of life.

DQ: Finally, I ask one loaded question, which you can choose to pass if you want to wimp out. You have ten seconds to explain to my why field hockey players are better than soccer players.

CT: That's horrible. I like the soccer girls.

DQ: Oh here comes the PC answer.

CT: See. I think soccer's better than field hockey. I enjoy watching it more. I think soccer is more aggressive.

DQ: Is it the issue of the skirts?

CT: Oh I hate the skirts. I don't have to wear a skirt and that's cool. One of the reasons I became a goalie is because I didn't like the kilts.

AHL will take NHL revenue

The NHL lockout stands to be the AHL's gain.

With no major league hockey on the horizon anytime in the near future, attention has shifted to the American Hockey League, which is quickly becoming the next best thing.

The AHL is set to begin its 69th season and will do so with an influx of young talent it wouldn't have featured had the NHL started on time Wednesday night.

The league has welcomed hot-shot youngsters like Jason Spezza, Jay Bouwmeester, Joffrey Lupul, Marc-Andre Fleury, Stephen Weiss, Eric Staal, Jordin Tootoo and Scottie Upshall, who are allowed to play in the league because of their limited NHL experience.

And that will work to the advantage of hockey's top minor league just like it did during the 103-day lockout a decade ago that cut the NHL season nearly in half.

"We certainly expect it will," AHL president and CEO Dave Andrews said. "We went through this in '94-95 and experienced some growth in terms of our exposure.

"And short term this time around, it's an opportunity for increased media exposure, it's an opportunity for increased revenues from ticket sales, particularly in markets close to NHL teams."

AHL hockey probably will be at its highest level ever this season, since nearly two-thirds of the 90 players taken in the first round of NHL drafts in the last three years will be on the ice when the league opens Wednesday.

There was fear a year ago that those young players wouldn't be allowed to take part in the AHL during a lockout. But those concerns didn't materialize.

"Obviously, if we had any number of NHL teams determine that they were not going to develop players, it could have had a devastating impact on our league," Andrews said. "The worst-case scenario would have been impacting a number of teams that would not have been able to operate."

Andrews expects a spike in attendance where AHL clubs play near NHL teams.

"We have a number of teams in and around Boston, we have a team in Chicago, a team in Philadelphia, and our team in Hamilton (Ontario) will benefit to some extent," Andrews said. "I think in those areas we'll see a very significant increase in attendance, and in others it remains to be seen. There's really no rationale why we would see greater attendance in certain markets that are distant from NHL teams."

-Associated Press

Women's cross country finishes 11th

By Eric Athas
Collegian Correspondent

For the Massachusetts women's cross country team it was Freshman Christina Derosa once again who finished first place for the team and 25th overall, with a time of 18:39. The team as a whole finished 11th out of 45 teams at the New England Championships.

Derosa, who has come in first for UMass in the past four meets, was followed by Alexis Anzelone (18:53) who finished 39th. Cuisle Kierans (19:29) finished at the 86th spot. Amanda Dahlberg (19:31), and Kara Gillette (19:53) was the 129th runner to cross the finish line. Strong performances also came in from Tricia Silva (20:00) and Ashley Davidson (21:20).

Over 300 runners took part in this meet, but it was Lindsey Scherf of Harvard who had a time of 17:22.

So far this season, the Massachusetts women's cross country team has had strong showings at all of the meets they've attended. It is the leadership of seniors Dahlberg and Anzelone combined with the standout performances by the newcomers Kierans and Derosa that coach Julie Lafreniere feels is a main reason to their success.

The women will look to continue their strong season this Friday at the Albany Invitational.

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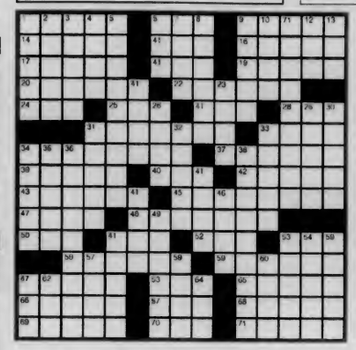
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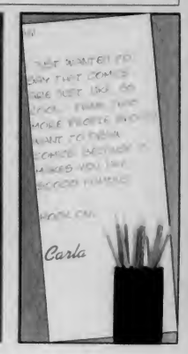
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Back on track for UMass

Field hockey set to take on UNH

BY DAVE QUINN
COLLEGIAN STAFF

It's been a long and frustrating season for the Massachusetts field hockey team, but there is definitely reason to believe that the Maroon and White (3-11, 1-1 A-10) have finally turned the corner.

After playing significantly better in their two games this weekend, there is a good chance that the Minutewomen could end their home stand on a high note as they take on the Wildcats of New Hampshire (2-11) at 7 p.m. tonight at Garber field.

Massachusetts split this weekend's contests dropping one Saturday to West Chester 3-2 but defeating La Salle 3-2 in penalty strokes on Sunday.

After a scoreless first half against West Chester (2-10), the Minutewomen broke the game open by scoring two quick goals early in the second half. The first came via Trish Bortoo on a pass from Marije Tigchelaar at 32:56. Four minutes later teammate Caitlin Beresin scored her fourth on the season thanks to an assist from Gina Sanders. Unfortunately for the Maroon and White the Golden Rams countered with three unanswered goals of their own in route to a 3-2 win.

UMass was able to create more scoring opportunities than it's accustomed to, firing 18 shots in the game.

On Sunday, the Minutewomen were having so much fun they decided to play extra frames with the Explorers (5-8). Massachusetts took a 2-1 lead right before halftime on Adrianne Monaco's second goal of the game, but midway through the second half, Colleen Nesbitt tied the game at two all. Neither team could produce another score through regulation or two overtime periods for that matter, as the game would be decided by penalty strokes.

Adrianne Monaco and La Salle's Amy Dalrymple both knocked in their teams first strokes, but their teammates were unable to convert on their next three attempts. Becky Letourneau saved La Salle's fifth and final shot by Emilie Stewart and then watched as team-

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Sophomore Paula Verma plays a ball during the 2004 campaign. Verma has played in six games for the Minutewomen this year, starting one. UMass takes on UNH today at Garber Field at 7 p.m.

An interesting talk with a pure keeper

BY DAVE QUINN
COLLEGIAN STAFF

It takes a special breed to be a goaltender. Cat like agility, a flexible frame, and a willingness to sacrifice life and limb to stop a moving object are just part of the job description. You also need a short memory. A goalie can never get too high after a save or too low after a goal because the next chance to prove themselves could only be seconds away. They are the stopper, the savior and sometimes the goat, even if their defense lets them down.

To better understand the "goalie" who better to ask than one of the top in the nation, Massachusetts own Christine Tocco. I sat down with her to talk about life in front of the net, being a teammate, growing up, and living as a college student:

DQ: Aside from field hockey, you played several other sports in high school including ice hockey. That's not surprising, but what is surprising was the fact that you were a forward. What gives?

CT: I wanted to score. I was sick of being stuck in a little circle watching my teammates attack the other goalie. I wanted to be that person for a change so I was the center. It was fun for a year.

DQ: Did you model your playing style after any other goalie, whether it be a professional in the National Hockey League or somebody you watched in field hockey?

CT: Before high school I had never seen a field hockey game played before, so the only person I could think of is the person who was a head of me in high school. She was very aggressive and very good in net. I took what I learned from her and made my own style from that. I try not to compare myself to other goalies.

DQ: Do you get even a little pleasure out of taking out an offensive player who comes a little too close to you in the circle?

CT: I love it. There's something about seeing the girl hit the ground that gets me a little excited (laughs). I never do it intentionally, I'm just

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Minutewomen get in a groove

Last Friday, in the midst of a neck-and-neck battle with the Richmond Spiders, Massachusetts soccer coach Jim Rudy remained seemingly calm and collective.

While Spiders head coach Peter Albright continued to raise his voice at everything and everyone, Rudy was busy letting loose a wisecrack.

Brendan Hall

"Settle down, you sound like John Daly," Rudy shouted across the sideline to him, cracking a smile.

In one fell swoop, Albright went from sixty to zero on a dime. "The golfer or the coach?" he hollered back with a chuckle.

So how, in the middle of a race to qualify for the postseason — not to mention a crucial Atlantic 10 Conference match up — can he remain so tranquil? Look no further than the play of the Minutewomen during their recent five-game homestand, which included a 4-1 thumping of the Holy Cross Crusaders and an overtime thriller over the Temple Owls 3-2.

The Maroon and White lost that fateful game to Richmond 1-0, but bounced back two days later to down the George Washington Colonials 2-0, concluding a homestretch in which they went 3-2 (they also lost to St. Joseph's on Oct. 1). With Sunday's win over GWU, the Minutewomen have equaled their win total from a year ago (four wins), with still half of the A-10 season to go.

Like its upset of Central Connecticut State three weeks ago, leaving Amherst to hit the road having won three of their last five has proven to be a momentum-changer for UMass.

And the players are thrilled.

"I thought this weekend would be our biggest A-10 weekend," junior midfielder Lindsey Bellini said. "We've got Dayton and Xavier [this] weekend. Dayton's pretty good, so hopefully we can carry some of this momentum into that game."

"This was a huge turnaround," sophomore goalkeeper Kristin Walker said of the success at home. "We knew we had to come out hard, particularly since we're going to be on the road for a while. We knew that with [five] home games in a row you have to come out with at least more wins than losses. This is big."

Walker, of course, recorded her first shutout in that last game against George Washington after a series of hits and misses, earning her A-10 Rookie of the Week honors this week. It is a sign of an improvement along a defensive front that is allowing the offense to take more shots than ever.

Enter factor number one: the Minutewomen are converting more shots into goals. At the beginning of the season, you could see the frustration on players' faces: wide left, wide right, off the crossbar, it was enough to make Scott Norwood feel at home.

How did they respond to their frustration? Practice — and lots of it. They focused heavily on making their shots in practice, and it slowly began to pay off. The Maroon and white got their first taste of redemption against the CCSU Blue Devils when Adair Blyler and Lindsey "Stormy" Fairweather each tallied their first goals of the season after many misses in previous games. The Minutewomen went up 2-0 on what is regarded as one of the premier teams in the northeast, and never looked back.

The thrill of victory caught up with them again in the crunch 12 days later behind the feet of freshman and leading scorer Britt Canfield. Down 2-1 late in the second half against Temple, Canfield slipped one by netminder Jackie Mauro through a scrum to tie things up. Then, in the ninth minute of overtime, she knocked a feed from Liz Weinstein through Mauro and into the left corner of the net to seal a comeback victory.

UMass took 32 shots to Temple's seven in that game. That means they converted almost a whopping 11 percent of their shots. Practice indeed does make perfect. And it's coming from more than just one or two players.

Enter factor number two: the Minutewomen are staying relatively injury-free. Well, for the most part. Seniors Carly Turman and Erica Wideburg are done for the season, Kristin Rutland now dresses but still feels the effects of her abdominal tear, and from time to time a player or two will be out. But compared to last season's astronomical plethora of injuries, some freakish, having just one or two players sidelined might feel like a relief.



Amy Maffuci has started every game this yar for the Minutewomen. UMass will travel to Dayton on Friday for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff.

Brendan Hall is a Collegian Columnist

Men's XC comes in 21st

BY MARTHA POWERS
COLLEGIAN CORRESPONDENT

Disappointed is the only way to describe the Massachusetts men's cross-country team after last Friday's New England Championships. The Minutemen finished 21st out of 48 teams in a field of 315 runners.

The team was hoping to continue the momentum it had from its previous race, when the Minutemen finished first in the Orange County Classic beating rival Syracuse.

"We did awful," Captain Matt Clark said. "I haven't been this upset about cross-country in a long time. This proves that we are not yet a good team because a good team would've pulled off a decent race and we didn't."

Finishing first for Massachusetts was Ryan Corbett, 59th place (26:01). Matt Clark finished 114th (26:48), Matt Klypka 115th (26:49), Sean Corbett 129th (27:00), Nils Fischer 144th (27:14), Paul Noone 159th (27:25), and Andy McCarron 163rd (27:27).

At first glance, it may appear that even though the team didn't finish well, they were running together as a pack because there was 74 seconds between the top five runners. But, during the first meet of the season, that time was only 36 seconds. "This is not a good sign," Coach O'Brien said.

"I felt as though we would do considerably better," O'Brien said. "Going into the race it felt comfortable. You never really know why this happens."

Even though O'Brien didn't think his team would do so poorly, he wasn't completely surprised.

"This was our first championship race, and there are unique challenges with each step you take up. Only 3 out of our twelve runners ran this meet last year, so this race was uncharted waters for most of the team," O'Brien said.

Some of the runners mixed up their race numbers, which according to O'Brien "showed just how nervous they were before the race." In a meet that included such powerhouse running schools like Providence, the young Massachusetts team couldn't keep up.

"The excitement of competing with so many runners and so much talent results in a very fast first mile," O'Brien said. "Inexperienced people can lose their focus in the big crowd. As an athlete, you have to know how you are doing without relying on outside stimuli. In a big meet, inexperienced runners who have depended on outside stimuli suddenly find that they have disappeared."

Even though the Minutemen had an off day on Friday, Clark is still optimistic and knows that the team "needs to pull together." Hopefully the team will in time for their next meet this Saturday in Albany.

A glimpse at the NLCS matchup

FIRST BASE

Astros: Jeff Bagwell. Hit .318 with two homers and five RBIs in series against Atlanta, by far the best playoff performance of his career. Battled through shoulder pain all season, yet was one of the team's most reliable hitters in final month.

Cardinals: Albert Pujols. One of the game's top offensive powers. he's only third player in major league history to drive in 500 runs in his first four seasons. .

Edge: Cardinals.

SECOND BASE

Astros: Jeff Kent. Four-time All-Star holds major league record for homers at position and remains a dangerous hitter. The 36-year-old is a liability on defense, but hustles to make up for limitations. Other than Roger Clemens, is the team's fiercest competitor.

Cardinals: Tony Womack. Resurrected career after a spring training trade from the Red Sox that netted Boston only a minor league pitcher, and has sparked the top of the lineup.

Arm strength no longer a factor after weak start following off-season elbow surgery.

Edge: Astros.

SHORTSTOP

Astros: Jose Vizcaino. Versatile 38-year-old who boasts World Series experience with Yankees in 2000. Productive at plate (.274, 33 RBIs in 138 games) and is one of team's best defensive players.

Cardinals: Edgar Renteria. Had slight drop-off offensively, batting .287 after a .330, 100-RBI year last season. Still, among the team's top clutch hitters. Good range, strong arm.

Edge: Cardinals.

THIRD BASE

Astros: Morgan Ensberg. Struggled this year after hitting career-high 25 homers last season. Didn't connect until July 2 this year, finished with 10. Back spasms limited effectiveness in September and was replaced in lineup by Mike Lamb for 21 games.

Cardinals: Scott Rolen. Likely would have been NL MVP at All-Star break, and cleanup hitter was key to team taking control of Central. Dogged by injuries to left knee, left calf in second half and enters series in 3-for-29 slump. Defensively, has no peer.

Edge: Cardinals.

CATCHER

Astros: Brad Ausmus. Former two-time Gold Glove winner is dependable and consistent but offers little more. Hit .248 with little power, often replaced offensively in late innings.

Cardinals: Mike Matheny. Among best defensively at his position and prized for his handling of pitching staff. Light hitter bats eighth and had career-best 50 RBIs, but tied Pujols for team lead in RBIs (5) in division series.

Edge: Cardinals.

LEFT FIELD

Astros: Craig Biggio. Still one of the game's best leadoff hitters

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'Fahrenheit 9/11' is example of changes in documentary field

BY SHERRY LANARD
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Documentaries such as "Fahrenheit 9/11" and "Hijacking Catastrophe" are examples of new developments in the way documentaries are produced, developments that may be the "best and the worst of worlds," according to Professor Martin Allor of Concordia University.

A well-known scholar in the field of documentaries, Allor spoke in the University of Massachusetts Campus Center on Wednesday afternoon. Allor said the "boundaries of the term 'documentary' have always been contested," but even more so recently with changes in mode of documenting material.

There is more work in the field of documentary production, but the people who entered the field originally to make documentaries feel disconnected from what they had once been doing, said Allor.

The serial modes of production have been altered in so many ways, and money and funding is harder to find unless the documentary is to be a mainstream production.

Popular reality TV shows and large theatrically released documentaries like "Fahrenheit 9/11" have changed the way documentaries are produced. In contrast, single author films that have not been funded and produced by large broadcasting agencies.

Allor said that documentary producers now are finding it increasingly difficult to get funding unless they pitch the idea to a broadcasting company and have a broadcasting license first. Therefore, there have been an increasing number of short series made for TV in place of feature-length documentaries.

Some new forms of documentaries that have arisen recently include the docu-soap. This is a blend of documentary of soap opera and documentary where short clips are captured and put together in a way that it feels almost as if the viewer is watching a simultaneous grouping of events when in actuality, the weekly hour could be events from an entire week.

However, smaller producers are lighting back. There has been a recent localization movement in the making of documentary films. Small independent documentaries have become increasingly easy to make with new video, computer and Internet technologies.

The makers have noticed that the cheap and quick editing software make it easy to do most of the work on their own and make it able to be posted on the Internet minutes or hours later.

Allor said one of his career goals is to open a center for documentary media with a colleague. The center would be for mediation and intervention with documenters.

Allor received his PhD at the University of Illinois. He then taught at the University of New Hampshire before working as a professor at Concordia University where he was the Head of the Communications Department

Alternative energy sources to be explored in Friday talk

BY MICHAEL PARRISH
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As global warming becomes a growing concern, the search for alternative energy sources is becoming more important. Scientists are working to find technologies that could replace current energy sources such as fossil fuels or batteries.

Assistant Professor Erin Baker of the Mechanical and Industrial Engineering Department at the University of Massachusetts has contributed to advancing a policy for alternative energy sources.

Her recent collaboration of papers, "Uncertainty and Learning in a Strategic Environment," which deals with resource and energy economics and "Optimal Technology R&D in the Face of Climate Uncertainty," which deals with climate changes and investing in alternative energy sources, will be discussed Friday at the Isenberg School of Management in room 112 from 11 a.m. to noon.

The paper was a collaboration between Professor Baker, Leon Clarke of the joint Global Change Research Institute and John Weyant a professor at Stanford University. They submitted the paper to Climatic Change earlier this year.

The broad subject of Baker's presentation on this paper will deal with climate change and global warming. She is trying to push for policies on alternative energy sources so that firms may invest in them. More specifically, Baker is trying to find the best alternative energy sources for firms to invest in and whether they should invest in them. Alternative energy sources she'll be discussing are from solar energy to hydrogen powered sources as opposed to fossil fuels.

Baker says the current energy sources people use create carbon monoxide a gas emission released by the burning of fuel, such as an automobile or a power plant. These emissions cause a greenhouse effect and in turn are a contributing factor in global warming.

Baker has taught at UMass for two years. She received her PhD from Stanford University in 2002. She has worked in the actuarial sciences, and taught math in Ghana and at a junior high school in America.

Baker says most importantly, she is trying to achieve something socially relevant in her career. Her speech is part of the INFORMS speaker series, which is a series to promote interest in and provide a means of communication between people in the fields of operations research and management sciences. The series is hosted by the INFORMS organization, which is a collaboration of students in the Isenberg School of Management, the College of Engineering and the departments of resource economics and mathematics.

Professor Donald Fisher of the Mechanical and Industrial Engineering Department gave a speech on Oct. 1 as part of the series titled, "How a Philosopher Became a Psychologist Who Fell in Love with Operations Research."

Two soliders killed in suicide attack; Driver ran car into U.S. convoy



A civilian car burns after a bombing in Mosul, Iraq on Monday. It was the second deadly suicide attack in the past three days.

BY ROBERT H. REID
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A suicide attack and roadside bombings killed six American soldiers, the U.S. command said Wednesday, as U.S. and Iraqi troops staged raids in Ramadi and Baqouba, stepping up pressure on Sunni insurgents before this week's start of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

A suicide driver plowed into a U.S. convoy and blew up his car Wednesday in the northern city of Mosul, killing two American soldiers and wounding five, according to the military. It was the second deadly suicide attack against American convoys in Mosul in the past three days.

In Baghdad, Iraq's interim prime minister also warned that U.S. and Iraqi forces will launch military operations in the main insurgent stronghold Fallujah if residents do not hand over Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, whose group has kidnapped and beheaded numerous foreigners.

During Wednesday's raids, U.S. troops swept into the Sunni stronghold of Ramadi and joined Iraqi police and National Guardsmen in raids in Baqouba after a day of fierce clashes in militant enclaves stretching from the gates of Baghdad to the Syrian border.

Last year, insurgents sharply increased their attacks against U.S. and coalition forces during Ramadan, expected to start at the end of this week. Extremists believe they win a special place in paradise if they die in a jihad, or holy war, during Ramadan.

Three of the U.S. deaths occurred late Tuesday when a roadside bomb exploded near a U.S. convoy in eastern Baghdad, the U.S. command said. Another American soldier died in a bombing before dawn Wednesday in western Baghdad.

Two soldiers were killed Wednesday in the Mosul attack and five were wounded, two of whom returned to duty later in the day, the military said. One U.S. soldier was killed Monday in a similar suicide operation.

More than 1,000 U.S. and Iraqi troops launched two simultaneous raids Wednesday around Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, to clear the area of insurgents.

One of the early morning operations took place just south of the city, in the village of Daliabbas, said Capt. Marshall Jackson, spokesman for the 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. Several people were detained. The other operation also took place in Baqouba though no location was given.

"Basically, it's a pre-Ramadan operation just to clear up some of the area around Baqouba," Jackson said.

The city has been relatively peaceful in recent months, but U.S. commanders noted an upswing in insurgent activity during last year's Ramadan in Diyala province.

A police captain was killed Wednesday in a drive-by shooting near Baqouba, officials said. Insurgents regularly target Iraq's security forces, which are seen as collaborators with the United States and its allies.

In Ramadi, 70 miles west of Baghdad, U.S. troops sealed off key streets and searched buildings after days of clashes, residents reported. The U.S. command had no comment on the operation.

On Tuesday, Iraqi government soldiers supported by U.S. Marine and Army units raided seven mosques in Ramadi, detaining four people and seizing bomb-making materials and pro-insurgent literature, the military said.

The Association of Muslim Scholars, a Sunni clerical group suspected of links to the insurgency, condemned the mosque raids as an example of alleged American hostility toward Islam.

The U.S. command said the raids followed an increase in insurgent attacks in Ramadi and accused the militants of violating the sanctity of the mosques by using them for military purposes. Marine spokesman Maj. Francis Piccoli said U.S. troops provided backup for the Iraqi soldiers but did not enter the mosques.

In the north, Iraqi soldiers patrolling Tal Afar on Tuesday detained 18 suspected militants, while a joint U.S.-Iraqi operation in Mosul netted five suspected rebels wanted for mortar attacks on military bases and "intimidating local civilians," the military said in a statement. Two more suspects were arrested southeast of Samarra, the statement said.

U.S. and Iraqi forces have used a mix of diplomacy and pressure to try to suppress Iraq's mounting insurgency in time to hold nationwide elections in January.

A wave of deadly bombings, mortar and rocket attacks, kidnappings and shooting sprees has forced the United States to divert funds from reconstruction to security.

In Tokyo, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Armitage acknowledged that the United States was initially too slow in channeling money to Iraq, telling a donor's conference in the Japanese capital that "it took longer than necessary to get our act together prior to turning over sovereignty" on June 28.

Last day to drop classes without "F"

University of Massachusetts undergraduates and Continuing Educations students have until Monday, October 25 to drop a fall semester course and receive only a "W" on their transcript.

Dropping the class will have no impact on one's cumulative average. A "W" is almost always preferable to an "F" on a transcript.

Students are encouraged to consult their academic dean for advice and appropriate procedures in order to drop a course.

However, students should be aware that in they must carry at least 12 credits for financial aid and health insurance purposes.

For more information, contact Senior Academic Advisor Susan Machala in the Pre-Major Advising Services. Her email is smachala@acad.umass.edu.

— Erika Lovley

Republican voters on decline in Bay State

BOSTON (AP) — The number of registered Republican voters in Massachusetts has dropped to its lowest level since February 2000, despite attempts by GOP Gov. Mitt Romney to rebuild the party in a heavily Democratic state.

The figures released Tuesday by Secretary of State William F. Galvin show that the GOP rolls have dropped to 315,860 voters, down about 13,000 since Romney was elected in 2002.

Meanwhile, the Democratic Party enrolled more than 36,000 new voters over the same period, and the Libertarian and Green-Rainbow parties each added more than 2,000. The number of unenrolled voters fell by about 50,000, The Boston Globe reported.

The Democratic Party now has 1,479,055 voters, the highest number since at least 1948, the earliest year that the secretary of state's office published figures.

Republican Party enrollment in Massachusetts reached a high point of 743,736 in 1954.

Galvin said he thinks the decline reflects President Bush's slipping popularity in the home state of his rival, Sen. John F. Kerry.

"I'm not saying it's insignificant that (Republican enrollment) went down, but I think it's more reflective of feelings about Bush, and not Romney," said Galvin, a Democrat.

Romney has worked to recruit Republican legislative candidates to challenge Democratic incumbents, who hold an overwhelming majority in both the House and Senate.

Party officials downplayed the new enrollment numbers, saying the governor's efforts have focused on recruiting candidates, not registering new GOP voters.

"We continue to face the Democratic monopoly, and this is bad for the people of Massachusetts," said Tim O'Brien, GOP executive director. "If we are going to restore a healthy democracy, we need to focus on electing more Republican reformers to the (state) Legislature."



Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney

As a percentage of the total number of votes in the state, Democrats have actually lost ground since the 1980s, while the proportion of unenrolled voters has increased.

The percentage of unenrolled voters increased from 44 in 1990 to 49 now, while the Democrats' share of the electorate fell from 42 percent in 1990 to 37 percent today. Republicans have hovered around 13 percent.

Wednesday was the last day to register to vote in the Nov. 2 election. Galvin predicted that overall enrollment would increase by several thousand when the final figures are tallied for this election season.

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Israel plans to limit access to holy site during Ramadan

By Karin Laub
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel said Wednesday it would severely limit the access of Muslim worshippers to Jerusalem's holiest site during the holy month of Ramadan, claiming it could collapse.

Angry Muslim clerics dismissed Israeli's claims, saying Arab engineers assured them the Al Aqsa Mosque compound was stable. They accused Israel of exaggerating the danger in hopes of increasing its control over the site, which is administered by the Islamic Trust.

Israeli police and archaeologists warned that because of a recent earthquake, part of the compound, Islam's third holiest shrine, might collapse under large crowds of believers during Ramadan, which begins this weekend.

The sacred hilltop, revered by Jews as the site of their biblical temples, is one of the most sensitive spots in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and riots there in 2000 escalated into the current round of fighting. Israeli attempts to restrict the number of worshippers could lead to more Palestinian protests.

Israel's police minister, Gideon Ezra, said he wants the Islamic Trust, or Waqf, to declare the southeastern corner of the holy site compound off-limits.

If the Waqf does not agree, "we will view this as a real and immediate threat and we can't let this happen ... we will have to limit the number of worshippers to 50,000 or 60,000," Ezra told Israel Army Radio. The compound holds about 250,000 people and is often filled to capacity during the main Ramadan prayers.

The chief Muslim cleric, or mufti, of Jerusalem, said he would not go along with the Israeli request. Egyptian and Jordanian engineers who inspected the walls after the earthquake said that "there is no real danger," the mufti, Ikrema Sabri, told The Associated Press.

After nightfall Wednesday, an Israeli aircraft fired a missile at a group of militants near Beit Lahiya, a town in the northern part of the Gaza Strip, witnesses said, killing one person. Hamas officials said he was Hassan Shakfi, 24, a member of the Islamic group. The Israeli military had no immediate comment.

Around the same time, an Israeli attack helicopter fired a missile in the Rafah refugee camp at the other end of the Gaza Strip, along the Egyptian border, Palestinians said. No one was hurt. About 20 tanks were seen massing at the edge of the camp.

Earlier Wednesday, Israeli troops captured the Hamas chief in the West Bank city of Hebron after surrounding his hideout. The fugitive, Lymad Qawasmeh, was ordered to strip to ensure he was not armed, and was led away blindfolded and in his underwear.



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Israeli officials say the Al Aqsa Mosque could collapse with the weight of crowds during the Holy week of Ramadan this weekend.

Afghan election marks a fresh start

By Stephen Graham
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The successful Afghan election "spells the end" of the rule of the gun in the war-battered country, the top U.S. commander here said Wednesday, although he added that American troops would remain for the foreseeable future.

The upbeat assessment came as a panel of foreign experts began to work through a total of 43 complaints of irregularities received by the 16 candidates in Saturday's first direct presidential vote.

Craig Jenness, a Canadian who is one of the three panelists, said the committee had reviewed 37 of the complaints and recommended ballot boxes from 10 sites be quarantined as a result. Vote counting, which still hasn't begun four days after the vote, cannot start until all 43 complaints are reviewed.

Jenness did not say when the review would be complete, but he said that counting would begin "very quickly" after it is. Jenness said election officials have given candidates until Thursday to file additional complaints, but that vote counting would not be held up for those new complaints. Final results are not expected until late October.

Eight people stranded for 24 hours since a helicopter sent to retrieve ballots crash-landed at high altitude in northeastern Afghanistan were rescued Wednesday, said U.N. spokesman Manoel de Almeida e Silva. The crash slowed collection of ballots from the region.

Lt. Gen. David Barno, the top U.S. commander, said the election was an important milestone.

"This turning point spells the end of more than two decades of the rule of the gun in this nation and confirms the bright hope of all the Afghan people in a democratic future centered on the rule of law," he said.



COURTESY OF ABC NEWS VIA AP

The election staff counts ballots at a U.N. office in Kabul yesterday.

Germany worried over U.S. plan for Afghanistan

By Paul Ames
Associated Press

POIANA BRASOV, Romania (AP) — Germany's defense minister rejected a U.S. proposal to have NATO take over the U.S.-led military mission in Afghanistan, saying Wednesday that his country wants to focus on stabilization.

Peter Struck spoke on the opening day of a meeting of NATO defense ministers. The proposal would combine the NATO peacekeeping force in Afghanistan with the 18,000 strong U.S.-commanded combat mission fighting remnants of the Taliban and al-Qaida.

"We are against a merger of the two mandates," Struck told German radio. "The German government sees its engagement primarily with the ... stabilization mandate."

NATO currently commands the International Security Assistance Force in Kabul, the Afghan capital, and it has set up five Provincial Reconstruction Teams in northern Afghanistan. Its troops do not conduct combat missions as U.S. forces do.

Nicholas Burns, the U.S. ambassador to NATO, had told reporters traveling with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld on Tuesday that the United States wants the two missions combined under an alliance commander, possibly as early as 2005.

"It's a very complicated issue, how you put these two very different military missions together," Burns said. "But there will be a number of people who will support — we will certainly support — a direction to the military leaders of the alliance to go and look at this question."

Burns said he expects the alliance's military leaders to present answers at a planned February meeting of defense ministers in Nice, France.

Since August 2003, NATO has run a peacekeeping mission in the Afghan capital, Kabul, separate from the U.S. combat mission. In recent months, NATO has expanded the mission into northern provinces in Afghanistan and is now seeking to increase the 8,000-troop force to move into a western sector.



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Mount St. Helens' rising lava gives off an eerie glow at night

By Peggy Andersen
Associated Press

SEATTLE, WA (AP) — The molten rock rising inside Mount St. Helens is giving the peak an eerie red glow at night.

Lava has been climbing to the surface at nearly 1,300 degrees for the past few days in a process that scientists said Wednesday could go on for days, weeks or months. At night, low-hanging clouds and the steam rising from the volcano reflect the glow of the red-hot stone inside the crater.

Scientists said they do not know how long the eruption might continue, or whether it will be marked by explosive blasts. But they said any eruption would probably be far less dangerous than the cataclysmic explosion in 1980 that blasted away much of the mountaintop and killed 57 people.

The area immediately around the mountain remains closed.

The molten rock, or magma, rising inside the mountain has been depositing itself on the crater floor inside the volcano, halfway up the 8,634-foot peak, creating a "fin" of rock estimated Tuesday at 60 to 90 feet tall and 150 to 180 feet wide.

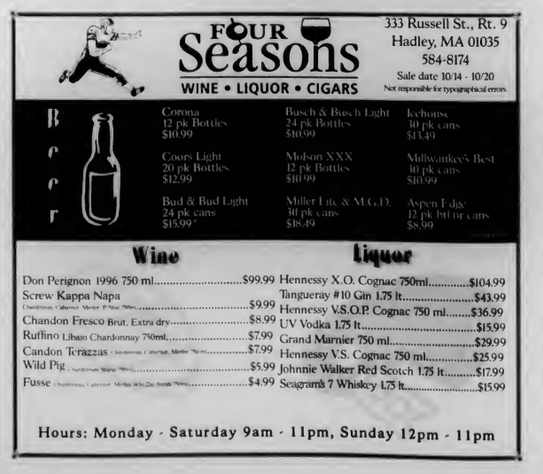
The fin, at about 750 degrees, has a pinkish cast "like medium roast beef," geologist Tina Neal of the U.S. Geological Survey said.

The glowing rock itself can be seen only from above, from aircraft.



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Hot magma leaks out of a dome in a crater in Mount St. Helens on Tuesday night. The lava has climbed to temperatures of 1,300 degrees.



Massachusetts imposes restrictions on flu vaccine

By Jay Lindsay
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — The state Department of Public Health on Wednesday issued an order limiting distribution of the scarce influenza vaccine to people considered "high risk" for the virus.

Public Health Commissioner Christine Ferguson said the state, facing an unparalleled shortage of flu shots, had to direct vaccinations to people most likely to die from the illness, such as very young children, seniors over 65 and people with chronic medical conditions.

"It's not rationing," she said. "It's being rational about how to reduce the number of deaths that could result from a serious flu season."

The order also requires health care providers to report flu shot supplies to the state. Ferguson said the state had no plans to take over private supplies, though she said, "It's not impossible." Rather, she said, the state can better lobby for its share of the 22.4 million doses the federal government plans to distribute if it has a handle on its own supplies.

Health care providers who defy Ferguson's order face a maximum penalty of a $200 fine per infraction and six months in jail.

A state order controlling what the private sector can do with its own medicine is "unprecedented," and makes it difficult for public flu shot clinics to continue, since many can't verify a "high risk" status for patients, said Dr. John Foster, medical director of the North End Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, a nursing home. But he added the order is needed.

"I think it is a public health crisis," he said. "They can't wait and give vaccines out to people who shouldn't get it."

About 60 percent of the state's flu vaccine is generally distributed by doctors, health clinics and other private parties, Ferguson said. The rest is given out by the state.

Last week, British regulators unexpectedly shut down a major U.S. vaccine supplier, Chiron Corp., citing concerns about bacterial contamination. The move froze shipment of up to 48 million flu shots.

THE "HIGH RISK" GROUP INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

— Children ages 6 months to 23 months.

— Adults age 65 and over.

— Anyone six months and older with chronic medical conditions, such as heart disease, asthma and diabetes.

— Out of home caregivers and household contacts of children younger than six months.

— Residents of nursing homes and long term care facilities.

— Children six months to 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy.

— Health care workers who have direct contact with patients.

Implantable chip provides medical info and privacy issues



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An implantable computer chip can track medical history.

By Diedtra Henderson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Medical milestone or privacy invasion? A tiny computer chip approved Wednesday for implantation in a patient's arm can speed vital information about a patient's medical history to doctors and hospitals. But critics warn that it could open new ways to imperil the confidentiality of medical records.

The Food and Drug Administration said Wednesday that Applied Digital Solutions of Delray Beach, Fla., could market the VeriChip, an implantable computer chip about the size of a grain of rice, for medical purposes.

With the pinch of a syringe, the microchip is inserted under the skin in a procedure that takes less than 20 minutes and leaves no stitches. Silently and invisibly, the dormant chip stores a code that releases patient-specific information when a scanner passes over it.

Think UPC code. The identifier, emblazoned on a food item, brings up its name and price on the cashier's screen.

The VeriChip itself contains no medical records, just codes that can be scanned, and revealed, in a doctor's office or hospital. With that code, the health providers can unlock that portion of a secure database that holds that person's medical information, including allergies and prior treatment. The electronic database, not the chip, would be updated with each medical visit.

The microchips have already been implanted in 1 million pets. But the chip's possible dual use for tracking people's movements, as well as speeding delivery of their medical information to emergency rooms, has raised alarm.

"If privacy protections aren't built in at the outset, there could be harmful consequences for patients," said Emily Stewart, a policy analyst at the Health Privacy Project.

To protect patient privacy, the devices should reveal only vital medical information, like blood type and allergic reactions, needed for health care workers to do their jobs, Stewart said.

An information technology guru at Detroit Medical Center, however, sees the benefits of the devices and will lobby for his center's inclusion in a VeriChip pilot program.

"One of the big problems in health care has been the medical records situation. So much of it is still on paper," said David Ellis, the center's chief futurist and co-founder of the Michigan Electronic Medical Records Initiative.

As "medically mobile" patients visit specialists for care, their records fragment on computer systems that don't talk to each other.

"It's part of the future of medicine to have these kinds of technologies that make life simpler for the patient," Ellis said. Pushing for the strongest encryption algorithms to ensure hackers can't nab medical data as information transfers from chip to reader to secure database, will help address privacy concerns, he said.

Appeals court throws out anti-abortion protesters case

By Jennifer Peter
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — The 1st U.S. Court of Appeals on Tuesday denied a second appeal by anti-abortion protesters challenging the legality of a state law creating a "buffer zone" around abortion clinics.

In arguments earlier this year, a lawyer for the three protesters argued that the buffer zones, which extend in an 18-foot radius from a clinic's entrance, have unfairly become a place where only abortion-rights rhetoric can be uttered.

The court ruled that law has been enforced fairly.

"There is no evidence that the police have enforced this statute in anything other than an evenhanded way," Appeals Court Judge Sandra Lynch said.

This is the second time the case has come before the court. In the first appeal, the anti-abortion protesters argued the statute was an unconstitutional infringement on free speech. A federal district court agreed, but the appeals court overturned that decision.

In the latest appeal, protesters said that the statute was unconstitutional in the manner it has been applied, with clinic workers essentially allowed to advocate for abortion rights as they escort patients into the clinic. The court ruled that police officers have acted fairly by addressing this type of behavior any time it has been brought to their attention.

Lawmakers began pushing for a buffer zone after John Salvi fatally shot two female workers and injured others at two Brookline abortion clinics in 1994.

The law, passed in 2000, prohibits anyone from coming within six feet of patients within an 18-foot radius of a clinic entrance. The law created an exemption for clinic employees as long as they're "acting within the scope of their employment."

The protesters' lawyer, Mark Rienzi, did not immediately return calls for comment about whether the decision would be appealed.

Abortion rights advocates applauded the decision, saying that the buffer zone law has once again proven it can stand up to judicial scrutiny.

"It's a shame that anti-choice protesters are wasting the court's time by challenging this law," said Melissa Kogut, executive director of NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts. "We worked hard to pass the buffer zone bill and we know that it passes constitutional muster."

Massachusetts Citizens for Life, which opposes abortion, said the buffer zone law continues to deny women and their unborn children the protection they deserve.

"What this always brings to mind for me is, what's wrong with information?" said Marie Sturgis, executive and legislative director for the anti-abortion organization. "There has to be some sort of a statement made at that moment as the final piece before she goes in to obtain an abortion. To deny that is a violation of the humanity for that woman."

Attorney General Thomas Reilly, who was the lead defendant in the case, said the decision was a tribute to the state's efforts to balance competing interests.

"This law is a common-sense measure that protects public safety and women's access to health care while still respecting free speech rights," Reilly said in a statement. "This decision clearly affirms the work of my office and local police to assure that the law is enforced in a fair and evenhanded way."

In the case, Lynch said there was evidence that clinic workers tell patients that they do not have to listen to the protesters, that they have tried to drown out the words of the protesters, and that they have taken anti-abortion leaflets out of patients' hands.

She wrote, however, that there is no evidence that this has been done without the patients' consent or that any of these actions, on their face, would violate the statute. Further, Lynch found that "even if the plaintiffs have produced some evidence that pro-abortion individuals violated the statute, they are stymied because there is no evidence that the police turned a blind eye toward pro-abortion speech while not turning a blind eye to possible transgressions by plaintiffs."

Survey says Americans are holding back on weight gain



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Obesity is still an epidemic problem in the United States, despite a multi-billion dollar diet industry and better calorie awareness.

By Michael Hill
Associated Press

Americans are more calorie-conscious and holding the line on weight gain after years of expanding waistlines, according to a market survey released Wednesday, but nutrition experts were wary of the findings.

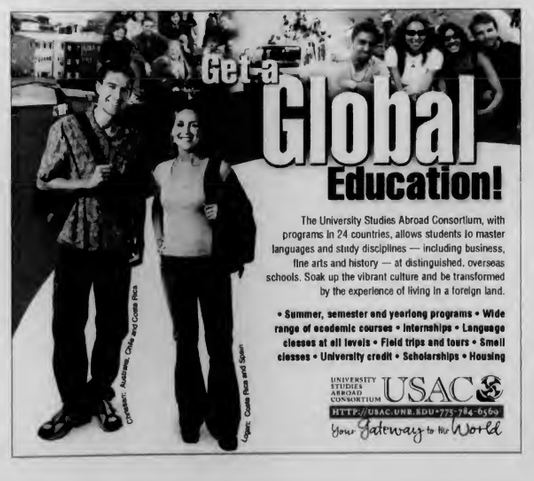
The NPD Group's annual survey on eating habits found the portion of overweight Americans holding at 62 percent for a second year. The percentage had increased every year since 1995, when the Long Island, N.Y.-based market research firm began tracking weight trends.

While the results seemed promising, academic researchers said the company's figures should be approached with caution.

"I want to be a little cautious before we run out and say, 'Hey, Americans have changed their diet!'" said Barry Popkin, who heads nutrition epidemiology at the University of North Carolina. NPD, which sells its annual Eating Patterns in America report to businesses, found a number of encouraging signs about Americans' diets.

Twenty-seven percent of people surveyed said they were aware of calories in their meals, the highest level since 1999. The percentage of Americans concerned about sugar in their diets was up and a majority said it was important for their foods to be fresh.

Survey participants also held the line on snack meals, eating 250 per person for the year, down from 253 five years ago.





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"Our opinions do not really blossom into fruition until we have expressed them to someone else"
-Mark Twain

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There's more to Oz than Finding Nemo

World Perspectives

Jennifer Kim

It was a cold and stormy night. The wind was blowing, the sea crashing. A dark silhouette of a man appeared in the mist. Like a quick flash of lightning, the figure disappeared into thin air. This is the way in which I imagined the re-enactment of this Houdini-like story. No, mates, this was not a show performed by David Blaine (although, I'm sure he could pull this trick out of a hat blindfolded and tied up to the North Pole), but in fact the Prime Minister of Australia.

In 1967, the Prime Minister of Australia went out for a swim one day and never came back. Just like that, he vanished. No one has heard of him since or the existence of any shape or form like him. People were in awe and wonder about this bizarre phenomenon for a moment (give or take a week) and then just like the vanishing act, the story disappeared. The Australians, with their easygoing attitude, approached this saying, "It's no drama. He'll be apples." The translation of this message is something like "It's nothing big. He'll be alright." How is it that the media didn't make this a bigger deal than it could have? And how is it that I, as an American, never even heard of such a thing when clearly the Australians know much more about America than I do myself.

It's funny how Australia is the only continent in the world that is also a country and yet no one ever hears or knows about what is going on in the Down Under. Heck, who knew that Australia had a prime minister (John Howard)? I know I sure didn't! Still, Australians are so keen on America and the government, but we don't even give the Australian government a second glance. Although, when have we ever given another country's government a second glance? It seems to me that our darling motherland can be naive and a bit egocentric. I first-handedly witnessed my ignorance to the Australian government and other political matters in America with the elections this year.

I remember being confronted with various questions from some of my Aussie friends on my opinion of whether or not Kerry would win in the race against Bush. I was quite surprised that they actually knew who John Kerry was. In all honesty, I had no idea who John Howard's principal adversary was (Mark Latham). To develop my ignorance even further, I decided to watch Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 911" with some of my Aussie friends who were very eager to watch it.

Never before have I been that embarrassed in a movie theatre. It was incredibly hard for me to sit still throughout the entire movie without itching with disgrace of my incompetence of the American government. When the clip of Britney Spears appeared, popping her bubblegum and commenting on George Bush, it didn't help alleviate my embarrassment one bit. Given, it was a propaganda film and the main point was for exploitation. However, imagine a theater full of Australians laughing along Michael Moore's sarcastic statements about the U.S. government and George Bush. OK, guaranteed if I were back in the states watching this, I would be freely chuckling along as well. Due to the fact that I was the only American in the entire theatre, I felt a mix between embarrassment and shame.

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The worst was probably the ride home when my friends began asking me even further detailed questions of whether I knew this and that about the U.S. government. The only portrayal they receive about our government is through the media but the fact that the Aussies are so curious with our country strikes me as odd. I rarely think about Australia other than the fact that "Finding Nemo" was based in this country or Bart getting the "boot" in a "Simpsons" episode (oh by the way ... the Aussies get a lit when referring to the stereotypes depicted in that episode).

Now that I'm actually here in Australia, I hope I can think outside the box that I was so comfortable with, and essentially discover what is happening in the country I'm presently living in.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CONSEQUENCES OF DRINKING

Alcohol can bring you the best of times and the worst of times. I am sure most of you reading this have had a few drinks during your stay here at UMass and you know what I am talking about. We college kids drink all the time. And why not? We are only going to be in college for four years, (some of us five or six), and then we will be in the "real world" with "real responsibilities." So why not live it up now and drink all the alcohol you can in your short stay here? I'll tell you why not. One night of excessive drinking and poor judgment can change your whole life. Let me tell you the story of my good friend Jim.

Jim was a pretty good student, and he was hoping to go to medical school after graduation. On a Friday night, early last semester Jim decided he was going to get drunk. He told me he had a bunch of exams that week and he was stressed out so why not get wasted. Later that night, as Jim polished off the bottle of Rubinoff, we somehow lost each other in the crowd at some party. A few minutes later there was a fight on the other side of the party from where I was and I didn't think much of it, but after a few minutes I found myself where the fight took place and found Jim bloodied on the lawn. He was ok, just a little sore. A couple of bystanders told me that Jim had started the fight over a spilled beer. Before we could even try to get out of there the cops showed up and took Jim and the other kid away in handcuffs.

Although you might be thinking to yourself that this isn't so bad, and that fights like that happen all the time, it was that bad for Jim. He was arrested for assault and battery and disorderly conduct. He was put on probation for a year with random drug and alcohol tests and a few other stipulations, but this isn't the worst part. Jim went on a few interviews with potential medical schools, and although he had the grades to get in, he did not get accepted. He felt it was the arrest on his record that kept him from getting in.

That one night of drinking changed his life. Although there are other ways that drinking can change your life far worse than what happened to Jim, I am sure he would tell you that what happened to him was no small potatoes either.

I am not preaching to everyone here and telling you all not to drink, because that would be like telling a hungry bear not to eat. I am just saying that taking it easy and staying in control wouldn't be the worst thing to do this weekend.

Kevin McNeil
UMass Student

ALL MUST CRY OUT

As a white person, I was deeply saddened and disturbed by Zach Oelschlegel's column ("Redefining racism is cliché" Oct. 12), as I have also been deeply saddened and disturbed by previous articles and columns appearing in the last few weeks that defend the inexcusable actions of Higgins et al, demonize ALANA and its members, and ignore the fact that the mass mobilization on campus that cries out "racism" has moved far beyond just ALANA (and people of color, for that matter).

Oelschlegel misses the boat. Why are we debating the validity of ALANA's use of the word "racism"? Why are we even entertaining a discussion on whether or not campus leaders should pay attention to students' of color concerns? This is outrageous! Imagine what possibilities could exist if white students and administrators' first response was not to defend and critique, but rather to shut up and listen.

Sarah Hershey
UMass Graduate Student

The language of powerlessness

David Lewis

There is a growing trend of mainstream American culture taking over the subcultures that criticize and oppose it. By providing a forum, capital, and a broader audience, the mainstream lures fresh and potentially revolutionary subcultures into its folds until the two are no longer distinguishable. In the same way that the white mainstream stole jazz, blues, and rock from African-Americans over 50 years ago, the artistic expressions of the disenfranchised American youth are systematically hijacked by the industry of popular culture, and then subsequently sold back to the youth for profit. This is what became of the hippy, skater, grunge, and even house/techno and rave cultures. Similarly, the central elements of hip-hop (rap, graffiti, and breakdancing) have been so entirely commercialized that one can legitimately argue that hip-hop no longer belongs to itself.

The trend toward commercialization can be viewed as an inevitable function of capitalism or as a systematic attempt to undermine potential forms of empowerment. Either way, the result is still the same. People without a voice naturally must begin to develop a form of expression to speak for them. The minute that form of expression cultivates enough popularity to come under the radar of the mainstream, the massive corporate pile-on ensues. Cultures that lack the means to become established and self-sustaining are unable to defend themselves against the swarm of speculator jackals that hunger for the next fad to market and resell. Most of these subcultures were not intended for such a broad audience, and they are not equipped to explain their message to a mainstream society that doesn't want to listen and wouldn't understand anyway.

Subsequently, these subcultures make their peace with being misunderstood by accepting the proverbial bone that pop culture offers them essentially in exchange for their souls. It is not a fair deal. Speaking on behalf of countercultures in general and hip hop specifically, we shouldn't be forced to sell out simply because our form of expression is meaningful only to us. It happened to become popular to an audience that it was not even intended for. The irony is that we do want our subcultures to be economically viable and self-sustaining, but without losing the messages at the cores of their identities. We do want success, but on our own terms. We do not want to be ruthlessly exploited and have our culture re-packaged and resold while excluding the most important aspects.

The reason this process is so exploitative is because of the fact that the subculture itself does not receive a fair cut of the profits compared to the big corporations, and the fact that the subculture is stripped of any power that it once contained. Since the need to gain power and a voice was the central motivating factor in the creation of the subculture, it is understandable that we should be bitter when this power and message is gutted and the skin is sewn back together and sold for profit.

Within this context, it is a natural extension to see and understand the way in which our language and the tools we use to construct our realities are also taken over by the mainstream culture. A form of dollar destruction, pop culture pimping, and mass market mugging that is often overlooked is the way that the language of counterculture has been turned against itself. The language employed by the intellectually marginalized has become so cliché that the most important conversations sound tired and inane. Pointlessly overused to the point of near-extinction by pundits who misuse our language and misinterpret its significance, it is now practically impossible to discuss the state of the world in any meaningful way without sounding played-out and pretentious.

Thus, we can now add "globalization," "privatization," "commercialization," "institutionalized," "disenfranchised," "mainstream," "capitalist," "counterculture," and "revolutionary," to the list of words that have been systematically overused until they become essentially meaningless. They are sucked dry of all of the power and potency that they once contained. The words we use are absolutely essential to communicate and derive meaning from our dialogues. Without an appropriate and relevant language with which to describe the world, we are effectively left once again without a voice, just like "equality," "diversity," "social justice," "community," and "spirituality" have been reduced to meaningless catch-phrases over the last quarter-century, so too has our post-modern vocabulary been drained of substance and discarded leaving words that are just empty shells taking up space.

There is a McDonald's commercial in which urban youth are rapping and playing basketball in roller blades, kneepads and helmets. I know that this has nothing to do with hip-hop, but is simply an empty skin marketed to vaguely resemble a culture that McDonald's has no connection to. Nowadays when I hear discussions about globalization, I hear words that once contained meaning and relevance for a whole generation of disenfranchised people that are now simply another means of power for the very people that they were originally aimed against.

David Lewis is a Collegian columnist.

Teams deserve support

Ben Feder

Our football team needs your help. Better yet, all of UMass athletics needs your help. Over the years I've noticed a significant lack of interest on this campus when it comes to sporting events. Sure, for the first couple of games students are more than eager to root for the home team, but once they start to lose, the crowd turnout becomes dismal. Then what happens? The teams continue to lose and any wins seem meaningless.

Now, this campus does have some all-star teams. Softball, hockey, and men's lacrosse come to mind. Sometimes I feel that half the students don't even know where these teams play, let alone what their record is. Does anyone even know what conference we're in?

The truth is, the average student does not know why they should have pride in their sports teams, or what an actively interested student body can do for a university. Take the football team for example. These are a great bunch of guys who are currently trying to break out of a 2-4 slump. Out of those two wins, though, one was at home against Colgate, who bumped UMass out of the playoffs last year, with a 30-20 victory. UMass' performance was excellent. I've never seen the team play like they did and I've been to every single home game since the 2000 season. The stadium was completely filled. More eager fans even poured in after the first half. We made the football stadium rival that of any Division I-A school, and what did we receive in return for showing up: a pumped-up team that rose to the challenge, came out victorious, and tasted the sweetness of revenge. I was excited.

The next Saturday, however, the stadium was back to its usual half-enipty, indifferent self. Not only did the team lose, but they also lost their undefeated home record. That's right, for those of you who forgot, the football team went undefeated at home all last season. Why was this? Because once the team started winning, people started showing up to more games, and the team kept getting better.

More student and fan support is all it takes to get better teams. This would help not just the football team, it would help all of the UMass teams. Would you perform better if you had 100 people watching you, or 10? Wouldn't you want to try harder if you had a packed stadium instead of an apathetic audience?

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Want a better reason to show up to sporting events? As I said, the more fans at a game, the better a team will play, and the more they will win. The more they win, the better the school looks, and then better athletes will want to play for UMass. With more athletes, the team has a better opportunity to win championships. With championship wins, the school gets better facilities and more private donations from alumni and other outlets. Sure it's not as straightforward as this, but it is a step in the right direction.

Also, consider this. In December of 2003, the Athletic Department hired a company to assess the feasibility of moving the football program from Division I-AA to I-A. (For those unfamiliar, Division I-A includes schools like LSU and Ohio State.) Right now, the only thing stopping the football team from I-A is our stadium that cannot seat a I-A crowd. The report researched factors such as student, alumni, and state support for a I-A football program. They found that because of huge budgetary concerns affecting our university, and lack of student and alumni support, our school simply cannot support a I-A football team.

Check out it out on the web (http://www.umass.edu/umhome/athletics/football/report.pdf).

If we however became actively interested in our athletics, as I stated earlier, the teams will perform more like Division I teams play. In my opinion, this will reverse the state's view of UMass since many of our alumni work in government positions. With sports teams that give alumni something to be proud of, more private funding will flow through campus. It's a reciprocal relationship and it begins with us.

If you won't do it for me, at least do it for the marching band. We already have a Division I-A marching band, over 350 members strong, and frankly I think they're hungry to show what they've got to those Big Ten, Big East, and Pac-10 bands. They've outgrown their 17,000-seat stadium and have dreams of bigger and better things. I know for a fact they could massacre Texas A&M's band and they wouldn't even need help from the tubas. They also play a pretty mean "Crocodile Rock."

I for one get pretty annoyed when I flip through Sports Illustrated inserts and think that UMass could definitely get on its pages. So let's help the band, sports teams, and all UMass athletics on their way by showing up and cheering our souls out. Despite the cold and the fact that they might lose a couple times, the morale of the teams will be lifted and they will rally back with some weird, turnaround play that New England sports are so well known for.

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Another Day for Northampton

Musician returns to the Pioneer Valley

By Michael Busack
Collegian Staff

Essentially, singer/songwriter Howie Day is a lot like your average 23-year-old. He loves music, he likes to have a good time and he spends most of his nights hanging out with college students.

"After high school, I decided to skip college, but wound up spending a lot of time touring college campuses," Day said in an interview for the bio section of his Web site. "Four years later, I'm releasing a new record instead of getting my degree," he joked. The new release he speaks of is the album "Stop All the World Now," released last October on the Epic label.

Including songs like "Collide" and "Perfect Time of Day," "Stop All the World Now," has also become a quiet success for the singer-songwriter. Still, influenced by what most young acoustic guitar performers are these days — love — Day has managed to create tunes infused with elegance and affection.

Like most artists, Day began his musical career playing the college circuit. He toured local bars and campuses, such as the University of Maine near his home in Bangor. Later, his manager Shawn Radley would discover Day at a show where he held the opening spot for Ziggy Marley.

In 2000, Day independently released his first album, "Australia." At the green age of 19, the emerging songwriter financed the CD in its entirety. Little did he know that it would sell 30,000 copies, and he probably never would have guessed that Epic Records would sign him — which they did in 2002 — boosting the sales of "Australia" to over 100,000 copies.

Howie Day and Nickel Creek
Sunday
Calvin
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Day will bring his live performance skills to Northampton for a show at the Calvin Theatre on Sunday. While he is no virgin to the Calvin's stage, this is the first time that Day will be bringing a band with him on the road.

"I've been looking forward to taking a band on the road for such a long time," Day said. "I love playing solo, but I can only take the songs to a certain point. I think a lot of people are going to be surprised by how big some of the old songs sound with a band behind me."

The bluegrass trio Nickel Creek will be joining Day for his show at the Calvin. Nickel Creek, featuring the brother/sister duo of fiddle player Sara Watkins and guitarist Sean Watkins, as well as mandolin player Chris Thile, have created a genre that many fans have affectionately named "newgrass".

In 2002 the band released an album titled "This Side" produced by country legend Alison Krauss. The release debuted at number 18 on Billboard's Top Album Chart. It has also sold over 400,000 copies and earned a Grammy for Best Contemporary Folk Album.

Singer-songwriter David Berkeley will also be performing in support on Saturday.

The show starts at 7 p.m. and tickets are $25 for everyone.

Information from howieday.com and nickelcreek.com were used in this article.



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Comic to feature first HIV-positive sidekick

By Anthony Breznican
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP)— Along with fighting alien menaces and criminal masterminds, the "Green Arrow" comic book will now feature a sidekick engaged in a more personal struggle — this one against HIV.

It's the first major comic book to deal with HIV, and a dose of hard-edged reality to the usually fanciful world of costumed crime fighters.

In the latest issue of "Green Arrow," set for publication Wednesday, a teenage runaway named Mia — who has been in the care of the title hero for two years — discovers that her time spent as a street-dweller and prostitute has resulted in her picking up the virus.

Writer Judd Winick, who oversees the "Green Arrow" story line, said this is a way to explore socially conscious themes while also giving the Mia character extra motivation to make a difference in the world.

"We've been hinting all along the way that she's interested in taking up the mantle, being a sidekick, getting out there in the streets and helping out," Winick told The Associated Press. "Green Arrow won't hear of it."

The news that she has HIV leads her to push Green Arrow even more. Fighting crime, Winick said, is what she wants to do with her life. "So he allows her to slap on a costume and become his sidekick, which has the silly name of Speedy," Winick said. "It's not as a death wish, but she can't fool around anymore. This isn't about an abbreviated life span. It is about life having focus," he added. Speedy was originally a boy sidekick, but the character is now grown up and goes by the more mature name of Arsenal.

Winick may be known to some from his stint on MTV's roommate reality-show, "The Real World" 1993, on which he appeared with Pedro Zamora, who died the next year after a public battle with AIDS.

That experience, along with other friends who have contracted the virus, made the Mia story line a personal one for the writer. He said he wanted to approach HIV from the point of view of other young people.

"Mia is coming to terms with it in the way most young people are. It isn't about death and dying. Young people, for good or for bad, are still pretty fearless. With drug combination therapy people are living a very long time," Winick told the AP. "She seems to be unafraid of death, she's mostly feeling like no one is ever going to love her. She's HIV-positive and who's going to want to be with her now?" Mia won't be lonely for long. As Speedy, she will later join the popular "Teen Titans" DC Comics series alongside Robin, Cyborg and Raven in the popular youth hero series.

Although some may perceive the HIV story line as a downer, Winick said it's important for comics to address real-world matters.

"Comics have a long history of telling lessons," he said. "They tell stories through metaphor, but sometimes I feel we don't need the metaphor. Why should it be that Mia contracts some alien virus?



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The Green Arrow's new sidekick, Mia, is the first HIV-positive character in comic book history.

Fashion on campuses show change from high school style

By Elizabeth Wellington
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Abercrombie & Fitch fashions are a lot like Gap's this fall: lots of denim, polos and soft cardigans.

But to the college-age shopper, Abercrombie is "so over;" Gap is what's up.

"Abercrombie lost it when they became a little 'too white' with their advertising. They lost and alienated a lot of people who didn't see themselves or their friends represented," explains David Morrison, founder and chief executive officer of TwentySomething Inc., a Radnor-based firm that analyzes the shopping habits of the 18-to-35 set.

Morrison helps the nation's top fashion, electronics and food brands market themselves so they stay on the minds of consumers in their teens and 20s.

It's six weeks into the fall 2004 semester, and young people are rewriting the "hot" brands list because of more reserved fashion trends and a still-weak economy. Dunkin' Donuts is creeping up on Starbucks. Mitsubishi is edging out Honda.

Fashion-wise, college kids are leaving behind the late-'90s low-riders and sliding into tweeds with ribbon-trimmed preppy style. Tommy Hilfiger, Polo and J. Crew are "riding high," Morrison says. LaCoste, with its brightly colored mini-polo shirts and tennis dresses, is hip, too.

The vintage craze has made Converse All Stars the tennis shoes of choice. Adidas are a cool second. Pumas, Morrison adds, are on the cusp of hotness, thanks to their old-school-rap connection. Nikes, namely Air Force Ones, and Reeboks are falling off.

"This market won't wear those as much, unless they're (ball) players," Morrison says.

College students would rather be caught dead than wearing shoes from Payless, but they want shoes from DSW Shoe Warehouse.

They love Target and Wal-Mart, but can do without Kmart.

Philosophy's cinnamon bun, blueberry pie, and orange sherbet-scented shampoos, conditioners and bath gels are the preferred shower-caddy fillers, pushing aside long-popular Bath & Body Works. (We can thank the nesting trend for that.) Also, Morrison says, Burt's Bees all-natural makeup is a must-have.

Revlon and Avon are beating out MAC and Bobbi Brown, because they are more affordable, yet college girls would rather spend big money on a dress they bought from a boutique. (Think Nicole Miller or Nanette Lepore.)

"They are super-expensive, and teens aren't convinced that these (makeup) brands are any better than what they can get at the drugstore," Morrison says. " ... but when they get dressed up, they are going really high end."

Today's young adults have gobs of disposable income, but they have attention deficits when it comes to brand loyalty. As with the Generation X-ers and baby boomers before them, cost and packaging are the No. 1 factors that drive spending habits.

These youngsters, however, are picky about how they receive sales pitches. They prefer to get them through their e-mail in-boxes, music videos, video games, or on Web sites. They have little time for casual conversation and magazines.

They are marketing-savvy and understand business, Morrison says, even if it's on a superficial level.

"They not only know what focus groups are, chances are they've been a part of one."

Morrison has followed college students' spending habits since his days at Haverford. Back then, he had an out-of-a-dorm-room business selling electronics — VCRs, radar detectors and CD players — with customers on 14 campuses.

He grew up with entrepreneurship and marketing: His father is a retired vice president of marketing for Lipton; his mother is an independent college guidance counselor.

Morrison started TwentySomething Inc. when he was 22. At the time, he thought major businesses were full of 50-year-old executives trying to understand people in their 20s.

If you ask Morrison, TwentySomething Inc. was one of the first consulting companies to niche-research the youth market — before Soul Kool and Teenage Research Unlimited.

His first projects included refining programs at the Entrepreneurial Center at the Wharton School of Business and helping Vibe Magazine fit into urban and suburban worlds. His company developed a strategy for Nokia cell phones to market color faceplates. (He's tight-lipped about other work he's done because of nondisclosure contracts.)

Morrison has five employees and keeps satellite offices in Mexico City, Sydney, Australia, and Seoul, South Korea, to pick the brains of teens across the globe.

He spends his days talking to his target market in the malls and setting up focus groups across the world. Right now, he says, he's working with more than 60 companies, more than half of which have made the Fortune 500.

Morrison's book, "Marketing to the Campus Crowd: Everything You Need to Know to Capture the $200 Billion College Market" (Dearborn Trade Publishing, $25), has sold 3,500 copies. That's a really good number, says Courtney Goethals, a spokeswoman for Dearborn Trade, because its market is so specific.

The book is required reading for the 20-plus directors at the National Association of College

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Eve faces her big fear



Original Sin
Eve

My therapist simplified my problem in five obvious words: "You are just not ready." He was absolutely right. I am not ready to be in a relationship. That is, I am not prepared to invest my heart, my time or my energy, or even the possibility that one day one of us might get hurt.

How much longer can I run away from this natural reality? And why alter a full year of living the single life, am I still entirely unprepared?

As hard it is to admit to myself, I had been seeing someone seriously since August, and I confessed I needed a break last week. Why? I may be terrified. Or maybe I just prefer being single. I don't know.

We met one night at a bar I regularly go to in Boston. My summer fling happened to be spinning that night as the new guy approached me. I was uncomfortable until I asked him if he knew this DJ.

He smiled and said, "Of course! We grew up together. Our parents are old friends. You know him too?" I stopped mid-step and realized the severity of the situation. I was about to cause drama between best buddies, and from that moment on, there was nothing I could do about it.

Throughout the next few weeks he pursued, and I avoided him at all costs. Until one evening, when I decided to give him a chance over coffee. Until I found out he goes to this school. Until I realized he is one of the most wonderful guys I had met in a long time.

So I gave into his charm, and I had no choice but to tell him about my past relationship with his friend.

He didn't take the information very well, but I needed to be honest. They both spoke, they both argued and then they both fought, but they didn't necessarily fight over me. I believe it was the breach of trust between the two that was disheartening for all of us.

Yet even with this new knowledge of my past connection with his friend, he remained committed to the idea of me. Our relationship reminded me of an over-dramatic romantic comedy pushed on fast forward. He saw me, he won me over, he lost me, and maybe one day he will have me again. We are just not at that part, not just yet.

As we moved further into the serious stage, he decided to pose the fated question.

"Will you be my..."

"Hey, the funniest thing happened today..."

He looked frustrated, but listened to my story anyway. But in my head, the beauty of our simple romance was ruined. From that very moment on, I became an anxious mess. I suddenly felt like a middle-aged man who had been married too long, and I was looking for something exciting. I fantasized about my co-worker. I gave my lab partner the eyes, and I even thought about giving the delivery boy my number.

My behavior said it all. Committing to one guy at this time is impossible, but how much longer can I continue like this? He was everything I had hoped for while I was single, and when he arrived I wished him away. I am hoping this wish may benefit the both of us in time.

Sometimes I wonder if getting what I want might turn me off. Maybe he made it too easy, or he was too perfect, or maybe it was too good to be true.

Is it possible that I fear that somewhere along the line I might see a flaw? That the dream I had of the perfect guy is unreal? Why can't I believe something so ridiculous? This dream gets me out of bed in the morning; it keeps me motivated when I go out at night. Perhaps some dreams are not ever to be fulfilled. On the other hand, I might simply not be ready.

And if that is the case, my therapist should get a raise.

Walken's next 'Bend'

By Glenn Lovell
San Jose Mercury News

SAN FRANCISCO — Christopher Walken works a lot. As best he can figure, he has made "about a hundred movies" since appearing in "Annie Hall" and "The Deer Hunter" in the late '70s. That's an astounding number, given that the average Hollywood star makes one film, possibly two, every 18 months or so.

"Work? It's my favorite thing to do, and I don't really have anything else that I do," says Walken, 61, during a stopover in San Francisco to talk up "Around the Bend," an oddball reunion picture in which, for the first time, he plays a grandfather — with an unsavory past, of course.

"I don't have kids, I don't have hobbies," continues the actor, who commutes between movie sets and homes in New York and Connecticut. "And I don't play golf. A lot of actors play golf. It's amazing how many actors play golf."

Here, Walken's voice trails off, as it does frequently during our conversation. Is this an affectation, that studied insouciance that has caused him to be typed as dangerous crazies ("At Close Range," "True Romance") and comic crazies ("Mouse Hunt," "The Stepford Wives")? Or is it something more, a hint of wistfulness for the road not taken?

Before you start feeling sorry for the guy, consider this: He's having a blast. He loves the monetary rewards and adoration that come with being Hollywood's most in-demand character actor. This afternoon he shares a story about an airport baggage handler who turned out to be a huge fan.

Of Walken's psychologically damaged Vietnam vet in "The Deer Hunter," which brought the supporting-actor Oscar in 1978? Or maybe of his broken father in "Catch Me If You Can," which brought another Oscar nomination in 2002?

Walken smiles that slow, mischievous smile. (Fans of The Continental, his serial seducer on "Saturday Night Live," will know it only too well.)

"No, no — this guy was shouting, 'Frank White! Frank White!'" Walken recalls. "That's the character I played in 'King of New York.' They don't talk about 'Deer Hunter'; they talk about this little crime movie, and it was really off-the-cuff stuff where we literally said, 'What are you going to say next? All right, then I'll say this.' That usually doesn't work, but we had Laurence Fishburne, Wesley Snipes and David Caruso, and it was good."

Other memorably quirky Walken performances fuel "Pulp Fiction," "At Close Range," "Batman Returns," "The Dead Zone" and, of course, "True Romance," where his sadistic crime boss shares the screen with another great scene-stealer, Dennis Hopper. The pair went to dinner after work. Hopper: "We did a good scene today." Walken: "Yes, I know."

Walken felt the same way after the kitchen face-off in "At Close Range," where Sean Penn as the son puts a gun to his father's head. Just before shooting the scene, Penn said, "Excuse me for

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Christopher Walken, who has starred in films like "Pulp Fiction" and "Deer Hunter," tries a new type of film with his role in the upcoming "Around the Bend."

Hollywood: not just for acting anymore

By Douglas J. Rowe
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — "If you want to send a message," movie mogul Samuel Goldwyn once said, "call Western Union." Translation: The job of entertainers is entertainment. Leave politics to the politicians. Controversy just alienates the audience.

Goldwyn is dead 50 years, and in 2004, his maxim has been buried with him. This year more than ever, artists are using their art to make a difference in the electoral process.

"Fahrenheit 9/11" has smashed the box-office record for documentaries. In arenas around the country, music stars are performing with the hope they'll get people to vote — the way they want them to. Even punk rockers have gotten back into the act, while painters and sculptors have been infused with an election-year muse.

Some of the politicization of entertainment is neutral. "America (The Book): A Citizen's Guide to Democracy Inaction" by the writers of "The Daily Show" tops the best-seller list, while Jon Stewart's Comedy Central program mocks both candidates equally.

Many in the entertainment industry are sending a partisan message, and they're not relying on Western Union. Lopsidedly, their candidate is John Kerry over President Bush. It remains an open question whether they will sway any voters.

"It is more likely that someone who hears a celebrity speak out for a specific candidate will form a new opinion about that celebrity as opposed to forming a new opinion about the candidate," maintains Robert Thompson, a professor of media and culture and director of the Center for the Study of Popular Television at Syracuse University. "Political opinion tends to run deep, and one celebrity is unlikely to change that in any but the most fickle and truly undecided."

Kevin M. Scott of Elizabethtown (Pa.) College also doubts Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11" or Bruce Springsteen's "Vote for Change" tour will change any minds. But he suspects it "might get a Kerry supporter to become more involved, volunteer time, and this might lead to more voters."

And that winds up being a de facto rebuttal to the criticism it's all just "preaching to the choir," says Kathy M. Newman, associate professor of English at Carnegie Mellon University.

"As a wise mentor once pointed out to me, most preaching is to the choir," she says. "In other words, like the preaching of a favorite pastor, political culture energizes the base, cleanses the soul, reinvigorates the congregation, allows time for reflection and contemplation, and provides a gathering place."

Terry Paulson, a psychologist and author of "The Dinner: The Political Conversation Your Mother Told You Never to Have," sees the rash of movies, concerts, book, comedy tours and TV shows as "a reflection of suppressed anger

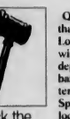
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Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11" was a huge success for the politically vocal filmmaker.

'The Attorney' takes on ID theft



Ask the Attorney
Michele L. Leaf

Q: I just got a letter that I won the Spanish Lottery and that the winnings will be deposited into my bank account. The letter was sent by a Spanish attorney. It looks official and it sounds legitimate. All I have to do is provide my bank account information so that the money can be deposited directly into my account. The attorney also said I will need to fax a copy of my passport information to verify that I am the same person who won. I never bought a Spanish lottery ticket so I don't want to get in trouble for now pretending that I did, but I can certainly use the money.

A. If you provide the information to the attorney you will most certainly get in trouble, but not for "pretending" that you bought a lottery ticket. In fact, buying foreign lottery tickets in the U.S. is illegal, but this is not the issue here. The writer of the letter has no intention of depositing any money into your bank account. Instead, they are seeking to gain access to identifying information and your bank account to perpetuate further fraud. They are hoping that you will not report the fraud because you would then have to "admit" your participation in the foreign lottery. This is a common fraud that is often promoted through the Internet, as well as by mail. It is very important that you keep your credit card and bank account numbers to yourself. Scam artists often ask for this information with the intention of use it fraudulently.

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing problems in the United States. It occurs when someone makes use of your personal information, to fraudulently establish credit card accounts, purchase goods and services or commit crimes in your name. It is extremely important that you take steps to safeguard your identity and that you never give out personal information, including your Social Security, driver's license number, passport number, credit card numbers, or bank account information to anyone who makes an unsolicited request.

Although it can be embarrassing to admit that you have been a victim of a scam, it is important that you take action as soon as possible. Report the incident quickly so that law enforcement agencies can try to shut the fraudulent operations down. You should file a report with your local police department to establish a record of the crime and file reports with national organizations and government agencies. There is a centralized Internet fraud complaint center under the jurisdiction of the FBI, which monitors Internet scams. In addition, victims should immediately alert credit bureaus as well as banks and credit card companies where they maintain accounts.

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Actor Walken takes new turn in his career with latest film

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one second," and left the room. "He knew how scared I am of guns, and he made me think he had returned with a loaded gun. You can see the fear in my face."

It ranks as one of the most intense father-son confrontations ever shot.

Adds Walken now: "That was a very generous thing for Sean to do. Actors help each other like that. When I saw the scene, I knew we had nailed it. That's a great feeling — exhilarating."

But to have the kind of career Walken has had the went from character roles to leads in "Dead Zone" and "Dogs of War," then back to character parts), you have to love what you do.

"I do enjoy my work — I tend to be someone who enjoys himself," he says. "The fact is, when you get to be my age and you've been around as long as I have, if people don't recognize you, come up and say hello, you start to worry."

Then, too, he worries about working too much, not being selective enough in his roles.

"There's something to be said for being selective. There are actors who believe in that: They wait for the material and the director ... They want all the elements to be as copasetic as possible. But I have never been that way."

Walken sees potential where others see problems. Which means you work more, but you're also in a higher percentage of dogs. tWalken's filmography includes "Joe Dirt" and "Gigli.")

"I look for good possibilities in movies. I don't look for perfection. And a lot of movies I do get fixed as they go along."

Walken attributes his work ethic to his father, who was a baker in Queens, N.Y. They were close, unlike two generations of fathers and sons in "Around the Bend," which finds Michael Caine playing Walken's dad.

"I'm probably the way I am because of my father," the actor says. "He went to his bakery seven days a week. He loved baking: he couldn't get enough of it."

Despite an ornery, anti-social streak, Walken's character in the new film turns out to be a relatively nice guy. Ditto his characters in "Man on Fire" and "Catch Me If You Can." Is this the dawning of a kinder, gentler Walken?

"Could be," he replies. "But it also has something to do with age. I'm now at the place where I'm starting to play fathers and uncles — and, in this case, a grandfather."

Worse, a grandfather who's dying of kidney failure. Hence, the gray-green cast to his skin.

"I saw the movie and I thought, 'Geez, you look terrible.'"

He pauses, beams, then concedes, "But it's a big juicy part. It's a leading part. And I don't do that a lot."



Actor Christopher Walken, pictured in 2001, will star in the new movie "Around the Bend."

Celebs get political

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over the contested election of George W. Bush in 2000 that has finally been free to surface."

The "selected not elected' mantra that was so strong early was silenced by the need to rally in support of a leader facing the 9/11 tragedy and a war against terrorism," Paulson says. "But the questionable war on Iraq and the lack of weapons of mass destruction has unleashed that early anger with a passion that spills over into popular movies and a public ready to see them."

So entertainers can help frame and propel election year discourse.

Jim Farrelly, director of film studies at the University of Dayton and pop culture expert, credits Moore "with teaching the media how to cover a president and his politics with both insight and panache."

"His early assault on President Bush ... has clearly shown that a popular culture icon is better equipped to capture and expose the mendacious world of politics to viewers in ways that no seasoned anchorperson or prize-winning, live and on-the-scene journalist is even willing to attempt."

Moore and his fellow filmmakers — with such movies as "Silver City," "Going Upriver: The Long War of John Kerry" and "Bush's Brain" — have their work complemented by the likes of "The Daily Show." Farrelly notes.

"Add to the mix the antics of Letternan, Leno," he says, "and you've got a TV version of 'Fahrenheit 9/11' playing in our living room five nights a week." Certainly "celebrity politics" is not a new phenomenon in American history. During World War II Hollywood stars sold bonds, entertained the troops, even enlisted. In the 1960 presidential election, Frank Sinatra famously supported John F. Kennedy.

In the past, celebs typically would simply speak out on their pet topics. At the 1973 Academy Awards, Marlon Brando refused to accept his best actor Oscar for "The Godfather" to protest treatment of American Indians, and Vanessa Redgrave collected her statuette for 1977's "Julia" while railing against "Zionist hoodlums" challenging her pro-Palestinian sympathies.

In the late 1960s and throughout the '70s and '80s, many of the world's biggest music stars organized concerts that attacked the Vietnam War, nuclear weapons, world hunger, environmental destruction and corporate greed.

For a long time, people in the entertainment industry bent over backward to be apolitical, too.

The old Hollywood studio bosses, including Goldwyn, were careful not to engage in politics except to frame a "perfect" America through their movies, points out Allan Saxe, a University of Texas (at Arlington) associate professor of political science. "They went out of their way mostly not to alienate anyone," he says. "They understood the importance of Hollywood and the effects it could have."

Hartwick College political science professor Andrew Seligsohn in Oneonta, N.Y., sees one of the most important developments during the 2004 presidential election as the willingness of entertainers to support specific candidates, rather than issues. In the past, he says, they "sought to avoid the impression that they are shilling for someone."

Syracuse's Thompson sees that change, too.

"One could argue, for example, that a great percentage of the rock 'n' roll music industry during the late '60s and early '70s was all about politics," Thompson says. "It was the soundtrack of the counterculture during the Vietnam era. The difference here, of course, was that most of the counterculture was supporting neither candidate in, say, 1968."



"The Daily Show" anchor Jon Stewart is one of many public figures who has taken an active role in politics for this year's election.

College classes become center of fashion

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Stores, an organization that tracks the success of college bookstores.

"Those of us who've gone to college, we tend to base our paradigm of what college students want today ... on what we wanted as students," says Marianne Wascak, vice president of marketing at the association.

"But David does a good job at pointing out that students these days are different. They don't trust corporations like we used to. Just because you give a college student something for free doesn't mean they are going to buy it."

On a recent afternoon, Morrison stands in front of the University of Pennsylvania's Barnes & Noble campus bookstore. At 37, he has strawberry-blond hair that's graying at the temples, but his face is line-free.

He talks at a rapid clip, totally excited about his recent trip to New Orleans, where he launched a campaign to hip up a fast-food chain. Ask him the specifics, and he gets cagey. An experienced businessman, he refuses to divulge key details.

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Williams hires agent

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it would take three to six weeks for Bonds to rehabilitate the knee and he should be able to resume working out in November.

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cleveland Indians declined to pick up Omar Vizquel's $5 million contract option for next season, making him eligible to become a free agent when the World Series ends.

The 37-year-old shortstop has said he wants to return for a 12th season in Cleveland, but the Indians are targeting a starting pitcher.

The Indians will pay Vizquel's $1 million buyout and could sign him to a new deal or enter salary arbitration with him by Dec. 7.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Wide receiver Mike Williams, turned down in his attempt to return to play at Southern California after the courts kept him out of the NFL draft, has hired an agent — again.

Williams, expected to be a first-round draft pick next April, will be represented by Tony Fleming and Mitch Frankel of Impact Sports Management.

Williams caught 95 passes for 1,314 yards and a school-record 16 touchdowns as a sophomore last season to help the Trojans (12-1) win the national championship. He finished eighth in the Heisman Trophy balloting.

TENNIS

MOSCOW (AP) — Venus Williams defeated Russian qualifier Alina Jidkova 6-4, 6-4 in the opening round of the Kremlin Cup in her first match since losing in the fourth round at last month's U.S. Open.

Williams, beaten by Lindsay Davenport at the U.S. Open, served five aces and doubled-faulted six times against the 27-year-old Russian.

Elena Dementieva was one of four Russian players ranked in the top 20 who advanced. Runner-up in the French and U.S. open, the fifth-seeded Dementieva beat Patty Schnyder 6-2, 6-3; sixth-seeded Vera Zvonareva defeated Nathalie Dechy of France 6-0, 6-2; eighth-seeded Nadia Petrova topped Paola Suares of Argentina 7-5, 6-4; and unseeded Elena Bovina defeated Daniela Hantuchova of Slovakia 6-2, 6-3.

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Olympic champion Nicolas Massu defeated Karol Kucera 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-4 at the CA Trophy tournament.

In the final set, the second-seeded Massu broke Kucera's serve at 2-all and then closed out the match.

Massu won the Olympic gold medal in singles and doubles at the Athens Games. The Chilean advanced to a match against South African qualifier Rik de Voest.

— The Associated Press

Pedro skips introductions again

By Mike Fitzpatrick
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — When the teams were introduced before Game 1, Boston pitcher Pedro Martinez came out of the dugout wearing a gray sweat shirt and lined up with his teammates along the third-base line.

Martinez skipped his interview room session with reporters earlier in the day. He did the same thing in Anaheim last week — and didn't come onto the field for introductions.

ALUMNI GAME

Alex Rodriguez isn't surprised Doug Mientkiewicz became a Gold Glove first baseman.

"Good hands," A-Rod said of his former teammate at the Westminster Christian Prep School in Miami.

Of course, that was Rodriguez the quarterback, talking about Mientkiewicz, the tight end, on the high school football team. Rodriguez and Mientkiewicz played together on the 1991 squad that went 9-1, but Rodriguez gave up football to concentrate on baseball after the '92 season, the year Mientkiewicz graduated.

"He could've played in the NFL," Mientkiewicz said.

Instead, Rodriguez became one of the best all-around players in baseball, leading the New York Yankees into the AL championship series against Mientkiewicz' Red Sox on Tuesday night.

Even though they're on opposite sides of a bitter rivalry, both were happy to point out that at least one Westminster Warrior will be in the World Series.

KEEPING THE PEACE

Yankees manager Joe Torre isn't happy with the way some television stations have promoted the AL championship series, replaying lights between New York and the Boston Red Sox.

"I don't like it," he said Tuesday before the opener. "You're inciting the fans in my mind."

He also doesn't like some of the computer baseball games.

"You have guys sliding into second base and punching the second baseman when he gets up," Torre said.

"I think that's disgraceful that we have licensing things going on in Major League Baseball that promote the violence."

WAITING GAME

Yankees manager Joe Torre said Orlando Hernandez felt fine Tuesday, a day after he threw about 60 pitches in a bullpen session.

Torre won't decide until Thursday whether El Duque, who hasn't pitched since Oct. 1 because of a tired shoulder, or Javier Vazquez will start Game 4 on Saturday at Fenway Park.

"The good news is he feels good," Torre said. "We may have an extra pitcher that we didn't have last time around."

STEPPING IN

Kenny Lofton was the Yankees' designated hitter Tuesday night in Game 1 instead of Ruben Sierra because Lofton entered 7-for-23 (.304) against Boston ace Curt Schilling.

"Lofton has some numbers against Schilling," New York manager Joe Torre said. "You really have to do the little things against both he and Pedro (Martinez) to try to get things done."

The speedy Lofton batted ninth.

Sierra hit a tying, three-run homer in the eighth inning last Saturday to spark New York's clinching victory in Game 4 against Minnesota. He's 2-for-7 lifetime against Schilling.

Torre didn't add Jason Giambi to the active roster for this series, staying with the same 25 players he had in the first round.

The Red Sox replaced third baseman Kevin Youkilis with reliever Ramiro Mendoza, who used to pitch for the Yankees.

ANOTHER CHANCE

The New York Yankees gave new Mets general manager Omar Minaya permission to interview Willie Randolph for their manager's job.

Randolph, the Yankees' bench coach, said Tuesday that he had not yet spoken with Minaya about setting up the interview.

"They've had some tough times," said Randolph, who played second base for the Yankees from 1976-88 and finished his career with the Mets in 1992.

Henry hopes Sox can duplicate success of Kraft's Patriots

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The owners stood side by side in front of the dugout — John Henry of the Boston Red Sox and Robert Kraft of the New England Patriots.

The Red Sox hope to win the World Series for the first time in 86 seasons. The Patriots have won two of the last three Super Bowls and set an NFL record last Sunday with their 19th straight win, including playoffs.

"Any team in sports would like to emulate them," Henry said of the Patriots before Tuesday night's first game of the American League Championship Series against the New York Yankees.

The Red Sox would have to take some serious steps to do that. Johnny Damon would have to cut his flowing black locks, Pedro Martinez would have to clip his curls and Bronson Arroyo would have to ditch the cornrows.

Patriots coach Bill Belichick probably wouldn't stand for that on his clean-cut club, would he?

"I don't know," Henry said. "You'd have to ask him."

Hairstyles aside, there are plenty of similarities between the clubs — both have a strong camaraderie and an unflappable quality. That could help the Red Sox knock off the Yankees and reach the World Series for the first time since 1986.

"It's very exciting what's happening here," said Kraft, a graduate of nearby Columbia University who nevertheless said Tuesday's trip to Yankee Stadium was his first. "These guys are very special. They find a way to win."

Of Boston's 98 wins, they came back in 47 of them. Then, in the clinching third game of the AL division series, they won 8-6 on David Ortiz's two-run homer in the 10th inning after Anaheim tied the game at 6 with five runs in the seventh.

One fan wearing a Yankee shirt made a clear distinction between the Red Sox and Patriots.

"Hey, Kraft," he yelled. "Keep your winning streak with the Patriots, not with the Red Sox."

But Boston's braintrust thinks it has a team that won't wilt under the pressure of playing its longtime rivals with a chance to erase several generations of post-season futility.

Curt Schilling cool throughout the 2001 World Series when he was with Arizona. He went 1-0 with a 1.69 ERA and started the seventh game when the Diamondbacks beat the Yankees for the championship.

"He's totally unflappable and can eliminate the circus-like atmosphere around him," Boston general manager Theo Epstein said. "He focuses on the catcher's mitt. He sets a great example for his teammates."

Epstein learned what a wily, calculating veteran Schilling was when he visited the pitcher's Arizona home the day before last Thanksgiving to try and convince him to accept a trade to the Red Sox.

The next day, after they reached a contract agreement, Epstein had to put it in writing.

"It wasn't until I went into his home office and started typing up the contract that I saw 'Negotiating for Dummies,'" in the room, Epstein said. "I wish I'd known that before."

Red Sox president Larry Lucchino was president with San Diego when the Padres were swept in the 1998 World Series by the Yankees.

"Our guys were struck by the romance and history of Yankee Stadium," Lucchino said.

Cryonics lab ordered to turn over records

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — The Scottsdale cryonics firm holding the remains of baseball legend Ted Williams has been ordered to make public court records it had hoped to keep sealed.

Alcor Life Extension Foundation has never publicly acknowledged keeping Williams' remains, but the facility is widely known to be the one where Williams' body was sent.

Williams' nephews, John and Samuel Williams, sued Alcor to force the organization to show whether it obtained legal permission to store the body. Alcor had sought to keep the documents sealed.

But Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Thomas Dunevant III ruled against Alcor, saying it's already "public knowledge" Williams' body is stored at the facility.

"The essential content of the documents, including the identities of the clients, is already known," the judge wrote in a three-page ruling issued Oct. 7. "The 'right' of confidentiality is at this point a pure fiction."

A timeline for the disclosure of the documents has not been set, said the nephews' attorney John Heer.

Legal permission to store the remains is required under the Arizona Anatomical Gift Act. A former Alcor manager has claimed the company didn't have proper authorization to freeze Williams' remains.

The nephews are among family and friends of Ted Williams who have sought to have the remains of the famed Boston Red Sox slugger cremated.

Alcor stores human bodies and severed heads in vats of liquid nitrogen in the hope that someday science will be able to bring them back to life.

— Associated Press

Dolphins got physical with Pats' Brady

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — The Miami Dolphins couldn't put a blemish on Tom Brady's winning streak so they put one on his face.

The New England Patriots' cover boy quarterback had a sore right shoulder and four stitches on his ever-so-cutely dimpled chin after he was hit in the mouth during Sunday's 24-10 victory over the Dolphins. His mouth was still sore on Wednesday, when he strained a little to speak to reporters.

"It's fine. I'll be ready to go," said Brady, who landed on the injury report as probable for Sunday's game against the Seattle Seahawks. "You just get sore from the bumps and bruises. You get landed on, but you just have to get up and get treatment. It does feel better today."

The stitches will come out eventually, leaving behind a scar that will no doubt make Brady appear more rugged to the women who have flocked after him ever since he went from a fourth-stringer to Super Bowl MVP during the 2001 season. He bagged that honor again last year.

But the bigger problem facing Brady this week is the scar on his record because of his performance against Miami. Without two of his top four wide receivers, Brady played conservatively and not very effectively, completing 7-of-19 passing for 76 yards, two touchdowns and an interception — the fewest completions and fewest yards he's had in 56 career starts.

"Sometimes it doesn't always go the way that you planned it, but that is life and that is being a quarterback," he said. "You just believe in what you are doing and try to keep going back out there and keep trying to get the job done and hopefully win some games."

Brady has done plenty of that, posting a 38-12 record as a starter in his career — running off an NFL record 19 consecutive wins, including last year's Super Bowl and four straight to start this season. Even last week, when his stats suffered, Brady was able to manage the game well enough to win against a Miami team that never mounted a serious threat.

"I don't think you can count on that," Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren told reporters. "If you guys don't think he played up to his potential, that makes me nervous because I don't think he's going to do that too often."

Since taking over when starter Drew Bledsoe was injured in 2001, Brady has become a staple of the gossip columns. He has dated a supermodel, hung out at the Playboy Mansion and been a guest of first lady Laura Bush at the State of the Union. He even had an audience with Pope John Paul II in the Vatican.

Oh, and he's won two NFL titles and two Super Bowl MVPs.

He has graced the cover of his share of sports magazines, as well as crossover publications like TV Guide. Next month's Men's Journal has him on the cover surrounded by snow-capped mountains, tossing a football in the air, with a feature on "The 50 best jobs in America" inside.

"Come wake up on Monday morning and tell me if that is the job you want," said Brady, who is also on the cover of Sports Illustrated's Oct. 18 issue — his second Sports Illustrated cover this season. "That is pretty neat actually. You can see why a lot of people would want to play quarterback. It is a fun position. Even with stitches and bumps and bruises and everything that goes along with it."

Schilling to need ankle surgery

NEW YORK (AP) — Curt Schilling needs surgery on his injured right ankle, but the Red Sox hope he will still be able to pitch Game 5 of the AL championship series Sunday.

Schilling lasted just three innings and 58 pitches in Boston's 10-7 loss to the New York Yankees in Tuesday night's opener, allowing six runs, his poorest playoff performance since 1993.

The Red Sox said the sheath that covers a tendon in Schilling's ankle is torn.

"The tendon is snapping over the bone," Red Sox physician Dr. Bill Morgan said Wednesday.

Schilling will undergo surgery after the postseason and will need about three months to recover. If the injury occurred during the season, Morgan said Schilling would have been on the disabled list.

Schilling pitched with a brace Tuesday and had a shot of painkiller in the ankle. Still, he had trouble pushing off the rubber with his right leg.

The Red Sox hope a better brace will help, but if not, Schilling's season will be over. π

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C 62 – Alex Miller, Sophomore
RG 73 – David Thompson, Sophomore
RT 68 – Matt Austin, Freshman
WR 9 – Dominique Stewart, Junior

Defense
DE 95 – Keron Williams, Junior
DT 57 – Justin Schweighardt, Junior
DT 59 – Andrew Blumenthal, Freshman
DE 48 – David Burris, Freshman
OLB 35 – L.A. Love, Junior
MLB 51 – Serge Tikum, Junior
OLB 29 – Brad Anderson, Junior
CB 26 – Tracy Belton, Sophomore
FS 34 – Shannon James, Junior
SS 7 – James Ihedigbo, Sophomore
CB 3 – R.J. Cobbs, Junior

Special Teams
K 33 – Matt Goldstein, Senior
P 13 – Christian Koegel, Sophomore
KR 11 – Jason Peebler, Senior
PR 87 – Nathanael Hasselbeck, Junior

Offense
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FB 85 – Joe Kreider, Junior
WR 81 – David Bailey, Senior
TE 84 – Jonathan Williams, Junior
LT 63 – Christian Leibl-Cote, Senior
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C 61 – Adam Triscila, Junior
RG 76 – Tim Carignan, Junior
RT 75 – David Sundberg, Junior
WR 4 – Shaun Diner, Senior

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DT 91 – Derek Stank, Junior
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OLB 56 – Alan Tallman, Junior
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FS 22 – Aaron Thomas, Senior
SS 33 – Baron Flenory, Junior
CB 8 – Corey Graham, Sophomore

Special Teams
K 99 – Connor McCormick, Junior
P 82 – Matt Henry, Sophomore
KR 81 – David Bailey, Senior
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Minutemen look to claw UNH

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169.9. Additionally, he's completed almost 70 percent of his passes for 1346 yards and 16 touchdowns, while being intercepted just twice and averaging over 300 yards through the air per game.

However you add it up, defending Santos will certainly be a tall order for UMass.

"I'm not sure [if UMass matches up well with UNH]. I just don't know that answer," Brown said. "It all depends on when we get in the game and see how the matchups go, and then evaluate it from there.

"Santos has a lot of great receivers. I think Ball is a top-rate receiver in this league, and he's going to try and make things happen. It's up to us to make plays and keep that from happening."

On the other side of the coin, UMass enters the game with a quarterback situation that is anything but settled. After starting the season on fire in leading the Minutemen to two consecutive wins, junior Tim Day has struggled mightily in his team's four consecutive losses, scoring an anemic offense to just 35 points in the four games.

What has been most disheartening for UMass fans, however, has been the fact that despite his team's stellar play on defense that has presented the offense with numerous opportunities to win games, Day has not only been unable to capitalize, but has hardly come close at times.

Heading into this weekend, Brown will stick with Day under center. However the seed has been planted in his mind to consider lifting the redshirt from freshman quarterback Liam Coen in hopes of possibly getting the La Salle (R.I.) Academy product some game experience.

"We're evaluating [the quarterback position], and we're going to create competition there," Brown said. "We're going to do whatever we can to win. We're going to look at tape and analyze what we think we need to, and take it from there."

Despite Day's troubles on offense, Saturday's match up will undoubtedly come down to play on defense — an area where UMass is significantly banged up after the loss to IMU in which numerous key players went down within the unit.

Out this weekend are starting defensive tackle Jason Leonard (separated shoulder) and outside linebacker Charles Walker (knee), who is the team's leading tackler. Brown has said that Brad Anderson will slide over to fill Walker's spot, while L.A. Love will move into the starting lineup in Anderson's usual position.

Also questionable are starting cornerback R.J. Cobbs (sprained neck and sore ribs), reserve defensive back Julius Walker and defensive lineman Andrew Blumenthal.

Santos rises from unknown to lead No. 7 New Hampshire

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and he has recently been named one of the 16 candidates for the Walter Payton Award which is given out to the top offensive performer when the Division I-AA season concludes.

These are some solid accolades for someone who hadn't played in a football game since Thanksgiving Day 2002 as a senior at Bellingham High School, especially with the bizarre circumstances that forced Santos into the starting role.

In fact, Granieri saw his first game action in similar circumstances back in 2001.

Ryan Day, who is UMass quarterback Tim Day's older brother, was injured in the first half in a game against the Minutemen.

Grantieri stepped in and completed a Hail Mary at the end of the first half on his way to leading UNH to a comeback victory over UMass.

Ryan Day was able to recover to get his job back before the season ended, something that still remains to be seen with Granieri this year because McDonnell doesn't think it would be fair for his quarterback to lose his job due to an injury.

With Granieri's record of 8-15 as a starter, the decision shouldn't be that difficult.



Junior tailback Steve Baylark looks for yardage during the Minutemen's 21-7 loss to Delaware.

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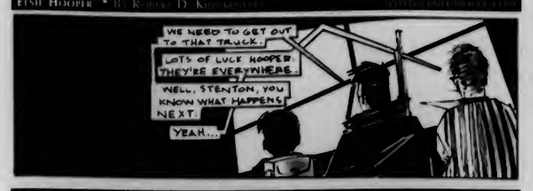
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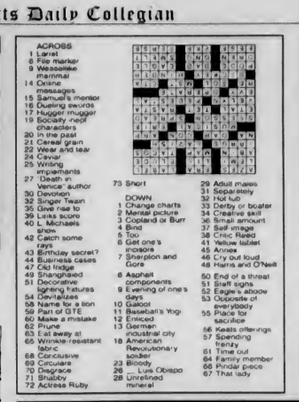






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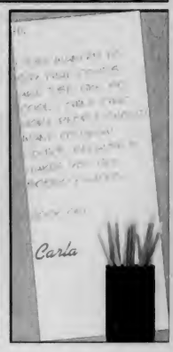
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UMass in for a Cat fight

Struggling Minutemen look to right ship against UNH

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

Forget four straight losses, and never mind the fact that the chance for an Atlantic 10 championship and a Division I-AA playoff birth has gone by the wayside. Push the nightmares of a month's worth of atrocious offensive performances away, and don't consider the lack of size on defense that has been exploited to an unacceptable degree in recent games.

For the Massachusetts football team, none of these various aspects that have contributed to one of the worst stretches in recent memory should be allowed to play a factor this weekend. When UMass travels to Cowell Stadium in Durham, N.H. on Saturday to face No. 7 New Hampshire at 12 p.m., there's only one thing that each of the Minutemen can do: to have a chance to finally end their troublesome skid. Just play football.

"We know that our chances to do what we wanted to do this season aren't there anymore, and I just want the guys to go out and play," UMass coach Don Brown said. "I told the guys to get away Monday and just not worry about football, and when we get back we'll be ready to play. Play the way we're capable of playing, go out, let it rip, have fun and just fly around. That's what it's all about, and it's why you do all the practicing and the weightlifting, to go out and play.

"The bottom line is that it's still the game that we all love, and that's enough to play for right there."

Considering the season that the upstart Wildcats are having, Brown's team must come to play if it has hopes of upsetting what has evolved into an offensive juggernaut. After raising eyebrows with an impressive win at the home of defending National Champion Delaware on opening night, redshirt freshman quarterback Ricky Santos, a native of Bellingham, has continued to put up flashy numbers.

Since stepping in for starter Mike Granieri, who injured his knee against Delaware and is out for the season, Santos has led UNH to four wins in five games, including a 35-24 victory over Division I-A Rutgers and a combined 96 points in his teams' last two wins over Dartmouth and Villanova.

"He's done a tremendous job up there," Brown said of Santos. "He's got a strong arm and a lot of confidence, and he moves around well in and out of the pocket.

"It's tough to come in as a freshman like he has, but he has adapted well to what they're trying to do, and he's played quality football."

Numbers-wise, what Santos has been able to do in his first year as a starter has been impressive. He currently leads the Atlantic 10 in total offense at over 327 yards per game, and is second to Northeastern's Shawn Brady in passing efficiency at a whopping

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COURTESY KAREN ROSE/UNH

Tim Day will be under center when the Minutemen face New Hampshire this weekend, but coach Don Brown has said that freshman Liam Coen may see time in the future if Day's struggles continue.

GAME DAY CENTRAL

No. 7 New Hampshire	Massachusetts
14-1 Overall 1-1 Atlantic 10	(2-4 Overall 0-3 Atlantic 10)
Last Week: Bye	*Last Week:* Lost to No. 19 James Madison 28-7

Cowell Stadium – Durham, New Hampshire (6,500/Grass)
Kickoff: 12 p.m.

Television: None

Radio: UMass Football Radio Network – WRNX 100.9 FM Holyoke flagship (Bob Behler, play-by-play, Doug White, color commentary, Johnson Owumi, sideline)
UMass Student Radio – WMUA 91.1 FM Amherst (Marc Bertrand, play-by-play, Jonathan Junkins, color commentary)
UNH Sports Radio Network – Durham, N.H. (Jim Jeannotte, play-by-play, Mike Murphy, color commentary, Andy Schachat, Sideline)

Series record: UMass leads 38-24-3
Series at Cowell Stadium: UMass leads 14-11-1
Last meeting: UMass 44 UNH 30 - October 4, 2003, Amherst, Massachusetts

Freshman quarterback leads Wildcats in surprising season

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

After suffering through six losing seasons in the last seven years and having an overall stagnant program, the New Hampshire football team has suddenly found a diamond in the rough that has resuscitated a broken team.

Twenty plays into the Wildcats' season opener against defending national champion Delaware, quarterback Mike Granieri tore the ACL in his left knee and was sidelined indefinitely.

Backup Hassan Noble wasn't available to play in that game due to a high ankle sprain he suffered in a preseason scrimmage, and Matt Skoby, who was the planned third-string quarterback heading into the season, bailed on the team to play baseball for Mississippi State.

All of a sudden, coach Sean McDonnell was hollering at redshirt freshman quarterback Ricky Santos to grab his helmet and step in for Granieri for his first collegiate action in front of a packed house full of 22,000 Delaware fans.

In what should have been a tough situation for someone this young, Santos kept his cool, completed his first five passes and went 10-11 overall for 146 yards while not committing a single turnover. With UNH trailing 21-17 in the fourth quarter, Santos hooked up with wide receiver David Ball for a 44-yard touchdown pass which turned out to be the game-winning score.

The Wildcats have a 4-1 record so far this year, and their freshman phenom is still taking snaps under center while Granieri watches on the sideline wondering if he will ever get his job back.

It will be tough for McDonnell to give the ball back to Granieri since no New Hampshire football team has started 4-1 since 2000, and if the Wildcats beat Massachusetts on Saturday, it will mark the first time that UNH has started 5-1 since the school's last NCAA tournament team of 1994.

"He is throwing the ball with a lot of confidence," UMass coach Don Brown said. "(UNH) does an awful lot of things by set, and he is in a pretty good comfort zone. I'm not sure you're going to get him out of rhythm at all."

UMass will have a tall task in trying to shut down Santos, a Bellingham native, as he has put up stellar numbers through his first five career games. Santos has completed 122-177 passes (68.9 percent) for 1546 yards since taking over the starting job.

Even more remarkable, he has thrown for 16 touchdowns and only two interceptions while trying to learn a different, and faster, game. He is ranked fourth in Division I-AA in total offensive yards per game with 327.6 yards, and his passing efficiency rating of 169.9 is also fourth best in the country.

Santos has completed an average of 24.4 passes per game, which is good enough for seventh in the nation among signal callers.

"He is very confident in the way he throws the ball," Brown said. "He is a good quarterback. He's as good as there is right now."

While everyone around Division I-AA football had begun to hear the whispers of what Santos had been doing, he may have let all of those people know that he was the real deal during his record setting performance on Oct. 2 during New Hampshire's 51-40 win at Villanova.

Santos set school records for passes (55), completions (38), passing yards (538) and passing touchdowns (6) against a Villanova defense that is considered to be one of the toughest in the country. The 538 passing yards were also an Atlantic 10 freshman record.

For his performance, he was named the College Sports Television Offensive Player of the Week, just one of numerous awards and accolades that Santos has won over the past month-and-a-half.

He has been named the Atlantic 10 Offensive Player of the Week twice, the Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week three times, The Sports Network Co-Offensive Player of the Week

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MATTHEW REMCHECK/COLLEGIAN

Charge!

Defenders spring from goaltender Christine Tocco's net during a Massachusetts field hockey game earlier this season. Last night, the Minutewomen beat New Hampshire for the first time in four tries by the score of 2-1. Kara Murphy scored her first goal of the season, and it was the game winner for the Minutewomen, who improve to 4-11 on the season, and 2-1 in the Atlantic 10.

NHL dishes out fine

NEW YORK (AP) – The NHL fined one of the owners of the Atlanta Thrashers $250,000 for saying the league would use replacement players next year if a new collective bargaining agreement isn't reached, The Associated Press has learned.

Steve Belkin, a member of Atlanta Spirit, LLC — the group that bought the Thrashers earlier this year — was given the hefty fine for comments he made over the weekend to the Boston Herald, said an official within the league speaking on the condition of anonymity.

Belkin, a Weston businessman, said the NHL had a solution for next fall if a new collective bargaining agreement wasn't reached.

That was more than enough for the NHL to hear. The league has already dished out other large fines to those on the management side who have spoken out of turn during the labor dispute with the players association.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Hours after jetting back from a funeral for relatives in Panama, Mariano Rivera stopped the surging Boston Red Sox, who had cut an eight-run deficit to one.

Rivera got Kevin Millar to pop out to strand the tying run at third base in the eighth inning, then finished out a thrilling 10-7 win for the Yankees in the opener of the AL championship series.

The star reliever arrived at the ballpark just before 9 p.m. EDT, midway through the second inning, with the Yankees already up 2-0.

Rivera wept, sang and prayed at the funeral in Puerto Caimito, Panama, his hometown about 40 miles from Panama City.

The cousin of Rivera's wife, Clara, died along with his 14-year-old son Saturday at Rivera's house. Officials said Victor Dario Avila and his son were electrocuted, apparently when electrical cable fell into the water as the younger Avila was in the pool and his father tried to save him.

CINCINNATI (AP) — Barry Larkin's stellar 19-year career with his hometown team ended with a one-sided phone call.

The Cincinnati Reds informed their captain they aren't interested in keeping him around for another season. Instead, the Reds will replace the 40-year-old shortstop with two unproven youngsters.

Larkin was at his home in Orlando, Fla., when general manager Dan O'Brien and manager Dave Miley — a former teammate — called with the decision.

Larkin's 19 seasons with one team was the longest current streak in the majors. He had hoped for a 20th and was willing to discuss returning in a utility role, but the Reds ruled it out.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds underwent arthroscopic surgery on his left knee and is expected to be at full strength when the San Francisco Giants open spring training in February.

The slugger underwent a 20-minute arthritis cleanup procedure performed by San Jose Sharks team physician Dr. Art Ting at the Fremont Surgery Center.

Giants trainer Stan Conte said

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MULTI-CULTURAL FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES HOLD "MEET THE GREEKS"

Members of the Iota Phi Theta fraternity pose for photos during Wednesday night's "Meet the Greeks" event in the Student Union Ballroom. The goal of the event was to recruit students multicultural fraternities and sororities.

Autumn Event this Saturday

By Bill Donovan
Collegian Staff

More than 4,000 college-bound high school students and their parents are expected to attend the University of Massachusetts campus open-house "Autumn Event" on Saturday.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. in the Mullins Center. The day-long program will feature various tours of the college's different departments, classrooms, dining halls and residence halls.

The prospective students will have the chance to speak with hundreds of UMass staff, faculty and current students to ask questions and try to get a feel of campus life.

"People will be coming from all over," said Joanne Horrigan, director of the New Student Program and Autumn Event coordinator. "These include Texas, Georgia, California as well as the New England states."

Horrigan added that the event is a great opportunity for prospective students.

"The Autumn Event is a great opportunity for prospective students to visit the campus and learn about the different sides of life at UMass Amherst. Once the students get a real view of the quality academic programs and student life activities, we think they'll decide that UMass is the best place for them."

The Autumn Event will include a University welcome by UMass President Jack M. Wilson at 10 a.m. The greeting will be followed by an address by UMass Chancellor John V. Lombardi.

Lauren Fowler, a double-major undergraduate in Psychology and Spanish, resident assistant and athlete will be the student speaker at the event. Fowler will be graduating with the UMass Class of 2005.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to address seniors for the prospective Class of 2008," commented Fowler. "I feel fortunate to be the speaker of the event. I know a lot of hard work was put into this event."

Horrigan explained the purpose of the Autumn Event is to "showcase the academic and exciting college life here."

"Its an exciting opportunity for prospective students and parents to see our campus. There are probably 200 students and 400 faculty involved with the program," said Horrigan. "So it truly is a campus effort."

The Autumn Event includes Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life Michael Gargano as the program emcee. Gargano expressed optimism with the upcoming day.

"We're excited that we're going to be welcoming nearly 4,000 students and parents who have shown a real interest in attending UMass Amherst next fall semester after they graduate in the spring of 2005. Students and their families are getting to ready to embark on one of the most important steps of their lives," Gargano said.

He also stated the Autumn Event is needed in providing the right information to students who are thinking of attending the college.

"In addition to providing a very hospitable campus on Saturday to students and parents, we want to not just give them information, but good information," Gargano explained. "And that attending UMass Amherst is the best chance they can make. It's an opportunity for them to meet with deans, faculty, staff, and other students and get their most pertinent questions asked."

Students and families visiting on Saturday will have chances to visit resident halls, University Health Services, the Durfee Conservatory, the W.E.B. Du Bois Library, the Student Union, as well as the schools on campus. With meetings commencing at 11:50 a.m., these include the College of Humanities & Fine Arts, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Natural Resources & the Environment, and many more.

"Students will head over to whatever school they are interested in during the event," added Horrigan. "There will be information sessions provided for students at these."

Entertainment and art will also be available for students and parents to view at the Autumn Event. Entertainment and demonstrations by Student Groups such as Mission IMPROVable, the Juggling Club, Vocal Suspects, Fencing Team, Tae Kwon Do Club as well as others will take place on the steps of the Student Union from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. At the same time in Herter Hall, an Art Gallery Exhibition will take place of mixed media called "HOME GROWN." It will showcase recent works by incoming and current Master of Fine Arts students.

Students to rally against racism

By Brian Duffy
Collegian Staff

A group of concerned students are expected to hold a rally on the ramp of the Whitmore Administration Building today at 2:45 p.m. The students are then expected to enter Whitmore and present witness statements to Dean of Students, Jo-Anne Vanin.

These witness statements, one hundred in total, verify that each witness has seen the pictures of the controversial "KKK-9" photos, which feature former and current members of the University of Massachusetts Student Government Association and SCERA. The participants of the rally are expected to claim that these photos have led to personal experiences of racism.

Students who have put this movement together are doing so because of what they refer to as "inaction," on the part of the administration in response to the photos. They hope these witness statements will lead to the successful prosecution of students who are they say are making minority students feel unwelcome and unsafe on campus.

Organizers say that an allegedly racially charged light two weeks ago involving UMass football players outside McKimmie Hall as well as a call from an Aryan Nation sympathizer to the office of ALANA Affairs, have also contributed to this idea.

"All the administration has done is stalled and protected the students involved," said organizer Marisha Leiblum.

Leiblum believes that race related incidents of hate have increased dramatically since the pictures have been released.

"The administration needs to send a message to students that these racially motivated activities are unacceptable," Leiblum said.

Andres Gomez, also an organizer and member of Take Back UMass, stated that the administration legally has four months to respond to the witness statements. Gomez said that minority students are feeling increasingly less safe and uncomfortable at UMass.

Leiblum and Gomez encourage all interested members of the UMass community to join them today outside of Whitmore.

Fresno, Calif. now nation's capital in illegal drug use

By Juliana Barbassa
Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — The nation's capital of intravenous drug use is not New York or Miami, not Chicago or Detroit – but Fresno.

It is an unlikely distinction for a city of fewer than 500,000 people in the heart of one of the nation's richest agricultural regions.

The percentage of people shooting up heroin and other drugs in Fresno is nearly three times the national average, fueled by a boom in methamphetamine use, according to a study issued last month.

"This town is so full of meth," said Amy Wilson, 28, who was ordered into rehab after her daughter, now 3 1/2 months old, tested positive for methamphetamine at birth.

"My grasp on reality was gone," she said. She described drug use in California's Central Valley as "like a cancer."

Law enforcement agencies and treatment counselors say they are overwhelmed by the scope of the problem, which is compounded by HIV and hepatitis C infections that come from sharing needles.

The Fresno area has become home to Mexican drug cartels that operate in its rural expanses, where the farm chemicals used to make meth are readily available and the noxious fumes are less easily detected. According to a 2001 estimate by the Drug Enforcement Administration, 80 percent of the country's meth comes from the cartels.

Part of the problem in the Fresno area is also poverty, said Samuel Friedman, a research fellow at the National Development and Research Institutes in New York and primary author of the study in last month's Journal of Urban Health.

Fresno County, where farmworkers get paid rock-bottom, seasonal wages, is one of the poorest counties in the nation. More than 20 percent of its residents live in poverty, according to Census estimates, and the per capita income is just $15,495 a year.

In the study, Fresno was found to have 173 IV drug users for every 10,000 people; the national average is 60 per 10,000 people. Three other urban areas within 200 miles also made it into the top 10 – San Francisco, Stockton-Lodi and Bakersfield.

It is a problem that has been costly for the government. Fresno County spends $20 million a year on drug treatment programs that served more than 9,000 people in 2002, and the programs are straining to keep.

"Now at least we have a waiting list," said Dennis Koch, administrator of Fresno County's Alcohol and Drug Program. "Before, we used to not have these programs. There was nothing to wait for."

Last day to drop classes with a 'W' on transcript

University of Massachusetts undergraduates and Continuing Education students have until Monday, October 25 to drop a fall semester course and receive only a "W" on their transcripts.

Dropping the class will have no impact on one's cumulative average. A "W" is almost always preferable to an "F" on a transcript.

Students are encouraged to consult their academic dean for advice and appropriate procedures in order to drop a course.

However, students should be aware that they must carry at least 12 credits for financial aid and most health insurance purposes.

For more information, contact Senior Academic Advisor Susan Machala in Pre-Major Advising Services. Her e-mail is smachala@acad.umass.edu.

-Erika Lovley

War documentary screening

By Dan Koffman
Collegian Staff

Smith College will be holding a re-screening of the documentary "Poetry in Wartime" this coming Monday. The film will be shown in the Weinstein Auditorium at Wright Hall on the Smith campus in Northampton at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free and all are welcome to come watch the screening, which is sponsored by the Poetry Center at Smith College.

Ellen Dore Watson, director of the Poetry Center and an accomplished poet, calls the film "extraordinary." The first screening at Smith, which took place on Sept. 11, with other Smith events going on simultaneously was watched by a sizable crowd.

The re-screening could bring in even more people, Watson said. Some of those in attendance the first time were so moved by the documentary that they asked Watson to screen the film again so they could bring their friends to see it.

"The film is a really interesting look at how war has changed over the centuries and how civilian populations are more impacted by war today," Watson said. She went on to say how the film truly demonstrates how "everyone who goes to war is a different person than when they come back."

Watson believes that it is important for students to make the trek to see the movie because we are at a "turning point" in history where political consciousness is vital. With the war in Iraq bringing talk of war to us in the present day and the word draft being thrown about in conversation, the documentary can help to raise one's awareness of the realities of war.

Watson was also impressed with the "intersection of war and poetry" within the movie. These are two things which do not appear to go hand-in-hand, but the filmmakers show there is a noticeable connection.

The documentary is a collection of images of war and poetry read by poets. War is profiled through the centuries and the poets are diverse. Famous poets of yesteryear like Emily Dickinson, Langston Hughes, Wilfred Owen, Siegfried Sassoon, Walt Whitman, and Homer have their writings used in the film. Also featured is more current poetry from Rachel Bentham, Ali Habash, Marie Howe, Marilyn Nelson, Hasham Shafq, and many others.

The film also contains commentary from non-poets. "Soldiers, journalists, historians and experts on combat interviewed in Poetry in Wartime add diverse perspectives on war's effects on soldiers, civilians and society," the film's official maintains.

Makers of the film are planning on it being released to theatres sometime in early 2005. In the meantime, the only chance to watch this unique film on war and poetry is at the re-screening. Watson recalls how viewers felt after the first screening. "After the film everyone seemed quite affected."

For more information on the documentary, visit www.poetryinwartime.org. For more information on the screening itself, visit www.smith.edu/poetrycenter.

Green Zone suffers attack

By Nadia Abou El-Magd
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Insurgents penetrated Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone and detonated explosives at a market and a popular cafe Thursday, killing 10 people, including four American civilians, in the first bombings inside the compound housing the U.S. and Iraqi government headquarters.

A top Iraqi official said the attacks appeared to have been suicide bombings. The attack was a bold assault on the heart of the U.S.-Iraqi leadership of the country and a district seen as one of the few relatively safe refuges for Americans in the capital.

Witnesses said two men, each carrying a backpack but not required ID badges, entered the Green Zone Cafe full of Americans and other patrons at around lunchtime, drank tea and talked to each other for nearly half an hour.

One of them then left and soon after an explosion was heard, then the man who remained in the cafe detonated his bomb moments later, ripping through the building, said an Iraqi vendor who was in the cafe at the time. A bomb was found and defused at the same cafe last week.



COURTESY OF U.S. ARMY

A U.S. Army helicopter patrols above a compound housing Iraqi and U.S. government headquarters yesterday, after a terrorist attack.

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Harvard University student found guilty of manslaughter

By Denise Lavoie
Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE (AP) — A Harvard graduate student was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to six to eight years in prison yesterday for stabbing a young man to death in a fight that heightened the generations-old tension between the Ivy Leaguers and working-class Cambridge.

Prosecutors had charged 26-year-old Alexander Pring-Wilson with murder in the slaying last year of Michael Colono, arguing that Pring-Wilson attacked the 18-year-old Colono for ridiculing him as he stumbled home drunk.

"Michael Colono made fun of the defendant and it cost him his life," prosecutor Adrienne Lynch said.

Pring-Wilson said he pulled a four-inch folding knife and stabbed Colono in self-defense after Colono and his cousin brutally beat him.

The jury deliberated over five days before finding Pring-Wilson guilty of the lesser charge. Judge Regina Quinlan could have given him 20 years behind bars.

The case represented a collision of two worlds.

Pring-Wilson, the son of Colorado lawyers, was studying for his master's degree in Russian and Eurasian studies and planned to attend law school. Colono, a high school dropout, had earned his equivalency diploma and was working as a cook at a Boston hotel. He died the day before his daughter's third birthday.

Defense attorney Ann Kaufman, in tears as she asked the judge to sentence Pring-Wilson to probation, said he had been unfairly portrayed as a product of an elite upbringing.

"He's worked all of his life. He comes from a family where all the children in the family worked," Kaufman said. "This isn't about race, or class or privilege or wealth. ... What it's about is what happened on that street between three people."



Alexander Pring-Wilson in court for yesterday's verdict.

After the verdict, Colono's mother, Ada, broke down in tears outside court and was comforted by her family.

Pring-Wilson's mother, Cynthia Pring, said she understood the Colono family's pain. "I feel for them so strongly," she said. "My son feels for them so strongly.

Israeli tanks pull back from town

By Ibrahim Barzak
Associated Press

BEIT LAHIYA, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli tanks and bulldozers pulled back from this Palestinian town yesterday after tearing up roads, flattening greenhouses and knocking down dozens of houses in a devastating two-day raid, part of Israel's expanding invasion of the northern Gaza Strip.

The Israeli offensive is in its third week and Prime Minister Ariel Sharon told legislators Thursday that the campaign would continue and even be broadened.

Since the Sept. 29 start of the offensive, triggered by a deadly Palestinian rocket attack on an Israeli town, 105 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli army fire, including 18 under the age of 16.

Five armed Palestinians and an elderly civilian were killed in three separate missile strikes, starting Wednesday evening. Witnesses said Israeli aircraft on Thursday fired two more missiles at targets in the Jebaliya refugee camp.

Sharon told parliament's Defense and Foreign Affairs Committee that one objective of the campaign was to ensure calm during Israel's planned withdrawal from Gaza in 2005. When asked to clarify, however, he said he was not making an end to Palestinian attacks a prerequisite for the withdrawal.

Sharon also said Jewish settlers in Gaza would be removed from their homes by summer. Israel Radio initially quoted him as saying the removal would begin in May. However, participants in the closed-door meeting said Sharon was not that specific.

Palestinian militants have continued to fire rockets and mortars at Israeli border areas and Jewish settlements in Gaza. Israeli military commentators wrote Thursday that while an offensive might appease Israeli public opinion, it would not stop rocket fire.

Palestinians say much of the Israeli destruction in Gaza has been wanton.

For the past two weeks, hundreds of armored vehicles have patrolled a five-mile stretch of northern Gaza, including the towns of Beit Lahiya, Beit Hanoun and the Jebaliya refugee camp. At times, tanks remained on the outskirts, at times they moved deep into densely populated areas.

On Thursday morning, armored vehicles pulled back to the outskirts of Beit Lahiya after a two-day operation that left a wide path of destruction. The demolitions focused on outlying farms, the center of town and old Beit Lahiya.

The army said the goal of the raid was to prevent militants from launching rockets, and that trees, farm buildings and other structures were destroyed to deprive them of cover. With tanks moving through narrow alleys, some of the destruction was unintentional, the army said.

Dozens of houses in Beit Lahiya were badly damaged and no longer safe to live in. Armored vehicles tore up roads, destroyed water and sewage pipes and knocked down electricity poles.

Palestinian author Omar Khalil Omar, a Beit Lahiya resident, said two houses belonging to his extended family were damaged, and two cars were crushed. He said his mother's grave, on a family plot near his home, was torn up.

Scientists make strides in search for malaria vaccine

By Emila Ross
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Scientists have made important progress in the quest for a malaria vaccine, showing for the first time that childhood shots can prevent nearly one-third of cases and slash the risk of severe, life-threatening attacks by almost two-thirds.

Experts say the findings, outlined this week in The Lancet medical journal, provide robust evidence that the dream of developing a vaccine that will get babies through the most vulnerable period of infancy could become a reality by the end of the decade.

Researchers have been working on a malaria vaccine for more than 20 years, but until now none of the candidates showed promise. If this research bears fruit, it would be the first human vaccine against a parasite.

Specialists agree that, at least for the foreseeable future, there is no prospect of a vaccine that would wipe out malaria like the smallpox vaccine did for smallpox, or even provide lifelong immunity.

A vaccine that would turn the disease into a mostly mild infection would make a huge dent in the effort to control malaria, which kills a child every 30 seconds and poses a threat to half of all people on the planet. About 500 million episodes of malaria occur every year, mostly in the developing world. It is the leading killer of children under 5 in sub-Saharan Africa.

"We think a vaccine is important because as quick as you can make new drugs, there's resistance and [delivery of] bed nets has not been as simple as one would have hoped," said Melinda Moree, director of the Malaria Vaccine Initiative, which backed the latest study. "We've been trying to apply our existing technologies and the number of malaria deaths is rising. We need some new tools."

The vaccine, which GlaxoSmithKline Bio has been developing for 20 years, was tested in 2,022 children aged 1 to 4 in Mozambique, where the mosquito-borne disease is endemic.

Afghanistan counts 10.5 million ballots in election

By Stephen Graham
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Vote counting in Afghanistan's presidential election got under way Thursday, five days after a landmark vote meant to cement a new era of stability after more than two decades of strife.

A top election official said about three-quarters of the 10.5 million Afghans who registered for the election turned out to vote.

Ballot boxes have flooded in to the counting centers by road, air and even donkey from across the rugged, impoverished country. The head of the Afghan-U.N. electoral commission cut the seal on the first box opened in the capital, Kabul, to begin the tallying process to determine the country's first popularly elected head of state.

Counting also started in four regional centers: the northern cities of Kunduz and Mazar-e-Sharif, eastern Gardez and the main southern city of Kandahar.

The remaining three counting centers were expected to begin work by Saturday. U.N. spokesman Manoel de Almeida e Silva said 95 percent of the ballot boxes have reached the counting centers.

Reginald Austin, the top adviser to the joint election commission, said the first "substantial" results could emerge in about a week.

Austin said initial information from polling stations indicated that "nearly eight million" people cast ballots, a turnout of between 75 and 80 percent.



One person in Afghanistan is counting many ballots cast in that nation's landmark presidential election.

Karzai, who enjoys strong international backing and is seeking to bridge the war-ravaged nation's deep ethnic divides, is widely believed to have won, possibly with the absolute majority needed to avoid a run-off.

Officials had stalled the start of vote counting while a panel of foreign experts sifted through several dozen complaints of alleged irregularities from the 16 candidates, including front-running, U.S.-backed incumbent Hamid Karzai.

None of their complaints appear serious enough to invalidate final results expected by Oct. 31.

Some ballot boxes have not retrieved yet from far-flung regions, and the count may take time even after they do. Most election workers have received only a few hours of training.

Staff in Kabul went through a final drill on procedures before Zakim Shah, the president of the Joint Electoral Management Body, snipped the green seal on a plastic box containing hundreds of ballots to begin the process there.

Many election centers likely will close for Friday, the first day of the Islamic fasting month of Ramadan, election spokeswoman Silvana Puizina said.

The chances for a solid result improved following the appointment of a panel of three foreign experts to investigate complaints from Karzai's rivals.

The panel said Wednesday it was forced to quarantine ballots from only about 10 polling stations, indicating that any problems with the vote may be limited.

Election staff were supposed to mark voters' left thumbs with indelible ink, but some apparently used pens meant for marking the ballots or ink meant for stamping them instead.

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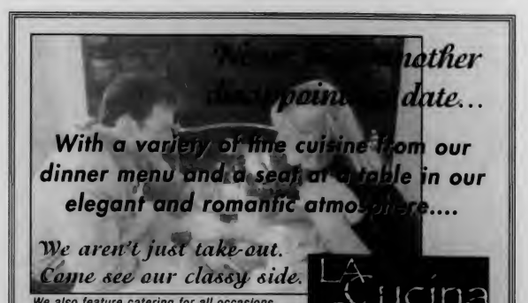
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Bill O'Reilly sued for sexual harrassment

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Fox News Channel's Bill O'Reilly made a TV talk show appearance on what he said was "the worst day of my life" Thursday, vowing to fight sexual harassment charges by one of his producers.

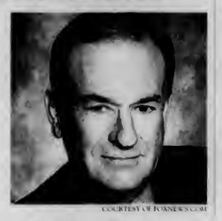
Accuser Andrea Mackris spoke publicly for the first time, saying she felt threatened by her former boss, who filed a lawsuit charging the woman and her lawyer with extortion.

Mackris, 33, said O'Reilly made a series of sexually explicit phone calls to her. Mackris, an associate producer on Fox News Channel's top-rated "The O'Reilly Factor," said he advised her to use a vibrator, told her about sexual fantasies involving her and engaged in unwanted phone sex.

During an appearance to promote his children's book on "Live with Regis and Kelly," O'Reilly said he'd been repeatedly threatened with lawsuits and bodily harm over the past few years. He said he knew that by filing his lawsuit, he could perhaps ruin his career.

"If I have to go down, I'm willing to do it," he said. "I'm going to take a stand. I'm a big mouth on the air and I'm a big mouth off the air."

On his own show Wednesday, O'Reilly called the case "the single most evil thing I have ever experienced, and I've seen a lot. But these people picked the wrong guy."



Bill O'Reilly, host of Fox News Channel's "O'Reilly Factor."

Mackris, who worked for O'Reilly for four years, said on ABC's "Good Morning America" that she took his actions and statements as a personal threat.

"I think my actions have been borne out in their actions toward me since I came out with it," she said.

ABC's Bob Woodruff asked Mackris if she knew what she was up against. O'Reilly "is no shrinking violet," he said.

Federal government says mad cow disease safeguards are sufficient

By Diedtra Henderson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal health advisers unanimously agreed yesterday that current safeguards on blood donations in the United States are sufficient despite the disclosure that a second British resident most likely acquired mad cow disease through a tainted transfusion.

"The United States is not Great Britain," said Dr. Stephen DeArmond, a University of California-San Francisco pathology professor. DeArmond pointed to the lack of evidence that so-far symptomless mad cow infections suspected in thousands of British residents are an issue in this country.

The Food and Drug Administration advisory committee agreed that donor restrictions are still warranted. But it stopped short of asking for additional safeguards in the United States to further prevent the risk of transmission of mad cow disease through blood.

The agency already bars blood donations from people who lived more than three months in Great Britain or who received transfusions there after 1979.

In both confirmed British infections, recipients got blood from donors who were young and apparently healthy at the time of donation. The chances that two confirmed infections among people who received blood was caused instead by eating mad-cow tainted beef were remote - 1 in 80,000 to 1 in 1 billion, the panel was told.

Getting the human form of mad cow disease, variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, through tainted blood "is a reality. And we've got to treat it like that," said Steven Anderson, an FDA risk assessment expert.

The new case involves a woman in her 80s who died from an unrelated medical condition early this year, according to Dr. Robert Will, a neurologist who founded the British mad cow surveillance team.

Because the woman had received a blood transfusion in 1999 from a donor who later died from variant CJD, the woman's doctor did a more thorough analysis after her death.

The woman had no outward signs of neurological disease and her brain, spinal cord, tonsils and appendix were normal, Will told the panel. In her spleen and cervical lymph nodes, however, the woman harbored malformed, infective prion proteins.

Mad cow disease occurs when normal proteins found in the brain, known as prions, change shape and coax adjacent healthy prions to do the same. When enough prions are altered, they deposit a plaque on the brain and surround the mark with spongy holes, killing the victim.

By testing 14,964 appendices of normal surgical patients in England, researchers learned that three were tainted with the infective proteins. That implies 257 people per million British residents - or 3,808 people age 10 to 30 - could silently incubate mad cow, Will said.

G. Michael Fitzpatrick, chief policy officer at America's Blood Centers, acknowledged worries about a potential second wave of mad cow cases in England.

Still, current safeguards appear to be working in the United States, Fitzpatrick said. Already, the nation's major blood suppliers, ABC and the American Red Cross, estimate current deferrals block 400,000 previous blood donors.

Instead of additional donor restrictions, the FDA should consider an "exit strategy" that would set thresholds for ending the blood supply sapping measures, Fitzpatrick said.

The federal advisers soundly reject that notion, agreeing unanimously that the current donor deferral strategies are still warranted to reduce mad cow risk in blood.

Before the second blood transfusion infection was reported in England, Dr. Arthur Bracey wondered whether restrictions in the United States might ease.

"I think that would be premature now," said Bracey, associate chief of pathology at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in Houston. He pointed to anecdotal information sent to the committee about a high-risk donor thwarting restrictions in order to sell his blood.

Springfield celebrates 100 years of Rolls-Royce autos

By Trudy Tynan
Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — With the glint of old chrome and a touch of gold plate, this city is celebrating the long-ago decade when it was the American home of Rolls-Royce.

The New England city where the American automobile industry was born became an outpost of British glitz when Rolls-Royce, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary, opened an American plant here in 1921.

"The object of Rolls-Royce was to build a car that would last a lifetime, not a decade," said Ed Lake of Ludlow, a founding member of the Rolls-Royce Owners Club. He'll be among dozens of owners showing off their cars at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum on Saturday in a gala tribute.

Lake has a 1930 Phantom I made in Springfield. "It is an amazing machine," he said. "When I got it in 1948 it had 80,000 miles on it. I've put on another 80,000 and it's still going very well."

At least one original owner, M. Allen Swift of Hartford, Conn., now 100, still has the two-tone green 1927 roadster he had built at the Springfield factory, said automotive historian John Webb DeCampi.

DeCampi estimated that well over half of the Springfield-made 1,703 Silver Ghosts and 1,241 Phantoms – a new model with one-third more horsepower introduced in 1927 – are still in existence.

Rolls-Royce initially provided only a chassis. The well-heeled owners then commissioned elegant one-of-a-kind bodies from famous coach makers, DeCampi said. An even higher percentage of those vehicles have survived, he estimated.

Springfield, the center of the nation's gun industry, caught the eye of Rolls-Royce because of its leadership in both the precision machine and automotive industry, as well as its proximity to New York and Boston, DeCampi said.

"We think of it now as an old industrial city," said Guy McLain, director of the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, which has a special exhibit marking the decade and the city's impact on the transportation industry. "But in 1920 it was the cutting edge."



The 1928 Springfield Phantom I, Brewster Piccadilly is one of several Rolls-Royce automobiles celebrated by auto enthusiasts.

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Jackson case developments

By Tim Molloy
Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — A judge yesterday rejected a defense request to throw out the indictment against Michael Jackson, saying prosecutors had presented enough evidence of child molestation and an attempt to silence the alleged victim's family for the case to go forward.

Judge Rodney S. Melville rejected arguments that the indictment should be thrown out because of prosecutorial misconduct, improper legal instruction and insufficient evidence.

The decision came after perhaps the most unusual of a string of media restrictions in the secrecy-shrouded case against the pop star: Reporters and other members of the public were prohibited from talking in court, even before the proceedings.

One fan of Jackson's was tossed by bailiffs for talking to the person next to her moments after she entered the courtroom. Reporters silently scribbled notes to each other, like students in class, as they questioned the legality of the rule.

The bailiffs rescinded the rule after a midmorning break in yesterday's hearing, saying there had been a misunderstanding. They did not explain what it was.

The rule was imposed after Santa Maria Times news columnist Steve Corbett spoke with Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Sgt. Ross Ruth about a judge's order barring reporters from conducting interviews during breaks and hearings. Corbett argued that it was hard to say what constituted an interview, and Ruth responded by ordering his deputies to keep everyone silent.



Pop icon Michael Jackson.

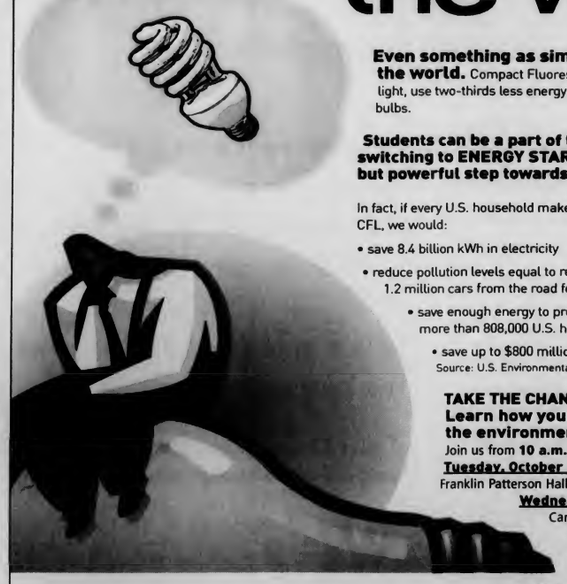
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"Our opinions do not really blossom into fruition until we have expressed them to someone else."
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Bombarded by liberal bias



Michael Busack

The cashier at Wal-mart doesn't give me advice on school. I don't expect my mechanic to tell me the best way to get a date. The reason why? You go to Wal-mart to get a good deal on a 6-pack of Hanes 100 percent cotton, not to raise your GPA. You go to the mechanic to get your muffler fixed, or to get a bigger spoiler put on your '92 Civic. This seems like a simple formula, but somewhere along the line this theory got lost in translation with regards to UMass professors.

Okay, so I know this school is waving the liberal flag free and proud. I understand that most college students think that John Kerry is the greatest thing to happen to politics since Al Gore stopped making out with Tipper in public, but professors, for my sake, I don't need to be force fed it in the classroom as well.

When I enrolled for classes this semester I was excited at the notion that I was taking some classes that really sparked my interest. I was psyched to know that I was finally going to get down to some of the nitty gritty course requirements for my majors. Instead, I have found nothing but one professor after another with a slanted view trying to tell me how much the President lied to me. Yes, everyone is allowed an opinion. This is one of the very virtues that helps to make this country so magnificent, but in a classroom, this is unacceptable.

Okay, so I know this school is waving the liberal flag free and proud ... but professors, for my sake, I don't need to be force fed it in the classroom as well.

I started to notice the worst example of this situation in a course entitled "Readings in Journalism." The online course description for this class says that we will learn about "the muckraking journalists of the turn of the century to the online journalism of the late 1990s." Now, correct me if I am wrong, but I did not hear anything about the 2004 Presidential election in this description.

The professor, Stephen Simurda has done a wonderful job at facilitating the class, and I do feel as though I have learned about the course materials. However, Professor Simurda has often times revealed his political beliefs to the students in the course. Not only does he divulge his liberalism, but he often times spouts it as if it were truth.

Earlier this week in class, we were speaking about the ability of a reporter, or person in general to influence a large group of people. We talked about manipulation and the fact that these "truths" did not necessarily have to be true in order to manipulate people.

In the same breath, Professor Simurda used an example of President George W. Bush. He said that Bush, in a sense, manipulated citizens of this great nation by using the current conflict in Iraq to divert attention from who was responsible for Sept. 11. He continued to tell us that the conflict in Iraq was long premeditated by the president and that he had been caught in his actions.

I cannot stress any more: this is a cardinal sin for any teacher. Not only did he force his opinion on many students that could very likely disagree with his view of the situation, but he made it seem as if his opinion were truth. This act in itself is manipulation. From a professor, this is not acceptable.

I was encouraged when one student in the class raised her hand and asked if during the next class session we could discuss the wrong doings of John Kerry. She then furthered her point by saying that Professor Simurda may perhaps be the manipulator in this conversation.

Putting a student in a situation like this in a classroom is unprofessional. No student should be forced to defend their political beliefs in a course about readings in journalism.

Now this class is just an example. In a school where the mass majority of the students, faculty and administration share the same political beliefs, it is difficult not to find some bias in the ways that the materials are presented.

I think the presentation of this bias should somehow be monitored. I think it is the responsibility for each teacher to provide an environment that will foster progress, learning and most of all the ability to formulate intelligent and progressive opinions that are unique to each and every student.

Every person has an opinion, even teachers. God bless that right. You can have that opinion on your own time, but in case you have forgotten, we pay you to be unbiased.

Michael Busack is a Collegian editor.

Rocking the vote, the GOP way

Johnny Donaldson

Should the person who registers you to vote allow his or her own political affiliations impact their job, or should these registrars simply take a non-partisan stance despite individual beliefs?

Some may think it's a stupid, "no duh" question, but it's really a valid one to ask. I believe that that is the kind of job which should not be tainted by subjectivity, that the ethical and responsible thing to do is to cast aside personal beliefs – whether they lean towards the left or the right – in the greater good of getting people to vote.

I shouldn't be surprised that in the era of George W. Bush, king of the smear campaign, that a Republican-affiliated group would throw out such quaint notions as "ethics" and "responsibility" in favor of a win-at-all-costs attitude.

The organization in question is called Voter Outreach for America. It's a private voter registration firm based out of Nevada, one of the year's hotly contested swing states. Its job is to collect registration for the state, an easy enough job, but the company that set them up, a Phoenix-centered consulting firm called Sproul and Associates, has received major donations from the Republican party: as in $500,000 in donations. Spokespeople for Sproul have said, and I quote: "it is safe to say we are trying to register Republicans."

The problem with all that is that a former employee, Eric Russell, has come forward to accuse supervisors of willingly tampering with registration forms. Democratic registration forms.

Russell charges that a supervisor ripped up Democratic forms before his eyes. Nathan Sproul, head of the company, says that the allegations are false. But this a company that is also under investigation in Oregon for "alteration and destruction of voter registration cards" (Anne Martens, spokeswoman for Oregon Secretary of State Bill Bradbury). Apparently, a canvasser refused to register anyone other than Republicans, saying that's how he made his commission.

The problem with all that is that a former employee, Eric Russell, has come forward to accuse supervisors of willingly tampering with registration forms. Democratic registration forms.

Right now, Secretary of State Dean Heller is investigating. Jon Summer, spokesman for the Nevada Democratic State Committee, said he will pursue a lawsuit.

The Republican Party naturally disavows any kind of connection to the matter. No matter that they fund the company and that the destroyed voter registration cards were for Democrats. No matter that in Oregon, the controversy swirled around Democrats being shunned by registrars.

It's called plausible deniability. It's a nicely Machiavellian tactic, one that allows the Republicans to engage in their brand of not-very-kosher behavior without ever being in danger of being liable in any individual case. Fund a private firm and get them to toss out the registration cards antithetical to their own goals. When the proverbial excrement hits the fan, deny all culpability, disavow any knowledge and find a scapegoat. You know, some misguided fool who did not act in the best interests of either party. That way no can credibly point a finger at you, if they do then they are just being reactionary and zealous.

Yep, some of you reading this column will write in and respond and say that I'm just looking to exploit this news story in order to dump on the Republicans yet again. Some will scoff and snicker and wonder what any of this has to do with Bush, that there is no proof to connect him to this alleged crime. (I do hold out hope that for the ever-dwindling decency of the GOP, that this crime turns out to be a lie.) I know what all the responses will be. And you all are, for the most part right.

There is no proof connecting the GOP to this little scandal out West. It could just be the actions of a few idiots undermining our democracy. But the Republican sponsorship is troubling and curious. It sends my red flag up, especially with the ghostly specter of plausible deniability hovering over it. It's a tricky little gambit that the Republicans have long since perfected. Let's hope that this little incident well help to finally trip them up.

Johnny Donaldson is a Collegian columnist.

Postcard from Red Sox Nation

Matt Brochu

Dear Nomar,

Greetings from Massachusetts! I'm sorry it took so long for me to write. You know how crazy things get in October for everyone in Red Sox Nation. Unlike you, we don't get the month off. There's nothing really new here, except for the fact that I broke my ankle this past weekend at a cheesy club in Montreal in front of about 40 French Canadians.

Anyway, how've you been? I was doing fine until the other night. I don't know if you were watching, but the Red Sox just lost to the Yankees in Games 1 and 2 of the ALCS. I know what you're thinking – if you were still with Boston, maybe they could've won the games. I don't blame you. I mean, your stats were spectacular against New York in the ALCS last year (.241 with 1 RBI).

As much as it pains you to hear me say it, the losses weren't Cabrera's fault, or Schilling's. Actually, the person who lost the first game for the Sox wasn't even on the field that night. That person was in my apartment. That person has never thrown a sweaty jock-strap at a teammate after a game. That person was my friend Jodie.

Now don't get me wrong, Jodie's not only a beautiful girl, but she's also one of my good friends. For these reasons, my roommates and I let her watch the Sox with us whenever she wants. Granted, Jodie makes an innocent comment every once in a while, so when she says things like, "If you buy season tickets, can you go to away games too?" or, "Why does Ortiz's helmet have a chin-strap?" we just let it slide. Despite her limited knowledge of the game, she gives great advice to the players like, "I think Manny should hit a homerun right now," or "Johnny Damon should shave."

But as nice as Jodie is, when it comes to the Red Sox, calling her bad luck would be an understatement. Just look at the statistics: The Yankees scored 10 runs against the Red Sox in Game 1 and she was in the living room for all 10 of them. The Sox, on the other hand, scored 7 runs on the Yanks and she was present for none of them. Yet, the jackass kept coming back into the room, and what's worse, we let her.

But enough about my friend, the losses don't even make me nervous, Nomar, and here's why: because Jodie will no longer be allowed in our house on game days; because Pedro is going to pitch a hell of a series, as his contract, his career, and more importantly his pride will be made or broken by it. And, no matter how well he pitches, he will be chained to the dugout from the eighth inning until the game ends.

For the last half-century, Red Sox fans have been perfesonified as the little boy in 'The Polar Express.'

Because, I can buy your Red Sox jersey at TJ Maxx for $8. Because I'm dating a Yankees fan, and if that isn't a reverse jinx, then I don't know what is. Because zero out of the eight people who designed the "Star Wars" intro before Game 1 have lost their virginity; because as the t-shirt says, "Posada is a little bitch." Because we no longer have any players who pay more attention to their batting rituals than their teammates.

Because Orlando Cabrera, Dave Roberts, and Doug Mientkiewicz wouldn't sit on the bench in a pivotal 13-inning game against the Yankees instead of sacing up to help their team.

Because, in case you haven't noticed Nomar, things haven't been the same in Boston since you left.

As a matter of fact, things have been much better. The Fenway standing ovations that were once wasted on you alone are now given to every single member of the team, even to scraggly, 170-strike-out Mark Bellhorn, simply because we're in on a little secret that no one else has the capacity to understand.

The secret is ... things are just different this year. For the last half-century, Red Sox fans have been personified as the little boy in "The Polar Express." As children, we not only hear that bell, but we love that bell, just as we love our team. But with the passing of each year, as pitchers blow games in late innings, as balls trickle helplessly through first basemen's legs, as disappointments build and unspoken promises are broken, that bell rings just a little bit softer. Eventually, we no longer believe, and eventually, it fails to ring at all.

But not this year: midway through the season, after Varitek kicked A-Rod and you were traded to Chicago, we began to hear something we haven't heard in a while, and it's been ringing louder ever since. I can hear it. My roommates can hear it. The players sure as hell hear it, and deep down, there's a part of us that wishes you were still in Boston to hear it with us.

Wish you were here,
Matt

Matt Brochu is a UMass graduate student.

Confessions of a music snob

Erin McNamee

Pop music is doomed, and it's not because of greedy record company executives or the death of American radio. It's because of Alanis Morissette.

Okay, I'm exaggerating just a bit, but allow me to elaborate. Back in 1996, Alanis Morissette released the single "Ironic," off her "Jagged Little Pill" album. Besides the unforgivable grammatically incorrect chorus, the song misuses the concept of irony. Irony is, according to the Oxford English Dictionary, "A figure of speech in which the intended meaning is the opposite of that expressed by the words used." So, having "two spoons when all you need is a knife" is nothing more than a mistake, and it's certainly not ironic.

Morissette's innocent misuse of irony spawned a cultural phenomenon. Suddenly coincidences, Murphy's Laws, and plain bad luck were reclassified, in error, as instances of irony. Irony also became an adjective to describe members of our generation. I've heard friends say, "Oh I don't actually like pop music, I just listen to it, ironically." Huh? You either like a type of music or you don't.

I'm sure you've met these irony-obsessed people; they claim (at least until you get a look at the music they have on their computers, iPods, or stored in a giant CD case under their bed) to listen only to music that about five other people have ever heard.

Now, don't get me wrong, I like most indie music. It's just that I have a problem with the kind that's so minimalist I'm not sure you can classify it as music at all. Give me a melody, people, not a bunch of electronic blips and bland chord strumming that goes on and on for hours.

I'm all for discovering new bands and I hate the way pop music has seeped into seemingly every facet of public consciousness, but I'm not cool with those indie lovers who are so pretentious, snobby and elitist that you wish you could slap them across the face every time they make a comment about the fact that you happen to like a song that's currently in the "Top 40."

The horror!

Music snobs have been around as long as music itself, and I'm sure people in the Baroque period debated the merits of Bach over Vivaldi, but recently things have gotten way out of hand. I know people who have lost friends and lovers and are estranged from their parents just because they decided that said friend, lover and/or parent's musical tastes weren't up to snuff.

Apparently diversity doesn't make a music snob's world go 'round.

I'm not entirely innocent from my own accusations, however. Once upon a time I too considered myself to be a music snob. This phase lasted for an entire six months about a year ago. However, once I began fraternizing with people of similar musical tastes, I began to recognize the pure ludicrousness of my cultural leanings.

I wasn't any happier because I had defied the status quo, nor was I any more spiritually fulfilled. I didn't feel like I was doing the right thing by not listening to Justin Timberlake, nor did I feel as if I was contributing in any way to the purification of popular culture. I was making myself miserable by listening to those miserable bands, and I knew it had to stop.

I decided to ban faux-irony from my life by rediscovering the giant CD case left to the mercy of dust bunnies under my bed. I can hardly describe the joy I felt at rediscovering albums by the likes of *NSYNC, U2, Jay-Z, and Missy Elliott.

I felt good again. I didn't give a damn if the music I listened to wasn't necessarily considered "good" by elitist music critics and I certainly didn't care if some of the stuff was hopelessly cheesy. I loved it, and I felt guilty for denying myself that beautiful ear candy even for a mere six months.

Now I consider my music collection to have reached the perfect equilibrium: I only listen to music I enjoy (and the more I can sing along, the better), but I haven't completely banned indie music. I have a good number of albums by those bands that only five or ten people have ever heard of, but I refuse to deny myself the "Top 40" any longer.

You shouldn't either, and please for the love of God stop pretending to be ironic by listening to pop music!

Think about it: you learned the wrong definition of irony from the "Top 40" in the first place. Now that is irony, don't you think?

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

FORMER SORORITY MEMBER DEFENDS HER SISTERS

I am writing in response to Paige Cram's article on "Greek Sisters don't speak for every woman." I am not a member of a sorority; in fact, I am a former member. I feel that comparing a sorority's community service to having a "wet T-shirt contest on your front lawn in order to raise money for a kick-ass Halloween party" is a disgrace to an organization that does a lot to support many causes.

I feel that her analysis on the Sigma Kappa lingerie show for the Everywoman's Center is short-sited. She spent all of her time ridiculing and putting down the sorority instead of focusing on the collaborative partner, the Everywoman's Center.

I personally question the decision of the EWC to participate in a lingerie show to raise money. In addition, Cram states that the EWC has "one goal in mind: to change how this community thinks about women so that things like sexual harassment, rape, domestic abuse and sex discrimination will come to an end." The EWC sponsored this event; why wasn't the EWC critiqued in her article? Why was all the blame placed on Sigma Kappa? Because they are an easy target?

I take issue with the EWC sponsoring such an event. Perhaps, Sigma Kappa shouldn't have participated in this event, either. However, the EWC's mission on our campus is to raise awareness, reframe concepts of body image, educate about sexual violence, etc.

Who at the EWC approved this event? Why haven't they been called to task for initiating and sponsoring an event that Paige describes as a "clear exploitation"?

In the future I hope the EWC has better judgment on the programs in which they participate. I also hope that Sigma Kappa stands up for themselves and let's the community understand their intentions in the matter.

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By Molly J. Quinn
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DITCH: ULTRA LOWRISE PANTS
SNAG: FORM FITTING TROUSERS

At the height of super-low-rise-pants mania, you couldn't watch girls sit in a chair, bend over to pick something up, or tie their shoes without getting an unwanted eyeful of crack. Plumber's crack is not, and never will be fashionable. It's time to say goodbye to those phantom breezes across your behind, cluing you in that, once again, you've just exposed your buttocks.

Enter, the "new" trouser. Form fitting trousers have an element of sexiness with curve hugging lines, but leave something to the imagination with a slightly higher waistline. Don't worry; you're not going to be belting your pants up under your ribcage. These pants are low enough to pair with a clingy top for going out, but high enough so that you have the option of actually tucking your shirt in.

DITCH: '80s JEWELRY
SNAG: GLAM RHINESTONES

We all felt that surge of nostalgia when retailers started rolling out jelly bracelets, day-glo earrings, and chunky plastic rings. For most of us, the 80's were the golden years, when the Electric Slide was considered timeless enough to be taught in gym classes and the Coreys (Feldman and Haim) were heartthrobs, not has-been heroin addicts. So we piled on the bangles and jumbo enamel hoops ready to rock out to our copies of Prince's "Purple Rain".

Until, that is, we got to the bar, looked in a mirror, and remembered that shock yellow isn't flattering on anyone.

Thankfully, this fall it's all about rhinestone brooch; drop earrings, and cocktail rings that scream sophisticated and funky at the same time. You always knew there was a reason you coveted all your grandma's costume jewelry when you were nine; everyone looks good in sparkles.

DITCH: TRUCKER HATS
SNAG: SEXY FEDORAS AND CLOCHES

Don't fool yourself into thinking that you looked hot in that trucker hat emblazoned with witty pop-culture references like "Girls Gone Wild"- 'cause you didn't. But it's not too late to save your fashion soul: just back away from the trucker hat, and promise not to let it happen again.

After you and your girlfriends have burned those evil trucker hats in a ritualistic bonfire, pick up a wool fedora with a retro vibe or a fun cloche with grosgrain ribbon trim. These hats will keep your head warm, hide your greasy ponytail on a bad hair day, and make you look utterly glamorous. Bonus points: pin a rhinestone brooch and a feather to the brim for the evening.

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Queen Latifah and Jimmy Fallon prove to be worth the fare in 'Taxi'

By Ryan Aubert
Collegian Staff

Comedian Jimmy Fallon left "Saturday Night Live" somewhat unexpectedly last spring to pursue other endeavors. "Taxi" is his first film since leaving the "Weekend Update" desk, and it is loosely based on the 1998 Luc Besson French film of the same name.



COURTESY 20TH CENTURY FOX

Tim Story, who led the creation of the "Barber Shop" films, also directed "Taxi."

'Taxi'
Directed by Tim Story
Starring Queen Latifah Jimmy Fallon
20th Century Fox
Rated PG-13
97 mins.
Grade B-

Many critics agree that the French film is far superior. However, the fare for "Taxi" is actually not that bad, but the road gets rather bumpy along the way.

The story centers around the bike messenger Belle (Queen Latifah), who after saving up enough money enters the cabbie business. However, her cab is definitely not the standard automobile. She modifies her taxi so the end result resembles something directly from MTV's "Pimp My Ride." With her souped-up-car, she zips around New York performing crazy stunts with bit of comedy mixed in.

Meanwhile, Officer Washburn (Jimmy Fallon) is a good, wholesome cop with one major downfall: he can't drive whatsoever. When a bank robbery occurs, Washburn is the closest officer to the scene, so he flags down Belle's taxi and gives her permission to go as fast as she wants and break any laws that she needs to. She of course then breaks many and the chase ensues.

The film subsequently follows the hunt for the four Brazilian models responsible for the numerous bank robberies around the city. One of the four models is the pretty Gisele Bundchen, a Victoria's secret model who plays Vanessa. The models do not speak much, and it's obvious their acting skills aren't what brought them to the project.

However, as much as this film may seem like a masculine movie, with cars and chicks, the film does not feel overly manly. This perhaps balances out with Fallon, whose character can best be described as a little dweeb. In addition, the chemistry between Fallon and Latifah is surprisingly good. This odd couple produces many laughs throughout the film. The one-liners hit more than miss.

The funniest scene in the movie involves Washburn's Daewoo compact car, and his attempt to make it out of a parallel parking spot. He ends up bumping the cars in front of and behind him numerous times until Belle takes over and shows him how to do it properly.

Director Tim Story previously did the popular "Barbershop" and is currently involved with the production of the "Fantastic Four." This film however is a typical mediocre comedy that many up-and-coming directors eventually end up having in their repertoire.

The film is not meant to be groundbreaking cinema in any way. The plot has been done before and the characters are stereotyped, but in the end, it is fairly enjoyable. Viewing this film with low expectations in mind, this film is in fact surprisingly good. The jokes are funny providing extended laughs. Latifah and Fallon, as a team, produce an adventurous romp around New York with decent car stunts and some honest humor. The ride is ultimately worth the fare.



COURTESY 20TH CENTURY FOX

Jimmy Fallon recently left a successful stint on NBC's "Saturday Night Live" to pursue a film career. He plays opposite Queen Latifah as Officer Washburn in "Taxi."



COURTESY 20TH CENTURY FOX

Queen Latifah previously starred in Director Tim Story's "Barbershop 2". She chose to work with Story again by playing Belle in the new film "Taxi."

Nirvana and Cobain remembered with a new box set

By Bill Donovan
Collegian Correspondent

This upcoming holiday season, Nirvana will finally release the box set titled, "With The Lights Out" on Universal Records. The three-disc collection will be released on Nov. 23 and will feature over 40 unreleased tracks. It will also contain a DVD of the first live performance by the band in 1987, as well as a 60-page booklet.

"It's a win-win situation for the band and for fans," said Nirvana bassist Kurt Novoselic in an Aug. 2002 Rolling Stone interview. "The music will finally come out."

Nirvana was one of the alternative rock bands that gained major mainstream attention in the early-nineties with their hit song "Smells Like Teen Spirit." According to the Web site for Rolling Stone magazine, the band knocked Michael Jackson's "Dangerous" album off of its number one spot on Billboard Charts in Feb. 1992.

Nirvana
'With the Lights Out'
Universal

Led by lead singer and guitarist Kurt Cobain, the group's distorted music spoke of feelings of alienation, teenage angst and rebellion. The seminal band opened the doors to other nineties rock bands such as Smashing Pumpkins, Pearl Jam, Alice in Chains, and Soundgarden.

Unfortunately, Nirvana came to a crashing halt when Cobain took his own life in 1994.

Fortunately, the remaining band mates Krist Novoselic and Dave Grohl sought to put out a boxed set of unreleased songs and rarities in 2001. "With The Lights Out" would have been released to fans on the tenth-anniversary of the Nirvana's breakthrough album "Nevermind." However, Cobain's widow Courtney Love took the band to court and pursued a legal battle. In return, Novoselic and Grohl counter-sued Ms. Love.

Love claimed that she did not want "You Know You're Right," the last song Nirvana recorded while her husband was alive, to be put out as part of a box set.

Eventually, Love and the remaining band mates made a settlement and the song was released on a greatest hits collection titled "Nirvana" in Oct. 2002.

A variety of tracks are promised to Nirvana fans with the set's release in November. Bassist Novoselic stated in a 2002 Rolling Stone interview that the collection will include material from, "KAOS radio 1987, BBC Peel Sessions, studio outtakes, sessions that we did in north Seattle, Rio de Janeiro, 'In Utero' outttakes, and live stuff." Studio demos, jams and rare B-sides also will appear on the collection.

"With The Lights Out's" DVD will include footage of Nirvana playing early in their career at a Raymond, Wash. house party in 1987. The web site www.nirvanaguide.com states that tracks from the band's first album "Bleach" were performed, such as "Downer," as well as Led Zeppelin covers "Heartbreaker" and "How Many More Times."



Since his suicide in 1994, many of Kurt Cobain's songs recorded with Nirvana, have been stored. Forty previously unreleased songs are se to be released as a part of a box set.

How's your fashion sense?

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DITCH: UGG BOOTS
SNAG: FRYE CAMPUS BOOTS

No doubt, UGG boots are completely comfortable and indisputably warm. However, now that they're not sold out and the coveted brand has started making purple boots, clogs, and (gasp!) purses, the allure of the UGG boot is substantially diminished. Besides, as soon as Payless starts making knockoffs, you know the trend is on its way out. So pack up your UGGs, but don't throw them out. These will definitely make a comeback and you'll be glad you tucked them away.

Instead, this Fall, invest in another boot staple: the Frye campus boot. Frye boots have been popular since the 1800's for their durability and style. Kate Moss and Sarah Jessica Parker have been seen wearing the classic boot. Pair them with a denim mini skirt, wooly tights, and a chunky sweater for that Ally McGraw circa "Love Story" look. Plus, like UGGs, when they become too trendy, you can pack them up and break them out a few years later.

DITCH: POINTY-TOED HEELS
SNAG: '40s INSPIRED PUMPS

If you own more than one pair of impossibly high and impossibly pointy heels, it's time to rethink your footwear. Not only are pointy-toed heels falling from fashion, they are especially bad for your feet. While all high heels can damage your feet, podiatrists point the finger at pointy heels as being particularly bad offenders. Get rid of all of them except for a pair of basic black, and welcome the return of round-toed pumps.

Fall shoe collections are filled with 40's inspired round-toed pumps, with demure ankle straps and accents of faux lizard skin and suede. In rich fall colors like hunter green and deep purple, these heels look great peeking out from under a pair of pressed trousers or paired with patterned stockings and a tweed skirt. And, while you might not be able to save your knees from the irreparable damage of wearing high heels, you can save your toes from being squashed and look stunningly hip at the same time.

Jazz greats spice up Northampton

By Bradley Farberman
Collegian Staff

Cancel your plans: the Pioneer Valley has appropriated a tantalizing weekend of eclectic, abstract jazz sounds for your listening pleasure.

Well, not just your listening pleasure. Bring your friends; otherwise, they won't believe you when you tell them about the impressive compositions, thrilling improvisations and virtuous musicians you came into contact with over the course of two extraordinary nights.

This evening, the quirky Jazz Passengers invade Northampton's Calvin Theatre (their performance begins at 8 p.m.; tickets are $15). The brainchild of musicians Roy Nathanson (reeds) and Curtis Fowlkes (trombone), this seventeen-year old ensemble was mobilized with the intent of injecting some humor into a notoriously serious genre (even their name is a parody: legendary jazz drummer Art Blakey manned a collective known as the Jazz Messengers).

Jazz Passengers
Tonight
Calvin Theatre
Northampton
$15

With the help of likeminded musicians (percussionist E.J. Rodriguez, bassist Brad Jones, vibist Bill Ware and avant-guitarist Marc Ribot) and big name collaborators (Blondie's, Debbie Harry and the late Jeff Buckley), they made their "funny jazz" dream a reality.

At the Calvin, the Passengers will tickle both your funny bone and your ears when they perform an original soundtrack, replete with original dialogue, to celebrated b-movie, "Creature from the Black Lagoon." Rolling Stone Magazine has referred to their prank as, "an absurdist mix of jazz and musical comedy": the Passengers hand out 3-D glasses, turn off the film's sound, and go to work. Don't Miss it.



COURTESY MARY SCHLEY

The Jazz Mandolin Project has fused many influences in their music. They are shown here in a 1998 performance in Terra Alta W. Va.

And don't miss the Jazz Mandolin Project's gig at the Iron Horse Music Hall on Saturday night. These cats never disappoint; plus, on their website, they list the Iron Horse as "one of our old favorites."

In 1993, UVM alum Jamie Masefield put together a monthly jazz gig that would focus on his forward-thinking mandolin tactics. Over ten years and five albums later, Masefield's "project" has toured the world and welcomed guests the caliber of Phish's Jon Fishman and pianist Gil Goldstein (Fishman has toured intermittently with the Project since 1998).

Jazz Mandolin
Tues. Oct. 16
Iron Horse
Northampton
$15

As of late, the quartet's revolving cast of characters include bassist Scott Ritchie, Michael "Mad Dog" Mavridoglou on trumpet and keys, and gifted drummer Dan Weiss, who recently returned from India.

And these guys don't mess around; their music is a highly intelligent, albeit rump-shaking melange of varying influences and musical philosophies. Their groove draws from places as seemingly disconnected as bluegrass, bebop, Miles Davis' electric period, Indian classical music and rock (just wait until you hear their Led Zeppelin medley).

And the combination of all these ideas and styles has forged a sound unique to the Jazz Mandolin Project; when you're fluent in so many genres of music, the possibilities are infinite. The show begins at 10 p.m.; tickets are $12.50 in advance and $15 at the door.

Folk pioneer visits Pearl Street

By Peter Blandino
Collegian Correspondent

This Saturday night the Iron Horse will host a legendary and world-renowned folk musician: Odetta. Celebrating 50 years of remarkable performance, Odetta is one of the most significant artists of our era, and arguably the most influential African-American female voice of the 20th century.

While growing up in L.A., Odetta trained for a career in classical music and opera. However, in San Francisco she discovered the folk and blues tradition featured at a bay area coffeehouse. After a short stint in San Francisco, she moved her act to the east coast. The rest, as they say, is history.

Odetta vocally thrusts an astounding depth of emotion into her repertoire of folk and blues songs. Arriving in New York City in the latter part of the 1950s, she sent waves of vibrancy through the folk community centered in Greenwich Village. Her performances at such venues as the Blue Angel and Newport Folk Festival inspired a host of young artists, for example Joan Baez, Janis Joplin, and Bob Dylan.

Dylan, when interviewed in the sixties reflected on the magnitude of his first impression. "I was 12. I was mad about Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry, Buddy Holly and I played rock. And then one day I heard a record by Odetta, and everything changed." The young Dylan then traded in his electric guitar for a Gibson acoustic and learned many of the songs included on her first album. "Odetta Sings Ballads and Blues" was released in 1956, including such tracks as "Jack O' Diamonds", and "Muleskinner Blues."

In 2002, forty-six prolific years later, Odetta released "Looking for a Home", a tribute to the incomparable Leadbelly. Odetta's interpretations of Leadbelly's songs received rave reviews, resulting in nominations for two W.C. Handy awards for Best Traditional Blues Album, and Best Female Blues Artist. Her performances are deeply rooted in a great and distinctly American tradition. Her voice is rich with soul and grace.

Odetta
Saturday
Iron Horse
Northampton
$18

It is this combination that is non-existent on the music scene today. Sometimes you must look to the past to find something truly worthwhile, and Odetta is such a performer that transcends the boundaries of time.

Today, Odetta's performances are as forceful as ever. In North Hampton on Saturday night, she will play for her favorite audience; college students. She feels that the generation of "T.V babies" and "rock concert devotees" needs a little listening development. She says, "If they are not responsive, I tease them and ask if they have ever been with a nonresponsive lover. I'm up here making love to you and it's no fun if you don't respond." But for audiences of all ages and tastes, this is a chance to witness a top notch concert of great American folk and blues songs that sadly are fading to the periphery of our society's consciousness. It is chance you do not want to miss - a rare chance that might not come around again.

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Red Sox must make comeback without ace

Schilling's injury will cause him to miss scheduled start

By Jimmy Golens
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) – Curt Schilling will miss a start for the first time all season – and just when the Red Sox need him most.

The Boston ace was scratched from his scheduled start in Game 5 of the AL Championship Series against the New York Yankees because of an injured ankle that was too sore to test on Thursday. Manager Terry Francona wouldn't rule Schilling out for a later start – if the Red Sox make it that far.

"If I can't pitch without altering my mechanics, then we're going to have to win a World Series without me," Schilling said in a call to a local sports talk radio station. "It's doable, and if you're a world champion club you're going to find a way. And I believe we are, and I believe we will."

Francona penciled Derek Lowe in for the fifth game on Sunday – unless the schedule is pushed back by rain forecast for Game 3 on Friday night. The Yankees lead the Red Sox 2-0 in the best-of-seven series.

"We need to get to Game 5," Francona said, "but, yeah, it's Derek."

Schilling led the major leagues with 21 wins, and he was second in the AL in ERA and third in strikeouts. But he lasted just three innings and 58 pitches while allowing six runs in Boston's 10-7 loss in Tuesday night's opener; it was his poorest postseason performance since 1993.

Schilling said he had trouble with his balance and pushing off the pitching rubber, which cut down on his pitch speed. He failed to work out Thursday and left Fenway Park without commenting, but he called WEEI-AM to say the injury occurred in his regular-season finale and not in his playoff start against Anaheim.

Red Sox team physician Bill Morgan said the sheath that covers two tendons in Schilling's right ankle is torn, allowing one of the tendons to slip out of its groove and rub against a bone. Schilling wasn't uncomfortable while pitching Tuesday because he was injected with a painkiller.

He was expected to be fitted for a brace that would stabilize the ankle. He was planning to test it on Thursday during the team's off-day workout, but he was still too sore to try.

"It's not over. He's going to continue to try to prepare," Francona said. "But as far as Sunday goes, he's not starting."

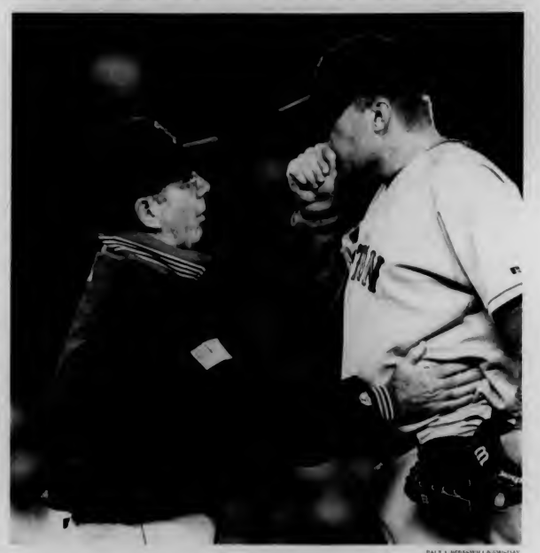
Schilling has more than pride at stake. If Boston wins the World Series, it's worth $15 million to him: a $2 million raise for next season, and his 2007 salary of $13 million becomes guaranteed.

With Schilling out, the Red Sox have scheduled Bronson Arroyo, Tim Wakefield and Lowe for Games 3-5. If Friday night's game is rained out, the Red Sox probably would bring back Pedro Martinez for a Game 5 on Monday on his normal rest; that would allow him to pitch at Fenway Park instead of Yankee Stadium.

"This team wasn't built around one player. We're fine," Boston first baseman Kevin Millar said. "This is where heroes are made."

Without Schilling, the Red Sox would be deprived of the pitching combination they hoped would end the Yankees' AL dominance. Boston has finished second to New York a record seven consecutive years in the AL East, earning a wild-card bid in 1999 and 2003 before losing to the Yankees each time.

Last year, the Red Sox were five outs from the World Series before Martinez tired, manager Grady Little failed to take him out and the Yankees rallied to send the game into extra innings. New York won on Aaron Boone's 11th-inning homer off Wakefield.



Paul J. Bereswill/Newsday

Red Sox pitching coach Dave Wallace talks to Curt Schilling during the third inning of Game 1 in the ALCS against the Yankees. Schilling's injured ankle will keep him out of Game 5 and possibly the rest of the playoffs.

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NFL forces Plummer to lose Tillman decal

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

The National Football League wanted to package its tribute to Pat Tillman much the same way it's planning the next halftime show at the Super Bowl: nice, neat and orderly, with no surprises.

Jake Plummer had some other ideas on how to remember his friend and former Arizona Cardinals teammate. He wanted to take it a bit further, with a personal tribute of his own.

It wasn't much, just a No. 40 decal that would remind Plummer of Tillman every time he put on his helmet. Compared to the ultimate sacrifice Tillman made for his country, it almost seemed too little.

Not to the NFL, though. The way the league reacted, you'd think Plummer was trying to put a picture of Janet Jackson's breast on his helmet.

In its infinite arrogance, the NFL threatened to fine Plummer thousands of dollars if he kept wearing the decal, which he has been doing since the exhibition season. Plummer relented, taking the No. 40 off for two weeks.

Rules are rules, after all, and the NFL is a stickler for enforcing its idea of what is appropriate on a uniform. Besides the league already honored Tillman by having all players wear the No. 40 decal in the second game of the season.

The more Plummer thought about it, though, the worse he felt.

Last Sunday, when Plummer and the Denver Broncos played the Carolina Panthers, the decal was back on. Plummer wasn't going to give up the fight, and he agreed to accept whatever fine was levied and urged fans to donate to the Pat Tillman Foundation.

Suddenly, the issue wasn't so simple anymore. After all, this wasn't Peyton Manning wanting to wear hightop shoes to honor Johnny Unitas. This wasn't Jim McMahon wearing "Rozelle" on his headband to poke fun at the former NFL commissioner.

This was a football player with a simple desire to honor a fellow player who died in the line of duty for his country.

Terrell Owens can pull out a Sharpie and autograph a football or do situps in the end zone after a touchdown without getting fined. But Plummer can't wear a small No. 40 decal in honor of a war hero?

This was one battle the NFL wasn't going to win in the court of public opinion.

Politicians, who know a hot issue when they see one, jumped right in. Arizona Sen. John McCain sent a letter to commissioner Paul Tagliabue sharply rebuking the league's stance.

"Pat Tillman left this world as a protector of our freedoms, the same freedoms that your league enjoys each Sunday," McCain wrote. "He died so that we as Americans can enjoy our way of life and express ourselves in the way that Jake Plummer now seeks to express himself."

He wasn't the only one who felt that way. Americans, after all, grow up learning to respect those who fought – and those who died fighting – for their country.

Sure, the league had already honored the former Cardinals safety. But what was wrong with Plummer wanting to keep alive the memory of a special man who left behind the riches of pro football to fight in the war against terror?

Give the NFL some credit. It didn't take long for it to see which way the wind was blowing, and on Wednesday, there was a compromise that seemed to make everyone happy.

Plummer gave up his decal and, in exchange, the Broncos will put up a big No. 40 logo near the play clock on the north end of the stadium. The team will also run ads on the scoreboard during games to promote the Tillman Foundation.

The NFL agreed not to fine Plummer, and will allow him to tape public-service announcements honoring Tillman that will be played in stadiums nationwide on the weekend after Veteran's Day. It will also contribute $250,000 to a USO center in Afghanistan to be named after Tillman.

"I wish I could still wear it," Plummer said, "but it doesn't stop me from honoring and remembering Pat Tillman as a dear friend, and a close teammate and a guy that I think everyone should look up to as a hero."



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No more Nomar is cause for no worries

By Karen Testa
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) – For years, he was the face of the Boston Red Sox, a star shortstop, a favorite of old ladies and children who barely had shoulders wide enough to fit the name "Garciaparra" on the back of their T-shirts.

Yet the Sox sent two-time batting champion Nomar Garciaparra packing to Chicago on July 31 – and suddenly something clicked. The Nomar-less Red Sox earned the best record in baseball for the rest of the season. And the giant shoes he left to fill didn't feel so empty.

Now, as Boston battles New York for a spot in the World Series, "Nomah" seems a distant memory.

"I think it's more about the team doing well. We forgot about him," said Jeff Swartz, manager of The Souvenir Store outside Fenway Park, which still has a few No. 5 Garciaparra shirts on display in the children's section.

"It was a bad marriage toward the end," Swartz said. "He didn't seem like he wanted to be here."

Garciaparra's ultimate departure may have been abrupt, but the build-up had lasted for months. The Red Sox used him in the offseason as trade bait to try to land a bigger fish. Alex Rodriguez, who wound up signing with the Yankees, and it was clear feelings were hurt.

Then, Garciaparra injured his Achilles' tendon in spring training, and his recovery left him sidelined for 57 games from late March until June. He returned, but as the July 31 trade deadline approached, uncertainty took its toll on fans and in the clubhouse, as players didn't know who would be staying or going.

"He was still Nomar, but you could almost see the end coming," said Derek Lowe, who was also the subject of trade rumors. In a four-team trade, the Sox strengthened their defense by acquiring Gold Glove winners Orlando Cabrera from Montreal and Doug Mientkiewicz from Minnesota and outfielder Doug Roberts from Los Angeles.

From the day after Garciaparra left until the end of the regular season, the Red Sox went 42-18 for the best finish in baseball.

"People say, 'Look, he must have been a negative influence,' which he wasn't," Lowe said. "I just think we didn't play well as a whole."

No matter what put the team into sync, it appeared to be enough to heal the broken hearts of most Garciaparra fans. Even six-year-old Noah Rochefort of Middletown, R.I., who still has a Garciaparra light switch in his room.

"He was upset at first," said Noah's father, Charlie, as he shopped for Red Sox souvenirs Thursday. "For about three weeks, the Cubs were his favorite team. Then they were about even. Now he's back to the Red Sox."

It probably didn't hurt that Noah got to stay up well after his bedtime and saw, in person, Cabrera hit a walk-off home run in the bottom of the 12th inning to defeat Baltimore.

"Cabrera really stepped up and filled the spot and played the way Nomar used to play, if not better," Charlie Rochefort said.

Outfielder Gabe Kapler said Boston fans know when to move on, and embrace any player as long as he's wearing a Red Sox uniform, particularly those who are playing well.

"Who knows what they would feel like if Orlando had come in and hadn't done a bang-up job right away," Kapler said. "The great thing is he did and everybody's happy."

Roberts said Red Sox fans are smart enough to know a good deal, even if that means losing a future Hall of Fame player.

"The thing is they got three guys in myself, Doug and Orlando who play hard every day. They see that," Roberts said. "As hard as it is for them to get over Nomar, I think they still embrace us."

Still, Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter said it takes some getting used to playing a Red Sox team without Garciaparra.

"It's kind of weird to look and see someone else playing short," Jeter said. "That's the first name that comes to mind whenever anyone says the Boston Red Sox. He was the face of the team, and now he's not there."

Rodriguez, whose trade may have ultimately had a hand in Garciaparra's departure from Boston, would not say if the Red Sox were a better team with or without him.

"I love Nomar a lot," he said. "I'm glad he's not over there. The guy's a dangerous guy."



Paul J. Bereswill/Newsday

Nomar Garciaparra walks back to the dugout after striking out earlier this season while he was still with the Red Sox. Nomar, along with the rest of the Chicago Cubs, is at home watching the Sox in the playoffs now.

Struggling Damon shoulders the blame

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we've had on him since we shut him down," manager Joe Torre said.

HOME SWEET HOME

Mariano Rivera will stay with the New York Yankees for the rest of the ALCS, though he wishes he had enough time to return to Panama on off days to comfort his grieving family.

Rivera returned home to Panama on Sunday after two relatives were electrocuted in his swimming pool. He attended the funeral Tuesday then jetted back to New York in time to earn a four-out save in Game 1 against Boston. The trip to Yankee Stadium took about six hours.

The All-Star reliever said the warm reception he got from teammates and fans has been a comfort.

"This is home. This is family. My brothers, my father, you know, Joe (Torre). The fans – yesterday was special. I heard it before, but yesterday was special."

He got four outs for another save Wednesday night, extending his postseason record to 32. It was his 10th LCS save, one shy of the record held by Dennis Eckersley.

"Postseason – that says everything," Rivera said. "There are only four teams here and a lot of players are home. Every time I'm in the postseason, I just try to do the best I can."

BAD OMEN

Boston will have to end a dubious 19-year-old streak if it hopes to come back from it 2-0 series deficit against New York.

Teams that have fallen behind 2-0 in league championship series have lost 15 straight series since St. Louis rallied against Los Angeles and Kansas City came back against Toronto – both in 1985.

The Red Sox have dropped the first two games in three playoff series – 1999 ALCS, 1990 ALCS and 1988 ALCS – and have won just one of the subsequent seven games played in those series combined.



Johnny Damon watches a home run sale out of Fenway against the Yankees in September. Damon, who is 0-8 at the plate in the ALCS, has taken the blame for the team's current situation against New York.

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MEN'S SOCCER from page 12

One issue for the Maroon and White will be injuries in this weekend's games. Over the past few weeks, the Minutemen have been running a more conservative midfield for ball retention. Due to a few undisclosed injuries, Koch will be playing several players out of position.

For a team showcasing a slew of freshmen and sophomores in the starting lineup, Koch is concerned with getting everyone on the same page.

"We have players playing in different positions at times and it's about them understanding what their roles are when they are there," Koch said. "It's just an overall learning process when we have young players and not everybody understands every role on the field."

Last season, both Dayton and Xavier were nationally ranked when they played the Minutemen, with Dayton ranked No. 18 and Xavier at No. 11. UMass had a similar two-game weekend series, except last year it was on the road.

The Minutemen dropped both games to the Musketeers and the Flyers, 3-1 and 3-2 respectively.

"Dayton is always a good team and Xavier beat us handily at their place so we're going against two very good teams," Koch said. "It doesn't matter what they're ranked, it matters how they play on the day, and I'm sure they are going to be ready to play."

The Flyers are currently one of the best teams in the A-10 and showcase an offense that can attack from any angle.

Dayton has seven players with goals this year, including Tye Stebbins and George Nanchoff, who have 24 points between them. Stebbins has been the main target for the Flyers, leading the team with six goals.

"Dayton is a very good attacking team, and you have to be aware of what they can do going forward." Koch said. "They've got a big target player [Stebbins] and they play off him very well, so we'll try to neutralize him."

Koch is also concerned with Chris Rolfe, who is a solid midfielder coming off the bench. Rolfe has two goals and an assist in only three starts for Dayton and brings a new dimension to an already intimidating midfield.

One weakness that Koch has noticed is Dayton's defense. The Flyers have done well this year but have actually been outscored by their opponents 18-to-17. Apparently, the defense comes out strong and fizzles later, as 11 of the 18 goals were scored in the second half.

"They are solid in the back, but it's definitely somewhere that I think we can beat them," Koch said.

Another plus for the Minutemen has been Dayton's track record on the road this year where the Flyers have gone 1-4.

Xavier is another team that likes to spread the ball around with eight players scoring goals this year. The centerpiece of the Musketeer offense has been Nick Frasher who has four goals and two assists on the season.

The Xavier defense is another that UMass will look to take advantage of. Over the 2004 campaign, the Musketeers have let up 24 goals while only scoring 19.

The most impressive showing has been from their goalkeeping tandem of Tyler Helmle and captain Brian Schaeper, who have a cumulative 1.95 goals against average.

With Schilling on the shelf, Pedro offers to step up in relief

By Dennis Waszak Jr.
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) – Pedro Martinez could be back on the mound for the Boston Red Sox sooner than the New York Yankees expected.

After throwing 113 pitches in a 3-1 loss in Game 2 on Wednesday night, Martinez said he'd be willing to pitch on short rest if Curt Schilling can't make his Game 5 start Sunday.

Schilling, who led the majors with 21 wins, might not be able to pitch and needs surgery on his injured right ankle. He lasted just three innings and allowed six runs in Boston's 10-7 loss Tuesday night in the series opener.

"I just see the need in my team and if it's up to me, I will pitch on short rest to pick up Schill," Martinez said. "He's done it all year for us and if he has to go down, I'll stand up, and I'll pitch on short rest and I'll go to the bullpen. I'll do anything to try to get a win."

Martinez allowed three runs and four hits in six innings in Game 2, falling to 0-2 with a 5.31 ERA in his last three playoff starts against the Yankees. The Red Sox had him on a pitch count – even though he said he could've gone deeper into the game.

"The uncertainty, I think, about Schill probably pushed them a little bit more to actually not push me too far," he said. "And I understand that, and you know, I just have to let it go. I did whatever possible while I was out there and if it didn't work, it didn't work."

Another candidate to take Schilling's start if he can't go is Derek Lowe. The right-hander was the forgotten man in Boston's playoff rotation and relegated to the bullpen after a number of shaky outings down the stretch. He's thrown just 12 pitches in two weeks.

"You don't want to get it by default," said Lowe, who went 14-12 in the regular season and came out of the bullpen to win the series-clincher against Anaheim last Friday.

STAND-UP GUY

Johnny Damon stood at his locker in the visitors' clubhouse and shouldered the blame for the Red Sox's two-game deficit in the ALCS.

"I'll take responsibility for this," Damon said after the Red Sox lost 3-1 to the Yankees on Wednesday night.

The shaggy-haired outfielder is 0-for-8 with five strikeouts in the series.

"I'm the catalyst of this team," he said. "I'm the guy on this team that gets us going, gets on base and creates some havoc, but I haven't been able to do that."

Damon entered 2-for-15 lifetime against Yankees starter Jon Lieber, and went 0-for-3 against him Wednesday night – including a fly-out to center that capped a 16-pitch at-bat.

"I finally had one good at-bat, but I feel like there are better at-bats to come," he said.

STILL WAITING

Orlando Hernandez threw 40 pitches in a bullpen session Wednesday and is hoping to be available to start for the Yankees in Game 4 on Saturday at Boston.

"I'm feeling good," Hernandez said. "I'm waiting for tomorrow because you never know."

El Duque hasn't pitched since Oct. 1 because of a tired shoulder, but threw 60 pitches in the bullpen Monday and felt fine. After his session Wednesday, Hernandez said it's the best he's felt in a while.

"You know, this is the best news

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Minutewomen hit the road for A-10 games

Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff



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Tina Rodriguez dribbles the ball downfield during action against Holy Cross. The Minutewomen will play two games in Ohio this weekend.

The Massachusetts women's soccer team will travel to Ohio this weekend to take on two of the top teams in the Atlantic-10. The Minutewomen travel to Dayton on Friday to take on the nationally ranked Flyers and conclude the weekend with a match against the Xavier Musketeers on Sunday.

The marquee match-up of the weekend doubleheader is certainly Dayton. The Fliers are riding a 12-game winning streak and are ranked No. 30 in the nation. Dayton sits atop the conference standings, sporting a perfect 5-0 record in league play. The only loss for Dayton (12-1 overall) came at the hands of No. 23 Florida in the first game of the season.

While more attention may be paid to this clash, UMass coach Jim Rudy understands that the Sunday contest against Xavier (4-9, 3-2 A-10) counts just the same in the standings for the Minutewomen.

"If we could get two wins this weekend, that would be unbelievable," Rudy said. "If we get a win and a draw, that would still be great. But the minimum is we need to come back with three points. We have to get a win out of this."

Rudy acknowledges that winning at Dayton will not be an easy task as the Flyers rarely lose at home in front of a vocal crowd. His focus is for his team to come out ready to play in both games.

"We just have to show up and play," Rudy said. "I want our young team to keep making progress and to be competitive in both games. And hopefully we can pinch out some points."

The fact that Rudy is even talking about picking up points in order to qualify for postseason play shows how much things have turned around this season for UMass.

Just a few weeks ago, the Minutewomen were in search of their first win after starting 0-5, but they have gone 4-2 since then and put themselves back into the A-10 playoff picture.

UMass (4-7, 2-3 A-10) is in the thick of the postseason race with six conference games remaining and is coming off of a crucial win on Sunday.

After losing to Richmond last Friday, UMass was in need of a win against George Washington to ensure a winning record on its five-game home stand.

The Maroon and White blanked GW 2-0 thanks to the stellar goalkeeping of sophomore Kristin Walker. The shutout was the first of Walker's career and the first for UMass in almost two years.

Walker, who did not see any action during her freshman year, became the second consecutive player for UMass to be named A-10 Rookie of the Week after Britt Canfield received the honor a week before.

"We're really happy for her," Rudy said. "She's a young player who's learning on the job."

UMass will need Walker and the rest of her teammates to be in top form to slow Dayton's attack.

The Flyers feature four players on the preseason All-Conference first-team led by senior midfielder Tesia Kozlowski and junior defender Jen Simonetti.

Dayton also boasts a freshmen class that rivals UMass' stellar crew of rookies. The best of the bunch for Dayton is defender Courtney Sirmans who was named to the Soccer America Team of the Week in September.

Xavier currently resides in fourth place in the league standings and will try to keep UMass from gaining any ground. The Musketeers are led by sophomore forward Amber Silvis, an A-10 All-Rookie Team selection last year.

Dayton's win streak reaches 12

By Daniel Hillman
Collegian Correspondent

Bonnies Struggle Despite MacDougal's Best Efforts

Going into Oct. 10, St. Bonaventure had been winless in the conference schedule despite star forward Heather MacDougal's best efforts. Thanks to her goal in the 105th minute, her second of the game, the Bonnies prevailed for their first Atlantic 10 win of the season. MacDougal also tallied a goal on Oct. 8 in a 3-2 loss to Fordham. Her achievements earned her Atlantic 10 Player of the Week for the second time this season. MacDougal leads the A-10 in almost every major offensive category, including goals (14) and points (31).

Not To Be Out Done

Senior midfielder Beth Purcell of Fordham split the A-10 Player of the Week honor with MacDougal. Purcell scored three goals and racked up seven points this week in wins against St. Bonaventure (3-2) and Duquesne (3-1). Purcell assisted in the game-winning goal against SBU, and her two goals against Duquesne gave her five goals for the season. She also has 14 points on the season, a team high.

George Washington Shutout

Lincoln Park, New Jersey's own Kristen Walker helped the Minutewomen prevail over George Washington on Oct. 10 in a 2-0 victory. Walker had seven saves, and her performance was the first shutout victory the Minutewomen had recorded since Oct. 27, 2002, when they beat St. Joseph's 3-0. She also registered four saves in a UMass loss to Richmond. Her performance this week earned her Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week honors. She has 50 saves on the season.

12 and Counting

Dayton has run its winning streak to 12 games, with a double-overtime win at Saint Joseph's on Oct. 8, and a shutout at Temple on Oct. 10. Senior goalie Stacy DeLuca recorded her sixth and seventh shutouts of the season in these two games. Dayton's only loss of the season came to Florida in the team's first game of the year. Dayton sits atop the Atlantic 10 with a 12-1 overall record and a 5-0 conference record.

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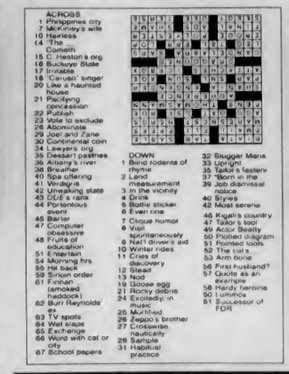
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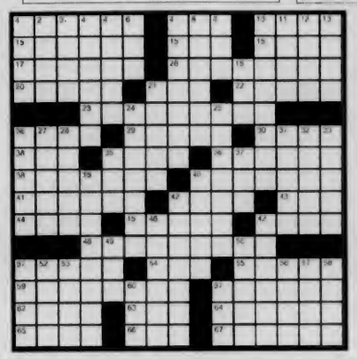
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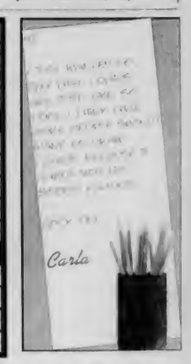


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Golden opportunity

Massachusetts takes on Minnesota at Nye Frontier Classic in Alaska

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

After last years stellar season, replete with an cast of overachieving players, the Massachusetts hockey team (1-0-0) opened its 2004 campaign with yet another high note in a 6-4 victory over Clarkson at the Mullins Center last Saturday night.

What is their reward? The Minutemen get to fly across a good portion of North America to take on Minnesota, winners of two of the last three national championships, in the first round of the Nye Frontier Classic in Anchorage, Alaska.

It will be a tall task for this young squad of Minutemen, who finished the first leg of the 9,102-mile round-trip when they landed at 7 p.m. EST on Wednesday night.

This is the first time that the University of Massachusetts team has traveled to Alaska since 1994 when it lost twice to Alaska-Fairbanks in back-to-back games. The first game against Minnesota is scheduled for 9 p.m. EST tonight, and UMass will take on Alaska-Anchorage, the tournament's host school, or Canisius tomorrow night. The consolation game is scheduled for 8 p.m. EST, and the championship game is set to begin at 11 p.m. EST.

Tonight will be the first time ever that the Minutemen and Golden Gophers have squared off. Minnesota, which is returning 61 percent of its offense from last season, is currently ranked No. 5 in the country.

If history holds true, the Minutemen don't have much going in their favor, since they have an all-time record of 17-101-10 against ranked opponents.

The Gophers (1-0-0) have already knocked off defending national champion Denver 5-2 in the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame game, and Ryan Potulny recorded his first career hat trick in the game making him the only player on the Minnesota roster to have a hat trick on his resume.

This will mark the 16th consecutive year that the Golden Gophers have competed in an in-season tournament, not including the postseason.

Prior to the team's 4-0 loss to Maine in last year's Maverick Stampede, the Maroon and Gold hadn't lost an in-season tournament game since 1999 against Ohio State at the Mariucci Classic. The Gophers are 11-1 under head coach Don Lucia in all in-season tournaments heading into tonight.

UMass began its season on a perfect note in its win over Clarkson. Redshirt sophomore Matt Anderson, who missed all of last year with a shoulder injury, scored three goals and had two assists in the game. It was the first hat trick for a Massachusetts player since Thomas Pock tallied one on Jan. 5, 2001.

It was only the second time a UMass player had scored five points in a season opener. Tim Turner scored twice and notched three assists in a 9-6 loss at Wisconsin on Oct. 6, 2000.

Anderson was named Player of the Week by Inside College Hockey and by Hockey East for his performance.

Junior Stephen Werner also had a great opening night with a goal and three assists.

UMass will be relying heavily on these two leaders to have a big year since the Minutemen are one of only five teams (Quinnipiac, St. Cloud State, Wisconsin, Notre Dame) in the entire country that had a winning record last year and aren't returning a 30-point scorer this year.

That is because four of the Maroon and White's top nine scorers from last year's squad (Pock, Nick Kuiper, Mike Warner, Greg Mauldin) are no longer with the team. Pock, Warner and Mauldin have all moved onto bigger things in the NHL. The quartet accounted for 43 goals and 49 assists for 92 points last season, or 36.9 percent of last season's total scoring.

An interesting story line to watch this weekend will be the amount of penalties that are called against the teams. The NCAA wants its officials to crack down seriously on holding and clutching and grabbing calls to open up the ice for the faster skaters. All across the country, the penalties have been up, and the pace and rhythm of the games have slowed tremendously.

UMass and Clarkson were each whistled 14 times on Saturday for a total of 28 penalties while Minnesota and Denver combined for 25 penalties last week.

The Minutemen were 4-12 on the power play and killed off 10 of the 13 Clarkson power plays. The four goals were the most power play goals a UMass team has scored since the 1995 squad tallied five in a game against Army.

Minnesota only converted one of its six power play opportunities, but the Gophers killed nine out of Denver's 10 chances with an extra skater.

If this trend continues, special teams will play the major role in the tournament this weekend.



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Massachusetts defenseman Dusty Demianiuk awaits the faceoff during hockey action last Saturday night in UMass' 6-4 win over Clarkson.

UMass cross-country squads head to Albany

By Eric Athas and Martha Powers
Collegian Correspondents

So far this season, the Massachusetts women's cross-country team has faced a plethora of challenging teams week after week. Tomorrow's meet at the Albany Invitational in Albany, New York will add to that pattern. Teams like New Hampshire, Binghamton, Connecticut and Syracuse are all schools that gave the University of Massachusetts trouble in the past and will be tough to beat this time around.

"When we ran against Syracuse in September, we had them beaten," coach Julie LaFreniere said. "We had some key changes and lost to them by a few points, but it proves that we are close to Syracuse and have the ability to beat them."

The Albany Invitational is a fairly large meet, consisting of 26 teams and 270 women runners. Like the New England Championships last Friday, the Albany Invitational is made up of teams from all divisions, including division III Middlebury College, which is a threat, even at its low division level.

Against these strong opponents, LaFreniere and the team will depend on their usual top runners to perform as they have all season. Freshman Christina Derosa, who received Atlantic-10 Rookie of the Week honors last week, will be the number one runner once again for UMass. Derosa finished 25th out of 300 runners last week and has finished first among UMass runners in all of the meets this year. Seniors Alexis Anzelone and Amanda Dahlberg have been the leaders this season as well as consistent runners for UMass. Along with Derosa, the other freshman standout is Cuisle Kierans, who has been a reliable second and third runner for the team. Kara Gillette, Tricia Silva and Ashely Davidson will all be factors in helping UMass against the top-ranked teams tomorrow.

During the previous week, the team continued with its fast-paced, rigorous practices to prepare for these opposing schools. Along with the usual 6 a.m. practices twice a week, LaFreniere has been stressing the importance of running fast in practice to train for the meets. She feels the team has done a good job adapting to the fast practices but understands that there is always room for improvement.

"They have all been working hard during this week's practices, and we're trying to practice straight through this upcoming meet," LaFreniere said. "I have a sense that they're a little flat from New England's and didn't fully recover from that meet. I am pleased but just looking for a little more."

Thus far, UMass has finished seventh, first, second and 11th place in their first four meets, respectively. Facing top-ranked teams, UMass will have to carry out a top-level performance. LaFreniere will look to guide her team to another successful meet tomorrow at 1 p.m. in Albany.

The Massachusetts men's cross-country team will travel to New York to compete in the 38th Annual Albany Invitational tomorrow, too.

"This meet is not as big or competitive as our last meet," coach Ken O'Brien said. The five-mile race will consist of 29 teams from New England and New York.

The Albany men will attempt to win the race for the second straight year. Last year, the Minutemen finished sixth, finishing behind Albany, New Hampshire, Marist, NYU and Syracuse.

The Minutemen will try to get their season back on track on Saturday after their poor showing at New Englands.

"There are a lot of things to put together," O'Brien said. "We come one step at a time. There is a lot of stopping and starting."

But O'Brien said this was to be expected with a younger, inexperienced team.

"We under-performed last week, and I'm glad that we don't have a week to sit around," O'Brien said. "It's good that we have a meet so we can regain the forward motion we had prior to last meet."

Captain Matt Clark was in agreement.

"Hopefully last week will wake us up so we will perform well [on Saturday]," Clark said.

UMASS

Weekend Schedule

Friday, Oct. 15

Sport	Opp./Event	Time
Men's Soccer	vs. Dayton	3:00 p.m.
Women's Soccer	at Dayton	7:30 p.m.
Men's Hockey	vs. Minnesota	9:00 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 16

Sport	Opp./Event	Time
Football	at New Hampshire	12:00 p.m.
Field Hockey	at Temple	12:00 p.m.
Men's Hockey	vs. TBD	TBD

Sunday, Oct. 17

Sport	Opp./Event	Time
Men's Soccer	vs. Xavier	1:00 p.m.
Women's Soccer	vs. Xavier	1:00 p.m.
Field Hockey	at St. Joseph's	12:00 p.m.

Minutemen set for two huge Atlantic 10 games at Rudd

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

There's an old cliché in sports that says, "every game counts." In some cases, it's a tool for motivation. Sometimes it's said to rally the troops, but for the Massachusetts men's soccer team, it's a powerful midseason reality.

The Minutemen (4-6-2, 1-1-2 A-10) are currently in sixth place in the extremely competitive Atlantic 10. Only six teams make the conference tournament, so with A-10 rivals Dayton (6-4-1, 3-1-0 A-10) and Xavier coming to town this weekend, University of Massachusetts is poised to maintain and advance its postseason hopes.



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Matty Lemire plays the ball against Hartford.

The Flyers of Dayton come to Rudd Field today for a 3 p.m. kickoff while the Spiders (4-7-1, 2-1-1 A-10) visit Amherst on Sunday for a 1 p.m. showdown.

After splitting last weekend, the Minutemen were left with their backs against the wall going into their final seven games of the season. UMass coach Sam Koch understands that every game is crucial from here on out and is looking to prepare his youth-clad squad for the long haul.

"We've got to go out and try to win every game because you never know what the other teams are doing," Koch said. "We can't lose too many games because we're in the last spot. In all honesty, I'm just trying to make sure that we're playing the best we can every time we step on the field."

UMass will try to use some much-needed home field advantage this weekend after playing on the road for five straight games. The five-game road stint was the longest for the Minutemen since the 2000 campaign.

The Maroon and White will play on a single, grass surface for the first time in nearly a month. In previous games, UMass had to adapt to different types of turf that it wasn't used to playing on.

"It definitely helps us to play a better game when you've got a nice surface to play on. Tough thing is, the other teams get pretty excited playing on this field too," Koch said. "In a funny way it can almost backfire because the other team is just as excited to play on the surface as we are."

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Administration announces new committee



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From left, Provost Charlena Seymour, Chancellor John Lombardi and Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Michael Gargano announce the new formation of a commission to address racial diversity.

By Erika Lovley
Collegian Staff

University of Massachusetts Chancellor John V. Lombardi announced the creation of the Commission on Racial Diversity, which will address issues of racial and ethnic diversity on campus, in a press conference on Friday.

The 22-person commission will be chaired by Orlando L. Taylor, vice provost for research and graduate school dean at Howard University in Washington, D.C. The commission is comprised of educators, lawyers, psychologists, two UMass students and university presidents, 13 of which are from the University.

Lombardi said the "blue-ribbon" commission includes a very diverse group of people who have had years of experience dealing with issues of race. The commission is expected to make recommendations on how the University can change the way it approaches issues of race, including funding and campus guidelines. It is set to convene on Nov. 1 and submit a report by Feb. 1, 2005.

"[We will] put fingerprints on a program other universities will attempt to emulate," said Lombardi.

Lombardi said that UMass has had a long tradition of working on issues of diversity. However, officials and administrators are concerned that the current approach is not as effective as it could be.

"[The committee will] reset our course and give us direction," he said.

The commission will work in an open forum and has no set agenda, although some possible issues that may be addressed are creating a more diverse and racially friendly climate on campus and raising the bar on minority recruitment efforts.

Currently, minority students make up 17 percent of the approximately 18,000 undergraduate student population, according to Michael Gargano, vice chancellor of student affairs and academic life.

"We are not as successful in recruiting minorities as we'd like to be," said Lombardi. "We need to do better."

Lombardi was asked if the committee was formed in response to the rash of racial incidents that have taken place on campus over the last semester, including student leaders drawing a caricature of a Ku Klux Klan member. He said the decision was related to a sequence of events since he became Chancellor over the last two and a half years.

Gargano announced Thursday that the nine student leaders had been reprimanded by the University. None of the students were expelled, however because of privacy issues, their charges and punishments could not be released.

"We want to make improvements and make students want to come here," said Charlena Seymour, Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor for academic affairs. "We asked for assistance outside campus and we are grateful they are coming to work with us."

Seymour said the committee's purpose is not

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Concerned students hand letters to Dean

By Dan O'Brien
Collegian Staff

What was originally slated as a rally regarding racial issues turned into a gathering of nine students on the steps of Whitmore Administration Building on Friday.

Members of Take Back UMass and other University of Massachusetts students presented a letter, which included a short list of recommendations to Dean of Students Jo-Anne Thomas Vanin regarding recent racial activities that have occurred on campus.

Andres Gomez, a member of Take Back UMass, said that recent incidents involving race, including the drawing of swastikas outside a dorm in the Central residential area, have further led to minority rights groups on campus to ask the administration to take action.

Gomez said the recent incidents are "putting minority students in danger."

Marsha Leiblum, also a member of Take Back UMass, said the presentation of the document had nothing to do with the group's opinion of the administrators.

"We have nothing against the administrators," Leiblum said. "We just want to make the point that something needs to be done [regarding recent racial issues.]"

The students who signed the letter represent various campus groups, including Take Back UMass, the Harriet Project, the Anthropology Department and the Legal Committee of Students Against Racism, while others simply signed to lend their support. There were a total of 16 signatures on the letter.

The beginning of the letter addresses issues stemming from the controversial "KKK-9" photos that depicted members of the Student Government Association and SCERCA posing in front of a Ku Klux Klan Grand Wizard holding a burning cross in one hand, standing below a voice bubble that stated, "I love ALANA." ALANA is the African Latino Asian Native American caucus of the SGA that addresses issues of racial diversity on campus.

The students who signed the letter made their requests to Vanin referring to the University's Code of Student Conduct. They asked that the students involved in the photos be prosecuted through the University judicial process.

One section of the letter states:

"While we are not interested in vengeance, we collectively call for severe sanctions to be levied against these students who some of us believe should be expelled. We do this because

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UMass police file charges in Southwest assault case

By Erika Lovley
Collegian Staff

University of Massachusetts police have filed charges against six students for assault and battery and possession of hypodermic needles on the UMass campus.

The UMPD is now seeking the following charges against those involved: Leroy F. Brooks, 22, of Hackensack, N.J. and Robert Jerome Cobbs, 22, of Parsippany, N.J., with disorderly conduct and assault and battery; Richmond Appiah, 23, of Worcester with disorderly conduct. All three are members of the UMass football team.

Also charged are Brian French, 20, of Peabody and Matthew V. Feduska, 20, of Stoneham, with disorderly conduct and possession of a hypodermic needle; Daniel Perry, 20, of Norfolk is charged with disorderly conduct.

After the altercation took place, Cobbs was treated at Cooley-Dickenson Hospital for a quarter-inch deep neck wound. Police will not say whether or not Cobbs' injury occurred from a weapon during the Oct. 1 fight.

However, according to Deputy Police Chief Patrick Archbald, an item was removed from the scene of the fight that is still being processed in a crime lab in Agawam.

Police say that the fight had racial overtones, but charges of civil rights violations have not been filed.

"What transpired does not meet hate crime statue," said Archbald.

According to the University of Massachusetts Police Department, the fight took place outside Mackimmie Hall in the Southwest residential area at 2:30 a.m. Allegedly, three white students were standing outside the dorm window of two black students and started an argument, taunting the two to come outside and fight. A third black student joined the other two students outside after they left the dorm.

The incident was captured on video by an outdoor surveillance camera. All six men involved were treated and released from Cooley Dickinson and Holyoke Hospitals.

According to Archbald, Feduska and French were found in possession of hypodermic needles during interviews with police.

Archbald said the two admitted to stealing the needles from Holyoke Hospital while being treated. The University has not issued any disciplinary action on those charges.

The six are scheduled for a hearing with the court magistrate in Eastern Hampshire District Court in Hadley to find out if the court will choose to press charges.

UMass holds Autumn Event

By Matt Hoffman
Collegian Staff

This past Saturday marked the occasion of the "Autumn Event," a campus-wide open house for perspective University of Massachusetts students and their families.

4,000 people were expected to attend the planned events, in which information about many facets of the University was disseminated. The visitors were able to speak with faculty and current students, tour the campus, and attend panel discussions.

"This event is a perfect opportunity to put our best foot forward," says Bill Wright, the Director of Public Information for the University. "Those who attend will have opportunities to talk with current students, who are our best ambassadors on campus."

The day's events, which involved hundreds of faculty and students, began with a welcome from Chancellor John V. Lombardi in the Fine Arts Center. Due to the number of people interested in the Chancellor's comments, two sessions were held to accommodate the crowd.

Lombardi touched upon many topics during his talk. He stressed the many physical upgrades that the University has started undergoing.

"Many of the buildings at our university were built 25-30 years

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ADRIENNE ROSSE/COLLEGIAN

People enjoy this weekend's Autumn Events at UMass

A family of five take in the sights of Hadley Farm, one location listed on the list of sites for families and prospective students in this past weekend's Autumn Events.

Terror hits close to home

By Matt Hoffman
Collegian Staff

For those who may think that terror attacks across the world have a negligent effect on the University of Massachusetts campus, take the October 7 bombings in Egypt as a wake-up call.

The impact of terror is very noticeable for Inbar Bluzer, the 26-year-old "Israel Fellow" for the Five-College community.

Bluzer, recently received her bachelor's degree from Israel's Ben-Gurion University.

She now works for the Jewish Agency for Israel and Hillel: the Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, whose goal is to increase positive awareness of Israel among American college campuses. "I have been welcomed by the community," she says.

While she may be enjoying her new job, she recently received word that among the 14 Israelis who died in the attack was her middle-school Arabic language teacher. Tzila Niv, 43, was killed along with two of her children when a car bomb exploded at the Hilton Hotel in Taba, Egypt, a resort popular among Israelis.

"I feel a lot of sadness," explains Bluzer. "A place in the heart has a feeling that is part of the [Israeli] community – part of our people. When you know someone, it makes the situation harder."

All Israeli children learn English in school, and many also learn Arabic. "In Israel, we study Arabic for several years in school – it's part of the curriculum," says Bluzer. She remembers that "it was really important for Ms. Niv to teach us Arabic. My teacher tried to give us the feeling of the knowledge of this language. Not only for grades – it's something to help us communicate better with our neighbors."

The notion of Israel that students have on campus is not solely based on terror. Students know Israel also for the many accomplishments of the 56-year-old state.

Jessica Rentsch, a sophomore with her major in Social Thought and Political Economics, says that she learned about an Israeli "kibbutz" in her anthropology class.

"A kibbutz is a community that Israelis have made, in which everyone has a job, and they all reap the benefits of their work together," explains Rentsch. The notion of a kibbutz is famous world-wide and embodies the goal of a collective work-group environment.

Last winter, the University's Hillel House provided 40 students with a 10-day educational tour of Israel. The program is provided free to Jewish students on campus through the national Birthright Israel organization.

Hayley Katz, a freshman with an undeclared major will be traveling to Israel this winter on the same program.

"I am very excited to learn about this interesting country… too often, people only learn of Israel through the disturbing effects of warfare," she said.

Bluzer, who is accustomed to living in a diverse population, says that, "I live in the north of Israel, which has lots of small Jewish communities, and many Arab cities. In Israel, we are taught to respect our neighbors, and treat them as we would want to be treated."

Bluzer still holds out hope that one day her home country will be known as a peaceful state.

"A bombing like this makes the dream of peace seem further away… We continue to hope and be optimistic that someday the situation will be quiet and there will be peace."

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Prospective students visit UMass campus

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ago, which means that they are in need of some renovations," explained the Chancellor, who added that these renovations will result in numerous improvements to the University's physical structure in the next five years.

Lombardi also answered questions about the extent to which safety codes are adhered to and whether anything could be changed about the bathroom situation in the Southwest residential area.

As for re-constructing the towers so that gender-specific bathrooms were not located on alternate floors, Lombardi tackled the question by explaining the plans for the renovations of the Southwest towers and additional dorms to be built on a field near the Sylvan residential area.

The field was once the women's athletic field, but is no longer in use.

"[This project] will allow there to be empty rooms in the towers for a long enough period of time so as to allow us to have time to knock down walls and change things around," Lombardi said.

The new set-up would make the situation easier for students living in the towers, who currently have to trek up or down a level if their gender's bathroom is not located on their floor.

Lombardi also touched upon the University's atmosphere and the hard-working administration. "People think faculty and the University change," Lombardi said. "We don't. The students do. Each new generation bring with them new issues, perspectives, and different dreams than their predecessors."

The Chancellor described that he and Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life, Michael Gargano, work to deal with these changes.

Throughout the day, college-bound students and their families attended informational sessions and walked throughout the campus on student led tours. The administrators' hope was that students would be able to gain a sense of the opportunities that are available at the University.

At the same time, the parents of thousands of students flocked to campus as part of "Family Weekend." The "Autumn Event" coincided with "Family Weekend." There was some confusion as to the fact that these two events occurred during the same weekend.

"It was called 'Family weekend,' so it was designated as a weekend for families to visit, but there was not much for families to do," noticed Laura McGlynn, a freshman biology major. "The weekend was more geared towards prospective students."

Chancellor Lombardi stated that he thought this weekend would enable parents to "ask questions that they didn't know they wanted to ask." The new perspectives gained after a month-and-a-half of their son or daughter being y at college brings up new questions that Lombardi wanted to be able to answer.



Two prospective students look at broshures about UMass courses during this weekend's Autumn Event.



Matt Kelley, senior sings as part of Saturday's Autumn Events activities.

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'04 Election in brief

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — President Bush turned the tables Saturday on Sen. John Kerry, declaring "the best way to avoid the draft is to vote for me," and pledged to oppose mandatory military service. The Democrat stuck to domestic issues, blaming Bush for a shortage of flu vaccines.

Kerry also opposes a draft and has suggested that re-electing Bush would greatly increase the prospects for one. The president, fearing that young voters will be swayed by the charge, fired back, "The person talking about a draft is my opponent."

With new polls showing the race tied or Bush slightly ahead, both candidates found new ways to go negative while rallying supporters in the campaign's two most crucial states. The incumbent was in Florida, his challenger in Ohio.

Kerry accused Bush of missing signs that a flu vaccine shortage was imminent. The attack fit into a broader campaign theme - that on Iraq, the economy and many other matters, Bush is disconnected from problems facing Americans.

"What's happening with the flu vaccine is really an example of everything this administration does - deny it, pretend it's not there, and then try to hide it when it comes out and act surprised," Kerry said.

Campaigning in an area heavily dependent on the military, Bush said, "We will not have an all-volunteer army" before correcting himself. "Let me restate that," he continued. "We will not have a draft ... . The best way to avoid a draft is to vote for me."

Polls show that a majority of young voters believe Bush would reinstitute the draft, despite the president's denials.

Bush and Kerry tailored their appeals. The Democrat, a Catholic, went to Mass and picked up a hunting license - a pitch to Ohio's socially conservative Democrats motivated by values and gun rights.

Episcopal churches separate from church due to gay bishop

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — A coalition of conservative New England Episcopalians has formed four new congregations separate from the Episcopal Church USA, due to differences with the church leadership over last year's consecration of a gay priest as bishop of New Hampshire.

Meeting in Providence as the first New England Convocation of the 10-month-old Anglican Communion Network, nearly 250 lay people and 27 clergy from nearly 40 churches affirmed Saturday the creation of four new Anglican parishes in New Hampshire and Massachusetts and commissioned nine pairs of "home missionaries" to set up fellowships that may one day turn into Anglican parishes.

The four new congregations, which are meeting in private homes, are in the Massachusetts communities of Orleans and Sandwich on Cape Cod, and in Durham and Rochester, N.H.

The national Anglican Communion Network brings together dioceses, parishes, and individuals who call themselves "orthodox Anglicans" and who believe that biblical strictures against homosexuality should preclude the ordination of a gay bishop.



Bishop Gene Robinson pracices mass. He became the first gay bishop in the episcopal church last year.

Last year, Episcopal priest Gene Robinson, who lives openly with a same-sex partner, became bishop of New Hampshire. His election has bishop spurred an outcry by conservatives against the Episcopal Church USA - the American province of the Anglican Communion, which comprises 38 provinces around the world.

"This church which I love has been hijacked; as a result it has lost its course as a moral leader and has become a follower of the self-indulgent trends of the times," said Mark Wimbush of South Kingstown.

The local conservatives, along with much of the Anglican world, are looking toward a set of recommendations, called the Windsor Report, that is to be released Monday in St. Paul's Cathedral Crypt in London.

The report was drafted by a task force called the Lambeth Commission, appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Rowan Williams, to offer recommendations about how to preserve the global denomination in the face of divisions over the roles of gays and lesbians in the church.

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Baystate Hospital comes under fire

BOSTON (AP) — A Springfield hospital has been placing liens on the homes of patients to collect on bills, a move that is raising the eyebrows of health care advocates and state officials.

Baystate Medical Center over the past 15 months took 300 patients to court and had liens placed on the homes of 46 patients, the Boston Sunday Globe reported. State officials plan to look into the practice.

"Hospitals should not put liens on poor people's homes," Paul Cote, state commissioner of Health Care Finance and Policy, told the Globe. "They would have to have a compelling case, such as someone doesn't have an income, but has millions of dollars in assets."

Cote oversees the "free care" program, which helps the poor pay medical bills. He said he would look into Baystate to see if it is violating state regulations that protect the poor from unfair collection methods.

"I'm trying to pay the bills, but I need time," Chicopee resident Beverly Ann Pise, 51, said of the $3,600 lien on her home. "Now I'm worried they can take the house."

Pise, who has a kidney condition, owes Baystate $3,000 for her three-day emergency hospital stay in July 2002. She works two jobs and her husband has a seasonal job that leaves him unemployed in the winter.

Keith McLean-Shinaman, Baystate's chief financial officer, said liens are only used as a last resort.

-Associated Press

New committee slated to improve racial relations between students on campus

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just to talk, rather to implement.

"We just don't want people who are going to talk the talk. These are people who are going to walk the walk," she said.

In order to progress on campus, Seymour urged students to forget the past and move forward.

"We are not trying to sweep racism under the rug," she said.

When asked if the cost of the committee will cause strain from University budget cuts from previous years, Lombardi said it was not "hugely expensive."

"I am personally responsible for the budget cuts," he said. "The University has taken a tremendous pounding ... but this doesn't stop other programs."

In response to the formation of the committee, Nadya I. Stevens, member of the student group Take Back UMass, read a statement opposing the formation of the committee to deal with diversity issues on campus. Approximately 30 members of the group were in attendance at the press conference in the Mullins Center.

The statement cited the committee as doing type of work that the Office of ALANA Affairs was created for, such as research on racial groups and bettering diversity on campus. It also said that student culturral and academic support centers are not receiving the proper funding and staffing they need.

"These organizations are designed to address precisely the sort of issues that this new commission intends to tackle," she said.

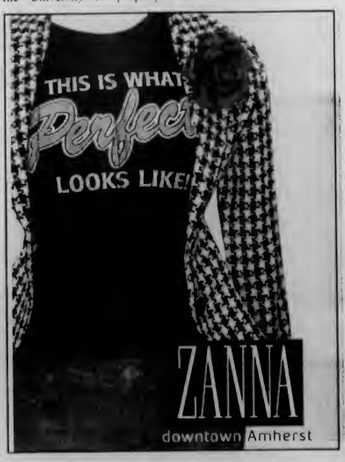
"I am appalled ... that there are only two students on the commission and the meeting was at 3:30 on a Friday afternoon." said Office of ALANA Affairs staff member Gladys Franco.

Franco said that in order for the University to properly address issues of race, it needs to start a dialogue with groups like the OAA and the ALANA caucus.

The committee will be available to meet with groups and individual students who wish to propose ideas. A Web site, www.umass.edu/CampusDiversity will also be available for the public to make suggestions and email commission members.

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Released detainees back to terrorist acts

By Matt Moore
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite gaining their freedom by signing pledges to renounce violence, at least seven former prisoners of the United States at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, have returned to terrorism, at times with deadly consequences.

At least two are believed to have died in fighting in Afghanistan, and a third was recaptured during a raid of a suspected training camp in Afghanistan, said Lt. Cmdr. Flex Plexico, a Pentagon spokesman. Others are at large.

Additional former detainees have expressed a desire to rejoin the fight, be it against U.N. peacekeepers in Afghanistan, Americans in Iraq or Russian soldiers in Chechnya.

Some 146 detainees have been released from Guantanamo, but only after U.S. officials said they had determined the prisoners no longer posed threats and had no remaining intelligence value.

Pentagon officials acknowledged that the release process is imperfect, but they said most of the Guantanamo detainees released have steered clear of Islamic insurgent groups.

The small number returning to the light demonstrates the delicate balance the United States must strike between minimizing the appearance of holding people unjustly and keeping those who are legitimate long-term threats, Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said.

Human rights groups frequently criticize the Defense Department for holding the hundreds of prisoners at the naval base, largely without charges or legal counsel. Many have been held for more than two years; only a few have been charged.

An additional 57 Guantanamo prisoners have been transferred to the custody of their home governments: 29 to Pakistan; seven to Russia; five each to Morocco and Britain; four each to France and Saudi Arabia; and one each to Spain, Sweden and Denmark, the Pentagon has said.

The Pentagon did not identify the seven detainees believed to have returned to fighting, although a few names have been made public. One released detainee killed a judge leaving a mosque in Afghanistan, Plexico said.

Those in the small group that has gone back to fighting come mainly from the upper echelons of suspected militant or terror groups, some allegedly linked to al-Qaida, several counterterrorism officials in the Middle East said. They gave no details, but one noted a trend that lower-echelon members tend to get on with their lives after they are released.

The former prisoners include Abdullah Mehsud, a former Guantanamo Bay detainee linked to al-Qaida who oversaw the recent kidnapping of two Chinese engineers, one of whom was killed.

On Friday, Pakistani soldiers began a massive search for Mehsud, 28, who returned to Pakistan in March after about two years' detention at Guantanamo. Pakistan officials say he has forged ties with al-Qaida since then.

One of the two former prisoners killed is Maulvi Abdul Ghaffar, a senior Taliban commander in northern Afghanistan who was arrested about two months after a U.S.-led coalition drove the militia from power in late 2001.

He was held at Guantanamo for eight months, then released, and was killed about a month ago, on Sept. 26, by Afghan security forces during a raid in Uruzgan province. Afghan leaders said they believed he was leading Taliban forces in the southern province.

Maj. Gen. Eric Olson, the No. 2 commander of U.S. troops in Afghanistan, told The Associated Press this month there was no alternative to releasing prisoners from Guantanamo.

"It's not going to be perfect, so it (the Ghaffar case) has not led to any soul-searching about the release program," Olson said.

Survey says growing income disparity between whites and minorities in US

By Genaro C. Armas
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The enormous wealth gap between white families and blacks and Hispanics grew larger after the most recent recession, a private analysis of government data finds.

White households had a median net worth of greater than $88,000 in 2002, 11 times more than Hispanics and more than 14 times that of blacks, the Pew Hispanic Center said in a study being released Monday.

Blacks were slowest to emerge from the economic downturn that started in 2000 and ended early in 2001, the report found.

Net worth accounts for the values of items such as a home and car, checking and savings accounts, and stocks, minus debts such as mortgage, car loans and credit card bills.

Greater wealth means a greater ability to weather a job loss, emergency home repairs, illness and other unexpected costs, as well as being able to save for retirement or a child's college tuition.

According to the group's analysis of Census Bureau data, nearly one-third of black families and 26 percent of Hispanic families were in debt or had no net assets, compared with 11 percent of white families.

"Wealth is a measure of cumulative advantage or disadvantage," said Roderick Harrison, a researcher at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a Washington think tank that focuses on black issues. "The fact that black and Hispanic wealth is a fraction of white wealth also reflects a history of discrimination."

After accounting for inflation, net worth for white households increased 17 percent between 1996 and 2002 and rose for Hispanic homes by 14 percent to about $7,900. It decreased for blacks by 16 percent, to roughly $6,000.

Regardless of race and ethnicity, the median net worth for all U.S. households was $59,700 in 2002, a 12 percent gain from 1996.

Only white homes recouped all their losses between 2001 and 2002. Both Hispanics and blacks lost nearly 27 percent of net worth between 1999 and 2001; the next year Latinos had gained almost all back (26 percent) though blacks were up only about 5 percent.

Roberto Suro, director of the Pew Hispanic Center, said the accumulation of wealth allows low-income families to rise into the middle class and "have some kind of assets beyond next week's paychecks."

"Having more assets enabled whites to ride out the jobless recovery better," he said.

Harrison says Hispanics were more insulated from the downturn than blacks, so they took less of a hit. For example, Hispanics made employment gains in lower-paid, lower-skilled areas such as the service and construction sectors.

Blacks were hit hard by job losses in the manufacturing industry and in professional fields, where they were victims of "last hired, first fired" policies, he said.

Only relatively recently were large numbers of blacks and Hispanics able to make investments and accumulate wealth. They were slower to enter the stock market during the 1990s rush and then had less of a cushion when the market began its decline in 2000.

Another factor affecting disparities is that whites are far more likely to own their homes; homeownership is among the most common ways to build wealth.

Students present requests to Dean

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their actions have created a dangerous racial climate on campus. This is not our personal opinion but it is a widely shared view as indicated by enclosed statements, wherein students and faculty, both white and non-white, have reported that in the wake of these student's actions, they feel increasingly fearful and unsafe on campus."

In regards to students feeling unsafe on campus, SGA President Eduardo Bustamante, who was not in the controversial pictures, said he has heard that a lot of people have this concern. He also said he was glad the students addressed the administrator in a cordial manner.

"They were cordial and nice from what I understand," he said, adding that he does not believe the students involved in the photos should be expelled.

The letter claims that there have been several examples of "rash-racially motivated incidents on campus." One of those incidents listed is regarding the incident involving three African-American UMass football players and three white students on Oct. 1 when an alleged fight ensued.

Besides the mentioning of the occurrence between the football players and the three students, the letter sites other racially motivated incidents on campus, which includes, "... the performance of anti-Semitic and racist graffiti in dormitories; the ripping down of posters put up by the Office of ALANA Affairs; the racial harassment of students of color on campus; and even the verbal assault of white students who befriend students of color," the letter read.

The letter also spelled out the University's Code of Student Conduct in regards to these alleged violations.

Vanin was cordial and welcoming to the students who approached her at her office inside the Whitmore building. She said she appreciated the mature manner in which the students addressed their concerns.

"I appreciate the way they came and presented themselves," Vanin said. "If we're shouting, we can't hear," she said in reference to rallies that often take place regarding similar issues.

Vanin indicated she would take the concerns of the students seriously, as many students handed her reports of individual concerns.

"I'm going to read every one of [these statements,]" she said, adding that she thought it was important for students to approach her with issues of concern.

"I encourage students to come and talk to me," she said. "It's hard to be responsive if I don't know."

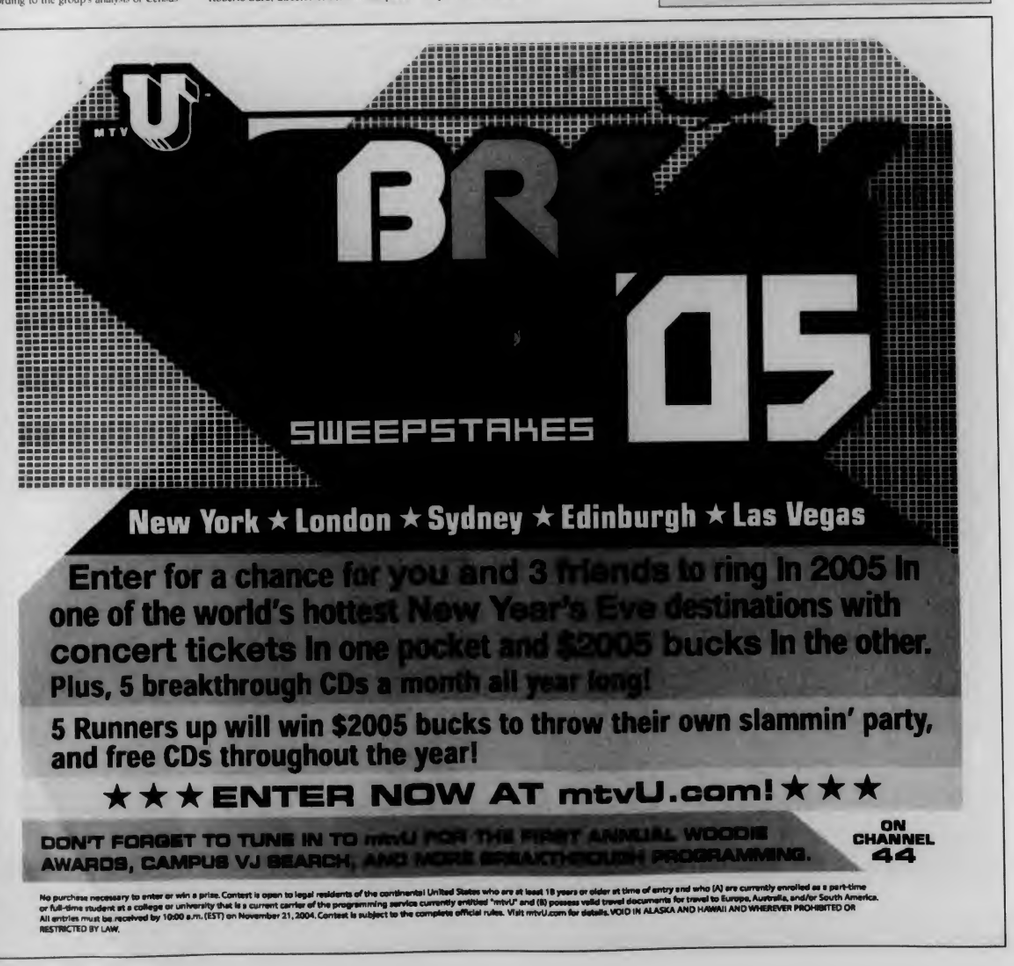
SGA election ratified

The University of Massachusetts Student Government Association held a meeting Thursday night, Oct. 14 to ratify its recent senate elections.

The meeting was originally scheduled to take place on Sunday, Oct. 10. The members of the SGA took 10 minutes to make a unanimous vote to ratify the election.

"The election turnout was excellent. We had about 2,200 people voting ... Every seat was contested," said SGA Speaker Seamus Brennan.

-Dan O'Brien



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EDITORIAL OPINION

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New technology too advanced for own good

The Food and Drug Administration recently approved Applied Digital Solutions, a technology company based in Florida, to market microchips intended for implantation under the skin in humans to allow easier access for a person's medical records. This concept has been met with much hesitation, especially when seen from the point of view that Orwell had brought up with his novel 1984 which depicted Big Brother watching over everyone at all times. This technology, however, can be most helpful in saving a person's life when it comes to paramedics and EMTs making split-second decisions. With all the potential and theoretical good it could bring to the world of emergency medicine, the scary proceedings that could result from this kind of technology are far too dangerous for society to explore.

Going by the theory that Applied Digital has, the benefits in emergency medicine that this product has to offer are too great to ignore. According to the New York Times, the chip would be implanted under the skin of a person's arm or hand via syringe and would not contain any detailed medical records, but rather, a number which would be linked to a medical directory. The medical records, which would contain information about the patient concerning their blood type, drug histories, and major surgeries/diseases the patient has had or currently has, would be updated quite frequently and very easily. The device used by emergency medical personnel to read the exclusive 16-digit number on each chip would be a handheld radio scanner.

This technology could be very useful when used with the intention that it was approved for. If a person passes out while jogging one day, EMTs and paramedics would still be able to find out the person's drug allergies, past medical history, and current medications even with the patient unconscious. Thus, all the appropriate medical treatments could be administered without worrying about the patient having an allergic reaction to a drug and, even possibly, determining what caused the patient to pass out based on their past medical history (ex: If the patient is hypoglycemic and their glucose level dropped too low which accounted for them going unconscious). The VeriChip, as the implanted microchip is commonly called, could greatly decrease the amount of malpractice encountered in the field.

However, with all the good and promise the VeriChip holds for emergency medicine, the thought and future prospects of where the implanted chip will lead society in years too come is too frightening when it comes to maintaining people's privacies. One major concern brought up by the prospect of the VeriChip is that this technology is currently being used as a security feature. Rafael Macedo de la Concha, the attorney general of Mexico, has received, in addition to many of his subordinates, an implanted chip controlling security access to a secure room containing highly-confidential documents vital in Mexico's battle with the drug cartels. If this technology continues to expand with its methods of use, we will soon be checking out library books by scanning our wrists instead of our library cards.

While the intentions are certainly noble with regards to the emergency medical profession, the logistics of the VeriChip are taking us into worlds that have only been seen in novels such as 1984 and Aldous Huxley's Brave New World and in movies such as Gattica and Minority Report. The fear of the chip being implanted in people is centered on the idea of authorities using it to keep track of its citizens. And while this may not necessarily be the case yet, the foot is in the door and this scenario is inevitable if this technology is further developed and made readily available through implantations in humans.

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Poor behavior slows change



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Erika Lovley

As a journalist, my job requires me to remain unbiased on all the issues I report on, including the ongoing struggle between student minority groups and the administration at the University of Massachusetts. For the past month, I have sat on the sidelines watching two well-educated, powerful groups of people wrestle with one another, trying to solve a problem that is bigger than any of us – racial diversity on the UMass campus.

The struggle between minority students and the administration seems to become more heated by the day. Both sides have some very pointed and well-developed arguments. ALANA is an excellent example of what can happen when students put their heads together to formulate change – things get accomplished. At least, most of the time.

ALANA's struggle with the University seems comparable to our country's current race for the presidency – sometimes it's hard to tell exactly who is ahead. After the recent storming of the Whitmore Administration building and protest over the University's handling of the student leaders involved in the KKK-9 photos, it seemed like ALANA had truly gained the lead. Officials handed out punishments for the nine student leaders last Thursday.

However, no matter how heated the situation, the administration, namely Michael Gargano, Vice Chancellor of student affairs and academic life, continues to come out on top of student groups in every situation.

Etiquette. Tact. Manners. Gargano has them.

Despite the obvious disagreement and dislike some students in ALANA have for Gargano, he treats every student with courtesy and respect, no matter how angry or stressed he becomes. The slamming he took from students during the "How to Live and Learn in a Diverse Community" forum comes to mind.

Unfortunately, the manners of some members of ALANA, as well as the student group Take Back

While working to improve the conditions for UMass minority students, you must uphold yourselves to the highest standards of behavior. It's great that you are angry, and it's great that you are working for progress. But please, have a little class.

UMass, leave a lot to be desired.

I covered a press conference in the Mullins Center on Friday afternoon, where Gargano, along with Chancellor John V. Lombardi and Provost Charlena Seymour, announced the creation of the Commission on Racial Diversity.

In attendance were approximately 20 members of ALANA and Take Back UMass, protesting the creation of the committee. Why they were protesting is not important here. It was the way some of the members were protesting that I found so appalling.

During the question and answer session, one young woman from one of the two student groups read a long grievance in front of the entire conference to the vice chancellor. "What are you going to do about that, Gargano?" She snapped.

Just like that. No "Mister Gargano", no "Sir". Nothing. At that point, even "Mike" would have been more appropriate.

Another student wouldn't stop interrupting Chancellor Lombardi. He allowed her to ask a question and follow-up, and then politely noted it was time to take questions from other audience members. But she wouldn't stop talking, even at his request. Neither of these men deserved this treatment.

What these women don't realize is that because of their complete lack of tact, their argument was lost on the ears of the press, University officials and all who were in attendance at that press conference. All one could notice was how uneducated, rude and classless these two appeared. Their poor behavior directly reflects on both ALANA and Take Back UMass – and the view isn't pretty.

Student groups: take my advice. While working to improve the conditions for UMass minority students, you must uphold yourselves to the highest standards of behavior. It's great that you are angry, and it's great that you are working for progress. But please, have a little class. No one, especially the administration, will be willing to help you if you continue to behave like children. You are only retarding your own efforts for change.

I believe one of the basic fundamental points of human civil rights is to treat one another with respect – a point some are forgetting. You may not like Michael Gargano or John Lombardi, but they deserve your respect regardless. Your behavior directly reflects on this University and the students you represent, whether you like it or not. Just remember whom you're speaking to.

Erika Lovley is a Collegian editor.

Racism not to be overlooked

Becky Martins

Over the past few months, students at UMass Amherst have witnessed some disheartening things. Last spring, the Holocaust memorial was vandalized when students threw a few of its flags, which represented 5,000 of the 12 million individuals murdered in Nazi concentration camps during World War II, into the campus pond. A few weeks ago, the Chief Metawampe statue sustained damage after being pulled from its stand and dragged into the middle of North Pleasant Street. And most recently, newly surfaced pictures have revealed SGA members drinking on school grounds, with a caricature of Speaker of the Student Government Association Patrick Higgins dressed as the Ku Klux Klan's Grand Wizard in the background. Racism on Umass' campus, however, is not limited to these three specific incidents. Instead, it is a major issue that is far from being resolved in this university or on the planet.

I'm not here to argue about what the guilty parties' intentions were in each of the previous situations. I am not writing to preach about what needs to be done to make the world a better place—it is obvious enough. Instead, I have come to realize, while it is awful that hateful acts are committed, people's lack of empathy towards those hurt by them can be just as sad. If people were just more aware of their own actions and their effect on others, a deeper understanding could exist between all individuals.

Although many people hope to attain a mutual understanding between cultures, their own unwillingness to identify with what others go through is resulting in a giant step backward instead of forward for mankind as a whole.

In recent weeks, the issue of racism on Umass' campus, though it has always existed, has become very publicized. Our diverse campus has found itself divided, at times, over certain issues. People have felt the need to voice their opinions, regardless of how common or unpopular they may be. While I fully support our right to freedom of speech, sometimes people do not think before speaking. Generalizations and stereotypes are used in relation to large groups of people. Feelings are hurt and divisions are made between certain groups on campus. Essentially, it has become obvious that many UMass students are insensitive to their peers' feelings.

I am white. Personally, I do not know how it feels to be discriminated against and I have never experienced a hate crime. But this does not give me due reason to be indifferent to issues that others face. A problem does not become of any lesser importance just because we may not fully understand the extent of its seriousness. A white person should not act like they have it "all figured out" and declare what is or what is not racism, a hate crime, etc. Some people get so wrapped up in the politics of an issue that they forget that real human emotion is involved. Many people forget we are all human beings living together on one planet—not just different races coexisting. Basically, although many people hope to attain a mutual understanding between cultures, their own unwillingness to identify with what others go through is resulting in a giant step backward instead of forward for mankind as a whole.

We are all college students. To get into this university, everyone had to have been at least partially intelligent. But honestly, what type of educated people think in such close-minded ways? Upon coming to this school, I was shocked at the intolerance that still existed for such a liberal area. Until this year, I thought the world really was a different place than what my parents, grandparents, etc. grew up in. Slowly, however, my perception of society is changing for the worse. I am ashamed to associate myself with people whose views are as old-fashioned, ignorant and disgusting as those I have witnessed over the past few weeks. Today's generation is better than this. We at UMass are better than this.

People may be tired of hearing about the issues of racism and acceptance repeatedly discussed in class, in the press or even between friends, but until we can all live together in a world free of hate, they need to be continuously pressed. It is disheartening to realize people who perform hate crimes can justify their own behavior enough to carry them out. But it is also sad that some people who would never call themselves "racists" can act so hypocritically: saying they accept everyone to be equal, but not always supporting their peers when they are faced with incidents of hate.

Certain individuals will be lucky enough to live life free of discrimination, whether it is in terms of race, gender, religion, sexuality, etc. Just because these people, however, cannot personally relate to an issue, it does not mean they are above it. I advise everyone to put themselves in other people's places. Try picturing an incident occurring that is so hurtful it brought us to tears, yet little was done about it because it did not pertain to the "majority." Imagine what it would feel like to have our safety jeopardized, personal rights as human beings squashed or just daily treatment in every day life disregarded just because of how we look. The frustration and anger one would experience could, at times, seem unbearable: leaving us feeling that although we were innocent, no one seemed to be on our side.

We may not be able to change the world overnight. One person alone will never put an end to such a deep-seeded problem as racism. But as Gandhi once said, "Be the change you want to see in the world." At least we will be one step closer in achieving a place where we, and future generations, can live free of hate. That, if nothing more, is at least motivation enough to try.

Becky Martins is a Collegian columnist.

World opinions of democracy

Ramzi Kanazi

Haaretz.com, which is an online news service based in Israel, reported on polls from 10 countries around the world this weekend. Ten newspapers, one in each country, collaborated to survey their populations concerning views on America and the Bush administration during the months of September and October. The polls found that Americans are good, and Bush is, well, not so good.

The Guardian Unlimited, which is an online news service based in the U.K., listed the results of many of the poll questions and found that if the world voted in America's presidential elections today, Kerry would win by a margin of two to one (or 54 to 27 percent—the sum of the averages of each country divided by the total number of countries: 10). Israel, however, voted inversely for Bush by that same margin, and Russia, which polled shortly after the Beslan tragedy, slightly favored the incumbent.

A number of other issues were covered. Every country decided that Americans are good people, with Mexico the most split; although the Mexican poll may have been taken at a soccer game. Only Israel's opinion about the U.S. improved over the last three years. It was also the only country that felt America was right in invading Iraq.

In their reviews, Haaretz and The Guardian found that younger generations show less support for Bush and the war in Iraq, but the older folks generally do not think much of them either. Considering these results, it's amazing that none of the countries surveyed were Arab. In fact, most of the countries are "western" liberal democracies. That is supposed to translate to "our friends."

Well, at least they all like Americans as people. They just don't like our President. Imagine if they were our friends and did not like us too. This could be the case if we reelect Bush, but should we really care what the rest of the world thinks? It's not like we call our president "the leader of the free world," and we don't ask questions like "why do they hate us?" when things go wrong. We're America. We have lots of oil and lots of freedom, and we want to keep them.

The problem is that prices are going up. I now spend over 20 dollars to fill the tank of my Civic, but that's still less than half the price it would cost me in Europe. I wonder if that is part of the reason why we

Some of our freedoms and comforts do depend on world opinion, an opinion that is clearly waning today.

don't poll so well. What about the cost of freedom? I was eating freedom fries with one of my friends from France, and she told me that she had to be fingerprinted upon entering the States because she is on a work visa. The cost is increasing for all international visitors, including students. Fortunately, we attend a school that is cognizant of the inequity of these costs. Thanks UMass.

Oh yeah, the cost for Americans. Ask any librarian about our freedom, and you will find that the FBI could look for your name to learn which books you've checked out. I remember a commercial sponsored by the Ad Council suggesting this kind of stuff does not happen. Regardless of our costs, they are increasing around the world, and the polls are sensitive to that. The survey indicates that the rest of the world does not believe that the war in Iraq is contributing to the war on terror.

So, how does the cost of freedom relate to world opinion? Well, many still consider America a model of Democracy for other nations, a model that engages in preemptive strikes over inaccurate information and one that goes to war against the behest of the international community. Considering that America has largely been concerned with the spread of democracy, we should probably be more concerned with our exhibition of it.

Imagine leaving your fingerprints at Paris' Charles De Gaulle airport when traveling to study, for business or vacation. Worse yet, imagine countries considering a preemptive strike in fear of Bush's latest and greatest bunker buster bombs. While the latter threat is not so likely to occur in the near future (with respect to those who look to us as a model of democracy), some of our freedoms and comforts do depend on world opinion, an opinion that is clearly waning today.

When you are at the polls on Nov. 2, you may want to consider not only what matters to you, but also what matters to others. After all, those people whom we share this planet with have opinions that may benefit us or adversely affect us in the future.

Right now, eight out of 10 countries and, as one Collegian columnist recently noted, some of the brightest Americans are so vehemently anti-Bush, they just can't keep their opinions to themselves.

Ramzi Kanazi is a Collegian columnist.

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Fashionistas of the past set standards

Style 101

Monique Jemmott

I am a self-admitted vintage buff. This is evident in many parts of my personal style. My wardrobe is made up of a very eclectic mix of thrift shop clothing, and pieces from my mother, grandmother, and aunt's old clothing, handbags, and jewelry. The walls of my dorm room are adorned with old black and photos of old school artists, places, and people, and my music library has a serious old R&B component. It is almost entirely safe to say that I have an old soul.

This is the culmination of being raised by parents that are a little bit older than most people's, thus being exposed to nothing but old music, movies, other points of what was popular culture way before most of us were a thought in anyone's mind; and also finding that as our culture progresses, we become less and less original — so basically I just find the old school so much more interesting.

From the looks of today's key players in popular culture I am not the only one. Whether it is Kanye West's soulful old school beats, Andre 3000's dapper 1940s attire, or Alicia Key's 70s inspired braids, we see old school in the new school time and time again. So needless to say that I don't think twice about the outcome when I get dressed and wear earrings that I got from my grandmother's jewelry box, or a blazer that my mother bought before she gave birth to me.

Nowadays it's less about whether or not vintage is in, and more about which vintage is in. Currently the look of the 40's dominates the runways and department stores with peep toe shoes, round pumps, and fur wraps. Just last season it was the 80s that was the decade past of the moment complete with the plastic jewelry, big hair, and neon colors. In short, vintage is always in.

Of course if its in, then it's a must have. It is always a sign of the times for fashionista's to take lessons from their favorite celebrities and fashion models. But before there was Halle, Beyonce, or Mary, there was another crop of well-dressed, glamorous beauties in the entertainment world. Before one can admire and immortalize the stars of today it is only right to recognize their predecessors and their iconic appeal that set trends for years to come.

These women set trends and standards in beauty, that women would follow for years to come. Whether it was Bo Derek's braids, Diana Ross's look of glamour complete with sequined gowns, diva-like glasses, and trench coats and berets; or Audrey Hepburn's fresh- faced beauty, and simplistic style. For every diva today there was a diva of yesterday.

Each and every one of these women are fabulous in their own right; and in their prime they stood for much more than beauty and fashion. They were symbols of hope for other women who watched and admired them. They set trends, and commanded attention in a male dominated world without ever compromising their felinity.

Women like Diana Ross, who may have coined the word diva, can be most recognizable for her always-glamorous style and over the top fashion choices. Her looks may be the precursor for many of today's divas who have pushed the envelop for over the top style and super glam looks at all time.

Dorothy Dandridge, a great African American actress of the 1950's can be credited for her knockout beauty, and high fashion glamour, as can be seen in much if her work such as one of her most famous movies "Carmen Jones." Ms. Dandridge's largest proclaimed followers are Janet Jackson and Halle Berry, who portrayed her in the autobiographical movies "Becoming Dorothy Dandridge"

My personal favorite fashion diva of the past, Pam Grier's style can be mapped out throughout the past three decades. Her signature afro of the 70's became a staple amongst black women for many years to follow, and her fearlessness to be recognized as a black woman complete with curves, and natural hair may have paved the way for many afro centric divas such as Lauryn Hill, and Jill Scott, and not to mention the

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'South Park' creators talk politics and their new film 'Team America'

Last Friday, Matt Stone (Trey Parker was busy) took time off from editing "Team America: World Police" to take a conference call from a few other reporters and me.

Any fan of his probably has a million questions. I had to restrain myself from asking questions like, "In the 'South Park' episode spoof of 'Lord of the Rings,' why did you have Kyle as a paladin rather than a ranger?"

It's not a bad question, but nothing most people besides a handful of "South Park" fans would find interesting.

When asked about his personal politics he said, "I don't think that's important to the movie, I don't really want to talk about that. In the movie that is one of things we try to point out in the movie is that when you are a celebrity and people ask you questions you start to think that you know everything about everything. We know about making movies ... but I really don't know any more anything about politics more than anybody else."

One reporter posed a question, "Who would win in a fight between John Kerry with laser powers and George W. Bush with teleportation powers?" Even though Stone answered the question, it seemed to me like he felt the reporter was wasting his time.

The political questions didn't stop there. When asked about his and Trey Parker's political affiliation, which presidential candidates "Team America: World Police" spoofs and who Stone and Parker are pushing people to vote for, Stone replied, "Trey and I are like most people, we're kind of down the middle with our political affiliation. But (with) the movie we tried to really hard to not make it really politically bend one way or the other. We tried to do the emotionally and intellectually honest thing."

What? What? What? Is a celebrity trying to keep his mouth shut about the election?

"I would hate think anybody took their political views from me or Trey. We're pretty f***ed-up people. At least we can admit it. That's how we're different from other celebrities," Stone said. Politics is a theme and a backdrop of the movie, but it's more about the emotions behind the politics.

"Our main character comes up with a way he can deal with tthe pressures of policing the world.) The movie is an optimistic antidote to what's going on today," said Stone.

"Team America: World Police" and its creators' previous artistic and personal statements certainly have and will receive plenty of hate mail. One alleged letter from anti-war activist actor Sean Penn is posted on www.drudgereport.com, in response to Parker's statement. "(There's) no shame in not voting, if you don't know what you're talking about."

Penn allegedly responded, "It's all well to joke about me or whomever you choose. Not so well, to encourage irresponsibility that will ultimately lead to the disembowelment, mutilation, exploitation, and death of innocent people throughout the world. The vote matters to them."

As with all of their movies to date, "Team America: World Police" caused them to butt heads with the Motion Picture Association of America. The MPAA rated the movie NC-17, instead of giving it the desired R rating.

"My thing is that when there's an R rating on a film, you should be able to do whatever the f***k you want. It's R. It's for adults. An R rating should be everything above PG-13," said Stone. The movie has a "graphic" sex scene played by puppets, which caused most of the hubbub according to Stone.

"The MPAA had a problem with some of the (sexual) positions we picked, but it really is one of the most innocuous scenes in the movie," he said.

Stone and Parker have been target of censors and parental groups of all ideological stripes. There is some difference between TV and movie censors, though.

"(South Park') has very clear guidelines and we can argue directly with (network censors.) The MPAA is a weird shadowy organization. I don't think it don't think it serves parents very well," said Stone. Stone even offered advice to novice moviemakers.

"It's so much different now than when we were in school. Just go out and do as many little films as you can. Forget production value. It's all about story and character," he said.

Many of our questions were about the upcoming ninth season of "South Park" (which starts Oct. 27.) Stone said he has "a couple three or four more years" in him as far as the series goes. The making of "Team America: World Police" was so strenuous, he says they still don't know what the first episode of this season's "South Park" will be.

-A Wire



Puppets save the world in new film "Team America: World Police"



South Park creators Matt Stone (left) and Trey Parker on set of their controversial new movie"Team America: World Police"

'Felicity' boxed DVD series doesn't do TV hit justice

Felicity Porter (Keri Russell) is just an average college student ... or, at least, that's what the WB wants its audience to believe. In its heyday, the show offered a semi-interesting spin on the "90210"-meets-a-tamer-"Sex and the City" relationship drama. In its third season, "Felicity: Junior Year" continues this tradition, but loses some of its appeal when it tries too hard to up the ante.

"Junior Year" makes it painfully obvious that the producers wanted to maintain their cutting-edge feel. However, their plans backfired, as this season suffers from an overabundance of hokey drama.

All the stereotypical after-school-special features are there: Characters dealing with cancer, drug abuse, alcoholism, gun fights and infidelity all are present within the span of about five episodes. Here, college becomes more of an implied setting than a basis for the series.

Worse yet, the show's writers vary from episode to episode, so seemingly important plots, such as one's sudden marriage or abusive relationship, are easily forgotten and virtually unheard of again during the season.

Unfortunately, this season's DVD sports quite possibly the least inventive special features package in the series' history. The "Mad TV" parody features three of sketch comedy's weakest and most annoying personalities working with an equally uninspiring premise.



Kerri Russell starred as television's "Felicity"

Documentaries and special commentaries attempt to redeem an otherwise lagging extra disc, but even they don't seem to warrant the extra attention this time around.

Despite its flaws, though, "Junior Year" reels in its audience just as much as previous seasons. Although plotlines are, at times, extremely cheesy, the actors skillfully convey emotional tension and entice the audience to connect with their situations. Even Felicity bypasses her extreme lack of emotional expression through her interaction with the cast.

"Felicity" was on to a good thing back in the late '90s, creating a niche for itself as a show specifically designed for the college crowd. Though fans anticipated its release to DVD, this edition doesn't quite seem to do the series justice.

-A Wire



The cast of "Felicity" pose on the final episode of the hit WB television show about the life of college student Felicity Porter.

Milian lacks sparkle with new album 'It's about time'

Christina Milian's new CD "It's About Time" can be summed up in one word: forgettable. There is not a single song that presents something new, fresh or exciting.

There is nothing on this album that sets this her apart from the current crop of pop princesses. It has all been done before and someetimes what has already been done is simply better music.

Cuban-American Milian has worked in film, television, theatre and music. She appeared with Ja Rule on his hit single "Between You and Me." Her self-titled debut album was released abroad in 2002 and the single "AM to PM," which she released in the States, did well on Billboard's Hot 100.

Her current album contains 12 tracks and was released by Island Records, a heavy hitter in the music industry that also backs artists such as Alicia Keys, Jennifer Lopez, Usher and Mariah Carey. "Dip it Low," as could be predicted from its position on the Billboard charts, is the pinnacle of the entire album.

Milian's sultry, lush vocals and semi-explicit lyrics in this song add a little shimmer to this otherwise listless album. She has recorded and released three versions of the song with the version on the album featuring rising hip-hop star Fabolous.

The rest of the album is composed mostly of filler tracks, interspersed with some interesting numbers like the ballad "Someday One Day" and more peppy songs like "Get Loose"

Overall, the music gives the feel of coming off of a mass-produced hip-hop/ R&B album conveyor belt. The marketing strategy for the album seems to be more focused upon Milian's position as a sex symbol

All that said, she definitely shows potential. It is just a pity that she did not use much of it in the making of this album. Maybe "this is a warm-up to the real act, ie next album. So watch for her in the future, but as for picking up the CD, apparently it's not about time

-A Wire



R&B songstress Christina Milian fails to prove herself on her U.S akbum debut "It's about time" which features the single "Dip it Low"

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MondayOctober 18,

Smith College's Poetry Center will screen "Poetry in Wartime," a documentary, tonight at 7:30 p.m. The film details how war and poetry have been bedfellows since the beginning (think Homer's take on the Trojan War), and features the work of contemporary poets (Marie Howe, Sam Hammill, Saul Williams, Marilyn Nelson, Ali Habash, Chris Abani, Rachel Bentham, Hasham Shafq and Antonieta Villamil);as well as the greats (Wilfred Owen, Siegfried Sassoon, Emily Dickinson, Langston Hughes, and Walt Whitman); This event, located at Leo Weinstein Auditorium's Wright Hall, is free, open to the public and wheelchair accessible.

WednesdayOctober 20

The Graduate Brass Quintet performs today, at Bezanson Recital Hall, at 12:20 p.m. The ensemble features Matthew Misener (trumpet), Matthew Repucci (trumpet), Kelli Kirkman (horn), Hidehiro Domeki (trombone) and Matthew Gaunt (tuba); the program is set to include works by Telemann, Scheidt and J.S. Bach. This event is free.

Professor Sheldon Goldman will lecture at the Mullins Center's Massachusetts Room today, at 4 p.m. "Judicial Confirmations: The New Battle Zone in American Politics." Goldman will discuss how "judicial nominees to the lower federal courts face increasing hostility on the path to confirmation," according to the Office of the Provost. Immediately following the lecture Goldman, who has taught at UMass Amherst since 1965, will receive a Chancellor's Medal. This event is free and open to the public

SaturdayOctober 23

The UMass Amherst Orchestra, directed by Lanfranco Marcelletti, Jr. and featuring pianist Estela Olevsky, will perform tonight at 8 p.m. at the Fine Arts Center Concert Hall; The program is set to feature pieces by Mendelssohn ("Symphony No. 5," "Reformation") and Chopin ("Piano Concerto No. 1"). Admission is $5 for students and $10 for the general public.

Former Grateful Dead pianist Bruce Hornsby brings his Grammy award winning musicianship to Northampton's Calvin Theatre tonight in support of Halcyon Days, out now on Columbia Records. The album features eleven new songs and contributions from Eric Clapton, Elton John and Sting, all of who will not be on tour with Hornsby. But, surrender your Saturday night to the piano man, anyway; aided and abetted by a full band, this is not a show to miss. Plus, Hornsby has performed on over 100 records by musicians like Bob Dylan, Willie Nelson, Bonnie Raitt and Bela Fleck, so it's a good bet he'll bring the same world- class professionalism that landed him those spots to the Calvin. And maybe he'll do "The Way It is." Tickets ars $29, $34 and $39; show is at 8 p.m.

WednesdayOctober 20

"Cosmos to Humanity: From the Big Bang to the Space Age: The Use of PowerPoint Presentations and Online Material in a Courss Specially Designed for the Commonwealth Honors College" a 50 minute seminar by speaker James W. Walker, or the biology department will be held October 19th 2004 in Hasbrouck Lab, room 138 at 4 pm. Refreshments will be served at 3:45. This event is free and open to the public.

MondayOctober 18

The 5 college women's research center presents Janice A. Jipson, a Five College Women's Studies Research Associate from National Louis University, will present a talk entitled "Elizabeth Peabody and the Founders of the American Kindergarten." Framed as a reader's theater performance, at Mount Holyoke College at 4:30 pm. Jipson's presentation explores the emergence of the kindergarten within the social and political contexts of the nineteenth century. She will examine the theme of 'maternal pedagogy' in the work of Elizabeth Peabody and other aarly kindergarten founders and its relationship to the broader social movements of that time period. Event is free and open to the public.

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BRUCE HORNSBY

Come and watch Grammy award winning Greatful Dead pianist Bruce Hornsby perform at the Calvin Theater in Northhampton, Saturday October 23. The show starts at 8pm, and tickets are $29, $34, and $39.



Pam Grier's style has been in the center of pop culture for decades.

Past divas revisited

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fact that one of her most famous character's moniker was borrowed, and made famous once over by hip hop artist Foxy Brown. More recently, we can see her sexy, fearless persona immortalized on t-shirts by Triple 5 Soul, and an ad campaign by Hennesy featuring Grier's image from the 70s.

It seems increasingly obvious that the rule of good fashion is that if it was in style once, it'll come back again. When I think of what good style is, I look to the women that have become before me. The women in my family were the first stop, influencing me from a young girl. I can remember as a child watching my mother getting dressed to go out and wishing that I could go as well just to wear the pretty dresses that she wore, and put on makeup. As I got older, I found myself doing things in the same way that she did, from certain fashion rules (no white after labor day), down to the smallest details such as laying my entire outfit on the bed before I begin to dress. Icons are made one influence at a time, and just as my mother and these glamorous Hollywood starlets influenced me, they have done so for so many other young women today. They're style and grace will forever live through our own.

Monique Jemmott is a Collegian editor.



Dorothy Dandridge, performer extaordinaire has influenced stars such as Halle Berry and Janet Jackson with her style

'Shark Tale' leads this week in theaters

LOS ANGELES - Moviegoers stuck with fish and football over puppets and prancers as "Shark Tale" and "Friday Night Lights" retained the top two box-office spots for another weekend.

The animated "Shark Tale" was No. 1 for the third straight weekend, pulling in $22.1 million, studio estimates showed Sunday. With the family audience almost entirely to itself, "Shark Tale" had climbed to a 17-day domestic total of $118.8 million.

The football flick "Friday Night Lights" came in at No. 2 for a second weekend with $13.1 million, lifting its 10-day gross to $38.7 million.

The puppet parody "Team America: World Police" debuted in third with $12.3 million. No. 4 was "Shall We Dance?" starring Richard Gere, Jennifer Lopez and Susan Sarandon, with $11.6 million.

It was a so-so debut for "Team America" from "South Park" creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone, who crafted a foul-mouthed, bloody action comedy using puppets to satirize everything from U.S. global military muscle to Hollywood political activism.

"Coming out, you want to tell people what you just saw because it's so unique," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations. "Leading up to the election, because it is a rather political movie, if it gets some word of mouth going, it'll hang in there, no pun intended."

The movie had caught a lot of buzz for its raunchy humor, celebrity bashing and a puppet sex scene that nearly brought it an NC-17 rating, which would have restricted audiences to those 17 and older. The sex scene was toned down so the movie could win an R rating.

Critics generally praised "Team America" for its irreverent humor, but the movie came in on the low end of distributor Paramount's box-office expectations of a $12 million to $15 million debut.

"The heat on the picture seemed to be building as we got closer to opening, but the weekend wasn't that disappointing," said Wayne Lewellen, Paramount's head of distribution.

A remake of a Japanese hit, "Shall We Dance?" stars Gere as a discontented family man who finds renewed lust for life when he begins dance lessons and strikes up a friendship with a beautiful dance teacher, played by Lopez.

Distributor Miramax opened "Shall We Dance?" in a relatively narrow 1,772 theaters. The strategy paid off as the movie averaged a solid $6,559 per theater, the highest average among movies in wide release.

"Team America" debuted in 2,539 theaters and averaged $4,844.

-Associated Press



Pixar animated movie "Shark Tale" finishes number one at the box office for the third week in a row

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Still rolling

Patricia Borneo and the rest of the Minutewomen won two games down in Philadelphia over the weekend. They knocked off Temple 3-2 in overtime on Saturday and then took down St. Joseph's 2-1 in strokes yesterday. For complete coverage, check out tomorrow's Collegian.

UMass upsets No. 7 UNH on the road

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freshman Ricky Santos, who was fourth on the depth chart at the end of last year, took over for Granieri and has since become a Walter Payton Award candidate for the nation's best offensive player.

Granieri had been practicing all week, though, and was healthy enough to get in the game Saturday. McDonnell used the two-quarterback tandem for the rest of the game, which appeared to make it tough for either signal caller to establish any offensive rhythm for the last two-and-a-half quarters.

Granieri was 3-6 for 13 yards on his first drive of the game, but UNH couldn't move the ball with any more effectiveness than it did with Santos leading the offense.

After taking the ball over at their own four-yard-line, the Minutemen used a 12-play, 96-yard touchdown drive that covered over six minutes in the second quarter to give them their first lead since they were leading Richmond 14-7 in the first quarter against Richmond in their third game of the season.

Baylark scored on a nine-yard run to put UMass ahead by a 17-14 score.

Momentum really swung on that drive in several different ways. Punter Christian Koegel had a rare, poor punt that would have given UNH good field position. The Wildcats were called for a personal foul for roughing the punter, though, and UMass was able to continue its drive in order to take a lead it never relinquished.

After UNH went three-and-out on its ensuing possession, the Minutemen scored a touchdown on their third consecutive drive to take a 24-14 lead heading into the half.

Granieri was able to put a charge into his team when he hit a streaking David Ball over the middle for a 35-yard touchdown pass to bring the Wildcats within three points of the Minutemen. Granieri, excited to contribute once again, ran off the field trying to amp his team and the crowd up.

It would be the last time the Wildcats had anything to cheer about, however, as Granieri only threw for five first downs for the remainder of the game.

UMass receiver Brandon London had a career day, also, for the Minutemen. He had two career highs with seven receptions and 136 yards. He also caught a touchdown pass.

UMass safety Shannon James had another great game while anchoring this defense. He intercepted two passes and had an interception return for a touchdown that was called back due to a penalty.

David Ball had a big game for the Wildcats, hauling in 15 passes for 145 yards and a touchdown.

David Bailey caught 10 passes from the two UNH quarterbacks for 69 yards.

The two receivers had such big statistical days because UNH running backs only had three total carries for eight yards. The ground game was completely ineffective for the Wildcats who had negative-two rushing yards on 12 carries.

This was a huge accomplishment for a UMass defense that has had a very tough time shutting the opposition's running attacks down this year.

Another bright side for the Minutemen was quarterback Tim Day's solid performance. Day, who had struggled during the losing streak, was 18-for-33 for 293 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

On the other side, Santos was 16-32 for 98 yards and a touchdown while Granieri was 19-31 for 170 yards and a score in his return. The pair was picked off a combined four times.

Minutewomen split tough weekend and meet their goal

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half. The Minutewomen were never really a threat to the No. 28 team in the nation as they were out shot 29-7 in the game and 18-3 in the first half.

The Dayton attack was spearheaded by leading scorer Reba Sedalcek. The junior forward notched two goals and an assist in the match.

The split this weekend for UMass was critical as it continues to fight for its playoff lives. The Minutewomen are currently in a three-way tie for seventh place in the conference and will need to move up into the top-six to qualify for the postseason.

The remaining four games for UMass are all against A-10 opponents. This coming weekend will be the biggest of the season for the Minutewomen as they take on Fordham, who is currently hanging onto sixth place in the conference and LaSalle, who is tied with UMass in seventh place.

Pair of golden goals propel UMass back into playoff race

MEN'S SOCCER from page 10

unassisted score came in the 26th minute.

UMass responded with a pair of goals coming in a 23 second span to take a 2-1 lead. Junior Oral Bullen scored his sixth goal of the season when he headed in a Mingione pass in the 30th minute.

On the ensuing kickoff, UMass forced a turnover and set up sophomore midfielder Richie Higa for his second goal of the season.

Bullen drove to the net and passed the ball off to Higa, who was positioned just outside the box and tucked a shot inside the right post.

"Higa and Bullen make a good combination because they have great speed, and either can score," Koch said.

The Flyers managed to tie the game at two in the 80th minute when Tye Stebbins placed a shot inside the top right corner of the net for his eighth goal of the season.

Dayton out shot UMass 17-to-10 in the game and held an 8-to-4 advantage on corner kicks, but for much of the game, the Minutemen defense managed to keep Dayton's offense from shooting inside the box.

Billman made five saves on 17 shots and in the loss Troop had three saves on 12 shots

On Sunday, Cirillo scored the game-winner by kicking in a Mike Mingione rebound that had deflected off the right goal-post.

The Minutemen jumped out to an early 1-0 lead when Ian O'Donnell forced the Xavier sweeper into turning the ball over 15 yards in front of the Musketeer net. Anticipating an O'Donnell shot, Xavier goalie Brian Schaefer challenged the ball, and O'Donnell sent a short touch-pass to Higa, who shot into the open net.

Extending the lead to two, freshman Matty LeMire fired an outside shot off the crossbar that bounced out to Bullen who took a shot before the goalie could react at 17:13

The Musketeers responded less than two minutes later when Toni Skudrzik scored an unassisted goal, ending the half 2-1 in favor of UMass.

After the break, Nick Frasher netted his seventh goal of the season off a crossing pass from Skudrzik in the 52nd minute.

Jimmy Cunnings of Xavier gave the Musketters a 3-2 lead when he capitalized on Skudrzik's second assist of the game on a crossing pass at 63:13.

The Minutemen will travel to Fordham and continue their portion of the conference schedule on Friday at 1 p.m.

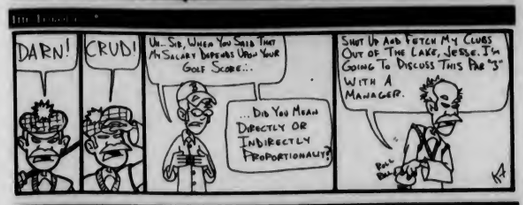


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The Minutemen celebrate their overtime victory on Friday against Xavier. The scene was repeated for the Maroon and White as it won on another golden goal against Dayton yesterday.









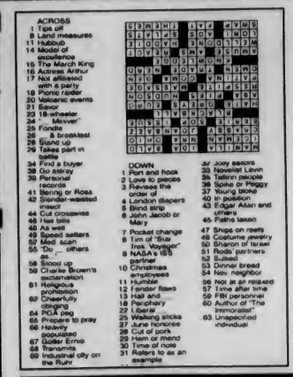


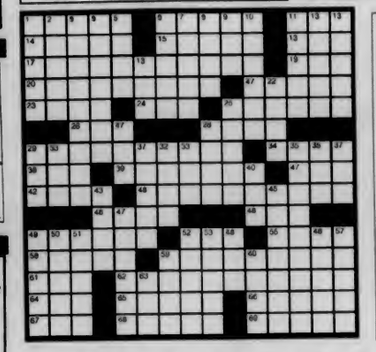


Quote of the Day

"Newbie, if the next two words out of your mouth aren't 'See ya' then the third word will be 'Oh my god. My crotch. You've punched me in my crotch."

-Dr. Cox, Scrubs





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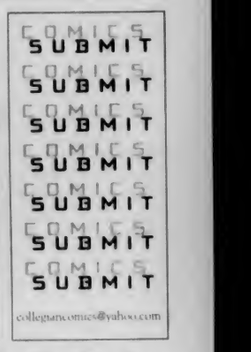
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Wild weekend win

UMass ends four-game skid with comeback win over UNH

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

Riding a four-game losing skid and trailing 14-0 against the No. 7 team in the country with the game not even five minutes old, it would have been very easy for the Massachusetts football team to pack it in.

However, the Minutemen stuck to their game plan and rallied back to knock off New Hampshire 38-21 on Saturday in Durham N.H.

UMass	38
UNH	21

UMass tailback Steve Baylark, who won the Bill Knight Trophy which is annually given to the MVP of the game between the New England rivals, led the way and rushed for 192 yards and three touchdowns on 43 carries – all career highs.

UMass, who won its 500th all-time game, returns to action on Saturday, when it travels to Kingston, R.I. to face Atlantic 10 rival Rhode Island at 12 p.m.

It marked the second time this season that Baylark has rushed for over 100 yards. Both of those games were against top 10 teams, and UMass (3-4, 1-3 Atlantic 10) to is 2-0 in those contests. His first 100-yard performance was in the 30-20 win over No. 4 Colgate.

"(Baylark) ran the football as well as I've seen it run," UMass coach Don Brown said.

UNH (4-2, 1-2 Atlantic 10) jumped out to a quick 7-0 lead when quarterback Ricky Santos marched the offense down the field during the game's initial possession. Santos was 7-10 for 55 yards on the opening drive and hit Shaun Diner on a seven-yard touchdown pass to put the Wildcats ahead.

UMass quarterback Tim Day had his second pass of the game intercepted by Aaron Thomas who returned it for a 49-yard touchdown.

With the way the Massachusetts offense had played over the past month, scoring only 21 points in the team's last 15 quarters, it appeared as though the team's losing streak was going to reach five games.

"You go down 14-0 in a game like that in Homecoming, and it would have been real easy to mail it in," Brown said.

"I think that just shows the character and the resiliency of our players. It was a win we badly needed and went out and got."

The Minutemen stayed patient, though, and fed the Wildcats a steady diet of Baylark on their way to cutting the lead down to 14-3 before the first quarter ended.

The UMass defense continued to keep their offense in the game, and Baylark rushed for his first touchdown of the game in the second quarter to get the Minutemen to within four points of UNH.

With the UNH passing-based offense unable to crack the extremely talented UMass secondary since the team's first possession, coach Sean McDonnell made an interesting and questionable decision in regards to his quarterbacks.

Mike Granieri, the team's two-year returning starter, tore the ACL in his left knee during the first game of the season against Delaware. Redshirt

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COURTESY KAREN WINGER

UMass running back Steve Baylark carries the ball during Saturday's game against UNH. Baylark carried his team to victory with his 43 rushes for 192 yards and three touchdowns.

Cirillo salvages the season

Two golden goals highlight weekend

By Matt Barstow
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts men's soccer team turned its season around this weekend with a pair of nerve-racking, overtime victories against conference foes Xavier and Dayton.

Yesterday, UMass improved to 6-6-2 and 2-1-2 in the Atlantic 10 when Greg Cirillo scored his first goal of the season with 3:49 left in the second overtime period. Friday, UMass defeated Dayton 3-2 thanks to Mike Mingione's golden goal in the 94th minute.

UMass	3
Dayton	2

UMass' upset over Dayton snapped the team's three-game unbeaten streak and dropped the Flyers to 6-5-1 and 3-2-0 in the A-10. Before the match, Dayton was locked in a three-way tie for first in the conference while UMass represented the cutoff team for the A-10 tournament as the sixth seed.

"Both of the teams were ahead of us at the beginning of the weekend, but now we're right up there in the top bunch," UMass coach Sam Koch said. "You can go from the top to the bottom real quick in this conference."

The Minutemen have now played in a team record eight overtimes this year. The previous record was four overtime appearances, set in 1997, and the Minutemen still have five games remaining.

The Maroon and White have been red hot at home, playing to a 4-2 record at Rudd field and going 5-1-2 overall in extended play.

"We don't feel any pressure playing in overtime so there's no extra anxiety," Koch said. "Having played in so many overtimes, we are able to stick to our game plan while other games feel pressured to attack.

On Friday, Mingione got his chance to end the game four minutes into OT when fellow freshman Greg Cirillo forced a Dayton turnover in the UMass offensive zone. Catching the defense out of position, Cirillo passed the ball to Mingione, who fired an outside shot past goalie Matt Troop for his second goal of the season.

Dayton started the scoring when UMass goalie Nick Billman dove to make a save that deflected to Omar Jarun, who kicked in the rebound. The

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MATTHEW REED/COLLEGIAN

Richard Higa runs down the field during Friday's victory over Xavier. The Minutemen won two A-10 games to get back in the playoff hunt.

Canfield kicks UM to victory

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

The goal for the Massachusetts women's soccer team this weekend on its trip to Ohio was to come home with three points in the standings. The result of the trip: mission accomplished.

The Minutewomen (5-8, 3-4 Atlantic 10) dropped Friday's contest at Dayton 4-0, but rebounded with a 2-0 victory over Xavier on Sunday.

UMass	2
Xavier	0

UMass returns to action this weekend with a pair of home matches against Atlantic 10 foes Fordham and LaSalle.

The Minutewomen received huge contributions from its two recent A-10 Rookies of the Week in the Xavier game.

Sophomore goalkeeper Kristin Walker, the reigning A-10 Rookie of the Week, turned in her second shutout in three outings, and freshman forward Britt Canfield, who was named Rookie of the Week two weeks ago, provided the offense for UMass.

Canfield, known for her ability to provide instant offense, broke a scoreless tie late in the game with two goals in less than two minutes.

With just over 19 minutes remaining in the contest, Canfield scored an unassisted goal, beating the goalie one-on-one. Canfield scored her second goal just over a minute later on an assist by freshman Jenny Roehrig.

That would be all the offense needed for the Maroon and White as Walker recorded six saves en route to blanking the Musketeers (4-10-1, 3-3-1 A-10).

Prior to the goals scored by Canfield, Xavier's defense had been dominant, as they had not allowed a goal in 272 minutes of game action dating back to Oct. 8.

Canfield now has eight goals on the season to lead the Minutewomen in scoring.

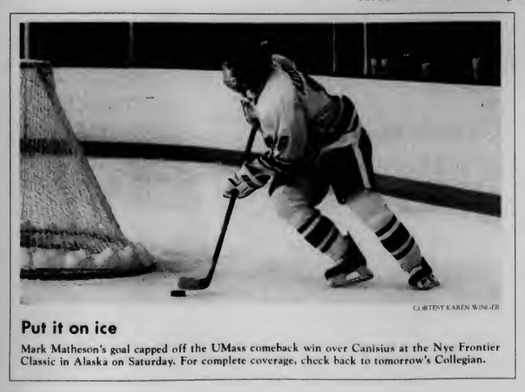
Friday's result was not as positive for UMass, but they are not alone among A-10 teams in not being able to slow down powerhouse Dayton. The Flyers improved their league best record to 6-0.

The Flyers have not lost a contest in almost two months as they picked up their 13th consecutive win against the Minutewomen.

Dayton (14-1) opened the scoring early on Tesia Kozlowski's goal 4:52 into the game. The Flyers added a second goal 13 minutes later and took a 2-0 advantage into halftime.

Dayton put UMass away with two goals early in the second

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COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Put it on ice

Mark Matheson's goal capped off the UMass comeback win over Canisius at the Nye Frontier Classic in Alaska on Saturday. For complete coverage, check back to tomorrow's Collegian.

Derosa leads the way

By Eric Athas and Martha Powers
Collegian Staff

Christina Derosa came in first place among Massachusetts runners for the fifth consecutive meet as the Massachusetts women's cross country team came in sixth place at the Albany Invitational. Twenty-one teams competed at the Invitational from all different divisions.

Derosa (18:16) came in ninth place out of 227 runners last Saturday in Albany. Following Derosa was senior Alexis Anzelone (18:47), who finished in 19th place overall. Freshman Cuisle Klerans (18:54, 27th place) rounded out the top three runners for UMass and helped the team to its sixth position. Erin O'Donnel (19:30), Ashley Davidson (19:35), Tricia Silva (19:38), Kara Gillette (19:39) and Amanda Bodette (19:43) finished within seconds of each other.

New Hampshire came in first place overall at the meet and Binghamton came in second.

So far this season, UMass has finished seventh, first, second, 11th and sixth place in their respective meets against stiff competition like it faced last Saturday.

The women's team has a break this weekend as they prepare for the Atlantic 10 Championships on Oct. 30, at Pittsburgh, Penn.

In the men's race in Albany, UMass finished fifth out of 29 teams.

"I was happy with our finish," coach Ken O'Brien said. "We rebounded very well from last week's meet, and this is a truer indication of where we are."

Syracuse finished first, easily beating the entire field. Earlier this season, the Minutemen beat Syracuse.

"Syracuse ran exceptionally well. I found out their team had injuries earlier in the season," O'Brien said. But Syracuse seemed to have overcome them on Saturday when they had "a very impressive, dominating performance," according to O'Brien.

The top finishers for UMass were Ryan Corbett (fifth, 25:23), Matt Klypka (33rd, 26:05), Nils Fischer (40th, 26:20), Matt Clark (46th, 26:24) and Paul Noone (48th, 26:26).

Tony Award nominee portrays author James Baldwin
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Minutemen find success in overtime
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11 arrested in disturbance after Red Sox game

By Erika Lovley
Collegian Staff

Eleven people were arrested at the University of Massachusetts early Monday morning during a disturbance in Southwest Residential area for charges ranging from disorderly conduct and failure to disperse to inciting a riot.

No injuries or damage to UMass property were reported to UMass police.

According to UMass police chief Barbara O'Connor, an estimated 800 to 1,000 people crowded into the Southwest Mall at approximately 1:23 a.m. to celebrate the Boston Red Sox's victory over the New York Yankees in the live-hour-two-minute game four of the American League Championship Series.

Students reported that the crowd threw rolls of toilet paper in the air and chanted "Yankees suck" and "Who let the dogs out?" O'Connor said people in the crowd took off their shirts, attempted to start a fire, and set off fireworks, prompting her to give the first of two dispersal orders.

"It was the same kind of behavior we saw ... last year," said O'Connor. "I made the decision to disperse the crowd based on that behavior."

According to O'Connor, several crowds formed in different places, complicating the situation for police. A group in Lot 50 near John Quincy Adams tower threatened to roll over a car. Police stopped individuals from throwing rocks at a Coolidge dorm room window that had a sign that read, "Break this window." A third group gathered on top of the Southwest horseshoe.

O'Connor said that despite repeated and ongoing requests for people to leave the area, many students refused to comply with the dispersal order, causing police to fire several rounds of pepper spray. It took over an hour for police to clear the area.

"I would say [the police work] was successful," said O'Connor. "It was unfortunate we had to do what we had to do."

All available UMass police officers were present in Southwest from the beginning of the game, as well as an undisclosed number of undercover officers among the crowd. Three police horses and one K-9 also responded. Police will rely on housing security cameras to review the incident.

"We take some pride that no one was injured," said O'Connor.

The following students were arrested during the disturbance between 1:23 a.m. and 1:41 a.m. on Monday morning.

Andrew P. Triangle, 18, of Reading, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

William A. Cox, 18, of Wollaston, was arrested for disorderly conduct and attempting to commit a crime.

Brendan O. Luttrell, 21, of Amherst, was arrested for inciting a riot and failure to disperse.

Alexander R. Hamiltaon, 19, of Newbury, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Brett David Miller, 20, of Versailles, Mont., was arrested for inciting a riot, failure to disperse, and disorderly conduct.

Scott I. Rae, 20, of Shelburne, was arrested for inciting a riot, failure to disperse, and disorderly conduct.

Hammad S. Chaundhry, 21, of Andover, was arrested for inciting a riot, failure to disperse, and disorderly conduct.

Charles Thompson, 18, of Nashua, N.H., was arrested for inciting a riot, failure to disperse, and disorderly conduct.

Carl A. Harmon, 19, of Buckland, was arrested for inciting a riot, failure to disperse, and disorderly conduct.

Patrick D. Macleod, 19, of Shelburne, was arrested for inciting a riot, failure to disperse, and disorderly conduct.

Matthew Mark Sullivan, 18, of Easton, was arrested for inciting a riot, failure to disperse, and disorderly conduct.

The last Red Sox-related disturbance on the UMass campus took place on Oct. 17, 2003, after the Boston Red Sox lost Game 7 of the American League Championship Series. It ended in 15 arrests and damage to campus building windows and cars as a crowd of 100 ran up Massachusetts Ave.



COURTESY COURTNEY BERGANZA

UMass students gather in Southwest Residential area in a celebration of the Boston Red Sox's victory over the New York Yankees in the ALCS game Sunday night. The celebration later escalated to a disturbance.

Celebration erupts in Southwest last night

Hundreds of University of Massachusetts students stormed the Southwest quad for the second night in a row last night after The Boston Red Sox defeated the New York Yankees in the fifth game of the America League Championship Series.

At approximately 11 p.m., students were reported to be pouring out of the Southwest dormitories and standing on the pyramid structures, throwing toilet paper, jumping, and waving a Red Sox flag.

The crowd continued to grow in size, and chanted "Yankees suck," and "Big Poppa".

One man reportedly set off a firecracker into the crowd. A small fire started when someone in the crowd lit a branch on fire around 11:15 p.m. Approximately two minutes later, UMass police moved in to break up the crowd, setting off tear gas and shooting "bean bag bullets" according to students. Whether or not a dispersal order was given was not available at press time. The crowd reportedly dispersed behind a dorm.

At least three police were seen on horseback and one K-9 unit was reported. Around 11:25 p.m., students began to fill the pyramids again and another small fire was set. People were reportedly crowd surfing and chanting "F... the cops".

"Being from Philadelphia and hearing about the riots last year, I could have never imagined that this many people could be this passionate about their baseball," said Ty Teltzman, a freshman.

Students reported the crowd to be dispersed by 11:37 p.m. A large firework was shot out of the second or third floor of John Quincy Adams Tower.

"Being a Yankees fan, I think the [disturbances] are ridiculous," said Alison Brick, a sophomore. "I don't see how people can hate the Yankees this much. Sox fans are sore losers, but even more obnoxious winners."

-Erika Lovley

Kelly McGuire and Dan Trek contributed to this report.

Rivals call foul in Afghan election

By Stephen Graham
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) – The chief rival of interim president, Hamid Karzai, said he has evidence of organized fraud in Afghanistan's election and accused the U.N.-Afghan electoral commission on Monday of ignoring his complaints.

In the second deadly incident surrounding the election, five people were killed by an explosion as they drove near the Pakistan border, the joint U.N.-Afghan electoral commission said. It was unclear whether the vehicle was targeted or whether they hit unexploded ordnance left over from Afghanistan's long civil war.

Karzai, Afghanistan's stopgap president since the fall of the Taliban in 2001, had captured 62.6 percent of the 1.04 million ballots counted by Monday. That put him on course for the simple majority needed to avoid a run-off.

The U.S.-backed incumbent's closest challenger, former Education Minister Yunus Qanooni, was trailing with only 17.7 percent. Ethnic Uzbek warlord Abdul Rashid Dostum was third with 9.3 percent.

Ballots so far have been drawn from 29 of Afghanistan's 34 provinces.

Millions of Afghans braved Taliban threats and poor weather to cast their ballots on Oct. 9, an unlikely democratic experiment after a quarter-century of fighting.

Observers and officials have acknowledged problems, especially with the ink used to mark people's hands to prevent them from voting more than once. A panel of three foreign experts was set up to head off threats by Karzai's 15 opponents to boycott the results.

At a news conference Tuesday, Qanooni said that there is evidence of ballot boxes being filled with Karzai votes in at least four provinces: Ghazni, Herat, Zabul and Kunduz. He says his representatives were threatened when they went to check out suspected ballot-box stuffing in the Zabul province.

He said he has filed more than 30 written complaints to the U.N.-Afghan electoral commission.

"If his excellency Mr. Karzai, my old friend, succeeds in a fair and transparent election, I will congratulate him and cooperate with him," Qanooni told reporters. "But if the result is fraudulent, the legitimacy of this election will be in question."

Establishing the panel delayed the start of the counting and Qanooni, who served as Karzai's Interior and Education Minister, has forecast that the figures will turn in his favor as more votes are tallied.

Four of the five provinces where the count has yet to start are in southern and eastern Afghanistan where Karzai is expected to win. There are no results yet from the 850,000 refugee voters in Iran and Pakistan.

Qanooni also complained that his representatives were unable to monitor ballot boxes during transit from polling stations to counting centers. Organizers acknowledge that some boxes arrived with broken seals, but say that they were damaged by clumsy handling.

"These violations and cheating were organized in advance," Qanooni said.

Sultan Baheen, a spokesman for the electoral commission, rejected Qanooni's charges, saying that the candidate's representatives had declined to accompany ballot boxes brought from Iran and Pakistan.

"There is no indication of what the candidates are saying, that boxes have been emptied and refilled," Baheen added. "There's nothing like that."

Few independent observers believe that Qanooni, a member of the ethnic Tajik minority, could command a country deeply fractured by years of tribal and ethnic warfare.

UMass basketball player arrested Friday morning

A University of Massachusetts basketball player was arrested early Friday morning in an altercation in Lot 50 on John Adams Road in Southwest Residential Area.

Sophomore Maurice C. Maxwell, 22, of Philadelphia, Pa., was arrested at approximately 2 a.m. for assault and battery and disorderly conduct. Maxwell is a forward and returning starter for the Minutemen.

According to UMass Police Chief Barbara O'Connor, Maxwell was allegedly involved in a disturbance around the Patterson dorm area where one group of people confronted another. O'Connor said Maxwell was allegedly exchanging words with another male party, when an unidentified woman stepped in between the two and Maxwell shoved her.

O'Connor said two cadet officers were present during the altercation and called UMass police, who reported Maxwell to be extremely agitated and to have refused to calm down. Maxwell was then arrested. The UMass athletic department was unable to be reached at press time.

-Erika Lovely

Early voting opens in Florida



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University of Florida students gather Sunday night, waiting to be the first voters in the country to cast their early votes in the presidential elections.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) – Voters began casting ballots Monday in the state synonymous with the election fiasco of 2000, but only a few glitches were reported on a day that marked the start of early voting in several states.

Thirty-two states allow residents to vote at the polls before Election Day, and Texas, Colorado and Arkansas also began the process Monday along with Florida. Several other battleground states have already begun early voting, including Iowa, Nevada, Ohio and New Mexico.

The problems in Florida included a brief computer system crash in one county and voter complaints of incomplete paper ballots. But there were no early reports of problems with the ATM-like touch-screen voting machines introduced since the troubled 2000 election.

-Associated Press

Iraqi Prime Minister to extend arms-for-cash

By Tini Tran
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi announced plans Monday to extend a cash-for-weapons program for Shiite fighters in Baghdad's Sadr City to cities nationwide in an attempt to disarm the country.

The announcement came as fresh violence erupted in Baghdad and Mosul. Multiple car bombs over a two-day period claimed at least 12 lives and a militant group, the Islamic Army in Iraq, claimed to have beheaded two Macedonian hostages.

The government launched the cash-for-guns program in Sadr City as part of a deal to end weeks of fighting in the Shiite district of Baghdad and has twice extended the deadline for fighters to hand in their weapons.

On Monday, Allawi told the National Council, a government oversight body, that the program is going so well he wants to extend it to the rest of Iraq.

"The government is determined to disarm cities and neighborhoods because our forces are now ready to fight terrorists and there's no justification for people to keep weapons at home," Allawi said.

Iraqi officials hope that Sunni Muslim leaders in the insurgent-torn city of Fallujah can be persuaded to negotiate a similar weapons buyback deal.



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Ayad Allawi speaks to a joint meeting of Congress last September.

But Fallujah, the focal point of the Sunni rebellion, presents a tougher challenge. Hopes that peace talks could resume there quickly were dashed when the city's chief negotiator, Sheik Khaled al-Jumeili, ruled out any quick resumption of talks, despite his release Monday from U.S. custody.

"I'm negotiating on behalf of Fallujah people – civilians, kids, women who have no power except by being represented by somebody," al-Jumeili told Al-Arabiya television. "Since the situation has gotten to this, each can go wherever they want and we don't need to talk about negotiations."

Al-Jumeili was detained Friday a day after talks broke down over the government's demand that the city hand over terrorist leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, who Fallujah's clerics claim isn't there.

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Car bombs strike Mosul, Baghdad

By Robert H. Reid
Associated Press



Six people were killed late Sunday when a car bomb exploded in central Baghdad, injuring 26 people near a café.

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) – Car bombers struck Baghdad and Mosul, raising the two-day death toll from the weapons to 12 by Monday. The chief negotiator for the city of Fallujah dashed hopes for a quick resumption of peace talks despite his release by U.S. and Iraqi authorities.

In Mosul, a car bomb detonated Sunday morning on a bridge, killing five Iraqis and wounding 15 others, the U.S. military said Monday. The blast occurred when the suicide car-bomber collided with another car, setting off a giant blaze that damaged several other vehicles. A car bomber Monday hit a civilian convoy, killing one and wounding four others.

In Baghdad, a car bomb exploded late Sunday near a police patrol in the Jadiriyah district, killing six people, including three police officers, and wounding 26 others. The blast hit a cafe near the Australian Embassy, although there were no Australian casualties.

The American death toll in the Iraq war reached a grim milestone this weekend: 1,100. The crash of two Army helicopters Saturday raised the toll to 1,097 service members and three civilians. The Associated Press count includes accidental and non-combat deaths.

The Washington Post reported Monday that Army Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, commander of U.S. forces in Iraq at the time, sent a letter to the Pentagon in December 2003 complaining that supplies were short and that this was adversely affecting the ability of troops to fight.

Sanchez, who has returned to an assignment in Germany, told top Army officials in the Dec. 4 letter that there was a severe lack of key parts for equipment vital to the mission and that the problem was so severe that "I cannot continue to support sustained combat operations with rates this low," the newspaper said.

Sanchez was the top-ranking commander of U.S. forces in Iraq from mid-2003 through this summer.

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Soldiers who refused orders were unarmed

By Jim Krane
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) – The U.S. Army Reserve soldiers who refused orders to drive a dangerous route were members of one of a few supply units whose trucks are still unarmored, their commanding general said Sunday.

The soldiers, now under investigation, had previously focused on local missions in safer parts of southern Iraq and had never driven a convoy north along the attack-prone roads passing through Baghdad.

"Not all of their trucks are completely armored. In their case, they haven't had the chance to get armored," said Brig. Gen. James E. Chambers, commanding general of 13th Corps Support Command, which sends some 250 convoys ferrying Army fuel, food and ammunition across Iraq each day.

Chambers, speaking at a press conference in Baghdad, said the 18 soldiers involved in the incident had returned to duty and it was "too early" to determine if any will undergo disciplinary action.

He said a pair of investigations are examining the soldiers' disobedience as well as their allegations that the trucks were unfit for the hazardous journey. He declined to discuss particulars, citing the soldiers' rights.

Chambers said 80 percent of the 13th Coscom's 4,000 trucks have been fitted with custom steel plate, but some of those in the unit that balked, the 343rd Quartermaster Company, were among the last left unarmored, because the unit's mission normally confines it to a less dangerous part of Iraq.

None of the 13th Coscom's trucks arrived in Iraq with armor. Since February, the unit's engineers and private contractors have been working in impromptu maintenance yards to weld heavy metal "boxes" over truck cabs.

Chambers said the 18 soldiers who refused the mission on Wednesday morning - driving seven fuel tankers from Tallil air base near Nasiriyah to Taji north of Baghdad - appeared to have also balked at their mission because of the trucks' bad condition.

"They were concerned about the maintenance," Chambers said. "If there is a maintenance issue, we'll clear it up."

Chambers downplayed the incident, saying the disobedience was not indicative of wider U.S. Army morale or maintenance problems. The 18 soldiers were "moved to a separate location" for questioning and have all since returned to duty, the general said.

But Chambers did not downplay the danger of driving Iraq's roads, a job that has become the equivalent of front-line combat with Iraq's insurgency, whose deadliest weapon is the hidden roadside bomb.

"In Jim Chambers' opinion, the most dangerous job in Iraq is driving a truck," he said. Soldiers take their missions realizing "it's not if, but when, they will be attacked."

The Army announced last week it was investigating up to 19 members of a platoon from the 343rd Quartermaster Company based in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Artificial heart approved by FDA

By Diedtra Henderson
Associated Press



Courtesy CNN.com

The FDA approved the CardioWest Total Artificial Heart yesterday.

WASHINGTON (AP) – The Food and Drug Administration said Monday it has approved the first temporary artificial heart for use in patients at risk of dying within 30 days as they await a heart transplant.

The CardioWest Total Artificial Heart, manufactured by SynCardia Systems of Tucson, Ariz., takes over for the patient's failing heart, restoring normal blood pressure and shoring up such vital organs as the kidney and liver. The "bridge" device is intended to help keep patients alive long enough for a heart transplant.

An FDA advisory committee in March recommended that the agency approve the device with caution, since complex surgery to install the device raises the potential for such complications as infection, bleeding and stroke. Despite those risks, the panel found the device to have benefits for a small number of patients with no other choice.

The FDA approved the temporary artificial heart for patients awaiting heart transplants who don't respond to other treatment and who are likely to die within 30 days due to non-reversible, bi-ventricular failure. In such cases, patients typically are short of breath, even while resting, because their weakened hearts cannot efficiently pump blood.

Donna-Bea Tillman, director of the FDA's Office of Device Evaluation, said the artificial heart to be an option for a very small group of patients, perhaps 100 a year in the United States.

Of 2,200 patients who get heart transplants each year, roughly 500 need some temporary assistance to ensure they're still alive when the donor heart arrives. Within the group of 4,000 waiting for heart transplants, 100 have non-reversible failure affecting both the left and right sides of their heart.

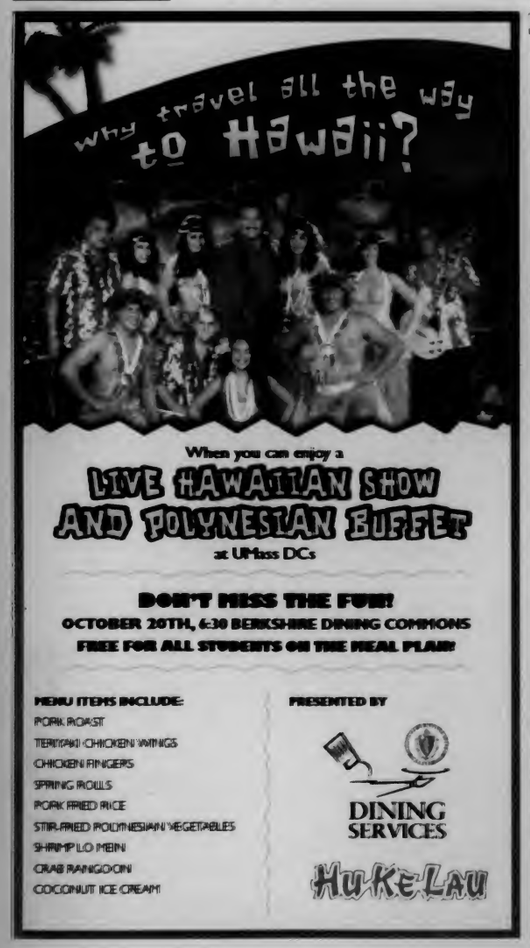
SynCardia's clinical trials looked at using the artificial heart in 81 patients eligible for transplants at five medical centers. All the patients had severe bi-ventricular heart failure.

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Jury convicts man of killing pregnant 14-year-old girl and unborn child

By Ken Maguire
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) – A jury on Monday convicted a man of murdering a pregnant 14-year-old girl - six months after a different jury acquitted the girl's boyfriend of the gruesome slaying that ended with the girl buried alive.

Lord Hampton, 25, was found guilty of two counts of first-degree murder in the Sept. 28, 1999, slaying of Chauntae Jones and her unborn child. Jones was eight months pregnant when she disappeared just weeks after starting eighth grade.

Jones' body was found more than a month later, buried in a shallow grave on the grounds of the old Boston State Hospital. She had been stabbed, beaten with a rock and buried alive.

Kyle Bryant, Hampton's lifelong friend, was acquitted in April of identical charges in a verdict that infuriated the victim's family and friends.

"I wish they had the death sentence. I'd pull the switch," Pamela Jones, Chauntae's mother, said outside the courtroom. "His friend should have got it, too. Both of them should have got life."

Each man fingered the other, but both were prosecuted under a law saying participants in a joint criminal venture are equally to blame, even if only one actually did the killing.

Judge Nancy Staffier-Holtz denied a defense motion after the verdict to lessen the sentence, dismissing attorney Randy Gioia's plea for leniency on the grounds that Hampton had a hard upbringing and "was not the main antagonist" in the murder.

"Clearly, the jury disagreed with that," Staffier-Holtz told Gioia. "It was murder, cold-blooded, plain and simple."

Shawannika Jones, 38, speaking to the court on behalf of her family, said Hampton should have helped them locate her cousin's body in the weeks after the murder.

"Now he's crying," she said, looking at Hampton. "He feels what we felt. He's going to rot in hell. He's going to get what he deserves."

During Hampton's trial, Assistant District Attorney David Meier repeatedly described Hampton and Bryant as "two men together with a purpose and a plan" who plotted every detail of the crime together, then carried it out together.

Meier said they "together butchered that 14-year-old girl, using a rock, using a brick, using a knife, using a shovel." During closing arguments, the prosecutor showed the jury an X-ray of Jones' fetus from her autopsy.

On an audio tape played for the jury, Hampton said Bryant stabbed Jones, dumped her face-first in a shallow grave and then jumped on her back.

On the tape, Hampton admitted that he helped pile dirt on Jones while she was still alive. But on the witness stand he said he was miles away when she was killed.

Hampton testified that he made a false confession because he had been interrogated by police for hours and believed they would let him go home if he told them what they wanted to hear.

Bryant, the father of Jones' baby, told police it was Hampton who actually killed Jones. He said he stood by as Hampton tried to sexually assault Jones, then choked her, stabbed her with a six-inch steak knife, and bludgeoned her as she yelled, "Kyle, help me!"

Bryant said Hampton decided to kill Jones as a favor to him and hoped he would repay him by killing a man in Roxbury.

Gioia said Hampton was scapegoated by prosecutors eager to hold someone responsible for the horrific crime.

"I do feel like he wasn't on an equal basis with the other person," Gioia said after the verdict.



Courtesy Bostonherald.com

Chauntae Jones was buried alive in September of 1999. Her boyfriend was acquitted of the killing six month ago.

Gioia said Hampton had no reason to kill Jones, but Bryant did. Three months before Jones was killed, a juvenile court judge threatened to prosecute Bryant on statutory rape charges for getting her pregnant. Jones was 13 when she became pregnant; Bryant was 17.

The first-degree murder conviction carries an automatic sentence of life in prison without parole. Staffier-Holtz denied Gioia's motion to have the sentences run consecutively.

Criticism reported over gay bishop

By Robert Barr
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) – An Anglican commission sharply criticized the U.S. Episcopal Church on Monday for consecrating a gay bishop and called on the Americans to apologize.

The presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church quickly expressed regret for the turmoil set off by the consecration of V. Gene Robinson as bishop of New Hampshire but did not apologize for the church's decision to confirm the appointment.

The commission, led by Irish Anglican leader Robin Eames, stopped far short of demands from conservatives to expel the U.S. church and made no recommendations about whether Robinson should be removed.

It urged the Episcopal Church to refrain from promoting any other clergy living in a homosexual union and proposed that the 38 national churches constituting the Anglican Communion sign a covenant expressing their support for what it called current Anglican teachings.

The report also called on conservative bishops who have offered to forge relationships with disaffected Episcopal congregations to desist from such activities, apologize and affirm their desire to remain within the Anglican Communion.

It further urged those archbishops and bishops who have intervened with Episcopal churches to seek an accommodation with the Episcopal bishop or bishops involved.

In consecrating Robinson last November, the report said, the Episcopal bishops "acted in the full knowledge that very many people in the Anglican Communion could neither recognize nor receive the ministry as a bishop in the church of God of a person in an openly acknowledged same-gender union."

The report invited the Episcopal Church "to express its regret that the proper constraints of the bonds of affection were breached" in Robinson's election. Until there is an apology, the report said, those who took part in consecrating Robinson – which would include Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold – should consider withdrawing themselves from functions of the Anglican Communion.

It also invited the Episcopal Church to call a moratorium on promoting any other person living in a same-gender union to the bishopric "until some new consensus in the Anglican Communion emerges."

Griswold previously expressed regret for the turmoil and withdrew as co-chairman of an Anglican ecumenical body.



Courtesy CNN.com

Robinson's consecration as bishop has incited anger and criticism among Anglicans internationally.

Bush signs Homeland Security bill

By Jennifer Loven
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) – President Bush signed legislation Monday that gives the Department of Homeland Security about $33 billion to shore up the nation's borders, inspect incoming cargo, protect potential terror targets and train first responders.

Bush signed the bill before leaving the White House for New Jersey, where he delivered a campaign speech in which he attacked Democratic Sen. John Kerry on a wide range of national security issues.

Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge and members of Congress were among those looking on at the brief Oval Office signing ceremony open only to news photographers.

Later, speaking in Marlton, N.J., Bush said the law will improve national security through outlays for port security, Coast Guard patrols, the Federal Air Marshal Program, anti-missile technology for aircraft, foreign visitor inspections and security at chemical facilities, nuclear plants, water-treatment plants, bridges, subways and tunnels.

The ranking Democrat on the House Select Committee on Homeland Security said Bush has done too little to secure the nation. Rep. Jim Turner, D-Texas, cited deficiencies in the inspection of cargo for nuclear and radiological material, the lack of a comprehensive terrorist watch list and the small percentage of airplane cargo that is screened for explosives.

"The truth of the matter is that the administration is not doing everything it can and should be doing to protect the homeland," Turner said.

The committee's chairman, Christopher Cox, R-Calif., countered: "Instead of making partisan attacks, it is time for Democrats to check the facts. Today, America is safer than it has ever been before."

The $33 billion measure, almost $900 million more than Bush had proposed, finances the Department of Homeland Security for the current fiscal year, which began Oct. 1.

It cuts spending on police and emergency responders from last year's levels by about $500 million to $3.6 billion for police and other emergency responders. The measure also provides $5.1 billion for the Transportation Security Administration, which is required to triple the amount of cargo inspected on passenger airliners in the next year.

'Too early' to punish soldiers who refused orders officials say

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Also Monday, military spokesman Maj. Richard Spiegel reiterated it was "too early" to say if any disciplinary action will be taken against a group of 18 U.S. Army Reserve soldiers who refused orders to drive a dangerous route.

On Sunday, Brig. Gen. James E. Chambers, commanding general of 13th Corps Support Command, said a pair of investigations are examining the soldiers' disobedience as well as their allegations that the trucks were unfit for the hazardous journey. He declined to discuss particulars, citing the soldiers' rights.

Chambers said the 18 soldiers who refused the mission on Wednesday of driving seven fuel tankers from Tallil air base near Nasiriyah to Taji north of Baghdad also appeared to have also balked at their mission because of the trucks' poor maintenance.

On Monday, Spiegel said, "It is too early in the process to tell if any disciplinary actions will be initiated. That cannot be determined until the investigation is complete and recommendations are made to the appropriate level of command."

Meanwhile, Fallujah negotiator Sheik Khaled al-Jumeili said peace talks to end the standoff in Iraq's major insurgent bastion will remain suspended as a protest against his detention by U.S. troops, who accused him of representing the militants.

"The fact is that I'm negotiating on behalf of Fallujah people - civilians, kids, women - who have no power but through being represented by somebody. Since the situation has got up to this, each can go wherever they want and we don't need to talk about negotiations," he told Al-Arabiya TV.

Al-Jumeili told the AP he was released Monday from U.S. and Iraqi custody after being detained Friday after talks broke down over the city's rejection of a demand by Prime Minister Ayad Allawi to turn over terrorist leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Al-Zarqawi's group Tawhid and Jihad has claimed responsibility in numerous beheadings and suicide bombings, including two attacks on Baghdad's Green Zone last week that killed six, including four U.S. civilians.

Witnesses said al-Jumeili was picked up after leaving a mosque following prayers in a village about 10 miles south of Fallujah.

Al-Jumeili said he was taken to a Marine base outside Fallujah and then by helicopter to another location. During his detention, al-Jumeili said he was treated well by the Americans and was not handcuffed or blindfolded like his companions. The other three men have not been released, he said.

The Interior Ministry said al-Jumeili was being released on orders of Allawi.





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"I may disagree with what you have to say, but I shall defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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Diversity commission's intentions questionable

University of Massachusetts Chancellor John V. Lombardi announced the creation of the Commission on Racial Diversity at a press conference on Friday.

At the press conference, a student asked Lombardi if the commission had been formed as a direct result of the recent controversy over photos of members of the Student Government Association posing alongside caricatures of a Ku Klux Klan member. His answer was the obvious one as well as the right one. By saying that it is a result of a series of race-related problems, the administration is making it seem like they are trying to get to the root of the problem, rather than simply dealing with a single, isolated incident.

In a Daily Collegian article from Oct. 18, it was noted that "officials and administrators are concerned that the current approach is not as effective as it could be" in dealing with issues of racial diversity. This was obviously a reference to the recent SGA controversy. Clearly, the administration would not have formed this commission if the photos had not surfaced.

The Office of ALANA Affairs criticized the administration following the surfacing of the SGA photos for not doing enough to promote racial diversity on campus. Now, according to a statement read at the press conference, ALANA is critical of the formation of the committee, saying that it will take away from the work that is supposed to be done by student minority groups.

While this may seem like a contradiction, and indeed it is on certain levels, the administration cannot expect groups such as ALANA to be satisfied. At least not until the newly formed commission has accomplished anything.

To say that the administration took a step in the right direction by forming this commission would be easy. Of course creating a group to promote and ensure racial equality is a good thing. But there are many questions that still remain. Now that the commission is formed, how effective will it be? How well will it communicate with the students, whether they are minorities or not? Will the commission prove to be a band-aid, appeasing a portion of the campus community, or will it actually produce tangible results that better life for all on campus?

Provost Charlena Seymour said that UMass students should forget the past, and focus on the positive future that is in store for the University. She also said that the administration is not trying to "sweep racism under the rug."

One begins to wonder how much of the commission is meant to move forward, and how much is an attempt to undo previous mistakes.

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All quiet on Fenway front



Yousef Munayyer

If the title made you sick, I would recommend that you stop reading right now. What I will say may render you in critical condition, much like the local baseball team.

Last year, I was watching Game 7 of the ALCS in my room, one of the only Yankees fans among a hostile crowd. Throughout the entire game, it seemed as though the Red Sox were on their way to winning and the fans sure knew how to tell me about it.

Whenever there was a Red Sox hit or run I would mute the television so that we could all hear the reaction of the entire living area. There was no doubt that almost every student was tuned into that game. The room was nearly shaking from all the cheering. Then it happened. Aaron Boone, who had been batting .119, hit the game-winning walk off home run to clinch the series and send the Yankees to yet another world series.

I hit the mute button once again. If teardrops falling on cold, dorm room floors would make a sound, it would have sounded like a flood. Instead, there was dead silence. I turned to the rest of my "friends" and said, "You see that, my friends, is the sound of a Yankees victory at UMass." To me, the silence never sounded so sweet.

You see, Yankees fans do not hate the Red Sox. In fact, hating is not what we do; winning is. There is something about the Red Sox fan culture that is disturbing. Call it the "Yankees-Sox Phenomenon" if you will. There seems to be so much hatred for the Yankees that has built up over the years that it is more common to be anti-Yankees than it is to be a Red Sox fan.

At riots after the Super Bowl, the fans cheered, "Yankees Suck." They knew very well that it was not baseball season; they could not have had that much beer. Still, they were persistent in identifying as anti-Yankees as if it was the one thing that really held New Englanders together. They choose to unite under mutual dislike for the "evil empire" but the reality is the "empire" does not think the same way.

There is a winning tradition in the Yankees organization. I do not want to hear anything about having lots of money. Sure, the Yankees pay a lot of money, but that's not what it's about. If money buys championships, why can't the Dodgers win, why can't the Redskins win, why do the Devils win? Money plays a roll, that's for sure. It even explains why the Royals may never win, but there is definitely more to it than that.

If the Red Sox want to change the way things are going and have been going since 1918, they need to start thinking about this hair thing and, when it comes down to it, discipline and seriousness.

While thinking about this, I realized that the answer is hair. Now, let me explain. I began to think how an organization like the NHL's New Jersey Devils and the Yankees could differ so dramatically in payroll, yet put out such competitive teams every year.

Discipline is the key. No player on the Devils skates with a number higher than 29. No one wears 99 or 77 or 88. Those numbers are for players who want to stand out as individuals. No Yankees player has long hair or unkempt facial hair. Yeah, maybe it took the swing out of Jason Giambi's bat. But you know what, that's the price you pay for becoming a Yankee. If you want to play for a team with such a winning tradition, you must give up your individualism. No Yankee has their name on a jersey, neither home nor away. Your only identity is pinstripes.

Sure, it sounds silly to say it's about hair, but it really reflects on the nature of the team. On the Red Sox you have the guy with dread locks, the guy with the fro and of course, the last of the Mohicans (or Jesus, from what I have heard). There are so many individuals on the Red Sox, I have trouble finding a team.

The Yankees can make a player like Alex Rodriguez, a player of MVP status, yield before a championship tradition. No goatee, no fro, no bleached hair. Yankees are professional. They are there to win and are hired to be professional winners.

One of the problems with the Red Sox is their lack of professionalism. Yeah, maybe Steinbrenner is mean, but he is efficient. If the Red Sox want to change the way things are going and have been going since 1918, they need to start thinking about this hair thing and, when it comes down to it, discipline and seriousness. Just because a guy on your team looks like Jesus doesn't mean he will deliver you from your sorrows. No individual will; no hatred for another team will.

To all Red Sox fans I say this: Stop displacing responsibility, stop blaming the Yankees, stop blaming big check books, stop blaming curses and lastly, stop "believing" because to be a winner, you don't believe. You just know.

Yousef Munayyer is a Collegian editor.

Dining common TVs must go

Mike Sances

The budget crisis at this university is well-enough documented that I need not go into it here; suffice it to say that it was with a certain stupid incredulity that I first encountered the new plasma billboards recently installed in each of the four corners of the Hillside Room in the Worcester Dining Commons.

Indeed, the seeming fiscal absurdity alone ought to have been enough to incite mass rioting among students ever eager for the chance to destroy property and trade blows with the local police. Curious as to why this was not taking place, I contacted Ken Toong, Director of Dining Services, who kindly agreed to meet with me and answer any questions I had regarding this mysterious lack of outrage.

Mr. Toong explained to me what I can only presume everyone else had already known: that the new additions to Worcester were not funded by tax dollars, but were instead made possible by surpluses amassed by Dining Services itself, which is actually a self-sufficient organization receiving not one cent from the state.

That sounded reasonable enough (though I half-expected the televisions to have been received at no charge at all, considering the heavy exposure to products and advertising diners are now to be subjected to — but I digress). Yet with the foremost issue defused, new questions arose.

Whose idea was it to install these billboards — or "televisions," as they are often called — anyway? What of these strange ballots handed out at the entrance days after their appearance, asking students if they were for or against them? And why were students not asked this beforehand instead of merely after the fact? This is our dining hall, after all — isn't it?

I was reminded that back in February Dining Services took a poll on their web site, asking students what they believed would best enhance their dining experience. Of the five choices — "reality shows," "live music," "feature movies," "plasma televisions," and "clowns" — half of roughly four hundred respondents had chosen "plasma televisions." I remembered the survey; I also remembered being a little confused as to why the survey did not include an option of "none of the above" for those satisfied with the dining commons as they were.

I raised this issue with Mr. Toong, who replied that the software used to run the survey only allows for a maximum of five options. No matter that almost no one had humor enough to select "clowns" as their preference, or the simple fact that television was ultimately the least obtrusive option on the menu:

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the people — well, four hundred out of about six thousand daily Worcester customers, at least — had spoken. Driving the democracy point home even further, diners again voted overwhelmingly in favor of the televisions on Oct. 5 — 165 to 41.

Financial and democratic considerations aside, I would have thought it just as obvious, especially at a university such as this, that the value of television — moral, intellectual, and entertainment-wise — ranges anywhere from benignly useless to utterly deplorable. Indeed, so clear is this fact to our society that even ridiculing the machine is one of the most tired clichés, possibly in human history. And that characterization deals with the programming alone.

It is also a significant annoyance to anyone trying to get their homework done or to simply enjoy a quiet meal or, God forbid, to have a conversation with their peers — all of which are now hindered by a simultaneous bombardment of advertising, "news" (from the same networks who miscalled the 2000 election and misled the nation into war), and the multitudes of "daytime" shows (not to mention the eclectic sounds emanating from the dish room).

Diners who actually enjoy television, it might be pointed out, are not allowed access to the remote controls. If unhappy with the volume or channel, they are required to make a request to the staff. It remains unclear how different diners' conflicting wishes are to be reconciled within such a system. Personally, I would suggest putting all the televisions on captions and eliminating the audio — if I were in favor of them remaining at Worcester at all. I'm obviously not; but, since there doesn't seem to be anyone else as incensed about this as I am, I must, like Dining Services, conclude that the lack of protest here signals consent.

Despite all the negative things I have to say on this matter, I must credit Ken Toong and Dining Services for their readiness to accommodate what they perceive as student feedback — on this and other issues as well, such as keeping the dining halls open later. Unfortunately, I feel that there has been a critical misunderstanding on this particular issue.

While I'm aware that mine may be a lonely voice, I still urge anyone of a similar mind to contact Dining Services via their Web site – or perhaps, even, to take the time to respond to the next poll.

Mike Sances is a Collegian columnist.

False assumptions of D&D

Stacy Kasdin

This past Saturday was the 30th anniversary of one of the greatest games of all time. Roll your charisma check to see if you're invited to the party. If that made any sense to you, you know I'm talking about Dungeons & Dragons. For those who are a little confused, I'll explain. Essentially D&D is a fantasy, role-playing game. Each player creates a character, and one person creates a story, a quest for these characters to go on. Generally these games are set in a medieval time period, although modern games have been becoming more common recently.

I'd never even heard of this game until my sophomore year of college. Three of my friends had started a game and for lack of anything better to do, I sat in and watched one day.

I was hooked. Now it doesn't sound like much, sitting around a table looking through books and sheets and rolling dice, but if you have good players and a good story, it's a lot of fun. I made a character for their game within the next week or so. To date, we have six people playing in our game, and have unfortunately had to turn potential players away due to lack of room at the table.

When we play this game we don't drink each other's blood, we don't worship Satan, we don't rub jell-o all over ourselves and we don't dance around a bonfire.

I don't know what people have heard about Dungeons & Dragons, if anything, but due to some stories I've heard from friends about the discrimination they've received, I feel I should clarify a few things.

When we play this game we don't drink each other's blood, we don't worship Satan, we don't rub jell-o all over ourselves and we don't dance around a bonfire. We're just normal, regular people, who happen to get together on Thursday nights to play a game with our friends. It's really not much different than your poker nights, except we're being more creative.

Although the game was most popular in the 1980s, approximately 4 million people still play Dungeons & Dragons on a regular basis. With the recent popularity of the "Lord of the Rings Trilogy" and "Harry Potter", more and more people are getting interested in the game. One of the people I play with has a six-year-old son who has already joined in with us on a few battles. No, there's no actual hitting in these battles. It's all about rolling dice.

There are books you can buy that tell you the rules for the game so you know how much to add to each dice roll, the statistics on the things you're trying to beat, and how to create your own characters.

This all may sound very confusing, but it's fairly easy to get the hang of. I'll give you an example. My character in our current game is a psion. This means she has magic powers that she controls with her mind. She's 15 years old, and her name is Victoria. Basically, to create a character you just create a physical description, a background story and what you want them to be good at, for example fighting or magic. In the past I've played an assassin and a priestess. They both died last year trying to save the world from an evil, undead wizard. Okay, so it sounds a little silly, but that silliness in itself should be able to attest that the game is all in good fun.

My characters have killed a lot of people in this game. I've never so much as punched someone in real life. That's the whole point of fantasy. That's why people read books, watch movies, and act in plays. Sometimes it's fun being something or someone you're not for a while. Going to the same classes every week and writing papers and taking exams leaves a person desperate for a change in the monotony. Even if there's nothing else exciting going on in my week, I know I have Thursday to look forward to, with a segment of Victoria and company's latest adventure.

If someone had asked me five years ago what I thought I'd be doing for fun when I got to college I certainly wouldn't have said Dungeons & Dragons. I didn't even know what it was. Although, in a way, I'm sort of glad I didn't know anything about it, because I didn't know any of the stereotypes about people who play or the game itself.

I know I used to make a lot of decisions about what I did or did not like based on how it sounded without actually trying it. In this case, I was able to approach the whole situation with an open mind. I imagine if someone had simply told me about a game where people make up characters and roll dice to see what they do, I might not have been particularly interested; but to truly experience the game, you really have to watch it in action.

I've been a gamer for two-and-a-half years now. A few weeks ago, I even made my first attempt at running my own game. Sure, we're geeks, but we have fun. Remember, there are more people playing than you think. That kid sitting next to you in class could be a gamer. Or your roommate. Or even your boss. Why not ask? If you're looking for an escape from classes and homework or just for a good time, and you have a vivid imagination, this may be the game for you. You've got nothing to lose but a bunch of boring nights sitting in front of the TV.

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'James Baldwin: Down from the mountaintop'
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By Christopher Gazzara
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The acting of Calvin Levels in his performance of his new solo show, "James Baldwin: Down from the Mountaintop," was convincing, though at times it felt as if the show were more a lecture by Baldwin himself. Rather than putting on an entertaining yet informative play, it seemed that the point was to educate, rather than stimulate.

The structure of the piece was a timeline ranging from Baldwin's birth in 1924 in Harlem to his death from esophageal cancer in 1987. In between, Levels, a Tony Award nominee, painted a stunning picture of New York, Paris, and the many writings of the talented, black author.

At the start of the show, the audience was pin-drop silent as Levels brought us into the world of James Baldwin. Armed with only a few glasses of liquor on the rocks, Levels (as Baldwin) began to describe his experiences as a 14-year-old Minister in his local church. His enthusiasm was outstanding through this particular part of the show.

Later, as the show matured, Baldwin also matures and begins to speak on his experiences with painter friends who taught him how to really see the world and how to look within himself. He begins to work with Hollywood big-shots, and it is here that Levels brought out both the humor in the character and the confusion that surrounded Baldwin's sexual life.

He tells of an incident between Baldwin and the late Marlon Brando. He found Brando attractive, and as Levels put it, apparently Brando didn't think Baldwin was so bad himself. While describing the many interesting people that littered Baldwin's life, Levels is warm and charming, but unfortunately fails to capture a deeper essence of these key players.

After talking about Brando, Levels sends us back to Baldwin's first sexual encounter with a man in an alley. This moment was particularly risqué due to the fact that he described the encounter start to finish. This moment was well-executed, because it was about the fear and confusion that Baldwin felt during the encounter, and Levels did an amazing job at letting that shine through. Later the inclusion of this incident was well-supported when Baldwin explains that his novel, "Giovanni's Room," was misinterpreted as being a purely homosexual book. It turns out that it, too, was about fear and confusion rather than mere sex.

Another important part of the show was when Baldwin described life in the segregated South. He spoke of joining Martin Luther King, Jr. and others who fought in the early civil rights movement.

Even though these moments were outstanding, the show became less personal and more factual. Levels ran through the bullet points of meeting studio actors and personalities like Lee Strasburg, but it was done so blandly that it was hard to distinguish one person's character and achievements from the others'. Again, the spirits of these people were often missing.

Some of the confusion about the material may have been rooted in the fact that some topics seemed downplayed (for instance his work with Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy) while others (like his sex life) were highlighted.

The show had an interesting technical aspect, as well. The set, which included a few living room chairs and a projection screen, was at times used significantly and other times it proved to be barely useful. Pictures were flashed on the screen behind Levels in an attempt to send underlying messages to the audience, a technique often found in the works of Tennessee Williams, who happens to be a figure sited in "Down from the Mountaintop."

The pictures on the screen actually made the dialogue seem weak, ironically. Often, the random and infrequent changing of the pictures actually served to startle the audience, rather than instill a mood. When the picture fit the moment well, however, the effect was worthwhile.

A touching factor that played into the evening was the celebration of Baldwin's work here at UMass and in the Five College community. He taught and lectured here and at many other universities and colleges until his death. There was a true connection through that fact, which was especially noticeable in Level's thank you to the audience, where he spoke further about Baldwin's work in higher education.

Overall the important message that the play carried really made the show. We must be ourselves, and always do what makes us most inspired, even until the end. We cannot give into prejudice, fear, or obstacles that others try to place in front of us.

COURTESY FOX SEARCHLIGHT

Compared to past releases 'Size Matters' doesn't make the grade

By Nick Romanow
Collegian Staff

The first mistake Helmet, or rather Helmet mastermind Page Hamilton and his friends, made on "Size Matters," the first new disc from the influential hard-rockers since 1997's "Aftertaste," was the title. Sure, it's a phallic-minded joke that connects it to the band's first album, "Strap It On," but when naming an album "Size Matters," it should, especially after seven long years of no commercial output, be longer then 39 minutes.

Helmet
'Size Matters'
Interscope

Actually, the first mistake that Helmet made with "Size Matters" was releasing it. It is truly painful to declare the long-awaited disc a colossal disappointment, but it very well may have been better for Hamilton to take a few more years and come up with a full album of great material. Perhaps the most frustrating thing about "Size Matters" is that it is so hard to place the blame and figure out why the ever-improving Helmet's new album is their worst.

Many longtime fans place the blame on the new lineup. Since Helmet's breakup following "Aftertaste," Hamilton has played with various musicians, including a band he formed named Gandhi that toured but never released anything. Now he has decided to work under the name Helmet, but with none of the other original members. While this very well may be a sore point, and perhaps irrational, it does not explain the mess that is currently sitting in record stores next to Helmet's classic albums. In fact the musicianship is just as good as it is on other Helmet albums. Guitarist Chris Traynor (formerly of Orange 9mm and Bush) and drummer John Tempesta (formerly of White Zombie) have proven time and time again to be great musicians, and their work on "Size Matters" measures up to the rest of their catalogues. Hamilton himself sounds fairly good, too. From "Strap It On" through "Aftertaste," Hamilton became less of a screamer and more of a singer. On "Size Matters," the singing is still as good as when Hamilton left the public eye, but his screams feel more forced and, in songs like "Crashing Foreign Cars," practically reach the point of parody.

It seems like most of the blame can be thrust upon the songwriting. "Crashing Foreign Cars," vocals aside, is built around such a generic chug-chug riff that most people would assume it's a track by a Helmet rip-off band.

"Surgery" is not a bad song, but it simply doesn't have the energy or creativity of earlier Helmet work. If anything, it sounds like an "Aftertaste" outtake.

"Throwing Punches," a song that was released previously under Hamilton's name on the "Underworld" soundtrack, is built around such a dull riff that the song sounds bored with itself.

But perhaps it's not the songwriting that is responsible for the poor album. Two tracks, "Enemies" and "Everybody Loves You," were leaked to the Internet a few years ago as part of a demo Hamilton made. Those live songs were arguably superior to "Aftertaste" and stirred a lot of interest from Helmet fans, getting hopes up that Hamilton still had some amazing tricks up his sleeves.

Now, years later, the two very strong tracks have been re-recorded, very slightly re-written, and while they are two of the better tracks on "Size Matters," they do not nearly reach the heights that the demo versions reached.

Perhaps the general lack of life and the missing spark that made Helmet so exciting are due to the fact that, for the first time, the band has brought Protools into the mix.

The digital recording device might clean the music up and make for some easy overdubbing, but perhaps it is to blame for the artificial, soulless sound that permeates the album. Or maybe Hamilton was just following his own advice, after all, the chorus for "Smart," the opening track, does suggest to "aim low."

"Size Matters" isn't the worst disc on the market — in fact, it still beats most of the lame Helmet imitators on modern rock-radio — but it is a huge disappointment. Perhaps it is so disappointing because there is no place to put the blame. On paper the record doesn't seem that bad: good musicianship, decent writing, songs that have been proven to work. "Size Matters" is, however, bad.

At its best, it's just a confusing and awkward misstep in Hamilton's career, and at its worst, it tarnishes Helmet's legacy as one of the most innovative and important hard-rock/hardcore bands of the '90s. Even though there are a few good tracks, it's fair to say that "Size Matters" doesn't matter. Next time Hamilton should aim for quality over quantity.



COURTESY INTERSCOPE

In their first release since 1997 the band Helmet has produced "Size Matters," an album that despite the hype, has fallen short of true fans expectations.

Gere and J-Lo team up

By Tammi Munn
Collegian Staff

From "Officer and a Gentleman" to "Pretty Woman" and "Runaway Bride," Richard Gere is a chick-flick veteran. His role in "Shall We Dance" is no different from the past roles in those films.

Gere stars as John Clark, an estate lawyer who has a pretty cushy and organized life with two teenaged children and a beautiful and ever-so-caring wife (Susan Sarandon) who remembers everything he forgets.

'Shall We Dance'
Directed by Peter Chelsom
Starring Richard Gere Jennifer Lopez
Miramax
PG-13
104 mins.
Grade C

John is missing something in his perfect life, although he isn't quite sure what it is that he wants. Maybe it is that he is going through a mid-life crisis, or maybe it is because he just wants to have some fun. He is intrigued by a woman (Jennifer Lopez) he sees gazing out of a window above the Miss Mitzi's Dance School sign everyday on the train ride home from work. He reluctantly signs up for eight weeks of dance lessons, but chooses to keep it as a guilty secret from his wife.

John meets so many interesting characters during his first night of class. There is the slightly eccentric Miss Mitzi, the instructor and owner of the establishment who frequently takes a swig from her flask before class; there are two other beginning dance students, Vern and Chic, who are both there to learn dance skills to impress a girl; there is Bobbie, a voluptuous, loudmouthed and very flashy woman who comes every night to practice her moves; and then there is the graceful Paulina (Lopez), another dance instructor and John's inspiration for joining the class.

Disappointment ensues when John, Vern, and Chic find themselves as the only three students in their class and that Miss Mitzi is their dance instructor and not Paulina. The original reasons for why the men began dance lessons fall away as dancing prevails as their primary reason for continuing. Each character grows in a way that the audience, and the characters themselves, never imagined.

John's wife becomes increasingly suspicious and decides to hire a private investigator to see if her husband is having an affair. She can't understand why a couple that has shared everything for fourteen years has suddenly become entwined with secrets.

It is very disturbing that an extremely talented actress such as Susan Sarandon continually gets typecast into the perfect wife and mother roles almost as much as the dapper Richard Gere is usually cast as a beautiful actress's tragic loved interest. Sarandon's role in this film, although it shows her sensual side, is almost part of a side story rather than an integral part of the main plot.

Actress Lisa Ann Walter has played only minute supporting characters in the past, but in this film she has the chance as the character Bobbie to show how dynamic an actress she is. Her performance is absolutely astounding with her tell-it-like-it-is attitude and her clumsily extreme dance moves while clad in bright-colored, animal print costumes.

The passionate ballroom dancing is spectacular, and the costumes add to the splendor with a dash of sequins, sheer flowing swaths of fabric and vibrant colors that create visually enchanting moments.

Visuals aside, the actual story, in what should have been a very inventive new tale, was weak. It was originally created as a successful Japanese flick, but the Hollywood rendition is quite mediocre. Sometimes the story dragged on, and it was only jumpstarted by the intense music and dancing, not by the dry humor that tries to be hysterically funny but dwells on the edge of corniness.



COURTESY MIRAMAX

UMass Alumni Richard Gere co-stars in the new romantic-comedy release "Shall We Dance" by Miramax Pictures with actress/recording artist Jennifer Lopez.

Coming out week festivities have a political vibe in 2004

By Lynn Branby
Kansas City Star

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The annual National Coming Out Week festivities on college campuses last week boasted the typical student event fare: food, friendship and fun.

But in this election year, with the culture war over gay civil rights raging in neighborhoods, churches, state legislatures and Congress, some of the events offered a political edge, too.

The theme this year: "Come out. Speak out. Vote."

At the University of Missouri-Kansas City, university lecturer and gay rights activist Michael Henry urged several dozen people at the Coming Out Day luncheon to counteract use of gay issues as political wedge issues by being open with their friends and families.

They should tell friends and neighbors the pain they feel over bans on same-sex marriage or the lack of protection from job and housing discrimination, he said.

"We're in a huge struggle. We are the targets. We are the pawns," said Henry, who teaches a communications course at UMKC and also serves on the board of governors for the Human Rights Campaign. The national organization advocates equal rights for people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender.

In a 2003 poll, 77 percent of gays, lesbians, bisexual and transgender people considered themselves "out." But only 32 percent talk to their parents about public policy issues, and 46 percent talk to their siblings about such topics, the Human Rights Campaign Foundation survey found.

"It takes courage to come out," Henry said. "It was easier, actually, last year to come out than it is this year."

Henry was among more than 400 people at UMKC whose names appeared in the campus newspaper last week on a "Declaration of Support for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Members of the UMKC Campus Community."

Signatories said they supported the university's values of diversity, inclusiveness and respect; they believed everyone should be treated with dignity and respect; and they respected leading honest and open lives as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender individuals, or as "heterosexual allies."

This was the first year for such a list in Missouri, said Tobi Leuthardt, coordinator for UMKC's new lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender office, which is part of the Women's Center. But some other colleges nationally have printed such lists for years.

Candace Gingrich, the campaign's youth outreach manager, said rhetoric over gay rights this election year brought a new dimension to coming-out events.

At some colleges, gay students are highlighting politics by displaying faux ballot boxes alongside Coming Out Day's more traditional wooden doors. The doors represent the closet of isolation where some gay people take shelter for fear of social disapproval or physical attacks.

"While it's easy to be kind of whimsical with Coming Out Day, I've spoken with a lot of people who feel under siege," Gingrich said. "A lot of college students probably aren't thinking about getting married at this moment, but they realize that depending on how things go, same-sex couples may not ever get to marry."

Coming Out Day participants said by revealing themselves as regular citizens, they could open other people's minds and create tolerance and political change.

"It's hard to hate me as a person, as opposed to this 'mass of gays,'" Leuthardt said.

Maureen Warren, a lesbian University of Kansas student who planned KU's first Coming Out Day dance since the early 1990s, agreed. The dance attracted about 65 persons, with some coming from Wichita and Hays, Kan., for a safe place to dance with same-sex partners.

"I absolutely believe that the road to equality is paved by individuals coming out to their friends and acquaintances," she said. "But on the flip side, I think there are definitely times when it is a mistake to come out."

An international graduate student at the dance declined a newspaper interview because he feared alienating the students he teaches or losing his job, Warren said.

She said she remembers feeling alone as she kept her personal life to herself while growing up in rural southwest Kansas and attending a community college there. But she considers KU a safe environment and now is out to friends and family. She serves as social chairwoman of the campus chapter of Queers and Allies. (Cameron— Is the "she" in this paragraph supposed to be the international student from the paragraph above? –sm)

Not all college students support Coming Out Day.

At UMKC's Coming Out Day lunch, senior Matthew Crandall was disappointed that there was no mention of the belief that people who are unhappy with homosexuality can embrace heterosexuality.

Crandall is a leader with Christian Student Ministries, a group he described as an organization of fundamentalist, evangelical Christian students.

"I think God's message is that there is a reason Christ came and died, and that is so we could live free from any type of sin, including homosexuality, which is very specifically mentioned in the Old and New Testaments as being contrary to God's original intent," Crandall said. "God's message is one of freedom from being gay, from that sexual orientation."

Crandall caught only the end of the event. One of the early speakers was Henry, who told the people that he had just returned from Washington, where he visited offices of conservative senators, including Kansas' Sam Brownback.

He told the senator's staff members that he was gay and supported gay civil rights. A Brownback staff member told him he was courageous for making such an announcement in the office of a senator who sponsored legislation banning same-sex marriage in the Constitution, he said.

But he said he doesn't feel courageous: that label best suits those who feel endangered when they just walk down the street in their town and go out anyway.

He was devastated in August when Missouri voters overwhelmingly approved a constitutional amendment limiting marriage to one man and one woman, even though that limitation already was in state law.

He asked the senators' staffers "if they could understand what it would feel like to be cut out of the Constitution. ... It doesn't feel good at all. It feels like we give to the community, my partner and I are very involved in the community, and our neighbors have turned on us and said, 'Who cares whether you care about our community? We don't want you here.'"

National Coming Out Day began as a commemoration of the 1987 gay rights march on Washington.

Business school professor Lee Bolman, who has gay friends and relatives, signed UMKC's Declaration of Support. He felt compelled to do so, "particularly in the current context," he said. "[Gay civil rights] is a political football. I personally get very concerned about the more right-wing folks who are busily pushing for constitutional amendments to make sure no one is gay anywhere in the world if they can help it."

Kansas City poet and lawyer Joel Brown read his poems. He wants to give young gay people hope.

"You can come from a place of confusion, bewilderment, disillusionment, and reach a place where you are totally comfortable with who you are. You can lead a productive, positive life without engaging in destructive behavior," he said.



J.R. Benmuvhar hosts a mock Jeopardy game titled "Gaypardy" during a National Coming Out Day event held at the University of Missouri, Kansas City on October 11, 2004.



Seventeen year-old Chun Sue's novel titled "Beijing Doll" caused much controversy after being banned by the Chinese government.

Controversial book banned in China

By Molly J. Quinn
Collegian Correspondent

Thought dying your hair and listening to Nirvana made you a rebel when you were in middle school? Try doing the same thing in Communist China.

Chun Sue writes about her turbulent adolescence in her debut novel "Beijing Doll," giving a voice to the attitude of disaffected Chinese youth towards society, authority, and traditional Chinese values with the book's 2004 English translation.

Chun wrote "Beijing Doll" at 17 as a two-time high school dropout and general misfit. Although the book is touted as a novel, it reads like a memoir of Chun's tumultuous teen years, as she flits from high school to magazine writing, from boyfriend to boyfriend, all the while gorging herself on American rock music and casual sex. She tries to reconcile herself with the confusion of living in an old-fashioned communist country on the cusp of embracing modern Western ideals and, above all else, her own identity.

After selling more than 100,000 copies within its first few weeks of publication in China in 2002, the book was quickly banned by the government. However, the initial success of "Beijing Doll" was enough to establish Chun as a cult figure amongst China's cruel youth movement, characterized by their unforgiving approach to realism. Despite being banned, "Beijing Doll" remains popular on the black market today.

'Beijing Doll'
By Chun Sue
Riverhead

Unfortunately, Chun's writing is far from spectacular, and her interpretation of radical life in China is to dye her hair green or red and stay out late, dramatically obsessing about her relationships and, mostly, herself. She details her relationships with boys with observations like, "I wanted to say that no one could plug the hole in my heart, that is was lost, that it was lonely."

Her writing varies from melodramatic to frank and jaded, often in a stream-of-consciousness style. Detailing a night spent at a rock show, she writes, "Like all bars, it was common for shows there to begin as much as an hour late. Ziyu bought two soft drinks. Thankfully not Pepsi, which damn near makes me puke." Frankly, reading "Beijing Doll" isn't much different from perusing your average American teen's angst-ridden diary.

She drops out of school twice, preferring the freedom to sleep in, stay out late, and wear whatever clothes she chooses to the strict rules on attendance and decorum at the vocational high school she attends. She rides around on her bike, scoffing at boyfriends who don't have the money for rock shows or McDonald's and getting into verbal altercations with the parents of one boyfriend who refuse to tolerate her sleeping over after the couple's sexual rendezvous.

Sound familiar? Probably because almost every teenager wishes they could drop out of school, sleep in late, and spend their days contemplating sex, poetry, and rock and roll.

She records her encounters in Beijing's underground music culture, befriending musicians and bands, even writing articles about many of them for various Chinese publications. However, her account of the experience exposes her immaturity as a writer; the descriptions are often choppy and focus more on what is considered fashionable in Chinese than the development of the actual underground scene. "I said I liked U2, Xu Wei, Nirvana, Kafka and computers," Chun writes. "At the time, mentioning Nirvana showed you were hip. Not impossibly passé, like now."



Chun Sue was considered rebellious in her native China.

She quotes songs with intensity, a phenomenon peculiar to adolescents finding solace in the lyrics of their favorite band, regardless of nationality. Her writing is often self-indulgent, and her boredom overshadows the possibility of her expressing any meaningful revolutionary thought. "I've never been the sort of person who has goals," she writes. "Never. And even with a rosy veil over my eyes, I couldn't see the future."

Chun does bring up some of the inadequacies of life in China when she laments that she will probably never be able to attend Beida (Beijing University) due to her poor test scores and will likely be left in limbo at a vocational school. Yet to the American teenage reader, struggling to gain admittance at a prestigious college is likely to be all too familiar. And Chun's inability to stick it out in high school lends little sympathy to her plight.

Her childish musing about the futility and hopelessness of life fall flat in comparison with the daily turmoil of the estimated 400 million Chinese struggling to subsist on less than $2 a day. In a country where there are daily anti-government protests, often resulting in jail time and with many protesters falling victim to police brutality, Chun's novel seems frivolous. However, the fact that her novel resonated so strongly with Chinese youth makes it a worthwhile read for those looking for a glimpse into another side of an often-misunderstood nation.

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OSU rape victim looks for justice

By Darren Everson and Michael O'Keeffe
New York Daily News

NEW YORK (AP) – Alison Jennings doesn't remember how she wound up in that room with four football players during a house party five years ago in Stillwater, Okla.

Jennings, then a 22-year-old Oklahoma State University student, says she had been drinking, but not enough to black out. Maybe she was drugged, she suggests. Maybe somebody slipped her something that blotted out portions of the night her life was shattered. But Jennings has no doubts about what happened after she entered that room: She says the four players - including Marcellus Rivers, now a tight end with the New York Giants - sexually assaulted her.

Five years later, Jennings is still pursuing justice. Like Kobe Bryant's accuser and the nine women who say they were sexually assaulted by University of Colorado football players, she's been dismissed as publicity hungry, greedy, crazy. Jennings says she went to OSU to get a degree but left with a harsh lesson: Women who accuse athletes of sexual assault, she says, are vilified and marginalized especially in college towns like Stillwater, where sports are keystones of the local economy and cultural identity.

"In Stillwater, football is a religion and the players are gods," Jennings says. "People there will do anything to protect those players."

Rivers and the other players later told Stillwater police they had consensual sex with Jennings, and Payne County District Attorney Rob Hudson decided not to file criminal charges. Jennings and her attorney Mark Hammons say that decision wasn't based on an objective review of the case, but on a police investigation that seemed to be mostly about protecting football players.

Her quest for justice through the courts has been equally frustrating.

"Frustrating is kind of an understatement," she says. "I just want to get on with my life, but I can't do that until I have some kind of resolution."

She settled civil lawsuits against Rivers and another player, Alvin Porter, last year but both men have fallen behind in their payments and Jennings says she doesn't have the resources to go back to court to press them.

Last month, a federal appeals court denied her request to reinstate a lawsuit filed against the Stillwater police. Jennings had argued that the department's investigation was so flawed, it violated her constitutional rights. But the court said the Constitution does not protect crime victims from bad police work.

OSU spokesman Nestor Gonzales declined to comment for this story. Margaret Love, an attorney who represents the Stillwater police, says the department's investigation into Jennings' allegations was full and adequate. She notes that Jennings didn't file civil suits against Rivers and Porter until after they were drafted by NFL teams.

"I can't judge her motivation," Love says when asked if she is suggesting Jennings was fishing for a big settlement. "I'm just noting her timing."

Rivers' agent, Vann McElroy, says Jennings is a "bad lady" who tried to entrap an NFL-bound player. Rivers told the Daily News last week the rape allegation was nothing more than a shakedown.

"I could care less about the case now," Rivers says. "She can do what she needs to do to try to make a name for herself or get whatever money she needs, but I could care less."

But there's been no big payday for Jennings just four years of frustrating and mostly fruitless legal battles. Her settlement with Rivers is confidential, but Jennings says the money doesn't cover legal fees, travel expenses, counseling and other bills stemming from that November 1999 night. Even worse, Rivers stopped payment on his last check to Hammons, then filed for Chapter 13 bankruptcy; Hammons is listed as a creditor owed $14,000 in the filing from Rivers and his wife LaTasha.

Hammons suspects the bankruptcy filing was an attempt to dodge payment and he asked Oklahoma City prosecutors to determine if any bad check laws were violated, although a spokeswoman for the district attorney's office says it's unlikely criminal charges will be filed. McElroy says Rivers has met his obligations to Jennings and was forced to file for bankruptcy protection because of legal fees stemming from Jennings' allegations.

Porter is even further behind in his payments, Hammons says. Porter, who played two seasons with the Ravens and was cut by the Bengals in August, acknowledges he hasn't met the terms of his settlement. "It's because I'm not playing football anymore. I can't keep up with the payments," Porter says. "Certainly as soon as I start playing, I'll start paying again."

Porter, however, maintains he and his friends did nothing wrong that night with Jennings. "Deep down inside," he says, "she knows none of us forced her to do anything."

Jennings, meanwhile, doesn't have enough money to continue her education. She moved around the country several times and now lives in Rock Island, Ill., and she says she's barely scraping by. "When I first came out, somebody made a comment that, 'Oh, she is suing them because they're NFL players.' Well, it doesn't mean anything because look where I am now."

After the alleged attack, Jennings' friend Jill Roberts, who had been pushing the blocked door to get into the room the players and Jennings were in, immediately took the young woman to a hospital. Three of the players, according to court documents, hid in a closet after the encounter they described as consensual.

The hospital staff called Stillwater police. Twelve hours after the alleged assault, Jennings was interviewed by Detective Robert Buzzard. Buzzard's cousin is OSU athletic department spokesman Steve Buzzard, but the then Stillwater cop has his own longstanding ties to the OSU athletic department - he attended the school on a baseball scholarship and lectured the football team on good citizenship prior to the 1999 season.

Pats defense key in red zone

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

FOXBORO (AP) – New England's defenders let Seattle march down the field. Just 12 seconds remained and the Seahawks had a first down at the Patriots two-yard line.

In the defensive huddle, the message was clear: "No score. We don't care what they do, we're not going to let them in," linebacker Tedy Bruschi said. And they didn't.

Matt Hasselbeck threw two incompletions, a penalty moved the ball to the one, and the Patriots stopped Mack Strong for no gain on the final play, then ran off the field with a 30-20 win Sunday, their NFL record 20th consecutive victory.

It didn't matter to the Patriots that Seattle couldn't have won the game even with a touchdown on the last drive. The end zone is their territory and they'll defend it no matter what the situation.

On their five trips into the New England red zone inside the 20, the Seahawks managed just three field goals and a touchdown.

"That last red zone stand on the goal line was huge for us," strong safety Rodney Harrison said. "It just showed people that, regardless of the score, we're going to continue to play to the end."

The Patriots' defense started brilliantly with interceptions on Seattle's first two series that led to a 10-0 lead. It was 17-0 early in the second quarter and 20-6 at halftime.

But with 11:05 left in the game, New England couldn't stop Seattle after the Seahawks' Michael Boulware intercepted Tom Brady's pass. That drive ended in Shaun Alexander's nine-yard touchdown run and a two-point conversion that made it 20-17.

It was 23-17 when Seattle started at its 26-yard line and moved all the way to a first down at New England's 13. Then a two-yard loss on a complete pass and two penalties forced the Seahawks to settle for a field goal.

The Patriots held Seattle to field goals on three series that went inside the 20 and another that reached the 22. So the Seahawks scored just 12 points on the kicks rather than the 28 they would have gotten had each drive ended in a touchdown and extra point.

"That's the difference of 16 points," Harrison said. "That definitely changed the outcome of the game."

New England (5-0) has allowed just 16.1 points per game this season and played well defending its goal line.

"We weren't very good last year in the red zone, so that was a point of emphasis in the off-season," Harrison said. "If you can't stop them from scoring, at least hold them to three points."



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URI's coach looks for milestone

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selection has five assists and two goals on the season.

A win against Dayton would have made Rhode Island Coach Ed Bradley the winningest coach in school soccer history and after a scoreless first half, Rhode Island struck on an unassisted goal by Jeffery Gonsalves 25 seconds into the second half. It looked as though Bradley was in good shape until Dayton's Darr immediately scored his first goal of the day to answer. In the 57th minute Jarun would head in a cross from Rolfe to take the lead. Rhode Island then tied the match at two apiece in the 70th minute on a goal by Danleigh Borman. But Darr made all the difference, heading in a corner kick from Rolfe to seal the victory in the 72nd minute.

Keeper Steve Ladislaw started in goal for the Flyers and saved five shots.

Rhode Island's Sasha Gotsmanov, who leads the nation in scoring with 14 goals, was held scoreless for the first time in seven games. Dayton had the toughest pre-conference schedule out of any of the A-10 teams and handed number-one Duquesne their only loss in the league. This means that despite being in second place right now it could change as soon as Friday when Dayton travels to Richmond.

Playoff Hopes Hinge on Stopping La Salle Skid

La Salle is 7-5-1 overall on the season which is pretty respectable considering they only won five games total last year. Coach Pat Farrell has lead La Salle for 18 seasons and they won three out of their first four conference games to start A-10 play in October. At that point, one could only assume that La Salle would be a playoff contender behind 2002 Defensive Player of the Year Stash Graham (senior goaltender). However, after losing close games to Temple and St. Joe's at home, the Explorers have fallen to 3-3 in conference play and dropped into sixth place.

It won't get any easier for La Salle. On Friday they are hosting a Rhode Island team with NCAA tournament aspirations that will likely be rekindled after Sunday's loss to Dayton. Then, on October 24th, a hot Massachusetts squad that has won their last three games (all in overtime), comes to town in what will be La Salle's last home game. After playing away at Xavier, the Explorers will be playing second-place Dayton and then finishing up with lowly Fordham.

If the Explorers intend on seeing the playoffs on November 11th in DC they had better start winning. Their schedule is very tough from here on out and they must find a way to beat great soccer clubs. It will be tough, but with such a quick, young team, it is possible. Look for La Salle to sneak into the playoffs as perhaps the 6th seed because beating all of these teams might be wishful thinking.

Temple has Momentum

Temple University is picking up steam after beating La Salle (2-1) and Fordham (1-0) over the weekend. The Owls are tied with Massachusetts for third place in the A-10 with a record of 6-6-2 overall (3-1-2 in the A-10) and could be prepared to make a run at the regular season title.

Unlike Massachusetts, Duquesne, Rhode Island, La Salle and especially St. Bonaventure, Temple has it relatively easy for the rest of the way. Temple plays Duquesne next, and then nothing but mediocre teams are on the horizon. The only other contending team with a similar schedule is Dayton.

Senior goalie Patrick Hannigan who was last year's A-10 Defensive Player of the Year has been superb between the posts, allowing only seven goals in conference play thus far.

On October 1st the Owls beat Rhode Island in overtime, and then they followed that victory with ties against Massachusetts and Xavier. After losing to La Salle they have played excellently in their last two contests. This shows that they can play with the best teams in the league, and after getting the good teams out of the way early, they will have momentum going into the playoffs. This could spell trouble for opponents who may be coming off losses. If they fall short it will be because their forwards didn't score enough goals against porous defenses.

Sooners hurt by BCS

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"At this point in the season, it just generates a lot of discussion among the people who like to talk about college football," Sooners coach Bob Stoops said. "In that sense, it's a positive because it keeps people talking about our sport. But it really makes no difference where anyone is ranked today. There is too much of this season left to play for anyone to get too worked up about this now."

Weiberg said that Oklahoma probably was hurt in the computer rankings by having played only one road game. Oklahoma has one win over a ranked team (Texas), while Miami has two (Florida State and Louisville), which also sways computer rankings. Each team's highest and lowest computer ranking is tossed out before an average is calculated.

The Orange Bowl will host the top two teams in the final BCS standings on Jan. 4.

USC, No. 1 in each of the major polls all season, has a big lead in the BCS with a score of .9912 out of a possible 1.000. Miami's score is .9187, while Oklahoma's is .9161. Auburn is fourth with .9036. Florida State, with one loss, is fifth, ahead of unbeatens Wisconsin and Utah.

Utah's seventh-place showing is the best in a season's opening BCS standings for a team outside the six major conferences. It puts the Utes in position to become the first team from a mid-major conference to earn a bid to one of the four big-ticket BCS games.

"It is exciting, and I think it's something that's driven this team," Utah quarterback Alex Smith said. "We're driven to prove people wrong."

The champions from the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten, Big 12, Big East, Pac-10 and Southeastern Conference earn up six of the eight berths in the four BCS bowls – the Orange, Sugar, Rose and Fiesta. The other spots go to wild-card teams.

Finishing in the top six in the standings guarantees a BCS bowl bid. A top-12 ranking in the final BCS standings is necessary to be eligible for a wild-card spot.



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USC's Dwayne Jarrett catches a pass against Standford on Saturday, September 25, 2004.

In the past, results from the AP and coaches polls were averaged, then factored in with other components – a formula that lessened the significance of the polls.

BCS officials scaled down the formula, eliminating bonus points for quality wins and schedule strength, considered redundant because computers and poll voters already take that into account. And the BCS formula now considers the number of votes a team receives in the major polls, not just its ranking.

UMass shines in the clutch

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So, when Ralph Pace's shot was deflected and knocked home by Greg Cirillo in the second overtime, it looked like just another day in the office for UMass.

The Minutemen have pulled themselves up from early season troubles and are currently in third place in a very competitive A-10. Only four days ago, the Maroon and White were staring at the sixth and final spot in the playoff race with a youthful squad searching for its identity.

Over the first six games of the season, the Maroon and White teetered between offensive and defensive mentalities. There seemed to be no cohesion, and as the A-10 conference season drew to a close, the 2004 season looked to be a prototypical-rebuilding year for the Minutemen.

Then, with one kick and a defensive alteration, the season turned itself around.

Nearly a week before the start of the A-10 season, UMass had just dropped a heartbreaker to Harvard and lost then-sweeper Tim Kitchell due to a red card. It was clear that the Minutemen needed something to pacify the negativity that was circulating, and on September 22nd, they found the perfect scapegoat.

University of New Hampshire came to town, struggling to get a win, and was tied with UMass 2-2 at the end of regulation. It appeared that the Minutemen were on their way to another tie, when Rob Charest netted his second golden goal of the season.

Since the victory, UMass coach Sam Koch has made a defensive alteration, which puts two midfielders in the back to act as an extra line of defense. Kitchell, upon return, was also moved to the front, where he complements the forwards on offense.

Apparently the move was well deserved as Kitchell has turned into a vital cog in the Minutemen offense.

On Oct. 10, UMass found itself in yet another overtime battle with conference foe George Washington. In the 105th minute, Pace relayed a throw-in out of a mess in front of the Colonial goal. Kitchell came in, headed the ball, and won the game for UMass.

Not only did the goal spark the current three-game winning streak that the Minutemen are on, but it also gave Koch his 150th career win at UMass.

A win is a win, and when the season is over, the numbers don't show the heart of a team. The Minutemen, however, are making believers of their fans. Of its six wins this season, UMass has won five of them in the extra stanza, three in double overtime.

Many would expect this effort to come from a team laden with experience, but the Minutemen have been relying on their youth to go the extra mile.

Of the nine goal-scorers for UMass this year, all but two are either sophomores or freshmen. Oral Bullen, who currently leads the team in goals with seven, has benefited from the underclassmen-scoring surge, as he is no longer the centerpiece for which teams prepare.

As the Minutemen go into the waning weeks of the 2004 season, they are looking poised and more importantly confident. Perhaps this wasn't a rebuilding year; it could be that it was a learning experience with success.

Maybe UMass isn't dominating this year, but it's shown it can hang around with the best to the very end.

And sometimes, a little bit longer.

Bob McGovern is a Collegian editor.



MATTHEW RHEW/COLLEGIAN

Freshman Tyler Pagano attempts to steal the ball from a Xavier player on Sunday. UMass won the game 4-3 in double overtime.

Eagles and Pats are up to billing

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press

Even while savoring New England's 20th consecutive victory, Rodney Harrison knew the enjoyment would be short-lived.

"It's nice now, but when we show up tomorrow, he'll surely have a long list of things that we did wrong," the safety said after the Patriots held off the Seattle Seahawks 30-20 Sunday.

"He," or Bill Belichick, is never satisfied, never content with a victory, always pushing and prodding. He even went after himself and his assistants Sunday, when his first words were: "The coaching stunk. I stunk."

Andy Reid in Philadelphia is a little more taciturn, at least in public.

But like the Patriots, the Eagles are unbeaten and seemingly better than everyone else.

So six weeks into the NFL season, there already is talk about WHEN, not IF, Philadelphia and New England meet in the Super Bowl. That's premature, of course, but this is starting to look like a season when the preseason favorites are truly the NFL's best teams.

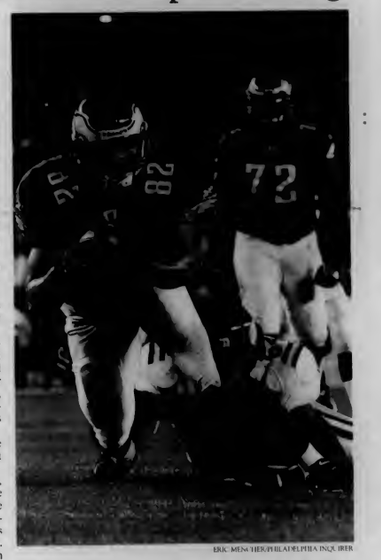
That hasn't been the case since the full effect of the salary cap hit late in the last decade.

Starting with the 1998 season, when Atlanta reached the title game a year after finishing 7-9, five of the six Super Bowls have featured at least one team that was under .500 the previous season. The only exception: 2002, when Tampa Bay beat Oakland for the championship (and look where those two are today).

But this year feels different.

Yes, the New York Jets, 6-10 last season, are 5-0, the only unbeaten team besides the Eagles and Patriots.

But when they go to Foxboro on Sunday, they will face their first true test.



ERIC MENCHER/PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Philadelphia Eagles tight end L. J. Smith slips into the end zone for a first quarter touchdown against the Vikings on Monday, September 20th

Their wins are over Cincinnati, San Diego, Miami, Buffalo and San Francisco, combined record 6-22, and none of the victories was especially easy. Down 14-3 at halftime to the 49ers on Sunday, the Jets needed fierce prodding from quarterback Chad Pennington and defensive coordinator Donnie Henderson to inspire them to 22-14 win.

There are other losers from last season doing well.

Pittsburgh (5-1) and Jacksonville (4-2) are off to good starts in the AFC; the Steelers certainly are the favorites right now in the AFC North. Atlanta (5-1) leads the NFC South by three games. The Giants are 4-1, the Lions 3-2.

But while all or most of those teams might contend for the playoffs, it's hard at this stage to see them going past the early rounds. And it's certainly hard to see those teams beating the Patriots or Eagles - the Giants have improved since their opening day thumping in Philly but still aren't close in skill level.

The more legitimate Super Bowl challengers all were over .500 last season: Denver (5-1), Indianapolis (4-1) and maybe Baltimore (3-2) in the AFC, and Minnesota (4-1), Seattle (3-2) and maybe St. Louis (3-2 entering Monday night's game) in the NFC.

But it's still hard to get beyond the first two – barring injuries, the great equalizer. (There were a few seconds of breath-holding in Foxboro when Seattle's Michael Boulware administered a jarring tackle that dislodged Tom Brady's helmet, and there was some anxiety in Minnesota over Randy Moss' strained hamstring.) But barring that...

"They just know how to win," Seattle coach Mike Holmgren said after his team's late rally fell short at New England. "You think you've got a shot at them, and then someone makes a big play. It's not always someone you expected, but it always seems to happen."

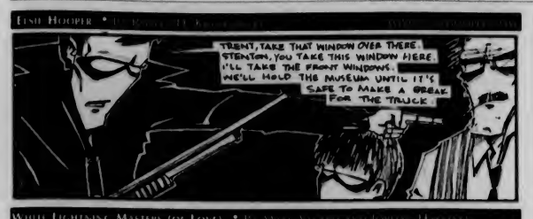
That's why New England currently has an edge over the Colts, probably the second-best team in the AFC. A sack on opening night by Willie McGinest (someone you DO expect) forced Mike Vanderjagt back to 48 yards for a potential game-tying field goal. Vanderjagt missed, and if the Patriots and Colts enter the playoffs with the same record, the home-field advantage goes to New England again.

The Eagles simply have more talent than anyone in the NFC, which was clear to anyone who watched Minnesota's defense Sunday night. Terrell Owens has given Philadelphia the one offensive weapon it lacked, and Jevon Kearse has been a disruptive force on defense.

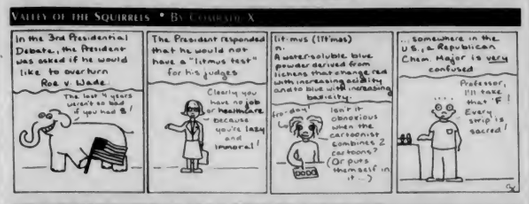
The Colts, probably the third-best team in the NFL right now, still have defensive questions, although they've been able to overcome them thus far. Maybe Denver can challenge; Reuben Droughns is the team's latest running back plucked from obscurity, and the defense has been playing well.

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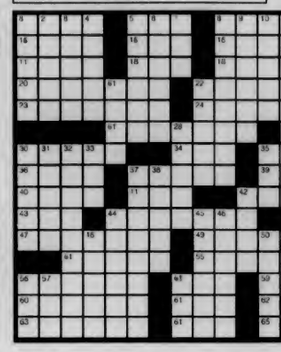


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"Cowards die many times before their deaths, the valiant never taste of death but once."

-William Shakespeare





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The cardiac kids of OT



Bob McGovern

Most soccer teams take care of business during regulation. Sure, now and again overtime happens after a hard-fought battle, but for the most part these adrenaline-pumping periods are few and far between.

I guess someone forgot to tell that to the Massachusetts men's soccer team.

With five games left in the season, the Minutemen have gone to overtime an astounding eight times, doubling their previous record of four back in the 1997 season. Oddly enough, seven of these games have taken place over the last eight contests.

On Sunday, I went to go help my colleague cover UMass's game down at Rudd Field. We sat in our press seats, and with a minute left in the game, the Minutemen were down 3-2 to Xavier and it looked like they were on their way to a pivotal Atlantic 10 conference loss.

All of a sudden there was a "blown" call and sophomore Richard Higa found an opening and knotted the game with a mere 16-seconds left, much to the chagrin of Xavier's head coach, Jack Hermans.

With the power of journalistic objectivity keeping me in my seat, I knew the game was over before overtime even started. As the ball trickled past the outstretched hands of Musketeer keeper, Brian Schaeper, and Higa darted away with his arms raised high, everyone, even Coach Hermans, knew the Minutemen had the upper hand.

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MATTHEW BRIEW/COLLEGIAN

Tim Kitchell has scored one goal this year for UMass, a game-winner against George Washington on October 10th. The Minutemen have won all but one game in overtime this season and are currently in third place in the Atlantic 10 conference.

Dukes poised to take A-10

By Matthew Burke
Collegian Correspondent

Duquesne on A-10 Rampage with Win Over Richmond

The Dukes are number one in the A-10 with a record of 5-1 in conference play (9-5 overall) after shutting down Richmond 1-0 Sunday in their final home game of the season. Preseason all-conference selection Noah Salsi (sophomore defenseman) netted the only goal of the game 52 seconds into the second half, beating Richmond's Eric Sciocchetti from twenty yards out.

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Last season's A-10 Rookie of the Year Zach Varga (sophomore goalkeeper) had two saves against Richmond and completed his 11th career shutout.

Duquesne has been impressive thus far, with Salsi leading the team in goals (four) and Derek Mackenzie (senior midfielder) leading the team in assists (four).

The Dukes' reign at the top could be short-lived as they have had the luxury of playing six straight conference games at home. They now have to play four straight games on the road against tough conference opponents Temple, St. Joe's, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. They don't have any prolific scorers, but they always manage to get a couple of goals per game, so the burden of victory lies with Varga.

Gotsmanov Held Scoreless as Dayton Stuns Rhode Island

Junior defenseman Nate Darr scored two goals on the road for the Dayton Flyers as they clawed their way past soccer giant Rhode Island 3-2 on Sunday. Dayton is now in second place in the A-10 at 4 -2 and 7-5-1 overall. Rhode Island, who started the day in second place in the A-10, now falls to fifth behind Massachusetts and Temple.

Dayton's junior forward Omar Jarun also scored in a contest that saw all three Flyer goals assisted by senior forward Chris Rolfe. Rolfe, a preseason all-conference

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UMass splits in Alaska

By Andrew Merritt
Collegian Staff

If you're going to travel over 6,000 miles to play two games, you might as well come out of the trip with at least one win.

Minnesota	1
UMass	0

The Massachusetts hockey team did just that, earning a split of two games over the weekend in Anchorage, Alaska in the Nye Frontier Classic. The Minutemen fell to Minnesota 1-0 on Friday, but came back to beat Canisius 2-1 on Saturday to take third place in the tournament and improve their record to 2-1.

UMass	2
Canisius	1

Mark Matheson scored the game-winner Saturday night, adding the one-two punch 48 seconds after freshman P.J. Fenton tied the game at one with his first collegiate goal, with 13 minutes to go in the game. Matheson's goal was set up by Garrett Summerfield, who also put his name in the 2004-05 scoring book for the first time.

Fenton was assisted by a fellow freshman, defenseman Mike Kostka, as well as senior Jeff Lang, and ended a 107:27-long scoring drought for the Minutemen, whose last goal came from red-shirt sophomore Matt Anderson in the waning moments of their 6-4 opening-night victory over Clarkson on Oct. 9.

Canisius (0-1-1) opened the scoring after UMass freshman David Leaderer went to the penalty box for interference 3:38 into the first period. The Golden Griffins quickly capitalized, as Mike Ruberto took a feed from Billy Irish-Bake and potted his first goal of the season. Canisius held on to the 1-0 lead until midway through the third period, aided by low shot totals from the Minutemen, who only put 12 attempts on goaltender Max Buetow's net in the first two periods combined.

Buetow finished with 23 stops on the night, besting UMass' Tim Warner's total by five saves.

Although Anderson, who earned his first collegiate hat trick against Clarkson a week ago, didn't figure in the scoring, his 13 face-off wins were the game high for both teams.

Though it remains a loss in the record, Friday night's result was a bit of a surprise, as the Minutemen and No. 3 Minnesota locked up for over 19 minutes of scoreless hockey, until David Potulny broke the tie with 31 seconds to go. The Gophers advanced to Saturday's final, but fell 3-2 to host Alaska-Anchorage.

Potulny's goal, assisted by Kris Chucko and Danny Irmen, ended a highly defensive battle, in which goaltenders Gabe Winer for UMass and Kellen Briggs for the Gophers combined for just 37 saves. The first period was particularly slow in the attacking department, as the teams combined for just seven shots, with the Minutemen taking five. Potulny, the brother of former Gopher standout Grant, was an obvious offensive leader, taking a game-high six shots and scoring the only goal.

The Minutemen, who returned to Amherst late Sunday night and took Monday off, will return to action on Friday when they host UMass Lowell at 7 p.m. It is the third-earliest Hockey East game ever for UMass since the program entered the conference in 1994. Previously, the Minutemen opened the conference slate against Boston College on Oct. 13, 2002, and at Lowell last season on Oct. 11.



Junior foward John Toffey has played in every game this season for the Minutemen. UMass went 1-1 last weekend in Alaska.

Ortiz does it again, Sox win

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) – After the game that seemed like it would never end, Boston's season goes on.

David Ortiz hit the 472nd pitch of the game with two outs in the 14th inning Monday night to cap a second straight amazing comeback and give the Red Sox a 5-4 victory over the New York Yankees and send the AL championship series back to New York.

Boston had been three outs from a humiliating sweep in Game 4 before Ortiz's two-run homer in the 12th inning ended a 5-hour, 2-minute marathon at 1:22 a.m. Monday.

Now, after a 5:49 game that was the longest by time in postseason history, the Red Sox are just one win from climbing out of a 3-0 deficit and forcing an anything-can-happen Game 7.

Boston was six outs from elimination in this one before Ortiz's leadoff homer off Tom Gordon and Jason Varitek's sacrifice fly off Mariano Rivera in the two-run eighth.

Mike Timlin, Keith Foulke, Bronson Arroyo, Mike Myers, Alan Embree and winner Tim Wakefield combined for eight shutout innings after the Yankees scored four runs off starter Pedro Martinez.

Wakefield wiggled out of trouble in the 13th when Gary Sheffield struck out leading off but reached on a passed ball, and two more passed balls by Varitek on Wakefield's knuckler left runners on second and third.



PAUL J. BERESWILL/NEWSDAY

Boston's David Ortiz crosses home plate in the eighth inning of the ALCS at Fenway Park yesterday.

New BCS system under scrutiny

By Ralph Russo
Associated Press

The new Bowl Championship Series formula is creating the same old confusion.

While Southern California took the top spot in the reworked BCS standings' debut Monday, look who's second: Miami. The Hurricanes edged Oklahoma, a strong No. 2 behind USC in both The Associated Press Top 25 and the coaches poll.

Put in place after last season's split national championship, this year's stripped-down BCS formula relies more on the AP and ESPN/USA Today polls. The idea was to ensure that when there is a clear consensus top two in the polls – as USC and Oklahoma have been all season – the BCS standings would reflect it.

Instead, BCS officials again had to do some explaining.

"It's obviously very early. It's important that there not be an overreaction to this poll," BCS coordinator and Big 12 commissioner Kevin Weiberg said, adding that when he saw Miami ahead of Oklahoma, "I was a little surprised, to tell you the truth."

Weiberg noted that the top two teams in the first BCS standings of the season have never played in the system's championship game.

"I've never really understood the BCS process," USC coach Pete Carroll said. "And at first look, this year's updated process confuses me once again. I'm not sure how some of the other teams worked out to being where they are. It doesn't make a lot of sense to me."

The AP and coaches polls each count for one-third of a team's total score under the new formula. The other third comes from six computer rankings, and that's where Miami made up the difference over the Sooners. The Hurricanes are ranked fourth in the AP media poll and third in the coaches poll, but have the second-most points in the computer rankings. Oklahoma, the chief beneficiary of the old system last season, came out fifth in the computer rankings.

"Our philosophy is that the only thing we can control is how we play," Miami coach Larry Coker said. "Because we have been named the No. 2 team in the first BCS standings, our job now is to respond and move forward."

Last season, USC finished the regular season ranked No. 1 in both polls but third in the BCS standings – knocking it out of the BCS title game.

Oklahoma finished first in the BCS standings despite losing the Big 12 championship game and dropping to third in the major polls. The Sooners were beaten in the Sugar Bowl by LSU, which was voted No. 1 by the coaches. USC finished No. 1 in the AP poll.

Under the new system, LSU and USC would have met in the Sugar Bowl.

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Second win brings second disturbance

By Erika Lovley
Collegian Staff

Approximately 2,000 people were dispersed from Southwest Residential Area at the University of Massachusetts during a disturbance late Monday night and early Tuesday morning after the Boston Red Sox defeated the New York Yankees for the second time in the America League Champion Series.

The disturbance was the second to take place on the campus this week. According to UMass police, four people were arrested for charges of disorderly conduct and failure to disperse from a riot, and one charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. Three of the arrests were UMass students.

Police said the disturbance began at 11:05 p.m., after Red Sox player David Ortiz hit the game-winning single. Students rushed out of the dorms and filled the Southwest pyramids, cheering "Yankees suck" and "F... the cops." Some students reported fireworks being set off out of a dorm window and among the crowd. One student was taken to Cooley-Dickinson Hospital in Northampton for a sprained ankle. No major injuries or damage to UMass property was reported according to police.

Smoke and pepper ball were used to disperse the crowd and two small fires were extinguished. Another student had some swelling under an eye after being hit by pepper ball. By 12:30 a.m. yesterday morning, police declared the campus secure.

Michael Gargano, vice chancellor of student affairs and academic life, said yesterday that he is pleased with the behavior of the majority of students.

"There's a high percentage of our students who have been absolutely fantastic," he said. "I think they've enjoyed the games and conducted themselves with the highest level of integrity and respect. This group I stand and applaud."

Gargano said he has been present in Southwest during both disturbances, remaining on campus until 4 a.m. on Monday morning, and 2 a.m. yesterday.

"I think it's important as vice chancellor, I can speak to it as a first hand account," he said.

His presence is equally important in order to observe the good things students are doing, Gargano said.

The University will be swift to deal with any student engaging in riotous or disorderly behavior according to the Student Code of Conduct.

"We still have a small percentage of people who believe ... this behavior is acceptable," Gargano said. "Students will be removed from the campus, perhaps expelled."

The following arrests were made during the disturbance.

Richard M. Stone, 19, of Quincy, was arrested for disorderly conduct, failure to disperse from a riot, and assault with a dangerous weapon.

According to police, Stone allegedly threw a brick at them, but no officers were injured.

Jonathan Pagan, 18, of Southborough, was arrested for failure to disperse from a riot and disorderly conduct.

David Rodriguez-Toomey, 18, of Southborough, was arrested for failure to disperse from a riot.

Philippe Ronald Pelletier, 20, of Gardner, was arrested for disorderly conduct and failure to disperse from a riot. He is not a student at UMass.



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Students gather outside of Southwest in celebration of the Boston Red Sox's victory over the Yankees in game five Monday night.



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Police made four arrests in Monday night's disturbance in Southwest. The area was heavily gaurded by police the entire night.

Goldman kicks off distinguished series

By Eric Athas
Collegian Correspondent

Sheldon Goldman, a political science professor at the University of Massachusetts will be honored for his various accomplishments by giving a distinguished lecture this afternoon on "Judicial Confirmations: The New Battle Zone in American Politics," which will be open to the public.

Since 1965, Goldman has been spreading his knowledge as a professor of political science at UMass.

"I will be talking about Judicial Confirmations and why I believe we've been experiencing such intense battles on the subject," Goldman said. "I have some very interesting documents and memos that administrations often used when deciding whom to select and not select."

Goldman, the chief undergraduate advisor for the political science department, is the author of "Constitutional Law: Cases and Essays." "Picking Federal Judges: Lower Court Selection from Roosevelt Through Reagan," and "The Federal Courts as a Political System." He has spent countless years studying the process of judicial confirmation and will be describing his understanding and views on the subject throughout the lecture.

Goldman is a connoisseur when it comes to the federal judiciary and feels nominees of confirmation have a much tougher time then they did in the past, due to much opposition and aggression. He plans to describe what effects this will have on the upcoming replacements.

"There are certain implications for the filling of future Supreme Court spaces," Goldman said. "Various presidents have been using litmus tests when it comes to this process."

Goldman also plans on discussing certain problems of confirmation in the Senate and an index of obstruction and delay when choosing.

A graduate from New York University in 1961 and a Harvard graduate student where he received his masters and doctorate, Goldman has been mentioned and quoted in highly distinguished literature such as The New York Times, The Washington Post, and Newsweek Magazine.

Following the lecture, Goldman will be receiving the Chancellor's Medal from the university. The award is the highest honor given to those who have given commendable service to the University.

"I am deeply grateful and feel very honored to receive this," Goldman said. "It has been enormously rewarding teaching here. I have taught some wonderful people and the campus is very politically aligned. I look forward to many more years here."

The lecture is the first of four in the series and will be given this afternoon at 4 p.m. in the Massachusetts room of the Mullins Center.

School of Management ranked top in country for academic experience

By Meghan Murphy
Collegian Correspondent

The Isenberg School of Management MBA Program recently received two top 10 national rankings in the 2005 edition of the "Best 143 Business Schools," which is published by "The Princeton Review." The publication features the top 10 schools in each of 11 different categories, including "Toughest to Get Into," "Best Career Prospects," "Best Campus Facilities," and "Best Administered." The Isenberg School was honored in the "Best Overall Academic Experience" category, where it was ranked tenth, as well as in the "Best Professors" category, where it was ranked fourth out of 143 business schools.

The school has two versions of its MBA program: a small, highly selective on-campus version for full-time students, as well as the Professional MBA Program, a part-time version for working professionals. It operates in Springfield, Pittsfield, and Shrewsbury. There is also a growing online-education option offered through the school.

According to Eric Berkowitz, the Isenberg School's dean for professional programs, 95 percent of the courses in the Professional MBA Program and its online version are taught by the school's full-time, on-campus faculty.

Berkowitz believes that the school's placement in the "Best Overall Academic Experience" category says a great deal about the quality of the program. "In that category, we were in the company of Stanford, Yale, Northwestern, and other Ivy League schools," he said, adding that the other public institutions included in the list were UCLA and the University of Michigan.

To rate the schools in the "Best Overall Academic Experience" category, factors such as GMAT scores, undergraduate grades, the percent of students accepted and enrolled, and student-faculty ratio were taken into consideration.

Student survey responses were also weighed in. These questionnaires covered topics such as the faculty, fellow students, and achievement of academic excellence.

Berkowitz cited the Isenberg School's "outstanding faculty" as a huge factor in the overall academic rating. "In fact," he added, "[The Princeton Review] acknowledged them separately by ranking us fourth in the nation in the 'Best Professors' category."

The schools placing in that area was based on student satisfaction ratings. A total of 11,000 students assessed the 143 schools.

According to the Princeton Review, the survey included two factors — teaching effectiveness and accessibility to students outside of the classroom. Berkowitz backed up the rating, saying, "For years, our students have given our MBA faculty high points for their dedication and teaching prowess." He then added that faculty accessibility is "ingrained at the Isenberg School ... it's part of our culture."

Students enrolled in the Isenberg School of Management seem to agree with the Princeton Review's assessment of the faculty. "The professors are honest, up-front, and high quality. I definitely learn the most in my School of Management classes," said Tom Hecht, a sophomore. "They take both friendship and leadership roles. They really do live up to their expectations." He added that the professors are "willing to give an arm and a leg for their students."

Junior Ari Iankelowitz had similar feelings about the faculty at ISOM. "I've never had problems scheduling appointments with faculty or even just walking in when it's not their office hours," he said. "The professors are very friendly and always willing to help their students."

He even cited a time when the doors were opened up on a weekend so that he could show his father where he took classes. "The faculty is very accommodating," he continued.

"They're definitely deserving of this high rating."



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UMass students lounge in the Isenberg School of Management to get in some last minute studying.

Student faces a long recovery

By Brendan Heck
Collegian Correspondent

In the wake of several hit and run accidents this academic year involving University of Massachusetts students, one lucky student is back in school to finish his senior year after an accident last winter left him in critical condition.

After being found unconscious in the middle of the night, spending a month in a state of comatose, followed by months of rehab, Petrit Vasi of Dorchester, Mass., said he plans to graduate in the spring.

At 12:20 a.m. Friday, February 6, 2004, Amherst Police found Vasi on the side of the road at the intersection of Triangle and Mattoon Streets in Amherst.

Vasi spent over a month at Spaulding Hospital in what he describes as a, "state of comatose." Vasi said that he could hear people speak to him, and was able to speak fragmented sentences, but could not open his eyes.

When asked about the accident, Vasi scratched his head and stated, "I can barely remember anything about that night." From what he does remember Vasi had been out with a friend and, "had been drinking." Vasi also remembers going back to his friend's house and waiting for a car to pick him up. That was the extent of Vasi's memory of the night of the accident.

Police stated that Vasi's injuries were consistent with being struck by or falling from a moving vehicle. When asked if he could remember which one it was Vasi replied, "I can't confirm or refute that I was thrown from a car, but I think that I was hit."

Vasi gave reasons for believing he was hit including the fact that his injuries were all on his right side of his body, and also that the friend that was supposed to pick him up and according to Vasi, "the only person I would have ridden with," came to the hospital the next morning.

Vasi continues to speculate on the circumstances surrouding his accident, "It would be more of a story for me to tell you that I got thrown from a car," he then smiled and said, "It would be more notorious, but because of the injuries, I am confident that I was hit."

Police would not comment further about the incident because it is still under investigation.

When Vasi as he called it, "woke up," in early March from his "state of comatose", he remembers not knowing where he was and thinking that he had been in a comatose for much

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Getting dirty!

Vendors speak with a student at The Contaminated Soils Conference in the Campus Center.

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'Poetry and Wartime' documentary shown at Smith College for the second time this semester

By Dan Kofman
Collegian Correspondent

A free public screening of the documentary "Poetry and Wartime" was shown Monday evening at Smith College for the second time this semester.

The poets featured in the film were from different backgrounds and eras. Some wrote about taking part in historic wars that are only read about today in history books.

Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen, who first met in a hospital for soldiers recovering from shellshock in England, are heard through their words about fighting for Great Britain in the First World War.

Others conveyed their feelings on the states of war today. A few poets, like Emily Dickinson, Langston Hughes, Walt Whitman, and Homer, are simply regarded as some of the best of their time to put their words into print.

Viewers learned that the film first came about because of a White House function to honor Dickinson, Hughes, and Whitman. When word got out that poets were going to express their disappointment with the Bush administration's policies regarding Iraq, it was soon cancelled.

Soon a group of poets formed so that protests and personal feelings about the conflict could be expressed through poetry in an open forum. The group, Poets Against the War, started a Web site on which anyone could voice their opinions on the war using their own poetic words. The response the Web site received was astounding, with approximately 16,000 poems eventually making their way onto the Web site.

But the film is not about criticisms against the conflict currently going on Iraq. Rather, it is overview of war itself, but not in a familiar context. Instead, poetry is used to try and convey the feelings war gives to people.

The poems bring the sentiments of soldiers and others affected by war to life. Some poems were written by young children who simply wished to have their fathers come home safely from overseas. Other poems were written by actual soldiers as they endured the harsh realities that war presents to its participants.

Ellen Watson, director of the Poetry Center and a published poet, believes that "the film is about how no one returns from war unchanged."

This does not just refer to soldiers. One of the major emphases of the documentary was to note how, over time, civilians have become more and more affected by war. The film points out that the majority of people who get injured in present day wars are civilians and not soldiers and there is not as much the army-versus-army combat.

One of the most striking members of the cast is Lt. Gen. William J. Lennox Jr., the superintendent at West Point. In what Watson believes to seem like a "disconnect," Lennox discussed the truths of war, the beauty of poetry, and how the two have connected over the centuries.

"For an infantryman or a soldier in combat, it's very hard for them sometimes to articulate what they experience," Lennox said. "They go through a whole series of emotions: joy, elation, horror, fear. What literary genre allows you to portray that feeling but poetry? I don't know."

The film is set to be released in theatres sometime in early 2005. It was first shown on September 11 of this year to pay tribute to the victims of the tragedy that occurred three years earlier. Watson received so much positive feedback after the first viewing, that a second screening was arranged so that all who wanted to view it would be able to.

police log

K-9 Maxx assists in arrests; two people in custody

Friday October 15

2:03 a.m. A subject was placed under arrest on disturbance charges in Lot 20 near JQA dormitory. Maurice C. Maxwell, 22, of Philadelphia, P.A., was arrested for disorderly conduct and assault and battery.

3:14 p.m. An additional officer was called in to advise 12 students who dropped off letters to Whitmore Administration building. Students left the area and the area checked out okay.

4:08 p.m. A caller reported that someone had attempted to steal their vehicle. The caller said that items in the glove box were on the floor, the gas tank was open, the battery was askew and there was damage to the steering column.

6:25 p.m. An officer confiscated two thirty-packs of beer that were intended for disposal. The subject fled and abandoned the alcohol.

7:21 p.m. An officer issued summons to individuals for supplying alcohol to minors. Two arrests were made. Brian D. Schonfield, 18, of Braintree, and Patrick J. McGovern, 18, of Braintree, were arrested for people under 21 in possession of alcohol.

Saturday October 16

12:08 a.m. An officer attempted to stop a subject for a check, but the subject ran. The individual was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and assault and battery on a police officer. Christopher W. Chin 20, of Marshfield, was arrested.

12:34 a.m. An officer made an arrest after a routine traffic stop in Southwest. Jessica A. Lipman, 18, of Woodstock, GA, was arrested for transporting alcohol as a minor and operating on the sidewalk.

1:24 a.m. A caller reported a fight going on in MacKimmie dormitory with no weapons. The officer spoke with the individuals involved and they did not want to press charges, however emergency housing was notified.

8:23. p.m. An officer requested additional units for subjects in Southwest who appeared to be checking out vehicles. Subjects gained entrance to the vehicle and fled. The K-9 unit assisted in the search and the two subjects are now in custody.

9:14 p.m. Three people were arrested in Lot 32 on Massachusetts avenue for liquor law violations. Ashley J. Wadden, 18, of Swampscott, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol.

Meredith V. Tittler, 18, of Swampscott, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol. Adam G. Soiref, 19, of Swampscott, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol.

Sunday October 17

12:12 a.m. A caller stated that they have confiscated some marijuana and would like to turn it into the UMPD. Police took the item and an investigation is underway.

12:32 a.m. A caller stated that there was a suspicious vehicle on Massachusetts Ave.; when the officer investigated, one arrest was made. Sandra M. Shambos, 21, of Peabody, was arrested on a warrant.

2:22 a.m. An officer made one arrest after a routine traffic stop. Aaron M. Silsby, 20, of Clarksburg, was arrested for being a minor possessing alcohol and marked lanes violation.

2:25 a.m. A caller reported seeing intoxicated subjects. The officer advised and placed a subject in protective custody. Amherst Fire Department was called for one of the subjects, but signed a refusal form.

3:36 a.m. A caller stated that approximately 20 students were chanting and being loud in the Southwest Circle. The crowd dispersed when officers arrived.

6:01 p.m. A caller stated that they were receiving harassing phone calls and a restraining order is in effect. The caller has been advised to change the phone number and to document any further calls.

-Compiled by Julie O'Donnell

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Student still recovering

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longer than a month. "When the doctors asked me how old I thought I was, I said 27."

Vasi went through rigorous physical therapy. Confined to a wheel chair for the first week, Vasi then graduated to a walker then to a cane. Now over six months after waking up, Vasi can walk without the support of a cane, but still admits it is hard work. "walking to me now is like running used to be to me, and it's a pretty funny sight to see my try to run," Vasi said.

Vasi's memory is still recovering as well, and is, according to Vasi, "still a little shady sometimes."

Vasi reflected on the incident with a positive outlook saying, "I am just happy to be alive, this whole thing has really put things in perspective for me, and has matured me faster than I would have normally."

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"I may disagree with what you have to say, but I shall defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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Worthy of expression

S.J. Port

The inability to express oneself is crippling.

University of Massachusetts students who find themselves unable to speak, comprehend or write proper English face a battalion of challenges invisible to most of their peers.

This community of students includes (but is in no way exclusively comprised of) exchange students, non-native English speakers, English as a second language, children of homes in which traditional proper English was not spoken due to educational, cultural, economic, or other reasons, students with diagnosed and undiagnosed learning differences (note I did not say disabilities, they are not disabled — they learn differently) and even honors English majors. This is by no means a minority group on our campus; it is a solid and established collective of UMass students.

By the time students enter the University they are expected to have learned a general body of knowledge and be able to communicate this body of knowledge through writing. The University's Writing Program determines their placement in one of three college writing basics courses (or grants exceptional writers, based on their testing, a waiver), and off students go on their journey through the University's always confusing curriculum of writing.

Many students will leave their college writing courses feeling confident in their ability to cite, summarize, analyze and so forth, but others will require further assistance. It is here that the University falls them: ESL, BCP, CCEMBS, LDSS, UALRC and other on-campus support resources for students are sinking under the burden of maintaining the appropriate staff numbers in times of budget cuts and harsh resource program chops. Students who once qualified for academic assistance from these programs must often seek help from other sources because of the lack of tutors, advisors, and staffers in general to help all the students who need help.

People who are unable to write a coherent English sentence are admitted to this University every day.

Tutors are expensive, elusive and not always available. Professors are busy publishing, or sometimes do not know how to help their students —especially students with learning disabilities, psychological disabilities that affect the student's academic aspirations, non-native English speakers struggling to comprehend because of the language involved (not because of the intellectual level required by the subject).

Just as likely, students are intimidated by the inherent hierarchy of the teacher-student relationship, which then inhibits their comfort level in asking the teacher for help with "simple" or "basic" things that they "should know by now."

People who are unable to write a coherent English sentence are admitted to this University every day. However, once admitted, these students are left by the University as sacrifices to the merciless gauntlet of written academia. They slide between the cracks of the large public institution that has admitted them but refuses to effectively support them.

Desperate for help to express the brilliance buzzing below their surfaces, often in another language, they seek out alternative generic University support services: on the tenth floor of the DuBois library is Learning Support Services, a free and available service for all University students; or if they happen to be a varsity athlete they are eligible for free tutoring from the self-contained athletic tutoring service in Boyden gymnasium. More and more often students seek solace and support within the welcoming walls of Bartlett 303, home to the University Writing Program's Writing Center.

The Writing Center accepts all members of the University community to come and work on any kind of writing (academic, creative, professional, etc.) at any stage in their writing process (from brainstorming, to drafting, revision, to copy-editing) to discuss any aspect of their writing (how to begin, organization, development of ideas, analysis, form, clarity, grammar, proper citation methods, etc.). However, just as LDSS, ESL, CCEMBS, UALRC, BCP are buckling under the weight of budget concerns and heavy student need, the Writing Center is struggling to balance the perpetually increasing demand of their tutors from students.

The Writing Center runs on a strict budget designated by the Writing Program's similarly severe pecuniary constrictions. However, with the use of peer tutors (who have completed a year-long training course sponsored by the English department and the Commonwealth College) the Writing Center has managed to add to their community outreach yearly. Tutors hold workshops, work extensive hours throughout the week and are in the process of considering the possibilities of online tutoring sessions in order to reach more students.

According to the Writing Program web site it is their "belief that skill in writing is the hallmark of the educated person in any career or profession and is the collective and trans-disciplinary responsibility of the academic community," which drives their work and their constant search for greater funding and recognition from the University.

The disintegration of programs like ESL, BCP, CCEMBS, UALRC, LDSS, and so on, has left a hole at the University for students of all kinds to fall into because of the perpetual challenges written communication provides within academia and the dearth of support for students struggling to express themselves.

S.J. Port is a Collegian columnist.

Dress it up right

Sanam Hakim

Halloween is coming soon and it's time for me to start thinking of a costume. I did a search online and I got some great new ideas: a sexy vixen, an evil pixie, a naughty Dorothy, a "bad" schoolgirl. Then I started thinking about coordinating costumes with some of my friends: the guys can be the pimps, and me and the other girls can be their "hoes," or maybe the guys can be Santa's and the girls can be the sexy Santa's helpers. Either way, my goal is to dress as provocatively as possibly, because hey — it's Halloween, and that's what girls do.

Why? I really have no idea. It actually surprises me that no one realizes the negative effect Halloween has on our UMass community. Guys come up with some really outrageous, goofy costumes and wear them around to get a few laughs. Girls, on the other hand, spend up to fifty dollars on something skin tight and small, get their friends to wear the same outfit in a different color, and then walk around campus thinking they look cute.

First of all, do not even try to justify your "sexy" costume by saying that you are doing it for yourself. It is really cold outside. No girl in her right mind would wear a "naughty nurse" costume when it's thirty degrees outside, in the name of self-righteousness. If you genuinely believe that you are wearing your sexy costume for yourself, maybe you need to reevaluate your logic because it makes no sense.

Second of all, why do you want to dress sexy anyway? Halloween is supposed to be scary, not sexy. It seems like one year the coolest girl at the party was the one with the really detailed witch costume, and the next year, she was the dominatrix shaking her butt on the table. I don't even remember when that happened. High school? College? Who knows?

Third of all, whom are you trying to impress? You'll put on your sexy outfits, down a few shots, and then go to party. The sketchy guys against the wall will grab you when you walk by, while a bunch of drunken losers try to dance with you from behind and some guy who is dancing with his girlfriend stares at your chest and winks.

Our campus is talking about "isms" all of a sudden — why not sexism and the degradation of women?

Why is it that Sig Ep can have hot body contests, watch girls strip and rub themselves, and then tell the top two girls that they can split the grand prize of $100 if they make out with tongue while standing on a shaky table covered with beer? Why is it that girls will willingly get on that table? Why is it that my English and Education classes are filled with girls, but my Computer Science classes were filled with guys? Why is it that when my roommate gets A's on her engineering tests; she's not smart; she must've flirted with the teacher and wore a low cut shirt that day?

Halloween is supposed to be scary, not sexy. It seems like one year the coolest girl at the party was the one with the really detailed witch costume, and the next year, she was the dominatrix shaking her butt on the table.

Why is it that an overwhelming majority of the Student Government related quotes on the front page of The Collegian are always males? Why is it that when I'm angry, guys will smile at me, and say, "You're so cute when you're mad," instead of taking me seriously.

Society has trained women to partake in the same disgusting mentality that society is supposedly fighting against. It has trained women like Christina Aguilera to cut up a small square of cloth, cover a nipple or two and sprinkle glitter all over herself, while Lil' Kim sings about hooking up with as many guys as she wants without being called loose. It has trained the average woman to despise the word "feminist" because of the "argumentative butch lesbian" stereotype attached to the term when the real definition, a belief in the social, political, and economic equality of the sexes, encompasses not only the average woman, but men as well.

It has trained college girls to look forward to Oct. 31 so they can wear the sluttiest outfit they can find all day long, without hurting their reputation.

The problem is huge and on many different levels: national, local, institutional, communal and individual. It will take a huge solution to fix such a huge problem, and only God knows how long that will take. I say start small and be creative for Halloween. Put away your French maid costume or your naughty Tinkerbell outfit and do something different. Put on a scary mask or paint your face green and go as a witch. Be a mad scientist; wrap yourself in tinfoil and go as a leftover. Be a lobster or buy a wig and be your roommate.

Look at some of the things you do, and think about why you do them. We talk about progress, then dress like sexy devils for Halloween. There is something very wrong with that ... especially since your daughter might someday tell you she wants to be a devil for Halloween too.

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Sorry doesn't cut it

Thomas Naughton

My left cheek felt hot; the underlying muscle disturbed and the nerve endings rapid firing the sensation of shock and pain. After his hand jerked past my face and rested once again at his side, my hand flew up to where the heat was coming from, where he had hit me. I cradled my face out of habit; I did what I thought you were supposed to do when you were punched in the face, but my face didn't hurt at all. I was too angry, sad and confused.

I was also disappointed. I was disappointed that my relationship with John had changed so quickly. I was disappointed that I felt like I was in a made-for-TV movie. What's really sad is that after my boyfriend punched me in the face the first time, I was actually thinking about what actors would be available to portray me in the story of two boys who were so wrong for each other.

It wasn't always like that. John and I met in a club in Providence, RI, staring at one another like dazed zombies. There's a crazy thing that happens when you stare into someone's eyes for the first time and they're staring back at you. You're wondering what they are thinking about and they're wondering the same about you. He was big, bigger than me, an ex-wrestler: strong, arrogant and handsome in a way that boys rarely are: he had a big open face, a strong jaw and the bluest eyes I have ever seen. He was not print-model-handsome, but he was handsome in a way you never forget, which is actually more dangerous.

We were dangerous together, voracious from the very beginning. I loved his strong hands pulling me over to him, how small his lips were, in comparison to mine, and how they lit when we would kiss. I remember laughing at him on the inside, this endearingly dumb boy who fared himself an amazing lover with a fierce intellect, which he wasn't.

There's a grace period when dating someone, where you can keep up the illusion that your situation is casual, although sex is involved. In the first two weeks or so of a relationship, you do a great job acting as though seeing your partner is desirable, but not a requirement. You say things like "yeah, dude, I mean, I want to see that new movie, so if you are still alive on Thursday and you don't have any other plans, we should hang. But I mean, I don't want to run your life, you can hang with your friends, unless you know, you're not busy, because I won't be busy."

You should just cut to the chase and say "I want to spend time with you," but you've been burned by other people and the scar tissue from the past scalding has built quite an elaborate set of armor, which you won't let down for anyone. So, you play games until you're comfortable, and then you can say what you feel.

The games never stopped with John. Three months into our relationship, an exclusive relationship, he continued to point out to me other boys he found attractive, discussing how he wouldn't mind having sex with them. I didn't know what to say. Every time he pointed someone out, I looked at them, studied them and then looked at me, studied my own face, body and style to see how I measured up.

When you are crying tears of rage for someone in your life, your relationship is over.

Was he trying to tell me to lose weight, wear more brown, be less loud or even more confusing, or that he wanted to have an open relationship? I would ask him if he wanted to be with me, or just be casual and he would give me an angry look as though I was the one who was parading my sexual interests in other boys around him. I have never wanted to cry or throw a chair through a window with such frequency during any other relationship as I did with John. I felt so alone in the world while this boy who said he liked me so much stood next to me and gawked at other guys. I wanted to vomit; was this my fate as a gay man, to be \just an ornamental boyfriend to a series of apes in a dog-eat-dog dating pool?

I should have left so many times that counting them would only affirm for anyone reading this my ultimate stupidity. Seeing his attraction to all these other boys, totally disregarding my feelings made me feel so empty, so needy, as though I was so unattractive that only he would be with me. I was trapped; I felt crazy. I felt like I was just another trick, just another station on the tracks of his "relationship train." Feeling like you mean nothing to someone who says that you mean so much to them is one of the worst sensations to ever experience.

Except the worst is what comes next.

We fought. We had to. I was sick of acting like his snide comments about looking for my replacement didn't bother me. He said that I think too much, a funny thing to say coming from someone who apparently didn't think at all. It was only a matter of time that our verbal arguments would sink into him just hitting me like he did, or throwing me into a wall. I slid down against the wall, cradling my face, looking up at him with watery eyes from swelling and sobbing as he said "sorry". I continued to cry as I stumbled into his bathroom, crying and insulting myself for crying.

Then I looked in the mirror, and I did what people who are crying usually do when they look in the mirror: I stopped. I looked at my red face, my big lips wet with spit, and my huge red eyes.

"I'm so ugly." I said softly. I thought of my friends and how they had been so angry at me for staying with him. I thought of my sister and how angry she would be at me for letting this happen. I wasn't crying tears of pain, I realized looking in the mirror, I was enraged. When you are crying tears of rage for someone in your life, your relationship is over. It was abuse from the very beginning, and it ended with me driving back to Boston from Providence away from that apartment ... forever.

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Give us a leader

Stephen Post

When Alexis De Tocqueville's "Democracy in America" was first published in 1835, America was new; America was fresh. The Revolution, the Declaration of Independence, these were still alive in the collective memory of the nation. Seething with energy and promise, the country looked bright-eyed into its future, scanning the horizon for the progress, indeed the perfection, it knew was within its grasp.

Tocqueville, a Frenchman, toured the country with eyes that knew monarchy, aristocracy, even dictatorship, but American-style democracy? This was new.

Tocqueville was prescient, and parts of "Democracy in America" are nothing if not prophecy of what a "democratic social state" like America might expect in its future. Not all he had to say was rosy.

Toward the end of his massive, two-volume commentary, Tocqueville takes up a particularly chilling theme: the "Kind of Despotism Democratic Nations Have to Fear" (Volume Two, Part IV, Chapter 6). What follows is a discussion that anticipated Huxley's "Brave New World" in outlining a type of tyranny that would rely not on overt totalitarianism, but one that would trap society in a mild, benevolent slavery — a form of slavery that people would come to embrace.

We want protection, safety and comfort. We will emerge from our cocoons in November to pick our master, then retreat.

"The emperors [of Antiquity]," he wrote, "wielded vast power without any counterweight ... Their tyranny ... was violent and limited." In the early 1800s, traveling across a young United States, Tocqueville saw the potential for a new type of tyranny, a kind of "oppression ... unlike any the world has seen before." What he saw in his mind's eye was so different, in fact, that he could not even find the right words to express it: "The old words 'despotism' and 'tyranny' will not do."

Listen, now, to Tocqueville the prophet:

"I see an innumerable host of men, all alike ... hastening after petty and vulgar pleasures ... Each of them, withdrawn into himself, is virtually a stranger to the fate of all the others ... As for ... his fellow citizens, he lives alongside them but does not see them. He touches them but does not feel them. He exists only in himself and for himself, and if he still has a family, he no longer has a country.

"Over these men stands an immense [governing] power, which assumes sole responsibility for securing their pleasure and watching over their fate ... But ... it seeks only to keep them in childhood ... It likes citizens to rejoice, provided they think only of rejoicing ... It provides for their security, foresees and takes care of their needs, facilitates their pleasures, manages their most important affairs, directs their industry ... Why not relieve them of the trouble of thinking and the difficulty of living?"

Tocqueville saw people in conflict with themselves. "They feel the need to be led and the desire to remain free." They participate just enough, "[emerging] from dependence for a moment to indicate their master and then return to it." What does it matter who they think will lead them best? Tocqueville put it bluntly: "The nature of the master matters far less than the fact of obedience."

Tocqueville feared "not that [citizens] will find tyrants among their leaders but rather that they will find protectors." They will want to be protected.

Tocqueville saw us.

We want protection, safety and comfort. We will emerge from our cocoons in November to pick our master, then retreat. Someone, we hope, will take our problems and make them go away. Someone, not us, who will take care of everything. Why not relieve them of the trouble of thinking and the difficulty of living?

And who will it be? Who will fight the "War on Terror" and keep us safe? Who will launch the next preemptive war to keep us safe? Who will stop the "evildoers"? Who will save us from dirty bombs, shoe-bombs, truck bombs, suicide bombs, anthrax, nerve gas, box-cutters, hijackers, extremists, terrorists, dictators, freedom-haters and weapons of mass destruction? Who will lead us? Who will protect us? Who will it be? Oh, who will it be?

Just give us a leader and we'll be fine. Give us a leader and yea, though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we shall fear no evil.

Give us a leader, big and strong, to chase our fears away.

Give us a leader, quick, quick! Quick!! to come and save the day.

Give us a leader - bless him God! - and make our troubles cease.

Give us a leader to "stay the course" and even "win the peace"

Bring him soon: a Caesar, Savior, President-King.

Bring him soon ... so we can go Back where we belong Couch-bound and TV-glued to click away our days. Amen.

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'Team America' pushes crude humor to the limits

By Johnny Donaldson
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Two words: puppet sex. That may be the best selling point and biggest encapsulation of what "Team America: World Police" is all about. An absurd, uneven and thoroughly scattershot satire of American foreign policy, Hollywood liberalism and Jerry Bruckheimer-style action melodramas, the movie is at once incisive and crude, subversively hilarious and dismayingly vulgar. Coming from the masterminds behind the "South Park" franchise it's no surprise that the move takes the time to delve into the gutter to root around in the muck of politics.

But a strange thing happened on the way from "South Park: Bigger, Longer and Uncut" to this — their wit has gone hit-or-miss. It hasn't softened exactly, but it has gotten rather slapdash. For every joke that works in "Team America" — and when they work, they work — there's one the falls flatter than the box office of a Ben Affleck movie.

What does work in "Team America: World Police"? The aforementioned puppetry sex for one thing (if you ever wanted to see a pair of marionettes raid the "Kama Sutra," here's your chance), and the film's spoofy soundtrack of hilariously demented songs, ranging from a "Top Gun" style pop-metal cheesefest titled "America, F— Yeah!" to the power ballad that slams Michael Bay and "Pearl Harbor," to the zippy "Everybody Has AIDS" in the devastating "Rent" knockoff "Lease: The Musical."

What doesn't work? Try a sight gag about copious vomit that's passes grossness to the point of ludicrousness, the cheap shots aimed at the movie's celebrity victims, and the homophobic humor, such as the peacenik Film Actors Guild (spell out the acronym).

The politics of the creators, Matt Stone and Trey Parker, are not clear, and at first glance "Team America: World Police" has a seemingly conservative bend to it. There are nasty jabs at liberal, left-leaning Hollywood stars such as George Clooney, Alec Baldwin, Janeane Garofalo, Tim Robbins and Michael Moore, in which the stars organize a peace summit that's really a plot by North Korean dictator Kim Jong Il (voice of Parker, sounding like Cartman doing a stereotyped Asian voice), and get their butts whopped royally (and gorily) by Team America.

'Team America'
Directed by Trey Parker
Starring Trey Parker Matt Stone
Paramount
Rated R
98 mins.
Grade B-

But to say that the movie leans to the right is to miss the point. Team America themselves are a toothy poke at right-wing warmongers who's foreign policy requires them to "fight terrorism" no matter how high the cost. In opening scenes, Team America swoops in to battle Muslim terrorists in Paris (they're language con-sists mostly of gibberish along the lines of "durka-durka-muhammed-jihad"), and wind up destroying the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre, earning the animosity of the world. Later on, they do the same exact thing in Egypt, destroying the Great Pyramids and the Sphinx.

Where are the George Bush caricatures? What about John Kerry? Donald Rumsfeld? Karl Rove? John Edwards? "Team America: World Police" fails to mock any political figure, as if Parker and Stone didn't want to commit to such satire. So the movie takes a fairly easy way out, mucking easier targets such as celebrities sticking their noses where they don't belong and bombastic, jingoistic action movies, the kind that Bruckheimer specialized in. The movie, it must be said, looks good. The movie may star marionettes, but it's an image that is frankly easy to grasp on to. Stone and Parker know how to make their puppets appear convincing.

The movie settles into a comfortable niche, alternating between sharp satire, and potty humor. When it works it's absolutely, positively uproarious, crushing in its wit and accuracy. When the movie fails, it tends to drag like a 10-lb weight in the sea. Unfortunately, the movie often doesn't work. It's a puerile, gross, and immature comedy that has moments of genuinely abrasive, subversive and much needed humor in it. The stuff that is funny works so well that it salvages what doesn't — but only barely. And whether you are liberal or conservative, that's "Team America's" biggest flaw of all.



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"Team America: World Police" from the creators of "South Park", pushes the envelope for politically incorrect political satire.

Odetta shines legacy on Northampton

By Peter Blandino
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I believe that a small and profit-minded elite controls virtually all of mainstream entertainment. None of it, that I can see, offers a plain picture of this world or the people that fill it. Folk music, on the other hand, is the voice of the masses. It represents their collective experiences, their dreams, and their hardships; it is their history.

On Saturday night, Odetta brought this history to life through her vibrant and soulful performances of several folk and blues songs. I arrived at the Iron Horse bar a little early to observe the crowd — Odetta certainly filled seats, but most of the bodies filling those seats were well over 30.

In fact, the only young people present were the waitresses and myself. I am confused over the lack of interest expressed by my peers, and I'm a little disappointed that my preview in Friday's issue had no effect, but enough introduction, on to the show.

The opening act took center stage promptly at 7 p.m. Jeremy Wallace alone with his acoustic guitar performed a handful of his own bluesy compositions. Interwoven in his songs are many stock blues lyrics, demonstrating both knowledge of the blues, and creativity in his writing. For example, in his song "Going Down," one of the highlights of the short set, Wallace sings in his gravelly voice, "You can dig my grave with a bloody spade." This line is taken from Blind Lemon Jefferson's classic, "See That My Grave Is Kept Clean."

Wallace's skillful guitar work combined with his edgy, and at times dark, lyrics provided an entertaining and fitting introduction for Odetta who took over the spotlight at 8 p.m.

She immediately engaged the audience with a sing-a-long of "This Little Light of Mine." "We are reaffirming ourselves here," she said encouraging the audience. "Don't whisper!"

Throughout the set, the beauty of her voice revealed the classical training she received as a young woman. But the emotion poured into the phrasing of each individual verse revealed her deep understanding of traditional American music. Even with a nagging cough, Odetta sailed through the songs with amazing power and grace.

The highlight of the set was her rendition of Bessie Smith's post WWI number, "Poor Man Blues." As a precursor to this song, Odetta applauded the soldiers of the 343rd Quartermaster Company who, concerned about the poor quality of their equipment and trucks, refused an order to transport fuel to another base. She proceeded to sing the blues slowly, with the right proportions of sadness, frustration, and sensitivity. Such verses as, "He'll do anything you ask him in the name of the USA," "Rich man, don't know what hard times even mean," and "if It wasn't for the poor man, rich man, what would you do?" rung with such vigor that Bessie Smith's song transcended 80 years with out losing a lick of social importance.

For the bulk of the set however, this influential performer paid tribute to one of her heroes, Huddie Leadbetter. "Leadbelly to you," she added. Among the Leadbelly covers, "Midnight Special" and "Bourgeois Blues" stood out as highlights of the concert.

She preceded both songs with a little history — a musicologist named Allan Lomax brought Leadbelly to Washington D.C. to record in the 1930s. There, Leadbelly and his wife Martha encountered such racism that he was moved to write "Bourgeois Blues." He expresses the animosity towards blacks in each of the song's five verses, including "Well, me and my wife we were standing upstairs we heard the white man say 'I don't want no niggers up there,'" and "Well, them white folks in Washington they know how to call a colored man a nigger just to see him bow."

Leadbelly wrote "Midnight Special" while locked up in a penitentiary. The title refers to the train that would torture the inmates every night with the sounding of its lonesome whistle. Before launching into an emotional rendition of this classic, Odetta spoke out about the immoralities of prison labor, exposing it as a new form of slavery, and also criticized Bush for his support and overuse of capital punishment. Concerning the song, she talked about Leadbelly's reference to "Jumpin' Judy." This, she told us, was a slang term for the whip that the prison guard would use if an inmate slackened his pace in the field.

The explanations of these songs, along with the magnificent performances, made for an unforgettable concert. The entertainment value was so high, that one could easily forget how much the music teaches us about this country, and the people who live in it. If Odetta comes to these parts again, I strongly recommend people of all ages to attend.



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Legendary folk singer Odetta brings a powerful political message through her performance at the Iron Horse theater in Northampton last Saturday evening.

Letterman to appear on 'Regis and Kelly'

NEW YORK (AP) — David Letterman, who infrequently appears on anyone's show but his own, will make a guest appearance next month on "Live With Regis and Kelly."

Letterman, host of CBS' "Late Show," will appear on Nov. 8, the syndicated morning talk show said Tuesday.

"I think it's nice that he visits our show once every 10 years," co-host Regis Philbin told The Associated Press by phone. "But I'm very pleased."

Philbin and Letterman have long traded friendly barbs. He subbed for Letterman in 2000 when the late-night host underwent heart bypass surgery and again in 2003 while Letterman recuperated from an eye infection.

About their friendship, Philbin says, "That's the problem. We're great friends when I go on his show and then I leave and I don't hear from him. But I'm going to settle that on my home ground."

In anticipation of the event, "Live," with Kelly Ripa as co-host, has released its own Top Ten list, with reasons why Letterman is appearing on the show. Among them: "Thinks Kelly is hot," and "Wants to return Regis' copy of 'Deuce Bigalow' in person."

—*Associated Press*

Viacom names new manager

BOSTON (AP) — Viacom, the parent company of WBZ-TV, has replaced the station's general manager in an effort to bolster ratings.

Julio Marenghi, 48, a Watertown native who started his career in the newsroom at WBZ in 1978, will replace Ed Goldman. Most recently, Marenghi was president of Viacom's television group. The company said the decision to part ways was mutual, but Goldman said Viacom initiated the timing of the move.

Goldman, 58, also served as general manager for WSBK-TV (Channel 38) in Boston, and WLWC-TV (Channel 28), in Providence.

His replacement is the latest in a series of moves at WBZ over the past year, all intended to lift ratings that often lag below those of competitors WCVB-TV and WHDH-TV.

Last year, the station rebranded itself by changing its WBZ logo to CBS4 to emphasize its ties to the network. That was followed by the departure of Peter Brown, news director for 10 years, who was replaced by Matt Ellis. And in September, Channel 4 replaced lead anchor Joe Shortsleeve with former History Channel host Josh Binswanger.

—*Associated Press*

New NBC primetime lineup falls flat

Network struggles without hit series 'Friends' and 'Frasier'

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Minus "Friends" or any big breakout hits, NBC has stumbled out of the starting gate this TV season.

The once proud peacock lost again last week in the only ratings battle it cares about, among the 18-to-49-year-old demographic that advertisers seek, Nielsen Media Research said Tuesday.

That makes four losses in four weeks of the new TV season. It's an unaccustomed spot for NBC, which dominated this demo for the last four seasons, and eight out of the last nine, and has taken in the most advertising revenue as a result. It's still early, but NBC ranks third this fall behind CBS and a resurgent ABC among all viewers and among the youthful demographic.

"They've lost some of their core properties and now they have to struggle the way everyone has to struggle when they lose their core properties," said Stacey Lynn Koerner, a television analyst for Initiative Media. The last episodes of "Friends" and "Frasier" aired in May.

Matt LeBlanc's new "Joey" is the classic good news-bad news case for NBC.

With its 13.4 million viewers last week, it was television's third most popular sitcom behind "Everybody Loves Raymond" and "Two and a Half Men." It's the top-rated new sitcom.

Yet the "Joey" ratings are 34 percent off what "Friends" was doing at the same point last year. Combine that with a 14 percent drop for "The Apprentice" and longtime hit "ER" now losing its time slot to CBS's "Without a Trace," and you've got some problems on Thursday, traditionally television's most profitable night.

Other networks' hits have also taken their toll on NBC. The network shelved its new drama "Hawaii" after it tanked in the same time slot as ABC's hit "Lost." NBC is moving another new show, "LAX," into that slot.

Meanwhile, "Law & Order" is down 21 percent in the ratings now that it is competing against CBS's "CSI: NY." ABC's "Desperate Housewives," the season's biggest freshman hit with 20.9 million viewers Sunday, has caused the ratings to fade for NBC's "Law & Order: Criminal Intent."

NBC is down 8 percent from last year among all viewers, and 10 percent among viewers aged 18 to 49, while ABC and CBS is up in both categories, Nielsen Media Research said.

NBC is "not doing any worse than we expected them to be," said Steve Sternberg, television analyst for ad buyers Magna Global. "We expected them to be down. The surprise is how well ABC is doing."

It's ABC that has the watercooler shows, even though NBC had three weeks of Olympics to promote its new programming. With the exception of "The Apprentice" earlier this year, the buzz hasn't been following NBC often enough.

"It's been a slowly building situation," Koerner said, "and there's a lot of pressure on them to come up with something that will work."

On the bright side, the pilot episode for "The Office" — expected in midseason — is hilarious, she said. NBC also has high hopes for some of its reality programming, like "The $25 Million Hoax," which has a woman lying to her family about winning a lottery.



The new NBC season hasn't had the success of years past without the popular television series "Friends".

'Motley Crew' front man gets schooled on reality TV series

By Scott Bauer
Associated Press

LINCOLN (AP) —You'd think he'd be good at the drums.

But there was rocker Tommy Lee, struggling to keep up with 22-year-old University of Nebraska marching band veteran Ben Coleman. No, Lee hasn't left the stage to go back to school — but he's turned the Nebraska campus on its head by filming an upcoming reality show here.

The six-episode, half-hour show, set to air on NBC next year, will focus on the former Motley Crue drummer's experiences while trying out for the band, taking classes on plant identification and chemistry, hanging out in his off-campus apartment — and, no doubt, partying.

"Everyone wants to party with him," said 21-year-old student Burt Kilgore, who's part of Lee's horticulture class. So far Lee has turned down invitations to hit the downtown bars, Kilgore said.

Showing the much tattooed, nose-pierced, high school dropout tearing it up with college students isn't the goal of the show, said executive producer Eddie October.

"That's Tommy's former or original rock star life," October said. "The concept of the show is very much that Tommy is a fish out of water and Tommy is making the effort to fit into this collegiate experience."

Lee will have to watch himself while on campus. He agreed to abide by the student code of conduct, which bans such things as smoking in campus buildings, intentionally disrupting the peace and uninvited sexually explicit behavior. And campus Chancellor Harvey Perlman says before NBC got the green light, he was assured the show would be about the redemptive nature of higher education — not the seamy side.

But Perlman knows there are risks when a personality like Lee is involved. After compiling a standard sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll resume, he became infamous after a honeymoon sex tape surfaced in 1998 of him with then-wife Pamela Anderson. Lee also served four months behind bars after pleading no contest to kicking Anderson while she held their son. "They offered us Tommy Lee, they didn't offer us Snow White," Perlman said.

The criticism began the minute news of the show broke two weeks ago."For years we have been trying to send the message that we are increasing our standards, and that we are a research university that is to be taken seriously. This is not consistent with that message," said economics professor Ann Marr May. "I don't think we want the face of the university through its public relations to be that of Tommy Lee."

The anger stems not from anything the 42-year-old drummer behind hard rock hits such as "Smokin' in the Boys Room" and "Dr. Feelgood" has done since he got here. It's his past that's haunting him.

In his new book released Tuesday, "Tommyland," Lee describes his rock 'n' roll lifestyle: "We drank oceans of liquor, snorted and shot mountains of drugs, crashed cars, watched people die, and watched one another fight, make up, break up, reunite, and break up again."

Local domestic violence and family groups have gone on record with concerns about Lee's show coming to the campus, and the university's Women's Caucus urged members to sign a petition decrying the program.

"They're aligning themselves with a person who has a history of abuse," said Bob Meyer, director of the Family Violence Council. "Will the show give messages that speak to the wrongness of his past behaviors or will it give messages that minimize it or wipe it off the radar screen?"

Perlman acknowledged that Lee had a checkered past, but said some were taking the filming of the show too seriously. Lee is not enrolled at the school and he will not receive actual credit for any classes.

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Speedy play makes Beresin a key player

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13 minutes left in the game, Beresin's intensity heightened to that of a caged animal. The senior cranked up the pressure once again.

Flipping on the speed, Temple defenders were unable to keep Beresin from breaking away. After several shots and set ups to teammate Adrian Monaco, the senior speed demon finally broke through at the three minute mark with the game tying goal, letting out a ferocious battle cry once the ball hit the backboard.

"She had probably one of the best games I've seen her play in four years," Shea commented. "She was patient, she was poised. She used her speed in tremendous ways, she knew when to speed up; she knew when to slow down. It was funny because after regulation she came off the field and said 'You know what, this is ridiculous we're taking care of it right now.'"

True to her word, Beresin did take care of it, drawing a penalty corner a little over a minute in to overtime that set up Kara Murphy's game winner.

Beresin should continue to be successful, but it won't be easy as now teams are beginning to target the forward. St. Joes shifted its fastest player, midfielder Katie Young, to back for Sunday's game to mark Beresin. Two and three defenders forward this the swift Beresin every time she touched the ball in Sunday's game, yet she still managed to get off three shots. This kind of attention should become the norm over the stretch for Beresin. If she continues to make adjustments, UMass will continue to thrive and potentially gain a sixth Atlantic 10 championship in the Shea era.

UMass takes four in a row

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Minutewomen and the St Joseph's Hawks (7-6) on Sunday. In fact, it took two sets of penalty strokes to give the Maroon and White a 2-1 victory.

Leading 3-1, penalty stroke specialist goalkeeper Becky Letourneau saved the Hawk's fourth stroke and trotted back to join her teammates who were linked arm and arm in hopes of victory. The team seemed befuddled as the refs began to walk off the field instead of lining up the Minutewomen's next shot.

It wasn't until coach Shea yelled out, "Hey guys, you won," that the team finally realized that the game was over and began to celebrate the emotional victory.

UMass got on the board very early in the game as Adriane Monaco was given a penalty stroke 30 seconds in to the game.

The Maroon and White held on to that lead for 65 minutes thanks to strong play by Katelyn Woolfrey, Jamie Bawden and Marije Tigchelaar on the defensive end. St. Joe's however continued their relentless pressure and finally broke through with 15 minutes left to play. Nicole Antonini and Jackie Arundchick set up Hillary Moody for the goal on a St. Joe's penalty corner.

In overtime, Christine Tocco was stellar. The senior goalkeeper made eight of her 16 saves in the two overtime periods and did everything humanly possible to keep the Hawks off the board. Her play in overtime set up the stroke off.

UMass takes on Dartmouth (5-7) this evening in its final non-conference game of the season. The game begins at Scully-Fahey Field in Hanover at 5 p.m.

The Big Green and the Maroon and White have faced 25 times since their first meeting in 1976. Although the Minute-women dominate the all-time record (18-6-1), they have not beaten Dartmouth since a 2-1 overtime victory in 2000.

Last year, Dartmouth defeated the Minutewomen, 3-1. Rebekka Stucker scored all three of the Big Green's goals against UMass, but she is not returning this year. Sarah Mulvanity scored the lone goal for the Minutewomen, the first of her career.

Although the Maroon and White out-shot the Big Green in their face-off last season, junior forward Lindsay Gossage earned two assists during the game for Dartmouth, while Big Green goalie Lauren Balukjian earned a career-high eleven saves. Balukjian made eleven saves again this season in a loss against Maine, with a total of 64 saves this year.

Senior UMass goalie Christine Tocco earned eight saves against Dartmouth in 2003, and is currently ranked third in the nation for saves, with 166. Offensively, senior forward Caitlin Beresin leads the Minutewomen in points (14), goals (7), shots (46), and shots on goal (29), while junior back Katelyn Woolfrey and sophomore midfielder Marije Tigchelaar have the most assists, with three apiece.



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Junior midfielder Patricia Borneo plays the ball during the 2004 campaign. Borneo has two goals and an assist this year for UMass.

UMass won all three of last week's games, with freshman Kara Murphy scoring two of the three game-winners. For her efforts, Murphy was named Rookie of the Week by the Atlantic 10, as well as by Women's FieldHockey.com.

Sophomore forward Abby Brown of the Big Green also earned a nod this week, named to the Ivy League Weekly Honor Roll.

On Sunday, Dartmouth upset No. 16 Syracuse 3-1. With both teams straight from these crucial victories, the energy will be high tonight in Hanover. UMass faced Syracuse earlier in the season, and fell 3-0.

The Big Green and the Maroon and White have faced five of the same opponents this season and emerged with the same record, 5-2. However, they fared differently against Syracuse and Maine. UMass blanked Maine, while Dartmouth lost 2-1 in overtime.



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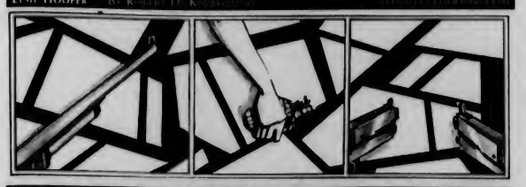
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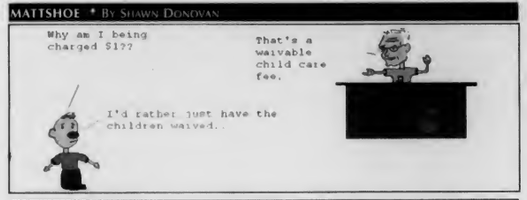
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Minutewomen on a roll

Beresin bolts towards sucess

By Dave Quinn and Paula Aiden
Collegian Staff

PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia was very kind to the Massachusetts field hockey team (6-11, 3-1 A-10) as it was victorious in both its games this weekend. With the two victories, the Maroon and White improved to 3-1 in Atlantic 10 play and solo possession of second place in the conference.

Two minutes into Saturday's contest, freshman back Kara Murphy was pulled from the game and caught an ear full from coach Patty Shea

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"I asked her if she was ready to play," Shea said. "I felt that in her movement and in her reaction she was two to three steps slow. I told her 'You are not a freshman anymore. We're a good 15 games in to the season, you're an experienced player and our expectations are higher.'"

The speech worked.

With the score knotted at 2-2 Murphy provided the game-winning goal just a little over a minute into overtime to give the Maroon and White a 3-2 win over Owls of Temple (6-8). Martje Tigchelaar got the assist on the goal as she found Murphy all alone by the right goal post. The goal was the back's second of the season.

Though things ended well for the Minutewomen, they struggled in the opening minutes of the game. Sloppy passing and sluggish play combined with the Temple pressure put Massachusetts on the defensive early.

"I think after the 10 game home stand, we weren't used to the six hour bus ride and what not. I think it took our bodies a little while to adjust," said senior forward Caitlin Beresin

A "little while" was in fact almost 32 minutes. It wasn't until Andrea Duva of Temple scored the opening goal of the game that Massachusetts finally woke up, and to their credit woke up with a fury.

Just seven seconds after the Temple goal, Beresin evened things up at 1-1. Beresin drove down the left side of the field, drawing Temple goalkeeper Erin Conroy out of the net. Beresin drove the ball passed the off-balanced keeper into the back corner of the goal.

"After they scored it put a little fire underneath us. That's the kind of fire we need to find ourselves, we need to find that fire before we give another team the opportunity to give it to us," Shea said. "They're starting to figure out how to win and how to put it together and even when they're struggling, how to make it work."

UMass carried the momentum in to the second half as they continued their offensive assault on the Owls. Caitlin Beresin and Adriane Monaco lead the Minutewomen charge that fired 19 second half shots. However, it was the Owls who got the first tally of the half on a controversial penalty corner.

"From our perspective they passed the ball three or four times and they took a shot that went flying in to the center of the cage. The original explanation that they gave me was the ball crossed the goal line at 18 inches. It could not have because it landed in the center of the net," Shea said. "After a Temple time out, the umpires talked and the lead umpire came back to me and said that somebody deflected it. It didn't appear to me that it changed direction."

Beresin then struck for UMass again. The senior forward notched her second goal of the game with less than nine minutes left in regulation. The goal tied the game at 2-2.

Two overtimes weren't enough to decide the contest between the



Speedy Caitlin Beresin darts after the ball. Beresin's speed has made her a formidable offensive threat for the Minutewomen. She has a team-leading seven goals on the season.

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By Dave Quinn
Collegian Staff

It's often been said by many coaches that there are two deadly assets you can't teach, height and speed. While senior forward Caitlin Beresin isn't the tallest of the bunch, standing just 5-feet, 3-inches, she is with out a doubt the fastest. Now that A-10 play has begun, coaches around the conference are learning just how fast Beresin is, the hard way.

Beresin has come into her own this year leading the team in both goals (7) and shots (46).

Her main weapon of choice has been her blazing speed, in which she can make an average defender appear to be standing still.

There's an old sports cliché about certain players being able to kick it in to "fifth gear." Beresin plays the majority of the game in fifth, occasionally turning on the turbo when she has to.

"Without a doubt, she's one of the fastest players I've ever coached," coach Patty Shea said. "She's really become a dominant threat."

While the forward has always been able to get past opponents, making sure the ball came with her wasn't so easy. Early on, Beresin's ball handling skills had not quite caught up to her athletic ability.

"I used to always be the one who was trailing the ball behind my feet because [the] stick couldn't catch up," Beresin said. "Now it's really coming together and I really think it's helping my success this season. My skills have finally caught up with my speed."

Her combination of speed and skills has been showcased on several occasions this season but never so much as last Saturday's game against Temple. It was one of those special moments in sports where an athlete takes their team on his or her back and carries them to the victory.

After Temple scored the opening goal of the game late in the first half, Beresin wasted little time in responding. Seven seconds after getting the ball back, Beresin used her quickness to drive down the field and blast a shot past charging Temple goal keeper Erin Conroy to tie the game at one a piece.

In the second half Beresin continued to blow past Owl defenders and put pressure on Conroy. When Temple broke the tie with

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UMass turns it around

If you follow sports, you are well aware that the term "rebuilding year" is fairly common. In college athletics, with such a quick turnover rate due to graduation, every few years a team ends up with a large group of underclassmen.

Two months ago most followers of the Massachusetts women's soccer program probably thought this year's campaign would be a rebuilding year.

Dan Duggan

The team featured only three seniors while there were seven freshmen who were all expected to see substantial playing time.

Predictably, UMass got off to a slow start losing its first five games, and it seemed that it was time to look to next year.

But then the Minutewomen traveled to New Britain, Connecticut and upset a strong Central Connecticut State team. From there the young squad seemed to gain confidence as they have gone 5-3 since the horrid start.

A major reason UMass was able to turn its season around has been the coaching of Jim Rudy.

Rudy is one of the most accomplished coaches in Division I history with his 274 career wins ranking fourth in women's soccer history.

Rudy has recorded 203 of those wins at UMass and has led the Maroon and White to nine NCAA tournament appearances during his 17 year tenure.

Despite this impressive resume, if Rudy is able to coach this team to postseason play, it may go down as one of his finest coaching achievements.

UMass lost two of its three seniors within the first two weeks of the season and Rudy has been forced to start as many as five freshmen in some games.

Early in the year, Rudy kept the team's focus on being competitive and improving game-to-game. That approach has paid off as five of UMass' losses have been by a goal. Even though the team lost those games, the younger players learned what it takes to win in the process.

Rudy has never once referred to this season as a rebuilding year, perhaps because he knew this strong freshmen group would have such a great impact as the year progressed.

From day one freshmen Jenny Roehrig and Tina Rodriguez have been in the starting lineup.

These two players haven't received as much fanfare as classmate Britt Canfield, but both have been integral to the success of the Minutewomen.

Roehrig mans the midfield and controls play for UMass. She also has shown a flare for the dramatic as she recorded consecutive game-winning goals against Central Connecticut State and Holy Cross.

Roehrig garnered considerable praise from Rudy after the game-winners, as he compared the midfielder to former UMass All-American Erin Lynch.

Rodriguez has only two points on the season but her true value does not show up in the box score.

The gritty defender has stepped in and helped to form an excellent backline alongside sophomore Stephanie Barrett and junior Amy Maffucci.

Among this quality cast of freshmen, Canfield has stood out the most.

The first year forward is the team's leading scorer with eight goals and 16 points and also leads the team in shots and shots on goal.

Canfield has scored the game-winner in two games and has tallied two goals in a game twice this year.

She was also honored as the Atlantic-10 Rookie of the Week for the second time this week, and has to be considered a favorite to be named A-10 Rookie of the Year.

UMass has already come a long way this season, but still has some work to do in order to reach its ultimate goal of qualifying for the A-10 Tournament.

The impetus to make the postseason is even greater this year because the Minutewomen are scheduled to host the tournament from Nov. 4-7.

The Minutewomen will control their own destiny as all of four of the remaining contests are against teams tied with or below them in the league standings.

In order to make this final push for a postseason berth, UMass will undoubtedly rely heavily on its crew of freshmen.

Based on their play thus far, this season, combined with Rudy's leadership, is beginning to look like UMass may end up playing a few more games than anyone anticipated at Rudd Field this year.

Dan Duggan is a Collegian Columnist



Britt Canfield gets set to boot the ball for the Minutewomen. Canfield has eight goals this year for UMass.

Dayton's women vying for first

By Daniel Hillman
Collegian Staff

Rebecca Sedlacek netted three goals and added an assist for the Dayton women's soccer team this week, as they extended their undefeated streak to 14 matches with wins over UMass and Rhode Island. Sedlacek's seven shots were a game high against UMass, and her team leading 10th goal of the season against Rhode Island.

Sedlacek leads the team in points with 24. With a record of 7-0 Dayton is a top the Atlantic 10 in conference play.

Spiders Attempt to Turn on the Heat

The Spiders of Richmond kept the pressure on the Flyers with two shutouts this weekend against SBU (1-0) and Duquesne (2-0). Against SBU, Senior goalie, Megan Cox recorded 4 saves, as Richmond out shot SBU 24-4. Two days later, junior goalie Kelly Kolker had to make only two saves as the Spiders made it back-to-back shutouts.

Game Winner Helps Hextall Split Rookie of the Week Honors

Kristen Hextall's two goals this week, including a game winner against Temple on the 15th, earned her Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week honors. She shares the honor this week with UMass' Britt Canfield.

The game-winning goal against Temple was her second game-winning goal of the season. Hextall leads the Explorers with 50 shots.

No Goals For Bottom Two

Both Temple and Saint Bonaventure were held without goals this weekend in Conference play. Temple's losses to LaSalle (0-3) and Fordham (0-2) ran the scoreless streak for the Owls to three games. SBU's two losses this week came at Richmond (0-1) and George Washington (0-2). Both teams tied for last place in the A-10 Standings with records of 1-6.

Looking Ahead

Friday Richmond will meet Dayton in a battle for first place. Dayton is ahead two games in the loss column. This will be the first and only time these two teams will meet this season.

Clemens will sit for game six

By Ben Walker
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Roger Clemens can relax. For now, Pete Munro is the Houston Astros' pick to pitch them into the World Series.

Ahead 3-2 in the NL championship series, manager Phil Garner studied it: the Rocket on three days' rest vs. a journeyman hit hard last week. On the team flight to St. Louis, Munro was told he would start Game 6 Wednesday against the Cardinals.

"I guess I was kind of overwhelmed," Munro said before Tuesday's workout at Busch Stadium. "I'm sure that they'd rather face me than Roger. I mean, I'd rather face me than Roger."

Instead, Clemens will be held back for a possible Game 7, or maybe a start in the World Series opener.

"There are going to be a lot of people saying do the opposite, start Roger," Garner said. "But what I feel in my gut is what I have to do."

Garner could have lined up Clemens and Roy Oswalt to face the Cardinals, bringing both back early in hopes of putting Houston into its first World Series.

But the stats aren't good: since five man rotations became popular, pitchers on three days' rest lose about three times more than they win in the postseason.

During the first round against Atlanta, Clemens pitched on three days' rest for the first time since April 11, 2002. He hung in for five innings, allowing two runs.

"I think it's false to assume that just because you're going to bring Roger back that you're sure to win," Garner said. "Because I'm starting Pete doesn't mean we're giving this game away."

After losing three straight games, the Cardinals assumed they'd be facing Clemens.

"I saw some controversy in the paper, but I kind of think he'll pitch," third baseman Scott Rolen said earlier Tuesday. "I think we all think he'll pitch and then we'll have Oswalt in Game 7, hopefully."

Added Game 6 starter Matt Morris: "Obviously, our position players might rather face Pete Munro rather than a Roger Clemens. We know his capabilities. Although, taking nothing away from Pete."

A day before, the 42-year-old Clemens said he was set. He won Game 3, going seven innings.

"I'll be ready to go whenever he wants to hand me the ball," he said.

Coming off one of the best and most unlikely pitching duels in playoff history, it was hard to know what to expect. The teams totaled just four hits — a postseason record — on Monday night, with Brandon Backe and the Astros beating Woody Williams and the Cardinals 3-0.

Jeff Kent's three-run homer off Jason Isringhausen in the ninth inning won that matchup at Minute Maid Park. The clubs have combined for 20 home runs so far, three off the NLCS record set last year by Florida and the Cubs.

"We're as likely to have a 10-8 game as a 2-1 game," Garner said.

It was right in the middle — 6-4, St. Louis — when Morris and Munro matched up in Game 2. Each gave up three runs and six hits, with Munro lasting 4 and 2-3rds innings and Morris going five.

Munro started the season at Triple-A for Minnesota, was signed by Houston in June and demoted to the minors. He went 4-7 with a 5.15 ERA for the Astros, and has a 13-19 career mark in the majors.

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34 people arrested during third disturbance

By Erika Lovley
Collegian Staff

Thirty-four people were arrested on the University of Massachusetts campus last night in a disturbance late Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning following the Boston Red Sox victory over the New York Yankees in Game Six of the American League Championship Series, according to University officials.

UMass Police Chief Barbara O'Connor said a little over one hundred officers were present in Southwest to disperse the crowd of 2,000 that gathered in the Southwest pyramids after the game ended. 44 state troopers, and 10 Amherst officers aided UMass police. Three police horses and a K-9 dog, Max, were also used. The larger police presence allowed officers to make more arrests, and bring some relief to O'Connor's staff, who have been working long hours.

"There have been aggressive pockets of resistance spreading too far out for our department to handle on its own," she said.

Students threw rolls of toilet paper, set off fireworks into the crowd, and started a small fire. The arrests made were mostly for failure to disperse and disorderly conduct, said O'Connor. Police used a P.A. system to give the dispersal order, and pepper balls and smoke to disperse the crowd.

The disturbance was the third the campus has experienced this week. O'Connor said that the main problem is students failing to disperse after repeated orders, remaining behind to taunt and throw things at the officers.

"Some people are clearly looking to fight with police," she said.

"The best way for us to send a clear message is to arrest them, and for the University to follow up with disciplinary action."

The following arrests were made during the disturbance late Tuesday night into early Wednesday morning in Southwest Mall: UMass police, Amherst police, and Massachusetts State Police all made arrests.

Michael Lucci, 18, of Yardley, Penn., was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Michael Torres, 20, of Thiells, N.Y., was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Christopher R. Page, 19, of Harwichport, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot and failure to disperse.

Chad P. Mongeau, 23, of Palmer, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Devin Fitzgerald Teagan, 18, of Doyleston, Penn. was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Justin M. Reischutz, 20, of Shirley, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Michael A. Horowitz, 19, of Potomac, Md., was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Paul A. Nuccio, 20, of Peabody, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Scott M. Tureeck, 19, of Stoughton, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Paul Chris Enos, 19, of Needham, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Michael S. Moran, 18, of West Roxbury, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Lindsay Kate-Rose Jagodowski, 19, of Belchertown, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Kevin Michael Fasanelli, 19, of Woburn, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Michael Paul Sullivan, 19, of Wayland, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Holly L. Kingstrom, 20, of Goshen, N.Y., was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.



Police mounted on horseback ride through Southwest Residential Area during a disturbance late Monday night. 2,000 people filled the Southwest pyramids after the Boston Red Sox defeated the New York Yankees in game six of the ALCS.

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SGA holds meeting with new Senate

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

The Student Government Association held its first meeting last night in the Cape Cod Lounge in the Student Union, where they discussed plans for the upcoming year and the "KKK Nine" photo incident that has slowed the progress of the SGA this fall.

SGA President Eduardo Bustamante congratulated the new senators that he swore in, and promised that it will be a tremendous year.

"At the beginning of the year, we were uncertain what direction the SGA was going," Bustamante said. "At a time where the students needed a voice, we really stepped up more than ever."

Bustamante also spoke about new plans and ideas that he and Speaker Seamus Brennan have been proposing including a textbook rental system and a four-credit course plan.

"My main passion and primary purpose is access and affordability, we are the worst state in the country for financial aid," Bustamante said. "We have two very simple and practical things that I want to implement: the textbook rental system really goes hand in hand with affordability ... we also want to switch to a four-credit class system."

Bustamante reiterated that this new class credit system would greatly benefit University of Massachusetts students for two reasons.

"This is a way to increase class availability and decrease class size which will maximize our quality of education," he said.

Brennan said he was also planning on implementing several ideas that would advance the state of the SGA. He said he

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Professor Sheldon Goldman receives Chancellor's Award

By Eric Athas
Collegian Correspondent

University of Massachusetts Professor Sheldon Goldman was honored with the Chancellor's Medal yesterday for his accomplishments as a professor at UMass, and gave the lecture "Judicial Confirmations: The New Battle Zone in American Politics," in the Massachusetts Room in the Mullins Center.

In his lecture, Goldman described how the confirmations of federal judges have turned into what he describes as a "battle zone."

"When we go to the polls, our vote for president is also a vote for federal judges," Goldman said, giving this lecture as the 2004 elections draw closer. "Federal judges can, and do rule this government."

Goldman outlined the anticipated plan of action that each candidate would take in selecting a new federal judge, who would by most means be Hispanic, to diversify the federal court system.

He said that President George W. Bush, if re-elected, would act similarly to his father George Bush, and select a "Hispanic Clarence Thomas," and that Senator John Kerry would select a judge much closer to the center.

Sheldon said he is concerned that George W. Bush will pack courts with conservative activists. Goldman followed his statement by noting that no matter who is elected, the judicial confirmations will continue to be a treacherous process that include obstruction and delay of the process in selecting new federal judges. Reading quotations of both Bush and Kerry, he made it clear that the confirmation procedure of selection will remain on the unfortunate path that it has taken thus far regardless of the President.

Among controversial issues that Goldman went into depth about was the subject of partial-birth abortions.

"One June first of this year, a San Francisco federal district judge struck down the federal law banning so called partial birth, on the ground that it places an undo burden on women seeking second-trimester abortions," Goldman said noting, and that it as a type of compromise.

"But what makes a burden undo? To make that determination, they had to exercise a discretion."

Goldman also gave an overview of how previous presidents have determined the selection process of federal judges. He said that Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed judges that agreed with and supported the then-debated New Deal. Ronald Reagan appointed judicial nominees that were most compatible with his administration and sought out ideological candidates. In 1991, George Bush Senior selected Clarence Thomas, who was later accused of sexual harassment.

"I have documents that show that both the Reagan and Bush administrations systematically sought out the most ideologically compatible judicial candidates to nominate," Goldman said.

Following the lecture, John V. Lombardi, Chancellor of UMass, awarded Goldman with the Chancellor's Medal for all of his accomplishments throughout his years teaching at UMass. The Distinguished Faculty nominees are selected by former recipients of the honor. This award is known to be the highest honor that one can receive as a member of the faculty of UMass.

"Shelly distilled in 50 minutes, 20 years of research, because he knows the subject so well," Political Science Chair M.J. Peterson said. "Scholars are supposed to condense a lot of information rather than try to look at the whole picture and that is exactly what he did." Peterson introduced Goldman prior to his lecture.

The Massachusetts Room was filled with an audience of professors, students, and anyone from the public who was interested in attending the lecture.

"The issue of judicial confirmations is one that not that many know about," one attendee said. "I wish that more people understood how important it is, rather than focus on other subjects."

Goldman plans to continue his research and involvement at UMass for many more years. He began his lengthy and illustrious teaching career in 1965.



Sheldon Goldman speaks to an audience in the Massachusetts Room in the Mullins Center yesterday. Goldberg is the first speaker in the University's Distinguished Faculty Lecture series.

New Massachusetts license has identity theft prevention

Massachusetts will soon begin issuing a new high-tech driver's license with special holograms and ultraviolet state seals not visible to the naked eye, to help guard against identify theft and underage drinking.

The new features, which also include a background of tiny criss-crossing lines and special lamination, were developed in response to concerns that professional counterfeiters had found ways to foil security features on the current licenses.

"A license to drive cannot be a license to steal," Gov. Mitt Romney said.

The new license will become available on Nov. 1 and will also come in an under-21 version, which is vertical, easily distinguishing those who are of legal drinking age from those who are not.

Romney said he hopes the state's 5.2 million drivers will trade in their old licenses for a new, more secure one when they become available. There would likely be a fee for this, Romney said, but less than the $20 currently charged for license renewals. Otherwise, drivers would get the new license at their next renewal.

What the license does not address, Romney acknowledged, is how to ensure the validity of identification papers and documents that drivers submit in order to get a license. He pointed out that many of the Sept. 11 terrorists had valid Virginia driver's licenses.

The state Registry of Motor Vehicles will begin a pilot program in November, which will use new technology to scan documents to ensure their authenticity. It will be tested at several locations across the state.

— The Associated Press

Average price of oil hits the highest price in this decade

BOSTON — The price of heating oil in Massachusetts is at its highest level for this time of year in at least a decade, and the state's commissioner of energy resources expects homeowners will pay about $2 a gallon this winter.

"Our sense is it's going to be a high-priced winter," commissioner David O'Connor said.

The Division of Energy Resources said the average price of heating oil hit $1.99 a gallon Tuesday, up 8 cents in the last week and 67 cents higher that it was a year ago. The average statewide price last winter was $1.48.

At $2 a gallon, a typical homeowner using 1,000 gallons of heating oil over the winter can expect to pay about $520 more than last winter.

The high price of crude oil is driving up the price of heating oil, as worldwide demand for oil has outstripped supply, officials said.

O'Connor said heating oil inventories in New England are slightly above average for this time of year. However, he said since many local dealers stocked up when prices were high, the cost to homeowners will remain high.

Joe Kennedy, head of the nonprofit Citizens Energy Corp., which sells low-price heating oil to the poor, said he's calling on corporations for donations to defray costs earlier than usual this year.

"This is going to be a tough winter," Kennedy said of heating oil prices. "We're facing a winter of unprecedented proportions in terms of prices ... I've never started tasking for donations this early."

Citizens, which sells its oil at half the going retail price, expects to serve about 15,000 families this winter.

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Birth control pill cuts risk of heart disease study says

By Marilyn Marchione
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The same huge federal study that led millions of women to abandon use of hormones after menopause now provides reassurance that another hormone concoction — the birth control pill — is safe.

In fact, women on The Pill had surprisingly lower risks of heart disease and stroke and no increased risk of breast cancer, contrary to what many previous studies have found.

Doctors say the type of hormones and the stage of life when they're used may be what makes them helpful at one point and harmful at another.

"We're still learning more and more about the biology," said one of the researchers, Dr. Michael Diamond of Wayne State University in Detroit.

The new findings are from nearly 162,000 participants in the Women's Health Initiative, the largest women's health study ever done and one of the biggest on oral contraceptives. Results were presented Wednesday at an American Society for Reproductive Medicine conference.

About 16 million American women currently take birth control pills and hundreds of millions have used them since the first one came on the market in 1960. Most combine synthetic forms of estrogen and progestin in various doses.

Women taking these hormones after menopause were more likely to have heart disease and certain cancers.

Previous research on oral contraceptives suggested that they, too, raised the chances of heart disease. The new study found the opposite — lower risk of heart attacks, strokes, high cholesterol, high blood pressure and other heart-related problems among the 67,000 women in the study who had ever taken The Pill.

"There's an 8 percent risk reduction of ever having cardiovascular disease" among women who had ever taken birth control pills, said the lead researcher, Dr. Rahi Victory of Wayne State. "If you use oral contraceptives early on, you're probably going to be protected later in life."

Women on The Pill also had a 7 percent lower risk of developing any form of cancer — a small benefit that increased with length of use, Victory said. For example, women who took birth control pills for four years or more had 42 percent lower risk of ovarian cancer and 30 percent lower chances of developing uterine cancer.

No effect was seen on the risk of some specific cancers — breast, colon or bladder. That was good news because of the previous work suggesting pill use made breast cancer more likely.

Studies in animals suggest that estrogen may reduce inflammation in the bloodstream and help prevent deposits from forming and blocking vessels, Victory said. That was seen in animals whose estrogen levels were relatively constant for a long time.

"Those women went for a prolonged period of time without estrogen and then were re-exposed to estrogen" when they took so-called hormone replacement therapy after menopause, Victory said.

"By that time, they may already have atherosclerotic plaque in their arteries," Diamond added. "At that time, estrogen may aggravate the disease."

Dr. Robert Rebar, a gynecologist who is executive director of the reproductive medicine group, said the type of hormone might make a difference, too. Birth control pills contain four to six times the amount of estrogen as even the lowest formulations of hormone replacement therapy. The most popular form of the latter uses estrogen derived from horse urine; birth control pills use a synthetic, manufactured form of it.

"That is totally different," he said. "We can't equate them."

The $625 million Women's Health Initiative study was done at 40 locations around the country and funded by the National Institutes of Health. Wyeth provided the hormone pills for the menopause portion of the study, but no oral contraceptive makers financed any part of that research.

Sixth Indonesian president sworn in

By Chris Brummitt
Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Retired Gen. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono was sworn in as Indonesia's sixth president on Wednesday, but must now make good on election promises to tackle rising Islamic militancy, battle graft and fix the economy.

Yudhoyono, 55, begins his five-year term as president of the world's most populous Muslim nation amid high expectations after comfortably winning last month's elections — the first in which the country's 210 million people voted for their head of state directly.

Despite his mandate, Yudhoyono will face problems pushing through reforms against deeply entrenched vested interests in the country's business, government and legal elite. He is also up against a potentially hostile parliament, where his Democratic Party only holds 10 percent of the seats.

"In the name of God, I swear that as the president of the Republic of Indonesia I will uphold the law and the constitution ... and serve the nation," Yudhoyono said to cheers from lawmakers at the country's parliament.

A Muslim leader held a copy of Islam's holy book, the Quran, over Yudhoyono's head as he made the oath.

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President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono.

Australia, Malaysia, East Timor and Singapore attended the ceremony in a regional show of support for Yudhoyono. It was the first time that foreign leaders had witnesses the swearing in of a new Indonesian president.

"I wish him well," Australian Prime Minister John Howard told reporters. Yudhoyono's vice president, businessman Muhammad Jusuf Kalla, was also sworn in.

Yudhoyono took over from Megawati Sukarnoputri, the eldest daughter of Indonesia's founding father Sukarno. The 57-year-old former housewife — whose rule has been criticized as lackluster and aloof — did not attend the ceremony, something widely seen as a snub to Yudhoyono, who served in her Cabinet as security minister.

CARE charity suspends operations after abduction

By Robert H. Reid
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — CARE International suspended operations in Iraq on Wednesday after gunmen seized the woman who ran the humanitarian organization's work in the country. The victim's Iraqi husband appealed to the kidnappers to free her "in the name of humanity, Islam and brotherhood."

In Baghdad, a car bomb shook the city center at sunset, sending a large plume of smoke rising from the western bank of the Tigris River. There were no reports of casualties among U.S. troops, said Capt. Mitchell Zornes of the 1st Cavalry Division. Bursts of gunfire erupted following the blast, witnesses said, and the smoke could be seen rising north of the Jumhuria Bridge and behind the Mansour Hotel.

Two car bombs also went off Wednesday in Samarra, a city that U.S. and Iraqi forces claimed this month to have recaptured from insurgents. The two blasts, within 15 minutes of each other, killed an Iraqi child and wounded 15 people, including 11 U.S. soldiers and an interpreter, the Army said.

Residents said U.S. and Iraqi forces imposed a dusk to dawn curfew in the city, located 60 miles north of Baghdad.

An influential Sunni Muslim clerical organization demanded the Iraqi government persuade the Americans to forgo a full-scale attack on Fallujah, which the U.S. military believes is a stronghold of Iraq's most feared terrorist group.

CARE director Margaret Hassan, who holds British, Irish and Iraqi citizenship, was seized early Tuesday on her way to work in western Baghdad after gunmen blocked her route and dragged the driver and a companion from the car, her husband said.

Hassan, who is in her early 60s, is among the most widely known humanitarian officials in the Middle East and is also the most high-profile figure to fall victim to a wave of kidnappings sweeping Iraq in recent months.

The Arab television station Al-Jazeera broadcast a brief video showing Hassan, wearing a white blouse and appearing tense, sitting in a room with bare white walls. An editor at the Qatar-based station said the tape contained no audio. It did not identify what group was holding her and contained no demand for her release.



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CARE director Margaret Hassan was seized early Tuesday in Iraq by gunmen on her way to work in Baghdad.

Her husband, Tahseen Ali Hassan, made a plea on Arabic television, saying his wife had been helping Iraq for three decades.

"In the name of humanity, Islam and brotherhood, I appeal to the kidnappers to free her because she has nothing to do with politics," he told Al-Arabiya.

The husband told Al-Jazeera that said his wife had not received threats and that the kidnappers had not contacted anyone with any demands as of Tuesday night.

The Iraqi government condemned the abductors. "Her kidnap is a clear indication of the base and bad intents of the terrorists who call themselves 'mujaheedeen,' a clear insult to Islam and Iraq. This is all the more despicable coming during the holy month of Ramadan," the statement said.

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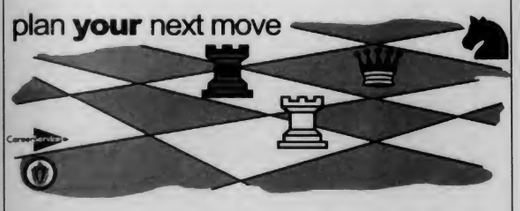
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Lawyers argue for Padilla's freedom

By Bruce Smith
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Attorneys for alleged enemy combatant Jose Padilla argued Wednesday that the president has no authority to order anyone held indefinitely without charges, nor does any federal law allow such detentions.

Padilla, a U.S. citizen who the government alleges was part of an al-Qaida plot to set off a radiological bomb, is being held at the brig at the Charleston Naval Weapons Station.

"The Constitution grants the president no power to detain a citizen seized in a civilian setting in the United States and to imprison him, indefinitely and without charge, in a military brig," the lawyers said in a court filing. "No statute authorizes such detention."

The motion asks that Padilla be freed while the government decides whether to bring criminal charges.

Padilla, who was born in New York City, was arrested in Chicago after the 2001 terror attacks. He was later designated an enemy combatant, brought to the brig and prevented from challenging his detention.

His attorneys sued, and last year the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New York ordered him released unless the government charged him with a crime.

The Supreme Court, without ruling on the merits of the case, decided the New York court had no jurisdiction over the brig commander. The lawsuit was re-filed in Charleston.

The government has until late next month to respond to Wednesday's motion, and a judge will hear arguments in early January.

The defense linked Padilla's case to that of Yaser Hamdi, another so-called enemy combatant held in U.S. solitary confinement for nearly three years after being captured on an Afghan battlefield.



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Jose Padilla is being held as an alleged enemy combatant.

Hamdi, who was born in Louisiana, was released last week after the Justice Department said he no longer posed a threat to the United States and no longer had any intelligence value.

The Supreme Court had ruled earlier that Hamdi should be allowed to argue for his freedom. "A state of war is not a blank check for the president when it comes to the rights of the nation's citizens," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote in the Hamdi case.

An order by President Bush in November 2001 allows captives to be detained as "enemy combatants" if they were members of al-Qaida, engaged in or aided terrorism or harbored terrorists. The designation may also be applied if it is "the interest of the United States" to hold an individual during hostilities.

In their motion, Padilla's attorneys argue, "the indefinite military detention of citizens arrested in the United States based on suspected wrongdoing is entirely unprecedented in American history."

Court rejects school desegregation plan

By Ken Maguire
Associated Press

BOSTON — A federal appeals court ruled Wednesday that Lynn's school desegregation plan is unconstitutional because it uses race as a factor in deciding whether to allow students to transfer to schools outside their neighborhood.

The 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a lower court's ruling that tossed out the lawsuit by parents of six Lynn students who were denied transfers.

"The use of racial distinctions always should be a last resort," the three-judge panel wrote. "Here, the School Committee has failed to show that a racially restrictive formula was necessary to achieve its legitimate goal."

The case was the first challenge to a voluntary desegregation plan to go to trial. Twenty-one other Massachusetts cities and towns and several others across the country have voluntarily desegregated their school systems and were watching the case.

Chester Darling, an attorney for the families — who are black, white, Latino and biracial — said the policy was unfair to families.

"Parents are really annoyed that they can't be involved in the education of their children because of this policy of color," Darling said. "It's tough enough to make a living these days to have a bureaucrat tell you your kids are the wrong color."

Attorney General Tom Reilly said he was "disappointed," by the ruling, but heartened that the court agreed racial diversity was a key component in a good education.

"Lynn's students have long benefited from learning in an environment with different perspectives and ethnicities," Reilly said. "The experience has proven successful in preparing these students to live, work and succeed in a diverse world."

Unlike the Boston public school system, which was ordered by the court to desegregate, Lynn voluntarily initiated its plan 16 years ago to maintain racial balance in its schools. Its school enrollment of more than 15,000 students is about 58 percent minority.

Under Lynn's policy, school officials may not consider race and ethnicity when parents want their child to attend their neighborhood school. But when parents ask that their child be assigned to an out-of-neighborhood school, race or ethnicity may be a factor if school officials feel the assignment would further segregate either the student's neighborhood school or the requested school.

Exceptions from the policy are transfers to unite siblings, or transfers of students identified as "multiracial."

"Despite the exceptions, the Lynn Plan opens the door to unequal treatment based on race," the court wrote.

A federal judge last year ruled the policy was "narrowly tailored" and served a "compelling state interest." The families appealed and the 1st Circuit heard arguments in August.

Assistant Attorney General Richard W. Cole, arguing for Lynn, said the North Shore city's schools were wracked by racial tension before the desegregation policy created a more harmonious learning environment.

The families' attorneys said there are better ways to foster diversity, such as considering family background, income, language, and immigration status.

Dozens of groups filed briefs in support of Lynn, including the attorneys general of New York, Maine, Iowa, and Utah.

One group, the Sacramento, Calif.-based Pacific Legal Foundation, filed a brief in support of the families. Sharon Browne, principal attorney for the foundation, hailed the 1st Circuit's ruling. She said Lynn's desegregation plan wrongly taught students "from the very beginning, at a very early age, that race matters."

The U.S. Supreme Court, in two landmark rulings last year involving the University of Michigan, underscored that racial quotas are unconstitutional but left room for the public universities — and by extension other public and private institutions — to seek ways to take race into account.



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Lawsuits already filed over election issues in America

By Deborah Hastings
Associated Press

A new political strategy has emerged in this photo-finish presidential race: File a flurry of lawsuits before the first votes are even tallied.

From Oregon to Florida, Democrats and Republicans are firing away at such issues as touch-screen voting machines and provisional ballots. The lawsuits represent a hard-learned lesson from 2000.

"I have never seen this level of concern about an election," said Laughlin McDonald, director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Voting Rights Project.

Others believe the legal wrangling may serve only to damage the voting process.

"It's disastrous for fundamental faith in the system itself," said Doug Lewis, executive director of the Election Center, a nonprofit organization working with polling administrators across the country. "Pretty soon you get people saying, 'Shoot, then why bother to vote?' There has been such a concerted effort to beat up on the system itself that people need to step back and understand that if you destroy the very process by which your candidate gets elected, then what have you gained?"

In more than a dozen states, including the big battleground sites of Florida, Ohio, Michigan and Missouri, a series of lawsuits has been filed in the past few months. Most of the cases were brought on behalf of Democrats.

Two of the most common legal battles are over electronic voting and provisional ballots.

Florida and 28 other states will use touch-screen machines, but that has prompted lawsuits claiming the ATM-like devices are unreliable because they produce no paper receipts that could be used in a recount. On Tuesday, a lawsuit filed in New Jersey asked that 8,000 of the machines be banned on Election Day for those reasons. A trial over the e-voting machines also got under way this week in Florida.

Provisional ballots have prompted intense fighting in battleground states such as Ohio, Michigan and Florida.

In court decisions issued this past week, Democrats won their fight to ease restrictions on such ballots.

Arrests for failure to disperse, rioting

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Joseph R. Petrone, 18, of Everett, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

William P. Callagy, 19, of Andover, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Vincent Ellis, 18, of West Boylston, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Benson M. Davis, 18, of Boston, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Ryan P. Moran, 19, of Georgetown, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Fred Simpson, 18, of Mendham, N.J., was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Lindsay J. Porter, 21, of Still River, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Alexander Smith, 22, of North Stonington, Conn., was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Craig S. Strobl, 18, of Springfield, Vt., was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Terrance McGovern, 18, of Royal Oak, Mich., was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Matthew R. Janko, 18, of Uxbridge, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Luke Brandfonbrener, 19, of Franklin, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse and trespassing.

Andrew McCandless, 18, of Nantucket, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Michael D. Garland, 19, of Sunderland, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Anthony D. Rueli, 18, of Agawam, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Michael J. Cunningham, 18, of Watertown, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Nathaniel A. Story, 20, of Middleton, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Michael Gallerane, 18, of Milford, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Kristopher J. Quinn, 18, of East Longmeadow, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Speaker denies photo involvement

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wants to not only help with the progress of the textbook rental system and the four-credit class idea, but also he intends to reform the bylaws of the SGA, make sure all SGA agencies are properly funded, and ensure that diversity is promoted on campus.

"I have a simple plan, its about accountability and reform. We must address feasible alternatives for students after the game," Brennan said, alluding to the riots that took place in Southwest after American League Championship Series games this week. "We need to address the TVs in the [Dining Commons], is that right?"

Brennan also denied his involvement in the infamous "KKK Nine" pictures taken last March, which showed members the SGA and Student Center for Educational Research and Advocacy drinking alcohol and mocking a caricature of a Ku Klux Klan Grand Wizard.

"I was not guilty of any wrongdoing," Brennan said. "[The Dean of Students] dropped all charges because they knew I wasn't guilty. I have not resigned and I will not resign ... but I will make sure these things never happen again."

Brennan was allegedly in the SCERA office last March when the pictures were taken, however, charges against him were dismissed because there was no evidence that he was drinking alcohol or present when the Grand Wizard caricature was drawn.

President Bustamante did not formally call for his resignation but suggested that the individuals who were in the photos resign from their positions.

"I believe that those photographed should step down," Bustamante said, "but it's out of my power," he said urging the Senate to take action against the individuals involved

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"I may disagree with what you have to say, but I shall defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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Bush policies unhealthy

David Lewis

While the War on Terror has kept the public in a virtual information blackout since 9/11, the Bush administration has been quietly eroding gains in environmental protection, workers' health and safety, and the regulation and enforcement of clean air and water standards. These actions directly affect both the health and safety of all of us.

The Bush administration's environmental policy has been fashioned by the overwhelming motivation to cater to the interests of the energy and land use industries. The fact that Bush and Cheney both have fortunes invested in energy underscores the administration's ties to the energy, cattle ranching, logging, and mining industries. These industries have always been fierce opponents of environmental regulations.

Traditionally, the conservative platform on environmentalism pits the economy against the environment. The rationale says that environmental regulations hurt companies and therefore take away jobs. These claims use figures from biased "cost-benefit analyses," which reduce health and safety to abstract dollar amounts. The argument is set up to appeal to people's emotions, rather than their common sense. It is rarely an issue of one poor logger or rancher who will lose his livelihood due to environmental regulation. On the contrary, people in the US are losing years of their lives as a result of the push by corporations for bigger profits at any cost.

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Amidst scientific evidence showing power plant emissions cause cancer and death in surrounding communities and cause asthma in children, Bush's EPA relaxed regulations. In 2001-02, when the EPA was revising its rules for enforcement, the energy companies lobbied to eliminate a guideline in the Clean Air Act that would require future plants to use better pollution control methods. When the new rules were completed in 2002, they included a loophole that gave the power companies the deregulation they had lobbied for. Even the energy companies acknowledged that their success was aided by the White House.

This is merely one example of the Bush administration's industry-friendly policies. But in every category of environmental protection, President Bush has attempted to roll back 30 years of progressive legislation. Bush's "Healthy Forests Act" is a shallowly disguised invitation to let the logging industry into our national parks and forests. Bush's "Clear Skies" proposal is supposedly aimed at reducing air pollution, but at the slowest rate possible, allowing power plants to continue releasing harmful toxins into the air. The president has repeatedly tried to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska to oil drilling. His EPA has narrowed and reshaped the Endangered Species Act putting far more species at risk.

But, the greatest demonstration of the Bush Administration's environmental policy is not what it has done, but what it hasn't. It has failed to regulate toxic waste dumps known to cause cancer. It has failed to regulate the use of toxic pesticides, known to disrupt children's normal development. It has failed to take any action on the lead paint epidemic still poisoning the inner cities. The Clear Skies proposal also fails to regulate mercury, known to cause brain damage. This widespread deregulation of hazardous toxins is directly responsible for deteriorating health in working communities.

President Bush has also reneged on his campaign promise to limit carbon dioxide emissions, widely acknowledged to be a cause of global warming. In fact, in the face of overwhelming evidence (including reports released by the White House) and a broad scientific consensus, the President continues to deny the existence of global warming. Bush is now the only leader in the industrialized world who has refused to sign the UN Kyoto Treaty, which called for the reduction of the emission of greenhouse gases (the main causes of global warming). The U.S. is the leading polluter in this category, producing over one third of the world's greenhouse gases.

The Bush administration's attacks on the health of Americans are not limited to environmental policy, but also include workers' health and safety regulations. According to the Communication Workers of America (CWA) Web site, "the Bush administration has repealed, withdrawn, blocked or weakened dozens of job safety standards," and failed to draft any improved standards. The list of about 50 drafted health and safety codes that were withdrawn by the administration includes air quality measures, protection from toxic fluids and sprays, construction hazards, heavy machinery, and personal protective equipment. The administration even withdrew drafted health and safety codes for workers from Bush and Cheney's own industry partners (codes on oil and gas well drilling, mine dust, mine rescue teams, and many more).

Bush's worker health and safety and environmental policies are irresponsible and destructive to our collective well-being. They show a blatant disregard for the health and safety of the American people that he continually vows to "defend." They are clearly not creating jobs, since 2 million jobs have been lost in past four years. Instead, these policies are only benefiting big companies and their stockholders, and at our expense.

When these policy decisions are threatening your health, you don't have to be a tree-hugger to be concerned about what is happening to our environment under the Bush Administration. All you have to be is alive.

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Forgiveness is divine

Aaron Wodin-Schwartz

On Sept. 26, Great Britain announced a new effort to help lesser-developed countries (LDCs) reduce their huge debts by offering to pay off 10 percent of the total owed to international agencies. The plan is to encompass the world's 32 poorest nations. The move is largely symbolic since the estimated £100 (US$180) million that will be annually allocated to a debt forgiveness fund is already part of Britain's development budget, but the decision nevertheless marks a turning point in the global struggle for effective LDC development. London has challenged its peers to follow suit.

Debt relief is currently one of the most contentious topics in developmental economics, despite the consensus that it is a vital component for successful aid to underdeveloped parts of the world. Since foreign debt is often debilitating to poor economies and forces governments to choose between repaying international lenders and making much-needed investments in healthcare, education, and infrastructure, most countries have benefited little and suffered much from IMF and World Bank loans.

In several countries, debt servicing totals to more than a quarter of export revenue, and in a couple of the poorest African nations this number reaches a full half. No nation may meet its social and fiscal obligations under such extreme circumstances, much less enjoy the promised prosperity of free-market economic policy.

Furthermore, the stringent economic conditions disproportionately affect the poor in LDCs, thereby worsening the already impoverished living standards of the vast majority of the population in these states. Clearly this is a dire situation in need of remedy, yet the most appropriate manner to approach the problem is the subject of much scholarly and governmental debate.

Several of the leaders of the world's wealthiest states have suggested temporary market-oriented measures to help finance LDC debt. For example, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer (Treasury), Gordon Brown, has suggested a revaluation of the IMF gold reserves- currently held at 1/10 market value- with proceeds going to debt payments. Yet such a plan is unlikely to be implemented since it could cause dangerous currency price fluctuations in developed countries. In July, Belgium proposed an LDC treasury tax on capital conversion into local currency that would profit poor countries when foreign investment is abundant. This proposal, however, undermines the ability of LDCs to pursue autarchic growth strategies by placing revenue in the hands of corporate project designers.

The majority of the proposed strategies tell of the lack of political will for effective global financial reform on the part of policymakers in the developed world. Rather than sacrifice politically valuable domestic resources, most politicians simply transfer responsibility to mythical stores of international capital and espouse rhetorical policy advice for LDCs that they know to be in violation of IMF criteria or WTO protocol. That is why the UK's announcement is so significant: it takes direct responsibility for paying debts and allocates real funds to doing so.

Freeing LDCs from the tremendous burden of debt without adversely affecting their credit ratings allows them to pursue the type of development that their societies see fit, thereby maintaining their cultural autonomy and rendering social welfare compatible with economic growth. This is the ultimate goal of every LDC on the planet. The idea should have tremendous appeal to developed nations like the United States since it constitutes a specific set of one-time payments and not a structural shift or a change in the rules of the game that permit US prosperity.

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It is high time the countries of the North lived up to their own norms of social and economic justice and made a genuine effort to alleviate the underdevelopment problems of their neighbors in the South. It is not just a question of morality: it is good economics. Growth in LDCs is faster when domestic wealth is less stratified, and stronger economies everywhere means better trade for everyone. The North would be well advised to follow Britain's example.

Enter the manipulation of this very important issue to forward my own domestic political preferences. US Treasury Secretary John Snow joined Gordon Brown and other European leaders at last week's summit of G7, IMF, and World Bank (WB) financial representatives in advocating for 100 percent debt relief for at least 27 of the world's poorest countries. Yet the talks have fallen fall short of the expectations of many going into the meetings. Unfortunately, Mr. Snow was not authorized to offer much in the way of money to pay for debt forgiveness and the Bush administration has called simply for the IMF and WB to cancel debts and deal in grants rather than loans. This could do more harm than good in disabling the lenders by severely cutting into their funds for future aid.

Whereas George Bush has been accused of not doing enough to improve living conditions around the world and allowing total US foreign aid to decline in real dollars over the course of his administration, John Kerry has noted that he would bring the issue further into the public eye in order to garner support for funding debt relief without placing undue strain upon international lenders. In fact, Kerry has tied debt relief to his plans for international and homeland security as well as the alleviation of AIDS in Africa. This should allow him to address all three issues more effectively and forward his goal of repairing the U.S.' broken reputation around the world and regaining the trust of nations.

The downside of the Kerry plan is that it places too much emphasis upon beneficiary compliance with social and economic programs devised by Washington, and not the UN Millennium Development Goals. It is nevertheless a large step in the right direction for a nation that has more responsibility than any other and should be supported at the polls on Nov. 2.

On a more serious note, however, the issue of relieving LDC debt ranges far beyond the upcoming presidential election. Whether or not democracy and liberal economics have the potential to improve peoples' lives around the world will be their biggest test in the post-Cold War world of center-periphery economic relations. The actual policy of the next U.S. president is of small concern to the future of LDC development and debt relief in international forums. Rather, the U.S. Congress will eventually have to alter its selfish, protectionist tradition and allocate real funds to improve the world and make it a better place for everybody to live in according to the universal standards upon which liberal, democratic states are founded.

Hopefully, this will occur sooner than later.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WOMEN ON HALLOWEEN

I cannot thank you enough for printing Sanam Hakim's column, "Dress it up right," in which it was argued that women ought not wear sexy costumes on Halloween. It is high time that society returns to the good old days when women knew that it is unacceptable to express themselves as they choose. Women need to be reminded that sexuality is not socially permissible, especially in their manner of dress, regardless of the holiday being celebrated. My only point of confusion is Miss Hakim's support of this heathen celebration, especially since this year it will fall on a Sunday, which is God's day. I can only hope that Miss Hakim will be deep in prayer and not participating in the worship of Satan this October 31st.

Of course I'm kidding. Miss Hakim's column better supports the belief that women ought to conform to male-dominated social mores than it does to "empower" women. So easily she forgot that women dance at Sig Ep parties and dress in provocative costumes because they choose to, not because men force them. This sort of activity never would have happened a hundred years ago, but then again, neither had women's suffrage.

Instead of opposing sexuality and free choice, we should be embracing it. It shows that women in our society have the freedom to dress like a naughty schoolgirl rather than in a burka or a corsette and gown. If you feel that sexy Halloween costumes are hurting women, then "maybe you need to reevaluate your logic because it makes no sense."

Chris Caton
UMass Student

TVS IN DINING COMMONS

When I first saw the new wide screen TVs hung on each corner of the dining hall I thought to myself, "This is great!" My opinion hasn't changed. I still think that they are a valuable addition to the University. When I was visiting other colleges trying to make the lifelong decision of choosing my future, I was amazed at the wonderful atmosphere that is known as college. I couldn't help but notice the enormous amount of technology at these institutions. It seemed like every classroom had a computer, every building had wireless access, and every common area had a television.

The new TVs in the dining hall make UMass more appealing for prospective students. They make this campus more attractive. They give the impression that we are college students who care about the world around us, and that the University is providing access to this world for its students.

Frankly, I don't care where the money came from. It's at such a marginal cost compared to the budget of the University that it doesn't even compare to other expenses. I'm not a huge baseball fan, but it's a lot of fun to go down during a Sox game and cheer with hundreds of other students all glued to the televisions. I am glad that the University is taking on more of these ventures and think that the costs are well justified by the benefits to every student and parent who walks in to grab a bite to eat.

Russel Merrick
UMass Student

Danny Ainge vs. common sense

Matthew M. Burke

I'm sorry to break the news early to "The Nation" and its fans, but the Boston Celtics are a horrible disappointment again this year, showing no signs of improvement in play, or personnel decisions. Front office jobs will be available soon, I promise, Rick Pitino and M.L. Carr need not apply.

Assuming that 99 percent of Massachusetts's residents did not watch the Boston Celtics and Paul Pierce in their fourth preseason game on Tuesday night, they lost to the Chicago Bulls 93-92 in a heartbreaker.

I'll bet that, instead, you saw Curt Schilling prove that having heart goes a long way. With many questions surrounding his health after game one, the answer was clear in Game 6 at Yankee Stadium. Schilling won that game with guts not tendons. He magically willed our Boston Red Sox to victory.

He said God helped him, and maybe that's true, but I feel that the Sox helped themselves in the offseason by acquiring him and that is why they are our passion, more so this year than the last.

Paul Pierce has the same heart and the Celtics refuse to take the appropriate steps to bring in the kind of talent that Schilling was surrounded with for that victory. People like Ortiz, Millar, and Cabrera really made a difference. We could hoist an NBA title back to the rafters in Boston under the leadership of Paul Pierce by handing out some money. He is that good. He is the "Truth." I hate the fact that the Sox finally pulled out their checkbook last season and when it's time for the Celtics to do the same, before Pierce is too old to raise the banner, the management balks and assures us that things are going great. They aren't.

The C's still have four preseason games left and although these games mean nothing, the facts are simple. Paul Pierce is the cornerstone of a championship, Danny Ainge is clueless, Doc Rivers is a good coach who now has nothing to work with, Ricky Davis is a head case, Gary Payton is old, Mark Blount can't hang with Shaq or Jermaine O'Neal in the Eastern Conference (forget about the West), Tom Gugliotta and Raef Lafrentz are injury prone, Marcus Banks is too careless with the ball, Jiri Welch is not a scorer, and their draft picks are immature and could take years to develop.

Pitching like Schilling is one thing, but when five NBA basketball players smack you while you are in flight driving to a hoop 20 times a game then you need some help. Paul Pierce is an amazing player and he may bring them to the playoffs again this year but without some moves on the ownerships behalf they are destined for another first round exit. I blame Danny Ainge, who controls every aspect of the team.

Danny Ainge, who Red Auerbach said "bleeds green" was brought in to rekindle an organization in decline in 2003. He has since mangled a contending team into a shadow of what it once was. I was willing to give him a chance until he got rid of Antoine Walker. Pierce needs another scorer, and I remember a certain Antoine scoring 30 points and wiggling down the parquet floor. Ainge should not have been so quick to add him to a Western Conference juggernaut.

Ainge then decided to add so much mediocrity I wonder if they are trying to drive Pierce either crazy or out of town. The ownership is cheap and always has been so I wouldn't put it past them.

In Tuesday's game, the C's played the Bulls for the second time in a week. The first time they played, to open the preseason, the Celtics won by 30 points. This time it was a different story. The Bulls are young and may be good someday, but for right now they are the weakest opponents on the preseason schedule. Tomorrow the C's play New Jersey who already beat them this preseason with a depleted roster and new coach. Then we see Cleveland for two games and the season begins. The 76ers are the Celtics' opening day opponent, and will probably beat them.

It is so hard to be optimistic at this point. I grew up with green and white on everything. Bird, McHale, Parish, and even Ainge were all over my walls. Now I'm more frustrated with them than I ever was with the Red Sox. The Celtics have won 16 titles and are now as average as they come. Paul Pierce deserves better. The fans of Boston deserve better.

I'm told that I'm jumping the gun and that I should give them time to grow together. I shouldn't be so cynical so soon. I know its just preseason. I've heard it all before, but I know a mediocre basketball team when I see one.

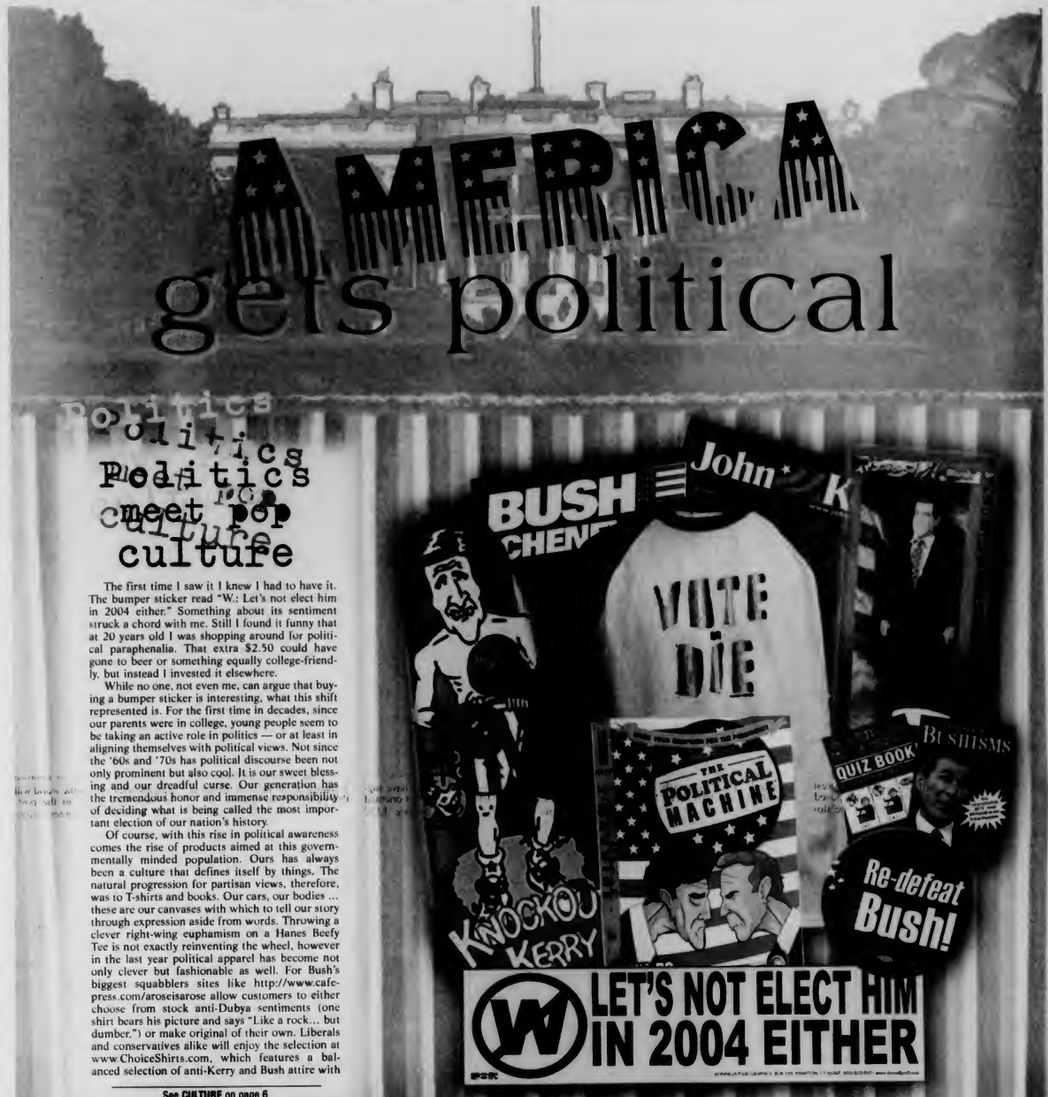
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Politics meet pop culture

The first time I saw it I knew I had to have it. The bumper sticker read "W.: Let's not elect him in 2004 either." Something about its sentiment struck a chord with me. Still I found it funny that at 20 years old I was shopping around for political paraphenalia. That extra $2.50 could have gone to beer or something equally college-friendly, but instead I invested it elsewhere.

While no one, not even me, can argue that buying a bumper sticker is interesting, what this shift represented is. For the first time in decades, since our parents were in college, young people seem to be taking an active role in politics — or at least in aligning themselves with political views. Not since the '60s and '70s has political discourse been not only prominent but also cool. It is our sweet blessing and our dreadful curse. Our generation has the tremendous honor and immense responsibility of deciding what is being called the most important election of our nation's history.

Of course, with this rise in political awareness comes the rise of products aimed at this governmentally minded population. Ours has always been a culture that defines itself by things. The natural progression for partisan views, therefore, was to T-shirts and books. Our cars, our bodies ... these are our canvases with which to tell our story through expression aside from words. Throwing a clever right-wing euphamism on a Hanes Beefy Tee is not exactly reinventing the wheel, however in the last year political apparel has become not only clever but fashionable as well. For Bush's biggest squabblers sites like http://www.cafepress.com/aroseisarose allow customers to either choose from stock anti-Dubya sentiments (one shirt bears his picture and says "Like a rock... but dumber.") or make original of their own. Liberals and conservatives alike will enjoy the selection at www.ChoiceShirts.com, which features a balanced selection of anti-Kerry and Bush attire with

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Stewart takes on 'America'

By Johnny Donaldson
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The image on the cover of "America (The Book): A Citizen's Guide to Democracy Inaction" perfectly encapsulates the book's attitude. Jon Stewart, host of the popular Comedy Central fake news program "The Daily Show" sits at a desk, an American flag draped behind him, staring quizzically at the American bald eagle perched next to him. It's the expression of a patriot exasperated by the iniquities, injustices and hypocrisies of the land he calls home. It's the image of a man who's become skeptical, maybe even a bit disillusioned, by his home, but still holds out hope that everything will be all right in the end.

The book takes on that exact same tone. Well, maybe not exactly the same tone. As this

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Sex, drugs and political scandals

In America we look to our federal government to be the model of truth, justice and what it is to be a proud American. We oftentimes rely so much on this notion that we almost don't want to know when our beloved government has done something wrong — and boy, do they mess up sometimes (think cointelpro, the new deal, and where oh where have the weapons of mass destruction gone?).

We have become so dependent on the need for our government and its public figures to protect and serve us that sometimes we forget that they are only human and make mistakes just like us — sometimes big, sometimes small.

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Scandals that rocked D.C.

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but mistakes nonetheless. Now, when you and I make a mistake it can be a problem, it can make our lives difficult or even miserable, and yes, this is unfortunate, but look on the bright side. It could always be worse. You could have the entire world watching, judging and determining your entire future based on a mistake you made (because yes, you are in fact human), and capable of mistakes just like them.) They then give your mistake the most nasty, vile title that any public figure dreads — scandal. So the next time you find yourself in a compromising, embarassing situation that you wish would just go away, just think of those before you, whom no matter what they do, they will always be remembered for that single, solitary moment (or period) of poor judgement, and then ask yourself — was it really that bad?

THE LEWINSKY SCANDAL

It's hard being a college student. You have classes, work, extra curricular, and a host of other issues to deal with. But nothing can be harder than being publicly known as the intern who gave oral sex to the president. In 1995, Monica Lewinsky was hired to work as an intern at the White House during President Bill Clinton's first term. After much flirting, the two became engaged sexually, in closed quarters of the White House. As Lewinsky's relationship with the President became more distant, Lewinsky confided details of her feelings and the President's behavior to her presumed friend, Linda Tripp. Little did Ms. Lewinsky know that Tripp was recording their telephone conversations, and eventually delivered the tapes to Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel appointed by Congress to investigate the president on various other matters.

News of the scandal first broke on Jan. 17, 1998 on the Drudge Report website. The story broke in the mainstream press on Jan. 21 when it hit the Washington Post. The story swirled for several days and despite swift denials from Clinton, the demand for answers from the White House grew louder. On Jan. 26, a visibly flustered President Clinton addressed the public in a White House press conference from which the most famous Clinton quote was born: "I did not have sexual relations with that woman."

Well as we would later find out, this was not true. Clinton did in fact have sex with Ms. Lewinsky, and the evidence was all there in black and white (how can we forget the infamous blue dress with the president's love juice on it?). President Clinton would later go on to say that he did in fact have oral sex with the woman, but not sexual intercourse, and therefore he had not committed perjury. Well, the Supreme Court did not agree and this failure to see eye to eye led to the president's impeachment for perjury and obstruction of justice regarding the affair.

Today the scandal has become one the most famous events of the Clinton administration years, not the funding to public programs, not lowering the natinal deficit, and not Whitewater, but his relationship with a yound intern by the name of Monica. Needless to say, Lewinsky has experieced her share of unavoidable publicity. Now, after almost 10 years since the initial allegations have been made, Monica Lewinsky's name is still synonymous with oral sex — what a way to be remembered.

MARION BARRY DRUG SCANDAL

Many would agree that Marion Barry is the poster child for what happens when the pressures of public office get to you a little too much. The former Washington, D.C. mayor was a great example of hope, determination, and overcoming adversity. As a civil rights activist, and the first elected chairman of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee, Barry became involved in politics when his position in SNCC brought him to Washington, D.C. in the 70's. Barry had served three mayoral terms, until he was arrested for the possession of cocaine in 1990, but Mayor Barry did not get caught with just any cocaine. No, the mayor of Washington, D.C. was arrested for the possession of crack cocaine. The cheapest, most addictive narcotic of the early 1990s. Mayor Barry had been under surveillance due to an investigation being led by the Washington, D.C. attorney general, and had been videotaped smoking crack cocaine in a D.C. hotel room with a female companion. The long run of events linking Barry with drugs began in December 1981 — but was not made public until March 1983 — when Barry attended a party at a nightclub.

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Smith grad explores Bush Administration's 'Willful Blindness'

By Michael Busack
Collegian Staff

In the world of journalism today, reporters and columnists often receive a great deal of flack when they opt to make predictions about the future of political topics. The outcome of these predictions could bring glory or harsh criticism to one's career. Famed Philadelphia Inquirer Worldview columnist, Trudy Rubin made predictions about the Bush administration, her choices led to a book deal.

"Willful Blindness: The Bush Administration and Iraq," the new book by Rubin released on September 30, 2004, chronicles her columns printed in the Philadelphia Inquirer from July 2002-June 2004. The columns predicted with almost absolute precision, just exactly what was to unfold with regards to the Bush administration and their faulty preparation for a war with Iraq.

Rubin, a graduate of local Smith College and also the London School of Economics, has been working with the Philadelphia Inquirer since 1985. Since, she has received numerous honors, including a Jefferson Fellow at the East-West Center in Honolulu. In 1990 she worked as a journalist exchange for the Moscow News in the Russian capital of Moscow. Finally, in 2001, Ms. Rubin was nominated, and became a finalist for the most prestigious award in journalism, the Pulitzer Prize.

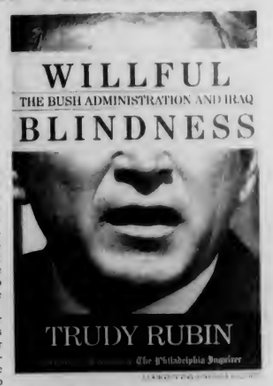
In what appears to be a collection of some of Rubin's finest writing, she speaks about how Bush, Cheney, and staff alike stumbled into a dangerous situation with Iraq with little ideas of how to remove troops.

'Willful Blindness' By Trudy Rubin Philadelphia Inquirer

The collection also includes a great deal of additional bits and pieces, that reveals just how she believes the Bush administration misjudge and vehemently made a mess of the war and Iraq, and subsequently the alleged post-war that Americans currently face.

The series illustrates Rubin's experiences on three trips she has taken since the fall of Baghdad. It quickly becomes clear that Rubin is not just your average awkwardly places journalist in the heat of conflict, and in the pursuit of developing her career. We see that Rubin has close relationships with Iraqi clerics, members of the newly formed Iraqi government, and even the local citizens of Iraq. This concept proves to be the foundation of this collection. It is Rubin's knowledge of both sides that leave the reader in total respect of the author. She may lean to her opinion, but it is an educated opinion, and in the end, that is what a column should be about.

This is a distinguished achievement in the career of Rubin. She has done what very few of her peers have done in their coverage of the war in Iraq. Her knowledge and experience with the politics that surround the war and the country of Iraq make her a true spot of wisdom. She has an immense air of truth to her words. I'm sure this is not the last we will see of Trudy Rubin.



Rubin's new book takes a critical stance against the Bush White House's activities in the war in Iraq.

Modern politics combine with modern pop culture

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a few Nader gems thrown in for good measure.

But manufacturers have gone above and beyond the usual fare, and with candidates like these, who could blame them? The talking Bush doll and Bush-in-a-box, available through many websites, are just the tip of the iceberg.

Politics have invaded television, film and even boardgames. "The Road to the White House" (Mayfair Games Inc.) and "The Oval Office Board Game" (Talicor) are fairly unbiased in terms of party affiliation, but their mere existence proves that politics are no longer confined to Capital Hill. In the true spirit of democracy, politics have spread to all areas of the household, even the family computer.

"The Political Machine" by Ubisoft, available in stores now, gives gamers the chance to not only plan their own presidential campaign, but to custom tailor the candidates running for office, appear on news talkshows, give speeches and raise funds. Two of the candidate looks are strikingly similar to those of John Kerry and George Bush, and with all the options for shaping your presidential hopeful's personality, it is easy for "Political Machine" players to simulate this year's election, and if all doesn't go as we had hoped, there is the chance to get the election results you want time and again with this game.

The political invasion has not only taken hold of fashion and games. Our airwaves have also been stricken with the political fever. Since Bush's election into the White House both Hollywood and the music business have raised their collective political voices. Many in the public eye have realized their power in influencing the American people probably goes beyond that of even the highest ranking officials. After the 2000 election there was an overall sense that someone had not done their job, and our celebrities have been sure to not make the same mistake this time around.

On the forefront of this revolution has been Michael Moore, a frumpy documentarian armed with a Michigan State hat and a rage for the current administration. In 2002 he released the award-winning "Bowling for Columbine" establishing himself in the industry and in July of this year he realeased the widely harolded and harshly criticized "Fahrenheit 9/11." "Fahrenheit" attacked the Bush Administration and has been a hot topic of discussion for any politically minded citizen.

Moore has not been alone. Influential musicians like Dave Matthews, Bruce Springsteen and Bonnie Raitt have all gotten together for the 11-date "Vote for a Change" tour, with all concert proceeds benefiting the work of America Coming Together. A slew of major musicians have also contributed to anti-Bush compilation albums such as Fat Wreck Chords' "Rock Against Bush" collections.

The explosion of political awarness on the pop culture scene has drastically altered not only the way we understand our role in the government but also in the way we interact on a daily basis. At every step of the way there is a chance for today's college students to expand their mands and express their views: shirts, notebooks, punching bags, books, documentaries and more, but for those that aren't interested in computer games, talking dolls and/or extensive volumes of "Bushisms," and who still want to get in on this pop culture trend, at least there is always the cleverly scripted bumper sticker.

Meghan Healy is a Collegian editor.

'America' revealed



"The Daily Show's" Jon Stewart poses on the cover of "America."

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comes from the cast and the crew of the mock-news show "The Daily Show," it is a corrosive, audacious and dead-on satire that has the guts to cut through political bull. The book is a little funnier than the above paragraph.

'America (The Book)' By Jon Stewart, Ben Karlin and Dave Javerbaum Warner Books

Actually, the book is a lot funnier than the above paragraph. Just as the show imitates the style of an evening news program, the book replicates the staid style of a high school history textbook, complete with colorful infographs, discussion questions and sidebar trivia. The only difference is that the book is hardly serious. While the matters it discusses are serious, it handles them in a parodic manner that alternates between sharp jabs, absurdist goofery and lewd, crude humor (there are plenty of prostitute, orgy and oral sex jokes to go around.)

The purpose of the book is to help guide the reader into establishing their own full-fledged democracy. The book is a guided tour through the various steps into initiating a democratic nation a la the great 200-plus year experiment that is America. In nine chapters Stewart and his co-writers, "Daily Show" scribes Ben Karlin and David Javerbaum, illustrate the various elements of a thriving democracy, from the President to the Supreme Court and Congress and beyond.

After a forward by none other than Thomas Jefferson, our third president and drafter of the U.S. Constitution (a forward that Jefferson concludes by wondering if Halle Berry is still single) we are launched into the first chapter, "Democracy Before America." Beginning with the line "It is often said America invented democracy. This view is, of course, an understatement; America invented not only democracy, but freedom, justice, liberty and 'time-sharing.'"

From that line on, we know that this tome, this instructional guide, will be irreverent, subversive, truthful and absolutely necessary in this modern world's muddy, messed-up political climate.

The first chapter guides us through the earliest examples of democratic nations (i.e. the Greeks) through the Magna Carta and the 17th and 18th centuries. (The chart helping you decide what kind of government is right for you is priceless.) The birth of the American empire is detailed in Chapter 2, with the presidency, congress and Supreme Court getting respective individual chapters in chapters three through five. The electorate system and the process of campaigning are skewered on chapter six; the following chapters go to quick work on the media, democracy's future and, of course, the rest of the world.

I'll refrain from going into much detail about the jokes found within the covers of this snarky, sardonic volume; those are for the readers to discover and enjoy. If I spoiled the surprise than what kind of writer would I be? (though I'll give fair warning: avoid the spread on pages 98-99 at all costs.)

"America (The Book)" is as necessary and indispensible now as a voter registration. It both mocks and celebrates the diverse land we call America. And in this time we need this kind of humor more than ever.

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Fans deal with life outside Fenway

By Jay Lindsay
Associated Press

BOSTON — A harried Tom Bowen admitted being a step or two late Wednesday morning as he hustled through Boston to his job as a daytime bartender. Another draining late-night rooting for his victorious Boston Red Sox had left him elated, but worn down and a little tardy.

"It's like a second job, but you've got to do it," said Bowen, 62, as he stopped to grab the morning sports pages.

For the second straight year, the Red Sox and New York Yankees have pushed the American League Championship Series to a seventh and deciding game. But this time, the series has a surreal intensity for Boston fans, even by the standards of this storied rivalry, that's been keeping fans up late in Boston and in the city that never sleeps anyway.

Each of the last three games has been decided on the last pitch. Each has lasted more than four hours, sometimes stretching well past midnight. And Boston has put together a string of three wins, becoming the first team to rally from a 3-0 series deficit.

Boston's success against their archrivals — the team with the bigger payroll, the bigger stars in a bigger city — has Sox fans wondering if this is "the year" their fortunes change. Or will New York win like always at the expense of the hapless Sox?

Weary Boston fans struggled between fearing the worst and hoping too hard.

"It's a killer," said Dan Fink, 23, a paralegal from Brookline. "Your hands are cold, your heart races, it's as nerve wracking an experience as a big test, a big date or a big day at the office."

Sleep isn't even optional, said Steve Risti, 49, an electrician from Stoneham.

"You can't leave and go to bed because you can't sleep," he said.

The Red Sox and Yankees rivalry stretches back to 1920, when Boston sold Babe Ruth to the Yankees and began their string of championship futility. The Yankees, meanwhile, have won 26 championships since the Ruth deal that spawned the fabled Curse of the Bambino.

Last season, Boston was just five outs from finally defeating New York before the Yankees came back from a three-run deficit and won in extra innings on Aaron Boone's home run.

This year, the games have been jammed with similar drama, mixed in with trash talking between players and fans.

Pedro Martinez was taunted with chants of "Who's your daddy?" at Yankee Stadium, a not-so-thinly-veiled reference to his calling the Yankees his "daddy" after a frustrating loss to the Yankees in the regular season. Sox fans at Fenway countered with "Who's your Papi?" after Sox DH David Ortiz won two playoff games with extra-inning hits.

Yankees fans were treated to a walloping by their boys in pinstripes in a 19-8 run-fest in Game 3 that looked like it had sealed the series for New York. Boston fans were treated to a win in Game 6 by ace Curt Schilling, hobbled by a torn tendon in his ankle, taking the mound even with blood seeping through his socks.

"He just blew me away," said Mark Keough, 41, a registered nurse from Warwick, R.I., who stopped to buy a Schilling jersey at a local sporting goods store. "To get out there, injured like that, it's just, I don't know what to say, I just get so emotional."

Keough has barely gotten any sleep the past several days. He's been watching the games at home alone, drinking water just so he can get up in the morning and be alert at his job. For Game 7, he had other plans.

"Tonight I'm going to be watching with friends, though. I can't take being alone. It's too stressful," he said. "I need to talk the game through with people, not just yell at the TV by myself."

Though Sox fans have as much cause for hope this year as any, they remain a skeptical lot with the persistent bout of fatalism that has made them famous. That nervousness doesn't disappear after a few wins against the Yankees.

"It's not if they'll collapse, it's when," said Sox fan Mark Fernandes, associate principal at New Britain High School in Connecticut.

But truck driver Richard Murphy, 55, of Mansfield, said even though the Red Sox have "broken my heart for 50 years," this team has sucked him in. His game-watching strategy this year is to project as solemn an appearance as possible, to better handle the stress. But Murphy admitted his insides are roiling.

"You're afraid not to believe, but you're also afraid to believe," he said. "You've been taught since childhood to hate the Yankees. So emotionally, it's a roller coaster."

Cathleen Ronaghan, 42 of North Attleboro, said she's watched every pitch, as have many in the finance company where she works. She learned to accept she'll be spent the next morning, no matter how the game turns out.

"If we win, I'm tired and happy," she said. "If we lose, I'm tired and cranky."

The gut-turnings series has pulled in Yankee fans, too, though history has made some less anxious.

Hamm finds out his fate today

By Nancy Armour
Associated Press

Whether he's talking to family, friends or random people he meets out in public, Paul Hamm hears the same thing over and over: Are you going to be able to keep your Olympic gold medal?

Hamm won the gold Aug. 18 with one of the most spectacular comebacks in the sport's history, rallying after being in 12th place with only two events left. But two days later, gymnastics officials discovered that Yang Tae-Young of South Korea had been wrongly docked a tenth of a point on his second-to-last routine, the parallel bars.

Yang ended up with the bronze, 0.049 points behind Hamm. Add that extra 0.100, though, and Yang would have finished 0.051 points ahead of the American.

On Thursday, he'll finally have an answer.

Two months after Hamm won the men's all-around title at the Athens Olympics, the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland, will announce at 9 a.m. EDT Thursday whether the gold medal stays with him or goes to a South Korean gymnast who claims it should be his.

"I'm obviously looking forward to this whole thing being done with," Hamm told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Wednesday. "I wouldn't consider this (process) to be a pain, but it's always something that's being discussed, whether it's with my family and friends or people I run into on the street. People say, 'Whatever happened with that medal thing?'

"People are trying to find out about it, so it's constantly on my mind."

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McGinest vows to stay a Patriot

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — Willie McGinest grabbed the ball out of the air and returned the interception 27 yards to set up a touchdown. In his 11th NFL season, all with the New England Patriots, he still makes big plays on a team that won its last 20 games.

And he wants to keep making them for the Patriots until he stops playing.

"I've been here for a while and I plan on retiring here," the linebacker said Wednesday. "This being my only team that I've played with and with free agency and all the stuff that's going on in the NFL now, that's a hard thing to do."

He joined the Patriots as the fourth pick in the 1994 draft and has had ups and downs, enduring injuries and losing seasons.

But at the age of 32, he's tied for the team lead with three sacks. Last Sunday he picked off Matt Hasselbeck's pass on the first series of New England's 30-20 win over Seattle and was tackled from behind at the Seahawks 26-yard line.

"Of course, I wanted to score a touchdown but I just don't want somebody to try to knock the ball out," McGinest said of his fourth career interception. "Anytime you get an interception or a turnover, the worst thing that can happen is (for) somebody to come up and knock the ball out and they get it back."

His biggest plays recently have come toward the end of games.

He helped preserve a 27-24 season-opening win over Indianapolis when he sacked Peyton Manning for 13 yards, forcing Mike Vanderjagt to try a 48-yard field goal that missed.

He saved another victory over the Colts last Nov. 30 two plays after limping off with a knee injury. He returned to tackle Edgerrin James on fourth down with the ball at the Patriots' 1 with 14 seconds left. New England won 38-34.

"He's found the fountain of youth," Patriots safety Rodney Harrison said. "I see a guy bouncing around. The guy's a leader. His play has just stepped up. It seems like he's getting younger the older he gets and it's a good sign because it gives all us old guys hope."

As a rookie out of Southern California, McGinest played all 16 games and had 4 1/2 sacks. But the Patriots lost in the first round of the playoffs.

They were 6-10 the next season but followed that with a trip to the Super Bowl where they lost to Green Bay 35-21.

His only other losing season was in 2000 when the Patriots were 5-11 in Bill Belichick's first year as coach. But they won the Super Bowl the next season and again two years later.

One bad year, though, doesn't make him appreciate the good ones more.

"That's all in the past," McGinest said. "The only thing that really matters is what's going on now and this week."

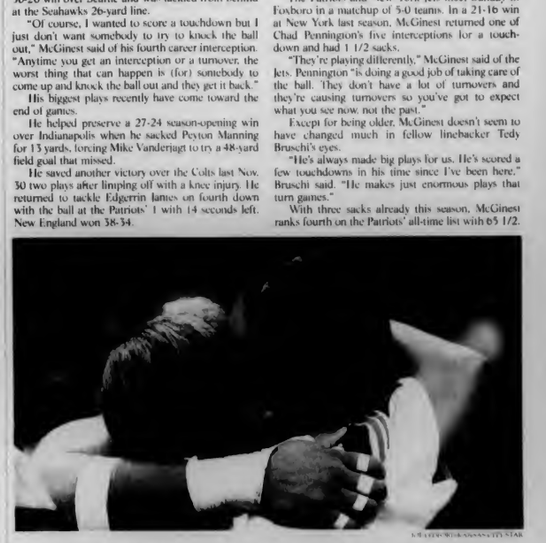
The Patriots and New York Jets meet Sunday in Foxboro in a matchup of 5-0 teams. In a 21-16 win at New York last season, McGinest returned one of Chad Pennington's five interceptions for a touchdown and had 1 1/2 sacks.

"They're playing differently," McGinest said of the Jets. Pennington "is doing a good job of taking care of the ball. They don't have a lot of turnovers and they're causing turnovers so you've got to expect what you see now, not the past."

Except for being older, McGinest doesn't seem to have changed much in fellow linebacker Tedy Bruschi's eyes.

"He's always made big plays for us. He's scored a few touchdowns in his time since I've been here," Bruschi said. "He makes just enormous plays that turn games."

With three sacks already this season, McGinest ranks fourth on the Patriots' all-time list with 65 1/2.



Willie McGinest cries tears of joy as he hugs his mother Joyce McGinest the Patriots 20-17 victory over the St. Louis Rams to win Super Bowl XXXVI Sunday, February 3, 2002.



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QB 10 - Tim Day, Sophomore
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FB 40 - Rich Demersi, Senior
WR 11 – Jason Peebler, Senior (Captain)
TE 44 – Mike Douglas, Junior
LT 77 – Colin Stoetzel, Junior
LG 74 – Rob Kane, Senior (Captain
C 62 – Alex Miller, Sophomore
RG 73 – David Thompson, Sophomore
RT 68 - Matt Austin, Freshman
WR 4 – Brandon London, Sophomore

Defense

DE 95 – Keron Williams, Junior
DT 57 – Justin Schweighardt, Junior
DT 59 – Andrew Blumenthal, Freshman
DE 48 -- David Burris, Freshman
OLB 35 – L.A. Love, Junior
MLB 51 – Serge Tikum, Junior (Captain)
OLB 29 – Brad Anderson, Junior
CB 26 – Tracy Belton, Sophomore
FS 34 – Shannon James, Junior
SS 7 – James Ihedigbo, Sophomore
CB 34 – Brandon Freeman, Freshman

Special Teams

K 46 – Michael Torres, Sophomore
P 13 – Christian Koegel, Sophomore
KR 11 – Jason Peebler, Senior
PR 87 – Nathanael Hasselbeck, Junior

Offense

QB 7 – Jayson Davis, Junior
RB 3 – Jerell Jones, Sophomore
RB 33 – Jason Ham, Senior
WR 4 - Curtis Horne, Senior
RB 21 – Calvin Poole, Junior
LT 60 – Dustin Bayer, Senior
LG 63 – Matt Ramey, Senior
C 64 – Brandon Wenz, Senior
RG 66 – Drew Owens, Freshman
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WR 8 – Jordan Bowers, Junior

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Doctors use cadaver to find a quick fix for Schilling's ankle

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Somewhere on a slab in Boston is a citizen of Red Sox Nation who actually gave his body to the cause.

With the team's future increasingly dependent on Curt Schilling's right leg, doctors decided to try an apparently unprecedented procedure to keep a tendon from slipping around in his ankle. But first, they wanted to test it out.

So they used a cadaver. No way to know if it was a Red Sox fan.

"We were going to try to do everything we could to try to stabilize the tendon," Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein said Wednesday night before Game 7 of the AL championship series.

"We were only going to do it as a last-ditch effort."

Schilling hurt the ankle near the end of the regular season and tried to pitch with the injury for Game 1 of the series against the New York Yankees. Unable to push off the mound with full force, he allowed six runs in three innings — his worst postseason performance since 1993.

The Red Sox lost the game 10-7 and went on to fall behind 3-0 in the best-of-seven series. They won the next two to stay alive in the series, but they used every available pitcher in the process and found themselves needing Schilling again.

The Red Sox training staff thought of various ways to keep the tendon in place. Special high-top shoes didn't work, and they hit upon the idea of sewing skin in Schilling's leg to the tissue underneath, creating a wall that would keep the tendon in place.

"It seems extreme. We couldn't find a case of it ever being done before," Epstein said. "It was the best way to allow him to have his normal mechanics."

Schilling had three stitches put in at about 2 p.m. on Monday, about 90 minutes before he tested his ankle on the bullpen mound in Fenway Park.

"If it didn't work, he's in the same situation he was before," manager Terry Francona said.

"We went out to the bullpen, he did pretty well without it. ... Schill kind of bought off on it, and they did it a day early to see if he could get used to it and let him get comfortable with it. And it certainly seemed to do the trick."

Although there was some fluid and blood leaking through Schilling's sock on Tuesday night, Epstein could see after the first pitch that Schilling was throwing like normal.

The sutures were taken out after the game to avoid infection; if Schilling pitches again, they would be put back in. Epstein said there was no problem repeating the procedure a couple of more times.

"We only have one more series," he said. "People think it's reasonable to do it a couple more times."

Epstein said he did not have further details about the cadaver or where the test procedure took place.



Minutemen finish road stint at URI

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yards in six games, which is already good enough for sixth place on the all-time list.

URI quarterback Jayson Davis' two rushing touchdowns last week against William & Mary gave him 29 for his career, putting him into first place in the school's record books. He leads the team with nine rushing scores this season.

The Rams have a running back-by-committee system but Jason Ham leads the team with 134 carries for 608 yards and three touchdowns. Calvin Poole, D.J. Porter, Chad Campbell and Jerrell Jones will all see action running the ball this weekend. The Rams have rushed for 20 touchdowns so far this year.

On the other side, the main reason for UMass' ineffectiveness on rush defense is the line's youth and relatively small size. It hasn't helped that the biggest force on the line, Keron Williams, had missed some time due to an injury earlier in the season.

Against, New Hampshire, though, UMass held the Wildcats to minus-two rushing yards on 12 carries in the entire game.

The Minutemen have won 15 of the last 18 games between the two schools including the previous seven. UMass has played URI 78 times in the school's history, marking the most times UMass has played any team. Its 43 wins are also the most against any one opponent.



Matthew Bellocchio/Collegian

UMass kicker Michael Torres kicks a field goal against Colgate on Sept. 11 under the lights. The Minutemen won the game 30-20 for their second win of the season.

UMass will use speed to slow Rhody

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ball on the ground. Jayson Davis is now a third-year starter in Stowers' complex system, and has evolved into a heady rusher with a good feel for the offense. He will likely try to throw off a young UMass defense with a myriad of various fakes and misdirections that have become a staple of URI football.

For the Minutemen, they must rely on their speed to contain the Rhody ground attack and keep the option moving laterally rather than up field. Despite losing speedster Wendel Williams to graduation, URI still has wingback Jason Ham, and will be successful if they can get to the corner consistently, no matter who is carrying the football.

UMass' defensive players must tackle well and commit to staying home, lifting their lanes and remaining conscious of their assignments to keep the Rams from getting what they strive for each and every down: the big play.

When the Rams pass

With the talent in the UMass secondary and the lack of any appearance of a passing attack, it would not be shocking if Rhody went without a completion again on Saturday. The onus will still be on the Maroon and White's defensive backfield, however, in playing the run and filling key assignments on the outside.

Brown needs his defensive backs to come prepared for a physical football game, and not be afraid to stick a helmet in on every play to work on stopping the run as a unit.

When the Minutemen run

A week after junior tailback Steve Baylark ran for nearly 200 yards in UMass' 38-21 win over New Hampshire, Brown will likely be content giving the ball to No. 5 again as the Minutemen look to establish tempo with their run to help stymie URI's plans. UMass' offensive line had its best game as a group against the Wildcats, and should be poised to take advantage of a young and undersized URI defensive front.

Despite the fact that Brown continues to sing his praises, freshman tailback Bryan Smith has actually seen his limited action decrease over the last two weeks. His speed could be a nice compliment to Baylark's power against a weak and inexperienced Rhody defense, but Brown may be content with using Baylark exclusively after he showed he could carry the load at UNH.

When the Minutemen pass

With junior quarterback Tim Day back on track after a solid performance last Saturday, Brown and offensive coordinator Kevin Morris might finally be able to begin focusing on the play-action game like the offense was designed to.

Despite a recent drop in production, Jason Peebler can still be considered Day's security blanket, and should have an easier time against Rhode Island's secondary than he has in the last month. Sophomore Brandon London has proved himself to be a top-flight receiver in the meantime, and both should be able to take advantage of URI's defensive backs with speed and size, respectively.

URI returns Virgil Gray to anchor the safety position, as well as three returnees at cornerback, but that has not necessarily translated into success defending the pass. Couple that with a shaky run defense as well, and UMass should be able to establish a well-balanced, ball-control offense to wear the Ram defenders down.

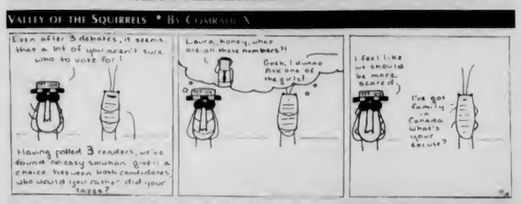
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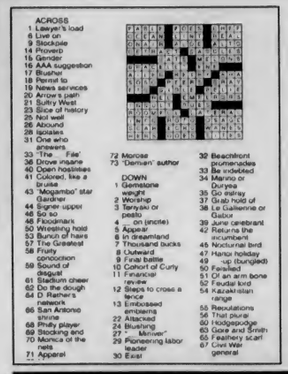




Quote of the Day

"The last temptation is the greatest treason: to do the right deed for the wrong reason."

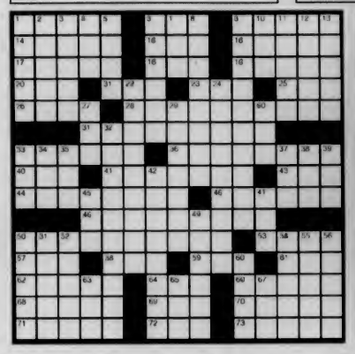
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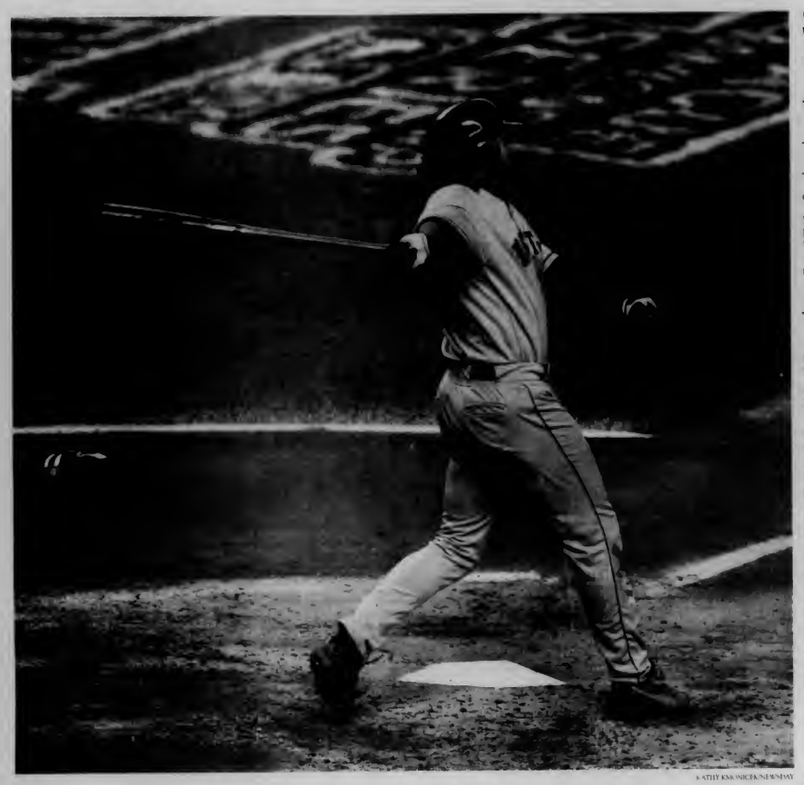
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KATHY KMONICEK/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Boston's Johnny Damon watches his grand slam home run in the second inning of game seven of the ALCS at Yankee Stadium. The Red Sox will face either Houston or St. Louis this Saturday at Fenway Park in their first World Series since 1986. The Cardinals and Astros decide their series tonight.

Sox win Game 7, will host World Series

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Boston blew away decades of defeat with four sweet swings.

Believe it, New England, the Red Sox are in the World Series. And they got there with the most unbelievable comeback of all, shaming the New York Yankees, the Evil Empire to the south.

David Ortiz, Johnny Damon and Derek Lowe made sure of that.

Just three outs from getting swept out of the AL championship series three nights earlier, the Red Sox finally humbled the dreaded Yankees, winning Game 7 in a 10-3 shocker Wednesday night to become the first major league team to overcome a 3-0 postseason series deficit.

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There is no torture this time, no hour of humiliation. Better yet to Boston fans, it's the Yankees left to suffer the memory of a historic collapse.

Boston didn't need any of the late-inning dramatics that marked the last three games, leading 6-0 after two innings.

Ortiz started it with a two-run homer in the first off broken-down Kevin Brown, and Damon quieted Yankee Stadium in the second inning with a grand slam on Javier Vazquez's first pitch.

After Derek Jeter sparked hope of a comeback with a run-scoring single in the third, Damon put a two-run homer into the upper deck for an 8-1 lead in the fourth.

Lowe, pitching on just two days' rest, silenced the Yankees' bats and their boasting fans, who just last weekend assumed New York's seventh pennant in nine years was all but a lock. He allowed one hit in six innings then Pedro Martinez started the seventh, his first relief appearance in five years

Three hits and two runs got the crowd going, but the rally stopped there and Mark Bellhorn added a solo homer in the eighth for a 9-3 Boston lead.

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Minutemen set for Ram tough URI

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts football team (3-4, 1-3 Atlantic 10) will wrap up its difficult month-long road trip on Saturday when the Minutemen travel to Rhode Island (3-3, 1-2 Atlantic 10) to do battle with the Rams at Meade Stadium.

The Minutemen hit the road on Oct. 2 to play Division I-A cross-state opponent Boston College and lost 29-7 in front of the third largest crowd to ever witness a UMass football game.

They next traveled south to Virginia on Oct. 9 to take on No. 19 James Madison, and the Dukes scored 28 points in the final quarter-and-a-half to come out victorious 28-7.

UMass ended its four-game losing streak last week at New Hampshire at homecoming. The Minutemen came back from a 14-0 deficit in the opening five minutes to beat the Wildcats 38-21. UMass was led by a big performance from running back Steve Baylark (43 carries, 192 yards, three touchdowns), who won the Knight Trophy as the game's MVP.

Rebounding nicely from a tough couple weeks was quarterback Tim Day, who was 18-for-33 for 293 yards and two touchdowns.

Once again anchoring the defense was safety Shannon James, who recorded seven tackles and intercepted two more passes. He is second in the country with seven picks this year, and he is the active leader in career interceptions with 15. James was the Atlantic 10 Defensive Player of the Week for his performance, and it was the second time in three weeks that he has won the award.

Saturday will mark the second game in a row in which the Minutemen will go on the road to face a team during homecoming. They are 3-1 all-time at URI during homecoming. When they return home on Oct. 30, it will be their homecoming game against Maine.

The most important matchup in the game this week will be in the trenches as Rhode Island has a run-dominated offensive game plan and UMass' inability to stop the run has hurt them in games so far this season. Part of that matchup will be UMass reserve defensive lineman Matt Stolte and his brother, Mark, who is a reserve offensive lineman for URI.

The Rams average an astounding 321.8 yards per game on the ground, which is the best in the Atlantic 10. The Minutemen allow opponents to rush for 151.9 yards per contest, which is ninth best in the A-10.

The Rams' only A-10 victory this season was over Towson 28-16 in a game that featured zero pass attempts from URI.

URI coach Tim Stowers had brought his running philosophy when he was hired. During his first four years as the coach, the Rams have had the four highest single-season rushing totals in school history. This year's team has already rushed for 1,938

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UMASS

GAME DAY CENTRAL

Rhode Island	UMass
(3-3 Overall 1-2 Atlantic 10)	(3-4 Overall 1-3 Atlantic 10)
Last Week: Lost to William and Mary 24-31	*Last Week:* Defeated New Hampshire 38-21

Meade Stadium, Kingston Rhode Island (5,180/Grass)
Kickoff: Noon

Television: None
Radio: UMass Football Radio Network - WRNX 100.9 FM Holyoke, flagship (Bob Behler: play-by-play, Doug White: color commentary, Johnson Owumi: sidelines)
UMass Student Radio - WMUA 91.1 FM Amherst
Rhode Island Radio - WHJJ 920 AM (Steve McDonald, play by play; Terry Lynch, color, WJZS (99.3 FM)

Series record: UMass leads 43-33-2
Last meeting: UMass 31 URI 17 (November 22nd, 2003)

Rhode Island will use strong running game

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts football team has experienced a contrast in styles this week, as they prepare for Rhode Island and coach Tim Stowers' double-wing rushing attack a week after defending New Hampshire's record-setting passing game.

Despite being effectively eliminated from Division I-AA playoff contention, coach Don Brown and the Minutemen still have something to play for. At 1-3 in Atlantic 10 play, they sit just two games behind Northeastern in the loss column for first place in the North Division, and just one game behind the division's other four teams.

Saturday's game will likely come down to execution, as the Minutemen seem to hold the advantage in taking a look at the various matchups.

When the Rams run

The University of Rhode Island's run-oriented spread offense spoke for itself during a 28-16 win over Towson in which the Rams did not complete a pass. With UMass undersized and banged up along the defensive front, the Rams will present a stiff test one year after they led the nation in team rushing yards, and will likely not waver from a game plan of continuously moving the

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COURTESY KAREN WEINGER

Sophomore Tim Day hands the ball off during the Minutemen's game against Richmond on Sept. 18th at McGuirk Stadium.

Northampton welcomes festival of Rock and Roll
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26 arrested Wednesday after Sox win

By Erika Lovley
Collegian Staff

The Boston Red Sox victory over the New York Yankees in the American League pennant Wednesday night resulted in the largest of four disturbances the University of Massachusetts has experienced this week.

According to campus officials approximately 5,000 students filled Southwest Residential Area cheering, waving Red Sox flags and throwing rolls of flaming toilet paper after the pennant game ended around midnight. Fireworks were set off next to the John Quincy Adams Tower, where residents dumped trashed out of the windows onto the crowd below. Several women exposed themselves to the crowd.

Over 100 UMass police officers, Massachusetts State Police and Amherst Town Police aided in arresting approximately 26 people.

A State Police helicopter circled the campus to monitor the crowd, while police worked until 2:10 a.m., using three police horses and one K-9 to disperse the large crowd.

After repeated dispersal orders from the police, the crowd moved out of the Southwest quadrangle to the Campus Pond, tearing down University signs, tipping trash cans and climbing the Minuteman statue as they moved across the area.

In front of the Campus Pond, A fire approximately six-feet-high was set with materials taken from the W.E.B. Du Bois Library construction site and tree branches. Amherst Fire Department and the UMass Office of Environmental Health and Safety extinguished the fire, according to UMass officials. Police also reported several students swimming in the pond.

The campus has experienced a disturbance after every Red Sox victory in the American League Championship series in the past week. Approximately 75 people have been arrested so far, mostly on charges of disorderly conduct, inciting a riot and failure to disperse, according to UMass Police Chief Barbara O'Connor.

During the most recent disturbance, an officer injury was reported after Michael Bayroe, 20 of Stoneham, allegedly struck the officer in the eye while being arrested. He was charged with assault and battery on a police officer. The officer was evaluated at Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton.

The following people were arrested during the disturbance Wednesday night into early Thursday morning.

Gabriel B. Berkowitz, 19, of Brookline, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Joshua William Ginsberg, 18, of Andover, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Sean Thomas Hennebery, 19, of Lexington, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Derek T. Baldassarre, 21, of

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A crowd of people chant in excitement while watching a burning fire during the riots that took place around the Southwest pyramids after the Red Sox game 7 win in the AL penant Wednesday night.

Senator Rosenberg addresses UMass Faculty Senate on education issues

By Casey Novak
Collegian Staff

Massachusetts State Senator Stanley Rosenberg told the University of Massachusetts Faculty Senate about a "Fair Share" plan discussed by senators to "get rid of the ups and downs" in student's educational costs. Rosenberg also reported to the Senate his work with the Higher Public Education Special Task Force, which he cochairs with State Senator Steve Panagiotakos, at the Senate's 633rd meeting yesterday.

According to Rosenberg, the task force was formed after a caucus last June spent a full hour discussing nothing but public higher education. The Senator, a UMass alumnus, said that in all the years he had been in legislation that was the longest time ever spent on the topic of public higher education.

"Through the course of the conversation a number of senators who had previously been pretty much mum on the subject spoke up and talked about a range of concerns they had," Rosenberg said. "I was pleasantly surprised at the range of discussion."

Panagiotakos and Rosenberg have been working together for a number a months to come up with a set of recommendations and a report to be filed by the beginning of next year.

"First is finance," Rosenberg said. "We'd like to focus on adequate funding for institutions and reasonable student charges."

The Senator stressed the need for consistency and permanent policies in order to get rid of "ups and downs."

"I would like to keep student charges within a particular range. Why should one group of students have tuition go down and then for the next group it goes way up?" Rosenberg asked, urging for consistency regardless of the economy.

Rosenberg said he hopes to have some very specific recommendations for the proposal, but warned that not everyone will be able to get 100 percent of what they want from it.

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Lowell High offers college and military bound students $1,200 laptops

By Ken Maguire
Associated Press

LOWELL (AP) — There used to be pats on the back, or pizza parties, but now it's prepaid credit cards and new car lotteries. What's next in the effort to get students to go to class?

Lowell High School is offering seniors who maintain excellent attendance and gain acceptance to college or the military a free, $1,200 laptop computer at year's end.

"It makes students want to come to school more," said Buntha Sok, a 19-year-old who has returned to school after a year off that included running with a street gang.

Sok returned to school because he wants to be a cop – not for a free computer – but he said the appeal is undeniable.

"I grew up in a poor family. I never had the chance to use a computer," he said. "I always wanted a laptop."

David Conway, one of five house masters at Lowell High School, said school administrators came up with the laptop idea after seeing daily attendance dip last year to 85 percent at this campus of 3,000 students. To avoid sanctions under regulations of the federal No Child Left Behind law, attendance this year must reach 95 percent.

"Attendance is a societal problem," Conway said. "Nobody really has the answers. There didn't seem to be any innovative ideas. It seems as though we rely on the punitive part: detentions, suspensions, telling the parents."

Nationwide, schools are turning to incentives in the face of the federal No Child Left Behind education law that requires every school to report truancy figures. Attendance is a factor that helps determine whether schools go on the "needs Improvement" list, which can force them to let students transfer and risks losing some government funding.

At Trimble Tech High School in Fort Worth, Texas, attendance jumped nearly three percentage points last year to 94.7 percent after officials announced eligible students could win a 2001 Ford Mustang. It's one of several car giveaway programs at Fort Worth high schools.

In Kansas City, Mo., officials say incentives roughly doubled enrollment in summer school. Kids who didn't miss a day received a prepaid Visa card worth $125.

The buzz about the laptops already has improved Lowell's attendance, Conway said. The daily rate so far this year is 91 percent. To qualify for a laptop, a student must not be absent more than eight days in all classes, reflecting a 96 percent attendance rate, and must be accepted into the military or a two- or four-year college.

Educators in Lowell, an old industrial city 30 miles north of Boston, also hope the laptops will help deserving students offset college expenses. This year, three state colleges are requiring for the first time that new students own a laptop. More state schools will adopt that rule next year. It will add about $1,200 to the total cost.

"We do have a lot of lower-middle class students," Conway said. "Their parents are scrambling on how to pay for college."

About 90 Lowell seniors would have qualified last year for the laptops. Conway expects at least 125 of this year's 775 seniors to make the cut.

About 10 percent of the laptops – some of which are being donated by area colleges and businesses, and others paid for through fundraising – will be distributed to seniors in extenuating circumstances. Conway and others acknowledge that some kids miss classes because they must care for a sibling or earn money for their family.

Critics say incentives are not the best answer.

Allie Kohn, a Massachusetts-based former teacher and author who lectures nationally on the dangers of rewards – including grades – says when teachers are "dangling goodies" in front of kids, the kids are less inspired.

"The intrinsic motivation to learn, read, or even show up, tends to decline when kids are bribed to do what the adults want," he said.

Victims of domestic violence honored

By Matt Hoffman
Collegian Staff

A vigil held to honor victims of domestic abuse brought local legislators and University of Massachusetts community members together last night to raise awareness of the issue during National Domestic Violence Awareness month. Approximately 60 people gathered in the Student Union for the vigil.

A woman is sexually assaulted every 12 seconds in the United States, according to the Everywoman's Center, which organized the event. Ben Atherton-Zeman, one of the organizers, hoped that the vigil would raise awareness of domestic violence.

"This event will make the community aware so that in the future, vigils like these will not need to be held," Atherton-Zeman said.

Massachusetts State Senator and UMass Alumnus Stan Rosenberg, was one of several speakers with inspirational words for the gathered community. He emphasized the mission of community awareness in his address of the issue.

"It is too late when you have to shed tears over a victim who has been murdered due to physical abuse. We must work to prevent such situations from arising in the first place," Rosenberg said.



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Students participate in a vigil to honor victims of domestic violence sponsored by the Everywoman's Center in the Cape Cod Lounge of the Student Union last night.

Ellen Story, the Massachusetts State Representative for Amherst and Granby, talked about how much progress has been made recently. "When I was elected twelve years ago, the banner 'Love Shouldn't Hurt' would not have been plastered across the PVTA bus that I saw as I drove here today."

Story's words showed the increase in community's awareness of domestic violence. However, she said that there was still more work to be done.

Michael Dover, co-director of the Men's Resource Center put a twist on the evening by emphasizing that domestic abuse against women "is men's work." Dover was disappointed at the lack of men in attendance at the vigil.

"Every time I hear of a man abusing a woman, and do not do anything, I am reinforcing to society the fact that those abusive men represent the definition of masculinity in society ... I'm tired of other men saying rape is okay."

The Everywoman's Center pointed out that abuse is not restricted in the form of violence from men against women.

"Whether [Americans] are sad or happy, we celebrate with vio-

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Fidel Castro suffers bone fractures

By Anita Snow
Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — Cuban President Fidel Castro's advancing age – and ultimately his mortality – were brought home Thursday after he fractured a knee and arm when he tripped and fell at a public event.

In a communist society where the 78-year-old leader has played a larger-than-life role for more than four decades, the tumble was the latest reminder that Cuba's commander in chief is an aging man who will not live forever – with an elderly brother as his designated successor.

"I'm all in one piece," Castro declared on state television Wednesday night after tripping on a concrete step while returning to his seat after an hour-long speech in the central city of Santa Clara.

A medical examination early Thursday confirmed Castro suffered a broken left knee and a hairline fracture in his upper right arm, said an official notice carried by state media.

"His general health is good, and he is in excellent spirits," it said, adding that Castro hoped to be "back in place" soon.

"He asked that it be made known he is in condition to keep overseeing fundamental questions in close cooperation with government and party leaders," the statement said.

Parliament speaker Ricardo Alarcon, who has been by Castro's side more than four decades, said Thursday he was confident the president would recover quickly.

"He is a man of much strength," Alarcon told international journalists in Havana.

Nevertheless, Castro's tumble captured by Associated Press Television News, but not shown by state television cameras – was sure to cause speculation about the communist leader's health after 45 years of ruling this island of 11.2 million people.

Castro's health has long been closely watched – particularly by his political enemies in Miami, home to a large Cuban exile community.

"Sometimes, people have this idea that he's some sort of god, that he's omnipotent," said Yanisset Rivero, spokeswoman for the Cuban Democratic Directorate, a Miami group that supports dissidents on the island. "It's a sign ... that he's human."



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Cuban President Fidel Castro, left, is pictured with Elian Gonzalez in a file photo.

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Crowd lights fires in Southwest riots

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Newton, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

David L. Valade, 18, of North Attleborough, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

William Gullotti, 19, of Waltham, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Jonathan Michael Brennan, 18, of Peabody was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Matthew Jonathan Tarselli, 22, of Amherst, was arrested for disorderly conduct, assault with a dangerous weapon, resisting arrest, inciting a riot, failure to disperse, and the mistreatment of a police animal.

Max A. Ellis, 18, of West Tisbury, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Darrell W. Smith, 21, of Hingham, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Michael G. Herman, 19, of Merrimac, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Sage Atwood, 20, of Housatonic, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

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Brian Nugent, 18, of Framingham, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Peter S. Botzko, 17, of Reading, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Andrew Lombardi, 19, of Plymouth, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Sean James Pringle, 22, of Chesterfield, was arrested for disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, and failure to disperse.

Kevin Coughlin, 17, of Reading, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Stefan Cunha, 20, of Douglas, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Anthony M. Pagano, 22, of Rockland, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Glenn A. Ginish Jr., 21, of Lincoln, R.I., was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Ryan Fitzel, 20, of Hingham, was arrested for disorderly conduct and possession of liquor under the age of 21.

Michael Limanek, 21, of Oxbridge, was arrested for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Brian J. Leibinger, 22, of Pittsfield, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Michael Jayroe, 20, of Stoneham, was arrested for assault and battery on a police officer, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest.



MATTHEW REED/COLLEGIAN

A crowd of people watch a fire burn in the Southwest pyramids during the riots that took place there Wednesday night.

K-Mart exec to receive $90 mil.

TROY, Mich. (AP) — Outgoing Kmart chief executive Julian Day is getting about $90 million in stock options for his leadership at the discount chain, which emerged from bankruptcy nearly a year and a half ago.

Day resigned Monday to make way for fast-food industry veteran Aylwin Lewis as head of Kmart Holding Corp., but will stay on the board.

Day was named Kmart's CEO in January 2003 and had been president and chief operating officer since March 2002.

If the company meets certain performance goals, Day's exit package will total about $94 million by January 2008, based on Kmart's closing stock price Wednesday of $90.31, The Detroit News reported Thursday.

Kmart closed nearly 600 stores and shed 57,000 employees after filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in January 2002. It emerged from bankruptcy in May 2003.

The company earned $155 million for the 13 weeks that ended July 28, compared with a loss of $5 million a year earlier.

Day deserves the money, said retail analyst Ulysses Yannas of Buckman, Buckman & Reid in Red Bank, N.J.

—*Associated Press*

Rosenberg addresses Senate

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Addressing the issue of how much of a contribution students should make towards their education, the senators came up with the "Fair Share Plan."

"Although this is not the perfect plan, everything cannot be achieved in the real world," Rosenberg said. "I challenge everybody who has an interest in the public education system, in absence of perfection, to get together and light to make a realistic plan happen."

In his opinion, the Senator believes that on any given day there are one million people in Massachusetts who have an interest in the public education system.

"The missing element is those one million people who are all on the same page, singing the same tune, pushing for the same idea, insistent on a winning plan to move the higher education system to what this community needs," Rosenberg said.

Rosenberg also took the time to talk about the proposal for a public law school in Massachusetts. He said that experts put the cost of funding the law school at about $50 million, saying that it therefore needs to have a major public discussion.

During the meeting, Chancellor John Lombardi said sternly that there was no group at UMass Amherst pushing for the law school.

"No, we are not in the mode of proposing that the Commonwealth invest in a law school on this campus," Lombardi said.



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State Senator Stan Rosenberg addresses the UMass Faculty Senate about the "Fair Share" plan to deal with public education costs.

Student killed in Kenmore Sq. riots

By Denise Lavoie
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — A 21-year-old college student died Thursday from injuries she received as police tried to subdue the rowdy crowd outside Fenway Park following the Red Sox's series-clinching win over the Yankees, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Victoria Snelgrove, an Emerson College journalism major from Bridgewater, was injured on Landsdowne Street early Thursday morning as fans poured out of bars and into the streets around Kenmore Square after the final out in Boston's 10-3 win at Yankee Stadium, authorities said.

A spokeswoman for Brigham and Women's Hospital said Snelgrove died there at 12:50 p.m.

Mayor Tom Menino told WBZ-AM that Snelgrove was hit in the head by a "non-lethal weapon," but he did not elaborate. Menino did not immediately return a call from The Associated Press Thursday afternoon.

David Procopio, a spokesman for the Suffolk district attorney, said the office is investigating the incident.

"One factor that is being investigated is whether her injuries were sustained in any way during crowd control measures," Procopio said. "That has not been confirmed or determined yet."

Sixteen people were injured in all, including a police officer whose wounds were not severe, a police spokeswoman said.

Several small fires were set, fireworks shot into the sky, a trash can was thrown at a fast-food restaurant sign and numerous lights broke out.

Vigil for victims

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lence," said Banu Subramaniam, a UMass Women's Studies professor. Subramaniam cited the riots in the Southwest residential area of campus as an example of violence that pervades the U.S. culture.

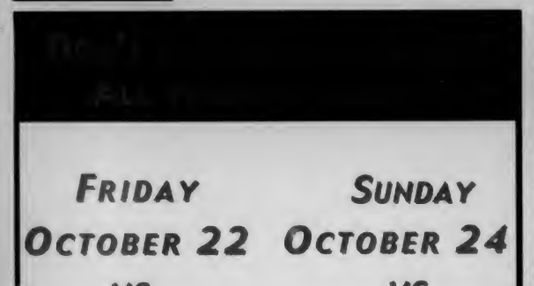
Subramaniam told of the experiences in her Introduction to Women's Studies class, in which representatives from the Everywoman's Center provide information to her students.

"They ask the young people to stand up if certain abusive situations, which are read aloud, have occurred to them or to someone they know ... The room always goes quiet at this point, due to the amount of memories that this event triggers," Subramaniam said.

The professor noted that students do not treat this subject as purely academic, due to the extent to which it permeates many people's lives.

After the speeches ended, the attendees walked around campus to collect red cutout boards shaped in the figure of people who have died in Massachusetts due to physical violence. Students in attendance also carried candles as they walked the campus.

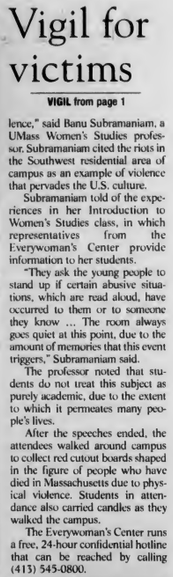
The Everywoman's Center runs a free, 24-hour confidential hotline that can be reached by calling (413) 545-0800.











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"I may disagree with what you have to say, but I shall defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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Return to Wonderland

If America was a person, she'd be a valley girl named Alice, who struts her stuff down the hallways of her junior high with her nose in the air, a little too pleased with herself to notice what's going on around her.

Don't get me wrong. Alice has her good points. She's got a commitment to helping people achieve their dreams, and putting their lives back together after tragedy. But she's still has a severe near-sightedness that keeps her from feeling connected to the rest of the world.

Jake Monte

And then on Sept. 11, something terrible happened to Alice. The Junior High bullies beat her up, broke a few bones, and threatened to kill her the next time they got the chance.

Now, let's step out of the analogy for a second. What exactly does this mean? It means that America has finally joined the rest of the world. We have lived with the illusion that we were immune to the everyday pain of the world. Our near-sightedness has finally reaped its Karma. But nothing happened to us that day that hasn't been happening to people everyday, everywhere else, since the dawn of time. There's genocide, starvation, torture, murder, rape and suicide. But we hardly see it. It was only Sept. 11 that could wake us up. But did we awake?

We need an America capable of self-reflection ... we need to help her find her way back to sanity.

No. After the bullies threatened Alice, she went back to walking down the hallway in the same conceited, self-centered way. The rest of the students, Italy, Japan, France, and so on, all felt badly for Alice. The administration shut school down for a day, which had never happened before, even when other students were abused much worse than Alice had been. But Alice didn't care about the other students and made enemies with them quickly.

This is exactly what America has done.

Alice became a bully, just like those that had abused her. She couldn't self-reflect and see the errors of her ways. She was loved by those around her and took it for granted. She went after the bullies with reckless abandon, passing around a petition to kick them out of school, a petition no one signed. Eventually, after the other children saw this, they began to dislike Alice. They saw that she had gone from being a valley girl to a monster. Alice has become one of the great evils in the world, a terrorist like the one's we light against.

We need an America capable of self-reflection. When Alice makes a mistake, she needs to admit it. And now that Alice has become a bully, a monster, hell-bent on revenge, we need to help her find her way back to sanity. That sanity is being offered; help and guidance is on the way. In fact, that's the campaign slogan: help is on the way. His name is John Kerry and he believes America should take the advice of the other students, stop walking down the hallway with her nose in the air, and look inside for the solution rather than lighting everyone outside.

The truth is, the bullies are just as likely to kill Alice now as they have ever been. It was a threat, and an important one at that, a threat that Alice should have learned from. Where Alice will go from here remains to be seen. She could continue on the path that she's on and become one of the world's great monsters; or, she could wake up to the fact that she is a member of the human race, no better, no worse, and that she must now use her considerable talents to make the entire world a better place. That was Alice's first dream; the one everyone loved her for.

Jake Monte is a Collegian columnist.



Midterms: not the end

It's that time of year again: the leaves are turning orange, flip flops are disappearing and UMass professors are once again assuming their class is the only one you take. Midterms and essays are ruling your life.

Chris Eckel

With two tests tomorrow and three papers due next week, not to mention figuring out what to wear to class (you don't want to wear those sweatpants again) on your mind, it's no coincidence that college students have some of the greatest concentration of mental health issues of any age demographic.

A recent study done by a team of researchers at UCLA showed that more than 30 percent of college freshmen stated that they felt overwhelmed a great deal of the time. Homework is a big part of that. Now is when the work really starts pouring in, and the need to beat stress becomes very important.

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I'm no psychologist, but if college has taught me anything, it's the best ways to blow off steam. The trick is to take your mind off your work, even if only temporarily. The brain needs a little break every now and then. So for those of you who are sitting late at night thinking your only hope is buying a voodoo doll of your professor or praying for a snow day in October ... try these alternatives first.

Take a 3 a.m. trip to Dunkin Donuts. This one's pretty cliché, but most people aren't getting the most out of the trip. Talk to the guy behind the counter; he'll be glad for some company. Then, ditch the fluorescent lights and head over to Wildwood Elementary School. Climb on the swings. You might remember this one from way back: put your feet on the ground and kick off. Repeat. Breathe. Repeat.

Drink your triple cinnamon espresso with whip cream on top. Your brain's nice and mellow, but your heart will be going 300 miles an hour. Everything gets crossed up, and it pretty much resets the body. Now you're ready to go back to work.

Throw on your shoes and hit the streets. It doesn't matter if your name is Michael Johnson or you haven't run around since second grade kickball. Take it at your own pace and work up a good sweat, but don't go overboard. It's not about burning off that DC's chocolate cake; it's all about regaining your focus. When you get back, take a nice hot shower and get a cold drink. You'll be in fine form to sit down and homework-it.

Fire up the Nintendo. Seriously. So what if your last two girlfriends dumped you because of it? It's still a good friend, and it'll never nag you about that essay. For my money, there's nothing more satisfying on a bad night than blowing up aliens or nailing the quarterback with a cornerback blitz. Sadly, none of us will ever get the chance to do either in real life. So choose the next best thing and find a friend to play with you. Just make sure you don't get so caught up in saving the world that you forget the homework.

Accomplish the impossible: do your laundry, clean you room, wash those moldy dishes or empty your trash. That way, you can wear clean jeans to class, eat any donuts you bring home, keep your closet from smelling and put off doing the work for a few extra minutes.

Hit Stop & Shop at a crazy hour of the morning. Take a moment to look around and admire the fact that you've got the store to yourself. It's almost as good as being Britney Spears and being able to shut down the Prada store so you can pick out another wedding dress. Sure, creamy corn isn't as exciting as white silk, but once you realize how much money you've saved with your Stop & Shop card, you'll be pretty pumped up and creamy corn does have some mysterious revitalizing properties.

So, I figure at least one of those ideas should appeal to you. If not, then obviously I'm not cut out for the advice business. But here is one good bit of advice: if you're feeling overburdened around this time of year and caffeine and cleaning isn't cutting it, then look around for a good person to talk to. You've got plenty of options, from your RA to the folks at University Health Services to one of your professors. There's no shortage of compassionate people at this school, and unlike me, they know what they're doing. Good luck with midterms, UMass.

Chris Eckel is a Collegian columnist.

DNC beaten at its own game

With the election just eleven days away, you can bet it's crunch time for the Kerry and Bush campaigns. The most heated campaign of my lifetime will soon come to an end, and America will decide which man will be leading us for the next four years. The war chests are being emptied, and the campaigns have gone into overdrive.

Ben Duffy

As I might have expected, the Democratic National Committee — in a stunning display of its confidence in John Kerry — is prepping itself to cheat. You don't have to take my word for it, trust the documentary evidence.

The DNC has recently distributed its 66-page election day "mobilization plan" to dozens of state committees within the Democratic party. One of these states was Colorado, where this internal document was leaked to the Drudge Report, and later picked up by alarmingly few other news agencies. One section of it reads:

Democrats are entirely too willing to believe that Republicans are guilty of voter intimidation.

> If no signs of intimidation techniques have emerged yet, launch a 'pre-emptive strike' (particularly well suited to states in which these techniques have been tried in the past).
>
> Issue a press release
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> Reviewing Republican tactic [sic] used in the past in your area or state
>
> Quoting party/minority/civil rights leadership as denouncing tactics that discourage people from voting

Prime minority leadership to discuss the issue in the media: provide talking points.

Place stories in which minority leadership expresses concern about the threat of intimidation techniques

Warn local newspapers not to accept advertising that is not properly disclaimed or that contains false warnings about voting requirements and/or about what will happen at the polls.

It occurred to me that the document might not even be authentic. As much as it conforms to my pre-conceived ideas as to how the DNC actually operates, I didn't believe that the Democrats would be stupid enough to put the policy in writing and distribute it nationwide.

So I checked out what the Democrats had to say on the matter, and found that they didn't even deny the authenticity of the document.

"We make no apologies for fighting these tactics by exposing the dirty tricks when they happen, and helping educate local officials and activists about past Republican tactics so they can prevent them from occurring this year," responds Iano Cabrera, DNC Communications Director.

Sorry Iano, but I can read. It advocates a "pre-emptive strike" in states where "no signs of intimidation have emerged yet." It has absolutely nothing to do with the "exposing dirty tricks when they happen," and everything to do with fabricating dirty tricks when they don't happen. I've always believed that this was the modus operandi of the Democrats but never before have I had such solid evidence.

If an election looks close, the first thing they do is cry foul, even if no basis for such a claim exists. Second, they mobilize their all-too-willing media assets, and "place stories," no matter how irrelevant. Third, they play the almighty race card; they drag out faux "civil rights leaders" and whisper in their ears what they should say to the media. They provide "talking points," and generally exploit white guilt.

The DNC Web site claims that the excerpt quoted above is taken out of context and provides the entire section of the mobilization plan concerning voter intimidation. It was hardly exculpatory evidence. Check it out yourself, at www.democrats.org.

The largest part of it outlines alleged voter intimidation techniques used by Republicans in the past. "Alleged" is the key word here.

The broader document explains what to do in the event of "expected voter intimidation;" keep in mind that the Democrats are already expecting it, whether it happens or not. They prescribe "Emphasizing a message of outrage, but designed to appeal to the broader community: 'We thought this community was better than that,' 'We thought those days were behind us,' 'Nothing is more despicable than trying to deprive any American of the precious right to vote, the foundation of our democracy for which so many have sacrificed.'"

At least they've got their canned catchphrases ready. They advocate "Inpugning the source of divisiveness – the GOP, the opposing candidate, whoever can credibly be said to be behind it." Oh really? "Credibly be said to be behind it" in whose mind? It seems to me that the real "source of divisiveness" here is the DNC.

What was so beautifully demonstrated here is that Democrats are entirely too willing to believe that Republicans are guilty of voter intimidation. They don't even have to wait until election day, they know it's going to happen. They don't have to prove it because it's inevitable. It's almost as if they think that all elections are tainted with voter intimidation, and lack of evidence to that extent only means that the Republicans got away with it.

Therefore, no real evidence is needed before the Democrats leap into action in their own self-righteous crusade.

In a way, I'm guilty of the exact same thing as the DNC. The Democrats believe that they know exactly how the Republicans operate, to the extent that they can assume, without any type of evidence whatsoever, that the Republicans will try to suppress the vote.

I have my own preconceived notions. I believe that I know exactly how the Democrats operate: through scare-tactics, racial victimization and unfounded accusations, all focused through the cooperative liberal media establishment. The difference between the DNC and myself is that I have the evidence to prove it. They made the fatal mistake of making official policy out of what I already believed was their backroom game plan.

Then they got caught. Shame on you, Democrats.

Ben Duffy is a Collegian columnist.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STATEMENT ON FUNDRAISER

As a representative of the Everywoman's Center, I would first like to appreciate the good intentions of the groups that organized and participated in the fundraiser for the Everywoman's Center. At the Everywoman's Center we long for the day when women can feel free to celebrate their bodies and their sexuality without fear of violence or humiliation. We support the right of women to choose how they express their sexuality whether privately, with a partner or in public (as long as that expression does not harm others).

Unfortunately, we also recognize that we live in a culture that exploits and degrades women's sexuality and promotes violence against women. We understand the strong feelings and opinions on campus and we at EWC are not always able to successfully represent the diversity of ideas and values inherent in the "women's community."

However, the lingerie fundraiser and subsequent letters to the editor have prompted an internal discussion within EWC about developing and articulating clear standards for fundraising events; standards that we as EWC staff feel can clearly represent our mission statement. Once these standards are developed we will be happy to share them with the community.

Becky Lockwood
Associate Director of
Rape Crisis and Violence
Prevention Programs.

TEACHERS HAVE FREEDOM OF SPEECH TOO

In his editorial, "Bombarded by Liberal Bias," Michael Busack implies that we should all stay in our boxes, even if they are big boxes. "The cashier at Wal-mart doesn't give me advice on school. I don't expect my mechanic to tell me the best way to get a date." And he doesn't want his professors to venture outside their discipline.

Aside from the other good advice Mr. Busack may be missing from his mechanic, democracy invites the cashier, the mechanic, and the teacher to give advice on crucial matters by voting.

I have no idea whether Professor Simurda has tenure, but the tenure system was developed to guarantee professors the freedom to express ideas without having to fear those who would have them "monitored," as Mr. Busack suggests, for political sterility. Colleges promote the free exchange of ideas because it works.

Mr. Busack is ratting out Professor Simurda for having stated that the Bush administration had long premeditated the attack on Iraq. According to President Bush's original Secretary of the Treasury, Paul O'Neill, this is true. Many members of the current administration, including Donald Rumsfeld, Paul Wolfowitz, and Richard Armitage, signed letter to President Clinton in 1998, which can be viewed at www.newamerican century.org/iraqclintonletter.htm, stating: "The only acceptable strategy is one that eliminates the possibility that Iraq will be able to use or threaten to use weapons of mass destruction. In the near term, this means a willingness to undertake military action as diplomacy is clearly failing. In the long term, it means removing Saddam Hussein and his regime from power."

What Mr. Simurda said, then, was hardly even controversial, much less worthy of censure or censorship.

I am disappointed that an editor of the Collegian would think that the only person from whom we should accept unsolicited opinions should be, by his logic, the writer of an editorial. What a boring world that would be.

David Keith
UMass alumus
Class of '96

ELECTION IS A CHANCE FOR CHANGE

On Nov. 2, the people of Amherst and Granby have a chance for change, and UMass has a chance to get some real help.

The current State Representative is one of only 39 out of 160 Representatives to actually vote to increase the income tax. She is one of a handful of representatives to vote against the Safe Haven bill that allowed distressed teenage mothers to safely give their unwanted children up at fire houses and hospitals. This overwhelmingly bipartisan bill will reduce the incidence of infanticide and abortion, while protecting emotionally disturbed women.

The current State Representative is one of a handful that voted against strengthening sex offender laws. The overwhelmingly bipartisan bill she was against closed the loophole of repeat sex-offenders who were arrested for other crimes.

She is proud that she is a liberal, but there is a difference between being a proud liberal and a dangerous extremist. Since she has been in office, the budget for UMass-Amherst, the district's single largest employer, has been repeatedly slashed. She has been unable to stop the bleeding because she is so far out of the mainstream that she has no relationship with the governor or the former Speaker of the House.

Wouldn't it be better to have a moderate Representative who supports UMass and is able to work cooperatively with both the governor and the new Speaker of the House? Wouldn't be better for Amherst and Granby to elect an independent minded moderate? If you think things aren't working now, maybe it is time for a change. I encourage you to turnout and vote for Jeanne Taester, a moderate, for State Representative on Nov 2.

Isaac Mass
Republican State Committeeman

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in Rocktober

Rock out

Northampton showcases rock and roll's greatest

By Michael Busack
Collegian Staff

The Academy of Music Theatre in Northampton is once again off and running. Yes, they are back in business and what better way to celebrate than with a five-day long Rock N' Roll extravaganza.

The Academy of Music Theatre has a history that traces back to 1890 when Edward H.R. Lyman built it for a total cost of over $125,000 including monies spent on the decoration of the interior. Ever since, the theatre has been a staple in the Northampton arts. In 1892, Mr. Lyman deeded the theatre to the city of Northampton, and so began America's first municipaly owned theatre. It is also one of America's six oldest theatres.

Starting tonight, Friday Oct. 22, the Academy of Music Theatre is bringing a series that will hopefully bring a young crowd to the scene. "Rocktober: A Rock and Roll Movie Extravaganza," will begin tonight and continue throughout the next five nights. It will play ten of what are considered to be some of the greatest Rock and Roll movies of all time. Here is a run down of what is in store.

Don't Look Back

This film depicts a young Bob Dylan in the spring of 1965. At the age of 23, Dylan is at the height of his first explosion into popular music. Director D.A. Pennebaker follows Dylan around to concerts, hotel rooms, and even conversations with many notables.

The cameos in this film are appealing in themselves. Not only do you get an oppurtunity to see a young Bob Dylan, but we also see the famed folk Joan Baez and creepy singer-songwriter, Donovan.

This film shows Dylan as young, inscrutable, and at his peak.

The Monterey International Pop Festival

This 1968 music festival is what paved the way for Woodstock and the careers of many influential artists. Just take a look at some of the performers: Mamas and the Papas, The Jimi Hendrix Experience, Janis Joplin, Jefferson Airplane, The Birds, The Who, Otis Redding, Ravi Shankar, Simon and Garfunkel, Buffalo Springfield, The Greatful Dead and many others.

It's like mixfest, but good.

This is Spinal Tap

From the world of genius mock-umentarian Christopher Guest comes his original classic, "This is Spinal Tap." You might have to be a little sheltered to have never heard of this gem, and if so, check it out.

The film focuses on a mock 1982 British heavy metal band named Spinal Tap. They are filmed by Marti DeBergi in an attempt to make a comeback in America. The film includes performances, now legendary lyrics, and comical interviews and conversations that lead to the spirling end of America's most famous band that never really existed.

Rock N' Roll High School

This classic was originally titled "Disco High" until the directors were able to land a guest spot by pioneers of punk, the Ramones.

The film takes place in the fictional Vince Lombardi High School. The school has a problem with holding on to their principal position; all of the previous principals ended up having nervous breakdowns because the students have a complete disregard for the authority. To quote Kiss (never thought I'd use that one), the students "wanna rock and roll all night, and party every day."

One student, Riff Randell, is a massive fan of the Ramones. When the new principal, Miss Togar comes to bring an end to the rockin' students, the kids revolt with the help of the Ramones, and take over the high school.

With the recent demise of Johnny Ramone, this movie is not only incredibly entertaining, but also timely. Go see it. Seriously, do it. I dare you to.

Stop Making Sense

This is the 1984 film that chronicles a concert of those crazy Talking Heads. It includes costume changes, dancing and running, and plain old freaking out, but yet it seems to all be timed right. Everything goes pretty smoothly.

The brilliance of this movie shines through in David Byrne. Ultimately, the combination of Byrne's performance skills and Jonathan Demme's direction is quite astounding.

Purple Rain

"Dig if u will a picture / Of u and I engaged in a kiss / The sweat of your body covers me / Can u my darling / Can u imagine this ?"

What other five foot tall man would have ever had the balls to not only write these lyrics, but also insist that that "you" be spelled "u" instead.

Prince is a legend, and this is his legacy. This movie is rare in so many ways that it would be difficult to list them in a brief. It is a must see.

Wattstax

Wattstax is the Woodstock you probably have never seen.

In 1972, 100,000 fans stuffed into the LA Coliseum for a night of musical ecstacy. This concert includes the likes of Isaac Hayes, Rufus Thomas, and the Staple Singers.

A young Richard Pryor hosts this film and helps to bring it to life. This is probably a movie that you have not seen, and that is a shame but you can change that.

Tommy

This classic of the rock-opera genre has earned its way to this distinction as one of the top ten Rock and Roll films of all time.

The film is about Tommy, a boy who through psychological trauma becomes deaf, dumb, and blind. Oddly enough, as a child, Tommy witnessed the murder of his dad by his stepfather. When his mom and stepdad told him to forget everything he saw and heard, he takes this lar too literally.

Of course, Tommy finds solace in none other than, the game of Pinball. Okay, so I guess that wouldn't be the first place you would expect him to look, but nevertheless, musical elation pursues and Tommy becomes the center of a religious cult.

The soundtrack to Tommy is awesome and with the Academy's new sound system, it should sound great. Also, there are cameos in this movie from everyone of note from the time. Elton John, Eric Clapton, Tina Turner, Keith Moon, and even Jack Nicholson appear in this classic.

The Filth and the Fury

"The Filth and the Fury" is a complete documentary of one of the most mentioned punk bands in history. The Sex Pistols rose from the streets of London in the 1970's to become one of the most notorious bands in history.

This film is Julien Temple's directorial debut, and a good debut it is. It chronicles the story of the Pistols through their rise, and eventual fall with the tragic accusations of murder, and death of lead singer and frontman Johnny Rotten.

Rude Boy

"Rude Boy" is the final film in this immense series. It is part documentary and part character study that features one of the most influential rock bands in Britain's history The Clash. It oddly mixes a fictional fan amidst actual events that occurred in The Clash's history.

This film is especially interesting when considering that it is a rockumentary that takes place over a few years time. Though, thankfully, the footage is heightened by the scale of events the time period allows for. This is truly a rare classic.

Wrapup

So that is it folks, some of rock's greatest moments. A limitless pass to all of the shows is only $50 (yes, I know, it's a steal.) If you would like to just see one night (two shows), the cost is only $10, and if you just want to see one show it is only $7.

Eve learns from a close friend



Original Sin
Eve

I would never have thought I would lose sleep over a girl. Not just any girl though: my best friend. And I will openly admit, I am heartbroken by her behavior. Let me explain.

When it comes to my relationships with my girlfriends, I am very serious, probably so seriously that it may justify my reasoning for not wanting a relationship with a guy, and if this is what I must sacrifice for a stable friendship, it is well worth it.

All of my girlfriends have similar characteristics; they are independent, experienced, strong, loyal, and beautiful. Each one, however, is so unique, that separately they fulfill specific emotional voids in my life, and visa-versa. This mutual attitude inevitably creates a deeply bound trust that should never be broken, and it never has … until today.

I did not meet her by coincidence. We live in an international dorm, and we latched onto each other because we were alike, but not really. She is the opposite of me in character, and defied my stereotypical type of friend. I remember how innocent she used to be, how she looked to me for life's most important answers, how dependent and loyal she was as a friend. My other girlfriends intimidated her but, they accepted her because she was good to me, and I trusted her.

Over time, we grew extremely close. I allowed her a place deep within my heart. We dealt with daily hardships together, we celebrated weekly victories together, and we learned a great deal from each other. She soon became my second half, maybe my better half.

A few years later, she landed an internship at one of the most prominent workplaces in New York City. This would be the opportunity of her lifetime. And I couldn't have been happier for her. This was her chance to blossom into the independent, strong, and experienced city girl that she had always wished to be. I had no choice but to eagerly wait out the transformation.

When the time had come, one full semester later, I wished I had never waited. The city failed as a positive influence. It literally erased the very essence of her beauty. She returned cold, unmoved, and selfish, and I cried for her. She forgot everything and everyone. She forgot about me, and us, and who she use to be. How can six months change someone so dramatically?

I see her eyes, and I notice a blank, emotionless stare. It is a look of loss, a look of sadness. I know she knows I see this. Is that why she is avoiding me? Does she fear this change? I have made numerous attempts to save whatever may be left in our friendship, but she pulls away. It is as if we are strangers living in the same dorm. And I feel as if I am missing a piece of my happiness. It is rare that I find room in my heart for a new friend, but I managed to for her. Now I am beginning to think that was a huge mistake.

I choose my friends wisely, so as not to deal with unnecessary disappointment and unrealistic expectations, and this instance is a reminder of why I have friends with similar baseline characteristics. My true girlfriends maintain this bond independent of change, and maybe it is safer to just remain satisfied with what I have, as opposed to what I have lost. But as I think about all of the wonderful friends I do have, I realize I haven't lost much: she has.

Bongos enhance video gaming



Press Start to Play
Reid Davenport

Nintendo has attempted to do something that many other games have failed at before: to create a music-based video game. Past games such as "PaRappa the Rapper" and the popular "Dance, Dance Revolution" tried creating hits out of music-based games, but only "DDR" has managed success. Past systems have tried things like maracas and guitars instead of controllers, but the controls ended up being too weird to be widely popular.

"Donkey Konga" proves that Nintendo can create success even where others failed. The game comes along with the "DK Bongos," a set of bongos that act as the controller for the game. The bongos give players the hands-on experience, while the game provides some random but memorable songs to create beats for.

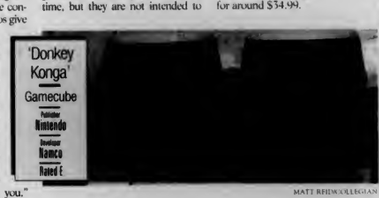
The game play itself is easy to learn, as the games are self-explanatory. You can play to different levels of complexity to earn more coins to buy mini-games. Some of the random songs include "The Impression that I Get," "All the Small Things," "Louie Louie," and "We will Rock you." Nintendo also provides classic Zelda and Mario themes with a few twists to the songs. Playing along with the song consists of hitting the bongos or clapping with the specific symbols.

While you will find some of the songs a bit childish or weird for bongo playing, such as the "Pokemon" TV theme, its fun to play with friends and it gets you more hands-on interactivity with a video game. The downside is that you should not expect to become an expert bongo player by playing the game over and over. The "DK Bongos" are not meant to be played in the way a real bongo set would be played. But if you already play the bongos, then the game might be a little easier for you.

The mini-games, while fun at first, are not the key part of this game. They are simply there to provide an actual game to play, but you also have to earn enough coins to purchase them. They are basic games that can help your reaction time, but they are not intended to entertain you for hours.

One of the better purchase options you get is to buy sounds for your bongos. You can have some of the most random sounds play as you bang your bongos to the songs. Sounds like dogs barking, in-game sounds from "Legend of Zelda," or even sounds taken out of old NES games are available as a drum noise set.

"Donkey Konga" is a great game to pick up if you want something to entertain you every now and then. It's one of those games you can play forever at first, but then you need a little break before you pick it up again. Overall this is a decent game to get for you Gamecube owners if you need something completely new to play. It's great for all ages and is a step up for hands-on video games. "Donkey Konga" is available now for Gamecube for around $49.99. It does include one set of DK Bongos and additional bongos are available for around $34.99.



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Nintendo has released a pair of Bongos to be added to a musical gaming experience titled "Donkey Konga."

Six brand new fall releases: What to buy, and what not to

By Johnny Donaldson
Collegian Staff

Marilyn Manson
Lest We Forget: The Best Of
Interscope

Marilyn Manson's, satanic dark lord shock-rock persona is now so quaint and expected that it's hard to fathom that he was once capable of scaring an unsuspecting Middle America. Manson is now one of the late '90s pre-eminent pop culture-time capsule oddities, and the fact that he continues to mine this, boo-scary Halloween horror show tradition despite steeply declining records sales is kind of cute, in a sad kind of way. Manson is also a smart guy, so one wonders why he sticks to such a moldy old template. A typical Manson song is often the sound of typically sludgy nü-metal gossiped up with a drony Goth sheen. The lone new song is a revamp of Depeche Mode's "Personal Jesus," which joins two other covers (a funereal "Tainted Love" and the admittedly strong, creepy "Sweet Dreams (Are Made of This)") "The Fight Song" is cathartic, but the rest of the album is the same turgid stew of monotonous industrial beats and swampy hard rock.

Don't Look Down
The Fear In Love
Nitro

The new album from the guys in Story of the Year is pretty cynical and downcast. It's called "The Fear In Love" and has song titles like "Right Where It Hurts," "Stages of Dying," "Down and Out" and "Visiting hours Are Over." The lyrics address disillusionment, destruction, death and … wait, you're telling me this isn't SOTY? Is it a new Boy Sets Fire album? No, it's Don't Look Down? Who's Don't Look Down? Oh, they're one of the many new melodic post-hardcore bands that have sprung up in the wake of success of bands like Thrice and Thursday. It's solid, muscular emotional rock, but nothing you haven't heard before if you've already picked up the last Boy Sets Fire album.

mewithoutYou
Catch For Us The Foxes
Tooth & Nail

There's some great music to be found on mewithoutyou's "Catch For Us the Foxes." Too bad it's continuously ruined by they're lead singer. See, he doesn't sing exactly; what he does is talk really, really passionately over the music. Since the quintet apparently has a killer live show, this could possibly work in person. But it doesn't translate to CD. The music is fervent, electric, artful post-emo; the vocals are spoken word irritations. It's like they're actually trying to be an accessible version of the Liars. And no one really needs that.

The Music
Welcome to the North
Capitol

The Music may have the most apropos name of any band in history. Both the name and the, ahem, music have the same kind of pompous grandiosity that grates on the nerves. "Welcome to the North" is the follow-up to the Brit rocker's eponymous debut, and it's a slightly less irritating collection of overstuffed songs. Here you can actually make it through one of them without wincing. In fact, there are even a decent slew of good ones, like the funked-up old-school rock of "Freedom Fighter" and the latter parts of the title song, which sounds like something Sting should be clamoring for. Alas Rob Harvey's falsetto-friendly vocals often hit such a piercing high note that it gets kind of scary.

Nonpoint
Recoil
Lava

There's something poignant and charming in watching the last of the standing nu-metal bands play on as if the genre hasn't become a universally derided "art form." Nonpoint, whose sole claim to fame is that they are Latino, is one of those bands. They play angry, post-grunge hard rock like it was still 1999 and Fred Durst was still "cool." There's nothing horribly awful about "Recoil" except that it sounds incredibly dated, generic and unnecessary. It's hoodie-wearing mook-rock that should have expired years ago. The Latin rhythms that open "Rabia" are fairly interesting, and the album works to if you want to release some pent-up aggression, but really, this is like eating week old bread.

A Wilhelm Scream
Mute Print
Nitro

Punk rock music isn't a genre known for its malleability. It's built on a foundation of three-chords, snarls, and a rage at the system that manifests itself in an aggressively corrosive style of rock'n'roll that is less about musical virtuosity than spitfire emotion. A Wilhelm Scream are the latest to enter the punk sweepstakes and they continue the tradition of ever faster-louder dynamics. This isn't necessarily a bad thing. They sound an awful lot like recent major-label signers Rise Against, but they still make compelling hardcore punk noise. There's nothing much new here that hasn't been done before, but the Screamers do it well.

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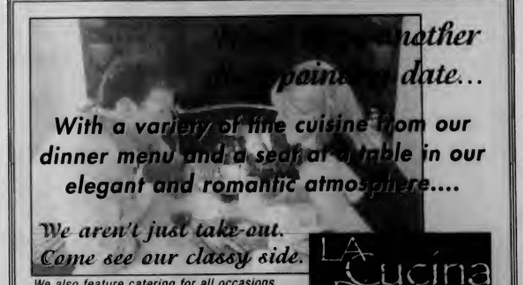
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Final tune-up for UM

Martha Powers
Collegian Staff

On Saturday, the University of Massachusetts men's cross-country team will travel to Connecticut to compete in the Blue Devil Mini Meet. The race, hosted by Central Connecticut State, includes nine schools such as Rhode Island, Hartford, Fairfield, and Holy Cross. Last year, Massachusetts finished third out of eight teams.

The length of the course will be three miles, as opposed to the five miles the Minutemen usually race. This is because the meet comes just one week prior to the highly anticipated and competitive Atlantic 10 Championship.

"My goal, in planning the season, was to use this meet to rest anyone who had handled the past competitions pretty successfully," said coach Ken O'Brien. "But, on this team we still have some people, after talking to them after the past few races, who feel they've run well but also know they've made mistakes. From my observations and their feedback, most are not pushing the envelope; they have been holding back trying to assess the situation."

The team will be running without their consistent top runner, Ryan Corbett, who will be sitting out to focus on next week-end's race.

"Our order has been fairly established in one respect," O'Brien said. The team's top runners have changed slightly every race but the "spacing between those runners has been really close."

"I'm not expecting any gigantic change in the order, but it wouldn't surprise me if there was a lot of shuffling," O'Brien said. "My hope is that they all reevaluate their race plan, and five or six of our runners become our 'second runner,' meaning they are at the level of the second runners of the other teams."

And O'Brien knows his team well.

"I watch them during the race, I watch them after the race and I talk with them. Sometimes they need some distance from the race, and I'll talk with them later; on the bus ride home or in the locker room the next day. They will communicate to me how they felt during the race, and from that you can draw the conclusion of whether they were reckless, conservative or if they went out too fast," O'Brien explained.

"A lot of issues are due to a lack of confidence which is a result of a lack of experience. Our younger runners haven't had to evaluate the five-mile run before," O'Brien said.

It isn't just the younger runners who are in a new situation.

"Some of our older runners who have been on the team haven't been in the position of a top runner before. In the past, they have had the role of supporting runner, so even though they are returning runners, they have a new role," O'Brien said.

Two weeks ago, O'Brien began double practices a few times a week. "I felt that the mental approach and focus of the team was sliding. We hadn't had enough time with the academic and practice schedules to focus on an area which is really important to our success, and that is an organized flexibility training program," O'Brien said.

"Before, we had left it up to the individual. Now we are making it formal as opposed it informal. In addition to daily practice, the newly added morning runs consist of easy jogging and 45 minutes of the flexibility program," O'Brien said.

The race will be held at Stanley Quarter Park in New Britain, and the starting time is noon.

"We want to use this meet to work out any reservations the team may have and to polish ourselves up physically and, even more importantly, to polish ourselves up mentally," O'Brien said.

Minutemen look to keep on rolling in Atlantic 10 play

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

A year ago, it looked as though the Massachusetts men's soccer team had postseason birth in the bag. Then, after a series of conference losses beyond their control, the Minutemen (6-6-2, 3-2-1 A-10) were sent home early with a 3-0 loss to Rhode Island in the last game of the season.

Now, with only four conference games left, UMass is in a very similar situation, thus adding weight to this weekend's match ups at Fordham (3-8-2, 1-3-2 A-10) and LaSalle (7-5-1, 3-3-0 A-10).

The Minutemen will travel to the Bronx today to face-off against Fordham at 1 p.m. and will head south to Philadelphia to play LaSalle on Sunday, also at 1 p.m.

UMass is currently in third in the Atlantic 10 and is looking to not only attain a high seed in the conference tournament but also keep their post-season hopes alive. There is currently a differential of two points between the third-place Minutemen and the sixth and final spot, which happens to belong to LaSalle.

The Maroon and White are the archetype for showing how fast a team's position can change in the A-10. Before last weekend's 3-2 and 4-3 overtime victories over Dayton and Xavier, respectively, the Minutemen were seated sixth in the A-10.

It appears that UMass has a bit of momentum going into this weekend after two pulse-pounding victories last weekend. However, the road has not been favorable to the Minutemen, as they have gone 1-3-2 this season.

This will certainly come into play when the Maroon and White face LaSalle in the confines of McCarthy Stadium. McCarthy is the biggest venue in the A-10 with the capability of holding 7,500, and the Minutemen will be the last team the Explorers play at home during the 2004 campaign.

Fordham has had a difficult season so far and are currently on a three-game losing streak. The Rams are currently tied for 10th in the A-10 after dropping matches to Temple, St. Joseph's and Duquesne.

Pacing Fordham's offense has been the play of Shaun Moamem, who has a team-leading four goals on the season. Moamem is also tied for first in assists with two.

Also contributing has been the sharp shooting of Luke Nephew, who has two goals and two assists this season. Nephew has been particularly accurate for the Rams as he has only needed four shots to score his two goals.

LaSalle has also had troubles putting numbers in the win column as it followed the same route as Fordham and lost to Temple and St. Joseph's, respectively, last weekend. The Explorer offense has been on halt as of recent, only scoring four goals over the last four games.

Most of LaSalle's success has come from their stymieing defense, which has only allowed 1.24 goals per game over the course of the season.

Leading the way for the defensive unit has been keeper Stash Graham, who has recorded three shutouts this season, which ties him for second most in the conference. He is also in second for saves per game, stopping an average of 6.17.

True fans are in paradise as Red Sox take the pennant back home to Boston

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playoff win that are rah-rah Red Sox because most of those people couldn't name an American League East team outside of the Sox and Yanks.

It has been a frustrating time for the grass roots fans who have been following this team since Wade Boggs and Roger Clemens were still heroes in Boston. It's frustrating because these "fans" are trying to grab a share of whatever the Sox may end up winning this year.

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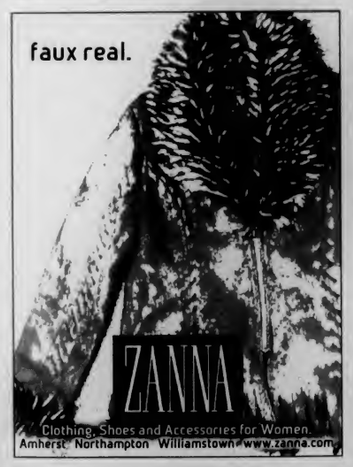
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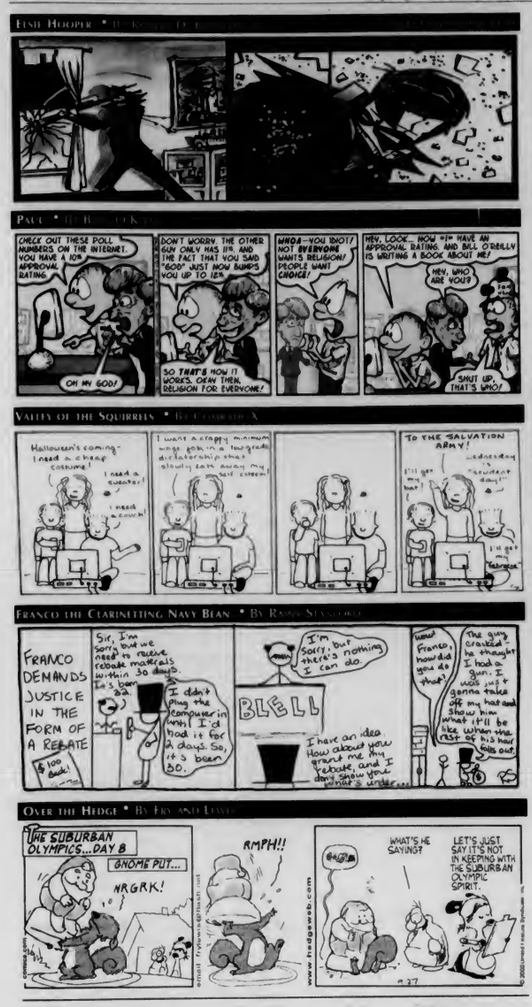
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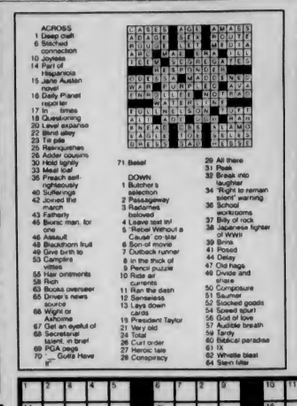
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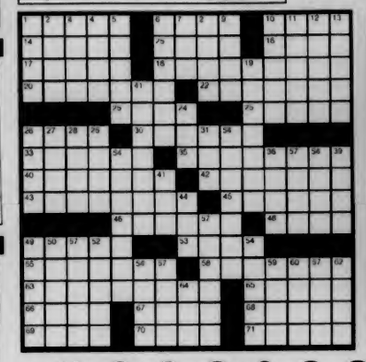
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SPORTS WEEKEND

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Breaking the Hockey East ice

Minutemen take on Lowell tonight at the Mullins Center

By Andrew Merritt
Collegian Staff

If the Massachusetts hockey team wants a reminder of where it was a year ago, at the beginning of its almost-Cinderella season that brought it to within one deflected slap shot of the Hockey East title, it needs look no further than the other side of the Mullins Center ice surface tonight, when it takes on the UMass Lowell River Hawks.

While the two programs belong to "sister schools," they've often been very different in terms of their status within the Hockey East conference. Although Lowell has never really challenged for the top spot, the River Hawks are a charter member of Hockey East, and their only finals appearance was in 1994, one year before the newly revived UMass program entered the conference.

Right now, however, there is reason to see tonight's matchup as a look back in time for the Minutemen. The No. 15 River Hawks, who enter the game with a 1-1 record, and are coming off a 3-2 loss to Boston College on Tuesday, are pretty reminiscent of the Minutemen around this time last year — lots of young talent, some key returnees, and a veritable lock for the "dark horse" candidacy in Hockey East this year.

Lowell returns its explosive all-junior line of Elias Godoy, Andrew Martin and Ben Walter. Those three comprise a top line that spent all of last year together, combining for 108 points. With another year of experience, it could be the best line in Hockey East.

In goal, Lowell also returns Chris Davidson, the surprise standout who finished 2003-04 with a 2.87 goals against average and a .896 save percentage.

"ULowell is a very experienced team," UMass coach Don Cahoon said. "It's a team that has everyone returning from last year's squad. They're physically strong, good playmakers and good special teams. Their confidence is high. They're going to give us all we can handle, and that will be a serious test for us."

The last time the River Hawks came to town, the Minutemen swept them out of the Hockey East quarterfinals, winning the first-ever playoff series at the Mullins Center 6-3 and 3-1. While the River Hawks return 22 players and have gotten stronger through stability, quite a few things have changed within the Minuteman program, notably the departure of high-scoring defenseman Thomas Pöck and top defensive blue liner Nick Kuiper (graduation), as well as star forward Greg Mauldin, who opted to begin his professional career.

"I just think we're a work in progress," Cahoon said. "It's a real transition with this team to get to know oneself and how to play to succeed, and we're going through those struggles. There have been some positives, and there have been some negatives. We're trying to tweak it so we can limit the negatives."

Among the positives, a genuine two-headed goaltender rotation has developed, with senior Tim Warner splitting time with junior Gabe Winer. Winer held the job for almost the entire 2003-04 season, but Warner's impressive work in the playoffs to spell the injured Winer has given Cahoon another option. Winer is slated to get the start tonight, with Warner taking on Connecticut on Sunday.

On the other side of the ledger, the Minutemen have struggled to produce the kind of high-scoring game they had in the season opener against Clarkson. UMass scored two goals in two games at last weekend's Nye Frontier Classic in Anchorage, Alaska, and both came in the third-place-game victory over Canisius.

Against Clarkson, the top line of Matt Anderson, Stephen Werner and Kevin Jarman accounted for four of the six Minuteman goals and nine of the total points. Since then, however, the first line hasn't produced a single point — defenseman Mark Matheson and freshman P.J. Fenton scored the goals Saturday night against Canisius.

In one of the classic vagaries of the Hockey East schedule, the Minutemen start their conference slate early in the season but follow up with a non-conference game against UConn on Sunday at 3 p.m.

The Huskies come to Amherst with a 0-2-1 record after dropping a 4-1 decision to Rensselaer on Saturday, tying the Engineers a week earlier on Oct. 10 and falling 4-1 to Nebraska-Omaha on Oct. 9.



MATTHEW BRIDWELL/COLLEGIAN

John Toffey and the Minutemen have returned from Alaska to open up their Hockey East portion of the schedule against Lowell tonight. The Maroon and White will also host Connecticut on Sunday.

Red Sox Nation rejoices



Jeff Howe

New York – Yeah, we did it.

That is "we" as in the Red Sox and myself, who both successfully brought the American League pennant back to Massachusetts.

I was in Yankee Stadium on Wednesday night to witness the greatest moment in this franchise's history. Forget the debut of Fenway Park, or any of the five World Series, or the greatest game, played in 1975, which was capped off by Carlton Fisk's walk-off homerun.

We beat the Yankees; and I lived to write about it.

Three friends and I paid an outrageous amount of money (although, every cent was more than well spent) and took the trip down to the house that Ortiz built early Wednesday afternoon.

We survived some of the most humbling verbal abuse from the scariest looking creatures that ever crawled out of the Yankee Stadium woodwork. We survived thrown objects, death threats and cops who were more concerned with making us feel hated than protecting our personal safety.

But, more importantly, the Red Sox survived one of the most draining weeklong series possible against the best team money can buy. The Sox fought back with the same passion that drives everyone in Red Sox Nation to keep coming back for more year after year.

Their love for the game matched our unbridled love for them, and our reward is the chance to catch this team in the World Series for the first time in 18 years. For most of us at UMass, it will be the first time in our lives that we will see this team play for a championship, and being three years old doesn't count as seeing the Sox play in the World Series in 1986.

Only for some of us, though, does this next week truly mean anything.

If you are a true Sox fan, you are probably sick of the commercialization of Red Sox Nation. I certainly am.

I am sick of people asking me if I am excited for a playoff game two hours before it is about to begin mainly because I am excited for a game against the Royals in May.

I am sick of looking at people's away messages after a Sox

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UMass must step it up down stretch

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

It's do or die time.

For the Massachusetts women's soccer team, this weekend comes down to either buckling down or getting buckled as they set out for the final two home games of the 2004 season with one goal in mind: win three of their remaining four games.

Should they accomplish this feat, the chances of the Minutewomen (5-8-0, 3-4-0 Atlantic 10) making postseason play would be high. And considering where the A-10 Tournament is held this year, at UMass' own Rudd Field, it would be nice for the home team to not have to watch other teams duke it out on their grass while they sit and watch.

"The playoffs start this weekend," coach Jim Rudy said. "Every game is going to be critical for us. Every game."

Needless to say, it's crunch time for these women.

The road to the A-10 tournament may have come home, but it's still going to go through the very large bodies of the Fordham Rams (8-3-2, 3-3-1 A-10).

And they are large, literally, with a roster sporting not only a load of upperclassmen but also an average height of five feet eight inches.

Led by seniors Beth Purcell (midfield/forward), Corey Dunfrey (defense) and Lena Daragjiati (midfield), the Rams like to use their size to their advantage and push their bodies around on the opposition.

The result is usually a physical game, a style of gameplay that the Minutewomen haven't played very well against.

Take the Oct. 1 contest against St. Joseph's at home. A very physical battle, there were a lot of penalties called, and several key UMass players succumbed to injuries on the field that ultimately were not serious.

But they looked hurt, and in the end, could not muster a goal, falling 1-0 to the Hawks.

"They bring a certain confidence that everyone's been talking about," Rudy said of the Rams. "They've got a certain arrogance. They're cocky, they're big and strong and, after last year, they're feeling somewhat invincible."

Déja vu, anyone?

The last two teams to face off against UMass with a certain cockiness and an arrogant swagger, (Central Connecticut State and George Washington) were abruptly handed huge upsets by the Minutewomen.

Speed might determine the outcome of this one, and the Minutewomen bring a lot of it to the table in the form of freshman sensation Britt Canfield.

The two-time A-10 Rookie of the Week leads all freshman in the A-10 with a team-high eight goals for 16 points on the season. Most of it, surprisingly enough, has come from the bench, a spot she feels she performs better off of.

"She's sort of the go-to-girl," Rudy said.

Coupled with the awe-inspiring skills of senior captain Lindsey "Stormy" Fairweather (three goals and three assists for nine points), the Minutewomen are beginning to create a very formidable one-two punch late in the A-10 season.

But the Rams have a knockout combo of their own in Purcell (six goals and four assists for 16 points) and sophomore Leah Jerome (four and two for 10).

While Jerome is three or four inches shorter than the rest of the team (she's 5'5"), she makes up for it with her big play.

On Sunday, the Minutewomen will see some more big play from a more diverse offensive attack as the LaSalle Explorers (7-6-2, 3-4-0 A-10) will be firing on all cylinders on UMass's final home game of the 2004 regular season.

Having lost forward Krista Lee to graduation last year, the Explorers no longer rely on one or two players to get the job done.

Rather, it's been a score of players contributing, with 15 of the 22 members of the roster registering at least one point.

"They knock it around, they play with skill, they've got some good young freshmen and they're sharing the scoring load," Rudy said. "They also outplayed Richmond at Richmond. That's a scary thought."

Like the Maroon and White, the Explorers are led in scoring by some youth, and have some juniors coming around. Sophomore Heather Barclay has racked up five goals and six assists on the season for 16 points while junior Alexis Petrucci has six goals and three assists for 15 points.

The Explorers think they have a match for Canfield as well, with a freshman sensation of their own. Five foot eight inch midfielder Kristin Hextall is only a freshman but has been playing big all season long—literally and figuratively—most recently netting two goals in a 3-0 win over the Temple Owls last Friday.

UMASS

Weekend Schedule

Friday, Oct. 22

Sport	Opp./Event	Time
Men's Soccer	at Fordham	1:00 p.m.
Women's Soccer	vs. Fordham	2:30 p.m.
Men's Hockey	vs. UMass Lowell	7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 23

Sport	Opp./Event	Time
Football	at Rhode Island	12:00 p.m.
Men's Cross Country	at Blue Devil Meet	12:00 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 24

Sport	Opp./Event	Time
Men's Soccer	at La Salle	1:00 p.m.
Women's Soccer	vs. La Salle	1:00 p.m.
Field Hockey	vs. Richmond	12:00 p.m.
Men's Hockey	vs. Connecticut	3:00 p.m.



'I'll Never Know You Now' pays homage to Elliott Smith
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MONDAY • High: 61 • Low: 38 | TUESDAY • High: 61 • Low: 40 | WEDNESDAY • High: 59 • Low: 38
DAILY WEATHER FORECAST

Minutemen fall in final minutes at Rhode Island
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Hundreds of students volunteer for the 16th annual 'Shelter Sunday Drive'

By Adrienne Bossi
Collegian Correspondent

This past Sunday, 366 registered volunteers hit the streets of Amherst, Hadley, and Pelham for the sixteenth annual Shelter Sunday drive sponsored by the Amherst Friends for the Homeless, Inc. The drive is a door-to-door campaign established to collect funds for the area's hungry and homeless.

"Potentially, this door-to-door campaign can raise over $20,000 in three hours," said Penny Kim, a board member of Amherst Friends for the Homeless, Inc.

Five local humanitarian organizations will benefit from this drive. Among them are, the Amherst Survival Center, Not Bread Alone, The Grove Street Inn of Northampton, First Call for Help, and The Hampshire County Interfaith Shelter also in Northampton.

Budget cuts and an increasingly declining economy over the past few years have dramatically affected these organizations. Cutbacks in human services funding on both the state and national levels have put organizations like these in greater demand while their resources continue to dwindle.

The volunteers are organized into groups of five and given instruction packets, with maps highlighting their assigned routes. Some routes are within walking distance to the common while others require transportation. When residents are not home to answer the volunteers' knocks, donation envelopes are left in their doorways.

"Last year, envelope donations accounted for $7,000 of the $26,000 collected in total," said Kim.

The Shelter Sunday volunteers are mostly students from the University of Massachusetts.

"Most of these student volunteers are from fraternities and sororities and also from the Boltwood Project," said Aaron Bousel president of the Amherst Friends of the Homeless, Inc.

"We can't thank UMass enough. The whole basis of our door-to-door canvassers are almost entirely UMass students," said Kim. "We could not do this without the very broad shoulders of these students."

Many of the local residents answering their doors today seemed to be prepared for the canvassers with checks already made out. Others were interested to learn about Shelter Sunday and eager to donate the contents of their wallets. At one front door that amassed to $1.56.

"Every little bit helps, though," said Robyn Avellino volunteering with some of her sisters from Iota Gamma Upsilon.

"I think it was a great way to raise money for the community," said Lea Sheehan who also volunteered from IGU. "I would definitely do it again."

"This is a great time to be doing this," said another volunteer, "the weather is changing and we are entering the season of Thanksgiving."

Since federal guidelines about poverty and homeless change each year, it is difficult to find accurate statistics.

However, "to give you an idea of the demand in this area," said Arnie Alper another board member for the Amherst Friends of the Homeless, Inc., "the Hampshire County Interfaith is only open for the six coldest months of year and last year they provided 210 people with a place to stay overnight and provided over 7000 meals."

"The Grove Street Inn," continued Alper, "allows people to stay there for no longer than three months at a time. They provided services to 250 people through the course of last year. People go there while they are trying to get their life back together."

The Amherst Survival Center and Not Bread Alone provide the homeless and poor with meals throughout the week. The Survival Center provides meals and services on weekdays while Not Bread Alone provides meals on weekends at the First Congregational Church in Amherst.

The Survival Center also provides the homeless with food, clothing, tents, and blankets.

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COURTESY UMASS EDU

Students gathered last year in support of the 'Shelter Sunday Drive'. Hundreds of students participate this year in efforts to raise money for local homeless shelters.

Law professor set to give final lecture in distinguished series

By Hillary Teed
Collegian Correspondent

Tuesday night the history department is presenting the third and final speaker in its Feinberg Family Distinguished Lecture Series, a semester-long celebration honoring the fiftieth anniversary of Roe vs. Wade.

Columbia law professor and Nation columnist Patricia J. Williams will speak about race in America since Brown, the Supreme Court's landmark 1954 decision to integrate public schools.

"People coming to the talk are guaranteed to get a fresh view of America," said Carl Nightingale, associate professor of history at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and coordinator of the series.

"In her academic work and in her column, Williams makes a specialty out of debunking the myth that racial inequality has disappeared or that blacks and other people of color have somehow taken the upper hand and are getting all sorts of privileges not accorded to whites."

Williams, a well-known lawyer, author, law professor, and interdisciplinary legal scholar will speak on Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Mahar Auditorium. Her most recent accomplishments include being named one of 25 recipients of the 2004 "MacArthur Fellowship," a genius award given to outstanding intellectuals.

"Professor Williams is one of the leading voices writing about race in America today. Not only is she a distinguished scholar who has written some of the most important and widely read books on race and the law in contemporary America, she has also reached a wider audience through her column in The Nation," said Nightingale.

Williams is also the author of three books. In her acclaimed 1991 biography, The Alchemy of Race and Rights: A Diary of a Law Professor, Williams wrote: "I would like to write in a way that fills the inter-subjectivity of legal constructions, that forces the reader to both participate in the construction of meaning and be aware of that process."

Praised for creating a new form of legal writing and scholarship incorporating personal narrative, critical and literary theory, traditional legal doctrine, and empirical and sociological research, Williams' presentation will examine the Brown decision and its effects in a diverse manner.

In her speech, titled "Diary of a Mad Law Professor: Recent Entries," Williams will aim to set the record straight regarding racial myths, showing how aspects of American culture and politics like Star Wars movies and political campaigns obscure the persistence of racial injustice.

"Her speech on the eve of an election in which race is not being addressed widely by the candidates and voters of color are both registering in large numbers and are also facing harassment in their get-out the vote efforts in numerous states promises to be revealing," said Nightingale.

The Feinberg Family Distinguished Lecture Series was coordinated by the Department of History and funded by contributions from the family and friends of UMass alumnus Kenneth Feinberg, 1967.

The series previously included speeches from two nationally prominent lecturers and will feature artistic displays, panels, and public discussions during the remainder of the fall semester

Emerson College student dies in Red Sox celebration

Boston Police Department claims responsibility for woman's death

By Martin Finucane
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — The death of a young woman who was shot by a police pepper ball early Thursday during post-Red Sox game celebrations is an unusual case that shouldn't stop research into similar weapons, experts said.

Melvin L. Tucker, a security consultant who specializes in the use of deadly and non-deadly force by police, said he didn't know of another case of a pepper ball causing a death. He said he hoped the death wouldn't curtail the growing trend of police using such weapons.

"This is a tragedy. There's no question about it, but it should not stop the research on less than lethal weapons and the use of less than lethal weapons," said Tucker, the former police chief of Tallahassee, Fla., and Asheville, N.C.

Boston police have said that Victoria Snelgrove, 21, of East Bridgewater, a journalism student, was killed outside Fenway Park when she was hit in the eye by a capsule full of pepper powder fired by an FN303, a compressed-air gun that is essentially a more powerful version of a paintball rifle.

A spokesman for the gun's maker, FN Herstal, didn't immediately return a message seeking comment on Saturday.

But the small arms maker's Web site describes the FN303 as a "less lethal launcher" that features "low risk of permanent injuries even at very short range."

The Web site offers a diagram that indicates the FN303 projectiles, which are filled with pepper powder, hit people with less force than rubber bullets or the "bean bags" also used by some police forces, but with more energy than paintballs.

The Web site also warns, however, "For safety reasons, never aim towards face, throat or neck."

Tucker said that, while he's not aware of any other fatalities with the pepper ball guns, there are real risks associated with firing objects at people - and there have been fatalities after police fired rubber bullets or bean bags. Typically, with the pepper balls the injuries are minor and, he argued.

"The benefits outweigh the risks."

Steven Aftergood, a senior research analyst at the Federation of American Scientists who has studied non-lethal military weaponry, said he too couldn't remember any previous deaths from the use of the pepper ball-firing guns.

But he said it wasn't surprising because "people have different levels of vulnerability and an impact that might barely stun an adult male can cripple or kill a child. So it's really to be expected and it means that great discernment has to be used in their application."

Jack Levin, a criminologist who is director of the Brudnick Center on Violence at Northeastern University, said, "There's absolutely no way to reduce these accidental deaths to zero. ... You can train people, but the police, just like other human beings, have to operate based on instinct. Training can do just so much under duress."

New non-lethal weapons have been spreading among police forces nationwide, experts said, and include devices such as Tazers, which fire an electric dart; stun guns; guns that fire bean bags or pepper balls; pepper spray cans and shotguns that fire capture nets.

At the same time, the military is experimenting with new devices and it's hoped that some of those new tools can be used by police.

The military, for example, has experimented with a heat ray that is designed to break up crowds by giving people a burning sensation.

Aftergood said there was a danger that, with non-lethal weapons available, police might be more willing to use force, but proper training on when to use force could avert problems.

"It's better to have more options than fewer options in applying force. One should not be forced to make a choice between doing nothing and killing someone. To the extent that a spectrum of options can be created, that's a plus," Aftergood said. "We should not assume that these devices are worse than they are."



COURTESY CNN.COM

College Victoria Snelgrove was killed after a Red Sox celebration.

Herald apologizes for printing graphic photos

BOSTON — The Boston Herald on Friday apologized for publishing two graphic photos of a woman who died after being struck in the face with a pepper spray-filled projectile fired by police into a crowd of Red Sox fans.

The Herald was inundated with complaints, by phone and on its Web site, about the photographs of Victoria Snelgrove, 21, of East Bridgewater, who died after police fired plastic pepper spray balls into the crowd as they celebrated the Red Sox win in the American League championship against the New York Yankees.

The Herald ran a color photo on its front page, and a smaller black-and-white photo inside its Friday editions, showing Snelgrove lying on the ground, bleeding from her nose and left eye.

"The Herald today published two graphic photos that angered and upset many in our community. For that, I apologize," Herald Media Inc. Editorial Director Kenneth A. Chandler said in the statement. "Our aim was to demonstrate this terrible tragedy as comprehensively as possible. In retrospect, the images of this unusually ugly incident were too graphic."

The newspaper planned to publish the apology in its Saturday editions.

The Boston Globe ran a smaller, black-and-white photograph inside its Friday edition. The Associated Press also transmitted a color photo showing Snelgrove lying on the sidewalk.

-Associated Press

Today is the last day to withdraw from a course to receive a 'W' grade

University of Massachusetts undergraduates and Continuing Education students have until today, Monday, October 25 to drop a fall semester course and receive only a "W" on their transcripts.

Dropping the class will have no impact on one's cumulative average. A "W" is almost always preferable to an "F" on a transcript.

Students are encouraged to consult their academic dean for advice and appropriate procedures in order to drop a course.

However, students should be aware that they must carry at least 12 credits for financial aid and most health insurance purposes.

Students can pick up slips that must be signed and turned into the Dean in the Whitmore Administration Building. Signed slips must be in by 5 p.m. today.

For more information, contact Senior Academic Advisor Susan Machala in Pre-Major Advising Services. Her e-mail address is smachala@acad.umass.edu.

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Candidate Update: only eight days until election

Bush and Kerry rally voter support

By JEREMY DIRAC
COLLEGIAN STAFF

With the Presidential Election coming up next Tuesday, candidates George W. Bush and John F. Kerry are working to get their message out to the small number of undecided voters.

According to Newsweek, starting today Former President Bill Clinton is scheduled to start campaigning for Kerry in Florida, the first campaigning he's done since his quadruple-bypass surgery.

Meanwhile, the Bush campaign hopes to sway voters in Ohio by bringing in Governor of California, Arnold Schwarzenegger. According to ABC News, conventional wisdom says that this extremely close election will come down to Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Florida. In an interview with Charles Gibson however, Bush said that he expects it to come down to more.

"I wouldn't discount Michigan...I wouldn't discount the influence of Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota and New Mexico. I think this race is a non-predictable race...there's a lot of interesting states ... not considered to be in play." Bush told Gibson.

Yesterday Bush had one campaign event at a late-afternoon rally at a high school in Alamogordo, N.M. He also gave an interview on Fox News where he said that it was "up in the air" if the nation could ever be totally safe from terrorism because the terrorists have to be right only once and "we have to be right 100 percent of the time."

According to MSNBC, on Saturday Bush attended a flurry of rallies in Republican-friendly areas of Florida, hopscotching with a Marine helicopter into baseball fields. He continued to deliver the message that Kerry had changed positions on the war in Iraq, saying that, "Senator Kerry seems to have forgotten all that, as his position has evolved during the course of the campaign. You might call it election amnesia."

According to ABC, Kerry spoke yesterday at a predominantly black church in Fort Lauderdale Florida, in a heavily Democratic county, where he accused the President of using scare tactics.

"I believe our future belongs to freedom, not to fear." Kerry told the churchgoers that he would make sure their votes are counted this time. He also addressed church bishops who criticized his support for embryonic stem cell research and abortion rights. "I love my church, I respect the bishops, but I respectfully disagree," Bush said.

According to MSNBC, both campaigns have come out with new ads aimed at criticizing the opposition. The Bush campaign's ad depicts prowling wolves in a forest. A voice says, "(Kerry's) weakness attracts those who are waiting to do America harm." The Kerry team responded with an ad depicting an ostrich with its head in the sand and then a soaring eagle. A voice says, "Given the choice, in these challenging times, shouldn't we be the eagle again?"

According to the NewsObserver, this past Friday Bush met with Cardinal Justin Rigali, Catholic archbishop of Philadelphia at St. John's Church Rectory in Downingtown, Pennsylvania. Reporters were not allowed in the meeting, however were permitted to take photographs of the two. Bush is trying to appeal to Pennsylvania's 23 percent Catholic population with the photo-op, says the NewsObserver.

According to the Denver Post, on the same day Kerry had his own photo-op in Boardman, Ohio where he was returning from a two-hour hunting trip, wearing camouflage and carrying a 12-gauge shotgun under his arm. Kerry hit a goose, which his companion carried. The Denver Post said Kerry is trying to use this photo to appeal to gun owners and hunters.

Later in the day he was back in suit and tie receiving the endorsement of Dana Reeve, widow to Christopher Reeve, an advocate of embryonic stem cell research.

"Although our family feels Chris's loss so keenly right now, today is the right moment to transform our grief into hope," said Reeve according to the New York Times.

According to the Denver Post, Vice President Dick Cheney criticized Kerry for the hunting photo-op. Cheney pointed towards the F-rating given Kerry by the National Rifle Association and said that it was, "an effort he's making to hide the fact that the votes against gun-owner rights any chance he gets." Cheney called the photo-op Kerry's "October disguise."

Meanwhile, says the NewsObserver, Senator John Edwards accused the Bush administration of ignoring problems from the lack of flu vaccine to the war in Iraq.

"Who's minding the store?" asked Edwards, referring to the heavy speaking schedules of National Security Advisor Condoleeza Rice, Health Secretary Tommy Thompson, and Commerce Secretary Don Evans.

According to a CNN poll of polls (11 polls of likely voters) for this past Friday, Bush is doing a bit better than Kerry, leading him, 49 percent to 46 percent.


KNIGHT RIDDER
President Bush speaks to a crowd of supporters in Minnesota on Sunday where he hopes to gain support from undecided voters.


KNIGHT RIDDER
Senator John Kerry rallies support from people in Fort Lauderdale, Florida while criticizing the Bush administration.

Alcohol will not be banned during World Series games

By MARTIN FINUCANE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON (AP) — The mayor backed off his threat of banning alcohol from around Fenway Park during the upcoming World Series but more police will be inside neighborhood bars to make sure fans don't get too drunk or rowdy.

Police said they would be prepared to make mass arrests if necessary.

"If we have to execute mass arrests, they'll have buses and vans and tactical officers available," police commissioner Kathleen O'Toole told The Boston Globe. "We need to send a very strong message to the potential troublemakers that we're there in force."

The Globe also reported that 70 additional officers will be on hand for World Series games Saturday and Sunday, citing to a police operational plan it had obtained.

After meeting for an hour Friday with about two dozen bar and restaurant owners, Mayor Thomas Menino backed down from a threat to invoke a rarely used state law to ban liquor "in cases of riot or great public excitement."

He had considered the ban after thousands of raucous fans took to the streets after the hometown Red Sox won the American League championship. One college student died after being hit in the eye by police firing pepper spray into the crowd, and more than a dozen others were injured.

Instead, bar owners agreed to a series of restrictions, including not allowing patrons to line up outside to wait to get in, not allowing bars to become overcrowded or patrons to drink too much, and not allowing television crews to do live shots from inside bars. Authorities were worried that live television coverage of bar patrons encourages people to act out as they play to the cameras.

In addition, police will step up their presence inside bars near the ballpark and around the tourist hot spots of Faneuil Hall and the city's waterfront to enforce the agreed-upon restrictions.

The bar owners, who agreed to the measures, are "part of what we're trying to do to make sure the world sees Boston in a positive manner," Menino said.

Bar and restaurant owners had expressed outrage when Menino first floated the idea of banning alcohol sales around Fenway Park, where the Red Sox will go up against the St. Louis Cardinals in a best-of-seven World Series that begins Saturday.

After the meeting with the mayor, Patrick Lyons, who owns several nightclubs on Landsdowne Street across from the ballpark, said, "We're intent on having a good safe environment within the licensed premises" during the games.

"It was a great meeting. It was a very cooperative meeting. ... I think the outcome was a positive outcome and we're working together to do everything to keep the public safe," said Dana Van Fleet, owner of the Cask 'n' Flagon, a bar just outside the ballpark.

Both Lyons and Van Fleet blamed the disturbances in the streets on crowds who flock to the area, which is near a number of colleges, to celebrate after games, rather than patrons coming out of the nearby bars.

A number of local television stations contacted Friday afternoon said they had no plans to battle Menino on the issue of live shots from inside bars, with some saying they didn't intend to do them for the World Series or never did them at all.

Lou D'Ermilio, senior VP of media relations for the national Fox network, said the network did do live shots during Game 7 of the ALCS, but would abide by Menino's request.

"We have no problem complying with that request. What the mayor would like, the mayor will get," he said.

The meeting followed the death of an Emerson College student who was hit in the eye by a pepper spray-filled ball fired by a police officer. Victoria Snelgrove, 21, was fatally wounded in the post-game rowdiness outside Fenway Park following the Red Sox's series-clinching win over the Yankees.

Student volunteers aid many local homeless shelters

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"They serve about 100 people a day for one thing or another," explained Alper, "They provide grocery packages, clothing, and household goods. There's a shower there and lockers for people to keep stuff if they don't have a residence."

First Call for help operates a little differently providing monetary aid to help people who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless.

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Although the money First Call provides is not a loan and not expected to be paid back, often people who have received support from the organization come back to support it by volunteering or donating funds.

"While we are raising money for the homeless, we are also raising awareness," said Kim.

If you would like to learn more about Shelter Sunday please visit www.sheltersunday.org. Contributions can be mailed to the Amherst Friends for the Homeless, Inc. at P.O. Box 1071, Amherst MA. 01002.

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Dozens massacred by insurgents in one of the deadliest battles in Iraq Sunday

By Robert Reid
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — In their boldest and deadliest ambush yet, insurgents waylaid three minibuses carrying U.S.-trained Iraqi soldiers heading home on leave and massacred about 50 of them - forcing many to lie down on the ground and shooting them in the head, officials said Sunday.

Some accounts by police said the rebels were dressed in Iraqi military uniforms.

The killing of so many Iraqi soldiers - unarmed and in civilian clothes - in such an apparently sure-footed operation reinforced American and Iraqi suspicions that the country's security services have been infiltrated by insurgents.

A claim of responsibility posted on an Islamist Web site attributed the attack to followers of Jordanian-born terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Elsewhere, a U.S. diplomat was killed Sunday morning when a rebel-fired rocket or mortar shell crashed into the trailer where he was sleeping at an American base near the Baghdad airport, the U.S. Embassy announced.

Edward Seitz, 41, an agent with the State Department's Bureau of Diplomatic Security, was believed to be the first U.S. diplomat killed in Iraq since the war began in March 2003. Al-Jazeera television reported Sunday that the militant Islamic Army of Iraq claimed responsibility for the attack.

A Bulgarian soldier was killed and two others were injured in a car-bombing near Karbala, the Bulgarian Defense Ministry said. Karbala, a Shiite holy city south of Baghdad, has been quiet for months after U.S. troops routed Shiite militia there last spring.

The Iraqi soldiers were killed on their way home after completing a training course at the Kirkuk military camp northeast of Baghdad when their buses were stopped Saturday evening by rebels near the Iranian border about 95 miles east of Baghdad, Interior Ministry spokesman Adnan Abdul-Rahman said.

There was confusion over precise figures, although the Iraqi National Guard said 48 troops and three drivers were killed.

Abdul-Rahinan said 37 bodies were found Sunday on the ground with their hands behind their backs, shot execution-style. Twelve others were found in a burned bus, he said. Some officials quoted witnesses as saying insurgents fired rocket-propelled grenades at one bus.

"After inspection, we found out that they were shot after being ordered to lay down on the earth," Gen. Walid al-Azzawi, commander of the Diyala provincial police, said, adding that the bodies were laid out in four rows, with 12 bodies in each row.

In a Web site posting, the al-Qaida in Iraq, formerly known as Tawhid and Jihad, claimed responsibility for the ambush, saying "God enabled the Mujahedeen to kill all" the soldiers and "seize two cars and money."

The claim could not be verified but appeared on a Web site used in the past by Islamic extremists.

Al-Zarqawi and his movement are believed to be behind dozens of attacks on Iraqi and U.S.-led forces and kidnappings of foreigners. Many of those hostages, including three Americans, have been beheaded - some purportedly by al-Zarqawi himself.

The United States has put a $25 million bounty on al-Zarqawi - the same amount as for Osama bin Laden.



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Soldiers in Iraq help clean up wreckage of deadly car bomb. Nearly 50 Iraqi soldiers were killed Sunday in a deadly attack by insurgents.

U.S. officials believe al-Zarqawi's group is headquartered in Fallujah, an insurgent bastion 40 miles west of Baghdad. On Sunday, a U.S. Marine F-18 Hornet jet struck an insurgent position there, the U.S. military said. Witnesses said six people were killed.

Fallujah fell under rebel control after the Bush administration ordered Marines to lift their three-week siege of the city in April. U.S. commanders have spoken of a new offensive to clear rebel strongholds ahead of Iraq's crucial elections in January.

Scattered explosions rumbled through central Baghdad late Sunday but the cause could not be determined.

Iraqi police and soldiers have been increasingly targeted by insurgents, mostly with car bombs and mortar shells. However, the fact that the insurgents were able to strike at so many unarmed soldiers in such a remote region suggested the guerrillas may have had advance word on the soldiers' travel.

"There was probably collusion among the soldiers or other groups," Diyala's deputy Gov. Aqil Hamid al-Adili told Al-Arabiya television. "Otherwise, the gunmen would not have gotten the information about the soldiers' departure from their training camp and that they were unarmed."

Last week, a U.S. defense official told reporters in Washington that some members of the Iraqi security services have developed sympathies and contacts with the guerrillas. In other instances, infiltrators were sent to join the security services, the official said on condition of anonymity.

He cited a mortar attack Tuesday on an Iraqi National Guard compound north of Baghdad as a possible inside job. The attackers apparently knew when and where the soldiers were gathering and dropped mortar rounds in the middle of their formation. At least four Iraqis were killed and 80 wounded.

The extent of rebel infiltration is unknown. However, it raises concern about the American strategy of handing over more and more responsibility to Iraqi security forces so U.S. forces could be drawn down.

One American soldier also was wounded in the pre-dawn attack that killed Seitz, the State Department official. The attack occurred at Camp Victory, the headquarters of the U.S.-led coalition's ground forces command.

Seitz was believed to be the first full-time State Department officer killed in Iraq. Last October, a female U.S. Foreign Service officer was severely wounded in the arm in a rocket barrage on the Rasheed Hotel.

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz, one of the architects of the Iraq war, was in the hotel at the time but escaped injury.

Associated Press reporters Rawya Rageh in Baghdad, Hanna Daghestani in Baqouba and Abdul Razzak Jabr in Kut contributed to this report.

The army agreed to investigation on Halliburton

By William Mann
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army has agreed to a Pentagon investigation into claims by a top contracting official that a Halliburton subsidiary unfairly won no-bid contracts worth billions of dollars for work in Iraq and the Balkans, according to Army documents obtained Sunday.

The complaint alleges that the award of contracts without competition to restore Iraq's oil industry and to supply and feed U.S. troops in the Balkans puts at risk "the integrity of the federal contracting program as it relates to a major defense contractor."

It also asks protection from retaliation for the whistle-blower, Bunnantine Green-house, chief contracting officer of the Army Corps of Engineers.

In a letter to Greenhouse's lawyer, an Army attorney said that the matter is being referred to the Defense Department's inspector general for "review and action, as appropriate." It also said the Corps had been ordered to "suspend any adverse personnel action" against Greenhouse "until a sufficient record is available to address the specific matters" in her complaint.

Copies of the letter and complaints, documents which were provided to some members of Congress, were obtained Sunday by The Associated Press.

Halliburton spokeswoman Wendy Hall said from Houston, where the company is headquartered, "KBR doesn't have any information on what Bunny Greenhouse may or may not have said to other Pentagon officials in early 2003. Certainly we can't address any threatened legal action she may be considering against her employer."

"On the larger issues, the old allegations have once again been recycled, this time one week before the election," Hall said. She said that Halliburton is proud to serve the troops just as we have for the past 60 years for both Democrat and Republican administrations."

The contract has been a focus of the presidential campaign because of Vice President Dick Cheney past tries to the company. Cheney was chief executive officers of Halliburton and continues to receive deferred compensation from the company.

Michael D. Kohn, who is Greenhouse's lawyer , in a letter to acting Army Secretary Les Brownlee, charged that in the Balkan contract a deputy assistant secretary of the Army had ordered changes in documents to legitimate the contract "for political reasons."

Kohn's complaint said contracts were approved over Greenhouse's reservations, handwritten on the original contracts, and extensions were awarded because underlings signed them without her knowledge and in collusion with senior officials.

After her superiors signed off on the Iraq contract and returned it for her necessary approval, the complaint said, Greenhouse wrote beside her signature: "I caution that extending this sole-source effort beyond a one year period could convey an invalid perception that there is not strong intent for a limited competition."

The contracts under investigation grew out of a $7 billion multiple-year award to Halliburton's KBR subsidiary to rehabilitate Iraq's oil industry after the U.S.-led invasion last year; and an 11-month extension, which cost $165 million, of a $2 billion services contract the Army awarded in May 1999.

The Iraq contract was awarded in February 2003, less than a month before the invasion, under a clause specifying no-bid contracts in cases of "compelling emergency." The complaint said Greenhouse objected to the five-year term, asking why the certainty that the emergency would continue for five years.

Kohn said Sunday that he still wants an independent investigation and will ask Attorney General John Ashcroft to appoint investigators to conduct their own probe to ensure the investigation is complete, independent and fair to his client.

"This needs to be done by an outside agency," Kohn said. "From past experience, we are uncomfortable with the DOD-IG handling this investigation by themselves."

According to the complaint, in January 2002 Greenhouse sent an investigative team to examine the Balkan operation. Afterward, she reported: "The general feeling in the theater is that the contractor (KBR) is 'out of control'" and was able to manipulate Corps of Engineer officials.

The Balkan contract was to have expired no later than May 27 of this year but was extended, without Greenhouse's knowledge, after a hunt for other contractors was stopped. Whereas it originally was awarded as a compelling emergency, the extension was awarded under the exception that KBR was the "one and only source."

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Targeting the wealthy is the wrong message



Allison Edles

Within the world of higher education, there will always undoubtedly be competition—whether it is in sports, academics or just overall reputation.

Wealth of a school also comes into play and, unfortunately, has some say in determining the amount of prestige a school will be afforded. University College London (UCL) in the U.K. has recently started a fundraiser aimed at all its wealthiest alumni in an effort to raise 300 million pounds. The reason behind this fundraiser is to be able to hold some kind of competitive ground against its American university counterparts. While competition is always a factor among colleges and universities, holding a fundraiser that's sole purpose is to try to raise as much money as American universities in order to gain the same amount of prestige is petty and should not be a priority for a university to hold a fundraiser.

It's not the wealth of the school that determines the success of its students, but the work each individual student puts in during their time; here.

According to www.telegraph.co.uk, the online version of the British newspaper The Daily Telegraph, raising 300 million pounds was vital to the university's competitiveness because the institution has recently dropped its world ranking by five places. In addition, soon to follow in UCLs footsteps is Cambridge University, which will be launching a similar kind of fundraiser in 2009 when the university plans to celebrate its 800th anniversary.

The director of the fundraiser, Hamish Stewart, stated "... the better respected UCL is internationally, the more [alumni] degrees will be worth." There is such a wide range of universities in this world, all with their own special expertise and their own individual programs. For someone to have graduated with a degree from a four-year college or university speaks very highly of that person, considering the amount of people in the country who aren't fortunate enough to have a college education afforded to them. Students who have graduated with Harvard degrees and UMass degrees both get well-paying jobs in the same field. It's not the wealth of the school that determines the success of its students, but the work each individual student puts in during their time there.

Donations that are made to colleges and universities by alumni are generally made because of their pride in that particular school and as a way to give back to the school. It is not a mandatory offering and degrees will not be revoked if one does not contribute. However, for UCL to threaten its alumni by saying that if they do not give to their alma mater, their degrees will be worth less is disgraceful. The university's alumni that they are particularly targeting are the more wealthy former students. Given that information, it would be apparent that they all managed to land well-paying jobs that would account for their financial success. Their degree from UCL was what helped them get those jobs.

The fact that UCL is spreading this message to the international community speaks for itself that the university doesn't want to gain prestige on merit and academics alone, but rather through having the largest endowment from its former graduates. The purpose of the university seems undermined if educational achievement has taken a backseat to this fundraiser. If a university can't be proud of its graduates and can only focus on how it sizes up to American universities fin-ancially, then it should not call itself a university and embody all the prestige that comes with that term.

As for Cambridge University to follow in UCLs steps, it makes one wonder when and where they lost their prestige. Cambridge University and Oxford University are the two oldest universities still functioning. The majority of the American universities were modeled off of their English predecessors. With all that history and pride, not to mention the famous alumni throughout history, it's hard to believe that finances would be a major concern in competition with American higher education.

The variety that is offered among colleges and universities is what gives it its charm and why there is such an involved process that each college-bound high school student must indulge themselves in. A large portion of students choose their respective schools based on location, cost, size, diversity etc. And while prestige is oftentimes found on that list, for a large portion of people in the world who have restrictions and limitations it is not a key deciding factor. Students will still choose to attend schools regardless of how much money the school has and how wealthy their alumni are. To insinuate that interest among prospective students will decline and graduates' degrees will be worth less because there are more competitive schools overseas is not demonstrating the mentality of a respected university.

Allison Edles is a Collegian editor.

The meaning of Halloween



Matthew Reid

For the first time since the year 1999, Halloween falls on a Sunday this year. For people across the country, especially those found in Bible Belt states, holding Halloween celebrations on a Sunday is unacceptable. Some feel that holding a day of "devil worship" on a day that is supposed to be reserved for the Lord is sacrilegious. It has even been suggested that a national campaign be started to celebrate the holiday on Saturday instead.

Before one can decide on this issue, it's important to understand where Halloween really comes from. Some people think it originated as a day for witches to worship Satan and burn crosses. It actually dates back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced "sow-in"). Nov. 1 marked the beginning of the Celtic New Year, and it was believed that on the night before, the ghosts of the deceased would return to the world of the living.

The presence of the ghosts allowed Celtic priests to make predictions about the future, and give comfort and direction for the upcoming winter. Bonfires were built to commemorate the New Year, and people would dress in costumes of animal skins and dance around the fire.

Over the years, Roman and Christian influences would seep into Celtic lands and traditions, and Halloween as we know it today would eventually be born. But even today, many of the elements from the ancient Celtic holiday remain.

This holiday is not, and never has been, about worshiping the devil. Samhain began as a way to commemorate the end of the year, and the word even means, literally, "summer's end."

Moving Halloween to a Saturday this year would anger some, and it would anger others to just keep the day as-is, so obviously there is no solution for everyone. But keeping things as-is would seem like the most logical course of action. For one thing, just because some people have a problem with it, doesn't mean a change needs to be made that will affect everyone involved. If an individual doesn't want to send their child out trick-or-treating, that is there choice. However, they should not decide for everyone.

When I was an 8-year-old all I cared about on Halloween was filling up my pillowcase with as many Snickers and Butterfingers as I could, regardless of what day of the week it was.

If someone truly has a problem with the concept of Halloween, it would seem that the specific day of the week it is celebrated on would be inconsequential. A woman quoted in an Oct. 24 Philadelphia Inquirer article was quoted as saying, "[Sunday] is a day for the good Lord, not for the devil." The woman went on to say that she would allow her 4-year-old daughter to go trick-or-treating on Saturday instead, dressed as a princess. Apparently, worshiping the devil is perfectly acceptable on a Saturday, just not a Sunday.

Some people are saying that celebrating Halloween on a Sunday will confuse little children, warping their minds as to the true meaning of the Sabbath. I have a hard time swallowing this statement. I doubt that any 8-year-old who puts on his SpongeBob SquarePants costume will get to the first doorstep, ring the door bell, and think to himself, "gee, I find it odd that mummy and daddy are letting me take part in this extremely Pagan festival of devil worshiping on a Sunday, when they always used to tell me that Sundays were reserved for prayers to the Lord for all that he gives us. I wish I did this yesterday, so the Lord wouldn't think any worse of me."

Maybe some kids do think this way nowadays, and maybe I was just uncultured and ignorant as a child. When I was an 8-year-old all I cared about on Halloween was filling up my pillowcase with as many Snickers and Butterfingers as I could, regardless of what day of the week it was.

It's no doubt that Halloween has changed in meaning over the years. As is the case for most things in our society, the day has become commercialized, which is perhaps the bigger tragedy here. People are going to profit off of Halloween any way they can. It is estimated, according to a CNN report, that the country will spend a total of $3 billion on costumes and candy this year. And other negative occurrences associated with Halloween, such as pumpkin smashing, egging of cars and houses and toilet-papering of trees have nothing to do with the devil. These things have to do with pre-existing problems with society that plague this country all 365 days of the year, not just on Halloween.

Is Halloween the most wholesome of holidays? No. Has it come to be associated with the Devil and evil practices? Yes. But when you consider that Christmas has come to be associated with getting the most expensive toys on the market, Valentine's Day has come to be a cash-cow for Hallmark, and Thanksgiving is centered on watching football games and parades, it becomes obvious that all holidays are tarnished in today's world. The bottom line, Halloween has come to symbolize a worshiping of chocolate, not Satan (and some would argue that that is an even bigger problem).

Matthew Reid is a Collegian editor.

Going nowhere on immigration: Policies raise questions

"As a nation that values immigration, and depends on immigration, we should have immigration laws that work and make us proud."
- George W. Bush, January 7th, 2004, announcing his immigration proposal.

In January of this year, Bush proposed a comprehensive plan of immigration reform, including a temporary worker program, stronger border enforcement, and granting temporary worker status to undocumented (i.e. illegal) working immigrants, in effect legitimizing their presence. The plan was greeted with intense criticism from many Republicans, including 23 congressmen who, in a January 27th letter to Bush, warned that it would risk a backlash from the Republican base.

The Washington Times reported on January 16th that some Republicans refused to contribute to Bush's campaign on account of the immigration plan. Despite Bush's potential to lead his party on the issue, he decided rather than reviewing or revising it to let the proposal die.

But immigration reform is a subject that will not go away. Approximately 300,000 people immigrated illegally into the US during each year of the '90's, either overstaying student or work visas or slipping across the border, while 1 million legal immigrants came into the US. Diverse groups line up for or against immigration, including businesses that import workers or employ recent immigrants, unions that fear immigrants will cost them jobs, and various communities that are composed of immigrants. At the third presidential debate, moderator Bob Schieffer prefaced the only question on immigration by declaring he received more emails on it than any other. Bush's answer to that question recycled his temporary worker plan, and then went on to accuse John Kerry of calling for amnesty for all illegal immigrants, while claiming his own plan did not contain amnesty.

John Kerry's plan for immigration reform differs conceptually from his opponent's. He lists specific policies he would support, including the Agbobs Bill and Dream Act. The Agbobs Bill also creates a guest worker program, but with the potential of permanent resident immigrant status, while Bush's plan promises temporary status and financial incentives for workers to return home.

The Dream Act offers undocumented high school graduates the opportunity to gain citizenship if they pursue and complete a college education. Kerry's broader immigration proposal would offer effective amnesty to illegal immigrants, but only those who have lived in the US for 5 years, paid taxes, and pass a security screening. He also emphasizes border security, and that temporary workers have the same workplace protections as Americans; in addition he seeks to crack down on hiring of illegal immigrants, which is a crime. Finally, Kerry plans to offer an immigration reform bill within his first hundred days as president.

Both plans are worrisome, since they advocate a guest worker program that is effectively state-sponsored indentured servitude - immigrant workers would be dependent on their employers. However, this is already the case, since illegal immigrants employed in the US cannot protest to the authorities without fear of deportation and businesses can take advantage of this; in fact, by legitimizing these relationships, there is the potential to control them and reign in employer abuses. The lesser of two evils is a guest worker program that provides immigrant workers with a legal status, and potentially the same working conditions as Americans. Kerry's proposal offers these temporary workers the possibility of residency, while Bush grants them only a temporary status, and encourages them to leave.

Furthermore, Bush has already shown his unwillingness to lead his party on the issue of immigration, meaning that the status quo would persist. Bush claims to want immigration reform, but won't fight for it; Kerry will.

Andrew Freeman is a Collegian columnist.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

When celebrations go bad

What a glorious moment for Red Sox Nation Wednesday night when we beat the Yankees to go to the World Series. What a tragic ending early Thursday morning when a young woman lost her life. It could have been prevented. When I went to UMass in the early 80s my friends all lived by a simple credo -party hearty, but be cool. If one of us got out of hand, it was the responsibility of the others to reign him back in or to stop him. The cities and towns including Boston and Amherst, the Universities and the police are doing their part to try to keep the celebrations peaceful.

We must all do our part too. The most effective deterrent to bad behavior is the word of a friend or peer reminding you your behavior is wrong. So if you friend has too much to drink, take her home and put her to bed, if a friend gets violent or tries to start a fight, make him stop, if you see someone committing vandalism, tell them it is wrong. There is nothing worse than waking up with a bad hangover regretting something you or one of your friends did that was out of line and out of character the night before. Sadly, one young woman did not wake up Thursday morning. Let's all make sure it doesn't happen again. Have fun, enjoy the moment, but be cool.

Doug Storey
UMASS Alumnus

On the heels of the biggest win in Red Sox history Wednesday night, a horrible tragedy befell the city of Boston. Victoria Snelgrove was struck in the eye by a police-fired projectile and killed following the brilliant comeback of the Sox. The behavior surrounding the aftermath of Red Sox victories must be handled with force, however, people cannot be getting killed by police officers. These projectiles are the same ones being shot at students on the UMass Campus. The funny part is, this was the first time police in Boston were armed with these weapons. However, they have been shot on this campus since last October.

I realize the riotous behavior must be handled, and of course handled by force. Kids are going to take some beatings and some pain...that's too bad for them; they are bringing it upon themselves. However, if the police fire a projectile and it accidentally hits a student in the eye and kills him or her...there is going to be a serious problem. Just look at Kent State during Vietnam - - the country went into an uproar. The police must find another way to deal with crowd dispersal. Tear Gas, Fire Hoses - - whatever. These projectiles are a major problem that has already begun to happen. I hope the police choose to replace these weapons and do it fast. If police officers are killing college students and nothing is done about it, the students will do something about it...and it will not be pretty. Gargano, the police commissioner and everyone else responsible for maintaining peace on this campus should discontinue the use of these weapons. What happened to Victoria must never be allowed to take place again. My fellow students I realize the Red Sox success is a blast. I realize a lot of people want to run outside and just go nuts, but try to keep things in perspective. We don't want this turning into something ugly, because if it does...not only college students will be hurt...police officers will be hurt too.

Nathaniel Anglin
UMass Student

Home last weekend, my friends and I had decided to go out to a sports bar/arcade in Somerville to watch the Sox battle out their first World Series game Saturday night. As the Cardinals finally struck out for the last time in the bottom ninth, the close game was over and we had won. Filled with a sense of victory and satisfaction, we walked to our cars yelling and cheering for the Red Sox as the car alarms around us filled the crisp-October night air.

But this feeling left us quickly as we arrived at my friend Sam's battered Chevy Malibu. Shards of azure glass covered the gravel in front of her rear left passenger door. Some callous idiot had come by after we had gone into the place and smashed it, taking many of her personal belongings. All of us were shocked and saddened, thinking how a night so promising could suddenly mutate so fast into a nightmare.

Apparently, this thief had seen Sam hide her wallet and purse underneath her jacket before walking with us into the bar. Despite the Malibu's tinted-windows, they had reached in; filching not only her cell phone and wallet; but her checkbook and credit card as well. We stood by her with empathy, offering her our support. Irritated and morose, Sam called her credit card company and bank to cancel everything, struggling to fight back the inevitable tears.

This vehicle had been given to her as a gift by her grandfather who recently passed away this summer. A symbol of pride to her, Sam drives her car to and from the University of Vermont where she is studying to be a veterinarian. A person she had never even met had tried to take this all away from her this night. Fortunately, Sam will be reimbursed by her credit card company and bank. But her sense of security will never be the same and neither will ours. Can we only trust our family, friends, colleagues, and fellow employees? Must we always be in a state of distrust and anxiety to strangers? Perhaps we may have to, but it shouldn't have to be this way.

This was not the first time someone I knew experienced this kind of disillusioning experience. My friend Mike, who lives down the hall from me at Umass, just recently had his Honda plundered from in a Southwest parking lot. Similar to Sam's case, there was not much Mike could do. He told me he reported the event to the Amherst police, but they offered little assistance. The same answer was given to us by Somerville's law enforcement Saturday night. They asked us if the call we made was an emergency and we said no, not really. But it was a pretty serious thing, having a friend's car and heart ravaged; something should be done about it.

Now, I understand many people have little or no money, but so do us college students! After all, we are broke from textbook buying, car insurance, groceries, etc. Many of us who have jobs live from paycheck to paycheck, balancing busy schedules. So what would make a person do such a thing as this? Maybe they can't find jobs in today's market to feed their children.

The thing which upset me most about Saturday night was the fact that this could happen again to other innocent people. What if next time, this thief just holds up a car while its driver and passengers are still inside and threatens their lives? My friends and I are thankful no harm was done to us, but we still feel used. What had we done to this person in whom they felt they needed to take from us?

Bill Donovan
UMass Student

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'I'll Never Know You Now' pays tribute to a fallen hero



'I'll Never Know You Now: A Tribute to Elliott Smith'
Tonight
The Elevens
Northampton
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COURTESY PAUL HEARTENFIELD

Smith's last album, "From a Basement on the Hill," was released posthumously earlier this week.

By Meghan Healy
Collegian Staff

For generations past, it was the deaths of Buddy Holly, the Big Bopper and Ritchie Valens. It was the overdoses of Janis Joplin and Jimi Hendrix. For us it is the passing of Elliott Smith.

Smith, who committed suicide just over a year ago on October 21, 2004, was and continues to be one of contemporary music's most affecting and haunting artists. Though he did not achieve the kind of fame that found him playing TRL or schmoozing with Jay Leno on "The Tonight Show" in his 34 years of living, death has not silence Smith. In fact, since his passing it seems that he has become increasingly well-known. A posthumously released record, "From a Basement on the Hill," has countless of the industries best singing Smith's praises.

For their part, musicians of the Pioneer Valley, where Smith attended Hampshire College, have set out to pay homage to one of the area's most talented representitives. "I'm Never Gonna Know You Now: A Tribute to Elliott Smith" will take place tonight at 9 p.m. at Northampton's The Elevens. A collection of the Valley's most prominent up and comers will perform a collection of Smith's work not only in honor of the life of a musical genius, but to commemorate the release of "From a Basement on the Hill," which hit shelves on Tuesday.

Though much of his career was spent under the mainstream radar, Elliott Smith's effect on the music industry has been tremndous. Although he was never a household name, most will recognize his haunting vocals and ethereal compositions from the 1997 Oscar-winning flim "Good Will Hunting," to which Smith comprised a significant amount of the soundtrack. While that contribution gained Smith mainstream attention, he had been making music since the age of 14, and relesed his first solo album in 1994. The indie scene immediately embraced everything Elliott and in the 10 years that passed, Smith remained a favorite. An Academy Award nomination for "Miss Misery," a track off his 1997 album "Either/Or," may have brought Smith to the attention of millions, but it was his music that granted him credibility and fame.

As tribute shows go, "I'll Never Know You Now" hopes to be one of the better ones. All the musicians scheduled to perform have worked in the Valley, perfecting their craft, drawing inspiration from Smith's canon of work. On the roster will be Mark Mulcahy, Philip Price, Frank Padellero and Kevin O'Rourke. Jose Ayerve will also appear, along with Abeja, Dennis Crommett and The Bunwinkies. Rounding out the bill are Scott Alden, Bursting Splats, Winterpills, Flora Reed, Lesa Bezo, Scott Brodeur, Thane Thompson. Others may appear.

Admission for the event is a mere $4. All proceeds from "I'll Never Know You Now" will benefit the Elliott Smith Memorial Smith Fund, which serves to provide support for children who are victims of abuse.



A look at 'Don't Look Back'

By Peter Blandino
Collegian Correspondent

This past Friday night, Northampton's Academy of Music kicked off a week of "rock-umentaries" (dubbed "Rocktober") with a screening of D.A Pennebaker's historic film, "Don't Look Back." The groundbreaking documentary chronicles Bob Dylan's last solo acoustic tour in 1965. Later in that same year, Dylan would release "Bringing It All Back Home," predominantly an electric album featuring only three solo acoustic performances — "Gates of Eden," "It's Alright Ma" and "It's All Over Now, Baby Blue." It is an interesting point in the career of perhaps the most influential performer of alltime. He is immensely popular, but is about to "go electric" and surpass any of the success he had up to that point.

Pennebaker's camera shadows Dylan, and his entourage, including famed folk singer Joan Baez, Allen Price (briefly the pianist for The Animals), manager Allen Grossman, Bob Neuwirth and others, as they shuttle from the airport to hotel rooms, to interviews, to performance halls and back. The fly-on-the-wall perspective allows viewers to catch a glimpse of these notables' personalities, their sense of humor for example, which would be lost in a more conventional documentary.

Pennebaker's succeeds brilliantly in unifying all the footage into a cohesive whole without the use of an intrusive voice over. For example, in an interview for the BBC, Dylan is asked to comment on his sensitivity to racial oppression in America, and also how his career began.

Pennebaker then cuts to a clip of a very young Dylan performing his 1964 release, "Only A Pawn In There Game," c o n -



'Don't Look Back'
Directed by D.A. Pennebaker
Starring Bob Dylan Joan Baez
Leacock-Pennebaker
Not Rated
96 mins.
Grade A

cerning the murder of Civil Rights Activist, Medgar Evers, to small and mostly black audience on a Mississippi farm. As the handful of spectators applauds at the conclusion of his performance, Pennebaker flashes forward to London, 1965. Applause thunders through a grand performance hall as Dylan takes center stage.

The performances themselves make up only a small fraction of the film. This only adds to the value of the concert footage. Dylan's rendition of "The Lonesome Death of Hattie Carroll" is truly moving. Pennebaker is lying on the floor as he shoots. The vantage point is looking up at Dylan, shrouded in darkness, with the spotlight framing only his face. Only Dylan could have written this song. But Pennebaker's presentation of this performance gives you an appreciation not only of his originality and poetic acumen, but his stage presence as well.

Aside from the concert performances, the viewer is treated to behind the scenes jam sessions at the hotel room. The film includes Joan Baez beautifully singing Dylan compositions, "Love Is Just A Four Letter Word," and "Percy's Song." Also at the hotel, we see Dylan paying tribute to one of his boy-

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A new face for Boston Symphony Orchestra

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP)— James Levine's installation as the music director of the Boston Symphony Orchestra resembled a coronation.

Red carpet covered the sidewalk outside Symphony Hall on Friday night and much of the audience sparkled in evening gowns, jewels and dinner jackets.

A grand piece was chosen for the occasion. Mahler's Eighth, the "Symphony of a Thousand," showcasing the orchestra, its restored organ, two choruses and many of the top singers who appear with Levine at the Metropolitan Opera, where he has reigned since 1973. A champagne reception preceded the event and dinner, filled with praise and a toast, followed in a hotel ballroom nearby.

Even before the first note, the 61-year-old maestro was greeted with a 30-second standing ovation, touching his right hand to his heart in appreciation.

"What can I say to this?" Levine told the crowd during the dinner. "I love the tradition of this city."

He is the 14th music director in the orchestra's history and the first born in the United States. And he is the first new music director for the BSO since Seiji Ozawa arrived in 1973 for a run that lasted 29 years. The BSO wanted Levine so badly that it when it hired him in 2001, the orchestra agreed to wait three years for him to take over, until his contract as chief conductor of the Munich Philharmonic expired.

So now that the fanfare is over, what is the BSO getting?

A new vantage point, both for the audience and the players.

Levine immediately rearranged the orchestra's seating to the same arrangement he uses at the Met, moving the second violins from the left side to the right. Bothered by sciatica, he conducts on a chair, as he does in New York, and he cues primarily with his right hand, saving his left, which occasionally has been hampered by tremors, for big moments.

His attention to nuance was clear, right from the opening note played by James David Christie on the Aeolian-Skinner organ, built in 1947 and rebuilt over the past two years.



COURTESY JACK VARTOOGIAN

Levine has been named the music director of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.



By Bradley Farberman

TuesdayOctober26

Performance

Smith College's John M. Greene Hall is the place to be tonight if you're in the mood for a little poetry. And this is no "open mic," mind you: celebrated author Seamus Heaney will be on hand, and you won't want to miss it.

When Heaney won the Nobel Prize in literature in 1995, the Swedish Academy was quick to point out his penchant for exposing "everyday miracles and the living past"; the New York Times has referred to Heaney as a "poet of the everyday." And, for one night only, you can call him "the Nobel Prize-winning poet standing in front of me."

Heaney goes on at 7:30 p.m.; the event is free, open to the public, and wheelchair accessible. For more information, you can contact Cindy Furtek at (413) 585-4891 or Ellen Dore Watson at (413) 585-3368.

Music

Bezanson Recital Hall will host "All Brahms" tonight, at 8 p.m. Tonight's performance, set to include pieces like "Clarinet Quintet Op. 115", "Horn Trio Op. 40" and "Viola Songs op. 91," will feature faculty members. Tickets are $3 for UMass students, $5 for other students, children and seniors, and $10 for the general public.

ThursdayOctober28

Music

Father/son jazz cooperative Joe (alto saxophone, tenor saxophone and clarinet) and Mat Maneri (violin) will bring their eclectic brand of "improvised chamber music" to Bezanson Recital Hall, tonight at 8 p.m. Their music draws on jazz, blues, classical and world music. Tickets are $5 for UMass students, $10 for the general public.

FridayOctober29

Music

Come check out the pep rally (and bonfire) tonight, at 10 p.m., alongside the campus pond (it's homecoming weekend, and the Minutemen need your support!). DJ Hypnotiq, West Entrance, and hometown heroes Cold Duck Complex will supply the tunes, so be ready to dance.

Events

"The Power of Learning" takes hold of UMass today at 9 a.m. Festivties, which will go until 12 p.m. will feature an array of exhibits in the Campus Center, including science presentations and arts performances. Students, faculty, and community members, including at least 150 school children, as well as alums back for Homecoming will get the chance to see "The Captivation of Eunice Williams" written by Professor Harley Erdman.

Also on display will be paintings, pottery, computer animation, architectural models, and other artwork by UMass Amherst students. In the Campus Center basement there will be a health fair offering mini-check-up, free hearing screenings, blood-pressure readings, and Body Mass Index tests. Also available will be free massages.

For more information see umass.edu.

SaturdayOctober30

Music

Don't be that guy: don't miss The Slip when they shake down Pearl Street's ballroom tonight, at 8:30 p.m. And don't be that guy who forgets to check out the opening band, either: Brooklyn's finest, a.k.a. the Benevento/Russo Duo, will rock Northampton's coolest night club just as hard (if not harder).

And the combination of both acts on one bill should be priceless (although, for $12.50 in advance and $15 at the door, you can't go wrong.)

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"The Pain of War" is an exhibition of over 60 prints, photographs, videos, and other media images. The Mead Art Museum at Amherst College will host the exhibit starting Thursday, with a reception at 4:30 p.m.

Rock-umentary follows Dylan

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hood heroes, Hank Williams, as he sings "The Lost Highway," and "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry."

Another of the film's many highlights occurs at the hotel room. Contemporary folk artist Donovan performs a sentimental, and embarrassingly bad song for folk legend Derroll Adams, banjoist and backup vocalist on many Jack Elliot albums. Dylan watches on restlessly, and at the song's dreadful conclusion says, with palpable sarcasm, "That's a good song man!" He then takes Donovan's guitar and plays the yet to be released classic, "It's All Over Now, Baby Blue."

The exquisite moments included in this film are too numerous to list. The interviews too show Dylan as his best, or worst, depending on your perspective. His way of speaking, his amazing use of abstract notions, is something very different than what you expect from popular musicians, or anybody for that matter.

The venue at which "Don't Look Back" was shown also adds to the film's effect. If you haven't yet attended the Academy of Music in Northampton, it is a beautiful place to watch a film. They have preserved the old theatre look, while maximizing comfort and viewing pleasure.

There are plenty of films left in the Rocktober series, so be sure to check out the listings at academyofmusicitheatre.com.

Internet may not be as safe as users think

By Ted Bridis
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP)— Internet users at home are not nearly as safe online as they believe, according to a nationwide inspection by researchers. They found most consumers have no firewall protection, outdated antivirus software and dozens of spyware programs secretly running on their computers.

One beleaguered home user in the government-backed study had more than 1,000 spyware programs running on his sluggish computer when researchers examined it.

Bill Mines, a personal trainer in South Riding, Va., did not fare much better. His family's 3-year-old Dell computer was found infected with viruses and more than 600 pieces of spyware surreptitiously monitoring his online activities.

"I was blown away," Mines said. "I had a lot of viruses and other things I didn't know about. I had no idea things like this could happen."

The Internet always has had its share of risky neighborhoods and dark alleys. But with increasingly sophisticated threats from hackers, viruses, spam e-mails and spyware, trouble is finding computer users no matter how cautiously they roam online.

The technology industry is feeling the pain, too.

Spurred by the high costs of support calls from irritated customers and fearful that frustrated consumers will stop buying new products, Internet providers, software companies and computer-makers are making efforts to increase awareness of threats and provide customers with new tools to protect themselves.

Still, many computer users appear remarkably unprepared for the dangers they face.

The study being released Monday by America Online and the National Cyber Security Alliance found that 77 percent of 326 adults in 12 states assured researchers in a telephone poll they were safe from online threats. Nearly as many people felt confident they were already protected specifically from viruses and hackers.

When experts visited those same homes to examine computers, they found two-thirds of adults using antivirus software that was not updated in at least seven days.

Two-thirds of the computer users also were not using any type of protective firewall program, and spyware was found on the computers of 80 percent of those in the study.

The survey participants all were AOL subscribers selected in 22 cities and towns by an independent market analysis organization.

The alliance, a nonprofit group, is backed by the Homeland Security Department and the Federal Trade Commission, plus leading technology companies, including Cisco Systems, Microsoft, eBay and Dell.



UMass shocked in overtime

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practice." Koldahl said.

Warner thought the puck was deflected on its way to the net.

"The shot wasn't a hard shot," Warner said. "It was coming right at my chest. At the last second, they made a play in front and deflected it low, glove-side right off the post and in."

The scoring began early as Kevin Jarman was able to find some space in front of the Connecticut net and scored a power play goal on UMass' first shot of the game 51 seconds into the contest.

UConn tied that game three minutes later when J.R. Corkery set up Tim Olsen in front of the crease, and Corkery slid the puck past Warner.

The two teams struggled to get anything going offensively for the remainder of the first period and into the beginning of the second until UMass freshman David Teaderer turned the puck over in transition in the Minuteman zone. Olsen retrieved the puck off a high bounce and was able to get enough on the puck to make it roll awkwardly past Warner to give the Huskies a 2-1 lead.

"(Olsen) just chipped it right over me," Warner said. "I'm not even sure if he meant to do it."

UMass battled back with under five minutes to go in the second period when Sunnmerfield took the puck from behind the UConn net and set up an open Matt Burto at the left face off circle. Burto skated in unabated, deked UConn goalie Brad Smith and scored with a clean shot through Smith's legs to tie the score at two.

The Minutemen had a great opportunity to establish their dominant talent and take over the game in the third period when UConn defenseman James Martin was called for interference with about 14 minutes to play in regulation.

UMass had their offense set up in the Huskies' zone through a large portion of the power play, but Smith kept making save after save to keep the score tied.

With time winding down in the third period, UConn had a flurry of shots on Warner with a group of players blocking the net. The puck was then kicked out to Adam Rhein who fired a shot through the crowd, but Warner dove and sprawled out to his left to make a glove save to kill the Connecticut rally.

"It never should have even happened," Warner said. "I lost sight of the puck and thought it was under me. I looked up and saw (Rhein) winding up at the left point, and I was lucky he [shot] it there because that was the only place I could have put my glove on it."

One of the bright spots for the Minutemen was the play of Warner, who is used in rotation with goalie Gabe Winer. Warner had 33 saves in the game.

"There were a few kids who showed up and a bunch of kids who didn't," Cahoon said. "One of the kids who really showed up was our goaltender."



MATTHEW REHO/COLLEGIAN

Junior forward John Toffey and the Minutemen were upset by Connecticut yesterday at the Mullins Center. UMass returns to action this weekend with a home-and-home series against Providence.

Rams run over UM

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carries, and Ham rushed 16 times for 52 yards.

Jeff West and Jerell Jones rounded out the URI rushing attack with three and five carries for 24 and 19 yards, respectively.

After Gray's interception return staked URI to a 19-10 lead it carried into halftime, UMass pulled within two at the end of the third quarter. Using 12 rushing plays to fuel a 13-play, 71-yard drive, including eight carries by Baylark, Demers eventually found the end zone on the ground from a yard out to cut the URI lead to 19-17 just prior to the start of the fourth quarter.

Just under five minutes later, the Minutemen took their first lead of the afternoon when they capped a seven-play drive with a 39-yard touchdown pass from Day to Peebler that made the score 24-19 in favor of UMass at the 10:13 mark of the fourth quarter.

The UMass defense could not hold the lead, however, as the Rams marched 76 yards in six plays to take the 27-24 lead they would not relinquish.

"This is my fifth year here and one motto that coach Stowers has that hasn't changed is overcoming adversity," Ham said. "If you are prepared for it, when it comes your way it will still shock you a little bit, but it won't be that much of a surprise."

URI caught UMass by surprise to get on the board in the first quarter, as Davis opted to pass and found Jones alone behind the defense for a 43-yard touchdown pass just under two minutes into the game. Bryan Giannecchini's extra point failed, and URI was staked to a 6-0 lead.

The Minutemen got on the board with 2:32 remaining in the first quarter when Matt Goldstein, kicking in place of the suspended Michael Torres, connected on a 32-yard field goal to make the score 6-3.

The Rams then answered right back, as Jones capped an 11-play, 79-yard drive with a seven yard touchdown run to make the score 13-3 one minute into the second quarter.

Late season momentum is haulted after rough weekend

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half. The scoring chance came about when Anthony Akande took a shot from the top of the box that was blocked and controlled by Pace. In an attempt to clear, Pace tried to boot the ball out of defensive zone but ended up kicking it over the head of UMass keeper Colin Burns and into the net for an own goal at 43:51.

No Fordham player was awarded a goal for creating the score, and it was the first own goal Massachusetts has allowed thus far.

Meyer got a chance to take a lead into the break, but sailed a penalty kick wide left of the Massachusetts goal as time wound down, preserving the 1-1 tie at the half.

The Maroon and White turned up its offense after the half, out-shooting the Rams 7-2 and picking up the game winner in the 80th minute.

Freshman defender Kenneth Cook picked up his first collegiate point when he found Bullen in the 80th minute. The goal was Bullen's third point of the game and team-leading eighth goal of the season.

The UMass defense was suffocating in the second half, preventing a single shot on goal.

The Minutemen will return to action on Friday and Sunday to take on St. Bonaventure and Duquesne, respectively.

Minutewomen have mixed results at wrong time of year

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After Fairweather's approaching shot from the right side was tipped away by Wynns, Roehrig seized an opportunity on the left side of the net and booted in the rebound for a 1-0 lead.

Goalie Kristin Walker was able to do the rest, thwarting away Fordham shots – even at one point making a one-handed save – to secure her third shutout of the season.

"It would have felt a lot better had we gotten those seven goals we should have," coach Jim Rudy said of the win. "It should have been 7-0 before [Roehrig] scored. I'm very pleased with the win, though. I'm glad to come away from this with some points."

Points were something the Minutewomen let slip out of their grasp on Sunday, surrendering the shutout and the lead in the last 20 minutes to the Explorers.

That isn't to say they didn't look brilliant through the first 45 minutes of play. The first half belonged to the Maroon and White, who continued to take shots at goalie Kerry Schamberger – particularly headers from cross passes – before netting one with 12 minutes left in the half.

Roehrig and Fairweather connected again, this time both contributing an assist to a beauty of a goal by Canfield. Taking a feed from Roehrig, Fairweather tipped one up to the freshman forward, who booted a roller by Schamberger across the box and into the right corner.

Shannon Plunkett's game-winner came with just 74 seconds to go.

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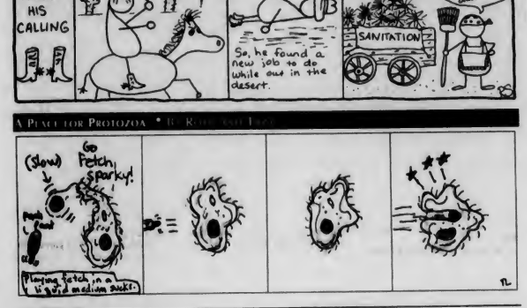
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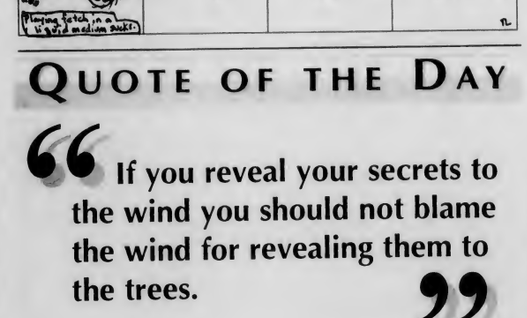
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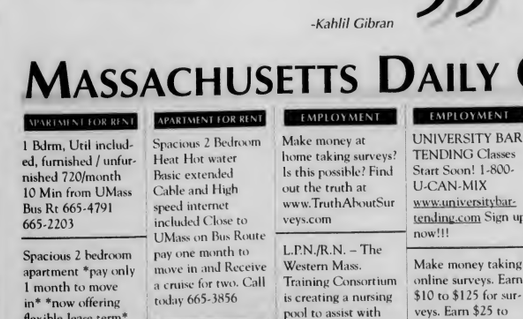
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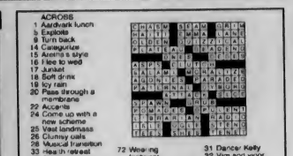


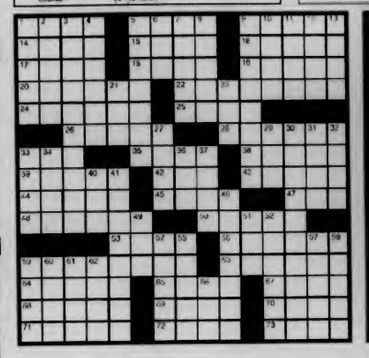












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Battering Rams

UM comeback falls short as URI scores in final minutes

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

KINGSTON, RI — The Massachusetts football team knew to expect a heavy dose of it, spent a week in preparation for it, and after a poor first half, did a solid job defending it. But at a time when they could least afford to break down against it, Rhode Island's triple option offense finally got the best of the Minutemen.

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Trailing by five with under two minutes remaining in the game, Rams' wingback Calvin Poole took advantage of blown assignments by UMass defenders to rip off runs of 24 and 34 yards that moved the ball deep into UMass territory. From there, halfback Jason Ham scampered into the end zone from 11 yards out with 1:22 remaining, and the subsequent two-point conversion gave Rhody a 27-24 win before a homecoming crowd of 4,376 at Meade Stadium.

The Maroon and White (3-5 1-4 Atlantic 10) return to action next Saturday, when they will take the field at Warren P. McGuirk Alumni Stadium for the first time in more than a month to host A-10 East Division rival Maine.

"I guess from the fans' perspective it would be a great game," Brown said. "We just weren't able to finish. That's the difficult thing because there are so many things you can point to in the game and say, 'Well, if this didn't happen.'"

"We came out and had 14 unanswered points in the third and fourth quarter, but we weren't able to finish. It's disappointing to battle hard for that long and come up empty in the end."

A week after playing well in leading his team to 38 points in a win over No. 7 New Hampshire, quarterback Tim Day returned to the shaky form that he often showed during UMass' four game losing streak.

The junior signal caller was 18-of-33 for 230 yards and two touchdowns, but was victimized by four interceptions, including one that was returned 30 yards for a touchdown by URI's (4-3 2-2 A-10) Virgil Gray in the first half, and took a critical sack on UMass' final drive.

"It's a growing experience for him," Brown said of Day. "Obviously you'd like him to throw it away and not take the damn sack, that's for sure."

Gray, meanwhile, raised the issue of what has become a disturbing habit for UMass' first-year quarterback.

"From watching tape, we knew [Day] always looks at who he is going to throw the ball to," Gray said. "I saw him looking right at his receiver the whole time, and I just broke on the ball."

Junior tailback Steve Baylark had his second consecutive outstanding effort for UMass, carrying 26 times for 138 yards. Senior fullback Rich Demers also chipped in with nine carries for 42 yards and a touchdown, while catching his first touchdown pass of the season as well.

Another bright spot for the Minutemen was the play of senior captain Jason Peebler, who overcame a pair of early drops to snag six passes for 96 yards and a 39-yard touchdown catch that gave UMass the lead in the fourth quarter.

"I thought it was a great A-10 football game," Rhode Island coach Tim Stowers said. "They took the lead on the road, then our football team found a way to come back and win the game. There were a lot of big plays in that game."

As advertised, Stowers' Rams relied on their ground game to grind away at a young and banged up UMass defense. After torching the Maroon and White for 125 rushing yards in the first quarter, UMass buckled down on defense and held the Rams to under 100 yards in the second half and 294 yards on the game.

Quarterback Jayson Davis completed only four passes for 81 yards and a touchdown and carried 11 times for 63 yards. Wingback Chad Campbell led URI with 69 yards on 12 carries while Poole chipped in with 68 yards on eight

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COURTESY KAREN WINGER

UMass tailback Steve Baylark finds a hole against UNH earlier this season. Baylark ran for 138 yards against URI on Saturday. It was the first time that UMass has lost a game this year when Baylark has run for 100 yards.

Minutemen shocked at home by previously winless UConn

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

In a game that never should have been close after the first period, the Connecticut hockey team (1-2-1) came into the Mullins Center yesterday and shocked Massachusetts 3-2 in the closing seconds of overtime in front of a crowd of 2,038 people.

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UMass	2

The Minutemen (3-2-0, 1-0-0 Hockey East) may have come into the game with a little too much confidence since they are from the superior Hockey East while UConn plays in the lesser-known Atlantic Hockey League.

"If you keep showing up at these games against opponents that are non-league opponents thinking that just because you're in Hockey East and the game is just going to swing your way, sooner or later, you're going to get what you deserve," UMass coach Don Cahoon said.

Regardless of the two teams' origins, UMass let the Huskies stick around for far too long, and they suffered the upset as a consequence. It was also the first time that UConn has ever defeated UMass at the Mullins Center.

"We would have been satisfied with a tie in the sense that we really did have a tough week at practice," UConn coach Bruce Marshall conceded.

With 4.7 seconds to play in overtime, UConn center Chris Uber won the face off in the UMass zone to Tim Olsen who gave it to Cole Koidahl as he skated around behind the circle. Koidahl fired a shot to the net that made it through several players, hit the post and bounced in past goalie Tim Warner.

"It's a play that we work on a few times everyday in

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MATTHEW BRIDWELL/RDRAN

UConn players celebrate after scoring with 4.7 seconds left in overtime to defeat UMass yesterday.

Rough weekend may hurt playoff chances

By Bob McGovern and Matt Barstow
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts men's soccer team came out of the past weekend with a win, a loss and surmounting questions on where it will be when the postseason arrives.

The Minutemen (7-7-2, 4-4-2 Atlantic 10), who were slated at third in the Atlantic 10 before this weekend, defeated Fordham (3-10-2, 1-5-2 A-10) on Friday, 1-0 in the Bronx. UMass couldn't follow suit yesterday and fell 2-0 at LaSalle (8-6-1, 4-4-0 A-10), dropping the Minutemen to fifth in the A-10.

LaSalle	2
UMass	0

UMass and the Explorers played an even first half on both sides of the ball, however, neither was able to capitalize on offensive opportunities. Combined, the teams had nine shots on goal, but both keepers were able to thwart these opportunities, sending the game scoreless into the half.

The outcome of the game was, however, influenced in the waning minutes of the half.

With 8:19 remaining in the period, sophomore Ralph Pace received a red card and was ejected from the game. With this, the Minutemen were forced to play the rest of the game a man down, hence opening opportunities for LaSalle for the rest of the game.

The Explorers were first able to capitalize on Pace's absence 15 minutes into the second half. LaSalle's Dusan Vujovic blasted a shot at UMass keeper Nick Billman, who was able to deflect the shot. Ryan Mosely rebounded the ball and knocked the game's first goal home. The goal was Mosely's fifth of the season.

The score stayed at 1-0 until the 84th minute when, once again, Mosely was able to find a seam in the Minutemen defense. Mosely passed the ball up to Ryan Dogherty who plowed a shot past Billman, solidifying LaSalle's victory.

Despite giving up two goals, Nick Billman had one of his best performances of the season. With the added pressure of being a man down, the Explorers shot count skyrocketed in the second half. Billman was able to respond and had a career-high 10 saves in the contest.

With the loss, UMass continues to have troubles on the road, falling to 2-4-2 overall on the season.

After 13 minutes of defensive play, Kevin Meyer of Fordham rang the game's first shot off the crossbar. The Rams out-shot Massachusetts 8-4 in the first half and forced Minuteman goalie Colin Burns to make his only two saves of the game.

UMass started the scoring when sophomore Ralph Pace took an outside shot that found its way past Fordham goalie Stephen Faber to the top left corner of the net at 14:19. Captain Oral Bullen was credited with an assist for dropping the pass back to Pace.

Fordham responded with less than two minutes to play in the first

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Mixed results put UMass in a tough position late in season

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts women's soccer team came home for their final two home games of the season with a sense of urgency never felt before. There was a fire in their eyes that glistened with great brightness. But when they walked off Rudd Field yesterday, their faces were much like the weather– cold and heartbroken.

LaSalle	2
UMass	1

Yesterday's 2-1 loss to the LaSalle Explorers (9-6-2, 5-4-0 Atlantic 10) capped off a wild weekend for the Minutewomen (6-9-0, 4-5-0 A-10), who started off Friday with a 1-0 upset of the Fordham Rams (8-4-2, 3-4-1 A-10).

With under 20 minutes to go in Sunday's contest and the Minutewomen leading 1-0 in a crucial contest that may very well decide the A-10 Tournament brackets, the Maroon and White collapsed under the pressure of a rallying LaSalle squad and now are staring elimination straight in the face.

With the loss, UMass is in a must-win situation. That is, if they are to play on their home field again in 2004 (they host the A-10 Tournament November 4-7), they must win their final two games on the road.

Things sure didn't seem that way on Friday when the Minutewomen knocked off the physically dominant Rams. Having tallied upsets against similar teams in Central Connecticut State and George Washington, the Maroon and White arrived at its field confident they could take on a team that in itself was cocky and very large.

"We had the heart," freshman Jenny Roehrig said. "We came in here, and we wanted to win, and it happened."

Despite being greatly outsized, UMass was able to make troubles for goalie Julie Wynns for most of the game. The Minutewomen came close to reaching the back of the net on multiple occasions in the first, the nearest miss coming from senior Lindsey "Stormy" Fairweather's dart off the left post with ten minutes left.

The second half began with more of the same hitting and missing, this time coming from Fordham, who took the first five shots of the half. But with 20 minutes remaining, the Minutewomen finally broke through on the feet of Roehrig.

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The stars come out to tribute a music legend

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Red Sox send Pedro to the mound in St. Louis

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Health officials receive more queries on flu vaccine issue than on anthrax

By Karen Testa
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Questions from the public about the flu vaccine shortage have outnumbered any other public health concern in recent years, including the anthrax scares that followed the Sept. 11 terror attacks, the state's public health commissioner said Monday.

The Department of Public Health has installed 75 new telephone lines with recorded information about the flu vaccine and hired 18 telephone operators to field questions, Commissioner Christine Ferguson said during a legislative hearing of the Joint Committee on Health Care.

"We probably have more concern and interest expressed in this than any other single issue that we've faced in quite a few years, including the anthrax," Ferguson said.

This year, the nation is only getting about half the 100 million flu shots it had expected for the current flu season because one of two primary vaccine suppliers, Chiron Corp., had contamination problems at a British factory.

The United States has no stockpile of vaccine, which have a shelf-life of less than a year. Also, they cannot be mass-produced quickly since they are made from hen eggs and require six months to make.

Massachusetts had ordered 655,000 doses of the vaccine, but will have to make do instead with 429,000 doses. In a normal year, about 1 million people — high risk and healthy — seek flu vaccines.



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Tech Heather Kent works at the Aventis Pasteur facility that manufactures the flu vaccine. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has 429,000 doses this year.

Earlier this month, Ferguson issued an order limiting vaccination to people in high-risk categories and requiring all health care providers, hospitals, pharmacies and others authorized to prescribe, dispense and administer the flu vaccine to report the number of flu vaccine doses they have in stock.

Ferguson said the state would be issuing plans for distributing the public supply in the next two weeks, to complement the plans for private distribution.

Sen. Richard Moore, D-Uxbridge, co-chairman of the health care committee, said a country as wealthy and advanced as the United States should not be causing this level of concern among its citizens, and that federal officials must change the way they plan for and purchase vaccines.

Kerry slams Bush as a poor commander-in-chief

By David Espo
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Sen. John Kerry cited the war in Iraq Monday as proof President Bush has "failed the test of being commander in chief." The Republican slammed his rival as "consistently and dangerously wrong" on national security matters.

In a race of ever-escalating rhetoric, the president also accused the Democratic challenger of "the worst kind of Monday-morning quarterbacking" on the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. But he fell silent on the disappearance of 377 tons of high explosives in Iraq, leaving it to aides to explain.

Polls in the major battleground states were so close that both camps had cause for optimism — and room for doubt. And with only eight days to go, there were signs that the field of competition might be widening.

Democrats fretted about Hawaii and made plans to advertise to voters in the state that has never backed a Republican for president.

Polls showed a tightening race in Arkansas, a state the president won four years ago and the Democrats had virtually given up for lost this time. The president's high command was concerned, as well, about New Hampshire, in Bush's column four years ago, trending Kerry's way in the race's final days.

Long-planned events blended with the unexpected in a campaign already marked by unpredictability.

Former President Clinton joined Kerry at a noontime rally in Philadelphia that drew tens of thousands. "If this isn't good for my heart, I don't know what is," Clinton said, looking thinner seven weeks after bypass surgery.

Supreme Court officials announced that Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, 80, is undergoing treatment for thyroid cancer and is expected to return to work next week. The statement served as a reminder that the next president is likely to have more than one appointment to an aging court that is divided on abortion, gay rights and more.

Word of the disappearance of explosives from a military installation in Iraq was like a campaign gift to Kerry, and he quickly put it to use.

Failure to secure the material was "one of the great blunders of Iraq, one of the great blunders of this administration," the four-term Massachusetts senator said in New Hampshire, his first campaign stop of the day.

"Terrorists could use this material to kill our troops, our people, blow up our airplanes and level buildings."

"... The unbelievable blindness, stubbornness, arrogance of this administration to do the basics has now allowed this president to once again fail the test of being the commander in chief," Kerry said.

Bush gave as good as he got. "On Iraq, my opponent has a strategy of pessimism and retreat," he said in Greeley, Colo. That was mere warmup, though.

He accused Kerry of "throwing out the wild claim that he knows where Osama bin Laden was in the fall of 2001 — and that our military had a chance to get him in Tora Bora."

That was a reference to Kerry's frequent assertion that the administration "outsourced" the job of hunting down bin Laden to Afghan warlords.

"This is an unjustified and harsh criticism of our military commanders in the field," Bush said. "This is the worst kind of Monday-morning quarterbacking."

Beyond Iraq, Bush cited Kerry's opposi-

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Chief Justice Rehnquist hospitalized with cancer

By Gina Holland
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist has thyroid cancer that has temporararily sidelined the conservative anchor of the Supreme Court and injected into the presidential campaign the issue of appointments to the most important legal panel in America.

Rehnquist's diagnosis was announced Monday in a terse statement by the Supreme Court. It said the 80-year-old widower underwent a tracheotomy over the weekend and was hospitalized but expected to be back at work next week when the court resumes hearing cases.

Left unsaid was Rehnquist's condition at the National Naval Medical Center in suburban Bethesda, Md., and which type of thyroid cancer he has. About 23,600 people develop various types of thyroid cancer each year in the United States. Most types are considered treatable, but many variables exist including age and how quickly the cancer is found.

Rehnquist's hospitalization gave new prominence to a campaign issue that has been overshadowed by the war on terror. The next president probably will name one or more justices to a court that has been deeply divided in recent years on issues as varied as abortion and the 2000 election itself. President Bush won that after the Supreme Court issued a key 5-4 decision in his favor, with Rehnquist as part of the majority.

The last court vacancy was in 1994, the longest stretch of continuity in modern history. Only one of the court's nine members, — Clarence Thomas, appointed by former President Bush — is under 65.

"The Supreme Court has always been in play. This will just increase the salience," said Nelson Polsby, a political science professor at the University of California, Berkeley, and coauthor of "Presidential Elections."

Rehnquist, a conservative named to the court in 1972 by President Nixon and elevated to chief justice by President Reagan in 1986, has had a series of health problems, including chronic back pain and a 2002 torn leg tendon that required surgery.

He was admitted to the hospital Friday and doctors performed the tracheotomy on Saturday. During that procedure, a tube is inserted into the patient's throat, either to relieve a breathing obstruction or as preparation for surgery. The court did not explain why the procedure was done on Rehnquist.

Edward Lazarus, a Los Angeles attorney and former Supreme Court clerk, said the secrecy was not surprising.

"The court doesn't appreciate being at the center of the political storm. It's an uncomfortable situation," he said.

Rehnquist is among the fiercest questioners during oral arguments. Dr. Herman Kattlove of the American Cancer Society said Rehnquist should be able to speak normally after the breathing tube is removed from his throat.

Three other members of the high court have had bouts with cancer. Justice John Paul Stevens, the oldest at 84, was treated for prostate cancer. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor had breast cancer and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg colon cancer.

Rehnquist turned 80 this month. The only older chief justice was Roger Taney, who presided over the high court in the mid-1800s until his death at 87.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said President Bush and first lady Laura Bush "wish Chief Justice Rehnquist a speedy recovery." Democratic challenger John Kerry did not comment.

Rehnquist is a smoker known as a stern and efficient taskmaster at the court and a fierce competitor on the tennis court and at the poker table. In recent months his tennis is said to have been replaced with walks.

He has defied retirement rumors, even as some observers of the court have wondered aloud whether his conservative legacy — empowering states, limiting abortion and preserving the death penalty — might have run its course.



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Supreme Court Justice William H. Rehnquist has thyroid cancer and underwent a tracheotomy over the weekend.

Rebel infiltrators may be cause of 50 soldier deaths say officials

By Robert H. Reid
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi officials suspect that about 50 U.S.-trained Iraqi soldiers slain by insurgents may have been set up by rebel infiltrators in their ranks.

Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's group claimed responsibility for the weekend attack, the deadliest ambush of the 18-month insurgency. The claim was posted Sunday on an Islamist Web site but its authenticity could not be confirmed.

On Monday, a suicide car bomber attacked a U.S. convoy in Khaldiyah, a town about 50 miles west of the capital, destroying at least two Humvees. Police said there were American casualties, but the number was not immediately known. The U.S. military had no immediate comment.

In Baghdad, a car bomb targeting an Australian military convoy exploded near the Australian Embassy, killing three Iraqis and wounding eight others, including three Australian soldiers, according to Iraqi and Australian officials.

Al-Zarqawi's group also claimed responsibility for that attack in a statement posted on an Islamic Web site Monday. It was impossible to verify the claim's authenticity.

"The mission will still be able to carry out its task," Australian Defense Force spokesman Brig. Mike Hannan told reporters in the capital of Canberra.

A separate roadside bomb killed one American soldier and wounded five others in western Baghdad.

An Estonian soldier was killed during an ambush Monday while patrolling outside the Iraqi capital, according to Marko Mihkelson, chairman of the Estonian parliament's Foreign Affairs committee. Several other Estonians were believed to have been wounded, but the nature of their injuries was unknown.

The soldier was the second to die this year from Estonia, which has 45 soldiers in Iraq.

The 50 unarmed Iraqi soldiers were killed on their way home after completing a training course at the Kirkush military camp northeast of Baghdad when their buses were stopped Saturday evening by rebels about 95 miles east of Baghdad, Interior Ministry spokesman Adnan Abdul-Rahman said.



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A U.S. Bradley armored vehicle burns after a roadside bomb attack near a Baghdad airport on Saturday.

Vatican denies trying to influence election with book

By Frances D'Emilio
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — A Vatican handbook released Monday laid out Roman Church teaching questioning preventive war and denouncing the "horrendous crime" of abortion. But Vatican officials sidestepped questions on whether the war in Iraq was illegal or if Catholics can vote for candidates who back laws permitting abortion.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls quickly intervened at a news conference when a top Vatican cardinal was asked if the faithful can cast ballots for a candidate who supports legalized abortion. "The Holy See never gets involved in electoral or political questions directly," he said.

Sen. John Kerry, the Democratic presidential candidate, is a Catholic who has said that while personally opposed to abortion, he upholds the right of women to have one.

Pope John Paul II has vigorously championed the Vatican's long-standing opposition to abortion, which was denounced as a "horrendous crime" in the Vatican document released Monday.

"Far from being a right, it is a sad phenomenon," it said.

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Red Sox nation sets no boundaries for fans

By Mark Pratt
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — It's 5 a.m. in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Most people are either sleeping or groggily rubbing their eyes as they get ready for work, but Ric Gliub and his friends have their game faces on.



Courtesy Nomura

Red Sox fans celebrate earlier this month in a bar in downtown Boston.

It's October, and the Boston Red Sox are in the playoffs, looking for the team's first World Series championship since 1918. The five members of the Tashkent Red Sox Fan Club, clutching their tea or coffee — or if it's a weekend game, a bottle of Russian beer — don't want to miss a pitch.

"We have seen the sun come up in Tashkent many times over the past couple of weeks," Glaub, an Idaho native who developed an affection for the Red Sox while working in Boston during the 1980s, said in an e-mail interview. "Except on weekends, and even sometimes on weekends, most of us have to begin work as soon as the games end. Most Americans working here tend to put in long hours and watching these games takes away from already limited sleep time. We can have it no other way.

"As Red Sox fans everywhere are saying, we can sleep in November," he said.

Across the United States and across the world, Red Sox fans are pushing decades of heartache into the deepest recesses of their minds and praying that this is the year they finally get to celebrate winning it all.

Book denounces abortion as a 'horrendous crime'

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Some U.S. churchmen, such as St. Louis Archbishop Raymond Burke, have said Kerry should be denied the sacrament of Communion.

Navarro-Valls said bishops could, if they desired, weigh in on campaign issues to "illuminate the consciences of the faithful with ethical elements so they can make a judgment" in elections.

Officials at the news conference described the 524-page compilation of doctrine as a kind of handbook, which could help business, political and cultural leaders.

Appearing to break no new ground, the volume quoted extensively from, and offered reflections on, writings and speeches by Pope John Paul II and previous pontiffs on matters including preventive war, terrorism, the death penalty, immigration, workers' rights, poverty, globalization, free markets and human rights.

Under the heading "legitimate defense," the compendium stated, "engaging in a preventive war without clear proof that an attack is imminent cannot fail to raise serious moral and juridical questions."

Arguing that the war in Iraq was necessary, the Bush administration said in the run-up to the conflict that Iraq harbored weapons of mass destruction. No such weapons have turned up.

In apparent reference to the United Nations, the document said "international legitimacy for the use of armed forces, on the basis of rigorous assessment and with well-founded motivations, can only be given by the decision of a competent body that identifies specific situations as threats to peace and authorizes an intrusion into the sphere of autonomy usually reserved for a state."

The former Vatican envoy to the United Nations, Cardinal Renato Martino, was asked if "in hindsight," the U.S.-led war against Iraq would be "illegal" in the eyes of the church.

The cardinal replied: "Did you read the address of the pope to President Bush? Read it again."

Martino was referring to the pontiff's words to Bush when the American leader paid a call at the Vatican last June. In that address, John Paul expressed "grave concern" about events in Iraq and his desire for achievement of "normalization as quickly as possible."

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Bush says Kerry is 'dangerously wrong'

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tion to the first Persian Gulf War, his proposal for cuts in the intelligence budget in 1994 and his position on former President Reagan's defense buildup in the 1980s.

Together, they show that "on the largest national security issues of our time, he has been consistently and dangerously wrong."

White House spokesman Scott McClellan sought to allay concern over the threat posed by 377 tons of explosives missing from the Al Qaqaa military installation.

He told reporters no nuclear material was involved, and gave reporters an accounting of weapons found, not those lost.

"We have destroyed more than 243,000 munitions," he said. "We've secured another nearly 163,000 that will be destroyed."

At the Pentagon, an official who monitors developments in Iraq said U.S.-led coalition troops had searched Al Qaqaa in the immediate aftermath of the March 2003 invasion and confirmed that the explosives were intact. Thereafter the site was not secured by U.S. forces, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

With the race in its final full week, the pace of the campaigning picked up — as did the involvement of the courts.

Kerry campaigned from New Hampshire to Wisconsin during the day by way of Pennsylvania and Michigan. Aides mapped a plan for a 72-hour marathon leading to Election Day.

Bush went from his ranch in Texas to Colorado, Iowa and Wisconsin as he sought the 270 electoral votes needed for a second term.

The pace of legal maneuvering was picking up, as well, as both parties anticipated a close finish.

In Florida, U.S. District Judge James I. Cohn ruled the state is not required to create a paper record of ballots to be available in case of a recount. In somewhat of an understatement, Cohn said the case "is of great public importance," and promised to issue a written order quickly to permit an appeal.

Cingular cleared to create largest wireless company

By Curt Anderson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Justice Department antitrust regulators cleared the way Monday for Cingular Wireless LLC's $41 billion acquisition of AT&T Wireless Services Inc., a crucial step toward creating the nation's largest wireless telephone company.

The merger still must be approved by the Federal Communications Commission. That approval could come as early as Tuesday.

Under an agreement with the Justice Department filed in federal court in Washington, Cingular must divest itself of assets in 11 states.

"Without these divestitures, wireless customers in these markets would have had fewer choices for their wireless telephone service and faced the risk of higher prices, lower quality service and fewer choices for the newest high-speech mobile wireless data services," said R. Hewitt Pate, assistant attorney general for the Justice Department's antitrust division.



Courtesy Cingular

Cingular Wireless LLC is working to acquire AT&T Wireless services.

Cingular is an Atlanta-based joint venture of BellSouth Corp. and SBC Communications Inc. of San Antonio. Its acquisition of Redmond, Wash.-based AT&T Wireless would create a cellular phone colossus with 46 million customers, topping the 37.5 million customers of Verizon Wireless and pairing the number of national wireless phone players to five.

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Riots hamper times of celebration

It was bound to happen.

The last few weeks have been a turbulent sea of emotions for fans of the Boston Red Sox. The highs of the American League Divisional Series, the lows of the first three games of the AL Championship Series, and finally the great joys of the last four games of that series, in which the Red Sox pulled off unprecedented feats in overcoming the New York Yankees for their first trip to the World Series since 1986. The passion of Red Sox fans, which manifests itself in many different ways, has been on full-tilt over the last two weeks, and with good reason.

But there is a line between joyous passion and reckless, fatal violence. That line became as clear as the October air on Thursday, when in the wee hours of the morning, a 21-year old Emerson College student suffered a fatal wound while participating in the raucous celebration in Boston following the Red Sox upset victory.

Victoria Snelgrove was a big Sox fan. According to The Boston Globe, friends say she "always worked hard to accomplish the goals she set for herself, and in doing so she inspired others to work hard as well. ... Her absence will cause a void which will never be filled." But that wonderful life, full of potential and inspiration, ended for all the wrong reasons, laid out on a cold sidewalk in the city.

The blame ended up squarely on the shoulders of the Boston Police, because one officer used what was supposed to be a less-than-lethal weapon to disperse the crowd, but ended up hitting Snelgrove in the head. She later died from her injuries, putting a pall over what should be the biggest, best celebration this region has ever seen. The Boston Police took a huge public relations hit, but the real damage was done to the people of New England, specifically those who call themselves Red Sox fans.

Some will blame the Boston Police for Snelgrove's death. Some may even be so callous as to suggest that it was all her fault for being in the wrong place at the wrong time. But the fault falls squarely on the shoulders of those who made it necessary for the police to be out in riot gear and use such dangerous crowd-control measures: the rampaging hooligans who turned the rally into a riot.

This would all be academic if not for the cold, hard fact that has not yet been realized; and if it continues to be ignored, the next tragedy might come right here to the University of Massachusetts. This was one person among many. One fan among many. One individual who went out into a situation where people were acting maliciously, violently, and destructively — so much so that the Boston cops had to quell the people of their own city — because of a game.

The lesson must be learned: the behavior exhibited by some people both in Boston and here at UMass, the behavior which falls under the category of "riotous," must end here and now. The riots that have become a staple of the UMass culture are nothing but a disgrace to our school and further, a disgrace to every student who currently attends or formerly attended it.

There is no argument from those who engage in riotous behavior that could come even close to defending the reprehensible actions of the past few weeks. Setting objects on fire, trying to tip over cars and trucks, and further destruction done to the environment around us has absolutely nothing to do with being a fan of a baseball team. For about 15-30 minutes after each game, it is a celebration, an expression of joy and unity. But once things are set ablaze, once someone attempts to destroy something, it is no longer about the Boston Red Sox. It is about an irresponsible, self-serving desire to show off, to take out frustrations on the least relevant targets, to be completely senseless without the fear of retribution.

The first few moments of celebration that take place after a big win are fun to see. A large group of people, some of whom may never have met each other, slapping hands and cheering for a common cause. It is pure, unchecked joy. And for the moment, it is innocent. But we have seen after both New England Patriots Super Bowl wins, one late-season win over the Yankees, and nearly every win over New York this postseason, that innocence doesn't last long, and the joyous exultation of pride soon becomes meaningless, destructive chaos.

In the end, this is all about a word that you just read: pride. Red Sox fans are some of the proudest in baseball. They are proud of their team, and proud of their allegiance. The Red Sox themselves are proud of their fans. Similarly, many of us here at UMass are proud of this school, its culture, its community, and its tremendous opportunities.

What has happened here after the ALCS games is the antithesis of pride. The destruction of property, the disrespect shown to police officers, and the general nonsense that took place lasted longer than any celebratory efforts, and it trumped them too. Despite what some may say, they are totally unconnected to the idea of being a fan. Those who run out into a crowd and start causing havoc are no longer fans, but criminals and a disgrace to those of us who simply enjoy the game.

We may be on the verge of history, of one of the biggest events to happen in New England in 100 years. Consider this a plea from the Massachusetts Daily Collegian — not as a newspaper, but as a group of your fellow proud UMass students — to change the trend, to make whatever comes out of the playoffs this week a joyful, good-hearted, and wholly prideful event. Nothing as positive as a Red Sox victory — anytime — should be marred by the caustic actions of a few. Please stay safe this week, and continue to uphold the proud traditions of Red Sox fans and UMass students.

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Creating culture, erasing history



Yousef Munayyer

Driving down the road I noticed cacti in open fields lined up in such a manner that would make one question the intentions of God when he had put them there. The reality, though, is that these cacti were placed in a row not by God, but by the hands of Palestinian farmers and landowners.

Cactus lines were used as boarders between lands. Today, as you drive through what is called Israel, you will see many open fields with the occasional cactus row. Perhaps at first glance it will not mean a thing to you, but to me, and others who know why the cacti stand in a line, it means the last remnants of a society erased: Palestine before 1948.

Perhaps you will see some stones in an open field surrounded by the cacti and wonder, is this what is left of a house, a store, a farm? Maybe this was a meeting place, a church or a mosque. Perhaps you will wonder who lived in the village that was here, and you may even wonder what happened to those people. Where did they go, what homes replaced theirs that have been destroyed, how did they survive?

Though I know the answers to these questions, I still stare at cactus rows in awe at a society that existed only until it was erased from the map and from history. Even though the cactus rows may be the only things left from many of the villages in Palestine, there is one thing that the Palestinians have that the state of Israel and its supporters attempt to mimic and create: a cultural connection with the land rooted in the history of past millennia.

If you're wondering what this is about, it is simple; it is the phenomenon of "Israeli culture." This can lead us in many directions. Logically you may ask, what is culture? This is a question I cannot answer, because culture is a vague term that everyone understands but no one can precisely define. The next question, then, may be what constitutes Israeli culture. As a citizen of Israel, I have wondered this myself.

Israel is in some ways a melting pot of different backgrounds. Jews from many nations in Europe immigrated there within the past century, including a late, but significant, wave of Russian immigrants. Jews from Arab countries also came to Israel. However, if culture derives from a history within a certain location, how would that reflect on Israeli culture if there were relatively no Jews there before the 1880s?

I do not think hummus has a national identity; however it certainly was present in the area prior to waves of European Jewish immigration and the creation of the state of Israel. So why is it portrayed this way?

A nation, the Jewish nation, which has a very long history, moves to a state (a territorial entity) to which it has had nearly no connection for 2000 years. One would think that the culture, or the identity of the state, would revolve around that ancient connection (the flag does display the Star of David). This is not the case, though: modern Israeli culture is portrayed as something totally different. In fact, you may see signs around campus telling you to come enjoy Israeli hookah, or Israeli hummus, or Israeli falafel. The question then becomes, how are these things traditionally Israeli, and if they are not, why are they being portrayed as such?

I do not think hummus has a national identity; it certainly was present, however, in the area prior to waves of European, Jewish immigration and the creation of the state of Israel. So why is it portrayed this way?

This brings us back to the cacti. The effort to portray Israeli culture as "Middle Eastern" (which hints at being Arab) is not an effort at assimilation as some may assume. Assimilation is a process of moving and mixing into a community to which you are new.

Rather, this is an attempt to create the idea that Israel is not new at all, that it has had a culture rooted in the land, and that it is as "Middle Eastern" as Syria, Saudi Arabia, or Egypt.

At the same time, this effort to create a culture attempts to erase the reality of history. The Palestinians, who owned the land, farmed it and lived on it, are being erased from history and are not permitted to enter the Israeli psyche. The policies of "education" within Israel reflect this very selective memory. Perhaps the most striking evidence of a society erased is not the cacti, but rather the names on the graves, which fill Arab cemeteries. Arab family names appear on crypts, which became the final resting places for generations upon generations dating back hundreds of years.

If any of those who had passed away could be around today, they could tell you what eating hummus in Jerusalem tasted like long before the forefathers of Zionism were born.

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What feminism really says

Moms these days just get no love.

Case in point is Teresa Heinz Kerry once again speaking before thinking when explaining how she was different from current First Lady Laura Bush.

"But I don't know that she's ever had a real job – I mean, since she's been grown up. So her experience and her validation comes from important things, but different things," said Heinz Kerry.

Zach Oelshlegel

Naturally Teresa apologized for her mistake when later informed that Mrs. Bush had been both a teacher and librarian back in her heyday. But to the joy of the Bush pundits, she looked even more foolish by not mentioning anything about Laura Bush being a mother of two.

Karen Hughes, a Bush advisor, later remarked that Heinz Kerry's apology "made it worse because she left out the very important real job of a mother. Clearly she knows Laura Bush was a mother who chose to stay home and rear her family. That's a noble choice that should be celebrated not denigrated."

Of course, no feminst will ever tell you this, but what feminism has caused in our society today is the embarrassment that comes with being a "homemaker."

Most would chalk up Teresa's latest slip-up to her outspoken demeanor, since it certainly isn't the first time she's gone overboard when dealing with questions from the media. On the other hand, I think it's a product of something bigger.

I'm going to blame it on feminism.

By being stuck on the idea of equal pay for the same job, feminism has destroyed the concept of somebody being a stay-at-home Mom because she actually wants to. Of course, no feminist will ever tell you this, but what feminism has caused in our society today is the embarrassment that comes with being a "homemaker." No matter what the context or situation brings, the woman who brings home the bacon beats the mother of four every time.

Feminism has done a great deal for our country, no doubt about it. But it has evolved from once attempting to release women from a completely male-dominated society to attempting to convince women that they are better than men. Feminists will deny this, too, but there's a subtle difference between what feminism says versus what feminism does.

Teresa Heinz Kerry forgetting that being a Mom is a real job, even though the pay isn't all that good, is the perfect example. Every honor that comes with bearing children or raising them has been stripped by feminism. The joy a person receives from raising one hell of a kid apparently pales in comparison to getting one hell of a raise.

Feminism has told women that in order to be truly equal with men, they have to do exactly as men have in the past. They have to try to work themselves to the top and take care of the kids, because women are not only as capable as men, they are better than men. What matters isn't bringing up a family, even if that was a primary goal in life, but closing that gap in wages between men and women. It sets the stage for unreasonable burdens that many women might not want to shoulder but feel they must.

It almost seems like a shock when a woman chooses to stay home. The idea of a woman finally being "liberated" from the rigors of working at home and then using that freedom to stay where they were is like a slap in the face.

Feminism goes wrong in how it looks at equality. It too often assumes that the people from Venus and Mars are duplicates, with any biological differences being negligible. It tries to make sure that men and women never play different roles, seemingly hating men for not having to ever bear children and regarding prospects of motherhood as a curse rather than a blessing. At the mere mention of playing a role, a feminist will shudder, ignoring biological differences and common sense.

This common sense, despite how politically incorrect it sounds, is the same reason for why I would prefer a man next to me in combat if I were in a war as it is for why the person I will go looking for when I want to have kids will be named Jane, not Chuck.

And it all seems to boil down to taking the same role as a man. Women need to fight wars, be the executive manager, and make sure that they don't put themselves into situations where they could be perceived as the weaker sex. It is not okay for women to return to that place from whence they were freed. Feminism has caused the women who choose to stay at home to feel like they are doing something anybody could do, when it truly is one of the more special things in this life that many people are not capable of. This wasn't Teresa Heinz Kerry not using her head, but the result of a society that doesn't give respect where it's due.

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Bring on the draft

The campaign promise has become the campaign threat. Both candidates have honed their own rhetorical method of linking a vote for their opponent with fatal consequences: as the Bush/Cheney camp continues to imply an increased likelihood of a terrorist attack if John Kerry is elected, the Senator from Massachusetts has now stated outright that a vote for Bush is a vote for conscription.

Mike Sances

While political campaigns are never for the faint of heart, the current fear-mongering is sickening indeed.

Nevertheless, one could argue that Senator Kerry is only giving voice to a fear that has been on many young minds for some time. The military is, as we all know, currently stretched to its limits. Both candidates remain unrepentant toward their support for the Iraq war, while President Bush cheerfully assures us he will "stay on the offense" if he is reelected.

Indeed, despite Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld's steadfast assurances of the sufficiency of an all-volunteer army, the President's repeated denials that he wants or needs a draft, and the recent House vote that tore to shreds Charlie Rangel's conscription bill, the D-word remains on the tip of the national tongue.

But I will argue that those in power fear a draft just as much as the American public, if not more so — and that if they don't, then they very well should.

I will argue that those in power fear a draft as much as the American public, if not more so- and that if they don't, then they very well should.

There is a saying for those who fail to learn from the mistakes of history, and one of the biggest mistakes in American history was, of course, the Vietnam War. While a draft today may or may not inspire the same level of cultural upheaval that occurred in the 1960s and '70s, it would undoubtedly fan the flames of dissent so as to make things very uncomfortable for those at the top. It doesn't take a genius to observe that the primary reason for why the Iraq war was so successfully sold to the public, why such a miserable job was done scrutinizing the Bush administration's flimsy justifications, was that most people simply did not have any real stake in it.

Asking people whether they wouldn't mind having their televisions and newspapers plastered with images from a war on the other side of the globe and asking them whether they wouldn't mind sacrificing themselves or their children for that war are two very different things. The equation is simple: a draft equals widespread political unrest.

It is also a sure cure for civic apathy, one of the most effective ways to ensure a more economically diverse military, and a probable death sentence for the children of many members of Congress. Those who oppose the war will resist, taking to the streets, while those who choose to go and fight (if they survive, God willing) will inevitably come back jaded and resentful. Sooner or later, the majority of the country will come to detest war and to hate those who led us into it.

For these commonsense reasons, I highly doubt that anyone in Washington wants a draft anytime soon. Still, events remain largely unpredictable. If something disastrous were to happen — say, if Israel were to launch a preventive strike against Iran — the President, whoever he may be, might have no choice.

Yet for similar reasons, I'm not too worried about that, either. I don't fear the draft, because I am secure enough in my opposition to the Iraq war and any possible wars with Iran or North Korea to know that I absolutely will not fight for them. And I have no qualms about this whatsoever, moral or otherwise. Trust me: I will find a way.

That's not to say that I'm hoping for war; the war, of course, is already here. Nor am I hoping to see young men and women kill and be killed; yet this, too, is already happening. I have opposed the war since before it began, and I truly hate it with every ounce of my being. Moreover, I am not the one who is going to draft you. And I am not the one in charge of your own personal decision as to whether you go and fight if drafted: despite what you may think, it's your choice.

Indeed, I find the current discourse on this issue depressingly fatalistic. Some professors seem to be having fun spooking students with the idea of a draft, winking as they recount their own deferments during Vietnam. Students, for their part, respond to the idea of conscription with a marked sense of powerlessness — fear and anger, yes, but an ultimate resignation toward their perceived fate. For these, I have more pity than sympathy.

I maintain it is highly unlikely a draft is coming. But if there are, in fact, some in Washington flirting with the political suicide that a draft would entail, then I say to them, without fear, "Bring it on!"

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One more song



Stars pay tribute to music legend

By Lindsey Flynn
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Friday night, a spectacular tribute to the late musician Ray Charles captured his brilliance and displayed [illegible] over so many.

CBS presented "Genius: A Night for Ray Charles," a [illegible] the entertainer hosted by actor Jamie Foxx. Foxx also plays Charles in an upcoming film entitled "Ray." The event was held at the Staple Center in Los Angeles and was aired on Friday at 9 p.m.

Throughout the night, scenes from "Ray" were displayed in between performances of Charles' songs, which were done in front of a celebrity-filled audience. The focus of the tribute was not only on the amazing music of Ray Charles, but also on his influence over segregation.

Ray Charles Robinson was born into poverty in Albany, Ga. on Sept. 23, 1930. He slowly became blind due to a bad case of glaucoma. By the age of seven he was completely blind. However he still, as Jamie Foxx put it, "saw things like the rest of us didn't." He found enjoyment at the piano and realized he had a gift.

In his autobiography Charles wrote, "I was born with music inside me. That's the only explanation I know of."

A huge influence over him, his mother Aretha, died when Ray was only 15 years old. He managed to use his musical gift to survive this tragedy and in 1949, Ray began recording songs. Three years later he signed a contract for a record deal with Atlantic records.

In 1959 he switched labels and signed with ABC records. During these years he recorded such hit songs as "Georgia on My Mind," "I Got a Woman," and "Hit the Road Jack." He received a star on Hollywood Boulevard's walk of fame and was awarded 12 Grammys.

Ray Charles not only made an impact on music, but he also made a difference in the battle for civil rights and against segregation. After realizing the severity of segregation in civil rights, he became a supporter of Martin Luther King, Jr. Also, at a concert in Augusta, Ga. in the 1950s, Charles refused to play if the black people in his audience were to be pushed to the back.

Charles was an inspiration for so many throughout his years as a musician and an activist. He died on June 10, 2004 in Los Angeles and left behind what many consider to be a substantial legacy.

Friday's tribute opened with a performance by Elton John and Mary J. Blige. David "Fat Head" Newman, a saxophonist that played with Charles for years, joined the two legends on stage for the performance.

Other performers, also lent a hand in paying tribute to the music hero. Singing hits by Ray Charles were Usher, who sang "Georgia on My Mind;" Stevie Wonder, who sang "I Got a Woman;" young superstar, Norah Jones, who performed "Drown in My Own Tears;" and Kenny Chesney, who performed "You Don't Know Me."

BB King performed with Billy Preston (of the Beatles' "Let it Be" album fame) and actor Bruce Willis.

Later in the night, both Elton John and Mary J. Blige performed for the second time. The performances included the R&B, soul and country that Charles' music captured.

Among the celebrity announcers of the night was actor Tom Cruise, who said Ray Charles "helped make America a more beautiful and just nation." Also announcing the performances were Morgan Freeman, Ellen DeGeneres, Al Green, and Quincy Jones.

The one-hour tribute to Ray Charles ended with his touching version of "America the Beautiful" and an audience sing-a-long.

The film "Ray" will be in theaters on Friday, Oct. 29. The film captures the life of the musical genius, from being born into poverty to becoming a musical and social icon.

"Ray Charles: Genius Loves Company," a CD filled with his songs as performed by several well-known artists, is now available.

With the many tributes, it seems Ray Charles has left a legacy that will not soon be forgotten.

Ashlee's lip sync boo-boo

First O.J., now Ashlee: Another Simpson bites the dust.

After making herself the newest of Saturday Night Live disasters with a lip sync mishap this past Saturday, Ashlee Simpson's father has now declared that his lying daughter was just trying to hide her acid reflux.

What? I may be odd, but I remember my parents telling me that one lie doesn't fix another. Maybe Ashlee's parents sat out at that PTA meeting.

After performing her first single, "Pieces of Me," in her early performance on this past weekend's episode of Saturday Night Live, it seemed as if maybe she wasn't all that bad.

Think again.

Simpson and her band took the stage for her second song. While Ashlee said that the band planned on playing the song "Autobiography," the band began to play, and Ashlee's voice could be heard once again singing "Pieces of me." Oddly enough, her voice was heard, but the microphone was at her hips ... Busted!

Simpson danced around like a monkey with her ass on fire for about 30 seconds before she dashed offstage. She seemed nervous, as if she got caught in a lie. It was almost as if she were a seven-year-old with a pocket full of quarters running after the ice cream truck. Maybe Simpson had a case of explosive diarrhea, not acid reflux, but who can know what the truth is anymore.

Her band stayed on stage playing like fools with nothing left but a spotlight and Simpson's broken spirit to fill her void. Finally, SNL did the appropriate thing and went to a commercial.

When the show ended, guest host Jude Law again tried to save face for "Ashlee Vanilli," but the effort seemed disingenuous.

"What can I say? Live TV," Law said.

What was Ashlee's contribution to Law's coverup?

"Exactly. I feel so bad. My band started playing the wrong song. I didn't know what to do, so I thought I'd do a hoedown."

Yup. I know acid reflux makes me get a mean case of the hoe-downs.

Early yesterday morning on Ryan Seacrest's morning radio show, Ashlee's father Joe performed a little damage control and said his daughter is "just like any artist in America; she has a backing track that she pushes so you don't have to hear her croak through a song on national television. No one wants to hear that," he said.

Joe Simpson continued, adamantly saying that his daughter would be singing without any assistance on Monday night's "Radio Music Awards." He insisted that it would be Ashlee's live voice alone during her appearance on the Awards, which aired on NBC last night.

Ashlee actually got the backbone to comment on the incident herself on MTV's TRL yesterday afternoon. Simpson said, "The whole situation was a bummer." Gee whiz Ashlee, maybe that is what happens when you perform on a live show when you don't have the ability to perform live.

Michael Busack is a Collegian Editor.



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Simpson has Been questioned about her SNL performance.

Car troubles? Ask the attorney



Ask the Attorney

Michele L. Leaf

Q. I recently had some work done on my car, and it is not running right. I was having transmission problems and brought the car to a garage that was advertised as a transmission specialist. I was given an estimate for a rebuilt transmission and agreed to the repair, which was supposed to take two days. It ended up taking two weeks, and I had to pay in full before I could even test-drive the car. Now I am having trouble shifting the car. I have called several times, but the owner insists the repair was done properly and told me it will just take some time to "break in" the new transmission. What should I do?

A. Your mechanic may have violated the Massachusetts Consumer Protection Act because repair shops are required to perform repairs in a timely and workman-like manner and guarantee their work.

If you are dependent upon an automobile for transportation, it can be a real hardship to be without your car while it is in the repair shop. Many students believe they are at the mercy of the repair shop and do not realize that they have a right to prompt service when they bring a car in for repairs. Consumer regulations require that work be completed on the day the car is brought in unless the customer agrees to extra time or the delay is not the fault of the mechanic, such as when a needed part is out of stock. The written estimate should be as detailed as possible about the problems that you are experiencing. It should include an itemized list of the repairs to be performed, specifying the cost. If the repairs will take longer than one day, the estimate should specify when the car has been promised.

Generally, the consumer will not be given the opportunity to drive the car until after the repairs have been paid for, and the law allows the mechanic to hold the car until full payment for the services is received. If the car has not been repaired satisfactorily, it is recommended that you bring it back to the shop immediately so that the problem can be discussed and verified. Make sure that your complaints are documented on a work order or in a letter of complaint.

There are a number of steps you can take to protect yourself from unscrupulous or incompetent mechanics. Since most students have very limited knowledge about automobile mechanics, it is extremely important to locate a good and honest repair shop. The best referrals come from other consumers who have been satisfied with the services of a particular shop, so it is important to ask for recommendations from people you can trust. While you might be tempted to utilize a mechanic who offers such inducements as free towing or student discounts, it is important not to let advertising substitute for actual recommendations of previous customers.

Whenever you question the replacement of parts, you should ask for your old parts to assure that the work was really done. In order to determine whether the work was necessary, you can bring the parts to another mechanic for a second opinion. It is important to ask for the parts as soon as possible after the repair work has been completed. Otherwise the shop will dispose of them and you will be unable to exercise your rights. Know your rights and don't get taken at the repair shop!

The information contained in this article refers to Massachusetts law and does not constitute legal advice. If you need legal advice, seek out an attorney who can give you advice based upon your circumstances and applicable law. Fee-paying UMass Amherst students with questions may call the Student Legal Services Office at 545-1995 to arrange an appointment or go to 922 Campus Center to pick up more information.

Jacki-O releases awaited debut album 'Poe Little Rich Girl'

By Lindsey Mann
The Chronicle-Wire

Last summer, "Nookie," the graphic single by new rap artist Jacki-O commanded listeners to stop and take notice. Both outraged and enticed, audiences have been waiting since that release for the album debut of "Poe Little Rich Girl." On Oct. 26 the wait will be over, and people can find out for themselves just how low Jacki-O will go.

In spite of her sex-sells marketing strategy, the former hustler and phone-sex operator has created a diverse album that strikes a balance between sexy and over-sexed. Her voice doesn't get old, and she doesn't sound like she's trying too hard to project an image generated by her label. Heavily tattooed and fond of long wigs, Jacki-O looks looks like an over-exaggerated caricature of a woman with full lips and heavy eyelids.

Her music is all about control – the entire album attests to the fact she has been there, done that and is ready to move on.



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Jacki-O released her first single, "Nookie" last summer. The song recieved great success, prompting the anticipation for her new album..

In "Ghetto World," one of the CD's liner tracks, Jacki-O is open and vulnerable, rapping, "I ain't a little girl / I'm out here on my own / and the decisions I made / they turned me to a woman / The booze, the bars / jumpin' into dudes' cars / the lights with broads / livin' the life of a ghetto star." Sexuality is the vehicle used to drive each of the tracks. Jacki-O uses her sensuality as a weapon against men, but she doesn't sound jaded or like a gold digger. She's very much herself, penning each of the songs and most of the arrangements.

"Poe Little Rich Girl" won't be a run-away smash, but it may be enough to propel Jacki-O to star status. Cool and Dre of Terror Squad produced parts of the album and the Ying Yang Twins along with other noteworthy performers collaborated on selected tracks. The Ying Yang Twins, who have a knack for churning out hits, don't disappoint with "Fine," the album's best track.

The album falters at first. "Living it Up" and "Ms. Jacki" stall, discrediting all that follows, but after the third track there is steady improvement.

"Break You Off" draws energy from the combination of a thumping bass line and electronic sounds while Jacki-O and a smooth, male voice exchange banter about their illicit and irresistible relationship.

Tough enough to earn the black and white "Explicit Content" stamp of disapproval, "Poe Little Rich Girl" includes strings and '80s rock guitar on some of its tracks. Steady and occasionally melodious, Jacki-O lays herself bare before her audience sexually and emotionally.

With lines like, "I'm just a girl trying to stay afloat / Momma you had a born winner," Jacki-O mixes messages of empowerment over dance-friendly beats.

But if "Poe Little Rich Girl" is starting to conjure images of Christina Aguilera's "Fighter," reconsider. While Jacki-O has made a dance-worthy album, if you sit down and really listen to her lyrics, you will quickly realize she means business.

"Sleeping with the Enemy," which deals with the wanderings of her sleazy boyfriend, sounds like a soulful Mozart concerto flowing into a booming bass line. Jacki-O laments to her man: "you won't let me load your clip or hide your bricks anymore." Through the course of the song, she decides to get revenge by running up his credit card bills and moves on, saying, "I don't think I'm going back this time."

Trick Daddy joins her on "Champion," the album's raunchiest track. The verbal abuse, which is used almost affectionately, is sickening. While urging Jacki-O to "keep doin' whatcha doin'," (ahem ...) Trick Daddy refers to her only as "slut" and "b****." Worse still, she enjoys it.

Equally as frightening is "Pretty," a love song praising the boy who thinks she is beautiful even in her hoodie and sees her as more than "round thighs and cup size."


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Aside from the name-calling and lyrics that made me blush, I like "Poe Little Rich Girl," and I'm a no-rhythm, can't-dance little white girl who likes James Taylor. Overall, the album is solid. If you like to dance, it would be a well-chosen addition to your collection that you wouldn't have to be embarrassed of.

Fans beg rapper, Xzibit in second season: 'Pimp My Ride'

By Rob Watson
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Teens were captivated by the first season of MTV's "Pimp My Ride." Kids who looked and lived just like them saw their busted-up cars transformed into chrome-laden chariots with enough gadgetry to make James Bond envious.

The show was a runaway hit, scoring top ratings with teenagers on Sunday nights and cruising easily past all of the many other car-makeover shows among viewers ages 12 to 34.

"It's not the typical 'reality' show for MTV's target audience," says Marc Berman, a columnist for the trade publication Mediaweek.

"It puts cars and more importantly the kids in a positive light."

Sunday at 9 p.m. EDT, the second season will begin, and another slew of ragtag vehicles will be put on the stroll.

Souping up cars on TV isn't an original concept, but "Pimp" wields a couple of heavy weapons. It focuses on young people who deserve something special in their lives, and they get to drive off with some of the wildest autos most of us have ever seen.

You just won't see in-car waterfalls, Internet access, or a yoga studio — yes, a complete, wood-lined yoga studio — on those other shows.

West Coast rapper Xzibit, the hilarious master of ceremonies, says: "We've got a brand-new, multimillion-dollar [auto body] facility, and it's just good to be involved in something so dope."

"Pimp My Ride" is the brainchild of Rick Hurvitz and Bruce Beresford-Redman, two high school chums who once had their own clunkers.


COURTESY FOUND MAGAZINE

Many have praised the first season of MTV's show 'Pimp My Ride,' hosted by Xzibit. They will now begin a second season this Sunday at 9 p.m.

Says Hurvitz: "In high school, [Beresford-Redman] had a '68 Cadillac hearse and I had a '72 lime-green [Oldsmobile] Delta 88 convertible. For a high school kid, it's your first car, it has new meaning in your life, so we thought: Wouldn't it be great to give kids a chance to pimp that as opposed to getting something new?"

The two were involved with "Married by America" and "For Love or Money," among other reality shows. But "Pimp" wasn't going to be about the lengths to which contestants will go. This time, it was the creators who needed to push the limits, and they needed help.

Hurvitz and Beresford-Redman found that help at West Coast Customs, one of the premier shops in Los Angeles.

"We could do the work, but [the show] needed a celebrity," says owner Ryan Friedlinghaus. "I knew Xzibit from working on his cars and was sure he would do it for me."

With a go-ahead from MTV, taping began. But the first car almost stalled everyone's efforts.

It was a Daihatsu minivan, which was in horrible shape.

"That was the worst [from Season 1] in my eyes. ... [T]he first car they bring me is that? I thought, whoa, what did I get myself into?"

However, Friedlinghaus and crew refused to put the brakes on. They turned that pile of rusted metal into a sweet cruiser with three TVs, a mini-fridge, and a built-in guitar amp for owner Wyatt, an 18-year-old musician who could barely get to auditions in far-flung L.A.

Wyatt and his transportation predicament were just what MTV was looking for, says Beth Greenwald, senior director of development for MTV. They were the right combination of a rust-bucket, a life struggle, and screen presence, or "pop," she says.

In addition to working their cosmetic and gadget magic, the customizers make sure the car's internal workings are up to snuff. The elaborate rebirths, which run $20,000 to $50,000 for cars worth a fraction of that, combined with feel-good endings have made "Pimp" a hit all across the bubble.

"We're on in over 40 countries," Hurvitz says. "Now every day, it seems, someone from Brazil, England, or some other unexpected place is coming over and stopping at West Coast Customs to see the facility."

That level of fame forced Friedlinghaus to move "to a bigger place just to be able to handle all of this. ... We needed an area to do the show and an area for our regular work. We had a crew of about 15 guys to handle all of our business, and now we are up to around 28, 30."

For him, with the added beef comes added gravy, too: The show has brought the customizer deals for clothing, toys and video games, and he has attracted car biz from hip-hop's Cash Money crew and professional sports figures.

Pimp's popularity put Xzibit, 30, through some changes as well. The well-versed rapper still doesn't know what to say to fans who approach him on the street trying to get on the show or, worse, seeking auto advice.

"It's a madhouse, man. ... like I have some tools in my pocket, or some rims around my neck that I can throw on their ride," says the man who owns a tricked-out Mercedes and Hummer.

There is at least one luxury that Xzibit hasn't retooled his wheels with. Greenwald learned that it might be possible to fit a 40-inch flat-screen TV inside a car.

Luckily for fans, she and her casting staff found just the right vehicle and the right driver for Season 2.

BAUBLES, BUBBLES AND YOGA

"Pimp My Ride's" guys at West Coast Customs merge imagination with technical wizardry. Some of the coolest from the first season:

One restored Mustang got even hotter when the crew added flame-shooting tailpipes. Too bad they were completely illegal.

One lucky driver will always be the belle of the ball now that her Trans Am dome light has been replaced by a chandilier.

A redone Maxima station wagon can't carry the groceries anymore, but it can carry a tune. Many tunes, in fact, as its cargo area now holds a complete DJ set, including two turntables and a mixer.

Passengers in another Mustang must come to grips with the rhinestone-encrusted gear shifter and the machine that blows bubbles out of the convertible.

The owner of a Toyota Land Cruiser can find inner peace amid L.A. traffic in the wood-lined yoga studio installed behind the front seats.

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For Red Sox fans, the year may be here

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Columnist

I've been sitting here for a while trying to think of how to start this piece, but it's difficult to put into words an event that left me totally speechless.

If you're a diehard Red Sox fan like me, you've been waiting for this your entire life, and the feeling right now is hard to express. It's somewhere between complete elation and the strongest sense of relief imaginable.

Last Wednesday night is a moment that every Red Sox fan has dreamed about: going into Yankee Stadium in a Game 7, putting all the nonsense talk of ghosts and curses to rest, and beating the Yankees on the way to the World Series.

The ALCS was easily the greatest playoff series of my lifetime, and not just because I am a Red Sox fan, but because each of the last four games will be aired on ESPN Classic for years to come.

In coming back to win a series after being down 3-0, the Sox accomplished something that had never been done in 101 years of postseason play in Major League Baseball, and I was privileged to watch every minute of it.

Obviously winning this series will lose much of its meaning if the Sox do not go on to bring home the ultimate prize, but Red Sox Nation needs to take time to reflect on the greatest comeback in the history of sports.

The strange thing about the series is that the Sox were actually favored to win it, and most fans definitely felt this year was their best shot at knocking off the Yanks.

The outlook quickly changed after the Sox were dismantled in a variety of ways in the first three games of the series.

First it was Curt Schilling, the franchise savior, coming out and getting racked due to an ankle injury that was far worse than anyone outside of the Red Sox clubhouse knew.

Then, in Game 2, there were the endless "Who's your daddy?" chants and what looked like the last start Pedro Martinez would ever make in a Boston uniform.

And then, of course, there was the Game 3 debacle that surely did away with all of the fair-weather Sox fans.

The thing about this team is that it showed unbelievable resiliency all year. The Sox came out of the gates firing, taking six of seven from NY early in the year. But then they fell into a three month malaise that didn't end until the former face of the franchise was traded.

After Nomar was gone the attitude of the team changed. No longer was there a dark cloud hanging over the clubhouse or stewing at the end of the bench.

The brawl between Jason Varitek and A-Rod in late July seemed to charge up the team even more, and the subsequent come-from-behind win foreshadowed two things that proved to play a huge role in this series.

First off, it showed that the Sox were not afraid of the Yankees and that they would not back down to them. Second, and perhaps just as important, it showed that they were not afraid of Mariano Rivera and that he could be beaten.

So when the Sox were faced with a one-run deficit and three outs remaining in their season, they did not shy away from the moment.

Kevin Millar drew a huge walk off of Rivera, who until this year was considered the most dominant closer in postseason history. It's hard to say at this point which is fading faster, Rivera's reputation as automatic in big games or his hairline.

Dave Roberts came in to run for Millar and swiped the biggest stolen base of the season. Bill Mueller followed with the game-tying hit and restored the faith all over New England in the process.

Later that night, David Ortiz sent the fans home with even more hope with his second walk-off homerun of the playoffs.

That one hit by Ortiz changed everything, because then it didn't seem like the Sox needed to win three more games in a row. All they needed to do was go out and beat the Yankees one time and get to the next game. Then they would need to win that game, and then get to the next game, and so on.

The mountain seemed far easier to climb once the Sox went all out to win each game individually without worrying about the next game. If this approach seems familiar, it's because a fairly successful football team in Foxboro has been using this formula for its past 21 games.

The Sox went through another marathon in Game 5, and again Big Papi came through with the game on the line.

This was the point when I realized that the Sox could actually do the unthinkable and reel off four straight wins.

With Schilling getting another shot at New York, you knew he would leave it all on the field. The blood dripping through his sock only added to the gutsiest performance I have ever witnessed in sports.

It wasn't enough to go out and pitch through the pain, though. Schilling had to shut down one of the best lineups in baseball and pitch deep enough into the game to rest the bullpen which was absolutely taxed after the two extra-inning games in Boston.

Of course, Schill was dominant even though he didn't have anything close to his best stuff. He seemingly willed the Sox toward victory and got the game into the increasingly trustworthy hands of closer Keith Foulke.

Everyone knows how Wednesday night played out, with Johnny Damon erasing a brutal slump with two sweet swings of the bat and Derek Lowe turning in one of the most brilliant and improbable performances imaginable considering the way his season has gone.

The Sox have finally brought down the Empire and the feeling as a lifelong fan is incredible.

My grandfathers never saw the Sox win a World Series, and after last year's painful ALCS loss to the Yankees, my father was wondering if he'd ever see one in his lifetime. And while they haven't done it yet, it seems like there is no other way for this story to end.

The Sox now head to St. Louis holding a 2-0 advantage in the World Series. They are a mere two wins from bringing the first title to Boston since 1918.

While there still is some work to be done, teams like this don't get to the mountaintop and then let it slip away. As the signs all over Boston read "You Gotta Believe."

After winning a series like the one they just did, it's never been easier to believe that this truly is the year for the Sox.

UMass falls on Senior Day

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The Spiders outshot the Minutewomen 28-4. UMass was unable to get a single shot on goal, while Richmond tallied 19. The Spiders also had the edge in penalty corners, 12-1.

"That was not a very good display of hockey on our part. When we were under pressure, we went back to all our old habits. We didn't trust in the process, and we didn't trust what had gotten us here," Shea said. "We have to be smarter on the field."

Tocco's save count was in the double-digits for the tenth time this season, and the Minutewomen totaled 12 saves during the game.

"Christine Tocco played great, she had some great saves," Shea said. "But she didn't get any help."

In addition to Tocco's saves, freshman Becky Letourneau made two crucial saves, including one particularly acrobatic diving stop against Cram.

The Maroon and White's final game of the season will be a conference match-up at Rhode Island at noon on Saturday. The A-10 Tournament will be held at Garber Field the following weekend. The semifinals are on November 5 at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., and the championship game will be at 7 p.m. on November 6.

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Men's cross country wins CCSU meet

By Martha Powers
Collegian Staff

On Saturday, the UMass men's cross-country team finished first out of nine teams at Central Connecticut's Blue Devil Mini-Meet. This is the second time the Minutemen have won a meet this season.

The team finished with a score of 41, blowing away second place Rhode Island by more than 40 points.

Finishing first for the Minutemen and second overall was freshman Nils Fischer (15:40). Closely following him were Captain Matt Clark (15:49), Captain Andy McCarron (15:57), freshman Matt Klypka (15:58), and junior Paul Noone (16:01). Rounding out the top seven was freshman Ryan Durkin (16:02), and sophomore Aaron Strellner (16:22).

The team ran with a pack mentality, as UMass took six out of the top 15 places in a field of eighty runners. "Everyone looked good," Coach Ken O'Brien said. "They reacted positively to the race and weren't waiting for things to happen to them."

Instead, the team took matters into their own hands and had "a quality race" in O'Brien's eyes.

"The first mile was fast; it was at the pace that the team usually runs during the five-mile races," O'Brien said. "The team responded to the quickness well."

According to O'Brien, "the team was determined to overcome challenges." He was referring to the disappointing New England Championship two weeks ago, but it looks as if the Minutemen have regained their previous momentum.

Saturday's race was the team's chance to work out before heading to Pittsburgh next weekend to compete in the Atlantic 10 Championship.



Martha Powers/Collegian

UMass runners from right to left: Nils Fischer, Matt Clark, Andy McCarron, Matt Klypka and Paul Noone, run in the Blue Devil Mini-Meet hosted by Central Connecticut State last weekend.

Up-and-down Minutewomen on the brink of elimination

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

A lot of things can happen in 20 minutes.

For the Massachusetts women's soccer team, an entire season changed in one 20-minute interval on Sunday. The end result? They are now staring elimination from postseason play coldly in the face, point blank, knowing that their next blink could be their last.

Everything was going great for the Minutewomen up until that point in time. Losing two players to season-ending injuries within the first week of the season (seniors Erica Wideburg and Carly Turman), the young but talented Minutewomen started off the season with a disappointing 0-5.

Things quickly turned for the better, starting with a stunning upset of the powerhouse Central Connecticut State Blue Devils, followed by a 4-1 pouncing of the Holy Cross Crusaders to embark on their first two-game winning streak since they opened the 2003 season at 2-0. The victory over HC also kicked off a five-game homestand over which they went 3-2 to boost their Atlantic 10 status up a few notches.

The Minutewomen next lost to Dayton, who will most likely go through the A-10 season without suffering a loss, but rebounded against Xavier nicely with a 2-0 thumping.

Shots were being converted. Players were staying injury-free. Great breaks along the flanks were being made. All seemed well in Amherst for the time being, especially following the 1-0 win over Fordham last Friday.

An arrogant team without doubt, the Rams took joy in making everybody wait. The beginning of the game was delayed because of their late arrival, then their warm-ups and stretches and whatnot. Halftime lasted longer than usual — almost 20 minutes — because the Rams opted to duck out of the cold rainstorm and head to the bus to keep warm.

Like a schoolyard bully taking pleasure in stealing the rich kid's lunch money, the Minutewomen took joy in shutting the Rams out, handing them a 1-0 upset, making for a very long ride back.

Three other teams in close contention for that final sixth spot in the A-10 tournament had won on that day, and were tailgating the Minutewomen. With both UMass and LaSalle sitting at 4-4-0 in conference play, Sunday's contest could have very well decided the fate of not just the two conference squads, but a score of teams under them vying for positioning. It was nonetheless critical.

The Maroon and White knew exactly what needed to be done, and it got done in the first half following freshman Jenny Rochrig's goal. Their spirits were at their highest, clutching a 1-0 lead over the Explorers.

So high, in fact, that a group of six or seven players at halftime gathered in a circle to kick a ball around, giggling in an almost carefree manner. It was a good feeling.

But 20 minutes was all it took.

20 minutes, and — BAM! — there went that sure-fire chance of playing sleeper in the post-season. There went that goal of getting at least four points out of the weekend. There went the season, should they lose or tie either of the two remaining games on the road.

It was twenty difficult minutes to swallow for Jim Rudy.

"I don't know what everyone else did, but shoot, we were...," he pauses, taking in a deep breath, letting reality sink in. "You know, it's really disappointing, because we played three really good halves out of four, and this fourth one is the one that did us in."

Around that 20-minute mark, a hawk was seen perched on the scoreboard, a sight that unnerved Rudy. It struck him as an omen in his mind, and with good reason. Because when that bird took off, the tables were figuratively flipped upside down.

With just under 20 to go, forward Kelly Lyons pulled off a shot with an amazing curl that snuck by goalie Kristin Walker to tie things up at one apiece. The sideline was stunned. Did that just happen?

It did. And so did the moment that did them in for good, a Shannon Plunkett goal that slipped though Walker in a scrum with 75 seconds to go, sealing the spectacular come-from-behind victory.

For the A-10, 20 minutes changed everything. LaSalle now stands uncontested at the No. 6 spot in the A-10 standings at 5-4-0, while the Minutewomen lay close behind at 4-5-0.

But there's still hope. Should the Explorers lose their final two games, a homestand against Dayton and Xavier, and the Minutewomen win their final two games on the road against St. Bonaventure and Duquesne, UMass is in and will get to play on their home field one last time for the A-10 Tournament.

Given Dayton's invincibility in conference all season long, and Xavier's tough style of play (they are a lock to take the No. 4 seed), there's reason to be optimistic.

But for now, it's back to the drawing board. Back to the playing field, where they will continue to practice in hopes that another 20-minute breakdown does not determine how 2004 ends for this Cinderella squad.



Alex Drake/Collegian

Minutewoman Britt Canfield heads to the goal during a recent game at Rudd Field. UM currently sits at 4-5 in the Atlantic 10.

UMass hockey still overlooked

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even a few victories.

Here's the kicker: It probably won't happen.

The UMass Athletic Department, which admittedly has been in turmoil for the last three years, has never recognized the changing dimensions of the hockey team on this campus. The skaters have come within one overtime goal of winning the conference championship, sold out the Mullins Center, and hosted its first playoff series, all in the last year. But there's still an ingrained theory that the men's basketball team and the football team just have to be a bigger deal.

For what it's worth, this isn't about attacking either of those squads, even though football has struggled this year, and basketball has steadily declined over the last few seasons. This is more about the idea of a team that has provided the most excitement over the last two years getting its due. Rather than schedule "Operation 8K" for a game against Clarkson, a team only few outside of the realm of "hockey nut" know anything about, why not instead make it one of the lesser Hockey East games? Even the Nov. 23 clash against future conference foe Vermont? What better way to start Thanksgiving break and send the team off to Colorado than with a packed house full of rowdy, loud fans?

It goes beyond just an attendance promotion. It's about making a name for the program in the state. It's no secret that when it comes to marketing, UMass is burdened by its distance from Boston, yet Maine and New Hampshire are well-respected programs in Hockey East. Granted, those schools are longer on tradition than Massachusetts, but there's no reason not to start the process of making the Minutemen a stalwart now. It's the little things, like deciding not to hold formal press conferences or treat the game as more than the minor league sidekick to basketball.

There are no excuses for the hockey team's loss. The Minutemen were outskated, outworked, and finally outscored. But isn't there a chance that a roaring crowd might have changed the complexion — and result — of that overtime period?

Even further, would it be so crazy to suggest that the University of Massachusetts no longer consider itself solely a basketball school and finally recognize the possibilities that arise when the Mullins Center floor is a slick sheet of ice?

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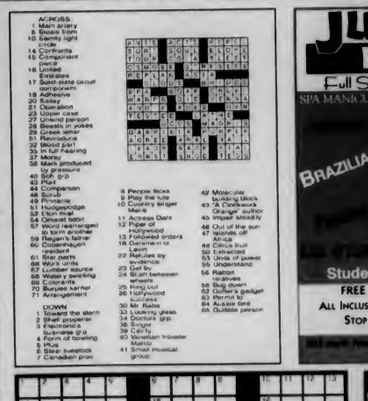
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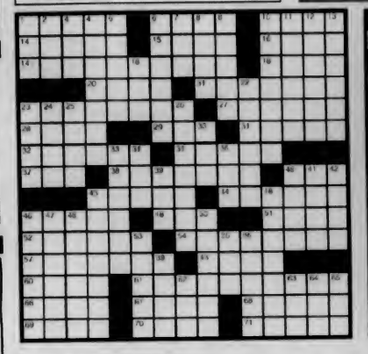


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Halfway there

Two wins shy of a World Series title, Sox send Pedro to the hill

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Remember Pedro Martinez? He's the former ace of the Red Sox staff who won three Cy Young awards and called the Yankees his "daddy." But he's been overshadowed by the buzz about Curt Schilling's stitched-up ankle and lights-out pitching.

A year ago, Martinez made his own post-season history — pushing Don Zimmer to the ground when New York's 72-year-old bench coach charged him in Game 3 and blowing a lead in Game 7 of the AL championship series against the Yankees.

Now, he's just Boston's second best starter and doesn't get to pitch until the third game of the World Series against the Cardinals. He'll make his career World Series debut on Tuesday night in St. Louis and won't have to be a savior.

That's because Schilling pitched six exceptional innings Sunday night when the Red Sox won 6-2 and took a 2-0 lead.

Martinez's postseason numbers this year have been mediocre — a 1-1 record with a 5.40 ERA in four appearances, three of them starts. At least that's better than his last four regular-season starts in which he went 0-4 with a 7.71 ERA with two losses against the Yankees.

Boston manager Terry Francona isn't worried.

"I expect Pedro to pitch his fanny off," he said. "I think he's got rest. I think he feels good about himself. We'll have a day off, so we can rest our bullpen a little bit. Anytime we start Pedro, believe me, we're excited about it."

Martinez finished the season with a career-worst 3.90 ERA after winning four of the previous six AL ERA titles. He was 16-9, his most losses since he went 13-10 with Montreal in 1996.

Fortunately for the Red Sox, they had Schilling to lead them down the stretch and through the playoffs.

A dislocated tendon in his right ankle ruined his start in Game 1 of the AL championship series, won by the Yankees. But with stitches in the ankle he pitched seven strong innings in Boston's Game 6 victory then beat St. Louis on Sunday night.

Even Derek Lowe, who had been dropped from the rotation in the ALCS, outdid Martinez by getting the Game 7 start and allowing one run and one hit in six innings on just two days rest. Martinez replaced him and struggled, giving up two runs on three hits in one inning.

But the Red Sox won 10-3, completing the greatest comeback in baseball postseason history by overcoming a 3-0 deficit.

Five years earlier, it was Martinez who relieved a struggling Lowe in the decisive fifth game of the AL division series in Cleveland. Martinez had pulled a muscle in his upper back in the opener but returned to throw six perfect innings in Boston's 12-8 win that clinched the series.

Now Martinez can put his team one victory away from winning the World Series in what could be his last game with the Red Sox. He can become a free agent after the season.

"We're excited that he's on our side," Boston first baseman Kevin Millar said. "We're going to need a big start, because they're tough in their place."

The Cardinals are 6-0 at home this postseason while the Red Sox were just 43-38 on the road in the regular season.

But even a loss wouldn't approach some of the lowlights of Martinez's playoff career.

He was tiring in the eighth inning of last year's seventh game of the ALCS, but manager Grady Little left him in with a 5-2 lead. Martinez gave up three runs that inning and New York ended Boston's season when Aaron Boone homered off Tim Wakefield in the 11th.

In Game 3, Martinez pushed Zimmer to the ground during a bench-clearing fight.

The Yankees were the opponents again Sept. 24 when Martinez remained in the game in the eighth with a 4-3 lead and allowed two runs. The Yankees won 6-4.

"I just up my hat and call the Yankees my daddy," he said afterward. "I can't find a way to beat them at this point."

On Tuesday night he'll be rested when he pitches on seven days rest between starts and five days rest since his last relief appearance.

Despite his struggles, Martinez was on target back in spring training when he sized up Boston's rotation and championship chances.

"Anybody can carry the load that I might not on a certain day," he said then. "I hope ... we are the team to beat, but I don't want to say It. I want to do it."



COURTESY KNIGHT RIDDER

Three-time Cy Young Award winner Pedro Martinez will face Jeff Suppan at Busch Stadium tonight.

Minutewomen see five-game winning streak come to an end against Richmond

By Paula Aiden
Collegian Staff

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The Massachusetts field hockey team's five-game winning streak came to an end yesterday at Garber Field before an audience of 214. No. 11 Richmond (14-2 overall, 6-0 A-10) shut out the Minutewomen (7-12 overall, 3-2 A-10) with a final score of 7-0.

The victory for the Spiders clinched their conference title, as they completed A-10 play undefeated.

"We didn't move on the field today," Massachusetts head coach Patty Shea said. "We didn't do what we needed to do, we didn't take care of our skills. We just did not execute."

Seniors Christine Tocco, Adrianne Monaco, and Caitlin Beresin were honored before the game began, keeping with the Minutewomen's tradition of Senior Day. Beresin and Monaco are currently in a tie for second place for goals per game in the A-10 with 0.75. As of the beginning of the week, Tocco was nationally ranked second for most saves with 176. In yesterday's game, Tocco earned another ten saves.

The first goal was scored by Holly Cram less than five minutes into the game, assisted by Whitney Wells. Good things came in threes for Richmond, as they netted their first three goals in a span of under a minute and a half. Less than forty seconds after the first tally, the Spiders scored again when Heather Wrublesky took a shot while Tocco was out of the cage and unable to stop the ball in time. The goal was Wrublesky's first of the season.

Richmond's third goal came under a minute later, when Amanda Florio scrambled for the rebound after a penalty corner and managed to score unassisted for her sixth goal of the season.

The Minutewomen had their first chance to score halfway through the first half. Junior Jaime Bawden was given a free hit outside the circle, but Beresin's attempt to tip the ball into the Richmond cage went wide. With eight minutes left, freshman Rachael Mervine had another chance to score for the Maroon and White after intercepting the ball inside the circle from the Spiders, but her pass to Beresin was wide, leaving the circle.

Richmond scored again after a failed penalty corner attempt. Colleen Wevodau's shot was saved by Tocco, but Wells picked up the rebound and managed to sink the shot into Tocco's cage, bringing the halftime score to 4-0.

In the second half, the Spiders scored another trio of goals within a span of four minutes. The flurry of scoring action was kicked off by a penalty corner hit, when Cram netted her second goal of the game and 22nd of the season. Michelle La Force and Allie Howard both earned assists on the play.

A minute later, Shannon Taylor took an unassisted shot from the left side, beating Tocco to the goal. Taylor scored again a minute later, when she received a pass from Erin Arthur after a penalty corner attempt.

Richmond dominated every aspect of the game, while UMass scrambled to keep up.

"It's just unacceptable to not show up to play on your home field," Shea said.

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ALEX UBIS/STUFF/DAILY COLLEGIAN

UMass' Katelyn Woolfrey battles a Richmond defender for the ball during the Spiders shutout win at Garber Field on Sunday. The Minutewomen will play their final regular season game at UR1 on Saturday.

UM hockey deserves more



Andrew Merritt

Sunday's hockey game at the Mullins Center was begging for a bad stand-up comedy setup.

"The crowd at the game was so small ..."

"How small was it?"

But what happened on Sunday was no laughing matter for the Massachusetts hockey team. First of all, it ended up being a historical event for all the wrong reasons for the Minutemen. The Connecticut Huskies had never beaten UMass in the Mullins Center prior to Sunday, and UMass had not lost to UConn at all since the program's reinstatement in 1993. Yet, all the history went out the window, because for the second year in a row, the Minutemen put up a stinker against the Huskies — last year's season opener on Oct. 9 was a skin-of-their-teeth 6-4 win.

A large part of the reason that the Minutemen lost was that they came out of the gates slowly, slower than game-winning-goal scorer said he and his teammates were expecting. UMass coach Don Cahoon called it a lack of "thoroughness" that the Minutemen didn't play a complete game. To some extent, that's very much the case. Other than the second period, the Minutemen didn't have many very good scoring chances, although they played a solid third period. What's worse, they nullified a near-spectacular performance by Tim Warner, who is rotating with junior Gabe Winer this year.

But there was another factor contributing to the stale, uninspiring feeling that a spectator at the game must have felt. It was the attendance: 2,038. More accurately, it was the 6,351 empty seats. Although the crowd number spiked in the second period, at the start and end of the game, it was the quintessential "friends and family" crowd. That they had enough people to give the "Chuck-a-puck" winner his $105 prize was one of the more impressive statistics of the game.

Now, there was a perfectly good reason for all this. The New England Patriots, who have managed to be the most underrated record-setting football team, played their game at 4 p.m. The hockey game started at 3 p.m. Short of free admission and a complimentary sundae from Harrell's, there wasn't much incentive that would bring more people in. Heck, even those goodies probably wouldn't have gotten more than another thousand people. Not much is going to tear folks away from the Patriots' games this year, so it might have been better to just adapt. It's all guessing at this point, though. There's no reason to just assume that moving Sunday's game to, say, Saturday afternoon would be feasible.

What can be done, though, is a change in the start time next weekend, should the World Series go to a sixth game. If the Red Sox are playing the Cardinals in Game 6 Saturday night, whether it's to fight for their lives or try to clinch their first title in 86 years, there's a good chance that the number that shows up to Saturday's hockey game will be less than half of the one that showed up on Sunday. It might even be tough to get enough players from UMass and Providence to suit up instead of finding a spot to watch the game.

So the solution is simple. Saturday is Homecoming, and the football team plays Maine at 1 p.m. That game should finish sometime before 4 p.m. Once the final whistle blows, the Mullins Center is just a few bus stops away, so the crowd can head over for UMass-Providence on the Ice. Once that's over, it's time for the Red Sox. It would be a fun-filled day of cheers and chants, maybe

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Colleges Against Cancer chapter seeks to become next UMass RSO

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

University of Massachusetts students are joining together to promote and recruit for Colleges Against Cancer, a nation-wide chapter that is currently seeking approval to become a Registered Student Organization on campus.

Sponsored by the American Cancer Society, CAC is a national alliance of student and faculty volunteers working together to raise money and awareness for cancer eliminating programs like the Relay for Life and Survivorship.

"We are excited to bring Colleges Against Cancer to the University of Massachusetts Amherst campus," said Diane Barstow, Director of Development for the American Cancer Society. "It is an opportunity for students to make a difference on campus and more importantly making a difference in the lives of others."

Last year, a group of several hundred local students walked the Relay for Life to raise awareness for cancer victims as well as honor those who lost their lives to the disease.

Teams of volunteers raised money from several area sponsors and took turns walking around the track at Amherst College last April.

"Our first year, we raised over $16,000 and last year we raised over $45,000," said Nicole Lohr, senior political science major and volunteer. "Seeing the increase from one year to the next we're hoping with the formation for the CAC, that it will being more memberships and more organization and most importantly a bigger and better relay."

CAC members hope to become the first college-group to be known as a RSO and expand through a diverse community within the area as well as in the country.

"The CAC is a great way to bring awareness to the campus and promote activity on campus," Lohr said. "We often forget that people our age are still affected by this disease and it might bring a diverse community together to those who are affected."

For more information or to get involved in the first meeting for Colleges Against Cancer, please contact chapter president AnnMarie Torres at 413-549-4834. For general information about the American Cancer Society please visit the website at www.cancer.org.



Students participated last year in the American Cancer Society's 'Relay for Life' at Amherst College to raise awareness and money for cancer survivors.

Specialists debate foreign policy today

By Yousef Munayyer
Collegian Staff

The Victor S. Johnson Lecture Fund and the Office of the President at Amherst College is sponsoring a lecture this evening focusing on foreign policy.

William Kristol, the editor of the Weekly Standard, and Joseph Nye of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, will speak tonight on "America in the World: Hard vs. Soft Power".

The event, scheduled for 8 p.m. will surely be a heated debate, as both speakers are known to be at opposite ends of the foreign policy spectrum.

Kristol, editor of the Weekly Standard, which is widely considered a conservative publication, frequently contributes to the Fox News Channel and is considered by many to be a leading analyst in his field. In most recent years, Kristol's name has gained fame, or perhaps infamy because of his involvement with the Project for a New American Century, a foreign policy think tank that strongly recommended American intervention in Iraq.

The PNAC is an organization closely tied into what many have called neo-Conservativism. Kristol is currently Chairman of the Project for a New American Century and was a co-founder of the think tank. He has published several books including "The Neoconservative Imagination" (1995) and most recent "The War over Iraq" (2002). Kristol has been known for his stance on foreign policy, which emphasizes the use of force over diplomacy in matters of interests in international relations.

Joseph Nye is also outspoken on foreign policy. He has served in several distinguished positions including chair of the National Security Council Group on Nonproliferation of Nuclear Weapons; chair of the National Intelligence Council, and Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs.

However, Nye takes a somewhat opposing view from Kristol's as he recommends that the United States cannot act unilaterally.

His idea of soft power, persuading other state actors in the international arena in non-military ways, will likely be his point of emphasis this evening and similarly a point of contention between himself and Kristol.

Nye's book, "The Paradox of American Power: Why the World's Only Superpower Can't Go It Alone" (2002) was an immediate response to the foreign policy that followed September 11, 2001, and made the case that the United States in the following century would make greater gains through cooperation rather than confrontation.

His latest book "Soft Power: The Means to Success in World Politics" (2004) further explores the idea of soft power and persuasiveness in diplomacy.

The event this evening, though listed as a lecture, may very well become a debate as both speakers view foreign policy and American interests quite differently. Tony Marx, president of Amherst College, will serve as the moderator. The lecture will be followed by an audience-engaging question and answer session.

Doors to the Cole Assembly Room at Converse Hall will be open by 7 p.m. and the lecture is open to the public.

Bush and Kerry try to break campaign polling deadlock

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

ONALASKA, Wis. (AP) — President Bush and Sen. John Kerry accused each other of lacking the hard-nosed resolve of Cold War presidents — from Democrat Truman to Republican Reagan — reaching across party lines a week before Election Day to try to break their campaign deadlock.

With tensions rising Tuesday in both camps, Kerry escalated his criticism of Bush over explosives missing in Iraq, asserting that the weapons could be used against American troops and citizens. He accused the president of keeping the cost of war in Iraq under wraps until after Election Day.

"What else are you keeping from the American people?" Kerry said in Green Bay.

Across the state, Bush said his rival favors "the position of weakness and inaction" contrary to "the great tradition of the Democratic Party."

A Los Angeles Times poll showed the popular vote tied, 48-48, with Bush-weary voters open to change on Iraq and the economy but harboring doubts about Kerry's ability to lead the nation against terror.

New state surveys showed the race also knotted in Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania, the three most important battlegrounds in the race for 270 Electoral College votes.

Behind the scenes, both campaigns tweaked their stump speeches, advertising strategies and get-out-the-vote drives. In addition to Wisconsin, Bush visited Iowa while Kerry traveled to Nevada and New Mexico — all tossup states.

After spending weeks casting Kerry as a flip-flopping liberal in TV ads, Bush planned to close the race with a 60-second commercial designed to portray himself as a trustworthy, steady leader.

The high point, according to advisers, is a clip of a choked-up Bush addressing the Republican National Convention about meeting the children of slain U.S. soldiers "who are told their dad or mom is a hero but would rather just have their dad or mom."

Kerry's latest ad accuses the Bush administration of failing to secure nearly 400 tons of explosives that are missing from a military installation south of Baghdad. "His Iraq misjudgments put our soldiers at risk, and make our country less secure," Kerry says of Bush in the ad.

He said in Green Bay the explosives "could be in the hands of terrorists, used to attack our troops or our people."

Vice President Dick Cheney responded for Bush from Florida, saying, "It is not at all clear that those explosives were even at the weapons facility when our troops arrived in the area of Baghdad."

In the battle of past presidents, Bush said Democrats Roosevelt, Truman and Kennedy showed "confidence and resolve in times of war and hours of crisis," asserting that Kerry lacks such mettle.

Kerry said Presidents Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy and Reagan all built strong alliances, a contrast to Bush who Kerry said, "has failed in his fundamental obligation as commander in chief to make America as safe and secure as we should be."

Later, in Nevada, the Democrat appealed in both Spanish and English to undecided voters. "We're in a bigger mess by the day and the president can't see it or can't admit it, but either way, America is less safe," he said.

Bush made a direct pitch to wavering Democrats, particularly moderates

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Family members mourn the loss of college student Victoria Snelgrove

Emerson College student killed during Red Sox's celebration

By Denise Lavoie
Associated Press

EAST BRIDGEWATER (AP) — As hundreds of mourners paid their final respects Tuesday to Victoria Snelgrove, her pastor denounced the raucous fans who prompted police to fire the pepper-spray pellet that killed the college student.

"I don't know why some people feel it's their God-given right to riot, to destroy property and cause mayhem," the Rev. Wally Keymont said. "It is destructive and it is deadly."

Friends, family and dignitaries — including Gov. Mitt Romney, Boston Mayor Thomas Menino and Boston Police Commissioner Kathleen O'Toole — filled St. John's church in East Bridgewater for the funeral Mass.

Snelgrove was killed last week when she was hit in the eye by a pellet fired by police as they tried to control the crowd outside Fenway Park after the Red Sox won the pennant against the archrival New York Yankees.

In a eulogy marked by soft sobbing from among the roughly 500 mourners — many of them Snelgrove's young friends and classmates — Keyment criticized the rowdy behavior that led to her death.

"Why did this have to happen?" he asked. "We need to be able to articulate our anger about this horrible death, (but) we need not lose our faith because of it."

Across the street from the church, a message board in front of East Bridgewater High School read, "Torie, we will miss you. EBHS."

Snelgrove graduated from the school in the Boston suburb in 2001. She attended Fitchburg State College before transferring last year to Emerson College, where she was a junior studying broadcast journalism. Her funeral came three days before her 22nd birthday.

Snelgrove was among an estimated 80,000 revelers celebrating in the streets around the ballpark early Thursday morning. Police began firing the pepper spray-filled pellets out of compressed-air guns when some in the crowd began climbing the steel girders under Fenway's left-field wall, setting small fires and throwing bottles at police.

In what police said was a horrible fluke, Snelgrove — an innocent bystander to the unruliness — was hit in the eye socket by one of the pellets. She was pronounced dead hours later at Brigham & Women's Hospital.

Her death prompted questions about whether police overreacted to the mostly college crowd. The department was sharply criticized earlier this year for being underprepared when riots broke out following the New England Patriots' Super Bowl win. One person was killed and another critically injured when a vehicle plowed into revelers shortly after midnight on Feb. 2.

Beside Snelgrove, at least two other fans were struck by the pellets: 24-year-old Paul Gately of Cambridge was struck in the face, requiring stitches to patch a hole in his cheek, as well as several times in his torso, leaving bruises and welts. Also, Kapila Bhamidipati, of Bridgewater, N.J., was struck in the temple and said doctors had to remove small pieces of plastic from his forehead and found a large piece embedded under his skin.

Police are conducting an internal investigation into last week's shooting, examining, among other things, whether police used excessive force and whether they received proper training in the use of the FN303, a compressed-air gun made by FN Herstal.

The investigation is expected to take several months.





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Professor Patricia Williams lectures to a crowd of students and faculty members yesterday to wrap up the Distinguished Lecture Series.

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Dozens of students arrested for Red Sox related disturbances on campus after baseball series

Monday October 18

9:19 a.m. An officer noticed a hit and run damaged vehicle near Alumni Stadium where the rear bumper was torn off. An incident report was taken.

12:54 p.m. A caller reported damage to several cars in Lot 22 on Forestry Way. The officer requested equipment to test fingerprinting on the damaged vehicles. The owners of the vehicles were notified and an investigation is underway.

7:20 p.m. A large crowd of approximately 200 gathered in Southwest after the Red Sox game. A dispersal was issued and a smaller section of the crowd became unruly. One student threw a granite stone at an officer. Multiple arrests were made. (Please see article in Daily Collegian from Oct. 19 for arrests and charges.)

11:05 p.m. A caller stated that there were 100 or more people gather in Sylvan Residential area: the crowd began to disperse upon arrival of the officers.

Tuesday October 19

3:32 p.m. An officer made a local traffic stop and made one arrest.

Jeffrey D. Earls, 44, of Amherst was arrested and charged with having an unregistered motor vehicle and the unlicensed operation of an unregistered motor vehicle.

9:08 p.m. A large crowd of approximately 2000 students gathered in Southwest area to celebrate the Red Sox's victory. The crowd began throwing projectiles at light poles and the police began to interfere. APD, UMPD and the Massachusetts State Police made several arrests. (Please see article in Daily Collegian from Oct. 20 for arrests and charges.)

Wednesday October 20

1:51 a.m. An officer made one arrest.

Enos D. Henry, 24, of Amherst was arrested on warrant.

5:33 p.m. An officer made a traffic stop on Commonwealth Ave. and made one arrest.

Chih Fan Mao, 21, of Acton, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license with an uninsured motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle with an expired registration.

9:18 p.m. Approximately 2000 people gathered in Southwest to celebrate the Red Sox's victory. A dispersal order was given by police and hundreds of people failed to disperse. Numerous subjects were arrested for disorderly conduct. (Please see article in Daily Collegian from Oct. 21 for arrests and charges.)

Thursday October 21

12:16 a.m. A caller reported a disturbance in Baker courtyard. Approximately 50-100 people were seen lighting fireworks in the courtyard.

1:19 a.m. A caller reported a disturbance near the Campus Pond on North Pleasant St. A crowd between 1000 and 2000 people gathered at the pond after the police dispersed the crowd from Southwest. People were swimming in the pond, driving over the lawn and starting fires. Multiple arrests were made for disorderly conduct. (Please see article in Daily Collegian from Oct. 22 for arrests and charges.)

12:44 p.m. A caller reported an annoying subject at a bus stop near the Haigis Mall. The officer confronted the subjects and they stated that they had a verbal argument only and no physical contact.

4:32 p.m. A caller reported that their dorm room was broken into in Patterson dormitory. The caller reported that items such as a disc-man, two sets of headphones and an unopened pack of blank CDs were taken. Also a cell phone was removed Approximate value; $320.00

8:05 p.m. A caller reported an underage person has alcohol in their vehicle. The officer issued a summons to the subject for a person under 21 In possession of alcohol.

10:16 p.m. A caller stated that someone has been burning paper in the stairwell of the Van Meter dorm building. Police investigated and found no fire, but only burnt pieces of posters and signs

Friday October 22

1:55 p.m. Students stated that an elevator in Brown dorm would not let them out and just kept traveling up and down the building. The elevator finally let them out after a few minutes and Emergency Housing was notified.

2:37 p.m. A caller reported that there was a group of 20-25 people being extremely loud in Baker Courtyard. The group dispersed upon arrival of police officers.

7:43 p.m. A caller reported a small fire with burning toilet paper in the bathroom of Cashin dorm. An incident report was taken.

-compiled by, Julie O'Donnell

Presidential race heating up during final week

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unsure about Kerry.

"If you believe America should lead with strength and purpose and confidence and resolve, I'd be honored to have your support and I'm asking for your vote," he said.

In a gesture of moderation aimed at the same voters, Bush told ABC-TV he supported civil unions for homosexual couples "if that's what a state chooses to do." The remark upset some conservatives who not only want to amend the Constitution to ban gay marriage, as does Bush, but also would bar state approval of gay civil unions.

Campaign pitches varied from deadly serious to almost silly. A radio ad reminded Wisconsin voters that Kerry got the name of their beloved Green Bay Packers' football stadium wrong. Kerry recruited rocker Bruce Springsteen to play at his rallies.

In Wisconsin and a dozen or so other competitive states, mailboxes were being flooded with campaign leaflets — most of them negative.

A Republican National Committee mailing features a picture of Jane Fonda and Michael Moore, two anti-war liberals supporting Kerry, and the headline, "John Kerry's heart and soul of America?"

In Ohio, voters received a mailing with a picture of a soldier in camouflage uniform with the caption, "Supporting him in Iraq shouldn't mean shortchanging working families in America."

Voters in New Mexico began getting recorded messages by telephone from an abortion-right

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Student Activities Center
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Up to the Minute

Wednesday, October 27th
Music Injection Wednesdays
Come on down and get a healthy dose of music between classes!
Jass co-sponsored by the Music Department
Campus Center Concourse, 11am-1pm.

International Movie Series
Tasuma, The Fighter. A comedy set in contemporary Burkin Faso.
Isenberg School of Management, 108.
8 pm. FREE

Cosby Week Comedy Night:
Open Mic. Win two free tickets to *Bill Cosby Comes Home.*
Campus Center Auditorium, 8pm

Dean Edwards
Former Member of *Saturday Night Live.*
Campus Center Auditorium. 9 pm. FREE

Thursday, October 28th
Mission Improv & Movie: Bill Cosby Himself
Our very own Mission Improv at 8pm followed by movie at 9pm.
Student Union Ballroom. FREE

Friday, October 29th
Bill Cosby Comes Home
A benefit event offering the rare opportunity to attend a live Cosby performance locally.
Mullins Center, 8pm.
UMass Students, $10. Gerneral Public, $40 - $75.

Homecoming Bonfire and Pep Rally
Come cheer the UMass Minutemen as they get ready to take on the Black Bears for Homecoming 2004. Music by Cold Duck Complex, West Entrance, and DJ Hypnotiq.
East side of Campus Pond. 10pm



Sunday, October 31st
Contradance
No experience necessary, no partners needed! Live music.
Student Union Ballroom, 7:30pm. $5

Monday, November 1st
Transgender Warrior: Leslie Feinberg
Feinberg questions not only the preconceived notions, ignorance, and fears of society but the very stucture inherent in male and female identity.
Bowker Auditorium, 7pm. FREE

Being ALANA in the 21st Century:
Voting and U.S. Policy Making, with Hussein Ibish, Sangeeta Kamat, and Michael M. Thelwell. Campus Center Auditorium, 7p.m. FREE

Popular Ford vehicles found worst in crash test ratings

By Dee-Ann Durbin
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two 2005 Ford vehicles, the two-door Focus and the Ranger 4x4 pickup, were the worst performers in new government crash and rollover tests, according to results released Tuesday.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said the rear passenger was at risk of serious head injury when the Focus was hit in the side in a 38.5 mph test. The Focus was tested without side air bags, which a Ford Motor Co. Web site lists as a $350 option on the vehicle.

NHTSA gave the Focus three out of five stars for driver's side protection and four out of five stars for rear passenger protection, the lowest ratings among cars tested. Those ratings didn't reflect the potential for head injury because NHTSA's side-impact ratings consider only chest injuries. A five-star rating means the likelihood of serious injury in a similar crash is 5 percent or less; three stars means the likelihood is 11 to 20 percent.

The Ranger 4x4 and its corporate twin, the Mazda B-Series 4x4, earned two stars in NHTSA's rollover ratings, the lowest of the 10 2005 pickups tested. NHTSA said the Ranger and the B-Series have a 30.6 percent chance of rolling over in a crash. The ratings consider the vehicle's height and weight and its performance in a 35 to 50 mph test with a sharp turn.

Ford spokeswoman Carolyn Brown said Ford plans to study the new data but believes the Focus and the Ranger are safe and perform similarly to comparable vehicles. Brown added that Ford thinks NHTSA is using faulty methods to predict chance of rollover.

"The calculation that NHTSA is using is based on a model that includes outdated information and is not capable of producing real-world results," she said.

NHTSA released crash test results for seven passenger cars, one pickup and one sport utility vehicle and rollover ratings for one crossover vehicle and 10 pickups. The agency chooses vehicles to test based on popularity and other factors.

The 2005 Subaru Outback, which NHTSA classifies as an SUV, was the only vehicle that earned five stars on all front and side-impact tests. The Outback was tested with its side air bags since they are standard.

The 2005 Chrysler 300 and its corporate twin, the Dodge Magnum, also were high performers, earning five stars on the 35 mph frontal crash test and the rear passenger side-impact test. Neither vehicle was tested with side air bags, which are a $590 option on the Chrysler 300 and a $390 option on the Dodge Magnum.

Two-wheel and four-wheel-drive versions of the Chevrolet Colorado, GMC Canyon and Dodge Ram pickups each earned four stars in the rollover tests. NHTSA said their percent chance of rollover was between 17.9 and 19.8 percent. The Ford Ranger 4x2 and Mazda B-Series 4x2 fared better than the four-wheel-drive version, earning three stars and a 21.9 percent chance of rolling over.

The Ford Freestar crossover earned four stars and has a 14.7 percent chance of rolling over.



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One of the new 2005 Ford Focus vehicles that was voted one of the worst cars in crash tests.

Afghanistan elections show Interim leader Karzai won with overwhelming victory

By Stephen Graham
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — More than two weeks after Afghanistan's first presidential election, vote counting wrapped up Tuesday and interim leader Hamid Karzai emerged with a resounding victory.

With his inauguration to a five-year term a month away, the U.S.-backed Karzai already is under pressure to ditch his coalition with powerful warlords and tackle a booming narcotics industry that has become a major economic force in one of the world's poorest nations.

Officials declared the vote count complete Tuesday afternoon, giving some 1,500 weary staff at eight counting centers a well-earned rest in the middle of the Islamic fasting month of Ramadan.

Investigators were still examining about 100 suspect ballot boxes, but the election's chief technical officer said the count was effectively "over and done."

"It's just these last dribs and drabs to be approved," David Avery told The Associated Press. "It's really nothing that can affect the outcome."

Showing 98.4 percent of the votes counted, the Web site of the U.N.-Afghan election commission said Karzai had 55.5 percent of the votes, 39 points ahead of his closest rival, former Education Minister Yunus Qanooni.

An estimated 8.2 million ballots were cast in the historic vote Oct. 9, a turnout that U.S. and Afghan officials hailed as a nail in the coffin of the former ruling Taliban, whose threats to disrupt the election proved hollow.

Karzai, 47, a member of the Pashtun community, the largest ethnic group in this diverse and often divided country, portrayed himself as the best candidate to weld a unified Afghanistan.

He also promised to double the income of Afghans and pursue a reformist agenda that can finally begin to deliver basic services such as health and education to people impoverished by a quarter-century of fighting.

So far, the country's re-emergence — cities such as Kabul and Kandahar are in the grip of a real estate boom — appears to be founded more on lucrative drug exports than the legal economy.

Under pressure from the United States, Karzai is expected to announce a crackdown on refiners and traffickers who use Afghan opium poppies to supply most of the world's heroin.

"His mind is made up to do something, finally," a Western official who advises the Afghan government on counternarcotics policy said on condition of anonymity. "They know that this government will not survive if they don't take action."

Karzai must deal with the opium traffickers at the same time he grapples with regional leaders who still control much of the country with the help of private militias that have so far escaped a U.N.-sponsored disarmament drive.

Francesc Vendrell, the European Union's special representative, said Karzai took an important step before the election by excluding Defense Minister Mohammed Fahim, a powerful warlord, from his presidential ticket and then sidelining the most influential warlord in western Afghanistan, Ismail Khan.

"He's now got a mandate to have a reformist government," Vendrell told British Broadcasting Corp. radio, adding that the United States and European nations would support his efforts.

Election officials said formal confirmation of Karzai's victory could come by the weekend, when investigations into irregularities were expected to be complete and the election ruled "free and fair."

Karzai would then have until his swearing-in in late November to think about how to reorganize his Cabinet, which now contains a string of former militia leaders who helped the United States drive out the Taliban in late 2001.

Before his victory becomes official, investigators must clear the last of several hundred ballot boxes held back because of allegations of foul play on election day.

Ray Kennedy, deputy chairman of the joint U.N.-Afghan electoral commission, said Tuesday that some ballot boxes were "obviously stuffed" and would probably be disqualified.

But he said the problems were not on a scale that could overturn Karzai's majority.

His remarks were an indication that the commission would officially acknowledge some irregularities in its final report — the key condition set by Karzai's closest rival for conceding defeat.

"If the fraud was not so serious, we would accept that Karzai has won," Qanooni's running mate, Taj Mohammed Wardak, told the AP.

"I hope there was not so much fraud so our democracy is safe. If it was serious, then we are sad and it will affect the election result. "We will accept the conclusion of the investigation."

Kerry and Bush neck-and-neck in final days

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group, telling them Bush "has devoted four years to dismantling a woman's right to choose."

In Pennsylvania, the state released figures that show the Democratic Party registered 108,000 more new voters there than the GOP since the April primary, good news for Kerry if they actually cast ballots.

Both campaigns braced for a long Election Night — or longer — with many legal fights. A federal judge in Miami ruled against Democrats in saying Florida election officials will not be required to process incomplete voter registration forms.

First lady Laura Bush, who had planned to travel with her husband through Election Day, abruptly scheduled a solo trip to Florida, underscoring the hard-fought battle being waged in that state.

Former President Clinton, campaigning for Kerry a second straight day, told Jewish voters in Florida that Kerry's commitment to the security of Israel "would be unshakable."

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"I may disagree with what you have to say, but I shall defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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Questions arise about Supreme Court's future

It was just last week that UMass' own Professor Sheldon Goldman of the Political Science Department gave his distinguished lecture on the process and importance of judicial appointments. Now, it seems his lecture may have been more relevant than any of us could have realized.

This past weekend, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist was hospitalized to undergo a tracheotomy for thyroid cancer. Rehnquist is 80 years old.

Admittedly, thyroid cancer is one of the more treatable forms of the disease and the Chief Justice is fully expected to recover and return to work as early as next week.

However, this news raises serious questions about the future of the Supreme Court, especially in light of next week's presidential election. The reality of the situation is that the nine justices of the Rehnquist Court are getting old. Only its youngest member, Clarence Thomas, is under the age of 65 while its oldest member, Justice John Paul Stevens, is 84. Besides Rehnquist, three other justices have already survived battles against cancer.

While they all seem to deny rumors of approaching retirement, it is only a matter of time before at least one justice decides to step down; and that time is approaching quickly.

With only six days left until the election, it seems that the top campaign issues now have some competition. In the next four years, it is extremely likely that one or more positions will open up on the Supreme Court and the responsibility to nominate a successor will fall on the shoulders of whoever wins this election.

There is no denying that the Rehnquist court is a conservative one, and there is no denying that George W. Bush and John Kerry differ on many of the issues that could potentially be affected by Supreme Court decisions. Controversial issues like gay marriage, stem cell research and abortion have the potential to fall into the hands of the Court. The outcomes of those decisions, then, will depend on whoever is chosen to fill the potential upcoming vacancies. Since these judicial appointments are for life, the new justices will have the ability to decide the direction of our country for decades to come.

Of course it is mostly speculation, but the fact remains that the current justices will not live forever, nor will they necessarily remain in their positions until the end of their lives. The importance of this election should not be minimized because the winner has the potential to influence cases and decisions that will affect this country long after he, himself, has left office.

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Disgracing the Nation

There's no better time on the UMass campus than after a Red Sox playoff victory. People sprint out of their dorms in ecstasy because Boston has moved one game closer to that elusive World Series title. Somehow, they end up at the quad, where the celebration intensifies. They hug friends and high-five random strangers, screaming and yelling like they're back in first grade. About 15 minutes later, the other shoe drops and one finds out why a Sox playoff victory is also the worst time on this campus.

Dave Quinn

The "gatherings" in the Southwest quad all have the same routine. First, there's a period of random celebration as people run around, not exactly sure what to do with themselves. Then it moves into the "Let's Go Red Sox" chant, a classic that can never be overdone. This progresses to the "Yankees' Suck" chant which isn't entirely accurate. They choke; they don't suck, but that's okay. Then the toilet paper starts flying in a harmless form of celebration.

Once the toilet paper starts flying, things start to get personal. Chants start up about Derek Jeter's sexual preference, and Jorge Posada being a "receiver" in more ways than one. Once things start getting personal, it's only a matter of time before the knuckleheads get restless and need to do something moronic. For example, after Game Five, someone thought it would be a good idea to set off firecrackers, which incidentally also sound like gunshots. Then, after Game Six, several fans lit toilet paper on fire in the middle of the quad. One would assume they must have been cold. Another fan thought the best way to express his joy over the Sox victory would be to throw a brick. Anybody got a Darwin Awards Application?

Shockingly, the police begin to move in on horseback and give the order to disperse. Most students comply, stampeding 200 feet only to return 30 seconds later to taunt the officers and continue the rally, which at this point is utterly mindless. All the newsworthy events happen next, tear gas, rubber bullets and arrests. Just the stuff you write home to mom about.

Who would envy the job of the police? It's hard to get a clear view of who's doing what in a mob of 2,000 people. Some are arrested for being in the wrong place at the wrong time; others wreak havoc and get away scott-free.

If you are a die-hard Sox fan, and you see one of these half-wits about to do something stupid, it's your obligation as a member of Red Sox Nation to tell them to knock it off for the good of the celebration and society.

Unfortunately in a group 5,000 strong, mistakes will be made. The officers don't have the luxury of time in these situations. They have to just go on what they see or what they thought they saw.

You'd think that Mike White would be kidding when he said, "Any time you hear chanting, run. No intelligent thought is going on there." He wasn't kidding. The idea of police officers dressed like Star Wars Storm Troopers riding on Seattle Slew seemed like overkill. It's not.

The sad thing is that Red Sox fans are widely known as some of the most knowledgeable fans in the nation. Peter Gammons has often commented that he is blown away every time he talks to people at Fenway. Instead, we've got "alleged" Sox fans acting like the boys from the Bronx Zoo. The positive side is that while part of the crowd is just looking for an excuse to destroy things, 90 percent are just looking for a good time.

To that 10 percent of you, stop it. Seriously. Stop it. What you are doing isn't cool nor is it funny. The only thing you are accomplishing is royally messing up one of the greatest events in New England sports history. If you are a die-hard Sox fan, and you see one of these half-wits about to do something stupid, it's your obligation as a member of Red Sox Nation to tell them to knock it off for the good of the celebration and society.

This column doesn't just apply to the Red Sox, it applies to every Boston sports team that's in contention to win a championship. Okay, so maybe it just applies to the Patriots, who presumably will bring about more victory bashes come wintertime. If the current trend continues, the UMass brass will be rapidly marching down the path to get these celebrations banned all together. So, for the love of Schilling and his bloody sock: Stop it!

Dave Quinn is a Collegian staff member.

Who's your daddy, now?

Airline and I screamed when the phone rang. The incoming call was from a 45 year-old man from the Bible belt we had never met who was calling for phone sex. I looked into Airline's eyes and nervously laughed in horror at what we were about to do. I looked at the phone and winced. What should I say? As the phone rang a second time, I tested my voice, making it as high-pitched and breathy as I could, the voice of an excited girl. I picked up and quickly said "hello" like the alluring sex kitten he was waiting for.

Thomas Naughton

"Hi, baby, it's Daddy," the deep, twangy voice said back to me.

I thought I was going to die. Airline and I met our southern phone sex-suitor in a Daddy/Daughter Sex chat room on Yahoo! Chat. We chatted with this man who's screen name was something like BigDaddy4Baby and convinced him that we were a 14-year-old girl named Jennifer who wanted him to call us and talk dirty — an experiment of epic and hilarious proportions.

I stumbled upon this lexicon of society when I signed up for my Yahoo! Email account. Users of Yahoo! Mail can also utilize chat rooms and messaging systems. When I saw the option for "chat" I laughed. I thought the widespread use of Myspace and AOL Instant Messenger had made the idea of chat rooms obsolete.

My curiosity piqued, I explored the chat room menu. Chat-nation was alive and well; there were rooms for any interest or topic you could think of, though most rooms' Users In Chat lists were empty or scant. The most populated rooms in the thousands were, of course the ADULT rooms. Yahoo! Chat offers a number of ADULT chat rooms based on orientation, fetishes and even region. There is a link you must click to verify that you are of legal age to view these rooms, but if a young person lies about their age in their profile, they can easily access the ADULT room list.

These men were married men who were looking for real sex with underaged girls. I kept thinking as we laughed nervously how unfunny the situation was.

I looked at the few ADULT chat rooms that Yahoo had created, the names of which were all pretty chaste considering they were sexually oriented. Then I saw the "User-created Rooms" list and my mouth dropped. There were at least a hundred chat rooms, all with names I cannot publish because they were extremely dirty. I thought I was a filthy person, but these chat people put me to shame.

There were a large number of rooms that made me very uneasy and angry at the same time: they were all Daddy/Daughter sex-oriented. Fantasies are one thing. I think everyone should be able to do what they want in their own private life, but these chat room titles alone were encouraging older men to meet young girls in real life for sex. The obvious course of action, I immediately deduced, was to make a fake profile and see just how much of these chatters were into fantasy, and how much were into a scary reality.

Airline and I convened to jumpstart our experiment. We started with a screen name. We knew it would have to be something suggestive. We constructed a profile of a 14 year-old girl, complete with Britney Spears quotes. With our new identity created, Airline and I ventured into the chat room.

Because we had listed our age as 14, we were not allowed into the ADULT area. However, we quickly found out that we didn't need to be admitted because of the flood of instant messages we were already receiving from men. We giggled and squealed at the things these men were saying to us. We viewed their profiles, saw their pictures and saw that many of the men listed themselves as "married." The ominous pall that hung over our experiment kept hitting us in the face with reality: these men were married men who were looking for real sex with underaged girls. I kept thinking as we laughed nervously how un-funny the situation was.

The thought occurred to me that these men could be just as fake as we were, so our experiment of course went to the next level.

"Lets see some web-cams," Airline shouted at me as we hovered over the keyboard like scientists splicing up atoms.

With a few keystrokes, the screen filled up with windows displaying live web-cam images of men, some nude and indecently gesturing. We covered our eyes and squealed like the girl scouts these men were hoping for.

"I can't believe this!" I screamed and clutched Airline's hand.

I saw wedding rings on the hands of men touching their own naked bodies. I saw the smiling faces of middle-aged men attached to these bodies, snickering. The realness of the images, of which these men thought they were showing off for, made my stomach turn.

"Lets make one of them call us, and reveal that we're guys!" I shouted, which brought us to our phone conversation with southern BigDaddy4Baby.

I can't tell you what he said to me because it's not suitable to print, but we strung him along for five minutes before I talked in my normal voice, revealed that I was a guy and asked him why he, a married man with children wanted to meet a 14-year-old girl from the Internet. He couldn't say anything. He tried to laugh at the situation, but I pressed him with more questions, asking him what his wife thought of him calling young women. He hung up amidst our booming laughter, leaving our questions unanswered.

I didn't really expect answers. As I laughed with Airline, I thought to myself what a funny anecdote this would be: tricking old men into thinking we were girls.

Then the weighty truth about our culture hit me: authorities are suing teenagers for downloading songs, yet nothing is done about the men who actually talk to young girls on Yahoo! Chat, begging them to meet or have phone sex with them.

What's really important is whether or not Kid Rock has another diamond-encrusted sofa because of the endangering of profits by downloaders, not the corruption and rape of young women. Ignore the next Amber Alert, because these chat rooms couldn't possibly have anything to do with kidnappings. What is really the dangerous crime on the Internet is truly the illegal download of the next crappy Metallica album. "And I think to myself, what a wonderful world..."

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We've got spirit, yes we do

Continuing my series of columns on my experience here at UMass as a transfer student, this week is no different. Perhaps I paint an optimistic picture of life here in Amherst, but my college experience is limited to one that I didn't enjoy and the little time that I've spent on this campus. In that small amount of time, I have noticed one thing that is present here at the University of Massachusetts that was not present at the school from which I transferred: school spirit.

Mike Anmuth

The school that I attended before UMass (which shall still remain nameless as I don't want to influence anyone's opinion about that school) was plagued by a lack of school spirit. Students there would wear clothing featuring names and logos of other colleges, but not the one that we were attending.

These weren't graduate students who had perhaps attended these other institutions for their undergraduate. Oh no, these were undergrads that for some reason, did not like to wear the gear from their own school. I would often wonder time and time again how this phenomenon worked. If you asked me today, I still couldn't identify why students who paid tuition each and every semester wouldn't want anything to show for it besides the bill and eventually a degree.

The staunch difference here at UMass is that people are proud to go to school here. Everywhere I turn there are UMass hoodies, UMass umbrellas, UMass pants, UMass notebooks, UMass coffee mugs, the list goes on and on. The striking theme is that UMass students enjoy toting around and wearing UMass-branded objects. To me, this says something about the population here at the University of Massachusetts — it says that the students here have pride in their school, pride in their athletics and pride in wearing the name of the institution where they spend the better part of their year. The amount of maroon and white seen on any given day on campus makes one proud to go here, even if they're just getting used to the environment or haven't yet bought out the entire inventory of the UStore.

Not every student has an unbridled enthusiasm for their place of higher learning, and not every student owns tons of merchandise bearing the name of the school. UMass students, unlike the students at the school from which I came, identify themselves as part of a bigger entity than just their home town and buy things accordingly. The majority of the shirts here are emblazed with a proud showing of the University of Massachusetts scrolled across the front.

I realize there is a point when you start to wonder why I'm writing about this topic, and to this I answer because school spirit matters. When you enjoy the institution you are spending the bulk of your time, the environment becomes warmer and friendlier; people are generally happier.

School spirit is tantamount to a college identity, and with the spirit of UMass being so prominent, I feel the relevance is overwhelming.

School spirit means that people are there to cheer on our Minutemen and Minutewomen in athletics. School spirit allows for organizations like the Maroon Platoon, our student athletics fan club, to exist and thrive. Without spirit for UMass, there would be fewer hoodies seen around campus, but also, our athletics would have less people cheering and less people to hold up big, foam hands at our home games.

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Beginning this column by relating my past experience regarding school spirit was to illustrate that an abundance of school spirit is a great thing. This columnist did not expect such an outpouring of enthusiasm on campus when he first arrived, and I have to say that I am very pleasantly surprised that the flagship campus is not just a place with 1,450 acres of land. It also fosters a community of students who have recognizable pride and passion for their school.

The University of Massachusetts may be comparable to other public universities, but as long as I keep seeing the maroon and white shirts, hats, pants, coffee mugs and the like, I am convinced that there is something very special here in Amherst, a tradition to which every student should be proud to belong.

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The children are our future

I work with three juvenile boys, ages 16 to 18. All three of them have been badly abused by the people who were supposed to be responsible for them. Since being taken away from their parents by the state, they have been shuffled from facility to facility, with little regard for what is in their best interest.

Sam Wilkinson

This makes me angry.

When opponents of gay-marriage declare that nothing more sinister faces the United States, I wonder what exactly it is that they're seeing. Do they honestly believe that there are no more pressing social issues in this country than letting two guys get married? Do they honestly believe that the consenting decision of two rational male or female adults is somehow more important than the safety of this nation's children? They must. If they didn't, then they wouldn't be spouting ridiculousness about the horrors of gay marriage.

This makes me angry.

Not surprisingly, I feel the same way about pro-lifers, who seem to genuinely believe that the importance of life ends at birth. It's why, when they're out there talking about the "Holocaust" of abortion, they aren't similarly advocating for a better social system for abused children. Nor are they advocating for anything other than an end to Roe vs. Wade. If that court decision was overturned, all of these activists so allegedly concerned with the safety and well-being of the unborn would disappear back into the ether, their jobs allegedly done.

Ours is a culture that has totally given up on the disgusting reality of abused children.

This makes me angry.

The Catholic Church has made regular habit of taking out full-page ads suggesting that support for John Kerry is somehow anti-Catholic, as if pulling the lever on Nov. 2 not only places a vote, but also slaps the Pope himself across the face. These people, too, seem to believe that life ends at birth. If they didn't, then they wouldn't have allowed for the shameful abuse of thousands of innocent children nationwide. How, I wonder, is it even possible for a church to be so viciously pro-life and yet, at birth, be so viciously pro-life?

This makes me angry.

Stem-cell research? Are you kidding me? There are kids being badly abused by the people who are supposed to be responsible for them, and you're talking to me about the work of scientists in labs? It tells a lot about a person when they care more passionately about cells in a Petri dish than they do about kids in a home.

This makes me angry.

Politicians everywhere declare war on pornography in the media, and yet shy away from tackling the larger social issues that plague our society. Here's Joe Lieberman declaring that Hollywood's bankrupting America yet totally avoiding any legislative moves to actually protect children from physical harm. The government might not have enough time to deal with the epidemic of abuse in this country, but we've got more than enough time for Janet Jackson's breast.

This makes me angry.

We have laws against drugs. We have laws against speeding. We have laws against littering. We also have laws against child abuse, but with the exception of sexual predators, few of the people who hurt children end up not facing any punishment. Of course, their kids are taken away from them, which some view as punishment, instead of seeing it as salvation for the endangered child.

This makes me angry.

But this is what makes me angriest: all of these people, from the gay marriage opponents to the pro-lifers, from the Catholic Church to the stem-cell activists, from the politicians to laws themselves, everybody involved is taking the easy way out. The activists pick the issues that are easily solved by a Constitutional amendment or a squashed court decision. The Church (and to be fair, it extends beyond the Catholic Church) and stem cell activists choose to be more concerned with cells than actual people. The politicians and the laws they write avoid tackling the tough issues because the easier ones are, well, easier.

The activists and the politicians — who will, at any time, remind anybody who is willing to listen just how much they care about "the children" — don't at all. It is a shameful display of hypocrisy and idiocy. Unfortunately, they get away with it, because ours is a culture that has totally given up on the disgusting reality of abused children, as if to say because theirs isn't an easy solution, we won't even begin to address the problem.

It is this that makes me angriest.

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The new racism in America

During the recent SGA racism controversy, many students questioned the extent of racism on campus. The issue could have been an opportunity for the UMass community to engage the many different perspectives on racism.

David Lewis

But the people who most needed a dialogue instead only got a barrage of loaded opinions. In final assessment, the conversation about the racism in the drawing drowned out the more important issue of its social context.

Many Americans now seem to believe that racism and racial inequality no longer exist. Nothing could be further from the truth. Current census data shows that racial inequality is ingrained in our society as much now as during the Civil Rights era.

The inequalities are so well-documented that after listing a few of them, it begins to feel redundant. According to recent US Census statistics: the median income of black and Latino families is $54K compared to $54K for whites (2001); the average net worth of white households is nearly five times that of black households (1998); the unemployment rate for blacks is twice that of whites (2002); Latinos are three times more likely than whites not to finish high school (2003); 26 percent of whites completed four years of college compared to 15 percent of blacks and 11 percent of Latinos (1999); black small businesses are denied loans 70 percent of the time compared to 27 percent for whites (1998); 22 percent of blacks and Latinos are below the poverty level compared to 10 percent of whites (2001); for males, blacks are six times and Latinos are four times more likely than whites to spend time in prison (1999); blacks are six times more likely to be murdered than whites (2000); black girls are twice as likely to become teenage mothers as white girls (1999); there are currently still no black or Latino senators or governors.

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These disparities are the direct result of institutionalized racism. Institutionalized racism is racial inequality that is caused by social institutions as opposed to direct discrimination on a personal level. Blacks, Latinos and Native Americans continue to be systematically disadvantaged in the areas of education, health care, criminal justice, employment, business and home funding and government representation. These disadvantages apply to all necessary aspects of human life.

The "new racism" is the acceptance of institutionalized racism as the status quo. It operates through the belief that the US has achieved equality and that now all Americans are born with an equal opportunity to succeed. The new racism is perhaps even more insidious than the overt racism of the past, because it suggests that poor conditions in black and Latino communities are due to their inferior intelligence, personal choices and values. The new racism plays on the traditional notion that with the right combination of ambition and hard work, anyone can achieve the American Dream. Therefore, blacks, Latinos and Native Americans should "pull themselves up by their bootstraps."

This ideology says that failure to get ahead is solely one's own fault. It teaches us to see ourselves as individuals and not as part of a larger social fabric. But this mentality denies or downplays historical context and social responsibility. Clearly, minority communities have been systematically disadvantaged throughout US history.

The widespread illusion of equality has tilted public opinion away from the need for social programs. If we already have equality, then programs like welfare, food stamps, unemployment assistance, day care, Medicare, urban development, clinics, shelters, public education, youth centers, job training and teen mother assistance are "government handouts" paid for by our taxes. This argument ignores the fact that our existing social programs are largely under-funded and inadequate.

Whether we choose to believe it or not, we are all intimately connected to the racism of our society. As an individual you may strive not to be racist, but the dominant form of racism has more to do with whether you accept or oppose institutionalized racism than your personal values.

Before the Civil War, many Northerners talked about how they opposed slavery, but only a small minority joined the Abolitionist movement. It is a criticism of our society that still remains true: we talk about social justice, but we don't act. Saying "I am not a racist" while failing to oppose institutional racism is akin to saying, "I oppose slavery" while failing to fight it. We must assume personal responsibility for fighting injustice if our professed values are to be taken as anything but empty talk.

Although usually disguised with words like "urban" and "underprivileged," issues of race are very much at the forefront of policy discussions both here at UMass and on the national stage. Taking a stand on these issues requires education, community involvement and direct action on a political level. If you want to make an impact, educate yourself, engage in dialogues with your peers, find out about the community organizations serving local cities such as Holyoke and Springfield (visit the CSL office in Goodell or do a Google search), incorporate social justice into your career plans, contact your state rep and vote. You can also contact minority advocacy groups such as ALANA to learn about current issues of race here on campus.

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The third leg of the tripod

First of all, let me preface this by saying that my intention here is to inform. However, I'm sure that over the course of this article my leftist political ideology will become obvious. I have seen enough in my life to convince myself of the fact that it takes all kinds. I have encountered a number of individuals who feel that a vote against Bush is a vote against America.

Colin Jones

To those people and to people like them, all I can say is that a realistic viewpoint, irrespective of personal political affiliation, is to acknowledge the fact that if America is to remain the most powerful country in the world, we must be balanced in our views. I'm not going to say that Bush is in any way an evil man or a buffoon, but I think that people who are constantly exaggerating his intelligence (or rather, lack thereof) and attack his personal character are being ignorant.

Likewise, those who choose to say that we must accept and follow the decisions of our political leaders without question and those who don't is somehow on par with treason are being equally ignorant.

Elections are always important. Despite the preceding election and the ramifications implicitly connected to the Electoral College system that made themselves so readily apparent, all of us who are able to vote should do so. There are a number of reasons why our participation in politics is important, but to me the most important and obvious of them is respect.

The right to vote is something that our grandfathers fought and died for, that women petitioned for over decades, that minorities were martyred for. As such, I feel that I am indebted to these people for their successes and sacrifices that have made this a country where all of us can express our views, albeit indirectly. Plus, this is a particularly important election, one in which a number of key issues are at stake in a way that they have not been for quite some time.

Our government is set up like a tripod, with each of its branches having a means of checking and thus balancing the others. The reality of this situation is that while a large amount of focus from the voting public is directed towards both the executive and legislative branches, the judicial branch is often surprisingly overlooked. This may be the nature of the beast, because we as voters have a degree of control over the executive and legislative branches through electing our politicians, but the judicial branch holds as much power as the other two branches.

The structural organization of our government does not allow us as voters to decide who is going to serve on the Supreme Court; that decision is left up to the President. Plus, these justices are on the court for life, or until they decide to step down.

What all of this adds up to is a huge amount of power in the hands of a few individuals, who not only do not have term limits but were not selected by the voting public. This means that given the nature of their position, members of the Supreme Court are capable of making controversial decisions with very far reaching implications that do not reflect the views of American voters.

John Paul Stevens, Sandra Day O'Conner and William Rehnquist are likely to step down during this approaching presidential term.

Add to this the fact that age is catching up with the current Supreme Court. John Paul Stevens, Sandra Day O'Connor and William Rehnquist are all likely to step down during this approaching presidential term.

Rehnquist, the chief justice, is very conservative and given the fact that he is turning 80 this month and has recently been diagnosed with cancer, it would be logical to assume that he would want another conservative to take his place if he chose to step down. O'Connor is more moderate than Rehnquist, but is still fairly conservative. At 74, she's no spring chicken either. Stevens is 84 and is the most liberal justice on the Court.

What all of this means is that whoever is elected president stands a good chance of being able to ensure that individuals who are sympathetic to their political ideology will have an opportunity to have a strong influence over many policies in this country for years to come.

Now, it is theoretically possible that all of these justices will continue to serve on the Court for the duration of this approaching term, and it will be the subsequent president who gets the opportunity to appoint their replacements. Then again, it is theoretically possible that a giant meteor could strike the Earth tomorrow and send us into the next Ice Age, but it just doesn't seem too likely now does it?

Should Bush be elected and should he have the opportunity to push the Court further to the right, we could see dramatic changes on highly important issues, such as separation of church and state, the relationship between federal and state powers, maybe even abortion.

Plus, a Bush Court could make some decisions regarding the war on terror that don't stop at keeping us safe. Sooner or later, the Court will be asked to make a decision regarding how much information the government can accumulate on all of us and to what lengths they will be able to go to get that information. Given what has happened in this country since Sept. 11, maybe pretty soon thinking Big Brother is watching us won't be such a paranoid thought anymore.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH

In his ludicrous piece "What Feminism Really Says", Zach Oelshlegel takes a dim view of feminism and disguises his sexist blather as a defense of Laura Bush. He is offended that Teresa Heinz Kerry would not know the complete biography of Mrs. Bush, and that she forgot to note Bush's role as a mother of two children in a statement she (Heinz Kerry) made. Since Oelshlegel is so insistent that people get their facts straight before they speak, let's hold him to that standard.

So, which Women's Studies classes have you taken, Zach? Which feminist theory are you referring to throughout your diatribe? What scholarly feminist texts did you pore over before unpacking Heinz Kerry's statements? You see, I have studied the feminist movements — the one that fought to raise women's status from mere chattel to full citizens, the one that insisted women be given the right to vote, the one that won women the right to choose safe and legal abortion.

I have read books, attended classes and seminars (including the Sexism workshop offered by the Social Justice Education Program this past weekend), and I don't hear the echoes of any genuine feminist theory in your arguments. If you had bothered to think before speaking, as you are apparently urging Teresa Heinz Kerry to do, you would know that feminist theory, first of all, is not just one school of thought, but is actually an umbrella term for many ideas and arguments relating to sexist oppression, a discourse which has been going on for decades, if not centuries.

None of the feminist theories that I have seen seriously attempts to "convince women that they are better than men." Oelshlegel is being either disingenuous or ignorant when he states, "every honor that comes with bearing children or raising them has been stripped by feminism." Even a cursory overview of past and especially recent feminist scholarship shows that feminists are pushing for progressive changes in social attitudes and legislation that value the lives of mothers — both professionally paid working moms and stay-at-home working moms — and their children.

What I do see in Oelshlegel's smarmy rant is a regurgitation of the arguments made by anti-feminist forces as long as women have dared demand anything resembling rights from the patriarchy. For example, he claims that, "it [feminism] all seems to boil down to taking the same role as a man." When a few brave women in the mid and late 19th century like Lucy Stone and Elizabeth Cady Stanton started wearing bloomers as an alternative to constrictive and impractical corsets and gowns, rabid critics immediately accused them of trying to "be men."

Another hilarious and baseless assertion of Oelshlegel's is that feminists "[try] to make sure that men and women never play different roles, seemingly hating men for ever having to bear children and regarding prospects of motherhood as a curse rather than a blessing." Tell this to the millions of mothers out there who identify themselves as feminists. He claims that feminists ignore "biological differences and common sense." Oelshlegel has to ignore common sense to even make these statements. Again, he's just repeating (as many media outlets do these days) what he has heard, in this case from outspoken anti-feminist icons like Rush Limbaugh and Dr. Laura Schlessinger.

While Oelshegel may think it's admirable that he's coming to the "defense" of Laura Bush and mothers everywhere, what he has done is exposed himself as an enemy of those women and men who would end sexist oppression in our world without denigrating individual women's choices. I challenge him to sign up for a Women's Studies course next semester — at least for the 1 credit seminar offered through the SJEP, Education 392 — and educate himself about the true aims and goals of the many different feminisms, before he again embarrasses himself by "speaking before thinking."

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Revisiting the greats with 'Citizen Kane'

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Kane: "You know if I hadn't been very rich, I might have been a great man."

Thatcher: "Don't you think you are?"

Kane: "I think I did pretty well under the circumstances."

Thatcher: "What would you like to be?"

Kane: "Everything you hate."

Citizen Kane, though often named the greatest film ever made by Sight & Sound and AFI, is one of the few masterpieces that succeeds as a technical landmark and manages to simultaneously reach the emotional depth and sorrow necessary to move us. Sure, the film is all about a reporter's quest to find the meaning of the word "Rosebud", but the look of the film and the way everything is constructed within the shot is hypnotic.

The lighting is marvelous; the cinematography from genius Gregg Toland is unrivaled. The different techniques that Welles (who also wrote and directed it) innovated like deep focus, optical illusions, invisible wipes, the appearance of ceilings in the shots, even the nitty-gritty innovations, were then unthinkable and are now unbelievable. This man was a genius and after Kane (his unmatched directorial debut), would go onto become the greatest filmmaker we've ever seen.

Rosebud was the last word of a famous newspaper mogul, Charles Foster Kane (Orson Welles), a larger then life figure (in this constructed reality) that captivated the public's fascination for decades. The editor shouts to one of his reporters, "Rosebud: Dead or Alive, find its meaning!" as if its significance will define Kane's entire life and finally clue us in on the enigma that was the man. In the hunt for Rosebud, the reporter goes on a journey visiting all the people closest to Kane and getting the inside story in the form of back-flashes being retold through the perspective of those that loved him and those that despised him.

In the process, we see Kane's life how it is remembered and the riddle that seemed so distant in the opening collage starts to become oh so clear. The sly technique that Welles uses is providing us with an opening collage summarizing his life works so that we know the facts as the story unfolds, so when the story is told we can focus on the characters and appreciate the beauty of the visual technical lore created by Toland and Welles.

What an extraordinary jump forward when a scene begins with Kane looking through glass at a picture of the greatest newspaper staff in the world to taking a picture as the mogul that now owns them. It's followed by a fun little party shot beautifully with Bernstein and Leland discussing if the new found success will change Kane. Kane is always clear in sight in the background, whether by reflection or otherwise remaining in focus.

The film is based on the life and times of William Randolph Hearst and is an interesting interpretation of his rise especially in the context of yellow journalism. Consider the brilliant use of "The declaration of principles," which will come back to haunt Kane when he has everything left except a value of principles. Another notable scene in technical admiration comes when the reporter, (whose name is Thompson by the way) visit's the Thatcher museum, which is actually a constructed set.

The statue of Thatcher, a matte drawing, of which the lighting and camera work give an illusion of a gargantuan museum, when in fact it was hand made and small enough to just fill the frame. Here he revisits Kane's childhood — the most famous use of deep focus ever on film. A scene where in order for the camera to move in unison with the actors, Welles sawed a table apart, had workers move it when the camera followed the actors and when they returned, had the workers put the table back together just as the camera moved back into its original setting. (He similarly sawed the sign to Susan Alexander's club to get an aerial shot going through a skylight into the club in order for the camera to literally pass through it).

Bernstein, the only character without sin will be the most reliable source for what really happened (he delivers a monologue about a girl he once saw on a train that still remains in my memories today, in a scene that relies more on acting then technical lore). Notice how financially and emotionally happy he sits now as the President of a big company, while all other sources are dead, senile, or drunk.

The film also takes us through the motions of Kane's marriage to the President's niece (which is shown superbly with startling clarity over many years in a collage of how they have breakfast every morning), through the scandalous affair, his second marriage, his wife's opera run, and finally, through the construction of Xanadu. All the while set with the background of his Inquirer running his life and ruining all that will make it a happy one.

The introduction scene of Kane inheriting the newspaper is a bit goofy in its characters and attempts to be comical, but they are forgotten in more solemn scenes like when he signs over the bankruptcy deed to Thatcher. I marvel every time at the optical illusion of a window that grows bigger when Kane walks toward it and makes Kane larger when he walks away. He will do this again, in front of the fireplace of Xanadu, in Welles most famously respected optical illusion.

There is an astonishing amount of foreshadowing jump cuts, of him listening to Susan singing for the first time, and then listening to her months later; and watching her decorating her apartment. All are visually wonderful. Consider the jump cut from Thatcher telling a six-year-old Kane who has just been taken from his mother "Merry Christmas," then finishing with "And a happy new year" when Kane is 21. Notice also the shot of him addressing that large crowd in what seems like a stadium. It's on the cover. There's no one in that audience, just flickers of light. That's not a stadium, but he makes it look like one. The close-ups of people are only done showing three of four people up close; the rest are illusions.

Welle's performance in Kane is one of the best ever given. His body language with other characters, his charisma in playing the part and his joy of performing this transition from young adventurous newspaper mogul to old miserable business tyrant is hypnotic. Welles has intensity in his face, and in his eyes during dramatic scenes that is astounding.

When he fires Leland, what a shocking scene of broken friendship; what a great close-up of Leland's reaction; and how strategically brilliant to do it right after they hadn't spoken for six months. That famous scene where his wife leaves him, and he chases Jim Gettys down the hall screaming, "I'm Charles Foster Kane!" Welles was so enraptured in the performance that when he ran down the stairs, he twisted his ankle.

Look at the argument between Kane and Leland after he loses the election. The ceiling is low, and he is towering over the camera. It's a vertically inclined shot. Looking at him as we looked at Thatcher in the earlier Christmas scene. It is done with brilliant cinematography, lighting, coordination, framing, acting, and precise dialogue. To accomplish the shot, they dug a hole in the ground and put the camera inside to film from the point of view of a little child watching Kane with disapproval hiding in a little corner as Kane bows his head in defeat and is lectured by his drunk friend (who stayed up all night, the day before to capture the authenticity of his performance in the scene). He mispronounced a line and kept going and it was so real they kept that take.

The opera scene is another great illusion of gargantuan sets presented as real with invisible wipes and neat camera work. His obsessed expression as he forces a standing ovation in that very scene is frightening, and never has a character gone through such physical and emotional change in behavior through the course of a movie — De Niro came close with his astonishing Raging Bull performance.

When Kane comes to his lowest point he is trapped in an overly gigantic house he doesn't need, in a marriage that is more of a father-daughter relationship then a spousal romance, to a woman he doesn't love, who spends her days putting puzzles together not realizing she's simply married to one. The picnic scene is dreadful but it's meant to be and by the time Susan leaves him and he destroys her room, he can fall no lower and he is left with a little crystal ball and tears in his eyes muttering the word, Rosebud. One of the last breathtaking optical illusions comes when he walks in between two wall-encased mirrors parallel to one another and there are a thousand reflections of a lonely Kane. Roger Ebert, called it "The most evocative shot in the film," there's no better way to describe it.

Rosebud is seen in the very last shot of the movie and sure enough it doesn't explain anything, unless we give the word meaning. Most often interpreted as a loss of childhood innocence, I believe it can be analyzed as much for inability to love and be loved as for deprivation of a deserved childhood. As the faceless Thompson concludes at the end when told Rosebud would've answered all, "No, I don't think so. No, Mr. Kane was a man that got everything he wanted and then lost it. Maybe Rosebud was something he couldn't get or something he lost. Anyway, it wouldn't have explained anything. I don't think any word can explain a man's life. No I think Rosebud is just a piece in a jigsaw puzzle. A missing piece."



Orson Welles stars in "Citizen Kane" as a man whose wealth and power becomes the death of him.



"Citizen Kane" is said to be one of the early cinematic masterpieces, for its film illusions and direction.

The ride of your life: a beautifully shot film paves way for an exciting journey

By Joe Pietrafite
Collegian Staff

What might you accomplish by the time you're 24 years old? Sure, you may have graduated college, and maybe some of you will have even finished graduate school.

Others might even be successful in the working world. Will you have traveled 4,500 kilometers on a motorcycle across South America, and worked in a leper colony along the way? I didn't think so. In the Focus Features movie "The Motorcycle Diaries," that's just what two friends do.

"The Motorcycle Diaries" is based on Ernesto (Che) Guevara's memoirs of the same name, written when he and his pal Alberto Granado traveled across the continent in 1950's. Onboard Alberto's motorcycle, they travel through Chile, Peru, and Argentina in order to get to a leper colony where Che will do his medical residency before he graduates medical school.

Che and Alberto both begin their journey with the same ideas and goals (fun, women, drinking and adventure), but as their trip progresses, it becomes clear that both men will eventually go on to lead extremely different lives.

This journey becomes the backbone for Che's eventual leadership during the Cuban Revolution in the 1960's. Many of his beliefs and views were shaped during this intense six-month journey and his month-long tenure at the leper colony in Peru.

"The Motorcycle Diaries" made a splash during its North American premiere at the Sundance Film Festival last January, and was an enormous success at the Cannes Film festival in France, where it was nominated for the Palm D'Or award. There are extremely powerful performances from Gael Garcia Bernal as a young Guevara (audiences will remember him from the sexy 2001 import "Y Tu Mama Tambien"), and relative newcomer Rodrigo De la Serena as Che's best friend Alberto. Under the skillful and brilliant direction of Walter Salles, Bernal and De La Serena give both moving and compassionate performances, and I wouldn't be totally surprised if either of them becomes a name that is repeatedly heard come awards season. I also wouldn't be surprised if the film itself ends up on numerous Top 10 lists, and wins a couple "Best Picture" awards.

'The Motorcycle Diaries'
Directed by Walter Salles
Starring Gael Garcia Bernal, Rodrigo Dela Serena
Focus Features
Rated R
126 mins
Grade A-

The true star of the film though, is the mountainous route they take on their bike and the stunning cinematography of Eric Gautier. The sweeping vistas and mountaintops the pair traveled through are exquisitely shot, making "The Motorcycle Diaries" hands down one of the most visually satisfying films of the year. The crystal blue skies that touch the endless green valleys and the windswept mountain trails only add to the actor's outstanding performances. There's one point in the film where Ernesto and Alberto are pushing the bike through a snowstorm in the Andes Mountains, and the entire screen is desolate and bleak except for their shadowy figures pushing the bike through the storm.

The photography and production design are so meticulously detailed and shot that often times the audience forgets that they're watching a historical film, and they get lost in the beautiful storytelling and the outstanding performances. Director Salles has been pretty quiet in the film industry since his last success, the Brazilian film "Central Station," but with "The Motorcycle Diaries," he has a film that has been both a critical and audience success.



Bernal and Del Serena taking the ride of their lives.



"The Motorcycle Diaries" chronicles Che Guevara, and his years spent traveling on a motorcycle.

'The Grudge' gives horror without a cause

By Johnny Donaldson
Collegian Staff

The haunted house in "The Grudge," is inhabited by a pair of ghosts that skulk around, dooming anyone unlucky enough to enter. One is a spooky little boy who has the feral, strangulated yowl of an angry cat; and the other, more disquieting one, is a lithe young woman with lanky black hair, mottled white-blue skin and a stare of frozen horror (she also has a nasty habit of slinking right up to her victims and scaring them to death.) Does she sound like a familiar demon princess? "The Ring," the hit Halloween thriller from a couple of years ago, had a similar murderous specter and that's not the only thing the two films have in common. Like that other film, "The Grudge" has a lot of eerie bad dream images, but they can barely hold themselves together. The movie is all atmosphere that disappears into thin air.

'The Grudge'
Directed by Takashi Shimizu
Starring Sarah Michelle Gellar, Jason Behr
Columbia
Rated PG-13
98 mins.
Grade C+

Both films are adapted from more popular Japanese films (in this case, the movie is called "Ju-On") and both have what can be described as a mood. But that's all each film has going for it: mood. "The Grudge," is built from one freakazoid supernatural shock after another, but they don't connect to each other or the audience. Each moment of nightmare creepiness has its share of jolting, heebie-jeebie scares (prepare to be startled), but they don't add up — "The Grudge" shocks you so much that you go numb.

"The Grudge" may be imported from Japan, but it still gets to retain its setting and director, Takashi Shimizu, who at least knows how to conjure an air of ghostly menace. The house is a seemingly average looking split-level, but anyone who enters is cursed to die. The movie flits back and forth in time, as it shows how one by one, they file in and out of the house, only to encounter the wraith-like duo.

Sarah Michelle Gellar plays a care-worker abroad, Bill Pullman a college professor, Jason Behr Gellar's boyfriend, Ryo Ishibashi, from the great Japanese S&M shocker "Audition," is a cop investigating a pair of mysterious deaths. Each and every one enters the house, only to come face to face with a snarling malevolent specter.

Here's how an average scare goes in "The Grudge:" character enters home, hears strange noise, investigates alone. It's a device as old as horror films and one wishes that the movie did attempt to vary the formula more. There is a nifty sequence where a ghost follows one character from her office to her apartment, and Shimizu loads up the movie with sinister special effect stunts, (I liked how a blotchy shadow formed into a menacing feminine shape on a security camera.) But why does each horror sequence have to be a repeat of the one before? (It's an effect that renders them meaningless.) We barely get to know the characters before they get knocked off in increasingly familiar ways. The actors exist solely to be spooked to death. "The Grudge" may have an air of chilly dread, but it's often just a neutered and repetitive slice of tony exploitation horror.





"The Grudge" doesn't differentiate itself from similar horror films such as 2002's "The Ring".



Bill Pullman stars in the horror film "The Grudge", alongside Sarah Michelle Gellar and Jason Behr.

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Inside the mind of Razzano

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TR: Banana bread. It was funny because that tape was shown on a bus trip and I had no clue that someone had gotten it. Back then I was really in to licking the batter out of the bowl, so I really didn't say much.

MDC: How old were you when you filmed this?

TR: 6th grade.

MDC: You were a cheerleader in high school so do you consider cheerleading a sport?

TR: Definitely. On our competition team, you had to have endurance because the routines are long. You are constantly throwing people up in the air, so you need weight training. It was intense.

MDC: Were you ever injured during a routine?

TR: Yeah. I had to get an x-ray of my sternum. I went to catch someone and she was falling and landed on me.

MDC: You're a big Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen fan. What's your favorite movie?

TR: I'm more of a fan of their older stuff, but I really like It Takes Two.

When it comes on I can recite the movie word for word.

MDC: Approximately how much of the Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen billion dollar empire has been supported by Tracy Razzano and family?

TR: Are we talking now a day or back then because I still purchase merchandise. I'd have to say anywhere between $300 and $1000.

MDC: Did you cry when Mary Kate checked in to the hospital?

TR: No, not really. I'm more of an Ashley fan anyway. I wasn't sad but I knew everything would be okay. I have reason to believe that she went to the treatment facility for reasons other than an eating disorder. So I wasn't surprised when it happened.

MDC: You claim to be a Yankees fan. Are you worried now that they lost to Boston and how many players from the '96 World Series team can you name?

TR: I'm not worried. You can't win them all. I think the Red Sox deserve to win it just because of all the old people who are living to see them in the series.

MDC: What about all the people who died before hand?

TR: (five seconds of silence). I don't want to think about that that makes me very sad. As far as the 96 team, Bernie Williams, Derek Jeter, Joe Girardi, Tino Martinez and Andy Pettitte.

MDC: Not bad. Saratoga is known for its horse racing. How have your "friends" done at the track?

TR: My "friends" lost a lot of money this summer up at the track, some where in the upwards of two hundred. It's a good place to go for the social aspect though. Sometimes you'll win, but I.... I mean "my friends" have the mindset that if you win one, you make up for all the rest.

MDC: What do you do bet the long shot?

TR: Yes. They think that you probably won't win them all, so make it a big one.

MDC: Finally, the Loaded Question, which you can choose to pass on if you'd like. Your teammates gave you the nickname tinkle, how'd you get it?

TR: Well I'll answer it this way. People say that if you make assumptions you're usually wrong. Well you can assume what you want on this one and you'd probably be right.

UMass offense needs to respond

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Minutemen and coach Sam Koch look to fill in the center, back midfield.

On September 19, Tim Kitchell was in a very similar situation.

Playing defensive midfield, Kitchell was given a red card for cleating a Harvard player that was on the ground. The result was also very reminiscent, as the Crimson ended up topping UMass 3-1.

What's done is done; it's the results after the Harvard match that should have the Minutemen concerned.

After Kitchell's foul and subsequent suspension, UMass was forced to tinker with an already young lineup. As new players were adjusting to positions they weren't accustomed to playing, the Minutemen went a humbling 1-2-2 over the next five games. Unfortunately for UMass, it doesn't have that luxury this time.

However, after the five-game, post-Harvard learning process, the Minutemen have become more comfortable as a unit on the field and have gone through a series of trying victories for a very young team. UMass has only lost one out of its last five games, with its most recent against LaSalle after Pace's mishap.

During that span, three of the Minutemen's victories have come in overtime, with two taking two extra periods to decide the outcome.

With this being said, the lack of Pace in UMass's next game against the Bonnies will dramatically affect its offense. Granted, there is a slew of young talent that can fill his role as a defensive midfielder, but what the Minutemen really need is another foot in their arsenal.

Pace has started all but one game for the Maroon and White and is currently in sole possession of third for total points on the season. His three goals and four assists have been a blessing for a Minuteman offense that has been looking for midfielder production throughout the season.



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Junior captain Oral Bullen leads the Minutemen in points this year with eights goals and four assists.

With Pace missing St. Bonaventure, a team that statistically looks like a pushover, has all of a sudden emerged as a threat to UMass.

The Minutemen need to win two more games in order to be a shoe-in for the postseason. Going into St. Bonaventure with one important player down and heading to the very place where its season ended last year, the Maroon and White have nothing to lose over the next few weeks.

So to speak.

Bob McGovern is a Collegian Columnist.

La Russa's little clubhouse quirk

By Ben Walker
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Larry Walker hustles to the bat rack. Albert Pujols hurries to get his helmet. Jim Edmonds grabs a quick drink of water.

Between innings at Busch Stadium, the bench is a beehive of activity. At any moment, the St. Louis Cardinals' true cleanup man will get busy.

Like clockwork, he swings into action. Manager Tony La Russa, the guy No. 4 hitter Scott Rolen calls the "street sweeper," starts to stroll toward the far end of the dugout with a purpose.

His mission? Stomp every paper cup in his path, then slowly nudge them soccer-style with the side of his foot toward the tunnel leading to the locker room.

Sometimes, he finds a couple thrown by players. Other times, a dozen. La Russa follows the same pattern, and they end up crushed and out of sight.

"I've never seen anything like it," Cardinals pitcher Jeff Suppan said. "But we all have our own little quirks, and that's his."

Atlanta pitching coach Leo Mazzone rocks back and forth while watching ballgames. Texas manager Buck Showalter bundles up in a jacket even in summertime heat. Reliever Turk Wendell would brush his teeth each time he got the third out.

La Russa laughs at his odd habit. It's not a nervous tick — he did it way before Boston led St. Louis 2-0 in the World Series going into Game 3 Tuesday night.

"I mean, it's so atypical of me," he said last week during the NL championship series. "Look around my office here. There's clutter everywhere. So it's not like I'm some ultra-neat person."

Sure enough, there are stacks of letters littering his desk, bats piled up and boxes of stuff scattered all over. Pretty messy, really.

"It's just something that happened over time, something I do in-between innings," he said. "You spend a lot of time in the dugout, and I like to stand up. It's my way of keeping busy, looking for those cups."

No such cleanup guy on the ragamuffin Red Sox.

Manny Ramirez and Orlando Cabrera wear batting helmets gunked up with goo, a combination of pine tar and dirt. Trot Nixon's cap is a weird shade of white, stained with sweat.

Oh, and then there's Boston's hair — Johnny Damon's shaggy look, Bronson Arroyo's cornrows and an assortment of unkempt goatees and beards.

"We give our players personal freedom to express themselves here," Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein said. "And I think our players play better that way. I'm not saying it's better or worse to do it that way. It depends on the mix of personalities you have."

Asked about his clean-cut appearance, the 30-year-old Epstein smiled.

"Don't be fooled by looks. You don't see me at night," he said.

La Russa's little show is on display day and night.

He could easily get a clubhouse boy to dispose of the green cups that wind up on the wooden-slat floor — no telling how many hit the ground by game's end. There's a plastic-lined trashcan in the middle of the dugout, and not many teams have that.

La Russa prefers to do it himself, home or road.

"Oh, we have fun with him," outfielder Reggie Sanders said. "We'll wait for him to go by, then throw one on the floor. But he always gets them on his way back."

"I'll tell you this," said Sanders, playing for his seventh big league team in seven years, "he has the cleanest dugout I've ever seen."

Said La Russa: "I know those guys play with me."

Most dugouts are flat-out gross by the final out. Players routinely spit sunflower seeds and tobacco juice, toss cups and spill bottles of water.

With the Cardinals, it's noticeably neater. When La Russa's around, that is.

Steelers poised to break streak

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in Pittsburgh.

Roethlisberger has been warned by teammates what to expect from Patriots coach Bill Belichick's defense — namely, a whole lot of what he hasn't seen before.

"I'm sure there will be something (different) he will see," Cowher said. "They'll give us some things we'll have to adjust to. But we can't get too caught up in what they do. We have to establish our plan, play smart, control the clock and make some third downs."

The Steelers found out three seasons ago how confusing the Patriots' defense can be even to an experienced quarterback. Then, Pittsburgh was a big favorite in the AFC championship game, only to have a confused Kordell Stewart throw three interceptions during a 24-17 New England victory that led to the first of the Patriots' two Super Bowl championships in three seasons.

Wide receiver Hines Ward still remembers how the Steelers' offense scurried to adjust on the fly as the Patriots repeatedly gave them defensive looks they didn't expect and didn't practice for.

"I'm sure with Ben, they will have a special package for him," Ward said. "But we can't put it all on Ben's shoulders. We can't say, 'You've got to pass the ball for us to win.'"

Just like the Steelers won't say they've made their season should they end the Patriots' streak.

"Sure you get excited about (the game), and I'm not going to downplay that. There's nothing to downplay," Cowher said. "It's a big game. It's why you're in this game, to play in games like this. But there is a lot more left after this game. Nothing will be accomplished or defined with this game."

Meanwhile, Maddox (torn right elbow tendon) is throwing lightly for the first time since being injured Sept. 19, but is not yet close to being ready to practice again.

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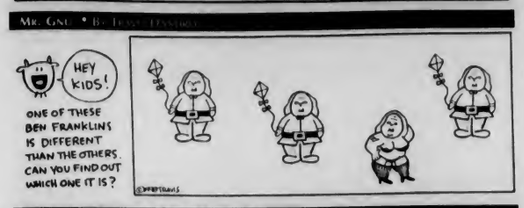
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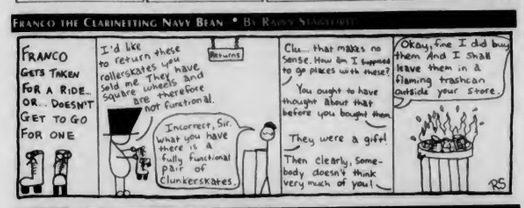
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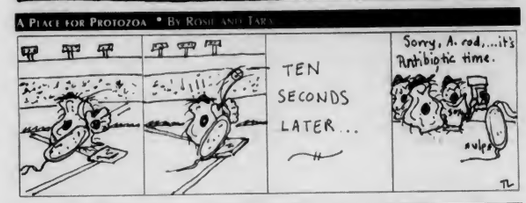
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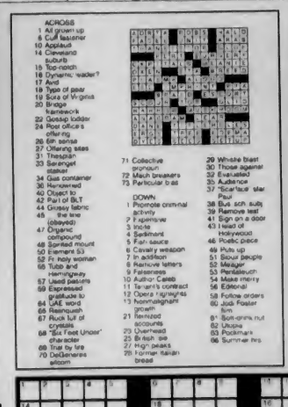




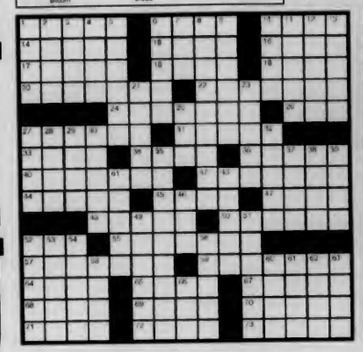








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A time of reckoning for UMass

Must overcome Pace's penalty



Bob McGovern

Playing in the most competitive Atlantic 10 in recent memory, with a season chock full of emotional ups and downs, the Massachusetts men's soccer team has finally found itself in the "must win" zone.

With three games remaining in their season the Minutemen face two of the top three teams in the conference, in first-place Duquesne (October 31) and third-place Rhode Island (November 5). Both teams have currently been on a roll, with the Dukes winning seven out of their last nine, and Rhode Island going five out of their last seven.

By the power of ironic scheduling, Rhode Island once again has the potential to be the spoiler for the Minutemen this year. Last season, the Rams beat the Maroon and White 3-0 in Kingston, which ultimately ended its playoff chances. This year the Minutemen will have to go back to URI and, depending upon this weekend's results, may be forced to fight for their season, again.

This puts a bit of emphasis on this weekend for UMass, as it will face both Duquesne and a floundering Bonnies squad in the friendly confines of Rudd field. Home has been particularly kind to the Minutemen, where they have gone 5-2-0 on the year.

However, one has to wonder if the recent red card earned by sophomore Ralph Pace will affect how UMass approaches and contends in this weekend's matches.

In the Minutemen's last game, Pace received a red card in the last ten minutes of the first half against LaSalle. The card means that UMass had to play a man down for the rest of the match, which ended up costing them a 2-0 in-conference loss.

Now that Pace will be sidelined for a game, one must wonder how the

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Sophomore Richard Higa questions a call during the Minutemen's game against Xavier on Oct. 17. Higa has four goals and one assist on the season for UMass, who will return to action at home on Friday against St. Bonaventure for a 2:30 p.m. kick-off.

MATTHEW RUSSELL SULLIVAN

A few words with Razzano

By Dave Quinn
Collegian Staff

Before a recent trip to Philadelphia, a gauntlet was thrown down. What member of the Massachusetts field hockey team was brave enough to go one on one in an interview where the questions are not only about field hockey but also about the player themselves and their past? While almost all other players looked the other way, sophomore back Tracey Razzano eagerly stepped forward to accept the challenge. Razzano is what many would call a "free spirit" and made for an interesting and candid interview.

MDC: What is it that you bring to the Massachusetts field hockey team?

TR: I bring comic relief and make stressful situations a little bit easier to handle. On the field, I understand defensive concepts, especially regarding the "dangerous line".

MDC: What's the biggest key to the team making the A-10 finals?

TR: We have to be confident but not too over confidant. We also need to keep away from the complex and keep to the simple.

MDC: What brought you to UMass from Saratoga?

TR: I liked the New England atmosphere. I also wanted to challenge myself to play at a D-1 level. I also had a great time on my recruiting trip. I really liked the girls and I knew I could fit in here.

MDC: When a recruit comes to UMass, who's the best host and why?

TR: I'll take credit for this one. I had three or four freshman last year and they all ended up coming to UMass. So I'm the hostess with the mostest.

MDC: I heard you hosted a cooking show once. What's your specialty?

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Now or never for Minutewomen

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Columnist

Much of the attention focused on the Massachusetts women's soccer team this season has been directed toward the strong freshmen class.

The freshmen have earned all of those accolades as they have been steady contributors all year.

Of the Minutewomen's six wins, five of the game-winning goals have been scored by freshmen. Midfielder Jenny Roehrig has three game-winners and forward Britt Canfield has two.

Canfield has received much of the attention, as she has twice been honored as the Atlantic-10 Rookie of the Week.

Roehrig and Canfield are also the top two scorers for UMass. Canfield leads the team with 18 points and nine goals. Roehrig is second in each category, with 10 points and four goals.

Although the freshmen have played a huge role in getting UMass (6-9, 4-5 A-10) to the doorstep of the A-10 Tournament, it will be on the upperclassmen to lead the team the rest of the way.

Dan Duggan

It is one thing for freshmen to step-up during the season, but when it comes time to make a post-season push, typically the more experienced players carry the load.

Despite having only one senior suited up for the majority of the season, UMass still has plenty of experienced players. A majority of the returning players saw considerable action last year and they will need to draw on their experience.

UMass was not in playoff contention last year, but it's safe to assume that the players from last year don't want to go through another year without making the postseason, especially with the league tournament being held on UMass' home field.

The entire season has boiled down to the last two games of the season this weekend. UMass is currently tied for seventh place in the league and must move into the top six to qualify for the conference tournament.

UMass travels to St. Bonaventure Friday and Duquesne Sunday. Any result other than two wins on the trip will result in the Minutewomen being spectators when the A-10 Tournament is played at Rudd Field.

The one veteran player whom much will be expected from this weekend is Lindsey Fairweather. Fairweather, the lone senior to play the entire season, is the unquestioned team leader. This is only her second season in Amherst as she transferred from Boston College before last season, but "Stormy" is one of the most vocal Minutewomen and someone coach Jim Rudy looks to for leadership.

The next two games will be the last of Fairweather's collegiate career unless UMass is able to make the playoffs. The onus will be on Fairweather to lead the team this weekend if she plans on extending her career.

Another veteran who will need to raise her play this weekend is junior Adair Blyler.

Blyler has had a rather quiet season after leading the Maroon and White in scoring last season with 15 points and six goals. She was banged up earlier in the year and as a result her production has not been up to last season's level. She has two goals and two assists on the season for six points, but has only attempted seven shots all season.

Blyler has the ability to score and she could put a sub par season behind her with a goal or two this weekend.

Another upperclassman who will be integral to UMass' success this weekend is junior Lindsey Bellini.

Her role is far more important in the midfield at setting up the offense for Blyler, Fairweather, and Canfield.

If the Minutewomen get strong efforts from these three experienced players this weekend, they may well end up with a postseason berth.

Dan Duggan is a Collegian Columnists



Junior Tiffany Hamill chases the ball against Boston University on Aug. 29. Hamill has one assist this year for the Minutewomen.

Dayton stays on top

By Daniel Hillman
Collegian Staff

On Oct. 22, the first place Dayton Flyers hosted second place Richmond in Atlantic 10 women's soccer action for the top spot in the conference. The Flyers scored two unanswered goals to win the game 2-1. Junior D Alicija Bredlo scored her fourth game-winning goal of the season to help the Flyers pass the Spiders. Bredlo's achievements earned her A-10 Player of the Week honors.

Two days later, on Senior Day, the Flyers ran the nations longest undefeated streak to 16, with a win over George Washington, 3-0. In that game Senior goalkeeper Stacy DeLuca improve to 16-1-0 overall, 9-0-0 in the Atlantic 10. It was her 9th shutout of the season. The two wins this weekend clinched the top seed in the upcoming tournament and a conference record 8th regular season title. They moved up two spots to number 25 in the National Rankings.

Another Feat for Tough Luck Bonnies

SBU's freshman forward Jacquee Parmiter, received A-10 Rookie of the Week honors. Parmiter racked up three points in St. Bonaventure's 3-3 tie against Saint Joseph's on October 22. She also received her team leading 10th assist of the season in the Bonnies' 1-1 draw against Temple on October 24th.

Walker Wins 100th

Duquesne's second year head coach James Walker earned his 100th career victory against Temple on Oct. 22 in an overtime victory, 1-0. Duquesne dominated the game out shooting Temple 33-3, yet still the game went to overtime. Freshman Faye Rasmussen netted the game winner as she buried a 10-yard shot in the 98th minute. Duquesne's sophomore goalkeeper, Virginia Bondi, didn't have to do much to earn her 3rd shutout of the year. She saved two.

Steelers not afraid of Pats

By Alan Robinson
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Ask the Pittsburgh Steelers about the New England Patriots' unofficial NFL record 21-game winning streak, and it's likely they will turn the question around.

What about their own four-game winning streak since rookie Ben Roethlisberger replaced the injured Tommy Maddox at quarterback?

With the Steelers (5-1) a game up on the favored Ravens (4-2) in the AFC North and 10 games still remaining, the Steelers understand the dangers of focusing too much attention on a single regular-season game — even one that could bring an end to the Patriots' run.

That's why the Steelers are taking a decidedly low-key approach into Sunday's game in Pittsburgh, even if winning would substantially increase the national profile of a team that went 6-10 last season.

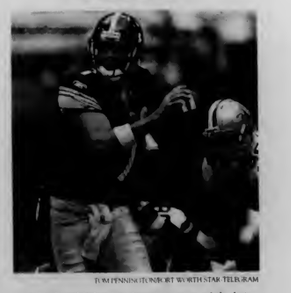
"We can't get too caught up and enamored with what they've done," coach Bill Cowher said Tuesday. "If we play our game, minimize the mistakes and try to seize some opportunities, hopefully it will fall the right way and we'll have an opportunity to win. We're going to have to be on top of our game to win this."

Or, exactly how they have been since Roethlisberger took over. Certainly, the opposition has been suspect — the combined record of their beaten opponents is 10-23 — but that doesn't minimize how well Roethlisberger has played and how quickly he has settled in.

Roethlisberger wasn't expected to play much if at all this season, yet is fourth in passer rating behind only Daunte Culpepper, Peyton Manning and Donovan McNabb. Roethlisberger's 69 percent completion rate isn't that far off the NFL's all-time record of 70.55 by Cincinnati's Ken Anderson in 1982, and his ability to make plays while on the move has added an extra dimension to Pittsburgh's offense.

But if Roethlisberger is interested in learning how far he's come, he's likely to find out as the Steelers meet the NFL's only two remaining unbeatens, the Patriots and the Eagles (6-0), on successive Sundays

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Ben Roethlisberger drops to pass while being chased by Dallas defenders on Oct. 17.

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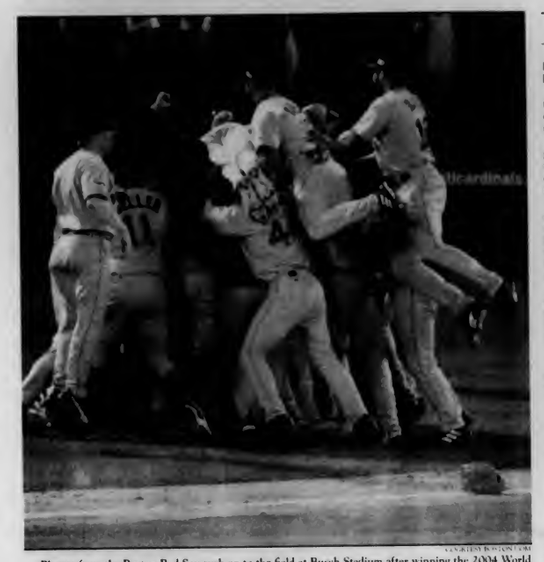
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Red Sox kiss curse goodbye



Players from the Boston Red Sox rush on to the field at Busch Stadium after winning the 2004 World Series title last night in Game 4.

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By Ben Walker
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) – The Boston Red Sox – yes, the Boston Red Sox! – are World Series champions at long, long last. No more curse and no doubt about it.

Ridiculed and reviled through decades of defeat, the Red Sox didn't just beat the St. Louis Cardinals, owners of the best record in baseball, they swept them for their first crown since 1918.

Johnny Damon homered on the fourth pitch of the game, Derek Lowe made it stand up and the Red Sox won 3-0 Wednesday night. Edgar Renteria grounded out for the final out, wrapping up a Series in which the Red Sox never trailed.

Chants of "Let's go, Red Sox!" bounced all around Busch Stadium, with Boston fans as revved-up as they were relieved. Only 10 nights earlier, the Red Sox were just three outs from getting swept by the New York Yankees in the AL championship series before becoming the first team in baseball postseason history to overcome a 3-0 deficit.

It was Boston's sixth championship, but the first after 86 years of frustration and futility. Since the Red Sox last won, there were two world wars, the Great Depression, men on the moon and the rise and fall of the Soviet Union.

After all that, the Red Sox made it look easy.

Gone was the heartbreak of four Game 7 losses since their last title, a drought – some insist it was a curse – that really began after they sold Babe Ruth to the Yankees in 1920.

Damon's leadoff homer and Trot Nixon's two-out, two-run double on a 3-0 pitch were all that Lowe needed. Having won the first-round clincher against Anaheim in relief and then winning Game 7 at Yankee Stadium, Lowe blanked the Cards on a mere three hits for seven innings.

Relievers Bronson Arroyo and Alan Embree worked the eighth and Keith Foulke finished it off for his first save.

Even the heavens reacted to the news with a total lunar eclipse. And what a reward the Red Sox earned for their first Series sweep: They get to raise the World Series banner next April 11 in the home opener at Fenway Park, with the Yankees in town forced to watch it.

The Red Sox became the third straight wild-card team to win it, relying on the guts of Curt Schilling and guile of Pedro Martinez. And they took it in the same year they traded away popular shortstop Nomar Garciaparra.

Boston got key contributions from almost everyone. Backup outfielder Dave Roberts did not play in the Series, yet it was his stolen base in the ninth inning of Game 4 in the ALCS that began the comeback against Mariano Rivera.

And while second baseman Mark Bellhorn was born in Boston, no one else on the roster came from anywhere near Beantown. And the only homegrown players on the team are Trot Nixon and rookie Kevin Youkilis.

No matter, this win might make all of them as much a part of New England lore as Plymouth Rock and Paul Revere.

Or, as Red Sox owner John Henry said close to gametime: "People tell me this is the biggest thing since the Revolutionary War."

The Boston win also left no doubt which city is now the most jinxed in baseball. It's Chicago – the Cubs last won it all in 1908, the White Sox in 1917.

Meanwhile, the Cardinals team that led the majors with 105 wins never showed up. The timely hitting, solid pitching and sharp baserunning that served them so well all season completely broke down.

Albert Pujols, Scott Rolen and Jim Edmonds, the meat of the order, combined for just one RBI. Rolen got it on a sacrifice fly, and it was little consolation as he went 0-for-15.

Lowe was loose from the start. While the Cardinals took batting practice, he sat alone in the Boston dugout, his hat backward and singing the little ditty, "If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands."

Lowe was equally relaxed on the mound. He gave up a leadoff single to Tony Womack, then retired 13 straight batters until Renteria doubled in the fifth. Renteria made it to third on a wild pitch, but Lowe fanned John Mabry – who unsuccessfully argued that he tipped strike three – and got Yadier Molina on a routine grounder.

Bustamante reveals new photos of Brennan

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

Student Government Association President Eduardo Bustamante strongly urged the Senate yesterday to use its power to remove Speaker Seamus Brennan from office by means of impeachment, expulsion or by holding a re-election.

Bustamante stressed Brennan's involvement with the 'KKK Nine' incident, where student government members were photographed last March drinking in a University office and mocking a caricature of a Ku Klux Klan Grand Wizard.

Bustamante revealed new photos to the Senate last night showing Speaker Brennan in the photos with the other members.

"[Patrick Higgins] resigned as he should have," Bustamante said. "Associate Speaker Brennan said that he was involved in no wrongdoing and that he left before there was alcohol."

Following the revealing of the photos, Brennan was dismissed from any charges by the Dean of Students because it was questionable whether his involvement in the photos was criminal. He was shown in several photos drinking from a red cup and a silver can, the contents of which were deemed debatable.

"It is clear that [in the photos] he is either drinking a Busch Light or a Diet Coke," Bustamante said, "and if he's drinking a Diet Coke, I don't want him being Speaker," he added jokingly.

Bustamante made it clear that he has no authority in the situation anymore. He expressed his disgust and disproval of the Brennan holding his position, and encouraged the newly elected Senator to pounce on removing him from office.

"It's not in my power, it's up to you guys," Bustamante said. "I don't know what you should do, there is impeachment, expulsion or even maybe a new election; it's up to you."

In order to impeach an office member, a number of steps must occur for the process to be complete. First, an impeachment charge must be brought against the Speaker, and then an ethics committee would review the charge and investigate the evidence. Then, the impeachment proceeding would go to the Senate where a two-thirds vote would be necessary to pass. Finally, the charge would need to go through the judiciary committee.



Speaker Seamus Brennan is shown in numerous photos involving the student leaders of the 'KKK-9' incident.

MEGAN BRINSTER/COLLEGIAN

As the photos were being passed around the Senate, Bustamante refused to reveal the initial person who came forth with the pictures.

"I don't think its right that we attack that individual," he said.

When Seamus had the opportunity to address the Senate in his report, he refused to talk about Bustamante's comments and said that he needs a week to gather information. Brennan also proposed a roundtable discussion to be held in the coming weeks in order to address the public about issues of diversity.

"I didn't want to Senators to get bogged down [with the information about the photos] during the first week," Brennan said. "On Nov. 16, there is going to be a roundtable to address diversity and that would be the proper venue."

When asked why Brennan was considering resigning back in September and the chose not to, he said, "I thought that there would be more pictures, secret pictures or something — I'm sorry."

Attorney General Craig Goldschmidt proposed a new motion that would request office space in the Whitmore administration building for the judicial advisor program. The program, housed in Whitmore last year, was removed due to the expansion of the Dean's office.



President Eduardo Bustamante shows new pictures of Brennan at the meeting last night, urging him to resign.

MEGAN BRINSTER/COLLEGIAN

"We need help," Goldschmidt said. "Students are getting arrested in riots and they don't know their rights."

The program would allow students to speak with other students and get educated about due process. Currently the office is temporarily being housed in the SGA office, but Goldschmidt agreed that it isn't accessible or right that it be there.

"The office used to be in Whitmore, and that is where the proceedings are, it is impossible for me to run back and forth."

Goldschmidt's motion was proposed and passed by the Senate, and they will be arguing to get the space in Whitmore from the administration.

Homecoming Weekend to be 'UMassive'

By Teri Barrows
Collegian Correspondent

Students can expect this Homecoming Weekend to be nothing short of spectacular — or as the UMass Student Homecoming Steering Committee has dubbed the 2004 homecoming events, "It's going to be UMassive!"

Among a few of the weekend highlights, the University will hold a bonfire by the Campus Pond tomorrow night and a heated student section of MinuteFan Park before Saturday's football game against Maine.

Over 2,000 students are expected to show their school spirit at the bonfire and pep rally following Bill Cosby's comedy show at the Mullins Center. A 14-foot diameter bonfire will ignite at approximately 9:30 p.m. and a pep rally featuring Coach Don Brown, the UMass football team, the Minuteman, and the UMass Cheerleaders will jumpstart the night's entertainment.

The night's main act Cold Duck Complex, chosen best hip hop act by the Valley Advocate this fall, will perform a marriage of hip hop lyrics to jazz and funk music. DJ Hypnotiq will follow with hip-hop mixes and Boston-based West Entrance will conclude the night with a mellow rock set.

The heat will continue on Saturday in Minutefan Park from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. under a special student "Beach" tent featuring sand and propane patio heaters to keep game-goers warm.

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Grad School Information Day showcases student futures

By Brian Duffy
Collegian Staff

Over 130 graduate schools of various concentrations filled the Student Union Ballroom yesterday for the University of Massachusetts Five College Graduate and Professional Schools Information Day.

The program was sponsored by Career Services and Representatives from were on hand to answer questions and provide information to students.

Maureen McHugh, a junior Women's Studies major, was primarily interested in finding the best financial opportunity for graduate school. McHugh said she would like to study in a different area of the country if the price is right.

"I feel well prepared for graduate school," McHugh said.

"I'm impressed with the level of interest," said Margaret Jones, graduate admissions counselor from the Professional School of Accounting at Northeastern University.

Seth Calloway, a first year Graduate Student at UMass, said he is impressed with the compassionate approach within the graduate departments in the University. He said that his instructors are sincerely concerned with the goals and aspirations of each student. Calloway's impression is that the professors are focused on making the graduate program work for each student.

Carla Shedd, a representive from Northwestern University, said, "Most people I know don't know what they're doing [about graduate school]," said UMass senior Samantha Cseh. She said she feels that many undergraduates, herself included, have no post-graduate plan whatsoever.

Sophomore Marina Sol rated her UMass experience as a nine out of a possible ten. Sol said she intends on earning her Master's Degree in Accounting in four years. Marina is pleased with the guidance she has received toward selecting graduate programs.

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Students visit different displays in the Student Union Ballroom yesterday during the Five College Graduate and Professional School Information Day. Over 130 different schools were represented.

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Lecture to look at democratic dissent

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Indiana University Bloomington Professor Robert L. Ivie will present the lecture "Democratic Dissent and the Trick of Rhetorical Critique" today on campus at 4 p.m. in room 20 of the Hasbrouck Lab at the University of Massachusetts.

His lecture will discuss obstacles to dissent that are encountered in weak democratic culture when it is under pressure from crisis and war. Faculty and staff, students, and the public are encouraged to attend.

The event is made possible by the Center for the Study of Communications at UMass. Ivie teaches rhetoric and public culture at Indiana University Blooming-ton. A member of Indiana's Department of Communication and Culture, Ivie is also part of the faculties in American Studies, Cultural Studies, and Myth Studies.

Ivie has been involved in political publications throughout his career. He is the founding editor of the new journal "Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies" which gives a worldwide view of interdisciplinary critical inquiry in the requirements of a more democratic culture. This periodical focuses on social, political, and cultural practices as well as discourses of power. It is published by Routledge and sponsored by the National Communication Ass-ociation.

Ivie was the editor for the "Quarterly Journal of Speech" from 1993 to 1995 and editor of "Western Journal of Communication". His work has appeared in journals like the "Review of Education", "Pedagogy and Cultural Studies", "Rhetoric and Public Affairs", "The Quarterly Journal of Speech", "Communication Monographs", "American Behavioral Scientist", and "Social Science History". Many of his pieces dealt with rhetoric, war, and democracy. Ivie also is a member of editorial boards for "Presidential Studies Quarterly" and "KB Journal".

An editor of books published by Indiana University Press, Michigan State University Press, and Texas A&M University Press, Ivie has written some of his own as well. He co-authored "Cold War Rhetoric: Strategy, Metaphor, and Ideology" and "Democracy and America's War".

Ivie received a PhD in rhetoric and communication at Washington State University in 1972. He has also taught at Texas A&M, Washington State University, Idaho State University, and Gonzaga University. He served as department head at Texas A&M from 1990 to 1993.

Final speaker ends series celebrating Brown v. Board

By Hillary Teed
Collegian Correspondent

A Columbia law professor and columnist for The Nation told an audience in Mahar Auditorium Tuesday night that America's educational system needs to be reformed, affirmative action policies must remain and the need for vigilance against modern technology invades privacy.

Patricia Williams, the last of three speakers in the University of Massachusetts history department series celebrating the Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court decision, also warned that race relations will get worse before they get better.

Williams said that academic institutions, as a source of upward mobility during the civil rights movement, offered blacks a "passport to power," or a network through which they could obtain higher and better paying jobs.

"Now that passport is completely out of reach for many of us ... due to factors such as the growing wealth gap in America and strong emotional resistance to affirmative action," she said.

Williams said that these statistics show that income and educational achievement are clearly linked.

"It is astonishing that while the average annual income in white households is $88,000, Hispanics earn 11 times less and blacks earn 16 times less," she said.

According to Williams, much has changed since the landmark 1954 Supreme Court decision that struck down segregation in public schools.

Members of elite society now spend $300 an hour for private Kaplan tutoring sessions and hire graduate students to help their young children with poetry," Williams said to an audience of about 250.

The columnist also said that the fiftieth anniversary of Brown v. Board reveals a still-troubled U.S. educational system.

"Our history is one of integration, with a lot of boundaries and taboo about where you can go," she said. "To be able to present ourselves as social equals means being able to [learn] at the same place, at the same time."

Williams also stressed that the nation should commit more funding to America's backbone, the public school system. "We must stop thinking that education is a battle between the elite geniuses and the 'threats' to society," she said, referring to the conflict between white privilege and black disadvantage. "[This means] that we stop being situational about who we educate."

The Columbia professor was part of a generation that went to law school not after the civil rights movement, but because of it. "It was around the Kennedy administration, the Vietnam War, and the women's liberation movement; we didn't see this era as the beginning of an end, but as an opportunity to make a difference," she said.

Many racial issues have surfaced during the 50 years since Brown v. Board, especially controversial cases like affirmative action and the USA Patriot Act.

Williams supports anti-discrimination programs with one exception, but said that she opposes the legislation written after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

"Affirmative action is a very necessary element in the combat against discrimination. While I support it, I am not in favor of affirmative action that is only focused on economic concerns since we do not have a constitutional right to economic equality," she said.

On the other hand, Williams called the USA PATRIOT Act a "violation," and one of many tools that is slowly creating the face of a new civil rights movement in the 21rst century.

"Forms of technology allowed under the act such as high-prolile tracking are making the question of identity very difficult," said Williams.

In addition to being a professor and columnist, Williams is also the author of four books. Her newest book, "Open House", argues that the same issues surrounding the Brown case in the 1950s are resurfacing in new ways today and exploiting individual freedoms.

"Everyone wants their 15 minutes of fame," she warned. "But I think in the very short future, we'll want our 15 minutes of privacy."

Sharon to ignore rebels and stick by Gaza plan

By Ramit Plushnick-Masti
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon sought to face down rebels in his Likud party, vowing in comments published Wednesday that he would not give in to "pressures and threats" over his Gaza withdrawal plan.

Four Cabinet ministers — led by Sharon's top rival, Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu — voted along with a majority of lawmakers who approved the Gaza plan on Tuesday. The four said they would step down if the prime minister did not commit to a national referendum on it.

The turmoil raised new doubts about Sharon's ability to go ahead with the planned withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and parts of the West Bank next summer, as pledged.

The ministers' resignations could force elections in coming months and delay implementation of a withdrawal. Alternately, Sharon could try to reshuffle his coalition and bring in the moderate Labor Party.

Sharon said he would not be swayed by the threats.

"I will never give in to pressures and threats, and I won't accept any ultimatums," he told the Haaretz daily newspaper in Wednesday's editions. "My position on the referendum is unchanged. I am opposed to it because it will lead to terrible tensions and a rift in the public."

Sharon suggested he would try to avoid early elections, telling the Yediot Ahronot daily: "I can promise you that I will have a coalition that will continue to run this country."



Sharon pauses after his historic first-ever vote to remove Jewish settlements from the Gaza Strip on Tuesday.

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By Mary Dalrymple
Associated Press

SIOUX CITY, Iowa (AP) — Sen. John Kerry accused President Bush on Wednesday of "dodging and bobbing and weaving" on explanations for nearly 400 tons of missing explosives in Iraq. Bush said his presidential challenger was making wild charges without knowing the facts.

Less than a week before the election, both campaigns intensified their efforts.

With their agendas laid out all summer and fall, Bush and Kerry were trying to create an aura of excitement in get-out-the-vote rallies, hoping to snag the dwindling pool of voters who haven't taken sides.

Kerry hit hard at this week's revelation that explosives had disappeared from an outpost in Iraq.

"The missing explosives could very likely be in the hands of terrorists and insurgents, who are actually attacking our forces now 80 times a day on average," Kerry said at a rally in Sioux City. "But now today we've learned even more. What we're seeing is a White House that is dodging and bobbing and weaving in their usual efforts to avoid responsibility, just as they've done every step of the way in our involvement in Iraq."

Kerry said Vice President Dick Cheney "is becoming the chief minister of disinformation" while the president remains silent on the matter.

Bush did bring up the matter a few minutes later, in a speech in Lititz, Penn.

"Now the senator is making wild charges about missing explosives when his top foreign policy adviser admits, quote, 'we do not know the facts.'" Bush said. "Think about that — the senator's denigrating the action of our troops and commanders in the field without knowing the facts.

Unfortunately, that's part of a pattern of saying almost anything to get elected."

Bush was referring to remarks made by Kerry adviser Richard Holbrooke Tuesday in an interview with Fox News. Holbrooke said "the U.N. inspectors had told the American military this was a major depot." He added: "I don't know what happened. I do know one thing — in most administrations the buck stops in the Oval Office."



John Kerry smiles to the crowd during a rally in Sioux City, Iowa.

Courtesy CNN.com

Kerry also appealed to middle class voters in the election homestretch Wednesday, saying Bush had sold them out to help the wealthy and now wanted "four more years so that he can keep up the bad work."

Career Services aid in school search

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Marketing Coordinator for Career Services, Kim Holloway, said she encourages all students to contact her office for guidance on choosing graduate schools. Career Services offers resume building, cover letter creation, and interviewing techniques. The office also helps students gain field experience, either through co-op or internship opportunities. Career Services is located in 511 Goodell.

Tommie Joyner Jr., Assistant Director for Career Services, is one of four career counselors at Career Services. Joyner said he believes that a student's G.P.A. and graduate test scores are not the only criterion looked at by graduate school admissions counselors. He said that the personal statement is an integral part of the admissions application. The essay provides a student who might not have an excellent G.P.A. an opportunity to describe why he or she is a worthy candidate.

"This literally can make the difference in acceptance," said the former UMass graduate. Joyner recommends setting up an interview whenever possible with a graduate school, particularly for students who are on the bubble.

When he meets with a student, Joyner said he first assesses where the student is academically. He next tries to determine what the student is looking for and what they want to do. "I'm looking for a pathway to make their dreams come true," he said. Career Services is available to all UMass students.

Homecoming to highlight UMass

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"You're going to forget that it's the end of October and think that it's the middle of June," said UMass senior Jessie Day, member of the Student Homecoming Steering Committee.

Students with a valid UMass ID will receive free T-shirts and thunder sticks at the park and STA Travel is giving away a spring break trip for two to Cancun.

Students can enjoy a free barbecue meal in the park by picking up a food voucher in the Dining Halls before Saturday.

"Homecoming is a great reason for us to wakeup a little earlier and show our school spirit by supporting the football team," said Nathaniel Jewell, Co-chair of the Student Homecoming Steering Committee and a senior at UMass.

The committee has planned its events to cultivate this school spirit and draw students out for the game. "Seeing the football team rally in front of a roaring fire gets everyone excited for game-day," said Jewell.

Distinctive Caribbean music by the Pan Handlers and inflatable entertainment such as a gladiator joust will also be featured in MinuteFan Park. The park is run by UMass Athletics before every home game and also features Alumni and Athletics tents, special activities for children in the KidZone, and beer and food concessions. Student admission to the park and the game are free and tickets do not need to be picked up ahead of time. Admission to the bonfire is also free.

Support comes from the Office of Student Affairs and corporate sponsors including Coldwell Banker. Residential Life and the coed service fraternity Alph Phi Omega are providing staffing and building support at the bonfire.

Scientists find skeletons from early dwarf colony

By Joseph B. Verrengia
Associated Press

In a breathtaking discovery, scientists working on a remote Indonesian island say they have uncovered the bones of a human dwarf species marooned for eons while modern man rapidly colonized the rest of the planet.

One tiny specimen, an adult female measuring about 3 feet tall, is described as "the most extremic" figure to be included in the extended human family. Certainly, she is the shortest.

This hobbit-sized creature appears to have lived as recently as 18,000 years ago on the island of Flores, a kind of tropical Lost World populated by giant lizards and miniature elephants.

She is the best example of a trove of fragmented bones that account for as many as seven of these primitive individuals. Scientists have named the new species Homo floresiensis, or Flores Man. The specimens' ages range from 95,000 to 12,000 years old.

The discovery has astonished anthropologists unlike any in recent memory. Flores Man is a totally new creature that was fundamentally different from modern humans. Yet it lived until the threshold of recorded human history, probably crossing paths with the ancestors of today's islanders.

"This finding really does rewrite our knowledge of human evolution," said Chris Stringer, who directs human origins studies at the Natural History Museum in London. "And to have them present less than 20,000 years ago is frankly astonishing."

Flores Man was hardly formidable. His grapefruit-sized brain was about a quarter the size of the brain of our species, Homo sapiens. It is closer in size to the brains of transitional prehuman species in Africa more than 3 million years ago.

Evidence suggests Flores Man made stone tools, lit fires and organized group hunts for meat.

Just how this primitive, remnant species managed to hang on is unclear. Geologic evidence suggests a massive volcanic eruption sealed its fate some 12,000 years ago, along with other unusual species on the island.

Researchers say the perseverance of Flores Man smashes the conventional wisdom that modern humans began to systematically crowd out other upright-walking species 160,000 years ago and have dominated the planet alone for tens of thousands of years.

And it demonstrates that Africa, the acknowledged cradle of humanity, does not hold all the answers to persistent questions of how we came to be.



Courtesy CNN.com

Scientists say prehistoric human dwarf skeletons have been found on a remote Indonesian island. The group was marooned while modern man spread across the planet.



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"I may disagree with what you have to say, but I shall defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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It's the thought that counts

Matt Brochu

After they lost a heartbreaker to the Yankees on Friday, July 23, the Red Sox were a beaten team, utterly destroyed by mediocre play, bad luck and history itself. The following day, turned their miracle season around (Hint: it involved a fight between Alex Rodriguez and Jason Varitek and a walk-off homerun by Bill Mueller). I typed, sealed and mailed a letter to A-Rod the following Monday. This is an excerpt from that letter which I think is particularly relevant to recent events.

Dear Alex,

After Friday night, the 2004 Red Sox were dead. Done. Up the creek without a paddle and no MacGyver in sight. Nine and a half games back of your Yankees and no discernable heartbeat to speak of within Red Sox nation. The half-game deficit in the AL Wild Card race no longer mattered. Nomar's unexpected resurgence no longer mattered. It was over, a fact that seemed pretty obvious to me on my television at home.

No one was sure why. The statistics were definitely there. Even after the loss, Boston led your team in almost every major hitting category. They also held the edge in pitching, outslinging your Bombers in terms of ERA and opponents' Batting Average. Not only were the statistics there, but we had the men to manipulate those statistics, Terry's a stats guy. Theo's a stats guy. Ben Affleck's a stats guy.

But stats are what they are. They'll win a bunch of ball games, but they don't ensure World Series victories. Just ask Billy Beane. If you take a look at every action and reaction that needs to go your way to win the whole thing — every bounce, every inch, every hanging curveball — you come to realize just how ridiculously dumb it is to simply play the odds. You need luck. You need character. You need a spark.

That's what the Sox had last year: all of the above. I don't believe in fate, and I don't really believe in God, but I'll refer to Him in this context. He genuinely screwed up last year. Period. When Aaron Boone's homerun sailed smugly over the left field wall, only one thing was certain: Red Sox Nation would be forced to watch the replay roughly 8,000 times over the course of the next year.

Needless to say, we didn't watch SportsCenter for months. But the off-season brought great news. You, Alexander the Great, the LSMVP (Least Significant Most Valuable Player) were unhappy in Texas, and Boston had a chance in the sweepstakes. In what seemed to be a sudden and uncharacteristic change of heart, winning, not money, became your primary concern.

But, no offense Alex, I didn't really want you aboard. It's not that I didn't like you as a player or a person. You're equally admirable in both respects, a self-made man, a guy who plays the game the right way. But it just didn't feel right. A World Series victory with you at the helm would feel tainted, unwarranted, not quite as sweet. A Rangers-Red Sox trade would cheapen the game, and when it came down to it, that wasn't Boston's place ... it was New York's. I'd be damned if we stooped to Steinbrenner's level. But hey, it wasn't my decision.

So when the Player's Association stopped the deal in its tracks, I was admittedly pretty happy. The alternative, a frivolous pursuit of two nobodies named Schilling and Foulke, was fine by me. By the time Spring Training rolled around, we had reeled both of them in and once again seemed poised to make this "the year." But injuries struck early. D-Lowe was "floating it" like the little kid in "Rookie of the Year". Our new, improved manager was nothing more than a younger, less Forrest-Gumpy Grady Little. The kids in "The Sandlot" were better defensively. And Friday was more of the same. No one could save our season. No one ... well at least no one in a Red Sox uniform.

Then came Saturday's game, and with it, the unthinkable ... in the third inning, Bronson Arroyo hit you with a pitch. It wasn't intentional. People get hit by pitches every day. You weren't a victim. You were a statistic.

But you didn't think so. Maybe you'd finally let the hype pad your ego. Maybe the pinstripes had finally sucked out the final wisps of your soul. But apparently no one is allowed to pitch inside to Alex Rodriguez, so you completely overreacted. You stared Bronson down — trying really hard to look tough — even gracing him with a few choice words before slowly making your way to first base. Jason Varitek took exception to your immaturity and not-so-politely suggested you take your base like a good little pretty boy. And everyone knows what happened next.

You lost your mind. After seemingly yelling the words, "DUCK BOORS!" several times in Varitek's direction (at least that's what I told my impressionable little brother who used to look up to you), you picked a fight with him, even borrowing the cheesy two-finger-bring-it-on gesture from Neo in "The Matrix". Did you forget that you're Alex Rodriguez? My God, the umpire should've given you back your bat to make it a fair fight. Logically, a bench-clearing brawl ensued and ejections followed.

But a few innings later, as announcers Joe Buck and Tim McCarver were rambling on and on about "Alex Rodriguez being the symbol of the Red Sox' frustration," I realized something. No one could've done what you had just done. You were the only player, on the only team, in the only stadium, who could have single-handedly given the Sox the spark they needed, that intangible weapon to resurrect their season. This was Apollo Creed's death. And for that, Alex, I thank you.

I thought about waiting until the end of the season to send this letter, you know, after the Red Sox have dispatched the Cardinals in a memorable six-game World Series and after the media has absolutely killed another Kevin Millar slogan. Maybe it would find you on a romantic Maui getaway with Jeter and give you two something to read on the beach. But after watching your post-game interview, the one where you ripped off every "G.I. Joe" cartoon by saying something about "losing the battle, but winning the war," I figured I'd send this now. Just as a token of good faith. So, for Red Sox fans everywhere, thanks again.

And by the way, your lips are purple. You should really get that checked out

In Theo We Trust,

Matt Brochu

Matt Brochu is a UMass graduate student.

Where do we go from here?

Ben Feder

By the time this column runs, the Red Sox may have won the World Series. In that case, the campus is still on fire. Martial Law has been declared throughout the state and they are just beginning to dig through the rumble that once was Southwest. So the chances that anyone will read this article are slim, since the only ones left are running from the four horsemen of the Apocalypse. But I have a question for all of us out there in Red Sox nation.

What will we do if we win?

I mean, up until this moment, we have had a bittersweet relationship with our baseball heroes. They build up the tension in our lives. At the pinnacle moment where they have to choose whether to win or lose, they explode all over themselves. We are left frustrated, demoralized and with a few years cut off our life. This is how it has been forever. They were dependable, and we loved them for it.

But now something is different. We can all smell it in the air. It's like electricity, and Red Sox fans are uttering three words that no one has ever dared to utter across this land for nearly a century. "They might win." Say It out loud. Feel how your mouth resists forming the syllables. "They might win!" Say it enough, and the wind starts blowing harder and the sky darkens for some eerie, ominous reason. These words will wake the dead. I once said it early in the morning, and all the birds outside my window suddenly took to the sky and flew off into the horizon. The anticipation is flowing through this place, and you can feel it oozing out of everything.

We are all caught up in the moment. The past few weeks have been a blissful, dizzying ride of ... what do you call it? Victory. No one knows what day of the week it is, or even the month. Every night is Saturday. Classes have become a secondary priority, and sleep is no longer a concern at this point. All we want to do is watch the Sox hit the ball and feel that addicting, knee-buckling, euphoric flow of energy course through our bodies. Once they win we hypnotically watch the highlights on ESPN until our eyes glaze over and we pass out on the couch. I never know where I'll wake up once a game ends: my bed, on the couch, perhaps in my car.

With a World Series win the Red Sox will seem a little more human. Before, they were the stuff of myths. They were legends, a cursed team. Upon breaking that curse, they will resume their role in the baseball world.

But what will we do if we win? Up to this point, we are all extremely happy. We are experiencing something that no other Red Sox fan has experienced. We swept the Angels. We came back to defeat the Yankees in a most historic fashion, and now we are leading the World Series. If we win, I'll be hysterical. But when that hysteria ends, what will we have to look forward to? Every year I look forward to the baseball season because I know it'll bring me joy and pain, the hope that this is the year. Well if this is the year, what will happen the next year, and the year after that?

If the Red Sox win, they will have vanquished the curse that set their epic tale of tragedy into motion 86 years ago. No more curse. No more excuses why they never seem to get a break. Well then, what will we have to hang our frustrations on? Who will cause us the grief that we search for every year? Without an outlet, I fear that the Red Sox nation will lose its tradition of being the most downtrodden, irrationally optimistic fan base in all of sports. We love the abuse we receive, and we love coming back for more. With each, almost-there-but-didn't-quite-make-it season, we eagerly feed upon the anxiety, despair, hope and heartburn that the Red Sox dish out.

I guess what I'm trying to say is that with a World Series win the Red Sox will seem a little more human. Before, they were the stuff of myths. They were legends, a cursed team. Upon breaking that curse, they will resume their role in the baseball world. After that, what will they have to strive for, and what will we have? Every team wants to win a World Series. But how many want to win and break a century's long affliction?

Perhaps there will be the Curse of the Garciaparra. Perhaps in another 86 years Cubs fans will scream, "two thousand four" at Red Sox/Cubs games. All I know is that in Anaheim, a little boy's father left his family because angels or other ethereal beings aren't allowed to intervene in baseball games. (This is an actual MLB rule.) In New York, pigs are flying, and there are way more Jets fans than there used to be. In Boston, victory hungry fans are on the precipice of world domination. Like I said, "they might win."

Ben Feder is a Collegian columnist.

All hail the infinite dollar

Elizabeth Carter

All hail the infinite dollar! Bow down before it, and lay waste to your decency, morality, ethics and soul. Sell yourself a cent at a time until you've got all the cents in the world and not a drop of sense left in your head. Take 'til you can take no more, and if taking means buying, then buy 'til you can buy no more; buy every lie they sell. Keep buying until you've bought into it all.

Incredible how a piece of paper could gain so much power over man, isn't it? But money isn't just any piece of paper, it's paper with value, paper with enough power to make a good man do bad things, and a bad man unleash hell on earth just to have it. It's incredible the sense and reason people will cast aside, incredible how responsibility toward one's fellow man is lost amidst the greedy green sight-stealing glow of the buck. Even more incredible is how much money this world has, and how little it is willing to use to help others. Yet mention the making of a bomb and they say, "A bomb for every man, woman, and child, a bomb to protect, a bomb to save, for in bombs we trust." Yet bombs enslave.

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Money: it's a crime. Oh sweet money, oh sweet lies, sing me a song again, dance with me and spin me 'round until I'm spinning so quickly I can no longer see, until I'm completely spinning out of control, but don't you let me go. I want your control. I need it. Because I, me, the part of myself that I own, is out of control. Oh infinite emerald deceiver, take me and my awareness away, dull my mind until I'm blind, until your lies have become my only truth. All I want is the infinite, and you, though solid, are the closest thing to infinity I can grasp in my highly evolved monkey paws.

Money, money, take me higher; you're a number in solid form; numbers never end; maybe if I covet you enough I will reach higher! Maybe if I have all the money to buy up all the things in all the world I'll be infinite too, or maybe I'll never own anything at all, for even if I have all the money in all the world, I will still never have myself. I will never own and understand my own awareness. Did I give up? Yes, yes I did, I sat down, ripped my still-beating heart out, slammed it on the auction block, then sold it to the highest bidder for the cheapest price, for any price is cheap when you're selling your soul.

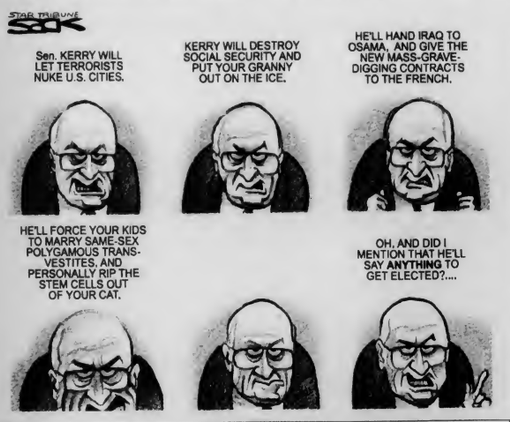
I live in a world of prices, numbers and bottom lines. That line is unforgiving; that line crosses off names and splices dollar signs in half, and that line is all I hold onto these days. I live in a world of empty shells walking around in their high class suits, dressing themselves up as if that will make them less animal when they destroy in the name of nothing; all of them spending money as if it will amount to something in the end. Survival was not enough for me, taking money for what it is—money as a means of getting by, not as an ideal and a desperately needed imitation infinity—that simply was not enough.

For how is it that you purchase eternity? And you may ask who I am. I am the businessman with no morals, slashing jobs needlessly. "Gotta increase those profits," they say. But what profit is self-profit when you already have more than you need, when your self-profit destroys the livelihood of another? That doesn't sound like profit to me at all. Then he closes his eyes, and washes his hands like Pilate, as if blindness to bad deeds means innocence. No, no my friends, those with self imposed blindness in the name of "I" aren't less guilty, but rather suffer from a lack of personal responsibility.

Who am I? I am the lying politician whose soul has been purchased and paid for by interest groups who care more about their own benefit than the fate of those they affect. I am the Nothing Man, the man who stands for nothing, lives for nothing and goes about his days in the name of nothing. For that's all money is: you can buy all you want, but if you're empty inside, you'll never own a thing. Money is my fickle and unforgiving God, to whom I pay worship by making others fall down on their knees.

I am the plunderer; I am the wretched; I am the beginning of the end. I am the man who forgot that we become the things we do, yet most unfortunately of all, I am.

Elizabeth Carter is a Collegian columnist.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

STUDENT RUN SOUP KITCHEN IN THE MAKING

In response to the article printed on Oct. 25 titled, "Hundreds of Students Volunteer for the 16th annual 'Shelter Sunday Drive,'" I am writing to inform all students of MassPIRG's work on creating a Five College student-run Soup Kitchen. The work done this past Sunday by volunteers to raise money for shelters and soup kitchens in the Amherst/Northampton area is valiant and pressing work.

As the article mentioned, government cuts and a struggling economy have negatively affected local humanitarian organizations, and the obvious way to combat this problem is to raise money and volunteer to fill in the gaps. This is where the Five College Soup Kitchen comes into play.

Last year, MassPIRG student volunteers and professionals began to create the plan for students from UMass, Amherst, Mt. Holyoke, Smith and Hampshire to operate a totally student-run cooperative soup kitchen in Northampton. The overwhelming majority of shelters are located in Northampton and the city currently experiences the greatest number of days without the resources to provide hot meals to those unable to afford food for their families and themselves. Specifically, three nights a week shelters and soup kitchens are unable to provide hot meals to those who rely on them for survival.

The majority of those who rely on soup kitchens are children and families. Last year, research found that the average age of a homeless person in the Pioneer Valley area is six years old. This soup kitchen will be an excellent opportunity for students to create positive social change in their community while learning valuable lessons in activist work and organizing.

For the soup kitchen to be realized and up and running by next year, we need to raise the money to support its success. On Halloween, students will be out in the community, collecting cans and fundraising.

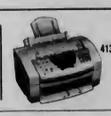
Furthermore, this week the SGA will be looking at supporting this effort financially. If you are interested in helping with this project you can call the MassPIRG office at 545-0199, or talk to your SGA senator in favor of the soup kitchen. Students have always been at the forefront of social change in America, and the creation of this soup kitchen is no different. Continue the good work done last Sunday, and utilize your ability to create positive social change for those who are otherwise unable to do so themselves.

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UMass welcomes Cosby home

Perf[illegible] lifetime

By Michael Busack
Collegian Staff

What is even more "wicked" cool for us Massachusetts kids than the Red Sox winning the World Series last night (don't worry I just knocked on wood). The Patriots continuing their streak as the greatest team in football history. Halloween and

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Twenty[illegible] Cosby

Meghan Healy

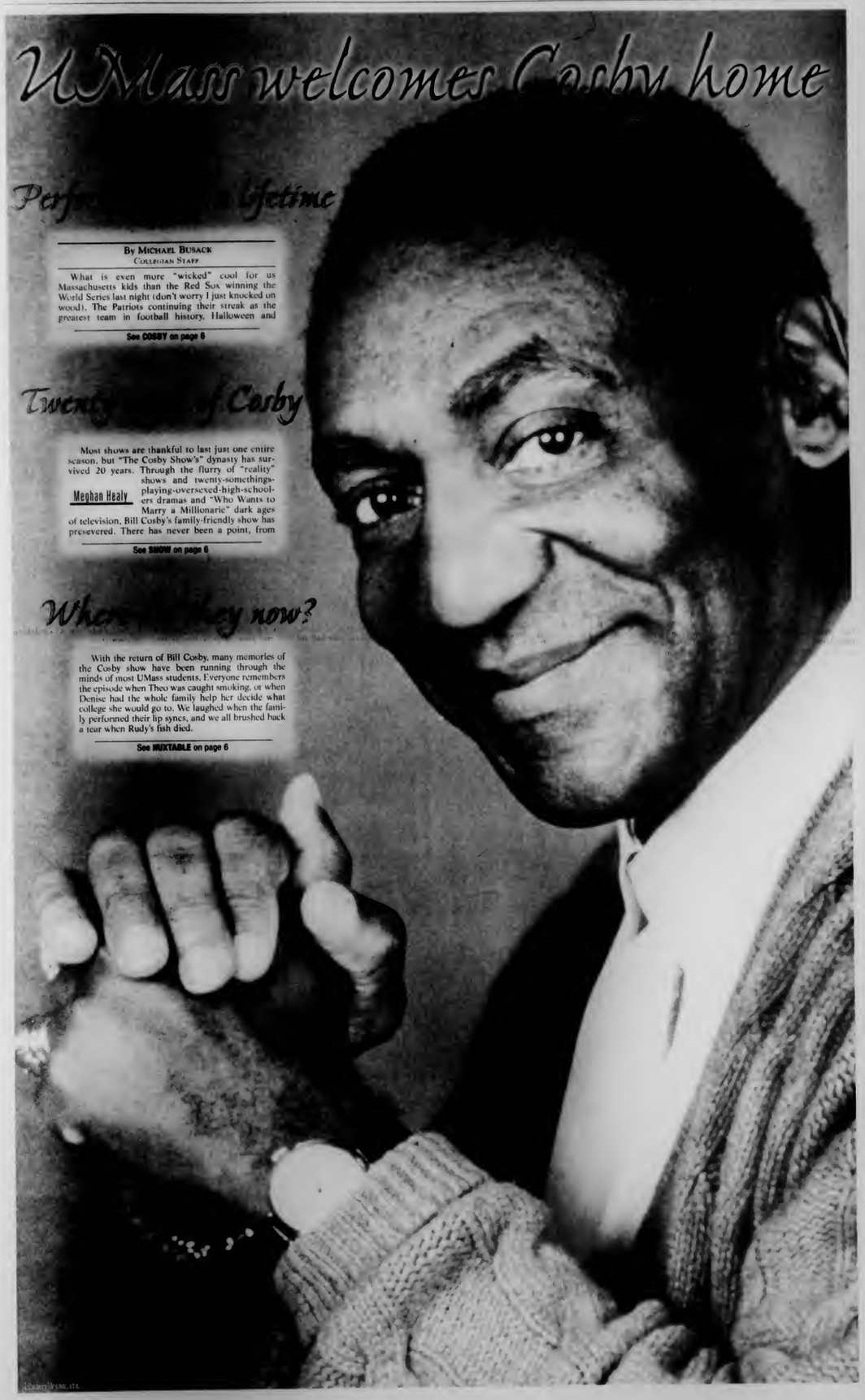
Most shows are thankful to last just one entire season, but "The Cosby Show's" dynasty has survived 20 years. Through the flurry of "reality" shows and twenty-somethings-playing-oversexed-high-schoolers dramas and "Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire" dark ages of television, Bill Cosby's family-friendly show has prosevered. There has never been a point, from

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Wha[illegible]ey now?

With the return of Bill Cosby, many memories of the Cosby show have been running through the minds of most UMass students. Everyone remembers the episode when Theo was caught smoking, or when Denise had the whole family help her decide what college she would go to. We laughed when the family performed their lip syncs, and we all brushed back a tear when Rudy's fish died.

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Where are Huxtables now?

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Many of you might be wondering, what has happened since? Here is a quick rundown.

Phylicia Rashad (Clair Huxtable)



Since her reign as Clair Huxtable, mother and matriarch of the Cosby pack Phylicia Rashad has appeared in several made-for-television pieces. She was featured in "The Babysitter's Seduction," and the "Possession of Michael D."

Rashad has also starred in the film "Once Upon a Time ... When We Were Colored." In 1996, she again took a sitcom role with longtime television husband Bill Cosby. The two once again lit up the screen as a couple in "Cosby."

Most recently Rashad set a new benchmark for African American female actresses. She became the first African American woman to win a Tony Award for dramtic leading role. Rashad received the award for her performance as Lena Younger in Lorraine Hansbury's groundbreaking play, "A Raisin in the Sun."

Rashad is now performing in a stage version of August Wilson's "Gem of the Ocean."

Tempestt Bledsoe (Vanessa Huxtable)



Since her role as the pesky middle child, Vanessa Huxtable, Tempestt Bledsoe has taken a different route. She has starred in her own teen fitness video, as well as hosted a daytime talkshow titled, the "The Tempestt Bledsoe Show."

Bledsoe also graduated from NYU with a degree in finance.

To this day, Tempestt is still involved in acting, having performed in several off-Broadway productions and in several made for television movies.

She also had a role on "The Practice," as well as guest spots on "The Parkers," and "The Jenny McCarthy Show."

Lisa Bonet (Denise Huxtable)



Lisa Bonet was a good girl as Denise Huxtable on the Cosby Show, but she shed this image when she married rocker Lenny Kravitz.

Bonet starred in her very own "Cosby Show" spinoff, "A Different World," where she played a college student in her sophomore year at Hilman. Bonet left the sitcom in 1989 due to personal problems.

She returned to the "Cosby Show" for the final three seasons. In the 90s Bonet divorced Lenny Kravitz and played several lesser-acclaimed direct to video roles, but in 1998's she starred in "The Enemy of the State," and then the critically acclaimed "High Fidelity."

Bonet now calls Los Angeles home, where she lives with her children. She has directed several music videos and does a great deal of volunteer work with juvenile offenders.

Sabrina LaBeauf (Sondra Huxtable)



Oddly enough, Sabrina LeBeauf auditioned against Whitney Houston for the role of Sondra. After "The Cosby Show," LeBeauf pursued a career as an interior designer.

She since has made appearances on "Star Trek," and "Cosby." She has also had a guest apppearance on "The Howard Stern Show."

Currently, LaBeauf stars on a new cartoon created by Bill Cosby titled "Fatherhood." She plays the family's mother, Norma Bindlebeep.

Keshia Knight Pulliam (Rudy Huxtable)



Since "The Cosby Show," runty little Rudy has been up to what most kids do as a teenager, go to college.

In 2001, Pulliam graduated from Spellman College in Atlanta. She earned a degree in Sociology.

In 2001, she appeared on the game show, "The Weakest Link," in a special child star edition.

Malcom-Jamal Warner (Theo Huxtable)



Theo, the trouble-making, yet lovable son of the Huxtable family has perhaps enjoyed most of his success in the industry in his post-Cosby endeavors.

Since the end of the show, Warner has hosted shows like "CBS Daybreak," and "Tvtic Cafe." He also was a star the television series "Malcolm and Eddie."

He is also slated to star on the new sitcom, "Listen Up."

— Michael Busack

Cosby to perform at Mullins

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Homecoming all happening in the same week?

In a special tour performance, Bill Cosby will return to the University of Massachusetts tomorrow, and he is coming with bells on.

After receiving a bachelor's degree from Temple University, In 1977, Mr. Cosby became Dr. Cosby after earning a Doctorate in Education from the University of Massachusetts, and ever since has made yearly visits to his Alma Mater, and has also contributed much to the progress of African Americans and Americans alike. With over 30 years dedicated to comedy, Cosby is considered to be a legend, a man of mythic proportions to comedians young and.

Ever since his graduation from UMass, Cosby has continued to be a mentor. Through his comedy routines in the 1980s, "The Cosby Show" and spin-offs in the 1980s and 1990s, Cosby has continued to fight against racist stereotypes and beliefs. In an innovative way, he has fought to regain the rights of not just the African American family, but of all American families. Cosby's comedy has continued to show Americans that a comedian can be funny without swearing, people can be informative and funny, and a family can be independent, but it is the family that binds.

Bill Cosby
Tomorrow
8 p.m.
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Today, Cosby has many new endeavors. He recently has created a new television show "Parenthood," that is on the Nick at Nite Network. The 68 year old plans to not only come to UMass and visit, but he will also host an alumni fundraising dinner, and perform a comedy routine to a packed house at the Mullins Center.

It is not clear what Cosby will speak about. Perhaps he will touch upon recent comments that he has made about the need for more parents to take responsibility of their children.

"It is not all right for your 15-year-old daughter to have a child," Cosby said in a recent appearance in Milwaukee, Wisc. "I'm 67 years old. I'm not talking to you any different from a grandfather who would say, 'I wouldn't do that if I were you.'"

Many people hope to hear about Cosby's college days. For students that may have shared some of the very same experiences as the comedic legend, most believe it would be interesting to hear about Cosby's wild days.

No matter what Cosby talks about, there is one thing that is constant in his comedy: it's always funny. Throughout his career, Cosby has remained witty, on the mark, and interesting.

We can't wait — Cosby, come home!

What 'Cosby' means for TV families

SHOW from page 5

1984 until now, that "The Cosby Show" has not been on some channel somewhere.

It's hard to really grasp the affect that "The Cosby Show" has had on television or on its viewers. In the years that it has lived on in syndication, the sitcom has touched an increasingly large group of viewers. Although I was not old enough, nor were most of the University of Massachusetts current student body, to remember the show's debut or its subsequent rise into ratings history, I do very clearly remember watching reruns after school and more recently as part of the Nick at Nite line up before "Roseanne."

The longevity of the surprise success of UMass's most famous graduate is really in its honesty.

Twenty years ago television history was made. "The Cosby Show," made its premier in 1984, a wholesome sitcom following the lives of an African-American family no one could have expected that this show would 20 years later be regarded as one of the best shows of all-time. For nearly 10 seasons the Huxtable family came into the living rooms of families of all kinds across America.

As far as TV families go, the Huxtables were your average, squeaky clean clan. Mrs. Clair Huxtable was a successful lawyer and Dr. HeathcliffeHuxtable was a prominent obstetrician. They lived with their children, all five of them, in a nice house in New York City. Week in and week out viewers watched as the Huxtable clan tried, and always succeeded, to figure out the kinds of minor familial dilemmas that most of us wish were the big problems we had going on at home. It seemed like there was no lesson Sondra, Denise, Theo, Vanessa and Rudy — given thiry minutes — wouldn't learn. There were heart to hearts, family dinners and everything in between.

In truth the Huxtables were a little hoaky ... ok, a lot hoaky. But there is a reason that Cosby's blend of kid friendly humor and family storylines has surpassed the hundreds of sitcoms that have come and gone since "The Cosby Show" premeiered over 20 years ago.

The reason lies in the comedian's approach to these topics. Sure the Huxtables seemed too good to be true, but for some reason they were believeable nonetheless. Even if it wasn't the way your family interacted, it was the way their family interacted and that was enough. Cliff and Clair's humor and discussion-based brand of parenting shaped the conception of parenting for a generation.

The Huxtables didn't take themselves too seriously. Kids are funny, they do funny things and the approach that Clair and Cliff took to dealing with them worked on many levels. They didn't talk down to their children and all the kids watching from home appreciated that. The Huxtables showed real-life parents an alternate approach to childrearing and despite their perfect children and perfect jobs, it seemed like maybe they were on to something. It was worth a try.

That's not to say that "The Cosby Show" is perfect. It certainly isn't. Or that there isn't a fair amount of criticism out there for it. There is. UMass's own Professor Sut Jhally, who has recently made headlines for his film "Chasing Catastrophe," has written "Enlightened Racism: The Cosby Show, Audiences, and the Myth of the American Dream" along with Justin Lewis, exploring the show's racial and social implications.

It is possible too, that because of the perfection the Huxtables exuded the composition of the tv family was forever changed. No one seemed to be able to reach the level that Bill Cosby's show has while still maintaining a ring of truth. Shows like "Seventh Heaven" has tried, and failed. "Full House" tried, and failed. Countless others attempted to win our hearts over, none succeeded.

Love 'em or hate 'em "The Cosby Show" created a world with a perfect family, with perfect jobs, perfect problems and achieved the perfect television magic.

Meghan Healy is a Collegian editor.

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Use of pepper guns coming under fire

By Jennifer Peter
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — At least one big-city police department has suspended use of pepper-spray pellet guns blamed for the death of a 21-year-old college student who was shot by police trying to quell a rowdy crowd of Red Sox fans last week.

The Seattle Police Department said it had immediately suspended use of the equipment until it can determine what happened in Boston and gather more information on the firearm that was blamed for the death of Victoria Snelgrove, who was shot with a pellet in the eye after police fired into a crowd of revelers.

Seattle Police spokesman Scott Moss said that the guns are restricted to only a few selected and trained personnel and have not yet been used.

Other police departments around the country said they have found the so-called "less-than-lethal" weapons to be effective and would keep them in use. Boston police, who acquired the weapons in preparation for this summer's Democratic National Convention, have shelved them at least temporarily and have gone back to using a previous version of the pepper-spray pellet guns.

"We've used it on six occasions and haven't had any problems with it," said Sgt. Carlos Rojas, of the Santa Ana Police Department in California. "We've tested it and we feel it's an adequate weapon."

The reassessment comes as the Boston Police Department girds itself for another potential Sox-inspired frenzy, with the hometown team standing on the brink of World Series victory against the St. Louis Cardinals. The Red Sox had their first chance to clinch Wednesday night.

Snelgrove was among an estimated 80,000 fans who swarmed Kenmore Square last week after the Red Sox beat the rival New York Yankees in the ALCS, to send it to its first World Series since 1986.

Officers lired into a crowd of fans near the backside of the Green Monster left-field wall, striking Snelgrove in the face and at least two others. Paul Gately, 24, of Cambridge was struck in the face, requiring stitches to patch a hole in his cheek, as well as several times in his torso, leaving bruises and welts. Kapila Bhamidipati, of Bridgewater, N.J., was struck in the temple and said doctors had to remove small pieces of plastic from his forehead and found a large piece embedded under his skin.

Within 24 hours of Snelgrove's death, Boston Police Commissioner Kathleen O'Toole suspended use of the pepper guns, which fires a pellet of pepper spray.

Several days later, O'Toole tapped former U.S. Attorney Donald K. Stern to lead an independent panel that will investigate the case.

As the state's top federal prosecutor, Stern prosecuted mob figures and pursued a tax-evasion case against former state House Speaker Charles Flaherty. After leaving the U.S. Attorney's Office in 2001, Stern led an investigative commission that found the Suffolk County sheriff's office was rife with management problems and political patronage.

O'Toole called Stern in London on Tuesday, where he was traveling on business, to ask him to head the investigation into the police role in Snelgrove's death.

"He just needed to know that it would be an open an honest and thorough investigation. She assured him it would be, and he said OK," said Hank Shafran, a spokesman for Bingham McCutchen, Stern's law firm.

Virginia-based FN Herstal, which manufactures the FN303 weapon used in Boston, said there have been no comparable incidents since the gun went on the market about two years ago.

"We have had no other instance in any other deployments where anyone has been seriously injured or killed," said Bucky Mills, deputy director of law enforcement sale, marketing and training.

Mills said a "couple hundred" law enforcement agencies have purchased the guns, including New York City and Washington, D.C., as well as several federal agencies.

Charles "Sid" Heal, a commander with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and an international expert on less-than-lethal force, said the only thing that stopped his department from buying the weapon was its cost — about $900 per launcher.

Chris Smither brings the blues to NoHo

By Peter Blandino
Collegian Staff

Contemporary blues artist, Chris Smither, will play back-to-back shows at Northampton's Iron Horse Music Hall this Friday and Saturday night. Although Smither's art is deeply rooted in folk music and the blues, this New Orleans native is truly an American original. His voice, guitar work, and profound lyrics leave a lasting impression on his listeners. Perhaps this is why Smither's fan base has continued to grow since his emergence in the late sixties.

At age eight, Smither's found a ukulele in his attic. His Uncle Howard provided him with his first musical instruction. "With two chords, you can learn a lot of the songs you hear on the radio," Uncle Howard pontificated. "With three you can rule the world."

Though these were important lessons, Smither's would later be influenced heavily by legendary bluesmen, Lightnin' Hopkins, and Mississippi John Hurt. He was first introduced to Hopkins while studying at the American University in Mexico City, where a friend played him "Blues in My Bottle."He first encountered Hurt through music recorded at Newport in 1963. Two years later, Smither would see his hero perform live at the Gaslights in New York City. Nearly forty years later, in his latest album, "Train Home," Smither pays tribute to John Hurt with a splendid rendition of "Candy Man."

"Train Home," released in 2003 by High Tone Records, is a highly stylized acoustic album. Four of the album's 11 tracks are covers, including Dave Carter's "Crocodile Man," and Bob Dylan's "Desolation Row." Bonnie Raitt lends her vocals to the latter track, which is a highlight of the album.

The original numbers are characterized by captivating lyrics sung with a mix of harshness and sweetness. Smither's distinct finger picking style sounds deceptively simple, and adds an ethereal texture to each song. Songs such as "Never Needed It More, Let it Go", and "Call Time," stand out among this mix of delicacy and force as particularly luminous compositions.

Chris Smither is an internationally acclaimed blues musician. His style and lyrics are as impressive as they are original. He is an artist who leaves his listeners with a certain ineffable presence with the conclusion of each performance. Since the sixties, Smither has been perfecting his art, and now must be considered a master. Each song sets a strange mood, and can relocate the listener to realms previously unknown. He does not overpower you with sound. His strength is subtle. His artwork creeps inside your head, and then expands.

Blues, folk music, poetry — Smither excels is a true artist in all three of these mediums. Check him out this weekend, either on Friday or Saturday night. Tickets are $20 at the door, $17.50 in advance.

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Eve wonders, 'Why can't we be friends?'



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Why do the guys in my life always seem to do the opposite of what I really want? I feel as though no one is listening to me. I have specifically told one guy I had been seeing that I cannot commit, and yet he tries harder. Since then, any new guys I do meet always initiate conversations regarding us in the future. And whenever I pull away, all of them seem to hold tighter.

What is so difficult to understand? I do not have time or room for a serious companion at the moment. And I am sure others around campus might agree with this philosophy. So what is the need to be repeatedly denied? Maybe it is a physiological game that has yet to be mastered. Or maybe it is a challenge to be the first at winning me over. Whatever it is, they are wasting their time.

The last thing I want to do is hurt anyone. I recently ended a very beautiful relationship that had moved too quickly, but it was the right thing to do for the both of us. Once I had come to terms with my decision, I felt as though the time had come to start casually dating again. But I have noticed that the fun in casual dating can have negative effects. My options are either the guys with only one intention, or the guys that would eventually want more. But little did I know there were other possibilities I had not considered — like my co-worker, for instance.

He was a story waiting to happen for as long as I can remember. I personally believe he is capable of being a great guy, contrary to what people might say. We have known each other for two years, and I am fully aware of his not-so-admirable reputation. But I assumed he would behave respectfully because our friendship was different. The very first encounter began one night at the bars. We happened to be at the same place with different people, and ended up locking lips with each other. Our actions were harmless — at the time — until it happened again. For some reason, other people knew about it, too. I was aware that he has tendencies to talk a lot, but how can someone be that insecure? It was as if he needed to prove he has a purpose in life. My initial reaction of disgust lasted momentarily.

A few days later, I ran into him again, and he tried to explain himself. He explained himself in detail, our details, and as loud as he could. Suddenly, I heard a girl say, "What? You did that? How could you?" Her arms were crossed tightly, and she stood on the side waiting for an answer. I was speechless. He turned toward her and came up with one of the saddest excuses I had ever witnessed, "Don't be silly, we are talking about someone from work." We both looked at him as if he really thought that would save him, and she walked away.

I stayed to give him just a little more hell. "Why didn't you tell me you were seeing someone? And why are you bragging about our business if you are cheating?" He looked away and said, "We will talk about this later, OK?" and he left. Suddenly it all became clear. She must have trapped him in this situation if he is so desperate to get out of it. He has never been the type to commit long-term, and that is why I assumed our actions were innocent, but he put himself in this situation. I have noticed lately that I have other friends that are beginning to feel trapped also.

And why don't they break up? Because no one wants to be the bad guy.

So they cheat, they lie, they push away, until the other half makes the inevitable decision. Yet, someone still gets hurt. Do couples really prefer to be miserable together than alone? It is heartbreaking to acknowledge this reality, if it holds true. I refuse to be a part of this vicious cycle.

Eve is a Collegian columnist.



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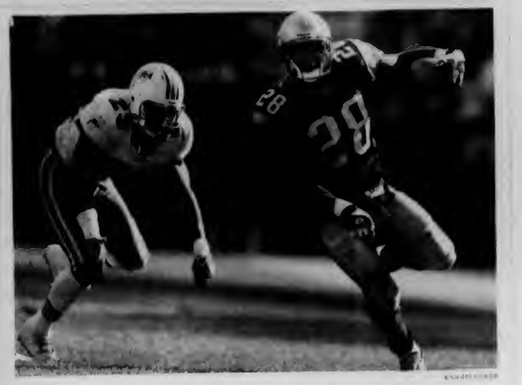
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Dukes, Owls battle for crown

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22. Temple sophomore defenseman Chris Shelton scored the first goal of his career to beat number one Duquesne 1-0. Senior keeper Patrick Hannigan was stellar in saving four shots to record his 16th career shutout for the Owls.

On Sunday Temple kept playing good fundamental soccer with a 2-0 victory over St. Bonaventure on Senior Day. Sophomore midfielder Ryan McMullan and senior forward Nate Webb both scored early in the second half on the Bonnies freshman keeper Jonathan Blanchard who recorded six saves in relief of the injured starter Sean Fyde.

These two consecutive wins move Temple within one win of Duquesne for the conference crown with three games left to play.

A homecoming for Williams

WILLIAMS from page 10

eve on where Williams always is on the field. His 16 receptions for 146 yards also make him a receiving threat out of the backfield.

"[Maine coach Jack Cosgrove] wants to establish the run game, and let everything else come off of that," Brown said. "And with the threat of the run, the play-action game can become more effective and get the opportunities with deep shots and scenarios down the field. Because of his philosophy, it gives [Williams] a chance to be a marquee player."

Ihedigbo is one UMass defender who would certainly like to limit Maine's play-action game by sticking it to his former teammate.

He is one of the core members of UMass' young secondary, which is also the backbone of the team's defense. Ihedigbo spent most of his time last season at free safety, registering 74 tackles, four interceptions, three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries.

Last week against Rhode Island, he may have been his best performance of the year. He recorded six tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss, and recovered quarterback Jayson Davis' fumble late in the second half that appeared to seal the game for the Minutemen.

"I think his play has been solid, not spectacular, but very solid," Brown said. "Once he settled into a rhythm (on Saturday), he played extremely well against the option attack."

Perhaps the duo's most gratifying day together as teammates was when they helped carry Amherst Regional High School to a Super Bowl victory in 1999 when Ihedigbo was a sophomore and Williams a junior.

There will clearly be more on the line than just a conference victory for these two on Saturday, and Williams can even set another milestone during his return trip to Amherst.

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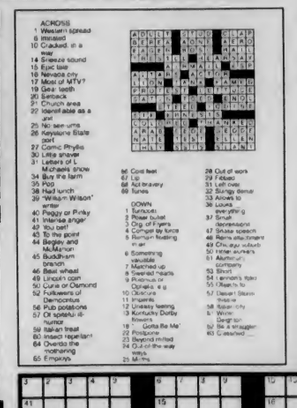
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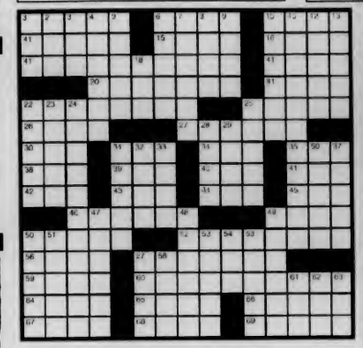







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Home, sweet home

UMass to host No. 19 Maine after four straight road games

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

For four consecutive weeks, the Massachusetts football team was on the move. Friday mornings consisted of bus trips and plane rides, afternoons of practices on unfamiliar fields and evenings of hotel check-ins and position meetings in uninspiring conference rooms. Saturdays, meanwhile, brought new challenges of every shape and size from locales as far away as Virginia and as close as Eastern Massachusetts.

A young football team in the first year of a new system, it was a difficult yet valuable stretch — one that will undoubtedly go a long way in the maturation processes of the team's many inexperienced players.

At the same time, however, UMass coach Don Brown and his players will never shy away from the fact that all they ever want to do is win football games — wherever, whenever and against whomever they may be. On Saturday, that opportunity will be there; the opportunity to win a football game that matters significantly in any context or situation, and to do so on Homecoming in front of the friends, family and fans that love and support the Minutemen no matter their record.

For the 51st time in the storied history of two of Division I-AA's elite programs, UMass and Maine will meet on the gridiron again in a series that dates back to 1908. Kickoff is slated for 1 p.m.

"It's been a very difficult stretch for us, there's no doubt about that," Brown said. "The one thing I've been pleased with is that the effort has always been there; the guys have always played hard and given it their all.

"It's good for us as a team to finally be home and play in front of our fans, and it will certainly help us to be back in familiar surroundings."

While the Minutemen will certainly relish the chance to return home, the challenge on the football field this weekend may be as great as any they've faced in I-AA play this year. Despite a somewhat misleading 4-3 overall record and a 2-2 mark in A-10 play, Jack Cosgrove's Black Bears are a force to be reckoned with, especially on offense where the young UMass defenders will be facing their third drastically different system in as many weeks.

"Having to give the guys another completely different look to defend is obviously difficult for them," Brown said. "We went from New Hampshire where they threw the ball all over the place, to Rhode Island and the triple option and now this weekend where they shift and move all over the place.

"It's going to be a challenge for our guys."

Maine's offense, which features a myriad of shifts and motion before every play, is complemented by a collection of skill position players that rival any in the conference and in I-AA as well. Led by former Amherst Regional star tailback Marcus Williams and reigning A-10 Rookie of the Year Ron Whitcomb, along with speedy wide receiver Christian Pereira, the Black Bears are a dynamic force moving the football, one that Brown sees as similar in style to his own attack.

"What they try to do in terms of establishing the run is a lot like how our offense is designed," Brown said. "They want to establish the run with Williams and base their passing game off of that. It's up to us to play our game and stop the run and look to throw them off passing the ball."

Stopping Williams will clearly be easier said than done. A preseason second team All-American, a 2003 All-Conference first team selection and a finalist for the Walter Payton Award given to the best offensive player at the I-AA level, Williams was voted team MVP by his teammates last season after rushing for 1,284 yards and moving up to third on the school's all-time rushing list.

This season, Williams has rushed for 732 yards and six touchdowns, and has combined with Pereira to score nearly twice as many touchdowns as the rest of the squad collectively.

"He's a good back, a guy who runs hard and is tough to bring down," Brown said. "We need to play physical, know what we're doing out there and finish our tackles to be successful."

Whitcomb also posses a major challenge for UMass, as the second-year quarterback has grown considerably since last season's 24-16 UMass victory in Orono. Having completed 121-of-194 passes for 1,243 yards and 16 touchdowns, Whitcomb's efficiency rating sits at a whopping 154.13.

"He's good in their system," Brown said. "He manages the game well, makes his throws and gets the ball in the hands of his playmakers.

"Our defensive backs are ready, and have to play a solid game to keep guys in front of them."

NOTES: Linebacker Charles Walker is back practicing with the team, and may see action on Saturday. In addition, defensive lineman Jason Leonard will once again be out with a separated shoulder while defensive back R.J. Cobbs is back in practice but may not play Saturday.



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

Senior fullback Rich Demers and the Minutemen return home after a four-game road trip to host rival Maine for Homecoming. UMass was last at home for a 21-7 September 25 loss to Delaware.

GAME DAY CENTRAL

No. 19 Maine	Massachusetts
(4-3 Overall 2-2 Atlantic 10)	(3-5 Overall 1-4 Atlantic 10)
Last Week: Defeated Northeastern 35-26	*Last Week:* Lost to Rhode Island 27-24

Warren P. McGuirk Alumni Stadium – Amherst, Massachusetts (17,000/Grass)
Kickoff: 1 p.m.

Television: None

Radio: UMass Football Radio Network – WRNX 100.9 FM Holyoke, flagship (Bob Behler; play-by-play, Doug White; color commentary, Johnson Owumi; sidelines)
UMass Student Radio – WMUA 91.1 FM Amherst (Derek Volner; play-by-play, Marc Bertrand; color commentary)
Maine Radio – WZON 620 AM Bangor, Maine (Rich Kimball; play-by-play, Bob Lucy; color commentary, Clem LaBree; sidelines)

Series record: UMass leads 36-13-1
Series in Amherst: UMass leads 16-3
Last meeting: UMass 24 Maine 16 September 20, 2003 in Orono, ME

Former Amherst Regional star returns

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

Everyone is coming home this weekend.

The Massachusetts football team (3-5, 1-4 Atlantic 10), which just suffered a 1-3 road trip and is stuck in a midseason rut, is returning to McGuirk Alumni Stadium for the first time in over a month.

And Marcus Williams will celebrate the University of Massachusetts' Homecoming Weekend with the rest of the students as he returns for his final collegiate game against UMass. Williams, an Amherst native, has since traveled five hours north only to become one of the greatest tailbacks in Maine's history.

Being one of the greatest of anything hasn't been anything new for Williams, who left Amherst Regional High School as the program's all-time leading rusher, surpassing 3,000 yards, scoring 37 touchdowns and averaging over 10 yards per game in his high school career. As the team's captain, he also played on the defensive side of the ball, splitting time between linebacker and safety.

Don't expect Williams to take part in the Homecoming festivities, though, as he is still returning to face a team that did not seriously recruit him out of high school even though UMass was his school of preference.

Though his was a huge void to fill when he graduated, UMass redshirt sophomore strong safety James Ihedigbo took over the reigns and rushed for 1,012 yards and 18 touchdowns as a senior while also comprising over 2,000 all-purpose yards and being named the team's defensive MVP.

The two former Amherst high school studs will meet once again on different sides of the field on Saturday when Maine (4-3, 2-2 A-10) visits UMass at 1 p.m., and Ihedigbo and company are aware of the challenge they are about to face.

"(Ihedigbo) has briefly talked about (Williams) in practice, and obviously, (Williams) is a marquee back," UMass coach Don Brown said. "Our guys are excited about the challenge of stopping him."

Stopping Williams has been something that not many football teams have been able to accomplish since his days of playing just down the street from McGuirk. A four-year contributor at Maine, Williams has rushed for 3,548 yards in his collegiate career as of last week's game against Northeastern when he totaled 137 yards on the ground.

Williams is also looking to pick up some hardware. He was The Sports Network's Preseason Second Team All-American, and he is one of 16 candidates on the watch-list for the Walter Payton Award, which is given to the best offensive player in Division I-AA.

He is the only player in Maine history to run for 1,000 yards in two different seasons, and with 685 yards through seven games, he is on pace to do it for a third consecutive year.

Just his presence in the backfield alone will make opposing defenses keep an extra

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George Washington back on track in A-10

By Matt Burke
Collegian Correspondent

The Colonials of George Washington University were down and out after a loss to first place Duquesne on Oct. 15. They were considered to be one of the worst teams in the Atlantic 10. Since then, they have won their last three conference games and have clawed their way back into contention for a playoff berth. At 4-8-3 overall and 3-3-2 in the A-10, George Washington has scored victories against St. Bonaventure, Xavier, and most recently the fourth place Flyers of Dayton.

Although they played well at the end of the first half against Dayton, the Colonials trailed 1-0 at halftime. George Washington came out swinging in the second half. Junior midfielder/forward Frank Ambrosio scored two goals, one in the 64th minute and another in the 73rd. Junior defenseman Ben Mortimer then scored on a penalty kick to seal the 3-1 victory for George Washington in the 82nd minute after the Dayton keeper was ejected for a foul in the box.

Ambrosio has three goals and three assists on the season for the struggling Colonials. Mortimer also has three goals. Junior keeper Derek Biss had four saves in victory while Dayton's Steve Ladislaw had two prior to his ejection.

George Washington may have started winning too late as they are now in seventh place with three games to go. The playoffs will be held at their home field, and if they have hopes of playing as opposed to watching the games from the sidelines, they will surely have to win their last three contests.

On Friday they host No. 2 Temple, and while beating the Owls would have seemed impossible three weeks ago, with the Colonials momentum and their home fans they may get by with a victory. Then on Sunday, St. Joseph's comes to town, and after that their last game will be played on the road at Richmond.

George Washington could do the impossible and salvage their season with three more conference victories. If they do, it will have been an incredible comeback.

Rhode Island Back on Track

The only way to beat Rhode Island is to stop the nation's leading scorer, senior forward Sasha Gotsmanov. Gotsmanov scored his 17th goal of the season to beat Fordham 2-1 Sunday at Fordham. Gotsmanov leads a special Rhode Island squad that is now 10-5-1 overall and 5-2-1 in the A-10.

Gotsmanov headed in his fourth game-winner of the season with 5:32 left to play in the first half, in what became one of the most exciting A-10 games of the year. The Fordham Rams (1-5-2 A-10, 3-10-2 overall) refused to go quietly against a dominating Rhode Island offense. After slowing down the URI scoring machine and forcing their defense to be the deciding factor Fordham's defense then stepped up their pressure as well.

URI's Danleigh Borman put the Rhode Island Rams ahead 12 minutes into the contest but Fordham quickly countered with a Scott Felius header. After eight minutes of scoreless soccer Gotsmanov got his chance to put URI ahead for good. The two teams then played an intense scoreless second half.

This is Rhode Island's second win in a row after a loss to Dayton on Oct. 17.

Coach Ed Bradley became Rhody's winningest coach on Oct. 22 as the Rams downed La Salle 4-2. Gotsmanov scored two goals in that game and Bradley notched his 176th victory.

Friday the Rams play No. 1 Duquesne at home. Then they host St. Bonaventure and Massachusetts to finish up their season. Massachusetts and Duquesne will be tough games for the Rams but they have momentum and are a favorite to win the league.

Duquesne Remains No. 1 but Temple Closes In

Duquesne stays atop the A-10 despite a loss to Temple on Oct.

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The Daily Collegian will feature a special back page tommorow and a commemorative wrap on Monday to celebrate the Boston Red Sox 2004 World Series Championship.

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Red Sox win brings celebration

By Erika Lovley
Collegian Staff

A deafening roar of cheers and a colorful display of fireworks marked the beginning of a largely peaceful celebration in Southwest Residential Area late Wednesday night, as approximately 3,000 students flocked from their dorms to celebrate the Boston Red Sox victory in the World Series.

"It's crazy, I can't believe the madness," said Derek Popek, a UMass student.

According to UMass officials, police arrested 22 people for charges of disorderly conduct and failure to disperse, and one person was put into protective custody. No injuries or significant property damage was reported. Over 100 officers were on the scene, including UMass police, Massachusetts State Police, and Amherst police. A helicopter was used to monitor the crowd.

"I believe the word has gotten out that we are serious about maintaining order and arresting people when necessary," UMass Police Chief Barbara O'Connor said.

In John Quincy Adams Tower, students pressed against their windows, which were decorated with Red Sox symbols and signs, waving to the revelers below. The crowd threw toilet paper and shoes, waved Red Sox flags and crowd surfed. Several sets of fireworks were set off, and one man climbed a tree in the Southwest quad, impersonating a monkey.

"There's nothing like it. These are stories to pass on," said Jonathan Gravallese, a student.

The celebration was the first disturbance UMass experienced since the Red Sox entered the World Series last Saturday.

"It's amazing," said Kassia Mercier, who stood under Berkshire Dining Commons watching the celebration. Mercier said she was overjoyed to be at UMass for the historical night. "You get to experience everything ... it's great to be here."

Police dispersed the crowd with three police horses and one line of officers after about an hour of celebration. No pepper ball or smoke canisters were used, unlike the string of on-campus disturbances from last week, when the Red Sox beat the New York Yankees in the American League Championship Series. The campus was declared secure at 1:30 a.m.

The following people were arrested early Thursday morning by UMass police, Massachusetts State Police and Amherst Town Police.

Ikaika Cullen Arnado, 24, of Kaneohe, Hawaii, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Ravi S. Parmar, 19, of Chelmsford, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Stuart M. Angus, 19, of Southborough, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

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After the Red Sox win over the Cardinals for the World Series title, thousands of students gather to celebrate in the Southwest Pyramids.

Hard vs. soft power: Nye and Kristol debate foreign policy

By Yousef Munayyer
Collegian Staff

The Cole Assembly room at Amherst College was packed beyond capacity Wednesday night with attendees seeking to get a glimpse of "America in the world: Hard Power vs. Soft," a spirited debate between academics regarding foreign policy.

The debate, which was sponsored by the Victor S. Johnson Lecture Fund and the Office of the President at Amherst College, began at 8 p.m. William Kristol, the editor of the Weekly Standard, and Joseph Nye of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University made opposing arguments regarding American foreign policy. Tony Marx, the Amherst College president, welcomed the panelists and moderated the debate.

Nye, who is known for advocating soft power, explained the theory as "convincing state actors to want what you want" as opposed to coercion in an attempt to "change hearts and minds."

He focused on the need for the United States to be an actor among many in the international community and the importance of working with broad coalitions for the purpose of progression. He stressed that in recent years the United States has support among many foreign nations.

"The United States lost about 30 points of attractiveness on average in every country in Europe, including countries that supported us, like England," Nye explained.

The idea of hard power would not work to well, he said, "If the nature of the game is to win the hearts and minds of others."

William Kristol began his argument facetiously by joking about the time he spent at Harvard University where he worked alongside Nye.

"I was the token conservative at Harvard," Kristol said. "They like to have one on the faculty, they want the students to know what they look like."

Kristol, a known neo-conservative and chairman of the Project for a New American Century think tank, made the opposite argument on the use of power.

"The 90s ended on 9/11 and now we are in a new era in international politics," Kristol said. "Hard power remains awfully important, its necessary to go into these places and promote democracy and freedom."

Nye also explained how the view of unipolarity is fundamentally flawed as the United States

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FBI investigating Halliburton

By John Solomon
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI has begun investigating whether the Pentagon improperly awarded no-bid contracts to Halliburton Co., seeking an interview with a top Army contracting officer and collecting documents from several government offices.

The line of inquiry expands an earlier FBI investigation into whether Halliburton overcharged taxpayers for fuel in Iraq, and it elevates to a criminal matter the election-year question of whether the Bush administration showed favoritism to Vice President Dick Cheney's former company.

FBI agents this week sought permission to interview Bunnatine Greenhouse, the Army Corps of Engineers' chief contracting officer who went public last weekend with allegations that her agency unfairly awarded KBR, a Halliburton subsidiary, no-bid contracts worth billions of dollars for work in Iraq, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

Asked about the documents, Greenhouse's lawyers said Thursday their client will cooperate but that she wants whistleblower protection from Pentagon retaliation.

"I think it (the FBI interview request) underscores the seriousness of the misconduct, and it also demonstrates how courageous Ms. Greenhouse was for stepping forward," said Stephen Kohn, one of her attorneys.

"The initiation of an FBI investigation into criminal misconduct will help restore public confidence," Kohn said. "The Army must aggressively protect Ms. Greenhouse from the retaliation she will encounter as a result of blowing the whistle on this misconduct."

FBI agents also recently began collecting documents from Army offices in Texas and elsewhere to examine how and why Halliburton got the no-bid work.

"The Corps is absolutely cooperating with the FBI, and it has been an ongoing effort," said Army Corps spokeswoman Carol Sanders. "Our role is to cooperate. It's a public contract and public funds. We've been providing them information for quite a while."

Wendy Hall, a Halliburton spokeswoman, said the company is cooperating with various investigations, but she dismissed the latest revelation as election politics. She noted Congress' auditing arm, the Government Accountability Office, found the company's no-bid work in Iraq was legal.

"The old allegations have once again been recycled, this time one week before the election," Hall said. "The GAO said earlier this year that the contract was properly awarded because Halliburton was the only contractor that could do the work.

Mock presidential debate at Smith

By Charles Caldi
Collegian Staff

About 100 people gathered to see two economics professors from Smith College engage in a political debate about the presidential contenders' positions on the economy.

Smith faculty members James D. Miller and Roger T. Kauffman assumed the roles of President George Bush and Senator John Kerry to debate the economic issues facing the nation.

"We hope to clarify the economic arguments of each candidates, in addition, we want students to see the practical application of the economic theory we teach," said Kauffman.

Seven issues were carefully discussed by both sides: tax cuts, the budget deficit, trade and outsourcing, energy and the environment, education, social security and healthcare.

The format of the debate was rather formal, however the ambience was relaxed. Just like the actual candidates, the role-playing professors had several minutes to make a clear argument about each topic, leaving room for rebuttals and questions from the audience. Also, both parties had opening and closing statements.

The professors said the difference between this debate compared to the one the nation saw on television two weeks ago was the issues were debated on a solely academic basis.

That is not to say that the debate was not competitive.

On issues such as the budget deficit, both parties agreed that it is detrimental to the economy, because it increases the interest rates and consequently decreases investments. Dr. Miller, who played Bush, agreed that the budget deficit was the worst performance of the Bush presidency.

He also stated that no democrats in congress have attempted to stop his spending proposals, and that Kerry's plan to compensate by raising taxes to the rich would not work due to the Congress being dominated by Republicans.

On the other hand, Dr. Kaufman, playing Kerry, praised Bush's No Child Left Behind policy of holding poor performing public schools accountable through money incentives, but criticized him saying that the program was "not funded adamantly."

The professors could not resist trading rhetorical blows at each other's candidates.

"Bush is the master flip-flopper on free trade," said Kauffman.

"Edwards is the most protectionist, anti-free trade senator," said Miller while debating the trade and outsourcing issue.

Indeed there were some exaggerations on both parts, showing that they were succumbing to the passionate and populist aspects of American politics.

"If Kerry is in the hands of the teacher's unions, then Bush is in the hands of corporations," said Kaufman as a rebuttal to Miller on the topic of education.

Construction has OSHA concerned for wellness of workers

By Bill Donovan
Collegian Staff

As waterproofing of the University of Massachusetts' W.E.B. DuBois Library continues, staff and faculty have been getting sick, while some are being relocated because of the fumes the process is generating. According to library officials, the air quality is well below the danger level and safe to w[illegible]in.

"We are very much below OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) levels for hazardous materials. You can smell it at a hundred parts per thousand. When it is dangerous, it's a hundred parts per million," said Jay Schafer, Director of UMass Libraries. "As people are opening the entrance doors, the fumes come in the library and go up the air shafts and elevators."

According to Theresa Warner, Assistant Director for Admin-istrative Services, the application of waterproofing began in the summer. New Jersey-based sub-contractor Premier applied the product Kemperol, which is a woven fabric membrane that acts like a glue in waterproofing. This process was applied to the W.E.B. DuBois's new plaza while under construction in mid-September.

"We've been in the preparation stage since summer," explained Warner. "Around Sep. 17 and 18, a major application of waterproofing was done by Premier. The first day, they were waterproofing at 7:30 a.m. and I could detect the fumes whereas others could not."

Some workers in the library have gotten sick due to the chemicals in the air. Warner added members of the staff are being relocated if it is affecting them negatively.

"Certain people have certain sensitivities, it could be exacerbated from pre-existing cold symptoms," said Warner. "Our concern first and foremost is for occupants of this building. We try to accommodate as best as we can for employees. Our workers were told to be seen if they were sick because of it."

Signs are posted at library entrances warning people of the fumes. The signs say: "The fumes you smell are the result of the application of a waterproofing product called Kemperol outside the Library. Please pardon the inconvenience and discomfort this may cause."

Donna Johnson, bookkeeper and president of the library union at UMass, feels the library should be closed down for the safety of faculty, staff, and visitors.

"A piece of concrete fell one day and nearly killed someone," said Johnson. "We are trying to relocate people like Heather Deirdre, Search Supervisor at the library, who is pregnant and asthmatic. They're [the administration] really giving us trouble. They think just relocating workers and turning fans on will make it better."

Warner explained the library is experimenting with fans to see if the fumes will move out of the building.

"On the 26th floor, we are experimenting with air purifiers and fans in the elevator lobby," said Warner.

"This is a learning project, something happens and we try to mitigate the problem."

Schafer explained other precautions the library administration is taking to lower fume levels.

"[The fumes are] just a nuisance, and we've tried to accommodate staff. We've contacted labor relations, facility planning, and environmental safety," said Schafer. "There is widespread concern to provide a safe workplace. This is a very common application process. It was used on the Empire State Building."

Warner added that industrial hygienists who work for ATC Associates are at the library excavation site daily to check air readings to make sure they are safe.

"We put into effect a protocol saying people have the right to leave work and get fresh air when irritated by the fumes," Warner said. "All of the folks we have; contractors, facilities planning and ATC all have told us this is a safe building and we're allowed to be in it. Right now, ATC has reported a .01 parts per million recording, which is way below the danger level."

Warner explained why the odor of the Kemperol often travels into the library in multiple directions, into the entrance and ground-level air intakes and shafts.

"It depends on which way the wind is blowing. As people open the doors, it comes in and goes up air shafts and the elevators," explained Schafer. "We've tried to separate the main ventilation systems. The first one goes from the main floor to the 13th. And the second goes up to the 26th."

Another method of diverting the fumes is by opening stairwells in the library.



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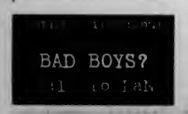
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Boston deputy under investigation

By Denise Lavoie
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — To some, Deputy Superintendent Robert E. O'Toole Jr. is a cop's cop, a 36-year police veteran who commands respect from his troops. To others, he's a rogue cop with a temper.

O'Toole has become a flash point in the investigation into the death of 21-year-old Victoria Snelgrove, an Emerson College student killed last week by a pepper-spray pellet fired by police as they tried to control an unruly crowd of 80,000 Red Sox revelers.

His supporters say he is a disciplined, by-the-book cop who is well-equipped to lead the police department's Special Operations Unit. His critics, however, say he has a tendency to use excessive force – a charge that has become a central question in the investigation into Snelgrove's death.

O'Toole's critics point to an earlier episode as evidence that he should not have been in charge of crowd control and police deployment the night Snelgrove died.

They recall an incident in 1986, the last time the Red Sox played in the World Series, when O'Toole was filmed by a television crew slapping a drunken fan in the face as he was being taken into protective custody during a World Series celebration.

The videotape caused a public uproar and prompted one Boston newspaper columnist to dub him "Slaps O'Toole."

"There's certainly some kind of impulse-control problem with him," said Howard Friedman, a Boston attorney who represented Rodney Armstrong, the man O'Toole slapped. "He seems to be someone who wants to charge in himself."

"A supervisor isn't supposed to jump in and grab someone on his own, and worse is a supervisor who uses excessive force in front

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The Boston Deputy Superintendent Robert E. O'Toole is currently under investigation for authorizing the use of excessive force at the riots around Fenway Park following the Red Sox ALCS win.

Man found guilty in '75 Reading murder

By Denise Lavoie
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — A man was convicted of manslaughter Thursday for strangling a 14-year-old girl in 1975 and dumping her body on a Reading golf course.

David Allen Jones, 45, was married and living in Georgia when investigators tracked him down in 1997. They charged him with first-degree murder in the death of his former neighbor, Robin Gilbert, whose body was found partially covered with brush on the Meadowbrook Golf Course on July 2, 1975, the morning after she left her parents' house to smoke a cigarette and never returned.

The jury in Middlesex Superior Court deliberated for five days before convicting Jones of the lesser charge. He faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison at his sentencing, scheduled for Monday.

"We expected a murder conviction and will have to settle for manslaughter," Gilbert's family said in a statement, acknowledging that the passage of so much time presented challenges for prosecutors. "We will hopefully find some solace in knowing that after all these years the true story of Robin's death has been told."

Jones' lawyer, Eileen Agnes, did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

The case had been closed after the state medical examiner ruled that Gilbert's death was the result of heart disease, despite the fact that her clothes were ripped and her body had been dragged several hundred yards.

It remained closed for more than 20 years, until 1996, when police received a tip that led them to a diary kept by Jones' mother, who had died of cancer that year. The diary led them to suspect Jones, who was 16 at the time of the killing.

Cuba dumps the dollar for pesos

By Anita Snow
Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — Cuba's banks and exchange houses began large-scale conversions of U.S. money into a local currency on Thursday as Fidel Castro's communist nation moved to dump the dollar from general circulation.

Cubans lined up several hours before exchange houses opened to convert the American dollars widely used here for 11 years for the local Cuban convertible pesos that will now be the main currency accepted for consumer goods.

"I'm not going anywhere, I don't need dollars," said 68-year-old port worker Ramon Gonzalez, among about 80 people lined up outside the main exchange house in Old Havana.

"For me, it's just the same," Gonzalez said of the convertible pesos, tied at one-to-one to the U.S. dollar. "It just has a different face."

"As long as it keeps the same value, there is no problem," added 57-year-old custodian Alberto Serra.

Responding to stepped-up U.S. sanctions, Castro announced Monday that within two weeks, U.S. currency would be not be accepted at stores and businesses.

After Nov. 8, changing American money will carry a 10 percent commission fee that won't be applied to other foreign currencies.

"It's good news that there is now a currency for obligatory use in the country," said well-known dissident intellectual Manuel Cuesta Morua, adding it was important for every country to have its own currency. "The bad news is that it will hurt remittances received by citizens from abroad because it will reduce their buying power."

Authorities, meanwhile, said they were considering wider use of the euro as Cuba began rebuilding the hard currency base built mostly on dollars for more than a decade. Foreign tourists were advised to leave American money at home and bring other foreign currencies instead.

Since the government decided to replace the dollar with the local Cuban convertible peso beginning Nov. 8, authorities "have been studying coordinating with Cuba's Central Bank to extend the acceptance of the euro in other areas of the country," Tourism Minister Manuel Marrero said Wednesday.

"It is recommended that after that date that visitors to the country don't carry United States dollars," Marrero said at a news conference. He said visitors could exchange euros, Canadian dollars, British pounds or Swiss francs into convertible pesos after arriving here.

The euro is accepted already at several coastal resorts on this Caribbean island.

The currency switch appears aimed at eliminating Cuba's dependence on the money of its No. 1 enemy – the United States – for hard currency reserves, building up new sources of convertible foreign funds, and reasserting centralized control over the economy.

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American foreign policy up for dispute

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is not the super power It is always perceived as being. He likened the situation to a game of three-dimensional chess saying that on the first level we are militarily strong. Secondly, however, we are economically on par with many other actors, and lastly in regards to transnational relations there is no American hegemony and instead there is a state of chaos. Nye explained that the greatest threats to the United States come from that third level which the United States has not adapted to.

The debate quickly transformed from a broad theoretical analysis of the exercise of power to a debate on recent foreign policy towards the Middle East.

Kristol said he didn't agree that, "al-Qaida is a stateless group" rather, "they needed a nation to train 10-to-20,000 people."

"Iraq has been the biggest challenge for Bush, but I think things are going to work out ... if we can get to elections in January, I'm very optimistic."

Nye did not share Kristol's optimism and criticized the naiveté of the Bush administration and the strategies they have employed.

"Hammering Saddam, I think, would have made sense had he been developing weapons, but the evidence on that wasn't there," Nye said, adding that "The idea that this would be like Japan or Germany after World War II was naïve."

"I'm generally a defender of the Bush administration, but they have made plenty of mistakes," Kristol said.

However, he also emphasized that John Kerry could make mistakes as well.

"If John Kerry is president ... American forces will be deployed somewhere in the world," he said.

With less than a week before the presidential election, Kristol said he thought that the war in Iraq would improve for Bush.

"We won the Cold War by being a smart power, that's when you use both hard and soft power," he said.



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William Kristol, Joseph Nye and Tony Marx sit on the panel at Amherst College on Wednesday, which discussed issues of American foreign policy.

Kristol summed up his argument by claiming, "In the last three or four years I don't think we have been a smart power."

The debate concluded and was followed by a 30-minute question and answer session in which the panelists took questions from the Five-college audience. The Victor S. Johnson Lecture Fund and the Office of the President, which sponsored this event, will soon host Jonathan Kozol, public school teacher and an award-winning writer and educational activist, on Thursday, Nov. 11, at 8 p.m.

Thailand explosion kills 2, injures 21

By Alisa Tang
Associated Press

TALOH MANOH, Thailand (AP) — Villagers on Thursday buried some of the 78 Muslims who died in military custody after a protest in troubled southern Thailand, while authorities insisted at a briefing for diplomats that the detainees were not intentionally mistreated.

Later Thursday evening, a bomb exploded outside a bar in the region, killing two people and injuring 21, police said.

The deaths occurred after a protest Monday outside a police station in Narathiwat province turned violent, with at least seven people killed, apparently shot by security forces. Then, as 1,300 people were rounded up and detained, 78 were suffocated or crushed to death when they were packed tightly into military trucks, officials said.

The Foreign Ministry has put the death toll from Monday's violence at 87, though it was not clear the circumstances of all the deaths.

Thousands of Muslims gathered in the province for the mass burial of 22 unidentified victims, but the crowd thinned before the bodies were brought from a military camp in neighboring Pattani province.

Scores of people watched as volunteers carried the corpses wrapped in white fabric and tarps from pickup trucks to the foot of a mass grave as night fell and Islamic leaders recited prayers.

Some residents held cloth to their noses to mask the smell of the bodies, which were gently lowered into a ditch at a rural cemetery fringed by jungle near a 17th century mosque.

Armed police and soldiers stood nearby.

Earlier Thursday, some people searched for relatives at the army camp in Pattani province, where up to 1,300 detainees were taken after Monday's riot. Most detainees were later moved to other camps in the south.

At a special briefing late Thursday, Foreign Ministry Permanent Secretary Krit Garnjana-Goonchorn told diplomats from 54 countries that "mistakes and errors of judgment were apparently made, but there was no deliberate intent, in apy way, to mistreat the detainees."

Besides the 87 dead, the violence also wounded 37 people. Nine had gunshot wounds and the rest suffered bruises and dehydration. Five were in critical condition, a hospital official said.

Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra has defended the security forces, saying they acted appropriately in dispersing the riot. He conceded that mistakes were made in transporting detainees and appointed a committee to investigate.

Thaksin and other officials sought to blame the detainees' deaths in part on weakness due to dawn-to-dusk fasting during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. But a government-employed forensic scientist said two or three of the detainees had broken necks.

Arafat flown to Paris for medical treatment

By Lara Sukhtian
Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Doctors decided to fly ailing Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to Paris for treatment, as associates described a Palestinian leader who was too weak to stand Thursday, appeared confused and spent most of the day sleeping.

Fifteen doctors examined the 75-year-old Arafat on Thursday and decided he would be able to get the best treatment in Paris, one of the doctors said on condition of anonymity.

If Arafat were taken to the hospital, it would highlight the severity of the health crisis and mark the first time for him to leave his battered Ramallah headquarters since he was confined there by Israel in 2002.

Israeli officials assured the Palestinians on Thursday that if Arafat recovered, he would be able to return to the West Bank, a prominent Israel-Arab lawmaker said. In the past, Israel was unwilling to make such promises. The doctors, who had considered flying Arafat by helicopter to a hospital in Amman, Jordan, were by Arafat's side Thursday in a small clinic at his compound after he collapsed and briefly lost consciousness Wednesday night.

Palestinian officials initially tried to play down the health problems, saying he performed Muslim prayers before dawn Thursday and ate a light breakfast of cornflakes and milk.

On Thursday evening, Arafat's aides released two photos showing him sitting in a chair, broadly smiling as he posed with his doctors. He wore blue pajamas and a dark stocking cap.

A close Arafat associate said the Palestinian leader spent most of the day sleeping. When he awoke, he was moved into a wheelchair because he was very weak and could not stand up, the associate said. At times, Arafat appeared confused, not recognizing some of his visitors, he added.

Arafat has been unable to hold down food, and also suffers from diarrhea, the associate said on condition of anonymity.

Israeli defense officials met Thursday to discuss the possible fallout if Arafat dies. Anxious Palestinians throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip waited for any scrap of information about his condition, with many fearing his death would plunge their nation into a profound crisis.

"I was awake all the night," said Imad Samara, a 38-year-old teacher from Gaza City. "I pray to God to save him because we need him, he is the safety valve for everything here, he is the father of all the Palestinians."

Arafat's wife, Suha, arrived at the Ramallah headquarters Thursday after she was called from Tunis to be with her husband. Suha Arafat lives in Paris with their young daughter, and has not seen her husband since 2001.

On Wednesday evening, Arafat's persistent two-week illness had taken a sudden turn for the worse. Arafat vomited after eating soup, then collapsed and was unconscious for about 10 minutes, a bodyguard said.

Palestinian officials initially insisted that Arafat was suffering only from a severe flu, while doctors said he also suffered from a large gallstone. Israeli officials have speculated Arafat is suffering from cancer in the digestive tract, but the Palestinians said tests found no sign of cancer.

Arafat has been confined to the sandbagged, partially demolished compound since May 2002. He has been kept inside both by occasional Israeli military blockades and by threats that he would not be allowed to return if he leaves.

Israel, fearing it will be blamed for any further deterioration in Arafat's condition, said Thursday it is ready to lift its travel ban and allow Arafat to leave.



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Palestinian Prime Minister Yasser Arafat is currently hospitalized, suffering serious medical problems.

O'Toole becomes the target of investigation

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of all the officers he's supposed to be supervising. It sends the wrong message," Friedman said.

Armstrong sued O'Toole and won $5,000 in punitive damages from a jury, plus $500 in compensatory damages. Friedman said the jury found that although Armstrong was not injured in the incident, O'Toole used excessive force in slapping him.

After the incident, then-Police Commissioner Francis Roache demoted O'Toole. His career remained stagnant until 1992, when William Bratton, then the superintendent in chief of the department, assigned O'Toole to his personal staff.

Bratton, now the police chief in Los Angeles, did not return telephone calls seeking comment for this story.

Current police Commissioner Kathleen O'Toole elevated Robert O'Toole back to his old position of deputy superintendent of special operations in April, two months after she came into office on the heels of an uproar over the death of a fan killed during a Super Bowl celebration in Boston.

"Based on his performance since then, on very high recommendations from people for whom I have a great deal of respect, I decided to give him a second chance, with unanimous support from other members of my command staff. More than anybody else I appointed during my early days here, Bob O'Toole received very high marks," said Commissioner O'Toole, who is not related to Robert O'Toole.

But she said that her longtime professional relationship with Deputy Superintendent O'Toole will not stand in the way of finding out what happened the night Snelgrove died.

"It's important that I emphasize that I need to be totally objective in terms of this investigation, and will go where the truth takes us. I owe that to the Snelgrove family. I owe that to Bob O'Toole. I owe that to the other officers involved. We'll leave no stone unturned. We'll find out precisely what happened that night," she said.

An officer at the scene and a person involved with the investigation who were not identified told The Boston Globe that O'Toole fired a pepper-spray pellet gun into the crowd, even though he did not have proper training in the use of the weapon and was supposed to be supervising control of the crowd.

Snelgrove, of East Bridgewater, was hit in the eye with one of the pellets and died hours later. Two other people were injured after getting hit in the face with police-fired pellets.

Robert O'Toole's lawyer, Timothy Burke, said O'Toole fired four rounds from the compressed-air gun, but did not fire the shot that killed Snelgrove. He said two of the pellets struck a sign, a third hit an unruly reveler in the chest and a fourth hit a man in the buttocks.

An anonymous police source with knowledge of the investigation told The Associated Press that Deputy Superintendent O'Toole was likely not the shooter.

Albert Sweeney, a retired officer who worked with O'Toole for more than 30 years, called him "the ultimate professional," and said he could not believe he indiscriminately fired into a crowd or did anything improper during the melee.

"I can't imagine Bob using a weapon he's not trained and authorized to use. I have a hard time believing reports that it was not used with proper protocol," Sweeney said. "This is a man who loves this city, loves the Boston Police Department and has served both this city and his country for over 30 years."

Red Sox to be greeted with parade Saturday

By Jennifer Peter
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — The city will toast its first World Series champions in 86 years with a parade Saturday that will stretch from the Fenway to City Hall Plaza, but won't include the traditional rally at its end because of concerns about the size of the crowd and security.

Mayor Thomas Menino announced the plans at a news conference Thursday with Red Sox president Larry Lucchino. The team swept the World Series in four games with a 3-0 win Wednesday night at St. Louis, giving the city its first baseball championship since 1918.

"This is a historic occasion that goes to the heart of what it means to be a Bostonian," Menino said. "Many Sox fans wondered if they'd ever see a World Series, a world championship, in our lifetime. I'm proud that on Saturday we can all celebrate it together."

An estimated 1.5 million people attended the Feb. 3 parade for the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots. And about 1.2 million celebrated the Patriots' first Super Bowl win in 2002 – the first Boston pro sports title since 1986.

Both celebrations included a rally on City Hall Plaza, where players and coaches addressed fans.

Officials said Saturday's Red Sox crowd could be twice as big, partly because of the team's enormous popularity across New England, and partly because of a championship drought that has spanned generations and included several agonizingly near misses.

The mayor, who described the parade as a "rolling rally," said there will be no planned stops along the approximately three-mile route, because of safety concerns.

Like the Patriots, the Red Sox players will ride in "Duck Boats," Boston's famous amphibious tourist vehicles, equipped with microphones to allow them to speak to the fans en route.

The mayor said police will be out in force to make sure things don't get out of hand, as they did last week when a college student was killed by police firing pepper spray-filled pellets into a rowdy crowd of fans celebrating the Red Sox's pennant-clinching win over the New York Yankees.

"Public safety is our number one priority," Menino said. "Let's show the team what the fans are made of and behave in a way we can all be proud of.

O'Reilly case to settle sexual harassment case

By Samuel Maull
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Fox News Channel television host Bill O'Reilly and a former producer of his talk show have agreed to settle their legal dispute over her allegations of sexual harassment, O'Reilly's lawyer announced Thursday.

Andrea Mackris had claimed O'Reilly made a series of explicit phone calls to her, advised her to use a vibrator and telling her about sexual fantasies involving her.

O'Reilly actually sued Mackris hours before her case was filed Oct. 13. The talk show host said he was fighting an extortion attempt, that Mackris and her lawyer demanded $60 million in "hush money" to make the case quietly go away.

O'Reilly, who's married, is host of the top-rated prime-time cable news program – and he's seen his ratings go up by 30 percent since the case was filed.

O'Reilly's lawyer, Ronald Green, issued a statement Thursday saying both sides "regret that this matter has caused tremendous pain, and they have agreed to settle. All cases and claims have been withdrawn, and all parties have agreed that there was no wrongdoing whatsoever by Mr. O'Reilly, Ms. Mackris, or Ms. Mackris' counsel, Benedict P. Morelli & Associates."

Mackris' lawyer did not immediately return a telephone call seeking comment.

Green's statement also said he and O'Reilly "withdraw any assertion that any extortion by Ms. Mackris, Mr. Morelli" or his law firm occurred.

"Out of respect for their families and privacy, all parties and their representatives have agreed that all information relating to the cases shall remain confidential," Green's statement said.

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DNA testing expansion warranted

Within the expanding realm of scientific technology, DNA testing has become a more and more common thing. One of its chief uses in society is helping police departments and federal investigators track down committers of rape and murder. However, DNA testing is expanding its uses and was recently used in catching a burglar who had broken into someone's home and stolen a computer and some jewelry in New York City. This new use of DNA testing is long overdue and has the very real potential of catching the perpetrators in a timely manner.

According to the New York Times, "the new program called Biotracks has identified 23 suspects of burglary to 34 cases, most of which the police say would not otherwise have been solved." One aspect that makes this system so affective is that the majority of suspects of burglaries, as a result of DNA testing, already had files from previous crimes they had committed. This technology could cut short the victims' suffering and bring justice to where it's due a lot sooner, rather than later or not at all.

One also has to take into effect the relative weight that DNA evidence holds compared to eyewitness accounts or fingerprints in a court of law. DNA evidence that is brought to attention and is found to be conclusive toward one suspect is more likely to "plead guilty, which means less time and money spent on trials," according to Richard A. Brown, the Queens district attorney.

The idea of DNA testing should be more acceptable to the general public after the extremely successful show C.S.I. has drawn a cult following. And while the show is fiction, many people have had their interest piqued by DNA testing, thus making the idea of it helping to catch perpetrators of less egregious crimes more comfortable and highly appealing.

Biotracks was funded by a $175,000 grant from the National Institute of Justice. The money was part of the Bush administration's $5 billion initiative, which hopes to make DNA a "routine law enforcement tool across the country," according to the National Institute of Justice's director, Sarah A. Hart.

With the recent riots going on at UMass and throughout the area as a result of the Boston Red Sox victories, property damage has undoubtedly accumulated. DNA testing would be a much more useful tool in finding the suspects of the destruction rather than weeks and weeks of examining surveillance footage, if available at all.

Using DNA testing for smaller crimes would also yield higher results because there would be fewer samples to test. Therefore, mixed DNA from more than one person is highly unlikely. While some may argue that diverging from more serious crimes such as rape and homicide to solve burglaries and property damage cases using the same scientific technologies is not properly prioritizing the crimes, to the victims of the break-ins, it is just as important to find out what happened to their savings account book monitoring their children's college fund.

There is no prioritizing crime when people are victimized. DNA technology exists and should be used to assist in all crime investigations, regardless of the severity of the offense.

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Those who do not understand

Johnny Donaldson

The body is numb. The body is cold. It is empty and alone. They call this depression. There is no feeling here in the flesh, no peace, no rest. There is feeling. There is melancholy and there is despair. There is a feeling of hollowness, of nothingness, of nothing being. It is a feeling of utter meaninglessness.

Nothing matters. It is not pain. It is worse. Pain would be a blessing. Pain would be a relief, a release. With pain you feel. With pain you know you exist. That the nothingness has not eaten you from the inside out. With pain you feel. With this you don't. This is depression.

Those who don't know don't understand. They cannot understand. They are scared and unsure, because they don't know this kind of pain. They give us mantras to live by. Everybody hurts. Everybody feels pain. Life will get better. They do not understand, so they tell us these mantras to help themselves feel better, thinking that they will help us. But we speak in words of self-pity, self-absorption and self-destruction when we speak of it at all. Those are our words to them. Our words are hollow and meaningless to them, for they do not know — do not comprehend — that we, ourselves, are hollow and meaningless.

This is not something I want to speak of. This is something I must speak of. It is embarrassing to talk about, to tell people. But demons must be confronted as they scratch and claw and howl outside the door, trailing tracks of blood and tears in their wake. I have told friends and lost friends. Lost family. Those Who Do Not Understand. I cannot articulate the words to describe this. The words are shriveled, they are small. They disappear into the air, never understood, soon to be forgotten as Those Who Do Not Understand abandon to pursue their own pleasures and vices and hedonistic impulses.

Is it better to be sad and weak, or sad yet strong? When you are sad and weak, you do not care and there is peace in that. You'll do anything to feel, anything to make the sadness go away, even if that means hurting yourself to do it. Hurting subverts the pain, the anguish, the inarticulate abyss that slices through muscle and bone and tendon and flesh. You give in, you let loose, you follow the downward spiral until it spirals no more. You destroy yourself, your mind, your body, but you stave off the emptiness inside. When you are sad yet strong, you cannot carve in, you cannot let go, you keep your head above the surface no matter how much it thrashes you around. But you the emptiness remains, forever there.

The days that are good ... those are good days. We wish for the good days. We hope and pray and wait in silence for those days. Those days are good. But those days don't often last. Only on the really bad days do Those Who Do Not Understand notice us in our sadness; every other day, we smile and laugh and chatter on as if our lives our normal, so we aren't noticed for who we are. When we are noticed we are rejected and left alone in our misery, a cold, dark place where dead leaves skitter by on dusty ground as coy dogs howl balefully in the silvery, waning moonlight.

We walk along the paths of our lives, and the shadows remain long and deep, stretched before our way. They tangle with the dead branches of the dead trees that loom astride us, laughing and mocking and whispering their evil entreaties with a velvet voice in our ear. We bury our feelings deeper and deeper inside until they cannot be buried anymore; that is when we long to see the crimson glitter of our life weep and our tears bleed. But to overcome, to find the path into light, one must confront the demons and devils with their slavering, dripping jaws, to fight them and to stand them down once and for all.

But to Those Who Do Not Understand, I will leave you with a poem, called "Minstrel Man." by Langston Hughes, and then you may once understand: "Because my mouth/ Is wide with laughter/ And my throat/ Is deep with song/ You do not think/ I suffer after/ I have held my pain / So long?/ Because my mouth/ Is wide with laughter/ You do not hear/My inner cry?/ Because my feet/ Are gay with dancing/ You do not know/ I die?"

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'Soft power' overlooked

Stephen Post

When William Kristol speaks, Washington listens. More to the point, the Bush administration listens. Kristol is the man behind the Project for the New American Century (PNAC), the neo-conservative think-tank that pushed regime change in Iraq years before 9/11. After the 1991 Gulf War, Kristol was a one-man drum and fife corps, keeping Iraq on the agenda when others had lost interest.

He kept pressing, and in 1998, PNAC sent a letter to President Clinton, urging him to unseat Saddam, and fast. If Clinton did not act, the letter read, "the safety of American troops in the region, of our friends and allies like Israel and the moderate Arab states and a significant portion of the world's supply of oil will all be put at hazard." Among the undersigned were such lights as Francis Fukuyama, as well as Donald Rumsfeld and Paul Wolfowitz (Rumsfeld's DoD counterpart in the current administration).

Kristol's magazine, the Weekly Standard, subsidized by Rupert Murdoch, published opinion piece after opinion piece harping on the Iraq issue. Doggedly, and through eight years of a democratic administration, Kristol carried the torch, and when Bush came into office in 2000, the stage was set for Saddam's take-down.

On Wednesday night, I stood face to face with William Kristol. He was in town to debate Joseph Nye, dean of Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, about America's role in the world. Should it use "hard power" or "soft power" to get its way? Military force or moral suasion? "Shock and Awe" or "winning hearts and minds"?

The venue, Cole Assembly Room at Amherst College, was packed. Students, assorted Political Science faculty, VIPs and others crammed themselves into every available inch of space, filling the aisles and sitting cross-legged in front of the polished wooden debate table. The scene reminded me of the 9/11 commission hearings, journalists squatting en masse, trying to get the best shot of Condoleezza Rice or Madeline Albright as they testified. Two spotlights, one in each corner of the room, converged on the table. Two cameramen, filming the debate for C-SPAN 2, took their positions.

Nye started. 9/11, he said, had been like a flash of lightning.

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briefly illuminating the outlines of a new landscape, and then leaving us in darkness. Terrorism itself was nothing new, but it had become "more lethal and more agile." 9/11 ushered in a change in U.S. foreign policy. Suddenly we had new goals, and we needed the means to reach these goals. And it is the means that disturb Nye, not the ends. For him, it is a question of strategy.

In pursuing what Charles Krauthammer had called the "New Unilateralism," the Bush administration had become "one dimensional thinkers in a three-dimensional world." If we think of international relations as a three-dimensional chess game, he argued, the Bush administration, by pursuing military force as a means, was only playing on the top board. They completely ignored "soft power" as an option; they weren't concerned enough with winning hearts and minds.

Kristol took the stage. Where Nye had been soft-spoken and a bit pedantic, Kristol was loose. He cracked jokes. We laughed. After the banter, he opened his bag of tricks and started the show. He talked about the Cold War, "the 90s," and now. "The 90s ended on Sept. 11," he said. We are now in a new era, "a new moment." Before 9/11, foreign policy was barely on the radar at all. It made nothing more than a cameo appearance in the October presidential debates.

9/11 changed everything. It called for new thinking, new tactics. Bush has made mistakes. "It's hard when you're in a new moment," Kristol said. We live in a dangerous world with threats on all sides, and Bush "reacted appropriately" by launching wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. "Bush," he said, "does not get enough credit." Kristol went on to say that terrorism had decreased as a result of Bush's policies; that the Afghan elections are "impressive"; that what is now happening in the Middle East is "hopeful." Hard power is still necessary, especially when you're trying to "promote democracy and freedom." I watched and listened, sitting in my black leather swivel chair, clutching my tape recorder and I felt sick.

Kristol finished his statement with a riff about Iraq. "We all thought he had weapons," he said with a smile. "He certainly had connections to terrorists." With someone like Saddam, Kristol explained, we couldn't afford to do nothing: "We had to make a choice." We had to get rid of him; we had to give him a taste of America's hard power. The risk was not that we would act too fast, but "that we'll be too slow." Kristol's parting thought fit the script nicely: "The world is better off because America is powerful." When it was all over I asked Mr. Kristol a question. What did he think about the 12 years of sanctions that had killed over half a million Iraqi children? "It was a tough choice," he said. Then he left the room.

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Every issue is a women's issue

Erin McNamee

A small feature about women's voting habits recently ran in the November 2004 issue of "Glamour" magazine, although you'd be hard-pressed to find it amidst the cloying perfume ads and articles about how to please your man. Apparently, "Glamour" staffers went out and asked a random number of women when they last voted, although the geographical location and sample size of the women polled was not published. Seven women were pictured holding placards proclaiming their voting histories. A woman holding her infant child wrote, "Never!" Another wrote, "I don't agree with Democrats or Republicans so I don't vote!" Thankfully, the positive responses outweighed the negative: one woman proclaimed, "I will vote as soon as I get citizenship" and another dryly inquired, "I voted in Florida. Did it count?"

The point is, all the women interviewed should have said, "November, 2000." "I always vote," or "I'm planning to vote on Nov. 2." There is no excuse for women not to vote, especially when George W. Bush is practically on the verge of reviving the 1950s, a time when women had little control over their bodies or lives. The President has proposed the reversal of Roe v. Wade, the pivotal 1973 Supreme Court decision granting women the right to a safe abortion. Not only was Roe v. Wade a significant stepping-stone in the quest for women's rights, it also legitimized women's healthcare as a serious issue in politics and society. The possible overturn of Roe v. Wade not only threatens the rights a woman has over her own body, but it jeopardizes the quality of healthcare available to women all across America.

On Oct. 25, the Vatican released a handbook for business, political and cultural leaders outlining Roman Catholic beliefs on current political issues. The handbook calls abortion a "horrendous crime" yet conveniently avoids answering the question of whether a Roman Catholic can morally and ethically vote for a candidate who believes the opposite to be true. President Bush, an evangelical Christian, staunchly opposes abortion, while Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry, a Roman Catholic, says that he personally opposes abortion but would never deny a woman her right to choose.

It's no secret that President Bush has allowed his religious beliefs to dangerously intermingle with his politics, and whether we like it or not, religious leaders carry

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a significant influence over voters and politicians. This influence is particularly great in the current election. While I do believe that every person is entitled to his or her own religious beliefs, I disagree with the way President Bush has allowed his beliefs to influence his political decisions.

In addition to opposing same-sex marriage, embryonic stem-cell research, sex education and reproductive health programs, President Bush frequently uses evangelical language in his speeches. At a recent rally in Colorado, President Bush attempted to justify the war in Iraq by saying, "Freedom is not America's gift to the world; freedom is the Almighty God's gift to each man and woman in this world." Apparently President Bush didn't get the memo about it being his duty to uphold the Constitution — mandated separation of church and state.

Women's rights are greatly threatened as the line between church and state fades into oblivion. A political leader, especially the President, carries a great responsibility to lead with the people's interests at heart, not just his own. One person should not make decisions determining how millions of people should live their lives based on his personal or religious beliefs, especially when one group, like women, is continually finding itself at a disadvantage. This is not "compassionate" conservatism — in fact, it's about as far from compassion as you can get.

The 19th Amendment took over 70 years to pass, yet something tells me it took much more effort to pass the law than it takes for some women not to vote at all. The activists involved in the women's rights movement weren't called "Suffragists" for nothing — they endured public ridicule, imprisonment, beatings, and even death to guarantee that future generations of American women, like us, have the opportunity to get involved and control our own lives and bodies. Suffragists sacrificed their lives so we could live ours in freedom and yet 25 out of every 30 women either have no knowledge of this history or simply choose to ignore it altogether.

To "Glamour" magazine's credit, Editor-in-Chief Cindi Leive published a letter in the November, 2004 issue urging women to vote, citing the alarming statistic that only one in five women under age 30 votes regularly. Considering that over 80 years ago women didn't have the right to vote at all, this statistic is not only an embarrassment, it's an outright travesty.

I recently saw a flyer posted on campus that said, "Every issue is a women's issue." On Nov. 2, take control of your life, take control of your body — get out there and vote, and let your voices be heard. Both past and future generations of American women are counting on you.

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'Woman' moves audiences

By Johnny Donaldson
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"Woman Thou Art Loosed" is the movie version of a play and self-help guide from the Christian evangelist Bishop T.D. Jakes, who also gives himself ample screen time. Jakes is a charismatic presence — if not a great actor — but still, you have to ask yourself if you really want to see a movie based on a self-help book. What's next, "Chicken Soup for the Moviegoers Soul?"

Not exactly. "Woman" is as clunky, clumsy and simple a morality play you could easily imagine, but it's also a watchable and compelling morality play. Even as you laugh off its plainness, you find yourself moved by it.

Kimberly Elise, from "The Manchurian Candidate," plays Michelle, a young woman on death row for murdering her lazy stepfather at one of Jakes' tent revivals. The bishop visits her in prison, and she tells him her story, represented by a flashback of what lead her to face execution.

The movie floats from one tragedy to the next in Michelle's life. She's sexually assaulted by her mom's boyfriend (Clifton Powell), grows up to become a stripper and crack addict who returns home from a stint in jail to get her life together. She's attacked by her former pimp, and betrayed by her mother (Loretta Devine), who refuses to accept that her boyfriend raped her daughter.

"Woman Thou Art Loosed" is often cheesy, loaded with melodramatic dialogue, stock characters and obvious symbolism. The camerawork is shoddy and cheap, made with grainy film stock, and the writing often resembles an after-school special gussied up with grown-up allusions to sex and drugs.

The movie is often silly, and hampered by repeated cutaways to Jakes' revival meetings. Not only that, the characters often refer to the meetings and watch videos of it, making this a veritable infomercial for Jakes' ministry.

What makes the film effective is its acting, which is uniformly convincing even when the script isn't. Elise, in particular, gives a stirring performance as the troubled, but healing, Michelle. Heretofore a minor actress stuck in bit parts in big movies, finally gets the chance to run with a real role and she makes a fine impression.

"Woman Thou Art Loosed" is an imperfect film that is as simplistic as it is riveting, as cheesy as it is harrowing. This film is a surprisingly gritty Christian drama that does not back away from its R-rated themes, and yet still as the good-vs.-bad, white-vs.-black ideals of a bamboozle morality play. But the acting makes it compelling no matter how rudimentary the filmmaking is.

Woman Thou Art Loosed
Directed by Michael Schultz
Starring Kimberly Elise, Bishop T.D. Jakes, Magnolia, Rated R, 94 mins, Grade B



Clifton Powell, who also is slated to appear in the biographical story of Ray Charles, played Reggie in "Women Thou Art Loosed."

'Future Perfect' three years in the making deemed to be a success for Autolux

By Nick Romanow
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It's not very often that a debut album is three years in the making. It's just as rare for a band's first album to be so cohesive, mature, and spotless. However, on "Future Perfect", Los Angeles space-pop purveyors Autolux hit on both of these rare occasions.

"Future Perfect" is truly a special album amidst the sea of faceless corporate rock bands. Autolux takes off somewhere in between My Bloody Valentine and Sonic Youth but, especially when compared to indie and alternative rockers who are stealing all the magazine covers, seem to orbit around a completely different sun.

Bassist/vocalist Eugene Goreshter's airy, androgynous voice takes some getting used to but, after a couple spins, seems to be the key to Autolux's ethereal atmosphere. That's not to discredit the other two members, though: guitarist Greg Edwards (formerly of the criminally overlooked and underrated space-rockers Failure) and drummer/vocalist Carla Azar (formerly of Edna Swapt are obviously, and audibly, equal parts of the band. It is the dynamic of the three players together that make Autolux so unique and extraordinary. Edwards' swirling riffs range from relentlessly buzzing bursts of feedback to spacey drones. Edwards lets Goreshter's bass playing form the shell of the song while he completely fills it in. Azar's intro to the opening track, "Turnstile Blues," makes it clear that her drumming is the backbone of the band, and just as stylistic and cool as anything Goreshter and Edwards do. Azar's occasional vocal excursions, such as the chorus of "Sugarless," all rank among the album's best moments. "Future Perfect" is breathtaking in many ways — and the respect it commands is increased by the fact that it is the debut album by a relatively new band.

Granted, people around Los Angeles, and fans of the members' previous bands, have known about Autolux for three years and have been awaiting "Future Perfect" since the band released their demo in 2001.

The band too has been waiting a long time for this day to come as Edwards explained in a phone interview a week before "Future Perfect's" long-awaited release (the album is finally in stores now), with the Collegian.

"I was touring with Failure and ... Edna Swap and that's how Carla and I met and I was pretty blown away by her drumming. And then after that tour Failure broke up four or five [months later] and Carla just left [Edna Swap]. Soon after that I just showed up at Carla's door one day, just to say hi, and Eugene was at her house, and that was the first time I met Eugene. And then sometime soon after that [Carla and I] were having a conversation and she brought up that her and Eugene wanted to start a band and were wondering if I had any interest in that."

From there the band began to play shows and record their demo. Not long after they started playing musician/producer T-Bone Burnett, most famous recently for the soundtrack to the "Coen Brothers' film "O Brother Where Art Thou," came to them and talked to them about a record label he was starting up.

At that point things were looking up for Autolux but it took a long time and many delays before "Future Perfect" was completed. The band hit many hurdles, including a serious injury to Azar's arm that almost halted her drumming career.

"It's been kinda rough — it's hard to wait that long," Edwards sighs, "it took a while to make and then to actually finally finish making it to have to wait for the record to come out is kinda hard on the band. We finished it in February or March. We recorded the basic tracks in about two months and then we sort of attempted to mix it in different places with different configurations of people and it took a while to find a good mix. The hold up with the release ... the record company would push it back because they think there's gonna be an optimum time to release it. Mainly, probably, it's bullshit."

Edward's apathy towards record company priorities certainly extends to his bandmates and, although non-tangible, seems to be a big part of what makes Autolux, well, Autolux. The band has shown to be a collective of musicians who care about music and art, not radio success. Because of this the band is allowed to, and able to, experiment in ways few so-called artists do. Still, though, Edwards doesn't quite understand why the press treats them as inaccessible art-rock aliens. After all, Autolux features choruses with heaping quantities of light-hearted 'do-do-do's ("Angry Candy") and "Sha-la-la"s ("Here Comes Everybody").

"I think [the combination of pop-rock and art-rock] was always the idea. We wanted to be really unique and otherworldly and definitely not sound like a 'rock band' or an American rock band but at the same time we wanted there to be some level of simplicity and directness. And also we ... wanted to be the band that, in a perfect world, would be a really popular pop band."

To the mainstream, though, Autolux will always represent the alien factors more then the pop factors.

"It's all a matter of perspective. I hear our music and I'm always thinking 'God, this is so safe, this is boring. We should be weirder'. We're always pushing for something a little more extreme but in the end we want to be really enjoyable to play and to listen to. That's our ultimate goal. We don't set out to be intentionally weird or difficult."

However Edwards realizes that his band probably won't be getting heavy rotation on traditional rock radio anytime soon.

"There's this sound, I don't know what you call it – Sumetal maybe, this Linkin Park kinda...this sound on the radio. I find it so grating and obnoxious and you get the whole society of radio listeners used to it...anything that doesn't like that is 'strange'. If you aren't trying to make a recording that sounds like all the stuff that's on the radio people think you're intentionally trying to not be commercial. Whereas that's not the case at all, we [just] don't particularly enjoy the way those recordings sound.

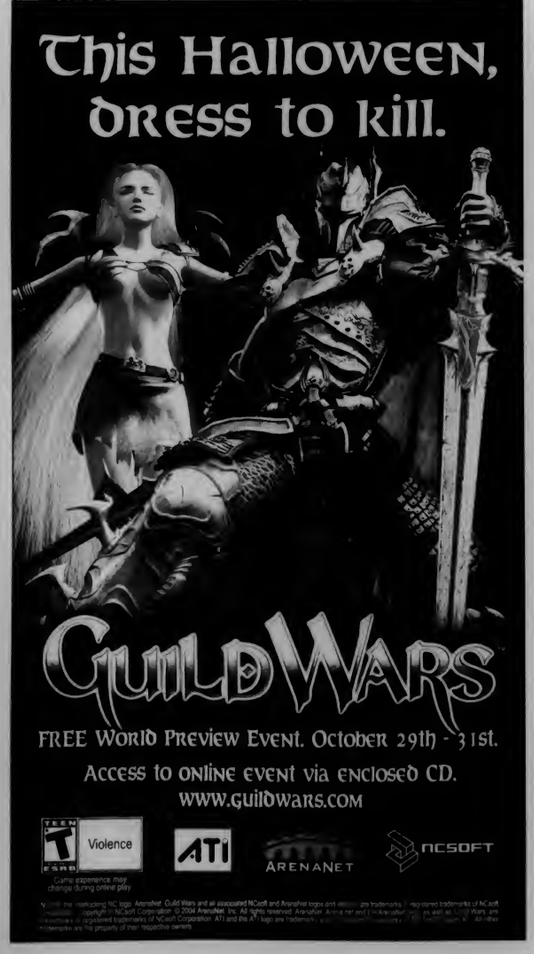
"We're kind of weary about the whole idea of pushing a single song and waiting for it to pop at radio. It's kind of scary. I would much rather tour a lot, have people come see us live, enjoy the band live, buy the record, live with the record, grow into it and really love the band through that kind of process. The whole opening weekend mentality of the record label — I'm not sure that they view us (that way but of course they're a big company, that's what they want. And I don't think it can happen right now for Autolux."

Indeed Autolux is not quite as difficult as a lot of the hype makes them out to be however it can take multiple listens to really get into the band – and countless more to discover every detail of the songs and get the entire picture.

"I don't know if we aim for that," Edwards commented, "but I know that whenever we write something we make sure it's something we're enjoying more and more as we work on it and if it doesn't have something about it that grows on us when we work on it then we drop it. It makes sense that it grows on people. Your first listen wouldn't be your most intense experience."

While all the tracks on "Future Perfect" have a certain charm upon first listen they all deserve a fair chance to grow on the listener and it is well worth it. Multiple listens reveal Autolux to be interesting, fascinating and addicting. Autolux is one of those rare bands that can restore your faith in music and "Future Perfect" is one of those few albums that has to be heard to be believed, as well as understood. Autolux definitely is not for everyone but for those that enjoy smart, original art-rock mixed with a perfect dose of pop Autolux will be the discovery of the year. "Future Perfect" isn't the only CD of 2004 worth having, but from start to finish, it definitely blows most stuff out of the water.

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Pittsburgh hosts A-10 XC championships tomorrow

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Tomorrow, the Massachusetts men's and women's cross country teams will travel to Pittsburgh to compete in the Atlantic 10 Championship.

The men's team is currently ranked No. 4 out of 11 teams, and over the course of the season, Massachusetts has been climbing in rank.

"At the beginning of the season, we were ranked seventh and rightfully so because our team performance last year in the meet put us in seventh place," coach Ken O'Brien said. "The last couple of weekends, we have made some improvements in our consistency so we have moved up the ladder."

The Minutemen will face some tough competition. The championship favorite is LaSalle, who have won the past three years.

"I have a sneaky feeling that Duquesne is really ready to pull a big upset over LaSalle. They have five or six very good distance runners who have been together a couple of years, and they have improved each year," O'Brien said.

The meet will be held at Duquesne's home course, which gives the team an advantage.

"The question isn't whether Duquesne wants it badly enough or if they have the ability, but whether it will happen," O'Brien said.

St. Joseph's is ranked third, right above Massachusetts.

"I know we have the ability to get third place, but as a coach, you condition yourself not to think that seven out of seven runners are going to have their best day," O'Brien said. "I think our real, more accurate competition is with Dayton and Richmond for the fourth spot. I think it would be a nice accomplishment for us to grab fourth."

There is a lot riding on just one race. The regular season performances don't count for any standing in cross country, rather, the conference champion is determined by the meet on Saturday.

But the team is ready.

"We have had some good meets and some meets that weren't our best. I feel as though the last two weeks have been our best performances of the year," O'Brien said.

"I have been really impressed with how the team has learned the past two weeks. They've learned some things that some teams don't pick up in a year," O'Brien said. "I think we've made a ton of adjustments since September. I'm extremely happy with the team, how they have approached things and how they've commited themselves."

Massachusetts hasn't raced against any of the teams in the conference this year except for Rhode Island so the unfamiliarity with the other teams is just one challenge of the race.

"There are a lot of returning runners in this meet," O'Brien said. "That is highly unusual because normally you would expect 25 percent of the kids would graduate, but 17 of the top 20 kids from the meet last year are coming back so that makes the quality of the competition really excellent. Therefore, many teams will have the upper advantage of experience, something that the young Massachusetts team does not have.

"The conference is going to be interesting this year because the group of schools from third to seventh I think will be very, very close," O'Brien said. "The teams are so close that at any point they could shuffle position. It's a great championship situation to be in because the team that performs the best on that one day will get the best reward."

"Whether we finish fourth or seventh, we're a better team than last year, and this year's team is much better prepared going into the meet," O'Brien said.

Trying to predict the outcome of the Atlantic 10 women's race is as difficult a task as trying to figure out who will win Tuesday's presidential election. The Minutewomen go into tomorrow's meet ranked fifth overall out of a total of eleven A-10 teams. The top five ranked teams are all very close to each other in terms of competition.

Richmond and LaSalle will most likely by vying for first place while Duquesne and Rhode Island are looking for the next slots. That leaves UMass as the wildcard, and coach Julie Lafreniere hopes that they can earn a spot in the top five.

"I really think we can get to that fifth spot," Lafreniere said. "The team is truly ready and very excited for the meet, but we need to have a very good day."

The team has not competed in a meet since the Albany Invitational back on Oct. 16 and have had plenty of time to prepare for this ever-so-important meet. Among those leading the pack include freshman standout Christina Derosa, who has been the number-one runner for UMass all year.

Derosa earned her second consecutive Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week award following her performance at the Albany Invitational and hopes to add to her storybook rookie campaign. Senior captain Alexis Anzelone has been exceptional during the latter part of the season, placing second among UMass runners in the previous two meets.

"Alexis looked fantastic all week in practice," Lafreniere said. "She has really been outstanding and should be a major factor at the championships."

Sophomore Cuisle Kierans and senior captain Amanda Dahlberg also look to make their impact as top runners. While the top four runners will be a major factor, Lafreniere feels that it will be the next five runners who could be the deciding factor tomorrow. Made up of Erin O'Donnell, Ashley Davidson, captain Tricia Silva, Kara Gillette and Amanda Bodette, these five runners have been running separated by only 13 seconds but are a distance from the top four spots. Lafreniere hopes that they can close the gap between the top four runners and the following five.

During their extra week of practice, the team continued to work hard to prepare physically for the meet. Lafreniere also focused on working on fast leg turnover to adapt to the course they will be running tomorrow. The first mile of the course is downhill, but what goes down must come up, and the route goes uphill towards the end of the race.

"There is a change of pace, but I love this course," Lafreniere said. "This team has done a lot of work to get ready for this meet."

Halloween weekend begins with a trip to 'The Coffin'



The Massachusetts Minutemen are set for their first Hockey East home-and-home of the season. UMass travels to Providence tonight and plays host to the Friars tomorrow night at the Mullins Center.

By Andrew Merritt
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There might be a message behind the fact that the Massachusetts hockey team is playing in a place nicknamed "The Coffin" two days before Halloween, but for the Minutemen, ghosts and goblins are not the things to be worried about.

Rather, the specter of an early-season losing streak looms, after what some might call an embarrassing loss, and what most would call a bad sign for the season ahead. Coming off their disappointing 3-2 overtime loss to Connecticut on Sunday, the Minutemen (3-2-0, 1-0-0 Hockey East) travel to Providence tonight to take on the Friars in Game 1 of a home-and-home Hockey East weekend.

UMass coach Don Cahoon, who has classically never put much emphasis on the past, said his team is ready to move on from the loss to the Huskies.

"There's no sense in letting that mentality linger," he said. "We've got to get over it and move on. Every weekend's going to be tough for us."

The Friars (2-1-0, 1-1-0 HEA) are once again one of Hockey East's great unknowns, a team that struggled to a 16-14-7 record (7-11-6 HEA) and an early exit from the playoffs via New Hampshire, who they took to three games before losing 1-0 at the Whittemore Center on March 13.

The Friars also produced the most shocking news of the Hockey East offseason, when goaltender Bobby Goepfert was dismissed from the team for violating team rules. Goepfert, who transferred to St. Cloud State in August, won 21 games in his two seasons as a Friar, with a .921 save percentage and a 2.46 goals against average. Goepfert turned aside 21 shots in the Friars' lone win over UMass last year, a 6-2 victory at the Mullins Center on Halloween, and made 29 stops on 32 shots two weeks later when the Minutemen dropped Providence 3-2 at Schneider.

That leaves David Cacciola, a senior who was on the losing end for five of his 11 games played (four ties), but posted a 2.06 GAA and .933 save percentage in 2003-04. Cacciola is averaging 28 saves per game, but has allowed nine goals in his three contests this year.

"Goepfert was a highly regarded goalie," Cahoon said. "But I always liked Cacciola there, he played at St. Sebastian's and had success there. It didn't seem to diminish quality of team, and although Goepfert is certainly a big loss, they've still got a solid goaltender there."

What is on the Minutemen's side is recent history. Since 2000, UMass has won four of its seven games at Schneider Arena, including both of last year's clashes.

"I don't think you can look at anything and think much into it," Cahoon said. "Certain teams, you have a run and do well against, and that can get flipped right around. The rink isn't a bad rink for us, that's for sure, and when we're going down there, we feel as though we can be successful."

NOTES: Senior Tim Warner will start tonight's game in goal, while junior Gabe Winer is set to man the crease tomorrow night back in Amherst. ... The Minute-men were temporarily evicted from the Mullins Center Practice Rink this week because of the Bill Cosby show scheduled to play the big house tonight, but practiced at Amherst College's Orr Rink all week, which comes a little closer to Schneider's 200 x 85-foot dimensions.

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UMass' backs against the wall

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

Throw out all the clichéd, overused metaphors. This isn't do-or-die time, nor is it crunch time or time to cowboy up. If things don't happen this weekend, they never will, plain and simple. This is the end of the line.

Depending on the outcome, this weekend's road trip to St. Bonaventure and Duquesne may be the last time one will see the Massachusetts women's soccer team gear up and take to the field in 2004.

If the Minutewomen (6-9-0, 4-5-0 Atlantic 10) are to return home to Rudd Field, where they will host the A-10 Tournament next week, winning these final two games is absolutely vital. If they want to continue playing, there can be no losing or tying. However, they enter the weekend short a few more players than usual.

Two promising freshmen will not be seeing action this weekend. Midfielder Kaelyn Caldwell is still out with her ankle injury while defender Kristina Nunes has suffered her second concussion in the last week-and-a-half and will be sidelined.

Amy Maffucci is a question mark, too, having only been able to go at half-speed in practice for most of the week. Tiffany Hamill, after taking the brunt end of a brutal collision Sunday against LaSalle, is not at 100 percent. Another freshman, Tina Rodriguez, has struggled with nagging leg injuries. Chelsey Hoffman has been sick. Yet another, Morgan Czaja, will miss this weekend due to a mandatory field trip.

When it all adds up, the Minutewomen will have their work cut out for them.

"We're approaching this road trip as seriously as we can. We're in some trouble right now," coach Jim Rudy said.

There is reason for the Minutewomen to have faith for these girls. The LaSalle Explorers, who remain slightly ahead of UMass, have Dayton and Xavier this weekend. The Explorers are not favored to win over Dayton, but should they lose to the Musketeers as well, and UMass takes two victories on this road trip, the Minutewomen are in.

The last hurrah begins today in Olean, N.Y. where St. Bonaventure is 5-1-2 in 2004. Playing on what Rudy calls one of the worst playing surfaces in the A-10, they will be led by the goal-hungry tandem of junior Heather McDougall and sophomore Kerry O'Malley. Together, the two forwards have accounted for 24 goals on the year, more than half of the team's scoring (41 goals in 2004).

Alone, McDougall has 15 goals and four assists on the year for 34 points. The Minutewomen, meanwhile, have scored just five more goals as a team (20 goals) on the year. Throw in St. Bonaventure's notoriously rowdy crowd, and the Maroon and White are up against some stiff competition.

UMass wraps up the 2004 regular season on Sunday in Pittsburgh, Pa. taking on yet another physically tough in the Duquesne Dukes.

Playing on fieldturf, yet another surface unfamiliar to the 2004 Minutewomen, the Dukes will most likely be the most physical team the Maroon and White have faced all year.

Like UMass, the Dukes carry a few young guns in their arsenal. They are led in scoring by a senior Katie Schwaeger and freshman Audra Mathews, who have both tallied seven goals on the year. Two more freshmen, forward/midfielders Faye Rasmussen and Kelly Reed, have both netted six scores on the year. There are plenty more freshmen and sophomores contributing on offense to make for a well-rounded attack.

Either way, the Minutewomen return home after this weekend for some more soccer. Whether they want to be on the sideline in yellow jackets marked "staff" or whether they want to be on their home field making a run to upset heavily favored Dayton will be up to them.

UM trying to sneak into A-10 playoffs

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

It's now or never for the Massachusetts men's soccer team.

After a season of ups and downs, several position changes and the most overtime games in the history of UMass (7-7-2, 4-2-2 A-10) men's soccer, the Minutemen have three games between them and the post season.

This weekend, UMass will host on St. Bonaventure (7-7-1, 3-5-0 A-10) today, and current No. 1 seed Duquesne (10-6-0, 6-2-0 A-10) on Sunday. The Minutemen need two wins to secure a spot in the Atlantic 10 tournament and with only three games left, every second counts.

Last year, UMass was in a very similar position. Hanging on to the final playoff spot, the Minutemen split their final weekend series, putting them on the brink of elimination. This set them up for a demoralizing 3-0, season-ending loss to Rhode Island in the last game of the season.

This year, the scenario is the same, and so are the main characters as UMass will travel to URI on Nov. 5, for its final game.

"To be honest with you, I don't even remember last year. We're just concentrating on this year and our games," UMass coach Sam Koch said in reference to the coincidence. "All I know is we've got to win one to be in the running for the tournament and both to be in the tournament. So I'd say this weekend is pretty important."

Putting a damper on the Minutemen's attack will be the absence of Ralph Pace during the St. Bonaventure game. Pace was given a red card in the final ten minutes of the first half against La Salle on Oct. 24. UMass lost the game 2-0, which dropped it from third to fifth in the A-10.

Koch understands the severity of losing a talented player such as Pace, who is third on the team in the points with three goals and four assists. However, he is confident in a variety of unspecified players to pick up the burden.

"Obviously, you're without the services of a very good player but we'll have 11 guys out on the field doing everything they can to make up for it," Koch said. "We have a good idea of who's going to be out there, but I'd just as soon keep it in the team right now."

Along with losing the offensive ability of Pace, the Minutemen will need to put able bodies in the defensive midfield in order to slow down a speedy St. Bonaventure attack. The Bonnies are ranked ninth in the A-10 right now but are a mere win away from being right back in the playoff mix.

Leading the way for St. Bonaventure has been Andy Garcia, who is a goal-scoring distributor that leads the team in points (18) and assists (10). Garcia and his wingman Konrad Paszkowski have contributed a third of the points this year for the Bonnies.

"They are very skillful, and they have a lot of team speed, but they've had some tough results," Koch said. "They aren't consistent, but when they play their style, they are definitely a tough opponent."

Koch is confident that his team can come away with a victory if they don't fall victim to the "slashing" offense that the Bonnies play.

"Against St. Bonaventure, if we get stretched, they have the speed and the skill to slice and dice you so we want to make sure that that doesn't happen," Koch said. "It's just like the [St. Louis] Cardinals. They had two huge blunders on the basepaths [in the World Series]. We want to make sure we don't make those kind of mistakes that can turn the game around."

Duquesne brings a much different animal to Rudd Field as they are currently the first-place team in the A-10 and are riding possibly the strongest defense in the conference.

The Dukes haven't exactly been lighting up the scoreboard, as they've averaged a mere 1.38 goals per game. It's their stymieing defense that has been putting numbers in the win column, they are tops in the A-10 with .94 goals allowed per game, and have five shutouts (tied for second in A-10).

Minutewomen jockying for position

By Dave Quinn
Collegian Staff

Let's get one thing straight. When the Massachusetts field hockey team travels to Kingston to take on the Rhode Island Rams (4-13, 1-4), it won't be a do-or-die, win-and-get-in situation. The Minutewomen have clinched a spot in Atlantic 10 playoffs. Saturday's noontime game, however, will be a defining moment for the field hockey team as it sets the tone for next weekend's A-10 championships.

The Minutewomen are coming off a loss to conference leader Richmond on Oct. 24. Senior Day ended on a sour note as the Spiders dominated Massachusetts in every way en route to a 7-0 victory. When the team returned to practice on Tuesday, UMass coach Patty Shea acknowledged the past but turned the team's attention to the future.

"You can't change ancient history. The only thing you can really do is learn from it. We needed to take the Richmond game and learn from it, both individually and collectively, as a team. Now, our focus needs to be the Rhode Island game," Shea said.

This game has significant ramifications. With a win, the Maroon and White would clinch second place in the conference and would not face No. 10 Richmond until the finals. A loss would mean that the Minutewomen could finish anywhere from second to fourth, potentially setting up the dreaded first round match up with the Spiders. At this point, the Rhode Island game has become the most important game of the season.

"I think the Rhode Island game was the one that we knew was really going to be the focus," Shea said. "This game really solidifies where we are in the conference. With this game, we could slide from the No. 2 seed to the No. 3 seed or even to the No. 4 seed. It's nice to be in control of your own destiny, and you can't ask for anything more than that."

So what is the key to locking up the second seed? Preaching "the simple" is a concept that Shea has been driving home since day one. In any sport, substance always defeats style, and Shea believes the Richmond game drove home that-point to her crew.

"Richmond didn't do anything we weren't prepared for," said Shea. "Richmond took advantage of two pretty critical mistakes that we made in the first five minutes of the game. We had simple opportunities but we tried to do the most difficult things. We have to be patient and realize it might take two passes to get where we want to go instead of trying to thread the needle all the time. I always tell them, 'the more simple the decision, the more correct it is.'"

The Rams have struggled immensely this season, winning just one out of their last eight games. The lone victory came against West Chester on Oct. 10, 3-2 in penalty strokes. Rhody is lead by two freshmen in scoring; Lauren Kerr with four goals and Jeannine Records, who has registered three goals and two assists. Another freshman, M.J. Britt, has been busy in front of the net, saving 112 shots while allowing 41 goals. Thirteen of Rhode Island's 20 players are either freshmen or sophomores. In short, it is a rebuilding year for the Rams.

Despite the limited highlights, Shea notes that the Rams always play with a lot of emotion and intensity, which provides for a very challenging game for the Minutewomen. Rhody does have two other advantages in Saturday's game. The first advantage is that it is Senior Day, which usually tends to bring out the best in teams. The second is the grass playing field on which the ball plays much differently than the Garber Field turf that Massachusetts is accustomed to.

"If you let the different surfaces get under your skin, you're going to be in trouble," Shea said. "The grass game does play a little bit on our strengths because of our team speed, so we can throw the ball into spaces, and we have people who can run on to it and get to it first.

"It plays to your biggest disadvantage on the corners because your corners are such a precise piece of the game that and you have the variability of the bounces and the divots in the grass. It's also dependant on the weather, where it could be wet or it could be sloppy."

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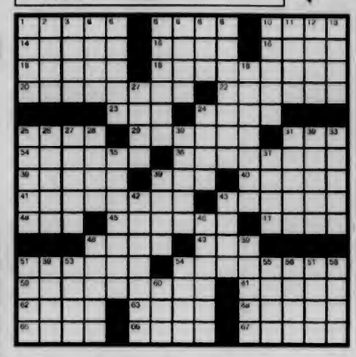
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Mike Marzelli

When I was thirteen years old, I bought my first official, fitted Red Sox hat. The product of a 20-dollar bill my grandmother slipped me before a late July game at Fenway Park, I'll always remember how perfect it looked on me when I first put it on inside the Landsdowne Shop. Turning to my best friend Josh that muggy summer night, I told him I'd never take it off until we saw the Sox win the World Series. It was a promise I always knew I'd keep.

For seven and a half years, I would have preferred to sacrifice my firstborn child rather than take that hat off my head. The dark blue color faded to gray from seven summers of sun, the brim ripped and shredded almost all the way across, the inside completely gutted in an effort to help it still fit right and a strong odor of blood, sweat and tears emanating from it, the hat had a unique character all its own.

Friends and family tried to persuade me to ditch the hat over the last few years. One of my best friends asked for it as a keepsake when I went away to college, my dog Duffy tried to take it outside and lose it and my mom offered to buy me two brand new hats, but deep down they all knew that only one thing would ever make me lose that hat.

On Wednesday October 27, 2004 at 11:40 pm, that one thing came. When Keith Foulke fielded Edgar Renteria's comebacker and the Red Sox won the World Series for the first time in 86 years, the hat had

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In the end, Epstein had the right theory



Andrew Merritt

On the off chance that Messrs. Belichick and Epstein don't have it in their rolodexes, here's a number they might want to hang on to: 1-800-786-9199. It's the main number for the U.S. Patent Office, and Theo and Bill might just want to look into getting the first-ever patent for winning in modern professional sports.

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Whatever the name is, it's definitely a significant theory — that finding the players who fit your team best, and making the team concept more important than individual achievement, is the best path to surviving the hardscrabble world of free agency, inflated egos and fly-by-night champions (see Ravens, Baltimore).

The Patriots introduced it in 2001-02, and perfected it over the next two years. The National Football League still doesn't know how to handle the Pats, and while their illustrious run of consecutive

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Sox make it easy



Jeff Howe

Yeah, the Boston Red Sox did just win their first World Series championship in 86 years, but along the way, something went drastically wrong.

The last two games of the ALCS and the only four games of the World Series were just too easy.

Everything went according to script. In fact, during those last six games, the Sox never even trailed.

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Warm welcome for Cosby's homecoming

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Bill Cosby, administration announce scholarship for inner city students

By Erika Lovley
Collegian Staff

Comedian Bill Cosby performed in front of a packed Mullins Center audience on Friday to benefit public school students from across the state.

The proceeds from his stand-up comedy performance, "Cosby Comes Home", as well as several large contributions from corporate sponsorships have helped the University of Massachusetts raise over $1.5 million which will be given to scholarship funds, according to University officials.

An initial endowment of approximately $340,000 from Cosby's Friday performance, as well as a 50 percent state match, will jump-start the new Cosby Commonwealth Challenge Fund, which the University announced Friday afternoon.

The fund will help recruit students interested in attending the University from many the public school systems, including Springfield and Holyoke. The program will encourage students from elementary through high school to build a strong academic base and maintain a high grade-point average, while working their way toward college.

"It's about this University opening its arms to all Americans as a state school," said Cosby. "[UMass] is the place you ought to go."

Students selected for the fund will have a contract guaranteeing financial aid toward an undergraduate career at UMass after graduation if academic performance has been strong during the elementary through high school career.

Charlena M. Seymour, Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, said the Cosby Commonwealth Challenge Fund will bring positive attention to the University, as well as benefit the students who receive its benefits.

"Bill Cosby is one of our most famous alumni, and he is helping create a program that allows him to exert a positive influence on both the University and students who will come here to improve their education," Seymour said.

Students can attend UMass once the program is completed. The students will receive an annual award towards their tuition for four years if they uphold good academic standing at the University.

Participants will be invited to a leadership and enrichment program that will also be created by UMass, which will include an annual event to publicly recognize the students.

"[The University fund] will reach out to touch and make the young men, women, girls, and boys want to get an education," said Cosby.

According to University officials, students will be nominated from the schools by Cosby Challenge "talent scouts" or teachers, administrators, and community leaders from the partner schools in underprivileged areas. The Cosby Scholars must demonstrate motivation and a drive to succeed, and will be selected by a representative of the two school districts and the University.



MATTHEW REID/COLLEGIAN

Bill Cosby and Chancellor John Lombardi announce a new scholarship funded by Cosby to benefit lower income students.

For every $1 million raised, approximately 20 Cosby Scholars would receive tuition.

According to UMass officials, the $1.5 million was comprised of $541,000 by individuals, $218,000 from the pre-Cosby performance dinner, and $226,000 from performance tickets. The event was made possible by $150,000 in corporate sponsorships and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' endowment matching program, adding approximately $383,500.

The performance was a gift from Cosby to the University. Cosby received his master's and doctorate in the 1970s in education.

70 people turn out for Noho peace vigil

By Jeremy Dirac
Collegian Staff

It was a cool Thursday night in Northampton this past week, when about 70 people carrying candles walked in a procession from the town's courthouse to the Unitarian church in support of peace and the soldiers and civilians who have died in Iraq.

The Western Massachusetts Interfaith Coalition for Peace and Justice, a group made up of members of various religions, organized the twenty-minute procession. The group was formed in opposition to the war in Iraq in the summer of 2002, just eight months before the war began said Rene Theberge, a member of the steering committee.

While participants walked silently, a group of Buddhist monks wearing long yellow gowns thumped on prayer drums and chanted "Na Mu Myo Ho Ren Kyo," which roughly translated means "All life is sacred."

Ninety-nine year old Phyllis Rodin made her way down the street in her wheelchair. Attached to her chair was a sign reading "Stand Up For Peace" and her sweatshirt proclaimed "Grand-mothers For Peace."

"I thought it was splendid. The thing that was thrilling was that it was truly interfaith," said Rodin.

There were some younger people involved too, including Jade Jerommon, a student at Smith College. She hadn't heard about the procession but decided to join in when she saw the group.

"I'm just feeling really sad about the political atmosphere and I wanted to get together with some people who felt the same," said Jerommon.

Also supporting the cause for peace was a couple of dogs who followed their masters in reverent silence.

Following the procession, about half of the participants remained and gathered in a circle outside of the Unitarian Church to listen to talks from members of different religions.

"We are living in an urgent moment in time," said a Jewish man, who added that we need to share a vision of peace. A Muslim man said that Islam is about submission and a Unitarian Universal-ist read a poem about the eve of war in Iraq.

Dr. Peter Kakos of The Edwards United Church of Christ related the war in Iraq to the Vietnam War in which he lost three of his high school friends.

The reverend also said that the procession was mainly for the people whom were involved in it.

"There's always a need for people who struggle for peace to

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'Power of Learning' attracts students to Homecoming Weekend

'Don't Worry Be Healthy' educates students on nutrition

By Matthew Reid
Collegian Staff

The health fair "Don't Worry, Be Healthy" was held in the Campus Center basement on Friday as part of Homecoming weekend's Power of Learning activity, which took place in the Campus Center throughout the day.

Key organizers of the fair were Nancy Cohen, professor and head of the department of nutrition, Mary Andrianopoulos, associate professor of communication disorders and Helene Cunningham, clinical assistant professor and director of the Nursing Learning Resource Center.

Several of the booths at the fair were organized, prepared and manned by undergraduate students.

Students from the Department of Nutrition manned two information tables, named "Good Nutrition for Good Health" and "Move Toward a Healthy Weight."

Both booths contained information about proper nutritional habits, health standards and ways to maintain a healthy lifestyle, which included a place to check your body mass index (BMI) and sample nutritional foods.

"The students worked very hard putting this all together, and they did a great job. They came up with the ideas for the displays and handouts on their own, and obtained a lot of useful experience on planning and running a health fair," Cohen said.

The School of Nursing featured an interactive mannequin, the Sim Man patient simulator for people to observe. Sim Man cost over $50,000 and is an anatomically correct male mannequin built to mimic a real life patient.

The dummy can mimic a persons real heart sounds, blood pressure, pulse, skin temperature, lung sounds and can even communicate such phrases as, "I don't feel good," and "nurse, when is it time for my sponge bath?" The school of Nursing also has a female version of the mannequin, known as Sim Annie.

"The mannequins are really incredible," said Cunningham. "They can prepare students for what they can expect from actual patients in a very realistic way."

Other students from the School of Nursing were on hand to pass out stress balls, give information on stress reduction techniques, and take people's blood pressures. People could also listen to various types of classical music and soothing sounds to induce relaxation.



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School of Nursing students observed an anatomically correct mannequin to monitor its heart condition.

Corey Mossop, a senior exercise science major, helped run the YMCA 3-minute step test. Volunteers could take the test, which consisted of stepping up and down a one foot elevated platform for three minutes. After the time had expired, the person's heart rate was taken to indicate their overall fitness level.

Certified massage therapists from the Branford Hall Career Institute of Springfield were giving free back and neck massages.

"Seeing something like this is just awesome," said Charlena Seymore, University of Massachusetts Provost who was in attendance to see the event first-hand. "It's important to show the UMass students demonstrating their potential. This shows what is possible when you have first-class students performing at their best."

The fair featured contributions from the School of Nursing and the School of Public Health and Health Sciences, which includes the departments of nutrition, communication disorders and exercise sciences.

MicBio department generates power through bacteria, mud

By Hannah Drake
Collegian Correspondent

More than forty different academic departments from the University of Massachusetts took part in a showcase entitled "The Power of Learning" last Friday. It displayed the University's current research projects and accomplishments along with live music and poetry readings and other forms of art in the Campus Center Concourse.

The three-hour event was part of UMass Amherst's Homecoming 2004 weekend celebration.

One department featured was the Microbiology Department, which displayed its "Bacterial Batteries" research.

According to Kelvin Gregory, a post-doctoral research assistant, explained that researchers found a way to generate power from mud through the discovery of a certain type of bacteria.

The driving point of the project was to solve a problem of the U.S. Navy's large number of buoys in the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean, which monitor ocean temperature, and current among other measurements. The buoys are battery powered, which is not cost efficient in its current form.

Gregory said the Navy wants a relatively cheap, maintenance-free way to keep the buoys running. The MicroBio Department believes that Bacterial Batteries could well be the solution.

The School of Education was also featured at the event. It displayed information about the ACCELA Alliance (Access to Critical Content and English Language Acquisition,) which UMass sponsors.

Doctoral student Ruth Horman explained that UMass has collaborated with school districts in Western Massachusetts through this program in order to help students simultaneously learn English and keep up with the curriculum.

ACCELA currently has six projects aimed at improving quality of learning for ELLs, and will have nine next year as the Springfield School District joins the alliance.

The Center for Computer-Based Instructional Technology displayed one of its latest educational software developments. The program demonstrated was a CASA (Collaborative Adaptive Sensing of the Atmosphere)

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Students look inside 'Bush's Brain'

Author James Moore appeared at a DVD viewing of the movie based on his book 'Bush's Brain.'

Baby Safe Havens now legal

By Dan O'Brien
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts Baby Safe Haven Law took effect this past Friday, October 29, making legal the act of placing newborns into the hands of officials at hospitals, police and fire stations across the state.

Massachusetts has become the 47th state to enact a law that provides places for mothers to drop off unwanted babies. Baby Safe Haven advocates say that this law is especially important because it gives a newborn's parents the ability to place it into medical care in the crucial hours following birth.

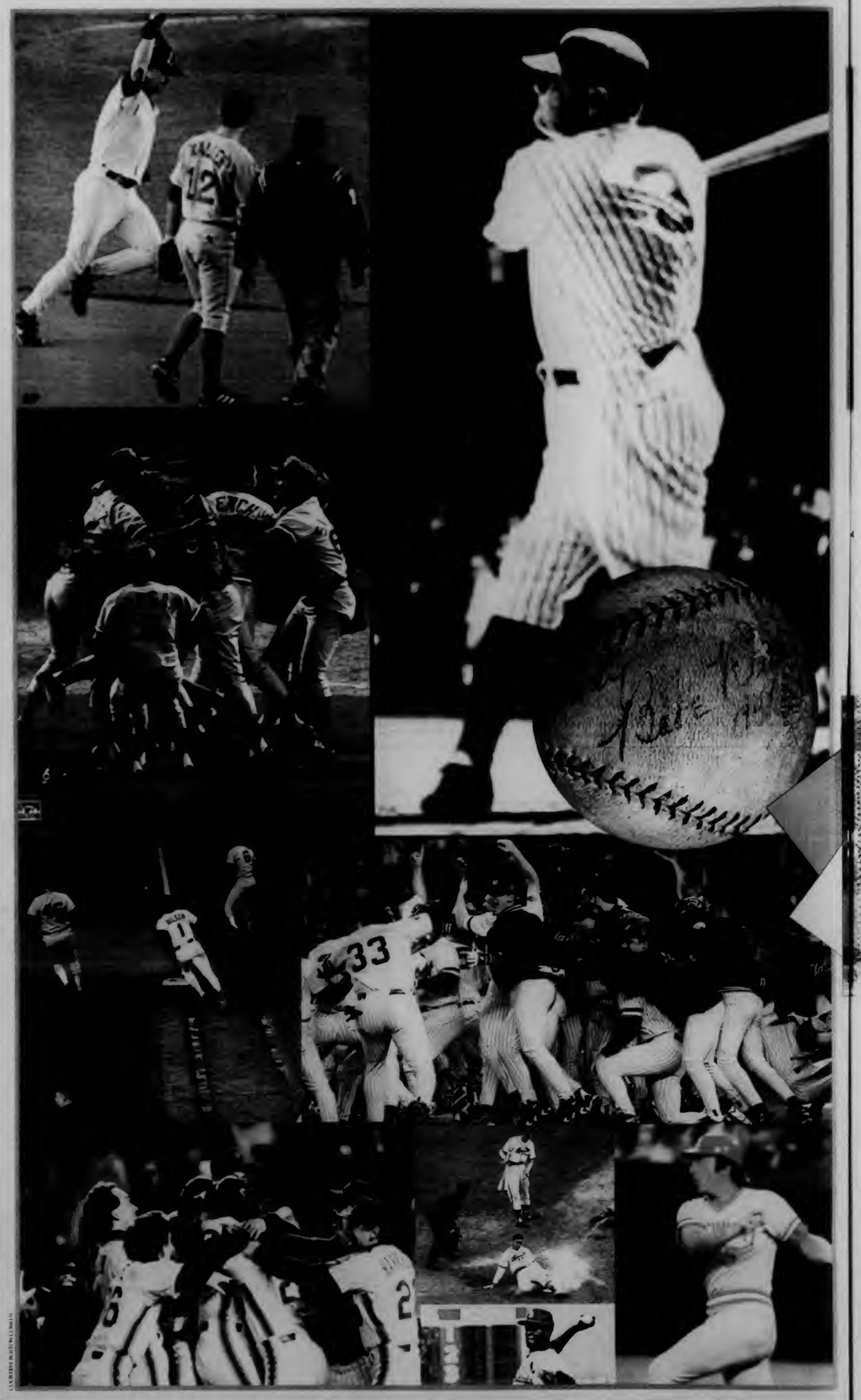
Michael Morrissey, leader of the Massachusetts-based group "Baby Safe Haven Yes!" pushed for the bill's passage in the state house. He gave one example of a Connecticut couple who followed their state's Baby Safe Haven law by bringing it to the hands of a hospital worker. The hospital was not in Connecticut, but Massachusetts where no such law existed at the time.

Morrissey said the hospital took the baby into its care anyway. He added that it was probably a better idea the parents brought the child to the Massachusetts hospital because the closest hospital to their home was located in Massachusetts. The couple lived on the boarder of Connecticut and Massachusetts.

"It was very cold when it happened," said Morrissey. "Bringing it into Massachusetts probably saved the baby's life."

The new Massachusetts law differs slightly from similar laws in other states. One main

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Election 2004 only one day away

Bush and Kerry are still in a statistical dead heat

By Jeremy Dirac
Collegian Staff

The long awaited 2004 presidential election will be held tomorrow, but not all is going as planned. According to an Associated Press report, the nation is currently short 500,000 poll workers needed to meet the new demand.

Washington-based political analyst, Charlie Cook said on NBC that with this kind of turnout "all the old assumptions go out the window."

"I've been through 37 states this year. I've never seen anything like this kind of interest," Cook said.

Voter turnout in 2000 was just under 106 million. This election, Cook suggested, an additional 20-25 million people might be voting.

According to a CBS/New York Times poll yesterday, Bush has taken the lead over Kerry with 49 percent of likely voters saying they will vote for Bush and 46 percent saying they will vote for Kerry. Also according to the poll, 49 percent of likely voters think that Bush will win, 33 percent think Kerry will.

The election is still extraordinarily tight however. According to CBS, Frank Newport of the Gallup Poll said that since Harry Truman, the three incumbents who have lost, all had approval ratings well below 50 percent. The incumbents who won had approval ratings well above 50 percent. Today in many swing states, the candidates are still dead even.

Candidates Bush and Kerry are campaigning relentlessly to persuade voters to vote for them.

According to CBS, a videotape recently released with Osama bin Laden explicitly claiming responsibility for the terrorist attack on 9/11 and addressing the American people saying, "Your security is not in the hands of Kerry or Bush or al Qaeda. Your security is in your own hands."

Senator John McCain (R-Ariz.) said that he believes the videotape will give the president a boost in the polls.

"I think the undecideds are going to go into the ballot booth and vote on who they believe can protect them the best," McCain said on CBS News, maintaining that the answer would be Bush.

According to MSNBC, Bush spent yesterday in Florida where he attended services at a Roman Catholic Church. The pastor, Monsignor Jude O'Doherty gave a long tribute to Bush, then Bush went from rally to rally across the state and often highlighted the issue of terrorism, "if you believe America should fight the war on terror with all her might and lead with unwavering confidence, I ask you, come stand by me."

According to MSNBC, Kerry attended church services in Dayton, Ohio. In a speech, Kerry said that he would undertake an unprecedented "flurry of activity" to protect the nation. Kerry talked about his record in foreign affairs and said, "I will wage a smarter, tougher war on terrorism," according to CNN.

According to CNN, last week, in a speech at Sioux City, Iowa, Kerry said that Bush had allowed 380 tons of high explosives to disappear in Iraq. He said that the administration had tried to, "dodge and bob and weave in their usual effort to avoid responsibility." He also said that Vice President Cheney was becoming "the chief minister of disinformation."

According to CNN, Bush said that Kerry did not have the information available to him to make claims that the president had ignored the site that the explosives are missing from. He said that, "The senator is denigrating the action of our troops and commanders in the field without knowing the facts. Unfortunately, that's part of the pattern of saying anything to get elected."

Bush has been working to get votes from Democrats, according to MSNBC. He said that Kerry stood in contrast to former Democratic presidents who had waged wars like Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman and John Kennedy.

Meanwhile, according to CNN, Kerry has been working to get middle class votes. He said Bush, "has failed middle class families with almost every choice he's made. We need a fresh start. Because the truth is, middle-class families can't afford four years of a Bush economy." Kerry said that Bush had rewarded companies that shifted jobs overseas, allowed HMOs and drug companies to make huge profits at the expense of patients, and raided Social Security to pay for tax cuts for the wealthy.

Both candidates have elicited the help of "heavy hitters" on the campaign trail. Former President Clinton campaigned for Kerry in Nevada on Friday, New Mexico on Saturday, and Arkansas yesterday. Bruce Springstein appeared with Kerry on at a rally in Miami on Friday. Governor of California, Arnold Schwarzenneger was at a rally in Ohio with Bush on Friday night. Also, Boston Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling, has voiced his support for Bush but was unable to attend a rally with him in New Hampshire due to injury.

Two things that have traditionally been very effective in determining the next president have given opposite results this election. Students from grades K-12 recently participated in a weekly reader poll where over 60 percent of the votes cast went to President Bush. Since 1956, Weekly Reader students have correctly picked the president 11 out of 12 times according to the website.

Another, traditionally accurate predictor of the presidential election is of all things, a football game. According to Snopes.com, in the previous 15 elections, if the Washington Redskins have lost their last home game prior to the election, the incumbent party has lost the White House. When they have won, the incumbent has stayed in power. As the Green Bay Packers won, Senator Kerry should therefore win the election. If anything can be so definitively, it is that anything can happen tomorrow.



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John Kerry speaks during a campaign volunteer kick-off event in Appleton, Wisconsin.



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President George W. Bush shakes hands with supporters while campaigning in Manchester, New Hampshire.

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Due to a reporting error, an Oct. 25 story about Columbia professor and Nation columnist Patricia Williams' lecture incorrectly identified the Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court Decision. We regret any confusion this may have caused.

Due to a reporting error, the Oct. 22 story titled "Rock out in 'Rocktober'" misidentified Sex Pistols' bassist Sid Vicious, replacing his name with the name of the band's frontman, Johnny Rotten. We apologize for the error.

Bin Laden's chauffeur moves toward dismissal of terror charges

By Paisley Dodds
Associated Press

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — In a challenge that could make or break upcoming trials by a special military commission, defense lawyers are moving to dismiss terrorism charges against Osama bin Laden's chauffeur and an Australian cowboy who joined the Taliban.

Hearings on the motions beginning Monday will test the boundaries of international law on the eve of U.S. elections that could ultimately change the mission that has detained some 550 terror suspects from more than 40 countries in a U.S. military base in Cuba, most without access to lawyers or official charges.

Only four of the detainees, classified as enemy combatants, have been charged with war crimes and face trials before a special three-member military panel starting in December.

The first pre-trial hearing is for David Hicks, an Australian cowboy who joined Afghanistan's ousted Taliban regime. He is charged with attempted murder, aiding the enemy and conspiracy to attack civilians, commit terrorism and destroy property. Hicks has pleaded innocent.

Before his Jan. 11 trial can start, the panel must hear a series of motions disputing the charges and challenging his nearly three-year detention at the remote U.S outpost.

President Bush ordered the military commissions about three years ago, the first time the United States ordered such trials since World War II.

But defense lawyers contend the U.S. military can't charge someone for a crime they committed before the president ordered the commissions. They also allege that bin Laden's al-Qaida organization isn't a state, so international laws of war don't apply.

If Democratic Sen. John Kerry wins Tuesday's election, he could abandon the presidential order. Kerry's running mate, John Edwards, has said he would scrap the commissions and establish a new system modeled on established military courts-martial.

If defense pre-trial motions are accepted, it also could throw the whole process into turmoil and possibly disrupt or postpone further trials at Guantanamo.

"There won't be a lot of drama in these hearings but the questions get to the heart of whether these commissions can be fair," said James Ross of New York-based Human Rights Watch, one of the groups of international observers monitoring the hearings.

Defense attorneys say Hicks has been denied a right enshrined in the U.S. constitution to a speedy trial, unfettered access to attorneys and the right to fair proceedings. They also challenged a rule prohibiting him from being present for classified parts of his trial, saying he can't properly defend himself unless he knows the allegations.

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Baby Safe Haven law hopes to prevent infant deaths

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Lt. Governor Kerry Healy signed the Baby Safe Haven law July 31, 2004. The bill took affect this past Friday.

note in the law says that an newborn must be placed – specifically – into the hands of someone working at a hospital, fire, or police station.

"The Mass. Baby Safe Haven law decriminalizes the act of safely surrendering a newborn, under 7 days old that has not been abused, into the hands of fire fighting personnel at a city or town manned fire station, into the hands police personnel at a manned police station anywhere in the state, or into the hands of hospital personnel at any hospital in the state," said a Baby Safe Haven Law Yes! press release.

The new law has gained much support on the local levels of Massachusetts politics, according to Morrissey.

"I just went to Lowell General Hospital, Leominster Hospital and a couple others. Everyone I've talked to has been extraordinarily receptive. A lot of firefighters and police officers are in favor from experience," Morrissey said. "The town level support has been about 99 percent."

Morrissey said the Baby Safe law took three years to pass because a bill can easily get delayed on Beacon Hill. He claimed the legislative support was still there, adding that there was bipartisan support for the measure.

"In Beacon Hill, to keep a bill from passing all someone has to do is stop it by one day," he said. "Both Neral and Mass. Citizens for Life were in support of this. It is highly unusual to get a bill supported by both those groups."

Nationwide, the bill has shown bipartisan support as well. Governors that have signed a Baby Safe Haven Law include George Pataki (R-NY), Gray Davis (D-Calif.), Craig Benson (R-NH) and Jesse Ventura (I-Minn.). The first governor ever to sign the bill into state law was our current President, George W. Bush when he was Governor of Texas.

The Massachusetts bill has gained support from Hollywood as well. Patricia Heaton, who plays Deborah on the CBS sit-com "Everybody Loves Raymond," is featured in radio public service announcement supporting Baby Safe Havens in Massachusetts. The PSA is being distributed by MP3 to high school, college and commercial radio stations across the state. Heaton is the spokesperson for Baby Safe Haven laws across the country.

Since the idea of the bill was first created in 2000, there have been a total of 13 babies abandoned in Massachusetts, 6 of whom died. Two of the 13 newborns were found this summer. One was found at a fire station in Southampton and another on the steps of a church in Martha's Vineyard.

One of the six babies that died was killed on the UMass Amherst campus in 2002. The baby belonged to Jennifer Paluseo, a 19-year-old freshman. The Plymouth, Mass. native allegedly gave birth to her baby in a James Hall dormitory shower stall and later placed her baby in the trash. The child was discovered deceased by a custodial worker the next morning. Paluseo was found guilty of manslaughter in April of 2004 and was sentenced to two and one half years in prison.

Morrissey says the most important information to release to the public is that this law has been passed, so parents can know of such a law beforehand. He urges those who need to find a place for their newborn to visit the Baby Safe Haven's Website, *http://www.babysafehaven.com/ or call the New York Children Hope Hotline at 1-877-796-HOPE.*

'Power of Learning' educates students

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outreach component. The program can synchronize high bandwidth video with power point presentations.

Ken Watts, who works in Ripples Laboratory on UMass campus, explained that the program can be used in everything from professional education to engineering to distance education, as the software encompasses an entire coursework's worth of lectures and notes.

"This program enables a student to take a course anywhere in the country," said Watts.

The Chemical Engineering Department got people's taste buds jumping when it demonstrated a new, faster way to make ice cream – with liquid nitrogen.

Department head Phil Westmoreland said that the department chose the ice cream demonstration because it shows that through understanding different chemicals and their various reactions and properties, engineers can improve and streamline all kinds of "stuff," which is what chemical engineers work with.

Also present were representatives from Massnanotec, UMass's Nanotechnology research department, which is ranked in the top ten nationally for the extent of its research. This ranking places UMass alongside schools like MIT, Harvard, UCLA, and the University of Ohio.

Mike Wright, Staff Managing Director at UMASS, explained why nanotechnology research is important.

"What we don't know about nanotechnology would fill a lot of books," said Wright, adding that its benefits are waiting to be discovered.

The Robotics Laboratory brought a self-balancing robot to the event. Department representative Avi Herscovici explained that the robot balances itself on two wheels because of its incline sensors, which send messages to the wheels about which direction they should turn to right the robot.

The current model can achieve speeds between 10 and 15 miles per hour.

"The robot has more horsepower than a football player," Herscovici said.

Herscovici added that the larger robot might have a future in space exploration and smaller versions as expensive toys.

The Student Assesment, Research, and Evaluation Office (SAREO) presented their research about why students feel the need to riot about certain sports. According to their presentation board, it involves the students' belief in "the right to party."

The Business School was represented by professor Alan G. Robinson. He has published eight books, which have been translated to multiple languages and adapted for the needs of each country.

The books "help organizations set themselves up and manage so they are constantly learning and getting better," said Robinson, who teaches Management 301 at UMass.

The Anthropology Department displayed their findings from this past summer's excavation of a Native American site in Deerfield, Mass. They found a variety of pottery fragments and maize kernels, which supports their theory that the site was a native trash pit.

Local churches hold peace vigil

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come together and be strengthened by one another," said Kakos.

After the talks, a member of the Interfaith Coalition read a letter that was sent to various Iraqi media by American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) members Rick McDowell and Mary Trotochaud, who have been working in Iraq. The AFSC is a humanitarian Quaker organization.

According to the AFCS Web site, over 13,000 people from 50 states and Washington, DC signed the letter. Following the reading of the letter some of the responses from Iraqis were read, then the group read their Declaration of Conscience together.

Most of the people who participated reacted positively to the event. A Buddhist said that he hoped to see a bigger crowd, however, not everyone shared that opinion.

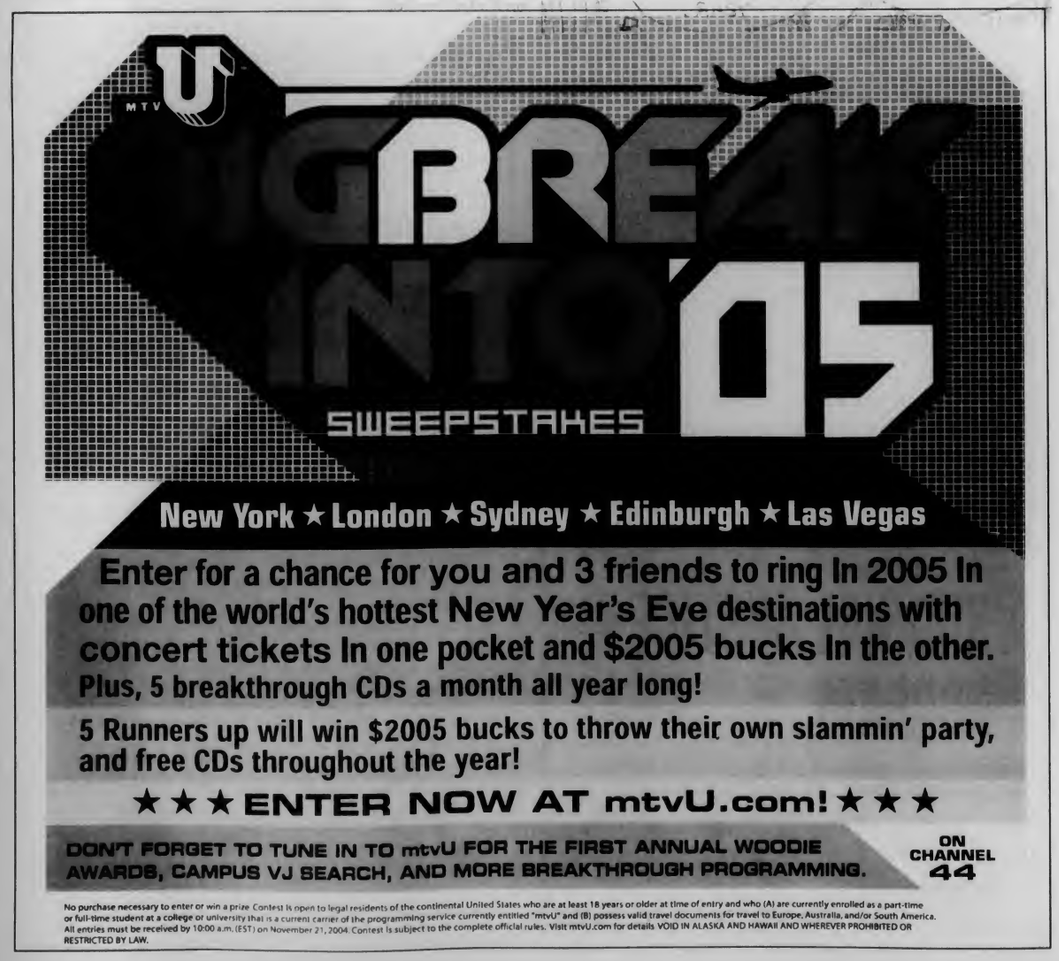
"We have a saying in America. Good things come in small packages," said Kakos.

According to Rene Theberge, the group has a mailing list of about 300 people. There are monthly meetings of about 25-50 people, and events which typically have between 50-100 people.

"We're a pretty genile group of people. We work hard to talk to people with different points of view," Theberge said.

According to Theberge, a goal of the group is to represent itself as a faith community that does not support the Bush administration.

"There's been a lot of talk about the faith community that is for the purposes of war," said Theberge. "We think it's really important to have an interfaith voice that's speaking for peace."



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EDITORIAL OPINION

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2004 "Fight for your opinions, but do not believe that they contain the whole truth, or the only truth." -Charles A. Dana EDITORIAL@DAILYCOLLEGIAN.COM

Educated voting key to Tuesday's election

With Election Day just around the corner, and with favoritism of the two main candidates pretty much split down the center, the importance of each person's vote is becoming more and more vital. However, the reasons behind each vote are more essential to this election than just the checking of a box or pushing of a tab. When people find themselves at the voting booth, it is important to keep in mind why it is that one candidate is favored over another in their minds, regardless of which candidate that may be. In this election, the names of Bush and Kerry have been tossed about so much that it can be very easy to lose sight of what it is the American people are voting for. Therefore, on the eve of the election, it is owed to this country by all its citizens to take the time to examine what it is exactly that we're voting for and not just the men in the suits laid out before us.

It is strongly encouraged for every person even considering voting in this election who has not already done so to actually research each candidate's stance on key legislative issues. The research is easy and, especially living in such a computer-savvy society, there is no reason why someone would not be unable to obtain at least a basic knowledge of where each candidate stands and where they are coming from. Each candidate has their own website that outlines what their plans are and what they hope for in the future. Americans were given the privilege to decide on whom they choose to lead them. Only by educating ourselves on the candidates' positions are we doing that privilege justice.

Given the way the media has presented the democratic and republican candidates to the American public, it is easy to assume that those are the only two people in the running. However, there are many other political parties throughout the country who have nominated candidates to run for the office of the presidency.

Oftentimes it may feel, to voters who neither regard themselves as a democrat or republican, that they have to vote one or the other contrary to how they may feel because they want their vote to count, but don't want to "throw it away." By voting for a third party that coincides with particular beliefs not expressed by the democrats or republicans, the party is gaining one more vote toward the percentage they need to receive funding for their group. With that funding, the party will endorse another candidate who will still adequately embody everything they stand for, but will bring them that much closer to the presidency.

To many voters, one particular issue may take higher standing over the others. Or, they may have conflicting opinions with the candidate that they most favor. There are many factors that come into play when choosing to vote for a presidential nominee. However, it is vitally important to examine all the sides to the contender, if for no other reason than to know what to expect in the years to come if they get elected. With a society that is very hung up on visual portrayals and expects the highest from their public speakers and representatives, it is imperative that, as a nation, we give equal, if not more, focus on what is coming out of the candidates' mouths in addition to how they appear while they are speaking.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

STUDENT-RUN FOOD SERVICES ADDRESS STUDENTS

Over the past months of business, we at the food service student run businesses; Greeno Sub Shop, Earthfoods Café, Sweets and More and Sylvan Snack Bar, have encountered many rightfully disappointed students expecting to pay with transfer swipes for their food. We apologize, for we fully expected to be authorized to accept your swipes by now, but unfortunateiy have been forced to turn them away.

Last spring, the SGA passed an act to officially include food service student business as venues on campus that will accept YCMP transfer swipes. It was the absence of Vice Chancellor Mike Gargano's signature from the act that introduced the problem we now currently face. Upon further investigation, it became evident that the Vice Chancellor was advised by Joyce Hatch, the Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance, to not sign this act because, "transfer swipes were not designed to be used in student run businesses and therefore not priced to support the option for use in the student run businesses." While this is understandable to some extent, every freshman and sophomore student that is required to pay for their meal plan each semester knows that auxiliary services is in no legitimate financial distress.

The student-run businesses are a unique feature of our University. They represent a diverse range of students from the School of Management to Sustainable Agriculture who come together in cooperation, eager to learn the principles of small business ownership. From donating tip money to creating a sense of community on campus, we try our best to make positive contributions. Yet, the reluctance of Auxiliary Services and others to help financially support us, as demonstrated in the act's rejection, is an example of how we feel misunderstood by some of the administration.

This most recent policy issue is in the context of many policies initiated by Auxiliary Services that aim to deemphasize the presence of student run businesses on campus. An example of this is how in a regular YCMP meal plan, where a swipe is worth $6, student businesses are reimbursed only 90 percent of each $6 swipe. The fact that Auxiliary Services has the power to pass such policies emphasizes the point that we are no legitimate competition to the monopoly that they have over student dining.

The motto of the student businesses is "students working for students." We at the businesses want the same things out of this University that you do. In light of all the challenges we face, we are fortunate to have loyal customers who appreciate us and therefore it is very important that we clear up this misunderstanding. We also encourage you to help fight for flex swipes in the upcoming semesters by petitioning your area government senators to rewrite and reissue the act.

Sincerely,
Greeno Sub Shop, Earthfoods Café, Sweets and More, Sylvan Snack Bar
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Costuming politics

Ramzi Kanazi

I wonder what everyone will wear for Halloween this year. I think that it is likely to be a bit more political. As I write this column, it is the eve of Halloween and just three days before the presidential election. You will be reading this after the holiday but a day before Americans pretend to elect the president. Maybe you will have seen some of these costumes that I'll mention.

First, though, let's begin with a brief history of Halloween, a holiday that is currently celebrated in America as an amalgam of Pagan Celtic, Roman and Christian traditions. One historic explanation of Halloween suggests that people dressed up and celebrated to drive away demons that could wreak havoc on their villages. This, however, is not true. Halloween has, in fact, always been celebrated as a political holiday on which people would parade in costumes to ward off evil politicians, illustrating their true nature by dressing up like them and getting really drunk.

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Not all of the costumes are actually of the politicians themselves; they may consist of people affected by them, their pets or even their instruments of deception. An example of such a costume would be a Diebold machine. This device is one that laughs in the face of freedom by pretending to record voters' choices while clandestinely giving the majority of votes to the incumbent president, George W. Bush. While this mechanism was actually crafted in hell by Satan, it is currently marketed by a company that, in the past, has disproportionately supported the Republican Party, a party disproportionately supported by Satan.

People who would wear broken televisions on their heads or a box around their waists may be the same who would wear this type of costume. They would also be the people walking with scissors surreptitiously cutting the bottom of children's trick or treat bags to steal their candy. After all, they can't steal votes on Halloween.

What would this holiday be without the candidates themselves: Dubya and JFK? A costume of President Bush would entail a flight jacket, a tee-shirt stating "mission accomplished," and a copy of My Pet Goat. In his case, the attire is much less important than the expression. One donning a Bush outfit would be proficient in imitating his characteristic smirks and stutters. He would also call you an "evil doer." John Kerry impersonators would wear enough hair spray to deplete the ozone layer in less than an hour while soporifically discussing the Clean Air Act. He would be stiff and pedantic while, of course, wearing flip-flops.

This Halloween, you might have seen Osama bin Laden who, in a recent video, looked surprisingly well-kept considering his continuous flight from warlords cooperating with Uncle Sam. If you saw bin Laden, it may not have even been a costume. Apparently, he's so elusive that the most powerful country in the world doesn't know if he is in Tora Bora or Lincoln's bedroom. He would be promoting John Kerry while exploiting the struggles of Iraqi's and Palestinians.

What would Halloween be without a Pat Robertson? This former presidential candidate and founder of the Christian Broadcasting Network hosts the "700 Club" and can actually heal you through your television. He'd preach the Evangelical word of Armageddon and probably hang out with his antithetical ideologue, Osama bin Laden. They would openly discuss strategies to destroy the world with religion. Kudos.

Two familiar faces walking around during the holiday could be Yasser Arafat and Ariel Sharon. By Halloween, Arafat would probably have ditched his recent hospitalization episode to go spend money slated to the Palestinian people with his wife in Paris. They would be wearing Yves Saint Laurent. Sharon would just be wearing the blood of the Palestinians.

Some other political costumes that could be seen this Halloween would include an unemployed web developer who lost her job to outsourcing, a child left behind, Bush's dog Barney, an uninsured veteran, a minority voter turned away from the polls, a strung-out Bush twin, some of the fabricated people on Nader's petition to be on the ballot, a stem cell, Laura Bush smashing a bottle of Heinz Ketchup (she just needs to tap it at a 45 degree angle), Bob Dole reaching for candy and Tucker Carlson calling people "buttboys."

Hope you all had a safe and happy Halloween. Remember to go out and vote tomorrow.

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Loss of female respect

Becky Martins

There is more to being a woman than sex appeal.

I love being a female. There is no denying that it takes me a while to get ready, that I can be emotional on occasion, and sometimes, chocolate is my ultimate cure-all. But I also pride myself on my intelligence, my work ethic, my ambitious goals, and being a successful member of this society. To me, the future has no boundaries. My life will be what I make it. I will be above common stereotypes that state what is acceptable or expected from a woman.

But when I look around at my fellow females, I cannot help but feel disappointed. While I may have realized what course my life will take, others fail to see their full potential. They live life with a lack of respect for themselves, thus, hindering the efforts many have made proving what women are capable of.

At a time when women should feel empowered to be their own people, they live for the man, and not themselves.

It has become too common of an occurrence for females to be disrespected, whether the culprits are men or other women. In the media, women are often portrayed as sex symbols, such as on video games when we are dressed scantily, have un-humanlike proportions and yet are expected to perform athletically. When we put on the radio, women are referred to as "ho's" and are spoken about as if we simply exist for men's pleasure. Even at UMass, it is becoming a rare occurrence to meet a guy whose intentions are genuine. Males are constantly whistling and cat calling at girls, as if we are purely sexual objects. Campus events are never complete until someone from the crowd yells, "show your tits" and a sea of men rush to the front for a better view.

It is angering to realize such thinking still exists in today's society. So much blood, sweat and tears have been poured into the effort to achieve equality in regards to our male counterparts. Because of certain people's commitment to the cause, women have gained the right to vote, the opportunity to have any career we choose and the option of living a fulfilling life. Yet, after all that has, and is still being done, some females still take huge steps back for their gender. At a time when women should feel empowered to be their own people, they live for the man, and not themselves.

Girls complain that good guys are rare, especially during our college years. Although we want to be treated right, however, many give off the wrong impression. We respond to guys who grab or call out at us. We dress provocatively, showing off as much skin as possible while competing for the most attention. Others participate in activities like amateur dance and stripping contests at parties, clubs, etc. in which the reward is a minor cash prize. How can we expect to be respected when we carry ourselves with such little dignity? It becomes too easy for guys to justify their sleazy actions when they view such behavior. Many must likely wonder, "Why treat a girl with respect if she has none for herself already?"

I am not a die-hard feminist. I like to look nice, have fun at parties, etc, but I also choose to carry myself with a self-respect and self-worth. I would never get on a stage and strip for a crowd of drunken guys just because they were cheering me on. I would never get on a guy's shoulders and flash thousands just because the Red Sox won the World Series. However, as we have all witnessed during the past weeks in particular, some people have no shame. Maybe they like the positive reaction they receive when performing such acts? What exactly is their accomplishment though?

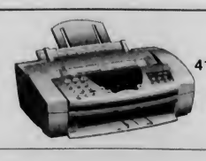
Women, and people's perceptions of this gender, have changed over the decades. We have gained equality in the home, at the workplace, in athletics, etc. Some females are still ignorant to these things. I guess they have never been discriminated against in terms of their gender. Many must have forgotten the lessons they learned about behaving properly, as well. Women need to realize they are more than physical objects. We are people too: capable of accomplishing as great of things as men. There is no need to degrade ourselves just to feel good. If we believe this is the only way to feel accepted, than we are only fooling ourselves.

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A warm welcome back for Bill

Bill Cosby highlights homecoming 2004 weekend events

By Michael Busack
Collegian Staff

Over the course of a career that spans almost 40 years, Bill Cosby has been a mentor, a teacher, and an entertainer. He has thrived as a husband, a father, a comedian, and an educator. This Friday, Cosby returned to his Alma Mata, the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and not a soul could deny that Cosby, amazingly, is at the top of his game.

"Education and entertainment can go hand and hand," the 67 year-old Cosby said in a moment with the Daily Collegian on Friday. "If you do them right they can work well with each other. You can really make a difference."

Cosby came to UMass on a mission of sorts, to perform, and to initiate the Cosby Commonwealth Challenge Fund. The scholarship foundation is a pilot program that focuses on the engaging, promoting and assisting students from Springfield and Holyoke school communities who would like to attend the university.

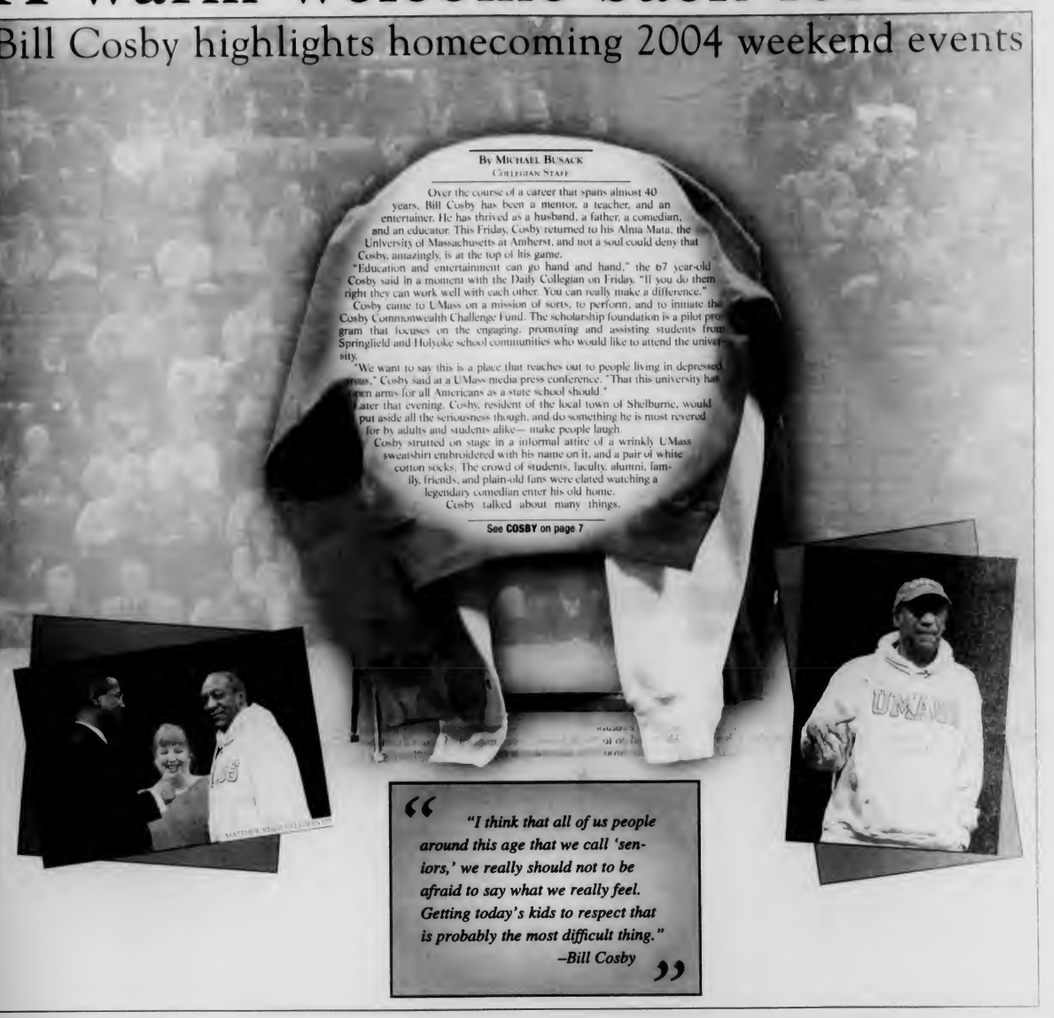
"We want to say this is a place that reaches out to people living in depressed areas," Cosby said at a UMass media press conference. "That this university has open arms for all Americans as a state school should."

Later that evening, Cosby, resident of the local town of Shelburne, would put aside all the seriousness though, and do something he is most revered for by adults and students alike— make people laugh.

Cosby strutted on stage in a informal attire of a wrinkly UMass sweatshirt embroidered with his name on it, and a pair of white cotton socks. The crowd of students, faculty, alumni, family, friends, and plain-old fans were elated watching a legendary comedian enter his old home.

Cosby talked about many things.

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"I think that all of us people around this age that we call 'seniors,' we really should not to be afraid to say what we really feel. Getting today's kids to respect that is probably the most difficult thing."
–Bill Cosby



Monday November 1

LECTURE

Smith College's Seelye Hall (room 106) will host Elizabeth Marting Treuhaft Professor and Dean of the School for Social Work Carolyn Jacobs when she brings her "Spirituality: Transformative Moments in Life Stories" discussion to the Northampton campus today, at 4:30 p.m.

Jacobs will present the ways in which people use spirituality in their lives, and how people use it to decide what is meaningful. This event, part of Smith's chaired professor lecture series, is free and open to the public.

Tuesday November 3

CONCERT

The Opus One String Ensemble will perform tonight, at Bezanson Recital Hall on the UMass Amherst campus. The program, coordinated by faculty member Kathryn Lockwood and performed and directed by students, is set to include pieces by Haydn (Cello Concerto in C Major, featuring Michael Jao, cello), Britten (Lachrymae, featuring Sheridan Rudolph, viola) and more Haydn (Violin Concerto in C Major, featuring Julia Koo, violin). This event, sponsored by Stacey Styles Violin Restoration, is free; the ensemble begins at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday November 4

LECTURE

"Talking About Music: Thursday Midday Theory Lectures" continue this afternoon with Mark McFarland's "Was Debussy a Twelve-Tone Composer?" the discussion will, "explore the musical relationships between Claude Debussy and Arnold Schoenberg." The lecture, to be held at Bezanson Recital hall on the UMass Amherst campus, will begin at 12:20 p.m. and last 50 minutes. This event is free.

Thursday November 4

READING

Pulitzer prize-winning author and UMass Amherst Professor James Tate will read from his new book, Return to the City of White Donkeys, tonight at 8 p.m. in Memorial Hall (UMass Amherst campus). Tate has written a number of books, including 1970's "The Oblivion Ha-Ha," 1994's "Worshipful Company of Fletchers," 1997's "Shroud of the Gnome," and 2001's "Memoir of the Hawk"; his "Selected Poems," published in 1991, earned him the Pulitzer. Following the reading, a reception is to be held where Tate will sign books. This event is free and open to the public.

Friday November 5

EDUCATIONAL

Have you ever found yourself digging board games from more than just a cerebral level? Well, you're not alone. Tonight in Moore (Southwest Residential Area, UMass Amherst campus), all are welcome to get in on a good, old fashioned game of "Sex Pictionary," at 7 p.m. Participants will form teams, and compete to see who can guess the sexy words and phrases quickest. Demonstrations and explanations on safe sex will also figure into this classic game; the Health Education Division brings this free event to you.

Saturday November 6

DISCUSSION

Come to Mount Holyoke College and experience this exhibition of highlights, of more than 40 Japanese woodblock prints, known as ukiyo-e; all recent major gifts of William Green and Howard Hamilton to the permanent collection. Prints in vivid color are rare and many have never been publicly displayed. Subjects include prints depicting kabuki actors in major roles by Hiroshige, Toyokuni, Shunsho and other noted artists. The epic tale Chushingura (The Storehouse of Loyalty) is illustrated in a series of woodblock prints by Sadahide, accompanied by additional prints by Toyokuni and Hiroshige. The Mead is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Thursday evenings until 9 p.m. All events are free and open to the public.



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THE WAILERS

This Saturday don't miss this chance to check out the greatest reggae band of all time, the legendary Wailers as they intoxicate you with their influential reggae sound tonight, at Northampton's Pearl Street Night Club. Known best for backing up reggae great Bob Marley the have helped to spread a message of peace, love and understanding to the masses. The show begins at 8:30 p.m.; tickets are $20 in advance and $23 at the door

Famous UMass alum comes to Mullins

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including children, his wife, and his childhood. He even pitched in a humorous bit about a trip to the dentist.

Cosby and his wife, Camille has raised five children together, four daughters and one son — Ennis, who was killed in 1997. The University of Massachusetts created a scholarship fund for special education students in memory of their only son.

While discussing his wife, Cosby jokingly warned the young men of the crowd that no matter what they do, their wives would always have a reason to be angry with them.

"I can be sitting down and not saying anything and still get in trouble," Cosby said. "My wife will say 'see this room? I just straightened it up." He jokingly replied "I must be the mess then." For nearly three hours, the 67-year-old man jumped, marched, giggled, and even rolled around on the ground for a bit. Some people just never lose their touch.

Cosby shared a piece of his own vivid memory when spoke about his childhood as a six-year-old boy. He recounted how he fought with his parents once because they did not have the money to buy him a toy car that you order with 15 cents and a cereal box top.

"The demons inside me said 'how can two people, who both work full time, not afford 8 cents apiece?' " Cosby said.

He told the crowd in the first person voice of the six-year-old boy how he went upstairs and locked his father out of his room until his father broke the door down.

"He sat down next to me then and said 'son, I'm going to tell you something that I want you to remember for the rest of your life.' He then knocked me out," Cosby said as the entire crowd roared with laughter.

Cosby has, for many years, been revered by fellow comedians and up-and-coming stars for his ability to formulate masses of new material. Much of this success has been built on "The Cos'" ability to react quickly during his routine. At one point in the show, Cosby was listing off items that were going to be at a party he was going to as a child. As he named off a few things, a young college punk from the crowd interjected with the predictable shout of "jello!". Without missing a beat, Cosby responded "You've been waiting all night to yell that haven't you? No there wasn't any jello there, There was no puddin' pops," he said in a sort of self-mocking tone. Once again the crowd was impressed.

Cosby was born in 1937 in Philadelphia. He would later join the Navy after his sophomore year in high school. He finished his high school career through a correspondence course. He then went to Temple University on an athletic scholarship.

Later, Cosby was discovered by a man named Carl Reiner. He became a familiar comedian, performing on popular television shows such as the "Ed Sullivan Show."

In 1965, Cosby began his stint as Alexander Scott on the television show "I Spy." He won multiple Emmy Awards for his role on the show.

In 1969, after creating numerous records that topped the Billboard music charts, Bill Cosby was given his own show, "The Bill Cosby Show." The show was cancelled after just two years, but Cosby did not stop there. He then created a cartoon called "Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids" that premiered in 1972. The cartoon was based on most of his own childhood friends with characters like Mushmouth and Dumb Donald.

In the 1970s, after a performance at UMass, Cosby decided that he would come to the city of Amherst to finish his education, and in 1976, Bill Cosby received a doctorate in Education.

He moved on to star in a number of movies through the next few years, before "Fat Albert," drew to an end in 1984. This however, led Cosby to create what is considered by many to be his shining moment in television, "The Cosby Show."

The show was considered to be the most progressive African American show of all time. It featured a blue-collared African American family and the happiness, struggles, and laughter of their everyday lives. "The Cosby Show" had a run that lasted 8 years, until the show was cancelled in 1992. The final episode of "the Cosby Show," featured Cosby in the midst of a Los Angeles riot. Never conceding to his opinion that the black Americans were not represented equally on television, Cosby's last moment on "The Cosby Show," featured the man begging for harmony during the same time as the controversial Rodney King race riots.

Cosby later performed in many other movies, including "Jack" with Robin Williams. He would also star in another sitcom featuring Phylicia Rashad, titled "Cosby" in 1996. The show would last another successful reign of four years.

Since the end of "Cosby," Dr. Cosby has been involved the production of films and television shows including "Men of Honor," and the Nickolodeon Televison show "Little Bill."

Through all that he has accomplished, there is still something electric about Cosby's ability to speak to his crowd from a wiser, more knowledgeable and caring point of you. Often times it feels as if you are listening to a parable that you grandfather is telling you, other times it just might be parable your grandfather did tell you, just with a hilarious touch.

Now matter your age group, race, sex, handicap, or (the show was translated into a sign language for the hearing impaired) religious denomination, there was something for everyone to be impressed with during the legends show.

As the clock past the second hour of the show, Cosby moved on with his routine. Looking out to the crowd, it is not what you would expect. Every seat was still taken; every eye had a twinkle, because for one night only, Bill Cosby was home.

Study shows art is good for brain

By Matthew Abbott
U-WIRE

HANOVER, N.H. — Thanks to a recent grant from the Dana Foundation, researchers at Dartmouth College and several other institutions will soon be studying the correlation between education in the arts and brain development.

Dartmouth has been named the lead institution in the study and will receive $1.8 million over three years in order to perform research that could potentially change the role that arts education plays in schools across America.

Professor Michael Gazzaniga, who recently stepped down from his post as dean of the faculty, will serve as the director of the Dana Arts and Cognition Consortium and will help to coordinate the research performed at the six institutions that comprise the consortium.

"Up till now there have always been good correlations between children who take part in the arts and their academic performance," Gazzaniga said. "Now we hope to see if the relationship is causal. If it is, there will be a strong case for reintroducing the performing arts back into our schools."

A diverse group of individuals ranging in age from four to over 80-years-old will serve as participants in the study. Researchers plan to use a variety of methods to study the subjects, some of which include fMRI scans and other imaging technologies.

The key focus of the study is to determine what effect, if any, an arts education has on cognitive processes and certain regions of the brain. The results of the study could change our understanding of information acquisition and brain function.

Two Dartmouth professors will be directly involved with the research aspect of the study. The first group will be led by education professor Kevin Dunbar and will study college-aged students with varying degrees of arts education. The center of the study will be to see if students with a higher degree of arts education have improved focusing capabilities.

Education professor Laura-Ann Petitto, the head of the second group, will study children and adults who have been bilingual from birth to see whether more extensive arts education helps to broaden their linguistic and reading skills.

The results of the study will not be known for several years, but hopes are high that they will yield a great deal of information that will be useful in understanding brain functions.

"Whatever the findings, we know that the research will help advance the fields of cognitive neuroscience and arts education," President of the Dana Foundation Edward Rover said.

Lagerfeld to design for H&M stores

Style 101
Monique Jemmott

Last week as part of my weekly docs of pop culture, I took a trip through the worldwide web, and visited all of my favorite sites pertaining to music, television, and of course—fashion. It was when I got to Style.com, the website for just about every fashion magazine worth a look — Vogue, In Style, and W magazines, that I felt the blood literally boil in my veins. Not in a bad way, but in the way when your heart starts to race so fast, that this is just the inevitable next step. I had to read the headline three times, before it actually sank into my head. They were serious, there was no April Fools disclaimer or some imaginary clone of the website. It was true – Karl Lagerfeld Partners with H&M.

For those of you who are not so familiar with the inner belly of Haute Couture, allow me to take this time to enlighten you. Karl Lagerfeld is the undoubtedly one of the most iconic designers of contemporary fashion today. He is known most famously for his stints with the fashion houses of Chanel, and Yves Saint Laurent, and is credited with launching Hip Hop's royal highness Kimora Lee Simmons as a supermodel in the early 90s when he proclaimed the 15-year-old his muse for many of his designs during this time. In a nutshell, Mr. Lagerfeld is the creme de la creme of the fashion industry.

It was for this same reason that I became worried about what may happen if the designs

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BBC's hit comedy 'The Office' DVD brings witty British humor to American viewers

By Tim Lowery
U-WIRE

MILWAUKEE —The first series of "The Office" — the critically acclaimed BBC comedy — nudges and occasionally pinches at its audience, capitalizing on the most awkwardly deadpan scenarios to tweak viewers' funny bones.

And with the fresh U.K. export "The Office: The Complete Second Series" now on DVD, writer/directors Stephen Merchant and Ricky Gervais have upped the ante, offering a full slap in the face: Pauses are more uncomfortable, topics more taboo, drunken escapades more pathetic and melancholy more heartfelt.

Of course, that's not a bad thing.

Much in the tradition of "The Larry Sanders Show" the series — a verite style mockumentary of a paper manufacturer in Slough, London concentrates on delusional boss David Brent (played by Gervais), self-proclaimed comedian, entertainer and philosopher-poet who feels his major task is "to keep the troops happy" with office gags that result in yes, awkwardness.

But with the recent installment of Swindon employees into his Slough barracks and new boss Neil to boot, David's managerial jargon such as "If we're facing in the right direction, all we have to do is keep on walking" won't suffice as he begins noticing rolling eyes and the "gutting" epiphany that he's just not funny, sending him on a blaze of pathetic and humiliating stunts to try to capture the attention he assumes he once had.

Most memorably, he attempts to befriend a black employee by telling him Denzel Washington is a brilliant actor and later, wanting to inspire a workshop, speculates, "If you have lost both legs and both arms just go 'at least I'm not dead' — though I'd rather be dead in that situation to be honest."

David's circular logic and ridiculous philosophizing on his greatness, complimented by his homophobia and new tell-it-like-it-is rock star facade, digs him into deeper and deeper social holes, making for a hilarious character amidst the dreary office routine (if only they'd only come out with a David Brent quote book).

Unlike David, senior sales clerk Tim (Martin Freeman), completely aware his job's futility, keeps his heart set on receptionist Dawn (Lucy Davis) and spends his spare time torturing his desk-sharing coworker Gareth (Mackenzie Crook), an obtuse Territorial Army lieutenant whose idea of being suave is pointing to girls' crotches and propositioning for sexual favors.

But what distinguishes this sitcom — and was surprising, to be honest —is its emotional tenderness, delving deeper into Tim and Dawn's relational strains and even developing David into a sympathetic character (unfathomable in the first series) with an eye-swelling, goose-bumpy last episode.

Though a U.S. version of "The Office" is well underfoot, this is the last fans can latch onto from the original; admirably, both creators want to move on to other projects before the [illegible] becomes sub par.

In a mere two [illegible] and a mere 12 episodes [illegible] counting two Christmas specials for BBC1 "The Office" has already attained a cult status with its blend of surreal comedy and emotionally potent narratives and will undoubtedly go down as one of television's best.



BBC hit comedy "The Office" releases its first season on DVD to positive reviews from critic...

Haute Couture goes bargain-basement



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Lagerfeld with Erin Wasson, spokesmodel for his new line.

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of this fashion genius ended up on the racks of Hennes and Mauritz's trend discount emporium. Don't get me wrong, it's not that I don't love the H&M movement, I mean where else can you find a one stop shop for all of the trendiest weekend, work and evening wear for such modest prices?? H&M is part of my regular shopping repertoire.

I've always regarded the designs of Lagerfeld to be unreachable, and for some reason I like that idea, because it gave me a reason to have something to look forward too. Today I'm a H&M girl, then tomorrow a couture diva who can afford the designs of one of the most sought after couturiers in the world, and now there has been an affordable medium wedged into my fantasy—so why am I not ecstatic??

It could be a few reasons. One, I question the quality of the garments to be produced by the clothing giants with Lagerfelds name on them; and the other less noble reason being that I'm a pure unadulterated labor-whore. It's no secret that I have a love for fashion. Being that I have never been one to follow the masses, it has never been my thing to purchase items such as logo t-shirts, or signature bags, and I've always felt that meant that I do not care about designers, but this very experience proves to me that I do. I have had to admit to myself that there's always a sick sense of satisfaction whenever I purchase a pair of designer jeans or shoes, as opposed to something I may buy that is of a less prestigious name; and yes, sometimes I do associate designer names with a better quality, therefore justifying why I may spend the ridiculous amount of money that the retailers are asking, despite my phone bill, car insurance, and credit card bills that could use equal, if not more attention from my weekly paycheck.

But does that make me a bad person??

I haven't quite figured it out yet, but I am sure of one thing, being entrenched in the consumer culture of today's society is not something I'm necessarily proud of, in fact the entire mentality of the need for material things is one of my most shameful personality traits. In a perfect world I would be someone who never worries about what I have, and appreciates life for what it is. I would never feel as though I have to always dress to impress, because I would rely on my personality and self-confidence to get me through whatever situation presents itself— and in this same world there would be world piece, and no hole in the ozone layer.

Everyone has their insecurities, they also have their weapons of choice—some people drink, some do drugs. I spend my money on designer clothes, and support millionaires who wouldn't care if I dropped off of the face of the earth tomorrow. Maybe one day I can move past this stage in my life, but until then, thank goodness for H&M.



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Minutewomen get postseason invitation

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts women's soccer team has had one goal all season: qualifying for the Atlantic-10 Tournament.

After splitting a pair of games against A-10 opponents this weekend, the Minutewomen have achieved their goal.

UMass traveled to St. Bonaventure and defeated the Bonnies 3-0 on Friday. UMass lost its final game of the regular season at Duquesne 4-2 on Sunday.

Despite the loss in the finale, the Minutewomen captured the No. 6 spot in the conference tournament. The tournament begins Thursday at UMass' Rudd Field. Richmond, the No. 3 seed, will take on The Maroon and White at 11 a.m. Thursday.

UMass lost 1-0 to Richmond at home on Oct. 8 in the only meeting between the teams this season.

UMass (7-10, 5-6 A-10) finished tied with George Washington in the league standings but won the tiebreaker because they defeated the Colonials 2-0 when the teams met Oct. 10.

"The team really deserves to be in the tournament," Rudy said. "They worked hard all year and improved each game."

The Minutewomen were forced to play shorthanded in both games this weekend. In Sunday's game, there were only two healthy substitutes on the UMass bench.

Against St. Bonaventure (8-10-2, 1-8-2 A-10), the Minutewomen saw another player go down when defender Amy Maffucci left with an injury 12 minutes into the game.

Although they were forced to play without their defensive leader, the Minutewomen were able to stay in the game before the offense broke out in the second half.

Early in the half, the freshmen duo of forward Britt Canfield and midfielder Jenny Roehrig each scored within a three-minute span.

Canfield got UMass on the board by beating the goalie one-on-one. Canfield's team-leading 10th goal of the season provided all of the offense that UMass would need.

Roehrig added an insurance goal two minutes later after collecting a failed clearance by St. Bonaventure and converting the turnover into her fifth goal of the year.

Sophomore midfielder Nadia Villarroel scored her first goal of the season late in the game off of a rebound of her own shot.

The shutout was the fourth of the season for sophomore goalie Kristin Walker. Walker made a couple tough saves late in the game to preserve the shutout.

Sunday's game started on a positive note for the Minutewomen as they struck first six minutes into the game.

Villarroel notched her second goal in as many games with the help of some nice passing. Junior forward Adair Blyler passed the ball to Roehrig, who spun past a defender and led Villarroel. Villarroel got to the ball and lobbed a shot over the Duquesne goalie.

Duquesne (9-10-1, 4-6-1 A-10) then took control as the Dukes scored the next four goals of the game.

Katie Schwager recorded two goals for the Dukes, and Ashley Stelmak and Caitlin Holmes each added a goal.

UMass battled back and mounted some pressure late in the game, but the three-goal deficit was too much to overcome.

Canfield scored her eleventh goal of the season with nine minutes to play, beating the defense and putting the ball past the keeper.

Rudy was pleased with the team's efforts, especially considering how undermanned the team was this weekend.

"They could have dropped their heads with all the injuries, but they didn't," Rudy said.

The changes made in the lineup due to the injuries resulted in Villarroel being more of a force on offense as she scored two goals after coming into the weekend with none this season.

"Villarroel has been good for us out on the flank all year," Rudy said. "She really played well this weekend."

Rudy was disappointed with the loss on Sunday, but with the Minutewomen qualifying for postseason play, he kept the loss in perspective.

"I didn't feel that the last game of the season was the most important," Rudy said. "We did enough during the season to get there, and we got the points this weekend that we needed. All of the games count the same, and the team understood that."

The focus for the Minutewomen now is to get as healthy as possible by Thursday.

Maffucci's status for the tournament is not certain. The team will also be looking to get freshman midfielder Christina Nunes back. Nunes missed this weekend's games due to a concussion she suffered last weekend.

While the team was able to battle through the injuries this weekend, it will need to be at full-strength if the Minutewomen are to advance in the A-10 Tournament.

UMass will need help to earn playoff birth

By Matt Barstow
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts men's soccer team may have kept its playoff hopes alive with a weekend split at home.

Entering Fridays contest with St. Bonaventure (7-8-1, 3-6-0 Atlantic 10), the Minutemen (8-8-2, 5-3-2 A-10) were tied for third in the A-10 and made an impressive showing as four different players scored in a 4-0 Bonnie shutout.

The outcome was reversed on Sunday, as A-10 leading Duquesne (12-6-0, 8-2-0) came into Rudd Field and handed the Minutemen a 4-1 loss in UMass' final regular season home game.

With one game remaining against Rhode Island, the Maroon and White may need outside help if they are going to make the playoffs.

On Friday, UMass scored three goals in the second half and outshot the Bonnies 14-8 to put the game out of reach.

Freshman Matty Lemire scored the lone goal of the first half for his third score of the season. Tim Kitchel set up Lemire on a free kick that followed a St. Bonaventure yellow card infraction. Kitchel sent a shot towards the net that grazed off Lemire's forehead and was redirected to the right corner of the goal in the 18th minute.

The Minutemen extended their lead to two on a bang-bang play that started at midfield in the 59th minute.

Sophomore defender Todd Skelton gained control of a loose ball, outmegged a defender and sent a short touch-pass to Rob Charest. Seeing a last break opportunity, Charest split two Bonnie defenders with a breakaway pass to Bullen, who chipped the ball over charging St. Bonaventure goalie Jon Blanchard into the open net.

The goal was Bullen's team-leading ninth of the season and tied him with Jeffrey Gonsalves of Rhode Island with the second most goals in the conference.

"All game we tried looking for the open man and catching them off guard with the transition game," UMass coach Sam Koch said.

In the 74th minute, Tyler Pagano scored on an empty net after three quick UMass shots caught Gonsalves and the Bonnie defense out of position. Freshman Robby Charest and sophomore Greg Cirillo were credited with assists for blocked shots leading up to the rebound goal.

Charest closed out the scoring less than two minutes later, beating Blanchard with a shot to the top right corner from 10 yards out.

Blanchard finished the day with 10 saves, while UMass senior goalie Colin Burns made five in his third career shutout and last start at Rudd Field.

"It was a good performance and exactly what we needed. The A-10 is so competitive. We knew there was no room for mistakes," Koch said.

Their wasn't much for the Maroon and White faithful to celebrate on senior day; the Minutemen came out flat against the Dukes and soon found themselves in a 2-0 hole in the first 10 minutes.

Travis MacKenzie got the Dukes got on the board just eight minutes into play off a header from Jason Sourbeer.

Andrew Bell added to the lead when he booted a shot from 20 yards out that grazed off the crossbar just out of reach of stretching Massachusetts goalie Nick Billman.

"We had talked about [St. Bonaventure] liking to shoot from outside," Koch said. "They scored their second goal because we left their player unmarked. We knew what they were going to do and knew how to defend it but just weren't in the right position."

Mike Mingione scored the lone Massachusetts goal in the 23rd minute off a Bullen cross. Bullen gained control of a blocked corner kick and sent a pass to Mingione for his third goal of the season.

The Dukes took back their two-goal lead in the 32nd minute when Brian Bartek capitalized on a Steve Mellor assist for his first goal of the season.

"Once we fell behind, we had to push everyone up and take chances on the offensive side," Koch said. "We made a few little mistakes, and they made us pay every time."

With nine minutes left to play, UMass was called for a foul for tripping a Bonnie offender. On the ensuing free kick, Mike Mehler found the back of the net once Billman committed to a side.

"[St. Bonaventure] played well and deserved to win. I just hope we get a chance to play them in the tournament because I know we are better than we played," Koch said.

The Minutemen return to action on Friday when they travel to Rhode Island for the final regular season match.



Matthew Reid/Collegian

UMass captain Stephen Werner waits for the puck during hockey action at the Mullins Center on Saturday night. Werner and the Minutemen salvaged a victory at home after combing out flat on the road on Friday.

Winer shuts out Providence to salvage weekend split

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beaten UMass at Schneider in over a year, dating back to a 2-1 victory on Feb. 1, 2003.

"It left a rotten taste in our mouth, and the guys were definitely hungry," Anderson said. "We needed to get the ball back on track."

The Minutemen, who entered the weekend with questions swirling around them after losing to Connecticut 3-2 on Oct. 24, answered none of them Friday, as they were out skated and outworked by the host Friars.

Colin McDonald was the headliner with two goals in Providence's scoring show Friday, including the game-winner.

With under three minutes to go in the first period, Eric Lundberg fired a shot at the Minuteman goal from the top of the right-wing face off circle, but it went well wide of Tim Warner's net. However, McDonald was on the spot when the puck bounced off the end board and just past the left wing post, and he sent it back into the gaping net for Providence's third goal of the period and the eventual game winner.

However, the Friars were far from done, even after their explosive first period. The hosts scored four straight goals that went unanswered until freshman P.J. Fenton scored his second of the game just two minutes into the third period. Although it seemed that Fenton's goal would give the Minutemen some of the momentum they had been lacking throughout the contest, Providence soon ended those hopes. Jamie Carroll scored the sixth and final Friar goal with 10:24 to go after Vince Goulet stole a pass in the UMass zone and quickly sent it over to him in the slot, where he converted to cement the result.

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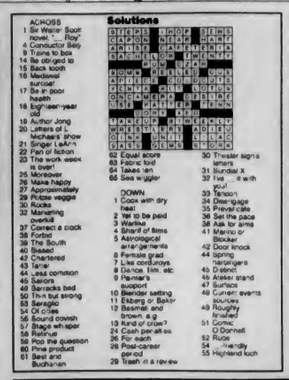


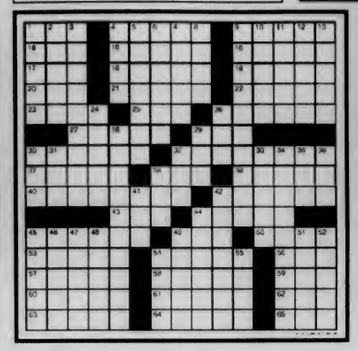
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-Sarah McLachlan

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Block party

Minutemen win Homecoming thriller against Maine in OT

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

In the game's first possession, the Maine football team (4-4, 2-3 Atlantic 10) marched down the field on the Massachusetts defense, running 10 plays and eating up almost five minutes of the clock, only to see its methodical drive ended by a blocked field goal.

It was a sign of things to come.

The Minutemen (4-5, 2-4 Atlantic 10) defeated the Black Bears 35-34 in overtime at McGuirk Stadium on Saturday by blocking Mike Mellow's extra point attempt, capping off a roller coaster ride of a game and giving UMass its 11th Homecoming win in the last 13 seasons.

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"Sometimes, you just have that gut feeling that things aren't going to go according to script," UMass coach Don Brown said. "It was one of those days. It was two teams that were totally committed to winning the football game."

The Minutemen will return to action on Saturday at Northeastern at noon.

UMass scored on its first overtime possession when Steve Baylark ran for a three-yard touchdown and Michael Torres, who was back after a one-game suspension, kicked what proved to be the game-winning extra point to put them up 35-28.

"Thank God we made the extra point which has been an adventure for us [this season]," Brown said.

Maine running back Marcus Williams, an Amherst native, scored on the team's first play in overtime on a 25-yard touchdown run up the middle.

"They catch us in a blitz and gash us up the gut, and Marcus goes into the end zone," Brown said. "But to the players' credit, they knew that the game was still in the balance."

On the extra point attempt, L.A. Love and Ola Sanusi made a push up the middle of the line and combined for the block.

"The A-gap was open all game," Love said. "(Mellow) saw me coming. His eyes were real big, and it was no good from the get-go. You know that on defense, every play is a chance to make a big play."

As soon as the ball was blocked and hit the ground, the entire UMass sideline erupted and ran out onto the field to celebrate with the special teams unit.

"Victory," UMass wide receiver Jason Peebler, who caught six balls for 101 yards and a touchdown, said to sum up the feeling. "We ran out on the field. We worked hard all week, like coach said, in practice, and that was our outcome. That's what we deserved, and that's what happened."

Williams, who rushed 28 times for 175 yards and four touchdowns in his return trip home to Amherst, tried keeping things in perspective after scoring what he thought was going to be the tying score in overtime.

"I never try to celebrate too early," Williams said. "As soon as I scored, I was excited, but I immediately tried to get focused because I know we still had to make the kick."

In a game that went back and forth throughout, the Minutemen were able to rally for 14 unanswered points to take their first lead of the game at 28-21 with 12 minutes remaining in the fourth quarter. With just under six minutes remaining, though, Tim Day was intercepted by Joan Quezada.

"We're just trying to go out there and play defense and try to force a turnover," Quezada said. "Everybody was covering everybody, and I just picked the ball off."

Maine used a nine-play, 80-yard drive that was capped off by a nine-yard touchdown run by Williams with just over two minutes remaining in regulation to knot the score at 28.

Maybe the biggest reason why Massachusetts was able to pull off the victory was the second half adjustments made on defense in terms of covering wide receiver Christian Pereira, who caught three passes for 41 yards and a touchdown in the first half but was missed a couple more times. He only caught one ball for 24 yards after halftime.

"They mixed it up," Pereira said. "They played a lot of bump-coverages, a lot of man-coverage, and [the defensive backs] will come down and fake bump and just bail.

"In the second half, they were bailing more. They didn't want to get beat deep. They had a good defense and a good game plan."

R.J. Cobbs, who was assigned to Pereira early in the game but was limited with an injury after the first quarter, was able to intercept a 25-yard jump-ball pass to Pereira at the UMass four-yard line on Maine's second offensive possession.



Courtesy Karen Winger

UMass tailback Steve Baylark carries the football during Saturday's 35-34 overtime victory over Maine. Baylark ran for over 100 yards for the third consecutive week to help carry his team to victory.

Linebacker Serge Tikum led the defense with 11 tackles, and defensive lineman Keron Williams had four tackles for loss and a sack to highlight the defensive statistics for the Minutemen.

Offensively for the UMass, their key contributors all showed up together on Saturday for the first time since the game against Colgate on Sept. 11.

Day was 17-for-29 for 201 yards and four touchdown passes. Wide receiver J.J. Moore contributed with four catches for 37 yards and two scores, and Baylark ran the ball 33 times for 159 yards, his third consecutive 100-yard performance and fourth of the season.

"You look at it offensively, Stevie Baylark again gave us a great performance with 150-plus yards," Brown said. "Obviously, Jason (Peebler) had a big day again so we've finally gotten him back into the flow on offense. I thought Timmy (Day) was pretty solid today again. I'm really happy for our offense."

It was also Brown's first victory on the sideline at McGuirk Stadium due to sanctions that kept him in the press box for the first three games of the year.

"I couldn't be more proud of a group of guys with the way they've continued to fight week-in and week-out," Brown said. "Our guys show up every Saturday to play. I'm just really proud of their effort. They've been an absolute fun group to coach."

Tale of two teams against Providence

By Andrew Merritt
Collegian Staff

Getting blown out, especially on the road, can do a lot of things to a hockey team. For Massachusetts this weekend, it was apparently the perfect wake-up call for a team that can't afford to give up home-and-home sweeps.

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After losing 6-2 to Providence on Friday night at Schneider Arena, the Minutemen turned the tables on the Friars Saturday, winning 2-0 on the strength of Gabe Winer's 20-save shutout and a banner evening for the tandem of Matt Anderson and Garrett Summerfield.

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With the salvaged weekend, the Minutemen maintained a winning record, improving to 4-3-0 overall, and 2-1-0 in Hockey East play. The Friars, meanwhile, fall to 3-2-0 on the season and 2-2-0 in the conference.

Anderson opened the scoring Saturday, taking a feed from Summerfield in the slot just before the midpoint of the first period. With a Providence defender in hot pursuit, Anderson deftly spun and made available a wrist shot, which he put under PC goaltender David Cacciola's right leg. It was Anderson's fifth goal of the season and his ninth point.

Anderson returned the favor to Summerfield in the third when he left a drop-pass for the trailing winger, who quickly fired a one-timer that slipped past Cacciola on the short side to make it 2-0 with 12:53 to go.

Winer, though, only needed one of the goals to earn his third win of the season as he turned aside all 20 shots the Friars produced. Although it won't be the highest shot total he will see all season, it was still an important achievement for Winer and the team in the early stages of the season.

"Gabe is known to be a good solid goaltender," UMass coach Don Cahoon said. "That can help the team play up to the next level. He's a quality goalie, and when he keeps his focus on things and stays aggressive, he can be very good."

That the Providence shot total was 14 less than Friday night's was a testament to the fact that the Minutemen won a lot of the one-on-one clashes that don't get mentioned in a stat column.

"We won more puck battles, and I thought we played our system a little better than [Friday] night," Cahoon said.

What did appear on the stat sheet, and ended up being a big difference between the two games, was the penalty tally. UMass was called for 12 infractions to Providence's eight on Friday night, but the teams were each whistled five times on Saturday. Although they didn't get any goals out of it, the Minuteman power play set the pace for much of the game.

"We're getting more people involved in the power play. There's more balance, more puck touches," Cahoon said. "The power play last year ran off of [former defenseman] Tommy [Pock]. I'm very happy about the balance this year."

For UMass, it was the perfect answer to Friday's drubbing, which was the first time the Friars had

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Matthew Reidy/Collegian

Goalie Tim Warner and the Minutemen had a tough time in Providence on Friday night, but they were able to turn things around in time to earn one victory over the weekend against its Hockey East opponent.

For the first time in over a year, the Patriots return home losers

By Alan Robinson
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) – The New England Patriots are no longer perfect, all because of a rookie quarterback who still is.

Ben Roethlisberger, who doesn't know what it's like to lose an NFL game, drove the Steelers to four scores following uncharacteristic New England turnovers, and Pittsburgh ended the Patriots' two long winning streaks with a remarkably easy 34-20 victory Sunday.

The Patriots (6-1) had won 21 straight counting the playoffs and a league-record 18 in a row in the regular season but were all but out of this one after Roethlisberger threw two touchdown passes to Plaxico Burress during a 21-point Steelers first quarter.

Maybe all this winning was too much to ask of Boston-area teams. With running back Corey Dillon (thigh) sitting out and Pro Bowl cornerback Ty Law (foot) sidelined for all but a few plays, the Patriots' record run ended only four days after the Boston Red Sox won their first World Series in 86 years.

"It was never about the streak. That was never part of our preparation," linebacker Mike Vrabel said. "It wasn't this week against the Steelers, either – we just didn't play well enough to win, that's it."

This was supposed to be the game that exposed Roethlisberger as a rookie – taking on New England's defensive mastermind, coach Bill Belichick, and the Patriots' unpredictable defenses. Instead, Roethlisberger ran his own winning streak to 18 – his last 13 games at Miami of Ohio and his first five in the NFL.

Only former Steelers quarterback Mike Kruczek's 6-0 start while subbing for the injured Terry Bradshaw in 1976 is longer than Roethlisberger's since the 1970 NFL merger. But Kruczek never threw a TD pass in 10 games this season.

Roethlisberger already has nine scoring passes in what is fast becoming the best season by an NFL rookie QB since Dan Marino threw 20 touchdown passes and only six interceptions in 11 games for the 1983 Dolphins.

"It's only been five games," Roethlisberger said. "We keep saying it over and over again. Let's not get too excited."

His teammates certainly are excited, with the Steelers (6-1) off to their best start since their 1978 team was 7-0. Roethlisberger was 18-of-24 for 196 yards and no interceptions Sunday and is 39-of-49 in his last two games.

"You can't describe his effort," wide receiver Hines Ward said. "He's 5-0, and he's earning a lot of respect on this team. The guys on this team are fighting hard for him."

Rather than Roethlisberger, it was the Patriots' Tom Brady who looked like the rookie, throwing two interceptions and losing a fumble in New England's first loss since a 20-17 defeat to Washington on Sept. 28, 2003.

"It's not weird at all (to lose). We knew it was a possibility every week," linebacker Tedy Bruschi said. "That's why we played so hard and prepared so hard every week. But a couple of things happened, a couple of mistakes ... and they were rolling."

Everything looked status quo early for the Patriots, who overcame Dillon's absence following two consecutive 100-yard games to drive for Adam Vinatieri's 43-yard field goal, the 15th straight game they've scored first.

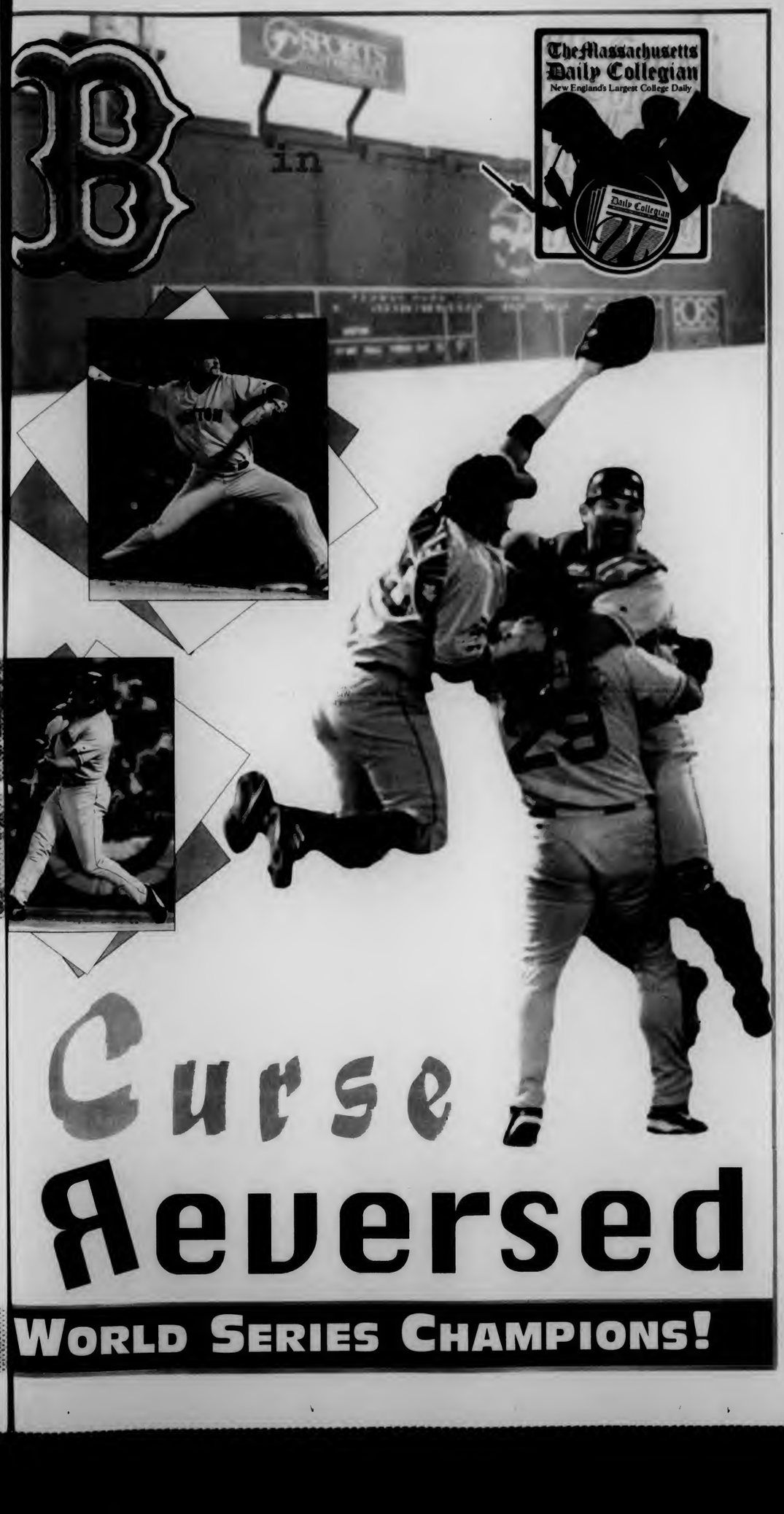
After that, it fell apart.

Roethlisberger hit Ward for 21 yards ahead of a perfectly thrown 47-yard scoring pass to a stretched-out Burress, who quickly shed backup Randall Gay two plays after he came in for the injured Law.

"He (Gay) was a lame duck out there, so we just went right at him," Burress said.

It never got any better for the Patriots, playing here for the first time since upsetting Pittsburgh 24-17 in the AFC championship game in January 2002.

On New England's next play, Brady fumbled after a hard hit from Joey Porter, leading to Roethlisberger's four-yard pass to Burress and a 14-3 lead.



Can you *Believe* it?



Believe it: Red Sox made winning easy

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Jose Canseco in the 1995 ALDS, Curt Schilling buying Drew Bledsoe's old house and the rest of the cursing errors – could the Red Sox win the world championship with such ease?

How could they let such a pessimistic fan base with the alleged passion for agony sit through five stress-free days of World Series baseball?

Was the curse broken immediately following the final out in Yankee Stadium on Oct. 20 rather than after disposing the Cardinals?

This isn't an area where things happen easily. Sure, the Celtics did have a pretty nice 30-year dynasty, but have you seen the team since? Rick Pitino set the organization back by ten years after literally running that team into the ground a few years ago. Now, Green 17 looks more like a joke than a mission statement.

The Bruins will never win anything as long as Jeremy Jacobs – whose wallet isn't just staying closed, it's dead bolted and guarded by a small army – stays in town.

The Patriots have been the model franchise in professional sports over the past three years, but they haven't made anything look easy. They found it in themselves to blow a 14-point lead against the Rams in their first Super Bowl win, and they let a pesky bunch of Panthers kick them around through most of the second half in last year's Super Bowl. And don't forget the snow bowl against Oakland.

How about that 21-game winning streak?

That certainly wasn't easy. There were goal line stands, final-minute scoring drives and enough injuries to keep Boston's hospitals in business by themselves.

No, the Red Sox didn't make it easy on themselves by falling down 0-3 to the Yanks. They didn't make it easy by being three outs away from a sweep with the best postseason closer in the game's history on the mound.

But Curt Schilling made it look easy, albeit very painful, by pulling out a performance reminiscent of Michael Jordan's "flu game" when he dropped 38 points on the Utah Jazz in Game 5 of the 1997 NBA Finals.

I don't think Hollywood – or even FOX – would have scripted the World Series to play out the way it did. Every media source in the planet was hyping the championship series to last the full seven games.

It was supposed to go into the bottom of the ninth with the Red Sox trailing by a run with Cardinals closer Jason Isringhausen on the mound. Johnny Damon and Orlando Cabrera would have both been retired fairly easily before Manny Ramirez knocked a single up the middle.

David Ortiz would have come up next and swung and missed badly at two low breaking balls. After fouling off a dozen pitches and working the count to 3-and-2 – with FOX showing every desperate, half-alive but mostly dead face in the Fenway crowd, and Tim McCarver saying something completely meaningless but self-inspiring like, "Red Sox Nation has suffered for so long, but I truly do believe that they love losing" – Big Papi was supposed to launch a rocket over the Green Monster to cause the biggest celebration in the city since colonial America's Boston Tea Party.

Fenway Park was supposed to collapse, and Boston was supposed to explode.

It just didn't work out that way, though. The finale wasn't written by any Hollywood directors, but I guess Stephen King will do just fine.

On a night that the sun, earth and moon all lined up in perfect order to create a lunar eclipse, the Red Sox scored exactly three runs (Babe Ruth's number) and shut out the Cardinals to go off quietly into the night.

Well, the celebration still happened, grown men still cried and everything, as far as I know, is still standing in Boston.

Maybe it should have been easy. There will be no asterisk, and no one can ever doubt that the Red Sox were the best team in baseball in 2004. They knocked off the two winningest teams – both this season and historically – on their way to the crown.

This is something I never thought that I would get to say, let alone write.

The Boston Red Sox won the World Series. And they made it look easy.





A World Series championship for the ages

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finally come full circle. After filling it with victory champagne, I put it on my head proudly, as a World Champion. It was perfect.

On Saturday, as one of three million members of Red Sox Nation, I traveled to Boston for a victory parade I often wondered if I would ever see. On my head, for one last time, was my hat. I had debated all week whether I should wear it or not, but in the end I don't think I could ever forgive myself if I hadn't. After all those years, all those games, all those moments and all that disappointment, my hat deserved one last blaze of glory. It just wouldn't have been right without it.

On my way home, my dad bought me a brand new hat, complete with the World Series emblem on the side. My old hat with the worn out "B", the floppy brim, the stains of sweat and the word "BELIEVE" written on the underside of the brim was officially retired.

In retrospect, my hat represented everything that was right about true Red Sox fans. For those of us who love the Sox more than you could ever imagine loving anything, this World Series title was never just about winning, but instead what makes this team winning so special. It was about all those times and moments, both good and bad, that reminded you of how special it was to love this team, this ballpark and this city. It was about sharing a common bond with three generations of your family, and watching it all come together on one glorious October evening in Missouri. It was about time, and how fast it goes. It was about growing up, but not old.

It was never about one single, amazing moment, but rather a series of moments and times that add up while life passes you by. Moments that fly by so quickly, until one day when it hits you that it's been that long. No matter how hard to try, you will never be able to give up those moments, or the feelings those times will forever give you. They are who you are, who you will be, and what makes you all you ever wanted to be. They are what make you a baseball fan, and a Red Sox fan.

For myself, winning the World Series was never about Bucky Bucker or Boone. It's about Tom Brunansky's sliding catch to clinch the division in 1990 – the first time I ever realized I loved the Red Sox. About my first glimpse of Green with my grandfather in the summer of 1991, and about perfect evenings in the first base grandstand with my parents as a child. It's about pretending to be Mo Vaughn in my back yard, and wearing my Roger Clemens jersey to school as often as I could. It's about my dad bringing binoculars to games, and showing me the Morse code on the manual scoreboard.

It's about skipping school to go to Opening Day, and doing it with my best friend. It's about dropping $325 dollars driving nearly 10 hours round trip for the day and game of a lifetime, and about knowing it was all well worth it. It's about knowing that my grandfather, who was born in 1915 and was the first person I ever regularly watched the Red Sox with, finally saw the World Series come back to Boston, and that somewhere my grandmother is smiling down on me, knowing the happiness that this moment brings.

It's about the Green Monster, Pesky's Pole and the red seat in section 42. It's about Fenway Franks, bags of peanuts from George the vendor and hot cocoa on frigid April nights. About starting games with "Centerfield", knowing the words to "Sweet Caroline" and about loving that Dirty Water. It's about riding the T to Kenmore Square. About Rally Caps, the Wave and chants of "Let's Go Red Sox." It's about the Yankees making you sick.

It's about your first Red Sox jersey, souvenirs and buying a program to keep score. It's about listening to Joe and Jerry on warm summer nights when you can't make the game, and knowing there's nothing you'd rather be doing. It's about the roar of the Fenway Crowd, and the sights, sounds and smells of the ballpark. It's about the game you love, the friends and family you're with, and the team in which you will always have faith.

In the end, these are the moments and memories that add up to make the World Series mean what it does to a 21-year old college junior – the types of memories that, like my hat, are an inseparable part of you that will always feel just right. Memories that are now that much fonder for those of us who always have, and always will, believe in the power of the Red Sox



A winning theory takes Sox to the top

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victories ended in Pittsburgh last night, it's not like anyone can go around claiming that they're failures. The Patriots could still run off another seven to nine victories and own the AFC title again. And yet through it all, they're mostly the same group of attention-avoiding players who don't try to grab the spotlight like the Terrell Owenses of the world do.

While the Pats are led by a playboy quarterback and a notoriously egotistical running back, Tom Brady wasn't exactly one of those high draft choices that litter the NFL now, and Corey Dillon seems to have completely bought in to the team's philosophy. It's still not a team of superstars, even though Brady, Dillon, Bruschi, Law and a few others show up posters.

What the Boston Red Sox did this year was add to the case for the philosophy that Belichick introduced. They were a bunch of idiots, not a bunch of stars. They were a team full of misfits and has-beens, guys who wallowed in the misery of also-ran ballclubs like David Ortiz and Orlando Cabrera, guys who had lots of potential but nowhere to go with it, and guys like Kevin Millar who didn't come in with much talent or credibility, but found an identity in the uniform.

They were, in a lot of ways, the New England Patriots, circa August 2001. Signing David Ortiz and Mark Bellhorn was the baseball equivalent of the Patriots drafting Richard Seymour; an action that drew a lot of blank stares and frustrated sighs from fans. Other than the hardball freaks who have multiple fantasy teams and take notes on every episode of "Baseball Tonight," did anyone know a thing about Ortiz? Was Bellhorn anything but some guy who filled the right-middle infield for the Cubs?

To be fair, there most certainly will be some superstars showing off their ostensibly Rhode Island-sized rings on April 11. Curt Schilling made a strong case for a bronze bust in Cooperstown in a half-dozen years or so, though that will be debated throughout the winter. Pedro Martinez is still dominant when he wants to be, and Manny Ramirez effectively penned himself into the history books as one of the best hitters of his generation.

But that is a product of the game. Baseball teams need at least a few stars now. Football teams can get by with mostly no-names and a few really good players, but baseball teams have to have a couple of real studs — a starting pitcher with a 90 mile-per-hour-plus heater, a slugger who hits balls hard enough to qualify for frequent flier miles, a fielder with a glove made by the Hoover company. The Red Sox, who could never plead poverty with their gigantic payroll, are certainly a successful ballclub in the modern age, and that means spending gads of money on one-year contracts. But when you look at the roster, and consider the differences between the Sox and their chief rival, they can almost pull off the underdog. Bad News Bosox schtick.

Their run to the promised land — and it's been promised for quite a long time — was kept alive by players like Cabrera and Ortiz, guys who would either be deadwood bench bums on the Yankees, or unused talents on small-market teams. Even the superstars had to contribute in the style of the dirt dog, whether it was Schilling sucking up the pain and pitching one of the greatest playoff starts in history, or Ramirez shaking off two errors in the most important series of his life and still coming up with key hits.

To draw even more similarity to the Patriots, the Red Sox completed not one, but two huge comebacks, first waking out of their midseason coma to take control of the wild card, and then making history after being up against the weight of a juggernaut.

The Patriots, you'll remember, were 5-5 after their first 10 games in 2001, but rattled off nine straight victories to become champs, including the memorable Super Bowl win, and this was after losing their franchise quarterback to a season-ending injury. The Sox did the same, digging themselves a ridiculous hole and coming out of it because they stuck with a strategy that Epstein and Terry Francona decided on going in. They climbed out as a team, not piece-by-piece, and that gave them the momentum to push to the World Series.

Curtis Leskanic, Terry Adams, Lenny DiNardo, Mike Myers, and Doug Mirabelli will all get the same royal treatment that Schilling, Martinez, Ramirez, Ortiz, Damon, and Varitek will get on April 11, because they're a team, and because the contributions of every player, no matter how small, made a difference. It was substance over style, unless the "hockey hair" of Bellhorn and the Christ look of Damon count as style.

Sounds a lot like the other championship team from New England that overcame the odds, doesn't it?





King releases seventh and final chapter of epic

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An outsider respects Red Sox victory

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Homecoming bonfire and pep rally attracts 1,000 to Campus Pond

By Teri Barrows
Collegian Correspondent

The University of Massachusetts football team's 35-34 overtime win against Maine on Saturday may have been partially attributed to the energy created at a bonfire and pep rally held at the Campus Pond on Friday night, according to attendees.

Amherst police estimated that approximately 1,000 students and alumni gathered around a blazing bonfire to show their support for UMass football.

"When they first lit the fire at 9:45 p.m., the flames must have been a few stories high," said UMass junior Hannah Drake.

The night kicked off at 10:45 p.m. with a performance by the UMass Marching Band. Cheerleaders dispersed themselves throughout the crowd and raised the level of energy. With the crowd chanting "Go UMass," coach Don Brown and the UMass football team got on stage to request the crowd's support at Saturday's football game against Maine. The Marching Band concluded the pep rally with two more songs.

Despite rainy weather, students still came out to the game on Saturday. "We saw about 200 students come to our beach party tent in MinuteMan Park," said UMass Homecoming Steering Committee co-chair and UMass senior Nathaniel Jewell. From 11:00 a.m. to kickoff at 1:00 p.m., the tent featured sand, free Hawaiian pizza donated by Domino's, patio heaters to keep episodes projected onto a large screen.



Karen Weinraub/Collegian

The UMass Minuteman Marching Band performes at halftime during the Homecoming football game on Saturday. UMass beat the University of Maine, 35-34.



Courtesy Amanda Nelson

Patrick Arsenault and Michelle Price are the co-chairs of the Bonfire Committee and members of Alpha Phi Omega fraternity.

UMass junior Josh Oelschlegel was the lucky winner of a free spring break trip for two to Cancun, sponsored by STA Travel. Oelschlegel, like many other students, dug for small plastic shells in a kid-pool filled with sand. Each shell he found in the allotted 10 second time period represented the number of entries he had in the contest. The Homecoming Steering Committee also gave away free t-shirts and thunder-stick noise-makers under their tent.

"We're really happy with the turnout," said HSC Member and UMass senior Jessie Day. "A lot of campus went home for the Red Sox parade on Saturday, and the weather was terrible, but patio heaters kept everyone under our tent warm."

Weather for the bonfire was perfect, however the night's activities started later than expected due to the late ending of Bill Cosby's comedy show. "The crowd was small until after 10:30 p.m. when people started coming up from the Mullins Center. Not a lot of people stuck around for the band performances due to the late start, however those that did stay had a great time," said Jewell.

After the pep rally a second wave of entertainment began. A mix of hip hop lyrics and funk beats characterized the performance by Cold Duck Complex, who have performed at UMass several times over the past few years. Boston-based West Entrance also performed until 12:30 a.m. when the Amherst Fire Department extinguished the bonfire. DJ Hipnotiq, who also performs at the Amherst Pub every weekend, provided hip-hop mixes during band transitions.

This is the second year that the HSC has been planning events for students. The committee recruits volunteers starting in the spring and works throughout the summer to get everything in order. "It takes a lot of planning to get the entire UMass community involved and for everything to run smoothly," said Jewell.

The committee would like to see audience sizes increase over the next few years, add more events during the week before Homecoming, and bring back the Homecoming parade. "We'll be back again next year to make Homecoming even more UMassive!" said Jewell.

MassPirg to provide student rides to polls

By Janet Jock
Collegian Correspondent

Although many University of Massachusetts students are registered to vote at the polls today, many voters are unsure where they can cast their ballot in the Amherst area.

In the past month, any student walking by the Student Union and dining halls across UMass could spot activists encouraging student-voter registration. There have also been several publicized efforts encouraging young people to vote this year, including the MTV "Rock the Vote" and hip hop artist P Diddy's "Vote or Die" campaigns.

However, the important question now is how many registered voters are actually going to find the polling stations?

Organizations like MassPirg and the Student Center for Educational Research and Advocacy are trying to make it easy for the students to get to their voting locations by providing buses to go to the three different polling stations in Amherst.

According to Thomas Locke, Campus Organizer for MassPirg, there will be buses running every twenty minutes from Franklin Dining Hall and parking lot 43 behind Northeast Residential Area to bring students to their respective polling locations.

The polls open at 7 a.m. today, and buses run from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. tonight. Students who live in Southwest can catch a bus outside of their dorm to their polling center in the Bangs Community Center behind Rao's Coffee Shop in the center of downtown Amherst.

All students registered to vote in Amherst who live in Sylvan and Northeast are scheduled to vote at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, while students living in Central and Orchard Hill are expected to vote at the Wildwood Elementary School on Strong Street.

Students need to bring a proof of residence and their I.D. in order to vote and can only vote in Amherst if they are registered in Amherst. If they are not registered in Amherst, they need to vote in their hometown.

While it is possible that college students are too busy to vote, junior Danielle Kelleher said that the students "are too lazy" to vote. "They don't think any of the issues apply to them," said student Spencer Ziegler.

Historically, students in the age group of 18 to 24 have not voted in high numbers. Last year only 16 percent of Massachusetts students in that age group voted in the 2000 elections, and 36 percent of them voted nation-wide, according to Locke.

Locke emphasized that, in fact, it is just the opposite. He says that the reason why politicians aren't paying attention to students' needs is because there has been such a low voting rate among the age group in the past.

This year seems to be a different story. Sixteen hundred new voters are registered at UMass, and MassPirg has registered half a million voters nationwide. Additionally, MassPirg is going around to the dorms and reminding people to vote and bring their identification and proof of residence to the polls.

Dennis Canty, a senior at UMass, is driving to Westford to vote. "I place a lot of importance on the elections at a local level. Often the candidates for state senate and state rep are overlooked, and that can be a downfall in politics. State policy tends to affect us equally to national policy," he said.

While Dennis is voting in his hometown, his brother, junior Brendan Canty, is registered in Amherst and is voting at the Bangs Community Center. "I'm voting locally because it's closer, and I really wanted to have my vote count in my area. Where you go to school really affects the way you vote and the sides you take on certain points of view," he said.

Wherever the location, Locke encourages students to go out and vote. For additional information, students may contact MASSPIRG at 413-545-0199 or call a national hotline, such as Election Protection Program's 1-866-OUR-VOTE or Common Cause's 1-866-MYVOTE1.

Distinguished nursing alumni recognized

By Kaitlin Barry
Collegian Correspondent

The University of Massachusetts School of Nursing presented Distinguished Alumni Awards to MaryAnn Hogan '76, Elizabeth Howard '77, and Maureen Farley Sroczynski '68 at its Annual Alumni Buffet Luncheon on Saturday in the Cape Cod Lounge in the Student Union.

The luncheon included a presentation by Associate Professor Genevieve F. Chandler and Assistant Clinical Professor Kathleen Newman titled "The Web of Mentoring: Prescription for Empowerment."

"There is no greater recognition than that which comes from your peers," said Sroczynski upon receiving her award. Sroczynski is founder, president, and owner of Farley Associates, Inc., a management consulting firm focused on creating positive work environments for healthcare professionals.

She is currently working on the development of the Massachusetts Center for Nursing and the Nursing Career Ladder Initiative to examine the nursing faculty shortage and to unite nursing organizations throughout the state in recruiting and retaining nursing professionals.

With over 35 years experience in healthcare, she has practiced in senior-nursing-leadership and executive positions throughout New England, including high-level administrative positions at the UMass Medical Center Health Care System in Worcester. She was also an associate faculty member at the UMass Worcester School of Nursing.

Sroczynski served as president of the Massachusetts Organization of Nurse Executives from 1996-1997. She earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from UMass Amherst in 1968 and a master's in nursing administration from Boston University in 1985.

MaryAnn Hogan has been a Clinical Assistant Professor at UMass since 2001. She teaches undergraduate students in a clinical setting through an academic partnership with Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton and is chairperson of the Curriculum Committee for the School of Nursing.

"I am thrilled that my career has taken me in the direction of nursing education, because by helping to nurture the generation of nurses to come, we are also indirectly making a huge and powerful impact on the health of people here and now," she said.

Hogan is the president of her own company, Nursing and Health Education Resources, Inc., which conducts programs to assist nursing graduates in preparing for the NCLEX-RN licensing exam. She has written over 20 books in the field of nursing in addition to test banks, study guides, and other materials. She is currently coauthoring a pharmacology textbook.

Hogan has taught at Holyoke Community College, Elms College, and Bay State Medical Center, is certified as a clinical specialist in medical surgical nursing, and has experience in critical, medical surgical, and neuroscience nursing.

She earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from UMass Amherst in 1976 and a master's in nursing from Anne Maria College in 1985.

Elizabeth P. Howard shared her experiences at UMass in her acceptance speech, including her first encounter with a nurse practitioner when she was treated at Health Services on campus. "I can remember how the nurse practitioner was able to assess, diagnose, and treat me without consulting anyone else," Howard said. "She moved so smoothly and confidently. I thought, 'I'd sure like to be one

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DNA legislation signed into law by President Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rape victims and convicted felons will have greater access to DNA testing under a new five-year, $1 billion program signed into law by President Bush.

The law, hammered out in the final days of the Congressional session, ensures access to post-conviction DNA testing for those serving time in prison or on death row. It provides $775 million in grants over the next five years to clear the backlog of some 350,000 untested DNA samples in rape evidence kits.

It also provides an additional $350 million to improve legal representation in death penalty cases.

"Think of the human costs when an innocent person is executed or spends long years in jail," said Rep. William Delahunt, D-Mass., a key author of the bill. "Imagine the scars when a victim waits years to know the identity of their assailant. We are not talking about hypothetical scenarios. We are talking about real people, ordinary Americans facing the most extreme miscarriages of justice."

Bush signed the legislation Saturday.

In recent years, 111 people in 25 states have been released after spending years on death row for crimes they did not commit, leading to more than 50 convictions of the real perpetrators.

-Associated Press

Today's focus for Massachusetts is to get out the vote

By Steve LeBlanc
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Election officials expect a high turnout in Massachusetts for Tuesday's elections, but the outcome of the hardest fought legislative races could hinge on three key factors: field, field and field.

Field — the political art of getting your voters to the polls — requires obsessive organizational skills, small armies of volunteers and lots of phone lines and strong coffee.

It also can mean the difference between winning and losing.

With polls set to open Tuesday morning, Democratic and Republicans candidates for the House and Senate are revving up their field operations with the help of state party officials, hoping to pull in those few extra votes.

There are plenty of voters to chase. Massachusetts has 4,098,634 voters eligible to cast ballots on Tuesday, including 90,000 who have registered since the last presidential election.

Secretary of State William F. Galvin predicted Sunday that the election could draw the most voters in state history — probably exceeding 3 million — in part because Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kerry is the Democratic presidential candidate. The state record was set in 1992, when 2.8 million Bay State voters went to the polls.

"We think it will be higher (than 1992)," Galvin said. "We have a native son, and an intense race."

Poll workers were trained to check identification of voters who registered after January 2003. There will be new machines in 30 municipalities, including Boston, where the city's electric lever machines used in 2000 were replaced with optical-scan paper ballots.

Also, for the first time, Galvin is launching a voter advisory system, with hourly radio updates detailing crowd conditions at polling stations statewide.

Playing a key role in the get-out-the-vote drive on the Republican side is Gov. Mitt Romney, who has pledged to help elect more Republicans to the overwhelmingly Democratic Legislature.

On Monday, Romney will sweep through seven key Senate districts on a bus tour, hoping to encourage voters to back Republican candidates.Democrats have their own big name get-out-the-vote cheerleader.

Democratic U.S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy has recorded automated telephone calls for at least 10 Democratic candidates in an effort to thwart any Republican gains.

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Baghdad deputy governor murdered

By Jim Krane
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Militants kidnapped an American, a Nepalese and four Iraqi guards in a bloody assault on their office in the capital Monday, and gunmen assassinated Baghdad's deputy governor in a drive-by shooting, new violence that came as voter registration began for vital January elections.

West of the capital, U.S. troops clashed with Sunni insurgents, and American artillery pounded suspected insurgent positions in Fallujah, witnesses said.

U.S. forces are gearing up for a major offensive against Fallujah, the strongest bastion of Sunni insurgents. The order to launch what would likely be a bloody assault must come from Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, who warned Sunday that his patience with negotiations was thinning. U.S. and Iraqi officials hope to curb the insurgency in time for national elections at the end of January.

A handful of Iraqis showed up for the first day of voter registration in central Baghdad on Monday. They refused to allow TV cameras to film them for fear of future retaliation.

To help protect the voting, Iresh American soldiers arrived in the capital Monday — reinforcements that push the total U.S. military presence in Iraq to around 142,000, the highest level since the summer of 2003.

The latest in Iraq's wave of kidnappings came when gunmen stormed the offices of a Saudi company in the upscale Mansour district of Baghdad, sparking a battle with guards during the evening iftar meal when Muslims break their day-long fast in the holy month of Ramadan, police said.

One attacker and one guard were killed in the fight before the gunmen made off with their captives, police said. Police Lt. Col. Maan Khalat identified the captives as an American, a Nepalese and the four Iraqis. U.S. Embassy spokesman Bob Callahan confirmed that the fourth victim was an American.

"We heard gunfire. I went outside to see what was going on when a man pointed a machine gun at me and said: 'Get in or else I'll shoot at you,'" said Haidar Karar, who lives in the neighborhood.



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A security guard inspects the car of the deputy governor of Baghdad who was assasinated in an attack on Monday.



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Super supper scare
Worchester Dining Hall employees serve up lobsters last Friday for a special Halloween dinner.

Curt Schilling delivers his endorsement for Bush

WILMINGTON, Ohio (AP) — Curt Schilling hobbled onto a stage inside an airplane hangar to introduce President Bush for the first of two campaign appearances Monday.

The Boston Red Sox pitcher, who canceled a scheduled campaign stop with Bush in New Hampshire last week, saying he was unable to travel because of his ankle injury, is also endorsing the incumbent on automated phone calls in three battleground states.

Schilling wore a protective boot over the ankle as he and his wife, Shonda, made their way to the stage. He told thousands of supporters that they should elect a president who supports the troops "every step of the way."

America needs "a leader who makes sure they have everything they need to get the job done, a leader who believes in their mission and honors their service, a leader who has the courage and the character to stay on the offense against terrorism until the war is won."

"That leader is our commander in chief, George W. Bush," Schilling said.

Later, in Burgettstown, Pa., just west of Pittsburgh, Schilling said he was proud to be a member of the championship team. Then he added: "I'm proud to be on a team with a more important mission — the team that's going to get George Bush re-elected."

After his sore ankle prevented him from attending Bush campaign rallies Friday, Schilling recorded endorsements that are being used through Election Day in New Hampshire, Maine and Pennsylvania.

Bush spokeswoman Nicolle Devenish said the pitcher "must have been feeling better. He reached out to our campaign and offered to help."

Meanwhile, Democrat and Red Sox fan John Kerry countered the Schilling effect by recruiting the team's principal owner, John Henry, part-owner Tom Werner and general manager Theo Epstein to appear with him Sunday at a campaign stop in Manchester, N.H.

Schilling endorsed Bush in a TV interview Thursday, a day after the Red Sox won the franchise's first World Series in 86 years.

He won Game 2 of the World Series and Game 6 of the American League championship series with his ankle stitched to protect a torn sheath around a tendon. He's expected to undergo surgery this week.

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Award recipients served as professors of nursing

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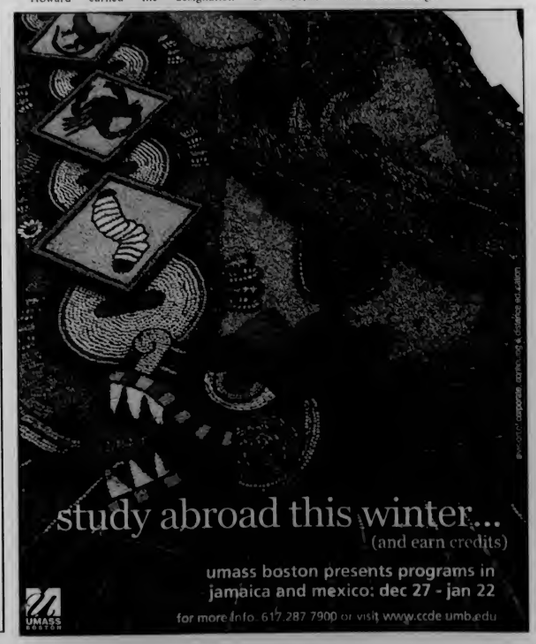
Howard has been an Associate Professor at Northeastern University Graduate School of Nursing since 1989. She has worked in the Urgent Care Department at Vanguard Medical Associates in Wellesley since 1995.

Recognizing the need for licensed, advance-practice nurses to staff neonatal intensive care units in Boston-area hospitals, Howard established the first Neonatal Nurse Practitioner program in New England at Northeastern University in 1993.

Howard earned the designation of Distinguished Research Fellow in 2004 after securing over $2 million in grant funding for training and research programs and serving as project director of graduate nurse practitioner programs.

Howard's career began after graduating from UMass as a coronary nurse at Hartford Hospital. She was an assistant professor of nursing at Simmons College from 1980-1987. She also earned certifications as an Adult and Acute Care Nurse Practitioner.

She earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from UMass Amherst in 1977, a master's in nursing from Boston College in 1979, and a doctorate in 1986, also from Boston College.



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"Fight for your opinions, but do not believe that they contain the whole truth, or the only truth." -Charles A. Dana

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Forget all the politics: every vote still counts

After the 2000 election, everyone claimed that the tight race proved that each and every vote counts, but so many people it proved just the opposite. To a large population of the country, only the votes in Florida really counted for anything.

The Electoral College is a complicated institution. While its purpose is to insure that the little states get attention, too, the side effect is that primarily liberal or conservative states are the ones that get neglected.

Massachusetts is inarguably one of the most liberal states in the country, and people seem so confident that it will always go democratic that they become apathetic to the voting process. They assume that regardless of their vote, the outcome will go a certain way. While that may tend to be true, what would happen if everyone thought that way? Remember that Massachusetts does have a Republican governor – anything can happen.

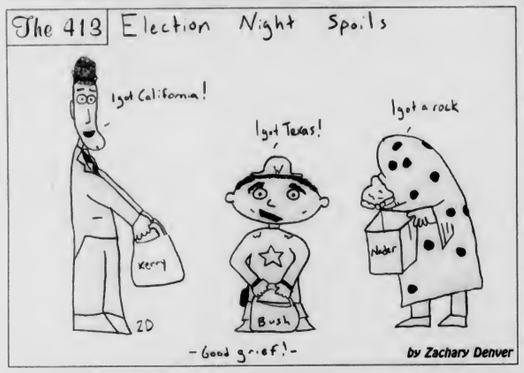
Today's election will probably be one of the closest in history, so regardless of the fact that you live in a traditionally liberal state, get to the polls and voice your opinion. When it comes down to the end tonight, every single vote is going to count.

It is also important to remember that the presidential seat is not the only one up for grabs. When you look at your ballot, you will see several other prominent positions up for reelection, including state representative for the Amherst district. Whoever holds that seat will be responsible for fighting for UMass' funding for the next two years.

If that isn't reason enough, how about proving to the politicians that this generation of youth will not be ignored as previous ones have been? For so many elections, the 18- to 25-year-old age bracket has respectfully abstained from participating in their government and as a result, our government no longer feels a need to represent our interests. People have been registering in record numbers this year, but being registered doesn't do any good if you don't make that final effort today.

It can be overwhelming to think of the rules and loopholes in the election process that could make your vote meaningless. But we at The Massachusetts Daily Collegian recommend that you don't think of it that way. Instead, choose to have faith in the system that was established so many years ago to ensure that we all have a say in selecting our leaders. Choose to believe that your vote may just be the one that decides it. Choose to make this election the one where the youth population regains its political power and most importantly, choose who you want representing you and your interests for the next few years. Your vote not only counts, but it's the only one that does.

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Voters, what say you?



Yousef Munayyer

We are the most powerful nation on earth. We are the richest nation on earth. We have the capability to destroy almost any enemy. We are a nation at war. Today the future of the United States hangs in the balance of space and time like a Floridian chad, and the entire world is watching.

Surely, only American citizens will vote in the national election today, but the outcome of this election will affect billions around the world. The citizens of the United States, or at least its voting age population, will flip switches today to determine the future of people across the planet. The questions that remain are the outcome of, but perhaps more importantly, the degree to which we acknowledge this life-changing power.

Let there be no doubt that this election is for not only the leader of the United States of America, but also the leader of the most powerful hegemony on earth. Today, as the networks report predictions, voters trudge to their polling stations, and the candidates wait in suspense, the greatest audience will be watching from across oceans having no power to influence the outcome. The world will sit and wait idly as their future is determined for them by the election of the most powerful man on earth.

Four years is a long time, and eight years is even longer, but the burden of knowing that your actions will affect billions across the world makes the decision you make today of colossal importance. This is the only instance in history when an empire with such great influence stands on edge every four years. Make no mistake about living in an empire. Denial is the first part of the problem. Embrace the reality of living in the world's most dominant empire, and make a difference.

After four years of President Bush, who came to office under great controversy, the world is a more dangerous place. Our troops are deployed across the globe and are being reshuffled to adjust to the realities of war. More people across the world have learned to hate the United States because of its policies, and the most dangerous reality is that the world that hates the United States believes that we the people of the United States approve of the belligerent hegemony that this administration has brought on the world in the past four years.

Today is your chance, my chance and America's chance to prove to the world that they are mistaken. Or, similarly, prove to the world that they are absolutely right. Soon we will know what America thinks; we will know what the world thinks, and the players in the chaotic world of international politics will have geared up for another run.

The starving, dying and oppressed around the world wish they could vote in this election the same way we can. To ignore this awesome duty is to show the world that we do not care, not only about them, but also about ourselves.

Some may immediately respond to this by saying that we do not need to prove anything to the world, we do not need permission slips, and we do not need a global test. To those critics, the answer is simple: prove nothing to the world, but rather prove to ourselves that we can make positive steps toward securing our own future. There may be many that make the aforementioned point, the argument that the United States need not consider the rest of the world when making foreign policy decisions. The pundits may make this argument by persuading an ignorant population to believe this fallacy, but the reality is that even they do not believe it. The educated analysts do not believe it either.

There is no one on this earth with half a brain who can honestly argue that the United States can afford to act completely unilaterally. This attitude, as we have seen in the past years, gets us into trouble. Not to mention that this attitude is the first step to the classic and tragic flaw in every empire: overreach.

This is a foreign policy election, and the man elected today will be a foreign policy president for the next four years; that much is not at issue. What is at issue is how that policy will look.

So there are three possible outcomes as I see it. We the people can choose to abruptly shift the foreign policy of this country by expressing our disapproval of the Bush administration. We the people can vote for that very administration and show that we stand firm with their decisions of war and preemption. Or lastly, we the people can do nothing at all, ignore our civic duty, ignore our right to dissent and sit at home continuing the overall downward voting trend we have seen since the 1950s.

The greatest fear is that America chooses the last option. The starving, dying and oppressed around the world wish they could vote in this election the same way we can. To ignore this awesome duty is to show the world that we do not care, not only about them, but also about ourselves. Ignoring the polling stations shows the world that the greatest hegemony on earth is a loose cannon, erasing whatever dignity we had as a democracy that holds its leaders accountable for their actions and sending the world into a dark uncertainty that would make the past few years seem hopeful.

Today, America, the world is listening and is waiting to hear what we have to say. Do not make the mistake of being silent just because your life doesn't hang in the balance today; tomorrow it very well may.

Yousef Munayyer is a Collegian editor.

A great month remembered

Dan McDonnell

Wow. What a month. October 2004 is a month that I will never forget. The drama. The excitement. The heartbreak. The celebration. The severe beating that the student body's collective GPA took (personally I think every UMass student should have at least a full point added to their GPA). You just can't beat this. Not even the best Hollywood movie writers could have scripted this any better.

Then came the big one. It was the Red Sox going head-to-head with the Yankees for the American League Championship. It was a rematch from a year ago, and everyone remembered what happened in 2003. Would we see the same result?

Superstition made its way across Massachusetts. It spread like a forest fire. We stopped shaving and wore the same clothes every day. Some people even stopped showering. We lost the first three games of the series. Actually we didn't just lose, we were embarrassed. I even began to give up. There was no way in hell that we were coming back from a 3-0 deficit, especially against the Yankees. It was impossible.

I reluctantly watched Game 4, and for the first time in the playoffs, didn't have even a sip of beer. We won the game with a David Ortiz walk-off homerun. "Big Papi" came through in the clutch for the 3,545th time in his Red Sox tenure. Then the next night Papi did it again, clutch performance number 3,546.

I started to believe again. I thought it was over, but once again they sucked me back in. It's like the lyrics from the song Hotel California: "you can check out any time you like, but you can never leave." Over the next two days I had 38 heart attacks, two aneurysms, 14 strokes, and I threw up twice for no real reason.

Then we won Game 6. Like I said, I had stopped drinking after Game 3, and the Sox had won 3 in a row (here comes that superstition again). This meant that I had to watch Game 7, the most intense, dramatic, terrifying night of my life, without alcohol, all because of the chance that I might jinx it (talk about your signs to stop drinking). I sat at my buddies' house drinking Poland Springs and Starbucks coffee (not a good idea, because by the seventh inning I hit a coffee high combined with the nerves already going crazy. Let's just say I was a nervous wreck, and I was twitching a lot).

Maybe this team is just a "bunch of idiots." Have you honestly, though, ever been more proud of a bunch of idiots?

Long story short, we won Game 7, beat the Yankees, and were going to the World Series. As soon as the last out was made I poured my first beer in four days — the best tasting, most relaxing, most enjoyed beer I have ever had in my life. It tasted like a combination of sweetness, victory, satisfaction and Bud Light.

Everyone knows how it ended. The Red Sox won the World Series! The Curse was over. Everything was erased. Finally, there will be no more Babe Ruth references. Bucky Dent became just another ballplayer, the same with Aaron Boone. Bill Buckner can finally live a normal life. And the rest of Red Sox Nation can live a normal life. There's no more suffering. It's finally over. It all ended on the night of a lunar eclipse. What a metaphor. On the same night the light of the moon was eclipsed, 86 years worth of bad memories were also eclipsed.

Sox fans finally don't have to see any more negative clips during big games. Now we are going to see Curt Schilling pitching in Yankee Stadium wearing a bloody sock (that is going to go for at least $50,000 on eBay next month) with his ankle being held together by string and staples. We are going to see David Ortiz's walk-off hits on back-to-back nights in Boston. We'll see Pedro Martinez throwing like his arm had been soaked in holy water from Vatican City. We'll see Derek Lowe winning all three clinching games of the 2004 postseason after everyone had completely given up on him. This team made us all feel like we were a part of something special, and we definitely were. We witnessed history. Whether or not you're a sports fan, you understand what has happened.

Maybe this team is just a "bunch of idiots." Have you honestly, though, ever been more proud of a bunch of idiots? They're a bunch of guys that you just want to hang out with. Can't you just picture them hanging out at a college party? I can see Kevin Millar and Trot Nixon holding someone up for a keg stand, Jason Varitek and Johnny Damon funneling beers, and Pedro, Manny, and Ortiz sitting on the couch going through the old "puff, puff, pass" routine.

Years from now we are going to be able to say that we witnessed the first World Series win for the Red Sox in 86 years. We will be able to sit and tell our kids about how we saw the Sox end the Curse while we were at UMass. There's no better feeling in the world.

Dan McDonnell is a Collegian columnist.

Costumes raise questions

Stacy Kasdin

I've always loved Halloween. I'm an actress at heart, so I love the idea of getting dressed up and pretending to be someone else for a night. Over the years I've been everything from a mouse to a pumpkin to a clown to a witch to Little Red Riding Hood, and so many more I don't even remember them all. However, it seems that recently the whole concept of Halloween has been changed. People aren't dressing up like pumpkins and clowns anymore. Now everyone is dressing up like Playboy bunnies, naughty schoolgirls and French maids. It seems that Halloween has become simply an excuse to go out in public wearing as little as possible.

I went to a few Halloween stores in the mall to check out the costume selection and was overwhelmed by the amount of poly-vinyl halter-tops and mini-skirts being passed off as Halloween costumes. Isn't one of the main points of this holiday to be scary? Sure, a few places offered the typical Freddie and Jason costumes, but it was hard to find them hidden in the back behind racks and racks of barely-theres. I didn't witness it myself, but I heard there was even a girl on campus walking around in just her bra and underwear. She was supposed to be a Victoria's Secret model. 60-degree, rainy weather doesn't seem like the best environment to be walking in around naked, but I guess when you're on a college campus, health and safety aren't your main concerns.

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I actually spent my Halloween at a friend's house in a family housing community. I was pleased to see the true spirit of Halloween alive and well in the many children who came to trick or treat at his house in super hero, princess and animal costumes. I was even more pleasantly surprised when the majority of children took one piece of candy and politely thanked us and wished us a happy Halloween before going on their way.

It breaks my heart to think that these are the Playboy bunnies and pimps of 2017. I hope that prediction never comes true, but the few kids I saw trick or treating in mini-skirts claiming to be pop stars make me awfully worried. I fear that by that time the entire, original meaning of Halloween may have been forgotten. No one will have any idea that Halloween was originally a day of honoring one's ancestors. By then it may have even been declared National Nudist Appreciation Day.

Now honestly, I really don't care what people are wearing at their private parties in their own houses or dorm rooms. I would certainly never want to be in public in just my underwear, but if you do, that's your prerogative. What bothers me is when people are out in public wearing these next-to-nothing costumes because believe it or not, no matter how attractive you may think you are, or how attractive you may in fact be, some of us just don't want to see that. Underwear models are for catalogs. When they leave the studio they wear normal street clothes just like the rest of us. Furthermore, there are children living on this campus. Wear whatever you want in your rooms, but keep yourself covered on the way there.

I'm fairly surprised there was no sexual assault reported on campus over this weekend, or at least none that I'm aware of yet. I would imagine that an intoxicated man, or group of intoxicated men, might like nothing better than to harass a girl walking across campus in a tiny, little vinyl skirt. Besides, walking around in the cold rain of Saturday night couldn't have been very comfortable with nothing covering you. But then again, I guess it would give you that wet look that the Sports Illustrated swimsuit models have mastered so well, so it might be worth it in the long run, right? Save some money on hair gel.

In short, it definitely bothered me that the majority of people's costumes this Halloween included the words naughty, slutty or whore. I feel like this holiday has substantially lost its meaning, and that makes me really sad. Of course, I did get a somewhat sheltered view of the holiday, living on a college campus in the five-college area.

I just hope that the rest of the people in this country are keeping the Halloween spirit alive, tricking and treating, watching scary movies and bobbing for apples.

I hope that my friends and I were not the only ones that toasted our ancestors on this holiday weekend. I hope that in 2017 there are still people doing the same.

Stacy Kasdin is a Collegian columnist.

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EVEN BOOK EPIC DRAWS TO A CLOSE

After 22 years, Stephen King concludes 'The Dark Tower' series



By Cameron J. Woods
Collegian Staff

It has finally come to a close. Perhaps the greatest and most involving epic series of fiction of modern times has come to the clearing at the end of the path.

The technically retired master of horror Stephen King released his seventh and final installation in his "The Dark Tower Series," aptly entitled "The Dark Tower." The series that began over twenty years ago with "The Gunslinger," a western/science fiction/fantasy tale of a young man pursuing a wizard, across a vast and nearly lifeless desert, drew to a rather twisted and anticlimactic close this fall.

The seven part series followed the trail of Roland Deschain, the last of a profession known as Gunslingers: a mixture of diplomat, knight, emissary and cowboy, who just so happens to be the last remaining descendant of the mythical King Arthur. Over the first six novels the reader saw Roland draw allies from different points in time from a world that is very similar to our own. Allies who we as readers would come to love and at times despise.

Readers learned of Roland's past allies and how closely his new band of friends resembles his old one is constantly commented on within the text. Though his friends have changed, Roland's goal never wavers, he is hell bent on reaching the Dark Tower. The tower is essentially the center spindle upon which all of the multiple universes are stacked, much like a pack of CDRs with the plastic dowel in the center to hold them all in place.

He seeks the tower because his world and all the subsequent realities are in jeopardy and the tower itself is set to topple over unless someone ascends it and wills all of creation back to order from its pinnacle.

There is the recovered heroin addict, Edward Dean, from the '80s whom Roland is always reprimanding for being flippant and a bit disrespectful. There is Susanah Dean who married Eddie. Readers watched her character emerge as a fusion of two personalities that used to divide her mind into the highly educated but overly pathetic, Odetta Holmes and the bitchy cruel Detta Walker. Then there is Jake Chambers, plucked from New York in the '70s; he becomes the surrogate son of Roland. The final character of the main band or "ka-tet" as King calls them, is a creature called a billybumbler, visibly close to a mixture of small dog and raccoon, named Oy.

His limited ability to speak is first used as a comic note in the story but later turns out to be far more than just mimicry. By far one of King's most novel and innovative characters, Oy is as honorable and deadly as any of the other characters in the series, and proves to be a vital element in Roland reaching his ultimate goal.

With all of the background set and all but a few key characters introduced the seventh installation of the "Dark Tower Series" is a very swiftly moving novel that changes everything that King has established. Though it is riddled with action scenes and plot twists there are only a few points where King actually attempts to genuinely surprise the reader.

As is par for the course with this series "The Dark Tower" is filled with portrayals of epic gunfights, littered with foreshadowing and packed with characters and elements from Kings other works. In previous installations King brought in his villain of villains Randal Flagg, from such works as "The Stand" and "Eyes of the Dragon." He also brought in Father Pere Callahan from, "Salem's Lot" and most recently Ted Brautigan from "Hearts in Atlantis." Beyond this interweaving of his created worlds King brings a fictionalized version of himself into the story.

Some would baulk and taut King as a hack for putting himself into his own work and making himself such a powerful character, an avatar of the higher being that created everything, but he portrays himself as such a lousy individual the exercise seems more masochistic than narcissistic.

All of the books in the series have been littered with convenient coincidences that have saved the characters from certain peril, technological items that transported them to safety, mystical telepathic abilities that are reminiscent of those used in "The Shinning" and several incidences where it seemed like sheer luck that kept the characters alive. In "The Dark Tower" King puts a new level of aid in affect for his characters. He, as the character, who is writing the story as you are reading it, writes his characters notes and creates items of aid for them. In one scene in particular King writes a note to Susanah which reads, "Don't worry the deus ex machina is on its way."

The fact that he is very conscious of everything he has written in the book almost justifies all of the cheesy saves and blatantly unbelievable revelations his characters have. King moves this story forcefully towards its one and only possible ending, Roland's reaching The Dark Tower.

So with a forceful hand King drew to close his epic adventure that dwarfs so many other literary series in its size alone standing at over 6000 pages. It is a massive amalgamate of genres, characters and settings that some readers have made a part of their lives for more than two decades.

True to form though King supplies no happily-ever-after ending for this tale. Though he does warn readers, with a note from the author, that they should not read the final segment of the epilog unless they are ready to be outraged. In the last five pages Roland Deschain proclaims the names of all his fallen comrades and climbs the tower reaching its precipice thus ending the whole adventure on a tremendously bitter sweet note.

"The Dark Tower" may have been the conclusion to "The Dark Tower Series" but it may also stand as the last novel from the desk of one of contemporary literatures living legends. As the "Dark Tower" now makes its way to print for its paper back release in relative obscurity, one may rest assured that it is a series that will echo and possibly explode sometime in the future much like JRR Tolkien's "The Lord of the Rings" has in recent years.

TIES are new fashion hit

By Jean Patteson
The Orlando Sentinel

Want to get a guy riled up? Insult his taste in neckties.

We did that last year, when we suggested in a fashion column that clip-on ties are "tacky."

Boy, did that get readers' necks in a knot!

We heard from guys who love clip-ons. And we heard from guys who hate them–but defend the right of the convenience-conscious, fashion-challenged or klutzy to wear them.

The vehemence of the responses left no doubt: Whether they knot or clip their ties, men care about neckwear. Even those who have sworn off wearing ties have an opinion about them.

Now that fall is upon us, and summer's casual dress codes are going the way of autumn leaves, the time seems right to check on the evolving status of neckwear. Sales of men's ties are on the upswing, say trend-watchers. And women's ties, which pop up as a quirky accessory every few years, also are expected to be a popular item this fall.

Ties were the crown jewels in the men's power-dressing movement of the 1980s, says Jerry And-ersen, spokesman for the Men's Dress Fur-nishings Association, a trade group in New York.

But neckwear fell out of favor during the dress-down 1990s, he says. That's when Casual Friday morphed into Casual Everyday. When "business casual" was defined, debated and redefined. When even the most tradition-bound bankers and lawyers swapped their suits and ties for khakis and polo shirts.

Now the tide is turning.

"There's a return to dressed-up style, especially among younger customers," says Andersen. "We saw it first with the specialty-store customer, who spends more money on clothes and is more tuned in to fashion."



The first ripple of change came in 1999, when ABC-TV game-show host Regis Philbin scored a double-whammy. His "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" show was a huge hit–and so were the solid-colored, metallic ties he wore with his dark shirts. Men started buying dress shirts again, just so they could team them with "Regis ties."

But the dark, tone-on-tone look didn't last long. "Too dreary," says Andersen.

It is being replaced this fall by a flood of striking patterns and brilliant colors, including hot pink. Andersen expects these lively new looks to sweep even the most ardent no-neckwear advocates back into tie departments.

"Our neckwear business is up," says Craig DeLongy, an owner of John Craig clothiers in Winter Park, Fla. "I think we're on a run."

"There are men who love wearing neckwear," DeLongy explains. "They find adding a new tie to an old shirt is a great way to update their wardrobe. And the neckwear right now is irresistible."

Orlando, Fla., attorney David Paul is one of those men who are crazy about ties.

"If I really like a tie, I'll buy it," says Paul, 34. "I can spend $200 or more on a tie, which is completely irrational. But a really good tie is unique. It ties differently. It sets on you differently."

He is especially fond of seven-fold neckties by Robert Talbott, which he buys at Christopher Jude clothiers in Orlando for $210 a pop. Fashioned entirely by hand from a single piece of luxurious silk, the tie is folded seven times into itself. The volume and quality of the silk creates a substantial knot and exceptionally elegant drape.

A necktie "is one of those things you can wear and make a fashion statement without really doing a whole lot," he says. "Everybody notices your tie. Not everyone likes them, but everyone notices them."

Nothing kills an outfit like a bad tie, says Carson Kressley, one of the Fab Five hosts on Bravo's hit show "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy."

In his just-published style guide, "Off the Cuff" (Dutton), Kressley offers a couple of tie-buying tips:

"People ask how to find a good tie," he writes. "It's kind of like when you see a puppy at the animal shelter: When it's the right one, you'll know it."

When shopping for neckwear, "Give the tie a good feel," Kressley advises. "A good tie will have an inner construction that is actually tangible. If you took it apart, there would be something like a piece of mesh or screen that gives body to the structure. A bad tie is wimpy and soft."

The most useful tie knot is the four-in-hand, which works with all collar types, except the widest spread collar, he says. (Coachmen who drove a team of four horses, or four-in-hand, knotted their neckwear in this fashion, hence the name.)

Bow ties should not be worn with regular suits, he believes. That look is "just a little too Orville Redenbacher." And when worn with a tuxedo, they should be hand-tied.

Which brings us back to clip-on ties. Style gurus do not like them. But some guys appreciate the convenience of clip-ons, especially if medical conditions such as arthritis or dyslexia make knotting a tie painful or difficult. (JCPenney, Sears and Big & Tall Men's Wear are among the few stores that carry clip-on ties for adults.)

Men who work close to machinery with moving parts often wear clip-ons as a safety precaution. If the tie gets caught in the machinery, it pops off. The tie may get chewed up, but not the wearer.

Police officers also wear clip-ons, usually made from the same material and the same color as their shirts.

"If someone were to grab them by the tie, he couldn't swing them around or use it to choke them. The tie would simply come off," says Sgt. Brian Gilliam, public information officer for the Orlando Police Department.

If a police officer wears a regular wrap-and-knot tie with his uniform, it means just one thing, says Gilliam: "He's top brass, and he's in a formal setting."

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New products in time for fall

By Kim Ossi
Knight Ridder

We know some ladies go to great lengths to beautify themselves. We aren't necessarily that type, especially if it involves creatively organizing teeny-tiny rhinestones on top of our nail polish. But we've seen some ladies who have had this done and it's quite impressive. Now you can try it for yourself with Nailene's Jewels & Gems Rhinestone Nail Art Kit.

We tried out the kit, which comes with 175 assorted rhinestones in a carrying case, an application tool and a top-coat polish. While tedious sounding, it's much easier than you may think.

The application tool is a true hairsaver (as in, you're not tearing it out in frustration!). One tip the box does not mention: Be sure to use regular, old-fashioned, slow-dry nail polish unless you're aiming to be the fastest rhinestone applier in the region. Also, thinking about the design and pulling all the necessary parts out right-side up before painting your nail saves precious surface time. Lastly, don't forget that top coat. That seals everything in and prevents it from chipping off as easily.

Get your kit at drugstores and places like Target and Wal-Mart for $5.99.

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If you've ever been on a road trip, you've surely heard the following question from someone in the car: "Is it an animal, vegetable, mineral or other?" Always a classic, 20 Questions goes high-tech for the 21st century.

The new chip-powered version of the game was created by Robin Burgener in 1988, with Burgener running the game from a 5 ¼-inch floppy disc. But you don't need to lug a PC around to play this game today. The artificial intelligence is available in a portable version called "20q."

It's hard to believe that a little ball could read your mind, but be prepared to be amazed. Try out the online version of the game at www.20q.net.

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A Floridian shows respect to the Sox

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much to the chagrin of my New York friends. Then they went into the World Series and totally wiped the floor with the Cardinals who, up until then, were considered the best team in the land.

I couldn't believe what I was watching. At that place at that time, when I just happened to be 1,000 miles from where I grew up, at a school I didn't even intend on attending, the most publicized curse in athletics was being broken.

That night I went out to Southwest to revisit the front quad of my old building and saw something I never expected: thousands of drunk, happy Bostonians ... peaceful, happy, and in a state of collective shock like I've never seen.

I walked around and gave fake high fives, as I've grown accustomed to, so not to have any altercations. It was so unusual, yet so perfect for what just happened. All the chaos and build up that I anticipated was released in a long, fine flash. I looked around and saw 20-year-old men reduced to a 10-year-old's jubilance.

So now as I sit and reflect on a championship that means so little to me, it makes me happy to know that I was here in this tiny crevice in time. I was here to see the greatest athletic victory in the history of New England. As much as I never thought I'd ever say this to Red Sox fans, and as much as I may regret it later, here it goes.

Congratulations.

Bob McGovern is a Collegian Editor

Memoirs of a Sox fan

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instead.

We still went crazy, though. Having been in Boston last week for the two wildest nights of the week (Friday and Saturday), the atmosphere was euphoric — in a speechless kind of way.

As the gang and I hopped from costume party to costume party dressed in normal clothing, you could sense it in everyone's eyes.

The next day at the parade, the people still lunged for their place along the fence at sunrise, still screamed to the high heavens when Big Papi hoisted the gold above his head. Curt Schilling, with crutch and spit cup in one hand, dip under his lip and free hand waving to the crowd, still took everyone's breath away with his unrivaled courage.

But it was a lot tamer than any of us could have predicted, and a lot of that has to do with the fact that there is this predestination enjoined with our boys from Yawkey Way. The Sox are supposed to fall disastrously at the most inconvenient times. It's their destiny, we've been told since birth.

So we accept it, and with that notion come the crazy thoughts. The anticipation had been so exaggerated that when the time finally came, we didn't know what to do. How are you supposed to prepare for something that hasn't happened in 86 years, by a team that has fallen short so often that you still don't believe it?

Should I sit here and let it sink in, letting all of my emotions overcome me without saying a word?

Whatever came to mind, we can all agree upon one thing: that regardless of our feelings in the aftermath of this great victory, we're all going to be sleeping a lot easier.

There is joy, for once, in Mudville, because Mighty Casey has gone yard.

Brendan Hall is a Collegian Columnist.

Roethlisberger gets off to a fast start

By Alan Robinson
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) – He wasn't yet born the last time the Pittsburgh Steelers won the Super Bowl. That isn't preventing rookie quarterback Ben Roethlisberger from bringing back the memories of the greatest times — and the greatest teams — in franchise history.

The Steelers are 6-1 after ending New England's 21-game winning streak with a dominating 34-20 victory Sunday in which Roethlisberger improved to 5-0 as a starter. In a fitting throwback to the days when the Steelers won four Super Bowls in six seasons, Roethlisberger is off to the best start by an NFL rookie quarterback since Pittsburgh's Mike Kruczek was 6-0 in 1976.

"We have a rookie quarterback who is playing tremendous," linebacker Joey Porter said.

The Steelers need him to keep playing that well Sunday against the Philadelphia Eagles (7-0) as they try to accomplish something no NFL team has done so late in a season: beat undefeated teams in successive weeks.

Just playing unbeaten teams in consecutive games past the early weeks of a season is rare enough; it hasn't happened since the Detroit Lions lost twice to the undefeated Chicago Bears to close out the 1934 season. It also occurred in 1921, when Dayton played Akron (7-0-1) and Buffalo (7-0-2), and in 1920, when Canton met Buffalo (7-0) and Akron (6-0-1).

"Everybody's antennae across the country are starting to go up a little bit," wide receiver Plaxico Burress said, referring to the Steelers' new-found notoriety.

That's largely because of a 22-year-old quarterback who plays like he's much, much older. Because of Roethlisberger, the Steelers, an out-of-the-running 6-10 only a season ago, are hearing about all this ancient history:

—They are off to their best seven-game start in Bill Cowher's 13 seasons as coach; they've been 5-2 five times. It's also their best start since a franchise-best 7-0 in 1978, the season they won the third of their four Super Bowls.

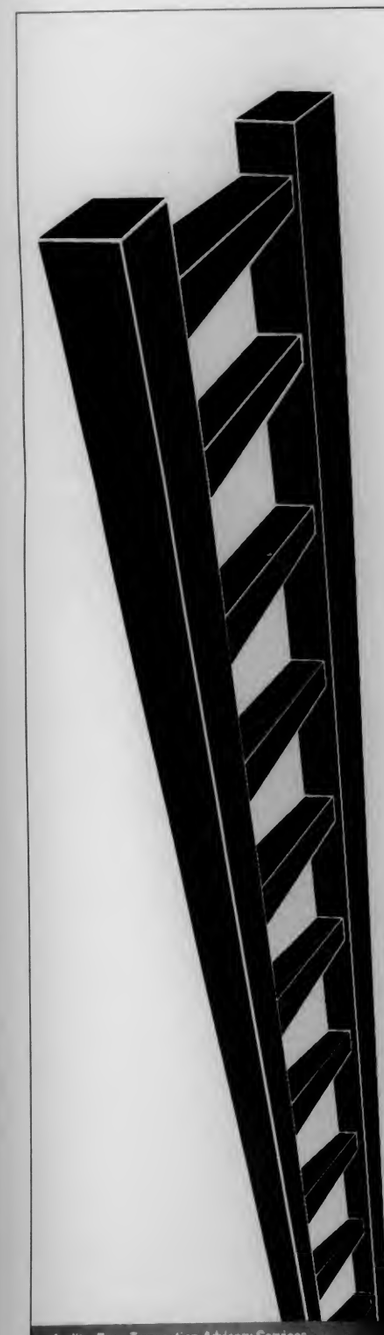
—The Steelers have made the playoffs every other season they were 6-1 or better (1978, 1975, 1974, 1973) and won the Super Bowl three of those four seasons.

—Coincidentally or not, the Steelers will recognize the 25th anniversary of their last Super Bowl championship team by saluting the 1979 Steelers on Sunday. Hall of Famer Terry Bradshaw was the quarterback of that team, yet his 1970 rookie numbers (six touchdowns, 24 interceptions) can't compare to Roethlisberger's (70.1 completion percentage, a 104.7 passer rating, 9 touchdowns, four interceptions, one interception in his last 116 passes).

"We keep saying it over and over again: Let's not get too excited," Roethlisberger said. "We're just trying to keep our focus, keep our mind on the straight and narrow, and focus on Philadelphia."

With former Eagles running back Duce Staley coming off his fourth 100-yard game, it all adds up to arguably the biggest Eagles-Steelers game since 1947. Back then, the Eagles won 21-0 in Pittsburgh in a special Eastern Conference playoff game staged after the teams tied for the regular season title.

The only comparable regular season game since the teams moved into separate conferences in 1970 came in 1979, when the Eagles surprised the Steelers 17-14. The Steelers, who would go on to win the Super Bowl, were 4-0 at the time and the Eagles, who would lose in the Super Bowl a year later, were 3-1.



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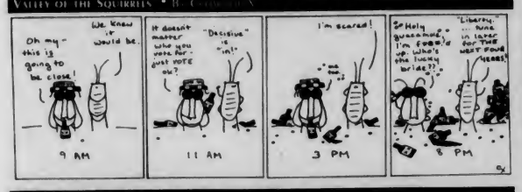
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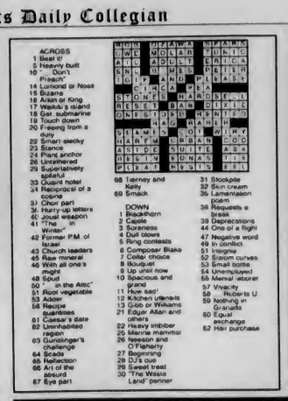
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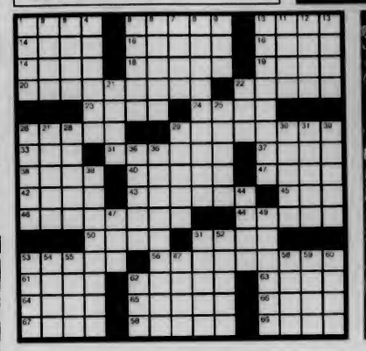
Quote of the Day

"Half of the American people never read a newspaper. Half never voted for president. One hopes it is the same half."

-Gore Vidal









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Respect from the outside



Bob McGovern

Last Wednesday, in the comfort of my newly redecorated living room, a Mets fan, a Yankees fan, and myself (a Marlins fan) watched the end of one the most historical postseasons in baseball history.

Oddly enough, as Keith Foulke threw out Edgar Renteria at first, the three of us, who are usually quick to make a snide comment about the Sox, had one thing in common.

We were all shocked, into silence.

Four years ago I came to this University with no knowledge of "Red Sox Nation," or "The Evil Empire." I was just another Floridian looking to get away from home. Then, in a seemingly random World Series, the Yankees lost to the Diamondback, and all hell broke loose.

I watched the biggest gathering of youthful drunkenness my eyes had every seen. Fights, chants, fires, and riot police were all mixed into the quad right outside the door of my humble 22-story abode. I watched and thought to myself, "Wow, these kids are friggin' crazy."

I dealt with it over the next three years. I lived with Red Sox fans, listened to their obnoxious ramblings about this and that, and over time I began to detest a team that I had never cared about in the past.

At a Red Sox game my sophomore year, I wore a Marlins hat, figuring it was fair game and no one would bother me. My girlfriend at the time and I sat in our seats and by the time you could say "1918" I had three of Boston's finest talking r-less trash about my sllly team from the south.

This, on top of every other drunk, angry fan I've come across during my time here, has left a bitter taste in my mouth. I was pulling for them to lose. I talked trash when my Marlins won their second World Series in 10 years, and I found myself finishing arguments with a numerical phrase that I never used in the past.

"Oh yea? Well how about 1918?"

This year was no different, just ask the one Red Sox fan that I currently live with. I just wanted this to be over, I couldn't stand another three-week Red Sox conversation that I was almost sure was going to end with an angry, angry riot.

They were down three games to the Yankees; it looked like another dose of the same old. My Mets fan roommate didn't care, the Yankees fan was happy, and the Red Sox fan, well he was pretty much going through the motions of being a Boston fan.

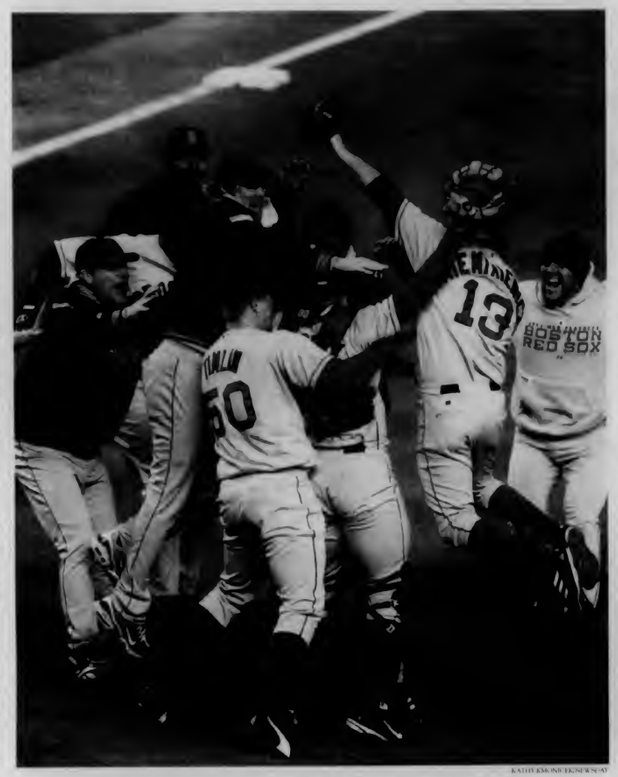
Up and down my buddy list, profiles were changing. People started replacing "We Believe," with, "Go Patriots," and it looked like alliances were changing with the seasons.

This wasn't everyone of course; there were still real Sox fans out there. There were fans that had the same away message up for weeks (For example, the prayer of the Red Sox fan which I'm sure you've seen), there were those that wore the same hat, and there were those that wouldn't go out, nor move from their normal seating position.

Then things switched, something very eerie started happening, and the Red Sox started winning.

Slowly they took four-straight from the Yankees,

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KATHY KMONICEK/NEWSWEEK

Boston Red Sox players celebrate their 10-3 victory over the New York Yankees in game 7 of the ALCS at Yankee Stadium on Oct. 20, 2004. The Red Sox went on to sweep the St. Louis Cardinals in the World Series.

Sox spurn celebration

We have all heard it at least everyday since our respective first days here at school.

"Dude, when the Sox win the series this place is burning down to the ground!"

"Forget UMass bro, the entire New England region will fall to ashes! It's gonna be totally sick!"

And here we are now, still standing here — still living, breathing organisms. We are still the same rabid fans we were before — still the same stark raving mad statisticians who've memorized every obscure fact about even the most meaningless player (for ladies, still the same free spirits who would "so wicked marry Kapler in a hahtbeat").

Brendan Hall

The towers are still in place. Tom Menino hasn't declared martial law. We haven't drugged ourselves to the grave. I haven't lit myself on fire. Some of us even went to class the day after.

The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse never rode through the night sky, followed by a Biblical storm, a great pilgrimage to the holy land. Gregorian chanting and a fire in the stratosphere like no other. Jesus never descended from the heavens to judge upon all thee and take those who hath remained holiest with him back to the clouds, while the rest of us burned. Satan never rose, laughed and spread his wings.

The sinners are still sinning. Bill Buckner still sleeps at night, but now he can get rid of the bulleiproof glass, barbed wire fencing and attack dogs.

Funny how 86 years puts maniacal thoughts in your head, making you go absolutely senile.

We were all expecting the worst. It was supposed to be a scene out of one's imagination, complete with an epic musical score. We were supposed to step out of the dark, dusty basement and into somebody else's wildest dream.

But we didn't.

For most of us that have been through all the heartbreaks; all the Buckners, Dents and Aaron "Public Enemy No. 2" Boones; all the tragic downfalls; all the annoying Yankee-gloating from fans who couldn't tell a baseball diamond from a sushi bar; there was a sense not of urgency, but of relief

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Minutemen in a familiar situation

By Matt Barstow
Collegian Staff

On Friday, the Massachusetts men's soccer team (8-8-2, 5-3-2 A-10) will find out where they stand. A win will get them in the playoffs, and a loss will possibly knock them out.

They will be on the road facing nationally ranked (21st) Rhode Island (10-7-1, 5-4-1 Atlantic 10) and the nation's leading goal-scorer, Sasha Gotsmanov (19 goals). UMass is currently fourth in the conference entering Friday's regular season finale with the understanding that only the top six teams make the league tournament.

Duquesne, the team that beat the Minutemen 4-1 Sunday on the road, has clinched the league title with an 8-2-0 A-10 record. Dayton (7-3-0 A-10) and Temple (6-2-2 A-10) have clinched the second and third playoff spots respectively. George Washington and UMass are tied with 5-3-2 league records, and the Rams are one point behind the Minutemen at 5-4-1.

"We have known all along that every game is important, especially games in the league," UMass coach Sam Koch said. "We have played almost every team close this season and know we can be successful if we play the way we're capable of."

UMass has played in a school record of eight overtimes this season. They have gone 5-1-2 in those games and showed an amazing ability to maximize scoring chances in the final phase of games.



MATTHEW RUDSCOLIER/DC

Sophomore Michael Donnelly has been a defensive threat for the Minutemen this season.

Koch credits their overtime experience with being the key to their success in extended play. He believes that UMass doesn't feel added pressure to score in OT, so the team is able to stick to their game plan and not over-commit on the offensive end.

As a rule, UMass has spread the ball around on offense, with 14 players having tallied at least one point. Friday's win against St. Bonaventure was a perfect example, as four different players scored in a 4-0 Bonnie shutout.

But there are three players of special interest entering the playoffs. Junior captain Oral Bullen is certainly one. Bullen's goal on Friday was his team-leading ninth of the season. It also moved him up into a third-place tie for most goals in the Atlantic 10.

Unfortunately for the Minutemen, the only two players with more goals and points then Bullen are on Rhode Island. In Sunday's 2-1 loss to St. Bonaventure, Gotsmanov scored his nation-leading 19th goal of the season.

The senior has been virtually unstoppable and has 10 more goals than teammate Jeffrey Gonsalves, who is second in the A-10 in scoring.

Sophomore Robby Charest will also be looked upon to help catapult the Minutemen into the playoffs. He is second on the team for scoring with six goals and two assists.

With four goals and nine points, sophomore Richie Higa has come on strong as of late. Two weeks ago he was named the Atlantic 10 Player of the Week after scoring a total of three goals in wins over Dayton (10/15) and Xavier (10/17).

At home versus Dayton, Higa scored the second goal to give UMass a 2-0 lead in the eventual 3-2, overtime win. Against Xavier, Higa scored a pair of goals — the game's first and the tying score with 16 seconds left in regulation to force overtime. Freshman Mike Mingione went on to score the golden goal to give the Maroon and White a 4-3 victory.

The stage for Friday's match is eerily reminiscent of last year's UMass/Rhode Island match. In an almost identical position to this year's squad, the Minutemen traveled to Rhode Island to face the Rams in their regular season finale.

Only able to record six shots, the Maroon and White were shutout by a score of 3-0 and missed making the conference playoffs by one game.

Soccer is an unpredictable game however; UMass won convincingly over St. Bonaventure on Friday, but the Bonnies came back to upset Rhode Island on Sunday.

XC places fifth in A-10

By Martha Powers
Collegian Staff

On Saturday, the Massachusetts men's cross country team finished fifth in the Atlantic 10 Championship out of 11 teams.

Finishing first for the Minutemen and 16th overall was Ryan Corbett. Andy McCarron was 24th, Paul Noone 30th, Ryan Durkin 37th, and Matt Klypka 39th. Rounding out the top seven for UMass was Matt Clark in 39th and Mark Kenwood 51st.

Dominating the meet was LaSalle, followed by Duquesne, Xavier, and Richmond respectively. UMass was right behind Richmond, finishing just three points away from fourth place.

It was a big day for the Massachusetts freshmen. Three of the top seven Minutemen runners, Durkin, Klypka, and Kenwood, are freshmen.

"Having freshmen who step up when an upperclassman is having an off day is what makes the team better," Corbett said.

The race was held in Pittsburgh on a challenging course.

"The first two miles or so are downhill. The tough part about the course is that it is an out-and-back loop, so on the way back you hit long, gradual hills," Corbett said.

Even though the Minutemen had been looking to place better, the team is positive about the results.

"I think the team ran well; we took another step. When we woke up the day of the race, everyone was upbeat and ready to go. The guys had smiles on their faces and they were focused; that is huge step for a team to make," Corbett said. "We were really excited, and maybe we went out a little too fast, but we tried something new."

"Every time we race this year, we finish the meet and our first reaction is 'we can do better.'" Corbett said. "This team has a lot of room for improvement and we know we have room for improvement; we know what we can be. It's learning as you go."

UMass has two weeks before its biggest meet of the season, the NCAA Regional Championship. "This team is prepared for what it is we're going to go after. We just have to make one more step, and it is mental," Corbett said. "The physical part is there, we just have to add that one mental part."

"We've been working towards this all season, and there's not much you can do now. You can do workouts here and there, kind of to shake out your legs and loosen them up," Corbett said. "We do what Coach calls 'sharpening workouts' to get our legs feeling fresh for when we hit that line in two weeks."

Boone relieved with Sox win

CLEVELAND (AP) – Aaron Boone is happy he no longer has to feel the wrath of Boston Red Sox fans.

"I'm kind of off the hook," he said Monday. "I've run into some people from Boston who have said, 'Hey, it's all right now.' I've been amazed at how many people love the Red Sox or the Yankees — or hate them — there's not much in between there."

Boone, whose 11th-inning homer in Game 7 of the 2003 AL Championship Series put the New York Yankees past the rival Red Sox and into the World Series, hasn't played since injuring his left knee in a pickup basketball game last January.

"In a lot of ways, it has been a very long year," he said.

Boone said that at the time he didn't realize his $5.75 million, one-year contract with New York prohibited him from playing basketball. He got only 30 days termination pay — $417,553 — from the Yankees. He then signed a two-year contract with Cleveland as a free agent in June with the hope of joining the Indians in August, but needed another knee operation.

"People are under the misconception this was a setback, but it was totally unrelated," the third baseman said. "This was something I felt over time. I felt it when I played in Cincinnati before I even went to the Yankees [in 2003]. They said I could try to play through it or get it fixed and be 100 percent ready for spring training in 2005."

Boone said it would be special to win with the team that last won a World Series in 1948 — the year his late grandfather Ray was an Indians rookie. Ray Boone, the senior member of the first three-generation major league family, died Oct. 17 at age 81.

"Gramps was a baseball junkie," Aaron Boone said. "He passed on so much to all of us from a baseball standpoint."

- *Associated Press*



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BUCKEYE STATE BATTLE

Election too close to call

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush and challenger John Kerry sweated out a tension-packed conclusion to the race between an embattled incumbent and a Democrat who questioned the war he waged in Iraq. Ohio loomed as this year's Florida, the decisive state, with Kerry's options dwindling.

Bush won Florida, the state he nailed down four years ago only after a 36-day recount and Supreme Court decision. Kerry hung on to the Democratic prize of Pennsylvania, but had precious few places to pick up electoral votes that went Republican in 2000. He took New Hampshire from Bush, but it has only four electoral votes. That leaves just Ohio and Nevada.

"I believe I will win, thank you very much," Bush said while awaiting results from the hard-fought Midwest and Florida with his family and dog Barney.

Kerry, a four-term Massachusetts senator, allowed himself to muse about the problems he might face in the White House, including a soaring deficit and a war that has claimed more than 1,100 lives.

"I'm not pretending to anybody that it's a bed of roses," the Democrat said.

The Electoral College count was excruciating: With 270 votes needed, Bush won 27 states for 249 votes. Kerry won 16 states plus the District of Columbia for 221 votes.

In the early hours of Wednesday, with several battleground states still unsettled, Kerry was still on the hunt for electoral votes the GOP won four years ago. The states' won by Democrat Al Gore in 2000 are worth just 260 votes this year due to redistricting — 10 short of the coveted number.

Kerry could pick that up plus some in Ohio with 20 electoral votes. Without the Buckeye state, he could only turn to Nevada (5 votes).

A 269-269 tie would throw the presidential race to the House.

Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D.: "Obviously the presidential race is going to keep us up most of the night."

Bush lost Pennsylvania, a major blow after courting voters with steel tariffs and 44 visits in a bid to steal it from the Democrats. The loss raises the stakes in Florida and Ohio, both won by Bush in 2000.

Independent candidate Ralph Nader could play the spoiler in Nevada.

Republicans moved toward increasing their majority in the Senate, winning Democratic seats in Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Louisiana while Democrats took GOP-held seats in Colorado and Illinois. State Sen. Barack Obama won easily in Illinois; in January, he will be the third black U.S. senator since Reconstruction.

Republicans extended their decade-long hold on the House for another two years, knocking off four veteran Texas Democrats.

Alongside the White House and congressional races, a full roster of propositions and local offices kept voters busy. But all eyes were focused on Kerry's bid to make Bush the first president voted out of office in the midst of a war.

"I've given it my all," Bush said after voting in a firehouse at Crawford, Texas, hoping to avoid being the first wartime president bounced from office.

The race showed signs of being as close as 2000, when Bush lost the popular vote to Gore but won the Electoral College count and the presidency after a ruling by the Supreme Court gave him Florida. The incumbent hoped to avoid the fate of his father — former President George H.W. Bush, who was bounced by voters in 1992 after waging war against Iraq and overseeing an ailing economy.

Braced for a replay of the 2000 recount, legions of lawyers and election-rights activists watched for signs of voter fraud or disenfranchisement. New lawsuits sought clearer standards to evaluate provisional ballots in Ohio and a longer deadline to count absentee ballots in Florida.

While complaints were widespread, they weren't significant. "So far, it's no big, but lots of littles," said elections expert Doug Chapin.

Voters were torn over the presidential race, in ways all too familiar.

Exit polls suggested that slightly more voters trusted Bush to handle terrorism than Kerry. A majority said the country was safer from terrorism than four years ago, and they overwhelmingly backed Bush.

Among those who said they were very worried about a terrorist strike, Kerry held a slight lead. That was a troubling sign for the incumbent as was this: A majority of voters said things were going poorly in Iraq, and they heavily favored Kerry.

With nearly 1 million jobs lost in Bush's term, Kerry was favored by eight of 10 voters who listed the economy as a top issue.



President George W. Bush visited Florida for some last minute campaining yesterday, a key swing state which he later won.



Senator and presidential hopeful John Kerry gives a thumbs up to his Massachusetts supporters last night.

Students encounter voting problems

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

AMHERST — Several students who flocked to the town polls to vote in yesterday's Presidential election were turned away from area precincts because there was no record that they were registered, despite claims that they had registered on campus just last month.

Problems with voting occurred all over the country; people complaining about long lines, not being informed of having the proper identification and not having documentation that they were actually registered.

Hundreds of students registered to vote this past September after a number of local campaigns worked to get people informed and registered at the University of Massachusetts community.

Pre Katti, an 18-year-old chemical engineering major, was disappointed to find out that she was not allowed to vote.

"It just doesn't make sense," she said, "this is my first time that I was able to vote and I always just wanted to vote."

Katti, along with friend Kristin Lindquist, 18, who was also turned away from the polls, was equally as frustrated. The two thought that they had registered during one of the voting campaigns set up outside of the Worcester Dining Commons, but, to their dismay, there was no record of them ever registering.

"It's like they were all gung-ho for it," Lindquist said, "and now we find out that we're not registered? It is just hypocritical."

Lindquist also mentioned that she wanted some way to check or confirm that she indeed was registered, but was unsuccessful. The two were advised to fill out provisional ballots. These ballots were sent to the Town Clerk after the polls closed and if indeed the students were registered then their votes would count; however, if they were not registered, their votes would not immediately be counted, but may be tallied at a later date if the race was too close to call.

Students were not the only ones who anticipated problems with the polling station; volunteers manning the polls and answering

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Long lines in Boston don't stop voters from casting ballots



KRISTEN GRILLEY/COLLEGIAN

Boston voters waited in lines all day yesterday to cast their vote at a local Y.M.C.A.

By Joseph Padell
Collegian Correspondent

BOSTON — While some Boston voters fear yesterday's election will mirrior what happened in 2000, many are prepared to endure legal challenges by both parties to ensure accuracy and fairness.

"I hope it's more decisive [than 2000]," said Michael Gillespie while waiting in a 45-minute line to vote. A registered democrat, Gillespie believes both political parties should take legal action if the result is not decisive.

"If there's legitimate issues to bring to the courts they should be pursued," he said.

Voters said yesterday that they had good reason to believe that this year's presidential election could be just as close as that of 2000. A Gallup pole released on Monday showed a statistical dead heat in five "battleground" states. Ohio, Iowa, Pennsylvania, New Mexico, and Florida were all too close to call on Monday, according to Gallup. Controversy in any one of these states could produce a repeat of the month long legal battle for the White House that occurred four years ago.

Not everyone thought the election will be that close. Susan Ellerin, a registered democrat voting at the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology on Tremont Street, believes an influx of new voters and increased turnout makes any poll suspect.

"The high turnout may belie many of the assumptions made in the models the polls are based on," she said.

Ellerin thinks the outcome will be decisive but if she is wrong, "and there is reason to suspect foul play, I hope we will tolerate the ambiguity to ensure that the outcome was truly voted."

Alex Nelson, a registered republican waiting to vote at the same polling station as Ellerin, said he also believes the election will be decisive but for different reasons.

"At the end of the day people are going to vote security," Nelson said, "rather than a change of leadership in the middle of a war."

Nelson said he wants the outcome to be fair and accurate, but he also wants the candidates to act responsibly following the election.

"I really hope, no matter who it is [losing the election], they capitulate graciously and accept defeat," he said.

Newly registered voters stand to figure prominently in this election. In February 2004 Massachusetts had just over 3.9 million registered voters, according to a report from the office of the Massachusetts Secretary of State. That number rose to just under 4.1 million by October, a 4.9 percent increase.

Alexander Albregts lived in Europe before moving to America

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Due to a reporting error in Tuesday's homecoming article, Patrick Arsenault is the president of Alph Phi Omega, not the Bonfire Committee.

Michelle Price is the treasureer of Alph Phi Omega and is not on the Bonfire Committee.

Additionaly due to a reporting error, the UMass junior mentioned is Zach Oelschlegel not Josh Oelschlegel.

Many Bostonians voted for change in the White House

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several years ago and voted in his first election in the U.S. this year. A registered democrat, he hopes the outcome won't be that close.

"I heard the polls they use are based on registered voters the last time around," he said, believing this may produce faulty results.

Kim Szeto, another first time voter and a student at Wheaton College, believes the election will be even closer than in 2000. Waiting in a 55-minute line to vote at the Y.M.C.A on Berkeley Street, Szeto avoided the question of whether or not the losing candidate should pursue legal action in the event of a close election.

"That's gonna be tough depending on who's losing," Szeto, a registered democrat, said.

The majority of voters at the polling stations on Tremont and Berkeley streets were democrats or independents, not surprising in a state where republicans make up less than 15 percent of the electorate, according to registration data released by the Massachusetts Secretary of State's office.

Democrats and independents at these polling stations tended to focus on domestic issues like Supreme Court appointments, health insurance, and some mentioned restoring America's international standing, as reasons for voting.

The few republicans at these polling places focused almost exclusively on the war on terror and national security as their reasons for voting.

"I'm here to vote for Mr. Bush," Katherine Ryan, a registered republican, said. "Terrorism is number one."

Alex Nelson defended Kerry as, "line guy and clear on what he has to offer," but says he is living in the wrong world fighting the wrong war.

"Bush recognizes that Pakistan and Egypt are now more important to our future than France and Germany," he said.

Democrats waiting to vote in Boston don't see Bush's foreign policy in quite the same light.

"America has ostracized itself with this current administration," Alexander Albregts said.

The polls close in Boston at 8 p.m. but are required by federal law to remain open until everyone in line to vote at 8 p.m. has done so. The line to vote at the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology on Tremont Street was close to two hours yesterday morning, and was slightly less than an hour long at 1 p.m. At the Y.M.C.A on Berkeley Street people were waiting about 45 minutes to vote at 2 p.m.



KEITH PARKS/COLLEGIAN

Hundreds of Bostonians gathered to cast their votes yesterday for the 2004 Presidential Election.

Student voters turned away

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any questions, encountered "dozens of students" with this same problem.

"I am really cross with a professor and UMass," volunteer Rose Quinton said, "they were going around telling kids to fill out forms and then not sending them — it's terrible."

Quinton estimated that nearly two-dozen students came in to the Wilwood Elementary School (precinct nine) complaining of the same problem.

At the Lutheran Church on North Pleasant St., volunteer Shirley Brown felt optimistic about the turnout, but also felt sorry for the few students who could not participate.

"The students are beautiful," she said, "their demeanor is so positive but hopefully their provisional ballots will be authorized and their votes can count."

Brown estimated that over one-dozen students experienced the same problem.

Although several students were affected by missing registrations, many people actually were successful, speedy and happy upon visiting their precincts.

"I am willing to stand in line longer to have more people voting — it's nice to see so many young people voting," Paul Peelle said, a 31-year resident of Amherst who gladly waited in the line that stretched out the door to cast his ballot.

Volunteer Carol Birtwhistle at the Bang's Community Center (precincts 4,5 & 10) was ecstatic about the number of voters who had already turned out to vote by 3:30 p.m.

"One-third of the precinct has voted approximately 600 voters," she said.

Today's Majors Fair to showcase UMass academic programs

By Nicholas Belanger
Collegian Staff

Tonight in the Student Union Ballroom pre-major advising, career services and the Commonwealth College will be co-hosting the annual major's fair.

The traditionally busy event runs from 6 to 8 p.m. and is open to anyone interested in any of the Universities' dozens of majors. Each major will have a table, with a faculty member of the department willing to answer any and all questions.

Undergraduate advisors as well as a number of graduate and undergraduate students will also be available to answer questions and speak with students about various departments, as well as the tremendous amounts of academic opportunity at the University of Massachusetts.

The event is geared to undeclared students in an attempt to provide an informal setting to point students in an academic direction as early as possible. Pre major advisor Susan Machala is one of the individuals responsible for organizing the major's fair. Machalu who was named outstanding academic advisor of the year in 2003, has worked tirelessly to put together this event and she said that she hopes students take advantage of having close to one hundred different majors being represented under one roof.

"I often find that freshmen are shy to see an advisor. At a fair it's more informal students can browse, and the faculty becomes more approachable."

Machala also stressed the importance of attempting to "look at what else is at the University." She said that she feels that one of the biggest advantages to such large school is the "academic smorgasbord" that lies before students.

"Students who attend this [fair] will be more aware of resources at the university," Machala's office as well as pre major advising is located in 615 Goodell, and she always encourages students to meet with her, especially with class scheduling for the spring semester rapidly approaching.

Career services is also co-sponsoring tonight's event. Career services, located on the fifth floor Goodell helps prepare students for a career plan. Advisors usually help students second semester freshmen and sophomores understand what to study to be successful.

Associate director for career planning Ginger Goldsbury also partook in the daunting task of organizing this evening's event. She encourages those attending to "have some idea where you want to go, plan ahead and know who you want to talk to before coming," Goldsbury also talked about the importance of choosing the right major.

"It's important for students to choose and be successful in a major where there is a real interest, It's important to get involved right away." She went on to say, "Students need a sense of what they like, so they can enjoy the course they are taking." Information regarding courses in specific majors will be available at the fair.

Peter Woodson advisor for Commonwealth college will also be attending the fair, information about the honors program will be represented, as well as information regarding the five college, and international programs.

In addition there will be tables set up with scholarship merit information, research opportunities as well community service learning.

Woodson feels that this event is not only beneficial to undeclared students, but it also "It is a good place to go for information to supplement a major." He also recommended coming with questions, ask about internships and "Try to look at the overall scope of a major."

Tonight's major fair should be an exciting event with something for everyone. This is the only time where every major (from Aerospace studies to Women's studies will be represented in one room.

Advisors urge students to come be part of an exciting event tonight 6 to 8 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

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"Fight for your opinions, but do not believe that they contain the whole truth, or the only truth." Charles A. Dana

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Cosby scholarship may change UMass image

Comedian Bill Cosby performed at the Mullins Center on Friday, October 29, as part of homecoming activities. Earlier in the day, University of Massachusetts officials announced the creation of the Cosby Commonwealth Challenge Fund, a program that will help to recruit and assist students from elementary, middle and high schools in both Springfield and Holyoke who are looking to attend the University.

Not only will many underprivileged students benefit from the program, but the University will benefit as well. Such a vast program, which is said to have already raised $1.5 million to go towards scholarship funds, will shine a positive light on the University when it needs it the most.

This idea was best described by university provost and Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Charlena M. Seymour, who said that the program will, "bring attention to the University in a very positive way."

"Bill Cosby is one of our most famous alumni, and he is helping create a program that allows him to exert a positive influence on both the University and the students who will come here to improve their education," said Seymour. Hopefully this program will be the first step in creating a positive image for UMass.

The several disturbances following the success of the Red Sox in the recent playoffs were just the latest in a series of events that gives UMass a bad name. Dozens of people were arrested on at least three separate nights, and some reports had the number of arrests on campus surpassing the number of arrests in the city of Boston.

Earlier in the year, photographs depicting Student Government officials posing besides Ku Klux Klan caricatures surfaced and led to a firestorm of controversy and racial accusations.

The only reason to bring up these past Incidents is to point out an alarming trend, which is that too often UMass is put into the national media for the wrong reason. In reality, there are countless reasons why UMass would be recognized on a national scale, and only a few of these reasons are negative. This institution boasts some of the most qualified and successful faculty members of any college or university, there are award winning athletic teams, state-of-the-art scientific breakthroughs being made and numerous cultural and artistic groups to enjoy.

Why then do the negative reasons end up being the ones that get publicized? This is not an easy question to answer. By their very nature, acts of violence or racism make for sexier, more sensational news. And when negative things do happen on campus, they are at such a high level that they have to be covered. This still doesn't change the fact that UMass has so much to offer, and so many reasons to be displayed positively in the news.

The new scholarship program started by Bill Cosby has a great deal of potential, and is off to a great start with the money initially raised. With any luck, the Cosby Commonwealth Challenge Fund will begin a new trend, one that finds UMass in the news for the right reasons.

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Bill and Cliff: one and the same?

S.J. Port

First, I must thank Bill Cosby for the years he has dedicated to the educational development of American youth and for his unparalleled donation of celebrity support to the University of Massachusetts. Unfortunately, now I must admonish Cosby for his unexpected, veiled stereotyping of women during his performance Friday night at the Mullins Center.

When the announcement arrived that Bill Cosby was "coming home" to UMass, my roommate and I, both long-time fans, rushed down to the Mullins' Center box office and eagerly handed over two $10 bills for tickets.

"The Cosby Show" taught me, and continues in re-run form to teach me. The series, which ran from 1984 to 1992, is one of only a handful of sitcoms that have ever meant anything to me. Cosby endowed his scripted family with many of the morals my own father tried to instill in me about truth telling, respecting yourself as well as the rights of others, and, of course, doing one's homework.

Cosby's sitcom wife, Attorney Clair Olivia Hanks Huxtable, played by Phylicia Rashad, remains my ideal mother, wife and professional. With dignity and elegance, she maintained a potent femininity despite her accomplishments in the masculine profession of law. A modern woman, she worked in and out of the home, managing to have both a successful professional life and a satisfying private life. "Cliff" Huxtable and their five children respected her intellect as well as looked to her for comfort and care. Through all of this, Claire maintained humor, charm and a whit not often found on the faces of exhausted working mothers.

This success was made possible in a large part due to the dedication of her partner and, of course, her status as a fictional character. Ironically, her character was created and written largely by Cosby and named in part for his real-life wife, Camille Hanks Cosby.

The four Huxtable daughters told disrespectful beau's to get lost, attended institutions of higher education, told the truth, put family before extracurricular activities and managed careers. The sitcom's writers respected these women's characters, and so did the audience.

The Cosby women are exemplary role models — developed by a man I believed to be an equally fabulous role model, both as a man and as a man who respected women.

Friday night when Cosby sauntered on stage in a personalized UMass sweat suit and baseball cap, my roommate, her boyfriend and I stood and cheered. Smiles broke out across our faces as we settled in for a night of laughs.

But when Cosby, began to stereotype women, characterizing them as little more than domineering variables in men's lives, I stopped laughing. So did my roommate, who looked at me with an equally disappointed face and said she "didn't get it." By "it," she meant, she didn't understand why Cosby would tell the stories that he did. His stories seemed irrelevant to our situation as students in a time of political crisis, irrelevant to our roles today, and incorrect in their assumption of the female's role in parenting, dating and marriage.

Cosby portrayed his mother as a woman of her generation, but also as a foolish lady prone to overreaction and eager to castigate both her husband and son. Cosby's perpetuations of the patriarchal perception of women, as irrational shrews is just the kind of stereotype that women like Claire Huxtable continue to fight in the masculine workplace.

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In regards to dating, Cosby gave sound advice that contained the message to stop when a women says "stop." Unfortunately, Cosby suggested through tone and context that women today were not saying "stop" the way women once did. While this may or may not be true, it does imply that men have been and continue to be the sexually assertive gender.

This implication generates two more problematic messages: women should not be sexually assertive and women are responsible for the morality of our species (since morality and sexual assertiveness are inextricably intertwined in American culture). It may seem trite, but it has been said that we've yet to accept a female presidential candidate because as a society we continue to hold women to higher moral standards, which no candidate could uphold. Nor do we like to see women condemned as immoral or evil: just look at the disparity between the numbers of women in prison to the number of men.

Cosby's Illustration of men who get into trouble with their respective female companions for doing little more than breathing at times, did make me chuckle. However, the stereotype of the overly attentive or controlling wife made me feel sorry for both the subservient old men and their wives.

Supposing I marry and raise children, caring for my husband as if he were a dependent child is certainly not something I look forward to, especially after the other children have "left home." Nor do I know many elder husbands who have given up such autonomy to their wives: could anyone respect a spouse that lay down and rolled over like the trained pet Cosby suggested in his stories? It certainly wouldn't fly in my household.

And as if the divorce and absentee-father rates weren't high enough, Cosby proceeded to make women out to be the bad guys in marriage by warning the young men in attendance that, "once you get married, the female is no longer playing around." Cosby claimed this warning label was not meant to dissuade young men from marriage but merely suggest what they are, "getting themselves into."

As if women don't carry enough with our double burden of nurturer and professional, now we've been portrayed by one of America's father figures as the bad guy. Perhaps Cosby should have realized by the ripe old age of 67 that women "aren't playing" because they're too busy caring for the additional child in the home: their husbands. That is if their husband or the father of their children has taken responsibility and stuck around. Cosby's depiction of irrational controlling women gives young men the idea that this is how all women are, and, consequently gives men the excuse to leave, fool around or be less than equal partners.

At its peek "The Cosby Show" had an estimated 70 million viewers. Thankfully, not as many folks were in attendance for Cosby's performance last Friday. The images of women that Cosby projected to the largely undergraduate audience in attendance were archaic and sexist. It may have been unconscious — I hope it was — but it was certainly unfortunate. These images were not relevant or appropriate suggestions of the roles the women of our generation will play in life.

This is undoubtedly an unpopular stance. I've taken it because I expect more from Bill Cosby — just as he expects us to know, "more than 74 percent of our stuff."

S.J. Port is a Collegian columnist.

Trapped inside the emotional cage of political correctness

Jake Monte

In today's society, most everyone has a built in self-monitoring device called "political correctness." It stems from the atrocities committed upon minorities throughout history. It is like a badge of shame, a constant reminder that we owe something to those who have been less fortunate.

Each and every person lives with the watchful eye in the back of his or her head, and this eye directs us towards being kind and generous towards minorities who have been wronged by white males and females. African Americans, homosexuals, Jews and Asians are some of the people we feel obligated to.

But when, if ever, does this self-monitoring device hurt us? Where does one draw the line between political correctness and the other desires that pull us in the opposite direction?

As a young freshman, I was approached by a man on the street who said he liked to meet people who he thought were interesting and to go out for coffee with them. He was friendly and charming so I acquiesced. Soon enough, I began to form a friendship with him. I realized quickly that he wanted to be more than just friends, but I was trapped.

The political correctness was like a cage and I couldn't break free of it. I kept telling myself I didn't want to be homophobic. I wanted to tell him off. I hated him for putting me in such an uncomfortable position and I hated him for not understanding that I was straight. He seemed to want to believe that everyone was bi-sexual, as if this simple piece of information one obtains in an anthropology course is enough to convince anyone to have homosexual sex with you.

The problem was that I wasn't sure what I owed him. And that was the only accurate word: owe. I felt the watchful eye in the back of my head. It was giving me a stern glare, and I kept thinking that I simply didn't know how to get along with a gay person. I had never had a homosexual friend before.

I had hardly ever known any homosexuals in my entire life. I felt I owed him an explanation for not wanting to be around him. But what could I say?

He wasn't coming onto me. He was just making me uncomfortable. And I wasn't going to turn bisexual just because some anthropology teacher said it was a basic fact of human nature.

Sexuality may be something that is determined by society (or it may not be) but my sexuality had already been decided long ago.

In truth, I hated him, but my feelings seemed irrational and unjust. So I continued to hang out with him, and I felt more and more frustrated with my situation by the days. What did I owe him? A polite thanks, but no thanks? Did I owe him an explanation or should I simply have told him I was going on vacation and never spoken to him again? Would that even work?

Our emotions are too important to be ignored. It is imperative that one breaks free of the cage that is political correctness.

He had so many arguments against it and he was the type of person who wouldn't take no for an answer. He would evade it. He would say he was sorry that he was making me feel uncomfortable, and continue down the same path he was on. Did I owe it to my own feelings to cuss him out over the phone? Where does one draw the line, political correctness or natural impulse?

I tried political correctness at first. But just as I suspected he said he just wanted to be friends. The cage grew smaller and smaller. Finally, one night on the phone I told him I didn't like being around him and I didn't want to be friends anymore.

"So you don't call me and I won't call you," I said. He told me that was fine and called me a week later to try to explain that he didn't mean any offense. This time the anger was so intense that I went with it. I told him off in the most disrespectful way possible, and like that, the relationship was over. I was left feeling so much anger I couldn't express. I felt violated, emotionally raped. But I learned something about what I owe people.

I realized I don't owe people anything. I'm not homophobic, a racist, or a sexist, and it is possible to kill that watchful eye in the back of one's head by simply affirming to oneself that one is not prejudice. Our emotions are too important to be ignored. It is imperative that one breaks free of the cage that is political correctness. That watchful eye gets us in trouble. If one treats everyone with respect, one's boundaries will invariably be violated.

This is something one learns with age. But if you meet a homosexual who makes you feel uncomfortable for whatever reason, you may have to decide between your emotions and political correctness.

Choose your emotions. In today's society, all we have are our feelings and our own personal truth to make our decisions with. Everything else is a form of imprisonment. Break out of your cage and see how much better freedom feels.

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The rich keep getting richer

David Lewis

The old saying, "the rich get richer and the poor get poorer" has never been more true than it is today in the United States. Even before the economic recession of 2001, the gap between the rich and the poor was wider than it has been since 1929, and steadily increasing. By 2000, the top one percent of the population was richer than the bottom 40 percent combined. Since 2001, the rich have continued to profit from tax breaks and corporate welfare, while the poor have experienced a dramatic loss of jobs and public funding.

If your family income is under $71,000 per year, then you are in the 80 percent of the population that has experienced no significant economic gain in the past 25 years. From 1979-2000, the lower half of the population experienced a very slight growth of 13 percent to bring them up to an average $21,000 income.

Meanwhile, by 2000 the top one percent of taxpayers averaged over $850,000 income, which had tripled since 1979. The lowest 20 percent of the population still average under $10,000 income with little change, while the top 20 percent has almost doubled from $82,000 in 1979 to $144,000 in 2002. The gap between the wages of a high school graduate and a college graduate has tripled. Wages for high school grads and dropouts have both fallen, while wages for college grads have risen. (All figures adjusted for inflation.)

One can argue that these are just numbers. But the 2.7 million jobs that were lost over the past four years are more than just numbers. For the record number 1.6 million Americans who filed for bankruptcy in 2003, these numbers are signs of a declining quality of life in this country. They reflect the reality that the interests of large corporations and the very small wealthy elite outweigh those of the vast majority of American people.

Whether under Bush or Kerry, we must demand that the government represents all Americans, not just those who can afford the $30,000 per plate campaign fundraising dinners.

President Bush has stated that the economy is strong and growing. It is true that the economy is growing, but only for the very rich. The only evidence of a strong economy is increases in corporate profits and figures of total wealth that hide the reality that the actual gains are only going to a tiny percentage of people. If the economy is so strong, then the American people would not be losing their livelihoods in record numbers.

In an era of growing economic uncertainty for American workers, it is no accident the rich have prospered. The idea behind graded, or "progressive," taxation is that the rich have greater income and can afford to contribute more, so they should be taxed at a higher rate. But there has been a conservative shift away from progressive taxation that has allowed the rich not only to get richer, but also to pay lower taxes along the way.

From 1979 to 2000, the top one percent paid 3.8 percent less total taxes (a large amount of money when you deal in billions of dollars). By contrast, tax rates for the poorest 20 percent fell only 1.6 percent. Bush's tax cuts have also heavily favored the rich, at a time when the national debt has skyrocketed and social services have been drastically cut.

The federal government has been helping the rich to get richer in other ways. "Corporate welfare" or subsidies have also been continually increasing. The Cato Institute, a conservative watchdog organization, projected corporate subsidies at $87 billion for the 2005 fiscal year. One has to question the fairness of giving corporations $87 billion of taxpayer money, compared to $64 billion for public education. Better public education is by far the most proven way to create jobs.

The job market has been rapidly changing in the US. There is a shortage of highly skilled workers (college grads) and an abundance of unskilled laborers. College grads make up about one fourth of the work force. Even college grads are having difficulty finding jobs that fit their skills and qualifications. But for the remaining 75 percent of the population, many people feel lucky to have a job at all.

A major factor contributing to the recent loss of 2.7 million jobs is the "outsourcing" of jobs by big companies. "Down and out" has a distinctive meaning for those Americans who are losing their jobs to downsizing and outsourcing. All over America, companies increase their profit margins by shutting down their US factories and building new ones abroad. Building factories in less developed countries allows these corporations access to cheap labor and freedom from environmental regulations.

The Bush administration has effectively lowered the standard of living for 80 percent of Americans. Bush tells us stories of how the economy is growing while privately patting the backs of corporate CEO's and stockholders.

Whether under Bush or Kerry, we must demand that the government represents all Americans, not just those who can afford the $30,000 per plate campaign fundraising dinners. The people who have been hit hardest by the lagging economy are the unemployed, the growing underclass and workers oppressed by an unlivable minimum wage. But the middle class has also been inflicted by the problems of an economic policy that caters to the wealthy. We cannot allow the rich to get richer by degrading our society's infrastructure and trampling on our lives.

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I am a Republican, not a Nazi

Ben Duffy

This summer, I had the pleasure of exercising my political freedoms in Manhattan. When the Republican National Convention came to New York City, I knew that there would be a massive anti-war protest, and I wanted to be part of the action. I knew that I would never forgive myself if I sat home and watched it all on TV.

I didn't go to protest the war, however. I went with a small but growing group of right wing activists known as Protest Warriors. The group specializes in infiltrating large anti-war protests with signs that mock the opposition. One sign showed a picture of an assault-rifle toting Che Guevara and the words "War is Not the Answer! Unless You're a Socialist Guerilla."

Some might call Protest Warriors crazy, and I'm inclined to agree. I questioned my own sanity when I first infiltrated a demonstration of approximately 200,000 vehement protesters with only the protection of a handful of allies. But I did it anyway, and I must say that democracy is a rush.

I was pushed and shoved a few times. A few of my fellow Protest Warriors were spat upon and had their signs ripped away from them, and one group was even pepper-sprayed by some teenage anarchists. But for the most part, the abuse thrown at us was nonviolent.

The bulk of the insults involved accusations of Nazism or fascism. Within the first 30 seconds of entering the march, an older gentleman pointed to our group and announced the arrival of the Hitler Youth. Another guy mocked us with a Nazi salute, and third man bellowed repeatedly that, "Protest Warriors are right wing fascists!"

I paused to debate with a self-proclaimed Jew who hardly waited two minutes before he played his trump card — the ever so witty "Nazi" epithet.

Lucky for me, there were three practicing Jews among the Protest Warriors, and one of them (wearing a yarmulke) came over and set the man straight. Without missing a beat, the man chastised my fellow Protest Warrior for cooperating with Nazi thugs such as myself.

I didn't let any of it phase me because I know that I am not a Nazi. I wasn't going to let some stranger on the street convince me that I was indeed a Nazi. I dismissed these insults as the last resort of people with no rational arguments.

Just recently, I began to wonder what the modern Nazi and White Power movement thinks about President Bush and the war in Iraq. If the self-righteous protesters I met in New York were correct, then the Nazis of this world would fully support their new fuehrer, George W. Bush, and his blitzkrieg through the Muslim world. After looking into it, I found quite the opposite. In fact, when the neo-Nazis speak, they sound a heck of a lot like the anti-war protesters themselves. I couldn't be entirely sure if some of the quotes I was reading were written by a skinhead thug or a Moveon.org contributor.

It is totally absurd to point to a Protest Warrior, or any unabashed supporter of the Iraq war, and call him a Nazi.

On the website of the (Nazi) National Socialist Movement, www.nsm88.com, I found the following quote, accompanied by a photo of flag-draped coffins:

"Do not waste our time on National Television with your false 'patriotism,' 'weapons of Mass Destruction' lies, and your fake alligator tears. No one is falling for your Jewish lead and inspired reasoning for conducting an illegal war against a once sovereign "Nation! BUSH, CHENEY, POWELL, SHARON, and BLAIR. The true Axis of Evil."

On www.Stormfront.org, a white pride site that boasts of town hall meetings with David Duke every Sunday, I found this quote from a man calling himself "Long County Rebel":

"Damn you George Bush, and particularly, damn your puppeteers. Damn the ones who caused our suffering of Sept. 11, then caused others to suffer this [Iraq war], and will cause more suffering in the future, by all of us."

Truth be told, most Nazi sites I found weren't too concerned with the war in Iraq. Most mentioned it only briefly, as proof that Jews run the world. Only the previously mentioned (Nazi) National Socialist Movement website had a significant amount of propaganda aimed at the Iraq war, although many featured political cartoons unfavorable to bumbling Bush. Try as I might though, I couldn't find a single site that supported the war in any way.

Perhaps you're thinking that I'm accusing every single anti-war protester of being a Nazi. As despicable as I might find them, I wouldn't make that accusation. People can agree on the same thing for very different reasons.

What I am saying is that it is totally absurd to point to a Protest Warrior, or any unabashed supporter of the Iraq war, and call him a Nazi. The Nazis are on the other side, I am proud to say. I would suggest to the numerous protesters who impugned me personally, or those who on this campus who engage in the same activity, that they should do their homework the next time they call someone a Nazi.

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College of disenfranchisement

Andrew Freeman

I can't remember exactly when I learned that our government wasn't the perfect democracy that youthful minds are encouraged to envision. The Founding Fathers of our country didn't want "one man, one vote," which obviously (to them at least) would have led to disastrous, uneducated mob rule, so they structured a multi-tiered government. The House of Representatives was chosen through direct elections by white, propertied, male citizens; the Senate was elected by state legislatures, and the Electoral College, a body of wise and disinterested men, would choose the President.

Gradually the whole system was democratized: the vote was first given to poor citizens, then to African-American males and ultimately to women, although it took longer for voting rights to be guaranteed. Eventually the Constitution was amended so that the Senate would be chosen by direct election, rather than by state legislatures. After this arduous democratic revolution, only one institution remained unreformed — the Electoral College.

The Electoral College essentially reduces the presidential race to a conflict over states: whoever wins a state wins all of its electoral votes (usually), and these votes are apportioned on the basis of congressional representation.

Each state has an electoral vote for each senator and congressman, meaning that smaller states have more electoral representation for their population. This creates situations in which the president loses the popular vote but wins in the Electoral College, most notably four years ago, but also in 1876 and 1888.

Moreover, because of the winner-take-all nature of Electoral College, minority party voters are effectively disenfranchised. Republicans in Massachusetts might as well have voted for the Democrat, since the majority of the state's voters will vote that way, and the electors would likely follow.

Also, the electors — the individuals who actually cast the electoral votes — are often free to ignore the popular results, although 24 states have penalties if they do so (including Massachusetts). There have been 156 of these "faithless electors" over the course of American history, the most recent of which came in 2000, when Elector Barbara Lett-Simmons of the District of Columbia abstained from voting to protest her district's lack of congressional representation.

Our current system privileges the voters of a small handful of states, and effectively disenfranchises the rest.

Finally, if neither candidate wins 270 Electoral votes, the requirement for victory, then the House of Representatives decides the president, with each state getting one vote.

There have been attempts at eliminating the Electoral College, but none have succeeded. Any lasting change in the system would require a constitutional amendment, which usually requires widespread dissatisfaction and strong movements to effect changes. But the removal of this system is unquestionably in America's best interests.

Without the Electoral College, every citizen's vote would be equally worthwhile, and equally desirable. Under our current system, over 30 states are solidly in the camp of one of the major parties — accordingly the major candidates avoid these states, except for the purposes of fundraising.

Moreover, only a few of the "swing" states could go either way. As a result, here in Massachusetts there are no ads on local television networks for either candidate, while Ohioans are bombarded incessantly with political messages. Is Ohio (or Florida or Iowa or New Hampshire) inherently better than Massachusetts (or Texas or California)? Do its undecided voters deserve greater scrutiny than those in decided states?

It is only because of the Electoral College that states are prioritized this way. Voting is most valuable, and most rewarding, when it is clear that the outcome of one's vote matters, but our current system privileges the voters of a small handful of states, and effectively disenfranchises the rest.

Eliminating the Electoral College in favor of a direct presidential election could have some negative consequences, including a major increase in campaign spending, as candidates seek to reach all voters, and a rise in "dirty tricks" nationwide rather than simply in Florida or other swing states.

However, it would be the correct thing to do, as each vote would be equally valuable and there would be no possibility of the second most popular candidate being elected, let alone the election being thrown to the House of Representatives.

Sadly, for all the complaints about the Electoral College, there has been little movement to replace it. After all the progress our country has made in casting off its eighteenth century shackles, it would be a shame to halt at the highest office in the land.

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Blink and you might miss it



Bob McGovern

Fast food, Fast Pass, fast lane and so on.

Americans love quickness. We love things that are easy, fast and right there for our enjoyment. When things are slow and tempt the demons of our three-second attention span, we get bored, shrug it off and, in many cases, change the channel.

So it's no surprise to me that America is finally embracing the one sport that adheres to our collective case of A.D.D. It's the sport that gives us basketball-like scores, in basketball arenas, with the bone-jarring tackles that evoke the slap-your-buddy-on-the back feeling months before the first snap of the NFL.

Ah yes, the Arena Football League.

Last summer, the AFL had it's crowning achievement. In front of over 17 thousand fans at the America West Arena in Phoenix, NBC broadcasted the highest rated Arena Bowl in the 18-year history of the league.

One must wonder why NBC would buy the rights to a league that has more no-names than the Tampa Bay Devil Rays farm system. How could NBC really think this thing would work while baseball, football, hockey and basketball are in the midst of summer conversation?

Just ask the two team competing in Arena Bowl XVIII, the San Jose SaberCats and the Arizona Rattlers. The two teams battled in the highest scoring Arena Bowl ever, with the final score at 69-62 in favor of the visiting SaberCats.

That's right. 131 points, in a football game.

So there's the catch right off the bat. You can sit down in front of the television and at any given minute see a touchdown. It's this consistent scoring that keeps people interested in the game. I guarantee if you polled all the viewers who watched this game, or any given AFL contest, you would get a similar response:

"Oh yea that was an awesome game, this one guy dove in the end zone and got hit by this other guy. He knocked him against the padding, it was awesome."

So where does this impersonal strive for entertainment stem from? It seems that Americans are not able to simply enjoy a game for the game itself. There needs to be fireworks and consistent action. If it's not a live highlight reel, no one cares.

Maybe it's just the nature of the beast. Perhaps the American sports fan is just not capable of sitting down and watching a whole hockey, soccer, or most recently, a baseball game. There isn't enough scoring, and strategy is not entertaining enough to sustain viewers.

I believe it's a combination of conveniences that keeps us changing the channels, looking for a touchdown, home run, or goal to pacify our athletic palate. The main convenience is that of ESPN, the monster that digests all sports and then regurgitates it in quick and sexy little blips that show only the exciting parts of every game.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not knocking ESPN, in fact I'm just as guilty as every other Joe and Sally American who gets their sporting news from this sports mega-station. It's just so easy. Why would you watch a whole game when you could see all the "cool" stuff in less than 30 seconds?

The only problem is, as we watch the highlights of the day pass by in another telecast of Sportscenter, we begin to lose the relationship we're supposed to have with our teams and players. To be honest, we're also losing the connection with the sports themselves.

I used to be interested in hockey; I would follow it all the way through the playoffs. I knew the best players, the best teams, and what trades were going to go down. If you are an avid watcher of Sportscenter, you almost forget that there is a hockey season.

Yes, they put a cool goal in the top 10 plays, but there is no in depth coverage. Basketball dominates the headlines and transactions in other sports even push hockey down a notch on the athletic Varna system.

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The same goes for soccer, which anywhere north, south, east or west of America is the biggest sport. All that "The Leader in Sports" provides is coverage on David Beckham, the figurehead of soccer around the world. We don't get to see the great teams of the world; instead we are exposed to poor MLS soccer highlights and the occasional Beckham goal.

But those are sports where there is more anticipation than action, and Americans don't care enough to look any deeper than the half hour with Stuart Scott. It's an unfortunate reality of the American fan; it's the unfortunate reality of American culture.

There is no altering a collective mindset. I know that I can always see, "what's important," by flipping to ESPN and I'm not going to change that. I like seeing a combined 15 touchdown passes in a game (see: box score from the Arena Bowl), and I like the lights, music and fireworks that accompany almost any athletic event.

I have to admit though, I miss sitting down and watching a whole game. I miss having a knowledgeable relationship with the athletes who give their all to entertain us.

And when it's all said and done, I think I'll miss everything I missed when I selected to hastily change the channel.

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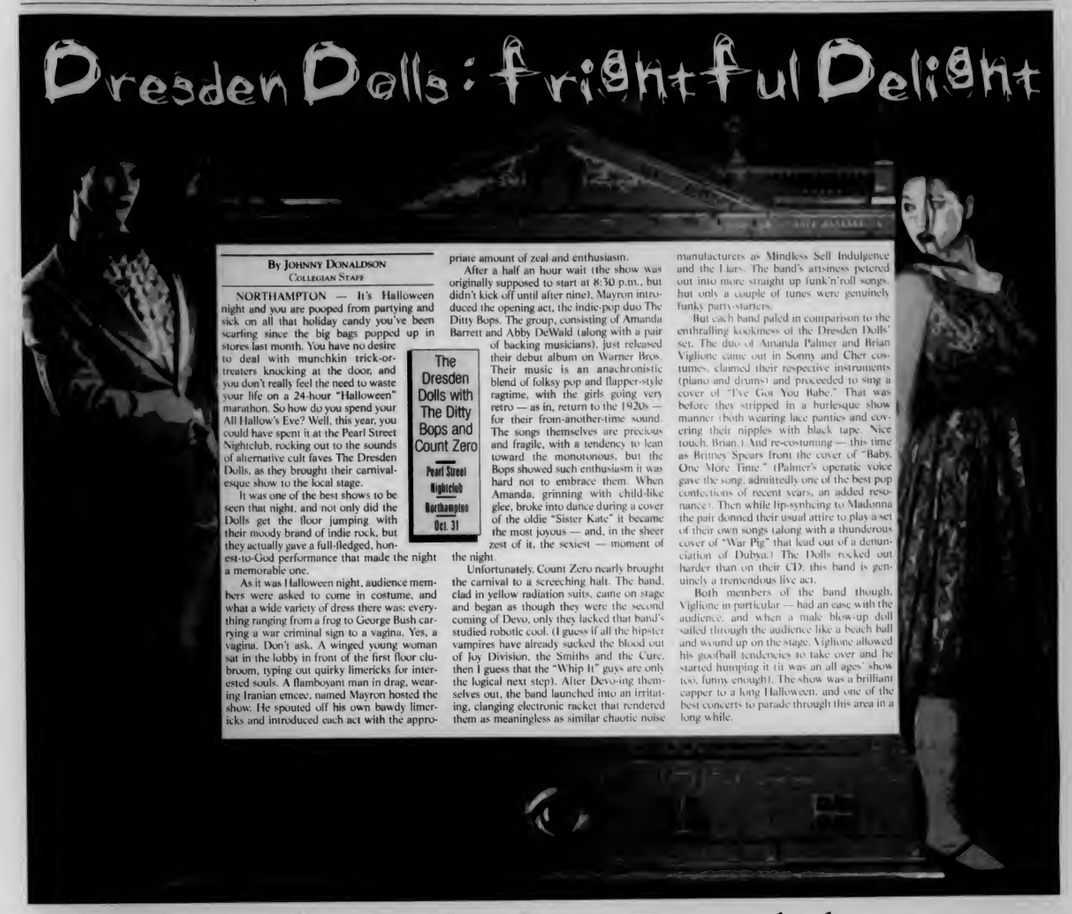

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Dresden Dolls: frightful Delight



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NORTHAMPTON — It's Halloween night and you are pooped from partying and sick on all that holiday candy you've been scarfing since the big bags popped up in stores last month. You have no desire to deal with munchkin trick-or-treaters knocking at the door, and you don't really feel the need to waste your life on a 24-hour "Halloween" marathon. So how do you spend your All Hallow's Eve? Well, this year, you could have spent it at the Pearl Street Nightclub, rocking out to the sounds of alternative cult faves The Dresden Dolls, as they brought their carnival-esque show to the local stage.

The Dresden Dolls with The Ditty Bops and Count Zero
Pearl Street Nightclub
Northampton
Oct. 31

It was one of the best shows to be seen that night, and not only did the Dolls get the floor jumping with their moody brand of indie rock, but they actually gave a full-fledged, honest-to-God performance that made the night a memorable one.

As it was Halloween night, audience members were asked to come in costume, and what a wide variety of dress there was: everything ranging from a frog to George Bush carrying a war criminal sign to a vagina. Yes, a vagina. Don't ask. A winged young woman sat in the lobby in front of the first floor clubroom, typing out quirky limericks for interested souls. A flamboyant man in drag, wearing Iranian emcee, named Mayron hosted the show. He spouted off his own bawdy limericks and introduced each act with the appropriate amount of zeal and enthusiasm.

After a half an hour wait (the show was originally supposed to start at 8:30 p.m., but didn't kick off until after nine), Mayron introduced the opening act, the indie-pop duo The Ditty Bops. The group, consisting of Amanda Barrett and Abby DeWald (along with a pair of backing musicians), just released their debut album on Warner Bros. Their music is an anachronistic blend of folksy pop and flapper-style ragtime, with the girls going very retro — as in, return to the 1920s — for their from-another-time sound. The songs themselves are precious and fragile, with a tendency to lean toward the monotonous, but the Bops showed such enthusiasm it was hard not to embrace them. When Amanda, grinning with child-like glee, broke into dance during a cover of the oldie "Sister Kate" it became the most joyous — and, in the sheer zest of it, the sexiest — moment of the night.

Unfortunately, Count Zero nearly brought the carnival to a screeching halt. The band, clad in yellow radiation suits, came on stage and began as though they were the second coming of Devo, only they lacked that band's studied robotic cool. (I guess if all the hipster vampires have already sucked the blood out of Joy Division, the Smiths and the Cure, then I guess that the "Whip It" guys are only the logical next step). After Devo-ing themselves out, the band launched into an irritating, clanging electronic racket that rendered them as meaningless as similar chaotic noise manufacturers as Mindless Self Indulgence and the Liars. The band's artsiness petered out into more straight up funk'n'roll songs, but only a couple of tunes were genuinely funky party-starters.

But each band paled in comparison to the enthralling kookiness of the Dresden Dolls' set. The duo of Amanda Palmer and Brian Viglione came out in Sonny and Cher costumes, claimed their respective instruments (piano and drums) and proceeded to sing a cover of "I've Got You Babe." That was before they stripped in a burlesque show manner (both wearing lace panties and covering their nipples with black tape. Nice touch, Brian.) And re-costuming — this time as Britney Spears from the cover of "Baby, One More Time." (Palmer's operatic voice gave the song, admittedly one of the best pop confections of recent years, an added resonance). Then while lip-synching to Madonna the pair donned their usual attire to play a set of their own songs (along with a thunderous cover of "War Pig" that lead out of a denunciation of Dubya.) The Dolls rocked out harder than on their CD; this band is genuinely a tremendous live act.

Both members of the band though, Viglione in particular — had an ease with the audience, and when a male blow-up doll sailed through the audience like a beach ball and wound up on the stage, Viglione allowed his goofball tendencies to take over and he started humping it (it was an all ages' show too, funny enough). The show was a brilliant capper to a long Halloween, and one of the best concerts to parade through this area in a long while.

Alternative rockers Further Seems Forever lack uniqueness

By JOHNNY DONALDSON
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It isn't uncommon for a band — whether up and coming or long established — to go through major personnel overhauls. Drummers, bassists, and guitarists — they come and go, until the right alchemical combo is formed at the right time. Changing your lead singer is a different business all together. The vocalist is the voice and, usually, the face of your band. If a band can't find the right vocalist, then a band can't find its center.

Further Seems Forever 'Hide Nothing'
Tooth and Nail

Post-hardcore, emo-tinged weepers Further Seems Forever have yet to find that center. The group is on their third vocalist in as many albums, with Jon Bunch, formerly of major label causalities Sense Field at the helm.

They began with a young, heavily tattooed, sensitive boy named Chris Carraba — who left and later became part of a little act called Dashboard Confessional. Later they moved on to Jason Gleason, who left when the Carraba comparisons became too much. Now they're on to Bunch, but his arrival manages to erase the bands original identity. FSF now sounds less like FSF and more like the new Sense Field album.

"How To Start A Fire," the second album and the first to earn the band any kind of media profile, wasn't a great album — it was a promising work-in-progress by a band still trying to get their footing in the emocore underground — but it had its fair share of hooks.

"The Sound," in particular, had the kind of naggingly insistent hooks that remain lodged in your brain for weeks. There's nothing on "Hide Nothing," the new follow-up and the first record to feature Bunch, which has a similar memorable appeal. It's hopeful, anthemia and optimistic, but it tends to drift form the mind even as you listen to it.

Does it have anything to do with Bunch replacing Gleason? Neither are particularly memorable frontmen, and I don't mean that in a bad way, it's just that both willingly surrender to the music rather than ego or personality: it's just that Gleason's voice had a grittier timbre compared to Bunch's smooth, slightly high pitched voice. Gleason had the yelp that, though an emo cliché, is as much an identifiable trait of the genre as spiky hair is to punk. Bunch's velvety vocals act like sandpaper — they rub the edges off the bands filting assault.

Or maybe it's just that the band filts too much. Only on a few tracks does FSF's instrumentalists (guitarists Joshua Colbert and Derick Crodoba, bassist Chad Neptune and drummer Steve Kleisath) swing with the kind of crunching assault that marked "Fire." Change isn't a bad thing, but "Hide Nothing" is entirely too smooth, too polished, and gleams just a little too perfectly.

"Hide Nothing's" lyrics are feel-good and optimistic, a far cry from the angsty whining of their genre (FSF began on the Christian scene), but the music is far too antiseptic to allow it to have any impact. In short, "Hide Nothing" is impeccably made, but rather lifeless. On their third album and third vocalist, they drift into space. Instead of being up-and-comers they've become merely footnotes to Carraba's career.



Further Seems Forever still struggles to find their signature sound as they release their new album.

Austrian business owners fear cultural abandonment

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VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Beethoven drank here. So did Brahms. Freud, and more recently Bill Clinton and Sophia Loren.

But vintners in Grinzing — the wine district in a hilly pocket of northern Vienna — warn that their age-old role as hosts to wine lovers is being threatened by unfair competition, generational change and a cold shoulder from City Hall.

They say a vital part of Vienna's cultural heritage is at stake. After all, the Austrian capital's image as a livable city is due in great part to unique traditions like Grinzing's leafy, village-style inns serving their own light wines, many made from grapes grown within city limits.

"How can it be possible that Vienna is profiting from Grinzing, the world's most famous wine region, while allowing us to perish?" laments innkeeper Franz Hengl, the district showman who heads the Union of Grinzing's Friends.

The whites and reds of Grinzing — and the vineyards stretched over the sun-kissed hills overlooking Vienna — have served as inspiration to artists and ordinary folk since the first vines were planted more than 2,500 years ago.

Histories of Grinzing claim Beethoven, Brahms and Haydn hit upon some of their best musical ideas while strolling the hills above the district — or imbibing its wines.

Gustav Mahler is buried in Grinzing's cemetery, and the district is immortalized in dozens of songs. The legendary German operatic soprano Lotte Lehmann recorded Ralph Benatzky's famed "I must be in Grinzing once again" in the 1940s, warbling: "It's just like being in heaven, with the wine, the wine, the wine!"

Photographs of more recent fans displayed on the walls of Hengl's low-roofed inn include Clinton, Pope John Paul II and dozens of actors and actresses.

Hengl's battle pits him and half a dozen other traditional innkeepers against what they see as two main enemies: huge, corporate-owned ersatz wine inns and city officials indifferent to Grinzing's plight.

Speaking at his centuries-old inn as waitresses in traditional garb put the finishing touches on a dazzling buffet of roasts, salads, sausages, cheeses and strudel, Hengl says that over the past 20 years, dozens of traditional innkeepers have given up the fight against banks and insurance companies that run sprawling new establishments seating hundreds of tourists who spill out of buses from Italy, Germany and the Czech Republic.

These inns serve cheap wines bought by the tanker load and sold as Grinzing's traditional Heurige brands — a designation originally reserved for young reds and whites made from the innkeepers' own vineyards.

No more than five of the 17 remaining inns in Grinzing serve their own wine, and that number could shrink further because Vienna's Chamber of Agriculture has determined it is impossible to grant innkeepers a trademark for locally made wine.

Hengl complains City Hall has shrugged off pleas from traditional innkeepers for financial aid, help against unfair competition and special protected status for genuine old inns and their wines.

"We have no one to turn to. Every department says, 'We're not responsible,'" says Hengl, who claims his family's vintner roots stretch back to the 12th century.

Some ordinary Viennese agree Grinzing isn't what it used to be.

"We haven't gone to Grinzing for years," says Leopoldine Wacher, 57. "Too many tourists, and too little Gemuetlichkeit!" — which roughly translates into English as "coziness."

City officials dispute Hengl's view of their efforts. Spokesman Christoph Ronge says Vienna does everything possible to help Grinzing and the other wine districts through advertising and financial support allowed by European Union constraints.

"We paid out over 250,000 (euros — more than $310,000) to cover hail damages alone last summer" for vintners working 2,000-plus acres of land within city limits, he says.

A time to remember

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time. It was the most confusing thing I'd ever witnessed, then, all of a sudden ... practice started.

I was all over the place that first day, relying on whatever instincts football provided me with. I got chewed up, spit out, run over, and then it was time to do sprints. It was like nothing I'd ever experienced, just a mass of confusion with me square in the middle.

After awhile I got the hang of it, I started to learn the game piece by mind-numbing piece. Season+ started to come and go and before I knew it, I was a respected part of the team.

I can never fully describe what this team has meant to me over the past four years. I have seen dozens of kids come and go, some for a few days, some since I've been here (thanks Mario).

I've been on a team that lost in a championship game, a team that won a championship, a team with no direction, and recently a team with a special tight-knit bond that a full newspaper couldn't describe. It's all been a blur, a long flash of hitting, partying, winning, and brotherhood that I will never be able to duplicate during this lifetime.

I sat in my backyard on Sunday morning and started to let my mind wander. I started to think of all the faces, moments, teams, and places I had seen along the way. There were images of past captains and victories that made me tear up more than any injury I've acquired along the way.

I could almost smell the septic factory that is situated conveniently next to our pitch, a smell that is masked only by dirt-encrusted clothes that have gone weeks without washing. I couldn't believe that I played my last regular season game on that field, as I ran off for what might be the last time, I ran off victorious.

We swept Norwich University, A-side, B-side, and C-side, and as our team gathered on the sidelines I took one last look around. This was the last time this team would play together; it was the last time I would play for our devoted captains and our demanding coaches at the same time.

That night we made sappy speeches on the bench in front of my house, drunk with happiness, and sad that things would never be the same. I tried to say a thing or two, but it wouldn't come out right, so I figured out a way to set things right a few days later.

This one's for you team.

Bob McGovern is a Collegian editor and a UMass rugby player.

Canfield paces offense

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Canfield was named the Atlantic-10 Rookie of the Week for the first time in the week following the Temple game. She was again named Rookie of the Week two weeks later.

The emergence of Canfield as the team's primary scoring threat was one of the biggest developments for the Maroon and White this season.

Canfield scored a goal in the first game of the season and never looked back. The freshman sensation led the team in points (22), goals (11), shots (61), and shots on goal (34). Canfield will certainly be in contention for the A-10 Rookie of the Year Award.

UMass played its best stretch of soccer in the middle of the season winning six of nine games and thus putting itself into the A-10 Tournament race.

A big reason for UMass' better performance was the improved play of sophomore goalie Kristin Walker.

Walker, who did not see any action as a freshman, recorded four shutouts in a span of six games. She was honored as the A-10 Rookie of the Week after recording the first shutout in almost two years for UMass on Oct. 10.

UMass finished the season with splits in the last two weekends of play. Although the team is not necessarily riding a strong wave of momentum, the Minutewomen did enough during the season to make it to the postseason.



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Sophomore back Tracy Razzano plays the ball against St. Joseph's on Oct. 17 in Philadelphia.

While the odds may be stacked against them this weekend, the Minutewomen are now just three wins away from an improbable NCAA Tournament berth.

Dan Duggan is a Collegian columnist.

A numbers win for UM

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Mississippi State, who beat Florida.

Is it science? No, but in the world of sports, the only things that can be scientifically explained are knuckle balls and corked baseball bats.

So, what would happen if these two teams coming from opposite ends of the college football spectrum ever met up on a football field that will always be 160 feet wide and traverse 100 yards from end to end?

"That's the thing with football; any day can be anyone's game," UMass All-American wide receiver Jason Peebler said. "It's whoever comes to play that day."

But is UMass a better team?

"We've been talking about that a lot," sophomore wide receiver Brandon London said. "Technically we are (a better team), but one day, hopefully, we'll get to line up against Florida and really show who's the better team."

Senior captain and offensive guard Rob Kane didn't understand that beating Maine would really prove UMass' superiority to the Gators.

"No, I didn't know that," Kane said. "I never looked at it that way. I guess it's a good way to look at it, but I don't think you can draw too much comparison between us and Florida."

Or can you?

Florida currently sits on a 4-4 overall record while UMass has a 4-5 record. Both teams, however, share an identical 2-4 record in their respective conferences.

UMass quarterback Tim Day has amassed 1,950 passing yards and 17 touchdowns on this season while Leak, a preseason Heisman Trophy candidate, has had a slight advantage with 2,078 yards and 19 touchdowns.

Florida halfback Ciatrick Fason has rushed for 880 yards and eight scores, but UMass tailback Steve Baylark is right behind him with 877 yards and seven touchdowns.

Peebler has led the Minutemen with 780 receiving yards and seven touchdowns, well ahead of Florida's best statistical receiver, O.J. Small, who has 496 yards and only four touchdown catches.

The Minutemen even have a better defense, only allowing 22.7 points per game while the Gators have given up an astronomical 22.8.

When I asked defensive back Tracy Belton what would happen if the two teams were playing down in Gainesville and Leak tried going deep to Caldwell on him, he just laughed and responded with a simple answer.

"Interception."

So, bring on the Gators?

"Yup," London said.

Jeff Howe is a Collegian editor.

UMass turns season around

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Execution will also be key for the Minutewomen against St. Joseph's. After Monaco scored 30 seconds in to the game, Massachusetts was unable to put another goal on the board until the stroke off. Their offense as a whole struggled posting just seven shots in regulation while drawing just three corners. Back Katelyn Woolfrey and goalkeeper Christine Tocco lead the defense that held the Hawks to just one goal in regulation. It will be the simple things, however, that will jumpstart the offense.

"I think we just need to start moving toward the ball. I think if we move to the ball we'll be that much quicker. That will also help us in our passing as well. If we keep up the energy and intensity on top of that, we'll be able to win," Sophomore Gina Sanders explained.

The Minutewomen have several distinct advantages going in to the A-10 tourney. The first is that they will be playing on their home turf, literally. All games will be played at Garber field this weekend. Secondly, the junior and senior class all have A-10 tourney experience including a trip to the finals in 2002. One current member, Patricia Bonneo, was even named to the 2002 A-10 All Tournament team.

Finally, and maybe most importantly, the members of the team who haven't been to the tournament aren't intimidated by it. "I'm excited. I've never really thought of it being my first A-10 tournament. I've just seen it as another game," Sanders explained.

"I'm nervous to an extent, but after playing with the team for a while you tend to get comfortable and the freshmen have played a very big role. I'm more excited than anything else," Phalen added.

It's amazing how much things can change in a month, but it will be very interesting to see how much they can change over a weekend. Regardless, the Minutewomen will be prepared, focused and ready to go.

Real Sox fans stay true

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present.

There is however, one small irritating thing about becoming World Champions and that is how full the bandwagon gets towards the end of the ride.

Patriots fan's know all about this except not to the degree where everybody and their sister jumped on after Game 7 of the ALCS. These latecomers are the types of people who would become your buddy if you hit the lottery and drop you flat if you gave the proceeds to charity.

It's ironic because going in to Game 4 the Sox had a two percent chance of winning the World Series. The Yankees hadn't lost four games in a row since April 22-25. The bandwagon, which was chock full after the Angels series, was now filled with people yelling "Believe" while they were frantically searching for a way off. Meanwhile Red Sox Nation kept a frustrated, disappointed, yet steadfast vigil watching their "lover" on life support.

By the ninth inning the fair weather fans had turned on Leno as the Nation prayed for a miracle while the baseball equivalent of Dr. Kavorkian trotted out from the bullpen. Then a funny thing happened, love found a way. Millar drew a walk, Roberts stole a base, Mueller got an RBI and the rest as they say, is history.

I think I first knew this might get out of hand when Jimmy Fallon, a New Yorker who made a mockery of Boston fans with the NOOMMAAHH skit on "Saturday Night Live", and Drew Barrymore, who probably couldn't tell the difference between the Red Sox and the White Sox, were shown running around the field in St. Louis as the Sox celebrated.

Nowadays you can't go 20 feet on campus without running in to somebody with Red Sox gear on. Usually the more decked out the "fan," the less time they've spent in Red Sox Nation, and the more likely they are to emigrate from when the team hits a bumpy stretch. The true members of Red Sox Nation wear decrypted looking hats and Pedro Martinez t-shirts with fading letters and mustard stains.

The bandwagon jumpers don't understand that being a Red Sox fan isn't something that you wear on your chest, but something that runs deep inside your veins. So be patient with all those wearing pink Red Sox hats or home jerseys with names on the back, they'll be helpful chanting "Year-Two-Thousand" at the Sox home opener April 11 against, who else, the Yankees.

David Quinn is a Collegian columnist.

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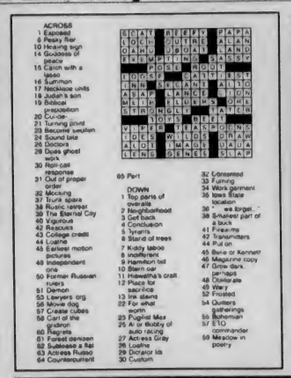


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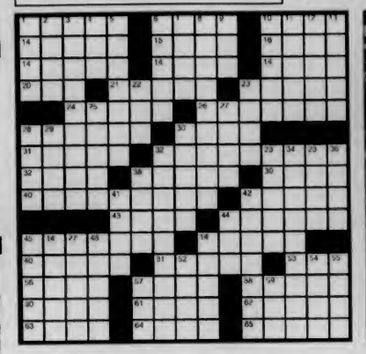
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Get off the bandwagon

October 27, 2004 will be a day that I will never forget so long as I shall live. It was the day the drought ended, 86 years of futility over. Some people believe the curse was lifted that day, it wasn't. The curse never existed. It was the manifestation of sports writers who used this so called curse to explain why the Red Sox lost.

Dave Quinn

The real problem was inept managing decisions.

Aside from the obvious joy winning World Series itself has brought me, the next best thing is that we won't have to see all those low lights anymore.

Fox and ESPN won't force us to watch clips of Bucky Dent's popup catching some extra wind or see Billy Buckner feebly hobbling over the weak grounder to first only to have it scoot under his legs, all of that is over.

It's old news and no longer relevant. Those clips will be replaced with ones like Dave Roberts sliding in to home in Game 4, David Ortiz's numerous blasts to save the day, and the industry standard, the final out of the World Series where Keith Foulke flips the ball to Doug Mientkiewicz turns to Jason Varitek and says, "We f***in' did it."

The stigma of loser that was associated to Sox fans for so many years has finally been erased. Save me the garbage about Sox fans being upset that they're nothing to complain about. One might think we sadistically enjoyed all the losing as well as being the target of people's mockery and faux sympathy over the last century. Give me a break.

We didn't root for the Sox to get a badge of honor; we did it out of passion and love, for the game and for the uniform.

Loyalty and passion are how we true Sox fans define ourselves. The media created this "Charlie Brown" loser mentality of Boston fans, tagged on the curse, and somehow it became accepted as the truth.

Instead, for most members of Red Sox Nation, our relationship with the Sox is a similar love affair. Beginning in April, the Sox become our little lovers on the side that usually leave us by Labor Day but sometimes tease us in to October before leaving us bruised and broken hearted for the winter. Yet, we Sox fans always returned each March with a newly rejuvenated love for the team that hurt us so badly the year before. It's a marriage, for better for worse, for as long as you both shall live. When the Sox won the World Series, it was like a second honeymoon. The past and the future were unimportant. All that mattered was that we savored and took in every moment of the

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LAURA SKRIVAN / L'BOSTON POST DISPATCH

Boston's Johnny Damon celebrates after hitting a home run in the first inning of game four of the World Series on Wednesday, Oct. 27 in St. Louis, Missouri. The Red Sox would win the game and the series.

Women's soccer poised for A-10s

The Massachusetts women's soccer team qualified for the Atlantic-10 Tournament this past weekend. The Minutewomen (7-10, 5-6 A-10) are set to open play on Thursday at 11 a.m. against No. 3 seed Richmond at Rudd Field.

With the postseason about to begin now is a good time to look back on some of the highs and lows from the regular season.

Dan Duggan

No one knew quite what to expect this season as UMass lost six players from last year's team that went 4-12-1.

Coach Jim Rudy was hopeful that his revamped team would be able to compete in the Atlantic-10. But before starting conference play, the Minutewomen had to play a very difficult non-conference schedule.

UMass opened the season with five consecutive losses and the season appeared to be going nowhere. The Minutewomen were plagued with injuries, inconsistency, and some bad bounces.

The Maroon and White lost seniors Carly Turman and Erica Wideberg for the season due to injuries sustained in the first week of play.

With only one senior, Lindsey Fairweather, on the active roster Rudy was forced to play a large number of freshmen. The young players struggled early in the season, making some mistakes due to inexperience, but the team showed signs of progress.

The turning point in the season came when UMass traveled to Central Connecticut State and upset a strong Blue Devils squad.

In the game against CCSU on Sept. 21, Fairweather turned in the play of the year. The slick ball-handling forward was able get the back of her foot on a crossing pass in front of the goal and get enough on the shot to push the ball past the goalie.

The win seemed to give the young team a spark. It was also the final game of a season-long four game road trip. The Minutewomen then began a five-game homestand during which they began to show vast improvement.

In the first game of the homestand the team defeated Holy Cross giving Rudy his 200th win at UMass. Rudy currently has the fourth most wins in Division I women's soccer history.

UMass continued its winning ways on the homestand posting a 3-2 record. The Minutewomen turned in their most dramatic win of the season during the homestand, a 3-2 overtime win over Temple.

UMass battled back from 1-0 and 2-1 deficits to force overtime. Freshman Britt Canfield scored the tying goal to force overtime and netted the game-winner with just over a minute remaining in the first extra session.

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Ode to a rugby team



Bob McGovern

As I sit here on this brisk November evening, I have a silver-dollar-sized scab on my right ankle, a bruise to the likeness of Texas on my thigh, and my knee has a lump on it that makes me walk much like the ducks in our campus pond.

And man, it all feels so good.

I'm a rugby player, and I have been for the last four years here at this University. I've seen it all; I've been hit in every possible direction, I have played in almost any kind of weather condition you can fathom, and on Saturday, I may have played my last game.

When I was a freshman I came to this school with images of high school sports fresh in my head. I was sure there was nothing better than a Florida high school football game under the lights on a Friday night. I thought my days playing competitive sports were over.

Then one fateful day I made an embarrassing decision that turned into the best sequence of events that has happened to me in college.

I decided to buy a UMass rugby shirt. I wasn't on the team, but hey it was a cool shirt. That day I put it on, got in a packed dorm elevator, and before the door closed the kid behind me tapped me and said, "Hey man, you aren't on the team."

I looked at him, and the five or so girls that were smirking at the awkwardness of the situation, and said, "Hey don't worry I'll be out there." It stumbled off my lips, it sounded so fake and stupid. When the elevator reached the floor I got off and this kid walked next to me and said, "I'd better see you out there."

The first day of the spring season I went out for the team and watched as these short-shorted huge men beat the hell out of each other, pad-less, fearless, with mouth guard grins the whole

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Why UMass is better than UF



Jeff Howe

Sports are funny.

On any given day, anything can happen. Stories can shape up through the course of a season that one could never dream about.

In a world where the Detroit Pistons can take down the mighty Los Angeles Lakers, the Boston Red Sox can stair straight into the eyes of a devilish curse, the United States basketball team can fall flat on its collective face and a group of blue collar football players can win 21 consecutive games, the Massachusetts football team can certainly compete with the Florida Gators.

Yes, I'm talking about the Division I-A and historical SEC juggernaut that plays its home games in The Swamp, one of the most intimidating atmospheres any sport has seen this side of the Roman coliseums.

I'm talking about the same team that continuously produces professional talent and currently has one of the nation's poster boy quarterbacks in Chris Leak plus up-and-coming receiver Andre Caldwell, whose older brother, Reche, is a Florida alum and current San Diego Chargers wide receiver.

I'm also talking about the same Massachusetts Minutemen who have lost to teams like James Madison and Rhode Island.

Why can the Minutemen take down the Gators? If you can try following me, it's relatively simple.

UMass outlasted Atlantic 10 foe Maine 55-34



COURTESY/KAREN WINGER

Quarterback Tim Day hands off the ball against Richmond. UMass went on to lose the game 24-14.

in overtime on Saturday at McGuirk Stadium. Maine traveled to Mississippi State on Sept. 18 and returned to Black Bear country with a 9-7 victory, and for the final degree of separation, Mississippi State held serve at home to beat Florida 38-31 on Oct. 23.

In short, UMass beat Maine, who beat

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A tale of two seasons

By Dave Quinn
Collegian Staff

One month ago today, the Massachusetts field hockey team sat at a miserable 2-10 record fresh off a 6-1 defeat at the hands of the Huskies of Northeastern. What a difference a month makes as the Minutewomen won six of their last eight games in route to a 4-2 A-10 record as well as a second seed in this weekend's conference tournament.



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Sophomore back Kwylan Jaggassar prepares to defend a Richmond attack on Oct. 24.

Who would have thought this was possible? Well the Minutewomen did for one.

"I delinitely did," Senior Adrianne Monuco said. "Our out of conference schedule is a little tougher. You play those games to prepare yourselves for the conference."

Not that the preparation was easy to swallow as the Maroon and White lost their first six games of the season. Four of those losses were against nationally ranked teams.

"We had a tough schedule and wasn't easy to lose all the time," Senior Jamie Bawden recalled. "But, I had faith and I knew that the coaches were doing it for some reason. I understand now because once we got in to our conference schedule, we were ready and we pulled together."

Massachusetts's second place finish matches them up against the Hawks of St. Joseph's. The two teams squared off earlier this year on October 17 as the Minutewomen defeated the Hawks 2-1 after two overtimes and two sets of penalty strokes. While any victory is a good victory, there Maroon and White don't want to have to play extra frames. To do so, they'll need to make several adjustments.

"I think we need to play with confidence. We came out strong against them but they responded well. We went to quadruple OT against them last time; we don't want it to come down to that again. We need to take it to them right at the beginning of the game" freshman Nicole "Never" Phalen stated.

Bawden echoed the mindset factor saying, "I just think we need to go out there and have fun. When we have fun out there we tend to play really well."

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Dayton stays perfect in A-10

By Daniel Hillman
Collegian Staff

For the Dayton women's soccer team, junior forward Reba Sedlacek netted two goals, including October 29. Sedlacek also added an assist in a helping Dayton beat La Salle and maintain a perfect season in A-10 play (11-0-0). In the win Sedlacek also helped Dayton run the nation's longest win streak to 18. Her performance gained her the nod as the last A-10 Player of the Week for the conference season.

Sedlacek led the Flyers this season in goals (13) and points (32). The Flyers will head into this weeks A-10 Tournament as the Number 1 seed.

Rams Sneak into Two Seed

After winning two home games this week, Rhode Island passed Richmond and grabbed the number two seed in this weeks A-10 Tournament. URI's freshman forward, Debra Nelson snagged A-10 Freshman of the week honors for her performance over the weekend. She scored the Rams two goals on Friday's 2-0 win over Duquense, and assisted on the team's lone goal on Sunday in a 1-0 win over Saint Bonaventure. Nelson ranks third on the team in points with 15.

Richmond Stumbles to Finish Line

Going into this weekend Richmond controlled its own destiny in gaining the number two seed for the tournament, yet after splitting two away games this weekend, they find themselves in the third seed. Richmond lost Friday's game to Saint Joseph's 3-1. Saint Joe's improved to 5-4-1 in conference play, and clinched the fourth seed for the tournament. Richmond bounced back on Sunday by going to Temple and beating them 2-0 on the Owl's Senior Day. Richmond scored in the first five minutes of both halves to account for the offense in the match.

A-10 Tournament Coming to UMass

Starting this Thursday at Rudd Field, UMass will be hosting the 2004 Atlantic 10 Women's Soccer Tournament. Thursday at 11 a.m. the Richmond Spiders (#3) will take on UMass (#6).

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President Bush wins four more

Bush claims mandate for war and tax agenda

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush claimed a re-election mandate Wednesday after a record 59 million Americans chose him over Democrat John Kerry and voted to expand Republican control of Congress as well. He pledged to pursue his agenda on taxes and Iraq while seeking "the broad support of all Americans."

Kerry conceded defeat in make-or-break Ohio rather than launch a legal fight reminiscent of the contentious Florida recount of four years ago. "I hope that we can begin the healing," the Massachusetts senator said.

Claiming a second term denied his father, George H.W. Bush, the president struck a conciliatory tone, too. "A new term is a new opportunity to reach out to the whole nation," he said, speaking directly to Kerry's supporters.

"To make this nation stronger and better, I will need your support and I will work to earn it," he said. "I will do all I can do to deserve your trust."

It was a warm-and-fuzzy close to one of the longest, most negative presidential races in a generation.

Bush didn't use the word mandate, but Vice President Dick Cheney did, and the president's intention was clear as he ticked off a familiar list of second-term goals: overhaul the tax code and Social Security at home while waging war in Iraq and elsewhere to stem terror.

Bush stands to reshape the federal judiciary, starting with an aging Supreme Court that voted 5-4 to award him Florida four years ago. In all branches of government, the GOP now holds a solid, if not permanent, ruling majority.

Bush's vote totals were the biggest ever and his slice of the vote, 51 percent, made him the first president to claim a majority since 1988 when his father won 53 percent against Democrat Michael Dukakis. Like Dukakis, Kerry is a Massachusetts politician who was labeled a liberal by a Bush. This president also called Kerry a flip-flopping opportunist who would fight feebly against terror.

None of that rancor was evident Wednesday, when Kerry called Bush to concede the race. He told Bush the country needed to be united, and Bush agreed. But the numbers suggest the country is deeply split.

Bush's victory ensures Republican dominance of virtually every quarter of the U.S. political system for years to come — the White House, Congress and the federal judiciary. Democrats pored over election results and sadly determined that the GOP base was bigger, more rural, suburban and Hispanic than they had ever imagined.

They looked within their own party, and found plenty of Democrats to blame — Kerry, his running mate John Edwards, their layers of consultants and legions of former Bill Clinton aides. The jockeying began in earnest for the 2008 race, with Edwards signaling his ambitions by pressing Kerry to wage a legal fight for Ohio. Democrats love to light the GOP particularly those Democrats who vote in primaries and caucuses.

"You can be disappointed, but you cannot walk away," Edwards told supporters at Kerry's concession. "This fight has just begun."

Supporters of Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, herself a potential candidate in 2008, accused Edwards of posturing.

Kerry himself showed no signs of exiting the political arena. "I'll never stop fighting for you," he told backers.

Still, it was a grim day for Democrats.

Party strategists had longed hoped to supplant their political losses in the Midwest and South with growth in the Hispanic-rich Western states, but those plans were put in doubt Tuesday night. Exit polls suggested that Bush had increased his minority share of

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TROY DESCHENAUX / COLLEGIAN

President Bush delivers his victory speech in Washington after winning the presidential election yesterday.

Students react to Bush victory across the campus

By Matt Elmer
Collegian Staff

The aftermath of the most highly anticipated election night began yesterday at the University of Massachusetts as students and faculty weighed in on the results.

"I'm a little dizzy and tired this morning," said journalism professor Ralph Whitehead to his Election Coverage class yesterday.

Whitehead said that this election went very similar to the way the 2000 election went. However, he said that he thought the difference in the number of votes that Bush got was the fact that Karl Rove, Bush's chief strategist, went out and got a large number of voters for the Republican candidate.

"We re-ran the 2000 election," he said of the fact that neither candidate stole any states. Because of that, he said, Bush just needed to get more people to the polls.

Whitehead said Bush's camp thought they lost over four million evangelistic voters four years ago, and Rove helped him bring those people to the polls on Tuesday.

"I'm disappointed," said junior philosophy and history major Alexandra Bannister. Bannister said that she thought the country was fed up with Bush, namely with Iraq and the Patriot Act.

"It seems like he's done something to offend everyone," she said.

Tristan Brown, a sophomore history and political major, said that he thinks there is a lot of anger going on around on the UMass campus about Bush.

"I'm fairly afraid," he said, referring to the thought that Bush is going to run our country for four more years.

Brown said some of his professors claimed that if Bush is re-elected he will initiate the draft. Drafting people into military service ended with the Vietnam War, and it was highly criticized when it was implemented.

However, not everyone was upset about the incumbent taking the election.

"Obviously I'm happy," said Michael Ames, a senior political science major and member of the Republican Club.

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Bustamante says textbook rental system ready to go

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

Student Government Association President Eduardo Bustamante announced in last night's Senate meeting that the process of getting a textbook rental system for the campus is ready to begin.

"I have some great news," Bustamante said, "We are in the beginning phases of getting a textbook rental system."

Initially proposed at the beginning of the academic year, Bustamante and other members of the SGA designed a proposal that would alleviate that hassle of purchasing expensive textbooks from the annex and allow students to rent them for the semester.

Currently, the Follett company has a contract with the University of Massachusetts that extends through this summer. If the proposal passes through the faculty senate and the administration, then the initial phase of a potential rental system could be in place by next fall.

To Bustamante's dismay, the idea had temporarily been put on hold because of the recent scandal involving photographs taken of SGA members in a University office, drinking alcohol and mocking a caricature of a Ku Klux Klan Grand Wizard.

Bustamante said that he hopes that bringing in a rental system would have a greater impact on affordability and access to the University, although he stressed that he does not want to take away business from locally-owned bookstores in Amherst like Food for Thought and Jeffrey Amherst.

"[Textbook rental systems] are done successfully at other large universities all over the country and they face these same objectives, and if it's something that they can overcome, then we can too," Bustamante said.

The first proposal was introduced to the Faculty Senate last month and members approved of the idea and agreed to move forward. The next step is to meet with consultants from other universities that currently use this system successfully.

"We met with the faculty senate subcommittees," Bustamante said, "They support the ideas and we have the initial step. Now we need to bring in consultants to review our new textbook system."

Bustamante mentioned that the legislature in California has already proposed to initiate a system similar to the one SGA has proposed in all state universities.

"I am very excited as you all should be as we have seen such

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MATTHEW REDER / COLLEGIAN

President Bustamante hopes a textbook rental system will make books more affordable for University of Massachusetts students.

Students protest against war in Iraq with 'die-in'

By Cameron J. Woods
Collegian Staff

Corpses with picket signs appeared yesterday in the University of Massachusetts Campus Center concourse as part of a protest against the war in Iraq.

Roughly a dozen individuals, some bedecked in fake blood, gathered in the concourse around 12:30 p.m. for the "die-in," declaring, "This is democracy," and holding plackets that pertained to the 100,000 people who have already died in the United States conflict in Iraq. The University of Massachusetts Antiwar Coalition planned the event.

"We meant this to be a sort of memorial to the 100,000 dead as much as it was about letting the student body know that there is a representative solidarity on campus who is willing to speak out against the war," said UMass graduate student Todd Evans.

During the protest members of the Coalition were handing out flyers announcing their next meeting, which is free and open to the public. Though they are not yet a Registered Student Organization, they are attempting to become one, Evans said.

On the reverse side of the flyers, the Coalition provided a number of bulleted items of interest about the war. One such item was that the $151 billion spent to fund the war could have covered the cost of two years worth of food for half of the world's hungry, a comprehensive global AIDS treatment and prevention program and childhood immunizations for all the children in the developing world.

In order to become an RSO, the Coalition will have to go through the Student Government Association's application process. They will also need to present a mission statement, a written account of their future goals and create a constitution that is in accordance with the by-laws of the SGA.



COURTESY/STEPHANIE LOVE

Students pretend to be corpses in protest of the war on the floor of the Campus Center yesterday afternoon.

Student reactions to the "die-in" were mixed. Though some interest was shown by a handful of students the majority either passed by without comment or shouted derogatory comments at the protesters.

The next meeting of the UMass Antiwar Coalition will be Monday, Nov. 8 at 4 p.m. in rooms 804-808 of the Campus Center.

For more information on the Coalition, contact Evans via E-mail at wtoode@ soc.umass.edu or Jonathan Murr at jmurr@english.umass.edu.

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Professor says Kerry win not 'in cards'

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Ames said that he thinks Bush winning again and the GOP gaining seven seats in Congress is good for the country. After all votes were counted, they gained four Senators and three State Representatives.

Ames said that he thought Bush did a good job in taking a continued stance throughout his first term. He said that he has helped out the economy recently, especially in the past 13 months.

When the dust settled, everyone had an opinion as to what went wrong for Kerry.

"In retrospect, it might've not been in the cards for a Democrat to win," Whitehead said.

Whitehead said he thought that the events of Sept. 11, 2001 probably helped the President's cause for re-election.

"This election occurred in the shadow of 9/11," he said. Whitehead added that because candidates cared about morals and terrorism, Bush won. He said that if the voter's main concerns were health care, education and the war, Kerry would've pulled through.

"All we needed was someone to pick up the ball and throw it to first base, not someone to let the ball go between their legs," Brown said.

Specific groups who turned out for the election had a serious impact on who eventually won, reported.



SHEETAL MANKODI/ COLLEGIAN

Kerry supporters hold signs outside Faneuil Hall in Boston yesterday urging Kerry to continue supporting young people in the Senate.

Initial reports showed that Kerry was helped greatly by the youth vote, but not as many younger voters turned out as expected.

Professor Whitehead said that he thinks that the numbers will show more young people voted than the last election, but it wasn't enough to give Senator Kerry the win.

"I think that the youth vote should've been bigger," Brown said. He said that he was surprised at how many people concentrated on morals and not the war.

Another huge concern going into the polls was that there would be some sort of fraud in a key battleground state. Other than long lines across many states, there weren't any major problems

Ames, however, said that he was upset at the way that the media handled the exit polls.

He said that they gave misinformation to the public when they originally estimated that Kerry would win in a landslide. He said that their ratios were off and their target demographics were skewed.

Brown said that he thought the media targeted minorities in rural areas, and that they typically vote Democratic.

Despite all this, Professor Whitehead had a simple reason for Kerry's loss.

"Kerry was never able to persuade a majority of the people to pick him as our chief commander," he said.

Ohio gives Kerry big blow of defeat

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the Hispanic vote since 2000.

One-third of Hispanics said they were born-again Christians and nearly 20 percent listed moral values as their top issue, suggesting they have more in common with Republicans than Democrats.

The election also vindicated Bush's unorthodox strategy of governing from the right and then targeting his voters with a volunteer-driven organization run through his campaign headquarters. Kerry played to the center and relied on a loosely knit conglomerate of liberal groups who paid get-out-the-vote workers.

Americans Coming Together, the Media Fund and other liberal special interest groups spent more than $200 million to defeat Bush. Kerry spent tens of millions more, and what did he get? Just one state won by Bush in 2000, New Hampshire, switched to the Democratic column this year.

Young voters didn't increase their turnout as Democrats had hoped. Neither did blacks or union members, two keys to the party's base.

Bush, meanwhile, saw a surge in rural and evangelical voters, according to strategists on both sides. The rural vote, once reliably Democratic, swelled in size and supported Bush over Kerry. In Ohio, exit polls suggested the rural vote increased from 15 percent of the electorate in 2000 to 25 percent on Tuesday. Rural voters backed Bush over Kerry 60 percent to 40.

In Ohio and Florida, the two most important states Election Night, Democrats said they met their turnout targets, only to see Bush's forces trounce them. They said state ballot measures to ban gay marriage may have driven GOP voters to the polls.

The most stinging defeat was in Ohio, which may no longer be considered a swing state. With 232,000 jobs lost under Bush and state voters uneasy about Iraq, it was as ripe as it will ever be for Democrats, strategists said.

Ohio's 20 electoral votes gave Bush 279 in the Associated Press count, nine more than the 270 needed for victory. Kerry had 252 electoral votes, with Iowa's seven unsettled.

Bush beat Kerry by more than 3 million votes in the national popular tally.

Majors Fair draws scholars seeking a future

By Nicholas Belanger
Collegian Correspondent

The University of Massachusetts Pre-major Advising, Career Services and Commonwealth College collaborated to host the annual Majors Fair in the Student Union Ballroom yesterday. The event, which ran from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., brought together close to 100 departments to provide students with the opportunity to explore all the academic majors University has to offer.

In an interview earlier this week, pre-major advisor Susan Machala stressed the importance for all undergraduates to attend the fair.

"Students who attend this will be more aware of resources at the University," Machala said.

Students seemed to take Machala's advice, despite the cold weather. Attendance at the fair was estimated to be more than 1,000, not including the hundreds of advisors, professors, faculty members, and graduate students on hand to represent various departments.

Tables were arranged all around the ballroom, with similar majors clustered together to allow for easier exploration of the aisles of displays. The event attracted a wide range of students who asked an equally broad range of questions. Many of those attending already had a major in mind, and were simply looking for advice from faculty within that department.

Freshman Chris Nute came into the fair wanting to speak to a representative from the Building Materials and Wood Technology program. When asked what he thought about the fair, Nute said, "It's a good way to see all the different opportunities, to see things that they [students] wouldn't normally get to see." Nute said that the fair is "less pressure" than making an individual appointment with someone associated with any given major.

Dave Damery was on hand representing the Building Materials and Wood Technology major. Damery said he was excited to use the fair as a way to inform students about a major that many at the University are unaware of.

"We're a small major with a very high demand for graduates ... we serve a very broad industry," he said.

Damery and many others associated with the smaller majors used the fair as a way to sell their departments to undeclared students looking for a niche at UMass.

Sarah Ryan of Needham, a freshman with an interest in early childhood education, said she attended the fair "to explore the different majors offered here, and to figure out the direction my life is heading."

Commonwealth College students worked the Help Desk at the entrance all night where they could direct students to particular tables inside. Amanda Baldi was among those working the help desk. However, she was eager to get inside. "I want to go in and look at the writing program ... I never thought about being a writing major before," she said.

For those who were unable to attend the Majors Fair, Pre-major Advising and Career Services are available with an appointment and faculties within specific majors are generally willing to talk to students during office hours.



MATTHEW REID/COLLEGIAN

University of Massachusetts students visit different major displays at the Majors Fair yesterday.

System could be in place by fall

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progress here," he said, "by July we must have some decision."

Some of the questions and concerned raised by the Senate dealt with the cost of the system and the renewal and updating of the textbooks. Some were concerned that students would not have the option to buy their textbooks at the end of the semester.

"At the end of the semester, students will still have the option of buying their books at a reduced price," he said.

A similar sort of system currently in place at the university is Books for Books, a non-profit organization that enables students to call a phone number at the beginning of the semester to trade their books.

Bustamante said that he has no plans to get rid of Books for Books, however, he told the Senate that if the rental system does not pass, then SGA will have to work to expand Books for Books.

"My sense is that it will generate great profit," Bustamante said.



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20-year-old arrested for allegedly kicking bonfire organizer

Wednesday October27

1:44 p.m. A caller reported receiving threatening emails in Baker Hall from an unknown subject. An incident report was filed.

9:54 p.m. A large disturbance involving 3,000 people in Southwest was reported. Multiple arrests were made for disorderly conduct, possession of fireworks, mistreating/interfering with police horse, failure to disperse, and resisting arrest.

11:48 p.m. A party reported a disruptive and intoxicated subject in Mary Lyon Hall. The Amherst Fire Department was contacted for medical evacuation, and transported the subject to Cooley Dickenson Hospital.

Thursday October28

1:30 a.m. A party reported a larceny in John Quincy Adams Hall when a wallet was stolen. The caller stated the wallet contained $200 in cash and ID cards.

1:44 a.m. A party reported a larceny in Kennedy Hall, where 45 DVDs and a gold bracelet were stolen from its dorm room. The party estimated the value of the stolen items to be over $1000.

8:21 p.m. Michael Lessard, 18, of Lafayette, N.J., was arrested in Van Meter Hall on a charge of being a minor in possession of alcohol.

9:13 p.m. Upon investigating suspicious suspects in front of Totman Gym, officers arrested Nicholas Philpott, 18, of South Yarmouth, on a charge of being a minor in possession of alcohol.

9:25 p.m. Upon a call from a party detecting the smell of marijuana, officers entered John Adams Hall and arrested Brain Stasik, 18, of Ballston Spa, N.Y., on a charge of possession of a Class D substance.

Friday October29

12:16 a.m. A caller reported a domestic disturbance between two subjects. Officers entered McNamara Hall and arrested Heather Eulian, 18, of Pittsfield, for assault and battery.

8:28 a.m. Jonathan Brennan, 18, of Peabody, was arrested for an outstanding warrant in Van Meter Hall.

11:31 a.m. A party reported two vehicles with a broken driver's side window and missing stereo. An incident report was taken.

4:22 p.m. Parties reported two vandalized vehicles. One vehicle had ripped upholstery and a damaged dashboard. The other vehicle had a damaged dashboard where someone tried unsuccessfully to steal the car's stereo. Incident reports and photos were taken.

8:56 p.m. Scott Lipp, 19, of West Alenhurst, N.J., was arrested in Van Meter Hall on a charge of being a minor in possession of alcohol.

Saturday October30

12:15 a.m. A party stated that a person was causing problems at a bonfire event, and the person deliberately kicked one of the event organizers. Officers apprehended Deven Reardon, 20, of South Hadley, after he fled on foot and arrested him on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, disorderly conduct, and resisting a police officer making a lawful arrest.

12:34 a.m. Two males were arrested next to Webster Hall. Albert Konan, 19, of Clinton, was arrested on a charge of being a minor in possession of alcohol and Matthew Culinane, 22, of Clinton, was arrested on a charge of possession of a class D substance.

2:42 a.m. Following a traffic stop on Massachusetts Avenue, Sabino Caracciolo, 22, of Springfield, was arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol, failure to stop for an emergency vehicle, possession of an open container of alcohol, and possession of a class D substance. Amherst Towing was contacted to tow the vehicle.

Sunday October31

2:59 a.m. Officers investigated activity at the Southwest Mall, and arrested Michael Smith, 21, of Stoughton, on a charge of possession of a class D substance.

1:04 p.m. Two vehicles were reportedly vandalized in the parking lot next to Dickinson Hall. One vehicle's driver's side door lock, rear mirror, wipers and directional signals were broken. The other vehicle's rear passenger window was smashed. Incident reports were taken.

9:37 p.m. A caller stated that all of the bikes in the bike rack outside of Cance Hall had their tires slashed. A total of 13 bikes had their tires slashed.

11:04 p.m. A party reported annoying behavior when they were struck in the face with an egg from a moving vehicle on North Pleasant St. The party had a small bruise, but no medical treatment was required.

Monday November1

8:50 a.m. A caller reportedly discovered a counterfeit $5 bill in their deposit in the campus center.

9:30 a.m. A party reported vandalism at the Fine Arts Center when student design projects were disassembled and re-assembled in different configurations.

7:10 p.m. Ryan Sinclair, 20, of Ware, was arrested for assault and battery and disorderly conduct. He was transported by an officer to Ware.

11:55 p.m. A subject was reported throwing objects out of a Baker Hall window. An officer found a computer monitor on the ground outside of the building. No suspects were found.

Patient deaths down in new cancer drug experiments

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Experiments in which new cancer drugs are tested on patients are not as risky as they were a decade ago, according to a study that found a sharp drop in deaths from 1991 to 2002.

At the same time, there was also a decline in the percentage of tumors that shrank in response to the drugs being tested. But the researchers and other cancer experts said that does not mean the drugs were increasingly ineffective.

Some of the newest cancer drugs employ a more targeted approach than older medicines, attacking tumor cells while causing less damage to healthy tissue. These drugs often work by stopping but not necessarily reversing tumor growth, said Dr. Thomas Roberts Jr. of Massachusetts General Hospital, the study's lead author.

The development of such drugs plus better attention to patient safety may explain the declining death rate, Roberts said.

There were 35 drug-related deaths in the 213 studies examined, but such deaths were much more frequent in the earlier experiments than in the more recent ones. There were 24 drug-linked deaths in studies from 1991 to 1994, 10 from 1995 to 1998 and just one from 1999 to 2002.

Deaths from other causes, including cancer, also decreased — from 39 to 17 in the more recent studies.

Vila claims victory in Puerto Rico's gubernatorial race

By Leonardo Aldridge
Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Puerto Rico's delegate to the U.S. Congress, who favors the island's current status as a U.S. commonwealth, claimed victory Wednesday in a gubernatorial race so close that a recount has been ordered.

"The people have given the mandate to me," said Anibal Acevedo Vila. Rival candidate former Gov. Pedro Rossello has yet to comment publicly on the preliminary results from Tuesday's vote.

With more than 98 percent of ballots counted, Acevedo Vila had 48.58 percent to 48.18 for Rossello.

State Elections Commission President Aurelio Gracia said the recount would be carried out Monday.

Another close race was for the island's non-voting congressional delegate, with the pro-statehood party's Luis Fortuno winning with 48.52 percent of the vote to 48.03 percent for Roberto Prats of Acevedo Vila's Popular Democratic Party. Prats said he wouldn't wait for a recount and conceded defeat Wednesday afternoon.

Rossello's party took control of the legislature from Acevedo Vila's party, winning 18 seats in the 27-member Senate and 34 in the 51-member House, according to preliminary results.

Rossello, governor from 1993 through 2000, had pledged a new campaign to make Puerto Rico the 51st U.S. state through a referendum on statehood, an option narrowly defeated in nonbinding votes in 1993 and 1998.

Commission to investigate death of Emerson student

By Denise Lavoie
Associated Press

BOSTON — A commission investigating the death of a college student during a Red Sox celebration will look not only at what went wrong that night, but also at police crowd control methods and weapons like the one believed to have caused the student's death, the chairman of the panel said Wednesday.

Donald Stern, the former U.S. Attorney for Massachusetts, was tapped last week by Boston Police Commissioner Kathleen O'Toole to lead an independent investigation into the Oct. 21 death of Victoria Snelgrove.

Snelgrove, 21, died hours after being struck in the eye socket with a pepper-spray pellet fired by police as they tried to control a raucous crowd after the Red Sox won the American League pennant over their archrivals, the New York Yankees.

Stern said he met Tuesday with O'Toole to discuss the scope of the panel's investigation, which is separate from a police internal affairs probe and a review by the Suffolk District Attorney's office.

"It's going to be an independent commission capable of reaching independent judgments and getting access to whatever information the commission thinks it needs — period — with no limitations," Stern said.

"We do need to understand what happened that night, there's no question about it. But we also need to look at these larger issues. ... What is this weapon that was used? What about the whole concept of less-lethal weapons? What's out on the market? What has the training been for their use?"

Janice W. Howe, a former state prosecutor and an expert on product liability cases, will also sit on the commission. No other members have been chosen yet, but Stern said he expects another three or four people will be named soon.

The internal police investigation will examine whether police used excessive force and whether they were properly trained in the use of the FN303, a compressed-air gun made by FN Herstal.

The guns were purchased for this summer's Democratic National Convention, but the violence expected by police during political demonstrations never materialized. Police used the weapons for the first time the night Snelgrove was killed.

Suffolk District Attorney Daniel F. Conley's office will review the results of the police investigation and determine whether the use of force was legal and whether any criminal charges will be filed.

Media reports have raised questions about whether the police commander in charge of crowd control that night — Deputy Superintendent Robert O'Toole Jr. — and other officers had proper training.

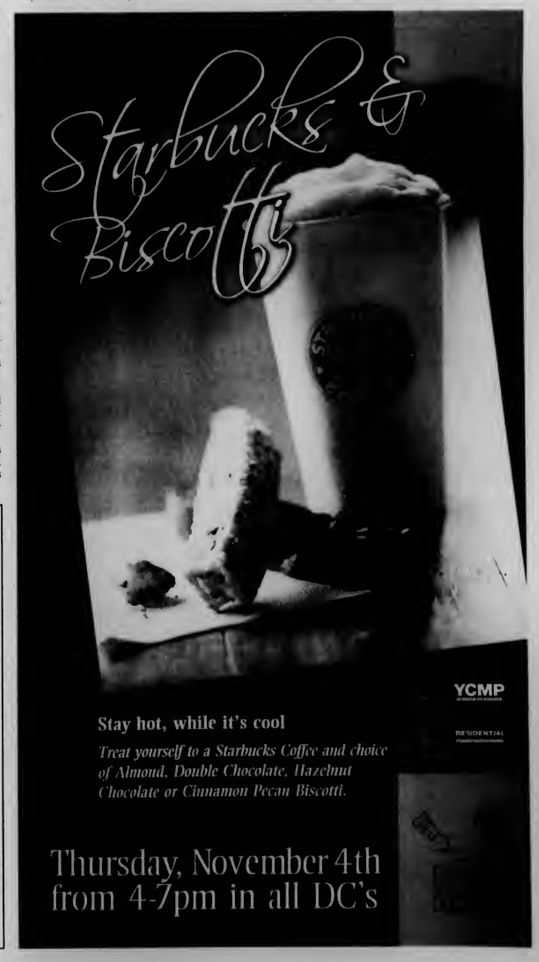
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Disbelief and relief mix in Kerry's election loss to President George Bush

By Jay Lindsay
Associated Press



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John Kerry hugs his wife, Teresa Heinz Kerry, after his concession speech at Faneuil Hall yesterday.

BOSTON — Beacon Hill is known as a home for stately brick row houses and powerful people. The hovering news helicopters, barricaded roads and Secret Service details were a recent addition, thanks to resident John Kerry's bid for the presidency.

With Kerry's campaign over, views about whether the neighborhood will be better off without all the bustle are as divergent as those of the voters who cast ballots in the tight election.

"The closed roads and helicopters — they're around all day when he's here. I think it's an intrusion," said Paula Boyd, 64, who lives a block away from Kerry's Louisburg Square mansion. "I'm glad he lost because I want them to go away."

But for the Rev. Ben King, 29, a resident and pastor at the Church of the Advent, Kerry's defeat by President Bush didn't bring a sense of relief — only disappointment that the man Massachusetts voters had sent to the Senate four times didn't end up giving the state its first hometown son as president since President Kennedy in 1960.

As Kerry remained secluded in his 12-room home crafting a concession speech he delivered Wednesday afternoon at nearby Faneuil Hall, neighbors, tourists and the plain curious stationed themselves outside pondering Kerry's remarkable run.

"I think everybody wishes it would continue," King said. "I think the fact of his being president would have outweighed any inconvenience."

Kerry and his wife, Teresa Heinz Kerry, bought their Louisburg Square home in 1996 for $1.7 million. The home — with its six fireplaces, rooftop deck and elevator — is now assessed at $7 million; it's tucked in the corner of an elegant block of townhouses that surround a leafy, gated park.

The park was based on the London-style garden square whose design was imported by Boston architect Charles Bulfinch, according to "The Garden Squares of Boston" author Phebe S. Goodman. Only Louisburg Square homeowners have keys to unlock the gate.

Kerry, 61, lived there in relative quiet until he became the front-runner for the Democratic nomination and began receiving Secret Service protection in February. Since then, Kerry, who has several homes he owns with his wife around the country, has visited his Beacon Hill residence about six or seven times, neighbors said.

Each time, the road to the square was barricaded with metal gates that could only be crossed with proper identification and proof of residence. The streets around the tightly packed neighborhood shut down and Kerry's motorcade added to the congestion.

Karzai declared Afghan president

By Stephen Graham
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Hamid Karzai was officially declared Afghanistan's first-ever popularly elected president Wednesday after a weeks-long fraud probe found no reason to overturn his landslide victory.

While the U.S.-backed leader made an immediate call for unity, his closest rivals refused to concede, undermining hopes for political stability in a country racked by ethnic mistrust.

The U.N.-sponsored electoral board, confirming the results of the Oct. 9 vote, said Karzai had won a five-year term with 55.4 percent, 39 percentage points more than his nearest rival. It was the first national ballot since the fall of the Taliban three years ago.

"His excellency Hamid Karzai is the winner," board chairman Zakim Shah said at a ceremony broadcast live on Afghan state television. "We are announcing the first elected president of Afghanistan."

In Washington, U.S. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said: "We congratulate President Hamid Karzai on his election as Afghanistan's first democratically elected president and we look forward to his inauguration next month."

Britain, Germany and France also wished Karzai well.

High turnout and the lack of major violence on polling day "demonstrates the scale of the transformation that has already taken place in Afghanistan in the three years since the overthrow of the Taliban," British Prime Minister Tony Blair said.

NATO chief Jaap de Hoop Scheffer, who bulked up the alliance's Afghan security force during the poll, said he looked forward to working with Karzai "in helping Afghanistan build a better, safer future."

The election itself was delayed from June because of insecurity and logistical problems. The result was then held up by weeks of mudslinging by Karzai's challengers who threatened to boycott the outcome.

In its final report released Wednesday, the panel confirmed problems with ballot stuffing and with ink used to mark people's fingers to prevent multiple voting.

But it said there was "no evidence" that the problems were widespread or that they favored only Karzai.

"There were shortcomings," Staffan Darnolf, a Swedish election expert on the panel, said at a news conference. "But they could not have materially affected the overall result."

A spokesman for Karzai, who was in the United Arab Emirates for the funeral of its late president, said his camp was "very glad to finally have the result we wanted" and he appealed to rivals to put a bruising campaign behind them.

Voters give Representative Ellen Story sweeping victory

By Maria Varmazis
Collegian Correspondent

In the hour before the polls in the Bangs Community Center in Amherst prepared to close on Tuesday night, last-minute voters rushed to make their voices heard, despite cold and gloomy weather and prohibitively long lines.

Voters in precincts 4, 5, and 10 showed up until the very last moment, most of the time being made to wait in lines reaching out the door. The steady stream of voters, a mix of students and long-time residents alike was reduced to a slow trickle only in the last 10 minutes of polling.

Amherst voters overwhelmingly supported Democrat Senator John Kerry for president and incumbent Democrat Ellen Story as representative of the third Hampshire district. The heavy support for Kerry in Amherst was one of the highest in all of Massachusetts, according to the Boston Globe. In the entire third Hampshire district, Story had a landslide victory with about 78 percent of the overall vote.

UMass students who voted in the last hour of the Election Day showed overwhelming loyalty to John Kerry; however, that loyalty was often based in a strong desire to remove Bush from office, and not necessarily in agreement with Kerry's policies.

"He was the better of the two evils," said UMass junior Bianca Wynn, who voted for Kerry. Wynn noted that she also cast her ballot for Ellen Story, but that she was not very familiar with either candidate. "I just overheard someone say to vote for Ellen Story," Wynn said.

Joseph Shalkoski, a UMass freshman, said that the war in Iraq was one of the issues that convinced him to vote for Kerry. Shalkoski believed that Bush needed to "back off and reanalyze" his strategy in Iraq.

"I just felt like we needed a change," Shalkoski said. Regarding the election for district representative, Shalkoski cast his vote for challenger Jeanne Traester, although he admitted he was not following the local race as closely as the presidential race.

Pundits and pollsters predicted a record turnout for college-age students around the nation. However, some UMass students found that last-minute registration and identification problems prevented them from voting altogether.

"I feel like the fact that Kerry is trying to get students to vote," said Dawn-Cheri Soares, a UMass sophomore. "Bush had his turn."

Soares said she would have voted Kerry had she been able to vote. When she arrived at the Bangs Center on Tuesday evening, Soares was turned away by the pollsters, who told her she'd have to go home to vote in New Bedford.

Soares said she wondered if something did not go through when she registered to vote, noting that she never received an absentee ballot.

Some UMass students who were not familiar with the local race decided to vote along party lines in a pinch. Jo, a UMass graduate student, admitted he voted for "whoever was the Democrat" in the local race.

Jo also cast his vote for Kerry, noting that his vote was "more like anti-Bush." While he was not particularly fond of the challenger, Jo said he did not want to see Bush re-elected. "Rather than putting him in, we have no other choice, it's why I voted for Kerry," Jo said.

Not all local residents were behind Kerry. Lee Johnson of Amherst, who identifies himself as an independent voter, wrote in Ohio Democratic Representative Dennis Kuc-inich as his choice for president.



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Representative Ellen Story

"As far as I know, he's the only one of the original nine [Democratic Party candidates] who voted down the Patriot Act," Johnson said. "There's a whole slew of reasons — pro-choice, Patriot Act, civil liberties in general, the whole war," he said.

"Ellen Story has done an excellent job," he said.

Another Amherst resident, Jane Winans, also voted for Story in part because of Story's Democratic Party affiliation.

According to the Associated Press, Kerry earned 9,705 votes from Amherst, more than six times the amount of votes cast for Bush, who earned 1,463 votes. Approximately 9,332 Amherst residents cast their votes for Story, the twelve-term incumbent, while the challenger, Republican Traester, received 1,522 votes.

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"Fight for your opinions, but do not believe that they contain the whole truth, or the only truth."
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Division evident as elections conclude

A choice leaves us lost

Aaron Wodin-Schwartz

And so it's done: another election come and gone (and another cliché introductory line thrown into the ed/op ether). Another round of two preeminently center-right candidates trying to sell their platforms to unaligned or fringe opposition voters, and another flurry of political rhetoric and setting of the philosophical direction the country is to take for the next four years. I have voted for Kerry in the hopes that his agenda, while only marginally distinct from Bush's in terms of foreign policy, would be different enough in terms of domestic policy and rationale for action at home and abroad to warrant my endorsement.

Nevertheless, we are now left in an all-too-familiar situation: we've got an idiot in office and a questionable election to thank for it. The election appears to be more of an election, rather than a selection as it was last time, but it remains nevertheless remains controversial where electronic voting and voter challengers were involved.

Nevertheless, we are now left in an all-too-familiar situation: we've got an idiot in office and a questionable election to thank for it.

When we are back to the "banality" of non-electoral politics and we can all remove the façade of undying loyalty to anything our candidate utters, whichever candidate that may have been, and we must outline some of the more serious issues confronting the country. Notice that I say "the country" and not "our nation." We are by no means a nation united, and it is inscribed into the foundation of the system that governs us. The issues of which I speak are not the so-called "high politics" of war and flashy foreign policy jargon. I will not here address the severe social injustices and humanitarian crimes that are entrenched in U.S. democracy such as our outrageous military spending, a minimum wage well below the poverty line, institutionalized sexism and racism, the normalcy of corporate greed and political corruption, a health care system that makes some underdeveloped nations look like Sweden, voter intimidation, shady polling equipment, the electoral college, etc. Instead, it is increasingly apparent to me that all of the affairs confronting the United States, and all of the issues that will not but should be addressed, are symptomatic of the philosophical shortcomings of our state.

Such issues are important because we make them important. We ask ourselves what is the point of conducting politics, what is democracy's objective, and what makes it qualitatively unique from other political systems. What normative end do we seek from such a system? We find that the purpose of political relations, much like the point of all human systems, is the achievement of happiness; the betterment of life. Put differently, if we dedicate our lives to a system we should expect to end up better off than when we started.

Yet the truth is that our system fails to live up to its purpose. This is no fluke of historical circumstances or temporary setbacks: such failure is inherent in the composition of our polity. Our politics neither improve lives, nor express our views of and aspirations for the world. Sure, we can adapt and make our goals more synonymous with what is likely to get done or what is reasonable to hope for given the assumed framework and political dialogue, but this is all too commonly in fundamental opposition to what we would wish for in an ideal world. Though an important issue is occasionally framed in the mainstream in a reassuring way, such as the Defense Department releasing a high-profile security paper on the threats posed by environmental degradation, this is little more than a rare exception to the norm.

Every candidate this election — that's right, down to the Independents, the Green-Rainbows, the Libertarians, and the Constitutionalists — preached an intense communitarian rhetoric, steeped in archaic nationalist ideas and politically and economically protectionist foreign policy. That's how you relate to voters in the United States. As a body politic we exhibit paranoia in our concern for our own well-being, probably because after all the injustices we've committed around the world over the years we know deep down that it's only a matter of time until the other shoe drops. We are thus unable to see beyond the imaginary boundaries that protect us from the ostensible leviathan of the rest of the world and we believe that our own welfare is somehow fundamentally disconnected from that of the rest of the people around us. Instead of remedying the problem and moving toward a more global conception of community, which is the prevalent trend in the world and not one that necessarily entails forgoing core cultural values, we continue to close ourselves off to the rest of the world.

In case anyone is still unsure, let me definitively tell you that it is this self-induced ignorance about the world and its people that angers so many of them. Even in states that are friendly to Americans, there are certain assumptions that one makes when dealing with an American regarding his or her lack of knowledge and understanding of culture, his or her sense of cultural superiority, and that God somehow blesses America above other countries. From what I've seen, these assumptions continue to be well warranted. Yet there is every reason for us to move forward, embrace cultural modernity, and open up our senses to the winds of the world.

As I said before, none of the candidates in the election were sufficiently cosmopolitan in ethos to achieve this prerogative, though some were much better than others. Nevertheless, the American people have spoken, and they have not only spoken against their best interests, but have taken a step counterproductive to joining the rest of the world. The confidence in our democracy has got to go. I believe in incremental change; I believe it is more effective and less likely to cause negative counter-reactions, but there is a not-so-fine line between incremental change and symbolic gestures from the exclusive sociopolitical oligarchy that rules this country. We are definitively on the wrong side of that line. So let's march onward, America! We must wage valiant war on terrorism and not on state aggression, cultural hegemony, or systemic poverty.

We're going to hell in a bucket, but at least we're enjoying the ride.

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It was not meant to be

Matthew Burke

George W. Bush is the winner. And I must admit I'm a bit surprised. Although I voted for Bush, I really thought it was slipping away. Democrats have laid it on thick in the past couple of months. John Kerry had the momentum at the end of the campaigning process and I assumed the Republicans would soon be out of the White House. Dragged out as if there was a Democratic undertow, but where Bush Sr. failed, "W" did not.

John Kerry is a lot better in public than the sometimes-humorous Bush, so I had figured he would win due to the more positive image he had established in the liberal media. The American people spoke however, and quieted the streets of Massachusetts by adding four more years to Bush's Pennsylvania Avenue stay, my jaw dropped. I guess I spend too much time in Amherst.

There will be no Florida of four years ago. There will be no controversy. He won by enough that Kerry has conceded. The popular vote belonged to Bush. No problems here. I will breathe easy knowing that lawyers will have nothing to do with this. We had a decisive election and I was very grateful.

Troops dying in a foreign land will decide an election and not whether Bruce Springsteen endorses you. Kerry failed to reach the average people and lost. Michael Moore had scared people away with his underwear and Ramen noodles.

As I cast my ballot, that in no way helped the incumbent President due to our blue state status, it was evident that my votes for the smaller offices would be my only voice in aspiring to elect my candidates. This was incentive enough for the process to remain important to me.

I voted for the first time Tuesday and it was a positive experience that I look forward to repeating over and over again. I can't begin to imagine that years ago people had died for the right to do what I was doing. The magnitude of voting was omnipotent until I walked out of the middle school in Sandwich. I was moved.

In the civil rights movement, African-Americans were harassed and killed by Klan members determined to thwart a large turnout. Women also couldn't vote and had to fight for that right. My dad told me that he had read a story about the elections in Afghanistan. It was very touching. When the polls opened in their country's inaugural elections the officials looked outside, there calmly waiting was a woman. She was the first in line. They weren't allowed to vote under the Taliban's rule so this is a beautiful thing. Freedom knows no bounds and I have a lot of respect for this process. People have died just to vote.

I walked into my polling place and was quickly looked over by a cop doing security. I voted and I went to a bar with a few buddies to watch the state-by-state tallies and have a couple of beers. It was interesting because my friends and I entered the empty dive and were positioned staring right across from one another. We had all voted but nobody had acknowledged it until the television coverage had gotten underway. I looked at my buddy Mike and asked, "Who did you vote for?"

I just needed to know. It was a curiosity so great that I could not contain myself. All six had voted for Bush. I wondered how Kerry had lost so many people. He was supposed to be popular in this state. One of my journalism professors had predicted a landslide Kerry victory. What had happened?

Another friend walked in and was asked, "Who'd you vote for bro?" Without pause Bush's name was spoken again. "I voted for Bush and the other Republicans," David said.

This is when it became clear to me. Kerry did not win because people looked at a man and saw empty and hollow promises and ideas. The Democrats lost ground in all aspects of our government Tuesday from the state to the federal level. Even my family, who usually votes Democrat had a small portion break away and go Republican this year. I tried to analyze John Kerry's errors and miscues, but I didn't know where to begin.

I feel his candidacy was a miscue on the part of Democrats. I guess that's all I could think of. He had been for the war and then against it because there is simply nothing else to run on. I hate to say it but people don't seem to care about the economy right now. Security is by far the main concern on the minds of all. Troops dying in a foreign land will decide an election and not whether Bruce Springsteen endorses you. Kerry failed to reach the average people and lost. Michael Moore had scared people away with his underwear and Ramen noodles.

John Kerry will forever be linked to Michael Dukakis in Massachusetts's lore. They were the "almosts" and the "could-a-beens" of Boston. Kerry will be in the Senate for a while but he will always be haunted by the fact that all the stirring of the hornet's nest couldn't make the bees come out. The voters weren't interested in electing him. It is sad today that the country will remain divided. The importance of this election was crucial for the United States and we are better off, but we need to come together again and make America great.

Bow away graciously John Kerry. Your 15 minutes of national attention is up. Try and make Massachusetts a better place to live, work, and reside. It wasn't meant to be.

Matthew Burke is a Collegian columnist.



A tale of two Americas

The polls are closed, ballots have been counted, and a concession has been made. These maybe all the certainties we have at this point immediately following the election.

An election that seemed to be heading in the same direction as the last presidential election turned into a more clear-cut victory for the incumbent, President George W. Bush. Ohio, which was expected by many to be the most important battleground state, went to President Bush by a clear margin. America, however, remains split over the election as nearly half of those who took part in the election cast their ballot for someone other than the winner.

Yesterday, Senator John Kerry conceded to the Bush campaign urging the President to bring a polarized nation together. This will prove to be one of the biggest challenges for the President over the next four years as this election has shown that our nation is sharply divided along several lines.

For many Massachusetts residents, the next four years may be very long, as the traditional blue state voted strongly in favor of the challenger Kerry. However this sentiment carries farther than Massachusetts as the remainder of New England, New York, and New Jersey joined Massachusetts in blue. The south, as expected, went to the Republican incumbent but the northern states of Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois all went to the Democratic challenger. As expected of the "heartland of America," the Midwest was largely Republican and the west coast, like much of the East, went to the Democrats.

Furthermore, some of the most important states in this election were sharply divided. Ohio, which had 20 very important Electoral College votes, went to Bush by merely two percentage points. Florida, the state that prolonged the 2000 election for months, went to Bush by only 400,000. Key states like Pennsylvania, Nevada, Iowa, and New Mexico split almost in half.

This election was supposed to be popular referenda for the approval of the Bush administration's policy over the past four years. If that much is true, it is clear that the nation is very divided on the way it views the triumphant president and he will certainly have much work to do to bridge the gaps which exist between the many Americas we see today.

Over the next four years several issues of utmost importance will arise. It seems almost certain that one, if not two, Supreme Court justices will retire and appointments from the oval office will have to be made. Such decisions will affect our nation years into the future much after President Bush's second term concludes. The war will need to come to a conclusion or the president will have to show America a window of hope in a bloody conflict of which many are doubtful. Lastly, social and economic issues, from job loss and tax cuts, to gay marriage and abortion, have divided this nation on ideological and class levels.

With many highly conservative communities playing large roles in delivering this victory to the president, it may be hard to believe he can ignore their support and work to find the middle ground on these issues. The gap is wide, and as time progresses it only seems to be widening further. The burden now falls on the Bush administration over the next four years to move this nation forward.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A MISTAKE MADE

By electing George W. Bush for a second term, America sends a frightening, narrow-minded message to the world. I am ashamed to be associated with this once-great country, ashamed that the world opinion of my nation and I will have dropped substantially by the end of the day. I did not vote for Bush, yet Republicans are telling us to "join together," for America is now more divided than ever. Kerry has conceded, and we must all "move on." Until today, that last phrase meant a victory for the Democrats, a victory for truth, true leadership, honesty, intelligence, and integrity. I, for one, will never stand behind a president or a nation that supports the following.

By electing George W. Bush, we are telling the world that America is a nation ruled by moral values and fear, and not by common sense; that intelligence has no place in our Executive offices; that we can be lied to repeatedly by the administration in power, but it won't cause us to question our leadership, much less vote against it; that the environment does not matter; that the lives of American and allied soldiers should be sacrificed not for a real cause but instead to prove a point; that the "War on Terror" is something to be won as if hatred can be quantified and made obsolete; that a woman does not deserve the right to have an abortion.

We are telling the world that homosexuals are somehow less human, and don't deserve the marriage rights granted their heterosexual counterparts; that defense spending and tax cuts for wealthy Americans are more important than funding for primary, secondary, and higher education; that strong economies with lower unemployment, is not a priority; that universal healthcare is not a priority; that the benefits from business with Islamic fundamentalists are more important than universal civil rights; that the United States is not afraid to act unilaterally in order to invade another country, even if it means sacrificing longstanding alliances; that one doesn't have to speak English properly to be president.

I was confident that America was above these things, that we expected nothing less than honesty from those whom we elect to lead us. Nov. 2 was an opportunity for us to prove, to the world and ourselves, that we would not condone another four years of such a misleading administration. Take a good look, America: it's time to raise our standards.

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i ♥ huckabees

takes viewers on an existential trip

By Johnny Donaldson
Collegian Staff

"I Heart Huckabees" may be the most looniest, most alienating, most what-were-they-thinking mainstream movie ever made. And I wouldn't have it any other way. David O. Russell has directed what may be called the world's first screwball philosophical comedy, and the result is something strange, chaotic, and completely, utterly nonsensical, yet at the same time it's something galvanizing, mesmerizing and absolutely wonderful. It's a film of big ideas that feels lighter than air.

Russell is juggling a lot of balls in "I Heart Huckabees," and he wants us to actually think — yes, he doesn't want us to just sit back and absorb the movie, but he wants us to sit and ponder its themes and its philosophies, which aren't symbolic, but actually laid right there, out in the open. This is unapologetically uncool, earnest, heart-on-sleeve moviemaking, which has the ironic effect of making it really, really cool.

Jason Schwartzmann, wearing a suit jacket and long hair that makes him look like a cross between an indie hipster and a grapola hippie, stars as Albert, a neurotic environmentalist who hopes to save a marsh and accompanying forest from the ravages of urban sprawl by reciting his dreadful poetry. Yep, Albert is the kind of earnest, obsessive nerd who thinks his own awful art can change the world ("You rock, rock" is one of his lines.) All that awful art does is make him be at odds with his fellow environmentalists, and when he sees the same towering young Sudanese doorman on three separate occasions, Albert becomes convinced of some giant cosmic design for his life. Are those three coincidental meetings meaningful? What will they tell him about his life?

Albert goes to see Bernard and Vivian Jaffe (Dustin Hoffman and Lily Tomlin), a pair who bill themselves as "existential detectives" — they'll follow you around to figure what's really causing the malaise in your life.

Albert's at odds with Brad (Jude Law, wearing a shaky middle-American accent) a slick corporate raider type at Hucakbees, a Wal-Mart-esque chain store that's attempting to co-opt Albert's environmental group in order to pave over the marsh (or at least part of the marsh.) Brad's having a shallow, meaningless affair with the pretty Hucakbees spokesmodel Dawn (Naomi Watts, finding new variations on manic, bug-eyed neuroticism), and soon they both come under the Jaffes' existential eye. Along the way, Albert is introduced to Tommy (Mark Wahlberg, never more brilliant) a crazed, petroleum-fighting fireman (he rides to fires on his bike) who lures Albert to the teachings of Caterine Vaubin (Isabelle Huppert), a sexy French nihilist whose nothing-matters ethos puts her at odds with the Jaffes' optimistic, everything-is-connected teachings.

"I Heart Huckabees" is a hectoring philosophical treatise, layering on one conflicting big idea after another until the whole things threatens to collapse, but it's also a brave and wholly original philosophical dissertation. Russell directs each scene with a goofy screwball zest, and he gives us images of batty incongruity (faces peel apart and morph into each other; Albert runs through a nightmare dreamworld of his most intimate fears.) Russell, in effect, is like Charlie Kaufman minus the irony.

Everything about "I Heart Huckabees" can be described as weird, but it's an invigorating weirdness. The film makes you feel better by making you question the reality of what you're seeing. There were times when it was difficult to understand the movie, but the viewer continues to want to know what will happen next. Russell keeps you in suspense wondering what new absurdity he has up his sleeve.

Fortunately, the cast jumps right into Russell's brave new world. Hoffman, wearing a graying Beatles hairdo, and Tomlin make a charming New Age married couple (contrasting Tomlin's professional yin to Hoffman's slightly befuddled, idealistic yang is a hoot) while Wahlberg unveils new shades he never before showed as an actor. He could grow into a star of real power.

Russell doesn't offer up any real answers in "I Heart Huckabees," but he does revel in his truth-seeking shenanigans. His last film was the great, idealistic Gulf War adventure "Three Kings" and once again he proves a rare filmmaker of artistic sincerity. You may hate everything about the loony-tunes madness of "I Heart Huckabees" — I loved every bizarre minute of it — but you won't leave the theater not talking about those big questions.

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Latest release from Jimmy Eat World is 'future' of emo



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By Johnny Donaldson
Collegian Staff

Emo is not a genre of music known for its maturity. It's been classified, demonized and stereotyped for its appeal to whiny, angsty, borderline depressed teenagers who identify with the genre's perpetual sad callowness. Basically it's soft-punk music made with musicianship rather than anarchy and an emotional range that moves beyond anger into sadness and defeat. Its themes seem perpetually embedded in high school loss; girl trouble is often a well-known component of most emo songs — its this focus on bleeding heart woundedness, with passive-aggressively angry invective spit at an idealized female form that often gives emo an untruthful connotation of misogyny.

Jimmy Eat World
'Futures'
Interscope

With that, emo is often mocked by all but its most ardent fans for being a particularly puerile, juvenile and self-absorbed form of music. From Weezer, whose 1996 flop album "Pinkerton" is a hallowed example of the genre, to Taking Back Sunday and into the more aggressive emo offshoot billed as "screamo" (the land of groups like The Used and Story of the Year and My Chemical Romance), the genre has been reviled, vilified and mocked for its adherence to rather adolescent values.

It's also a genre that is known for being a fairly exclusive club. As emo gets bigger and bigger in the way of grunge, it seems to be on the verge of exploding into a truly mainstream phenomenon (rather than just huddling on the verge of cultural popularity.) Emo act after emo act debuts big on the charts, only to plummet in its subsequent weeks, and the genre hasn't produced a chart-topping, inescapable hit single in the three years since Jimmy Eat World became unexpected phenoms.

Jimmy Eat World released their fourth album, and third major label album, titled "Jimmy Eat World" (originally titled "Bleed American," after the non-starting first single, before 9/11) in the summer of 2001, along the poppy, optimistic track "The Middle." The band had already survived the major label ringer, having been dumped after their two albums for Capitol — 1996's "Static Prevails" and 1999's acclaimed "Clarity" — stiffed.

With "The Middle" they unexpectedly bounced back, claiming a ubiquitous radio hit and flowering from cult band to platinum-selling rock hopefuls (much in the way Modest Mouse did this year.) Then the quartet, usually referenced as the best in the emo genre, disappeared, with the specter of one-hit won

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Is he worth waiting for?



Original Sin

Eve

I felt slightly hesitant to write an article this week.

Why? Because I realize the stories I tell will inevitably hurt someone that is associated with me.

In the past year, I have upset good friends, angered ex-boyfriends and contributed to my reputation on a weekly basis. So I ask myself; why do I write? Why do I feel the need to publish my most private secrets? And as I sit and contemplate my next decision, I think back as to why I began writing in the first place. It was all due to one very nasty relationship with one very hurtful guy that I just happened to fall in love with.

When we broke up, I broke down. I vowed to remain single until someone proved worthy enough, and until then, I was on a mission to understand and correct all of the mistakes I had made in my past relationships. I spent 14 months dissecting every bit of insecurity, every emotion and every encounter with every person that came my way. All of these variables caused an explosion of thoughts that enabled me to write, so others could relate. Maybe some could even learn from my mistakes.

It has been difficult to describe some of my experiences, for not all of them are tasteful and most are offensive. I apologize. I am aware of that very thin line in which I dare cross, but I hold back for fear I might cause even more unnecessary drama. I have recently been able to admit that I might be the only one who loses in the end, maybe the only one that will remain hurt after each story. I guess I can say these stories haunt my lifestyle by preventing healthy relationships. I might emphasize a need to stay single, but my reasoning is not entirely true. I tend to misrepresent what I do want by saying I do not want it at all. But in reality, a relationship could be a possibility if I just found the right guy. And at this very moment I believe I have.

It all happened unexpectedly, though. Isn't that what most couples say? From the moment we laid eyes on each other everything seemed to make sense. He broke through my unemotional barrier and is on his way to my heart. I am confident enough to admit he was worth waiting a year for.

I feel relieved, but there is just one problem. There always is, right?

He is being very careful. His behavior ultimately led to our first serious conversation. "It is my columns, isn't it?" I said as I cringed for his response. He looked away as if my assumption was too close for comfort.

"It's not that they bother me, but I just don't want to get hurt," he replied.

And then I understood. He fears becoming yet another failed relationship in my columns. He may also fear my exaggerated reasoning for staying single. I don't blame him. When a new guy enters my life, he unknowingly walks directly into a minefield. My decisions are so fragile; the slightest mistake can turn me off, but I really believe this is because I have never felt entirely secure with the guys I meet. Maybe this one will be different? I don't know, but I have a pretty good feeling about it.

The only question is, can he overcome his assumptions and wait and see? If he chooses to, then he was really worth waiting for.

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After 16 seasons 'The Simpsons' still get laughs

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bart Simpson is acting like himself, which is to say naughty. And he sounds like himself, with that familiar mischievous lilt.

But Bart's voice is coming out of a petite blonde wearing a fluffy, bright-pink wrap. Dumpy Homer has morphed into a lanky fellow, and mom Marge's towering purple hair is brown and tastefully cropped.

The event was a "table read," when the cast of "The Simpsons" gathered with a roomful of writers, producers and guests, using their imaginations to conjure up the animated family with the distinctive mustard hue.

It was just one of the steps toward crafting an episode of the Fox series that begins its 16th season Sunday at 8 p.m. EDT. The run is remarkable for any show — but especially for one like this.

Irreverent, witty and willing to take on anything from politics to religion to family values, "The Simpsons" has provided a rare bit of spice for the oatmeal-bland bowl of TV broadcasting.

The table read, held in an oversize trailer at the Twentieth Century Fox studio where the series is produced, itself is a symbol of the show's enduring popularity. A decade ago, it finished the season as the 67th most-watched show; it was No. 69 last season with 10.7 million viewers and won its time period among the coveted 18 to 49 age group.

Actors, producers and writers sit at a massive conference table littered with water bottles and note pads. Invitation-only visitors ring the table. (Noticeably absent are the network executives who always haunt rehearsals; "The Simpsons" has a rare stipulation, won by executive producer James L. Brooks, limiting Fox meddling.)

"It's sort of the hottest ticket on the lot," said Yeardley Smith, who voices young Lisa, the wise Simpson daughter.

"I'll look around and go, 'Hey, there's Elvis Costello,'" said Al Jean, an executive producer who's been with the series since it was spun off in December 1989 from Tracey Ullman's Fox series.

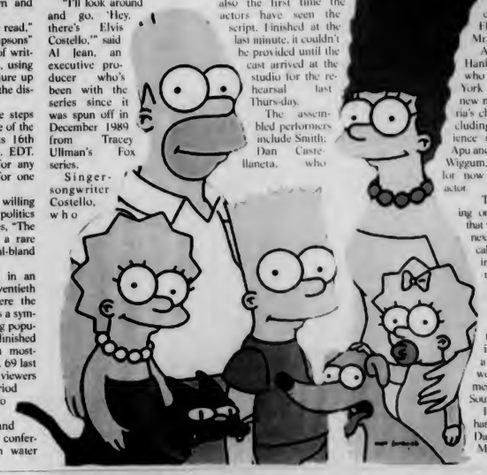
Singer-songwriter Costello, who provided his voice for one episode, popped up at the table read for another.

"People often come for the fun and bring their children," said Jean.

It's a treat for observers but serious work for the cast and producers. This is the first time a script has been performed after months of writing and revision.

This particular week it's also the first time the actors have seen the script. Finished at the last minute, it couldn't be provided until the cast arrived at the studio for the rehearsal last Thursday.

The assembled performers include Smith; Dan Castellaneta, who received his third Emmy this year for voicing Homer and whose other characters include Krusty the clown and Grampa Simpson; Nancy Cartwright as Bart; Julie Kavner as Marge; and Harry Shearer, who does an array of voices including Ned Flanders and Mr. Burns.



Absent is Hank Azaria, who was in New York rehearsing a new musical. Azaria's characters, including convenience store owner Apu and police Chief Wiggum, are voiced for now by another actor.

They're working on an episode that won't air until next season, typical for a labor-intensive animated series. A roughly 21-minute episode takes about nine months to create, including the animation work done domestically and in South Korea.

In the script at hand (written by Danny Chun), Marge and Bart are engaged in unusual mother-son bonding, breezing through Springfield on a tandem bicycle and singing "Sweet Home Alabama."

Marge: "I can't remember our last outing together."

Bart: "It was to see that court-appointed psychiatrist."

Marge: "Oh yeah. He should never have let you near that letter opener."

The actors move briskly through their lines and most of the jokes draw guffaws from the room. But one shaggy-haired figure proves a tough customer, rarely even smiling — series creator and executive producer Matt Groening.

"He's not an easy laugh, so when you get a laugh out of him you feel like, 'Yes!' It's a big deal," said Smith.

Groening follows the script carefully, jotting down notes for the writers. Among his suggestions: omit a giggle from baby Maggie Simpson in one scene, and beef up another in which Marge finds herself without a partner for her new bike built for two.

"He wanted more of a visual with Marge being lonely, so we put in a parody of 'Midnight Cowboy' where Marge and the bicycle are walking around Springfield to that harmonica music," Jean said.

After all these years, Jean has developed his own script shorthand: a check mark for a joke that gets a laugh, an "X" for one that falls flat. "Something that's sweet but doesn't necessarily get a huge laugh will stay in," Jean said.

After all these years "it's a fairly well-oiled machine," observed Smith. Actors who are out of town, like Azaria, can record their lines at a convenient studio.

Jimmy Eat World marks turning point for emo

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der looming over their heads like a never-dying raincloud.

The good news is that Jimmy Eat World is back. The bad news is that the specter is still there. Nothing on "Futures," which marks the long-running bands fifth album (as well as third label, after Dreamworks got engulfed by Interscope) has the instantaneous catchiness of "The Middle." Nothing on the album is as poppy as the best songs on "Jimmy Eat World," but the group demonstrates a forceful new maturation, not to mention confidence, on "Futures."

The album cuts the difference between the bubbliness of "Jimmy Eat World" and the spacy experimentation of "Clarity." To say that "Futures" isn't as poppy as the 2001 album isn't to say that it doesn't have it's fair share of gleaming, polished hooks. It's just that, now that they got the radio album out of the way, they can shade their hooks with dark deeper textures.

Jimmy Eat World still whine, but this time it's with the wistful longing of adulthood, romantic woes, and thoughts of alienation move out of the halls of high school into the real world of real problems.

Both the urgent, fervent first single "Pain" and the dreamy, if lethargically meandering, ballad "Drugs or Me" look at drug addiction and alienation. The best song, the gorgeously longing "Work" (with backing vocals courtesy of Liz Phair) is the song most likely to storm radio, but it also is textured and nuanced look the appeal of love. The heartbreaking "Kill" similarly looks at romance, this time though, the anguish of it ending. But beyond love it looks at regret, of saying things that should have been said, of doing things that should have been done, of the mistakes is what it means to be human. "The World You Love" illuminates themes of depression and looking back at life that once was.

"Futures" isn't all melancholy. The title song is an optimistic hymn to a better life ahead (though one with a imperceptible political undercurrent in the line "I hope for better/in November") and even when the songs look inward at heartbreak and sorrow, when the songs turn pensive and lonely, the ghost of hopefulness hovers over it all. The songs may be sad, but they aren't cynical. They seem to say that even when you feel nothing but unhappiness, at least you still feel, and that's what it means to be alive.



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UMass to battle state rival Northeastern

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play."

Brown, who has emphasized taking the attention from the situation away from himself and his players, continued to do so this week.

"I want to keep the spotlight on my players, who are playing hard on a week-to-week basis, and we've overcome some adversity to get back to this point," Brown said. "I'm hoping to just keep that frame of mind going."

The guys who will ultimately settle things on the field are planning on putting their necks on the line for their coach on Saturday.

"It also means a lot to us, too, because coach came here, and he's like a father figure to most of us," wide receiver Brandon London said. "So we're going to play for him, and we're going to play our hearts out, try to win these last two (games) and hopefully set the tone for next year."

Another factor that Brown added to the Huskies' program was a solid home field advantage that has spilled over into this season. Northeastern is 19-3 in its last 22 games at Parsons Field, and had a 16-game home winning streak snapped last week when New Hampshire traveled to Brookline and came away as 27-23 victors.

"That's what we're looking forward to, is another great challenge," Brown said. "They've only had one loss at home in the last 17 games during the regular season so we've got our work cut out for us."

Easily, the biggest playmaker on the Northeastern side of the field will be middle linebacker Liam Ezekiel, who has 474 career tackles and is only six shy of setting the Division I-AA all-time record. He recorded 15 tackles last week against UNH, and he has chalked up at least 10 tackles in 18 of his last 19 games.

"He's a 400-pound bencher who can go sideline to sideline," Brown said. "He's a brawler. He doesn't need you to fend people off. He's going to fend them off himself. He's got tremendous strength, and he has tremendous belief that he can get to the ball."

Ezekiel underwent surgery on his thumb yesterday, but he is expected to play on Saturday, although his contributions may be limited.

UMass senior captain and offensive guard Rob Kane is looking forward to lining up against arguably the best individual wrecking force on the defensive side of the ball in I-AA this season.

"You look forward to that match up as an offensive lineman," Kane said. "You're going to go at him, target him, look for your screens, and any chance you get, you go for him."

London, UMass' second leading receiver with 28 receptions for 375 yards, said he isn't going to let anyone on the Huskies' defense altar his approach to the game.

"I'm going to go across the middle, I'm going deep, I'm going wherever they want me to go," London said. "No one on that defense scares me or puts fear in my heart so I just hope they bring their A-game because we're certainly going to bring ours."

Northeastern, which is riding a three-game losing streak, relies mainly on the play of quarterback Shawn Brady. He threw 10 touchdown passes and only four interceptions during the Huskies' first five games.

Over the past three losses, however, he has only thrown three touchdowns, and seven picks, and his third interception last week was returned for the eventual game-winning touchdown.

"He's their leader on offense," Brown said. "There's no question about it. They're one of the leading pass offenses in America right now. As he goes, so do they."

After facing the task of defending Maine receiver Christian Pereira last week, the Minutemen will have another game-breaker to contain on Saturday in Cory Parks, who has caught 53 balls for 943 yards and 11 touchdowns through eight games.

Though his threat is comparable to Pereira's, his makeup as a receiver is very different.

"[Parks is] not as big in stature [as Pereira but is] lean, great route-runner, great catcher, quick," Brown said.

"Where Christian Pereira can dominate you with his size and strength, (Parks) is more of a quick, fast type of receiver with great hands."

Projected Starters

Offense
QB 10 - Tim Day, Sophomore
RB 5 - Steve Baylark, Junior
FB 40 - Rich Demers, Senior
WR 11 – Jason Peebler, Senior
TE 44 – Mike Douglas, Junior
LT 77 – Colin Stoetzel, Junior
LG 74 – Rob Kane, Senior
C 62 – Alex Miller, Sophomore
RG 79 – David Thompson, Sophomore
RT 68 – Matt Austin, Freshman
WR 4 – Brandon London, Sophomore

Defense
DE 95 – Keron Williams, Junior
DT 57 – Justin Schweighardt, Junior
DT 99 – Wilner Alexis, Freshman
DE 48 – David Burris, Freshman
OLB 35 – L.A. Love, Junior
MLB 51 – Serge Tikum, Junior
OLB 29 – Brad Anderson, Junior
CB 26 – Tracy Belton, Sophomore
FS 34 – Shannon James, Junior
SS 7 – James Ihedigbo, Sophomore
CB 34 – Brandon Freeman, Freshman

Special Teams
K 46 – Michael Torres, Sophomore
P 13 – Christian Koegel, Sophomore
KR 22 – Bryan Smith, Freshman
PR 87 – Nathanael Hasselbeck, Junior

Offense
QB 16 – Shawn Brady, Senior
RB 22 – James West, Freshman
FB 33 – Bobby French, Junior
WR 85 -Marc Thomas, Sophomore
TE 83 – Kevin Lawlor, Senior
LT 70 – Ryan Gibbons, Junior
LG 75 – Adam Bourget, Senior
C 67 – Bob McDonough, Junior
RG 72 – Mike Roseborough, Junior
RT 59 – Keith Driscoll, Sophomore
WR 3 – Corey Parks, Junior

Defense
DE 18 – James Abosi, Senior
DT 94 – Brandon Cook, Junior
DT 55 – Gene Rich, Junior
DE 50 – Matt Campopiano, Sophomore
OLB 1 – Mike Hall, Senior
MLB 51 – Liam Ekekiel, Senior
OLB 25 – Jay Frank, Freshman
CB 38 – Gavin Potter, Senior
SS 24 – E.J. Jackson, Junior
CB 9 – Bismark Osei, Junior

Special Teams
K 29 - Miro Kesic, Junior
P 13 - Jared White, Sophomore
KR 21 - Shawn Gyles, Sophomore
PR 3 – Corey Parks, Junior

A win Brown deserves

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to UMass' quest for a winning season, but there is no hiding the underlying personal nature and true ramifications of this contest.

What Northeastern did in successfully negotiating for Brown's three-game suspension was shameful, tasteless and unprofessional in the opinion of this writer. The lawsuit and suspension deliberately embarrassed a proud man and a good football coach, and effectively tarnished what should have been an exciting time for Brown and his family. After revamping a traditionally pitiful football program and bringing in some of the best players to ever play for the Huskies, it was not what Brown deserved — not what any man deserved, regardless of the situation.

With that being said, if there isn't a reason for the Minutemen to be at their best on Saturday, then good luck finding one. Football is an emotional roller coaster played out over a long, grueling season by a family of men, and reciprocation often helps keeps teams together. Brown had the backs of the Jason Peeblers and the Shannon James when it was Colgate that needed to be beaten, and now it is up to those same leaders of this team to see that Brown has that same effort coming back his way.

Brown continues to stress that his team will approach Saturday's game as if it were any other, but vengeance is not something one can ask for, it is simply carried out. As the weeks pass, Brown continues to watch his first UMass team fight from whistle to whistle, come together and become closer as a group than they have all season — that must not change on Saturday.

There is a lot more at stake than just an intrastate football game when the Minutemen and Huskies square off. Very simply, these two schools no longer like each other for a myriad of obvious reasons, and an intense, vicious and bitter rivalry has been born.

The Minutemen know they smell blood, and for the right reasons. So in the name of the coach who sophomore wide receiver Brandon London referred to as a "father figure" earlier this week, they must go for the jugular, and go hard.

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Rudd to host A-10 tourney

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in every major offensive category, and the years of playing together on the field is obvious.

Much of the hype around the tournament will be paid to the Dayton Flyers. They have dominated the Atlantic 10 all year round. Not only did Dayton finish the conference schedule undefeated, but they did it all in convincing fashion, outscoring the conference competition 27 to 3.

The Flyers' closest game of the season came against potential second round opponent St. Joe's. In that game, the Hawks took the Flyers through two grueling overtime periods before the Flyers put it away with a goal from junior Forward Katie Lowstuter.

Dayton has accomplished much of this because of junior forward, Reba Sedlacek. She leads the team and conference in many offensive categories. Her 13 goals and 53 points on the season have earned her A-10 Player of the Week honors.

Minutewomen to battle UR

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defense, and she's hanging on by just a shred," Rudy said. "Come gameday, she comes hard."

The one-two punch of speedy freshman Britt Canfield and skillful senior Lindsey Fairweather will have to create scoring opportunities on Richmond's end of the field if they are to hang tough, but it won't be easy against the Spiders' vaunted defense, especially with A-10 Defensive Player of the Year candidate Hillary Prince making the calls in the backfield.

The junior out of Plano, Texas is tied with three others on the team for most goals, with three.

"She's a great defender," Rudy said. "She's my pick for Defensive Player of the Year."

Three goals is all Richmond's highest-scoring player has on the year. Other players on other teams have five times as many goals, like St. Bonaventure's Heather McDougall (15 goals), but the Bonnies won't be at the A-10 Tournament. Richmond, however, and their defense-first approach to soccer will be.

The Spiders were the only A-10 team in 2004 to ever have a lead against the mighty Dayton Flyers this season.

On Oct. 22, the Spiders got out to an early 1-0 lead midway through the first half with a miraculous goal by junior Annette Isham. Firing a shot from about 30 yards away, the ball sailed over goalie Stacy DeLuca's head and into the net for the first goal of the game.

The Flyers responded very quickly with a goal of their own nine minutes later, however, and eventually tallied a game-winner in the second from Alicija Bredfo.

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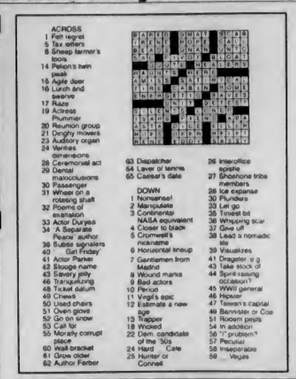




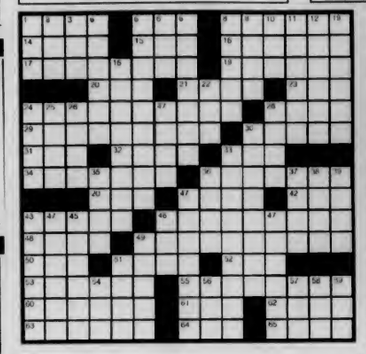
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"Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or to lose."

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Grudge match

UMass to battle Northeastern in long-anticipated contest

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

There has been a small theme growing over the past couple weeks. Last week, Maine came to Amherst with Marcus Williams, one of the nation's best running backs, and an Amherst native who played high school football with Massachusetts (4-5, 2-4 Atlantic 10) strong safety James Ihedigbo.

This week, the stakes are a little higher and maybe not as friendly. UMass coach Don Brown is returning to Northeastern (3-5, 2-3 A-10) where he revitalized a dead program. Brown registered 27 wins during his four-year tenure as head coach and only lost 20 games.

In 2002, the Huskies won a school record 10 games, won the Atlantic 10 championship, gained their first berth in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs and Brown won several Coach of the Year awards as a result.

A former UMass defensive coordinator under former coach Mark Whipple, including during the 1998 National Championship team, Brown jumped at the chance to lead the Minutemen, but North-eastern sued UMass for Brown's failure to comply with his contract.

When all was said and done, UMass had to pay Northeastern $125,000, and Brown was forced to watch his first three games this season from the press box.

Now, these two teams, neither of whom have legitimate playoff hopes, will square off with tons of pride on the line.

"We're taking a little more emotional hunch on our back going into the game just knowing that there are feelings, and it's more of a rivalry now that the whole coaching situation happened," said wide receiver Jason Peebler. "But other than that, we're just going to go play the game that we know how to

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GAME DAY CENTRAL

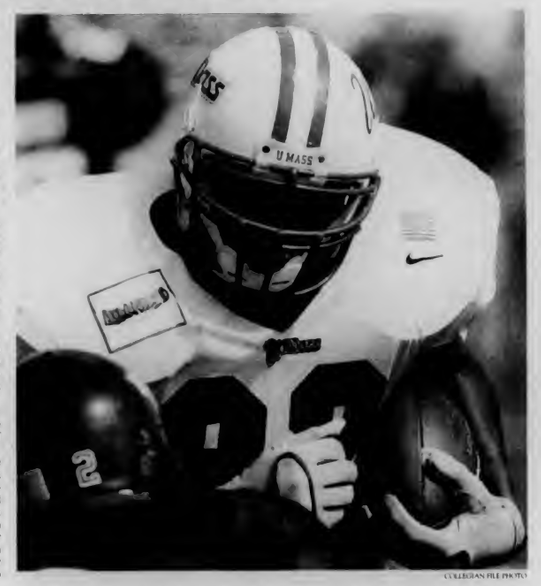
Northeastern	Massachusetts
13-5 Overall 2-3 Atlantic 10	14-5 Overall 2-4 Atlantic 10
Last Week: Lost to New Hampshire 27-23	*Last Week:* Defeated Maine 33-34

Parsons Field – Brookline (7,000/FieldTurf)
Kickoff 12 p.m.

TELEVISION: CN8 (Bill Zimpfer, play-by-play, Bill Osborn, color commentary, Greg Murphy, sideliner)

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Series record: UMass leads 24-8-1
Last meeting: UMass 28 Northeastern 24 (November 21, 2003, Amherst)



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

Tight end Sean Young and the Minutemen will travel to Brookline to face Northeastern on Saturday.

This one's for coach



Mike Marzelli

Earlier this season, new Massachusetts football coach Don Brown talked about his team's Week 2 game with Colgate as one that he wanted to win for his players. After last season's Division I-AA first round playoff debacle, Brown knew when he took over the Minutemen that there was an extremely bitter taste in his team's mouth over the 19-7 loss, a taste he wanted to cleanse by coaching his team into the best possible position to beat the Red Raiders under the lights on Sept. 11.

Despite being relegated to the press box as part of the fallout from his well-publicized legal battle with Northeastern University, Brown laid out a winning game plan and led UMass to a rousing 30-20 victory. In what has evolved into an up-and-down season, it was certainly one of the emotional high points of 2004.

Now, nearly two months later, it's time for the members of the Massachusetts football team to return the favor to their coach. On the eve of their battle with NU, Brown's former employer, it's time for the Minutemen to come together emotionally in support of a cause like they did against Colgate, and continue to play like they have over each of the last three weeks. It's what their first-year coach clearly deserves.

There has been no secret made of the love lost between Brown and Northeastern, but as most football coaches do, he refuses to let himself become the spotlight. As far as he is concerned, football is always about players and never about coaches, an outlook that will not change for any opponent.

Nonetheless, this is a game that any living, breathing coach in his position wants to have at any cost. Yes, it is a late-season conference game crucial

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Shannon James named to Buchanan Award 'watch list'

A three-year starter who has evolved into one of the premier defensive players at the Division I-AA level, Massachusetts defensive back Shannon James is continuing to make the case that he may be a candidate to land in the National Football League following next season.

The junior Stratford, Conn. native leads the Atlantic 10 with eight interceptions, and earlier this week was named to the "watch list" for the annual Buck Buchanan Award, given to the top defensive player at the I-AA level. He is the second UMass player in as many years to be considered for the award, joining former tri-captain Jeremy Cain, who was on the "watch list" last season and has spent much of 2004 on the Chicago Bears' practice squad.

A third team All-A-10 selection in 2003, James has started all 25 games he's played in since coming to Amherst, and has posted over 100 tackles in each of his first two seasons. He is currently tied with middle linebacker Serge Tikum for the team lead in tackles with 63, including 55 solo stops.

"Shannon is just a really solid football player in every aspect of his game," UMass coach Don Brown said. "He can run, he can cover, he can tackle, he can play all over the place and he has an uncanny knack for making plays.

"Being on this list is just the start of the recognition he deserves. He's just a hell of a football player."

Also on the list: Tom Alfsen, DE, Lehigh; Lee Basinger, DL, Wofford; Jordan Beck, LB, Cal Poly; Antoine Bethea, DB, Howard; Roger Cooper, LB, Montana State; Justin Durant, LB, Hampton; Liam Ezekiel, LB, Northeastern; Brady Fosmark, DL, Weber State; William Freeman, LB, Furman; Chris Goceng, DE, Cal Poly; Boomer Grigsby, LB, Illinois State; Tad Kornegay, DB, Fordham; Kevin Talley, LB, Norfolk State; Charles Thompson, LB, Western Kentucky; Gian Villante, LB, Hofstra.

— Mike Marzelli

Richmond on tap for UM in A-10 tourney

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

Somehow, some way, the Massachusetts women's soccer team has snuck into today's Atlantic 10 Tournament, which begins this morning and afternoon at Rudd Field.

Actually, the Minutewomen can give a big thanks to the St. Joseph's Hawks, whose upset of the George Washington Colonials last Sunday allowed the Maroon and White to clinch the sixth and final seed for the A-10 tourney.



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The Massachusetts women's soccer team will host the Atlantic 10 soccer tournament starting today.

More importantly, UMass was able to split this weekend's games with a very limited roster. Having scores of players gone to injuries or personal matters, including defender Amy Maffucci and freshmen Kaelyn Caldwell and Kristina Nunes, the Minutewomen only made two substitutions all weekend. Two substitutions, that is, in a league that allows for an unlimited amount of substitutions.

"They were in it for the long haul," coach Jim Rudy said. "At some point they believed me when I told them we were gonna be competitive in this league even though we were 0-5. That was the biggest challenge."

Here comes the next challenge: playing what they're dealt against the Richmond Spiders, arguably the second-best squad in the A-10 behind runaway powerhouse Dayton.

While Maffucci is still a game-time decision, Caldwell is back on the field after missing the last two weeks and Nunes has been cleared to play after suffering two concussions over a span of a week and a half. However, the importance of the vocal Maffucci in the back is undeniable.

"It takes a voice away on the field," Rudy said. "She's done a lot of incredible things for us, although I think Barrett has been doing a great job filling in. We're not really deep in the back, which presents us with other issues, like having to raid the midfield with defenders."

Freshman Tina Rodriguez may be another question, given her recent leg troubles, but if the last several weeks of play are any indicator of pain tolerance, Rodriguez should be able to hang in there through the thick of things.

"We've got [Rodriguez] back there in the

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Atlantic 10 soccer tournament set to kick off at Rudd Field

By Dan Hillman
Collegian Correspondent

This morning at 11 a.m. at Rudd Field, the 2004 Atlantic 10 Women's Soccer Tournament kicks off. The third and sixth seeded teams, and the fourth and fifth seeded teams play each other in the first round, and then the lowest-seeded first round winner advances to the next round to play the number one seed.

This year's tournament features the heavily-favored Dayton Flyers, who are ranked No. 25 in the country and boast the nation's longest winning streak of 18 games in a row. Behind them seems to be a toss up of five very evenly matched teams, including Massachusetts.

In the 11 a.m. match up, the third-seeded Richmond Spiders will face off against No. 6 UMass. The Spiders had a stranglehold on second place for most the season, but in the last two weeks, Richmond dropped two of its final four games (Dayton on Oct. 22, Saint Joeseph's on Oct 29). These defeats lost them their first round bye, and put them up against a young UMass team today.

Richmond is one of the more balanced teams in the conference. They don't have a single player with more than three goals or eight points. They are lead by Senior Midfielder Megan Ogilvie, who is tied for the team lead in points. Ogilvie finished off the Minutewomen in their only match up this season on Oct. 8 with a game-winning header at the 8:12 mark of the second half.

A huge reason for Richmond's success this season is due to the play in goal. The team has the second lowest average of goals in the A-10, and boast eight shutouts for the season. Junior Kelly Kohler was the main goalkeeper for the Spiders this season.

As for the Minutewomen, they continue to exceed expectations this season, culminating in their surprising playoff berth. Made up predominately of underclassmen, UMass had a 5-6-0 record this season. The Minutewomen's high-powered attack is led by freshman sensation Britt Canfield, with 11 goals and her 22 points

Helping Canfield on the front line is freshman Midfielder Jenny Roehrig. Roehrig was second on the team in points with 13.

The 1 p.m. match up features fourth seed Saint Joseph's against fifth seed LaSalle. In their one meeting this season, La Salle got past SJU, 3-0 on Oct. 17. In that game the Explorers outshot the Hawks 12-9, and got three goals from three different players. La Salle's offense is led by freshman midfielder Kristen Hextall, an A-10 Player of the week who has scored seven goals. She gets help from sophomore forward Heather Barclay, who led the team in assists (7) and points (19).

Saint Joseph's offense boasts a balanced attack much like Richmond's, but the key to them is in goal. Freshman goalie Jen Kuhn started most the games in net for the Hawks, and her season has been filled with phenomenal performances and some shaky ones as well. She was in goal when the Hawks last faced the Explorers, and she's hoping to not see a repeat of her performance in that game.

The two teams who will be watching these games in anticipation are the Rams of Rhode Island and the Dayton Flyers. URI is coming into the tournament on a three-game winning streak. They're play has earned them a first round bye. URI grabbed attention this year in the A-10 because of standout play from juniors Megan and Melaine Kasparek. The twin sisters lead the team

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Bluegrass great shines in legendary performance

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Early goal dooms Minutewomen

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ALANA upset over email allegations

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

The Office of African, Latino, Asian and Native American Affairs alleged at a press conference yesterday that personal emails were exchanged between former Student Government officials and key members of the administration in efforts to dismantle the Office of ALANA Affairs.

Prior to the press conference, OAA released to the Collegian the 29 emails in question. The emails are under investigation for their authenticity and are the basis for the OAA's allegations against SGA officials and members of the administration. The emails allege that Nelson Acosta, the director of the OAA, has not followed his job description and has taken far too many sick days than his contract permits.

Acosta, after being diagnosed with cancer last January, took a leave of absence from his position to seek medical treatment; according to the emails, he then hired graduate student Gladys Franco to fulfill some of his duties.

Former SGA Speaker Patrick Higgins wrote the first series of emails to the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life Michael Gargano and Student Legal Advisor Charles DiMare expressing concern with the status of the OAA. He mentioned that Gladys Franco was in "complete control in OAA," and that this was because Acosta directly used his sick time to appoint Franco.

In an email from Gargano to Higgins dated June 6, Gargano wrote that there ought to be a strategy in dealing with the Graduate Assistant in the Office of ALANA Affairs.

Franco and Acosta filed grievances to the University of Massachusetts late this summer, according to statements made at the press conference. Franco alleged that she was harassed and discriminated against, which resulted in the withholding of her paycheck. Acosta filed a grievance for mistreatment as well.

The emails were sent to Servicing Representative Leslie Edwards



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Nelson Acosta is the director of the Office of ALANA Affairs.

and Secretary of Grievances Jack Hirsch last Friday. The pair refused to share where the emails came from, alleging that an anonymous source sent them.

"We want to offer the emails to the community," Edwards said. "They are very disturbing ... why would students and administrators be involved in this kind of behavior?"

Hirsch insisted that Franco has fulfilled her job to the fullest extent and that she has a right to settle the grievance with the administration.

"She is effective in her strategy," Hirsch said. "She has engaged in struggles with the OAA and she has worked hard in preserving the ALANA Caucus seats."

Edwards said that this incident is not isolated and a serious investigation must follow. "[Gargano] is signing off on grad student contracts," she said, "this may just be the tip of the iceberg."

Hirsch remained extremely angry with Gargano, especially because of his decision to, "hand pick the committee that studies diversity on campus." He alleges that there isn't one diverse member on the committee.

"There is not one representative of the Office of ALANA Affairs," he said, "this is the dismantling of a strong OAA. If you look at other groups on campus, like the Every Women's Center, the Childcare programs and Advocacy programs, those programs are being decreased."

Hirsch also said he blamed the administration for plotting this strategy for some time and that it was trying to persuade the students that the OAA is not effective.

"This looks to me like this plan has been formulated and now it's being carried out," he said.

Acosta and Franco were present at the press conference, and remain angry with the revealing of the emails.

"I am really sad," Acosta said, "during my last five years in office



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Gladys Franco oversaw the duties of the OAA director this summer.

I have been under attack. I have followed every University protocol to do my job – and I have."

Franco emphasized that this new revelation is one of many attacks on the OAA.

"[The administration] is strategizing now to get rid of our office and stopping my appointment to office and attacking Nelson. They are encouraging students to go along with this plan, and [the student leaders] are a product of the administration," Franco said.

Edwards said that she does not understand why top leaders of the administration were acknowledging claims from Higgins that Franco and Acosta were not doing their jobs.

"If you read the emails, you never see DiMare or Gargano saying, 'hey wait, this is inappropriate,'" Edwards said.

After repeated attempts, none of the emails' alleged authors, Gargano, DiMare, or Higgins were available for comment.

Amherst polls see high youth turnout; not so across the US

By Spencer Ziegler
Collegian Correspondent

AMHERST — Across the nation, the mainstream media reported that 18-29 year-old registered voters did not turn out to the polls in the record numbers anticipated in Tuesday's Presidential Election. However, the number of younger voters in the town of Amherst was still higher than expected.

CNN reported only 17 percent of 18 to 29-year-olds voted, which is about the same number as four years ago.

"The cult of the youth voter remains once again, the most absurd, bogus, childish, romantic and misguided joke of liberal American politics," Internet blogger Jonah Goldberg told the Times of London yesterday.

According to one pollster, had the media focused on Amherst they would not have gotten that impression at the polls in town.

Rich Yeung, a 43-year-old resident of Amherst, said he'd never seen so many young people turn out to vote.

"In past elections, I've never seen this many kids come out to vote," he said last night at the Fort River School, the voting site for precinct six in Amherst. "I'm definitely enthused to see that college kids are taking part in the elections."

University of Massachusetts students seemed to express their excitement about voting, however some expressed disappointment with the way the Bangs Community Center arranged the overall voting procedure.

"It's not as organized as I thought it would be," said Tia Hudson, 20, a psychology and accounting double major at the University of Massachusetts.

"I was aggravated because it was such a process," said Raquel Sevilla, 20, a biology major at UMass.

Many young voters in Amherst registered through the recent Help America Vote Act. These voters had to provide proof of residency if they registered after Jan. 1, 2004. Student voters were required to show proof that includes their dormitory room number, along with photo identification.

One poll worker estimated that a third of the young voters did not have all the required documents. They were allowed to vote on new, provisional ballots, which were the last ballots in the state to be counted.

"I tried to register in Amherst, but it didn't go through," said Danielle Kelleher. "It was too late

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Jewish Community to hold teach-in

By Adrienne Bossi
Collegian Staff

There will be a daylong teach-in this Sunday about anti-Semitism sponsored by the Jewish Community of Amherst. Headlining the event will be a speech by Professor Daniel Jonah Goldhagen, an affiliate at Harvard University's Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies.

"There is an increase in anti-Semitism all over the world," said Yaffa Gunner an affiliate with the JCA. "We are very concerned."

Goldhagen has a doctorate in government from Harvard University and has authored a variety of books. Among those are, "Hitler's Willing Executioners: Ordinary Germans and the Holocaust," which was a finalist of the National Book Critics Circle and winner of Germany's prestigious Democracy Prize. He also wrote "Moral Reckoning: the Role of the Catholic Church in the Holocaust and its Unfulfilled Duty of Repair."

According to the JCA press release, "The teach-in will examine the various forms that anti-Semitism have taken in the past and its present incarnation, and their psychological, social, and political ramifications."

"Jews and non Jews alike are welcome to attend," said Gunner. "And join our discussions about the causes and possible solutions to this growing problem."

The event is free for students and open to the general public.

"We expect a large turnout," said Gunner. "We already have 50 people registered and two of them are coming from as far away as Brookline."

Goldhagen is scheduled to speak at 10:00 a.m. There will be a question and answer segment along with refreshments following his speech. Afterwards, participants will choose one of four workshops they wish to attend. Each workshop is expected to last two hours. There will be a general discussion amongst all participants at the conclusion of the workshops.

The workshops will cover the following subjects, anti-Semitism and Jewish identity, the roots of anti-Semitism, anti-Semitism and ways of confronting it, the psychology of the bystander and criticism of Israeli politics and anti-Semitism. The workshops are led by a collection of local religious figures, university professors and PhD candidates, along with a member of the Anti-Defamation League.

Goldhagen was unavailable for comment.

For more information, please call Eva Sartori (413) 467-3626 or Yaffa Gunner at (413)549-0447, or email ybg@comcast.net.

Arafat remains hospitalized in critical condition

By Lara Sukhtian
Associated Press

CLAMART, France (AP) — Yasser Arafat was reportedly fighting for his life Thursday at a French military hospital after losing consciousness, as anxious Palestinian officials transferred some of their 75-year-old leader's powers to Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia.

Doctors at Percy Military Training Hospital outside Paris, where Arafat was airlifted last Friday after more than two years of confinement in the West Bank, quashed a swirl of reports that he had died. But the French doctors would not say much else, and confusion ruled as Palestinians issued conflicting reports about Arafat's condition and how close to death he was.

Outside the hospital, some 50 well-wishers held a vigil late into the evening. Some held candles, others portraits of Arafat. A large Palestinian flag hung from the hospital's outer wall.

"It tears your heart up," said Mahmod Nim, a 36-year-old unemployed Palestinian. "I can't see someone taking his place."

In an emergency meeting in the West Bank town of Ramallah, the PLO executive committee empowered Qureia to deal with urgent administrative and financial matters in Arafat's absence, said committee member Qais Abdel Karim. Qureia also will meet with security chiefs in the Gaza Strip on Friday to ensure that no internal conflict erupts in the volatile area at a time of uncertainty, a Palestinian official said.

A prolonged Arafat incapacitation – or death – could have profound impact on the Middle East. There are fears of unrest among Palestinian factions, which Arafat, viewed as a national symbol by even some who opposed him, was largely able to prevent. Furthermore, chaos in the West Bank and Gaza could make any cooperation with Israel even more difficult.

On the other hand, Israel and the United States have in recent years shunned Arafat as a terrorist and an obstacle to peace, and his replacement by a new leadership could open the door to renewed peace talks. Such a scenario could affect Israel's plans to pull soldiers and settlers out of the Gaza Strip in a move not coordinated with the Palestinians.

Arafat's chief of staff, Ramzi Khoury, called an Associated Press reporter to say the Palestinian leader was alive but that his condition was grave.

"I am standing next to the president's bed, he is in grave condition," Khoury said.

In Washington, Said Hamad, deputy chief of the Palestine Liberation Office, said Arafat was in a coma. Arafat was taken to the intensive care unit after his condition worsened overnight Wednesday.

French television station I-CI quoted an anonymous French medical official as saying Arafat was in an "irreversible coma" and "intubated" – a process that usually involves threading a tube down the windpipe to the lungs. The tube is often connected to a life support machine to help the patient breathe.

However, three Palestinian officials denied Arafat was in a coma.

"He is not getting better, but not getting worse either. He is being examined. He is not in a coma," Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath said. "There is no explanation for what has happened."

A Palestinian official in Gaza who is close to Arafat's wife Suha said she told him her husband fell unconscious after receiving a strong anesthetic for a biopsy. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, quoted Suha Arafat as saying her husband was recovering.

Israel TV's Channel Two reported that Arafat was brain dead and remained on life support.

However, Arafat's personal physician, Dr. Ashraf Kurdi, told Dubai-based Al-Arabiya television that "Arafat has no type of brain death." He also said a brain scan showed that Arafat had not suffered a hemorrhage or stroke.

At Arafat's compound in Ramallah, where leaders of the PLO and Arafat's

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Edwards diagnosed with breast cancer

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Elizabeth Edwards, wife of former Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards, was diagnosed with breast cancer the day her husband and Sen. John Kerry conceded the presidential race.

Spokesman David Ginsberg said Mrs. Edwards, 55, discovered a lump in her right breast while on a campaign trip last week. Her family doctor told her Friday that it appeared to be cancerous and advised her to see a specialist when she could.

She put off the appointment until Wednesday so as not to miss campaign time.

The Edwards family went straight to Massachusetts General Hospital from Boston's Faneuil Hall after Kerry and Edwards conceded on Wednesday.

Mrs. Edwards had a needle biopsy performed at the hospital, where Dr. Barbara Smith confirmed the cancer, Ginsberg said. He said the cancer was diagnosed as invasive ductal cancer. That is the most common type of breast cancer, and can spread

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Supporters still stand by Kerry

Hundreds of John Kerry supporters congregated at Fanuiel Hall in Boston on Wednesday to hear the Senator's remarks after he lost the presidential election on Tuesday.

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Yasser Arafat fighting for his life in Paris hospital

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Fatah movement were meeting, Shaath said top officials were in touch with the hospital in Clamart every 30 minutes.

"The Palestinian leadership is in constant meeting to follow up on the president's health," Shaath said.

Meanwhile, about 1,500 Palestinians demonstrated in the West Bank town of Qalqiliya and 500 more in the Balata refugee camp in support of Arafat.

Israeli military leaders, including Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz, met to discuss Arafat's declining health. Israeli security officials said. The military was placed on high alert, fearing riots if Arafat dies.

The Israeli military has not moved forces to anticipated problem areas, but commanders were told to be on standby. The army has a contingency plan, called "new leaf," to deal with the fallout from Arafat's death.

On Thursday, the military also discussed possible burial options for Arafat. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has said he would not permit Arafat to be buried in Jerusalem, which is claimed by both Israel and the Palestinians as their capital. Army chiefs said they also ruled out a burial in the Jerusalem suburb of Abu Dis in the West Bank.

First time voters encounter problems

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to get an absentee ballot. I was frustrated but didn't care too much because I figured Kerry would sweep Mass. regardless."

Some student voters said they never received absentee ballots after registering at locations on the UMass campus. One person who experienced this error was Dawn-Cheri Soares, a sophomore from UMass, who said she did not get her absentee ballot despite registering through the Malcom X Center.

Students said the requirement to present identification seemed to be randomly enforced.

"No one at the polling station I was at was asked to provide identification," said Michael DiNitale, a UMass student. "It seemed like voter fraud would be very easy to commit."

Danielle Longo, Mike Parrish and Corina Benson contributed to this article.

Edwards diagnosed with breast cancer one day after election

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COURTESY PHOTO/CENTRAL FLORIDIANA

Elizabeth Edwards waited four days until after election day to visit doctors to seek observation for a lump in her right breast.

from the milk ducts to other parts of the breast or beyond.

More tests were being done to determine how far the cancer has advanced and how to treat it, he said.

Ginsberg said spirits are high at the Edwards household. "Everybody feels good about it, that this is beatable," he said.

Edwards, who leaves his North Carolina Senate seat in January, said in a statement, "Elizabeth is as strong a person as I've ever known. Together, our family will beat this."

The American Cancer Society estimated that nearly 216,000 American women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year.

Treatments have been getting better. The current five-year survival rate for breast cancer is 87 percent, up from 78 percent in the mid 1980s. About 40,000 women die of breast cancer annually.

Overall, the society says about one in seven women will develop breast cancer in their lifetime.

Invasive ductal cancer accounts for 65 percent to 80 percent of all breast cancers, according to the Merck Manual of Medical Information.

Treatment usually begins with surgery, according to the National Cancer Institute. This could involve removal of the cancer itself and usually nearby lymph nodes. Lumpectomy, just removing the cancerous mass, is becoming more common, though sometimes removal of the whole breast is done.

Surgery can be followed by chemotherapy, radiation or hormone therapy.

Radiation can focus on a cancer site from a machine outside the body or use a radioactive substance placed near the cancer in "seeds" or via needle.

Chemotherapy uses drugs that can stop or slow the growth of cancer that may have spread. Hormone therapy removes or blocks hormones that can encourage growth of cancer cells.

In early stages of cancer a combination of the drug tamoxifen and hormone therapy is commonly used, the Cancer Institute reports.

The Edwardses married in 1977. They have two daughters, Cate and Emma Claire and a son, Jack. Son Wade died in a 1996 traffic accident.

Mrs. Edwards, born in Jacksonville, Fla., grew up hopscotching between the United States and Japan. She met her future husband at University of North Carolina law school.

She juggled a successful legal career and family for 19 years. Then – stunned by Wade's death – she quit work to have more children at an age when many contemporaries were easing toward grandmotherhood.

On the campaign, she dubbed herself the "anti-Barbie," a quick-witted, down-to-earth political wife who connected particularly well with mothers and fathers.

Sudan heading for warlord control in the midst of unrest

By Edith M. Lederer
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The top U.N. envoy to Sudan warned that the vast region of Darfur could easily descend into anarchy with warlords in control unless African Union troops deploy quickly and peace negotiations speed up.

The 20-month conflict in the western region is changing in character, with the government not fully in control of its forces and a leadership crisis within the rebel movements, Jan Pronk said.

The envoy accused both sides of violating an April cease-fire agreement and seeking more territory in Darfur, which is about the size of France.

While there was slow progress on the political front in October, Pronk said, violence and insecurity increased and in recent days "the situation deteriorated and tension rose to a level unprecedented since early August."

"Fighting is breaking out in more and more places. Parties are provoking one another. Militias are ganging up. Governmental authorities are not able to exert a moderating influence, or they respond with untimely and even counterproductive measures," he said.



COURTESY ARCHIVO

Shown above is a map of Sudan, a country in civil unrest.

"If the fighting continues crops will fail. Then the whole population of Darfur will become dependent on humanitarian assistance," Pronk warned.

The United Nations has called Darfur the world's worst humanitarian crisis, saying the conflict has claimed 70,000 lives since March.

An international commission appointed by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan began work on Oct. 25 and has three months to study human rights violations and determine whether a genocide occurred in Darfur. Sudan also faces the threat of U.N. sanctions.

TV reporter in hot water

By Elizabeth Zuckerman
Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — A federal judge Thursday threatened a TV reporter with criminal contempt for refusing to say who gave him an FBI videotape showing a city official taking a bribe.

U.S. District Judge Ernest Torres suspended a $1,000-a-day fine he had imposed when he found Jim Taricani in civil contempt in March, saying it had not achieved its goal. WJAR has paid $85,000 in fines on Taricani's behalf so far.

But the judge set a trial for Nov. 18 on criminal contempt charges that could send Taricani to prison for up to six months.

Prosecutors want to know who gave the tape to Taricani because the leak violated a court order. He broke no law by airing the tape, which shows a chief of staff for former Mayor Vincent "Buddy" Cianci Jr. taking an envelope stuffed with cash.

The judge said the leak was meant to either disrupt the corruption investigation at City Hall or deprive defendants of a fair trial by influencing prospective jurors. He asked Taricani to consider if his source deserves to be protected.

"What kind of person would sit back and keep quiet while you face ... the prospect of criminal contempt?" Torres asked.

Taricani, who had a heart transplant in 1996 and has a pacemaker, said he will talk with his lawyers and family about his options.

"I think anyone would have to think seriously about what actions they could take to stay out of prison," he said. But he said if necessary, he was prepared to accept jail time because "my source expects me to uphold my promise."

Cianci was convicted in 2002 in a scheme to take bribes for tax breaks, favors and jobs. The aide on the tape, Frank Corrente, was convicted of serving as Cianci's "bag man."

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"Fight for your opinions, but do not believe that they contain the whole truth, or the only truth."
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An unimaginable outcome

Robert Eppsteiner

On Wednesday, after my 11:15 class, while waiting for the bus, I returned a missed call I had received from my girlfriend. After I said hello, she told me the impossible, "Bush won." Silence followed. I sat dumbfounded on a crowded PVTA bus on North Pleasant Street listening to the conversations occurring around me. Had they not found out? Why was no one talking about it? After I got off the bus I walked to my house in silence. Tears did not fall down my face, but if I were a crier they would have.

I am at a loss as to how this happened. There were so many reasons why George W. Bush should have lost this election, yet he won. America, economically speaking, is worse because of Bush and his administration. As John Kerry continuously pointed out, there are fewer jobs now than when Bush took office. After Clinton about 80 percent of Americans were pleased with this nation's economy according to a study shown on CNN; now that number is down to about half. This shows that the economy must not be the most important factor to Americans when it comes to determining a president.

This election was different from that of 2000 seeing that now we are a nation at war.

This election was different from that of 2000 because we are now we are a nation at war. Perhaps this is the central issue, and if it is, I still cannot fathom why George W. Bush is still commander-in-chief. Bush lambasted the United Nations by choosing to deal with Iraq and Saddam Hussein his own way, and justified doing so by claiming that Hussein was stockpiling weapons of mass destruction. This was a lie, and to this day there has not been a single WMD found. Bush drew associations between Hussein and Al Qaeda in an effort to further justify his war, and again nothing substantial was found to verify Bush's claim.

What's more, when one evaluates Bush's war, paying no mind to its justifications, the picture is just as dubious. Recently, it was reported by the New York Times that a stockpile of weapons that we did find, was not secured and have since vanished, possibly into the hands of militants who will later kill more Americans. Of equal importance, they could be used to kill more Iraqi civilians.

That is not good wartime management. It can be argued that this was not necessarily the folly of the commander-in-chief, and instead that this happened due to negligence at the lower ranks. That may be true, but Bush and his military generals have demonstrated similar misjudgments, which were of course followed by more ridiculous justifications.

It is obvious that a tremendous miscalculation occurred regarding America's prediction of post-war conditions in Iraq. Many thought, as Bush professed, that Iraqis would be brimming with joy upon reception of their freedom.

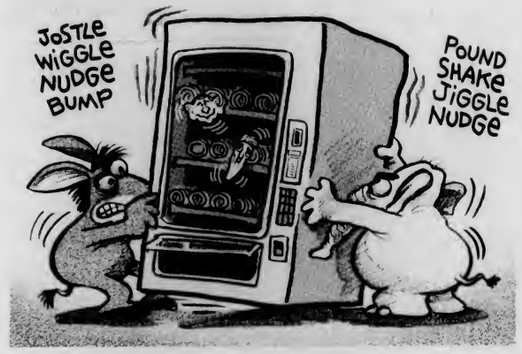
This was another fantasy.

Some studies have estimated post-war Iraqi casualties to be as high as 100,000 according to the New York Times, and American casualties, though not nearly as high, have occurred frequently. This is a testament to the miscalculation of post-war Iraq.

The country is being slowly but steadily damaged by militants who are not impressed by America's attempts to bring freedom to this war torn country. What's worse is the justification Bush gave in one of the presidential debates when asked about his military's miscalculation in the handling of Iraq after the fall of Hussein's regime. Instead of acknowledging that indeed an error had taken place, Bush said that the only miscalculation was underestimating the effectiveness and expediency of the US military. In so doing, he shirked responsibility for the gross miscalculations that occurred at all levels of the armed forces.

In summation, Bush was a bad economic leader whose financial debacles are only matched by his militaristic negligence and his propensity to justify his actions by lying to the American people. What puzzles me is how a president could do all this, could make myself as well as many other Americans feel duped and treated as children, and yet still receive a collective pat on the back and a cheer from his country. If calm comes over Iraq during Bush's next term, North Korea had better look out.

Robert Eppsteiner is a UMass student.



Where have all the trees gone?

Kristina Maressa

Old growth forests are one of the world's most valuable natural resources. Worldwide, more than half of all forests have vanished and old growth forests are among the most highly threatened types. They are being destroyed at such an alarming rate that there is less than one percent of old growth left in New England.

For a forest to qualify as old growth, its trees must be at least three hundred to five hundred years old. Something must be done to protect these ancient treasures before they are gone forever.

Contrary to the opinion that these forests should be saved, many people and organizations support the logging of old growth forests. Numerous states, especially those in the Pacific Northwest, depend on the logging industry to support their local economies. It is suggested that these economies would collapse if the clear cutting of forests was banned or reduced.

Advocates for the logging industry argue that there will always be old growth and that it will never completely disappear, but if these forests continue to be logged at today's rate, they will most definitely vanish, and with them the economies that depend on them. A compromise needs to be reached that will slow down the logging of old growth to preserve it, yet still allow these economies to survive.

Ancient forests are essential to the survival of many animals. Many endangered species call the old growth forests their home; they cannot survive in any other habitat. If this indicator species is not present in the forest, then it is a signal that the forest is in danger due to logging.

Each pair of spotted owls needs three square miles to survive. Their forests are being destroyed at a rate faster than that of tropical rainforests. Just as the old growth forests are disappearing, so are our endangered species. As humans, we have a duty to respect and protect nature. There are many species that have not even been discovered yet that may be valuable for many reasons. Specifically, they may have medicinal purposes that may someday lead to a cure for diseases such as cancer or aids. These species are being destroyed at a rate that is faster than our scientists can study them.

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Old growth forests are a necessary part of the ecosystem because they prevent natural disasters such as mudslides, erosion and flooding from wreaking havoc on developed cities and towns. In 1996, Salem, Ore. was severely flooded due to the clearing of trees in Opal Creel National Forest. In September, Hurricane Frances brought torrential rains and caused extreme flooding in Haiti, primarily because the country is an alarming 98 percent deforested.

These may seem like fluke incidents, but they are hardly the result of chance. Trees are needed to stabilize the soil and keep the earth intact. When the area is cleared, it weakens its strength and when it rains, it causes erosion. When forests are destroyed, it not only harms the ecosystems and those species depending on it, it impacts our cities as well, and in order to protect these developments and their citizens, we need to first protect our forests.

Many people do not realize that it is essential to protect old growth forests. From spotted owls, to enjoying the great outdoors even to protecting our cities and towns, our survival depends on the existence of these forests. In this day in age it would be impossible to completely end all clear cutting of old growth forests, but there is hope that someday both the logging industry officials and the environmentalists and ecologists will be able to come to an agreement that will allow everyone to thrive.

Kristina Maressa is a UMass student.

Building a better UMass

Sanam Hakim

So, I wrote an article last year called "Building a better UMass." In it, I complained about the Fine Arts Center construction ... that recently stopped. I complained about the broken lights all over campus ... that are now fixed. I complained about how the paper towel holders in the bathrooms were only filled once a week: now they're filled twice. I suggested that someone should knock down that ugly useless shack on the Worcester Hill ... that is gone now. I even had a dream that they would put huge flat screen televisions in the DC's ... enough said.

I started thinking about it, and maybe I have more power as a columnist than I thought I did. Maybe someone reads my columns, acknowledges my charming wit and powerful intelligence and takes my opinion into serious consideration in the administrative decision making processes. Maybe someone up there uses my columns as a checklist of ways to improve the school and make it a better place for everyone.

So without any further adieu, here are my suggestions for this academic year, here at UMass:

We can start by fixing all the washing machines and driers in the laundry rooms, then adding dishwashers in every kitchen. I am in Orchard Hill Area Government, and our office is right next to the Field laundry room. There is this one crazy little washing machine that pounds and moans for about fifteen minutes during every washing cycle. That is unnecessary and uncalled for. Throw that thing out and put in a new one. Then move next door to the kitchen and add a dishwasher.

Part of the reason why the rooms smell so much is because people stack up old dishes for weeks, allowing peculiar molds to grow on them and fill the room with rancid scents and those annoying little flies that think it's OK to live with you. Dishwashers all over campus would not only promote a more sanitary lifestyle, but would improve the average dorm smell.

Secondly, we can put a moving escalator-strip (like the ones in airports) on each of the three steep hills going up to Orchard Hill and Central. We should probably put a tunnel-like contraption over the strips also, just in case it's snowing or raining. It is important to have this kind of transportation available to the students, especially so close to winter, because of the dangers of each of the hills.

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First of all, none of these hills have been paved in a really long time. Everyone that lives in upper Central or Orchard Hill probably has at least five funny stories involving "the hill" or someone they know tripping over the cracked pavement. Although we laugh about these stories now, it's scary to think back and say, "Wow, I could have died."

Second of all, walking down these hills when they are covered with ice is extremely dangerous. The last thing you want to happen is to slip down a hill on some ice and trip over some old, cracked pavement. For these reasons, having these escalator strips is almost essential it keeps students happy, dry, and safe.

A third thing we can do on this campus is to create a rotating umbrella machine connected to all the major buildings. These umbrellas should be really big and should fit about four students under each of them, to be conducive to the large population here at UMass.

Hypothetically, here is how these machines will work: four students decide that they want to walk from the Student Union to Bartlett in the rain. Since this machine will be computer operated, the students can punch in their destination right next to designated Rotating Umbrella Machine request boxes. A programmed umbrella will slowly travel above the heads of these students until they reach Bartlett, and will then go to the next group of students. Not only would this be convenient for walkers, but it would also provide more student jobs on campus: students will be needed for traffic control for all the umbrellas and also for simple umbrella maintenance.

My final suggestion is to remove all the televisions from the DC's. Cash them in, buy a bunch of small ones and stick them on all of the PVTA busses. When people go to the DC, most likely they are with a group of friends. These televisions take away from the person-to-person interaction that usually occurs with dinner, and encourages a more zombie state of being — slowly eating your food while gazing mindlessly at the television. Having smaller televisions on the busses would be a great way to encourage more students to use the busses, thus having less people walking on the streets, helping the environment, and keeping students up to date with campus issues, which can be broadcasted on these small televisions.

In conclusion, I appreciate that the administration takes into consideration my intelligent comments and suggestions and I hope our relationship continues to grow, as we work together, hand in hand, to make this school a better place for everyone.

Sanam Hakim is a Collegian columnist.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STEREOTYPES UNFAIR

In the Tuesday, Nov. 2 edition of The Collegian, Stacy Kasdin wrote an editorial titled "Costumes Raise Questions," regarding the lack of regular costumes as well as the large amount of "barely-there" costumes for women. She then went on to proclaim, "I'm fairly surprised there was no sexual assault reported on campus over this weekend ... I would imagine that an intoxicated man, or group of intoxicated men, might like nothing better than to harass a girl walking across campus in a tiny little vinyl skirt."

Perhaps, Ms. Kasdin, you should next time think about what you write before you decide to send it out to thousands of readers. I don't appreciate being forced into the stereotype of what you make sound like a drunken rapist. Perhaps you should come do my laundry, or cook my dinner, because I'm sure you're as offended by that stereotype. It baffles me as to what makes you think it is acceptable to stereotype all men as drunkards who walk around harassing women for fun.

I only hope you realize the double standard you're creating. I beg you, Ms. Kasdin, please think about what you write.

Ryan White
UMass student

DEMOCRACY MATTERS

For how much emphasis Americans place on our country being the land of freedom, opportunity and democracy, do we, the American people, truly comprise a democratic nation? In a democracy, should private corporations be legally allowed to make enormous campaign contributions in return for tax breaks and policies in their favor that harm the general population?

These rhetorical questions cannot be answered without stirring up enormous controversy and debate. Regardless, countless examples occur in which politicians receive private donations for special treatment (the statistics for this years election is public information and accurately displays the degree to which big business influences political agendas). If you, like myself, are fed up with the reoccurring corruption of our political system on all levels, consider joining Democracy Matters; a non-partisan and non-profit organization it is dedicated to reforming the American campaign finance system for the benefit of every group and every citizen.

Democracy Matters is a nationally respected and recognized organization. Conceptualized by Jay Mandle, Joan Mandle and Adonal Foyle, DM is far from your ordinary politically active group.

Adonal Foyle, a professional NBA player (the reserve center for the Golden State Warriors), accepted his calling in life as a devoted activist for labor and politics. Born in Canouan, a dot on St.Vincent in the Carribean Islands, Adonal studied relentlessly and was accepted to secondary school, where he played basketball for the school team and got his first experience with the sport. Shortly thereafter, he was sponsored by the Mandles to come to America. Since then, he has become a U.S. Citizen, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Colgate University in History and is working towards his Masters.

Mr. Mandle, a professor of Economics at Colgate, is extremely supportive of Adonal's and his wife's efforts. Joan Mandle, an associate professor of Anthropology and Sociology at Colgate, recently accepted the position of Executive Director of Democracy Matters. She has devoted her life to service and activism and initiated movements that have passed publicly financed elections in Oakland and San Francisco, among numerous other public accomplishments.

If you honestly care about campaigning for clean and fair elections, starting from a local level, don't hesitate to become involved in DM, which has just organized a University of Massachusetts Amherst chapter. DM engages students to promote voting, networking and awareness in the political issues that affect our daily lives. The involved students that I have worked with and heard about have nothing but great things to say about this institute. Everyone in the organization is a valued and appreciated member and, together, we can make a difference.

Send an e-mail to umassdm@gmail.com for more information and go to the website at www.democracy-matters.org. Stand up for your future and be heard.

Andrew Sanders
UMass student

RED SOX NATION, UNITE!

After the unbelievable October run, the Boston Red Sox are parading through the Hub and touring New England. If this journey follows the Patriots regional procession of previous years, the team will simply travel to the state capitals for their deserved recognition.

Instead, I believe there is great appeal in the Red Sox visiting the states' flagship campuses to revel in the appreciation and awe of the team's most ardent fans. New England's championship football team has passed over UMass twice in three years. We should not have let it pass then, and we would be remiss to let this pass now.

I urge you all to contact the Red Sox and to welcome the team to a campus of appreciative and zealously enthusiastic fans. While I could not find email addresses or phone numbers for the Red Sox management, I did find a general email address that may receive more attention if it came from an overwhelming number of students, faculty and administration from one of New England's largest universities. Write to fanfeedback@redsox.mlb.com and fill the subject bar with "Bring the Sox to UMass Amherst." What do we have to lose?

John Hersey
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THE MAKINGS OF BLUEGRASS

By Silas Lowe
Collegian Correspondent

The Acoustic Disc release of Bill Monroe and the Bluegrass Boys' "Live at Mechanics Hall" is a vital document in the search for what defines bluegrass. This recording captures Bill Monroe playing with one of his most charismatic bands, which includes the seminal banjo player Bill (Brad) Keith and guitfiddler Del McCoury.

Adamant fans of bluegrass music have a difficult time putting into words the sheer genius of Bill Monroe as a bandleader, songsmith, singer and most importantly mandolin player. Every note that he played was like tradition waging war on itself and when the dust settled there was always a new musical nation forged. This is exemplified through the version of "Rawhide" on the album. The solos weave an amazing dynamic, which shows the virtuosic nature of Monroe's music.

A testament to the grounded and experimental nature of Bill Monroe's music is the instrumental fiddle tune adapted by Bill Keith "Devil's Dream." This song is a prototypical example of Keith utilizing his signature melodic or chromatic banjo style, which helped to open the banjo up to more complex forms of music. Supported by the fiddling of Joe Stuart and the mandolin playing Mr. Monroe this number is one of the standout tracks on the CD.

'Bill Monroe and the Bluegrass Boys' 'Live at Mechanics Hall' Acoustic Disc

Varied levels in theme and musical content are important facets of bluegrass. "I Saw the Light" is a hymnal tune, which uses reduced instrumentation and increased vocals to change the feel of the show. An interesting note is that on two songs, "Love's Gonna Live Here" and "Dreaming of a Little Cabin," Bill Monroe's daughter Melissa Monroe sings lead.

There is a whole load of Monroe classics on this CD including "Uncle Pen," "Footprints in the Snow," and "Blue Moon of Kentucky." This period is not Monroe's most innovative, falling short of the 1946 Flatt and Scruggs band; however there is a vitality that shines brightly throughout each track. The vocal dynamics of two of bluegrass music's greatest singers combined with the amazing banjo work of Bill Keith make this one of the most engaging recordings I've heard in a while.

The disc comes with a 24-page booklet that includes band bios and a bunch of really cool previously unreleased photos.

Acoustic disc is the record company of mandolin player David Grisman. They have one of the most exemplary catalogues in acoustic music with artist such as Frank Wakefield, Red Allen, Sam Bush, and of course the David Grisman Quintet. If you are interested in the world of acoustic music you can't go wrong with a record from this label. Their Web site is www.dawgn net.com. Check it out. Everything they have is worth listening to.

Helpful ways to rid voters of the post-election blues

By Julie Hinds
The Detroit Free Press

The election is over and you're feeling lousy.

Their man won. Your man lost. They're in a mood to celebrate. You want to go back to bed.

What happened to those encouraging exit polls? You and the other Kerry supporters must feel like you're living the ultimate episode of "Punk'd." Or maybe it's more like "Groundhog Day," with a loop that keeps replaying the 2000 results.

But it's not your problem alone, it's America's to resolve. After months of bitter divisiveness, everyone is feeling the throbbing headache of a nasty campaign hangover.

So much anger; so many ugly accusations; so little thought given to what effect all of this will have on our future.

"I see this as very much like a dysfunctional family," says Dale Ross, a therapist in Southfield, Mich., who's been thinking a lot lately about what happens next. "It's going to take some time for people to heal these wounds and feel like we're still a family and a nation."

How can you be gracious in defeat and get over losing what's been called the most important election of our lifetime?

Maybe by following this advice from people who work to resolve conflicts, and by remembering that this is a job that's too important to ignore. We need to heal, to come together.

It's not going to be easy. But if it happens, at least it will be a win-win.

Give yourself time. Feeling as if you'll spend the next four years in a funk? Be patient. What you're going through now is similar to the mourning process, says Ross. "Just like the loss of an important friend, part of the loss here is the future you were anticipating with them." It won't be your guy delivering the State of the Union, pardoning the Thanksgiving turkey or lighting the White House Christmas tree, not to mention leading the free world. To deal with that, Ross advises doing the things you'd normally do if you were going through a rough patch: talk to compassionate friends, try to remain optimistic and distract yourself by focusing on things unrelated to politics. And keep in mind that you're not alone.

Make civility a priority. Remember how after 9/11 everyone was nicer to others? How honking in traffic declined and smiles replaced snarls? We need another large dose of kindness and consideration to heal the rifts that have formed in our communities. And we need it from both sides. "As winners, don't gloat," says Ross. "As losers, express your pain, but don't blame." West Bloomfield psychologist Barry Jay takes it a step further. He says it's our duty to revive that 9/11 feeling of togetherness and "feel like America again," not two separate camps with little in common.

Take a break from hot-tempered media. When "Daily Show" host Jon Stewart accused CNN's "Crossfire" staff of being hacks, he was on to something. TV, radio and the Web are bursting with pundits eager to inflame your loathing for the other side. Do you really want to wallow in their venom? "You can't change the media, so change the media you watch," says Matthew Felling of the Center for Media and Public Affairs. "You're not going to calm down the shriekers on cable, so give PBS a shot – nearly every study out there depicts the "News-Hour" as a thorough and balanced news program. So in the chaos of a post-election America, go where there's more light than heat."



Work; don't sulk. Just because the vote didn't go your way doesn't mean it's time to give up. If this election had any lesson to teach, it's the importance of being involved, not just in national issues but also on a local and neighborhood level. Channel the passion you felt for the 2004 race into something productive like raising money for a cause you believe in or running for office yourself. "You don't want to go from enthusiasm to apathy," says Karen Noelle Clark, a Southfield psychologist. "The issues you care about don't go away after an election is over. It's not just about winning and losing. You're in this life for the long haul."

Act like a grown-up. When the anger of the campaign boiled over, it led to some pretty juvenile behavior, like the stealing of Bush and Kerry yard signs. "A lot of that stuff is just not smart. It almost seems like something a young teenager would do," says Mike Vitale, 18, a high school senior in Troy, Mich., who helps students resolve problems through a peer mediation program.

Now it's time to put away childish grudges and keep things in perspective, says Rachel Marshall, 17, another Troy High mediator. "If someone was upset about the election, I think I'd try to console them and explore how it's not the end of the world."

Find common ground. Talking to the opposition may be the last thing you want to do. But to tackle long-term issues like health care and the war on terrorism, America must figure out how to reach a consensus, says Fred Pearson, director of the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies at Wayne State University. "We need to be able to listen to each other," says Pearson. How do you heal a polarized society, especially when politicians exploit our differences to their advantage? Pearson thinks the Web potentially could unite citizens who seek to put aside rancor and brainstorm solutions to problems.

See the big picture. Although it feels as if America has never been more divided, history begs to differ. Remember four years ago? The summer of 1968? The Civil War? America has been through worse. "It's important to remember our country has survived every time," says Jay. "It's time to turn from thoughts of losing to thoughts of celebrating that we live in a democracy." OK, so you don't want to toss any confetti just yet. But you can pause to feel good about having a Constitution that helps us cope with adversity. And about living under a system that allows us to do it all over again in four years. As Washington Post columnist David Broder writes: "Resolve not to let the defeat of your favorite candidate shatter your faith in America or turn you away from politics. There will be another day. Remember the Red Sox."

Designers give the Grand Theft Auto Series a new look

Press Start to Play
Reid Davenport

It's that time again: all of your college buddies have suddenly vanished. All you see of them are their away messages, all of them reading something about never leaving their rooms again. You walk down the hall of your dorm and you could swear that it sounds like a gunfight is going on inside your dorm. You give in to temptation and run out to make a purchase that you told yourself you couldn't make because there's way to much work to be done, but then you lock your door, start your Playstation 2, and lose yourself in the new "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas."

It has been a few years since gamers were able to rush out to grab their own copies of "GTA Vice City" and trash up the streets set back in the 1980s. This time around, Rockstar Games has created more havoc for players to get lost in for hours. This game has all the makings to be one of the best in the "Grand Theft Auto" series.

Your character, CJ, is an ex-con from Liberty City (of GTA III notoriety) and the murder of his mother has brought him back. Along with your gang of thugs, you can tear up the streets resembling 1990's California. This time through you will have almost an entire state to cause chaos in.

CJ is able to change clothing, like you were able to do in "Vice City," but this time around, it affects your abilities. If you pick up some gang colors, your thug buddies will have more respect for you, but you shouldn't expect the ladies to come flocking. The exact opposite happens if you decide to pimp out in khakis and a sweater. You can also go get new hairstyles and such to improve your appearance.

This new style system goes along with the new element that you have skills to develop this time around. It will be up to you to train CJ in how to drive certain vehicles, use certain weapons, build up stamina, and even watch what he eats. That's right, you have him eating burgers and fries then he'll become the African American equivalent of Michael Moore, but you can always spend a few hours running around town to work off those love handles.

'Grand Theft Auto:San Andreas' Playstation 2 Publisher Rockstar Games Developer Rockstar Games Rated M for Mature

The new skills system is designed to reward players for just screwing around on the streets of San Andreas. Jumping a motorcycle over a ramp or just driving around will help you improve your skills. You can also play mini-games to increase your abilities and they will become even greater when you reach the final stage. There you will be able to interact with a city that never sleeps – most likely due to all the bright lights – if you catch the drift.

Like most "GTA" games, it has its ups and downs. There are still times you will find yourself whipping your controller down in frustration, as you will fail an almost completed mission due to your character catching a glitch with the environment. There is also the similar situation with certain missions where the police can catch you easily or sometimes it just becomes down right impossible. Of course, once you finish off the mission, all is forgotten until the problem arises again.

One less frustration is that CJ can actually swim. Unlike past games, you won't go nuts if your car happens to end up in the ocean. Thankfully Rockstar realized that yes; people can actually swim, and that not being able to do so frustrated gamers in the past two "GTA" games. The ability is good, but you will sometimes find yourself too far away to even bother with swimming back to land. If you make a jump too far out, restarting the game is easier than swimming back to shore.

This "GTA" game also comes with all-star talent for you to interact with and listen to. Charlie Murphy of Chappelle Show fame, David Cross from Mr. Show, rapper Ice-T, Chris Penn of Reservoir Dogs fame, and even Mr. Samuel L. Jackson provide voices for some of the random characters that CJ will interact with throughout the game.

The radio is just as good as it was in "Vice City" with tracks from Guns 'N Roses, Public Enemy, Rick James, Rage Against the Machine, James Brown, Cypress Hill, and even Willie Nelson.

Rockstar has definitely delivered a new and exciting addition to the "GTA" line of games. Although some of the same glitches will aggravate players as they did in the previous two games, you can't always make a game this big and this detailed without a few problems. The new ability to build up your character through mini-games, some of which involve dating the lovely young ladies of San Andreas, along with the increase in interactive ability should keep players content.

"Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas" is available now for PS2 for $49.99 and looks to be release on the X-Box some time in 2005.



Del the Funky Homosapien heads hip-hop show

By Brian Duffey
Collegian Staff

The "ESPN Video Games Cali Comm 2004 Tour," featuring Del The Funky Homosapien, went down just hours after George W. Bush made his Presidential acceptance speech. Anti-Bush sentiment was expressed by the bulk of the evening's performers. "F*** George Bush" was hollered by several emcees.

The show began with a performance by Cambridge rhymeserver, Virtuoso. The co-owner of Omnipotent Records set the tone for the night with a high-energy set. He performed his politically charged single, "Farenheit 911" off his new album "Word War II: Evolution of the Torturer." The album is slated for release on Nov. 9.

ESPN Video Games Cali Comm 2004 Tour' Pearl Street Northampton Nov. 3

Virtuoso will be showcasing his skills on the East Coast leg of the tour. There are a total of 40 scheduled dates for the tour with stops in 39 different cities.

Bukue One, a Bay Area skateboarder, graffiti artist, and emcee, blessed the crowd with a steady blend of hip-hop and reggae. He was joined on stage by freestyle extraordinaire, Tee Double. Double, who has opened for the Roots and Snoop Dog, is the only non-Californian on the tour. This non-drinking, non-smoking Texan describes his career development as, "A continual learning process." Tee Double said that he writes and records music daily. Some of his musical influences are Prince, Run DMC, and Miles Davis.

One and Double had the crowd going as they danced, sang, freestyled, and spit some written material. Bukue says it is essential to remain positive in the face of injustices. "I keep a positive perspective on things and resort to the most high," he stated.

Bay Area undergrounders Zion I, are comprised of producer Amp Live and emcee Zion. Solo artist, Deuce Eclipse, joined them on stage. Although they weren't the headliners, these casually dressed Californians stole the show. From start to finish they were fire. The crowd erupted as soon as they took the stage. Within minutes, Zion was drenched in sweat. They maintained a dialogue with the crowd, which enhanced their likeability.

Deuce Eclipse, son of Nicaraguan born immigrants, says he follows his heart in all that he does. Deuce went to high school with Zion where they forged a lifelong friendship. After Zion returned from college, they began collaborating. Zion credits his success to, "Being humble before the Lord." By studying hip-hop greats like Busta Rhymes and KRS ONE, Zion says he learned how to perform with emotion.

Los Angeles underground legends, Haiku D' Etat, were unable to match the energy level and lyrical precision of Zion and Deuce Eclipse. Haiku D' Etat consists of emcees Aceyalone, Mikah 9, and Abstract Rude. These marijuana connoisseurs had several females on stage towards the end of their unnecessarily long set.

Oakland underground king, Del the Funky Homosapien, appeared on stage with unopened eyes. Due to an obvious chemical hindrance, Del was disappointing. The sound was horrendous at the beginning of his set. This cousin of rapper/actor Ice Cube did improve after a bungled opening. Del finished strong with an improvised rendition of the song Clint Eastwood, off the Gorrilaz album.

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Early goal spells fate

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loss for the Minutewomen is that they outplayed Richmond for much of the game. UMass held the edge in shots, 15-11.

"It's hard for the year to end that way because we dominated," Maffucci said. "We definitely were in reach of beating them."

In the other meeting between the teams earlier in the year, Richmond also prevailed by a 1-0 score but dominated most of that game.

"We played much better this time," Rudy said. "I feel like we've made up two or three years of experience in six weeks. Last time we played a decent first half, but this time we gave them two good halves. We did more than play them even. I think we outplayed them a bit."

The end of the season also marks the end of senior captain Lindsey "Stormy" Fairweather's career. Fairweather has spent two years at UMass after transferring from Boston College.

"I'm sorry to see the Stormy-era end," Rudy said. "She's a very clever, very skillful player. Technically she's probably the best player in the conference, maybe the region. I wish I had her for another year or two."

Fairweather was disappointed to have the year end, but was happy the team made it to the tournament.

"I'm really glad we made the tournament," Fairweather said. "That's what I wanted all year."

Fairweather is unsure of her future and is contemplating an attempt to continue her career in Europe.

While Fairweather may not be certain of what the future holds for her, the same cannot be said about the Minutewomen.

Both Rudy and Maffucci expressed excitement for the future.

"I can't wait for January when they come back for indoor," Rudy said. "This bodes well for the future, and I'm really excited about it."

"There's so much promise for next year," Maffucci said. "We have so much to build on. I'm really excited to come in next year and hopefully make it back to the tournament and actually do some damage."

Looking forward to next year

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of their season. Defining, because it was when the season took a complete 180-degree rotation and then some. It was when they realized that they could win games.

"I think you have to go back to [the game against] Central Connecticut," junior defender Amy Maffucci said. "From that point on, our season was completely different. We knew we could win after that game, and we fought hard for the rest of the year."

"Getting that first win down at Central Connecticut State, that was really big," Rudy said. "All of a sudden we discovered that, yeah, we can win. Maybe we're not being fooled. Maybe we are going to be pretty good."

And so went a series of ups and downs and wins and losses that brought the Minutewomen back to where the ride all started, on their home turf where yesterday came their final defining moment in this year's Atlantic 10 Tournament. In other words, yesterday marked defining moment number two.

In one sense, yesterday's battle against Richmond defined what fans should get used to seeing in the future. That is, a sense of grit and determination when the going gets tough. After giving up that fluke goal, the Minutewomen dug deep and just pressed harder, outshooting the Spiders 15-11, but ultimately, it was their inability to convert those shots that led to the defeat.

So, even though senior Lindsey "Stormy" Fairweather has strutted off the grass at Rudd Field for the last time yesterday, things look bright for the future. That's because we'll still see three more years of speed by Britt Canfield, perfect timing by Jenny Roehrig and amazing toughness from Tina Rodriguez and Kristina Nunes. Ladies and gentlemen, meet this year's freshmen seven, A.K.A. the "Kiddie Korps".

Next year, these kiddies will have grown up, and the sense of optimism is being echoed already.

"Right now, I can't wait until January when they come back and start training again," Rudy said. "A lot of things happen. The freshmen get through their yeah-yeah's and all of a sudden, they come back in January, and they know how things work, they know the terminology, they're no longer real freshmen anymore. I'm excited thinking about it. I just can't wait for it."

Neither can anybody else.

Sizing up the Atlantic 10 field hockey tournament

By Dave Quinn
Collegian Staff

For four Atlantic 10 squads, including the Massachusetts field hockey team, it all comes down to this weekend. One team will have its ticket punched for the NCAA tournament while the other three will have to wait until next year.

Winning the first seed this season was Richmond, which went a perfect 6-0 in Atlantic 10 play. The Spiders finished the season an impressive 15-2 including nine straight wins to close out the year.

Finishing in second this season were the Minutewomen with a 4-2 conference record. Massachusetts made great second half charge, winning six of its last eight including four conference wins to finish 8-12 overall.

St. Joseph's drew the third seed with a 3-3 conference record. St. Joe's clinched its position on the last game of the season by defeating Temple at home. The Hawks continued the recurring trend of finishing strong as they won four out of their last five to finish at 11-7.

Rounding out the bracket is Temple in the four-slot. Going into the last game of the season, Temple had an outside shot of finishing in second place with a win over St. Joe's and a Massachusetts loss. Instead, the Owls fell into the last qualifying slot with a win by the Minutewomen and a 3-1 loss to St. Joe's. Here is a look at the match-ups and a prediction for each game.

(1) Richmond vs. (4) Temple, 5 p.m. at Garber Field

Richmond ran away with the league this year, sweeping all of its conference games. The No. 10 Spiders rank first in goals per game (3.55) and goals allowed per game (.71). Richmond has been led by A-10 Player of the Year candidate Holly Cram, who has amassed 57 points on 25 goals and seven assists. Whitney Wells was the team's second leading scorer with 10 goals while also setting up two goals. Lauren Luft and Shannon Taylor have also played major roles this season, scoring nine goals each. If having four potent offensive weapons wasn't enough, Richmond has the league's most stifling defense. The Spiders have allowed just four goals by conference opponents, no team scoring more than one in any game.

Temple has a chance because, well, stranger things have happened. The reality of its chance of winning is slim to none, and slim just left town. In short, they're probably just coming for the bus ride and a night at the Holiday Inn. Richmond is that strong this year.

Temple doesn't really have a go-to scorer. Talia Ruth and Melissa Fritze are the leading scorers with four goals apiece. That doesn't even crack the top-10 in the A-10. Last time the two teams played, Temple mustered one shot in 70 minutes. The Spiders launched 26. It will be a long, uphill battle to say the least.

Prediction: Richmond 5-0

(2) Massachusetts vs. (3) St. Joseph's, 7 p.m. at Garber Field

The slight edge that Massachusetts has is that they won the first contest but just barely. It took the Minutewomen two overtime periods and two sets of strokes to pull out the 2-1 victory. Massachusetts scored early in the game thanks to an Adrianne Monaco penalty stroke 30 seconds into the game. Massachusetts spent the majority of the game on defense and was able to limit St. Joe's to one goal on 29 shots due to the play of Katelyn Wolfrey and keeper Christine Tocco. UMass will keep things close thanks to Tocco who will do just about everything except dribble the length of the field and score herself. The senior saved a whopping 194 shots, putting her tops in the A-10 and in the top-five nationally. Offensively, the Minutewomen need to find a way to get the ball to, and free up, leading scorer Caitlin Beresin. Last game, the Maroon and White had trouble moving the ball up field to their lightning quick forward. When they did find her, she was often double and triple teamed.

The Owls played well enough to win back on Oct. 17 when they last played the Minutewomen. They out-shot Massachusetts 29-16 and drew 18 more corners, yet somehow only managed one goal. The Hawks just couldn't capitalize, something rare for this team. St. Joe's had two scorers in the top-five of the Atlantic 10, Nicole Antonini with 15 and Lauren Luft with nine.

The team as a whole was second in the A-10 with 45 goals. As good as they were putting the ball in the net, they were equally as good keeping the ball out of it, allowing just 27 goals all season, good for second in the conference. Seniors Angela Hanna and Shannon Scott anchored the Hawks' defense.

Prediction: UMass 3-2 OT





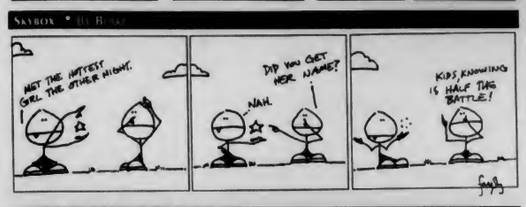


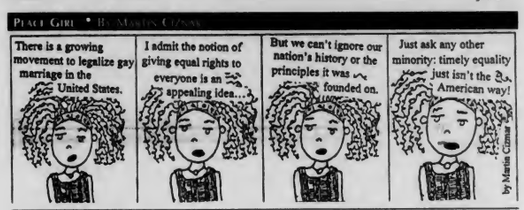


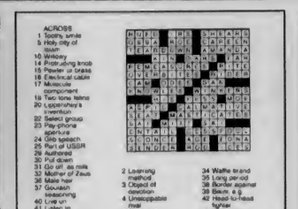


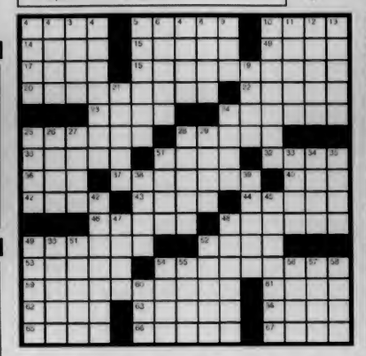














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End of the line for Minutewomen

Rudy is happy with solid play

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts women's soccer team's season ended yesterday with a 1-0 loss to Richmond in the first round of the Atlantic-10 Tournament at Rudd Field.

Senior Whitney Sikes scored the game's lone goal on a breakaway just over four minutes into the contest. Senior Olina Vidasdottir assisted on the score.

The play started with the ball in Richmond's half of the field, but in the blink of an eye, it had crossed midfield and gotten behind the UMass defense. Before UMass could recover, Sikes was already in alone against goalie Kristin Walker.

Walker came out to challenge Sikes, but Sikes was able to poke a shot through Walker's legs and into the goal.

"It's tough because we had one breakdown all game, and they were able to capitalize on it," junior defender Amy Maffucci said. "I think our defense played really solid. We've been really solid a lot lately. It was just unlucky that they capitalized on our one breakdown."

Despite the loss, coach Jim Rudy was pleased with his team's effort.

"We gave it our all," Rudy said. "This is the hardest we've played for 90 minutes in four or five years here. It's too bad. After the game, the Richmond coach said the better team didn't win today, but that's the way our sport goes."

The Minutewomen had multiple scoring opportunities but came up empty on each attempt.

"We made some poor choices in the final third of the field," Rudy said. "We made about four or five ill-advised decisions about whether to dribble or pass. We had some really open people and we didn't hit them with the ball."

Rudy considers Richmond to be the best defensive team in the conference along with Dayton. The Spiders have allowed only 15 goals in 18 games this year.

"We played a great defensive team," Rudy said. "This was a very intense game against a quality opponent."

Richmond did an outstanding job in harnessing UMass' top scoring threat, forward Britt Canfield. The freshman sensation was named to the A-10 All-Rookie Team and was also tabbed as a second-team All-Conference selection on Wednesday.

On Thursday, it seemed that everywhere Canfield went, there were two or three Richmond defenders draped all over her. She was able to get free a few times but was never able to mount a serious scoring chance.

The most frustrating part of the

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Morgan Czaja of the Minutewomen fights for the ball in a game against Boston University earlier this season. UMass was bounced from the playoffs yesterday.

Looking ahead to next season

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

Yesterday officially marked the last time we will see the Massachusetts women's soccer team in action in 2004. It's time to lock up shop.

After goalie Kristin Walker let a shot slip under her body five minutes into the game, the Minutewomen hung tough with the Richmond Spiders through the remaining 85 minutes. However, they were unable to erase that 1-0 deficit and fell out of the Atlantic 10 Tournament.

But there was an unusual expression on the faces of the players and coaches. They weren't crying or throwing tantrums; nobody was pacing around, blaming certain people for certain errors; nobody bowed their heads in shame. They were – if it's possible in light of a loss – content.

"I'm very pleased," coach Jim Rudy said of his team's effort. "If you're gonna lose, lose by one goal only and lose to a really good team, and give them everything they can handle. And you know, we did."

Of course, you would be feeling pretty high about yourself if you had gone through the roller coaster ride that these girls have been through.

August was like that first very first climb to start the ride off. Going into the season, everything was high for the Minutewomen. Spirits were high, morale was high and motivation was high. All was well within the UMass camp because something about this year felt different.

But the car stopped making that clicking noise, and a monstrous drop lay ahead.

The Minutewomen started off 0-5 and lost seniors Carly Turman and Erica Wideburg to season-ending injuries, generating whispers of a repeat of 2003, a season when UMass was never able to pull together a series of wins due to an astronomically high amount of injuries.

But did they scream or panic as anyone else feeling such a rush might have? No, they hung tight and let the wind flow through their hair. They sat, if you will, patiently, knowing something had to break sooner or later.

Here comes the rebound: a 3-2 upset of Central Connecticut State on Sept. 21, and the defining moment

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UMass is set to do battle with Warriors

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

Early in the season, the Massachusetts hockey team (4-3, 2-1 Hockey East) has a very good chance to build some in-conference momentum as it is set to face off with Merrimack (2-4, 0-2 Hockey East) in a home-and-home series beginning tonight at the Mullins Center at 7 p.m. before switching to Lawler Arena tomorrow night at the same starting time.

The success of UMass this weekend will ride solely on which team shows up to play each night because the talent level between the two schools favors the Minutemen. That was also the case, however, when UMass lost earlier in the season to lowly Connecticut 3-2 in overtime at the Mullins Center.

Massachusetts also showed up flat last Friday when it lost 6-2 down in Providence but was able to right the ship and play a great game in time to take down the Friars 2-0 on Saturday night in Amherst.

Proving that they can play with anybody, the Minutemen lost to national powerhouse Minnesota in the final seconds at the Nye Frontier Classic in Alaska a couple weeks back.

"It's just a matter of what their mindset is when they show up here," coach Don Cahoon said. "If they're ready to skate, and compete, and focused and play well, then good things usually happen. If we come here a little bit lethargic or with a lack of preparation, then obviously, we're in for a difficult night.

"I'm just hoping that we can show the bright side a little bit more frequently."

Massachusetts at least followed a normal practice schedule this week as opposed to last due to the Bill Cosby concert that forced the Minutemen to skate at Amherst College's rink in preparation for the Providence series.

UMass really needs to take advantage of Merrimack, which is consistently one of the poorer teams in the Hockey East, before the conference juggernauts such as New Hampshire, Boston College and Boston University begin showing up on the schedule.

"If we're going to be a team that does better than people expect us to do, we need to get points against these teams and some points against what think are the upper-echelon teams," Cahoon said. "If we want to make the games later in the season meaningful, we need to do well now."

Off to a surprisingly fast start for UMass have been the freshmen, highlighted by forward P.J. Fenton, who has scored four goals, good for second on the team, and notched two assists. He has a plus-four rating, which is also second-best on the team.

"[The freshmen] are making a nice contribution," Cahoon said. "They show up everyday and practice hard. They seem to be a good fit, and everybody gets along with them. I'm really happy with the freshmen, and they just have to keep their minds on what they're doing and grow as the season progresses."

Merrimack's offense has been led by several different players. Jordan Black leads the Warriors with four goals while Bryan Schmidt has three. Matt Byrnes is tops on the team with eight points, headlined by seven assists.

"They've got a balanced offensive group," Cahoon said. "They're a competitive team. They're going to beat the top-end teams in our league before the season is over, and I hope that we're one of the top-end teams. And I hope they don't beat us."

Rotating between goalies Gabe Winer and Tim Warner this season, Cahoon said that Winer, who recorded the 2-0 shutout Saturday, will be in net tonight.

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Weekend Schedule

Friday, Nov. 5

Sport	Opp./Event	Time
Men's Soccer	at Rhode Island	7:00 p.m.
Men's Hockey	vs. Merrimack	7:00 p.m.
Field Hockey	vs. St. Joseph's	7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 6

Sport	Opp./Event	Time
Football	at Northeastern	12:00 p.m.
Field Hockey	A-10 Tournament	5:00 p.m.
Men's Hockey	at Merrimack	7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 7

Sport	Opp./Event	Time
Women's Soccer	A-10 Tournament	TBA

Season comes down to the final game in Rhode Island

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts men's soccer team is the perfect example of how history repeats itself. Today, the Minutemen will travel to Kingston, R.I. to take on Atlantic 10 rival Rhode Island in their last contest of the 2004 season. If UMass wins, it receives an automatic bid to the A-10 tournament. If it loses, its fate will lie in the hands of mathematics and games outside of its control.

Eerily similar to last season, the Minutemen are faced with a do-or-die situation against the Rams. Like last year, the Maroon and White split its final two-game weekend series last weekend with a 4-0 shellacking of St. Bonaventure, and a 4-1 wake-up-call from Duquesne, which set up the win or go home scenario at hand.

This year, however, Rhode Island has its back against the wall as well. With three spots remaining in the A-10 tournament, the Rams are situated in the sixth and final spot. A loss or a tie with the Minutemen will mathematically end their season, unlike last year where they had already clinched.

Junior captain Oral Bullen, who was a starter for the 2003 squad, remember last year's game, but isn't letting the past sway his mentality.

"This brings up some memories, but not as much because last year we had to win. This year, they have to beat us so the pressure is kind of on them," Bullen said. "We're not as panicked as last year, not really as nervous"

UMass is currently tied for fourth with George Washington in the A-10 with Rhode Island close behind. The magic number this year is six. If the Colonials and the Minutemen win their games this weekend, they will automatically make the tournament.

LaSalle (9-7-1, 5-3-0 A-10) and URI are the two teams on the bubble this weekend. The Explorers need a UMass loss and have to defeat last-place Fordham to claim the final playoff spot. If the Minutemen lose, and LaSalle loses, UMass will take the low seed.

LaSalle defeated the Minutemen 2-0 on Oct. 24, which would serve as the tiebreaker if the aforementioned scenario occurs.

The Rams have been struggling as of late and have dropped two straight conference games to Duquesne and St. Bonaventure, respectively. Over the last two games, Rhode Island has scored only a goal per contest, a significant drop from the 2.24 goals per game it has been averaging this season.

Even with the slump, Rhode Island has the third-best out-of-conference record on the season, trailing only Duquesne (12-6-0) and Dayton (10-6-1), who are No. 1 and No. 2 in the A-10, respectively.

Bullen believes that catching the Rams in a slump will be beneficial but knows how hard they will fight with their backs against the wall.

"Yeah, we definitely want to pounce on them. When a team is down, you really want to jump on them," Bullen said. "No matter what happened over the last few games, they're going to be fired up. We just need to be able to match their intensity."

Leading the way for Rhode Island has been the jaw-dropping play of Sasha Gotsmanov, who has 43 total points this year with 19 goals and five assists. His 19 goals are 10 more than Bullen's and URI's Jeffery Gonsalves, who are tied for second in the A-10.

One issue for the Minutemen might be their inexperience. For most of this season, UMass has either played or started most of its freshman class. One would expect that with such a young team, there would be a sense of nervous anticipation coming into today, but Bullen is confident that, not only are they ready, they're excited.

"I think we're all psyched up for it. The guys just can't stop talking about it," Bullen said. "I think everybody is going to be ready. The young guys haven't seen a scenario like this yet. I definitely think they'll be pumped up for the game."

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TurkeyTrot raises money for Food Bank

By Michelle Dozois
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On Saturday morning, 62 participants ran, walked or trotted in the second annual Turkey Trot at the University of Massachusetts, raising over $600 for charity.

Participants' $10 entry fees will be donated to the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts in Hatfield, which distributes food to families in the north Pioneer Valley area, said senior Alexis Davison, president of Students Helping Area Reach-Out Efforts (S.H.A.R.E.), the student group who organized the event.

"For every dollar that's raised, the food bank is able to move $9 worth of food," Davison said. "And we raised $625, so hundreds of families are going to have holiday meals."

At 9 a.m. Saturday, the trotters began to arrive at the Student Union to register, stretch, and fuel up on bagels, granola bars, orange slices, and flavored water, donated by Trader Joe's in Hadley and UMass Dining Services.

Warming up before the race, senior Katie Abbondanza said she was excited to be running in the Trot.

"I haven't been running in three years," she said. "It was part of my New Year's resolution to run a road race."

The race began at 10 a.m. at the Student Union. Arrows drawn in chalk marked the route, which circled around campus.

Most of the participants were UMass students, with a few exceptions.

Three-year-old Casey Avery finished the race just before her dad, ROTC instructor Kevin Avery, who pushed her across the finish line in a jogging stroller.

John Lohan, brother of S.H.A.R.E. publicity officer Brian Lohan, won first place overall. This was his second year coming from Boston to participate in the Trot.

Eighteen minutes after the participants took off, S.H.A.R.E. officers and volunteers focused on cleaning up the registration table and almost missed Lohan's 18:18 finish.

"Is that someone coming?" a volunteer asked. Lohan had to re-create his finish-line



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Dozens of runners ran theTurkey Trot last year that raised money for the local Food Bank. Participants this year raised over $600 for the Food Bank.

crossing for the S.H.A.R.E. photographer.

Abbondanza finished second in the women's category, behind Carrie Stone, a member of a women's running club at Kinetics health club in Hadley.

Some runners sprinted across the finish line, soaked in sweat, while others took a more leisurely approach.

"The money goes to the food bank whether I run or walk," said senior Mary Trautwein, one of the walkers, in response to jokes made by friends who had finished the race earlier.

"Hey, we weren't last!" added senior Jessica Bishop, who walked across the finish line with Trautwein.

Lohan and Stone received first pick at the prizes, which were $300 worth of gift certificates donated by local businesses. The rest of the prizes were raffled off among the remaining winners.

After all of the prizes were given away, Davison thanked the participants for their efforts.

"I know it was tough to get up this morning, but it's worth it," she said. "All those families who weren't going to be able to have a holiday meal will, thanks to you."

Participants agreed that they were happy to have done the event.

"This is one of the better organized races in the area," said Rich Rodgers, Director of Foundation Relations for the UMass Development Office. "It leverages a lot of money for the food bank."

"It was turkey-riffic and gobbler-tastic," senior David Pease said.

S.H.A.R.E. members organize a variety of volunteer activities throughout the year, at places such as the Northampton Nursing Home, the Western Massachusetts Hospital in Westfield, and the Forest Park Zoo in Springfield. *For more information, visit http://www.people.umass.edu/share/.*

'Take Back UMass' met to discuss emails

By Jeremy Dirac
Collegian Staff

Yesterday afternoon in the Malcolm X Cultural Center, the group Take Back UMass called for the resignation of Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Michael Gargano.

Today, Take Back UMass members are calling and emailing Gargano, requesting his resignation and contacting Chancellor John Lombardi, requesting that he fire Gargano. Later this week, for a dinner with members of the Dean's List, Take Back UMass members hope to elicit aid from students on the Dean's List to protest Gargano.

Take Back UMass is also planning on, "pumping out a lot of written material," according to the public relations committee chair, Barak Sered. Sered also plans on having writing workshops to get members to put postings on people's doors, write ed-ops to The Daily Collegian, and write administrators and legislators.

"[These emails] show a conspiracy between Student Legal Advisor, Charles DiMare, Michael Gargano and former SGA Speaker Patrick Higgins," said Take Back UMass member Marisha Leiblum.

According to a press release by Take Back UMass, The emails are 29 pages of alleged correspondences leaked to the Graduate Employee Organization Union (GEO) and the Service Employee International Union local (SEIU) two weeks ago "[Gargano] withheld information from ALANA (African, Latino, Asian and Native American) and basically everyone besides Speaker Higgins," Leiblum said.

The press release also said that Gargano received information from the General Council saying that the ALANA caucus was legal. "[Gargano has] given certain trust by the student government and he's violated it by refusing to relay information to the president of the SGA," Sered said.

Last semester, then SGA President Jared Nokes questioned the legality of the ALANA caucus. After that, current SGA President Eduardo Bustamante contacted DiMare in regards to ALANA's legality.

Take Back UMass members asserted that DiMare wrote to SGA officials Jared Nokes, Dan Saunders, Patrick Higgins, Sarah Boy and Aaron Saunders asking them how to avoid giving his legal opinion to Bustamante regarding the legality of the ALANA caucus.

Leiblum said that she was concerned about the wording allegedly used by Higgins in an email where he questioned Gargano about an "end plan" and said that he wanted to see a "final solution." She said that she asserted that this reveals a conspiratorial relationship between Higgins and Gargano.

According to Take Back UMass members, DiMare requested that Bustamante gather five signatures from various SGA members on June 21st in order to release any legal advice regarding the ALANA caucus.

The five signatures needed were of the of the SGA President, the SGA Speaker, the SGA Chief Justice, the SGA Attorney General and the Student Trustee, some of whom had expressed negative feelings about the ALANA caucus seats. According to Leiblum, DiMare was unable to identify the bylaw that prompted him to ask Bustamante for the five signatures.

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'Zany Angels' perform at a benefit at Hampshire College

The pair educated the audience about the healing process of childhood sexual abuse

By Megan Daley
Collegian Staff

Amherst residents and five-college students attended a benefit performance at Hampshire College on Friday night and learned about the healing process of two victims of childhood sexual abuse.

The Zany Angels, a performance art company of two, danced, sang and performed monologues about their pasts in a play called "Shameless." Rythea Lee Kaufman and Rose Oceania, both victims of sexual abuse, gave their performance in three comedy infused parts, "When God Was Not My Father," the story of Kaufman's past, "Butterflies Make the Best Dancers," the story of Oceania's past and "Mothers, Martyrs, and Muffins: the Musical," a series of memories of family dinners performed by both Kaufman and Oceania.

"We do this to support healing and conversation and opening people's hearts to telling their own stories," Kaufman said. "I felt like I couldn't tell my story for a long time." Working with Oceania, Kaufman said, helped her to break the silence and she wants to provide the same opportunity for others.

The stories in the performance dealt with the serious issues of childhood sexual abuse and trauma, yet the performance was littered with humor. Both woman feel that it was important to incorporate humor into their performances as well because laughing helped break the pain.

Kaufman's piece told about she had always perceived her father, who used to sexually abuse her, as "God."

"God could touch me wherever and whenever he wanted. I thought that was normal for God....I loved my father, but I hated God," Kaufman said.

"Laugh or die," Oceania said. "We're all funny on the inside."

"There was a time, early on, when I was remembering and it was not funny." Kaufman admitted.

Oceania's piece began with laughter from the audience when she appeared on stage in an evening gown and boxing gloves.

"They stoned me that year," Oceania said, relating the story of how her seventh grade class had thrown rocks at her for being different. That year, which Oceania calls "the year of the moccasins," was the year that her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer and her father began to "come to my room and slide into my bed."

Oceania explained that she often dreamed in her seventh grade year of "my moccasins walking the Milky Way, to a better place."

According to Kaufman, the Zany Angels perform "autobiographical performance art" to help with their own healing. The stories also have elements of other abuse survivor stories that the women have heard. As

"I feel am telling a universal story that transcends my own history," Kaufman said.

According to Kaufman, the Zany Angels like to blend because spoken word, dance and song into their performances because, "we are both obsessed with a thousand different art forms...and it is so satisfying for it to become one thing....The whole thing about being an artist is that you've just got to do it."

Kaufman and Oceania met at Earthdance, a dance for peace that takes place all over the world, about 12 years ago. "I saw (Kaufman) dance," said Oceania, "and I just wanted to work with her." They later formed Zany Angels to "bring our art together."

Kaufman is a counselor in Northampton who works specifically with survivors of sexual abuse and childhood trauma. She feels that being a part of Zany Angels really helps her counsel others since she encourages her patients to draw, dance write to express what they are feeling.

"I don't think that we can fully heal without a spiritual process of some kind," Kaufman said.

Oceania agrees that spirituality is key to healing and uses this idea to help people get more in touch with their bodies through yoga, which she teaches in Sunderland.

This event was sponsored by the Community Health Coll-aborative and Hampshire College. Proceeds for the performance went to the Every Woman Center.

STEM program continues to grow

By Mark Walker
Collegian Correspondent

The Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Bridge Program has recently been awarded a $500,000 grant from the National Science Foundation which will greatly help their ability to encourage undergraduates in perusing a teaching career.

The Program is aimed specifically at undergraduates who would like to become secondary school teachers in the fields of math and science. It will be rewarding successful undergraduate students with scholarships worth between $7,500 and $10,000 for either one or two years, and will altogether be awarding approximately 50 scholarships over the course of three years.

To be eligible for the scholarships, students will be required to work at a high-need school district for two years. This provides successful students with a large choice of schools to work at, as there are three categories that define a school as being high-need, and many schools in the area fall into at least one of them.

The program will be particularly targeting students from a low-income background, minority students, and those considered non-traditional, such as those catered for by the University Without Walls program.

Transfer students from Springfield, Greenfield and Holyoke community colleges will also be encouraged to apply for scholarships to help ease the financial burden of studying at a full time college.

Mort Sternheim, who retired as a professor of physics in 1997, has been fundamental in the good work STEM does as its director. The STEM Program was one of fourteen out of forty-seven to be successful in securing a grant, and he was notified of this in

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Engineers aid girl-scouts with project

By Bill Donovan
Collegian Staff



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Local girl scouts work together to build a Lego amusement park with the assistance of local engineers

Young, aspiring engineers from western Massachusetts congregated Sat. Nov. 6 afternoon in Marcus Hall for the annual "Girl Scout Day" to construct an amusement park out of Legos.

Female engineering students from University of Massachusetts, volunteer workers, as well as troop leaders were also present at the event assisting the youngsters with the project and also interesting them in the field of engineering.

"It's a great program to get young girls interested in sciences," commented Mariah Winkler, UMass junior electrical engineering major and student coordinator of the event.

"There's a very low population of women in engineering here on campus. We've been doing this event for 15 years."

"Girl Scout Day" was sponsored by the Lego company, which presented a $5,000 grant to the Girl Scouts of Western Mass. The UMass chapter of the Society of Women Engineers supported the event as well, sending their members to help out with the young girls, who come from Conway, Northfield, Southwick, Amherst, Turners Falls, and Northampton.

"The girls always respond by saying, 'Legos!' My brother plays with Legos!' Legos help smash the myth that science and engineering are for boys," explained Mary Cotton Richard, program and outreach director for the Girl Scouts of Western Mass.

During the day, the girl scouts developed such structures as a haunted house, fun

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Students call for Gargano to resign

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According to SGA member Jeff Napolitano, last week the ALANA caucus filed a Freedom of Information (FOI) request to Gargano and Terence O'Malley, a University lawyer, requesting a verification of the emails. According to Napolitano, Bustamante went to Alan Brainard, who is in charge of SGA operation accounts, requested that he have OIT verify the emails. The verification was supposed to be done on Friday, according to Napolitano.

According to Take Back UMass, Amy Glynn, associate to the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, told Brainard not to verify the emails. Napolitano said that the SGA is expected to file another FOI request today.

The group has conflicted feelings about the special Commission on Campus Diversity. The commission was set up following the revealing of controversial photos taken last March of SGA members drinking alcoholic beverages and mocking a caricature of a Ku Klux Klan Grand Wizard in the office for Student Center for Educational Research and Advocacy (SCERA).

"It doesn't take a commission. We should not forget that this is a way to distract people from the problems and demands of students on this campus," said GEO Organizer and Take Back UMass member Amanda Plumb.

Take Back UMass is a progressive group of students and faculty advocating student involvement at the University of Massachusetts. Formed following the throw-out of last semester's elections, it is a group that also wants changes in the student government. Gargano has not yet commented.

STEM grant allows program to expand more than ever

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September. He praised Professor Alan Feldman, who was principle investigator of the grant and wrote the successful proposal.

Professor Sternheim also thanked Professors Portia Elliot and Farshid Hajir, who were his fellow co-principle investigators, for the hard work they put into getting the grant. The retired Professor believes they were successful in securing the grant due to the fact the University of Massachusetts and its fellow colleges are leading institutions for the training and development of math and science students, despite the amount of high-need schools that are in the area.

The successful team is now busy fine tuning the way the applications system for the scholarship will work, and Professor Sternheim believes that application should be available to students as early as spring semester.

Students who apply will be required, if successful, to undergo a semester of teaching related coursework, a semester of teacher training, to complete their major in math or a science, and finally to sit a general exam and one specific to their major.

This should not be a very difficult process, however it is just one to keep students focused on their ultimate aim of becoming a teacher.

The current STEM project follows on from a similar scheme run under STEMTEC, which incorporated the Five Colleges: UMass, Amherst, Mt. Holyoke, Hampshire and Smith, and the three community colleges: Springfield, Greenfield and Holyoke. The STEMTEC program is now coming to an end after eight successful years of encouraging students to pursue education in the fields of math and science. However, while the former project did not actually require students to teach as a condition of the scholarship, the new scheme under STEM will do so in order that students do not loose focus.

According to Professor Sternheim, roughly half of undergraduates who come here to study science will finish off in another major, and so this new drive to keep students focused on their math and science majors is welcome. The newer scheme will also be awarding much larger scholarships than under the previous one which should again help encourage students to stay the course.

The $500,000 grant has been an excellent development for STEM, and perhaps more importantly will prove to be of huge benefit to those successful in acquiring a scholarship, and to the high-need schools who will benefit from well qualified teachers passing on their valuable knowledge in math and science.

Engineers spend a day with scouts to build Lego projects

Students volunteer for 'Girl Scout Day'

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house ride, and bumper cars. Paula Brault, a volunteer for Girl Scouts of Western Mass. and UMass alumna commented on how it was fun to watch the girls work on their projects.

"The girls had a blast today. Ten of them were sitting on the floor watching the three bumper cars they made. They spread all of their legs out to make room for the cars," Brault said. "We're really happy about this program."

UMass engineering students also enjoyed aiding the girls in the development of their amusement park. Saturday afternoon. "We did the harder project, the haunted house; but it was fun," added Jenn Ramsay, electrical engineering major. "I haven't had the chance to work with kids like this in a long time. There's probably like ten women in my electrical and computer engineering class. So it's good we're getting these girls interested in this."

The scouts were divided into separate groups to construct their projects. One group made the haunted house, whereas another made bumper cars. Kits and packets were handed out to aid the kids in building each one. Also, the RCX, a high-tech Lego block, which loads programs of the buildings for the girls to look at, was provided at the event.

"My brother has Legos and I play with them too," said Kate Soper, a sixth-grader at Fort River and Girl Scout at the event. "The haunted house was hard but fun, we chose the hardest project. The computerized legos were really cool, like the RCX."

"I've been a part of the Society for a while and we do this every year," commented Elena Liza-south, a UMass senior in civil engineering. "Mariah engineered the whole event. We were working together pretty well with the kids."

"It was really fun and I might want to be an engineer," added Sydney Judge of Troop 55.

Some of the UMass engineering students did this event when they were younger and in Girl Scouts and became interested in the field. "I did this when I was a Girl Scout and in high school," added Dawn Eriksen, UMass chemical engineering sophomore. "So it was good to inspire these kids here today and pass on my knowledge on to them of engineering."



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Homecoming Festivities

Students pose in front of thier project, which advocates for Bill Cosby's academic goals during homecoming week.

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"It is hard enough to remember my opinions, without also remembering my reasons for them." Friedrich Nietzsche

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Students reflect in the wake of the election

Chasing American morality

John Ciampa

The election is over. The votes are in. Many residents of the east and west coasts (and urbanites in between) were left stunned and dejected, shaking their heads and wondering just exactly what the rest of the nation was thinking.

Those of us searching for answers can start by taking a quick look at the exit poll results printed in last Thursday's edition of the "New York Times." That data alone is enough to subvert any preconceived notions that the Left may have had about the national electorate. Though I consider myself to be politically aware, I (along with many other Northeasterners, I suspect) was simply blindsided by the polling numbers, duped by my own secularism.

With the dust of the election settled and a sampling of our voting behaviors now sliced and diced into a smattering of various categories, we can see a clear divide in the priorities of our nation's populace and the reason behind why a majority of Americans voted the way they did.

Contrary to what we were led to believe, it was not the economy, terrorism, or Iraq – issues that dominated campaign discourse – that motivated voters the most. Nor was it the traditional bastions of domestic policy – taxes and social security. Instead it was that good old chestnut of American sensibility called "values" now prefaced with the word "moral" by the pollsters.

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According to the results published in the "Times," moral values carried the day for President Bush. Of the 22 percent of voters who said it was the primary issue on their minds, a startling 80 percent of them voted for Bush. Though Kerry was able to trump these numbers with respect to the economy (20 percent of voters listed it as their top priority, of which Kerry garnered 80 percent of their vote), a look at various other demographic figures reveal how deeply the notion of morality permeated itself into the consciousness of voters.

With respect to religious affiliation, Bush won both the Protestant and Catholic vote. Taken together, they constituted a hefty 81 percent of the electorate, of which Bush won by a joint margin of 15 percent. In breaking down the Catholic vote, Bush still eked out a 52 to 47 percent edge. Clearly, many of these voters had same-sex marriage on their minds, and perhaps unfairly equated Kerry with the workings of the Massachusetts Supreme Court, despite his opposition to that body's decision. Yet it seemed to matter little to Christian voters that both Kerry and Bush shared this opposing view (Kerry supported civil unions only), or that in fact Kerry is a practicing Catholic.

While other categorizations of voters reveal a tit for tat split between the candidates, only when the data is divided in terms of religious affiliation does one come out decisively ahead. Simply put, Bush registered a knock out Tuesday night with this segment of the population. One could speculate over the impact that gay marriage had on the election, and how referendums in eleven states mobilized socially conservative voters. Nevertheless, the Democrats have lost something essential to their future viability – namely, their former ability to connect with voters who put great stock in morality. This should send shockwaves through the Democratic Party, for its implications are enormous.

Though it is no secret that in contemporary politics the Republican Party has won over the support of the religiously conservative, what is truly damaging to the Democratic platform is their failure to co-opt the sentiment of the morally concerned. Issues concerning the alleviation of poverty, a living wage, access to health care, educational attainment, civil liberties and the well-being of the common man – all of which are inherently moral, as well as being traditional anchors for Democratic candidates – no longer resonate with the majority of voters as being reflective of their core values at least in terms of voting behavior. Something has gone awry for Democratic Party: their central messages are either being ignored, or more likely, simply misunderstood.

If anything this should be a wakeup call for Democrats. To their credit, Republicans have done a masterful job of refining their party platform into a coherent statement that resonates with value driven voters. America remains a conservative country, though not necessarily in a negatively connotative sense. Republicans understand this, and have thus dissolved the divide that arguably exists between many of their policies and the beliefs of their constituents. They have been able to preserve the positive meaning of conservatism by emphasizing its more affirming tenets (i.e. individualism, faith in self, and hard work), while diminishing its weaknesses (aiding the wealthy, for instance).

Democrats could do worse than to seek to recast liberalism in a similar fashion, framing the phrase's meaning around its own compelling affirmations. Charity, broad-mindedness, compassion, and grace all characterize the word liberal in a definitional sense – now it is up to Democrats to redefine it in a political one. They must regroup and refract their arguments through a prism of morality, otherwise the domino of red states with continue their tract through America's heartland.

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Democracy in need of change

Chris Eckel

So apparently there was some election last week. I was too busy trying to get everyone on Facebook to make me his or her friend so I could beat all my other friends. (First 5 people to sign me up after reading this get mentioned in my next column.)

Anyhow, CNN.com informs me that George W. Bush won another four years in the White House to do as he pleases, backed by the implicit approval of the American public. The general attitude on campus seems to be that this is a travesty. I won't disagree. I don't think George W. Bush is much up to the challenge of running this country.

However, I'm not entirely sure I agree with the Happy Valley's assessment that John Kerry was so great a candidate. He was hardly a man of the people; by many estimates, he would be the richest man ever to run for a national position. The flip-flopping annoyed everyone. He seemed more interested in slamming Bush than focusing on himself. I'm not crazy, and I'm hardly alone. According to a recent USA Today column, roughly 50 percent of John Kerry's supporters aren't voting for him because they think he's the greatest thing since Quizno's toasted subs, but rather, they are simply voting against President Bush.

Point taken. People don't like the job Bush is doing. However, what does it say that half the people who were voting for Kerry weren't exactly enamored with him? It tells me we have two less than stellar picks for our leader and international figurehead. How can it be that a country as great as America produces two such uninspiring options for leader? Ralph Nader is a bit out there for my taste, but he might have been on to something when he said that voters should have a better choice than choosing between "horrible" and "terrible."

The biggest problem in American politics is not simply the qualifications of the sitting presidents or of his most recent challenger. The problem is the system itself. It only allows for two people to legitimately run for President. Why is that? There are certainly more than two political viewpoints out there. Shouldn't each faction get to elect its own representative? The founding fathers would have agreed; they were very wary of tyranny of the majority.

The problem doesn't end there. There has been only one female candidate that ran for national office with a serious chance to win that I can recall. Many in this country cannot imagine a fairer system of government being practiced elsewhere.

Democracy means not just being able to vote, but being able to run and to serve. Democracy should be open to everyone, not just the rich, white or male.

Why then, is it that the Vice-President of the Republic of China (Taiwan) happens to be a woman? The United States is supposed to be a world leader, yet we are lagging sadly behind the example of many other countries such as Ireland, Latvia, and Finland, all of whom have female Chiefs of State. The race of the presidential candidates is equally troubling. There has never been a candidate identified as a racial minority that has had a legitimate chance to win election to either President or Vice-President in this country's history. There is hope that this trend will be broken in the future with such strong leaders as Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama emerging on the national scene. However, not even seeing those two in the White House solves all the problems with the current political system.

Do you know how much it costs to run for national office in this country? It costs millions of dollars, easily. It's probably closer to billions in many cases. Now I don't know about you, but I don't see myself being worth that sort of money anytime soon. Neither do 99.99999% of Americans.

And that's another problem. Since when does being rich confer on you a better ability to lead? If there's another attack of the killer tomatoes, there's no one I want beside me more than John Kerry and his wife, who seem to be pretty adept at defeating them. Otherwise, I think there are many people equally qualified to do the job, such as some of my professors, either of my parents, or Theo Epstein, who has demonstrated a solid track record of making good leadership decisions. None of these people will ever have a chance to run, because they aren't worth nearly enough.

The American political system has to change. Democracy means not just being able to vote, but being able to run and to serve. Democracy should be open to everyone, not just the rich, white or male.

When a Latino elementary school teacher from Cleveland serves as the American commander-in-chief, I will truly believe in the righteousness of American democracy. Until that day, I remain skeptical that either George W. Bush or John Kerry is the true problem with this country. The problem is that the spotlight isn't trained on millions of equally qualified candidates, all of who might do a better job.

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A cause worth waiting for



Matthew Reid

Sen. John Kerry may have lost to George Bush in the presidential election, but at least the results were close. Kerry did garner 55 million votes, accounting for 48 percent of the popular vote. Even though he didn't win, Kerry made it a tight race, one that was "too close to call" by the time most Americans went to sleep on election night.

The gay and lesbian population in this country did not fair as well.

On Nov. 2, 11 states approved constitutional bans on gay marriage. The states, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, Mont-ana, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Ohio, Utah and Oregon, all passed measures defining marriage as being between a man and a woman.

The United States is a country that is fiercely divided. President Bush, in his acceptance speech following Sen. Kerry's concession, vowed that he would work to minimize this divide. Time will tell if the president is successful in doing this, but one thing is clear — the gap between those in favor of gay marriage and those opposed to it is not going away any time soon.

That being said, is anyone surprised that the 11 states voting on the constitutional bans all voted the way they did? When you look at similar movements throughout Am-erican history, this type of setback is common.

Woman didn't get the right to vote overnight. They got the right to vote in 1920, after hundreds of years of fighting for it. Likewise, schools across the country weren't desegregated at the flip of a switch.

The Little Rock nine entered the halls of Central High School in 1957 in a monumental step for blacks in this country, but 20 years later the city of Boston was still facing riots over black students being bused to school with whites.

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Many politicians acknowledge that the gay community may have bitten off more than they can chew, and in trying to "build Rome in a day," they actually hurt their cause.

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Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., said that the anti-gay marriage amendments gave conservative voters in swing states "a position to rally around."

Sen. Feinstein went on to say, "The whole issue [of gay marriage] has been too much, too fast, too soon. People aren't ready for it."

The majority of the county doesn't think twice about women voting or blacks going to school with whites. In order for the majority of Americans to accept gay marriage, a complete retooling of the mindset of America must take place. This is not something that can be expected to happen quickly.

All across the country, and especially in swing states such as Ohio, the number one reason voters gave for voting the way they did was "moral values." These moral values are so deeply embedded in the minds of certain Americans that expecting to change them overnight just isn't sensible, despite how bewildering it may be to some of us.

Political analyst Chuck McDonald told the Austin American-Statesmen newspaper that Democrats need to accept the fact that same-sex marriage "is a big, fat loser," and that liberals need to disassociate themselves with it if they are ever going to be successful at the polls.

First of all, not all Democrats fall into the category that McDonald is referring to (not even Sen. Kerry). But for the Democrats who are in favor of same sex marriages, completely abandoning their principles and beliefs would not be the best thing to do, even if it's what McDonald hopes would happen. Anyone who fights for something they believe in can not let a few setbacks get them down. To do so only leads to a loss of credibility and the potential to miss out on seeing your hard work ever pay off.

Proponents of same sex marriage don't even have to look beyond Massachusetts for inspiration. Red Sox fans, who suffered through 86 years of heartbreak and despair, were rewarded with an amazing and unforgettable victory in 2004. While baseball may seem meaningless and insignificant when compared to the challenges gays and lesbians are currently, it does prove one thing — if you want something bad enough, it should not only be worth fighting for, it should be worth waiting for.

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When teachers get political



Allison Edles

The chief responsibility that a professor has to his or her students is accountability. It has become evident that this aspect of the student-professor relationship has taken a back seat for many different reasons. Specifically, I am referring to the professor's responsibilities to teach the course material that the students have agreed to learn via enrollment in that particular class.

While it is often common, at times, for professors to stray away from the planned lectures, if the assigned material for that planned lecture is not covered, or takes a back seat without notifying the students, the questionability of that professor's job comes into play. A professor can have all the degrees in the world, but if they are unable to account for the information assigned on the syllabus to the students, then the professor's role as an educator must be reexamined.

Given the recent presidential election and how important it was to our country, many professors at UMass may have felt the need, and rightly so, to incorporate the election into their lesson plans. The election was an important part of American current events and it was to be expected that professors make some mention of it in their classes. However, when the election trumps the material planned for that class, material which the students are responsible for knowing, the professor's responsibility to the students becomes jeopardized.

For a student who may not share the same political views as the professor to be subjected to it unexpectedly puts a great burden on the student both intellectually and emotionally.

In classes such as a political science class or a history class, it becomes more understandable and appreciated when extensive talk about the elections was made part of the lecture. For other classes such as calculus classes working on derivatives and English classes currently discussing African American literature, discussion of the elections may not have tied together so well with the planned material and, therefore, should not consume the bulk of the lesson plan for that day.

There is an unspoken "contract" between each student and his or her professor. Before a student enrolls in a class, there are many factors that must be accounted for; classes that are required for that particular major, appealing course description, and if the syllabus is available, the type of work demanded of the student. After taking all the aforementioned into account, these are the conditions that the student has agreed upon enrollment in that class. The professor's responsibility in this "contract" is to abide by the guidelines outlined in the course description and adhere to the work assigned on the syllabus. As a result of much election discussion, that "contract" may have been broken in many classes across campus.

Once a student unexpectedly finds themselves in a situation during class where the assigned material is not being covered, the student then has a choice. The first choice is to stay and be subjected to material that they will not be responsible for and have the full time that would be devoted to the subject matter shortened. The second choice is to leave the class.

In the situation of discussing politics in a classroom, it is very difficult, especially during the time of an election, for professors to remain objective if it is not the job of that particular class' professor to remain so. Such is the case of a political science or history class.

For a student who may not share the same political views as the professor to be subjected to it unexpectedly puts a great burden on the student both intellectually and emotionally. And while it may be very tempting to just walk out of class when this is occurring, oftentimes attendance is an issue. So the choice remains to sit and be offended or to leave and have your attendance suffer.

In addition, students are paying a great deal of money to attain an education at this university. For out-of-state students who live on campus, the cost is about $24,000 a year. A portion of that money is going toward the salaries of the professors at UMass. Given that logic, one would expect that the professors would at least be accountable for the material they are teaching and not lose focus because of the election, however tempting it may have been. Also, if students are paying that much for an education and specific courses that are required for their major, the course material should rightly be the main focus of each lecture.

Many classes at this university carry an interdisciplinary annotation (I) which illustrates, to the students, that the material covered in class will be cross-sectioned and looked at through another field of study. It is in these classes that students would expect discussion of other fields. For example, if an English class carried the (I), one may expect it to extensively cover the elections. However, for those classes that are not interdisciplinary, they should stick to their particular course material and try not to let their lectures get side-tracked given current political affairs.

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Jimmy Eat World: bright 'Futures' ahead

By Salima Appiah-Kubi
U-WIRE

MEDFORD, Mass. — For the masses that were bitterly disappointed by the results of the presidential election, Jimmy Eat World's newest album, "Futures," might just offer an escape. Emo is, after all, the music of heartbreak.

Although "Futures" is Jimmy Eat World's fifth album, to many fans who are unfamiliar with the band's earliest releases, it is the equivalent of a pivotal sophomore release.

Jimmy Eat World 'Futures' Priority

This is the stage in a band's development when the fate of a group is decided. You do well, you're on "Behind the Music"; if you don't, the best you can hope for is minutes on "I Love the '90s."

Complicating the story for Jimmy Eat World is the fact that the group earned its fame with the support of a fan base who knew them when they played smaller clubs, used a lot less production, and were, well, sadder.

New fans danced happily to "The Middle" and "A Praise Chorus," admiring the smart lyrics with a pop sensibility, while the band's original followers may have felt alienated by the optimistic and catchy "Bleed American" (the original title of Jimmy Eat World's 2001 album, which became self-titled after Sept. 11).

"Futures" tries to begin an era of bipartisanship between the two fan bases. The first half of the album continues down the path "Bleed American" began on. The songs are chock full of energetic guitar, layered instrumentation and building progressions.

If it weren't for the lyrical eloquence that continues to distinguish Jimmy Eat World from its contemporaries and imitators, the early tracks could be easily interspersed into a Yellowcard album. Even if the first half is reaching out to the radio fans, Jimmy Eat World keeps the pop of its previous effort but loses the sugar — don't expect any party songs from this recording.

The title track shows Jimmy Eat World as it enters the political fray. The song begins, "I, I always believed in futures/ I hope for better in November."

The first track is acutely representative of the album as whole; it attempts to make an intelligent statement — but not a particularly bold one. While its lyrics are honest about where the band's loyalties lie, the song chooses not to be overtly partisan. It prefers the more rock the vote message of "My darling, believe your votes can mean something."

The second half of the album is more like vintage Jimmy. Beginning after "Pain," which is this album's "Bleed American" and "Salt Sweat" rock out song, the sound becomes spare. Guitar solos are rarer, and the vocals are much rawer.

It's refreshing to hear someone sing about his heart being ripped out of his chest while he actually sounds like his heart has recently been ripped out of his chest. The singing isn't painful, though: It's emotive.

This release brings back the themes of songs gone by: Lost love resurfaces in "Just Tonight ..." and "Work," self-loathing in "Pain," and disillusionment in "Nothing Wrong."

Many people ask, usually with a hint of skepticism, "What makes a band 'emo'?" Which is a fair question, since all music is emotional — why the new genre?

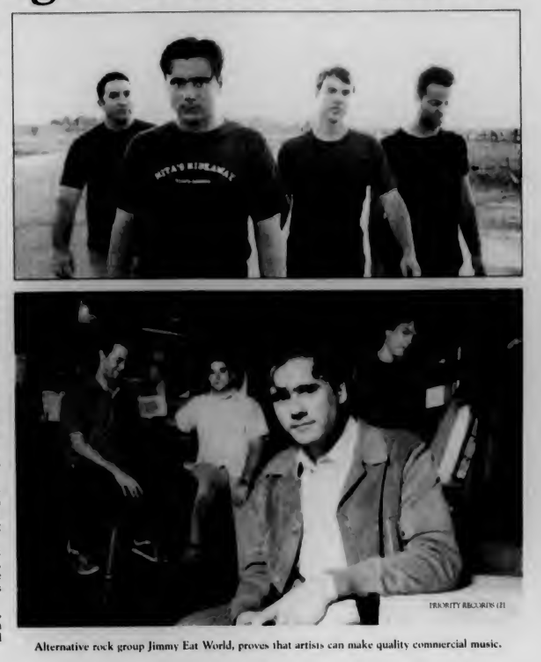
Emo is a new take on the same old pain. When successful, emo music doesn't just present sad circumstances; it inhabits them. Good emo is like good theater: When done right, you feel everything with the performers. Every sighed phrase, every barely gasped outline, every note plucked out in melancholy on guitar (or, increasingly, piano) is meant to engage rather than merely entertain.

One of the best examples of how good emo can be is the highlight piece on the album, "Drugs or Me." Slight but skilled instrumentation balances against wrenching vocals, as stark lyrics create a musical portrait of longing and desperation. The singer pulls you into to his anguish, forcing you to just close your eyes and listen.

The miracle of "Futures" is that it proves that an artist can make a commercial record without sacrificing creating integrity.

While "Futures" isn't new, it is different. More importantly, it sounds like an accurate reflection of where the band is creatively.

Whatever its motivations, "Futures" is a quality album that should be welcomed by old and new fans alike.



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Alternative rock group Jimmy Eat World, proves that artists can make quality commercial music.

Hibernation or deprivation?



Style 101

Monique Jemmott

I'm pretty sure I'm not the only one to notice that college is not actually the real world. As a student, you can choose when you want to participate in the real world by working, paying rent, and voting. If you would like to live in the bubble of dorm life, work study (where its ok to be scheduled for 2 hours at a time) and eating in the cafeteria, you can do that too. But perhaps the best form of entrance and exit to the real world is the way we dress.

As the seasons change, so do our clothing, and essentially our style. It seems as though as the weather gets colder, our contingent of varied styles, turns into a sea of drab colored Northface Parkas and hiking boots (and more recently huge furry foot-eating monsters known as Uggs). Of course, we have the few die hards, who refuse to believe that the ending of summer means to stop wearing flip flops —but trust me if you have to put on a sweater and hat, you have to take off the open toes. But overall we find that the majority of us become style deprived during the winter months. I myself am a culprit of this syndrome. As soon as the first wisp of freezing cold air hits, I trade in all that is stylish for fleece sweats big enough for layers under, my favorite parka, and a pair of Timberlands.

Now those of us who have spent a winter in the Valley are quite aware of how brutal they can be. When its 20 degrees outside (and trust me it'll get there), its hard enough trying to convince yourself to go to class, let alone be concerned with what to wear. This makes it that much more easier to throw on anything that will keep you warm and not think twice about what it looks like— and this my friends, is a function of the surreal world known as college.

As a senior, many of my new found thoughts on the world center around what I am going to do when I have to actually live in a world without winter breaks and summer vacation to soften the blow. When most of us enter the workforce, as dress code will be in order, and dressing like your going on a ski trip will no longer cut it.We will have to look presentable regardless of the fact that there is snow up to our knees and little children and old people are dying from the weather conditions.

I've made a vow to myself that I would start now. On my honor, this winter I will try my hardest not to revert to my old ways of going into style hiberation for the winter. There are many options. With tweed back in style, and foot monsters getting one more winter run, there are options — and I plan to utilize them until the first snow day.

'Arrested Development' proves the function of disfunction

By Seth Keim
U-WIRE

MEDFORD, Mass. — When a little show on FOX called "Arrested Development" won the Emmy for best comedy this year, you might have been a little surprised — perhaps even a little confused. How did a show that was in danger of being cancelled manage to best such Emmy favorites as "Everybody Loves Raymond" and "Sex and the City?"

The second season of "Arrested Development" debuts this Sunday at 8:30 p.m. and one viewing is sure to persuade viewers that the show is one of the best and most original sitcoms on broadcast television.

The show tells the story of the Bluth family, a wealthy and dysfunctional clan headed by patriarch George Sr. (played by Dr. Phil look-alike Jeffrey Tambor). In last season's pilot episode, real estate tycoon George Sr. got busted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for shady business practices, aka using company funds like "a piggy bank."

George was subsequently sent to jail and the family's assets were frozen, forcing the Bluth brood to unite under the same roof (the model home of George Sr.'s latest housing development).

If you're wondering why "Arrested Development" is the funniest show on network television, look no further than the actors themselves. Considering the quality of its regulars, it is no surprise that the show also won an Emmy for Outstanding Casting in a Comedy Series.

Heading the winning comedy troop is Jason Bateman, whom we have only seen intermittently since his days as a minor heartthrob on "The Hogan Family" (1988-1991).

Bateman assumes the role of middle Bluth son Michael, who agrees to take over the business and, in effect, keep the family from falling into complete disarray. Bateman's subtle but endearing work explains why many critics have deemed him the most underrated actor on television.

While Bateman might be singled out for his performance, his costars certainly hold their own. As petulant older brother and struggling magician Gob (pronounced "Job"), Will Arnett often steals scenes from his onscreen brethren.

Tony Hale's portrayal of younger brother Buster is equally impressive. Buster is a perpetual grad student, prone to anxiety attacks and forever under the control of the overbearing Bluth mother, Lucille (Jessica Walter). Portia de Rossi (from "Ally McBeal") is the lone Bluth daughter, the self-centered Lindsay.

Perhaps the most enjoyable character, and definitely the oddest, is Lindsay's husband, the sexually ambiguous Tobias Fünke (the hilarious David Cross, formerly of HBO's "Mr. Show").

Tobias, like George, was not originally supposed to be a regular character, but since he tested so high in the pilot, cross was rightly welcomed into the ensemble. Much of the laughs result from his attempts to become an actor and his fear of getting naked, an affliction termed a "never-nude" (a disease that is "not yet recognized by the DSM IV").

Rounding out the cast are Michael Cera as George Michael Bluth, Michael's teenage son, and Alia Shawkat as Mae ("Maeby"), the adolescent offspring of Tobias and Lindsay. George Michael quickly develops a crush on Maeby, and Cera is exceptional at displaying the awkwardness of this affection.

In addition to the talents of the main actors, a steady stream of well-cast guest stars lends their talent to the show. Prominent among these are Liza Minnelli as Buster's love interest, and the Fonz himself, Henry Winkler, as George's incompetent attorney. The show also features Carl Weathers as himself, Tobias' acting coach who has a disturbing passion for stew.

Of course it is not just the superb cast that has propelled "Arrested Development" to its status as a critical darling. The show bucks most sitcom conventions, creating something unique that actually works. In contrast to most network sitcoms, "Development" eschews the laugh track, which allows for more subtle jokes.

Shot on digital video on location instead of in the traditional three-camera studio set-up, "Arrested Development" also has a kind of reality show feel. If one didn't know better, one might be led to believe the show is a reality program called "My Big Fat Dysfunctional Family."

The story telling is refreshingly unique as well, due in large part to the narration of former "Happy Days" star Ron Howard (who is also the executive producer). This frequent narration, often used for flashbacks and asides, gives the show a "Royal Tenenbaums" vibe, which is also felt in large part to the quirkiness of the characters.

Upping the surreal ante in the new season, George Sr. will go on the lam in Mexico and Buster will ship off to Iraq. While Standards and Practices might send the producers pages of notes, don't expect series creator Mitch Hurwitz to tone anything down.

You might watch "Arrested Development" and think to yourself, "Shouldn't this be on cable?" The show seems like something more likely to be found on HBO.

Fortunately for viewers, Fox has given them a second chance to see a show of this caliber on a broadcast network. Don't miss this opportunity: there might not be a third.

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By Bradley Farberman

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"Tuesdays in Bezanson" will celebrate Charles Ives on the fiftieth anniversary of his death tonight, at 8 p.m. Eric Berlin (trumpet), Marylou Churchill (violin), William Hite (tenor), Christopher Krueger (flute), Estela Olevsky (piano), Astrid Schween (cello), Nadine Shank (piano) David Sporny (trombone), Nikki Stoia (piano) and Laura Rexroth (conductor) will perform a set of compositions by Ives including The Unanswered Question; Over the Pavements, Scherzo; From the Steeples and the Mountains; Piano Trio and more. UMass Amherst's Bezanson Recital Hall is the place to be; tickets are $3 for UMass students, $5 for other students, seniors and children and $10 for the general public.

WednesdayNovember 10

CONCERT

Canada's the New Deal brings their self-described "live progressive breakbeat house" music to UMass Amherst's student union ballroom tonight, at 10 p.m. The group will play one ninety-minute set; local acts Newsay and the 5th Pocket Open. Tickets are $8 for UMass students, $12 for 5-College students and $16 for the general public.

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Amherst College's Johnson Chapel will host Jonathan Kozol tonight at 8 p.m. The activist/author of 1995's Amazing Grace: the Lives of Children and the Conscience of a Nation will speak on "The Artificial Meritocracy: The Silence of our Academic Leaders on the Savage Inequalities and Deepening Resegregation of the U.S. Public Schools." This event is free and open to the public.

CONCERT

Funky white boys Percy Hill throw it down at Northampton's Pearl Street Night Club tonight at 8:30 p.m. Formed at the University of New Hampshire in 1993, this talented quartet combines jazzy guitar licks, vintage keyboards and Stevie Wonder vocals for a soul shakedown party that's more than worthy of your sensitive ears. Tickets are $14 in advance and $17 at the door.

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CONFERENCE

Smith College's "Reconstructing the model minority," a conference sponsored by Asian students of Smith College, and the Korean American students of Smith College, will feature a keynote address by Nitasha Sharma who will discuss Asians and hip hop culture. The conference closes with a date 'auction' at 8pm in Graham Hall. To register the cost of the event is $15, general ($10 in advance); $10, students ($7 in advance).

weekly pinup



Saturday, stand up comic Colin Quinn comes to UMass' Fine Arts Center tonight at 10 p.m. Tickets are $5 for UMass students, $10 for 5-College students and $15 for the general public.

UMass takes thriller at NU

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Tikum quietly led all defenders with 14 total tackles, including 10 solo, and recorded a sack as the Minutemen clamped down on defense to limit NU to just three second-half points.

"This has been the toughest year by far that I've been through as a person, a coach, and a professional," said Brown. "What got me through it were the players and their approach to the program. We continue to light and improve each and every week."

On the Northeastern side, It was clearly a disappointing loss for coach Rocky Hager and his players, many of whom were recruited by Brown and attached a great deal of emotional significance to the contest.

"This did hurt a little bit," senior linebacker Mike Hall said. "To have the coaches on the other side, the guys who recruited you, is tough. I'll never forget this one. This loss is a little bit more painful. But high school football is more personal, and college football is a business. It doesn't matter who the opponent is, you try and win the football game. And we didn't get that done."

"Were we pressing? I can't tell for sure," said Hager. "Both sides were very emotional. This is one of the toughest disappointments I've ever experienced, especially for our senior class. This is a rivalry game. That's what we have with UMass, and we want to win our rivalry games. We have special players, and my heart aches for them."

Trailing 22-20 after Miro Kesic connected on a 21-yard field goal with 13:23 to play, Baylark put the UMass offense on his shoulders as the Minutemen embarked on a six-play 70-yard drive. Carrying the ball on four of the six plays, Baylark ripped off 49-yards on the second play to move the ball down to the 16 yard line. Three plays later, No. 5 plunged in front a yard out to give the Minutemen a 26-22 edge. Quarterback Tim Day's subsequent two-point conversion pass fell incomplete, but UMass did not relinquish the lead.

UMass began the scoring on its opening drive, as Day led the Minutemen 69 yards in 10 plays before connecting with sophomore wide receiver Brandon London for a five-yard touchdown pass.

Northeastern answered back with a vengeance, however, as the Huskies scored on four of their first five possessions. After Kesic got them on the board with a 21-yard field goal midway through the first quarter, wide receiver Corey Parks caught a 30-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Shawn Brady and tailback Maurice Murray scored on a four-yard touchdown run to put the Huskies up 16-7, before Kesic connected from 23 yards to make the score 19-7 late in the second quarter.

UMass was able to narrow the deficit just before halftime, as senior wide receiver Jason Peebler hauled in a 23-yard touchdown pass from Tim Day with 34 seconds to play in the half to narrow the margin to 19-14.

The Minutemen then opened the scoring in the second half, as senior Rich Demers scored on a two-yard touchdown run midway through the third quarter to give the Maroon and White a 20-19 edge.

Bad loss follows solid win

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ning on the road," Cahoon said. "We've played too soft a game and too unthorough a game on the road for those two games."

They were also bolstered by line goaltending from junior Frank McLaughlin, who made 41 stops – including 21 in the third period – in his first collegiate start. That McLaughlin, who found out he would be Saturday's starter at 11 a.m. that day, was in net was partly due to the fact that the Minutemen harassed both Jim Healey and Casey Guenther the night before, chasing Healey after the first period and scoring five goals on Guenther.

McLaughlin hardly looked like a replacement, though, allowing just two blemishes in an otherwise pristine performance that allowed the Warriors to handle the Minutemen up and down the ice.

Junior Gabe Winer made 23 stops on 25 shots, and freshman Jamie Gilbert (Lewiston, Maine) turned aside two shots in 4:47 of work, his first appearance for the Minutemen.

Just like Friday night, the Warriors struck first when Jeff Caron's slap shot from the point found its way past Winer just two minutes and 15 seconds in. The Warriors had another golden opportunity at the 11:05 mark when Matt Johnson was given a penalty shot after being taken down en route to the net by Matt Anderson. Johnson skated in, made little movement, and fired a wrist shot toward Winer's five-hole but was stuffed.

The Minutemen fired back with 2:54 to go in the first when Mike Kustka's slapper from the point was redirected by Stephen Jacobs right in front of McLaughlin, giving Jacobs his first goal of the season and his third in a UMass uniform.

The Warriors responded just a minute and a half into the second period with Carisio's goal, and they were off to the races from there. Lalonde's goal was the last of the period, but it was hardly the last of the fireworks.

Before the teams returned to the dressing rooms, 14 penalties were called, including a five-minute endangerment major and game disqualification to Minuteman defenseman Jeff Lang, leaving UMass with five defensemen for the rest of the evening.

Warriors Bryan Schmidt and Mike Alexiou both added goals in the third period to cement the victory. UMass' Tim Vitek scored his first of the season, grabbing a loose puck out from under a scramble in front of McLaughlin with 3:58 to go, but that was the closest the Minutemen would get.

Friday night was in complete contrast, as the Minutemen outdid the Warriors across the board and ran away to an 8-2 victory.

The Warriors opened the scoring with Johnson's goal at the 14:12 mark of the first but didn't get another puck past Winer until there was 8:21 to go in the game when Mike Alexiou added their second goal.

After three years on bench, rookie shines



MATTHEW BEEM COLLEGIAN

UMass captain Stephen Werner skates up the ice during Friday night's game against Merrimack. The two teams split the weekend series.

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The game began similarly to Friday's game. Merrimack scored an early goal to take a 1-0 lead, and UMass tied it in the closing minutes of the first period. However, after tying it Friday, the Minutemen were able to keep the pressure on Warrior goalie Jim Healey as they added two more goals to take a 3-1 lead into intermission, and the snowball effect had started.

UMass applied the same pressure on McLaughlin, but he was able to make some key saves to keep the score tied before the Warriors ran away with the contest.

McLaughlin did play in an exhibition game earlier in the season against St. Thomas. Serino took him to Omaha for an in-season tournament a week later but didn't have the confidence to play him due to his poor play in practice.

It was his work ethic in training over the summer that really impressed Serino, though, as he stayed at Merrimack to better his game instead of heading home to Philadelphia.

"He's worked his butt off," Serino said. "He deserved the chance to play, and I make my decisions based on my goaltenders on one thing, and one thing only: who gives us the best chance to win? And you know what? Frank gave us the best chance to win."

And it was a win that the Warriors needed badly. After being embarrassed the night before, they were staring straight in the face of losing their first four Hockey East games of the season with their next three games against Boston University (twice) and New Hampshire.

"I'm very, very happy for him," Serino said. "I'm happy that we won the game, but I'm more happy for [McLaughlin] because all the work this kid has put in has paid off for him."

No postseason for Minutemen after loss

By Matt Barstow
Collegian Staff

In a do-or-die match on Friday, the Massachusetts men's soccer team couldn't get its offense going and lost 2-0 to Rhode Island in its regular season finale at the URI Soccer Complex.

The loss dropped Massachusetts to 8-9-2 and 5-4-2 in the Atlantic 10 while Rhode Island improved to 11-7-1 and 6-4-1 in the A-10 and clinched its eighth A-10 Tournament berth in the last 10 years.

For the second consecutive year, the Rams shutout UMass in the last game of the season to prevent them from making the postseason. Last year, the Rams held the Minutemen to six shots and won 3-0 before winning three straight tournament matches to capture the conference title.

UMass' fate was sealed by a 5-0 LaSalle victory over Fordham on Friday. With the win, the Explorers clinched the eighth and final tournament spot.

The Maroon and White looked strong early, out shooting Rhode Island 8-2 and playing solid defense en route to a scoreless first half.

The Rams turned things around after the break and got the game's first score 13:07 into the second half. The goal happened when Lukasz Tumicz capitalized on a Jeffrey Gonsalves assist.

Gonsalves set up the play by sending a breakaway pass down the right side of the field where Tumicz chased it down and fired a shot from 15 yards out to the upper left corner of the net for his third goal of the season.

Freshman Danleigh Borman added an insurance goal with 31:53 remaining in the game after receiving a Sasha Gotsmanov drop-off pass. Using fancy footwork deep in the Massachusetts zone, Gotsmanov maneuvered past three UMass defenders and cut in front of the goal. He created a shooting opportunity for himself but elected to dump the ball off to Borman without looking. Borman blasted a shot past UMass goalie Colin Burns for his third score of the season.

Gotsmanov's assist was his nation-leading 46th point of the season. The senior also leads the country with an astounding 19 goals in 19 games.

The defensive-minded Minutemen surrendered Rhode Island scoring chances when they were forced to pull their midfielders and forwards up field after falling behind 1-0. The Rams took advantage of the pinching Massachusetts defense and recorded a 12-4 advantage in shots during the second half.

Burns made four saves on 14 shots in his last collegiate start. Dean Ruddy faced 12 shots and made four saves on his way to helping Rhode Island to its fourth shutout of the season.

Massachusetts played with one of the youngest teams in the nation this year, fielding a squad of 17 underclassmen and only two seniors. In a season that could have been regarded as a rebuilding year, junior captain Oral Bullen led the Maroon and White with nine goals – good for a third-place tie for most goals in the A-10.

Sophomore Robby Charest was second on the team in scoring and will return next season as well. He finished with six goals and two assists.

Fellow sophomore Richie Higa largely contributed to UMass' success at midfield, chipping in with four goals and nine points. Higa was also named the Atlantic 10 Player of the Week after scoring a combined three goals in wins over Dayton (10/15) and Xavier (10/17).

Coach Sam Koch gave most of the youngsters substantial playing time, and 14 players tallied at least one point. Against Dayton, freshman Mike Ming-ione scored a golden goal in overtime to give the Maroon and White a 4-3 victory.

Led by a defense that was suffocating at times, UMass managed to stay close in most ganies and played in a school record eight overtimes. Thanks to timely scoring in extended play, UMass posted a 5-1-2 overtime record.

Sophomore goalie Nick Billman split time between the pipes with Burns and will be looked upon to lead Massachusetts into the postseason in 2005.

A-10 championship recap from Rudd

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through the second half.

Friday's low-scoring, neck-and-neck affairs continued as the Rams and Flyers took on some tough competition in Rich-mond and St. Joe's, respectively.

Game one saw the Flyers break a school record for consecutive wins (19) on goals from Reba Sedlacek and Kozlowski. Sedlacek was first to score, a cross into the box from Sirmans that bounced into the right corner of the net halfway through the first. Koslowski extended the lead to two early in the second with a goal of her own before St. Joe's Ali Wean netted a turn-around from 15 yards out. The rally, however, wasn't enough for the Hawks.



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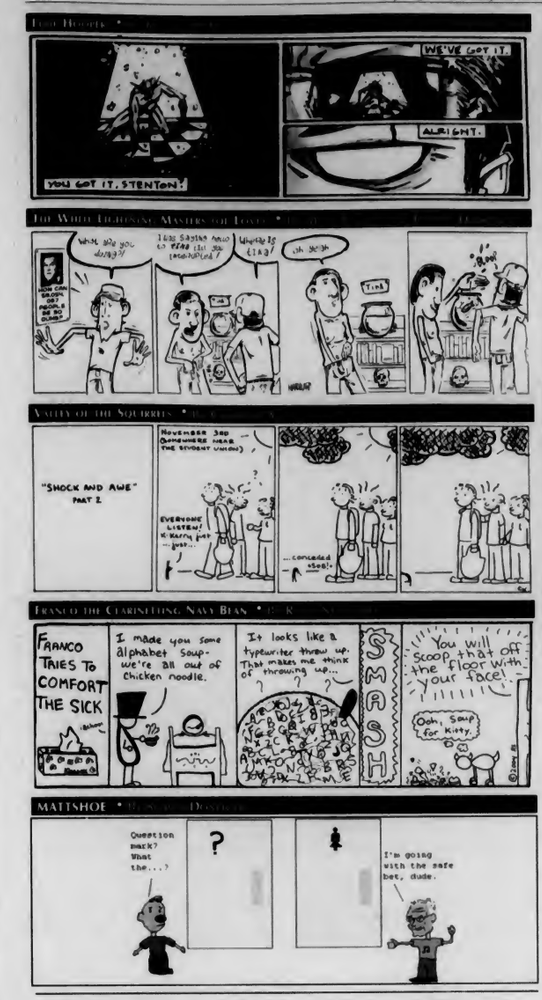
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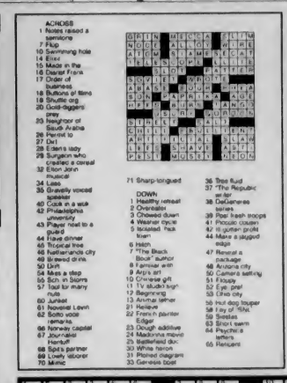
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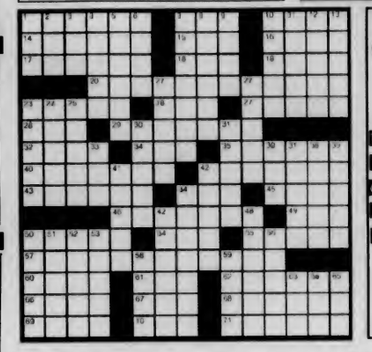
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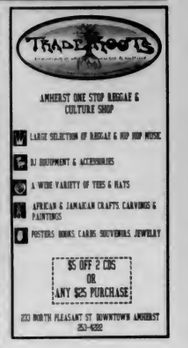
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Quote of the Day

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Clean slate for Brown

UMass travels to Northeastern and escapes with a victory

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

BROOKLINE — As far as the Massachusetts football team is concerned, the book is now closed on the Don Brown fiasco.

After nine months of drama, legal action, embarrassment and general disdain for each other on all fronts, the two schools involved in the dispute over the former Northeastern turned UMass coach finally met to settle things once and for all on the one place that truly matters — the football field.

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When it was all said and done, it was Brown who came out on top after a bitter battle between two evenly matched Atlantic 10 schools. Using the legs of Steve Baylark, the Minutemen pounded away on the Huskies in the fourth quarter and emerged with a hard-fought 26-22 victory before 4,216 at Parsons Field.

The Maroon and White (5-5 3-4 Atlantic 10) return to action following a bye week on Saturday Nov. 20, when it hosts Hofstra for Senior Day at Warren P. McGuirk Alumni Stadium. Kickoff is scheduled for noon.

After the game, Brown received a Gatorade shower before coming onto the field and spending several minutes greeting and hugging many of his former NU (3-6 2-4 A-10) players. He was then awarded the game ball in the locker room by his current UMass players and coaches, but was not overjoyed when speaking to the media following UMass' fifth victory of the season.

"It was not a great win for me. I'm just glad we won and all this is over the dam," Brown said. "It was not fun. Sometimes the players get caught in the middle. This game was not about the players. It's been a tough year. Let's just leave it at that."

In the end, however, the game was indeed about the players. Baylark, who recorded his fourth-consecutive 100-yard performance with 186 yards on 29 carries and a touchdown, was a key catalyst in helping the Minutemen establish control of the game offensively after Northeastern jumped out to an early advantage. He also delivered the big blow of the game when he rumbled 49 yards to set up the eventual game-winning score in the fourth quarter.

"Baylark continues to be a beast," Brown said. "I told him before the season I'd like to give the ball to him 40 times a game. He does what he needs to do, and it makes the quarterback's job much easier. He's special."

For Baylark, the performance helped him reach the 1,000-yard milestone for the second consecutive season.

"I couldn't do it without the guys in front of me, and without Coach giving me the ball a lot," Baylark said of the milestone. "It's kind of fun to go over 1,000 yards, but I couldn't do it without the guys."

On the defensive side of the ball, it was another one of Brown's UMass players that made a game-turning impact with his play. While Huskies first team All-American linebacker Liam Ezekiel was busy breaking the NCAA Division I-AA record for tackles in a career, UMass junior linebacker Serge

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MATTHEW REBHOLZ/COLLEGIAN

UMass wide receiver Jason Peebler and the Minutemen came out victorious at Northeastern on Saturday during coach Don Brown's return trip to Parsons Field where he coached for four years.

Tale of two performances over weekend

Solid win followed by poor showing

By Andrew Merritt
Collegian Staff

NORTH ANDOVER – Coach Don Cahoon and star forward Matt Anderson both made clear what the message was for the Massachusetts hockey team this weekend when they echoed each other after the Minutemen drubbed Merrimack 8-2 at the Mullins Center.

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Cahoon and Anderson mentioned that all they had to do to be reminded of the way a home-and-home Hockey East weekend could go was to look back at the split the Minutemen earned against Providence on Oct. 29 and 30. Friday night, the Minutemen were trounced by the Friars in Providence, only to come back the next night and earn their second conference victory at home.

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It was déjà vu with the results reversed this weekend, as the Warriors bounced back from the Minutemen's Friday night thrashing to beat the Minutemen 5-2 Saturday at the J. Thom Lawler Arena. The Minutemen fell to 5-4-0, with a 2-3-0 Hockey East record. The Warriors improved to 3-5-0 overall, with a 1-3-0 conference record, and avoid becoming the first Hockey East team against whom the Minute-men would have an all-time winning record.

Rob LaLonde's goal at the 6:50 mark of the second period ended up being the game winner Saturday night, though Hank Carisio's tally five minutes earlier looked to be the clincher for much of the game, as the Warriors managed to keep the lead and momentum firmly in their end for most of the game.

The Minutemen are winless on the road against Hockey East teams, with losses to Providence on Oct. 29 and Saturday's defeat. Their lone road win came in the consolation game of the Nye Frontier Classic against Canisius on Oct. 16, a 2-1 victory.

"The fact of the matter is we haven't won a [conference] game on the road yet, and I know my teams in recent past and other teams I've coached have prided themselves in playing well and win-

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MATTHEW REBHOLZ/COLLEGIAN

Freshman defender David Leaderer waits for the puck in Friday night's game against Merrimack at the Mullins Center. The Minutemen split their weekend series.

MC goalie gets first start in three years

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

NORTH ANDOVER – After being shellacked by the Massachusetts hockey team by a score of 8-2 on Friday night, Merrimack coach Chris Serino had some serious adjustments to make for the second leg of the home-and-home series on Saturday night.

The Warriors were outplayed in every phase of the game in Amherst, and the possibility of seeing them even make a competitive effort on Saturday looked very grim.

Grasping at straws, Serino decided that his team's best shot at pulling out a win would be to start Frank McLaughlin, who wasn't even on the depth chart the night before, in net. In fact, his biggest hurdle to overcome stretched far beyond just Friday's depth chart.

McLaughlin, a junior, is in his third season with the team, and until two days ago, he hadn't even made a collegiate start. He isn't even on scholarship.

Serino offered his players a little bit of inspiration before they took the ice.

"I said to my players before the game, 'How many of you guys would still be on this team if you were here for three years and never played a game? You weren't on scholarship, and you've been practicing for three years, and you've never played a game. How many of you would still be here?

"Now, if you don't go out and play [hard] in front of this kid, then there is something wrong with you. He shouldn't win the game for us. We should win the game for him.' And I meant that, and this is the truth. I'm very, very happy for him," Serino said.

The Warriors turned the tides on UMass that night, and McLaughlin was the biggest reason why. He stopped 41 shots in his collegiate debut, and he earned a 5-2 victory in front of 1,867 people at J. Thom Lawler Arena.

Among those in attendance were his parents, who made the seven-hour drive up from Philadelphia after hearing he would start just eight hours before the puck was set to drop.

It was in Philadelphia where McLaughlin had last seen the ice in an official hockey game when he played for the Philadelphia Junior Flyers. That was three years ago; three years of butterflies and nerves that added up and hit him as soon as he hit the ice.

"It wasn't so bad until right when I got on the ice, and then I'm like, 'I think I'm going to puke,'" McLaughlin said. "After the first or second shot, I got comfortable."

Letting him get comfortable was something that UMass coach Don Cahoon did not want to let happen.

"At the beginning of the game, obviously we threw some pucks at him, and it looked like he was struggling a little bit," Cahoon said. "But as [Merrimack] played with a little more confidence, and as they started to control the play a little bit, then he played with a little more confidence. I've seen it happen a billion times."

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Dayton extends winning streak to 20, takes home Atlantic 10 Championship at Rudd

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

It's no secret that the Dayton Flyers made a habit out of pummeling Atlantic 10 opponents all year long, only trailing once throughout the entire season and having won a record 20 straight games.

Richmond	1
UMass	0
St. Joseph's	1
LaSalle	0
Dayton	1
Rhode Island	0

But yesterday at Rudd Field for the A-10 Championship, it took 98 minutes for the Flyers to down the Rhode Island Rams 1-0 for their fourth title in six years, including their second straight.

And the payoff is grand. With the last-second victory the Flyers now have themselves an automatic bid in the NCAA Tournament.

"It feels awesome, man," Flyers coach Mike Tucker said. "[Something like this] always feels good. This was really earned well, they battled their rear ends off with the Rhode Island girls. We've been in at least seven or eight one-goal games. We've won every one of them, and they persevere. These girls just hattle like crazy. It feels really good to see that ball end up in the net."

In arguably one of the most exciting matchups to watch in 2004, the Flyers and Rams exchanged close shots and near misses throughout the game's entirety. Essentially, it was a game dominated by defense. Both teams, however, had plenty of opportunities to put the game away, especially the Flyers. Dayton outshot the Rams 18-5 but could not convert thanks to some superior goalkeeping by Ria Carroll.

But in the end, it was a cross through the middle that doomed the Rams. With just over one minute remaining in the first period of overtime, Jen Simonetti set up for a corner kick. After launching the hall into the air, freshman Courtney Sirmans found it at the far post and lobbed it to senior Tesia Kozlowski, who headed it past Carroll.

The celebration will be short-lived as the Flyers get set to make a run in the NCAA Tournament.

"We've got this win streak going, but one loss now and we're done," Tucker said. "These girls know how to win. We won't be afraid of anybody we play. We've got to go get it done now."

Yesterday's victory wraps up a weekend at Rudd Field that saw all of its games decided by one goal, with four of the five games being 1-0 contests. The Richmond Spiders slipped one by UMass keeper Kristin Walker in the first five minutes, and hung on through the remaining 85 minutes to clinch a 1-0 victory over the Minutewomen in game one. Game two saw another 1-0 hattle, this one with the St. Joseph's Hawks coming out on top against the LaSalle Explorers on the efforts of an unassisted 30-yard bender from Jess Daugherty midway

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Jewish speaker says struggle against anti-Semitism is a worldwide battle

By Adrienne Bossi
Collegian Correspondent

The Jewish Community of Amherst held a daylong teach-in Sunday discussing the changing face of anti-Semitism in today's world. "There is this one term, 'anti-Semitism,' used to describe a huge range and array of feelings," said Dr. Daniel Jonah Goldhagen of Harvard's Minda de Gunzburg Center for European studies.

Goldhagen addressed an audience of roughly 70 individuals ranging from ages 17 to 87 with his speech, "What's new about the new anti-Semitism?" Goldhagen discussed the two main problems complicating discussions about anti-Semitism, the first being a linguistic problem with the word "anti-Semitism" itself.

"A person who believes all Jews are cheap can be described as anti-Semitic. But, Hitler is also described as anti-Semitic," said Goldhagen.

The other problem Goldhagen cited is the fact that anti-Semitism is multi-faceted. "Anti-Semitism is always changing. It has changed historically many times. It changes socially and between societies. It changes over eras and generations," he said.

"It's a moving target," Goldhagen said. "It's a woolly phenomenon and amorphous in its expression."

Goldhagen described the rise in anti-Semitic feelings throughout the world and especially within the European Union. A poll conducted in the 1990s of Catholics in Italy, Austria, and Germany showed that surprising numbers of people continue to believe the Jews are guilty for the death of Christ and are cursed because of it. 33 percent of Austrian, 25 percent of German, and 45 percent of Italian Catholics shared this sentiment.

Anti-Semitic expressions are increasing worldwide. According to Goldhagen's statistics, between 33 and 45 percent of French Jews consider emigrating out of the country. "Those numbers are staggering," said Goldhagen. "One-third, to nearly one-half of French Jews say, 'there's no future for me here in France.'"

Goldhagen said the French Interior Ministry termed that as a threat to democracy. The average number of anti-Semitic incidents in France during the 1990s was 10; from 2000 to 2002, it was 120. This year, they are predicting closer to 1000, although these statistics are also usually underreported.

While many people in the United States have negative feelings towards Jews, "It is not as often expressed in polite society in this country. But that doesn't mean it doesn't exist. It's like an iceberg, where you don't see 90 percent of it," he said.

Goldhagen said it has become taboo in modern times to talk about Israel without a valid reason why. "The US is the only country in the world today outside of Israel where Jews can speak out about Israel without being deemed suspect."

There are a variety of causes for the revival of anti-Semitism, and they vary from country to country. Among these reasons are the lifting of political and social taboos on anti-Semitic expression. The lifting has unleashed simmering anti-Semitism, particularly in Germany. Goldhagen also cited the resentment toward continued discussion of the Holocaust, the availability of the Middle East conflict as a tool for anti-Semites to incite prejudice against Jews, and the permissive atmosphere in Europe.

"Political and intellectual leaders fail to speak out forcefully against anti-Semitism ... where governments conceal the magnitude and danger of anti-Semitism and fail to vigorously combat it," he said.

Goldhagen's speech was followed by a question-and-answer period when he was able to address his feelings on Mel Gibson's controversial film, "The Passion of the Christ," which explores the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

"I believe it is impossible for anyone that knows anything about anti-Semitism, as well as the New Testament, to believe this film is anything but anti-Semitic. It is a misguided and inaccurate portrayal of the role of Jews in the crucifixion," he said.

Goldhagen said the film reduces the New Testament to solely the sufferings of Jesus.

"If you see this film, I believe it is impossible to leave without anti-Semitic feelings. It's not good for Christians either," he said.

Goldhagen went on to describe a set of guidelines, established and universally enforced by the Catholic Church, outlining how the Passion of Christ can be portrayed. They were set up to protect against breeding anti-Semitic feelings, among other things.

"Gibson violated 37 of these guidelines. And the perverse thing is that the Vatican approved it," Goldhagen said.

Although there is no solution to anti-Semitism, Goldhagen said that working to keep the problem minimally exposed in everyday life is a step in the right direction.

"I can say how terrible things are nowadays, but I can also tell you how much better things are compared to 40 years ago," he said.



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Doctor Daniel Jonah Goldhagen, left, lectures on anti-Semitism last Sunday at The Jewish Community in Amherst. Goldhagen said that anti-Semitic expressions are increasing worldwide.

University student stabbed 6 to 8 times

AMHERST — According to reports in media sources, a University of Massachusetts student was stabbed between six and eight times early Halloween morning in the Alpine Commons apartment complex.

The victim, a 19-year-old Dedham man, received the injuries in a fight. The man who stabbed the victim was wearing a "Jason"-type hockey mask, made famous by the "Friday the 13th" movies.

Police said they had identified a suspect one day after the incident. The suspect is reportedly not a UMass student. No weapon has been recovered.

A second man was involved in the fight, according to police.

This man, who has only been identified as an Arlington resident, was what police called "an involved participant." He reportedly received injuries, which were treated at Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton.

Police said the man's car had bloodstains on it and seized it for further investigation.

The victim had been listed in guarded condition as of Nov. 2, after having been transported to Baystate Medical Center in Springfield for medical treatment the night of the stabbing. However, it was unclear as of press time whether his condition had changed or if he had been released from the hospital.

-Dan O'Brien

Former Israeli parliament speaker to visit Hillel

By Matt Hoffman
Collegian Staff

The University of Massachusetts Hillel House will be hosting a lecture by the former speaker of Israel's parliament, Avraham Burg, tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Hasbrouck 20.

A senior member of Israel's Labor Party and prominent figure in Israel, Burg, will speak about "Struggling Towards Peace in Times of Terror." Burg is a religious Jew in a secular political party.

In the mid-1980s, Burg was an adviser to former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres. In 1988, the self-described idealist was elected to the Knesset, Israel's legislative body of Israel's government. Similar to the United States, Israel's government is made up of executive, legislative, and judicial branches — each with checks and balances over the others.

Burg left the Knesset in 1995 to head the Jewish Agency for Israel. The Jewish Agency is an Israeli organization that describes itself as "the global partnership of the Jewish People with Israel." The organization focuses on assuring the future of the Jewish people with Israel at its center through the promotion of various principles. These values include immigration to Israel and emphasis on Jewish-Zionist education.

In 1989, as a member of Israel's Labor Party, then 44-year-old Burg was elected to the Knesset as the youngest speaker of the parliamentary body in Israel's history. This moment was one of great pride for Burg. Born and raised in Israel, his father is a survivor of the Nazi Holocaust.

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Group Mass Mahketing raises credit awareness

By Matt Elder
Collegian Staff

Two groups around the University of Massachusetts campus are campaigning for students to have better credit awareness, and it all starts tonight with a performance at the Blue Wall.

"Mass Mahketing is an advertising agency that's part of an honors course in the School of Management," said Caitlin Tessier, a member of the group. They are teaming up with Mission: IMPROVable, an on-campus improv group, eight times in the next two weeks to promote knowledge on credit.

According to a press release, the name of Mass Mahketing's credit education campaign is "Spend Smaht." Tessier said that the group made a collective effort to come up with a creative name involving a stereotypical Boston accent.

"We wanted to come up with a slogan that students would find catchy and memorable," said Mike McMeekin in a press release. McMeekin is the head of Mass Mahketing research.

"Students not only speak with a Boston accent, but they take pride in it, too," he said.

During the Mission: IMPROVable skits, the group will highlight the benefits of using credit wisely, while creating a laid-back atmosphere for the audience. There will be free food and giveaways at the events.

Tessier said that the group is made up of 10 students who are working with Citibank and Edventure Partners to pass on education to students on how to spend their credit wisely.

Tessier added that Edventure Partners set up the internship for them, and that Professor Kathleen Debevec is in charge of them. Debevec is an associate professor of marketing in the Isenberg School of Management and published writer.

"We're going to promote using credit wisely," she said. "The goals are to host an event that will hold 300 attendees."

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Argentinian puppeteers to perform at UMass Group strives highlight struggles of country

By Erin Lempkey
Collegian Correspondent

The Argentina Autonomista Project, a group of Argentinean grassroots organizers and puppeteers, will perform in rooms 162-175 of the Campus Center tonight at 7 p.m. as part of their nationwide tour.

They will lead a puppet performance and group discussion to share Argentina's 40-year struggle under neo-liberal trade policies, forced privatization, and corrupt political leadership. The AAP was spearheaded by an Argentinian-born artist, Graciela Monteagudo, in 2001. Though born in Argentina, she chose to study and continue her politically inspired art in Vermont at Goddard College. She became involved in Bread and Puppet, a radical puppeteer group that has performed at many anti-globalization events in the past ten years.

This mode of expression, according to their press release, showcases her own abilities while playfully and effectively spreading her story of Western intervention in Argentinean politics and economic policy. Monteagudo is driven to creatively tell of Argentina's sordid history and the Western powers that guided this history. With puppets and a carnival-like form of expression, the AAP has had much success communicating their real, shared struggle in an engaging and entertaining way.

The AAP came into existence after the Argentinean economy collapsed in 2001. After many years of United States intervention instilling a trade-friendly government out of self-interest, Argentina has achieved self-governance and autonomy from multi-national corporations and government corruption.



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Graciela Monteagudo, founder of the Argentina Autonomista Puppeteers displays two puppets. The group's performances illustrate the struggles of Argentina. They will perform tonight in the Campus Center.

Department of Public Safety remains firm on decision over Sizzler that caused man's death

By Theo Emery
Associated Press

BOSTON — The state Department of Public Safety on Monday stood by its findings in a fatal carnival accident after the owners of the carnival ride issued a blistering attack, questioning the qualifications of safety officials and calling their performance "dismal."

Jaro Amusements Inc. released the statement Sunday in response to the department's final report on the Sept. 19 accident at St. Mary's Parish in Shrewsbury, in which a car on the Sizzler ride broke apart in midair, killing one man and injuring two other people.

"This report is a blatant attempt by the DPS to turn the spotlight away from its own shortcomings, and admittedly dismal performance, toward the owner of the Sizzler ride, Jaro Amusements, Inc.," the statement said. "Jaro has faithfully followed its regulatory obligations with regard to the Sizzler and all of its other rides."

Katie Ford, a spokeswoman for the department, said Monday that its investigation "thoroughly and accurately assessed" the accident and attributed appropriate responsibility for the accident to the three mechanical problems with the ride.

"The Department of Public Safety takes very seriously its responsibility to the people of the commonwealth and in particular to the citizens and families who choose to ride on amusement rides," Ford said. "At the end of the day, Jaro Amusements, as the owner and operator of that ride, is responsible for conducting daily inspections to ensure that the ride is as safe as possible."

The accident threw a mentally disabled man, Andrew R. Fohlin, 38, to his death, and injured the man in the ride with him, David Mills, 48. A woman on the ground, Diane Derosier, 44, suffered minor injuries from falling debris.

The public safety report, released Oct. 29, said the

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Arafat's top officials rush to Paris to visit ailing leader

By Lara Sukhtian
Associated Press

CLAMART, France — Palestinian leaders rushed to Paris on Monday to check on the critically ill Yasser Arafat, but hospital officials said visiting rights were restricted — setting the stage for a dramatic showdown between the delegation and Arafat's wife.

Early Monday, Suha Arafat accused the leadership — including top lieutenants Ahmed Qureia and Mahmoud Abbas — of coming to the French capital with the sole intention of usurping her husband's role as head of the Palestinian Authority.

"I tell you they are trying to bury Abu Ammar alive," she shouted, using Arafat's nom de guerre in a furious telephone call with Al-Jazeera television from the 75-year-old Arafat's bedside in a hospital southwest of Paris.

"He is all right, and he is going home," she insisted.

Tayeb Abdel Rahim, a senior Arafat aide, called a news conference in the West Bank to dispute the claims. "What came from Mrs. Arafat doesn't represent our people," he said, accusing her of wanting "to be the lone decision maker."

And Palestinian Cabinet Minister Salah Taamri said, "We are Yasser Arafat's family. We knew Yasser Arafat even before Mrs. Suha Arafat was born. We care for Yasser Arafat and no one has the right to deny the truth from the Palestinian people."



Suha Arafat, wife of Yassir Arafat, says the Palestinian delegation is trying to "bury" her husband alive.

The Palestinian leadership abruptly called off the Paris trip, then reversed its decision. Qureia, the Palestinian prime minister, and Abbas, a former prime minister and the current Palestine Liberation Organization deputy chairman, landed in France late Monday on a private jet.

The prospect of their being barred from Arafat's hospital bedside was bound to inflame an increasingly tense power struggle.

Suha Arafat seems to have aligned herself with hard-liners who apparently seek to take over the Palestinian leadership in a post-Arafat era, though some Palestinian officials said her motives are more financial. She is widely believed to have control of vast funds collected by the PLO.

Some Palestinians have complained Suha Arafat has gained too much power, as she controls the flow of information about her husband's condition and has taken charge of access to the ailing leader. Suha Arafat, 41, lives in Paris and until his illness had not been to the West Bank or seen her husband since the latest round of Palestinian violence began in 2000.

Voters show divide in American views

By Nancy Benac
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation is emerging from the 2004 presidential election with two very different portraits of itself sketched by two very different halves of its population.

George Bush's voters go to church more often than John Kerry's and are more likely to oppose gay marriage and abortion. They are more likely to own guns and to feel better off financially than they did four years ago.

Sure, they are concerned about terrorism, but they are more concerned about "moral values."

Most think things are going well for the United States in Iraq and that the war has made America more secure.

They are satisfied with the Republican Bush administration; many are enthusiastic.

Voters who supported the Democratic nominee, by contrast, are more worried about the economy. They view "moral values" and terrorism as lesser concerns. They go to church, but less frequently. Few see any improvement in their financial situation over the past four years.

They gave their votes to the Massachusetts senator because they thought he represented hope for change. They are far more worried about events in Iraq and the job situation at home. Almost half are angry at the administration.

It all adds up to two different mindsets, reinforcing the idea of a schism in the political landscape.

Bush's victory left Emma Starr, a writer from New York, feeling devastated and more than a bit disconnected from the other half of America.

"We should have two distinct nations," she said after getting word of Kerry's concession as she left a Brooklyn food co-op. "Why should we be forced to live together under the rule of an evil dictator?"

For every voter like Starr, there was at least one like Clifford Barneman, a psychologist from Little Egg Harbor Township in New Jersey. He voted for Bush as a "man of his word" who had strong values.

The profiles of Bush and Kerry voters are drawn in part from Associated Press exit polls taken on Election Day. But they also take into account voters' harder-to-capture feelings about the country's direction and the men who fought so hard to lead it for the next four years.

Much has been made, for example, of the role of evangelical Christians in the election. Some 44 percent of Bush voters described themselves this way, compared with a still sizable 25 percent of Kerry's voters.

Analyst Steven Waldman, who follows religion and politics as editor in chief of the Web site www.Beliefnet.com, said the evangelicals' lopsided support for Bush is "both more vague and deeper" than shared views on specific issues such as abortion and gay marriage.

Official report states Sizzler ride never got maintenance

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The Sizzler, a popular carnival ride, is being blamed in the death of a mentally retarded man in Shrewsbury this past summer.

safety bar holding the two men in place failed. That caused their weight to shift, snapping two bolts, one of which had been altered, and the other of which was too small, according to the report.

The report also said that Iaro owner Jack Keough told investigators the car had not received required maintenance, and that Iaro could not produce maintenance records for the ride. At the time that the report was released, a Iaro spokesman denied the finding that the car had not been serviced, but otherwise declined to comment.

Group to help fight bad student credit

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"It's really important for the students to get knowledge on credit," Tessier said. She added that her biggest wake-up call was when the group learned that some potential employers can obtain your credit reports, and they can turn down an application due to poor credit.

"Every student will profit from learning about good credit," said Alicia Tibble, the class coordinator. "Mass Mahketing's goal is to have the Spend Smaht tour reach students across campus and let learning about credit do's and don'ts be a fun and beneficial experience."

Their first performance is today at noon in the Blue Wall. The next will be at noon on Nov. 15 when the groups perform again at the Blue Wall. In addition, that night there will also be another performance in the Lewis dormitory at 7 p.m. that night.

She said that even though Citibank is working side-by-side with the groups, their goal is not to get more people to join their banks and use their credit cards.

"Their goal is to create responsible borrowers," she said.

Tessier added that all groups involved know how important it is for younger people, especially undergraduate students, to gain knowledge on using credit wisely.

"Our goal is to get students to learn something," she said.

Tessier said that in the upcoming days the group is trying to concentrate on advertising for their events, with ads appearing in The Daily Collegian as well as flyers posted all around campus.

For more information on spending credit wisely, visit Citibank's Credit Education Website at www.Students.-UseCreditWisely.com.

Burg to explore struggle for peace

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On December 1, 2003, Burg's international reputation grew as he became one of representatives to sign the Geneva Peace Accord. This proposed peace treaty sorted out some of the most divisive issues in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Burg has expanded his international reputation by writing for publications such as The Guardian and the International Herald Tribune. He has also appeared on CNN's "Crossfire" and CBS' "The Early Show."

Ha'aretz Magazine, a periodical of Israel's largest-distributed English daily newspaper, defined Burg as a man with an ability of speaking that conveys "the 'eternal Israel' while simultaneously evincing a hard-nosed, here-and-now pragmatism."

Former Prime Minister Peres holds his former aide in high esteem.

"I wish to thank [Avraham Burg] for his biting parliamentary spirit and the way he so jealously guarded the honor of the Knesset, improved its operation and elevated its status," he said.

The lecture by the former speaker of Israel's Knesset promises to be an event filled with inspiration, thought-provoking ideas, and practical realism.

This event is free and open to the public. Sponsored by UMass Hillel, this lecture is co-sponsored with the UMass Office of Jewish Affairs, the Judaic and Near Eastern Studies Department at UMass, and the Five College Hillel.

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Life isn't always terrible

Zack Oelschlegel

A funny thing happens when something goes right for someone. They get embarrassed, almost defensive. A person will deflect the conversation or feel extremely uncomfortable when it is assumed by another person that he, too, faces the same difficulties. In order to be socially acceptable, your life has to be going wrong in some major way. If life sucks, you've made it.

We've seen this whole charade in dealing with work. You could possess the best job in town, and you would still somehow find a way to enlighten your friends on how unbearable work is when they wallow about how bad their jobs are. Then it gets really uncomfortable when the topic turns to money. Everyone, no matter how well off financially, will agree that, "things are tough," that they are having trouble coming up with financial aid, or they're late on credit card payments. It is not socially acceptable to have parents who pay for the majority of your tuition. It is not socially acceptable to just be a cheery person. Something, and you'll dig for it, must be headed in the wrong direction.

Everyone wants to get in on the fun of how terrible life can be and how he or she is screwed in this way or that, so when something good actually happens that person shies away from telling others about it.

I think a lot of it comes with the Idea of being a victim of some kind. All of us, deep down, want to have it bad in some way or another. There's an "I'm not one of them" mentality when something is going right in your life. Everyone wants to get in on the fun of how terrible life can be and how he or she is screwed in this way or that, so when something good actually happens, that person shies away from telling others about it. People don't feel that same sense of belonging if they don't share a similar problem.

It often seems to be the difference between stating where one has been blessed and bragging about it. Our mothers always told us to care for the poor or the needy or the sick, and the underlying point was almost as if caring for these people was never letting on that you might have it better in that area of life. This is illustrated wunderfully in the short story, "Harrison Bergeron" by Kurt Vonnegut.

In the story, set in America in 2086, so-called "equality" is put to such an absurdity that if you are gifted, you are given a handicap to serve as an equalizer. Beautiful people must wear hideous masks, and smart people are given contraptions that keep them from thinking straight for more than twenty seconds. It all stems from the idea that if you are somehow blessed, be it physically, mentally or in your family background, it's not fair to anyone else and therefore not suitable for others to know about it. Even worse, it's not right to take advantage of that blessing.

It almost seems to have led to a mindset that growing up should have been tough, that moving to a new city should have been harder on you, and that somehow you should be a victim. I used to think to myself about how terrible a father I had because of some arguments we had when I was a teenager. Every wound or piece of baggage we all carry is exaggerated that much more to be part of the club.

An episode of "Scrubs" mocks this thinking with a quote from Elliot Reid, a woman from a rich background, talking about how her childhood was different. "It's just hard for me because I've always had everything. I got used to it. You guys never had to deal with that," Reid whines. The worst part is, when someone comes to you having a real problem, you almost have to figure out if they're just trying to gather some attention. The people who really do need a good friend or some good advice might not be able to get some because someone else just wants to be noticed.

Essentially, having it good these days in any capacity is not as fashionable as it used to be.

So where do we go with this? How do we make ourselves look cool and trendy and accept the fact that we may be more blessed than others? How do you admit to someone that you just do have it better than someone else in a few aspects of life? Why does it have to be one big contest to see who has it the worst?

I think from being able to enjoy myself in a lot of social situations to having parents who are still together to being a white male, it's a contest I'm clearly losing. But I'm not going to exaggerate some minor problem of mine and try to tell you that my life sucks. It's doesn't. And I'm okay with that.

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When the blind lead the blind



Yousef Munayyer

"For we walk by faith, not by sight," (2 Cor 5:7) When I came across this Biblical verse many years ago it became my favorite, and to this day that remains true. The message it sends is one of hope. In the spiritual realm there may be no truer road to follow, however in the real world, where we the divided people of the United States live, there is no greater danger than following this advice. Last week though, America proved that It did not care. America voted on fiction as opposed to fact, relied on hope instead of reason, and will surely pay the price for this naïve decision in the years to come.

We stand in the midst of another great awakening at a time when we desperately need enlightenment. A dark medieval curtain has descended on America, and half the nation is controlling the drapes, the other half, desperate for the real truth, not absolute truth, is now compelled to sit in the darkness for years to come.

Those who came out to vote for President Bush came out in unprecedented numbers. Most of these people came from areas in the United States that are hurt by the administration's fiscal policy. The nation is in a war with no end in sight, and the casualties are not slowing while the resistance to the American occupation is growing. The nation has displayed that it is more concerned with the attack of the gays than the attack on American targets around the globe. Religious movements on the basis of domestic issues have decided the most important foreign policy election of our time. When America needed to move forward to correct dangerous policies of the past four years, it took a step backwards – and not just a small step, but a giant leap to a puritan-like time causing a new schism in the American political dynamic. America is in trouble, and instead of assessing its problems and actively trying to fix them, it went back into its private quarters and prayed.

In the midst of what may be the most troubling era in global politics, the president made an untimely comment about an amendment to ban gay marriage. The country, having only heard this once, heard enough and began to split into two groups: those who saw President Bush as incapable of leading our nation at all and those who believed too strongly in him to agree with the former. Since this constituency delivered the presidency to the now elected Bush, it is clear that he owes them much over the next four years.

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Gay marriage has polarized this nation, but it is not the only factor. With the presidency likely resulting in the power to appoint two Supreme Court justices, the Christian Right saw this as an opportunity to overturn abortion cases. The evangelical language of this president has led many to believe we are fighting a "crusade" against the evil jihadists. The simple "with us or against us," good or evil, heaven or hell dynamic has been applied foolishly to the most complex situation human beings have ever had to deal with: the post 9-11 world.

America is supposed to be leading the world and moving bravely forward. Yet if this is true, why is it that America can now be listed with nations like Saudi Arabia, where religious movements play dominant roles in politics? Europe now lies in between two fundamentalisms and may soon begin to pray so that it does not get swallowed by this age-old disease.

In what is supposed to be the land of the free, civil liberties are being attacked by a fundamentalist Attorney General. In what is supposed to be the democratic leader of the world, the public discourse has been drowned out by private belief. In what is supposed to be a nation where leaders are accountable, a dishonest president was rewarded by a constituency that believes his "absolute truth," though in reality it is absolute nonsense.

Let us assume that a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage is adopted and also that "Roe v. Wade" is overturned, what could be next? How will the Republican Party continue to convince poor whites to vote against their economic self-interest? These are but some of the questions we must ask in the years to come.

There is a philosophy of religion that entails that true belief is sufficient for entry into heaven. I fear that America, or at least too much of it, has applied this philosophy to its politics. With an unfit leader guiding them, the faithful surrender control because they know they will be delivered. They have let go of the principles of democracy and have set America adrift in belief.

The problem with blind faith is that you may run into something. Some will argue that something has already happened. Perhaps it is Iraq, perhaps it is an economic recession or perhaps it has not even happened yet. If it has not happened yet, it will. America cannot afford to lead with its eyes shut, especially in a world where our enemies pray just as hard.

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It's only the beginning

Mike Sances

In my last column, I began by deriding the scare tactics of both candidates' campaigns: Dick Cheney's ominous warnings of increased terrorism and John Kerry's last-minute accusations of secret plans for a draft. I chose to focus for the rest of the column on the latter, in part because I felt the other side's threats were so obviously baseless and thus unworthy of further examination.

It is with this attitude that I typically react to the rhetoric of the right, simply because more often than not they don't feel the need to offer evidence for their claims. It is very hard to have a civilized discussion with someone screaming at you to "move to France and join up with al-Qaeda" just because you dare to disagree.

Now that the people have spoken, however, a more nuanced reply might be in order. I must admit, I didn't much consider the views of Bush voters until the results were in: sure, four years ago half the country voted for him, but they had little idea of what was to come. This time, I was sure that the polls were all wrong, that so many of my fellow citizens wouldn't possibly let him get away with the past three and a half years, let alone actually endorse them.

If you oppose Bush, do not despair you are in good company. Remember that we are 55 million strong.

So in light of the popular atrocity that was last Tuesday's election, how will opponents of the Bush administration, now turning their eyes from Washington to Middle America, successfully address the Red voter? If it were indeed an atrocity, it would appear that we must choose between blaming the voter and blaming those that persuaded them into their vote.

Condescension would appear to be the lesser evil here. Yet, if voters truly lack any semblance of free will, why is this complaint restricted only to negative outcomes? That is, wouldn't the view that the propaganda machine truly decides the election invalidate a Kerry victory as well?

After mulling over these questions for about a week, I've concluded that they are largely irrelevant to what we do next (not to mention inflammatory). Even if the public had been voting on real issues, which were almost entirely absent during the campaign; even if this really was a "mandate" for the horrors to come; even if the margin of victory was ten or twenty or even thirty points higher; the changes we wish to see in government, and in the world at large, remain the same.

And let's not kid ourselves. A Kerry victory, while we were no doubt all dying for it, would not have guaranteed four years of global peace and prosperity. At best, the left was hedging its bets on the belief that a Democrat in the White House would be more open to progressive suggestions (where as President Bush won't even return our calls). Though it would have been somewhat easier, a good deal more encouraging, and a lot less frightening, a Kerry presidency would not have changed our individual and collective goals any more than a second term for Bush should today.

Hope, in other words, has no bearing on civic responsibility any more than the views of 51% of Americans ought to silence the other 49%. If you oppose Bush, do not despair – you are in good company. Remember that we are 55 million strong. Resist the urge to flee to Canada or the Netherlands (I've looked into it, and it's a lot harder than you'd think. Besides, would you really be willing to let them win that easily?).

Ignore all pleas for "national unity" and "coming together" – they are ploys designed to quash dissent. Keep in mind that unity and security are not always synonymous, and that with all three branches of government now under Republican control, it is the Kerry voter's duty to act as the final check on a government spiraling toward the unthinkable.

Although we lost on Tuesday, we owe it to ourselves, and to the masses of suffering people the world over who would give anything to know the democratic privileges we have, to keep fighting and to try to win every step of the way. So get active. Whatever you see as the best way to effect the changes you wish to see, do it. Write. Think. Talk to your peers. Speak up! Attend anti-war meetings and rallies. Make new friends. Reach out amongst yourselves and to the other side, too. Of crucial importance during the next four years will be solidarity among the dissenters. If you truly believe, as I do, that the worst is yet to come, then remember the words of Ben Franklin upon signing the Declaration of Independence: "We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately."

For this is, assuredly, only the beginning.

Mike Sances is a Collegian columnist.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LOST FOR FOUR MORE

I'd like to thank Robert Epsteiner for his"An Unimagin able Outcome" article last Friday. He put into words what the whole country should have been thinking when they went to the polls on Friday. We are dealing here with a president who has flip-flopped on the war in Iraq, who has ridden on the coat tails of 9/11 and in doing do, is directly responsible for the deaths of more of our fellow country men: those brave men and women who have volunteered to stand by their leader and follow his ever-changing reasoning into Afghanistan and then Iraq, who have either lost their lives or who are now being screwed over by that same leader who thinks it would be a nice idea to put into effect a stop-loss effort that requires those soldiers to stay overseas after their time is up. And 100,000 Iraqi civilians have been killed. Screwing over the help and killing 100,000 people as retribution for the loss of only several thousand? Who are the terrorists now? Who Is the real bin Laden? George "Dubya," that's who.

And what do we do? Do we tar and feather him and drag him through the streets? Do we vote him out and declare Nov. 2 a national holiday, the day that Bush was defeated? No. Instead we, as Epsteiner says, "collectively pat him on the back" and wish him the best of luck as the leader of our great nation for the next four years. Yeah, good luck, man. I hope you don't get us all killed.

Evan Mowery
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OFFICIALS SHOULD RESIGN

The Friday Nov. 5 headline of The Collegian states "ALANA upset over email allegations." While the headline itself is not only grammatically incorrect, but also erroneous, the article does not articulate the implications of these emails. In a word, these emails reveal collusion among the SGA lawyer Chuck Dimare, Vice Chancellor Michael Gargano, and former SGA speaker Pat Higgins (Yep, that's the same Higgins who posed next to the KKK Grand Wizard in the photographs that were exposed earlier this semester) to dismantle the Office of ALANA Affairs. Further, these emails reveal that the ALANA caucus seats – which were the topic of much controversy last spring – are ENTIRELY legal. While Higgins, Dimare, and Gargano have known this since the summer, to this day they have not shared this information with Eddie Bustamante (the SGA president), the ALANA caucus, or the student body at large.

Clearly, these emails demonstrate that Dimare and Gargano betrayed the public trust by intentionally withholding information from the student body due to their own ideological bias, and their collusion with certain members of the SGA blatantly undermines SGA self-governance. This is not only an ALANA affairs issue. These emails reveal a brutal subversion of student self-governance. While Higgins (thankfully) fled our campus several weeks ago, Dimare and Gargano have lost the public's trust, and we must call for their immediate resignation. Then, we may go about rebuilding our increasingly silenced student voice.

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NOT YOUR AVERAGE SUPERHEROES

By Tammi Munn
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Pixar, which is famous for "Toy Story," "A Bug's Life," and just recently, "Finding Nemo," has done it again with its newest flick, "The Incredibles." Pixar has created a dazzling film and has risen to a whole new level of animation accomplishment with eye-candy color and amazing texture. For example, the characters' hair is very realistic because it is shiny, varying in color, and even has those stray strands that just never seem to fall into place. The film has "Star Wars" caliber special effects, complete with [illegible] scenes, explosions and near-[illegible] experiences.

The story toys with the idea of [illegible] government controlled superheroes [illegible] ple when firefighters and police [illegible] those extreme jobs. But when people begin to sue over the injuries incurred while being saved, the government realizes that superheroes are not worth the [illegible] some-[illegible] gets [illegible] Superheroes are forced to give [illegible] because they have supposedly [illegible] of a nuisance to society than a [illegible] royed

What is a superhero to do? This is where the film truly begins to resemble the [illegible] ous qualities of the past Pixar [illegible] Incredible (voice of Craig T. Nelson), [illegible] has monstrous strength, assumes the [illegible] dane identity of Bob Parr, who works in an [illegible] Overseeds cubicle (one because he has [illegible] gained a little weight and love handles since [illegible] his young Mr. Incredible days, and two: because [illegible] there is a large, high-[illegible] voltage pillar that [illegible] very conveniently [illegible] takes up the majority of his [illegible] already [illegible] trophobic co[illegible] cle). He is the patriarch of the closet super[illegible] hero family that includes his wife Helen, a.k.a. Elastigirl (voice of Holly Hunter), and his three children: the low self-esteemed Violet (Sarah Vowell), who has force field and invisibility powers; Dash (Spencer Fox), who can run at lightning speeds; and the baby, Jack-Jack, who has no known superpowers.

There are the most hysterical lines exchanged between Helen and Bob, and they are only a small part of the overall hilarity. Their lives are typical middle-class, complete with a ranch style house and a small, ordinary car [illegible] some-[illegible] gets [illegible] ally [illegible] royed [illegible] Bob [illegible] gets his [illegible] strength, [illegible] Helen has accepted her role as purely a super mom and only employs her elasticity to quell her children's superpowered fights. Helen [illegible] to curb Bob's [illegible] main interests into those of a caring father, but Bob is overcome with longing to be Mr. Incredible. And this makes him pretty much mentally absent to everything that is going on [illegible] his family.



Graig T. Nelson plays the voice of Mr. Incredible.

'The Incredibles'
Directed by Brad Bird
Starring Craig T. Nelson Holly Hunter
Pixar
Rated PG
115 mins.
Grade B

Bob and Helen have typical matrimonial problems. Helen waits up for Bob to come home from a late night of "bowling," which is actually time that Bob spends with his friend and former superhero, Frozone (voice of Samuel L. Jackson). Bob and Frozone sit in a car and reminisce about "the good ol' days." Helen finds a piece of debris on Bob's clothes, and she knows immediately that he has been up to more than reminiscing; he has been illegally acting like a superhero.

Bob gets the chance of a lifetime, and he is able to sport his incredible suit again. All is going pretty well for the reinstated Mr. Incredible, [illegible] back to his family. Mr. Incredible's nemesis, Syndrome (voice of Jason Lee), [illegible] may not be incredible enough to finish this evildoer alone.

This isn't the run-of-the-mill animated story. It deals with real issues surrounding a husband and wife, a family with low self-esteem, and the onset of a mid-life crisis. When one acknowledges [illegible] once and tries to leave it all behind. It is about hiding your true identity and not really knowing how to cope with the fact. It seems a little heavy for the [illegible] audience, but there are scenes that deal with many different age categories that [illegible] "The Incredibles" the ultimate family movie.

Jamie Foxx replicates the image of music great Ray Charles

By Jeffrey Horowitz
Collegian Correspondent

What Jamie Ray gives us in the new film "Ray," is not so much a performance, but a reincarnation of Ray Charles. This kind of flawless portrait gives Director Taylor Hackford the ability to exercise great storytelling.

There are a great deal of tapes, pictures, and recordings of Charles for Ray to study as well as plenty of documentation on his life. In addition, Charles was alive when the film was made and acted as the main consultant to the filmmakers.

The movie could depend on the performance, but it doesn't. It is simply made that much stronger by Ray's presence. "Ray" explores the life of Charles with adoring affection for all that happened in his life.

The film opens at the beginning of his career, where we see Ray struggling for a chance to practice his talents in broken down nightclubs. He is encouraged to smoke pot before every show to relax and appear colorful. Atlantic Records liked Ray's sound and decided daringly to take a chance on a blind pianist with no background, no credentials, and not a dime to his name. They simply heard his sound, liked his style and offered him a chance.

The film looks at Ray as a character who finds ways to beat blindness, but it also shows the discrimination he faced in the beginning because of his handicap. At times we watch as his band members callously whisper to each other, "I ain't babysittin' no blind cripple." For the most part, Charles made light of his debilitation often cracking jokes at his own expense.

Though the chronology of the film is mixed up a bit it maintains a certain rhythm. The numerous flashbacks, however, are inserted very efficiently. They are used primarily as a means of foreshadowing. They also help to explain parts of his behavior and give background on some of his values and beliefs.

The early flashbacks introduce us to central figures in his childhood. His mother, Aretha (Sharon Warren) raised him with strict discipline, his brother George (Terrone Bell) was his best friend. At eight years of age when he started losing his sight, his mother demanded he not let his blindness cripple him. She began training him to sharpen his instinct. Aretha would eventually send him to a boarding school for the blind for a chance at the education she never had.

He eventually leaves home barefoot, with a sign around his neck, ragged clothes, and completely poor. He worked his way up on his own, made himself big with nothing but a shrewd business instinct and talent, that he worked like a dog to develop, and he did it all without sight or companionship.

Before he found his own sound, producers constantly complained that Charles' style was not original. The first half of his exuberant personality is formed in a recording of the song "Mess Around," where in experimentation he takes on a fast paced, deep voiced, rock and roll style reminiscent of the style that brought Charles to fame. The second half of his sound came when he combined R&B with his favorite kind of music, Gospel, and in doing so invented soul.

The movie explores how his soul music reached both black and white youths and stirred controversy from staunch conservatives.

The film glorifies Ray's brilliant business instinct as something of a gift. He made a great first impression that made it clear that he was not playing around. The film also shows, with surprising realism, how record producers operate.

He eventually cancels his deal with Atlantic Record and joins ABC, in a career move that was heartless and devoid of loyalty to the very company that made him famous. Then again, when it came to business, Charles was ruthless, in one scene he tells two record producers who have been with him from the beginning, "they offered me more, if you can't top it, there's nothing I can do."

When Charles meets Della (Kerry Washington), she's the first one to say what's on her mind, and she doesn't hold back, after one lunch date, he's madly in love with her. He loves her honesty and strength, her beauty and personality. Their marriage is inevitable.

The other woman in his life, as the film shows, was his mistress Margie (Regina King), who stole him away from yet another mistress and ends up pregnant with Charles' child.

The film shows Charles as a good father, a bit negligent at times, but on the whole a good father. The scene in which Charles first holds his newborn child, and realizes the child has sight, is a moving one. The tender scenes that follow where he plays affectionately with his son are very telling of Charles as a man.

It may not be common knowledge that Charles was once a heroine addict. He tried it early on in life, mostly out of curiosity. The heroine cycle starts very steadily, at first only on occasion, and then it begins interrupting various other aspects of his life. The ties visibly begin developing from his constant increasingly frequent usage. When Ray gets to the point where heroine has engulfed his life, he is forced to choose between his family and career or the drug. He chooses against the drugs and quits using cold turkey. The scenes of Charles rehabilitation are harrowing. Hackford captures the pain with close-ups of his face and chaotically dizzying camera movements, followed by collages of hallucinations and other symptoms of withdrawal.

This is also one of the few biographical films of a musician we've ever had that gives deserved time and energy to exploring each individual musical hit as a point in the musician's career worth examining. "Ray" shows how important some of these songs were to its time period. "Unchain My Heart" is a hit that is explored in depth. The Charles classic "You Don't know me" is beautifully used, inter-cut tragically with the heroine arrests. His "Georgia" hit is given adequate recognition, as well. The smash song, "Hit the Road Jack" is used in the scene where Margie leaves him with his child, in a tone that can be seen as comedic in reference or discouraging in aggression.

The performance scenes, are the scenes where Ray really disappears into the role. Obviously Ray put to use the multitude of films of Charles performances. In one scene he is about to

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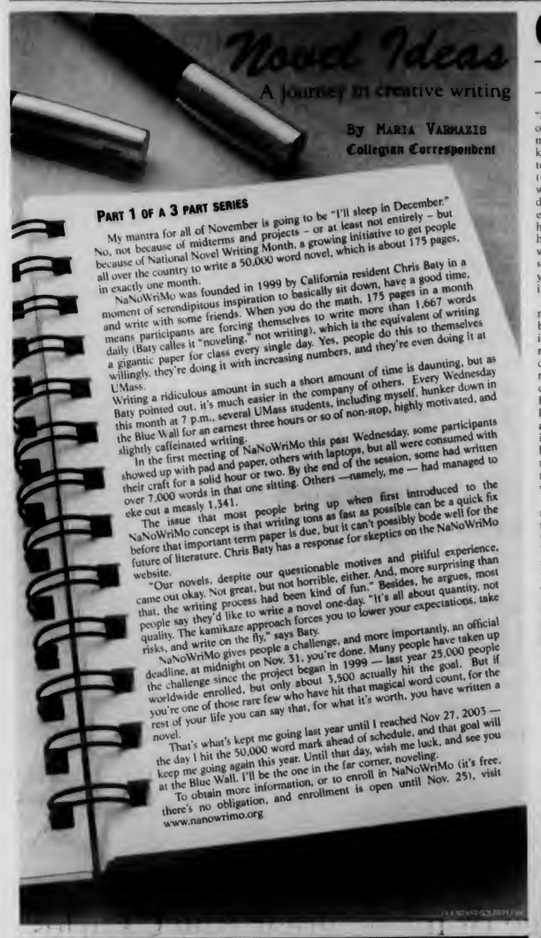
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Seeing Double

Many say comedian/actor Jamie Foxx could easily be mistaken for legendary musician Ray Charles in the new film "Ray." The film is a biopic of Charles' rise from poverty to become, what many consider to be, the founder of soul music and one of his generation's most renowned songwriters.



COURTESY UNIVERSAL PICTURES



My mantra for all of November is going to be "I'll sleep in December." No, not because of midterms and projects – or at least not entirely – but because of National Novel Writing Month, a growing initiative to get people all over the country to write a 50,000 word novel, which is about 175 pages, in exactly one month.

NaNoWriMo was founded in 1999 by California resident Chris Baty in a moment of serendipitous inspiration to basically sit down, have a good time, and write with some friends. When you do the math, 175 pages in a month means participants are forcing themselves to write more than 1,667 words daily (Baty calles it "noveling," not writing), which is the equivalent of writing a gigantic paper for class every single day. Yes, people do this to themselves willingly, they're doing it with increasing numbers, and they're even doing it at UMass.

Writing a ridiculous amount in such a short amount of time is daunting, but as Baty pointed out, it's much easier in the company of others. Every Wednesday this month at 7 p.m., several UMass students, including myself, hunker down in the Blue Wall for an earnest three hours or so of non-stop, highly motivated, and slightly caffeinated writing.

In the first meeting of NaNoWriMo this past Wednesday, some participants showed up with pad and paper, others with laptops, but all were consumed with their craft for a solid hour or two. By the end of the session, some had written over 7,000 words in that one sitting. Others —namely, me — had managed to eke out a measly 1,341.

The issue that most people bring up when first introduced to the NaNoWriMo concept is that writing tons as fast as possible can be a quick fix before that important term paper is due, but it can't possibly bode well for the future of literature. Chris Baty has a response for skeptics on the NaNoWriMo website.

"Our novels, despite our questionable motives and pitiful experience, came out okay. Not great, but not horrible, either. And, more surprising than that, the writing process had been kind of fun." Besides, he argues, most people say they'd like to write a novel one-day. "It's all about quantity, not quality. The kamikaze approach forces you to lower your expectations, take risks, and write on the fly," says Baty.

NaNoWriMo gives people a challenge, and more importantly, an official deadline, at midnight on Nov. 31, you're done. Many people have taken up the challenge since the project began in 1999 — last year 25,000 people worldwide enrolled, but only about 3,500 actually hit the goal. But if you're one of those rare few who have hit that magical word count, for the rest of your life you can say that, for what it's worth, you have written a novel.

That's what's kept me going last year until I reached Nov 27, 2003 — the day I hit the 50,000 word mark ahead of schedule, and that goal will keep me going again this year. Until that day, wish me luck, and see you at the Blue Wall. I'll be the one in the far corner, noveling.

To obtain more information, or to enroll in NaNoWriMo (it's free, there's no obligation, and enrollment is open until Nov. 25), visit www.nanowrimo.org

Gory flick has little plot line

By Johnny Donaldson
Collegian Staff

James Wan's icky gorefest "Saw" gives us a nifty variation on the serial killer formula: the murderer here doesn't exactly kill his victims, but devises ways to get them to kill themselves (or, at least, each other.) A woman has to fish a key out of a dead man's viscera to unlock an exploding device attached to her head; another man has to worm his way through a maze of razor wire or be buried alive. Is your skin crawling yet? "Saw" gets you to think: what would you do if your life was in jeopardy?

That's a juicy hook for a macabre Halloween horror film, but "Saw" really has no interest in it beyond a gimmick. The movie is a dank and grisly psycho-thriller in pure "Seven" mode, right down to the murderer who targets his victims because they don't appreciate life (he's the murderer as moral avenger.) "Saw" has few setpieces of knot-tightening tension, but the movie is kind of ordinary in its gruesomeness. All the movie does is get you in touch with your inner sadist.

Cary Elwes, who's gotten a rounder, puffier face since starring in "The Princess Bride" all those years ago, and Leigh Whannell, who wrote the screenplay, play a pair of men who wake-up to find themselves chained by their ankles to rusty pipes on either side of a dingy underground bathroom with a dead body in the middle of the room. Why are they there and how did they get there? Each are equipped with a hacksaw not strong enough to slice through metal, but strong enough to cut through a human limb. Elwes' Dr. Gordon is faced with the ultimatum that if he doesn't kill Whannell's Adam by six o'clock, his family will die.

"Saw" manipulates you in clever and morbid ways, but that still doesn't make it a very good movie. "Saw" has all the gore and a darkness a horror film about torture should have, but it's also silly and unfocused, with a few too many narrative plotholes that fall through the cracks. Wan decorates the film with spooky images – the killer communicates to his victims with a white-faced harlequin doll and he wears a mask that looks like a feral pig – but half the time the film makes no sense (how does Dr. Gordon know everything about the jigsaw Killer, unless, of course, he needs to provide some exposition?)

Saw
Directed by James Wan
Starring Cary Elwes Danny Glover Lions Gate
Rated R
100 mins.
Grade C

Danny Glover plays a police officer who becomes unhinged tracking the Jigsaw Killer, but it's a role that means nothing, and Elwes overacts to a dismal degree (actually, the entire cast overacts to a dismal degree.) Meanwhile, Wan speeds up the editing so that you begin to feel like one of the beleaguered victims. All the while, the movie feels like a second-rate copy of a David Fincher movie. "Saw" has its share of bloody shocks, but it just feels like death warmed over.



Shawnee Smith played victim to a serial killer in the thriller "Saw."

'Ray:' Oscar bound in 2004

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leave a concert because he has finished his last song, but a club owner tells him he has twenty minutes left and he improvises the last twenty minutes and brings the house down with "What'd I say?" which became a huge hit.

His legendary stand against the Jim Crowe laws got him banned from performing in the state of Georgia for years to come, but the film depicts it as heroic and the conclusion ends on sort of a brilliant dream sequence that suggests, Ray Charles may have been without sight, but he was never blind.

It's rare to find a film so in love with its story and its characters. The structure of this film is impeccable in personifying twenty years of a magnificent life. "Ray" is fascinating to watch, brilliant in content, has structure that demands to be respected, direction that deserves an Oscar nomination and a terrific male lead performance. When the best films of the year usually come in a Christmas flood of great films, "Ray" breaks the rules.

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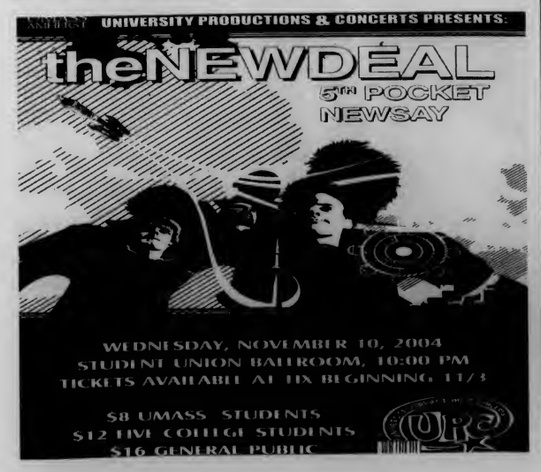
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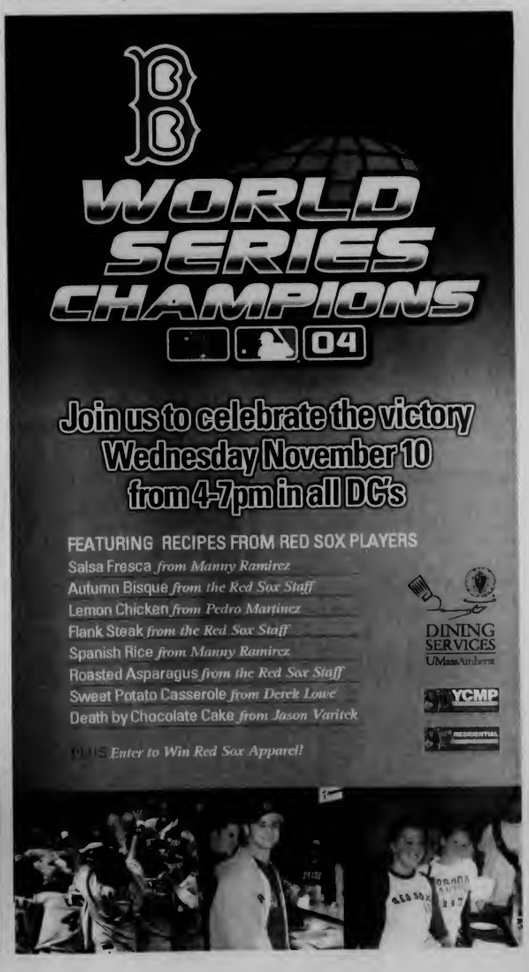
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UMass wins exhibition

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

If last weekend's exhibition against the National Women's Basketball League All-Stars is an indicator of anything, it's that this year's Minutewomen are headed in an entirely new direction.

Upwards, that is.

Granted, the NWBL won't offer the same level of competition as the Atlantic 10 will in the 2004-2005 season, but one needed to look no further than the quality of play by UMass to see the significance of the 80-32 thrashing of the All-Stars.

"I'm pleased," coach Marnie Dacko said. "I'm pleased that we're executing on offense. I thought the defense could have picked up a little, but overall I'm pleased with where we are after eighteen practices."

Redshirt-junior point guard Katie Nelson was back on the court after sitting out the last 18 months with a torn ACL, and her presence was felt everywhere on the court. She took the opening tipoff and cruised downcourt, nailing down a three-pointer and then dished out an assist, nailed another trey, layed one up and then sat down with her team comfortably ahead at 26-6.

"I definitely came out stronger than I expected," Nelson said. "I think that's one thing I need to be working on, not so much scoring points but just coming out strong and staying strong, directing the offense. Things got a little messy out there at one point, but I think that's expected."

The most surprising, perhaps, was the play of the five freshmen in the game. Pam Rosario was second in scoring behind Brooke Campbell (13 points) with 11 baskets in her debut in Maroon and White, while Alisha Tatham and Whitney McDonald made significant contributions as well.

"These girls may be freshmen as far as their class, but they're much more mature than that," Dacko said.

Something else is new this year for the Minutewomen. That is, the Maroon and White may have found a true center, something they didn't have last year. 6-foot-4 center Patrycja Gulak took care of business in the paint, grabbing 11 rebounds to go with her six points on the afternoon.

"Patrycja and Whitney are two big post players," Dacko said. "They'll anchor down our defense in the back, and give our team a great deal of confidence knowing that they're there. One is more physical than the other, but they make a nice one-two punch."

Realizing a lifelong dream

DUGGAN from page 8

That amazing comeback is now a part of a story that I never would have believed if I hadn't witnessed it.

The best part of this postseason run has been the change in the way I watched the Sox.

After they beat the Yankees and actually got the breaks that they never get, I stopped waiting for some colossal breakdown and instead expected the Sox to come through with the game on the line.

That Wednesday night was one of the most unbelievable nights of my life. I knew that the Sox were about to win the World Series and I couldn't believe it.

I got together with about 10 of my closest friends and we all jammed into my buddy's living room and hung on every pitch. The night will go down as one of the greatest of my life and it was capped off with a celebration that I've been waiting my whole life for.

We all went crazy after Foulke snared that come-backer and delicately flipped the ball over to Mientkiewicz for the final out. But once we were finished dousing each other with cheap champagne and Busch Lights, there was a surreal feeling.

Some of us wandered back to the TV and watched the trophy presentation and post-game interviews. We sat mostly in silence, except for the random "I can't believe this" or "We just won the World Series!" outbursts.

Just wanted to try and take everything in and enjoy the moment as much as possible.

Since that night, nothing has seemed real. I've taken a few tests, although I'm not sure I got one question right. But none of that really matters to me. In 20 years I doubt I'll remember what my GPA was for this semester, but I know that I'll always remember these past three weeks.

The best feeling now is that Sox fans will no longer be known as an obsessive group who follow a perpetually doomed franchise.

Some in the national media have said that deep down Sox fans didn't want the team to win it all because in some strange way we reveled in our team's failures.

Those people have no idea what they are talking about. All we've ever wanted is for the Sox to win; save that lovable loser stuff for Cubs fans.

And now that the Sox have finally won a championship, I have no idea what it will be like to follow this team. But I do know that I've waited 20 years for this, and the feeling could not be better.

Dan Duggan is a Collegian columnist.

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Ray Bourque put in HOF

TORONTO — Ray Bourque, the finest defenseman of his generation, entered the Hockey Hall of Fame on Monday with Paul Coffey and Larry Murphy.

The three stellar defensemen combined for nine Stanley Cups and joined the hall with builder Cliff Fletcher and hockey writer Jim Kelley.

Bourque played for 22 NHL seasons and was a five-time Norris Trophy winner. He spent all of his career in Boston until he capped it by winning the Stanley Cup with Colorado in his final season in 2001.

Coffey won three Stanley Cups in Edmonton and one in Pittsburgh. His 48 goals in 1985-86 are the most by a defenseman in one season, and that year he set the record for longest consecutive-games point streak by a defenseman (28). He won the Norris Trophy three times.

Murphy earned two championship rings with Pittsburgh and two more with Detroit. The records he set in 1980-81 for rookie defensemen — most assists (60) and most points (76) — still stand.

Bourque is first in career points by NHL defensemen with 1,579. He was the complete package: smooth skater, great vision, tape-to-tape passing, booming shot and physical along the boards.

"My only regret is not being able to win a Cup in Boston," said Bourque, whose Bruins lost to Edmonton in the 1988 and 1990 finals. "I lived something amazing in Colorado, the Cup victory, the parade. And during that parade I remember thinking how great it would have been to live that in Boston."

No one possessed Coffey's offensive flair from the blue line. He was the Bobby Orr of his generation, a sensational skater who captivated fans in the 1980s with end-to-end rushes.

"Coffey used to give us nightmares," said Fletcher, recalling his days as the Calgary Flames' general manager and the intense rivalry with Coffey's Oilers.

The Hall of Fame was the last thing on Coffey's mind when the Oilers selected him with the sixth overall pick in the 1980 NHL entry draft.

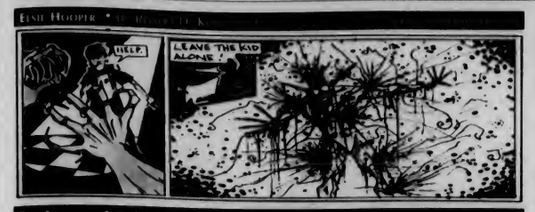
"I just wanted to make the team and not embarrass my friends and family," he said Monday.

A little more than 24 years later, Coffey followed former Oilers teammates Wayne Gretzky, Grant Fuhr and Jari Kurri into the hall.

Murphy never won a Norris Trophy, but quietly put up imposing numbers. His 1,615 games are second among defensemen behind Scott Stevens (1,635), while his 1,216 points are fifth among players at his position.

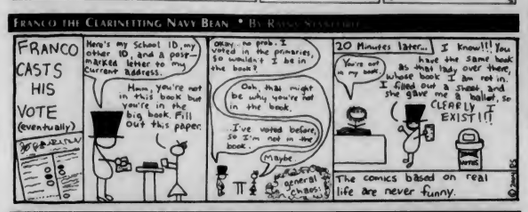
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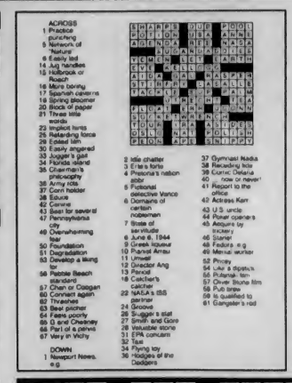




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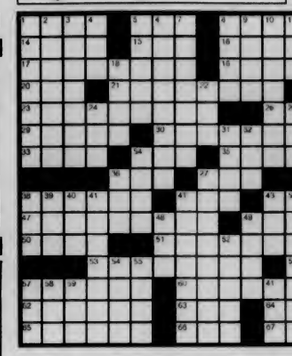
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Red Sox unify fans

The Boston Red Sox are the World Series Champions.

Read that sentence again. Let it sink in.

THE BOSTON RED SOX ARE THE WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS!

For those of you who are not die-hard Sox fans, I don't know if you will be able to relate to this column at all, but I encourage you to read it just so you can understand the depths of following this team.

Dan Duggan

I know there are many fan bases across the country that are devoted to their team, and before last week the St. Louis Cardinals fans were rumored to be one of the best in baseball. But I really don't think anything compares to being a Sox fan.

Let's just say I can't imagine that cemeteries all over Florida were filled with fans overcome with emotion after the Marlins won the World Series last year. But that's exactly what happened last week after the Sox won it all.

On Thursday afternoon, my father went to his brother's and father's gravesites and left baseballs at their graves. He said there were at least a dozen other people doing the same thing at the resting places of loved ones.

That's the thing about Boston: the Red Sox aren't a team you merely root for. They are much more than that.

New Englanders are raised to live and die with the Old Town Team. Each fall that the Sox came up short bridged a gap between generations.

It was comforting after last year's excruciating loss in the ALCS to talk to my father, because I knew he had been through similar heartbreaks while following the Sox.

But this year there was a different feeling about the Sox. They weren't afraid of the Yankees, and they seemed to be a group of guys that were having too much fun to get caught up in the pressures of an eight-decade championship drought.

And while it seemed like they were destined to come up short when they were down 3-0 in the ALCS, the true fans knew to keep the faith in this group of idiots.

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Derek Lowe reacts after striking out New York's Gary Sheffield in Boston's 10-3 victory over the Yankees in game 7 of the ALCS on Oct. 20, 2004.

Roberts sparks Sox

Instead of jabbering about an ancient old curse that has been the base of hundreds and hundreds of columns and articles, I feel it is important to understand the present rather than dwell on the past.

Eric Athas

Before the Red Sox won the big one, many were adamant that fate ruled against a World Series for the Sox. Now they know that is not true, of course, but the Red Sox nation, although satisfied, still has one question that hasn't been answered: why this year? The motto that fans stuck by all these years was: "We Believe." Ironically, now that it has happened, fans find themselves saying: "I can't believe it."

The answer to why it happened this year and not the previous eighty-six years does not lie in the aces or the closers. Sure, it couldn't have been done without the offensive and defensive players, but it was the supporting cast that made the difference this year.

General Manager Theo Epstein went out and got his superstar pitcher in Curt Schilling and traded for defensive gold glover Orlando Cabrera, while still keeping most of the 2003 team intact. And then he put a supporting cast behind his starters in Pokey Reese, Doug Mientkiewicz, Gabe Kapler, and phenomenal closer Keith Foulke.

One backup player proved to be the difference maker: right fielder Dave Roberts. Don't be fooled by the title; you didn't see Roberts in the right field. Unlike the ones previously listed, Roberts was utilized on the offensive side as a pinch runner. Scooped up by the Sox at the trade deadline this year, Roberts proved to be a sensational pick-up, especially in a time of desperation.

Remember when the Sox were down 3-0 in the ALCS against the Yankees? The relief you felt when David Ortiz blasted a two-run homer in the bottom of the twelfth inning to win the game? Rewind a little bit to the ninth inning. Three outs away from total elimination, Terry Francona decided to put Roberts in as a pinch runner on first base. When Roberts gets on base, he is going to steal, because that is his job.

The Yankees, the fans, the New Yorkers, and everyone else somewhat informed on the game of baseball knew at that point that Dave Roberts was going to steal second. Taking a lead, Roberts used his blazing speed and slid into second base within hundredths of a second of being tagged out. But he made it, and at that point I believe the Red Sox won everything. Bill Mueller's single made it official as Roberts again used his speed to round third and slide to home base, tying the game and sending it into extra innings, setting up Ortiz to finish it off.

After Roberts stole that base that night, the Red Sox never looked back. In fact they only trailed once after that steal for the rest of the playoffs and won the next eight games up to the World Series championship. Roberts was the spark that the Red Sox didn't have throughout the previous eighty-six years. But in 2004, he came in off the bench and in my mind, won the World Series.

So as the shock wave continues to flow through Boston and as Red Sox faithful continue to wonder why, remember Dave Roberts and his clutch base running. And "believe" that Roberts was the spark that started the fire that we call a world championship.

Eric Athas is a Collegian columnist.

Bawden shines in finals

By Dave Quinn
Collegian Staff

It had to be a bittersweet moment for junior Jaime Bawden. She had just been named to the Atlantic 10 All Tournament Team, but the Massachusetts field hockey team had just suffered a 3-1 loss to Richmond in the conference final.

Despite that, she handled the situation as she always does: with a smile and class. Even in her shining moment, when she was receiving an award for individual performance, she waited for teammates Trish Borneo, Marije Tigchelaar, Adrianne Monaco and Christine Tocco, and they walked up arm in arm to receive their awards.

It's never been about the individual achievements with Bawden. She, like the majority of this year's squad, sees themselves as a smaller part of a greater whole. This was highlighted when, in a post-game interview, Bawden answered each question with "we" instead of "I," even when asked about individual performance. While she may defer the spotlight to her teammates, her performance this weekend was nothing short of spectacular.

In the semifinal game, Bawden scored the opening goal 14 minutes and 41 seconds into the first half. Marije Tigchelarr's shot was saved by St. Joe's goalkeeper Rebecca Cunfer, but the rebound bounced to Bawden, who slammed it home. Then, in the opening minutes of the second half, Bawden struck again. Trish Borneo and Katelyn Woolfrey set up Bawden for the backbreaking goal that put the game away as the Minutewomen won 3-0.

Bawden was the scoring force in the Richmond game, as well. With the Minutewomen down 3-0 late in the first half, the Maroon and White drew a corner and went right to their player with the hot stick. After receiving a pass from Tigchelaar, Bawden put a quick spin move on the Spider defender and shot a laser through the five-hole to bring her team within two at 3-1.

Unfortunately for Massachusetts, that would be as close as they would get.

As surprising as this may seem, the three goals she posted in the A-10 tourney were her only goals of the season. After leading the team in scoring during both her freshman and sophomore campaigns, Bawden's scoring numbers dropped significantly. This wasn't a result of a player slumping however, but a change in the dynamics of the team.

"In the beginning, we weren't getting as many corners as we did at the end of the season. If we had, she would have had more scoring opportunities. The other part of it was the role; she was in a little bit of a more defensive role this year," coach Patty Shea explained.

This role isn't anything new for Bawden as she plays left back on the Canadian Junior National Team. As one of the most versatile players on the team, Bawden can play almost any position on the field. The majority of the time the junior plays center midfield, a great position for a ball hawk like herself, who always seems to be involved with every play.

"She plays in the center of the field, and those people are usually your field generals. You want your key decision makers in the center of the field. If she's around the ball a lot, you know you're going to be okay offensively and defensively," Shea said.

While role shift might bother some players, Bawden took the change and ran with it. Her presence on the defensive end has helped speed up the development of some of the Minutewomen's younger players. With some players, it's about ego and statistics.

For Bawden, it's a matter of getting the job done and putting up numbers where they count: the win column.

"She always plays hard. There's not a single moment that she doesn't compete. It's not about showing up in the box score for her; she wants to win. She'll do anything that the team asks of her, and that makes her a true team member and competitor," Shea stated.



Junior Jaime Bawden defends an attack from the Maine Black Bears. Bawden was nominated to the all A-10 tournament team.

Silver lining in loss



Bob McGovern

Sometimes it takes a big loss to shed some light on a positive season.

Confused, don't be. After a sea-son that had all the makings of a rebuilding year for the Massa-chusetts men's soccer team, it fell just short of the Atlantic 10 post-season play for the second year in a row, beaten by the same team.

On paper, it would seem that the Minutemen fell into an expected zone of mediocrity. After a 2-0 loss to Rhode Island last Friday and a LaSalle victory over Fordham, UMass was ultimately sent packing into the off-season. One would think that with this disheartening loss, 2004 was a wasted campaign.

However, the events that led up to Friday's do-or-die game, is what makes this season not only important, but vital in understanding why the Minutemen will be a team to reckon with in seasons to come.

Most of the time, the freshman class is used sparingly in college athletics. A first year player needs some time to get the feet wet, learn the system, and ultimately earn a place on the starting roster. For UMass, there was no learning curve and much of the young blood got thrown right in the fire.

Minutemen coach Sam Koch wasn't trying to make things harder on himself, rather he got stuck in a situation that he never could have anticipated.

Going into the 2004 campaign, Koch discovered that he was going to be without the services of Chris Camerota and Jason Scudamore, two starters from the 2003 season.

Camerota was a mainstay in the backfield and was an aggressive complement to a defense that had seven shutouts last year.

Scudamore, who was injured for the entirety of this past season, was a good all-around player that was poised to be one of the main contributors this year. His five points last year were good enough to tie him for sixth on the team.



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Sophomore midfielder Tim Kitchell had a goal and an assist this year for UMass. Kitchell started 15 games for the Minutemen.

With this, people like Douglas Rappaport, Tyler Pagano, Ian O'Donnell, and Tim Kitchell, who were either bench players or in high school last year, were forced to pick up the slack left by extenuating circumstances.

This team was a group that didn't have a full identity yet. Throughout the season there were different moves and alterations made, all in hopes of trying to find the perfect fit. The team was one ever-changing entity, and by the time the final whistle blew on Friday evening, UMass had almost found what it was looking for.

The Minutemen had eight overtime games (a team record) this year, only losing one to Boston University on Sept. 28. One would think that a team as young as UMass wouldn't posses the maturity or the unity to overcome these situations, but it did using last minute heroics from the likes of Kitchell, Rob Charest, and Richard Higa, all of whom are a sophomore or younger.

There also could have been a goalie controversy. Senior captain Colin Burns and sophomore Nick Billman once again split time in net for the Minutemen. Over the course of this season, I've been looking for any animosity between the two, but there was none to be seen.

Burns, a fifth year senior, passed down his experience and maturity to Billman, who will be the headlining goalie for the Maroon and White next year. Overall, it was a competition that bred nothing but the improvement of both keepers.

Maybe this year didn't turn out as well as the Maroon and White would have wanted it. Anytime a season is abruptly cut short, it is hard to look past the here and now and focus on the old cliché of, "there's always next year."

However, taking a quick look back may shed some light on just how much potential this team has when they finally get it together.

Bob McGovern is a Collegian Editor

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Panel discusses presidential election aftermath and campaign finance reform

By Joseph Padell
Collegian Correspondent

A panel of activists and University of Massachusetts professors discussed the future of election funding in the United States yesterday, seeking to debunk some of the myths surrounding "clean" election legislation.

"Clean" election legislation, also known as campaign finance reform, requires a state to give money to qualifying candidates during an election. Maine and Arizona are the only states to have this legislation.

Massachusetts' voters passed campaign finance reform legislation in a referendum in 1998. The state legislature then refused to fund the legislation, prompting a Supreme Judicial Court ruling in 2002 forcing the legislature to fund or repeal the measure. The state legislature repealed the clean election laws last year.

UMass communications professor Stephen Olbrys said that campaign finance reform will continue to be defeated until its supporters change their message and understand their opponent's.

Supporters of campaign finance reform "may not pay attention to how the opposition frames clean elections," he said. "The argument [against clean elections], that it's your tax money used for clean elections, is very powerful."

Presidential candidates currently get about $70 million dollars in public funds following their nominations, according to UMass political science professor Raymond J. La Raja, and this is not enough to wage a national campaign.

"The [national] advertising budget for Viagra and Levitra is more than that in just one year," he said. Viagra and Levitra are drugs used to treat erectile dysfunction.

Meg Gage, Executive Director of the Proteus Fund, made it a point to draw a clear distinction between clean election legislation and public funding for presidential candidates. The Proteus Fund makes grants to organizations seeking social change.

"The presidential system and public financing are two completely different systems," Gage said. "Clean elections is a system where you qualify with a number of smaller contributions, usually five dollars." Presidential candidates need more money to begin a campaign.

Limitations on contributions to presidential candidates begin following their nomination at the national conventions. Prior to the Republican National Convention, President George W. Bush raised almost $259 million before becoming eligible for public financing, according to a Federal Elections Commission report. John F. Kerry raised almost

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Polish studies gets largest grant yet

By Eva Piccozzi
Collegian Correspondent

The largest monetary gift ever donated to the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, at a sum of $900,000, was granted to the Program in Slavic and East European Studies last month.

The contribution was made on behalf of the newly established Walter Raleigh Amesbury, Jr. and Cecile Dudley Amesbury Endowment for Polish Language, Literature and Culture.

Polish studies program teacher Robert Rothstein and his colleagues were honored with the gift that was given exclusively in support of research and teaching in Polish language, literature and culture.

With the recent generous endowment from Amesbury, Rothstein projects a progressive future for the small but popular program. Since 1971 Rothstein, a comparative literature professor, has been teaching Polish at the University of Massachusetts. He offers Polish-language courses over a two-year cycle, elementary this academic year and intermediate next year and an advanced course on an independent-study basis.

"This semester's enrollment in elementary Polish is the highest ever," he said.

While there have been small

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Red Sox aftermath brings creativity and costs

Disturbances cost UMass thousands

By Erika Lovley
Collegian Staff

The party may be winding down for Boston Red Sox fans on college campuses across New England, but for administrators and police at the University of Massachusetts, the curse of processing mounds of paperwork and judicial hearings has yet to be reversed.

Two weeks after the Red Sox won the World Series, Dean of Students JoAnn Vanin says the administration will finally finish processing the last two of 85 judicial reviews of students who were arrested in on-campus disturbances that celebrated Boson's victories in the American League Championship Series and World Series.

"We [the Deans] all put in extraordinarily long hours," said Vanin.

Vanin said yesterday that of the 83 students that had undergone interim discipline, 13 have been suspended from the campus, one has been expelled, and the others are under deferred suspension, meaning they are under supervision until a final sanction is decided after their court date. Any other breech of the Student Code of Conduct during this time will cause the suspension to be invoked. For students under regular suspension, they also report to the administration after their court date.

"It's all tied to the court cases," Vanin said.

Vanin stressed that although students placed under deferred suspension are allowed to remain on campus and attend classes, it is still a very serious punishment.

"[Students] have to be on probation, [they] have to be on good behavior, and if they violate any of the rules of the university over the next year, they will be suspended," she said.

Despite the high number of arrests, only one UMass student was expelled. "In that case, [the decision was based] on the seriousness of the student's involvement and his disciplinary history, which was extensive," said Vanin.

Although the University does not inform parents if a student is punished, Vanin said that most parents have already found out if their child was arrested. "Given that all arrests are public and due to the media, most parents already know," she said.

UMPD

UMass Chief of Police Barbara O'Connor and her officers are no longer restoring order to campus until the wee hours of the morning, but O'Connor says the station is still dealing with the aftermath of an exhausting October.

"I am relieved baseball season is over," she said. "The only work that got done around here was baseball work."

O'Connor said the department is still struggling to catch up with the mounds of paperwork that needs to be processed from the past month, backed up by the approximately 100 arrests made during the two-week string of disturbances.

The high number of arrests cost the department heavily in overtime, manpower, and supplies — O'Connor estimates the "Red Sox bill" to be between $100,000 to $110,000.

"When you process 35 arrests in one night, that's a lot of overtime," she said. "And then you have to process them the next day, and then they're in court for hours afterward.'

After an arrest is made, there are four to five papers to be filled out for each individual case, which can make a night of heavy arrests to be a long one. That's when the cost in overtime begins to mount. O'Connor said on the night of a game, she often worked from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m., went home to sleep, and was back at work by 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

O'Connor mentioned that a virus had spread around the station due to the lack of sleep among officers, and that they were still shaking it off as of last week.

"We had close contact with a lot of people. When you work people extended hours, their immunity gets run down," she said. "That won't even show up on the Red Sox bill."

Although Massachusetts State Police helped campus police free of charge, O'Connor is not sure how the bill for aid from the Amherst Town police will be paid.

Also unavailable are the exact cost of police materials, such as pepper balls and smoke canisters, used to disperse the crowds during the disturbances, and the bottles of water needed by the police in riot gear.

"There are expenses you don't even think about," she said.

University of New Hampshire

"Who is going to pay for this?" That's the question officials at the University of New Hampshire asked its 13,000 students last spring, after two student riots in downtown Durham during the Red Sox playoffs cost the university over $100,000.

Student creates 'Riot UMass' computer game



Students flee from authorities in Southwest in the new video game "Riot UMass", created by a student after the Red Sox won the World Series.

By Dan O'Brien
Collegian Staff

In the aftermath of the Red Sox disturbances that took place on the University of Massachusetts campus last month, there have been several studies, forums and debates on the celebrations — but one student decided to recognize the Red Sox revelry on his own, by creating a video game.

Freshman Grant Cerulo created "Riot UMass", which is an online computer game that challenges rowdy students, some dressed in Boston Red Sox baseball caps to fight off riot police officers. The player must attack any and all police officers he or she comes across until the officer collapses on the ground in a pool of blood. Players can also get extra points by picking up police batons dropped by assiduous officers. All of this takes place against a backdrop of the tumultuous Southwest quad.

Why base a video game on riots? Cerulo said it generates a lot of student interest.

"It's just an amazing thing to see. Everyone gets so hyped up about it," he said. "People seem to love to get their aggression out against police brutality."

"Riot UMass" has grown with popularity in the three weeks it has been available on the World Wide Web. It has already received over 26,000 hits on Cerulo's Web site and has been featured on collegehumor.com and zoomassgear.com. Cerulo said he had no intention of generating so much interest in his game. He claims that he made the game one weekend out of boredom, when he did not have to practice with the UMass Marching Band.

"It was the weekend ... I didn't have marching band," he said. "I was sitting in my room with my roommate and I said, 'I've got the best idea ... I started working on it ... he really loved it so I made two levels."

A short time later, Cerulo tested his game on friends who lived in his dorm and received positive responses.

"Eventually, kids from my hall came in and played it," he said. "Everyone just comes in and looks at it and they're like, 'oh my God, this is the best thing in the world!'"

The game has received all positive responses, according to Cerulo. At best, it's popularity exploded almost overnight.

"I sent [the game] to a couple people online and they were like ... 'You're going to be famous for this.' Everyone I told, all my friends, they all really liked it, so eventually I put a counter on the Web site the second day it was on," Cerulo said. "All of the sudden ... we got on collegehumor.com and I got emails from Zoomassgear and all sorts of different people just telling me how much they loved it."

Cerulo said that he was "surprised" that he has not received any response from

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Ashcroft resigns post election

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General John Ashcroft, a favorite of conservatives, and Commerce Secretary Don Evans, one of President Bush's closest friends, resigned Tuesday, the first members of the Cabinet to leave as Bush heads from re-election into his second term.

Both Ashcroft and Evans have served in Bush's Cabinet from the start of the administration.

Ashcroft, in a five-page, handwritten letter to Bush, said, "The objective of securing the safety of Americans from crime and terror has been achieved."

"Yet I believe that the Department of Justice would be well served by new leadership and fresh inspiration," said Ashcroft, whose health problems earlier this year resulted in removal of his gall bladder.

"I believe that my energies and talents should be directed toward other challenging horizons," he said. Ashcroft's letter was dated Nov. 2, Election Day.

Evans, a longtime friend from Texas, wrote Bush, "While the promise of your second term shines bright, I have concluded with deep regret that it is time for me to return home."

Bush issued statements of praise for both men — and for the policies they advanced.

"John Ashcroft has worked tirelessly to help make our country safer," the president said. "John has served our nation with honor, distinction, and integrity."

-Associated Press

Kerry moves on politically

WASHINGTON (AP) — No longer a presidential candidate but still a voice for the Democrats, Sen. John Kerry met with the party's congressional leadership Tuesday as he moved into the next phase of his political life.

"We need to be unified and we have a very clear agenda," Kerry said at the start of the meeting. "I'm going to be fighting for that agenda with all my energy and all the passion that I brought to the campaign."

One week after his presidential defeat, Kerry met with House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Senate Minority Whip Harry Reid, D-Nev., at the Capitol to discuss a range of issues from Social Security to stem-cell research. Reid is expected to succeed Sen. Tom Daschle, who lost his South Dakota seat, as the Democratic leader in the Senate.

David Wade, a spokesman for Kerry, said the four-term Massachusetts senator "believes there is a mandate for unity in the country, and that there are 54 million Americans whose voices deserve to be heard as we move forward as a party."

President Bush received 59.5 million votes to Kerry's 55.9 million in claiming a second term.

Kerry also plans to attend next week's lame-duck session, his first return to the Senate since June when he interrupted his campaign to rush back to Washington to vote on veterans' legislation.

Kerry made only a few rare trips to Capitol Hill after launching his presidential bid and pursuing the Democratic nomination in an intense and crowded primary fight.

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Washing machine vandalized in Emerson Hall
Vehicle vandalism continues in parking lots

WednesdayNovember 3

2:44 a.m. Following a traffic stop on University Drive, officers issued an unnamed subject a summons for giving a false name, failure to stop/yield, no license or registration and trespassing.

6:28 p.m. A party stated that someone entered their car and removed approximately 100 compact disks and their storage case valued at approximately $1500.

8:13 p.m. A party stated someone broke into their car parked next to the water tanks on Windmill Lane and stole their stereo valued at approximately $300.

9:20 p.m. An officer reported that two tires had been removed from a vehicle parked in front of Southwest, and that the vehicle was sitting on rocks. Police left a damage notice for the owner.

ThursdayNovember 4

11:46 a.m. A party stated that several vehicles parked in Fraternity/Sorority park had broken with windows and stereos stolen from them. Damage notices were left for all of the vehicles.

7:05 p.m. A party stated that a subject was driving erratically in the Southwest Mall. The party also stated the subject yelled at the party and threw a cigarette at their face. The party was transported to the infirmary for a cigarette burn.

11:55 p.m. A party stated that a subject was shaking and requesting help. The Amherst Fire Department transported the subject to Cooley Dickenson Hospital.

FridayNovember 5

1:02 a.m. A party stated a vehicle parked in the lot next to Alumni Stadium had its rear tire slashed. A damage notice was left for the owner.

2:31 a.m. A party stated that five people were stuck in an elevator in John Quincy Adams Hall.

3:16 p.m. A party stated that a washer had been vandalized in Emerson Hall. The party stated the sides of the washer had been kicked in and the wires had been cut.

10:18 p.m. A party in the Blue Wall Pub reported a subject was harassing the bartender and that the party has marijuana. An officer spoke with the subject, and the subject left on their own accord.

SaturdayNovember 6

2:34 a.m. A party stated that an intoxicated subject was lying on the steps of the Fine Arts Center. An officer stated that the subject was put in protective custody.

11:58 a.m. A party stated that someone had damaged their vehicle. An officer reported major damage to the fabric and the metal supports for the convertible top.

6:13 a.m. A party stated that boiling water fell on the legs of a subject. The Amherst Fire Department transported the subject to Cooley Dickenson Hospital.

10:48 p.m. A party reported that three subjects stole a golf cart from the back of the Whitmore Administration Building. The three fled on foot and officers apprehended one subject Andrew Keefe, 19, of Westwood, and arrested him for being a minor in possession of alcohol

11:18 p.m. A party reported 10 intoxicated subjects jumping in front of moving cars. A second reported the subjects were throwing bottles at the cars. An officer investigated, but found no one in the area.

-Compiled by Brendan Heck

Panel discusses campaign reform one week after election

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$234 million before the Democratic National Convention, according to the same report.

Max Fraad-Wolf, a graduate student in the UMass economics department, agreed that the current levels of public funding for elections are insufficient.

He blames the current economic situation for the influence of private money on politics.

"The top 20 percent [of Americans] gets more than half [of the income in the U.S.]," he said. "If economic power is that profoundly unequal in distribution there should be no surprise elections are unequal."

Joan Mandle, Executive Director of Democracy Matters, agreed.

"It is less than one percent of the public that contribute to campaigns and they expect something back," she said. "And most of them do get something back."

Reaction to the discussion was positive, and many of the people in attendance stayed in 504 Goodell to talk about the program and eat free pizza.

"I thought it was really informative," Gabrielle Scruggs, a senior communications major, said. "It made me want to get involved."

Bernardo Urdaneta, a graduate student in research economics, said the topic was a bit more general than he expected.

"I expected it to be more focused on the presidential election," he said. Even so "I thought it was really interesting."

Democracy Matters has 80 chapters at universities across the country and focuses on campaign finance reform.

The UMass chapter of Democracy Matters organized the panel discussion.

Seeking official recognition as an RSO, Democracy Matters meets every Sunday in the Blue Wall at 6:30 p.m.

New grant helps Polish department expand its program

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gifts to the Polish Studies gift fund, mostly from alumni, it hasn't enabled the program to stand-alone. Initially Rothstein said, this spring he will revive Polish 250, Introduction to the Polish People, a course that hasn't been taught for several years. In the long run the program hopes to establish a first ever faculty chair and begin the process of organizing an exclusive department.

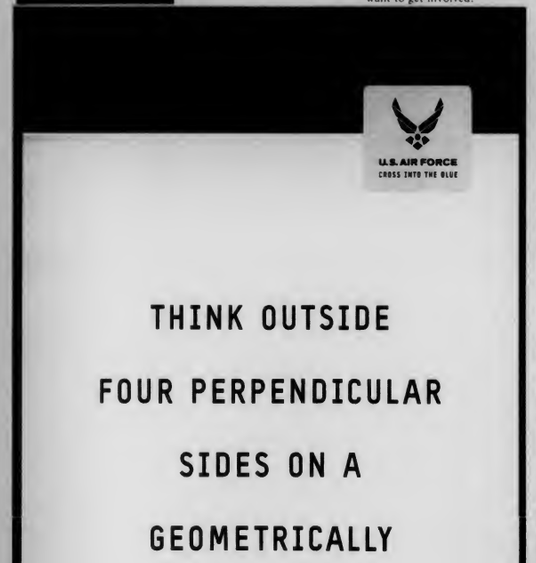
"Several years ago the State Legislature established a program that was designed to provide state funds to match private funds raised by the University and other public colleges," said Rothstein. The Commonwealth added 50 percent to the Amesbury donation, which resulted in a state match of $450,000 and an endowment totaling $1,350,000.

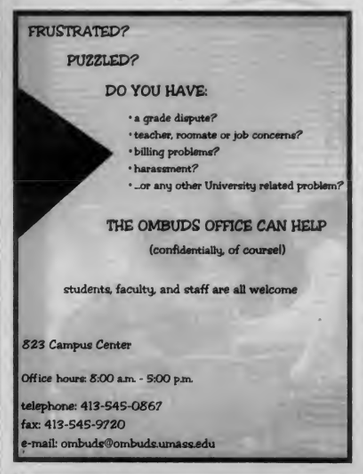
According to the press release, The Amesbury gift came to UMass after Walter Raleigh Amesbury Jr. set up a fund to honor his deceased wife Cecile Dudley Amesbury, a descendent of one of the oldest royal families in Krakow, Poland. After Walter died last year, Jane Trigere of South Deerfield, a longtime friend of the Amesbury's, suggested to his niece, Jane Goldberg, that UMass Amherst would be the ideal recipient of the donation.

The publicly funded state institution would benefit more than a private school from the grant. Also there is a long tradition of cultural and education ties, linking the campus and the substantial Polish community in the region.

In the past under the auspices of the Slavic Department, Polish visitors and American specialists came to UMass to talk on a variety of Polish cultural topics. Events ranged from the poetry of Czeslaw Milosz, Polish history as reflected in coins and medals, Polish-American folklore, and the history of polka.

Discussions on current Polish affairs, the Solidarity movement, the state of the Polish economy, as well as showings of Polish films and musical and theatrical programs were arranged on campus according to Rothstein. He said he hopes to continue and expand those traditions with the help of funding from the Amesbury Endowment.







Disturbances rack up big 'Red Sox bill'

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senior assistant vice president for student affairs. "[Even] a fire call can add up ... One dumpster fire can cost $1,000."

Although the University assumed it's fair share of the costs of damages in Durham, the administration wanted students to assume responsibility. According to Lawing, the student senate recommended that students who are arrested and undergo a university hearing pay a fee of $25.

"The student senate really stepped to the plate," she said. "Once that bill is paid off, we will take the fee off."

The university also held a student summit in response to the riots, which included representatives from police forces and other universities around the country — a tactic that Lawing thinks has had a major effect on student behavior.

"We learned a lot from our student summit," she said. "They are influencing one another to go downtown [Durham], but not to influence each other in a harmful way."

Lawing said that a zero-tolerance policy at the University has also discouraged students from behaving dangerously. "It was my job to interim suspend any student who was arrested on a charge in any way," she said of the nights during the World Series games last month.

Students arrested are forced to call their parents, and are prohibited from being on campus or taking classes until a hearing by the Judicial Mediation Programs Office, comprised of trained volunteers, faculty, students, and staff that man different hearing boards.

Lawing also credited full-page ads in the student newspaper, and the efforts of the staff to speak with students about celebrating responsibly. "We talked with the students [and said] 'the choice is in your hands, it's just not worth it,'" said Lawing.

This past October, Lawing said the Red Sox's victory in the World Series resulted in a two to 4,000 person celebration, which then led to a small dumpster fire and one arrest of a non-student, an outcome Lawing is thrilled with.

"[The police] allowed the students and others to celebrate and be happy, then dispersed them," she said. "We're relived but we are very proud of our students."

Boston

According to Emerson College and Northeastern University police in Boston, the mania of celebratory students and Red Sox fans crowding the city during the games barely made a dent in department funding or campus destruction.

"We didn't even experience any minor damage," said James Ferrier, assistant director of public safety at Northeastern. "We had a few extra officers on, but we're not going to have a significant amount of police overtime."

Ferrier said on-campus problems were probably kept to a minimum because most students preferred to celebrate at Fenway Park, which is a "three minute sprint" from Northeastern. There, their behavior is under the jurisdiction of the Boston police. "Our campus is the city, all of our streets are the city streets," he said.

Only six Northeastern students were arrested for Red Sox-related behavior, according to Ferrier, four by Boston Police, two by campus police. The six, along with one student who was cited by school officials for inappropriate behavior, will be punished by the university.

"They stand a strong likelihood of at least a suspension," said Ferrier. "[But] we're happy to learn there were very small numbers [of arrests]."

Last February, a student riot on campus — including fans flipping cars and lighting fires after the New England Patriots won the Super Bowl — cost the university an amount that Ferrier wouldn't disclose, but said it was "in the five figures".

As a result, the administration cancelled a scheduled rock concert the following spring and revised the Code of Student Conduct to ensure that any riotous behavior would be grounds for expulsion.

"We wanted to make it clear this fall that no such behavior will be tolerated, even by groups [of students] watching," said Ferrier.

He said by administration encouraging students to behave appropriately and providing a large police presence after games, the campus has not had an incident since the Super Bowl riot.

"It was a very successful Red Sox season," said Ferrier.

Video game garners students' attention

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the administration about "Riot UMass", especially since the Web site is based on the UMass Internet server.

"I made jokes that I was going to get kicked out of college once they found out ... They haven't taken [the Web site] off their server, so they [probably] don't know about it, which would be surprising," he said.

Meanwhile, curious fingers have continued to click on to Cerulo's Web site, but that does not mean students agree on whether the game is good for the University.

"Simulation of reality is not something I really like doing, but riots ... As long as you're not depicting any particular community, I don't care," said a graduate nursing student who identified herself as Ilgyasa.

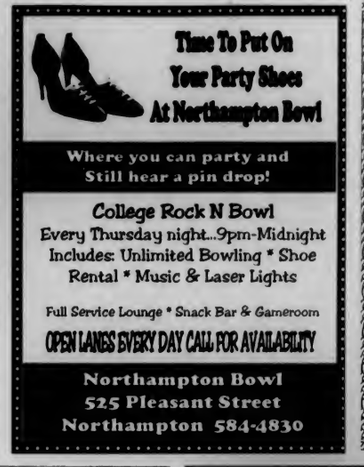
"I think it's pretty normal stuff and most people who are adults and intelligent should be able to handle it," said John Jackson, a member of the Outdoor Club.

"I don't think it's a good cause for the students, it's not going to show any good morale," said Michael Parrish, a junior Journalism major. "I definitely think it looks bad for the University and I don't see how that's going to reflect in any good in any way towards how the students feel about the school."

Cerulo said he does not have any definite plans to make another UMass-based video game in the future, but said if he gets a good idea, then he would consider the option.

Riot UMass is still available on Cerulo's Web site: http://www.people.umass.edu/gcerulo/riotumass.html







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Wednesday, November 10th
Music Injection Wednesdays:
Bring your lunch and receive a healthy dose of live music!
Cape Cod Lounge, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. FREE

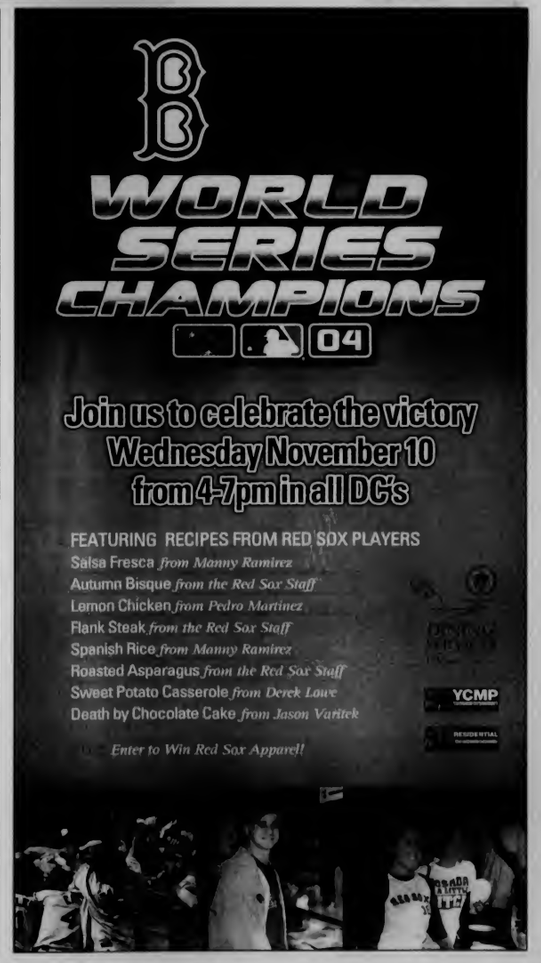
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International Movie Series:
Autumn Spring
A Czech film directed by Vladimir Machlek. Co-sponsored by the International Programs Office.
SOM, Room 108, 8 p.m.
FREE Admission

Friday, November 12th
Open Mic Night:
Literary, Musical, and Performance Art. Created and presented by UMass Amherst students. All are welcome!
Student Union Craft Center, 7 p.m.-11 p.m. FREE

Saturday, November 13th
The Comedic Stylings of COLIN QUINN
Meet the comic scene's tough guy, currently starring in Comedy Central's "Tough Crowd with Colin Quinn."
Fine Arts Center Concert Hall, 10 p.m.
$5 UMass Students * $10 Five College Students * $15 eneral Public

Sunday, November 14th
Contradance:
Have the best fun you ever had! Dance to the live music. No experience necessary, no partners needed.
Student Union Ballroom, 7:30 p.m. FREE

COMING November 18-21
Reel OUT: LBGT Film Festival
Sponsored by the Stonewall Center. FREE
11/18: *Brother to Brother*, SOM 113,7 PM
11/19: *Tying the Knot*, Bartlett 65, 7pm
11/20: Four movies starting at 11:30 am in SOM 137
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"It is hard enough to remember my opinions, without also remembering my reasons for them."
-Friedrich Nietzsche

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Vice chancellor's silence is dangerous

Given the recent disputes over the emails exchanged between former Student Government Association (SGA) Speaker Patrick Higgins and Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life Michael Gargano, many sentiments throughout the campus have been surfacing. The campus responses to the emails alleging that the director of the Office of African, Latino, Asian and Native American (ALANA) Affairs, Nelson Acosta, has not accurately followed his job description and the overall questioning of Graduate Assistant Gladys Franco's role succeeding him have been reminiscent of recent student uprisings among the SGA and ALANA.

However, in the midst of everything, Gargano has yet to comment to the public on the situation, particularly when he has come under direct fire from many students. While his motives for staying silent are understandable, it is not appropriate for the Vice Chancellor to continue remaining so days after repeated accusations were made and being addressed by campus organizations.

A campus group, Take Back UMass, met recently to call for Gargano's resignation. Following the ongoing tensions between the SGA and ALANA, it is no surprise that this organization has been making these proclamations. However, for Gargano not to respond to the attacks made on his very job, demonstrate the obvious trepidation that he has in dealing with the current unrest and addressing the student body.

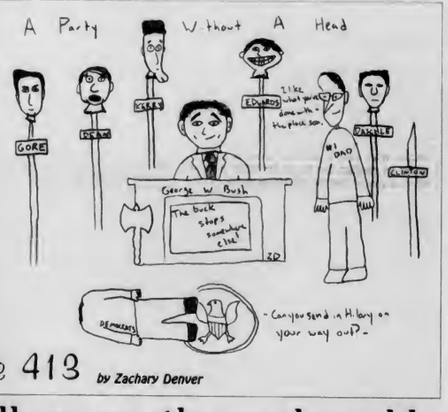
Throughout the rest of the year, Gargano has been very vocal in expressing his views of previous situations. During the "KKK-Nine" scandal, Gargano made himself readily available to the press and students during a very difficult time for the university as a whole. He addressed questions and spoke to the press frequently.

While the Red Sox were playing in the ALCS and the World Series, Gargano went on record commenting on the riotous situations in the Southwest residential area almost immediately after they occurred. He has always been present and willing to speak to the press and the student body whenever issues of student affairs have taken the spotlight.

Currently, the ALANA Caucus is filing a Freedom of Information request to verify the legitimacy of the emails. Until the result is announced, this would be a most opportune time for Gargano to come out from being idle and comment on the situation at hand. Gargano holds the office of Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life. The present debacle obviously affects student affairs and campus life and, therefore, warrants direct comments from administrative officials such as he, especially when members of the student body are requesting that actions be taken.

For Gargano to continue to sit silent after repeated attempts for contact have been made and keep the student body on hold, he is sending a direct message to the University about his intentions regarding the students' desires.

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The 413 by Zachary Denver

College vs. the real world

Can you believe that I've been at UMass Amherst for nearly four years and I still don't know what I want to do with my life? Here I am on the verge of graduating and I don't have any career plans. How pathetic! It seems like everybody and their mother knows what beeline direction their lives are going to take except for me. Am I the only one who's experiencing this?

Lisa McLaughlin

I came to UMass undeclared. I took introductory classes in theater, English and psychology, thinking that would help me to decide. Afterwards, I still had no idea what I liked best, and couldn't waste much more time dwelling in indecision. So I tried to do all three — a double major in theater and English with a minor in psychology. The ridiculous amount of gen-eds added to required classes would compress my time leaving it impossible to pursue this in less than five years. I eventually dropped the theater major to become the cliché, clove-smoking, black coffee-drinking English major loitering outside of Bartlett. I fit in; I found my niche, but what now?

Many people believe that there isn't that much to do career-wise with an English degree. Whenever I tell outsiders that I'm an English major, they all ask me the same question, phrased in these exact words: "Oh, so you're going to be an English teacher?" No, as a matter of fact, I'm not. Their faces look confused. The next question is inevitably: "So ... what are you going to do?" What else is there to do with an English degree? I've considered this; I could become a writer or an editor for a magazine, work for a publishing company, become a starving artist and write creatively or walk the streets begging for spare change while quoting Shakespeare (one could probably get more change by doing that).

To be honest with you, I have become discouraged with the promises of my post-secondary education. Several of

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my friends who have graduated are either unemployed or hold jobs that have nothing to do with their degrees. While they hold out for "real jobs" they're stuck working at places like Toys R' Us, Barnes and Noble, Target and Walgreens. Many have advised me, "Don't graduate! Stay in school as long as you can! The real world is not all it's cracked up to be!" And they're right.

The job market is terrible. The booming office parks of the Clinton-era are now half-empty with "For Lease" signs draped over the side. I see people getting laid off left and right because companies have to cut back due to budget cuts.

Out of my family of five, only one person has a full-time job currently. It is a similar situation with many of my friends and their families. Some of them live in the constant fear of not having any health insurance. Were someone in their family to be diagnosed with a fatal disease, they would either have to suffer and die without professional healthcare or be burdened with an insurmountable debt hanging over their heads.

My good friend who graduated from UMass last year with a double degree in French and English and a specialization in Professional Writing now works as a tax claims representative. After going from interview to interview and picking up temporary odd jobs in professional writing, she finally threw in the towel and decided that she preferred financial security and health insurance over making use of her specialized skills. I don't blame her; I would have done the same thing.

I constantly ask myself these questions: Where's the need for a poor liberal arts junkie like me? How far will my literary analysis skills get me outside of UMass Amherst? What purpose is there in comparing and contrasting the poetry of Ezra Pound verses Walt Whitman? What exactly am I accomplishing here? Perhaps only one thing: becoming increasingly disillusioned with my education and how it won't contribute to solving the problems of the real world.

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A college that isn't fun

Do you like Guns 'N Roses? They've always been one of my favorite bands. The only way I can describe many of their songs is taking all of the elements of hard rock in their purest, natural form and then distilling them five times. It's so pure and intense it's ridiculous. Take the song "Civil War" for example. It starts with a famous quote from the film "Cool Hand Luke" (great movie, Paul Newman is the man) and then segways neatly into the intro of the song itself, complete with Axl's trademark whistle. But the best thing about the song is the lyrics. To a certain degree, they seem almost prophetic. In particular one line seems especially relevant given the state of affairs today: "You can't trust freedom when it's not in your hands, when everybody's fighting for the promised land."

Colin Jones

Freedom is not in our hands and the truth is that it never has been. Anyone who went to high school history class knows that the founding fathers set up the Electoral College as a protective mechanism. It was instituted to keep us (the voters) from having too much direct control.

These great men knew the unfortunate truth that people are easily swayed, and many people who would be voting would be ignorant, uninformed or both. In accordance with this, they set up a system in which the general public is capable of exerting an amount of control by casting their votes, but they also implemented a means of keeping that control in check.

This type of political structure, called a representative democracy, has positive and negative components like everything else. Ultimately, it was intended to allow for a balance that is much needed. Ideally, voters would express their views politically by casting their vote, but those votes go through a screening process roughly analogous to having a well-intentioned friend or professor proofread your mid-term paper. You get to say what you want, but if you're out of line or your support for your ideas is rambling and flimsy, they can make sure you get the best grade possible. The Electoral College is supposed to stop the voting public from being its own worst enemy.

Interestingly enough however, the clearest criticism of the system's organization is that it leads to a kind of defeatism predicated on the idea that in spite of our great technological advancements in terms of communication, the average voter can't be trusted to make an informed decision. Case in point: hundreds of millions of

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dollars were spent by both Kerry and Bush on their campaigns for this past election. But they were highly judicious where they spent it. Specifically, most of the money is spent in the swing states like Florida and Ohio.

Logically, the purpose of any campaign is to inform the public of a candidate's political sentiments and their views on issues that are considered important. What ends up happening is that in swing states, voters who are receptive to political matters get to be very informed on how each candidate posits their respective platforms. And what about states that are considered "safe Republican" or "safe Democrat"? They get left out of the loop to a certain degree.

Although there will certainly be a few political ads on television and radio for both candidates, they won't be at all informative. There is no need for them to be. The Electoral College was instituted to prevent uninformed voters from having too much control, and now it works to prevent voters from becoming informed.

Everyone in Massachusetts knows that this state will go Democrat. Indeed, many people use this as a justification for not voting. They feel that the decision has already been made for them, and in a certain sense, it has. After all, what's the point of taking time out of your busy day to go through the hassle of casting your vote knowing that unless you live in a "swing state", for all practical intents and purposes, it is meaningless?

The fact of the matter is the decision has been made for this past election, and while I think the word "mandate" is a little strong, we now have another four years with a president that I don't hate as a man but can't respect as a politician. Life will go on, for better or worse. Unfortunately, for many Iraqis and American soldiers alike, it will be worse.

As a nation, we will continue to funnel tax dollars into an effort that most of us never wanted and those among us who did want it thought it was for something it never was. The sad fact is that in that particular area of the world, killing and death are part of everyday life.

The stories we hear of violence and bloodshed are shocking news to us, but nothing new to them. Instead of forcing them to accept the American way of life and institute a democracy, maybe we should become more appreciative of the opportunities we have and the way we get to live. Personally, on all matters military, I agree with Axl: "My hands are tied; the billions shift from side to side and the wars go on with brainwashed pride, for the love of God and human rights."

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Striving to keep hope alive

How many times in life has someone said to you, "Don't get your hopes up?" Variations are plenty and everyone has been told at some point in time to not get their hopes up, to settle down, to just enjoy what you have or to continue in your current path, unresolved. Whether it's been a parent, a teacher, a friend, or maybe that voice inside you, someone somewhere undoubtedly has told you, "Don't get your hopes up." Well, I'm going to tell you to keep your hopes up.

Micheal Anmuth

I'm going to tell you to keep reaching. I'm going to say to you that despite the fact that I'm not an eternal optimist does not mean that you shouldn't keep working towards what you want to get accomplished, what you want to see finished, what you want to achieve at the end of each day. You will face adversity; you will find roadblocks and challenges and you will not win all of the time. Just because you won't win does not mean that you shouldn't try. You should not give up that easily on things, especially things that are within your reach, or even slightly out of your reach.

I say to you that not every decision is mission critical, and not every situation is a revolution waiting to happen. I propose a different level of thinking, that one can apply keeping hope alive to every day life.

I'm not trying to disrupt the status quo, or to tell you that everything is able to be completed perfectly. I'm not trying to go against years of people telling you to not get your hopes up, or argue that they may have been correct in some situations. What I am trying to disrupt is the notion that once something happens, you have to remove all hope from the scene. Some of the most revolutionary people in history, such as Gandhi and Martin Luther King did not lose faith in the fact that they could change situations through peaceful means; they did not give up hope and they accomplished great things which affected many people, even to this day.

I say to you that not every decision is mission critical, and not every situation is a revolution waiting to happen. I propose a different level of thinking, that one can apply keeping hope alive in every day life. I don't plan on being the next Che Guevara and being a revolutionary, I just want to be able to keep my fingers crossed that my next car repair won't cost more than the car itself, or that my lackluster studying techniques keep my GPA afloat until next term. The hope I internalize for every situation is the selfsame hope that I'm telling you to apply to your life, the same hope that people have told you not to keep up.

One of the more popular phrases that is often written in high school year books from parents to their soon-to-be college student children is, "Aim high for the moon and even if you miss, you'll end up among the stars." While it may be cliché, the phrase is highly applicable to what I'm telling you. Keep hope alive, keep reaching, keep sauntering towards your goals, and even if you don't achieve them, you are better off for working towards them than just accepting the fact that you did not get there.

If you're riled up to accomplish a goal then I've done my job, if you're still wondering how I can wax on about hope for so long, then you should meet hope's best friend, dreams. Often as we lose hope for things, we lose dreams along the way. How many people can raise their hands and say that they have had a dream but no longer pursue it? I know I certainly can, and while my dreams may have been a tad far-fetched, like the one where I dress in a chicken suit and wander the streets of Boston promoting — you guessed it — a chicken restaurant, we often have dreams that we never live out because we lose sight of them and we lose hope that they may be achieved.

You're right; I am promoting thinking bigger than someone normally would. If your dream involves a clean world, start at a grassroots environmental level and keep the hope alive. If your dream involves meeting 8 million new people, get out there and start shaking hands. I will not tell you that everything is achievable, or that everything is worth hope at the same level or even that everything should be achieved. What I am telling you is that you should keep hope alive, for your dreams, for others' dreams and for the greater good of the world.

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SUBMIT A LETTER OR OPINION



A feminist outlook reexamnined

It's a summer afternoon in 1994. I'm in my kitchen with my friends Michael and Jillian. I just got out of the army. Michael just got out of the closet and Jillian just got a new job as a stripper on Washington St.

Amelia Sabadini

"We're definitely stripping, it's not like dancing, or it is, but it's still too different to have the same name," she tells us. Jill and I have decades of dance lessons between us. "It's not like anything else I've ever done. It's incredible I can't even begin to tell you." She's bouncing on the balls of her feet, surging with exuberance, when suddenly she stops, draws her shoulders in and starts biting her lip. "Be honest with me OK?" she implores as she looks at us and we nod. "Do you think what I'm doing is wrong?" Cautiously I ask, "Do you feel like something's wrong?"

I already know where she's going. Jill and I have always considered ourselves to be feminists, and yet the only branch of feminism we've actually been exposed to asserts that things like stripping propagate sexism. "I wanna do this but part of me feels like I'm betraying women somehow." Jill says. "Why?" Michael asks her. She answers quietly, "Because it's kinda like I'm selling myself."

Michael drops his comb, stations his hands defensively on his hips and snaps "Jill who owns you?" Jill sounds perplexed when she answers "I do. Why?" "Who owns your body?" "Me. What's this got to do with it Michael?" "You own your body so you have the right to do what you want with it Jill. You're not selling look time at any woman's body but your own. You're not betraying anyone or selling what's not yours. Your body is your possession, your resource and when you make money with it you're exercising your rights over it. How does that go against feminism?"

Jill and I were in shock. The logic of everything he'd said was clear as a bell and it had been ringing all along, but we hadn't heard it. How could we have though? It's not like many people actually listen to this logic, if anything most people, whether they mean to or not, seem to be involved in drowning it out.

Consider that we live in a culture where everything about a woman's appearance is so often subject to everyone's opinion and approval. Yes, people do discuss how men look too, but the crucial difference is that if a man doesn't look right (however that standard may be defined) it's not usually seen as an indication of any deeper character flaws. If a woman doesn't look right, in particular if she looks "slutty," then she is frequently regarded with contempt. "She has no self respect", "She makes us all look bad," "She doesn't even appreciate the equality she has."

These are some of the things that certain types of feminists will say. The provocatively dressed woman is spoken of as

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though she has mismanaged a public building or a piece of communal property and should consequently loose her stewardship of it. Yet that property is unquestionably hers, it is her body. The suggestion that she should lose charge of it manifests in the "asking for it" mentality and can be heard in comments like, "She's gonna get grabbed dressed like that", or, "That kind of behavior and those kinds of clothes encourage sexual assault."

By way of comparison, when was the last time anyone said that a bakery was asking to get robbed because there were a bunch of cookies sitting in the front display window? If this hypothetical bakery was robbed, could you ever imagine the defense claiming that their client should be acquitted on the grounds that he was motivated by a biological imperative to smash the window and take the cookies? No way, not unless the defendant was, in fact, the cookie monster, right?

This would be absurd. So isn't it absurd too that there are people pushing the notion that any woman who displays her proverbial cookies is inviting and/or deserving of an assault?

Words like "ho" and "slut" are weapons of character assassination. These words mark women as targets for denigration and abuse. These words can be applied to any woman on the mere grounds of suspicion. Who said the witch hunts were over? What should it matter if a woman is wearing a mini-skirt, or out of her burqua, or walking around in her underwear? What's considered comfortable attire varies from person to person. It is a matter of personal freedom. It is subjective and ever changing and as such should have no bearing on what's considered appropriate treatment of another human being. The concept of humane treatment for all people (regardless of how they appear) should be as steadfast as the very ground beneath our feet. If not then our civilization's foundation is capricious, hollow and certain to collapse into a morass of barbarity.

So long as the good girl/bad girl dichotomy exists then the personal safety and freedoms of all women are in constant peril. When you point your finger at a woman and call her a "ho" you're complying with the idea that no woman has legitimate dominion over her own body.

You're feeding the beast of misogynistic oppression, making it stronger and merely forestalling the day when it will come for you. So please, I implore you, let it starve. Let women dress and conduct themselves as they wish. Let each person be the sovereign of their own God-given body. And don't knock strippers, Jill and I are as close as you can get.

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Playing the blaming game of gay marriage during elections

Here is a simple truth: John Kerry was not meant to be President. Although I supported him last Tuesday, that piece of truth was the thought running through my head as I watched the Midwest turn red on the television news graphics.

Thomas Naughton

Sadly, we live in a nation wherein we must choose between two men whom no one particularly likes to be our president. Here's another bit of truth: There was no decisive vote for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered people to cast. Whom should we have voted for, George W. Bush who hates gays or John Kerry who hates gays? Or should we have just thrown away our vote on Ralph Nader, the anti-Semite? No, the obvious choice was Sen-ator Kerry, who clearly hates gays less than the president.

Some may argue, "John Kerry doesn't hate gays, he's for civil unions!" Oh, I am so impressed by that, you have no idea. I can sleep knowing that Senator Kerry thinks I am human enough to be "civilly united" to someone. John Kerry being "for civil unions" is indicative of the Democratic Party's feelings toward and dealing with gays; they pet us on the head, hold some civil rights in front of our face so we'll do the right tricks (like vote for them), and then throw us back into the pen when they are finished so we don't give them fleas, ticks or lice.

I'm sure that some people voted for Bush because they hate gays, but to suggest that the idea of gays being married crippled John Kerry's candidacy is reckless and such a disheartening betrayal.

Civil unions are homophobic and so is any politician who supports such an idea. If we are going to have two types of lawful unities, then we may as well start installing "Queers Only" bathrooms and water fountains; just paint them pink so we know which is which. Supporting civil unions is supporting second-class citizenship and I would have way more respect for conservatives and democrats alike if they would just come out and say it.

Shame on Barney Frank, a gay democrat, for suggesting that "gay marriage lost the election for John Kerry." John Kerry lost the race for John Kerry. I didn't want to vote for him. Trust me, if there was a bowel movement running under the democratic ticket with a good platform and significant backing I would have happily voted for it instead of Kerry.

Especially since the bowel movement would probably not have a crazy wife and would have had the ability to make a simple decision in lieu of talking about "global tests" or "lock-boxes" or whatever new jargon the democrats have invented. The democrats have been gutless wonders since the crumbling of the World Trade Center towers and that's one of many reasons why Senator Kerry lost the election.

Are gays and lesbians to feel apologetic to the democrats because we were granted our human rights in Massachusetts? Should the married gays and lesbians of Massachusetts annul their marriages because their nuptials angered Maude and Cletus? That is a disgusting idea and its homosexuals and politicians like Barney Frank who disgust me. Frank portrays himself as the champion of "getting the gay vote out", yet he shows himself to be a true self-hating homosexual who's insipid remarks have done horrible damage to the gay rights movement. He and Condoleeza Rice should just move in together and compound their efforts as living oxymorons. He can tag along with Condi and Ann Coulter when they go to the mall and give them fashion advice — the clear and singular function of a gay man.

There is no way that gay marriage was the singular sticking point for the Maudes and Cletuses of Middle America. Both candidates had the same leanings on gay marriage; they both favored creating an institution outside of traditional marriage for gays because they are not as human as heterosexuals. Obviously the War On The Nation That Didn't Fly Planes Into Our Buildings (or War On "Terror"— you say tomato, etc.) had something to do with it.

Let us also consider that some of the 10 states that passed the proposition to define marriage as a union between a man and a woman, also put forth many first time openly gay leaders, including Supreme Court justices. I'm sure that some people voted for Bush because they hate gays, but to suggest that the idea of gays being married crippled John Kerry's candidacy is reckless and such a disheartening betrayal.

As long as we're blaming people, I would like to blame the Democratic National Committee for Bush's victory. They nominated a bland candidate who needed to read the newspaper from the preceding day to remember what platform he was running on. I also wouldn't mind blaming Dan Rather who helped to rush people believing the liberal media-myth to the polls after he reported false information on Bush. Finally, I guess the person I should be blaming is John Kerry because after all, it was up to him and now we are headed for even more dangerous territory with George W. Bush as our leader.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'COMMISSION ON DIVERSITY' FLAWED

On Oct. 15, the university administration announced the formation of a "Commission on Diversity and Social Justice." This commission is meant to tackle issues relating to diversity and to make a set of policy recommendations to better serve underrepresented students on campus. While at face value the formation of the commission may seem like a much-needed acknowledgement that racial tensions permeate our University, the design, mandate and constituency of this commission speak to other objectives.

Through hard work, and often in an extremely hostile environment, over the last 30 years, student activists on this campus have created institutions to advocate for and support underrepresented students at UMass (some examples are the Office of Alana Affairs, The Everywoman's Center, UALRC, BCP). When fully funded and supported by the administration, these programs and services have been shown to greatly improve the experience of their target students.

Unfortunately, the current university administration has limited much of the institutional support for these programs. In some cases, the University has reduced funding, while in other cases (particularly with regard to the Office of Alana Affairs) the administration has interfered with the program's ability to use the resources that it already has. It is in this context that the Commission on Diversity was established.

This commission is meant to restructure the support network that many students at UMass have come to rely on. The commission was established without the knowledge or consent of individuals (students, faculty and administrators) who have been steeped in issues of diversity on campus for many years.

It has already become apparent that the administration plans on using the commission as an excuse for inaction. When asked to authorize the search committee for an assistant director for the Office of Alana Affairs (a position paid for with money that originates from the Student Government Association), the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs said that he wanted to wait for the commission's recommendations. However, a report from this commission is not expected any time soon.

This commission has one goal only, and that is to disempower students from taking control of their university. By composing the commission of "savvy outside experts" the administration has cut off the last vestige of student power: the ability to petition the administration.

The administration claims that it will approach any recommendations made by the commission with an "open mind," and that it will adopt them as policy. Even though students had no voice in choosing the members of the commission, they have requested that students do the same. In this context, how can the administration expect us to automatically accept what they say?

Yes, we have problems at UMass, but the way to go about solving them is not by disenfranchising those for whom the university exists in the first place — the students.

Barak Sered
Take Back UMass
Public Relations Committee Chair

COMPROMISE NEEDED WITH CULTURAL CENTER

For the past month or so — I cannot be the judge for Columbus Day weekend due to my absence — I have had at least one long night every weekend. This, however, is not by choice. The reason for my late nights has been the events at the Malcolm X Cultural Center. Living in Cance, specifically on the side directly facing the Cultural Center, I am subject to the excessive noise levels of the music being played and the noisy people who are attending the events there.

I understand that there is a need for diversity on campus, and that having dance parties or whatever they may be called is a good way to provide a fun, safe environment for students to socialize and enjoy themselves on the weekend. This, however, should not overshadow the fact that it is disruptive to the students who reside in the surrounding residence halls. I know for a fact that I am not alone in being displeased with the activity schedule for the Malcolm X Center, as I have talked with friends and others who live nearby who have come to the same conclusions that I have.

My roommate went so far as to call campus police looking for some kind of peace, but was told that there was nothing that they could do. He also spoke with Vice Chancellor Gargano on the matter, who showed an interest in the matter, but nothing has yet been done. The disruption of the peace of other students who reside in this area of Southwest should be taken into account.

This is not to say that there should not be such events held. A compromise, however, should most definitely be reached that will appease both the residents surrounding the Center and the people who sponsor, run and attend the events. I wholeheartedly encourage events on campus that bring people together to enjoy themselves. I also encourage a good night's sleep and one's sleeping patterns to be determined personally, not by a DJ. It is ridiculous to think that I can't relax after a long week of classes, studying and writing papers and settle down before 4 a.m. When there are two nights in a row of these events, it is quite taxing when there are things I need to accomplish during the day besides napping, and I'm sure this goes for many other people facing the same issue.

In short, there must be some sort of compromise. Students need somewhere to enjoy themselves and have a good time, but they need rest as well. There is no reason to be keeping surrounding residents up all hours of the night with loud music once or twice a weekend. There is also no reason to stop these events completely. Is a compromise so outrageous? For the sake sleep, sanity, and that of other residents, I hope not.

Jason Connolly
UMass Student

PROPOSAL TO DISBAND SGA AND ALANA

It seems like every time I open up the Collegian, I am bombarded with endless amounts of stories regarding the office of African Latino Asian Native American affairs and the Student Government Association. From what I gather, ALANA hates the SGA and the administration. The SGA may or may not hate ALANA. Meanwhile, students know little to nothing about both groups. Most people I know are annoyed that the SGA spends so much time arguing with itself that it could win an award for "least efficient organization in the history of the world".

Also, they don't seem to know who the members of the SGA are that supposedly represent them. Concurrently, they feel that ALANA is an organization that labels one a racist simply for disagreeing with some of their policies. Furthermore, they don't seem to understand why there is constantly so much turmoil regarding both groups.

Most students can't identify the functions of either of these organizations. This is in part due to the fact that it seems like all both bodies do, is harass one another. The only thing I can think of that the SGA does is dole out money to RSOs. I assume ALANA's purpose is to represent minorities and fight for equality and diversity on campus, but creating what some have dubbed a brand of "UMass racism" where the majority (Non-ALANA students) feel it can not dissent to the minority (ALANA) without fear of being labeled racist, prejudiced or discriminatory is neither helping their cause nor the campus.

Therefore, I think I have arrived at a solution that will please everybody: Get rid of the SGA and the Office of ALANA Affairs. If most students don't know what either organization does, few students would miss them. If the SGA exists to dole out money to the RSOs, why not delegate that task to an administrative body that deals with the entire UMass budget? I know that I don't feel represented by people who argue over the legitimacy of elections, seats and voting. I also don't feel represented by individuals who get drunk in an office set up to educate and advocate for students. I would imagine many other members of the student body would agree with me. As far as ALANA is concerned, if the SGA was disbanded, they would no longer have someone to constantly fight with. Therefore they may as well dissolve (think of no longer needing NATO once the Soviet Union collapsed in 1989).

In all seriousness though, it appears as though it would be more effective if both organizations were completely obliterated and then reconstructed from scratch. Each organization could have new institutions, by-laws, mission statements, leaders and most importantly, a clean slate with the UMass community and each other.

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Eminem: back by popular demand

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SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Now that the music world has lost Jay-Z to the world of CEOs and retirement options, it questions who will become the next figurehead of rap.

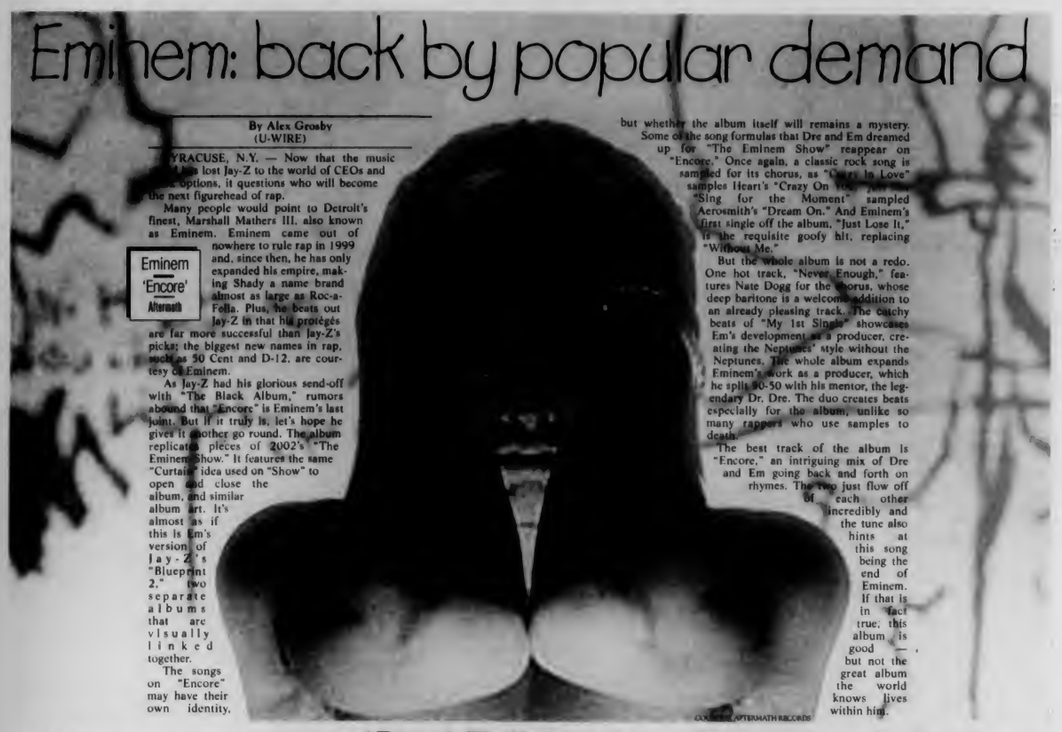
Many people would point to Detroit's finest, Marshall Mathers III, also known as Eminem. Eminem came out of nowhere to rule rap in 1999 and, since then, he has only expanded his empire, making Shady a name brand almost as large as Roc-a-Fella. Plus, he beats out Jay-Z in that his protégés are far more successful than Jay-Z's picks; the biggest new names in rap, such as 50 Cent and D-12, are courtesy of Eminem.

As Jay-Z had his glorious send-off with "The Black Album," rumors abound that "Encore" is Eminem's last joint. But if it truly is, let's hope he gives it another go round. The album replicates pieces of 2002's "The Eminem Show." It features the same "Curtain" idea used on "Show" to open and close the album, and similar album art. It's almost as if this is Em's version of Jay-Z's "Blueprint 2," two separate albums that are visually linked together.

The songs on "Encore" may have their own identity, but whether the album itself will remains a mystery. Some of the song formulas that Dre and Em dreamed up for "The Eminem Show" reappear on "Encore." Once again, a classic rock song is sampled for its chorus, as "Crazy In Love" samples Heart's "Crazy On You," and "Sing for the Moment" sampled Aerosmith's "Dream On." And Eminem's first single off the album, "Just Lose It," is the requisite goofy hit, replacing "Without Me."

But the whole album is not a redo. One hot track, "Never Enough," features Nate Dogg for the chorus, whose deep baritone is a welcome addition to an already pleasing track. The catchy beats of "My 1st Single" showcases Em's development as a producer, creating the Neptunes' style without the Neptunes. The whole album expands Eminem's work as a producer, which he splits 50-50 with his mentor, the legendary Dr. Dre. The duo creates beats especially for the album, unlike so many rappers who use samples to death.

The best track of the album is "Encore," an intriguing mix of Dre and Em going back and forth on rhymes. The two just flow off of each other incredibly and the tune also hints at this song being the end of Eminem. If that is in fact true, this album is good — but not the great album the world knows lives within him.



COURTESY AFTERMATH RECORDS

BMI honors Twain

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Shania Twain's "Forever and For Always" won country song of the year honors Monday from the music-licensing agency BMI.

The song, co-written by Twain and her husband, Robert John "Mutt" Lange, was the most performed country song of the year, based on U.S. broadcasts.

It was Twain's fourth BMI song of the year win. "Forever and For Always" was also named song of the year at the 2004 BMI London awards, and her hit "You're Still the One" received the honor at both the 1999 BMI pop and country awards.

Twain, 39, also was named BMI songwriter of the year at both the 1999 and 2000 pop and country awards and now has 28 BMI awards.

In other awards, Toby Keith collected country songwriter/artist of the year honors for his hits "American Soldier," "Beer for My Horses" and "I Love This Bar."

Keith, who now has 15 BMI awards, also was named songwriter/artist of the year in 2001.

Casey Beathard earned country songwriter of the year. Five of his songs were on the most performed list: "Drinkin' Bone" (recorded by Tracy Byrd), "Hot Mamma" (Trace Adkins), "The Love Song" (Jeff Bates), "No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problems" (Kenny Chesney) and "Walk a Little Straighter" (Billy Currington).

Loretta Lynn was named BMI Icon for "her enduring influence on generations of music makers."

BMI, which represents more than 300,000 songwriters, composers and music publishers, each year recognizes country music songwriters and publishers of the year.

-Associated Press

'Real Talk':not so Fabolous follow-up

By ALEX GROSBY
U-WIRE

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — A logical contradiction is a sure sign of invalidity. A set of statements wherein one can easily derive a contradiction is such that those statements are wholly inconsistent, and devoid of cohesiveness with one another, these statements can never combine to form something greater.


COURTESY DESERT STORM

Rapper Fabolous fails to deliver on "Real Talk"

This problem is entirely pervasive in modern rap music, as rap stars desperately attempt to convey disparate facades ranging from a tough, street-raised alpha male to sensitive, introspective ladies' man. Unfortunately, the reality is that the differing idiosyncrasies of these discrepant personas are often quite unable to be reconciled. The listener, left with a conflicting portrait of the performer, is often left no recourse but to doubt the artist's sincerity.

Case in point: Fabolous' latest offering, "Real Talk." The fundamental irony inherent to titling the album as such is that Fabolous straddles such a diverse array of archetypal rap personalities, the possibility of "Real Talk's" actual realness is almost entirely nonexistent.

The first four tracks depict Fabolous as a gun toting, machismo, uber-gangster. The following tracks are Fabolous' attempt to charm his way into the pants of his female listeners. Immediately after, listeners are introduced to Fabolous as a sensitive, world-weary thug, followed by the artist endlessly espousing materialist rhetoric, focusing on the size of his bank account and untouchable MC abilities.

If you grew bored simply reading my recount of the album, imagine listening to it in its entire staggering 74-minute runtime. Thus is the other problem with "Real Talk": the album drags on for well over an hour without saying much of anything.

While there is certainly nothing wrong with an artist taking on a foreign perspective for a song, the level of inconsistency on "Real Talk" is simply astounding. The album's title track contains Fabolous' dismissal of so-called "studio gangstas;" however, the following track is titled "Gangsta" without even the slightest hint of irony.

Also, Fabolous' obligatory love song attempts poetic sincerity, but contains the line "this is how I'm gonna do you, mama." This unfortunately misogynistic lyric completely topples any notion of Fabolous' attempted sensitivity, and brings further into doubt any notion of Fabolous' artistic sincerity and integrity. "Baby" simply comes off as a vulgar aping of Common's sublime love song "The Light." Additionally, the ending of "Baby" is overextended to the point of agony, a fault that extends itself to the album as a whole. Given its exacerbating length and tired lyrical content, "Real Talk" is more viable as a coaster than an album..

The Tropicana: historic Cuban nightclub still attracts tourists

By Vanessa Arrington
Associated Press

HAVANA — Oozing sex appeal, Cuban women picked for their beauty and stature slink across the stage in elaborate headdresses and little else.

Singers, acrobats and dancers perform, too, but the showgirls are the main attraction of the revue that has lured hundreds of tourists nightly to the storied Tropicana nightclub for nearly a decade — indeed, flesh has been the biggest draw throughout the outdoor cabaret's history.

"People associate the Tropicana with showgirls," says the nightclub's spokesman, Juan Carlos Aguilar.


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"The Tropicana" has been a tourist attraction for decades.

Yet the Tropicana is closing the racy show that has entertained foreigners since the communist government began courting tourists in the 1990s.

It will be replaced with "Tambores en Concierto" — "Drums in Concert" — a spectacle that, while retaining the spirit of Cuban sensuality, will drop some of the more blatant skin baring.

"It's time to make some changes," says Tomas Morales, a dancer, choreographer and director who created the show that takes the stage in April.

His show will keep a live ensemble of Cuban musicians on one part of the multitiered stage, along with acrobats and some showgirls. And the royal palm, bamboo and fruit trees that canopy the stage still will provide "a breath of exoticism," says Aguilar, the club spokesman.

But the similarities end there. The new show will be more theatrical, with increased emphasis on stage sets and technology, Morales says. The story revolves around a male dancer who emerges from a drum to become "the drum's ghost," and then guides the audience through different music and dance acts, "taking you to the roots of Cuba," he says.

Reinvention is not new to the Tropicana.

In the 1940s and '50s, American tourists frequented the club, which was known for its casinos, all-night partying and visiting international stars like Liberace, Nat King Cole and Carmen Miranda. The Tropicana chartered planes, with dancers and musicians aboard, to fly in tourists from Miami.

Chevrolets were raffled off on stage. Spectacular revues changed every two months and included circus acts, voodoo-inspired shows, even live cockfights.

But Fidel Castro's 1959 revolution squelched the revelry. The casinos disappeared, as did the American mobsters who had a stake in them. A drop in the money coming in meant less extravagant shows and fewer performers from abroad.

Then in 1968, the government shut the Tropicana and all other Cuban cabarets.

"It wasn't clear whether (the cabaret) should continue as a product within the life we were leading after the revolution, or if it was an element too tied to the decadence of a class that no longer dominated the country. Eventually the idea that it was a cultural product won out," Aguilar says.

Late-night performances lasted until dawn.

"We Cubans like to party all night," says Fernando Valdes, who joined the dance company in 1974 and now directs the Tropicana's school for cabaret performers.

By the 1980s, tourists began trickling back to Cuba and, after the Berlin Wall fell in 1989, the government embraced tourism as a way to bring in revenue lost when aid from the Soviet bloc dried up.

The Tropicana also went on the road, traveling in 1988 to perform on New York's Broadway and at the United Nations headquarters on its first trip to the United States since the revolution. It has also played in Monaco, London and Toronto.

Every night, 300 to 600 guests — mostly foreigners — fill the Tropicana, where waiters in black tie serve food and drinks under the stars.

"You can tell there are Cubans because they're the ones who get up and dance after the show's over," he adds.

Many visitors believe a Cuba trip isn't complete without experiencing the Tropicana.

"It would be like going to Paris and not going to the Moulin Rouge," says Juan Antonio Merino Ayllon, a 53-year-old businessman from Malaga, Spain. "You've just got to do it."


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A performer at the famous Havana nightclub "The Tropicana" poses in her costume.

'After the Sunset' lowlight of director Brett Ratner's career

By David Germain
Associated Press

With his post-James Bond track record, maybe Pierce Brosnan should not be so quick to say goodbye to the super spy.

Brosnan, who has said he will not return for a fifth Bond flick, has delivered back-to-back duds this year with the romantic comedy "Laws of Attraction" and now the heist caper "After the Sunset."

Like "Laws of Attraction," "After the Sunset" is not exactly a bad movie, just dull and droopy; its nebulous title appropriate for a movie that never quite defines itself as larcenous lark or shady thriller.

The wolf-and-sheepdog camaraderie between crook (Brosnan) and cop (Woody Harrelson) certainly is different, though not very believable or entertaining, especially given Harrelson's over-the-top performance.

Brosnan, meanwhile, seems a bit bored by the whole thing. That's fine early on, considering his character is a retired diamond thief who misses the action. Yet he remains wearily aloof even after he's back on the job for one more score.

Director Brett Ratner had great commercial success with the mismatched-buddy comedy "Rush Hour" and its sequel, but he falls short with a less manic, more grown-up approach to the genre here. One of the movie's main assets — and it's a decent one — is its lingering shots of co-star Salma Hayek's amazing curves and cleavage.

Brosnan and Hayek are Max and Lola, a thieving couple living the good life on a tropical island seven years after their farewell score, a priceless diamond literally lifted out of the hands of FBI agent Stan Lloyd (Harrelson).

Disgraced and obsessed, Stan turns up at Max's place convinced his nemesis is plotting to steal a companion diamond that just happens to be making a port call at the island during a cruise-ship tour.

Max insists to both Lola — who wants her man to stay retired — and Stan that he has no interest in swiping the jewel, though he clearly has the itch.

What follows is not so much a cat-and-mouse game as a strange-bedfellows farce, with Max and Stan fishing together, drinking together, slathering each other with sunblock — all the usual kinship rituals between good guy and bad guy.

'After the sunset'
Directed by Brett Ratner
Starring Pierce Brosnan Salma Hayek
New Line cinema
Rated PG-13
97 mins.
Grade C+

The screenplay by Paul Zbyszewski and Craig Rosenberg tosses in some mild twists and turns, nothing that an experienced movie buff won't see coming.

The writers aim for "Get Shorty" like banter, but what passes for clever idiosyncrasy is Max barking, "State your business" when he answers the phone or Stan dividing people into idlers who like to watch sunsets and doers who don't have time.

"After the Sunset" thoroughly squanders Don Cheadle's talent in a small role as a menacing gangster horning in on the action while babbling about free-love philosophy in the music of the Mamas and the Papas.

Also wasted is Naomie Harris, who was riveting in the zombie tale "28 Days Later," here playing an Island cop implausibly, drawn in as Stan's professional and romantic partner.

The filmmakers make reference to one of Hollywood's bonniest jewel-heist adventures, Alfred Hitchcock's "To Catch a Thief," perhaps hoping the mere mention will rub off some of that film's luster.

It only serves to remind viewers how dusky and dreary "After the Sunset" is by comparison.


COURTESY NEW LINE CINEMA

"After the Sunset" has not compared to Ratner's previous block busters such as "Rush Hour"


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Academy award nominee Don Cheadle co-starts in "After the Sunset", from New Line Cinema.


COURTESY NEW LINE CINEMA

Pierce Brosnan plays a thief in the thriller directed by Brett Ratner. The film comes out this friday.

'Strangers in Paradise' aids in evolution of graphic novel

By Bernie Nguyen
U-WIRE

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Over the last few years, the once strictly cult following of the graphic novel has blossomed into a more mainstream popularity. Enter Terry Moore's "Strangers in Paradise," a graphic novel series centered around the lives and loves of two women, Katchoo and Francine, and the difficult struggles they go through as they try to find themselves in a dangerous world.

The "Treasury Edition" of "SiP" — as it is affectionately known — is a collection of Moore's series up to the present day. It includes scenes from the first 60 issues in chronological order and a never-published first edition. Moore also ties everything together with running commentary, including his ideas and aspirations for the series. The "Treasury Edition" shows readers the very beginning of "SiP," from Moore's original ideas and how Francine and Katchoo got their start.

"SiP" is beautifully drawn, with a compelling storyline and characters that feel so real that emotions virtually leap off the page. The "Treasury Edition" is both a good place to begin for those unfamiliar with "SiP" and a resource for fans to enrich their knowledge of the series.

"SiP" is not an average romantic comedy. Its main characters, Katchoo and Francine, are as different as night and day, but are very close. Katchoo makes no secret that she has feelings for Francine, a lovable neurotic who struggles with her weight and dreams of the perfect man.

Francine loves Katchoo despite the volatility and rebelliousness of her nature, though she is uncomfortable with the fact that Katchoo is romantically interested in her. The third character in this mess is David, a young man uncomfortably in love with Katchoo. This triangle is complicated even further when it is revealed that Katchoo has a dark past, one that has followed her and endangers both her life and Francine's.

The "Treasury Edition" does an excellent job of teasing the slight nuances of the comic and turning them into strong ideas.

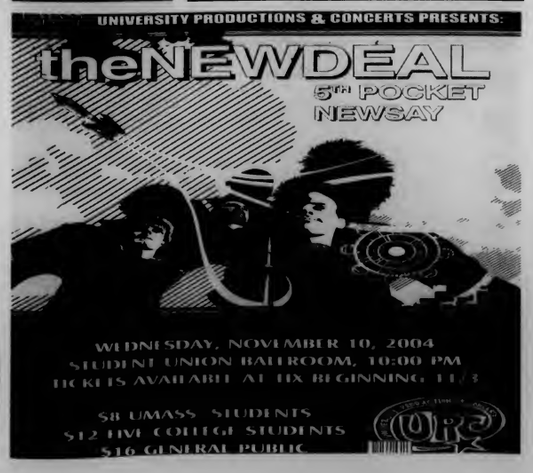
The history behind "SiP" and the perspective of the author make the "Treasury Edition" something that most fans will greatly enjoy, especially since it discusses and explains the origins of the series and addresses its possible future.

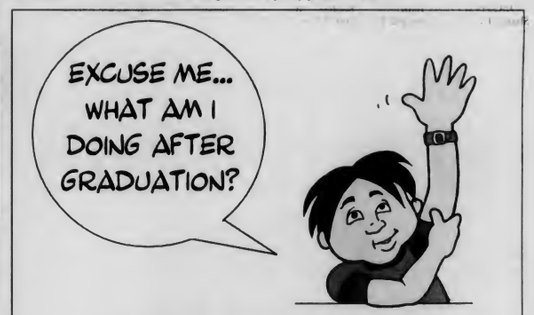
Moore's created "SiP" after bad experiences developing comic strips. His title was adapted from the Tony Bennett song "Stranger in Paradise." Moore writes of the title, "It's not your typical comic book title, but it fit the theme of my story: people stumbling through relationships like awkward guests in a pretty place."

His commentary throughout the "Treasury Edition" is intimate and comfortable, allowing the reader to see both into his mind and into his series. This book is a strong addition to his already popular series — a glimpse into the creative psyche of Moore as not only an artist and a writer, but as a person.



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Freshmen shining early on

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utes, but in that span, garnered three rebounds and two assists. Although she was two-for-nine from the floor, her good hands are making her a great backup at shooting guard.

Could the Ontario native be just as good as her older sister and live up to the preseason hype? If Saturday was supposed to be any kind of exam, she's passed the test.

So has Whitney McDonald, who has the privilege of playing understudy to center Patrycja Gulak, and the things she has learned from her so far have reflected inside the paint where their stat lines are almost identical. Both her and Gulak tallied six points and two assists, but it was Gulak who out-rebounded McDonald 11-7.

"She's showing me how to be tougher inside," McDonald said of playing alongside the 6-foot-4 Poland native. "She's definitely someone I love going up against. She has more maturity than me. She's an amazing player. I learn a lot from her."

Throw in the contributions from Kate Mills (five points, five rebounds and two assists) and the presence of Kaylie Sciavetta (no action Saturday), and you have yourself a pretty solid lineup. But these aren't even the starters.

Rather, it is more of a reflection that this team never had last season. At every position, the Minutewomen have at least one player with enough skill to compete for a starting position, making everybody work harder.

And everybody is all smiles when it comes to talking about depth.

"[Depth] is very important, you know," Nelson said. "I think if a team relies on one or two people to do a lot of things — scoring, rebounding and so on — that down the line with the season winding down, people start to get tired. I definitely don't have to do half the things which is great."

"Things are coming together really well for us, and I think we're going to have a really good year," Rosanio said.

Playing alongside Nelson has proven to be a plus for the girls as well. Having sat out the last 18 months due to a knee injury, everyone agrees it's great to have her back calling the shots, bringing the ball up court and dishing the ball off. Best of all, she'll be around until 2006, which is a lot of time to learn from someone who knows a whole lot about the game.

"She's a great leader on the floor," Rosanio said. "She can dish it off as well as she can shoot it. It's good to have her leading us, sometimes we're not sure where to go on the court so it's good to have her."

As far as the chance of other freshmen joining Rosanio in the starting five, it's all theirs for the taking.

Wannstedt resigns

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Sam Madison spoke about Wannstedt, their voices broke, and general manager Rick Spielman fought back tears.

Defensive end Jason Taylor reacted sharply to a question about Wannstedt quitting.

"Let's get this straight: Dave didn't quit," Taylor said. "Ricky Williams quit. Dave stepped aside. There's a big difference. Anybody who watched Dave on Sunday saw how much it hurt him. That's not a man who quit. That's a beaten man, a man who has been through a lot the last two or three years."

Wannstedt had been on the hot seat for some time, despite a 43-33 record in 4 1/2 seasons with Miami. His lone playoff victory came four years ago, and he barely avoided being fired after the Dolphins went 10-6 but failed to make the playoffs in 2003.



JOE RIMKUS JR./MIAMI HERALD

Dave Wannstedt's reign in Miami ended yesterday when he resigned as coach of the Dolphins.

Huizenga, who missed the news conference because he was out of town, has been through three coaches since becoming the Dolphins' sole owner in 1994. Now they're one defeat from their first losing season since 1988 and the butt of jokes, with one wag renaming the team's home Semi-Pro Player Stadium. Wannstedt didn't mention Williams by name but said there were a lot of reasons for the Dolphins' decline.

"Many of those things I had no control over," he said. "But those things are not important today. Nobody wants to hear about excuses. Someone has to accept the ultimate responsibility. I'm the head coach," and that falls on me."

While he's under contract through 2006 — and will be paid in full, Jones said — speculation regarding the next coach began weeks ago.

"We're not happy with where we are," Jones said. "But I can tell you this: We're going to fix it. Mr. H. has always given us the ultimate resources. Money has never been an issue with anything we do."

Mentioned as possible coaching candidates have been former Florida Gators coach Steve Spurrier, LSU's Nick Saban, Philadelphia Eagles offensive coordinator Brad Childress and New England Patriots offensive coordinator Charlie Weis.

Spurrier would be a popular choice with fans in South Florida.

"Obviously he's a good coach," Jones said. "But I can tell you we've had no conversations with coach Spurrier...."

"At this point we have no intention to talk to coach Spurrier. Will that change? I'm not sure. But at this point we don't have any intention of doing so."

Saban issued a statement Tuesday saying he was not interested in leaving the Tigers.

The Dolphins also must hire a new president because Jones plans to retire in March. Spielman, widely criticized for his personnel decisions, will lead the coaching search and return next season "unless something happens that I don't foresee," Jones said.

Bates, whose last head-coaching job was 19 years ago in the USFL, has been with the Dolphins since Wannstedt hired him as defensive coordinator in 2000. His first game as interim coach will be Nov. 21 at Seattle.

"I hate it personally ... the way it has happened," Bates said. "But I'm going to jump all over the opportunity. I will coach with a great deal of passion, and when we come out of the chute, we're going to play."

Excuses lay to rest

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heard they have really good baseball out there, just not on the professional level.

My two closest friends back home are contemplating moving to Hawaii to become carpenters, now that they've dropped out of community college. Perhaps I should join them, where we could get box scores by radio and lay in the sun all day long, relaxing while time flies by slowly.

Maybe I'll come through with that promise to myself to get hitched under the Green Monster. But first, I have to find myself that special someone.

Whatever may jump out in front of me in the path of life doesn't faze me the least bit, for I've no longer a desirable worry in the universe.

I may never find my true self in the aftermath of this miraculous victory, and I hope I don't. Because when Foulke tossed that round piece of cowhide to Mientkiewicz, my life changed forever.

I don't know where I'll be 25 years from now. But one thing is for sure — now that the dream has been reached, there is nothing left to dream about. Now that the impossible has been made possible, total peace has been reached, and thus the ideal state of mind.

Sounds crazy, no? After all, it is just baseball. But when something you've been waiting your whole life for finally comes around, you don't want to think about anything else. You want to sit down and cherish this moment forever.

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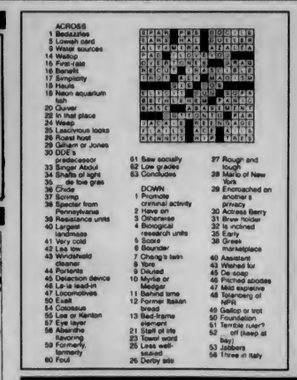
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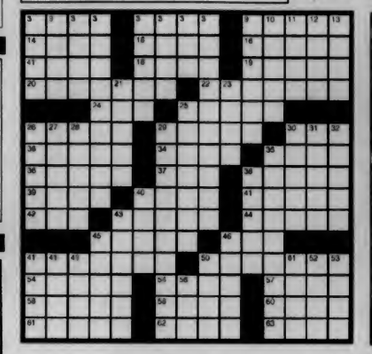




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Seventh Cy for Rocket

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Roger Clemens easily won his record seventh Cy Young Award after putting off retirement and being about as dominant as ever — even at age 42.

The Rocket received 23 of 32 first-place votes and 140 points in balloting released Tuesday by the Baseball Writers' Association of America to win the NL Cy Young for the first time after capturing six Cy Youngs in the American League.

He's the oldest Cy Young winner. Gaylord Perry was 40 when he won the NL honor in 1978.

Clemens retired after pitching for the New York Yankees in the 2003 World Series, then changed his mind and signed with his hometown Houston Astros and went 18-4 with a 2.98 ERA and 218 strikeouts. Currently in Japan with a touring major league all-star team, he said last week he hasn't decided whether he will pitch in 2005.

Arizona's 41-year-old Randy Johnson, second to Clemens with five Cy Youngs, finished second in the voting with eight first-place votes and 97 points. The Big Unit went 16-14 with a 2.60 ERA and a major league-leading 290 strikeouts — Arizona scored two runs or fewer in 17 of his 35 starts.

Houston's Roy Oswalt, who went 20-10 to lead the NL in wins, was third with 19 points, followed by San Francisco's Jason Schmidt with 13.

Clemens won three Cy Youngs with Boston, two with Toronto, and one with the New York Yankees.



CHRIS GRIST/LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

Roger Clemens won his seventh Cy Young Award yesterday. He has now won the award with four different teams. He has been honored four times since leaving the Red Sox, where his career temporarily stalled before he bolted for Toronto.

Sox ace done with surgery

BOSTON — Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling had surgery Tuesday to repair his injured right ankle.

"The three-hour procedure proceeded as planned, with no complications," team doctor Bill Morgan, who performed the surgery at Caritas St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, said in a statement.

Schilling pitched Game 6 of the American League Championship Series and Game 2 of the World Series last month with the torn sheath of his ankle tendon sutured into place so it wouldn't flop over the bone when he pitched.

The Red Sox won both games, setting the stage for Boston's first World Series championship in 86 years.

Doctors said the pitcher was resting comfortably after the procedure. His ankle and foot will have to be immobilized for about a month, the hospital's statement said. He will also need six weeks of rehabilitation, so any delays could cause him to miss the start of spring training.

Schilling, acquired in a trade with the Arizona Diamondbacks, earned a permanent position in Red Sox folklore by pitching on the injured ankle during the playoffs.

He hurt it near the end of the regular season and tried to pitch Game 1 of the ALCS against the New York Yankees. Unable to push off the mound, he allowed six runs in three innings — his worst postseason performance since 1993. The Yankees went on to take a 3-0 series lead and Schilling's season appeared over.

But the unprecedented suturing procedure enabled him to pitch in Game 6, and with blood seeping through his sock, Schilling beat the Yankees in Game 6, catapulting the Red Sox to an improbable comeback.

He repeated the feat in Game 2 of the Series against the St. Louis Cardinals. Afterward, he acknowledged that he could not have made his scheduled start in Game 6 of the Series, had it gone that far. But it became moot when the Red Sox swept the Cardinals in four games.

The soft tissue that sheaths the ankle tendon had been ruptured, causing the tendon to dislocate. On Tuesday, doctors pushed the tendon back into place and reconstructed the sheath.

Despite being hampered by his ankle, Schilling traveled with President Bush before last week's election, campaigning on crutches in the battleground states of Ohio and Pennsylvania.

- Associated Press

Excuses lay to rest

Brendan Hall

I remember the moments in the wake of Foulke's underhand toss to Mientkiewicz for the final out as clear as day now, and probably still will when I'm 75.

I remember acting as if I had been shot, bloodcurdling screams of "Oh my God! Oh my God!" cutting through the hallways at 250,000 decibels, startling worried neighbors and making me grow hoarse within seconds. I tackled whatever goofy kid was roaming around, all to the tune of "Hey Papi" by Jay-Z.

"I" became "we" as a mob of sloppily dressed undergrads, decked out in ridiculous Red Sox attire, roared through the hall, lounge, stairs and elevator. And if flipping furniture and pounding on Yankees' fans doors weren't enough, the sea of red, blue and gray below us tempted even the tamest of Sox fans to unleash the William Wallace within.

None of it mattered to me at that moment in time, because the dream had become a reality. The Sox, by golly, had won it all. Those rude, crude dudes from Yawkey Way — those unruly savages who eat nails for breakfast and bullets for dessert — had finally emerged the victor in their epic war with a ghost with the surname George Herman.

There were no words to describe why my hands shook so violently for no reason at all, or why I was getting the chills up and down my spine repeatedly, or why my legs felt like rubber and my head felt like I'd just ran through a brick wall, only screams, ecstatic, deafening screams.

Two weeks later, I sit here in front of my television, peering over at Sportscenter while caught up in a novel. I sit here calmly — almost too calmly — as a tune by Pink Floyd hums on my stereo softly, like there isn't a care in the world. The whole time there's just one Great Gatsby-inspired thought running through my mind: now that the dream has been achieved, the dream is essentially over. Back to reality — back to normality.

Growing up as a kid in the country bumpkin breeding ground that is north central Massachusetts, I thrived on New England sports. The Larry Birds, Drew Bledsoes and Mo Vaughns of the world were what made me so eager to sprint home from school so I could get my homework done as quick as possible in time for the games on TV. Give me a team from any major sport, and I could probably give you the starting lineup, easily. It annoyed my teachers so much they sometimes had to kick me out of class.

Somewhere down the road, as my writing skills began to blossom faster than bamboo grass, it hit me: I would be a killer sportswriter. Like every other aspiring sportswriter around these parts, covering the Boston Red Sox on a daily basis would be the equivalent of dipping your toes in the sand at a place they call paradise.

It's every writer's dream to be out there doing what the professionals in our business do. But the Sox have won — nothing can top that. Maybe the second coming of Christ, but everything else may as well take a back seat.

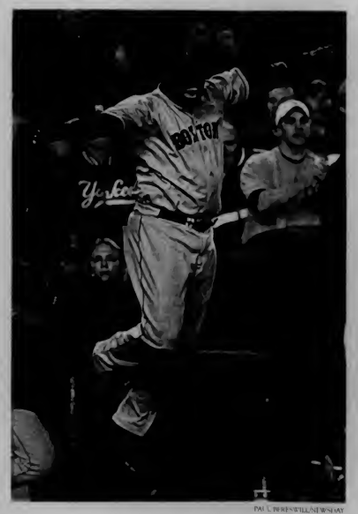
Now that we have reached Zion — now that we have reached that state of baseball nirvana, where everything is perfectly balanced — what is there left to do?

I mean, as God as my witness, the Sox did it. After 86 cold, long years of frustration and snowballed angst, it has been achieved. We've officially seen everything there is to see in this realm.

There's only one life to live; maybe I should see the world.

Perhaps I'll move to the west coast, take up surfing and coo the beautiful California girls with my UMass smarts (they actually respect us in some parts of the country). I

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David Ortiz celebrates at Yankee Stadium during the Red Sox historical playoff run to their first World Series championship since 1918.

Freshmen shining early on

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

Typically in collegiate sports, freshmen tend to make rookie mistakes as they develop their game.

But these five freshmen, who women's basketball head coach Marnie Dacko has to deal with, are anything but typical. That is because the results they are producing have been far from the norm.

"I'm so pleased with this class," Dacko said. "They work hard, they've got great attitude, they're great people and they have a tremendous work ethic. You know, they may be freshmen as far as their class, but they're much more mature than that, and I can't be more happier with them."

The happiness starts at Pam Rosanio. The 5-foot-10 guard/forward out of Southampton, PA, was the only frosh to start in last Saturday's exhibition, and she proved her worth on the floor. She was the only rookie to score in double digits (11) and only second in scoring behind Brooke Campbell, while dishing out one assist from the two-spot.

"Pam's started out really well; she's been good in practice," red-shirt-junior point guard Katie Nelson said. "She did a great job in the game."

Then there is, of course, that other Tatham. Alisha Tatham, the sister of sophomore Tamara Tatham has been turning heads as well, having been named to the Atlantic 10 Conference's preseason All-Rookie Team. On Saturday, she only saw 13 min-

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Quitting continues

By Steven Wine
Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. — Dave Wannstedt resigned Tuesday as coach of the Miami Dolphins, forced from the job by lousy luck, relentless speculation about his future and eight losses in nine games.

Defensive coordinator Jim Bates was promoted to interim coach, and management immediately began a search for a coach in 2005.

A wave of injuries and the retirement of running back Ricky Williams contributed to this year's transformation of the long-proud franchise into a laughingstock, with the NFL's worst record. Wannstedt accepted the blame and said he resigned because his job status had become a distraction.

"I have too much respect for the players and owner of this organization to allow myself to be the focal point for the remainder of the season," he said at a news conference. "I told the players today the team must come first. This is what's best for our team."

The coaching change came during the Dolphins' bye week, and two days after perhaps their most wrenching defeat yet. They twice blew a lead against the Arizona Cardinals, who scored in the final seconds Sunday to win 24-23 and break a 17-game road-losing streak.

On Monday, Wannstedt requested a meeting with owner Wayne Huizenga and said he had decided to step down. Huizenga wanted Wannstedt to coach the rest of the season but reluctantly accepted the resignation, team president Eddie Jones said.

Attendance has been in steep decline, but while Wannstedt's departure gave fans cause for celebration, the mood was gloomy at the team complex. As linebacker Zach Thomas and cornerback

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JOE RIMKUS JR./MIAMI HERALD

After suffering eight losses in nine games during a very difficult season, Dolphins coach Dave Wannstedt quit. Defensive coordinator Jim Bates will take over for him until the end of the year.

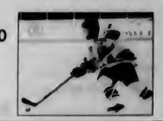


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Professors from various universities speak on racial equality in sports

By Megan Evans
Collegian Correspondent

Professors from the University of Minnesota, Temple, and the University of Pennsylvania discussed integration and racial justice, specifically in sports, at the Isenberg School of Management on Tuesday night.

The discussion was part of a series of events commemorating the landmark Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court decision of 1954. The panelists were Professor Douglass Hartman of the University of Minnesota, Professor Tina Sloan-Green of Temple University and Professor Kenneth L. Shropshire of University of Pennsylvania. This discussion was one of many in the semester-long, campus-wide series marking the 50th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education, sponsored by the Feinberg Family Distinguished Lectureship and the University's History department.

Professor Hartman, who teaches sociology, began the discussion with a focus on the problems, paradoxes and challenges that have accompanied the integration of sports.

He brought up the topic of his recently published book titled "Race, Culture and the Revolt of the Black Athlete: The 1968 Olympic Protests and Their Aftermath." He said that athletes Tommie Smith and John Carlos, who were photographed on the medal stand holding their gloved fists in the air in tribute to the Black Power movement, started what was to become the first and only athletic movement about race, during a time when they had accomplished more than most had dreamed of.

"The one key point that I want to emphasize here is that integration and accomplishment in sports didn't change things nearly so much as the athletes expected and, in some ways, things seemed to get even worse," Hartman said.

Hartman also said that the achievements of African-American athletes are misused in order to justify the existing racial problems by making it seem like all blacks are successful. He stated the reality of the situation is that blacks are still struggling with integration and equal rights.



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Professor Douglas Hartmann from the University of Minnesota.



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Professor Tina Sloan-Green from Temple University.

"We have these ideas like integration, diversity, multiculturalism; those are great words that roll easily off our lips," he said. "But they're not things that come easily. And if we forget about that, that's when things start to fall apart."

Professor Sloan-Green spoke second. Sloan-Green, the founder of the Black Woman's Sports Foundation, played on the U.S. National field hockey and lacrosse teams. Sloan-Green went on to become the first African American head coach in the history of women's intercollegiate lacrosse.

Sloan-Green's speech focused on the issues that she had to overcome in her life to reach her achievements. She encouraged the audience to believe in their dreams, saying they were the future of our society. In regards to Brown v. Board of Education, she said that integration still had a long way to go and that public schools were full of inequality.

The final panelist was David W. Hauck Professor at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He also serves as the Chairman of the Legal Studies department. He stated that the level of racism becomes more obvious as one moves up the ranks and the level of discrimination and selection is much more apparent.

Shropshire made the point that in order to achieve change and social equality, a common issue needs to unite people. He posed the question: "What can we all rally behind?"

Hartman reiterated Shropshire's sentiment by questioning what people were really fighting for.

"Integration is just a label," he said. "We can't get caught up with the word. We've got to make new labels, categories and ideals that we struggle for."

"It takes courage to cross the color lines," Sloan-Green said. "Does our society really value diversity? [If] everyone on college campuses looks alike, what does that tell us?"



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Professor Kenneth L. Shropshire from the University of Pennsylvania.

President Bustamante will no longer work with Vice Chancellor

By Dan O'Brien
Collegian Staff

Student Government Association President Eduardo Bustamante declared in last night's weekly SGA meeting that he will not work with the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Michael Gargano any longer on issues involving the Senate.

"I will not work with Vice Chancellor Gargano from here on out," Bustamante said, as a result of more information being released regarding the recent controversy.

Bustamante's declaration comes one week after two-dozen e-mails were leaked to members of the SGA that showed several conversations between Gargano and former SGA Speaker Patrick Higgins. The e-mails discuss the legality of appointing graduate student Gladys Franco to fill in for Nelson Acosta, the Director of the Office of ALANA (African Latino Asian and Native American) Affairs. Acosta was using sick time to take a leave of absence due to an illness.

Members of the SGA's ALANA Caucus allege the e-mails were "improper and possibly illegal." They are particularly upset that the e-mails left SGA President Eduardo Bustamante out of the discussions, saying in a statement, "in almost all these e-mails, the President was left out of 'the loop.'"

All of the e-mails were composed between May 28 and Sept. 16. Many of the e-mails were sent from Higgins to Gargano, asking him when he would stop funding Franco's position.

One e-mail dated July 26, 2004 from Higgins to Gargano asked a similar question: "This summer you announced to me that it was your intention to remove funding to the graduate Assistant you pay for in OAA. I am curious when you are going to pull the trigger on this move?"

"[The e-mails] are especially troubling for me," said Bustamante as he addressed the Senate body. "I saw a lot of dishonesty exposed."

The SGA has acknowledged that the University has not authenticated any of the e-mails. However, members of the Senate still felt the need to take an official stance on relations between themselves and the administration as a result of the e-mail messages.

A list of resolutions on the e-mail issue, comprised by Sen. Erin Lemkey, was tabled by the Senate until next week. After the meeting the resolutions will come to the attention of the Public Policy and Relations Committee, who will review the measure. It will then be re-presented to the SGA in a future meeting.

The list noted several facts about the incidents and made further resolutions, which concluded that the SGA would forward all recommendations to the Office of the Chancellor, not the Vice Chancellor. It also resolved that the SGA has "no confidence in Vice Chancellor Michael Gargano." Lemkey said she would like the University to acknowledge whether or not the e-mails are authentic.

"A lot of people don't ... have complete confidence in the authenticity of the e-mails because the University hasn't acknowledged them," Lemkey said.

Another motion the SGA voted on in the meeting was one to appoint sophomore political science major Jennifer Jean-Baptiste to the Senate's judiciary committee. Her appointment was met with debate, which was sparked by Sen. Mark Morrisson.

Morrison said appointing her would be "extremely wrong" because she had not completely read the Senate's bylaws and had no prior SGA experience.

When Jean-Baptiste was asked in the meeting, prior to debate whether she had read the bylaws, she responded, "I have not read all of them."

However, after debate began, she was asked a second time if she could explain if she had read the bylaws completely.

"I have read the entire book several times, but I have not memorized all the bylaws by heart," she responded.

Several members questioned whether or not all the Coordinating Council members were present when Jean-Baptiste's motion for appointment was approved. President Bustamante explained that due to changes, the number needed for quorum was seven, but nine were in attendance. Therefore, there was a sufficient amount of members to vote on the appointment issue. In the end, her motion to appoint was approved in the Senate.

HUD awards $400,000 three-year grant

By Sara Monacelli
Collegian Correspondent

The University of Massachusetts, in collaboration with other area colleges and community groups, will be tackling a plethora of urban problems in the city of Holyoke through a $400,000 grant awarded to the city by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"Hopefully [the grant] produces a greater understanding of how communities work, what communities are responsible for, and teaches people not to concentrate on changing a community, but empowering it to change itself," said Michael J. Sullivan, mayor of Holyoke.

The key component that outlines the project will be to link the community's effort and input, with university outreach and research in efforts to re-build low-income neighborhoods in Holyoke. The ultimate plan of the program includes assisting residents in four main areas: education, cultural resources, home ownership and revival of downtown Holyoke without complete restoration.

The grant will be facilitated through the project's Community Outreach Partnership Center (COPC) Program, which is organized by Karen Barshefsky of UMass Extensions Communities, in alliance with the Families and Youth Program and the Holyoke Planners Network. The program represents a partnership between academic and community groups, whose goal is to encourage their community in efforts to continue a strong, steady development.

Barshefsky said her experience in the community could be helpful for the project.

"I've worked in Holyoke for about nine years, and was seen as a person who could strengthen this partnership along with the Holyoke Planners Network," Barshefsky said.

There are many departments inside the University that will extract students in efforts to assist Holyoke. Some of these departments include the Sociology Department, Architecture and Design, School of Education, Anthropology, Communication Department, and the Department of Plant, Soil and Insect Sciences in cooperation with other groups on campus.

"Right now there are no specific UMass students involved — it's mostly faculty who will then involve students once we get underway," said Barshefsky.

According to University officials, the UMass Amherst/Holyoke Planners Network Community Outreach Partnership Center will target Holyoke's growing low-income populations with a variety of research and outreach activities. These activities will be mainly geared toward education, economic development and community planning, capacity building, and fair housing and lending.

Mayor Sullivan is eager to begin the project, especially with UMass as one of the major contributors.

"The close proximity to UMass coupled with the workable size and the amazing ... urbanism, from a laboratory like Holyoke," Sullivan said, was one of the main reasons as to why he and his community chose to work with the University. Sullivan will also have some involvement in the project himself.

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Palestinian leader dead; Yasser Arafat: 1929-2004

By Ravi Nessman
Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Yasser Arafat, the guerrilla leader turned Nobel Peace Prize winner who forced his people's plight into the world spotlight, died Thursday at age 75.

Arafat died at 3:30 a.m. in a French military hospital. His last days were as murky and dramatic as his life. Arafat was flown to France on Oct. 29 after nearly three years of being penned in his West Bank headquarters by Israeli tanks.

He initially improved but then sharply deteriorated as rumors swirled about his illness. Neither doctors nor Palestinian leaders would say what killed Arafat.

Tens of thousands of Palestinians poured into the streets of the Gaza Strip in a spontaneous show of grief. Dozens of gunmen fired into the air, and marchers waved Palestinian flags.

Mosques blared Quranic verses and children burned tires on the main streets, covering the skies in black smoke. People pasted posters of Arafat on building walls.



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Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat died in a French millitary hospital Thursday.

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Archbishop offers more time for closings

By Jay Lindsay
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Archbishop Sean O'Malley met Thursday with priests of 18 churches scheduled to close and offered each of them more time to prepare parishioners for the pending shutdowns.

The archdiocese doesn't plan to reverse any of the closings, and none of the priests immediately took up O'Malley's offer of a reprieve. The priests are expected to consult with parishioners to see if more time is needed, according to a statement by the archdiocese.

In the statement, the archdiocese said extra time could be used for more preparation for the closings and "to provide additional assistance to the parishioners who are finding this process particularly difficult."

Peter Borre, a leader of the Council of Parishes, a lay group of churches united to fight the church closings, said O'Malley's offer was insufficient.

"It's not a matter of providing more time for these parishioners to walk to the gallows," he said. "What is called for at this point is an absolute halt of the reconfiguration machinery."

O'Malley offer, forwarded at a two-hour morning meeting at the chancery, was suggested by an advisory panel of community leaders O'Malley formed last month to improve the ongoing, and occasionally rocky, consolidation process.

The archdiocese plans to close 83 churches because of financial pressure and declining attendance. Forty-seven have been shut down to date, but parishioners in eight have refused to leave the buildings.

They've complained the process was not transparent and strong churches are being forced to shut down for no good reason. Last week, a 69-year-old man was arrested after refusing to leave a closing parish in Winchester.

In an acknowledgment of the pain parish closings had caused, O'Malley has offered temporary reprieves to other churches, including St. Bernard in Newton, which decided to begin a 24-hour vigil anyway.



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ROTC pays tribute

Members of the UMass ROTC pay tribute at a vigil, held to remember fallen soldiers. The event was held in front of Memorial Hall on Thursday afternoon.

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"I haven't played it. I saw the article. I think it was kind of funny, an interesting response to what was going on."

Liz Caradonna

Palestinians mourn death of Arafat

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Within hours of Arafat's death, Israel sealed the West Bank and Gaza Strip and increased security at Jewish settlements, fearing widespread Palestinian riots in the coming days.

"The Israeli Defense Forces are deploying to allow a dignified funeral ceremony for chairman Arafat," an army statement said.

The military said it would restrict access to the funeral and burial, set for Friday in the West Bank city of Ramallah, and only allow Palestinians with permits to attend. The military will allow processions in towns and refugee camps, officials said.

A military funeral was scheduled earlier Friday in Cairo, a location that allows Arab leaders to avoid travel to the West Bank, where Israel controls access.

Palestinian Parliament Speaker Rauhi Fattouh was to be sworn in as Palestinian Authority president until elections are held in 60 days, according to Palestinian law. The Parliament was meeting in emergency session at 11 a.m.

Officials said they wanted to ensure a smooth transition, despite concern both at home and abroad that a behind-the-scenes power struggle to assume the Arafat mantle could result in chaos and violence.

Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia was expected remain in charge of day-to-day governing, while Mahmoud Abbas, the former prime minister, would take over running the Palestine Liberation Organization, which also represents Palestinians abroad.

Holyoke receives grant

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"On a personal level, I hope I am allowed to give my input as to how the COPC Grant will be a catalyst for positive change in the City of Holyoke," he said.

The project, being just as much a community effort as it is a university research and outreach project, will be heavily based on neighborhood involvement. The strong sense of concern is very evident.

"The activities [and] needs addressed in the proposal came from the community itself," said Barshefsky. Some of the participating organizations in COPC are Nueva Esperenza, Nuestra Raices, Holyoke Public Schools, Holyoke Community College, along with others. The basic idea is to get people from all different backgrounds involved. All five colleges in the area will also be working with the community.

All personnel involved will work together to improve the current conditioning in the areas of education and economic development. On the education side, a series of workshops through Families and Parents will be created to help educate community members.

American forces launch offensive against Iraqi militants

By Edward Harris
Associated Press

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) — Insurgents tried to break through the U.S. cordon surrounding Fallujah on Thursday as American forces launched an offensive against concentrations of militants in the south of the city. Some 600 insurgents, 18 U.S. troops and five Iraqi soldiers have been killed in the four-day assault, the U.S. military said.

In an apparent bid to relieve pressure on their trapped allies, insurgents mounted major attacks in Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city 220 miles to the north. Guerrillas assaulted nine police stations, overwhelming several, and battled U.S. and Iraqi troops around bridges across the Tigris River in the city, where a curfew was imposed a day earlier.

And in Baghdad, a car bomb exploded Thursday moments after a U.S. patrol passed on Saadoun Street, killing 17 bystanders and wounding 30. There were no U.S. casualties.

The four-day Fallujah offensive has wounded an additional 178 Americans along with 34 Iraqi soldiers, the military said.

As night fell, U.S. Army soldiers and Marines attacked south of the main east-west highway that bisects Fallujah, a Sunni Muslim insurgent stronghold 40 miles west of Baghdad.

An Iraqi journalist in the city reported seeing burned U.S. vehicles and bodies in the street, with more buried under the wreckage. He said two men trying to move a corpse were shot down by a sniper.

Two of the three small clinics in the city have been bombed, and in one case, medical staff and patients were killed, he said. A U.S. tank was positioned beside the third clinic, and residents were afraid to go there, he said.

"People are afraid of even looking out the window because of snipers," he said, asking that he not be named for his own safety. "The Americans are shooting anything that moves."



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An Iraqi civilian carries a wounded child after a U.S. attack on the heavily populated city of Fallujah.

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Romney upset over Big Dig tunnel leaks

By Steve LeBlanc
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Gov. Mitt Romney renewed his attack on the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority on Thursday, saying revelations about leaks in the Big Dig's main tunnel show the need for big changes at the agency.

Romney has long sought to bring the independent authority under the control of the state transportation department, saying the move would bring make the Turnpike Authority, which oversees the $14.6 billion highway project, more accountable to voters.

"Put this independent authority back into government, let it report to the executive branch, make sure there is a party accountable and the citizens can remove them from office if they're not doing their job," he said. "Right now we've got a Turnpike Authority that's a rogue agency."

Turnpike officials defended the authority's handling of an eight-inch breach in a wall of the northbound section of the new Interstate 93 tunnel in September that sent water rushing into the tunnel, shutting down lanes and creating a 10-mile backup.

Turnpike board member Jordan Levy said the agency hired an internationally-respected tunnel expert to find out what happened and will vigorously pursue any contractor responsible for shoddy work.

Levy said Romney was using the leaks to grandstand and score political points. He said the project is staying on budget despite the troubles.

"For him to oversimplify this problem and say that if it was under the watchful eye of MassHighway that nothing like this would have happened is sheer poppycock and he knows it," Levy said. "If there is an argument to made for the consolidation of the Turnpike and MassHighway, make it on the merits and not using red herrings."

The tunnel expert hired by the Turnpike also found hundreds of smaller leaks in the tunnel. Turnpike officials said some smaller leaks are expected in a project as large at the Big Dig and funding for teams assigned to plug the holes were included in the project's budget.

But they called the larger hole that opened up in September "unacceptable." They said that hole was caused by foreign material that got mixed in as the concrete was being poured. That foreign material washed away over time causing the larger leak.

A permanent patch will cost about $250,000, according to Turnpike Chairman Matthew Amorello. The agency wants to look at up to a dozen other concrete panels to make sure no other larger breaches are waiting to happen.

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"It is hard enough to remember my opinions, without also remembering my reasons for them."
-Friedrich Nietzsche

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A more responsible America

Erin McNamee

I'm not a psychology major and I've only taken one psychology course in my entire life, so my knowledge of the field is sparse and rusty at best. But in my unprofessional opinion, I honestly believe that after John Kerry conceded the presidency to George W. Bush, I went through psychiatrist Elisabeth Kubler-Ross's famous Five Stages of Grief: Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Depression and Acceptance. However, I skipped the Bargaining stage entirely; after all, according to the delusional beliefs of over half the country, God is on President Bush's side so the chances that He would listen to the pleadings of a newly-minted Democrat like me are slim to nil.

But let's not get into the whole "values" vote issue. Everyone this side of sane and rational has heard the collective victory cry of the Bible thumpers, and frankly I'm willing to let them thump to their hearts' content so long as the rest of us devise a way to ship them off to a deserted island sometime in the near future. Perhaps the television show "Lost" is looking for new castaways?

Anyway, we were talking about my embittered three-day emotional journey that began when I refreshed my homepage, CNN.com, at approximately 11 a.m. on Nov. 3. There at the top of the screen, blood-red letters shouted something along the lines of, "Kerry to concede at 1 p.m. Developing story." The denial began to set in.

After staring in stunned silence at the computer screen until my eyes crossed, I let out an angry yelp that I hope echoed all the way to the Bible belt. My co-workers began yelling out similar cries of dismay and unprintable expletives. We were sure that it was just a sick joke: Ohio would turn blue, Kerry would win and all of it would have been a bad dream.

Well it was a bad dream all right, but not the kind we woke up from. Ohio remained too close to call and Kerry officially conceded at 2 p.m., much to the dismay of the free world.

It was Andrew Card, the White House Chief of Staff, who turned my denial into anger with his premature and arrogant statement, "President Bush decided to give Sen. Kerry the respect of more time to reflect on the results of this election." To which I thought, "no wonder people think President Bush is an instrument of God — he can see the future!" But alas, even my sarcastic inner monologue failed to comfort me.

My anger quickly dissipated into depression, however, and I plodded through the rest of Wednesday and Thursday with that pesky proverbial black rain cloud hanging over my head. Everything looked bleak and the only light at the end of the tunnel suspiciously resembled an atomic mushroom cloud.

That night, I habitually tuned into "The Daily Show" prepared to resist laughter at all costs. But when those genius writers skewered John Kerry's concession speech so that it sounded like he was offering George W. Bush $648 for the presidency, I actually managed a laugh. My quest for acceptance had begun.

The first thing I forced myself to accept was that George W. Bush had decisively won the presidency. While the honesty and validity of Republican re-election tactics can certainly be contested (Black voter disenfranchisement, anyone? Fear-mongering? Purple Heart Band-Aids? Absurd pre-approved commercials featuring menacing wolves running in slow motion?), President Bush did win the popular vote even if it was by a mere three percent. Therefore, our country's leader was not decided once again by his friends in high places, but rather by the "American people," whom President Bush claims have "spoken." I don't know about the rest of you, but I didn't hear them.

I discovered that the key to accepting something emotionally difficult is optimism. I am optimistic that our country can be redeemed, even if we have to wait four more years.

I also had to accept that despite their shady dealings, those Republicans sure are smart. At least Karl Rove is, anyway. Therefore, every ounce of bitterness I possess can be match-ed with a certain degree of admiration for the way Republicans appeal to those elusive swing states.

The Democrats should take a cue from the Republicans and smarten up too, just not in that upper-crust-white-elitist-Ivy-League way that so alienates the farmers and Bible-toters. It's time for the Democrats to take responsibility for this loss (it can't be blamed on voter fraud this time) and for securing a safe, healthy and prosperous future for all Americans.

Because of this election, I discovered that the key to accepting something emotionally difficult is optimism. I am optimistic that our country can be redeemed, even if we have to wait four more years. I am optimistic that President Bush can find the strength to take a good, hard look at his first four years in office and not only take responsibility for his mistakes, but learn from them in order to never repeat them.

It's time for all Americans to take responsibility for each other, for the lives of our troops and for the lives of innocent Iraqi civilians. We must live in a constant state of acceptance and optimism in order for America to begin the healing process that will allow us to move toward a better and undivided future. I am optimistic that we can reach that point, hopefully sooner rather than later.

Erin McNamee is a Collegian columnist.

Slavery is freedom

Stephen Post

If you want to kill an idea, call it a conspiracy theory. This is exactly what is happening to perfectly legitimate concerns about the 2004 Presidential election. If you suggest, based on any number of facts, that Bush (gasp!) stole the election (again), you are a conspiracy theorist of the worst sort; you are one of those people; you are a quack.

But what if the quacks are right to question the results?

Ohio, whose 20 electoral votes put Bush over the 270 mark, gave its electronic voting machine contract to Diebold Election Systems, whose President, Walden O'Dell, told Republicans in the summer of 2003 that he was "committed to helping Ohio deliver its electoral votes to the president next year." According to "The Cleveland Plain Dealer," Diebold, which is based in Ohio, provided computer voting machines for 16 counties with somewhere around 800,000 voters.

A grand total of three companies manufacture "black box" computer voting machines. All three, it turns out, were committed to re-electing Bush.

Black box voting machines leave no paper trail. And no paper trail means, no recounts. What the computer says goes, even if it has no basis in reality. So when vote totals seem unbelievable, perhaps they shouldn't be believed. If exit polls show Kerry leading Bush and the black box tells the opposite story, we have every right to wonder what in tarnation is going on.

Is it so incredible to think that Bush, who "won" Florida's 27 electoral votes in 2000 because large numbers of ballots were thrown away, and who was installed in the White House by a 5-4 Supreme Court decision, would win by nefarious means?

If we didn't have a fair election then, why would we be so naive as to think this one would be any better? What was good for Republicans in 2000 still works for them in 2004, except now they had the added benefit of the magical black box voting machine, able to "disappear" votes and add others, all on the QT.

Nothing will ever change until people in this country wake up and realize their country has been taken away from them.

When leaders in western-backed dictatorships want to hold power while keeping at least a patina of democracy, they hold elections. They don't fear defeat because they control the outcome. Nothing here is any different. Bush and his henchmen have hijacked American policy to serve their own ends. In its first four years the administration did nothing if not obfuscate, manipulate, lie, cheat and steal. It ignored law; It ignored morality, and it certainly ignored democracy.

This ain't no democracy. In any other country on Earth this would be called a dictatorship.

But why are people so reluctant to admit the obvious? Perhaps it's easier to persist in our delusions; it's just more comfortable that way. But nothing will ever change until people in this country wake up and realize their country has been taken away from them. With one hand patting us all on the head, the Bush Administration was rubbing us with the other.

Nothing is sacred; everything is for sale, even our votes. Unless they can be manipulated to serve the Bush-Cheney-Rumsfeld agenda, our opinions do not matter. Bush himself put it best, commenting on the massive worldwide anti-war protests of February 15, 2003: "Democracy is a beautiful thing. People are allowed to express their opinion, and I welcome people's right to say what they believe."

What a guy!

Democracy is nothing more than an artifact. It's quaint, really, how people express their opinions and expect to be listened to — poor fools.

Enough is enough. It's time to stop comforting ourselves with the motions of citizenship and to start assessing the situation we're in. We have lost control of our country, and we can no longer afford to sit by and watch as America is flown into the heart of disaster.

Now is the time to ask questions. Now is the time to resist.

Stephen Post is a Collegian columnist.

A fear of mortality



Paige Cram

With every week of the semester that passes, I get one step closer to leaving life as I know it behind. No, I'm not graduating, but I am taking the semester off to study abroad. While the rest of you are registering for classes for next semester, I'm left with plenty of time to contemplate exactly what it is I'll be leaving: friends, family and the environment here at UMass that I've learned to call home.

While I am excited, I'm confronted with that strange mixture of bittersweet feelings that we all experience when facing a new beginning: part excitement, part anxiety and part fear. The reason for this mixture is the whole idea that in order to move on to a new chapter in our lives, we must inevitably bring one to a close.

So what is it that makes us so afraid to leave things behind?

In Greek mythology, the characters are always in search of one thing: immortality. If they couldn't physically become a God, they needed to find some way in which they could live forever. They wanted some story of a fantastic quest to live on after them so that future generations know their name.

And why was immortality so important? It certainly wasn't death itself that these warriors feared. No, to them a figurative death was worse than losing their lives; the worse thing they could imagine was being forgotten.

Whether we acknowledge it or not, I think we have this same fear today. We know that even when we leave our world as we know it, it will go on existing without us, and frankly, we'd rather imagine that everything would fall apart in our absence. Everyone wants to believe that they have some effect on the people and places they love, and to imagine that life as usual will continue even without us seems to negate that.

Our fear, then, of starting over is not a fear of letting go, but a fear that we will be let go of. We're afraid that if we were ever to return, things simply wouldn't be the same. People will have moved on; places will have changed, and there will no longer be a place for us in that world of which we used to be such a big part.

When I return, some of the people I have grown to love, trust and depend on the most will be gone from this school entirely.

We are no different than the mythological Greeks; every ridiculous attempt we make to burn ourselves into others' memories is no different than when those warriors would rush into the arms of death in the hopes that they could live forever by going out in a blaze of glory. And while I hate to admit it, I've found myself doing that very same thing in the past few weeks.

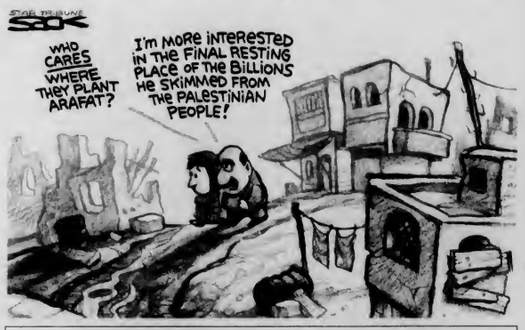
I have never adjusted well to change, and I have never been one to transition well. Even in my third year here, it still takes a few days for me to make the switch comfortably from home to school, and school to home. Now I'm leaving the country, and when I return, some the people I have grown to love, trust and depend on the most will be gone from this school entirely.

Maybe this would be easier if our society didn't try to describe life with that cliché about one chapter ending in order for another one to begin? Sure, books may work that way, but is life really that one-dimensional?

At my eighth grade graduation, I gave a speech using a quote from the Semisonic song "Closing Time." (Yes, I knew it was about a bar, but trust me it worked in context of the speech.) The last line was "every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." It seemed appropriate at the time because, well, who isn't anxious to bring an end to middle school? But now I find that idea completely contradictory to what I'd like to believe.

I'd like to believe that we carry with us the people and places we love no matter where we go, no matter what "chapter" we're in. I'd like to believe that the people to whom we really meant something don't forget us just because we're not physically there to remind them. And while, realistically, I know this has been the case in past experiences, it sure would be nice to find that blaze of glory before I go, just to make sure.

Paige Cram is a Collegian editor.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STUDENTS RESPOND TO SGA/ALANA

STOP FIGHTING AND START HELPING

I have a favor to ask of the SGA and ALANA: stop hurting UMass. Every other day the newspaper features an article about the great conspiracy to dismantle ALANA and squash the voice of the minority on campus. I find these allegations to be both ridiculous and hurtful to the campus at large.

The SGA is an organization that has the potential to do some real good on and off campus; instead they waste time and money arguing over questions that have no immediate answers.

It seems that many people in the senate are using their elected position not to help UMass, but rather to bolster their own resume and go on some delusional power trip. What's funny is that by running these mudslinging campaigns against each other, the senators of the student government have done nothing but diminish their own power and make the average student suffer.

A speech followed by a march from the Student Union to Whitmore seems to be a weekly occurrence that supposedly helps people's voices be heard. Well, hear me now.

I've attended this University for three years and watched tuition rise while programs are cut. I've seen the price of books skyrocket and the faculty cut in half. I've seen students get chastised by other students for expressing their own views, just because they differ from the mainstream liberal view of this campus. I have not seen the SGA do much of anything about any of these problems.

When I think of the direction of this campus, the future involves a student body that is distracted from the issues that immediately affect every student and employee at this university, I see a place where any student who offers an opinion differing from that of ALANA's will be called a racist. I see a college that the average person will not have the money to attend.

I simply ask that ALANA and the SGA stop trying to save the world and start trying to save UMass. Please stop backstabbing each other and start working together to build a university that everyone can enjoy and afford.

Greg Nickerson
UMass student

A CALL TO DISBAND UNPRODUCTIVE CAMPUS GROUPS

In the Nov. 10 edition of The Massachusetts Daily Collegian, a student wrote a letter proposing to disband the Student Government Association and the Office of African Latino Asian Native American Affairs, and reconstruct them "from scratch." Marisa Kanof noted the fact that most students do not know who represents them in the SGA. Personally, I do not care to know who supposedly represents me. Kanof also points out that ALANA is quick to label someone a racist as soon as they disagree with some of their policies.

The only function either one of these groups seem to serve is providing plenty of material for the Collegian to write about. I am fed up with hearing about the bickering between both groups.

I agree with Kanof in saying these groups should be disbanded. However, I do not think they should be reconstructed. If funding at UMass is such an issue (and it is), why not save the university's time and money by just getting rid of both organizations. As Kanof puts it "If most students don't know what either organization does, few students would miss them."

Disbanding the SGA and ALANA will not solve the funding issues at UMass, but it would help more than keeping the groups in tact. While we shuffle money around, why don't we sell the big screen TVs and buy somebody some books!

Jessica Rider
UMass student

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Another show in the 'Obnoxious' series

By Lindsey Ferris
Collegian Correspondent

It was worth the 45-minute delay caused by NFL football, to see the series premiere of the new reality show "My Big Fat Obnoxious Boss."

The reality show was created by the same producers of the hit show "My big fat obnoxious Fiancé."It a hoax that revolves around deceiving 12 professionals into thinking they are meeting a millionaire, N. Paul Todd, who will be giving them a professional opportunity of a lifetime. Each of these contestants is the top in their field, which includes such professions as, owner of a marketing firm, entrepreneur, and a car salesman. However, this billionaire is played by William August, an actor. August claims to be head of a company called "Iocor", which in Latin means, to joke. Throughout the series the millionaire boss will be harassing the contestants and acting in an irrational manner.

While participating in the show, contestants stay in a luxurious penthouse in Chicago and partake in absurd competitions each week. At the end of each show one person is eliminated for ridiculous reasons given by the boss.

In the premiere show the contestants were put into two groups, one consisting of the women, and the other of the men. Their first task was to name the other team in an attempt to "sabotage" them. The men were named "Conead" and the women, "Femron."

Their second mission: get as much money as they could by pan handling. They were given a limited amount of supplies such as cardboard, plastic cups, and torn tee-shirts. The women barely beat the men by receiving more money. The women were "rewarded" by an uncomfortable nights sleep on money filled mattresses. The men's team had to spend the night in tents in a dangerous alley. The losing team had to meet with the boss the next day to find out who would be eliminated. It came down to two men, Dan and Bob and in the end Dan was eliminated for wearing an expensive suit, according to the irrational boss.

Each week whoever survives elimination becomes the team leader and will not be eliminated the following week.

Each week viewers should tune in to see who gets eliminated and what the obnoxious boss will do next. This creative reality show is hysterical and extremely amusing to watch. The reasons to watch do not end there however; there is a twist! The prize money is real and there is an actual prominent boss making the decision of who to eliminate. The boss's lie will be revealed at the end.

"My Big Fat Obnoxious Boss" is on Sunday nights at 9 p.m. on Fox.

Arcade Fire makes noise in the industry

By Matt O'Rourke
Collegian Staff

The Arcade Fire's debut album, titled "Funeral," is anything but a sad affair; rather, the music is a pure celebration of life. Hailing from Montreal, this indie-rock sextet's compositions are exploding with energy similar to the Talking Heads, Flaming Lips, and Broken Social Scene. The Arcade Fire will breathe life into those who are waiting for the next big thing to arrive, because in terms of indie-rock, they may certainly be it.

Over the past year, members of the Arcade Fire lost many of their loved ones. Lead singer Win Butler lost his grandmother in March, and instrumentalist Richard Parry lost his aunt. Reeling from their losses, the band collaborated to give birth to their debut "Funeral." But they have overcome their personal tragedies in true fashion, and in the process, earned praise from "Pitchfork Media" and "College Music Journal" as one of the best bands this year. The Arcade Fire earned top honors at this year's CMJ Music Marathon in New York City.

The Arcade Fire break their tracks into different "Neighborhoods," each with its own distinct sound. The stage is set in "Neighborhood #1 (Tunnels)" with a climbing piano melody, driving disco/dance-hall drum rhythms, and an echoing guitar. As the track progresses, the speed quickens, and it is finally concluded with an eerie, yet charming, vocal chorale.

Arcade Fire
'Funeral'
Merge

The sextet combines a variety of sounds for "Neighborhood #2 (Laika)." A tribal drumming rhythm soon transforms into a French-sounding accordion, and they are finally bound together by an oriental string backup. It's something that simply must be heard to be understood fully.

"Neighborhood #3 (Power Out)" charges forward with a constant pulse felt in the drum kit and underlying support found in the orchestral sound provided by strings and xylophone.

"Neighborhood #4 (Kettles)" carries a folk music quality surrounded by a dark tone from the orchestra. Acoustic guitar accompanies the simple ballad sung by Butler; "they say a watched pot won't ever boil/well I closed my eyes, and nothin' changed/ Just some water getting hotter in the flames."

The Arcade Fire masterfully craft each song, with nearly all of the tracks building into something incredible and finales that will keep you replaying the song over and over again. "Une Annee Sans Lumiere" is one of the most amazing songs on the album. The French mixed with English lyrics are laid back as Butler sings a duet with his wife and co-songwriter, Régine Chassagne, and the finale explodes with guitar-driven energy.

"Crown of Love" is a dark ballad about love, held firmly together by a power-driven string section. Butler constructs a complex piece here, again with well-written lyrics. The surprise ending here is a techno-driven accompaniment to the string section that is sure to get your foot tapping.

"Haiti" and "In the Backseat" change the vocal lead from Butler to Chassagne,' which proves to be interesting. "Haiti" was written about Chassagne's parents' past as they fled from a dictatorship in the 1960s to New York. It serves the purpose of a near memoir on the album, reflecting on the terrible past while looking for hope in the future. "In the Backseat" features a childlike innocence, as Chassagne ponders the outside world from the backseat of a car. The instrumentation becomes heavier as the song progresses, relying on heavy drums and powerful guitar chords.

Overall, the Arcade Fire manage to collect a life's worth of images and emotions and fit them into a ten-track album. From bitterness and hope to love and solitude, this dark-toned album is uplifting as it progresses through its countless stages. This indie-rock epic that the Arcade Fire has constructed is only a sign of what good is to come.

Info for this article was taken from www.thearcadefire.com.



With their debut release "Funeral," the band Arcaded Fire has managed to release a freshman album that contains a great deal of heavy matter. Arcade Fire is a montreal based band, deals with themes of life, love, loss and regret on the first release.

Eve questions her fears of love, commitment and intimacy



Original Sin
Eve

I have been questioning my decisions a lot lately, and I will be the first to say that I have a problem with intimacy. I noticed a trend in how I deal with my relationships and I am saddened by this undeniable reality. I fear unnecessary pain caused by another, so I run away the minute casual fun turns into an emotional drama, and I refused to acknowledge this disability until I received very accurate feedback from my last article.

I read his depiction of my character and cried. I cried because it pinpointed my deepest flaw, and forced me to question the inevitable. His message reads as follows.

"I would say that in the past few years I've learned another two-part way to classify people. There are those who embrace the half of the human experience that means finding commitment, and accepting the pain that inevitably comes with that, and that there are those who prefer to live without allowing space for the possibility of love. For whatever reason, there are people like you, Eve, who have developed an ability to ignore an enormous part of the world. I know that you're jaded by all you've been through, and maybe it works out just fine for you to run around town, looking down your nose, like the world should just be the buffet of boy toys the way you want it, but some of us like to entertain the idea that the pain of love is evidence of its true value."

He is absolutely right. Why have I let one bad past experience inhibit the possibilities of finding love? How much longer can I continue to push eligible guys away? But I can't help but question another possibility: maybe I don't want to settle for anything less than what I want. Maybe I remain single because not one guy I have met is worth the emotional investment. It is common to see couples with wandering eyes and thoughts that there might be better, and I believe there always is. So why settle for anything less?

I have also learned another two-part way to classify people, and I apologize if it seems offensive. There are those who are simpler in their needs, and there are those who are too complex in their demands. The simpler people, I have found, are those that settle with what they have. They meet their partner and remain loyal to the commitment for as long as it lasts. These people are very fortunate in my view, only because life seems so much easier for them, but they never seem to question the possibility of better opportunities, new experiences, or learning how to make it as an independent. They will always be content. Some of my friends fall into this category, and I cannot help but admire their choices. However, when I ask them why they chose to settle, their answers infuriate me. They do not want to be alone.

Why do people fear loneliness? I would prefer to be lonely before I would settle for a comfortable companion any day. So I guess I assume the role of the more demanding stereotype. And I am comfortable with that. I may never find this person, but at least I will be happy in staying true to my demands. And in reply to such a perfectly articulate depiction of my character, I chose to live unattached until I chose not to. I know love, I also know pain, but I really know when someone is worth settling for.

A second look at 'Casablanca'



Revisiting the Classics

Jeffrey Horowitz

Characters have never been so universally easy to identify with as in the film "Casablanca." The structure of a screenplay has never been this flawless. The dialogue in the film literally seems to flow in the way they recite it.

With characters this commonly appealing, the fact that the story is so skillfully written, is some kind of phenomenon of winning coincidence. The main relationship, which is so heartbreakingly set against the backdrop of World War II, with the fate of the world up for grabs, it is emotionally grabbing. The way everything builds to an ending that works on all the right notes, the way the decisions that the characters make, the things we learn about them, the life altering events that occur in the meantime, are all intermixed. Everything ties together in a plot that is just masterful.

Who else could play these roles? Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, of course. Without Bogart and Bergman, the movie wouldn't have been remembered and revered as it is today. Here is one of the best actors in the history of movies, and one of the best actresses in the history of movies, sharing the screen as a couple that are hopelessly and madly in love with each other. What man wouldn't have fallen head over heels in love with Bergman? Would any woman have been able to resist the cool, strikingly good looking, bad boy image that Bogart inhabits? To have these two actors fall in love was just perfect. Combine characters this appealing, dialogue this real and passionate, and a plot that is so flawless and you get what many people consider the greatest of all movies. Well it makes the # 5 spot on my list. The first two I have already reviewed for this column.

It opens amidst a World War II setting where we are informed, people are escaping from Europe, and especially an occupied France, to flee to "Casablanca." "Casablanca" is the most important of places. It is the stepping stone to Portugal, which would guarantee you a one way ticket to America. In America, people were free from the Nazi threat.

Casablanca though, was a neutral ground, with Americans, French and German citizens intermixed into one confused territory. Nazis marched looking for traitors, American Revolutionaries scurried the lands under the tunnels and bridges and in the shadows. They walked unnoticed and ready to fight and rebel at any moment against the Nazi regime. Most importantly present is their leader, Victor Laszlo (Paul Henreid), who will lead the fight to stop the Nazis and save the world. The Nazis have been chasing him for years.

When the film opens, we are told he has come to Casablanca. The key point here, is that with both sides warring on a neutral ground where citizens are given one last chance to either escaped from Nazi rule for good, or risk being arrested and sent to a doomed Europe, "Casablanca" is the African city that is acting as a kind of Purgatory. You're not caught by Nazis, you're not free in America, you're in the world's waiting room waiting for the chance to escape to freedom.

During the day "Casablanca" is shown as a town made up of stands where con men constantly try to sell citizens useless goods and restaurants where the food looks repulsive. In Casablanca the only useful accessory is alcohol and cigarettes. All people seem to do is drink and smoke. That is in the day. At night, all of Casablanca gathers in one club which is the towns night spot. The shops are emptied, the beds are absent of bodies, because they are all inhabiting one club that celebrates the lives of these selfish sinners with gambling, booze and illegal activity (most commonly the sale of stolen passes to leave "Casablanca" and finally pass through to Portugal).

The name of the club is "Rick's American Cafe" and Rick (Humphrey Bogart) is the owner that allows all to celebrate under in his place while he broods in lonely misery behind the scenes.

"He never drinks with anyone," the manager tells us early on. Casablanca focuses on his character throughout and Rick is a man so cold, sarcastic, selfish, cool, and indifferent that we fall in love with him. Guys want to be him, girls want to be with him, never has a bad boy character been this cool. The way he smokes his cigarette, drinks his gin, condescends onto all other characters, and talks in witty and composed dialogue that tells all who come near him "Go to Hell." He wins our affection as the smoothest and coolest antihero we've ever seen.

We can't help but wonder what made him so cold and bitter in the first place and with the arrival of Victor Laszlo we learn in a heartbreaking sequence what made him such a mean spirited cynic. A long time ago he fell in love for the first time in his life, with a strange beauty that he spent a mere two weeks with in Paris. The stranger, Ilsa (Ingrid Bergman) and the warm and affectionate Rick, were instantly in love and the feeling never left him. They planned to flee to America and get married and on the last day when they were supposed to leave Paris on a train to "Casablanca", she sent their friend Sam in her place, with a note dumping Rick for unspecified reasons. His heart is broken, he never recovers. Instead of dashing to America where he could be free, he stays in the middle ground of "Casablanca"; brooding in misery while others celebrate at his own expense.

Then Victor Laszlo comes walking into his club one night with Ilsa by his side and we learn that they are married. All the pain comes flooding back to Rick. She forces Sam to play their song, "As Time Goes by" on the piano. Rick charges out ready to curse Sam for playing the song. Then he sees Ilsa.

The plot involves some stolen papers that a rebel gave to Rick to hide in Sam's piano. The papers contain two passes out of "Casablanca" to Portugal. If Laszlo can get hold of them he will flee to America and form a movement to defeat the Nazis. If he doesn't the Nazis will inevitably find a way to catch him and throw him in a concentration camp. The only one with the access to the papers is Rick, who won't give them up for anyone. His soul has been wounded by Ilsa and if he sees fit the whole world will pay for it.

In one heart wrenching scene, he sits alone, drinking shot after shot of his strongest liquor, bangs his fist on the table with crying eyes, and complains with agony, "Of all the gin joints, in all the towns, in all the world, she had to walk into mine."

What "Casablanca" touches on most memorably is the greatest and most powerful of all themes: Love. It captures the pain, sorrow, and glory that love puts us through in every relationship. It embodies the possibility that maybe there is one person out there that can capture our hearts with an unrivaled passion. It so clearly explores the pain of losing a love that is greater then any you've ever had. Bogart has scenes that force him to show us a man with a broken heart and we can see the pain and sadness in his face and in his eyes. With love nothing in the world seems more important then getting and keeping the person you love; but in "Casablanca" the world is precisely what's at stake.

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A 'Segway' to the future of transportation

By Jessica Guynn
Contra Costa Times

A symphonic hum emanates from a Sunnyvale, Calif., neighborhood as helmet-clad players cruise eight inches above the grass on Segway superscooters, swinging their mallets at a small spongy soccer ball in an 8-mile-an-hour polo match.

Standing on his Segway platform like a modern-day gladiator is Steve Wozniak, gracefully leaning forward and backwards on the two-wheeler to propel himself across the field, popping the occasional wheelie.

From the pavement to the playground, the 53-year-old Silicon Valley icon and Apple Computer founder known as "Woz" has become Segway's top unofficial salesman in Silicon Valley. Wozniak gets such a charge out of the battery-powered Segway that he collects them like some would model airplanes and takes them wherever he goes.

He crams them six at a time into his Hummer, four into his Toyota Prius, then cruises the rolling hills of his Los Gatos, Calif., neighborhood and San Francisco's famously steep sidewalks (where Segways are officially banned out of concern that they endanger pedestrians, a contention that Segway and its customers vigorously dispute). He stops to chat up gawkers, sometimes letting them hitch a glide. After evening concerts at the Shoreline Amphitheater in Mountain View, he takes friends on moonlit trails where skunks scamper alongside the whirring scooters. He even hopes that his biographer will dedicate an entire chapter to Segways.

"It's just a lot of fun," Wozniak said. "You get addicted to it."

On this Sunday morning, however, he temporarily loses his customary equilibrium. Smacking the soccer ball, he wobbles then falls on his rear end. For a moment he smarts that the self-balancing contraption that he describes as an extension of his central nervous system has let him down. Then he climbs back aboard and floats away. "We will have to have an MIT award," hoots one of the players, all Silicon Valley techies and venture capitalists, "for Most Impressive Tumble."

The Segway Human Transporter clearly has a faithful following here in this digital incubator powered by microchips and misfits who know a thing or two about reinventing the wheel. Whether it will become fad or flop depends on Segway's ability to get traction outside of this silicon subculture filled with upwardly mobile technogeeks.

So far the superscooter's nearly two-year test drive with the general public hasn't exactly been smooth. This so-called "evolution in personal mobility" has begun with a whimper instead of the big bang everyone was expecting.

The megahyped 2001 launch was fueled by a leaked book proposal that built wild anticipation for the top-secret product known only by its code name. When he finally unveiled "Ginger" on national television, inventor and chief spinmeister Dean Kamen claimed the Segway would revolutionize transportation the same way the automobile did a century ago. It hasn't even come close.

Kamen predicted that the Segway LLC would sell 50,000 to 100,000 in the first year. But the company that refuses to release sales or production numbers was forced to reveal in September 2003 after a voluntary recall that it had sold just 6,000 scooters in six months. Sluggish sales won't help Segway fulfill Silicon Valley venture capitalist John Doerr's pre-release boast that the company would hit $1 billion in sales faster than any other start-up. The Wall Street Journal reported in February that Segway's 2003 revenue was $25 million.

Will Segway go anywhere? A lot is riding on that Darwinian question: the superscooter's future and the $130 million-plus that investors like Doerr have sunk into the company.

Part of the quandary is that even Segway's most evangelistic customers have a hard time articulating the mystique. "It's something you get once you actually experience it for yourself," said Alex Ko, a 33-year-old mechanical engineer and founder of the year-old San Francisco Bay Area Segway Enthusiasts Group, which sponsors polo matches and glides around the Bay Area, even a riding tour of the penguins and tigers at the San Francisco Zoo in August. "Explaining it in words is so difficult because it is so different than anything out there. People have kind of said, 'You think about what you want to do and it does it.'"

But until recently in most areas of the country, you couldn't even take the Segway for a spin before buying one. The only way to hook up with a Segway was through the company, specialty retailer Brookstone or on Amazon.com. Some used Segways also are up for sale on eBay.

Segway also faces the challenge of proving that it is more than just an expensive toy. In post-bubble America, there are just far fewer idle rich willing to shell out a small fortune ($2,995.95 for the smaller p series to $4,495.00 for the larger i series) for an alternative mode of transportation with limited use. Another possible hitch: The Segway faces opposition from some citizen groups.

To keep its business afloat and get sales moving, Segway LLC has ramped up its strategy of hawking the superscooters through authorized dealerships across the country to target commuters, corporations, retailers and warehouses and government agencies.

"The independent dealer network allows for a place where customers come, see, experience, try, buy and get service for their machines by passionate, experienced professionals in their home towns," CEO Ron Bills, who was brought in to jump-start sales, told Segway Chat, the online bulletin board for Segway riders, in June.

Kregg Williams, who owns California Speed-Sports, which now sells Segways alongside exotic European motorcycles and Italian scooters, says the strategy is working. Williams has found happy homes for 18 Segways in the past 2 | months, three alone to Wozniak, who piled them all into his Prius. Williams is banking $180,000 that even the busted Bay Area still houses plenty of disposable income and a pioneering spirit.

Most Segway fans welcome the strategy of building a national network of dealerships that sport the Segway name.



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Instant replay getting talk at MLB meetings

By Ben Walker
Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) – In the craziest play of October, Alex Rodriguez was called out for interference. New York Yankees general manager Brian Cashman agreed the umpires were correct to overturn their original ruling.

"They got it completely right, 100 percent," Cashman said this week.

"But you would hate to have a game, or a series or even a season come down to a play where they miss it and instant replay could have helped. So as far as instant replay, I'm in favor of it."

Now, after a pennant race and postseason dotted with reversed rulings, baseball will get another chance to see who else wants to give replay a look.

The topic is on the agenda for Thursday at the GM meetings. And there seems to be growing support among teams to join the NFL, NBA and NHL in using instant replay on calls such as fair or foul and homer or not, but definitely not balls and strikes.

"I think its time has come," Milwaukee assistant Gord Ash said. "The technology has improved and is there. I think there's a place for it."

Even if replay comes up for a formal vote – it did not go very far last year when GMs debated it – there's no assurance it would show up during games anytime soon.

"I don't see it," Bob Watson, vice president of on-field operations, said Wednesday. "And I don't think the commissioner is in favor of it, either."

Earlier in the day, GMs were briefed on plans to play a spring training game next March in Athens – Baltimore probably would be involved – and efforts to hold a World Cup-style tournament in early 2006.

They also talked about letting teams trade first-round draft choices and were told to be vigilant in verifying the ages of players signed in the Dominican Republic and Venezuela.

And GMs continued to talk about trades. Newly hired Omar Minaya of the New York Mets appeared the most itchy to make a deal, with speculation that he was looking at the likes of Sammy Sosa and Alfonso Soriano, along with exploring a Mike Piazza-for-Shawn Green swap.

But with so many procedural issues to sift through this week, the prospect of adding instant replay is intriguing.

The Cincinnati Reds asked that replay be included on the agenda. Their executives have talked about it internally for a couple of years, and they've heard from other clubs lately.

"I think there seems to be some level of understanding that getting the play right is what underscores this thought process," Reds GM Dan O'Brien said. "I don't think any of us have any idea of a timetable."

Said Brad Kullman, the Reds' director of major league operations: "It doesn't make sense that you might have a million fans out there watching on TV and knowing what happened while the umpires huddle without that benefit."

That said, there's no guarantee that umpires would want it.

"My sense is no," said former ump Richie Garcia, now an umpire supervisor. "I think we'd be fooling around with something that would take away from the game.

"Baseball is very traditional, but I'm not going to rule it out," he said.

Garcia worried that not every ballpark would be equipped with equal cameras to show replays from all angles. He also said he thought the concept of umpires huddling on close calls helped "take away the idea of instant replay."

Garcia was involved in one of the most disputed calls in October memory. He was working the right-field line in the 1996 ALCS when young fan Jeffrey Maier reached over the wall and grabbed the ball before Baltimore's Tony Tarasco could make a play, and it wound up as a home run for Derek Jeter.

This year, the umps eventually did make the right calls in key spots at the end of the year.

In mid-September, Manny Ramirez circled the bases after his drive to left field at Yankee Stadium was ruled fair. Moments later, the umpires correctly said the Boston star's shot hooked foul.

In Game 1 of the opening round between New York and Minnesota, the Yankees' Ruben Sierra hit a drive past the left-field foul pole that was called a home run. After the umps got together, they rightly changed it to a foul ball.

Then in Game 6 of the ALCS, Mark Bellhorn's shot to left field was originally ruled in play, thought it hit a fan in the front row at Yankee Stadium. After the umpires got together, it was properly called a home run.

Later in that game, Rodriguez wound up on second base after he swatted at Boston pitcher Bronson Arroyo's arm and knocked the ball loose. After all six umpires huddled, plate umpire Joe West said he had a better view than first-base ump Randy Marsh and called Rodriguez out.

New Seattle manager Mike Hargrove thinks replay on such plays might help.

"They got it right with A-Rod, but it could be a benefit," he said. "I mean, I don't want to see us spend 15 minutes waiting on whether a ball is fair or foul. And not on balls and strikes. But I could see it happening on selected plays."

Minutemen and Eagles square off at The Heights tonight

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look at The paper saying, 'Hey, Patrick Eaves this and Ryan Shannon this,' and get all wowed by that," Cahoon said.

The Minutemen will certainly have their hands full just working out the kinks from last weekend, when they trounced the Merrimack Warriors 8-2 at the Mullins Center Friday night but were summarily dismissed with a 5-2 loss in North Andover Saturday. Cahoon doesn't want to dwell on the past, however.

"Last weekend is over. This is a 132-day season, and we're playing. And once you deal with making corrections; you correct the emotions that were there or weren't there, at some point you've got to park that stuff and move forward," Cahoon said. "Part of growing a team is getting it through those cycles of inconsistency, or some things you really can't put your finger on exactly, but you just keep moving forward."

Sunday, the Minutemen return home to face Mercyhurst. The Lakers are 3-5-0 overall, with a perfect 2-0 record in Atlantic Hockey contests, and make their first-ever appearance against the Minutemen when they visit the Mullins Center at 3 p.m. Mercyhurst is led by juniors Dave Borrelli and Conrad Martin, as well as senior David Wrigley, who all have seven points this season. Borrelli has six goals and an assist to top the Lakers' scoring chart despite missing two of their eight games.

Santana adds to his Venezualan legacy

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) – As joyous fans celebrated by honking car horns in Caracas, Johan Santana sounded overwhelmed. He became the first Venezuelan to win a Cy Young Award, and not only that, he was a unanimous choice.

"This is like a dream come true," he said after earning the American League honor Thursday. "I'm a little surprised that I ended up the season where I ended up the season."

The Minnesota Twins' left-hander received all 28 first-place votes in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Santana, who went 20-6 and led the AL with a 2.61 ERA and 265 strikeouts, became the first unanimous Cy Young winner since Arizona's Randy Johnson two years ago and the first in the AL since Boston's Pedro Martinez in 2000. He is the 18th unanimous winner overall, and the seventh in the AL.

Curt Schilling, 21-6 with a 3.26 ERA in his first season with the Red Sox, received 27 second-place votes and one third for 82 points. Mariano Rivera of the New York Yankees, who led the major leagues with a career-high 53 saves, received the other second-place vote and 24 thirds for 27 points.

"I'm surprised this has been a unanimous decision," Santana said. "I thought this was going to be a real tough race."

Santana traveled Thursday morning from his hometown of Tovar Merida to Caracas. President Hugo Chavez planned to congratulate him Friday.

"It's on national TV," Santana said. "Hopefully, in a couple of hours I'll be addressing the country and letting them know how I feel."

Santana was 13-0 with a 1.21 ERA in 15 starts after the All-Star break, mastering his changeup.

"I expected it. With the numbers he had, he couldn't fail," said Luis Aparicio, a Venezuelan voted to the Hall of Fame in 1984. "He's going to continue winning."

Voting was conducted before the start of the postseason when Schilling beat the Yankees in Game 6 of the AL championship series and St. Louis in Game 2 of the World Series despite pitching with a dislocated ankle tendon held together by sutures. Boston went on to sweep St. Louis to win the World Series for the first time since 1918.

"It was amazing," Santana said. "To me, he was just a hero. He did great things for Boston and for baseball. That's a role model for a young baseball player to follow."

Schilling, who led the major leagues in wins, has never won a Cy Young Award. He was runner-up for the third time, tying Johnson, a five-time winner, and 1957 winner Warren Spahn for the most second-place finishes.

Santana had a breakout season after going 12-3 for the Twins in 2003. Coming off surgery to remove bone chips from his elbow, he was 2-4 in 12 starts before beating the New York Mets on June 9.

After helping lead Minnesota to his third straight AL Central title, he beat the Yankees in the opener of their first-round playoff series and, pitching on three days' rest, left Game 4 with a 5-1 lead before New York rallied against the Twins' bullpen.

Santana, eligible for free agency after the 2006 season, lost in salary arbitration last February and earned a $1.6 million salary with no bonuses. Schilling, who had a $12 million salary, earned a $400,000 bonus for finishing second.

Houston's Roger Clemens won the NL honor Tuesday, his record seventh Cy Young Award.



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Minnesota Twins pitcher Johan Santana won his first Cy Young Award yesterday by a unanimous decision. He went 20-6 with a 2.61 ERA and struck out 265 batters. Curt Schilling came in second place.

Milloy returning to Foxboro

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) – Buffalo Bills safety Law-yer Milloy did a good job all week of laying low and avoiding questions about what it's like to be facing his former team, the New England Pat-riots, on Sunday.

Milloy's play, on the other hand, has spoken volumes. His presence has bolstered the Bills defense since he returned after missing the first five games with a broken right forearm.

"He's definitely made a big impact," cornerback Nate Clements said. "Just his presence alone back there, it's definitely helped."

In three games, Milloy has been credited with 34 tackles, the most by any Bills player over that stretch. And he recorded a key interception, his first since 2001, in helping seal Buffalo's 22-17 victory against the New York Jets last weekend.

The Bills (3-5) have won two of three with Milloy back.

During that time, the defense has limited opponents to an average 218 yards of total offense, as compared to 298 yards in the first five games. The defense also recorded eight of its 19 sacks this season and held opponents to converting just 10-of-29 third-down opportunities.

"He's a difference maker," coach Mike Mularkey said. "Your disguises are a little better. His experience is a big plus. Even in practices, you can tell there's a difference."

Milloy is a nine-year veteran and four-time Pro Bowl selection who is in his second year with Buffalo.

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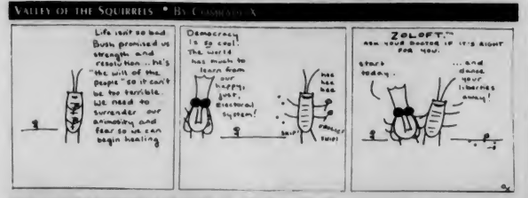
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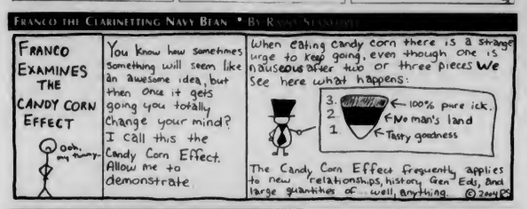
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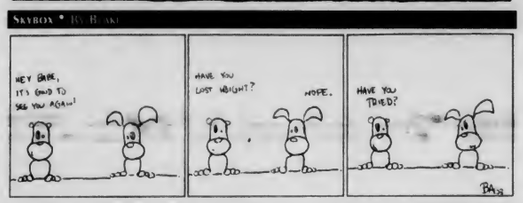
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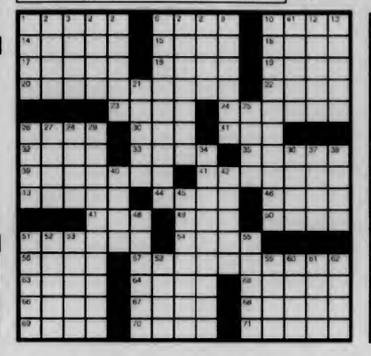


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Hockey at The Heights

Minutemen travel to BC for early Hockey East test

BY ANDREW MERRITT
COLLEGIAN STAFF

There are two games on the slate this weekend for the Massachusetts hockey team, but to buy in briefly to a mantra that just about any coach will repeat, tonight is the one that matters most. However, that goes beyond any "one day at a time" concept that the Minutemen (5-4-0, 3-2-0 Hockey East) might have because tonight they'll face off against the Boston College Eagles at Conte Forum.

The Eagles (4-1-0, 2-0-0 HEA) were anointed the No. 1 team in Division 1 by both the U.S. College Hockey Online and the American Hockey Association/USA Today polls, earning near-unanimous decisions in both. BC was at the top of the polls last week as well and became the first team to hold onto the spot this season after beating Maine 3-1 at Alfond Arena.

Led by junior Patrick Eaves (three goals, eight assists) and senior Ryan Shannon (2 g, 5 a), as well as a cast of characters that once again represents the cream of the Hockey East crop, including freshman goaltender Cory Schneider, a Marblehead native who was selected in the first round (26th overall) by the Vancouver Canucks in the 2004 NHL Entry Draft.

Freshman Dan Bertram has enjoyed every minute of his first year spent on a line with Eaves and Shannon. With his linemates providing the feeds, Bertram has scored five goals this season, including the game winner against Denver, one of two goals he had against the Pioneers on Oct. 15. As a result, Bertram has been named Hockey East's Superskills Rookie of the Week twice in 2004. Also rising fast is Schneider, who has split time with senior Matti Kaltiainen in the Eagle net and earned two wins in as many games.

The Eagles are also coached by a newly minted legend, Jerry York, who is in his 11th season at Boston College, won his 700th career game against national powerhouse North Dakota, a 3-3 decision at Conte Forum on Oct. 29.

If that weren't enough, the Eagles have plenty of history on their side, with a 29-5-1 record all-time against the Minutemen, which includes a regular season series sweep in 2003-04. The last time UMass beat the Eagles was on Jan. 3, 2003 at The Heights.

Of course, you don't have to tell the Minutemen or coach Don Cahoon about the weighty advantage that the Eagles have heading into tonight's clash. "Whenever you play a team like BC, they were the No. 1 team in our league last year, and you go in there not thinking about anything except playing well ourselves, and you want to neutralize them but you can't

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KAREN WINGERD/COLLEGIAN

UMass defenseman Marvin Degon works the puck against Merrimack at the Mullins Center last Friday. The Minutemen take on Boston College in Chestnut Hill tonight and Mercyhurst at home on Sunday.



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

Hoop time

Anthony Anderson and the Minutemen will take on Concordia in their first exhibition game of the season tonight. The game will take place at 7 p.m. at the Mullins Center. UMass finished a disappointing 10-19 last year but is considered to be one of the top A-10 teams this season.

R.I. celebrates Sox

BY ELIZABETH ZUCKERMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) – Donning newly purchased Red Sox championship gear and waving signs that read "Thank You" and "The Curse is Broken," hundreds of Rhode Island baseball fans gathered at the Statehouse Thursday to honor their heroes and snap photographs with the team's World Series trophy yesterday.

Boston Red Sox pitcher Bronson Arroyo and team president Larry Lucchino headed a delegation of team representatives to the Ocean State, the first stop on a New England tour to show off the trophy and share the historic win with fans across Red Sox Nation.

The Red Sox swept the St. Louis Cardinals last month to win the team's first title since 1918. After the win, Lucchino said he wanted to take the trophy to all six New England states, where residents have been long supporters of the Boston club.

The fabled curse on the Red Sox dates to the sale of Sox player Babe Ruth to the New York Yankees in 1920. The Red Sox won their sixth World Series title in 1918 before selling Ruth. After the sale, New York captured 26 championships before Boston won again.

"I've been waiting a lot of years for this," said 69-year-old Walter Briggs of Providence. He took in the scene from his wheelchair, a blanket bearing the Red Sox emblem across his lap.

Lucchino told fans the team is grateful for their loyal support.

"Nowhere in the baseball world is there anything like the passion and support that the Red Sox enjoy, and we're here to say thank you, thank you, thank you," Lucchino said.

Arroyo, who lived in Providence while playing for the Red Sox's Triple-A affiliate in Pawtucket, recalled a time when he sat on the Statehouse steps with his wife. Standing on those same steps at Thursday's celebration, Arroyo said, "I never thought I'd be standing up here talking to all you people about a world championship."

Susie Mershon of Cranston admits she'd had trouble believing the Sox would bring home the trophy this year after decades of trying.

But her husband, Rusty, had not given up, and their friends and neighbors were also waiting expectantly. When the win finally came, their doorbell rang and the celebration began.

"Our entire neighborhood was up drinking champagne until 1:30 in the morning," Rusty Mershon said.

The couple attended Thursday's event wearing matching championship sweatshirts and hats. Their dog, a Maltese named Shayna, wore a tiny Pedro Martinez jersey.

Gov. Don Carcieri outfitted himself in a puffy Red Sox jacket and a AAA cap. The governor said the Sox world championship combined with the Pawtucket Red Sox's hosting of the International League All-Star game last summer had made for an incredible year for baseball in Rhode Island.

UMass cross-country teams heading to NCAA Regionals

BY MARTHA POWERS AND ERIC ATHAS
COLLEGIAN STAFF

The Massachusetts men's and women's cross-country teams will compete in the NCAA Regional Championship tomorrow, which could be the two teams' last races of the season.

Last year, the Minutemen placed 22 out of 33 teams. This year, coach Ken O'Brien is looking for his team to finish higher and to have his best race of the season.

"It is a lofty goal, but finishing in the top 15 would be a fitting conclusion to our season. It wouldn't require a superhuman performance, but it would be require an above-average race for our top seven runners," O'Brien said.

"The team has been working on their focus and concentration in order for them to make this necessary step. A lack of confidence is still a stumbling block for us, as we have not gained it as easily as our physical training," O'Brien said.

"Usually, the team is split; 30 percent who had a good race, 30 percent who had a bad race and 30 percent who were in the middle," O'Brien said. "Our goal is for everyone to run well on Saturday."

The race of about 250 runners will take place at Van Cortland Park in New York City. The course covers a distance of 6.2 miles, a little longer than the five-mile races that the Minutemen are used to.

Massachusetts is competing in one of eight regional races that will take place on Saturday. Included in the Minutemen's race are all of the New England states in addition to New York. The Regional races determine who will continue to compete in the final NCAA Champion ship race in Indiana next weekend.

Earlier this week, senior captains Matt Clark and Andy McCarron were announced as members of the Atlantic 10 Men's Cross Country Academic All-Conference Team.

"This is not surprising at all. Matt and Andy are two outstanding students and very hard workers," O'Brien said. "It is richly deserved."

In mid-October, it was the best teams from New England, two weeks ago it was the best from the Atlantic 10 Conference, and this weekend, the Massachusetts women's cross-country team faces the best teams from all of New England and New York at the NCAA Regionals. There have been plenty of challenges this season, but as usual, UMass has found nothing short of success, despite the tough contests and busy schedule. Without a meet last week, the team has had extra time to practice and equally important, time to rest.

"The best thing about this past week was the girls could rest up a little bit," coach Julie Lafreniere said. "People are recovering and getting their health back."

With a mix of both veterans and newcomers, the team is led by two-time Rookie of the Week recipient Christina Derosa and captain Alexis Anzelone. Derosa has placed first among UMass runners in every meet this year, and Anzelone has been exemplary, most notably throughout the second half of the season.

Cuisle Kierens and captain Amanda Dahlberg round out the top-four runners. Captain Tricia Silva, Kara Gillette and Ashley Davidson have been consistent all year long, staying relatively close to the front-runners.

While there is more running than a typical course, it makes for a decent spectator route because it loops around and finishes at the starting line. Hundreds of runners will be packed together in the first narrow "bridal" path for the first three quarter miles of the course, but it opens up after the tight start.

While morale is high for the Minutewomen, coming away victorious tomorrow will be very difficult.

Only the top two teams move on to national competition, and it is very complicated and tricky for individuals to advance.

UMASS

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday, Nov. 12

Sport	Opp./Event	Time
Men's Basketball	vs. Concordia	7:00 p.m.
Men's Hockey	at Boston College	7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 13

Sport	Opp./Event	Time
Men's Cross Country	NCAA Regional	11:00 a.m.
Women's Cross Country	NCAA Regional	12:00 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 14

Sport	Opp./Event	Time
Men's Hockey	vs. Mercyhurst	3 p.m.



'Pain of War' comes to Amherst College

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Kozol talks on public education

BY MIKE TRAVIS
COLLEGIAN STAFF

Students and faculty packed Amherst College's Johnson Chapel Thursday night to hear award-winning author and education activist Jonathan Kozol discuss the decay of public education, illiteracy and social injustice in America during a 90-minute lecture.

Kozol began his speech "The Artificial Meritocracy: The Silence of Our Academic Leaders on the Savage Inequalities and Deepening Resegregation of the U.S. Public Schools" by acknowledging teachers for the enormous impact they have on children's lives.

"I have a special fondness for teachers, especially for elementary school teachers," Kozol said. "Tough minded politicians should teach a class for one day."

Kozol said he had never intended to become a teacher. He said he became involved in politically charged issues like segregation in public education once he began his teaching career.

He talked about his education background as well. He attended Harvard University in the 1950s where he majored in English Literature, and later attended Oxford.

"I didn't really like Oxford, and at Harvard everyone pretended to be British," he said to an amused audience.

Kozol said he probably would have become an English Literature professor, but In 1964 he became greatly affected by the news that thousands of young people from the northern United States began traveling to Mississippi to break the back of segregation in the south by setting up "Freedom Schools." Word traveled of three young civil rights workers who were murdered by the Ku Klux Klan in Mississippi around that same time.

"Black folks had been lynched in the South for years," said Kozol. "This time it was a mixed group and the nation paid attention. That event changed my life forever."

Kozol, who has taught Black and Latino children all over the United States, first became a teacher at a public school in Boston's Roxbury section. He was later fired for "curriculum deviation" because he read a poem by Langston Hughes that was not on the approved curriculum list.

He documented his first year teaching experiences in his book, "Death at an Early Age: The Destruction of the Hearts and Minds of Negro Children in the Boston Public Schools" and received the National Book Award in 1968.

Kozol then spent most of his teaching career in the South Bronx of New York City known as Mott Haven. According to Kozol, the neighborhood is the poorest district in the nation.

He said that about one quarter of the children in Mott Haven suffer from chronic asthma. The neighborhood also has a high unemployment rate, large father incarceration rate and high rates of homelessness and HIV.

Some have criticized Kozol for speaking about social issues using his first-hand experiences, with relatively little statistics.

"This is modernized, millennial apartheid," Kozol said. "We celebrate Brown but it's been ripped apart over the years ... We've gone back to Plessey."

It costs only $8,000 a year to educate child in South Bronx, he said and $18,000 in a wealthy white suburb in Long Island.

"Our children come into their classrooms with a price tag on their foreheads depending on the accident of birth," he said. "Warm and personal attention by a teacher is one of the things that money buys."

Kozol said the most memorable experience he had with bringing a celebrity to meet disenfranchised children in the South Bronx, was when he brought Fred Rogers, more commonly known as "Mr. Rogers," to a classroom in New York City. They went by train to a church in the Bronx.



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Award winning author Jonathan Kozol

Kozol's comment that he "was excited to take the trolley with Mr. Rogers" produced a roar of laughter from the crowd.

When Rogers and Kozol arrived at the classroom and a child spotted Mr. Rogers, a little boy wrapped his arms around him, kissed him on the forehead, and said, "welcome to my neighborhood, Mr. Rogers."

Kozol also spoke about high stakes testing at young that determine promotion or acceptance into gifted or talented programs.

"It's hypocritical holding seven or eight-year-olds accountable for these exams in a society that doesn't hold our highest officials accountable," he said.

Kozol ended his speech with words that gave him a standing ovation, "Life goes so fast. The old trees and the foolishness of children will outlive us all. God Bless, and use it well."

Kozol's leeture was sponsored by the Office of the President at Amherst College and the Victor S. Johnson Lecture Fund.

Former Israeli official speaks of acheiving peace in Middle East

BY MATT HOFFMAN
COLLEGIAN STAFF

On Tuesday night, 250 people came to Hasbrouck Hall to hear Avraham Burg, the former speaker of the Israeli parliament, give his views during a lecture, "Struggling Towards Peace in Times of Terror."

Burg touched upon the current events in Israel today. He divulged what he believes are the "deeper dynamics" leading to the current situation in the Middle East.

"Israelis were surprised and shocked at the Intifada," he said, referring to the uprising of Palestinian Arabs against Israel in the late 1980's.

He mentioned that Israel built infrastructure and created a social security system for Arabs living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"But we, of all people, should understand the national aspirations of a people," he said.

Burg refers to the story in the Bible, in which the Israelites are slaves in Egypt, and are freed with the help of their prophet Moses. This story has been the basis for many stories of national freedom around the world, including African-Americans who compared their struggle against slavery to that of the Jews.

"Eighty percent of both peoples wanted to compromise and reach a solution," Burg explained of the 1990's. "We went from despair to total optimism."

In 1993, the Oslo peace process was underway, which included Arab recognition of Israel and the creation of the Palestinian Authority out of the former terrorist institution, the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Burg said he believes two things went wrong with the Oslo peace process. First of all, during this time, the presence of Jewish communities in the West Bank and Gaza Strip doubled. This action led Palestinian Arabs to lose trust in Israel. He explained what he believes to be the other side of the story as well.

"When Israelis listened to the hatred coming out of the mosques and schools, we stopped believing that Palestinians sincerely wanted a peaceful solution," he said.

Technological expansion, such as CNN, and the Israeli-developed Internet instant messaging system allowed the world to exist without borders. Once the beginning of the 21st century came around, violence and terrorism appeared in this world on a large-scale, entering into the psyche of people everywhere.

"We are now familiar with Falluja and 9/11," he said.

"We are living in a world with no borders... there are civilizations clashing within themselves and amongst themselves," he said.

"The clash between civilizations is much more complicated than simply Islam versus Christianity," he said. Rather, "the conflict is democracy versus theocracy."

The former politician stated emphatically, "Ladies and Gentlemen, God is back," referring to the title of his recently published book.

"We believe that we are the sole authority controlling us...but there are some who say – and this is where theocracies begin – 'only to a degree do we control ourselves,'" he said.

"When you define this clash the way I do, you realize it is not 'us versus

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Three arrested for slaying

GREENFIELD (AP) — A 19-year-old man was stabbed to death during the weekend, and three Northampton men were arrested Sunday and being held on murder charges, prosecutors said.

Police responding to a 911 call found Anthony Alves of Colrain lying on a street in Greenfield at 2 a.m. Saturday with several stab wounds. He was taken to Franklin County Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead. The medical examiner determined Alves died of blood loss due to multiple stab wounds.

Carlos Madera, 19, Ioell Madera, 18, and Santos Diaz, 22, all of Northampton, were arrested Sunday, the Northwestern District Attorney's office said.

All three men were being held without bail and were scheduled to be arraigned Monday in Greenfield District Court, each on one murder charge, the district attorney's office and police said.

Tony Alves, the victim's father, told the Boston Sunday Globe that police said his son was walking with a friend when he was attacked by a group of youths. He said he was told the youths used steel pipes and a machete to kill his son.

—Associated Press

Bus accident causes ten teens to be hospitalized

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP)— A tour bus carrying students from a Boston-area private boys school to George Washington's Mount Vernon home on Sunday had a large portion of its roof sheared off when it failed to clear an arched bridge.

Ten of the 29 students on board suffered minor injuries, U.S. Park Police Sgt. Scott Fear said. None of the injuries were considered life threatening, he said.

The bus was carrying students and a chaperone from the St. Sebastian's School in Needham, Mass. It was traveling with another bus on the George Washington Parkway, a scenic four-lane road which runs alongside the Potomac River in northern Virginia.

According to police, the bus was in the right lane and crashed into the arched bridge in Alexandria. Signs posted along the parkway warn buses to move into the left lane ahead of the bridge because of height restrictions, Fear said.

The injured were taken to three Washington-area hospitals. The rest of the group boarded other buses.

Federal inspectors are expected to look at the bridge and the bus on Monday.

—Associated Press

Iran suspends uranium research

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Iran notified the U.N. nuclear watchdog in writing Sunday that it would suspend uranium enrichment and related activities to dispel suspicions that it was trying to build nuclear arms.

With its move, Iran appeared to have dropped demands to modify a tentative deal worked out on Nov. 7 with European negotiators, agreeing instead to continue freezing enrichment – the process to make either nuclear fuel or the core for nuclear weapons – and also to suspend related activities, diplomats told The Associated Press.

"Basically it's a full suspension," said one of the diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity. "It's what the Europeans were looking for."

Shortly after diplomats revealed the Iranian move, Tehran's top nuclear negotiator, Hossein Mousavian, confirmed that his country was giving its "basic agreement" to a temporary suspension.

"We accept suspension as a voluntary measure on the basis of agreement with the European Union," Mousavian said on Iranian state television, emphasizing that his country viewed the move as a concession for "confidence building" and not a "legal obligation."

As part of the agreement, "Europe will support Iran's joining the international group of states possessing the ability to manufacture nuclear fuel" once the suspension ends, Mousavian said, signaling yet again that Iran viewed the freeze as temporary.

—Associated Press

Boston Police identify officer who shot Emerson student in Red Sox riots

BY THEO EMERY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — Police publicly identified for the first time on Friday the officer who fired a pepper-spray pellet into a crowd of celebrating Boston Red Sox fans, fatally injuring an Emerson College student.

Officer Rochefort Milien fired his pepper-spray pellet gun at a fan during the Oct. 21 disturbance, but missed and instead hit Victoria Snelgrove, 21, police said in an update of the investigation into her death. The shot hit Snelgrove in the eye, fatally injuring her.

Snelgrove, a journalism major from East Bridgewater, was among thousands of college-aged fans who flocked to Kenmore Square and Fenway Park when the Red Sox beat the New York Yankees for the American League pennant.

Messages left for police union officials were not immediately returned Friday night.

The investigation indicates that at least four people were hit by the projectiles, including Snelgrove. Officer Milien, a grenadier assigned to the police Special Operations unit, is certified to train officers on the use of the weapon.

Police spokesman David Estrada said there would be no further police comment beyond the statement.

The police statement, which Estrada described as an update of the police investigation into the death, described chaos around Fenway and Kenmore Square as the crowd turned from celebratory to violent, attacking cars, throwing debris at police, and lighting fires as the night wore on.

The statement described how fans attacked a car trying to turn down Landsdowne Street from Brookline Avenue. The crowd surrounded another vehicle as it left a commercial garage, trying to flip the vehicle with the occupants still inside, crushing in the roof and smashing the windshield.

When a unit on horseback came to the occupants' rescue, allowing them to get to safety, the crowd then turned its attention to the mounted police, throwing coins, burning paper, bottles and other debris at the police and the horses. One horse's tail was burned when it was struck by flaming debris.

Deputy Superintendent Robert E. O'Toole Jr. authorized the use of the pellet guns known as the FN303, which is made by FN Herstal. He fired the weapons at specific individuals, as did Officers Sumil Silta and Milien. Milien's weapon hit Snelgrove, who was about 25 to 30 feet away.

"Victoria Snelgrove was not targeted; she was struck when the projectile missed its intended target," the statement said.

On Friday, The Boston Globe reported that O'Toole was not certified to use the FN303, contradicting statements from O'Toole's lawyer that he was certified and "eminently qualified" to use the weapon.

The BPD purchased the FN303 guns to assist with controlling protests during the Democratic National Convention last summer, but had not used them in crowd-control situations outside training before the Fenway Park shootings.

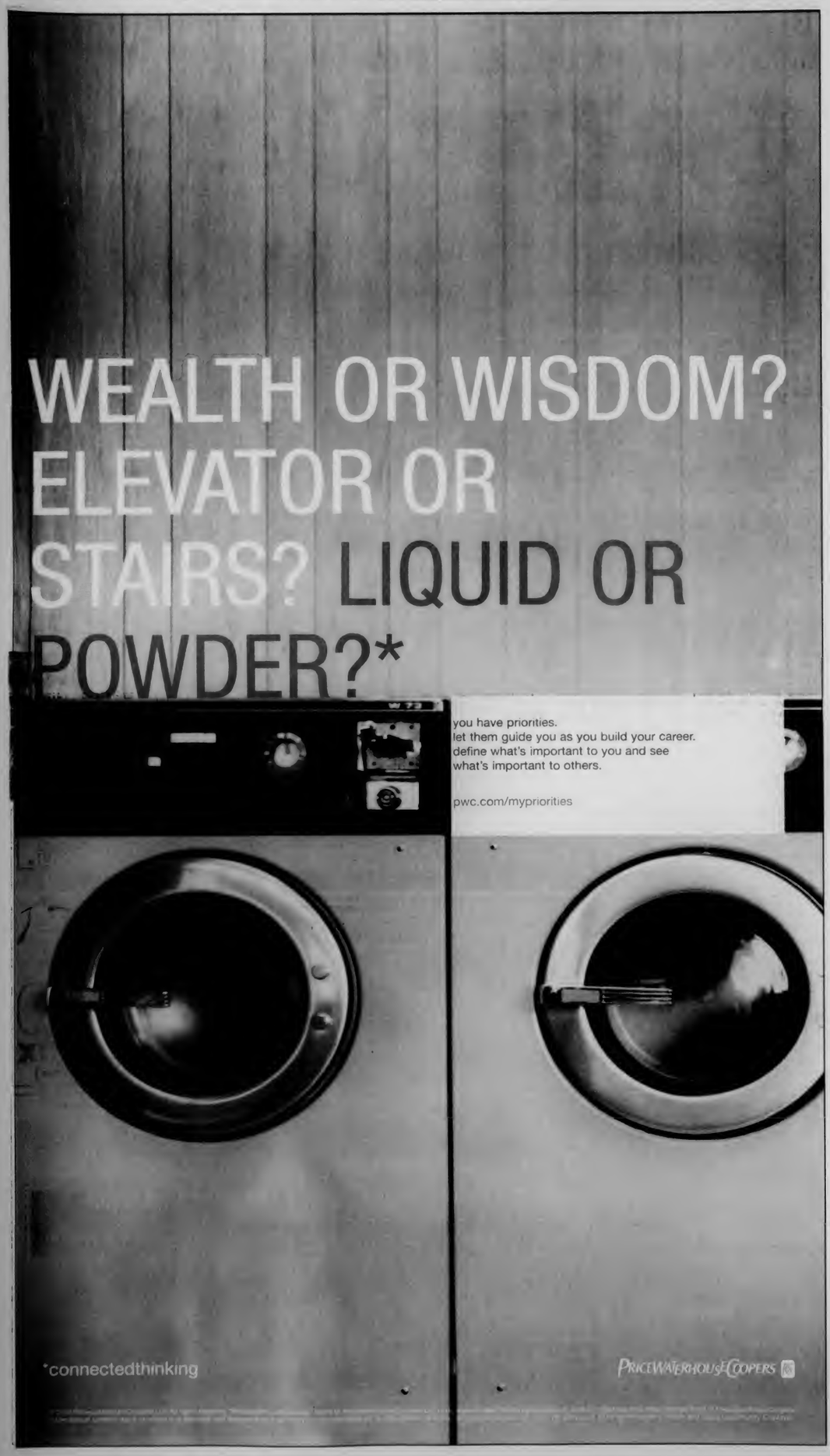
Civil rights advocates angry over Snelgrove's death are circulating petitions seeking a temporary ban on the department's use of the so-called less-lethal weapons. Police officials since have suspended their use pending the outcome of the investigation.



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Casino Night!

Resident Assistant Joshua Parker deals cards in a game of Black Jack at Casino Night in McNamara Hall on Wednesday. The night was sponsored by the McNamara House Council for gambling awareness and fun.



Burg shares his views on acheiving peace in Israel

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them.' This clash goes further – it is within societies (including Judaism, Christ-ianity, and Islam) and between these societies and religions."

"Israel is like Microsoft." He explained, "What you see is not always what you get. Today's conflict is not a Biblical, tribal conflict."

Burg, a religious Jew, explained that every time there is a suicide bombing, Israelis view the atrocity as the Holocaust all over again.

"As if the trauma never ended; every killing reminds us of all the millions who perished under Nazi control."

In 1948, the Israelis sacrificed 1 percent of their population who died in defense of the State of Israel to secure a future for the Jewish people.

"This equals a loss of 2.5 million Americans in less than a year. That is a huge blow."

Later, Israel gave the entire Sinai Peninsula, which is three times the size of Israel, to Egypt so as to secure a peace treaty with that Arab nation.

Burg told the audience that the current situation is extremely difficult because the Jews have rights to the West Bank – the cradle of Jewish civilization.

"King David was born in Bethlehem. He became king in Hebron. Even in Jericho, we had some Biblical prostitution experiences," he said.

All of the cities mentioned are currently under Palestinian Authority control.

Burg underscored the importance of the land of Israel to the Jewish people.

"Israel is a unique national among the family of nations. Christians and Muslims have many nations in which they can express their faith. We can exercise our Jewish faith in one place only. Every Israeli understands this."

However, Burg divulged ominous statistics, which predicted that in ten years, Jews would be a minority in the land that Israel currently controls. Israel must either give up some land, or lose status as a democracy.

This event was sponsored by UMass Hillel, and co-sponsored with the UMass Office of Jewish Affairs, the Judaic and Near Eastern Studies Deparment at UMass, and the Five College Hillel.

Radio station owner admits to stealing millions from clients

By Mark Jewell
Associated Press

BOSTON — The owner of a Boston business news radio station sent a tape to federal securities regulators in which he admitted buying the station with millions of dollars he stole from client deposits with his investment management business, the Securities and Exchange Commission alleges.

After sending the tape by delivery service, Bradford C. Bleidt attempted suicide late Wednesday or early Thursday, a spokesman for station WBIX-AM told The Associated Press. Bleidt, 50, remained in critical condition Sunday at a Boston hospital, WBIX spokesman George Regan said.

The suicide attempt came after Bleidt had attended a Wednesday evening party at a downtown hotel to celebration of the station's new 24-hour format and new ownership that is buying WBIX in a deal expected to close this month.

A SEC civil complaint filed in U.S. District Court on Friday says a tape delivered earlier that day contained a confession from Bleidt, who also runs a Boston-based financial planning firm called Allocation Plus Asset Management Co. Inc.

On the tape, Bleidt said he agreed to buy WBIX in 2002 with money diverted from client business accounts, and had stolen money for years before purchasing the station.

"He's admitting to having stolen tens of millions of dollars over 20 years," Silvestre Fontes, senior counsel for the SEC's Boston office, told the AP on Sunday.

Earlier this month, a client, identified by SEC officials as a Greek Orthodox church, asked for the return of $1.5 million it had invested through the investment business, Bleidt said on the tape.

"There is a client that needs a million and half dollars wired into their account that's supposed to be there this morning, and obviously, it's not going to be there this morning because the money's gone. I stole it. I used it to buy a radio station, believe it or not," Bleidt said on the tape, portions of which are quoted in the complaint.

WBIX spokesman Regan did not offer details on the suicide attempt. He also declined to comment on the SEC complaint, first reported Sunday in the Boston Sunday Globe and Boston Sunday Herald.

"Brad is a very good person," Regan said. "It's just been a horrific nightmare for the family. No one knows exactly what happened."

A phone message left at the Bleidt home in Manchester-by-the-Sea was not immediately returned Sunday. Police in the community north of Boston also did not return a message.

Bleidt's wife, Bonnie, is the on-air host of a show on WBIX and is the station president.

Bleidt agreed to buy the station in November 2002 and planned to sell it this year to Christopher Egan, son of EMC Corp. chairman and founder Richard Egan.

On the tape, Bleidt apologized for stealing from clients.

"I'm deeply sorry, and I don't expect to ever be forgiven for this," he said, according to the SEC complaint. "I'm going to hell, and I've been in hell for years, just with the terror knowing what I've done and the guilt of who I'm doing it to."

On the tape, Bleidt said for years he had taken money from new clients' investment accounts and deposited them into a personal account at Sovereign Bank. He said he was cautious until recently to ensure he had enough cash on hand if a client decided to withdraw investment money.

Bleidt said none of his co-workers were aware of his theft.

Insurgents storm Iraqi police stations

By Tini Tran
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Insurgents stormed two police stations Sunday in the strife-ridden city of Mosul, killing at least six Iraqi troops as attacks spread throughout Sunni Muslim areas following the U.S.-led assault on Fallujah.

Marines found the mutilated body of a Western woman as they searched for militants still holding out in Fallujah, the former Sunni insurgent stronghold.

The woman could not be immediately identified, but a British aide worker and a Pole are the only Western women known to have been taken hostage.

At least 38 American troops and six Iraqi soldiers have been killed in the fighting in Fallujah. The number of U.S. troops wounded is now 275, though more than 60 have returned to duty. U.S. officials estimated more than 1,200 insurgents were killed in the weeklong fighting.

"The perception of Fallujah being a safe haven for terrorists, that perception and the reality of it will be completely wiped off before the conclusion of this operation," said Lt. Gen. John Sattler, commander of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force.

U.S. forces have spread throughout the city although it could take several more days of fighting before the city is secured, American officials said. U.S. forces on Sunday attacked a bunker complex in southern Fallujah where they discovered a network of steel-reinforced tunnels filled with weapons, an anti-aircraft artillery gun, bunk beds, a truck and a suspected weapons cache, according to a statement from the U.S. military.

U.S. aircraft attacked insurgents hiding "in numerous buildings throughout the city," the statement added.

Fighting in Fallujah was ebbing, but insurgent attacks appeared to escalate elsewhere in Sunni Muslim areas of central and northern Iraq.

Saboteurs set fire Sunday to four oil wells in Iraq's northern fields, setting off successive explosions in Khabbaza, 12 miles northwest of Kirkuk, oil officials said.

Heavy explosions rattled central Baghdad near the Palestine and Sheraton hotels after nightfall Sunday, followed by bursts of sporadic gunfire. The U.S. military said initial reports indicated rockets or mortars had struck the area, killing two Iraqis and wounding another.

About an hour later, about four more large explosions rocked the Green Zone, headquarters of the U.S. and Iraqi leadership. At least one private security guard was killed. Clashes were also reported on Haifa Street, a center of insurgent support in the heart of the capital.

More than a dozen insurgents attacked the Polish Embassy in Baghdad with automatic weapons Sunday, and embassy guards returned fire in an exchange that lasted for a half hour, a Polish Foreign Ministry spokesman said in Warsaw. No one was reported killed or wounded.

In Mosul, where an uprising broke out last week in support of the Fallujah defenders, militants raided two police stations, killing at least six Iraqi National Guards and wounding three others. One insurgent was killed and three others were wounded before Iraqi security forces regained control of both stations, witnesses said.

Insurgents also set fire to the governor's house, destroying it and damaging his car in northern Mosul. Governor Duraid Kashmoula also said the curfew will continue to be imposed on the city from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

A gunbattle erupted Sunday between militants and U.S. troops in the main market in the northern town of Beiji, killing at least six people and wounding 20 others, according to witnesses.

The clash followed an attack in Beiji against American soldiers, who responded with tank rounds and Hellfire missiles, the U.S. military said.

A dozen explosions rocked an American base in the western part of Ramadi, about 30 miles west of Fallujah, after insurgents fired missiles. Witnesses reported seeing flames and smoke billowing from the base.

One U.S. soldier was injured when a suicide bomber blew up his car near a U.S. convoy traveling between Balad and Tikrit, the military said. A Bradley fighting vehicle was damaged by a roadside bomb in Baghdad, injuring one soldier, the military said.

One Marine and an Iraqi soldier were hurt when five mortar shells struck a checkpoint outside Fallujah.

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Scott Peterson found guilty of murder

Crowd rejoices outside courthouse upon hearing verdict

By Brian Skoloff
Associated Press

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — The jury that convicted Scott Peterson saw a man with two faces: in public, a loving father-to-be with a steady job and stable home, and in private a cheating husband who yearned for bachelorhood and was willing to kill for it.

Convicted Friday of murdering his pregnant wife and her fetus, Peterson must now present a unified image on two fronts- he must convince jurors that his life is worth sparing while arguing to the courts that he was wrongly convicted.

Some experts said he might have a chance to win an appeal, given the dismissal of two jurors during deliberations. After his sentencing, defense investigators are likely to interview panelists, looking for any signs of misconduct.

"These jurors are about to go under the microscope," said Loyola Law School professor Laurie Levenson.

Peterson faces life in prison or the death penalty for the first-degree murder of his wife, Laci, and second-degree murder of the fetus.

While the first part of the trial focused on evidence, the penalty phase, beginning Nov. 22, will be laced with raw emotion as rules of evidence that prohibit inflaming jurors are cast aside.

Blockbuster testimony is expected from Laci Peterson's mother, Sharon Rocha, who will testify about losing a 27-year-old daughter and the grandson she was waiting for.

"She's going to get up there and she's going to break down. Her voice is going to crack," said Daniel Horowitz, a criminal defense attorney and regular trial observer.

Peterson is unlikely to take the stand and beg for mercy- doing that would require him to admit to the murders, and throw away any chance of arguing his innocence. Instead, testimony will likely include pleas from his parents to spare his life.


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A crowd rejoices upon hearing guilty verdict.

University salaries rising with student tuition

By Justin Pope
Associated Press

Tuition is rising sharply and many schools are still fighting through budget cuts. But the salaries of the highest-paid college presidents are also increasing, according to a survey out Monday.

The number of university presidents earning more than half a million dollars jumped again this year – though overall they remain a small minority.

Seventeen presidents of public universities and systems will earn more than $500,000 this year, up from 12 last year and six the year before, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education's compensation survey. Tuition at four-year public colleges rose 10.5 percent this year.

At private colleges and universities, the number of presidents earning more than $500,000 rose from 27 to 42 in fiscal 2003, the last year for which data are available for the private institutions.

Johns Hopkins University President William Brody's total compensation of $897,786 topped all college presidents.

The University of Washington's Mark Emmert is the top earner among public presidents, with a package that will total $762,000 in pay and benefits.

Several education experts said the figures aren't necessarily a sign of excess, given the competition for strong leaders, who are at least as valuable in tough times as in flush ones.

Many of the top earners preside over complex institutions and manage thousands of employees. At schools like Johns Hopkins, they also oversee teaching hospitals.

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Brokaw stepping down a smart move

With the recent presidential election having drawn to a close, NBCs Tom Brokaw is also drawing his career to a close, vacating his anchor chair on Dec. 1, after 22 years of working for NBC. The long-time news anchor can be seen as paving the way for many of today's older, more experienced anchors in departing from the business. In addition to Tom Brokaw, Peter Jennings and Dan Rather are among the other two staple news anchors that are seen to be nearing the finish line of their journalistic careers. While it is understandable why people such as Rather and Jennings would not want to leave their current positions broadcasting the nightly news, following Brokaw's example would allow them to end their careers gracefully with the same amount of respect.

Dan Rather in particular, should especially consider following in the footsteps of Brokaw given his recent scandal involving relying on false documents to attempt to discredit President Bush. While it is assumed, and expected, for one such as Rather to be very protective of his status at CBS, given his recent poor performance in the field of journalism, he should also step down. Rather, who is 73, has been a permanent fixture on the nightly news for many years and has been accepted by the American public as a trustworthy source for the news. After his scandalous episode, that reputation has been indisputably tarnished and he deserves to step down from the throne of CBS as gracefully as he now can.

Looking towards the future of broadcast media, there are many young, aspiring hopefuls out there looking to take over the coveted positions such as those currently held by Rather and Jennings. Those positions, although not likely going to applicants fresh out of college, will still have to be awarded to people that are going to have less experience than their predecessors. The American public, who has been viewing some of these broadcasters for so long, may be reluctant to open their living rooms to a new nightly news anchor. However, integrity and appeal come with experience and we must all remember that Tom Brokaw was once a fledgling journalist getting his foot in the door as well.

The anchor that is set to take Brokaw's place, according to The New York Times, is 45 year-old Brian Williams, who is going to have to live up to the extremely high expectations of the American public that Brokaw as set for him. With a new, younger anchor, the network seems to be trying to appeal to a new demographic. Such is the case whenever the country seems to be visibly swaying in its tendencies. The new anchor is paving the way for a new stream of people to come in, not to solely replace the former broadcasting greats, but attempting to pick up where they left off. It is for this reason that Tom Brokaw's departure from NBC is a wise move and should serve as an example to other prominent newscasters who have dominated the nightly news scene for many decades.

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Palestinians' time for change

Ramzi Kanazi

Yasser Arafat died at 3:30am on Thursday, Nov. 11 of unknown causes in a Paris hospital. He was buried in the West Bank town of Ramallah after an official state ceremony in Cairo, Egypt.

After his death, MSNBC repeatedly noted, "Israel has agreed to let Arafat be buried in Ramaliah." Other news programs reasserted this caption. Few statements, however, mentioned that he wished to be buried in the al-Aqsa Mosque compound located in East Jerusalem, which is currently occupied by Israel.

Opinions of Arafat range considerably. He has been described as a freedom fighter and a master terrorist, a guerilla leader and a Nobel laureate. Many Palestinians regard him as the "father of Palestine" while others feel that he sold them out. Israelis have seen him as both a partner for peace and an intransigent.

Some Palestinians would still refer to Arafat by his nom de guerre, Abu Ammar, a name that was more commonly used in his earlier years. Many recognized him as a symbol of their struggle, and they relied on him in the hopes of recovering their losses. Conversely, some understood him as a corrupt leader who would flip-flop like John Kerry for popularity and power while embezzling money from the people of Palestine. They were disturbed by his authoritarian nature and his refusal to relinquish more of his power to others who could effectively communicate with Israel. Still, most Palestinians could equate his struggle with that of their nation.

Many Israelis saw him differently. A number of right-wing groups and Zionist fundamentalists celebrated Arafat's death. An article on Haaretz.com, an online Israeli news service entitled, "Right-wing groups welcome Arafat's death," describes the hatred espoused in these people over a man whom they felt was the cause of much of their suffering. "The Pikuach Nefesh organization, an association of rabbis who oppose territorial concessions, said that 'the day of Arafat's death should be a day of rejoicing,' as Arafat was 'the Amalek and the Hitler of our generation'." These rabbis were so disgusted that they would go as far as exploiting the Holocaust to make their point.

Now that the man whom they considered an obstacle to peace has passed, it is incumbent upon these two leaders to facilitate that peace.

Two important opinions of the Palestinian leader, Bush's and Sharon's, laid much of the blame of the current conflict on him. They felt that he was not an adequate partner for peace and chose to stop negotiations with him. Bush supported Sharon's unilateral actions of building the apartheid wall/anti-terror fence (whatever you call it) that encroached up to several kilometers within the occupied territories. Bush's unwavering support for Sharon indicated that, to our president, neither the Palestinians nor their leader was significant. Sharon's actions clearly illustrated this same point.

Now that the man whom they considered an obstacle to peace has passed, it is incumbent upon these two leaders to facilitate that peace. Promises made in the past will resurface, and they must address them. Sharon can no longer blame Arafat for his own misdeeds, and Bush cannot blindly follow the lead of the Israeli Prime Minister.

They have the opportunity to show that they are committed to working with the Palestinian people. They can express concern for the indigenous population through such extraordinary measures as letting them live on their own land, unoccupied or allowing them to freely travel to visit their friends and relatives in neighboring towns without intimidation.

The Palestinians themselves should also think about refraining from violent acts in these times. Suicide bombings will not serve their purpose vis-à-vis an obstinate Likud party. They have to come together to elect a leader who will competently work with Israel to achieve peace and allow for a more prosperous future. Finding such a leader may be difficult, but unlike Arafat, a new one will likely be more fungible. Indeed, the new officials should be treated less symbolically and evaluated for their function and effectiveness.

Arafat was a great leader with striking charisma, but he failed to achieve his main goal of seeing a Palestinian state. It is now time for the Palestinians to collectively accomplish what one man could not. May the soul of a leader who brought the struggle of his people to the fore rest, and may his people take action and complete the mission he set forth.

Ramzi Kanazi is a Collegian columnist.

Life's plan works in the end

Becky Martins

Life may be far from predictable, but it is necessary we at least give it a chance.

From the time I was in the fourth grade, my parents forced me to get straight A's. My punishment for a B+ or lower was always the threat of grounding, but what proved to be worse was witnessing my father's disappointment. Though I had two sisters, my parents would constantly tell me I could be the one family member to 'make it'. If I did not work hard from the start, I would get nowhere in life. Soon, I began to believe I would let down everyone, including myself, if I did not do well.

By high school, my strong work ethic seemed to have paid off. I graduated third in my class with a 4.2 GPA and good SAT scores. I was captain both my junior and senior years in field hockey, editor-in-chief of my high school newspaper, as well as a participant in a variety of other sports and clubs. I also found the time to take honors and AP classes, work a part-time job, and have a very active social life. When it came time to apply for college, I felt very confident in what I had to offer.

Initially, the University of Massachusetts Amherst was my safety school. I only applied because my mother made me. I never had real intentions of attending the university. Instead, my applications were sent out the fall of senior year to such schools as Harvard, Boston College and my top choice: College of the Holy Cross. At this time, I was a pre-med major looking for a name that would eventually get me into medical school. Never did it cross my mind that almost a decade's worth of hard work would land me in a state university.

Our lives may not go as planned, but this does not mean we will be miserable. Sometimes, though the courses we take may be different than expected, life still turns out okay. We just have to be willing to give it a chance.

The college application process is not a hard concept to grasp. We find schools that fit our interests, apply to them in hopes of acceptance and we wait anxiously for months, waiting to hear back. After we see enough response letters come in, however, it becomes clear that the size of their envelopes give away the news inside. Thus, by mid-Spring, just sifting through my mail would bring tears to my eyes, as I would come across not large, portfolio sized envelopes, but instead, small, thin ones. They may as well have had 'Rejection' stamped all over, because it was all too obvious what the response was inside.

In all, out of the seven schools I applied to, I was rejected by two, accepted by two, and waitlisted by the rest. Out of the couple I was accepted to, UMass Amherst was the only one willing to give me sufficient financial aid. Thus, college proved to not be a choice, but rather a single option I could act on if I wished to attend school in the fall. Essentially, I was crushed.

When I think back to my scholastic life prior to UMass, I cannot help but feel bitter. I was not the type of student who straightened up in high school and managed to pull a few good semesters. Instead, since elementary school, I worked tremendously hard to ensure my future would be full of opportunities. Unfortunately though, every rejection letter, waitlist acceptance and lack of sufficient financial aid notification proved to be a personal blow.

On the contrary, since coming to college, I have learned a lot about life. I know nothing ever goes as it should. I have also come to realize life will always be full of disappointment. I also now know there are things called happy accidents. Our lives may not go as planned, but this does not mean we will be miserable. Sometimes, though the course we take may be different than expected, life still turns out okay. We just have to be willing to give it a chance.

Coming to UMass Amherst has proved to be one of the best decisions I ever made. I love the university's size, diversity and the strength of its academic programs, such as the journalism major that I have now been enrolled. What I appreciate most, though, is the person it has made of me.

This past weekend, a few friends and I spontaneously traveled to Worcester, MA to visit some people who attended the College of the Holy Cross. Upon arriving on campus, I instantly felt de ja vu. It was odd to be walking around the dorms again, as I had once done during summer tours and open houses. I stared at the students, wondering how different we were. I tried to picture myself as a member of the University: an image I had dreamt of only a year and a half ago.

But my reaction surprised me. Though I had always hoped to attend Holy Cross, I no longer had the interest to. I did not like the lack of diversity I saw on campus. The people I met seemed hard to relate to: our lifestyles, in general, were too different from each others to ever have much in common. Essentially though, I found myself missing the comforts of my own school.

In the car ride back to UMass, I found myself becoming increasingly at ease as I neared the familiar Amherst campus. I realized I was an intelligent person going to a good school, though I do not have to pay over $30,000 a year for an education. My safety school has become a place where I feel most at home. Somewhere that I thought would never suit me truly fit me perfectly in the end. It may have taken awhile to realize, but my life had turned out the way I had intended it to.

Becky Martins is a Collegian columnist.

An Olympic disappointment

Matt Brochu

Another Olympic hero bites the dust. First it was Tonya Harding and the crowbar. Then it was Tonya Harding and the really unflattering sex tape. And now this. In case you haven't been paying attention, 19-year-old Michael Phelps, winner of six Olympic golds this summer, was arrested last week and charged with drunken driving. Say goodbye to the lucrative Speedo endorsements. Habla adios to the historic Wheaties Box cover. But this disappointment is just a late addition to my list of problems regarding this summer's Olympic games. Here they are in no particular order:

1) As Seinfeld's George Costanza would say, "I like to go in fresh, baby!" What's the point of watching a sporting event if you already know the result? Trying to watch the Olympics this year was like attempting to see 14 new movies in 14 consecutive nights, except for the fact that 1.2 billion people were dying to tell me how each one ended. Seriously, every time I clicked on Internet Explorer to log onto Spire it was like some jackass standing up during the previews before "The Sixth Sense" and yelling, "Bruce Willis is dead! He's dead the whole time!"

2) China rigged the Olympics. I watched the games pretty religiously and I didn't see them win one damn medal. Not one. Yet when it was all over, the official medal count claimed that China won 32 golds and ranked third in medals overall.

3) South Korea needs to calm down. Listen up, South Korea. Two years ago, one of your short track speed skaters was disqualified and you guys reacted like Apollo Ohno had just assassinated your president – anti-American statements all over the friggin' place, even rumors of a potential trade embargo on the US. Oh no, you mean you're not going to ship Hampton Beach those cheap-ass picture frames made of popsicle sticks to sell at their white trash souvenir shops anymore? How're we going to fill up those quarter machines full of stickers and bouncy balls outside supermarkets and bowling alleys? It's times like these that I wish there was a small island nation named "Taiwan" that we could count on to sell us flimsy crap instead.

This summer, the Paul Hamm gymnastics controversy got you guys all riled up again. Well consider this our gift to you, South Korea. You can take the gold medals in gymnastics and short track speed skating for all we care. Hell, you can even take the athletes too. Paul Hamm is a virgin troll. We'll stick to the sports we're good at, thank you very much, like basketball and baseball.

Much like the Parthenon, the Olympics are in shambles, and there's only one possible solution that would restore the wonder and mystique that once surrounded these much-celebrated games. Add the oldest sport in the world, a sport that's been overlooked by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for far too many years: Sexual Intercourse. The Greeks participated in the original Olympic games completely naked, so it's only natural that we should embrace tradition. But was Eazy E correct when he said that sex is a sport? Well that's for you to decide.

The following is how Merriam Webster defines the word "sport"- an activity engaged in for pleasure (although evolutionarily functional, sex is usually engaged in for kicks) involving physical exertion (which is why most guys sweat during it) and skill (the clitoris is like a damn rubix cube), usually involving balls (no need for clarification here), that is governed by a set of rules or customs (which explains why I always feel obligated to cuddle afterwards). So, if you don't count the next-day-awkwardness, those pesky discharges, or the possibility of illegitimate children, then the definitions of sex and sport are pretty much one and the same.

Scoring wouldn't be a problem, because if you think about it, sex isn't all that different from gymnastics. Some positions are a lot harder than others and would be assigned proper degrees of difficulty, and instead of having to stick the landing at the end, the end would just be kind of sticky. In addition to the physically demanding compulsory skills, teams could also be judged on artistry, and in some cases, distance. And it wouldn't hurt to get the breaststroke involved in some way, either.

But the real beauty behind Olympic Banging would be the simplicity of its screening. Athletes would undoubtedly refrain from using supplements, due to the tendency of some steroids to shrink certain body parts necessary for rhythmic slapping noises. This, however, would require several new additions to the Banned Substances List, namely Viagra, Cialis.

These are trying times my friends, not only for the Olympics, but also for our country as a whole. So support Uncle Sam by writing a letter to the IOC explaining how you would like nothing better than to see a United States Intercourse team proudly marched into that Beijing Stadium by captains Ron Jeremy and Jenna Jameson in the 2008 Summer Ol-pimp-ics. Although, from the rumors I've heard about Asian porn on the Internet, I may have just handed the Chinese another gold medal. At least I'll be watching this time.

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Setting the tone with dress codes

Style 101

Monique Jemmott

This past weekend, I attended the Haitian and Dominican cultural night, also known as Hasacasa. Hasacasa is one of the most anticipated events on campus among ALANA students for many reasons. Not only is it a wonderful display of two cultures coming together, as they celebrate their heritage and accomplishments, but it is also an opportunity for all of its attendees to get together in semi formal dress, and party to Caribbean vibes, which conveniently happened to be the theme of this years program.

For weeks my friends and members of both the Haitian American Student Associations (HASA), and Casa Dominicana, have been doing everything short of harassing their friends about coming to the event, although this act was one in futility since everyone attends Hasacasa anyway. I am of neither of Haitian nor Dominican descent, and I have attended the event for the past 3 years that I have been here. But still, they pressed on, making sure that everyone was coming to the event—in their Sundays best.

"I swear if anyone comes in jeans I will kill them," declared Stacy, one of my good friends, a member of the Haitian American Student Association. "I've been hearing girls saying their going to wear cute jeans and a shirt, they better not! All the girls better come in beautiful dresses, and the guys better wear a shirt and tie at the very least." Stacy was adamant about her position, and while I understood where she was coming from, it wasn't until the night of Hasacasa that I realized how much a dress code could set the mood for an event.

Finally it was time for Hasacasa. As my friends and I approached the doorway of the student union ballroom, I became a little excited. Dressed in our beautiful party dresses (of which I heard Stacey's voice influencing me with every dress I tried on as I shopped), freshly styled hairdos, makeup, and perfume, you would have though we were going to a grand ball, and not a college party, in the plainest possible terms. As we entered the doorway, the scene took on a life all its own. The atmosphere felt way less identifiable as a college party, and more of a black tie event, as I watched my peers, all dressed amazingly in cocktail dresses, and three piece suits. I scanned the room as everyone sat at their tables talking and laughing to the backdrop of dinner music, in both French Creole, and Spanish. It was refreshing to see people that I see almost everyday on campus in jeans and sneakers, look tasteful, and respectful in their semi-formal attire. This entire scene gave the evening the edge that it needed to truly carry on the night.

As the evening went on, I found the change of scenery to be refreshing, and this may be the reason in which so many people enjoy the event. Aside from the cultural dinner and performances, getting dressed up and interacting with your peers is so rare on a college campus, that we look forward to it that much more than other events on campus.

People even reacted in a different way, the way we danced and behaved for the entire night was a reflection of the mood that was set by the events atmosphere. Men asked women if they wanted to dance, instead of just grinding up behind them like at a regular party, and for once, we were spared the disgusting display of vulgar dancing on the floor, and I cant help to think that maybe this was a result of people feeling that if they are dressed a certain way, they should act a certain way. Maybe this is why clubs require dress codes—if you dress the part you will act the part, and Saturday Hasacasa-goers acted the part of the grown and sexy crowd, rather than the hot and horny college crowd often seen at campus events.

Monique Jemmott is Collegian Editor

The 'Pain of War' comes to Amherst College in a controversial art exhibit

Katelyn Harding
Collegian Correspondent

"In 1863, referring to a series of photographs showing the aftermath of the Battle of Antietam, Oliver Wendell Holmes exhorted 'Let [one] who wishes to know what war is look at this series of illustrations.' So it is with The Pain of War. Addressing the theme of suffering associated with war, this exhibition documents the Thirty Years War, the Napoleonic Wars, the Crimean War, the First and Second World Wars, the Holocaust, the Vietnam War, and more recent conflicts such as September 11, 2001 and the war in Iraq" – introduction for The Pain of War art exhibit at Amherst College.

There is a dusty path with green grass flowing on either side. Remnants of a barbed-wire fence are on the ground. In the middle of the photograph, lying along this dirt path, are numerous cadavers, including small children and babies. At the top of the photograph written in bold red letters are the words "Q: And Babies?" and underneath this horrific representation is the answer, also written in bold red letters, "A. And Babies." This photograph, taken by Ronald Haeberle and Peter Brandt depicts the massacre that took place in the South Vietnamese village of My Lai on March 16, 1968. This is just one of many disconcerting images that the Mead Art Museum includes in its exhibit The Pain of War. This exhibit shows just that. How personal and horrific war really is, no sugar coating, no false information, just the gritty truth of war.

One of the first pictures that caught my attention was a picture taken from the front page of the New York Times on April 1, 2004. The quote underneath the picture reads as follows: "Iraqis chanted anti-American slogans in Falluja yesterday as burned bodies of Americans were suspended on a bridge over the Euphrates River." Re-read that sentence. After I read that sentence, I read it over and over again, because of the sheer monstrosity of it. The image with the burned bodies of Americans were so badly mangled and charred that you could not distinguish which end was the head. At the bottom of the picture you can see the looks of joy and happiness on the faces of the Iraqis, because of these fallen Americans.

The next piece of artwork that caught my eye was titled "Verwundeter (Herbst 1916, Bapaume)" which translates to "Wounded Soldier (Autumn 1916, Bapaume)." This etching created by Otto Dix still haunts my memory. The background of the picture is etched in the same shade of gray as the soldiers uniform, creating a unified flowing color throughout the picture. The stark contrast of these muted tones are the whites of the soldier's eyes. Dix has successfully captured the feeling of horror by the piercing eyes he has drawn. The soldier's mouth is gaping open with helplessness seeming to spill out of his it. His helmet is askew with one of his arms twisted skyward in an awkward position, and it is hard to decipher where his legs are, or if he even has any left. The hand that is not distorted is clutching his heart, and his face eerily resembles that of a skeleton with bulging eyeballs. This image implanted itself in my mind for the simple, yet obvious depiction it gives of war. The soldier appears to be alone, the background is too blurred to distinguish anyone around him, but the concept remains unambiguous. This soldier has most like-

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Amherst College's "The pain of War" exhibit displays war through photographs, and paintings depicting prisoners, and civilians in war.

New Deal rock UMass along with 5th Pocket, and Newsay Wednesday night



COURTESY NEWDEAL.COM

Rockers "The New Deal" performed Wednesday night in the student union ballroom at UMass.

By Brian Duffey
Collegian Correspondent

Hundreds danced on Wednesday night inside the Student Union Ballroom to the eclectic sounds of Newsay, The 5th Pocket, and The New Deal.

Newsay members, Jon Shina and Adam Folta, refer to their music as "light-hearted drum and bass." Shina and Folta, who have been collaborating for about a year on this project began the concert with a half hour performance. On stage, the duo produced diversified sound through the manipulation of electronic equipment, without the use of turntables. Folta, who is a senior Architecture major at UMASS, said he is influenced by hip-hop, metal, as well as drum and bass. These influences were interwoven throughout their artistic display. Ann Lochhead was pleased with what she heard and complimented, "They had solid beats." the crowd was still filtering in as Newsay played. Those who were in attendance appreciated the twosome's originality. Their new album, Fanfare in a Major Chord, is available at Newbury Comics and at Newsay.net. Shina and Folta will be playing shows in the area at venues such as the Flywheel in Easthampton.

The 5th Pocket entered the stage after Newsay and in the words of UMASS super-senior Tony Bedell, "rocked" the Ballroom. The crowd was fully engaged as Hugh Currier, Cory O'Brien, Hodges, and Troy Lorusso played what they call "amhient, afro-breakbeat." Regardless of how one categorizes their musical stylings, this foursome has the talent to get people moving, with upbeat, spacey grooves. The 5th Pocket said that they frequently improvise while on stage, varying from a pre-written piece. After this improvisation, they ultimately return to the original material. The group's writing process is done in much of the same fashion, through improvisation and experimentation.

"I thought it sounded excellent," said percussionist and recent UMass graduate Lorusso. He said that the he and his band mates were able to feed off the crowd's energy.

The band was all smiles in the 'Green Room' after their performance. The 5th Pocket is currently unwilling to disclose the secret behind the group's name. The band intends on spending the next few months writing and recording new music. They hope to tour in the spring.

Canadian natives Jamie Shields, Dan Kurtz, and Darren Shearer put on a memorable performance inside the confines of the Student Union. The Toronto based trio which specializes in, 'live progressive breakbeat house,' had people up and dancing for the duration of their performance. The group combined a mixture of upbeat live drum and bass with some spacey climactic jams to galvanize the crowd. Despite an impeccable cohesiveness on stage, the group describes their formation as a "beautiful accident."

Josh Philie, who traveled from Connecticut to see the New Deal was unfamiliar with the group and commented, "this is a lot better than I expected."

Joe, who also made the trip from Connecticut, said that he's seen the band over ten times. He ranked Wednesday's performance as one of the most "serious" that he's seen. Joe did add that the New Deal is always "ridiculous" and that they never disappoint.

Senior psychology and education double major, Victoria Bruno, has seen the New Deal all over the East Coast. Victoria explained that going to a New Deal show is, "a release of all your anxiety, it's therapeutic."

Marykate Smith, a sophomore at Hampshire College was delighted by the entire event. "I think the whole thing is beautiful," Smith said.

AMA nominees: Usher and Kanye

By Alex Veiga
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — R&B sensation Usher and innovative rap newcomer Kanye West had the leading nominations going into Sunday's 32nd annual American Music Awards.

Usher was up for four honors, including favorite male artist in both the pop/rock and soul/R&B divisions of the awards show, to be broadcast live on ABC. He faces the likes of Josh Groban, Lenny Kravitz, Michael McDonald, Prince, R. Kelly and "American Idol" winner Ruben Studdard.

Usher's steamy album "Confessions," which sold more than 1 million copies in its debut week, was nominated for top album honors in both the pop/rock and soul/R&B divisions.

In the hip-hop/rap class, performer-producer West received nods in three categories: favorite male artist, favorite album for his debut album "The College Dropout," and best new artist. Joining West in the newcomer category were Maroon 5 and Gretchen Wilson, who also was nominated for the top female artist in the country music division, along with Martina McBride and Reba McEntire.

Rap group OutKast, the big winner at February's Grammy's, was a contender for best group in both the pop/rock and rap/hip-hop divisions.

Veteran rockers Bon Jovi were chosen to receive a special merit award, and also were to perform during the show, along with Jessica Simpson, Toby Keith, Maroon 5, Kravitz, Groban, Rod Stewart and Snoop Dogg. Ringo Starr was to introduce a rarely broadcast performance clip of The Beatles.

The same male artists nominated last year in the country music category vied for awards again: Keith, Kenny Chesney, Alan Jackson and Tim McGraw, who won last year.

Beyonce, Janet Jackson and Alicia Keys were all up for favorite female performer in the soul/R&B class, and Lavigne, Sheryl Crow and Simpson topped the list of favorite female artist in the pop/rock division.

The ceremony came as the rap world mourned the sudden death of O.D.B., the founding member of the Wu-Tang Clan, who collapsed and died at a New York recording studio on Saturday, two days before his 36th birthday.

Nominees were chosen on the basis of record sales, with winners selected by a survey of about 20,000 listeners.



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MondayNovember 15

LECTURE

Amherst College's Alumni House will host associate professor of English Judith Frank tonight at 8 p.m. The author is slated to read from her book, *Crybaby Butch*. "Fearless and unflinching," says Claire Messud. "Judy Frank's debut novel is searing and memorable." This event is put on by the Amherst College Creative Writing Center; it is free and open to the public.

TuesdayNovember 16

POETRY

Poet/activist Demetria Martinez will read at Smith College's Stoddard Hall Auditorium tonight at 7:30 p.m. The Princeton University graduate published her first novel, the Western States Book Award-winning "Mother Tongue," in 1994; the book detailed portions of the Sanctuary Movement and her role in it. "The Devil's Workshop" her most recent collection of poetry is, in the words of Chicano poet Jimmy Santiago, "a tough and solitary celebration of the song [by] ... a solid and unflinchng voice in Latina poetry." This event is free, open to the public, and wheelchair accessible.

TuesdayNovember 16

CONCERT

You can catch the Avanti Wind Quintet tonight, at Bezanson Recital Hall at 8 p.m. Pieces by Darius Milhaud, Maurice Ravel and Gideon Klein will be fleshed out by Christopher Krueger (flute), Fredric Cohen (oboe), Michael Sussman (clarinet), Laura Klock (horn) and Stephen Walt (bassoon). Advanced students Kari Soper (flute), Lauren Kapalka (oboe), John Ferraro (clarinet), Gregory Genatossio (bass clarinet), Kelli Kirkman (horn) and Deniz Ersoy (bassoon) will join in, too. Tickets are $5 for students and $10 for the general public.

WednesdayNovember 17

CONCERT

Genre-defying guitarist Bill Frisell will bring his trio to Northampton's cozy Iron Horse Music hall tonight at 7 p.m. Backed up by Viktor Krauss (bass) and Sex Mob's Kenny Wollesen (drums), the matchless six-stringer will toss out tunes that aren't jazz, country, blues or rock ... his compositions are uniquely Bill Frisell. Tickets are $20 in advance, and $23 at the door. Don't miss it.

FridayNovember 19

FILM

Come experience the use of Nicaraguan history as both a backdrop and a foundation, for this multi-faceted piece that incorporates poetry, dialogue, and monologue in order to mediate between a dead national past and the uncertain crises of the present, as the New World Theatre presents "La Casa de Rigoberta Mira Al Su," at the Kirby theater at Amherst College. This event is performed entirely in Spanish with English translations. Tickets are $15; $8 seniors; $5 students. Tickets are available at the Fine Arts Center box office at Umass. For more information call 545-2511.

SatrudayNovember 20

PERFORMANCE

Saturday at the top of the Campus Center at Umass, The UMass Pride Alliance will be hosting its annual fall drag ball complete with amateur drag show/contest. Prizes will be given away to the best performers! Performers should contact the Pride Alliance's social chair to sign up. Fee: $3 UMass students; $4 5-college students; $5 general admission; a dollar off if you come in drag. For more information call 545-4824.

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BOB DYLAN LIVE

Saturday Bob Dylan brings his extensive catalogue of timeless songs to the Mullins Center tonight at 8 p.m. For a mere $35 or $45; come see the most influential singer/songwriter of all time.

Controversial exhibit boldly illustrates the tragedy of war

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ly been fatally wounded, and is scared and alone. It is interesting that this would pick such a morbid way to depict war, but he got his point across, and the message is received —war is not something that glorifies you, it is scary, dangerous and lethal.

The art exhibit even has some material from the present war, the War on Terror in Iraq. The most repeated image was that of the Iraqi prisoner, forced to stand on a box wearing a cloak and a hood, with wires attached to both hands. This prisoner was told that if he fell off, he would be electrocuted.

out of all of these images that were replicated in artists' unique ways, there was one in particular that caught my eye. It was from the magazine Art Forum, created by Richard Serra. The picture depicted a drawing of the hooded Iraqi prisoner as a black silhouette against a gray painted background, with big black capital letters on either side of his head containing the two words "STOP BUSH." Those two words made me freeze immediately. The words could have easily have said simple "STOP THE WAR" but it was directed towards Bush, and only Bush. It was interesting that Serra took this point of view. Serra gets his point across with few words or pictures. The images he uses are big and bold and cannot be mistaken for another meaning. Although at times the printed word can be misconstrued, I am certain that everyone can understand Serra's point of view with his drawing. It was a powerful piece that hopefully will make other people sit down and think about the war that is going on.

One of the last pieces of this exhibit deals directly with the September 11th tragedy in New York. It is a photograph, taken by Richard Drew bearing the title "A Person Falls Headfirst from the North Tower of the New York World Trade Center, September 11, 2004." Although the title of it is self explanatory, you do not get the entire message until you actually see the photograph. The way the picture is taken you cannot see the edges of the World Trade Center. All you can see is one single man, upside down, committing suicide because he believes that this would be better than falling with the tower.

Out of all the elements that this art exhibit has on display, this to me was the most influential. This man was so distressed and scared, that he thought it better to jump to his death, rather than await a future that was uncertain. Words cannot describe the feeling of looking at his photo. One cannot fathom the situation in which that man, and all of the people who suffered from 9/11 must have felt. September 11th was an eye opener for the United States, and it was a day that will forever remain in our history as a day that forced America to come together and be the United States that we are.

I would strongly recommend to anyone of suitable age take the half hour out of his or her day and visit this exhibit. You may find subjects and pieces of artwork there that intrigue you in a way you did not think possible. Hopefully it will expand your knowledge, and build upon what you already know.

The images are graphic, the Art Museum realizes this and makes no excuses for it, but it is the only way to depict how war really is. As citizens of the great United States of America, we have the right to obtain all the information we can about virtually any subject we want. If we are at war, I believe that the American public should know exactly what is going on overseas, and the extent to which it is happening. The Pain of War is a real depiction of war— The guts, the glory, and the truth.

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Wu-Tang member ODB dies

By Nekesa Mumbi Moody
Associated Press

NEW YORK(AP) — The rap artist O.D.B., whose utterly unique rhymes, wild lifestyle and incessant legal troubles made him one of the most vivid characters in hip-hop, collapsed and died inside a recording studio Saturday. He was 35.

O.D.B. had complained of chest pains before collapsing at the Manhattan studio, and was dead by the time paramedics arrived, said Gabe Tesoriero, a spokesman for O.D.B.'s record label, Roc-a-Fella.

The cause of death was not immediately clear, but O.D.B. had recently finished a prison sentence for drug possession and escaping a rehab clinic. He would have turned 36 on Monday.

O.D.B. — also known as Ol' Dirty Bastard, Dirt McGirt, Big Baby Jesus or his legal name of Russell Jones — was a founding member of the seminal rap group the Wu-Tang Clan in the early 1990s. With his unorthodox delivery — alternately slurred, hyper and nonsensical — O.D.B. stood out even in the nine-man Clan, which featured such future stars as Method Man, RZA and Ghostface Killah.

The Wu-Tang blueprint was for each member to pursue solo projects, and O.D.B.'s were among the best. He released hit singles such as "Shimmy Shimmy Ya" and "Got Your Money," and appeared on remixes with artists like Mariah Carey.

"There's nobody like him in the game," RZA told The Associated Press in an April interview, when asked if O.D.B. could resume his career after prison. "He's got a lot of problems he's got to iron out, of course, but as far as a one-of-a-kind person, a one-of-a-kind artist, he's one of a generation, one of a lifetime. He's a very rare commodity."

But as his fame increased, so did his erratic behavior, and fans came to expect the unexpected from O.D.B.

When MTV News followed him around at the height of his popularity, he took the camera crew and several of his kids (he was said to have more than a dozen, by numerous mothers) to the welfare office — in a limousine — to get an allotment of food stamps. And he received them.

In February 1998, he crashed the stage at the Grammy Awards and hijacked a microphone from singer Shawn Colvin as she accepted an award, apparently upset over losing the best rap album Grammy to P. Diddy (then known as Puff Daddy). He complained that he spent a lot of money for new clothes because he thought he was going to win. The rapper later apologized.

Over the years, he was wounded in shootings and arrested on a veritable laundry list of charges, including menacing security officers, illegally possessing body armor, driving with a suspended license, shoplifting and threatening a former girlfriend.

In 2000, after escaping a court-ordered stint in a California rehabilitation center, authorities searched for him for a month. He was finally arrested in Philadelphia — three days after performing in a New York City concert with his Wu-Tang clique.

He was sentenced in 2001 to two to four years in prison for drug possession, plus two concurrent years for escaping from the clinic. He was released in 2003 and immediately signed with Roc-a-Fella.

He heralded his return with a news conference alongside singer Carey — pop fans may know him best for his memorable cameo on her hit "Fantasy," featuring rhymes like "me and Mariah, go back like babies with pacifiers."

Tesoriero said O.D.B. had been working on his comeback album for more than a year and was almost finished.



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Old Dirty Bastard (aka Russell Jones) died Saturday night of unknown causes at a recording studio. He was 35 years old.

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Minutemen cap off great weekend

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Werner took it all alone to the goal. He lost possession of the puck in front of the net but was able to regain control in time to put a great move on goalie Cory Schneider and give UMass the two-goal lead on the team's second short-handed goal of the season.

BC fought back and scored three unanswered power play goals in front of its home crowd of 6,968 people. The first two goals were tallied by Ned Havern and Joe Rooney, and the two teams went into the second intermission deadlocked at two.

Just 4:09 into the third frame, the Eagles' John Adams sent a shot into a crowd of players, and it hit Minuteman defender Peter Trovato's stick about 15 feet in front of the net. The puck deflected off the stick perfectly and flew past goalie Gabe Winer's right shoulder as he was shading towards his left side, where the attack was generating.

UMass stayed resilient, though, and was able to put enough pressure on Schneider to allow Vitek to pick up his second goal of the night right in front of the net.

The Minutemen earned the tie despite giving up three power play goals and being out-shot by the Eagles an astounding 54-17.

"They were going to outshoot us tonight," Cahoon admitted. "They're an offensive juggernaut. We knew what we had to do. We had to counter and get some chances, shift a few goals and deny them their second chances around the cage."

It was the spectacular play of Winer that allowed them to stay in the game against the high-powered Eagle offense. He made 51 saves while Schneider only made 14. Winer actually made more saves in the second (17) and third (21) periods than his opponent made throughout the course of the game.

"Gabe is a quality goaltender," Cahoon said. "I think a lot of people in this league have known that for awhile now, and tonight was an example of how he can read plays and make saves. It's very reassuring to have that type of goaltender between the pipes."

Not to be lost in the shuffle was the play of Obi Aduba, who filled in on defense for Jeff Lange, who faced a mandatory one-game suspension stemming from a game disqualification Nov. 6 against Merrimack.

"We were just hoping that Obi would give us a great effort and he certainly did that," Cahoon said. "Our expectation was for him to give up a little bit of help and buy some time for us. He didn't have to do anything special. He handles the puck real well, and he was a big help to us and that gives us some insurance in terms of that position."

Against Mercyhurst, the Minutemen scored three goals in a seven-minute span in the first period to put the Lakers away early.

UMass goalie Tim Warner got the start yesterday and made 23 saves to earn his second victory of the season. He admitted that the team was nervous because they didn't want to face another letdown against its second Atlantic Hockey Association opponent this season. The Minutemen lost to Connecticut 3-2 in overtime on Oct. 24.

"We didn't want to lose to another team like that," Warner said. "Mercyhurst is actually a really a good team, but they had a late game last night, and they were tired."

Warner went on to give his defense the credit for the victory.

"This is the best game I've seen this team play in four years, not just this year," the senior goaltender said. "Credit our defense for neutralizing them. From the drop of the puck tonight, they couldn't do anything. Their only real chances were on the power play. They couldn't do anything five-on-five."



KARIN WINDORA COLLEGIAN

UMass freshman forward P.J. Fenton has been off to a hot start this season, and he scored a goal against Mercyhurst yesterday during UMass' 6-1 victory at the Mullins Center.

UM rocking and rolling

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Could it be that the other team, the one that never pulled away from Connecticut, that put just 20 shots on David Cacciola while the Providence Friars tried to make Tim Warner look like Swiss cheese, has shuffled out of town?

"It's day to day, I don't know if it's totally fixed, but today was definitely a good outing for us," Cahoon said, "and the objective here is to have more good outings than bad outings, so I'll take the good outing and we'll see if we can put a few more together. You can only do this one at a time. It's reasonable to say there's a Jekyll and Hyde version of this team, but it's too early to label us."

For five weeks, the Minutemen were Eddie Vedder; a different show every night. That works in rock and roll, but in Hockey East, it's a one-way road to a very quiet March. This weekend, they were Wayne Newton — the same team, the same game, both nights — and the result was a well-earned tie and a convincing win as well as second place in the conference.

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College football is staring straight at another BCS mess

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala.(AP) – Auburn made its case on the field – and off – and enough voters were swayed.

The Tigers moved up to No. 2 in The Associated Press Top 25 on Sunday, but they're not alone. Auburn and Oklahoma now share the spot behind No. 1 Southern California in the media poll.

And they're only separated in the coaches' poll by two points, with the Sooners holding the slim advantage.

The next thing to change will be the Bowl Championship Series standings, which come out Monday.

The annual debate about the BCS is about to reach a fever pitch. With three weekends of football left before the postseason matchups are determined, the chances of three major conference teams finishing unbeaten is a distinct possibility.

USC will play in the Orange Bowl for the BCS title on Jan. 4 with little protest if it wins its remaining two games.

As for the Tigers and Sooners, with two wins each, one will be on the way to Miami while the other is left to wonder why a 12-0 record and a major conference championship wasn't good enough.

This much is clear: If USC, Oklahoma and Auburn all run the table, a team deserving a shot at the national championship isn't going to get it. Nice job, BCS.

Auburn and Oklahoma each received 1,536 points in the latest AP poll. The Tigers got six first-place votes and the Sooners received eight. Last week, Oklahoma led Auburn by 43 and had 10 first-place votes to the Tigers' three.

Auburn made a convincing case Saturday against Georgia, beating the Bulldogs 24-6. It was Auburn's ninth victory of the season by at least two touchdowns.

"I haven't talked much about the BCS until this point," Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville said Saturday. "We had to get over this hump because of how good (Georgia) is."

Now, Tuberville is ready to talk about the BCS.

He made those comments not at the postgame news conference, but during an impromptu post-postgame news conference in the pressbox at Jordan-Hare Stadium. Tuberville admittedly dropped by to do a little lobbying.

Who knows whether it helped? It's doubtful that he could have said anything that was more persuasive than his team's stellar performance.

The Sooners beat Nebraska 30-3 on Saturday night, but it was their close calls the previous two weeks against Oklahoma State and Texas A&M that left the voters questioning Oklahoma's credentials.

The Sooners beat the Cowboys by three and the Aggies by seven, playing poor defense in each game.

Despite the struggles, Oklahoma's resume stacks up well with Auburn's.

Both are 10-0 with three victories against ranked opponents.

The Tigers have been winning more decisively, by an average of 25 points. The Sooners average margin is 16.8, but so far they've played a tougher schedule.

The Tigers' non-conference slate served up three cupcakes Louisiana-Monroe, The Citadel and Louisiana Tech.

Oklahoma's non-conference schedule at least offered a couple of solid teams in Bowling Green and Oregon to go along with pushover Houston.

"Strength of schedule is important, but it's also how you are playing," Tuberville said. "It's not like we've been winning by two or three points. We've been pretty much naming our score."

Since beating LSU 10-9 in September, Auburn has been running roughshod through the Southeastern Conference, including a 34-10 win at Tennessee.

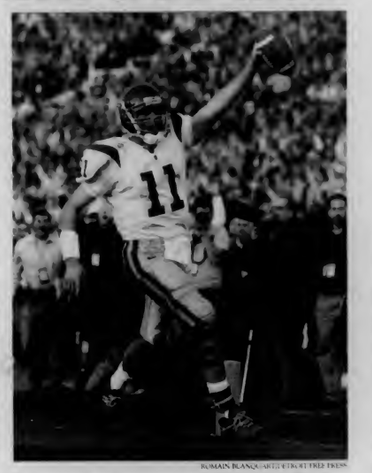
Knowing style points count, Tuberville left his top defenders in the whole way against Georgia, hoping to blank the Bulldogs.

Oklahoma did the same against Nebraska, but lost the shutout on a field goal on the final play of the game.

"It is funny how we find ourselves in these circumstances at the end of games," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "It really puts you in an odd position. I don't like being in that position. Unfortunately, the way things are these days, that's the way it is."

To Oklahoma's credit, those recent tight games came on the road against ranked Big 12 teams. And the Sooners' 12-0 win over Texas came on a neutral field.

Auburn goes on the road Saturday to face Alabama before a likely rematch with Tennessee in the SEC title game in Atlanta on Dec. 4.



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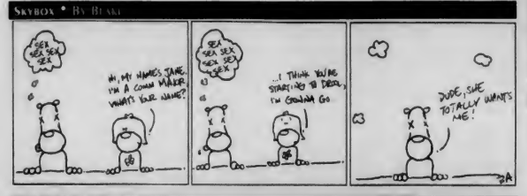
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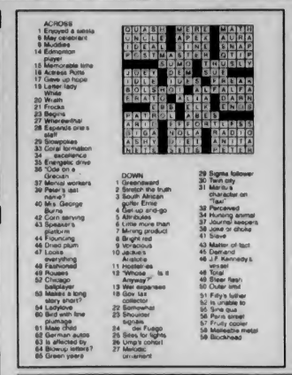
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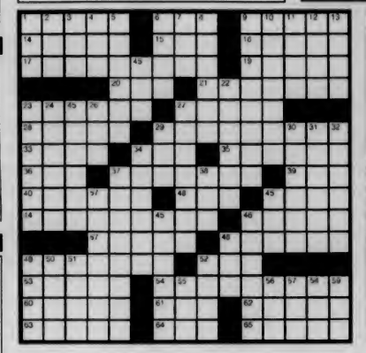
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Making a statement

Vitek scores four goals in two games

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

For the first time in this young season, the Massachusetts hockey team (6-4-1, 3-2-1 Hockey East) came out of a two-game weekend with two positive results.

Friday night, the Minutemen headed east to Chestnut Hill to take on the No. 1 Boston College Eagles (4-1-1, 2-0-1 Hockey East) at Conte Forum and battled them to a hard fought 3-3 tie.

UMass	6
Mercyhurst	1

Yesterday, UMass played host to the Mercyhurst Lakers (4-6-0, 3-0-0 Atlantic Hockey) at the Mullins Center but sent them packing back to New York as 6-1 losers.

The Minutemen earned three tough points before they take off on a tough four-game road trip that will begin Friday night in Orono, Maine against the Black Bears.

UMass	3
Boston College	3

UMass senior forward Tim Vitek played the role of unsung hero this weekend as he notched a pair of goals in each contest, including the goal that tied the game at three with just under 10 minutes to play in regulation against Boston College.

"Yeah, anything to help out the team and to have success here," Vitek said on Friday night. "We needed this. This is definitely a boost to our team. We can compete with any team in the league, if not in the country."

Vitek, who only had one goal this season heading into the weekend and 15 in his previous three seasons for the Minutemen, was just happy to contribute statistically.

"It was a) pretty lucky weekend, I'd say," Vitek acknowledged. "I just tried to have an extra bounce in my step this week in practice, and it paid off. To get three points this weekend, that was huge for us."

Vitek opened the scoring against the Eagles with a wrister in front of the net, and Stephen Werner added the second goal of the night to give the Minutemen an impressive 2-0 advantage in the second period against the nation's top team.

Kevin Jarman, who had a career high three assists Friday night, sent the puck up to center ice where

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MATTHEW REDMAN/COLLEGIAN

UMass goalie Tim Warner made 23 saves and earned his second win of the season against Mercyhurst yesterday at the Mullins Center. The Minutemen had their first successful weekend of the season as they tied Boston College in Chestnut Hill and defeated Mercyhurst.

KAREN WINGERD/COLLEGIAN

UMass senior forward Tim Vitek led the Minutemen with four goals in two games this weekend. He scored two against Boston College Friday night including the game-tying goal with under 10 minutes left in the game.

Minutemen rock and roll through weekend



Andrew Merritt

For the first five weeks of the 2004-05 season, the Massachusetts hockey team was reminiscent of Pearl Jam — no matter how many times you saw them, the Minutemen gave you a different show.

There was the team that traveled to Alaska and hung with national finalist Minnesota for 59 minutes and 29 seconds before succumbing to an 11th-hour goal from Ryan Potulny. It was the same team that shut out Providence 2-0 at home on Oct. 30, and blew out Merrimack 8-2 six days later.

Then, there was the team that slogged through unexpected defeats to Connecticut and Merrimack, and was run out of Schneider Arena by Providence the night before they blanked the Friars. That team struggled to keep opponents away from its net and turned scoring into an abstract art, sometimes showing moments of extreme accuracy and sometimes appearing to fire at will in hopes of hitting something, but never doing either consistently.

That team was no fun. What's worse, it was losing important — and winnable — games. The only thing that was consistent about that team was that it always seemed to show up exactly once a weekend. Whether it was digging the hole Friday night, or souring the potential of a sweep on Saturday or Sunday, it was always around to mess up the Minutemen's chance of making serious headway in these peculiarly crucial early weeks of the season.

While the non-conference games being played in October and November — against teams as good as Clarkson and as uninspiring as Connecticut — don't make any mark on league standings, the Minutemen found out the hard way last year that you can make it to the conference final, but if you don't have a solid out-of-conference record, you've got to take the league title to get to the NCAA Tournament.

This weekend's pair of games was looking eerily similar to the Oct. 22-24 weekend, when the Minutemen won an exciting, frantic, and high-quality overtime decision against UMass-Lowell on Friday, only to come out flat and stay that way through a 3-2 loss to UConn on Sunday, effectively establishing the low-water mark for this season. The script this weekend could have been very much the same: come out strong in an important game against a conference foe, and then trip over yourself against an Atlantic Hockey Association team that everyone expects to be overmatched.

It wouldn't have been outrageous for a spectator to walk into the Mullins Center yesterday afternoon full of fright that — cue dramatic music — "that other team" might be coming to play, but it was clearly not in the building. This weekend, the first team — the fun one — showed up both Friday night in Chestnut Hill against the goliath of Hockey East, and against the relatively lesser Mercyhurst Lakers yesterday, making two appearances in one weekend for the first time all season.

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Freeman leads UMass in exhibition game

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

On Friday night, the Massachusetts men's basketball team claimed a hard-fought 73-64 victory over visiting Concordia in its one and only exhibition game of the 2004-2005 season.

Concordia was undersized and overmatched by the Minutemen, yet kept up to speed with a team that is fighting off some rust from the offseason.

The Maroon and White put together a sloppy second half that saw Concordia jump out to as far as a five-point lead. The Minutemen responded in the final minutes of the half when Maurice Maxwell was intentionally fouled on a fast break with 4:55 left in the game.

UMass	73
Concordia	64

Maxwell hit the free throw, and on the ensuing inbounds play, hit a three that was followed by threes from Artie Bowers and Anthony Anderson. The barrage of late outside shooting put Concordia behind 63-56, a deficit they would never overcome.

UMass started off slow, allowing Concordia to jump out to an early 10-6 lead in the first five minutes. Preseason first team all A-10 sophomore Rashaun Freeman took the offensive weight on his shoulders for the Minutemen, scoring their first six points. Freeman would finish the game with 21 points and nine rebounds.

Freeman was content that UMass came away with the win but recognizes that the Minutemen have a ways to go before the regular season gets underway on Nov. 23, at home against Alabama-Birmingham.

"I'm glad that we finished with a win, but I'm not satisfied with the win because we could have played a lot better," Freeman said. "We came into today and thought we could blow them out, and we came and didn't play to how we wanted to play."

Part of the problem for UMass was its ineptitude from behind the arc in the first half. The Minutemen missed their first seven three-pointers, with Bowers breaking the streak midway through the first half. Bowers' shot was honed for Friday as he scored all his 13 points from three-point land, going five-for-eight on the evening.

Senior captain Anderson, who missed most of preseason with a bad back, had a slow start and was shut out in the first half. UMass coach Steve Lappas was concerned with his team's play but is confident it will improve as Anderson gets into the swing of things.

"Anthony showed a little bit of rust in the first half. He only really practiced yesterday for the first time so he made a couple of mistakes," Lappas said.

In the waning minutes of the first half, the Minutemen went on a brief scoring barrage led by the keen shooting of Bowers. With UMass leading 17-16, Bowers nailed a three, which was followed up by unanswered buckets from Freeman and Maxwell, leaving the score at 22-16.

The Maroon and White would keep the game near a 10-point differential until the final seconds of the half. Concordia's Ben Sormonte hit point guard Chris Blackwood, who nailed a three as time expired, leaving the score at 31-24 going into the half.

The second half was extremely sloppy for the Minutemen, who committed 14 of their 18 turnovers during the period. Defensive-minded center Stephane Lasme found himself in foul trouble, and Lappas was forced to make an array of substitutions, causing several awkward lineups.

With this, Lappas introduced UMass fans to three new faces in Jeff "Big Dell" Sulovski, Lawrence Carrier and Oliver Lamoureux.

Freeman was pleased with how the freshmen played but knows that there is a big difference between an exhibition game and the regular season.

"They've got to feel out what it's like to play in a real game, but this wasn't a real game per se so they got a little taste," Freeman said. "When it comes to next week, I think they'll get a real taste to how a real college game is played."



MATTHEW REDMAN/COLLEGIAN

Rashaun Freeman scored 21 points and grabbed nine rebounds in UMass' exhibition victory over Concordia at the Mullins Center on Friday night.



'Weekend Update': Quinn visits Umass

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Student group UMassbannerdrop banner examines political party election results

By Cameron Methner
Collegian Correspondent

A group of University of Massachusetts students say they hung a banner from the top level of the Campus Center Garage in hopes to create a dialogue on campus on "the two-party system that increasingly seems not to represent the range of views in this country."

UMassbannerdrop, an anonymous student group, says it hung the banner on Nov. 3 that read "Same Fucking Difference" and pictured an elephant and donkey, representing the two major political parties of the United States, having sexual intercourse. It was removed several hours later by an unknown source.

The banner was smaller than a bed sheet, but it presented what UMassbannerdrop members hoped would be a large message by drawing attention to the differences and similarities between the Democratic and Republican Parties.

"It is out of outrage at this system and the pretense of difference that the democrats and republicans insist on in this election and every day that we take this action," said the UMassbannerdrop group in a press release. "The banner was hung only here at UMass, and the banner drop group believes it was taken down that same day due to its explicit message."

The group members said in an email that they hung the banner hoping to spark some form of dialogue on campus between the students, no matter what their political party affiliation may be, but mainly due to UMass' majority of democrats on campus. "This dialogue is particularly important to UMass where the majority of the population supports the Democratic Party and does not question why that party has become so conservative or work to promote candidates who reflect their actual political views, being content to vote for the 'anything but' candidate," wrote a group representative, who wished to remain anonymous.



MATTHEW REDMAN/COLLEGIAN

A banner depicting a the Democratic donkey and Republican elephant engaging in sexual intercourse was hung from the Campus Center Garage the day after the presidential elections by the group UMassbannerdrop.

The group's dropping of the banner referred to the two presidential candidates of this year's election and their similar stances on prominent issues. "We hung the banner as a way to draw out dialogue regarding the similar policies – particularly on education, the war on Iraq, neo-liberalism and civil liberties – of John Kerry and George W. Bush," said the representative. The issues that showed great similarities were prominent issues on each candidate's platform and affected how many voters finally decided on Nov. 2.

The group said that their main goal with the banner was to create some form of reaction. "We are frustrated by the apathy that allows this situation to continue, and we hope that our banner will encourage discourse among those who see it in person and those who hear about it."

Jennifer McNaught, a junior, said she saw the banner being taken down from the parking garage. "There are a lot of differences between the candidates. Everyone should be more informed of those differences."

Sharon Kanolik, a junior foreign exchange student from the United Kingdom, said, "I disagree with what the banner is saying. As a foreign exchange student here, I feel like I do not know enough about this country's politics ... [and] the differences between Bush and Kerry. I feel the main difference is that religion plays a massive role in Bush's campaign."

The UMassbannerdrop group is not only concerned with the similarities between the two parties, but also with other issues in politics. We are also concerned with the corporate influence on electoral politics and with the fact that one must be a millionaire to run for national office."

This year's election was said to have been costly for both delegates, and it has set a new level of campaign spending. Both parties spending a great deal of money with advertising and fundraising is pivotal in any campaign for public office.

As of print time UMassbannerdrop has not said anything about their next form of action.

Commission for Diversity holds inaugural meeting

By Dan Terk
Collegian Staff

The newly formed University of Massachusetts Commission for Campus Diversity held its inaugural meeting Saturday. During the private meeting, the 23-member committee heard preliminary reports and reviewed its charge.

According to UMass officials, the commission has also scheduled four additional meetings that will be private working sessions, as well as a public forum on Thursday, Dec. 9, at which groups and individuals will be invited to make presentations. There will also be a public session held in mid-February, when the commission will present its final report on its findings of campus diversity.

The chairman of the committee, Orlando L. Taylor, vice provost for research and graduate school dean at Howard University in Washington D.C., said, "The university community is to be congratulated for having selected such a distinguished group to address the mission at hand."

The commission's charge is to present a specific set of recommendations, campus guidelines and organizational structures to help bring about a more diversified campus.

Chancellor John V. Lombardi, who announced the creation of the Commission on Campus Diversity on Oct. 15, said that even with the long tradition of working on issues of diversity at UMass, he is still "seriously concerned about the effectiveness" of the current efforts. He also noted, "We need some expert guidance ... We must draw upon the best experiences of our colleagues around the country who face similar challenges."

Taylor seemed optimistic about the efforts of the commission and its members. "I am impressed with [the members'] knowledge, experience and commitment ... We are proceeding in a focused, results-oriented fashion."

The committee consists of a diverse group of professionals ranging from state representatives to Mass Port authority officials, professional educators and students. Just over half of the members are from UMass, including two students.

The steps taken by the administration are not entirely in response to the recent racially driven actions, but also to the series of similar events that have occurred since Lombardi took his position.

The fact that recruitment and retention of minority students has been lacking in recent years played a role in the commission's conception as well. Currently only 17 percent of the 18,000 undergraduates are minorities.

According to a letter posted on the commission's Web site, Michael Gargano, vice chancellor for student affairs and campus life, said, "Knowing that the entire University benefits from a racially and ethnically diverse campus ... we charge the commission with reviewing and assessing those aspects of campus life related to diversity and the quality of experience for our students."

The aforementioned public forum to be held on Dec. 9 will be from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., and a location will be announced shortly. It will be open to any and all individuals who wish to attend and have

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Job prospects looking much brighter for college graduates

By Justin Pope
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — The recovering economy and looming retirement of the baby boomers are making this a very good year to be a college senior looking for a job after graduation. Recruiters, career counselors and students say the fall recruiting season has been the most active since the dot.com boom.

Accountants are again finding increased demand for their services — thanks to the wave of post-Enron regulations — but theirs is just one of several hot fields. Technology companies, investment banks and consulting firms appear to be picking up the pace, as do some defense contractors and even smaller businesses that haven't traditionally recruited on campus.

"I haven't been to school in the last three weeks because of my interview schedule," said Eric Golden, a senior at Bentley College, a business-oriented school in the Boston suburb of Waltham. He feels lucky to be graduating this year.

Friends with similar credentials who graduated earlier often ended up taking positions that weren't their top choices — "just to have a job," Golden said. He's been juggling about a dozen interviews with companies including money managers, investment banks and General Electric.

College hiring is expected to increase 13 percent from last year, according to a new survey from the National Association of Colleges and Employers. The survey also indicates that 7 out of 10 employers said they expected to increase salary offers to new college graduates, the average increase being 3.7 percent.

Four out of five employers called the job market for new graduates good, very good or excellent; last year fewer than two out of five did.

Michigan State's College Employment Research Institute will release a report Thursday that director Phil Gardner said will show overall campus hiring is up as much as 20 percent this year, depending on the region.

Experts say hiring still isn't approaching the intensity of the late 1990s. A population boom among college students has tightened competition, and employers remain gun-shy about big bonuses.

Some engineers are still having a tough time, in part because so much manufacturing has moved off shore. And many businesses, notably financial services, have learned to get by with leaner staffs during the downturn.

But there is clear momentum. At California State University, Fullerton, the number of companies at a fall career fair was up about 40 percent from last year; at the University of Florida, the number of recruiting companies is up as much as 15 percent.

At the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind., interviews are up roughly 30 percent. Also, the school had to step in, requiring recruiters to allow students to mull job offers until at least Nov. 24. For the first time since the dot.com boom, competition was fierce enough that companies were pushing students for immediate decisions on their offers.

Amherst Police Department gets grant for 'Click it or ticket'

By Dan O'Brien
Collegian Staff

Amherst Police Chief Charles L. Scherpa announced last week that his department has received a $12,000 grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau to support its involvement in the 2004-2005 "Click It or Ticket" and "You Drink and Drive. You Lose" campaigns.

The funds have also been approved for the first statewide "Road Respect" campaign, which targets aggressive drivers and speeding. The grant will include an additional $5,000 for the purchase of equipment and educational materials.

The first "Click it or Ticket" mobilization will be conducted from Nov. 15 through Nov. 28. Massachusetts State Police claimed the campaign has helped increase safety belt usage statewide from 51 percent in 2002 to 63 percent in 2004. State Police also expect the campaign to reduce fatalities and injuries from motor vehicle accidents. More than 400 fatalities and 91,000 injuries occur in motor vehicle accidents in Massachusetts each year.

The campaigns have become popular throughout the state with several television and radio advertisements featuring Massachusetts State Police troopers informing drivers to buckle up. The popular slogan on the commercials says, "Click It or Ticket. Massachusetts is serious about saving lives." The first year of the campaign was based on a successful national model involving four "mobilizations" that combined high-visibility traffic enforcement, paid and earned media, and community education between Nov. 2002 and Sept. 2003. The first phase of the campaign raised safety belt use 11 percent to a historical high of 62 percent, according to the Massachusetts State Police Web site.

Massachusetts law requires all drivers and passengers to be properly restrained in a safety belt, booster seat, or child safety seat. A driver may be stopped by police solely for having a child under 12 years old improperly restrained. This offense carries a $25 fine per unbuckled occupant. The law also states that children under 5 years old and weighing fewer than 41 pounds must be properly secured in a child safety seat.

The Governor's Highway Safety Board, a program of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety, is providing $3.7 million in grant funding to 265 local police departments and to the State Police.

The Amherst Police Department also announced it will be conducting a Child Passenger Safety Checkpoint for Amherst residents on the third Friday of each month by appointment only.

Amherst residents should e-mail the Amherst Police at police@amherstma.gov or call the Amherst Police Department Community Services Bureau at 413-256-4012 to schedule an appointment to have their child safety seats inspected and properly installed.

Colin Powell resigns from position as secretary of state

By Tom Raum
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) – Secretary of State Colin Powell, the retired four-star general who often clashed with more hawkish members of the administration on Iraq and other foreign policy issues, resigned in a Cabinet exodus that promises a starkly different look to President Bush's second-term team.

National security adviser Condoleezza Rice was most likely to succeed Powell, senior administration officials said Monday.

Known for his moderate views and unblemished reputation, it was Powell who went before the United Nations in Feb. 2003 to sell Bush's argument for invading Iraq to skeptics „broad and at home. But Powell's case was built on faulty intelligence that Saddam Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction.

Still, the former Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman remained the most popular member of the administration, more so than even Bush.

The White House on Monday announced Powell's plan to depart along with the resignations of Education Secretary Rod Paige, Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman and Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham.

Combined with the resignations earlier this month of Commerce Secretary Don Evans and Attorney General John Ashcroft, six of Bush's 15 Cabinet members will not be part of the president's second term, which begins with his inauguration Jan. 20. An administration that experienced few changes over the last four years suddenly hit a high-water mark for overhaul.

In a resignation letter dated Nov. 12, Powell told Bush that, with the election over, it was time to "step down ... and return to private life." The Army man for 35 years said he would stay on "for a number of weeks, or a month or two" until his replacement was confirmed by the Senate.

Asked what he plans to do next, the 67-year-old Powell said, "I don't know." In a statement, Bush called Powell "one of the great public servants of our time."

Most of the speculation on a successor to Powell has centered on Rice, who is generally seen as more hawkish and is one of Bush's closest advisers. She is widely considered the president's first choice for the top diplomat job despite reports that she intends to return to California — she was provost at Stanford University — or was hoping to replace Donald Rumsfeld as defense secretary.

Aides to Rice declined to comment. In Ecuador for a meeting of defense ministers, Rumsfeld gave no indication that he is on the verge of stepping down. "I have not discussed that with the president," he said when asked if he planned to resign.

Also mentioned as a possible Powell replacement was U.N. Ambassador John Danforth, the former Republican senator from Missouri.



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Romney targets Turnpike chair for Big Dig funding disaster

By Steve LeBlanc
Associated Press



Amorello is defending himself against Romney's charges of poor project management for the Big Dig.

BOSTON (AP) — In his newly declared quest to oust Massachusetts Turnpike Chairman Matthew Amorello, Gov. Mitt Romney isn't likely to get much help from the independent agency's board of directors.

A majority of the board — Jordan Levy, John Moscardelli and Amorello himself — are publicly backing the chairman against Romney's charges that he has managed the $14.6 billion project poorly.

Romney issued the call for Amorello's resignation on Friday after an investigation revealed that there are hundreds of leaks in the new I-93 tunnel under downtown Boston.

That criticism is unfair according to Moscardelli, who was appointed to the board in 2002 by Romney's predecessor and fellow Republican Jane Swift. Moscardelli said Romney's demand that Amorello step down was politically motivated. He said Amorello isn't to blame for an eight-inch breach in one of the tunnel's walls in September that sent water pouring into the tunnel, creating a massive traffic jam.

"It's unfortunate that this whole situation has been used for some political expediency," Moscardelli said.

The cause of the leak dates back to 1999 when the cement was poured for that section of the tunnel, well before Amorello became head of the agency in 2002, Moscardelli said.

Romney said on Friday that the project needs someone with more technical expertise in massive construction projects than Amorello, a former state senator.

"I lost confidence in the Turnpike Authority's ability to manage the project some time ago," Romney said. "The public has also lost confidence in the management of the Big Dig."

As governor, Romney is barred from firing members of an independent authority like the Turnpike without just cause. A spokeswoman for Romney on Monday declined to say how the governor hopes to remove Amorello.

State Transportation Secretary Daniel Grabauskas, appointed to the Turnpike Board by Romney, declined to comment. A fifth board member, Richard Anderson, did not return a phone call Monday.

Other voices on Beacon Hill say the focus on Amorello could divert attention away from the project's contractors, which the state has blamed for faulty work and overcharges. The Turnpike Authority is seeking to recoup millions of dollars from Big Dig contractors, including Bechtel/Parsons Brinckerhoff, the firm overseeing the most expensive highway project in U.S. history.

"The only people who are pleased to have a political sideshow is Bechtel/Parsons Brinckerhoff because it takes attention away from them and their failure to provide adequate oversight, adequate quality control and underscores their lack of a meaningful cost recovery program," said Jack McCarthy, a spokesman for state Inspector General Gregory Sullivan.

Bechtel has defended its work, saying some "seepage" is inevitable in a project of the size and scope of the Big Dig, and that efforts are underway to help seal those leaks.



High honors, smooth harmony

Members of the Vocal Suspects singing group perform at the Dean's List reception last Weds., Nov.10 in the Campus Center auditorium.

Commission to hold public forum

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their concerns heard by the commission.

Signing up in advance will be required of students to allow for an orderly and productive meeting, and more details can be found at the Commission of Campus Diversity Web site: www.umass.edu/campusdiversity.

The full member list, biographies, official documents, and press releases can also be found on this site. In addition to the Web site, an e-mail address has been established so that the campus community has a way of communicating with the commission: CampusDiversity@u-mass.edu.

Even with the daunting task in front of them, the commission is "eager to get to work on this most important topic," said Taylor. "With recommendations in hand by mid-February, the University can hopefully initiate some immediate reforms in the spring semester."

New research finds low-carb diets not as effective as low-fat

By Marilynn Marchione
Associated Press



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Atkins' diet organization spokeswoman Colette Heimowitz

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Regardless of how they shed pounds in the first place, big losers stayed that way by limiting fat rather than carbohydrates, according to new research that could add fuel to the backlash against low-carb diets.

Dieters already have been turning away from Atkins-style plans as a long-term weight-control strategy, and the new study gives them more reason. Low-fat plans seem to work better at keeping weight off.

"People who started eating more fat ... regained the most weight over time," said Suzanne Phelan, a Brown Medical School psychologist who presented results of the study Monday at a meeting of the North American Association for the Study of Obesity.

The study used the National Weight Control Registry, a decade-old effort to learn the secrets of success from people who had lost at least 30 pounds and kept them off for at least a year. The registry run by doctors from the University of Colorado in Denver, the University of Pittsburgh and Brown University in Providence, R.I.

They studied 2,700 people who entered the registry from 1995 through 2003. Their average age was 47, most were women, and they had lost an average of 72 pounds initially. Doctors compared their diets to see whether one type or another made a difference in how much weight they had lost and how much they had regained a year later.

All reported eating only about 1,400 calories a day, but the portion that came from fat rose — from 24 percent in 1995 to more than 29 percent in 2003 — while the part from carbohydrates fell, from 56 percent to 49 percent.

The number who were on low-carb diets (less than 90 grams a day) rose from 6 percent to 17 percent during the same period.

The type of diet — low-fat, low-carb or in between — made no difference in how people lost weight initially.

But those who increased their fat intake over a year regained the most weight. That meant they ate less carbohydrates, because the amount of protein in their diets stayed the same, Phelan said.

"Only a minority of successful weight losers consume low-carbohydrate diets," she and the other researchers concluded.

Colette Heimowitz, a nutrition expert and spokeswoman for the Atkins diet organization, noted that the study considered 90 grams to be low-carb, while Atkins recommends 60 grams for weight loss and 60 to 120 for weight maintenance.

She said that for many of the dieters studied, "the carbs aren't low enough for them to be successful." They also should have replaced carbs with more protein rather than fat, she said.

Dr. Thomas Waddell, a University of Pennsylvania weight loss expert who had no role in the study, said it is too soon to say which approach is better. Several longer-term studies of low-carb and low-fat dieters are in the works, he said.

But he said: "I do think that people who are keeping the weight off are eating a low-fat, high-carb diet."

The dietary establishment has long been skeptical of the long-term safety and effectiveness of low-carb diets, and consumers increasingly are losing their enthusiasm for the glut of low-carb products that overloaded grocery store shelves as the diet became a fad in the past few years.

More than half of Americans who have tried a low-carb diet have given up, according to a recent survey by the market research firm InsightExpress. Other published survey information suggests that the number of Americans following such a diet peaked at nine percent last February and fell to six percent by June.

The American Institute for Cancer Research used those trends to issue a statement in September urging dieters to "come back to common sense."

"Eat a balanced diet weighted toward vegetables and fruits, reduce portion sizes and increase physical activity," the institute said.

Dr. William Dietz, director of chronic-disease prevention at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said it is difficult to tell whether these low-carb diets really work because people find it hard to stick to a strict regimen for long periods. "My anecdotal experience is that people go on and off these diets," he said. "When their weight goes up, they go back on the diet to lose weight."

Other research at the conference underscored the many health and personal problems obese people face.

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Colin Powell was the 'voice of moderation'

Secretary of State Colin L. Powell announced his resignation yesterday, as part of a flurry of resignations that will continue to reshape the cabinet of President George W. Bush.

Also resigning were Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham, Education Secretary Rod Page and Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman.

"It has always been my intention that I would serve one term," Powell said following the announcement. The resignation would become official as soon as a replacement was named, which could potentially take several weeks to a month.

In his resignation letter to the President, dated Nov. 2, 2004, Powell indicated that he and Bush had been discussing his resignation for the past few months, and that both parties agreed it was the best course of action.

Although nothing has been confirmed, current National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice has been suggested as being the top choice to succeed Powell as the nation's top diplomat. Rice had been rumored to be interested in the job of Secretary of Defense, but current defense secretary Donald Rumsfeld has not announced his desire to leave the position.

In his acceptance speech following the concession of Senator John Kerry, Bush said he regretted not being able to unite the country in his first four years, but that he vowed he would do his best to bridge the gap between the liberals and conservatives in this country. Choosing Rice as the next Secretary of State would not seem to fit the President's desire to unify the nation.

Powell has always been praised for being a voice of moderation in the Cabinet, not letting his values clash with his loyalty to the president. Powell has openly disagreed with the president on key issues in the past, but his loyalty was always clear. He was seen as a man guided by principles and integrity, qualities that should be extremely prevalent of any Secretary of State.

Rice, on the other hand, is seen as being the opposite of Powell by many liberal democrats. She has been at Bush's side (and not just the current Bush) for several years now, and has been in the news more than once for having improper intentions and unethical values. Rice's loyalty and Powell's loyalty may be one in the same in terms of personnel, but the similarities stop there.

A name that has been brought up in recent weeks and months for Powell's replacement was John Danforth, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. Danforth, a Republican, has been praised by both republicans and democrats as having many of the same qualities as Powell. Danforth, like Powell, was well liked and well respected by members of both political parties. He would seem to fit the model that Bush set forth in his acceptance speech much more than a candidate such as Rice.

Rice's appointment to Secretary of State would only divide this country even more than it already is. In a time when a voice such as Powell's is more important than ever, allowing a Cabinet to be so one-sided in the battle of partisan politics would be potentially disastrous (and some would argue it is too late, regardless).

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A leader shines



Yousef Munayyer

When Yasser Arafat died last week, not only did Palestinians lose their leader, not only did the world lose a Noble Peace laureate, but also the Arab Middle East lost its only democratically elected official. In 1974, when Arafat stood before the representatives of the world, himself representing the Palestinian people, he told them not to force him to choose the freedom fighters gun. Last week, he was buried with that gun in his hands, as the olive branch had long ago been trampled on.

No leader is perfect. No leader is blameless. Yasser Arafat certainly had his faults, just as every human being does, but for having been in the position he was, he did an amazing job. First, the fact that Arafat died of natural causes at the age of 75, as opposed to an assassin's bullet or a missile attack, proves he was no ordinary man. He was always forced to walk a fine line, many times putting his political career on the line to appease one side, and this was his ultimate downfall. But can you blame him?

People tell me that Arafat just wanted to stay in power, and they believe he was a self-centered individual who was corrupt and had only bad intentions. I do not believe this. To an extent he was corrupt, and to an extent he had his own interests in mind; but everyone has their own interests in mind, and every leader is corrupt. Look at the president of the United States.

Arafat was always looked at and criticized as a leader of a nation-state, whereas his job was actually much more difficult than that. You see, when you are the leader of a nation-state and you lose power, the nation-state persists and a new leader takes control. Arafat was the leader who brought his people into focus before the eyes of the world. He was not the president of some well-structured state but rather he was the symbol of a people wronged. And he was not prepared to lose the progress he had made for the Palestinian people over the past 50 years.

I cannot even recall how many people have asked me in the past week, "So what's your take on Arafat?" The first thing that comes to mind is, "Now you ask!?" The "peace process" has been at a standstill for years, Arafat has been in a bunker, and the occupation continues. Yet now, after the man dies, people want to know what I think of him as a leader?

There is one thing that must be perfectly clear: Arafat was never the problem for the Palestinian people. Zionism has been and is still the longest-standing illegal occupation. As far as I am concerned, any Palestinian whose main objective is opposing the occupation and bringing justice to the Palestinian cause is a good enough leader for me. I do not care if they wear a suit, a revolutionary jacket or a headdress. My main concern is that the leader shares the same goals I do; and until the day he died, I believe Arafat did.

Yasser Arafat certainly had his faults, just as every human being does, but for having been in the position he was, he did an amazing job.

As the only elected leader in the Arab Middle East, Arafat represented his people, and perhaps this was what caused him to fall from the eyes of the United States. Yes, Arafat turned down what he was "generously" offered at Camp David in 2000, as any leader of the Palestinian people should. He was offered 18 percent of historic Palestine and given only functional control over that small portion. The Palestinians would not have sovereignty, they would not control their airspace, they would not control their border, and the state would be a façade. The refugees, who were forced from their homes, would not be allowed to return.

How could the leader of the Palestinian people accept this? He couldn't; he would rather continue the struggle, and every Palestinian in his place would have made the same decision. Arafat's decision not to accept the joke offer at Camp David was possibly the most democratic decision made by a leader in recent history.

So what's next for the Palestinian people? Barring any irregularities, which tend to occur when there are tanks outside your window, the Palestinians should have a chance to elect another leader this January. However, though a leader is necessary for negotiation purposes, there are fundamental beliefs held by the Palestinian people that transcend any position of leadership, and those candidates will know this for sure. The refugees cannot be forgotten and 1948 cannot be forgotten. Any Palestin-ian leader who ignores these demands of his people will soon be forgotten himself.

Israel has already decided on a unilateral initiative for peace. In other words, they are going to figure this out for the Palestin-ians and hope things work out. With this plan, Israel does not want to deal with another leader. Rather it will hope to go its own way and continue to ignore the elephant in the room.

Let one thing be clear: the Palestinian people are never going to give up on the rights of the refugees and the need for justifying the atrocities of 1948. Any leader who personifies that is not being hardheaded; he is being representative. And that is the leader I want to represent me.

Yousef Munayyer is a Collegian editor.

Country music on the rise

Dan McDonnell

I know I'm in the minority on this topic, but I definitely see country music coming into our culture in a big way right now. Just take that new song by Nelly and Tim McGraw as an example. I realize it's not a country song, but McGraw is one of the top names in the country music genre, and a duet with Nelly brought his name to a whole new group of music fans. You just wait and see. You are going to be hearing a lot more from Tim McGraw in the near future. Just try to listen to his new song about his father, "Live Like You Were Dying," and tell me you didn't get chills. I dare you.

I've been listening to country music for most of my life. My father is a big fan and always had it playing on the radio. I was hooked on country at an early age, listening to classics like Willie Nelson (yes, I know you probably haven't heard of him, but he's a legend). I did shy away from it for a few years during high school. I ended up listening to that hard rock and metal garbage, mostly because that's what everyone else was into. But I went back to the ol' country roots pretty quickly.

Over the last two summers I have been to a bunch of country concerts. They are some of the best times I have ever had. The first concert, I just went with a friend of mine from back home. With each concert, the crew grew larger and larger. At one concert this summer, we had a group of about 15 kids hanging out on the lawn of the Tweeter Center singing along with Tim McGraw and newcomers Big & Rich.

Now I know this does not sound all that exciting to most people. I'm sure a lot of you are thinking that doing a swan dive off of the library sounds more appealing. The actual concert, though, is only half the fun. For a concert that starts at 7 p.m., the parking lots are nearly filled by 3 p.m. at the absolute latest.

Country fans spend the entire day in the parking lot with the grill on fire and the coolers becoming lighter and lighter. Concert days are basically full days of beer, burgers and music. There's always one group of people playing Frisbee and one group throwing a football around. Then there's our group.

The collaboration between Nelly and Tim McGraw is just an example of the rising popularity of country musicians ... I'm just saying give country music a chance.

with a nice wiffleball game going on in the middle of a grass parking lot.

Now I'm sure that almost all of you reading this (yes, all four of you) have been to a concert of some sort at one point in your lives. Let's take a rap concert or a rock concert as an example. How many times have you seen someone accidentally bump into someone else and have it lead to a near full-blown riot? It's almost as if it's an unwritten rule that being bumped into allows you to lose your mind and convince yourself that you're the second coming of Mike Tyson. I'm personally waiting for the day that this happens and some guy reacts by leveling someone with a steel chair, then climbing a 10-foot ladder and hitting a big splash on 10 people down below.

At a country concert, the results of the accidental bump are a lot different. During one concert, I was walking around the parking lot and bumped into some guy that could have easily crippled me with one shot. Instead he apologized, offered me a beer and a hot dog, and invited everyone I was with to join up with them for a while. Stuff like this shouldn't happen at a concert. I should have been knocked out cold. Instead, I met 10 more people whose names I forgot about three seconds after I had met them all, and I was hooked up with a free beer and a hot dog.

There's a ton of new country artists out there who can be enjoyed by fans of any type of music. The collaboration between Nelly and Tim McGraw is just an example of the rising popularity of country musicians. Kenny Chesney has gained a very large following of fans all over the country over the past two years. Toby Keith, who played at the Mullins Center last year, has risen to fame mostly through the controversy of his song about Sept. 11.

I'm just saying give country music a chance. I know everyone hears country and thinks of some old guy sitting on a front porch with a shotgun and a pound of chewing tobacco in his cheek with banjo music playing. The concerts I went to had a really good turnout of college-aged people. When you hear country, don't automatically think old people and hicks. It's music for everybody. Take my word for it. Have I ever steered you wrong?

Dan McDonnell is a Collegian columnist.

Bustamante embodies ineffectiveness of SGA



Dan O'Brien

First, former Student Government Association Speaker Jared Nokes attempted to remove the African Latino Asian Native American Caucus Senate seats last year; then, members associated with ALANA released the infamous "KKK-Nine" photos in September; and now, e-mails between former SGA Speaker Patrick Higgins and Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Michael Gargano are causing controversy.

Last Wednesday, SGA President Eduardo Bustamante proclaimed that he would no longer be working with the vice chancellor on any issues involving the Senate. His decision is no surprise. Not doing real work is what the SGA does best.

Several letters to the editor of the Daily Collegian in recent weeks have attacked the SGA's inaction on student issues, and one even called for the disbandment of the SGA and the Office of ALANA Affairs. This opinion seems a bit extreme – even the author said she wasn't serious – but the thought is not too far-fetched. I would certainly be opposed to the dismantling of either SGA or ALANA, because I believe in democracy. However, there have been many calls for these organizations to start from scratch, which at this point does not seem like a bad idea.

I suppose my anger toward these organizations stems from the lack of action they have taken on issues regarding the betterment of students at this university. Right now, each student pays about $80 to go towards the SGA. For what? This hard-earned money goes toward an organization plagued by students who bicker back and forth, put forth allegations against each other, call each other racist, and worst of all, don't get anything of real value accomplished.

One of the most disappointing actions of the SGA happened at their Nov. 10 meeting when Bustamante made it official that he would no longer work with Vice Chancellor Gargano on any issues involving the SGA due to the recent e-mail controversy.

It should be pointed out that never once did Bustamante mention how these e-mails would somehow hurt the student body. Never once did he give solid reasons as to how these e-mails would negatively impact the SGA. And, never once did he mention how these e-mails would impact his work with the administration. From an outsider's perspective, all his reasons appear to be personal.

Bustamante was upset because he was left out of the process, but his decision not to work with Gargano crossed the line of letting personal feelings get in the way of politics.

The e-mails bewteen Gargano and former SGA Speaker Patrick Higgins were Higgins' attempt to remove funding for graduate student Gladys Franco's new position as interim Director of the Office of ALANA Affairs. In the e-mails, Higgins told Gargano that he believed Franco's position interfered with the SGA bylaws. He also persistently asked Gargano when he would stop funding Franco's position.

ALANA claimed they were upset over the plan to pull funding for Franco's new position as well as an attempt to "dismantle the Office of ALANA Affairs," according to memos distributed at the last SGA meeting.

For the record, I have read every single one of these mentioned e-mails. Nothing I have read indicates that Gargano, Higgins, or anyone else involved in the e-mails were trying to dismantle ALANA.

Whether or not it was fair for Higgins to send all the e-mails is a legitimate question. But does it deserve the attention that it's getting?

I cannot put my opinion of Bustamante's decision not to work with Gargano into plainer terms: this decision is not in the best interests of the student body. Granted, the activity in which Gargano participated was not fair to Bustamante; but with the outrageous rises in tuition over the past three years, the tremendous cuts in state funding, and the ridiculous prices of text books (and a new textbook rental system that needs to be implemented soon), Bustamante is missing the target he should be shooting towards, which is helping all the students of UMass.

Our SGA president should keep in mind that in politics, you cannot always get along with your constituents. I do not think Ariel Sharon and Yasser Arafat were exactly pleased to hold talks with each other, but they still at least tried to work on the real issues of the day. (How well they did this is up for another discussion, but they still tried!)

After Bustamante's awful decision, he had few words to back himself up at the SGA meeting.

"[The e-mails are] especially troubling for me," Bustamante said. "I saw a lot of information withheld from me ... I saw a lot of dishonesty exposed to me."

His few words reflect that he is just a president with hurt feelings, which might be the reason why he never once submitted a plan as to how he would now conduct business with the administration. All he has said so far is that he plans to work with only Chancellor John Lombardi's office. But, with ALANA's recent attacks on the administration's new Diversity Committee, I somehow doubt that Lombardi will be greeting Bustamante with open arms.

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Quinn faces a 'Tough Crowd' at UMass

Comedian rants for a sold-out Fine Arts Center

By Reid Davenport
Collegian Staff

Saturday night the Center for Student Activities and Student Life brought the comic styling of former "Saturday Night Live" cast member Colin Quinn. Despite his show "Tough Crowd" on Comedy Central being cancelled earlier this season, Quinn was upbeat and ready to entertain the Fine Arts Center crowd.

Quinn started as a comic 20 years ago when he had just given up drinking. He was bartending for a living and needed something to do, so comedy became his anti-drug. His comic influences include such greats as

Richard Pryor and George Carlin, and one of his big influences was a book by John K. Toole called "Confederacy for Dunces."

After a short introduction by University of Massachusetts student Mina Safain, Quinn took the stage and started attacking all of the camera users. One girl in the audience failed to sneak past Colin's radar as she tried to send her friends a picture of him with her cell phone.

"I haven't been up here since the Red Sox took the series," Quinn said as the crowd roared for the Red Sox win. "I mean you guys deserved it. I'll admit it, but those guys are crazy. It's not just the hair and the beards, but I mean Pedro brought a freaking midget into the clubhouse. I mean what's up with that?"

Quinn moved on to his belief that the entire world is going crazy.

"MTV has got Justin Timberlake's nephew, cousin, niece, relative hosting TRL," Quinn said. "They introduce something like, 'Lollipops, rainbows, and clouds.' Then, up next its 'I'm going to kill you,' by some gangster rap artist."

Quinn's act managed to keep up a fast pace throughout the entire show. He moved on to rant about how everything on TV is some reality TV spin-off and even video games are taking part in the who reality as entertainment mess.

The quick pace of Quinn's act may have caused the audience to miss a few punch lines, but he still delivered a strong, veteran-comic's performance. He touched upon his crazy family life and how his relationships worked out, and then he talked about his own way of seeing the war in Iraq.

"It's like all the countries are people in a bar," Quinn said. "Iraq is the abusive boyfriend of Kuwait. So America goes over and tries to straighten things out. Ireland is just the drunk guy that's too drunk to even move."

After Quinn got the crowd a little more warmed up, he began talking about having to deal with his family at Thanksgiving and ended his set by mentioning his embarrassing attempt at making a sex home video.

"There's not one bit of sex in the video," Quinn said. "It's just a dark room with me and my girlfriend yelling at each other and all you can see is my pasty white knees."

During a Q&A session following the show, he was asked about the cancellation of "Tough Crowd."

"We all knew it was coming," Colin noted. "Comedy Central wanted a more entertainment-based show, but I can't go to a comic like Patrice [and say], 'Hey, what do you think about Ashlee Simpson's new show?' It just wouldn't work."

"With the election, Hollywood pushed so hard they helped Bush win."

Colin said. "Hollywood tried to shove it down our throats to the point [that] people wanted to do their own thinking."

In an appearance on the IFC channel's "Dinner for Five" with Jon Favreau, Colin mentioned that he hated the idea of acting all together. He hated it so much that it caused him to turn down a roll that he regrets doing to this day.

"I got a call from Mike Myers saying he had a part for this new movie called, 'Austin Powers.'" Colin said. "He had this character Doctor Evil that he wanted me to play the illegitimate son of. I just couldn't even think of trying to do the acting thing again. So, I turned down the role that made Seth

Green's career and I still take crap for it to this day."

"I'm announcing this for the first time," Colin said about his new project. "I'm working on a new sketch show that has never been done before. I can't say what it is, but I promise it will be so big that even those dummies Patrice and Jim Norton can't screw it up."

HALO 2: the wait has finally ended



Press Start to Play

Reid Davenport

Play as Master Chief in Bungie's sequel to their xbox classic

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On Nov. 9, 2004, a lot of anxiously waiting gamers finally got the game that is already being called the greatest of the year. Its release date had already been pushed back before, but now no one had reason to believe that it would get pushed back once again as they were constantly reassured that the date was set in stone. On Nov. 9, "Halo 2" was finally going to hit stores across America.

Hundreds of fans who could not wait until normal mall hours lined up outside of Electronics Boutique at the Hampshire Mall awaiting the special midnight release for those who pre-ordered the game. Gamers young and old turned out to get their hands on the first couple hundred copies of "Halo 2." They started showing up at 9 p.m. and were greeted by the store clerks setting up a network game of "Halo" in the store so that customers could play some four-on-four multiplayer games.

When midnight struck, gaming stores up and down the East Coast undoubtedly had hundreds, or even thousands, of people slowly clawing toward the register to pick up their reserved copies. Customers sprinted out of the stores and to their cars to be some of the first few thousand people to play "Halo 2."

The game is everything it was hyped up to be. The rumors of new vehicles and weapons turned out to be mostly fact, but some were fiction. The addition of the flamethrower turned out to be false. The developers felt they had added plenty of new weapons, and to add in a graphically demanding weapon like that would have caused the release date to be pushed back further. Other weapons, vehicles, and full-motion video sequences that were cut from the game can be seen on the DVD that comes with the limited collector's edition of "Halo 2."

The good thing about "Halo 2" is that you do not need to be a big fan of the first to enjoy it. Knowing the storyline from the first one helps, but even the average player shouldn't have a problem learning the controls.

The story this time around is that another Halo has been found, and it is once again up to you to stop the alien race – known as the Covenant – from activating it, which would most likely destroy the entire universe. However, this time you find yourself playing both sides, as you take control of the aliens as well. Through both characters, you will learn about the aliens' beliefs that caused this intergalactic war to begin.

"Halo 2's" graphics are even more mind-blowing than the first. The added ability to use dual weapons makes for some intense battles, and the surrounding environments are nicely detailed. The environments are also ten times larger than those in the original "Halo," so the gamers will have a wide range of areas to explore for each level.

The new dual weapons system makes things much more interesting. As a human soldier your basic weapons are now an assault rifle and a sub-machine gun (SMG). You have the ability to hold two single hand-weapons, such as two SMGs, while having a larger back up weapon, such as the sniper rifle or rocket launcher. The new alien weapons include a Covenant energy sword, the Brute Shot, and the Fuel Rod gun. The weapons that can have dual-wielding abilities are listed in the user's guide that comes with the game.

Once again melee attacks are back and can turn into a very life-saving skill to learn. It will help you save ammo and kill enemies in a shorter amount of time. You can take out the small grunts or "Unggoys" with a few quick punches, or knock down some of the bigger enemies and leave them open for a few quick blasts from an SMG to finish them off.

The vehicles have been revamped and a few new ones have joined the ranks. The alien Shadow is a cool looking new battle tank, and the classic Warthog vehicle has been given an alternative gun mount that is more like a rocket launcher. The developers also added the ability to steal enemy vehicles, attack enemies driving the vehicles using melee attacks, and the ability to drop a grenade inside the bigger tank vehicles to blow them up.

'Halo 2'
X-Box
Publisher Microsoft
Developer Bungie Software
Rated M for Mature

The vehicles have also been given delayed explosions. That means if you take out a tank with a gun, you may still be able to climb into the vehicle only to have it explode on you 30 seconds later. Also, if you can land a solid shot from a rocket launcher or constantly blast a tank with a vehicle's mounted gun, it will make a bigger explosion.

The artificial intelligence of your allied forces is much more helpful and realistic. Fellow soldiers will no longer just stand and let themselves die. They move up when they see you have made the area clear for them to do so. They will also tell you when they are in trouble and will provide you with help if you can keep them alive. They also have no problem making comments about how much they enjoy killing aliens, or how much they don't like you staring at them while you wait for a drop ship to appear.

The multiplayer is also much smoother and enjoyable. The developers took away the scope on the Magnum so that there is no more 'magnum sniping,' as gamers have dubbed the cheap way of getting kills. You can choose from King of the Hill, capture the flag and an extreme version of keep away, where it's every man for himself.

Overall the game is extremely well done and will satisfy all of those gamers who waited three years to get their hands on the game. Even casual and new fans to the game will find themselves trapped in endless hours of game play as the environments drag you along with the continuing story that keeps leaving you with the craving to find out what happens next.

"Halo 2" is now available for X-Box at your local retailer for $49.99, and the limited edition, which comes in a metal case with an extra DVD that includes the making of and history of "Halo" videos, runs for about five to ten dollars more. Each copy comes with a free, two-month trial for X-Box Live, which, along with an Ethernet connection, is required for online play.

Stella to visit Noho

By Nick Romanow
Collegian Staff

This Friday night marks the first time that the comedy group Stella will be coming through Northampton, but it certainly won't be the first time that the audience has seen the members. Pearl Street is bound to be packed with fans of Stella, which comprises Michael Ian Black, Michael Showalter, and David Wain. All three of them are former members of the acclaimed, hysterical sketch show "The State," which aired on MTV in the early '90s. The three were also all involved in the cult film "Wet Hot American Summer," which was directed by Wain, written by Wain and Showalter, and featured Black and Showalter in main roles. Recently, the three of them have been working on many other projects (most notably, Black has become somewhat of the 'star' of VH1's "I love the 70/80/90s" series). However, since 1997 the trio has been working together in their comedy group, Stella, which is now poised to break through on a national level. In a phone interview with the Collegian, Showalter talked about the formation of Stella, what makes them unique, and what the future holds for the group and the individuals involved.

Stella
Pearl Street
Northampton
Friday

"[Stella formed] as a function that we all lived in New York and hung out a lot. It was no big thing. A lot of the other guys from 'The State' had moved to Los Angeles at that point, and the three of us kind of just were hanging out and said, 'Let's start a show.' The way Stella started was the three of us were hosting a cabaret where we would do a comedic introduction then we'd have acts come on and do stand up. Then eventually it just morphed into us doing our thing, and then we started doing videos."

The three have all been very dedicated to Stella's live show and the short films for years, but have not been able to make it their primary focus as their careers have all taken twists and turns.

"Stella's always just been something we've all done on the side while we were doing our other projects. So only in the last couple of years has Stella turned into something that is taking up most of our time. While 'Viva Variety' [a short-lived variety show parody on Comedy Central] and 'Wet Hot' were going on, Stella was kind of in the background."

Even now with the focus on Stella, Showalter seems to take a very laidback attitude to the act. The group has been acclaimed and grown a fairly large fan base due to their unique brand of comedy. They don't perform sketches as such, and they don't really tell jokes.

"[The show is] the three of us onstage holding microphones," Showalter deadpans. "and arguing for about an hour. We show a video, but mostly we just kind of argue and act kind of faggy." Showalter also notes that this is very similar to the set up of most of the videos, wherein Showalter, Black, and Wain come across a fairly standard, everyday situation (e.g. a game of poker), and it evolves into a semi-elaborate misadventure.

"It's kind of a modern-day Marx brothers thing," Showalter says about the group's dynamics, "...but I don't mean the comedy Marx brothers. I mean Karl Marx and his brother Oskar. Oskar was a shoe-cobbler."

Showalter, not to mention his comedic partners, are certainly very focused on their comedy and the evolution of Stella. As their careers all head in different ways (Black has been rumored to be the replacement for Craig Kilborn's "Late, Late Show") and their individual fan bases grow, they are still intent on working as a group. Black has been getting a lot of publicity and attention for his sarcastic commentaries on the various VH1 "I Love" series.

Following this tour, the members of Stella all have a lot on their plates. Showalter has just finished "The Baxter," a film that he wrote and directed. Both Black and Wain are also working on writing and directing films, as well. As a collective, though, Stella has made a pilot for Comedy Central. Showalter describes it, "Every week would be a different adventure à la the videos." He says, however, that there has been no word from the network as to whether or not it would be picked up.

For now, though, Stella will be bringing their very unique, very funny act to the Pearl Street ballroom on Friday.

TBS to hit boston in support of new album 'Where you want to be'

By Craig Leger
Collegian Correspondent

Historically, Avalon claims to be the final resting place of King Arthur. This Thursday, the quick-rising rockers Taking Back Sunday will be bringing Boston's Avalon Night Club to life with their friends Atreyu, Funeral for a Friend, and Like Yesterday.

This sold-out show promises to rank high in memorable Boston nights of the year: the Patriots win the Super bowl, the Democratic National Convention backs up traffic for days, the Red Sox win the World Series, and Taking Back Sunday sells out at the Avalon and rocks all night long.

Taking Back SundaY
Thursday
Avalon
Boston
$20.75

With Atreyu and Taking Back Sunday both riding the wave of extremely well-received new albums, Funeral for a Friend being an up-and-coming band in the national scene and Pure-volume.com's "Pick of the Week," and indie/rock band Like Yesterday all rocking on one stage, it looks as if it will be one big night.

Taking Back Sunday's latest album, "Where You Want to Be," was not only among the year's most highly anticipated albums, but it followed through as the No. 3 album on the Billboard Top 200 chart with 163,000 units in sales for the first week, making the band the highest-selling rock group in the United States for the week. In August of this year, Taking Back Sunday rolled on with their second Alternative Press cover appearance, being named Rolling Stone's "Hot Band" and being listed as Launch's "Emerging Artist" just as the video for "A Decade Under The Influence" was declared Buzzworthy on MTV and MTV2.

In late 2001 after many lineup changes, the band settled on the lineup of vocalist Adam Lazzara, guitarist/backup vocalist Fred Mascherino, guitarist Eddie Reyes, drummer Mark O'Connell, and bassist Matt Rubano. Taking Back Sunday was signed to the reputable Victory Records label in December of 2001, and their debut album, "Tell All Your Friends," hit stores in March of 2002, selling over 2,300 copies in the first week.

After only having done some local touring and opening a few dates of the Victory Records Tour, 2,300 copies of the album was an accomplishment beyond belief to the band. At this point, they knew they were progressing in the right direction, in the direction that every teenage garage band only dreams of.

Only three short years later, Taking Back Sunday is one of the hardest hitting rock bands on the market. After extensive touring in Europe and throughout North America several times over, Taking Back Sunday rocked the main stage of the Vans Warped Tour, where a massive crowd surrounded them. And now, after all of that, Taking Back Sunday is coming to Boston.

With great anticipation for this concert, it would be surprising if the Avalon were still standing after these bands come to town.

Information from victoryrecords.com/takingbacksunday.html was used in creating this report.



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Taking Back Sunday will be playing a sold out show at the Avalon ballroom with fellow rockers Atreyu and Funeral for a friend.



Computers again supporting Sooners

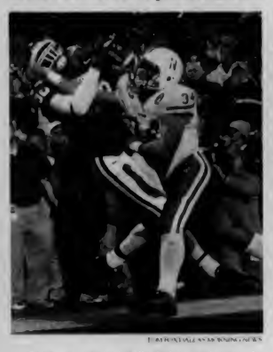
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the country.

The Sooners are tops in five of the computer rankings and second in the other. A team's highest and lowest computer score is tossed out.

USC is second by the computers and Auburn is third.

The BCS computers were responsible for putting Oklahoma in the national title game last season after the Sooners lost the Big 12 title game and dropped to No. 3 in the polls.



Associated Press

Oklahoma tight end Willie Roberts grabs a touchdown for the Sooners against Nebraska on Saturday.

A similar situation is developing.

Unless the Tigers can pull far away from Oklahoma in the polls, the computers will probably send an unbeaten Sooners team to the Orange Bowl to face an unbeaten Southern Cal, according to BCS analyst Jerry Palm.

Palm said computer rankings usually don't fluctuate drastically late in the season and Oklahoma's strength of schedule advantage over Auburn probably won't change. The Tigers play at Alabama on Saturday and in the SEC title game on Dec. 4, likely against Tennessee. The Sooners face Baylor on Saturday and play in the Big 12 title game on Dec. 4 against an opponent to be determined.

Palm said Auburn passing Oklahoma in the computer rankings is "not realistic."

"Pulling even is optimistic," he said.

With the way it stands now, Palm said, Auburn would have to be ahead in each poll by about 60 points to make up Oklahoma's advantage in the computers.

Auburn surged in the polls after its 24-6 victory over Georgia on Saturday. Oklahoma beat Nebraska 30-3, but appeared to be hurt in the polls by recent close calls against Oklahoma State and Texas A&M.

"I believe in the whole season, your body of work through the entire year matters," Stoops said, "but a lot of people just look at 'what have you done for me lately.'"

The computers, however, have been partial to the Sooners' quality wins away from home and strength of schedule.

"How do they come up with strength of schedule?" Tuberville said. "Most of the teams haven't played any of the teams that we've played."

The Sooners' opponents have a combined record of 55-42 and their nonconference opponents were Bowling Green, Oregon and Houston.

Pats still reign in AFC

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the New York Jets in the AFC East — with an even more dominant game against the Bills, who had won three of their previous four games. The Patriots outgained them by 303 yards, 428-125 and held the ball more than 22 minutes longer, 41:22 to 18:38. Buffalo's only touchdown came on a punt return.

Vinatieri kicked five field goals, but quarterback Tom Brady saw those as missed opportunities for touchdowns.

"I think everyone is happy with the win," he said, "but we play a game next Monday night so we have got to figure out how to improve from here."

They'll be in Kansas City, which has one of the league's worst defenses and is 3-6 after losing its last two games. That could mean another big game for Corey Dillon, the AFC's second leading rusher after gaining 151 yards on 26 carries against Buffalo.

He is 8-0 since joining the Patriots in an offseason trade with Cincinnati, missing only the Pittsburgh game with a thigh injury. Might they be undefeated if he had played?

"Corey doesn't play defense," Belichick said.

But he has given the coach a much improved running game and an impressive work ethic.

"You know what you're going to get from Corey every day. He brings a very consistent effort and performance level to the practice field," Belichick said. "A coach wants consistency and wants dependability. There really isn't a higher adjective that you can put as a compliment to a player than a consistent, dependable player."

Considering the Patriots' relatively weak schedule, Dillon may go undefeated in his first season with them.

New England plays at home against Baltimore (6-3) after visiting Kansas City then finishes with five games against Cleveland (3-6), Cincinnati (4-5), Miami (1-8), the Jets (6-3) and San Francisco (1-8).

But it's not easy to play well every week.

"It is tough to achieve," linebacker Tedy Bruschi said Monday, "but I think the first thing you have to have is good football players. The way we see ourselves in the locker room is we are good football players. We tell the guys, 'There is a reason you are in this locker room and it is to help us eventually. If you are not playing now, eventually you are going to have to do something.'"

Manning will take over as QB

Coach Tom Coughlin made the move Monday after Warner and the offense struggled for the second consecutive week in a 17-14 loss to the Cardinals in Arizona. The Giants (5-4) have lost three of the last four games after a 4-1 start.

Manning, the top pick in this year's draft and the brother of Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning, will face the Atlanta Falcons on Sunday at Giants Stadium.

"He is the future of the New York Giants. It just starts now," Coughlin said of Manning, who lost a close training camp competition with Warner for the starting job. "I really felt the last four games we haven't been playing well offensively. We just need to make a change."

Coughlin told both players on Monday. His meeting with Manning happened around 12:30 p.m.

"It's exciting," said Manning, who has seen limited mop-up action in two games. "This is something I want to do. This is what I want to do for a living. This is why I want to play football, so I can go out there and be the starting quarterback. I'm looking forward to the opportunity. Now it's time to go out there and play football."

While Warner was professional in handling the change, the demotion caught the two-time MVP offguard.

It came a day after he completed 19 of 31 passes for 193 yards and a touchdown. He did not throw an interception or fumble, but the offense also did not score after getting two early touchdowns.

"My play yesterday I don't think had anything to do with that," Warner said of the change. "Read into that as much as you want, but there is a bigger picture here. There's more things that are trying to be accomplished here, and that's why the decision was made."

Warner, who had thrown six touchdowns and four interceptions on 268 attempts, seemed to suggest the organization wanted Manning to play just to get an idea about their $46 million wonder kid.

"I don't think it's political," halfback Tiki Barber said. "We've lost three of four, something has to change. I have talked about this before, how sometimes just change for change sake makes things happen, and that's what we are looking for, some spark."

Coughlin could have considered revamping his offensive line, which has allowed 23 sacks in the last four games and 39 this season. However, his best five players are already playing.

The only recourse was a quarterback change.

Warner, signed in the offseason as a caretaker quarterback after being released by the Rams, did his best to keep Manning on the bench all season. After losing the opener, he led the Giants to four straight wins.

Turnovers by Warner in losses to Detroit and Chicago, and a ton of penalties against Arizona convinced Coughlin to switch starters.

"I'm a little surprised," receiver Amani Toomer said. "The offense is sputtering, but it's not all Kurt. He is kind of the scapegoat."

—*Associated Press*

Kansas tops hoops poll

By Jim O'Connell
Associated Press

The first poll of the college basketball regular season sure looks a lot like the preseason Top 25.

Syracuse and Illinois switched places at Nos. 5 and 6 Monday, the only movement from the previous rankings.

Only three ranked teams played since the preseason Top 25 was released. Syracuse, Mississippi State and Memphis all swept their opening two games in the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic.

Kansas stayed in the No. 1 spot and was again followed by three Atlantic Coast Conference teams — Wake Forest, Georgia Tech and North Carolina.

Syracuse, which beat Northern Colorado and Princeton to open the season, moved up to 11th and was followed by Illinois, Oklahoma State, Connecticut, Kentucky and Arizona.

Kansas received 26 first-place votes and 1,703 points from the national media panel, while Wake Forest had 23 and 1,685.

Georgia Tech was No. 1 on 10 ballots while North Carolina had eight first-place votes. Illinois and Oklahoma State each had two and Kentucky received one.

Duke led the second 10 and was followed by Mississippi State, Michigan State, Louisville, Maryland, Texas, Pittsburgh, Alabama, North Carolina State and Notre Dame.

The last five ranked teams were Wisconsin, Washington, Florida, Memphis and Gonzaga.

Mississippi State beat Fairfield and Birmingham Southern without preseason All-America Lawrence Roberts. The 6-foot-10 senior forward missed the first game as he served a one-game suspension from the NCAA over his expenses to attend a tryout before the NBA draft. He didn't play in the second game because he was recovering from a broken nose.

Roberts said he expects to play Thursday night in the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic semifinals against Syracuse.

Artest brings shame to the NBA

By Bob Sansevere
Knight Ridder

While the NHL is in the midst of a lockout over economic issues, the NBA has troubles of its own. The NBA isn't going through a lockout, but it does have a few players whose brains may have locked up.

Just when it appeared that Minnesota Timberwolves swingman Latrell Sprewell had cornered the market on self-absorption, along comes Indiana Pacers forward Ron Artest.

He could be even more out of touch with reality than Sprewell.

Well, maybe it's a tie.

Since the league began its regular season earlier this month, the comments and behavior of Sprewell and Artest have overshadowed everything Kevin Garnett, Tim Duncan, and Shaquille O'Neal have done on the court.

If there are a million and one reasons not to care about the NBA, Sprewell and Artest may just represent about a million of them.

They have become role models for the self-centered, greedy and egomaniacal.

Former NBA player Darryl Dawkins used to claim he came from a planet called Lovetron. Everybody laughed.

If Artest claims he is from another planet, nobody will laugh or dispute it.

He definitely is in a world of his own.

How often do you hear of an athlete who gets benched and is appreciative?

Indiana coach Rick Carlisle said early last week that he was benching Artest for two games. Artest's response?

He would have preferred a month off.

The season has just begun, and Artest is claiming he's worn out.

First, the word was that Artest had been busy putting together a rap album and promoting it. And apparently, rap will sap your energy for such mundane things as playing basketball in the NBA.

"I've been doing a little bit too much music," Artest told reporters. "Just needed the rest."

Then, a day later in an interview with ESPN, Artest said that no, he was not putting out a rap album. He claimed that he was producing an R&B album and going into the studio to perform rap "when [he has] off days." He also contradicted himself about his need for rest, saying that no, it wasn't the music that made him feel that way. He claimed he wanted that month off to spend with his four children.



Tom Hauser/Detroit Free Press

Ron Artest has been under scrutiny after mentioning he was tired after "Doing a little bit too much music."

He's portraying himself as a doting father. How laudable. Why didn't he just say that in the first place?

Could it be he hadn't thought of it yet?

Meanwhile, that album Artest produced will be available Nov. 23. "After the album comes out," he said, "I'm going to make sure all of my time is focused on winning a championship."

Isn't it nice that he has his priorities sorted out?

Last week, on the night that the Pacers played the Timberwolves at Target Center, Carlisle said he was benching Artest because the forward had "compromised the integrity of the team."

Told of Carlisle's comment, Artest said, "I don't know what that means."

How about that? He even admits he's clueless.

"It's early in the season," Artest said, "so I feel like I could take some time off early and be ready for the long stretch."

His life is so brutal. He is paid $6.2 million to show up for work 82 days a year. (OK, it's a few more than that when you count playoff games.)

Carlisle, by the way, went easy when he benched Artest for just two games. A benching is not a suspension. Artest got paid and also got what he wanted time off.

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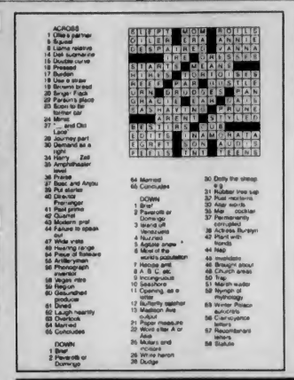




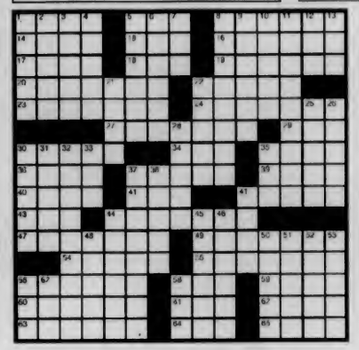
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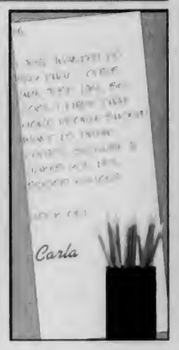
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Patriots start on new streak

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

FOXBORO (AP) – The New England Patriots have a new winning streak.

And it started a lot more decisively than the last one, which ended two weeks ago at an NFL best 21 games.

On Sunday night, the defending Super Bowl champs put together their most dominating performance in two seasons when they beat the Buffalo Bills 29-6. One week earlier they went to St. Louis where they beat the Rams 40-22. And the week before that?

That's when they actually lost, a 34-20 setback at Pittsburgh that was their first since Sept. 28, 2003 at Washington.

"It was pretty obvious the Steelers were the better team," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said at the time. "We didn't do much of anything right."

They did plenty of everything right in their two games since then with winning margins greater than they had in 20 of the 21 games during the last streak. That one began with a 38-30, come-from behind win against Tennessee.

The end of it didn't fire up the Patriots to play any better, Belichick said Monday.

"Every game is independent. The preparation and the game plan and the execution of the game is all pretty much self-contained," he said. "I'm not saying that you can't get anything out of a previous game. You correct mistakes and you put emphasis on things that you need to do better."

After losing to the Steelers, the Patriots went out to a 33-14 lead over the Rams after three quarters with linebacker Mike Vrabel catching one touchdown pass and kicker Adam Vinatieri throwing another on a fake field-goal attempt.

Then they imprtwed to 8-1 — and moved two games ahead of

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New England's Corey Dillon rushes for yardage after getting past Seattle's Grant Wistrom in the third quarter of their game at Gillette Stadium, in Foxborough on Sunday, Oct.17. The Patriots have won their last two games, including a 29-6 victory over Buffalo on Sunday.

BCS keeps OU in second place

By Ralph Russo
Associated Press

Computers prefer Oklahoma over Auburn — and Southern California.

The Sooners held on to second place in the Bowl Championship Series standings Monday, staying ahead of third-place Auburn because of a stronger computer ranking.

USC is still first the BCS standings with a grade of .9808. Oklahoma's grade is .9621, and Auburn's is .9350.

Last week, the Sooners led the Tigers by .0567. That lead is down to .0271.

The Trojans, Sooners and Tigers are all 10-0. Each has two games left and one loss by any of them would provide a simple solution to what is shaping up to be another BCS mess. The top two teams in the final BCS standings will play in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 4 for the national title.

Since the BCS' inception in 1998, there's never been three undefeated teams after the regular season in the six BCS conference — Big East, Big 12, Big Ten, Atlantic Coast Conference, Pac-10 and Southeastern Conference.

The Tigers made up ground on the Sooners in the polls on Sunday, tying Oklahoma for second in The Associated Press Top 25 and getting within two points of No. 2 in the coaches poll.

With the voters virtually split on the Sooners and Tigers, the computers are breaking the tie.

"We're in the situation we are — a the tight race here, everybody finishing, and the system the way it is — it's hard to know where you're going to be at or what matters to people, voters or computers," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said.

The polls each count for a third of a BCS grade. A compilation of six computer rankings make up the other third, and according to them Oklahoma is the best team in

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Bonds wins N.L. MVP

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Barry Bonds won his record seventh NL MVP award in a walk.

Capping a season of suspicion and success, the San Francisco Giants left fielder became the oldest player to win the award.

The 40-year-old received 24 of 32 first-place votes and 407 points Monday in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America to earn the award for the fourth straight season.

"I don't know if one is better than the other. They're all overwhelming," Bonds said.

Los Angeles third baseman Adrian Beltre was second, getting six first-place votes and 311 points, and St. Louis first baseman Albert Pujols was third with one first and 247 points. St. Louis third baseman Scott Rolen got the other first-place vote and finished fourth, followed by teammate Jim Edmonds.

Bonds is the only player with more than three MVP awards and the only one to win more than two in a row. Willie Stargell was previously the oldest to win it, sharing the 1979 NL award with Keith Hernandez at 39 1/2.

Among the four major North American professional sports, he trails only the NHL's Wayne Gretzky, who won nine MVPs. In the NBA, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar leads with six.

Bonds said the lack of a World Series title motivates him, and he intends to play two more seasons.

"I want that championship," he said. "I think that's the one thing that's eluding me from enjoying these other accomplishments."

Bonds became only the third player to hit 700 career homers, and with 703 trails only Hank Aaron (755) and Babe Ruth (714). But following his grand jury testimony in a federal investigation, he repeatedly was questioned whether he used steroids.

His personal trainer has been indicted for illegal distribution of steroids, but Bonds has denied using illegal steroids. He wouldn't address an Oct. 16 report by the San Francisco Chronicle, which said it obtained from an anonymous source a recording of the trainer, Greg Anderson, on which Anderson says Bonds used performance-enhancing drugs in 2003.

"I don't have answer, I really don't, I don't really care about all this stuff. I really don't," he said. "I don't owe anyone a response to anything."

Bonds' season was unparalleled statistically. He hit .362 to win his second NL batting title in three seasons and shattered the major league record with a .609 on-base percentage, topping the previous mark of .582 he set two years ago.

He walked 232 times, 34 more than the previous record he set in 2002 and more than 100 better than anyone else in baseball this season, and his 120 intentional walks obliterated the old mark of 68, also set by Bonds in 2002.

Bonds hit 45 homers in 375 at-bats, while Beltre hit a major league-leading 48 in 598 at-bats and Pujols had 46 in 592.

"I never think I have a chance to win any awards being walked," he said. "Your chances are minuscule compared to their chances."

Bonds' .812 slugging percentage led the major leagues for the fourth straight season but fell short of the record he set at .863 in 2001.



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San Francisco Giants Barry Bonds waves to the crowd after hitting career home run number 700 on Friday, Sept. 17 in San Francisco.

Brown adjusts to new position

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press

FOXBORO (AP) — Troy Brown has had to make a lot of adjustments while playing both sides of the football.

One thing remains the same.

"You always want to score when you get the ball — offense or defense," he said Sunday night after his first career interception — one of four Patriots pickoffs in a 29-6 victory over the Buffalo Bills.

Brown intercepted old friend Drew Bledsoe early in the fourth quarter and ran it back 17 yards to the Buffalo 23 before he was caught from behind. Bledsoe connected with Brown for 112 touchdowns and nearly 200 passes during their time together with the Patriots, but this is the first time only one of them was happy after the catch.

"That's my man. I won't disrespect him in any way," said Brown, who had the ball from his interception stowed away in his locker after the game. "I would like to see him do well. But I do not want to see him come in here and beat us."

A wide receiver helping out on defense due to injuries in the secondary, Brown also caught two passes for 23 yards on offense, the first time in franchise history that a player has had a reception and interception in the same game.



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Carolina's Karl Hankton tries to chase down New England's Troy Brown in the first half of Super Bowl XXXVIII at Reliant Stadium.

"He's awesome," quarterback Tom Brady, who was 19-for-35 for 233 yards and two touchdowns. "Whatever the coach asks him to do, he does. The interception was awesome."

Adam Vinatieri kicked five field goals, Corey Dillon ran for 151 yards on 26 carries and the Patriots picked off four passes in all. Bledsoe threw three and backup J.P. Losman had one and a fumble against a dominating New England defense.

Bledsoe was just 8-for-19 for 76 yards in all — a quarterback rating of 14.3 in his latest return to Foxboro, where he was the starter for eight seasons before losing his job to Brady in 2001.

The Patriots (8-1) have won two straight since their NFL-best 21-game winning streak ended on Oct. 31 at Pittsburgh. They outgained the Bills 428 yards to 125 and moved two games ahead of the New York Jets in the AFC East.

The Patriots led 20-0 at halftime, scoring on four of their five possessions, while Buffalo (3-6) punted three times and was intercepted twice. The Bills scored only on a punt return — a poor follow up to their strong 22-17 win over the Jets.

Even Willis McGahee, who sparked the Bills to three wins in their previous four games, couldn't do much after New England took an early lead. McGahee ran for more than 100 yards in those victories, his only previous pro starts, but was held to 37 yards on 14 carries by the Patriots.

Without any help from the running game, Bledsoe was his usual inept self — 8-for-19 for 76 yards — against his former team, dropping to 1-5 against the Patriots.

"Not only us," said safety Lawyer Milloy, another former Patriots, "but there are 31 other teams that should be envious of the way they're playing. They have only one loss this year and everyone who plays they has to be ready."

The Patriots, still rolling after last week's 40-22 win at St. Louis, took a 6-0 lead on field goals of 27 and 24 yards by Vinatieri. On their next series, they marched 75 yards on 11 plays, capped by Brady's 13-yard pass to David Patten.

Bledsoe threw his second interception on the next possession. It was returned 29 yards by Tedy Bruschi, and Brady threw a 3-yard touchdown pass to Christian Fauria.

Vinatieri made it 23-0 with a 20-yard field goal in the third quarter. Jonathan Smith then returned Josh Miller's punt 70 yards for a touchdown, but the 2-point conversion attempt failed for Buffalo.

Notes: A contingent from the Boston Red Sox brought the World Series trophy onto the field in a pregame ceremony. ... In the last three quarters, the Patriots outgained the Bills 343-61 and led them in first downs 20-3 and time of possession 34:31-10:29. ... Bills rookie quarterback J.P. Losman saw his first NFL action on Buffalo's last series. He completed one pass for 5 yards and had the other intercepted. ... The Patriots scored first for the 17th straight game.



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Roundtable discussion addresses diversity issues on UMass campus

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

A panel of speakers addressed students last night during a roundtable discussion concerning the "KKK-nine" photographs, the new Diversity Commission and the recent revelation of dozens of emails written by the administration and key members of the Student Government Association.

The discussion was divvied up into the three aforementioned parts, and a representative for each spoke. SGA Speaker Seamus Brennan spoke on behalf of his alleged involvement with the incriminating photographs taken of students last March drinking alcoholic beverages in a University office and mocking a caricature of a Ku Klux Klan Grand Wizard.

Brennan said that he admits being present in the office that night; however, he adamantly denied being involved with alcohol consumption or the drawing of the caricature. He told the audience that he was still working with lawyers and refrained from further comments about the incident.

Dean of Students Jo-anne Vanin had dismissed Brennan from all charges pertaining to the photographs because the contents of the silver can that he was holding were deemed debatable.

Uri Strauss the Graduate Student Senate President, spoke about the new Diversity Commission that has been instated to educate and inform students and faculty members about issues of diversity on campus. Additionally another goal of the commission is to set an array of guidelines and structures to help unify campus diversity.

Graduate Employee Organization member Mark Nelson and Tom Koche of SEIU spoke in behalf of emails recently revealed to have been written by Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life Michael Gargano and former Speaker of the SGA Patrick Higgins.

The emails alleged that Higgins and Gargano were in cahoots about the legality of the ALANA (African Latino Asian Native American) caucus seats. According to Gargano the caucus seats are a violation of the Fourteenth Amendment.

Speaker Seamus Brennan was not available for comment at press time.



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Ruhaina Raza and Seamus Brennan address students about the issue of diversity on campus, specifically racial overtones within the Student Government Association.

Bush appoints Rice as new secretary of state after Powell resigned

By Scott Lindlaw
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Tuesday picked National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, who once tutored him on global affairs, to be his top diplomat, saying her foreign-policy experience and struggle against racism uniquely qualified her to be America's "face to the world" as secretary of state.

"In Dr. Rice, the world will see the strength, the grace and the decency of our country," Bush said.

Rice will face major challenges across the foreign policy spectrum, trying to advance peace between Israel and the Palestinians, foster democracy in Iraq and persuade North Korea and Iran to step back from suspected nuclear-weapons programs. She is considered more of a hard-liner than Secretary of State Colin Powell, who was out of step with more hawkish members of Bush's national security team.

In a Roosevelt Room announcement, Bush made plain that terrorism and the Middle East conflict topped his list of foreign-policy priorities. Rice's eyes welled with tears as the president cited her "deep, abiding belief in the value and power of liberty, because she has seen freedom denied and freedom reborn."

Bush also chose longtime domestic policy adviser Margaret Spellings to replace Rod Paige as education secretary, administration officials said. Spellings helped shape Bush's school agenda when he was Texas governor and again when he assumed the presidency.

Rice, who would be the first black woman to serve as secretary of state, was somewhat sheltered as a youngster in Alabama from the racial conflicts and segregation of the South. Her schoolteacher parents guided her into ballet, piano and French studies; her mother bought all her Girl Scout cookies so she wouldn't have to go door-to-door. But when she was 9, a bomb exploded at a Baptist church a few miles away, killing four black girls, one of them a schoolmate.

"As a girl in the segregated South, Dr. Rice saw the promise of America violated by racial discrimination and by the violence that comes from hate," Bush said.

"But she was taught by her mother. Angelina, and her father, the Rev. John Rice, that human dignity is the gift of God and that the ideals of America would overcome oppression."

Rice was careful to say nothing about how she would oversee the State Department, its nearly 30,000 employees and its 265 posts around the world.

In a statement read from a prepared text, she confined her remarks to heaping praise on Bush and Powell.

"It is humbling to imagine succeeding my dear friend and mentor, Colin Powell. He is one of the finest public servants our nation has ever produced," Rice said.

Her cautious remarks reflected the potential minefield she faces in Senate confirmation hearings, likely to come the second week of December.

"I think she'll get hard questioning. That's inevitable," said Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the majority whip. But McConnell and newly elected Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada predicted Rice would win approval.

Rice should, "be confirmed fairly easily unless there's something I don't know," Reid said.

Sitting silently in the first row at Bush's announcement was the president's pick to succeed Rice as national security adviser, Stephen Hadley, who served with Rice for four years.

Asked whether his family knew long hours were in store for him, Hadley quipped: "What's different?"

But Bush elicited a smile from Hadley when he said: "Steve is a man of wisdom and good judgment."

"He has earned my trust, and I look forward to his continued vital service on my national security team," Bush said.

National Security Council officials said they expected no change in the organization's direction, but a lower profile for Hadley.

Whereas Rice has granted regular interviews to promote the administration's foreign policy, Hadley is more media-shy.

Aides describe Hadley as a multi-tasker and seasoned Washington insider with a good sense of humor, even when the news is bad.

Bush's Cabinet has been exceptionally stable, with only four departures in the nearly four years before the election.

U.S. troops recapture Iraqi police stations and bridges in Fallujah

By Katarina Kratovac
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. and Iraqi troops recaptured police stations and secured bridges in the northern city of Mosul on Tuesday in an offensive aimed at pushing out fighters supporting the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah.

Troops met "very little resistance" in securing several of the dozen or so police stations that had been captured by insurgents, the U.S. military command said. Nineveh province's deputy governor said militants blew up the Zuhour police station ahead of the U.S. advance, but the U.S military denied any stations were destroyed.

Loud explosions and gunfire could be heard as U.S. warplanes and helicopters circled over Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city with more than one million residents.

Mortar shells hit two areas near the main government building in the city center, killing three civilians and wounding 25, hospital officials said. One American soldier was wounded when a car bomb exploded near a U.S. convoy in western Mosul, the military said.

The U.S.-led offensive is aimed at seizing control of the city 225 miles north of Baghdad, where gunmen stormed police stations, bridges and political offices last week. The city's police force was overwhelmed and in many places failed to even put up a fight. Some officers also allegedly cooperated with insurgents.

The operation was launched after U.S. and Iraqi reinforcements were rushed to Mosul. A U.S. Army infantry battalion was recalled from the fighting in Fallujah, 300 Iraqi National Guard soldiers came from garrisons along the borders with Iran and Syria and a special police battalion was sent from Baghdad.

U.S. military spokeswoman Capt. Angela Bowman said the attack began Tuesday as troops closed Mosul's five bridges and American soldiers began securing police stations in the western part of the city.

"We are in the process of securing all of the police stations and returning the police to these stations," she said.

U.S. Marines continued to hunt for fighters hiding in Fallujah, but airstrikes and gunfire waned considerably after a week of heavy fighting that left the Americans in control of the city west of Baghdad that had been the main insurgent bastion.

The U.S. military said it was investigating the fatal shooting of a wounded "enemy combatant" by a Marine in a Fallujah mosque over the weekend. The inquiry was begun after videotaped pool pictures taken Saturday by NBC showed the incident during an operation of the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment.

The Marine was removed from the battlefield pending the results of the investigation, the military said.

U.S. aerial missions over Iraq are beginning to slow after a 50 percent jump that accompanied the Fallujah offensive, said Rear Adm. Barry McCullough, commander of the USS John F. Kennedy battle group in the Persian Gulf.

"The operation is starting to wind down now. That doesn't mean there aren't pockets of insurgents and terrorists in Fallujah," McCullough told The Associated Press.

A U.S. soldier was killed and another wounded north of Baghdad on Tuesday when a bomb detonated near their convoy, the U.S. military said.

Stepped-up assaults on insurgents in Fallujah and elsewhere have pushed the U.S. death toll to at least 91 in November, making it the second-deadliest month for American troops since the Iraq invasion in March 2003. Pentagon figures show. The worst month was April, with 135 deaths, when Marines fought fierce battles in Fallujah, only to be withdrawn.

In other violence, a rocket hit a busy commercial district near the government administration building in the northern city of Kirkuk, killing one person and wounding three, Iraqi officials reported. The motive for the attack was not immediately clear.

Meanwhile, hope faded for kidnapped aid worker Margaret Hassan after Al-Jazeera television announced it had a video showing a masked man shooting a blindfolded woman in the head. Hassan's family in London said they believed the longtime director of CARE's operations in Iraq was the victim.

The 59-year-old Hassan, abducted in Baghdad on Oct. 19 by armed gunmen, was the most prominent of more than 170 foreigners kidnapped in Iraq this year. Her captors issued videos showing her pleading for Britain to withdraw its troops from Iraq and calling for the release of female Iraqi prisoners.

In Baghdad, U.S. troops arrested Naseer Ayaef, a deputy head of the Iraqi National Council and a high-ranking member of the Iraqi Islamic Party, said Ayad al-Samarrai, an official in the influential Sunni Muslim political party.

Al-Samarrai contended the arrest was retaliation for the party's criticism of the Fallujah offensive and opposition to security policies of the U.S. command and Iraq's interim government.

There was no comment from U.S. authorities. Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's office said it was demanding that Ayaef be turned over to the government and promised any charges would be investigated fairly.

Fourth person charged in Greenfield murder

GREENFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Authorities have charged a fourth person in the stabbing death of a 19-year-old man on the streets of Greenfield, a killing that has investigators puzzled over motive.

Samuel Diaz, 19, of Northampton was interviewed by police and then arrested Monday night for his alleged role in the death of Anthony Alves of Colrain, Northwestern Assistant District Attorney Joe Quinlan said.

Diaz was ordered held without bail after pleading innocent to first-degree murder Tuesday in Greenfield District Court.

Diaz was among at least four men believed to have been present when Alves was attacked early Saturday morning while waiting for his grandmother to give him a ride from Greenfield to Colrain, Quinlan said.

Alves was stabbed multiple times and left to bleed to death behind a duplex.

Three men were arrested Sunday and charged with first-degree murder: Carlos Madera, 27, Joell Madera, 18, and Santos Diaz, 22. Authorities were trying to determine how the four men are related, Quinlan said.

Authorities were still investigating a motive for the slaying, and were unsure who stabbed Alves and who called authorities to report the attack, Quinlan said.

Authorities believe the men came to Greenfield early Saturday morning when someone in town called them after spotting Alves, Quinlan said.

Alves didn't know the men, but he did have a relationship with the person who made the telephone call, he said.

— *Associated Press*

ABC apologizes for racy MNF scene

NEW YORK (AP) — ABC apologized Tuesday for a steamy intro to "Monday Night Football" after receiving complaints from viewers and the National Football League.

The spot featured a naked Nicollette Sheridan jumping into the arms of Terrell Owens.

Before the game, ABC showed the actress and the Philadelphia Eagles star in an empty locker room in an attempt to spoof the network hit "Desperate Housewives." Sheridan, who stars in the show, was wearing only a towel and provocatively asked Owens to skip the game for her.

After she dropped her towel, he agreed to be late for the contest and hugged her. Then the shot cut to two more stars of "Desperate Housewives," Teri Hatcher and Felicity Huffman, watching the scene unfold on a television and commenting on desperate women.

"We have heard from many of our viewers about last night's 'MNF' opening segment and we agree that the placement was inappropriate," ABC said. "We apologize."

The NFL called the intro, "inappropriate and unsuitable for our 'Monday Night Football' audience."

"While ABC may have gained attention for one of its other shows, the NFL and its fans lost," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said.

The Eagles said they appreciated ABC apologizing for the segment.

"It is normal for teams to cooperate with ABC in the development of an opening for its broadcast," the team said.

"After seeing the final piece, we wish it hadn't aired."

ABC has broadcast "Monday Night Football" with a 5-second delay this season, a precaution after Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction" at February's Super Bowl halftime show — when Justin Timberlake ripped off part of Jackson's outfit, exposing her right breast to a TV audience of some 90 million. The game was broadcast on CBS, which is protesting a proposed record fine of $550,000 by the FCC.

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Possible assault in Kennedy Hall this weekend
Pumpkin reportedly thrown into dorm window

WednesdayNovember 9

3:39 p.m. A party stated that $140.00 was stolen from their purse in Washington Hall.

3:41 p.m. A child was reported to be crying at the Herter Hall bus stop. Amherst Fire Department was notified and transported the child to Cooley Dickerson Hospital.

ThursdayNovember 10

2:48 a.m. Several students were reported to be stuck in an elevator in Kennedy Hall.

6:02 p.m. A party stated that their vehicle was broken into at the Fine Arts Center and the passenger side window was jimmied open and the stereo stolen. The approximate value of the stereo was $250.00.

7:01 p.m. A party stated that their vehicle was broken into near the campus center and a CD player, MP3 player, and approximately 200 CDs were stolen.

7:42 p.m. A vehicle was reported to have a broken window in the parking lot next to Sylvan Hall. The owner of the vehicle was notified and brought the vehicle to the police station. the stereo, valued at $185.00, was stolen.

FridayNovember 11

2:12 a.m. A party stated that someone took a pumpkin and threw it through the window of their room. No suspects were found.

1:42 p.m. A car slid across the access road near the water towers and hit a tree. The party driving the car was not hurt, but the vehicle was dented.

9:13 p.m. A police officer reported that a car hit a telephone pole in the parking lot across the street from the physical plant.

The vehicle had damage to the front fender, bumper and the front right tire was flat. The estimated damage was $2,000.

11:53 p.m. A party reported a group of people attempting to destroy a bike on the bike rack of John Quincy Adams Hall. An officer reported that the group was gone when he arrived.

SaturdayNovember 12

12:52 a.m. Following a traffic stop, Robert Chamberlin, 22, of Hampden, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

2:02 a.m. Following a traffic stop, Amos Coelho, 20, of Winthrop, was arrested for failure to stop/yield and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

3:24 a.m. A party reported that a subject was trying to break into the shop at the University Apartments Garage.

The subject was not able to get into the shop but did break a window.

6:56 p.m. A subject called to report that they were assaulted in Kennedy Hall. The subject stated that they were hit, punched, and spit on.

10:35 p.m. Following a traffic stop, Osvaldino Tavares, 22, of Amherst, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle on the sidewalk and operating a motor vehicle without a license.

SundayNovember 13

4:52 a.m. A party stated a subject in a vehicle was intoxicated on North Maple Street. The Hadley Police were notified and put the subject under arrest.

5:30 a.m. An officer stated that six vehicles parked in front of Massachusetts Avenue had damage to their side mirrors.

10:22 p.m. A party reported that they were assaulted earlier in the day. The Sunderland Police were notified and they issued a restraining order.

Patrick Kollecker, 26, of Orem, UT was arrested for intimidating a witness and destruction of property worth over $250.00.

-Compiled by Brendan Heck

Kerry may give presidency a second chance

By Mary Dalrymple
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senator John Kerry, who has $45 million left from his record-breaking Democratic campaign, hinted on Tuesday that he may try again for the presidency.

On his first workday back in the Senate since losing his White House bid, Kerry remained far from the spotlight, granting interviews to hometown reporters and joining the depleted corps of Democrats as they elected the party's new Senate leaders.

In his first extensive interview since his Nov. 2 defeat, Kerry was asked by the Fox News affiliate in Boston about running again in 2008 and reminded the questioner that Ohio is still counting votes from 2004.

He then said, "It is so premature to be thinking about something that far down the road. What I've said is I'm not opening any doors, I'm not shutting any doors." Kerry added, "If there's a next time, we'll do a better job. We'll see."

Reflecting on his loss, Kerry said he was not sitting around thinking about it. "You've got to go on," he said. "Do I find it some mark of failure or distress, the answer is no."

The former presidential nominee described himself as a "fighter," and added, "I can envision a lot of years of fight ahead of me."

In an interview with WCVB-TV, Kerry said, "Fifty-thousand votes — we'd be in a different place, having a different conversation," a reference to Ohio, which decided the race.

The Democrats have no clear front-runner for the 2008 nomination. Kerry has a distinct financial advantage over any rival based on his fund raising.

Kerry had roughly $45 million left in his primary campaign fund as of mid-October and could use that as seed money for another presidential bid. In addition, he had about $7 million on hand in a legal and accounting compliance fund that he could use for legal expenses in a 2008 campaign.

Because Kerry accepted full public financing for the general election phase of this year's race, he will have to give any of that money that remains back to the government.

During his day in the Senate, Kerry's colleagues thanked him, congratulated him and wished him well.

"Every time his name was mentioned, there was enthusiastic applause. Literally, every time his name was mentioned," said Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich.

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Cooperation is essential to move campus forward

After more than a week of wondering what the other side would have to say, the administrative silence has been broken in regards to the recent allegations volleyed between the Student Government Association and the ALANA caucus against Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life Michael Gargano.

In a meeting yesterday with Collegian editors, Gargano explained that due to the number of rumors circulating around campus, he felt it was important to finally set the record straight.

Vice Chancellor Gargano indicated that the main concern regarding the emails is not their content but rather how they were obtained by the anonymous source, who has yet to come forward. The fact that this anonymous person was able to ascertain the emails raises questions of student privacy and the security of the campus systems. For this reason, a full-scale investigation to track down the person responsible is under way.

Gargano also indicated that he plans to keep his door open to SGA President Eduardo Bustamante in efforts to establish a healthy working relationship where issues concerning the student body can be resolved in a timely fashion.

Last week, Bustamante announced at the SGA meeting that he would no longer work with the Vice Chancellor on student affairs and the Take Back UMass group even went as far as to call for his resignation.

After meeting with Vice Chancellor Gargano, we, at The Massachusetts Daily Collegian, feel that both of these decisions are unnecessary and premature. We wonder how anything remotely important to the student body can be achieved if these internal fights continue to erupt and hinder the process of governing.

The workings of this campus go beyond the personal conflicts within the SGA and ALANA. There are many things that can still be accomplished and cutting off the lines of communication can only prevent progress.

Gargano expressed his desire for the President and Speaker to set aside whatever differences they may feel towards each other and continue to work with him in order to better this University. He also shared with us some of his ideas on how to help the SGA work together and communicate better within itself in order to avoid similar conflicts in the future. We, at the Collegian, agree with him wholeheartedly.

While the investigation of these emails' legitimacy is underway, there is plenty of work to be done in the meanwhile, and refusing to cooperate will not solve the problems here at UMass. The position of President of the SGA holds a lot of power concerning students' interests on campus, and the voice of this campus wants to be heard on a myriad of issues, regardless of what personal conflicts may have arisen in the past few months.

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Learning to party Aussie style

World Perspectives
Jennifer Kim

Here's to (insert name)
He/She's true blue
He/She's a pisspot, through and through
He/She's a drunkard so they say
Tried to get to heaven
But went the other way
Down, Down, Down, Down! (drink here)

This little drinking song can be heard boisterously echoing throughout the bars, pubs, parties or any student hangout for that matter. Oh, but just you wait — there are heaps of other drinking songs that the Aussies love to sing. It's rather funny how all the Americans exchanged raised eyebrows with one another after hearing this peculiar song for the first time. Although, now, I recognize some Americans adopting this song or even joining in with the rest of the Aussies during happy hour. These drinking songs weren't the only things to get used to when hitting the night scene. There was more — oh, was there more.

A typical night out on the town doesn't even begin at night. Instead, right after Uni (say around 3 or 4 in the afternoon), they head straight on to happy hour. What can you say? The Uni life is a rough life to lead. It is so rough that you can see a handful of students just chillin' midday at the Unibar in between classes, and having a few drinks with their friends.

The Unibar is the bar on campus, very similar to the Blue Wall Bar. Let's get this straight though: the Unibar here isn't so neglected as it is back at the University of Massachusetts. At UMass, if you're caught drinking at the BlueWall, you know you'll be stared at for pathetically resorting to the campus bar. This is when you know that a person truly has had a rough day. On the other hand, the students here take full advantage of having a bar on campus, and why wouldn't they?

So one could technically say the drinking here begins reasonably early, but it doesn't stop there. This could be rocky for the "cadburys" (a.k.a. lightweights) out there, like me. Straight after dinner, it's back to it again, but this time it's with the drinks that you bought on the way home from Uni.

Even those hip hop and rap songs that are played are from the era of Ice Cube and DJ Kool.

It took most of the Americans a good week or two (and the help of their empty wallets) to realize that drinks (including beer) are a lot pricier here compared to the States. Thus, most were forced to fixate their palettes to "goon" (and no, I don't mean gangsters or hoodlums nor is it short for Goonies). Let me give you the 411 on this "goon." It is in fact the cheapest of cheap wine that you can find, but dressed up in a plastic bag within a cardboard box.

Now, it's time to put our dancing shoes on. The clubs here are great, considering I never had to pay a cover charge once! It's actually very rare to see someone pay. Of course if it is past a certain time, or if you're at a ritzy club along Darling Harbour, Sydney, then do you see someone dish out some money. It's not like the States where going early to beat the cover charge is unheard of. Instead, the Aussies forget about being "fashionably late" and utilize this opportunity to be economical. But can you really blame them? If we had this option in the States, I'm sure more people would do as the Aussies would have done. Oh, wait a second — we do have this option.

Another thing to get used to is the music in the night scene. The music is a blast from the past, and suddenly it feels as though you've stepped into the 80s. Hip hop and rap are played in the clubs as Alternative is played in the States — there's just a touch of it. Even those hip hop and rap songs that are played are from the era of Ice Cube and Dj Kool.

The majority of the night is dancing along to George Michael, Pink Floyd, AC "lightning bolt" DC, and Madonna (from back when she was "like a virgin"). These were most of the songs that were kept hidden in a separate folder in our mp3 file on our computer and usually weren't played publicly. Nonetheless, the Aussies here aren't ashamed; they energetically dance to and even openly request these songs!

The night starts winding down at around one in the morning (exactly when it's the peak time for clubs back at home). It appears that the Aussies have a formula here for the night scene: drink early, dance early, come back home early and repeat for the next night.

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Saturdays behind the fence

Thomas Naughton

"How does it feel to kill your baby?" the woman in a Tweety Bird sweat shirt screamed at a patient entering the small clinic on Commonwealth Avenue in Boston.

The patient stopped to look at the Tweety Bird woman; she didn't shout obscenities or make gestures of any kind. She just turned and looked this woman in the eyes. Those two seconds that their eyes locked seemed like hours as I watched silently, dazed. The patient looked at the Tweety Bird woman with an expression that seemed to say, "Oh, give me a break." It didn't look like this patient seeking an abortion, was very happy or proud of what she was doing; it was just a medical procedure that she just happened to need.

The patient obviously didn't want to spend her Saturday this way and neither did I, nor my friends. We were juniors in high school who were a part of protest groups like Riot Grrrl, or Refuse and Resist. On Saturdays, we would do something we called "Clinic Defense," which basically meant that we'd show up early in the morning at a specific clinic that was being bombarded with religious protestors. We were basically a challenging force to the religious crazies who would threaten the lives of the young women patients, the doctors or the staffers.

We were there in case anyone started getting violent, but more importantly, we were there to support these women in a decision that is one of the hardest to make. I say that we didn't want to spend our Saturdays this way simply because we thought it was terrible that protestors actually got in the way of patients' rights. We hated that it was necessary to defend the choice of an American citizen.

The religious protestors who showed up at these clinics didn't look crazy or militant. They looked like people from your own small town that you wave to in the grocery store or the post office. It was like they had separate lives: once they were exhorted by this trigger issue of abortion, their sometimes frightening passion just burst forth, causing them to say terrible things to young girls and threaten the lives of doctors who were only trying to do their jobs.

I guess that is the difference between my friends and the religious protestors: we saw abortion as simply a medical procedure with some very real consequences. We saw the patient as a person who had weighed her options and chose abortion because she had no other choice. There have been women who have used abortion as a means of contraception, which is not what the procedure is meant for, but regardless of the acts of some careless women, we knew that supporting the patient's right to pursue this procedure was right, just and American.

We weren't abortion cheerleaders or a bunch of screaming teenagers laughing at the idea of dead fetuses. We mostly stood around silently, just watching, listening and waiting to intervene should the situation turn physical. To be honest, most of us couldn't speak. We had never heard such hate be spat from the mouths of otherwise nice looking people. Some of my female friends cried silently as they stood there at the other side of the fence, hearing horrible diatribes jump from the mouths of maternal women who sipped coffee in between berating doctors who entered the building.

I tried to understand where the protestors were coming from, but I couldn't then and still cannot today. What is the alternative to abortion? Adoption? It's funny, those words written close together don't look very different, and I don't think they are. Adoption can be worse than abortion. How many young lives are destroyed by foster families who abuse children or collect gaggles of foster kids in order to get a fat check from the government?

It was just a short operation that no one particularly felt great about, but an operation that remains necessary in our world.

When I was in high school, I used to say that I didn't have an opinion on abortion because I'm a male; it was none of my business. I realize now that my statement was coming from the zeal of youth, the blind hope for equality that kicks in at 17 for some young people. Now that I am older, I know I have an opinion on it because I have seen the procedure performed. When I came to the University of Massachusetts as a freshman, I met a wonderful girl named Anna who showed me a documentary on the clinic that her mother founded, aptly named Four Women.

What I saw was a documentary on women nurses and nurse practitioners who performed this procedure, not out of some sadistic satisfaction, but because their central goal was to keep women safe. I watched the abortion procedure calmly. There was no dramatic music, no mood lighting, and no special appearances by Jesus Christ, M.D. It was just a short operation that no one particularly felt great about, but an operation that remains necessary in our world.

When the tape was over, I thought about myself and my friends at 17, standing on the other side of a chain-link fence, facing angry church-goers, absorbing the volley of insults as young patience passed between the two groups. The reality of the ordeal, of waking up on a Saturday to get yelled at by people you've never met, to have an operation that you don't feel good about, the entire situation is terrible. The alternative, however, a world where this procedure becomes outlawed and unsafe is without a doubt the worst scenario imaginable.

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All the President's men

Andrew Freeman

Ah, that special time of year. It's fall, and just as the trees are shedding their leaves, this nation is shedding its appointed officials.

So far, of 15 secretaries in the president's cabinet, 6 have resigned, ranging from the oft-mentioned John Ashcroft, attorney general, and Colin Powell, secretary of state, to the obscure Ann Veneman, secretary of agriculture. Let's look at the two most important ones: Ashcroft and Powell.

John Ashcroft has a lengthy career in public service, culminating in his 2000 senate loss to Mel Carnahan, who had died two weeks before the election. Carnahan's wife agreed to serve in her husband's place, but nonetheless, the "couldn't beat a dead guy" charge stuck.

Thereafter he was appointed as attorney general, where he proceeded to take offense at the naked statues of Liberty and Justice and ordered them covered. He also began holding daily, morning, prayer sessions in the Justice Department and eliminated the phrase "no higher calling than public service" from official parlance; he felt that service to God was higher.

As part of the War on Librarians, in 2001 he pushed the Patriot Act to allow authorities to investigate suspected terrorists' reading habits, among many, many other provisions. Defending the bill before a compliant Senate, he declared "To those who scare peace-loving people with phantoms of lost liberties, my message is this: Your tactics only aid terrorists — for they erode our national unity and diminish our resolve."

Ashcroft also presided over the administration's disastrous prosecutions of suspected terrorists in the United States, which so far have netted no one; and its detentions in Guantanamo Bay, where prisoners are often held indefinitely. Overall, his legacy is one of failure — failure to catch the terrorists before they attacked, and failure to distinguish between terrorists and American residents afterwards.

His successor is better, though not by much. White House counsel Alberto Gonzalez, who will likely gain Senate approval, is decidedly more moderate than Ashcroft. However, in January 2002 he sent a memo supporting Ashcroft's position that captives taken in Afghanistan need not be treated as prisoners of war, as is customary under the Geneva Convention. This policy later resulted in the infamous Abu Ghraib prison scandals.

On a worse note, Colin Powell, one of the better bureaucrats under Bush, resigned from his position as Secretary of State. A September poll showed Powell has approval ratings of nearly 63 percent, almost 20 points higher than other leading Republicans (certainly higher than Bush), and for good reason. Powell served over 30 years in the military, eventually heading the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the highest echelon of the Pentagon, yet he was put in control of the State Department. Meanwhile, ideologues with little direct military experience like Donald Rumsfeld and Paul Wolfowitz were placed in charge of the Defense Department.

This set the stage for disaster. The hawks in the Defense Department and elsewhere swayed Bush over to invading Iraq. Powell delayed it by seeking UN approval. In early 2003, he went before the UN and lectured on mobile chemical labs and other WMD threats, which the invasion proved to be an utter fallacy. Powell has attempted to make progress on other fronts, including North Korea and the Israel-Palestine conflict, but has received limited support from the Bush administration. His attempts at improving America's image has been sabotaged by hubris from the Bush administration, such as Rumsfeld's characterization of Germany and France as "Old Europe" (anywhere in Europe is old compared to the United States).

While cabinet secretaries have substantial power, none of them have really challenged Bush on important issues.

Powell will be replaced by National Security Advisor Condoleeza Rice, another foreign policy expert and even-tempered administrator, but it is unlikely that we will see an upswing in international relations, barring any major changes in policy by Bush. While cabinet secretaries have substantial power, none of them have really challenged Bush on important issues. The departures of this fall have been mixed, and may result in an improvement for this country, but don't count on it. In the end, the only man whose departure would've changed things is the one we reelected.

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Kindergarten values are gone

Joseph St. John

Whatever happened to the days of saving the rainforests? Who now is watching over the whales now that we college students have graduated from elementary school? Didn't we have penny drives at least once a year in order to buy a portion of the fern gullies of Brazil?

For a whole month in the days of Captain Planet and Sesame Street, my classmates and I would save up our nickels to drop into the construction paper green can, and each week it would be counted to see how many acres our collective milk money could buy.

Now that we are older, who is active in stopping the dolphins from being caught in tuna nets and preventing poachers in sub Saharan Africa from killing rhinos and elephants for their precious ivory tusks? What about the ozone layer, and all the trash that's being shipped to Antarctica on humongous barges?

In elementary school, there were constantly visitors getting our little brains worked up about the environment. Perhaps this was a fad of the '90s that degenerated into apathy. Maybe it's an elementary school scam where caring kindergarten teachers make us think that our five dollars is really going to save Sally the Sloth.

Hey, maybe we did save the world! Maybe our elementary efforts paid off? No news is good news right?

Old growth forests, the artic tundra and endangered species are still crying out for help, even if no one is listening.

No, one would have to be a fool to think that these problems just went away because people stopped caring about them. It's a fact that there is less interest in these topics than there was 10 years ago. My observations tell me there are fewer articles in newspapers, fewer reports on television and fewer personal conversations about these forgotten tragedies. Old growth forests, the arctic tundra and endangered species are still crying out for help, even if no one is listening.

Is it that our problems have changed since then, or that as we grew up, we became so over-saturated with new ones to remember the short tailed albatross? Now we hear a lot about Global Warming, AIDS and of course, President Bush. Have these juggernauts trumped the issues we faced in kindergarten to capture our attention? Maybe we were too young to know about AIDS, hunger and the lack of clean water, but does that mean we should forget about Woody, the red cockaded woodpecker as we learn new things?

Weren't there a lot of endangered species that everyone cared so much about? What about the habitats of these lovable creatures? Have we heard anything about the children that were being killed in China because they were girls? It seems to me that I have heard these questions less and less over the past four years than ever before. Gradually over the years, there has been a shift from worldly problems like these to American political problems that get the most media coverage.

Are reporters and people in general ignoring these issues or have the issues become less important compared to other issues? There is much new talk about the genocide that has taking place in Darfur since 1985. It is certainly about time the world knows about what is happening there. The AIDS epidemic is of course a world priority that is killing millions and is something which developed nations such as ours are capable of fighting. No one can deny the magnanimity of these horrors. Although some say ignorance is bliss, I am glad that people are at least somewhat familiar with these topics.

One thing that we are all aware of is the fact that George Bush is our president. We hear about the bad things he is doing to the economy, the environment and to the American image in the eyes of our neighbors. On November 3, a school bus drove by me when I was walking outside of the UMass Campus, and a little kid yelled out the window "Bush Sucks!"

For many, he is the ultimate problem, the fulcrum of frustration, the heart of barrow. For some, his face makes people angry and causes looks of desperation. This attitude takes away from constructive conversation about other issues however. Instead of speaking about how many people a year are injured in car accidents, people talk about Bush's terrible driving record. Instead of planning a rainforest penny drive, people plan marches to protest his agenda.

The rainforests are still being blazed, and I wonder how many football fields are now being destroyed with each second that you read this. I don't know the answer to that, but I hope that someone out there is still keeping track. If you're out there, make your voice heard because it hasn't been loud enough lately.

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Where have all the sitcoms gone?

Stacy Kasdin

When "Survivor" first graced our television screens in early 2000 the nation tuned in. As the first of many reality TV shows it drew a great deal of attention. Viewers liked watching a show about people they felt they could relate to. They liked that the people on this show lived in houses like theirs, in neighborhoods like theirs. They especially liked that they might even get the opportunity to be on one of these shows.

I was never a "Survivor" fan. In fact, I actually haven't seen an episode of it to date. However, I did appreciate the concept, and thought the CBS executives had come up with a very good idea. As happens with most good ideas, the reality TV situation has gotten wildly out of hand.

My first point of order: "Trading Spouses: Meet Your New Mommy." You might also know this show as "Wife Swap." Yes, one is on Fox and the other is on ABC. That pretty much covers the differences between the two. Essentially ABC came up with a good idea, and Fox stole it and was able to air it first. As if a show where the mothers from two families switch places for two weeks isn't bad enough, now there are two of them. I don't quite understand why anyone would want to move in with another family and allow some other woman to take control of theirs.

They say the point is for families to rediscover their love and appreciation for each other, but I watched an episode of one of these shows. One family blatantly liked their substitute mom better than their real one. Now who would want to deal with that, even for cash prize?

Fox's latest piece of brilliance is "Nanny 911." Similarly to the mommy-replacement shows, the premise of "Nanny 911" is having a professional come into an unruly household and show the parents how to properly take care of their children. Again, how on Earth do they find people who want to go on national television and announce to the world that not only do they have no idea how to handle their children, but they need a complete stranger to come in and show them how its done.

Millions of viewers, who will then see these people at the grocery store, at parent-teacher conferences and at the mall, will see them on TV crying to some woman. If all goes according to plan, these people's children will respond better to this woman then they ever have to anyone. I'm wondering, if the people are such bad parents, why hasn't social services dropped in on them?

There are many reality TV shows I can't believe are on television, but I suppose I can't really blame the networks. Why would they cancel a goldmine? This leads me to believe that the real question is why are we watching?

Now let's back up a bit. Before you screw up your kids, you have to get married, and before you get married you have to play the dating game. Of course, you can do all of this on TV. No, I'm not talking about the old school "Dating Game" with Bob Eubanks. I'm talking about "The Bachelor," "The Bachelorette," "Joe Millionaire," etc. At this point it just becomes funny that they're calling this reality TV. If these shows were reality, every girl on the planet would be 5'8", 110 lbs., and a size 2, with perfect teeth and hair that never frizzes. Every guy would be 6'0", 180 lbs., with a washboard stomach and a perfect tan. I go out into the world every day, and I can guarantee you this is not the case.

Totally disregarding the lack of reality in these shows and moving on to the content, I've come to the conclusion that they are basically an excuse for network television to bring in the viewers who have turned to premium cable for their naughty fix. I don't think there has been an episode of any of these shows without a trip to the hot tub. I can't help but think that these contestants must have parents, siblings, employers, or someone else that they'd rather not have accompanying them on their dates. Not to mention that their actions on these shows could very well take them out of the dating pool permanently.

Now I'm not knocking reality TV in general. One show I'm particularly impressed by is "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition." This show picks a home in need of an overhaul that belongs to a deserving family. They send the family on vacation for a week and spend what I can only imagine is millions of dollars fixing the home according to the family's needs. As far as I can tell this is one of the few reality TV shows with a completely selfless premise, other than of course making ABC look good as the bringers of all this good fortune.

Despite how sickening or sweet some of these shows may be, they are pulling in a ton of money for these networks. There are many reality TV shows I can't believe are on television, but I suppose I can't really blame the networks. Why would they cancel a goldmine? This leads me to believe that the real question is why are we watching? Do we like seeing other people in bad situations? Does it make us feel better about ourselves? Does it make us laugh? Do these shows offer solutions to problems we are experiencing in our own lives? I don't know, but whatever it is, no matter how ridiculous, viewers keep tuning in. It looks like reality TV is here to stay.

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The Facebook and fantasy

Ben Feder

I don't have an exact topic to delve into for this week's column, but I have made two conclusions in the last few days that I would like to share.

I am obsessed with the Facebook. It's the latest craze and I don't think I'm the only victim to its hypnotic spell. I don't know what makes it so addicting, but I started it last week and now I can't stop checking to see if my friends have left me messages or if I've been poked. I have this insatiable desire to find more people I know and add them to my friends list. I add weird things to my clubs and interests like, "hot cheese up front club," or that my favorite book is the thesaurus, just to see if anyone else will show up when I click on those links.

It wasn't until later that I discovered what category of addiction the Facebook falls into. It's the same kind of addiction that keeps you checking and rechecking people's away messages. Even though you checked someone's away message 30 seconds ago, you still right-click their screen name to see if it has changed.

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Think about it. What other purpose can it possibly serve? All you do is add more and more friends to improve your sense of self-worth. The higher the number, the better you feel. But can you honestly say that each of those people listed are ones you actually talk to daily? Or are some simply mutual acquaintances, or better yet, that person you see at the dining hall every lunch. You know you'll never really talk to these people or hang out with them, but still they're there. I'm going to guess that only half or maybe even a third of the profiles found on people's "friends" list are actual friends. All I know is that people I haven't spoken to in years are now interested in placing me in their "friends" category.

My next thought was about fantasy sports. Fantasy football, baseball, hockey, whatever. I've overheard so many people talking about their fantasy teams, their players' stats, upcoming matches, and anything else that it seems like I'm watching a live taping of Sportscenter. All of a sudden, everyone is an expert sports analyst. Acronyms like RISP, CP/AT, and ERA are being thrown around in classrooms and bars. What's great is that everyone understands what those mean.

I came to the conclusion that fantasy sports are similar to the game Dungeons and Dragons. Or really, fantasy sports are Dungeons and Dragons for jocks. Now hear me out before you crumple up the paper and curse my name. I'm not trying to offend either fantasy sports fans or D&D enthusiasts. What I mean is that Dungeons and Dragons, much like fantasy sports, is all about statistics. It's a game driven by numbers with the players constantly rolling dice. Players are constantly thinking and trying to come up with better numbers to beat opponents, numbers that improve the characters and get items with better statistics. Statistics quantify the D&D world.

In fantasy sports, people buy statistic analyses to figure out which players to put where. Players are pouring themselves over stats sheets, consulting ESPN.com and observing their opponents moves in order to make better decisions. The only thing missing is the dice. I have friends completely consumed in the fantasy sports world. It has become their reality, much like how D&D becomes reality to its players.

The key word is fantasy. I once overheard two guys talking about each other's Fantasy Football roster. One was bragging about Donovan McNabb's stats: 270 attempts, with 170 completions, totaling 2081 yards. I was expecting him to add that McNabb just got a new fire sword that has +2 attack points against frost giants. It's all relative. Either you're hoping Peyton Manning will get above 180 completions this week (I hate the Colts but the man has got some arm), or you're venturing into that dungeon to fight that dragon.

Ben Feder is a Collegian columnist.

Spread the wealth; share the ice

S.J. Port

Dear Coach "Toot" Cahoon,

Congratulations on your win this past Sunday!

It must have been thrilling to play two hockey games in a single weekend, tying one and winning the other. But then, I suppose that's a pretty normal weekend for you.

My weekend wasn't as much fun: my hockey game was cancelled. Actually, you might know something about that, since it seems you took the ice-time scheduled for my team's game and used it to give your players an extra practice period. I'm not sure why that practice had to be during the time we had scheduled for our game, but you and the rink manager who schedules the ice must have had valid reasons, right? You wouldn't disrespect another hockey team like that, would you?

This was going to be the second game of our season – our first home game. (You played your 11 and 12 games of the season this weekend – didn't you?) The "our" refers to the Women's Ice Hockey recreational team, a B-team of the UMass Women's Ice Hockey program.

The game was scheduled for 2:00 - 3:20 p.m. last Saturday, we were prepared to challenge the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. On Friday afternoon as a few of my fellow teammates and I drove down I-91 in the snow over the ice and through Springfield to Gateway's Hockey house to get our skates sharpened in preparation of the game we received a call. The call was from our coach, who was sputtering with anger: our ice time had been rescheduled to Saturday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Yes, we all groaned, yes the change in time would postpone our Saturday evening activities, but no, none of us would ever give up the chance to play hockey.

We felt jilted, and disrespected, but agreed to let that go because we were still going to be able to play hockey. Even if, because of the time change, friends and family members who'd come up to see our first home game wouldn't be able to stay for the game. We continued, only slightly less merrily on our way to the Hockey store.

There's something about hockey that I just can't resist: a month or two without it and my body begins to crave the swift glide across the ice.

Friday night we all went to bed early, or relatively early; none of us drank, smoked, or acted like the usual merry pranksters we are come weekends. Although, we are not varsity athletes, we respect the game and kept the upcoming Saturday evening game in mind.

Saturday morning I was wakened by another call from my coach. Again, he was sputtering, although, this time through the dejection of having been moved by another hockey player off our ice. I heard outrage: MIT couldn't play us during the new time period, and thus our game was effectively cancelled.

Whether you knew it or not you moved another hockey team off their game time ice, an unspoiled student organized and run team created purely for the purpose of enjoying the sport we love: hockey.

We don't play our games at the Mullins Center, and neither does the Women's Ice Hockey program's A squad, because that privilege would cost us non-varsity athletes $2,000 per night. We're happy with the practice rink – it's ice and that's all we really need. But when we don't have ice, life starts to suck a little.

We're a club team; we don't need the fancy free-tutors, mandatory study hall, trainers, fancy buses, scholarships, travel schedule, or priority registration for courses: we just need ice time and the respect of our hockey colleagues.

There's something about hockey that I just can't resist: a month or two without it and my body begins to crave the swift glide across the ice, the reach to a long pass – even the smell of my perspiration soaked, rotting equipment.

It must be nice to have the opportunity to play so much hockey – and be supported by your community in your love for the sport.

S.J. Port is a Collegian columnist.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A JOB WELL DONE

I just wanted to applaud and commend a recent editorial by John Ciampa entitled "Chasing American Morality." I wanted to submit positive feedback to the Collegian as an undergraduate student because I was really impressed with the writer's even-handedness and sincere approach. Ciampa's piece was objective, informative, and well written.

Too often on a college campus emotions can run high and intellectual honesty can give way to incoherent blabber. Yet, here we see a truly respectable piece of writing that is cohesive, factual and stimulating. This is very encouraging to see, and I was so impressed that I felt compelled to say something. I commend John Ciampa on a job well done!

Michael J. DaSilva
UMass student

ADDRESSING THE IMPORTANT ISSUE

Cheers to Stephen Post for bringing to light issue that are more than just conspiracy theories. In his article on Friday "Slavery is Freedom," Post's thoughts were that yet another election was rigged, stolen from under our very noses as we, the people sit idly by and simply take it in faith that the mistakes in the 2000 election will not be repeated.

Take a little trip down to cnn.com and you will find their take on the 2004 political arena and the voting issues debated. What you will find is one instance of an Ohio voting machine producing 4,258 votes for Mr. Bush when the record indicates that, "only 638 voters cast ballots in that precinct." The "state and county election officials did not immediately respond to requests for more details ... about the system and its vendor."

Could it be that they were waiting for Kerry to concede? One instance of electronic voting gone awry? A mistake. But there are more instances popping up all across the country. It no longer seems like such a mistake.

Different methods than the 2000 election, but ultimately the same result, the stealing of an election from those who, as Post says, "express their opinions and expect to be listened to — poor fools." Post ends by saying that now is the time to ask questions. Now is the time to resist." If you have an interest in resistance, go to www.moveon.org.

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By Michael Busack
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It has been over ten years since the inception of the original Doo Wop Shop. With the guys celebrating their 11th year on the UMass campus, the group hopes to reinstate an a capella friendly community in the Amherst area.

"We're on a mission to improve the a capella scene in the area," said veteran group member Ryan Landry. "We are getting the different groups like Six Minutes, and The Vocal Suspects involved, and we're hoping to start a scene."

Landry, a music education major at the University joined the group in 2002 with Cooper Cerulo, a music major who acts as the group's current music director. Also returning this year is Sophomore theatre major Chris Guzzara.

Despite the returning members, the Shop faced the challenges of introducing three freshman members to the group this fall. Adam Aguanno, Dave Duran, and Ian Kibbe joined the Shoppers this semester to try to fill out some vacant spots that were left from several member's departures since the last year.

"It's all really new to us this year, and all of the music is really challenging, but we have been practicing a lot, and we keep getting stronger," said Kibbe. "It's definitely not like high school," he joked.

Since the Shop is fiscally self-sufficient from University funding, they rely solely on concert profits to back recording sessions and future performances. This semester however, in an effort to raise more funds the group jumped at a chance to host a bi-weekly show with the all-girl a capella group Six Minutes, every other Thursday in one of the theaters located in the Herter Annex.

"We want to be able to record a complete studio album in the future," said Cooper Cerulo. "It is difficult though because the only money we make is off of the shows that we do."

In an effort to incorporate old, new, and group favorites, the Shop has introduced many new songs into their repertoire this semester. They plans to sing staples like Billy Joel's "For the Longest Time" and the Sam Cooke hit "These Arms of Mine" alongside newer arrangements like the Beach Boys "Kokomo" and the George Michael signature "Father Figure."

"We like to add some more modern songs in every semester," said Cerulo. "I also like to give the guys the chance to pick some songs that they would like to sing."

The extra show dates and new tunes have seemed to propel the popularity of the group on campus. The shows have gathered large crowds and some positive feedback for the group. Even folks in the Campus Center gathered last night to catch the group practicing a tune or two.

The Doo Wop shop will host two final shows at 7 p.m. at the Herter Annex, tomorrow and Dec. 2. They will also host their final, more formal show of the semester on Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. in Mahar Auditorium with the Six Minutes and the University of New Hampshire's Alabaster Blue.

Legendary guitarist comes to NoHo

By Bradley Farberman
Collegian Staff

"It's hard to find a more fruitful meditation on American music than in the compositions of guitarist Bill Frisell," says The New York Times. "Mixing rock and country with jazz and blues, he's found what connects them: improvisation and a sense of play."

And it's that "sense of play," a quiet ebullience that permeates Frisell's best work, which has brought him to Northampton tonight.

The guitarist's music is meant to be shared; it belongs in the ears and minds of anyone in search of emotion, sensitivity and fun in their concert (or record-buying) experience.

And you can participate in that experience tonight, at the Iron Horse Music Hall. Just take a seat, close your eyes, and let the tunes float past you (you can grab one and hold on to it if you like). Vengeance

But you can't keep it. Ultimately, it belongs to Bill. And he deserves it — the former Berklee College of Music student has spent the past forty-nine years cultivating a sound unique only to him; his odyssey began back in 1955, at the age of four, when he built his first guitar out of cardboard and string.

It didn't sound as good as his current axe, but it was a start. In 1965, he bought his first electric guitar, and in 1971 he gave up the clarinet to focus on his six-string ambitions.

Soon, he would head out to Boston, New York City and Belgium in search of a voice; he liked Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix, Jim Hall and Miles Davis. This was no ordinary quest, and it had no ordinary destination.

In 1982, he recorded his first album as a leader (In Line, for ECM). In 1986, he recorded "Lookout for Hope", a record that first paired him with long-time rhythm section Kermit Driscoll (bass) and Joey Baron (drums). This was his first time working with producer Lee Townsend; Townsend has produced many of Frisell's albums since, and manages the guitarist's career to this day.

Twenty years and roughly that many albums later, Frisell released Unspeakable in 2004. A tremendous record full of boundless soundscapes and funky sonic tapestries, it leaves space for Frisell's guitar playing to shine; his band, featuring artists like Tony Scherr (bass), Kenny Wollesen (drums), Don Alias (percussion) and Eyvind Kang (strings), is a powerhouse of creative musicians.

And tonight, with bassist Viktor Krauss and Wollesen in tow, Frisell bring tunes both new and old to life; all you have to do is forfeit $20 in advance, or $23 at the door. The show starts at 7 p.m.



Jazz-rock guitarist Bill Frisell plays at the Iron Horse tonight.

American Dreams: illustrates what we are all made of

By Lindsey Ferris
Collegian Correspondent

The two-time Emmy award winning drama, "American Dreams," is in its 3rd season and now is a better time than any to begin watching.

The popular television show focuses on the Pryor family of Philadelphia during the culturally changing time of the 1960's, and the Vietnam War. Each character has different beliefs and is affected differently by the rapidly changing times. The oldest son, JJ (Will Estes), is a U.S. marine fighting in Vietnam. He has left behind his ex-fiancé and their unborn child, while fighting for his country. Meg (Brittany Snow), his 17-year-old sister is a regular dancer on the hit TV show "American bandstand," and has become active in protesting the war, as she grows from child to adulthood in the 3rd season. The two youngest children, Patty (Sarah Ramos), and Will (Ethan Dampf), both struggle to be socially accepted for their separate reasons. The parents, Jack (Tom Verica) and Helen (Gale O'Grady) Pryor struggle to raise their young children, along with JJ's ex-fiancé, while praying for their son's safe return. The show deals with issues from the 1960's such as racism, feminism, and protesting the war — it's amazing that each week the captivating show continues to find new ways to tug at its viewers hearts and leave them begging for more.

In recent episodes JJ has been reported missing in action. After receiving a goodbye message from him, the Pryor family tries to keep hope that he is alive and has difficulty continuing with their lives. In the most recent episode JJ's ex-fiancé Beth, had his child, a boy named after him. The baby brought the divided family together again and they only hope he'll be able to meet his father some day. This original series is like no other currently on television. It is something new (refreshing) to watch; it strays from the typical lawyer and detective shows. Although these days it is considered reality TV if a person eats animal parts for money or marries a stranger, "American Dreams" is true reality. The viewers become emotionally attached to the characters because the show touches on many real issues. Every emotion and perspective of the 1960's is captured in this one family. True drama is brought back to television in this series.

"American Dreams" has the ability to draw in many young viewers. Along with providing performances by many musical artists each week, the show deals with subject matter they can relate to, such as the war. Many college students are being immensely affected by the war in Iraq by either having friends and family in Iraq, they themselves are there, or they completely oppose it. Many young people have different perspectives on the war, just as the characters in the show do. "American Dreams" is finally a show that deals with real issues, which college students, or young people in general, can relate to and are interested in.



NBC hit series "American Dreams", has made a huge impact on its audience through its heart-warming plot.



Dacko adds depth to the front court

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aged career numbers of 8.9 points per game, 2.9 assists per game and 2.4 rebounds per game.

Save for her short-lived, three-minute comeback attempt 18 days after originally tearing her ACL back in January of 2003, Nelson has started every game she has appeared in at UMass. Having her back in the lineup as the starting point guard is huge, as she will be aproven leader

In the two spot will be freshman Pam Rosanio,who doesn't seem to fit the mold of "rookie."

The youngster out of Southampton, P.A. earned her first stripes in the Minutewomen's first of two preseason exhibitions, when she was one of two players to hit double digits in scoring (11 points) and the only frosh to do so.

The backcourt will have plenty of well-rounded players to fall back on, with an experienced one-two punch of Monique Govan and Ashley Sharpton shadowing the point and shooting positions.

"In the point position, Katie [Nelson] really is the scorer, Monique is the one that sets everyone up," Dacko said. "Provided that the other team is playing zone, Ashley could really step in and be a prolific scorer, but it's hard for her to get open."

Sophomore Joyce Massey will look to get into the mix after practicing well the past several days, while Kaylie Sciavetta will compete for playing time when she recovers from her illness.

Forwards

Tamara Tathan looks to hold court once again at the small forward position, where she started all 28 games in 03-04 as a freshman. The Brampton, Ontario native was an instrumental part of UMass's inside game a year ago, pulling down nearly five boards a game and averaging 9.3 points per game during the campaign.

Although she has been a bit inconsistent as of late, by not taking open shots or blindly driving to the lane, she does have experience going for her.

"After playing so many minutes last year she should have enough confidence to make distinctions and understand what she's doing," Dacko said.

Brooke Campbell has been slated in as a power forward, where she excelled in spite of an injury-shortened season. Senior Edris Bailey is the wild card in this mix. Though she led the Minutewomen in scoring (11.4 per game) and assists (6.4 per game), she hasn't been able to go at 100 percent in the preseason, and will be coming off the bench in the sixth spot.

But if history dictates anything, Bailey will be an exciting player to watch when she's healthy again.

"She's a fun player to watch and a fun player to coach," Dacko said. "When she comes off the bench, she gets every rebound, she gets after the ball, she makes things happen."

Centers

This year's frontcourt has its own version of a human brick wall in the form of 6-foot-4-center Patrycja Gulak, a transfer from St. John's.

After having sat out last season due to transfer rules, the Poland native is ready to go, and one can be assured that her place at the center spot will take some serious pressure off forwards Campbell and Tathan.

One problem: she's got a thing about taking charges.

"It should take pressure off [the forwards] if she takes a charge," Dacko said. "I love her as a person and a player, but she's gotta get meaner."

Perhaps Whitney McDonald, another promising freshman, could provide the said knocking. She has proven her worth as a quality back-up thus far.

UMass a team on the rise

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hauled in that board," or if Anthony Anderson had a pass that was a little behind his teammate or deflected by a Concordia defender, I'd shake my head fully believing Donnie McGrath would delivered the pass on point. This was all capped off by watching Steve Lappas roam the sidelines. It was surreal, as I've always known him as the animated coach from Villanova.

Somewhere in the middle of the second half, when the Minutemen began to pull away after being down five to a smaller and clearly less talented Concordia, It hit me. Friar teams in the past have played exactly the same way in these exhibitions, struggle through the first 30 minutes and pulling away in the last 10. I also realized that my bias had made me forget that Rashaun Freeman was just a sophomore and it was unfair to compare him to an All American at this point.

In fact, Freeman might have had a better freshman campaign averaging 15.4 points 8.5 boards to Gomes's 13.8 and 7.8. I was right about Donnie McGrath though; he wouldn't have made those passes. McGrath's passes would have either done little to get the ball to the hoop or gone in to the second row. Anderson is a very solid point guard who can do two things, but Dontie can't, shoot and drive. After getting the bias out of my system, I became a fan of UMass basketball.

Despite an overall sloppy game, the supporting cast had their moments. Sophomores Art Bowers and Maurice Maxwell appeared to be viable second and third scoring options while Stephane Lasme showed flashes of dominance on the interior. If the Minutemen continue to develop and mature, they could emerge as a legitimate contender for the Atlantic 10 title if not this year, definitely next.

For the Minutemen they get a chance to announce their arrival early this year as the Connecticut Huskies come to Amherst on Dec. 9.

If Massachusetts plays the Huskies tight or even pull off the upset, that should set an excellent tone for the rest of the season, like the Friars did in 70-51 victory over the then No.14 Illinois last season, which, ironically, took place on Dec. 9. If not, the Minutemen should move on and be competitive in the A-10. So if you're a college basketball fan, I implore you to adopt the Minutemen as your own, and support them through what should be an interesting ride.

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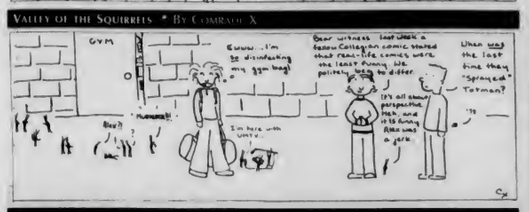
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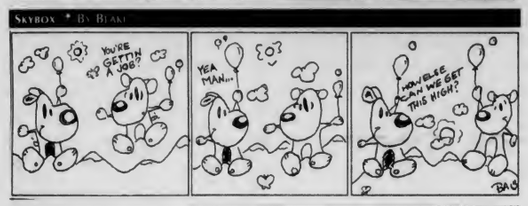
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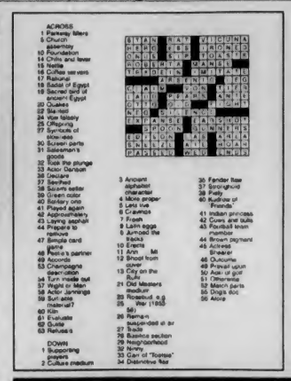




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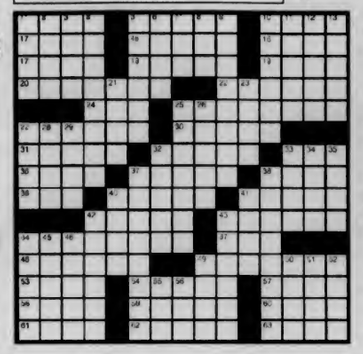
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Back with a vengeance

Depth will guide success of UMass

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

When coming off of a six win, 22-loss season, there really is no place else to look but up.

Such is the optimistic outlook the Massachusetts women's basketball team carries with it into the 2004-2005 season, where they will look to have a much better season after going 2-14 in the Atlantic 10 and 6-22 overall. Given some of the strengths of this year's squad — a deep bench, the return of their point guard, finally finding a true center — there's plenty of justification for the buoyancy buzzing through the UMass camp.

This year's women are learning at what coach Marnie Dacko considers an improved pace from last year, though there are still some kinks in the armor.

"They're learning at a quicker rate than last year, but then again there's a lot more [players] this year that need to learn," Dacko said. "So I just think again, there's a certain richness to this team, but at the same time those same people I had been after early need to step up to the plate."

One of those kinks involves that of the transition defense, an element of the game that was exposed at certain times in their scrimmage against Northeastern, and may be fatal against the fast-paced offense of Southern Cal, this Friday.

"Right now, that's our focus, transition defense," Dacko said. "We've got to be able to get back on defense and take a stand defensively. It's an unbelievable challenge. Are we ready? We'll see."

In light of last year's disappointing, injury-riddled season, the Minutewomen have been predicted to finish fourth in the A-10 East division by the preseason coaches poll. But it's all hearsay to Dacko.

"You know, I don't really pay attention to that to tell you the truth," she said. "It's important to me that at the end of the year, we do our best to put ourselves in a position to make the NCAAs."

Post-season play is nice, but it will come at the expense of playing the role of underdog, a position put on them by last season's outing.

"I'd love to be the spoiler," Dacko said. "I love to go in as the underdog. "I think when you're the kingpin everybody wants to take you off and everybody's up for you. I think in a way, if people don't respect you, you can surprise a lot of people and I'll take a win any which way I can get them."

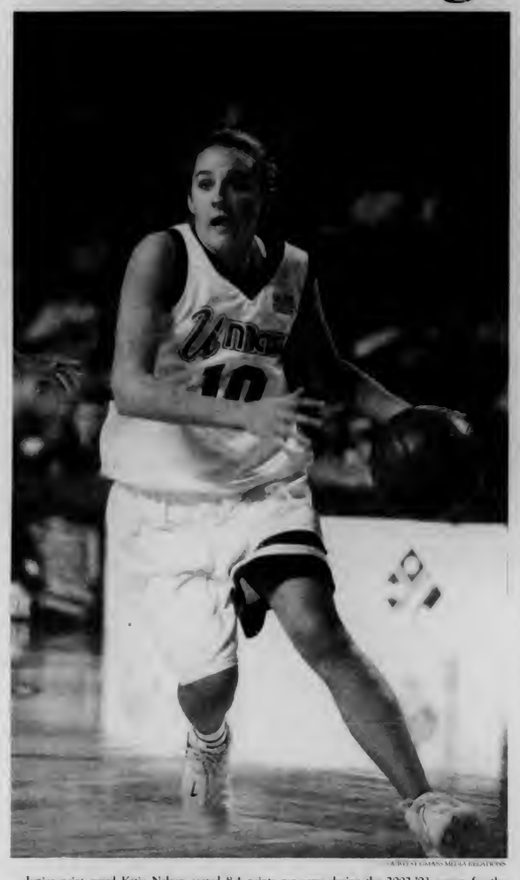
But with the cards the Minutewomen are dealt this year, post-season play doesn't seem nearly as impossible as before. That's because this year's version of the Maroon and White will play with a profound bench that goes much deeper than in the past. If the fridge in 2003-2004 was bare to the brim, then this year it is chock full of surprises and goodies.

Guards

Welcome back, Katie Nelson.

After having not played a minute in the last 18 months due to an ACL tear that caused her to redshirt, the junior-eligible guard will be calling the shots just like she was before succumbing to knee surgery. Nelson will see most of the time at point guard, where she has aver-

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Junior point guard Katie Nelson scored 8.4 points per game during the 2002-'03 season for the Minutewomen. Nelson missed all of last year due to injury, but will lead UMass for the 2004-'05 season.

Frontcourt trio defend the paint

By Matt Barstow
Collegian Staff

Any basketball team needs size if it wants to out rebound and outmatch opponents — good news for the Minutewomen, who got super sized during the off-season.

Four of the five players over six feet were not on the squad last year.

6-foot-4 red-shirt junior Patrycja Gulak is the tallest and most promising of them all. Gulak, who hails from Olsztyn, Poland, will be looked upon to lead the Minutewomen as the starting center.

Gulak sat out last season after transferring from St. John's University, where she played two seasons and was a two-time All-Big East Academic team member and averaged 8.3 points and 4.8 rebounds per game.

"Gulak delinitely adds a new dimension to the team," coach Marnie Dacko said. "She is a tenacious defender and someone who can make teams think twice about bringing the ball inside."

The junior is a surprisingly good outside shooter for someone her size, and has good stamina running the floor. With a good shooting percentage, Gulak can become a triple threat. Her shot blocking abilities and knack for coming down with rebounds can give any Atlantic 10 defense a headache.

In the 80-32 thrashing of the NWBL All-Stars on Saturday, Gulak owned the boards, picking up 11 rebounds and chipping in with six points.

If Gulak "focuses on putting the ball into the hoop she can become a force to be reckoned with," Dacko said. "I would like to see her to shoot 55-60 percent from inside the arch and pound the ball under the hoop."

Another addition to the '04 UMass women's basketball team is freshman Whitney J. McDonald. McDonald; the 6-foot-2 forward/center will come off the bench for Gulak and play primarily center.

"Whitney is a great post player," Dacko said. "She will have a significant role coming in and picking up where Gulak leaves off. Her great hands make her a good finisher and she will hopefully be ready to log a lot of minutes each game."

Against the NWBL All-Stars, McDonald mirrored Gulak's six points, and came down with seven rebounds.

"The only thing to worry about with [McDonald] is her endurance," Dacko said. "It takes a lot before a player is ready for the strain of playing college basketball, but her stamina should get better as the season goes on."

One of the only areas of concern for the two centers is foul trouble.

Both McDonald and Gulak "have been prone to getting fouls because they have been playing defense with their arms instead of their legs," Dacko said. "With [McDonald] especially, once she logs some collegiate game minutes, she will begin to see that she can no longer rely solely on skill but needs to work on footwork."

A lifetime Providence fan relates to UMass

Dave Quinn

If you're a true basketball fan, this is one of the most exciting times of the year, as the college basketball season is just starting to kick off. 327 teams start off the season with the hopes and dreams of making the cut of 64 teams that get to dance their way through March. It's just 100 percent pure basketball without the distraction of things like contracts or trade demands.

Everybody's got his or her favorite team, whether it is a local team or a team that plays on national TV often, like Duke or UNC. For me, it's always been Providence College. When I was two year old, I ran around the house in a 1987 Friar Final Four T-shirt that hung down past my knees. When I was five, my father, a season ticket holder, took me to my first game. From then on, I've spent many a winter night sitting in section 108, row GG, seat 15, watching future pros including, Austin Croshere, Eric Williams, Ben Gordon, Emeka Okafor, Tim Thomas, Allen Iverson and Ron Artest.

I rode the ups like the 1994 Big East Championship, several trips to the NCAA tournament, including a trip in the Elite Eight in 1997 (more on that later), and the upsets of nationally ranked Big East powerhouses like Connecticut, Syracuse, Georgetown, Boston College, and Pittsburgh. I've also experienced many a down, one and done trips to the Big East Tournament, and heartbreaks and collapses in the NCAA tournament including the 1997 trip to the Elite Eight against Arizona. I had nightmares of Corey Wright bricking the three pointer that would have won the game in regulation. Instead the game went to overtime, and the rest as they say is history.

You would think growing up in Massachusetts I would have been a fan of the Minutemen, but to be totally honest I was indifferent. The A-10 was about as relevant as the Big 10 or the Pac-10. The only time I really became conscious of it was when PC played instate rival URI. Sure, I paid attention when the Minutemen went on that magical Final Four run in 1996, but after that they were promptly shipped to the back burner.

I think all the history will make this season an adjustment for me. Gone are the days where I'll be able to drive to The Dunk to catch a game, or turn on the TV or radio to keep up with what's going on.

Thankfully, several games are being carried ESPN2 and CBS so I won't totally be shut out. However, these long distance relationships tend to struggle to work out and I've already found, and please excuse the pun, a rebound: our very own UMass Minutemen.

Needless to say I had a little bit of bias going the Minutemen's game against Concordia last Friday. Everything I watched I contrasted it to what, in my mind, the Friars would have done. If Rashaun Freeman missed a rebound, I thought to myself,

"Well Ryan Gomes would have

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Vlad takes home first A.L. MVP

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Vladimir Guerrero won the American League MVP award Tuesday, this is just the fifth time a player switched leagues and earned the honor in his first season with his new team.

The Anaheim Angels right fielder received 21 of 28 first-place votes and 354 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

New York Yankees right fielder Gary Sheffield finished second with five first-place votes and 254 points. Boston players split the remaining two first-place votes, with left fielder Manny Ramirez finishing third with 238 points and designated hitter David Ortiz winding up fourth with 174 points.

Guerrero was prepared for a close vote.

"I was in no way expecting it to be the way it came out," he said through a translator during a conference call from the presidential palace in the Dominican Republic.

Guerrero, 28, signed a $70 million, five-year contract with the Angels last January after eight seasons with the Montreal Expos. He hit .337 with 39 homers and 126 RBIs as Anaheim won the AL West, and led the league with 124 runs and 366 total bases.

He batted .371 in September with 10 homers and 23 RBIs, and went 14-for-30 (.467) with six homers and 11 RBIs in the last six games of the season, helping the Angels finish one game ahead of Oakland.

Anaheim manager Mike Scioscia said Guerrero was "at times carrying our team single-handedly."

"When he came to our team, our expectations were obviously very, very high, and he met every one of them," Scioscia said. "Not many players can do what he did the last week."

The only other non-rookies who became MVPs in their first AL seasons were Baltimore's Frank Robinson (1966), Chicago's Dick Allen (1972) and Detroit's Willie Hernandez (1984). In the NL, Kirk Gibson accomplished the feat with Los Angeles in 1988.

Houston's Roger Clemens won the NL Cy Young Award last week following his first season in the league. Clemens won six Cy Youngs in the AL.

Guerrero became the second Angels player to win, joining Don Baylor (1979). He is the fourth Dominican to be MVP, following Toronto's George Bell (1987), the Chicago Cubs' Sammy Sosa (1998) and Oakland's Miguel Tejada (2002). He became the ninth straight player from the AL West to win.

"Vlad has got such a great temperament. For as talented as he is, he's probably the most unassuming superstar you'd ever be around," Scioscia said. "He's got probably the smallest ego of anybody that has accomplished what he has."

Guerrero was especially happy the three of the top four finishers in the voting were Dominican.

"It's in our blood," he said. "We grow up with baseball."

Guerrero gets a $500,000 bonus for winning the award and Ramirez $100,000 for finishing third. Ortiz didn't get anything for finishing fourth — but would get $400,000 for finishing second through fifth in his contract that starts next season.

Tejada, now with Baltimore, gets a $500,000 bonus for finishing fifth, and Detroit's Ivan Rodriguez gets $100,000 for winding up 10th.

Anaheim was swept by Boston in the first round of the playoffs. Guerrero's first time in the postseason, and he hopes to get back every year.

"It really left a taste in my mouth," he said.



Vladimir Guerrero was named the American League MVP award after leading the Anaheim Angels in in all major offensive categories.

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SGA votes 'no confidence'

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

An overwhelming majority of the Student Government Association Senate voted no confidence in Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Academic Life Michael Gargano during last night's meeting.

The majority of the meeting was dedicated to discussing the current controversial situation regarding e-mails exchanged between Gargano and former Speaker of the SGA Patrick Higgins. Student Trustee Matthew Murphy told the senate body that Gargano was simply not fit to do his job or work with students and SGA members.

"This is really not a personal issue," he said, "it is essential for [Gargano and the SGA] to cooperate but at the same time if someone is not doing his job, that person needs to know."

Murphy also said that the main concern with the e-mails is the content not the anonymous source who exposed them. In an interview with the Massachusetts Daily Collegian on Tuesday, Gargano expressed great concern about the person who brought the e-mails forth.

Murphy also cited several instances backing up his allegations that Gargano was not the appropriate person to carry out the vice chancellor duties.

"I was standing there as a witness when Gargano said, 'We need more Abercrombie and Fitch and less GAP on this campus' and again to a student of color who said that he couldn't afford UMass tuition that 'then that is what community colleges are for'. I even bought this new voice recorder so that I can record everything that is said," Murphy mentioned to an applauding Senate body.

He also stated that Gargano was angry with the 'Know your rights' door fliers passed around the dormitories on campus.

"The Vice Chancellor didn't like the idea of students knowing their rights," he said.

Additionally President of the SGA Eduardo Bustamante expressed great concern with the ability for Gargano to do his job effectively and timely. He said he fears that things will not get accomplished through his office.

"[Gargano] is trying to undermine us," Bustamante said, "the first false premise is that this is all about a personality issue and it is most certainly not. Some one once told me to 'treat every day in office like it's your last day' and how are we supposed to get anything accomplished like this?"

Bustamante mentioned that there are routes to take to work with other vice chancellors on campus to achieve goals.

"[Other vice chancellors] are getting things done," he said, "and helping us to achieve our mandate; we need to produce and that is why I ask you to vote no confidence."

After the motion was read and amended upon, there was opportunity for debate for and against the vote of no confidence. Senator Brian Long spoke on behalf of his choice not to vote no confidence.

"I have worked with [Gargano] since the day he stepped in office," Long said, "it is inappropriate and unneeded to do this."

Long alluded to the SGA's incapacity to write a letter to the student body during the ALCS and World Series games enforcing that students have fun but in a respectable manner.

"The Vice Chancellor wouldn't have much regard for the SGA because he asked them to write this letter and it never happened."

Long also said that according to the aforementioned e-mails, there was no documentation from General Council Terrence O'Malley stating that the ALANA [African Latino Asian Native American] Caucus seats were legal or illegal.

"[Terrence O'Malley] said that the Caucus was legal, but that is different from the seats and until we see that letter from the General Council, that is hearsay," Long said.

Long also did not blame the Student Activities Center or Gargano for not verifying the e-mails. He said that OIT employees should be the people who verify e-mail accounts, not the administration.

Senator Shaquille Onikors spoke to the Senate, urging senators to vote no confidence.

"There is a bigger point here, our president came here last week saying that he will no

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Student Government Association President Eduardo Bustamante addresses the SGA last night in a meeting that resulted in a majority vote of no confidence for Michael Gargano as vice chancellor.

SOM alum reflects on UMass life

By Sean Whelan
Collegian Staff

University of Massachusetts' Marketing Department hosted alum Dayton Semerjian Tuesday night in the Flavin Family Auditorium. Semerjian gave an energetic speech about his career and his life at UMass compared to Harvard University.

Semerjian received his Bachelors degree in marketing from the UMass Amherst in 1988. He is currently Executive Vice President for Marketing and Strategic Alliances at Concord Communications.

Semerjian comes into the role with more than 15 years of technology industry experience, in areas ranging from market segmentation, demand generation, worldwide sales, and product marketing. Prior to his current success, Semerjian was vice president of worldwide marketing at Shiva, Inc. where he repositioned the company and drove revenue growth to more than $200 million. The numerous credits he has earned over the years surprisingly weren't acquired in a typical fashion.

"I was lucky to get into UMass," he said, referencing his high school academics. He spent two years acquiring a poor grade point average that was not applied to any major, was placed on academic probation twice and received an academic dismissal.

"In high school, you have no idea what you want to do," Semerjian said. "The class options certainly don't include Philosophy, sociology or marketing."

Eventually he successfully appealed his academic dismissal once he developed an interest in marketing, and developed the creed he gave students Tuesday night, "Pick a major, go for it, and dive in."

With renewed vigor and enthusiasm, his GPA improved, he was accepted into SOM and left for a one-year-long domestic exchange in Hawaii.

"I bought a motorcycle, learned how to surf. While a great time was all I was looking for, on paper I claimed an interest in education in another cultural environment," he said.

The cultural experience opened numerous doors for Semerjian. While in Hawaii, his Caucasian background was a source of resentment to the Hawaiians who hold a very strong and proud cultural heritage. Upon graduation, he received a management position that previously had never been given to anyone besides an Ivy League grad. He was responsible for marketing and sales positions due to his cross cultural experience.

"The beaten path of a UMass grad into an ivy league environment: The ivy league students paid more for their education," Semerjian said, citing numerous positives and negatives regarding the educational differences.

The paramount positive aspect of the Ivy League schools centers on the quality of the liberal arts education. He adamantly cited the people skills one can acquire at UMass, and the fact that one can acquire that same ivy education here, but only if the desire and commitment

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Students share hardships of West Bank

By Joe Padell
Collegian Staff

Two Palestinian students from the West Bank spoke with University of Massachusetts students and faculty Tuesday night, emphasizing the importance of education to the Palestinian/Israeli conflict.

The West Bank and the Gaza Strip have been under Israeli control since 1967.

Maha Batran, a student at Birzeit University in Ramallah, Palestine spoke about the daily obstacles Palestinian students face.

"Every day school children wake up early, wait for the soldiers to open the gate, and then search them," Batran said. "The specific opening time [of the gate] is not specified," he said, which leaves children stranded on one side or the other.

The gate Batran speaks of is part of a series of new barriers and checkpoints Israel began to erect in 2002 around Palestinian settlements. Today there are around 890 roadblocks and checkpoints in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, limiting access to education, according to Batran.

"Do you [in the audience] think 'What do I have to put up with in order to reach a university?'" she asked. The routine associated with the checkpoints "is only preventing us from having normal dreams."

Batran believes this explains the presence of suicide bombings in the conflict. She believes suicide bombers only hurt themselves and the Palestinian cause.

"When you have been marginalized it is so easy to hurt others just to free yourself," she said.

Samah Atoot, a former student at Al-Najah University in Nablus, Palestine focused on the effects the conflict has on her family and friends in Palestine.

Atoot showed the audience several photographs of Nablus, one showing taxis bunched together at night on a busy street.

"We don't have these views anymore," she said. Everyone is inside by 6 p.m. "It is very natural for you, it's a curfew."

Another photo depicted a street strewn with debris following the presence of an Israeli tank.

"The Israeli tank is like six tons and when it passes the whole street will be like shaking," Atoot said.

Atoot described the effect roadblocks and checkpoints are having on medical services in the region.

Atoot described a time when she was heading back to Nablus in an ambulance and stopped to pick up a pregnant woman in the process of giving birth.

"The soldiers stopped us for four hours," she said "The woman was bleeding and she was yelling for mercy."

315 children are born at checkpoints every year, according to Atoot.

"The kid was born on the checkpoint and he's paralyzed because of the lack of oxygen we couldn't provide," she said. Checkpoints stifle economic development and growth because of the time they add to any trip into or out of Palestinian communities.

"From my city to Ramallah it's 40 minutes without checkpoints," she said. It takes up to seven hours with checkpoints.

"Administrative detention is another phase of the occupation," Atoot said. When someone is administratively

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Maha Batran, left, and Samah Atoot, right, speak about the ongoing Israeli occupation, and its effects on college students.

Workers of coffee shop unionizing amid accusations

By Matt Elder
Collegian Staff

SUNDERLAND — A local business is going through the process of unionizing, and that has led to very tense moments at the coffee shop, leading to accusations and allegations.

According to two employees, Java Hut, a coffee shop in Sunderland, has begun working with the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) to get legal advice and start the process of forming a union.

"We're looking to start a union," said Java Hut employee Erin McElroy. McElroy and Matthew Roth, another employee, have said that their employers do not want them to join a union and have harassed various employees to intimidate them from joining a union.

"They've brought some people to tears," McElroy said of her boss' pressure.

Roth said that the union the employees are either now in, or trying to join, is the Industrial Union 660 (IU660), which is a branch of the IWW. He said that a majority of the employees are already in the union. Co-owner Daren Pierce said that the rest of the employees will vote in the next few weeks about the rest joining.

Pierce, who owns the store with his brother Sean, has a much different side of the story. Both he and his brother maintain that they have not intimidated the employees.

"I'm not against the union," he said. Pierce said that his main problems with the employees forming a union is that it will affect his day-to-day decisions, such as allowing people to leave for the day when business is slow, that will now have to be a union decision.

"We've done nothing but try to run a good business," he said.

Pierce said that he didn't know what his legal rights were and what the employees' legal rights were. He also said he had to hire a costly lawyer to learn of these things.

According to the employees, there are many concerns between everyone at Java Hut.

McElroy said that the employees at the coffee shop are most upset about what happened to two employees right around the time they approached Pierce about a union.

McElroy said that the two employees were fired when they said that they wanted to join a union, but Pierce said that the employees had a problem with a manager and said that the employees told him that either the manager would leave or they would leave.

"They gave their resignation and all I did was accept it," Pierce said.

According to McElroy, many employees have a problem with the hiring of the manager, especially when the owners talk to financial hardships. She said that the manager had no prior experience in coffee shops.

"A lot of us folks are upset at us hiring him," McElroy said.

Pierce said that several employees had a problem with the manager, and they made accusations of him yelling at customers. He said that he followed up on the allegations and that they proved to be false.

Roth said that he had more

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Insurgent battles kill 27 people in Baghdad

By Tini Tran
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A suicide car bomber blasted an American convoy north of Baghdad and U.S. troops battled insurgents west of the capital Wednesday as a wave of violence across Iraq's Sunni Muslim heartland killed at least 27 people.

American forces pursued their search-and-destroy mission against the remaining holdouts in the former insurgent bastion of Fallujah, and to the north, American forces pressed an offensive to reclaim part of the city of Mosul from militants.

November became one of Iraq's bloodiest months as the U.S. death toll in the war in Iraq reached 1,206 with new Defense Department identifications Tuesday night and Wednesday, according to an Associated Press tally.

On Wednesday, a suicide attacker drove his bomb-laden car into a U.S. convoy during fierce fighting in the town of Beiji, 155 miles north of the Baghdad, killing 10 people and wounding 12, including three American soldiers. Another attack on a convoy of civilian contractors in Beiji caused no

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Gay couples celebrate first anniversary of court decision

By Jennifer Peter
Associated Press



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A lesbian couple celebrates the one-year anniversary of the Massachusetts Supreme Court decision to legalize gay marriage.

BOSTON (AP) — Newlyweds Gail and Betsy Leondar-Wright now walk hand-in-hand with a greater sense of entitlement.

Rod and Lindel Hart revel in the simple act of checking off the "married" box on applications, even on federal forms that do not recognize their union.

"I will never, ever check the 'single' box again," said Rod, 31, of Greenfield.

Tanya McCloskey feels the full impact of Massachusetts' one-year-old gay marriage decision when a neighbor asks, "So how's the wife?"

"It's still new to me," said McCloskey, 52, who married Marcia Kadish on May 17, the day the landmark court decision took effect and the wave of same-sex weddings began taking place across the state. "It takes me a minute to answer and I get a little giggly."

It was a year ago on Thursday that the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruled that the state constitution guaranteed gay and lesbian couples the right to marry. But the aftershocks can still be felt — in a political upheaval that has been credited with swaying the presidential election, in a cultural battle over the future of matrimony, and in the daily lives of the thousands of couples who took vows they once never believed possible.

An Associated Press review of all 8,158 wedding certificates publicly recorded with the state since the dawn of gay marriage shows that at least 2,980 were filed by same-sex couples in 290 of the state's 351 cities and towns.

According to unofficial data compiled by the Registry of Vital Records, 4,266 gay marriage certificates have been sent to the agency but not all have been reviewed or officially recorded.

Cities and towns have two months and 10 days from the date of marriage to send the certificate to the state, so numbers in some communities may be larger than those registered with the state.

Of those reviewed by the AP, a full two-thirds are female couples while the rest are male. The bulk came from in-state couples, while the remainder come from 39 states, the District of Columbia, Brazil, Australia, Germany and New Zealand. The legality of these out-of-state unions depends on whether at least one member of the couple has a residence in Massachusetts or intends to move to the state.

During the first months of same-sex weddings, the state's capital – Boston – was the gay marriage capital, with 407 couples from there exchanging vows. Northampton, a gay-friendly community about 100 miles west of Boston, was second with 99 and Cambridge, Boston's liberal neighbor, was third with 92.

But same-sex marriage was not limited to the state's large cities or gay enclaves. Two couples came from Tolland (pop. 426) while another came from Middlefield (pop. 542), both small towns in western Massachusetts. In all, 17 couples came from towns with populations under 1,000.

The numbers in the documents reviewed by the AP reflect the marriages that have been publicly recorded with the state since May 17 — not the total that have taken place since then.

While marriage has provided concrete benefits to some — lower health insurance payments, rental car savings — it is the simple, intangible joys that many gay couples seem to be savoring a year later: a feeling of acceptance, the hugs of neighbors, the wedding albums they can't seem to get enough of, the special vocabulary of marriage.

"I've been called 'Mrs..'" said Gail Leondar-Wright, who married Betsy, her partner of 13 years, on May 23. "None of us ever thought we would be called a 'Mrs.'"

The most significant marriage perks may not be felt for years, until a spouse enters a nursing home or is rushed to the hospital for surgery. Marriage will entitle them to state financial protections and familial rights, but no federal benefits.

Opponents of same-sex marriage say other long-lasting impacts will not be evident until today's children become adults.

"Many of us have said that the ramifications of these decisions won't be known for a decade or two, when we can see the impact on children who are taught that either a mom is not necessary or a dad is not necessary," said Ron.

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exists. He stressed his admiration for our University, its quality of education, and its insatiable appetite for partying.

"Do it Wednesday through Saturday, your peers out every night will be out for the entire next semester," he said.

His tenure at Harvard provided a surprising social life rivaling his at Umass, he said.

"Instead of sneaking a keg into a dorm, or Beirut in a dingy basement, champagne would flow in a Beacon Hill apartment, or a get together of people from across the globe at a Newport Mansion."

Semerjian gave a bit of insight about the mindset of employers regarding a UMass grad.

"Believe they'll have a low opinion of the school, but enter an interview confident, let them know there's a world of distraction here, and there's a world as good as or better than anywhere else, and most importantly, be unapologetic about attending a state school," he said.

Semerjan said there is a subtle difference in classroom structure in a Harvard M.B.A. Program, and that of a typical UMass class.

"At Harvard, there are 90 students in a classroom; you are expected to be entirely knowledgeable on a certain amount of material prior to each class. The professor then looks at a roster, says one name out of the 90 in front of him, and expects 20 minutes of lecture from that student, when the professor asks for a rebuttal, 89 hands go up."

He said academic expectations vary between the two, but in every UMass classroom, numerous students hold themselves to those expectations, and the opportunities and connections that can be created are unrivaled by an ivy league such as Harvard, Yale or Amherst College.

"But the door of opportunity is only open a crack, do you glance into it, or barge in?" he said.

Java Hut brews feud

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concerns.

"There's a whole slew of problems," he said.

He added that he wanted a union to change many things, including the unfair firings, inconsistency in disciplinary actions and safety concerns. Roth said that they have some faulty electrical equipment in the store that haven't been totally fixed, and that there have been fires at the store.

"[We want to] change the dynamics of the work environment," Roth said.

According to Roth, at a scheduled meeting on Nov. 3, the employees approached the owners about joining a union. He said that the owners told everyone who was already in a union to leave. He claims he briefly left and the owners interrogated other employees about their involvement.

Roth said that on Nov. 6, high tech surveillance cameras were installed.

"They are trying to monitor us," he said, adding that he thinks they want to know who is in the union and will slowly fire everyone.

However, Roth, who described the working atmosphere as "tense", thinks that this matter is a different battle than just them trying to start a union.

"This is a clear example of a class struggle," he said of the employees versus the employers. Roth said that the employers said that them joining a union will greatly affect them financially, which Pierce agreed with.

Pierce said that Java Hut is a Ma and Pa store, and that the owners work from paycheck to paycheck. He said that he and his brother work very hard, and both get to the shop at 5:30 a.m. every day.

"We're a small business and have done a lot for this community," he said.



Kmart to takeover of Sears for billions

By Anne D'Innocenzio
Associated Press



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A large sign marks the entrance to the Kmart Coorperation headquarters in Troy, Mich. Kmart is buying Sears for $11 billion.

NEW YORK (AP) — A resurgent Kmart, home of the blue light special, is buying the once-dominant Sears department store chain in a surprising $11 billion gamble it is counting on to help both better compete with Wal-Mart and other big-box retailers.

Led by Kmart Holding Corp. chairman Edward Lampert, the new Sears Holdings Corp. would be the nation's third largest retailer. Both chains would survive, but several hundred stand-alone Kmarts throughout the country are expected to be transformed into Sears stores. The goal: A quick kick-start to sales away from Sears traditional base of shopping malls.

Lampert and Sears chairman and CEO Alan Lacy, in announcing the deal on Wednesday, promised up to $500 million a year in savings within three years from store conversions, back-office job cuts, more efficient buying of goods and possible store closings.

Shares of both Kmart and Sears, Roebuck and Co. surged on the news, but some analysts are skeptical that it amounts to a home run.

"Both have been broken in some sense," said Dan Hess, president and chief executive of Merchant Forecast, a New York-based independent research company. "Kmart has to learn to survive in a Wal-Mart world and Sears needs to learn to survive in a world of Home Depot and Lowe's."

Lampert, 42, was as an assistant to Robert Rubin at Goldman Sachs & Co. before leaving to form a hedge fund at the age of 25. He orchestrated the deal and will lead a new board that will be dominated by Kmart directors.

"We need to have a very low cost structure in order to compete with our biggest competitors," said Lampert, whose Greenwich, Conn.-based investment firm controls Kmart and is Sears largest individual shareholder, with a 15.8 percent stake.

For Sears, the merger allows the company to move more quickly to where it believes its strongest base of customers are. "Off mall is where we need to move very aggressively," said Lacy, who will become vice chairman and chief executive of Sears Holding.

Lacy said he and Lampert have known each other for four years. The idea for a combined company first arose when they were in talks about Sears' purchase of 50 Kmart stores earlier this year, he said.

The new company is expected to have $55 billion in annual revenues and 3,500 outlets. That will mean it will trail only Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Home Depot Inc. among the biggest U.S. retailers.

It will be headquartered in the northwestern Chicago suburb of Hoffman Estates, where Sears has its headquarters, but will maintain a "significant presence" in Troy, Mich., where Kmart is based.

The deal marks a remarkable comeback for Kmart, which filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in early 2002, leading to the closing of about 600 stores, termination of 57,000 Kmart employees and cancellation of company stock.

Lampert gained control of Kmart when the retailer emerged from bankruptcy in May 2003 through the conversion of his debt holdings into equity. In March, Kmart posted its first profitable quarter in three years.

While same-store sales have continued to decline, Lampert has maximized cash flow in part by selling off some of the stores to Sears and Home Depot.

On Wednesday, Kmart said it earned $553 million, or $5.45 per share, in the third quarter ended Oct. 27, compared with a loss of $25 million, or 26 cents per share, for the same period a year ago.

Inflation on rise as economy improves

By Jeannie Aversa
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer prices in October posted their biggest increase in five months, pinching people's pocketbooks at the gas pump and the grocery store.

The latest picture of the nation's pricing climate showed that inflation is picking up now that the economy has emerged from a slow spell. That is bolstering the case for the Federal Reserve to bump up short-term interest rates for a fifth time this year when policy-makers meet Dec. 14.

The government's most closely watched inflation gauge, the Consumer Price Index, rose 0.6 percent in October, compared with a 0.2 percent rise in September, the Labor Department said Wednesday. Costlier energy and food were the main culprits behind last month's acceleration.

"Consumers have to shell out quite a bit more to cover those costs," said Carl Tannenbaum, chief economist at LaSalle Bank. Gasoline prices for the month soared 8.6 percent, the biggest increase in more than a year. Fresh fruit prices rose by 6.3 percent, the most in more than 20 years.

Excluding volatile energy and food prices, core prices increased by a more modest 0.2 percent in October, following a 0.3 percent rise the month before.

Other economic news added to the case for another rate increase by the Fed:

— Industrial production shot up 0.7 percent in October, following a 0.1 percent increase in September, the Federal Reserve reported.

— Housing construction jumped 6.4 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 2.03 million units — the highest level of this year, the Commerce Department said.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues began their campaign in June to raise interest rates, intending to prevent inflation from becoming a threat to the economy.

Thus far, the Fed has ordered four rate increases, each one-quarter of a percentage point. After the most recent increase, last week, an important interest rate was at two percent.

Analysts said that, inflation, while certainly a concern, does not pose a serious danger to the economy now.

Fed policy-makers, in a statement after their meeting last week, said "inflation and longer-term inflation expectations remain well contained." They also said the economy appears to be growing "at a moderate pace despite the rise in energy prices."

From a consumer's point of view, rising inflation can strain the family budget. After adjusting for inflation, weekly earnings of non-supervisory workers dropped 0.4 percent in October, compared with a 0.3 percent rise in September, the Labor Department said.

On Wall Street, investors shrugged off the inflation news and focused on a deal between Kmart Holding Corp. and Sears, Roebuck and Co. The Dow Jones industrials gained 61.92 points to close at 10,549.57.

The CPI report came one day after the government released data showing wholesale costs soared in October by 1.7 percent, the biggest increase in more than 14 years.

With the economy expanding, some companies are finding it easier to raise prices, analysts said. A weaker U.S. dollar also is putting pressure on prices of imported goods, which gives American companies more room to raise prices.

Still, economists expect both wholesale and consumer prices for November will look better. Experts site a moderation in crude oil costs and an expectation that food costs will settle down.

Some economists, however, are concerned that rising prices could

SGA votes no confidence for Gargano

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longer work with the Vice Chancellor and I support his actions because if he feels that he cannot get anything done via the Vice Chancellor then it's time to take the other route [and work with other administrators]."

Senator Pavel Payano expressed disagreement with the direction of the e-mail verification process and said that he was angry that Gargano alluded to the fact that the content of the e-mails was trivial in comparison to who found them.

"That right there is enough for me to vote no confidence," he said, "if you did it then own up to it."

The vote passed overwhelmingly, 40 voted no confidence with six voting against and one abstention.

The vote of no confidence will be sent to Chancellor Lombardi, President Jack Wilson, Faculty Senate members, and all of the vice chancellors. The Chancellor can then appoint specific guidance to advise the SGA or he may chose to deal with the SGA directly. According to Long, the Dean of Students Joanne Yanin was voted no confidence in the late 1990s, however, she is currently Dean of Students.

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casualties.

Elsewhere, a three-hour gunbattle between militants and U.S. forces after nightfall left seven people dead and 13 hurt in Ramadi, a city west of Fallujah.

Insurgents fired rocket-propelled grenades, mortar and Kalashnikov rifles at American forces in the city center, Zayout district and along the main highway in town, said Abdel Karim al-Hiti of Ramadi General Hospital.

Ramadi, about 70 miles west of Baghdad, falls within the restive Sunni Triangle area north and west of the capital where the bulk of insurgent attacks have erupted.

Although fighting has ebbed in Fallujah, it has not ceased. The U.S. military said pockets of insurgents remain even though the city is fully occupied by American troops.

On Wednesday, heavy machine-gun fire and explosions rang out in south-central parts of the city as U.S. Marines hunted remaining fighters. In the northern Jolan neighborhood, Marines seven insurgents who officers said had sneaked back into the city by swimming the Euphrates River.

Bullets snapped overhead, and Iraqis collecting bodies of the dead ran for cover behind walls and in buildings as Marines returned fire. After 15 minutes of fighting, three insurgents were dead and one Marine was slightly injured in the hand, officers said.

The rush of warplanes streaking through the low-lying clouds shook the city and blasts sent smoke into the sky. The U.S. military said airstrikes Wednesday were concentrated in southwestern Fallujah, destroying enemy positions.

Iraqi officials have acknowledged that insurgent leaders Omar Hadid and Sheik Abdullah al-Janabi, along with Jordanian terror boss Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, have not been captured and may have slipped away.

A man identified as Hadid appeared Wednesday with three other hooded gunmen on LBC1 Lebanese television and dismissed claims that the Americans control the Fallujah.

"They did not know that they fell in the trap of death," he said. He insisted insurgents were advancing inside Fallujah toward Jolan and the downtown market, adding "I challenge any force which claims to control Fallujah."

Reports surfaced that 31 policemen had been kidnapped in the town of Rutba near the Jordanian border by armed men who stormed a hotel where the officers were staying.

The Karbala police officer who made the report said he escaped a raid Sunday by armed men in the hotel, according to a police spokesman.

The officer said about 20 men attacked the hotel, covering the captives' heads with black bags and tying their hands before dragging them away, the spokesman said. The officer said he was beaten but was not abducted.

Adnan Asadi, deputy interior minister for administrative affairs, said the abduction reports were "not true." He said the police sent for training in Jordan had not returned to Iraq.

In Mosul, where insurgents launched an uprising last week, the situation appeared calmer, with U.S. and Iraqi troops encountering isolated small-arms attacks, the military said.

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Gonzalez to face tough questions in hearings regarding war procedures

By Curt Anderson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Alberto Gonzales will face tough questioning during hearings on his nomination to become the next attorney general but is on track to be confirmed, the Senate Judiciary Committee's top Democrat said Wednesday.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., met with Gonzales and warned him to be prepared for lengthy questioning about his positions on how the Geneva Conventions apply to the war on terrorism and whether his close relationship with President Bush jeopardizes his independence.

"There are going to be issues that are going to come up where the interest of justice may be at odds with the interest of the president as an individual, and you have to go with the interest of justice," Leahy said he told Gonzales.

To cite one high-profile example, Gonzales, if confirmed, will have to decide whether to recuse himself from the investigation into the leak to the press of the identity of undercover CIA officer Valerie Plame. Outgoing Attorney General John Ashcroft did step aside under pressure, and Gonzales testified in June before a grand jury hearing evidence in that case.

"I think this is an issue that will be raised at the confirmation hearings," Leahy said.



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Alberto Gonzalez, left, stands with President George W. Bush at a press conference. Gonzalez is expected to face tough questioning next week, on the heels of his nomination as attorney general.

Leahy also said Gonzales, currently the White House legal counsel, is a less controversial figure than Ashcroft, who frequently clashed with Democrats over congressional oversight and tactics used in the war on terror.

"The president could have picked a more polarizing figure. He did not. I applaud him for that," Leahy told reporters after the 30-minute meeting. "I think he has a far better chance of confirmation with substantial votes from both sides of the aisle than a more divisive figure would have."

During a brief photo session with Leahy, Gonzales did not respond to reporters' questions about a controversial memo he wrote in 2002 contending Bush had the right to waive anti-torture laws and international treaties providing protections to prisoners of war. Critics have said that position helped lead to abuses of the type seen at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison.

Ashcroft will stay on as attorney general until Gonzales is confirmed.

The ludiciary Committee has not yet set a timetable for confirmation hearings, in part because of turmoil over the panel's chairmanship in the next Congress.

WHO says too little flu research being done

By Arthur Max
Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The world is unprepared for an inevitable flu pandemic that could kill tens of millions of people, but profit-driven pharmaceutical companies are putting too little research into the development of vaccines, the World Health Organization said Thursday.

Developing flu vaccines was high on a priority list released by the U.N. agency, which recommended policies to encourage the production of drugs to treat diseases that have been overlooked because of poor sales potential or because research has been inadequate.

WHO listed 17 illnesses, ranging from Alzheimer's to tuberculosis to alcoholic liver disease, which need urgent attention. The report was commissioned by the Dutch presidency of the European Union, and focused on what Europe can do.

"Pharmaceutical research and development are based on a market-driven incentive system relying primarily on patents and protected pricing," said the report. "As a result, a number of health needs are left unaddressed."

It laid out a grim scenario for a global flu pandemic that it said was overdue and which could be far worse than the 1918-19 outbreak that killed an estimated 40 million to 50 million people.

The European Union has allocated less than $5.2 million to support flu vaccine research, said the report. The United States has spent $50 million to $100 million, but even that was "modest compared with investments in developing vaccines for other diseases," it said.

The report, Priority Medicines for Europe and the World Project, points to areas of public health for new incentives and initiatives, including a program combining public and private financing.

It said new approaches are needed to treat bacterial infections, because antibiotics are used so commonly that many strains now resist them. Drug companies see too little incentive to develop antibacterials.

The report points to changing patterns of disease due to aging populations. Chronic illnesses common in Europe, like heart disease, smoking-related problems and diabetes, are now spreading to developing countries.

It also listed "neglected diseases" that are uncommon in Europe but which can be devastating in developing or tropical countries, like malaria and tuberculosis, to which the commercial pharmaceutical companies pay little attention.

Sound waves can help brain blockages

By Jeff Donn
Associated Press

BOSTON — The same type of sound waves that pulsate from sonar fish-finders and ultrasound fetal monitors can dramatically boost the power of anti-clotting medicine and help it dissolve brain blockages in stroke patients, a study suggests.

This technique may one day offer a safe accessory for helping up to 100,000 U.S. patients a year, or 15 percent of the nation's stroke victims, doctors said.

Imaging specialist Dr. Joseph Polak at New England Medical Center said more doctors should now consider adopting the technique.

"It's a relatively big impact for a disease where we don't have many options," he said. The study and Polak's commentary appeared Thursday in The New England Journal of Medicine. The research was conducted by the University of Texas Medical School at Houston with partners in Canada and Spain.

About 700,000 people suffer strokes each year in the United States, making it the leading cause of serious, long-term disability, according to the American Stroke Association. About 163,000 died from a stroke in 2001, third only to heart disease and cancer.

Like a heart attack within the brain, a stroke happens when a clot gets stuck in a blood vessel and cuts off circulation.



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Ultrasound helps break up clots in stroke victims, according to a recent study.

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detained, Atoot claims, they can be held without charges for up to one year.

"What kind of democracy is this?" she asked. "This is Israeli democracy."

Reaction to the presentation was positive, though some questioned the validity of some of the speakers' statements.

"I liked the presentation and I definitely enjoy seeing a different point of view," Jonah Rubin, a sophomore history major, said. "Some of the facts that I know of just seemed a little bit off to me."

He added that these facts can differ depending on where you are brought up and where you went to school.

Na'ama Gal, a senior Italian studies major, thought bringing students from the West Bank to explain the Palestinian/Israeli conflict made it easier to relate to.

"I'm very happy they were able to bring two students from the West Bank to tell us the sit-

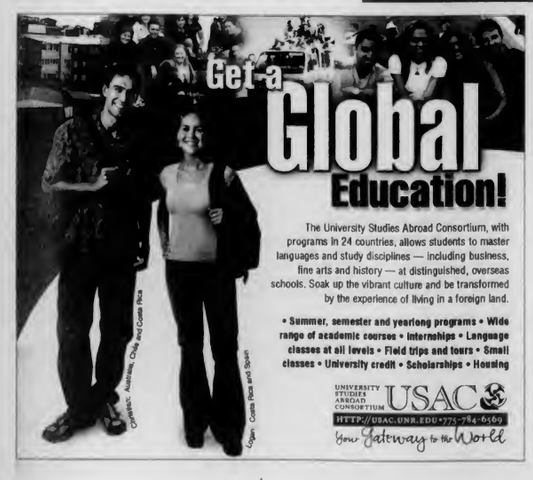
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"What we have to do is to be forever curiously testing new opinions and courting new impressions." -Walter Pater

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In our own backyard

Aaron Wodin-Schwartz

I grew up in a small hilltown called Heath, about 15 minutes north of Shelburne Falls on the border of Vermont. The northwestern towns of Franklin County are what we locals refer to as West County, and we garner the most intense love and pride for our home.

Just south of West County lies Greenfield. This was the big city for the majority of my childhood, and it had it all — a couple of big streets, two movie theatres, and lots of stores and restaurants. Later in life, Greenfield became my cozy home away from home, an extension of West County, as I worked and studied there for a couple of years.

Yet, I am saddened to say that in the past five years, Greenfield has taken a tragic turn for the worse.

Never a particularly large town, Greenfield's post-Cold War economic downturn has been exacerbated by recent influxes of poor and unemployed residents mainly from Holyoke and Chicopee seeking cheap government subsidized housing. As a result, drug-related and violent crime has been on the rise across the demographic spectrum for the past decade, with arrests increasing an average of at least 300 per year in that time span.

I cannot possibly articulate the pain that I have borne of late in reading of multiple armed bank and convenience store robberies and residential burglaries within weeks of each other in this humble municipality of 19,000. Most recently, I am appalled at the gory murder of 20-year-old Anthony Alves of neighboring Colrain, which occurred within two blocks of Main Street.

As described in this weekend's Boston Globe article aptly entitled "A Death Reflects a Town's Decline", Alves was brutally beaten to death by four unknown youths bearing steel pipes and a machete. As it turns out, the young men arrested for the killing were called in from Northampton to commit the murder and did not even know Alves personally.

Murders don't happen in Greenfield, especially not of the heinous variety, and especially not of people from West County. Understandably, this incident piled on top of all the other startling developments in Greenfield has brought up some serious issues for me.

My first instinct was to feel anger with Alves' murderers and all the other criminals plaguing Greenfield in such a way that would have warranted revenge. I must admit that I even had an initial xenophobic reaction and thought some pretty scary and racist thoughts. Once I got over my initial emotion, however, I got to reckoning and then to wondering just how such structural collapse could occur seemingly overnight.

It's true that there's been a drastic change in the demographic composition of the town in the past decade and that there has been an increase in crime, vagrancy, and unemployment since then, and particularly in violent crime in the past five years, but most of this has been perpetrated by poor white people. The tragedy is not that we now have a more culturally diversified town, it's that the town is in a heap of irremediable trouble.

There is a daily queue outside the employment services and welfare offices. There was already a distinct lack of social programs two years ago before Romney began cutting them. The aisles of the Salvation Army are bare and so many residents now live on insufficient government subsidies that there is no hope of raising a large enough tax base for the town to be able to support its new and growing population.

I expressed these grievances to my mother and the only explanation she could give me was "this is what an empire in decline looks like." Of course she is right. Just 20 years ago, Greenfield was a thriving economic hub at the crossroads of Route 91 and the Mohawk Trail. Now most of all the industrial jobs have been shipped overseas or to southern states where labor unions are weaker. I remember at about the age of 6 most of my friends' fathers were laid off as their employers downsized or skipped town. My own dad, a trained professional, also found himself out of work at the time.

But this is my home. These are sacred grounds and I cannot simply say that this is what happens when empires finally come crashing down and be done with it. I need to do something. I am confined, at the moment, to simply buying locally produced goods and asking state representatives to increase fiscal policy in Western Massachusetts to provide employment and stimulate the economy. The insertion of some much-needed social programs could be just the trick and could also directly combat the violent streak that is quickly becoming a recurrent theme in town.

While I call on my fellow UMassers to do the same, I also feel that this is not enough. We are a strong school of some 24,000 students right down the road from Greenfield and we are in a position to help. More of us should direct our academic attentions toward this area and realize that this is an untapped resource in almost any field of study: sociology, psychology, political science, medicine, film, human and resource management. You name it. Engage in civil society. Make industry contacts. Apply your knowledge and learn some real life lessons.

There are some tremendous opportunities for students to connect with existing programs or even create new ones. Take advantage of the chance to help your local district and increase your prestige at the same time. Please help our community in decline.

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E-mails implicate Gargano

David Lewis

Last week, the Student Government Association began to address a number of recently discovered e-mail correspondences between former SGA Speaker Patrick Higgins, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Mike Gargano, and SGA lawyer Chuck DiMarc. The e-mails were largely concerned with the legitimacy and funding of the Office of ALANA Affairs (OAA), the campus's main minority advocacy group.

The following information is taken directly from an article entitled, "UMass Admin Collude with KKK-9 Against ALANA Community," in the November edition of "The Graduate Voice," a publication that is widely available on campus.

All of the e-mails in question took place without including SGA President Eddie Bustamante. The e-mails sent by Higgins attempted to remove funding from the position of Gladys Franco, who has been the interim Director of the OAA.

There is an ongoing pattern of hostility between conservative leaders of the SGA and ALANA students. This conflict has made headlines repeatedly over the past year, from the controversy over ALANA senate seats, to the refusal to accept President Bustamante's election, to this current issue. Therefore, it is not surprising that a representative of the SGA would try to dismantle the OAA.

Gargano's and DiMare's responses to Higgins' attacks on the OAA indicate that they are not only sympathetic to Higgins, but that they share his cause. The e-mails demonstrate that Gargano and Higgins had hoped to dismantle the ALANA caucus by proving that it does not have a legal basis to exist.

Over the summer, Gargano pulled the ALANA caucus into his office, telling them that he was suspending the body until the General Counsel could determine its legality. No other campus group received this type of scrutiny.

On June 26, Gargano responded to Higgins.

"I heard back from the General Counsel and the news is different that what we anticipated," Gargano said. The General Counsel had replied that as a minority set-aside, the ALANA caucus was unconstitutional, but the SGA by-laws never mention race as a basis for the caucus, which is usually composed of both white and minority students.

According to an e-mail which Higgins sent to Jared Nokes, Gargano shared with him the news that the ALANA caucus was, in fact, perfectly legal. To this day, Gargano has not informed the caucus, or President Bustamante, that the caucus is technically legal, according to the Graduate Student Voice. The fact that Gargano shared this information with Higgins but withheld it from the SGA President and the ALANA caucus is an incriminating violation of ethical standards by Gargano.

As Vice Chancellor, Michael Gargano is an authority figure on campus, he is not supposed to interfere with the inner workings of the SGA. When the OAA recently submitted a request to hire an assistant director, Gargano refused to sign off on the request. His signature was supposed to be a mere formality since funding was already reserved for that position, but he used his office to actively obstruct the hiring process, which has now been shelved.

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Gargano and DiMare are the administrators that supervise both the SGA and OAA. The fact that they engaged in secret conversations with select members of the SGA is a violation of the public trust. These two administrators attempted to subvert the OAA, even though their offices are responsible for supporting student groups. SGA President Eddie Bustamante has refused to continue to work with Gargano in light of Gargano's blatant bias and lack of professionalism.

The e-mail controversy has left a damaging effect on a campus that is already disillusioned with the SGA and the administration. The majority of students seem to feel that the SGA is largely disconnected from the student body it serves. UMass students also feel at odds with the administration at large, which recently has raised fees while cutting important programs such as phys ed., bilingual ed, and the library.

UMass has been steadily losing its reputation as a school that celebrates cultural diversity and serves working communities. Minority enrollment at UMass has declined drastically across the board since 1997. According to SCERA, tuition and fees have increased at least 24 percent since 2002. Average families have shouldered the burden for the recent budget cuts, and campus resources have deteriorated.

One student commented to Gargano that with the increasing fees and acceptance standards, he might no longer be able to afford to go here. He replied, "That's what community colleges are for." What Gargano doesn't get is that UMass is the only high-quality publicly funded option for Massachusetts communities. Gargano's consistent attacks on ALANA students reflect his overall goal of turning UMass into a school that caters to out-of-state students and wealthy families.

Including people of different races and economic situations is an essential part of providing a balanced education. Most white students seem to feel either ambivalent or powerless about this issue, as though it pertains only to minorities. If we don't address this issue now, UMass will soon be a school only for rich white kids.

Gargano has confirmed what many UMass students already knew: the administration is opposed to providing resources to minority students. Gargano has sent a clear message that he does not support the University's stated goal of "a rich cultural environment." As a first step toward improving the conditions at UMass, we must demand the resignation of Gargano before he causes further harm to our university.

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Arnold needs to keep his distance

Matthew M. Burke

Arnold Schwarzenegger wants to be the President of the United States of America. It's crazy, I know. I had to rub my eyes several times when I read the headline last week, too. As much as I love Arnold for his roles in films like Commando, Conan, Terminator, Predator, and Kindergarten Cop, I must admit that he's gone too far this time. America's security is at stake. From one Republican to another, stop pumping yourself up.

Unfortunately, there is not much in today's global media that surprises me. I have become accustomed and immune to both bizarre and violent news. From terrorist beheadings in Iraq to the fact that beavers in Louisiana recently built a damn out of stolen casino money, I don't even blink anymore. These stories keep rolling off my back like rain. They seem made up.

When Lissa Morgenthaler-Jones and her husband, David Jones, recently started accepting donations to facilitate an amendment to change the Constitution, my jaw dropped and I started paying attention.

These California mutual fund managers, who donated heavily to Schwarzenegger's bid to become Governor, have opened up a Pandora's box. While I think Arnold is a great guy, the Constitution should not be changed to facilitate his candidacy.

As the law stands, any candidate for the highest office has to have been born on U.S. soil. It includes military bases and embassies, but it must be the sovereign soil of the United States. I believe this to be the strongest argument to exclude Arnold.

Arnold became a citizen in 1983 after spending his formative years in Austria. We know he's a family man who has married into a political dynasty here in the U.S. He loves our country and is great for the people of California. If the job is open to him, however, then it must be open to an enormous number of other people who have moved here.

This would mean that former Taliban foot soldiers would be eligible after a certain allotted time of citizenship. North Korean doctors who had just finished testing chemical weapons on prisoners could come here and eventually make a run for the Presidency. Sudanese genocidal maniacs would not be excluded. Outlandish, perhaps, but I would not want to see the discrimination cases that would result going before the Supreme Court. I don't think I'm alone in saying that this would simply be unacceptable.

These efforts to change the Constitution dilute the document, and negatively impact the voice of the American people. If, for example, the President must condemn Ireland for some reason, then it is important that he do it. He may be less inclined to do his duty, however, if he is only 14 years removed from County Cork.

While I think Arnold is a great guy, the Constitution should not be changed to facilitate his candidacy.

Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA) has supported Arnold in his quest to become the leader of the free world. Why he has done this I do not know. He probably feels that nobody will support the measure so it makes him seem more progressive. He may simply just like Arnold. It's hard to speculate, but I can't help but be a little skeptical with regard to the old Massachusetts Senator's intentions.

The amendment has to be Congressionally approved and then ratified by 38 states. This probably will not happen, but the fact that it is being proposed scares me. There are many problems that could arise if it does get pushed through.

Is it possible that this may lead to an influx in illegal immigrants trying to enter the country in order to vote for their candidate? Or perhaps even the demise of the two-party-system would soon follow? Would a foreign presidency lead to even more jobs leaving the nation? It remains to be seen, but it could possibly spell the end for the United States.

Many qualified foreigners will be excluded from the Presidential election if this amendment to the Constitution is dropped or defeated. I apologize to them for this, but there are many other positions in the public sector that have a great impact on our society, as well.

The Senate, Congress, Supreme Court, and State Government are all fantastic ways to make a difference. I would not expect to be able to be the President of Nigeria just because I decided to move there.

Morgenthaler-Jones is apparently a libertarian and her college friend, co-founder Mimi Chen, is a member of the green party. This group has started the web site for Arnold called www.AmendforArnold.com.

On the site, they blindly pursue this pipedream of having foreigners become eligible for the Presidency. So I wonder, are these people crazy? I think it would be cool to have the Terminator as President, too, but they happen to disagree with him on almost everything he stands for. So, are they plain stupid, or do they stand to profit from such a candidacy?

They've been interviewed by MSNBC, CNN, and CBS. They also run television commercials in California. "You cannot choose the land of your birth. You can choose the land you love," says Morgenthaler-Jones in the group's television ads.

This may be true, but it runs contrary to our Constitution, a document that has served our nation well for a long, long time.

Arnold and his family need to distance themselves from these morons, before he goes down with them.

Matthew M. Burke is a Collegian columnist.

Don't worry, take it easy

Jake Monte

Smile. Reading editorials isn't that serious is it? Of course, Bush won the election, which is considerable reason to frown. Trey Parker and Matt Stone made a horrifically bad movie. Yasser Arafat is dead. Conan O'Brien got the Tonight Show over David Letterman. Terrorist attacks are pending, this time maybe nuclear attacks. But don't worry. The editorial staff at

The Collegian is here to mold reality into something you can swallow.

Must we now sugarcoat everything now for our more sensitive readers? A couple letters to the editor got me thinking. People cry words like stereotypes and all the great ism's any time someone tries to make a point. So this week just for you I have packaged my editorial in nice neat consumer friendly wrapping. No controversy here, just an editorial columnist trying to cheer you up.

We're college students here! Come on people, be selfish! By the time you're out of school and getting a job, we'll be on our way to a new President and a new begining.

It seems that some people on this campus expect us, as columnists, to sugar coat everything for our more sensitive readers. Well, to them I say, absolutely not.

George Bush is president again. So just remember all the political mumbo-jumbo that doesn't affect you. Low job rate, national debt, problems in Iraq or Afghanistan. We're college students! Come on people, be selfish! By the time you're out of school and getting a job, we'll be on our way to a new President and a new beginning. But in all seriousness, many people think John Kerry's campaign was a waste of time and money. I don't agree.

Everything America heard John Kerry say changes the consciousness of the country. It will remind us of more compassionate values during the next four years, and we are forever changed for the better because of those words.

Team America did suck, but on the bright side all the well-respected famous people Trey Parker and Matt Stone made fun of can breathe easier.

If the film had been good those people might be likely to take some of it to heart, so no damage done. Trey Parker and Matt Stone were dealing with the most heated subject in the world today; the war in Iraq, and they couldn't draw a single interesting conclusion. It could have been worse, however. We might have had to praise a film by Trey Parker and Matt Stone as cataclysmic and age defining. Thank God it was a dud.

Yasser Arafat, winner of the 1994 Nobel Peace prize died recently.

Many people thought Arafat was a ruthless terrorist and a roadblock to peace. Look at it this way. We didn't get Bin Laden, but Arafat's death reminds us that the terrorists will just die off if we wait them out. Wouldn't that be a relief? Most of the terrorists are two busy plotting attacks to worry about having kids so due to the process of natural selection nature will gradually wean the terrorists down to nil!

Conan O'Brien got the "Tonight Show" over David Letterman, but like everything else you are simply meant to think this it's a bad thing. Quite the contrary. As everyone knows, Conan O'Brien is hilarious, and if you ask me, there's no one better for the job of hosting the "Tonight Show" than Conan O'Brien.

Ah yes, the future terrorists attacks. I'm afraid on this issue there is nothing good to say. So why not simply forget about it. Now that I've begun the process of making all my editorials suitable for the overly sensitive, I will be forgetting to write about topics that are dreary and depressing. It has been said, "that a critic is someone who cannot be an artist, just as a stool pigeon is someone who cannot be a soldier." So instead of complaining about a comment that is too real, too controversial or too blunt for your ears, say something of substance.

Otherwise I'll be stuck here week after week trying to cheer you up in a fashion that doesn't offend. The standard war cries over stereotypes and ism's will cause all us writers to go into emotional hiding. Controversy is what makes a newspaper interesting. Critics beware; you may be scaring writers to death. In the end, all that matters is that it makes you think.

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Calvin brings home the Bacon





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By Michael Deehan
Collegian Staff

The Bacon Brothers
Tonight
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A guitar-wielding rocker is not what most people would expect when they're told that Kevin Bacon is performing. But tonight in Northampton, a rocker is what they will get.

The actor, along with his brother Michael, will take the stage of the Calvin Theater as The Bacon Brothers, the sometimes folk, sometimes country, always rock 'n' roll band that was formed in 1995.

"I feel pretty secure that, in just about any venue, when people walk out of there, they feel they've heard real music," says Michael Bacon on the group's website, www.baconbros.com. "Real" could not be a more accurate description for the elder half of the Bacon team. The lesser known of the pair, Michael has been a hardworking mainstay in the recording industry for decades.

He was the front man for Good News, a folk-infused rock band that made a splash in the 70s early on in his career. Since then the senior Bacon has kept busy by recording solo albums and working in Hollywood scoring television and movies.

Singer/guitarist Kevin Bacon should need no introduction. Featured in over 50 films since debuting in "National Lampoon's Animal House" 26 years ago, Kevin has become one of the leading actors of not only of his generation but also among all of Hollywood. From his role as a culturally oppressed dancer in "Footloose," to his recent co-starring role in the critically acclaimed "Mystic River," Bacon has proved time and again that he is a born performer.

The brothers' band is not about fueling the ego of an already celebrated star, but about bona fide music from authentic musicians. Senior to Kevin by nine years, Michael Bacon has been a lifelong musician. Mike brought music into Kevin's life, and the future star idolized him for it. The obvious fraternal bond between the Bacons creates a fluidity of communication that can be heard throughout the recordings of the band.

Although Kevin followed the acting bug to fame and fortune, the desire to entertain by way of music was rekindled when the opportunity for the brothers to team up was presented in the mid-90s. Since then the band has released three studio albums, their debut "Forosoco" in 1998, followed by "Getting There" in 2000 and 2002's "Can't Complain."

With this year's release of "The Bacon Brothers Live", the duo has proved beyond doubt that they are the real deal. The Bacons deliver genuinely heartfelt songs and enjoy a growing following of fans won over by their upbeat rock and serene harmonizing. Fusing rock, folk, soul and country into a distinctly American sound, Michael and Kevin create a product unique in the music world today, a feat made all the more significant given the celebrity status of the lead singer.

On the road for a small northeastern club tour, the duo brings their expressive and surprisingly charming sound to The Calvin Theater at 8 p.m. tonight.

Granola Funk Express brings organic sound to the Valley

UMass-based band Cold Duck Complex takes the stage with feel-good party sound



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University of Massachusetts band Cold Duck Complex will share the bill with Granola Funk Express tonight at Pearl Street at 8 p.m.

By Brian Duffey
Collegian Staff

Granola Funk Express and Cold Duck Complex
Tonight
Pearl Street
Northampton

Organic hip-hop, poetry, jazz, funk, reggae, and rock will be showcased tonight at Pearl Street Night Club in Northampton. Former University of Massachusetts battle-of-the-bands champion, Cold Duck Complex, will open for underground national originators, Granola Funk Express. The show begins at 8:30 p.m.

Cold Duck Complex features the smooth lyricism of emcee Platypus Complex. His subject matter ranges from political opinion to relationship struggles. His performances are guaranteed to be original and intense.

The remaining three members, the Cold Duck trio, fuse elements of hip-hop, jazz, and funk. This threesome began collaborating in high school after composing a musical piece on "Curious George."

As a whole, Cold Duck Complex creates feel-good party music that is also thought provoking.

Granola Funk Express, also known as God Force Energy, began in the woods of Florida at a 1994 Rainbow Gathering. The Rainbow Family of Living Light is a worldwide fellowship with no official leaders who gather together in National Forests to pray for peace and tranquility on Earth. The Family of Living Light has many traditions that closely mirror customs and traditions of Native American tribes. At these gatherings the food is free, nobody pays rent, and psychedelic opportunities are abound.

Granola Funk first began as a vegan kitchen and theatre. At the Rainbow Gathering in 1995, the Express began to freestyle, performing poetry without prior rehearsal or preparation. After the gathering ended, ten to twenty individuals took their abilities into cities and towns across the country where they beat-boxed and freestyled for hours on the street.

A core group of these musicians decided to set up shop in Asheville, North Carolina. In Asheville, these artists started to blend improvisation with written material. They took on the name Granola Funk Express, which sparked some internal controversy.

Granola Funk first toured in 1997 to mixed reviews. Yet because of solid performances at venues like the Common Ground in Brattleboro, Vermont, they began to establish a word-of-mouth following. As the music improved, so did the size of their fan base.

They released their first album in 1998, entitled Beat Poem Manufacturing. This band, which combines hip-hop, spoken word poetry, funk, reggae, and rock and roll, has changed their personnel over the years.

Granola Funk Express begins each of their performances with an Ohm. This synchronized prayer-like ritual is intended to clear the mind and prepare the performer and the listener to engage in a powerfully positive experience.

If you haven't seen GFE, you don't know what you're missing. They create a vibe and an energy that is unlike anything available to live audiences today. These cats do not disappoint.

Search for Young Buck continues

By Ryan Pearson
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Police were searching for rapper Young Buck in connection with a stabbing at the Vibe Awards, an assault apparently sparked when Buck's musical mentor, Dr. Dre, was punched just before being handed a lifetime achievement award.

Buck fled the Santa Monica airport hangar where the awards show was being taped Monday night, police Lt. Frank Fahrega said in a statement. A warrant was being prepared alleging assault with a deadly weapon.

The incident was sparked as Snoop Dogg and Vibe magazine founder Quincy Jones were about to give Dre a lifetime achievement award. A man later identified as Jimmy James Johnson approached Dre, who was seated at a table in front of the stage, and appeared to ask for an autograph before punching the veteran hitmaker, police said.

People began shoving, chairs were thrown and punches flew. Some in the audience of about 1,000 scurried for the exits. Alicia Keys, the night's top winner with awards for artist of the year and best R&B song, was among those who fled.

Johnson was dragged away by security staff, but then suffered a serious stab wound when he was attacked by a number of people, including Buck, whose real name is David Darnell Brown, according to police. He is signed to Dr. Dre's record label as part of the G-Unit clique, which was named best group by the music magazine.

"Brown is clearly depicted (on videotape) as holding a knife after the assault and is one of a number of fight participants that was pepper-sprayed by officers in their attempt to stop this fight," Police Chief James Butts told a news conference. "We're asking Mr. David Darnell Brown to surrender himself to police."

Johnson, 26, was in stable condition at a hospital.

"It is unfortunate that an event so many people worked very hard to create has been tainted by the actions of a few individuals," Kenard Gibbs, president of Vibe, said in a statement.

Many in the constantly feuding rap community speculated that longtime Dre antagonist Suge Knight, who attended the awards, arranged for Dre to get punched. Suge and Dre started the legendary Death Row record label together in the late 1980s, then had a bitter separation over money and the violence that has surrounded Knight during his 15 years in the music business.



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Rapper Young Buck, of the G-Unit, is wanted in connection with a stabbing at Monday's Vibe awards.

Knight denied any involvement in the attack on Dre.

"One thing about me, if I do something, I'm (taking responsibility)," Knight told reporters after the show. "I'm not an idiot. See, an idiot would go out there and do stuff."

Buck, a native of Nashville, Tenn., is a member of superstar 50 Cent's G-Unit posse. He released his debut solo album, "Straight Outta Cashville," in August, and it debuted at No. 3 on the Billboard charts.

For those who listen to Buck and G-Unit's hardcore rhymes, it's no surprise that Buck would spring to the defense of his godfather Dre, one of the architects of gangsta rap. And although there were metal detectors at the door, performers aren't typically searched when they enter an awards show.

It wasn't the first hip-hop awards show to be interrupted by violence: The 2000 Source Awards were marred by fights, and then got their highest TV ratings ever.

After the Vibe fracas was squelched Monday night, the taping continued. The show, broadcast Tuesday night on UPN, was seamlessly edited to remove any trace of the attack.

"They can't stop me. I don't care," Dre said on television as he accepted his award, showing no signs of injury.

Roller derby's great revival

By Beatriz Terrazas
The Dallas Morning News

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — Where do you look first? At the half-dozen women who land in a tangle of arms, legs and roller skates? Or at the few who manage to leap or side step the downed pack and keep skating? And is it fair to stand up and cheer when Chola stretches her wheels across the track and trips Eva Knievil — yeeow!!! — then pummels her?

Then there's the roar: wheels, knees and elbows thumping on the track. The emcee shouting, "All right, the game is on!" Players screaming to each other — "Help Guera, help Guera!" and "Go, Loca; you got it, girl!" and "Whip her, whip her!"

The score moves along in the first few minutes — 4-0, then 13-11. All in favor of the Hellcats. After a particularly clumsy jam, the women come back to the bench. Just a few minutes into the bout, Sparky's red curls are mashed flat under her helmet and her fair skin shines with sweat.

"Did you see Terry take me out?" she says. "I was jamming and she took me out!"

Meanwhile, team captain Cha Cha stands in front of her players and shouts, "Putas, what the ... (expletive) was that?"

This is roller derby, the sport that flourished in the United States from the 1930s through the '70s and is now experiencing a revival. And the women dressed in black and red are Las Putas del Fuego, the bad-girl team from the Lonestar Rollergirls league. Of Austin's two leagues, this is the one that plays on a banked track, hallmark of the original sport. Both leagues have four all-women teams.

Playing tonight in Corpus Christi against the Hellcats, the Putas are dressed in everything from tube tops and short skirts to sports bras and biking shorts. Some of the attire is so over-the-top it's campy; others look downright sexy, such as Cha Cha. She's wearing a short, black dress with red flames that lick upward from the hem.

Playing a game that's punctuated with cursing and fighting might be the extreme in girl-power, but the attire the women wear seems a bit anti-feminist at first. There are a lot of splayed legs and exposed midriffs in roller derby. Not to mention penalties that include spankings doled out by audience members. But if that's all you see on the track, then you're not paying attention, say the women. Because the game is about much, much more.

For some of them, roller derby is the outward

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Roller derby showcases players' physical prowess and passion

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expression of a midlife crisis. For others, it's an opportunity to enjoy a sport that's intensely physical, intensely visceral and just plain fun. But most of all, roller derby is the perfect venue for a woman to explore all her polar opposites: the demure and the sexy, the coy and vamp, the good and the bad. Spokeswoman Louisa Brinsmade, aka Mau-Mau when playing with the Hellcats, puts it this way: Roller derby gives one permission to be a total woman.

"If you watch a roller derby bout you have the really ... sexy part of it, and you have this amazing physical prowess going on, and you have the real spitfire intensity of passion. ... It will come out in fights, in major plays. It will come out in the way that we relate off the track and after the bout.

"We're sort of trying out and using all of the strengths that women have," she says. "The power of seduction and the power of being sexy and the power of being strong. All of it is combined into what I think, as a whole, many women are made of."

"In many ways, this is a feminist movement," says Chola. "We're just being as bad as we want to be, doing what we love, and being ourselves."

There is a rich diversity among the women tonight – they are teachers, bartenders, engineers, students and mothers. They are Rubenesque, muscular, soft, wiry and petite. They are young and not so young.

By day, Chola, 24, is a systems software specialist. She's only 5-feet-3-inches tall, but on the track, she is hell on wheels. Her passion for roller derby is equaled only by her passion for good tequila.

Tonight, her adrenaline is pumping. Although she has broken up a bar fight or two, she's not above inciting scuffles during a bout. And when the Hellcats' Anita Toke attacks Sparky tonight, Chola skids to a stop and jumps in to defend her fallen teammate.

Her real name is Samantha Ramirez, and she's from San Marcos. Like others in the league, Chola is a self-described rink rat. She started her own skating club in college, but her fascination with derby goes back to when she was 9 or 10. That's when she first saw a documentary about women in roller derby during its heyday.

Landing a spot on the Putas two years ago provided an opportunity to nurse an alter ego she's carried around since childhood. She still remembers seeing the tough girls known in Latino circles as "cholas." They both intrigued and intimidated her.

"As much as they scared me, I always wanted to be one," she says. "I really wanted to be one. I had that in me."

Her track persona wears a short skirt, a red sequined tube top and a very bad-girl teardrop under one eye.

She disputes the idea that dressing sexily to play roller derby exploits a stereotype. And even if it does, so what?

"It's 2004. And it's still so hard for people to grasp that there can be a girl who is good-looking and strong," she says.

"In my opinion, it's one thing if we were getting paid and there was this big fat guy in the seat telling us, 'Wear that,' " she says. Now, that would be exploitation.





Shawna Benson, left, and Ashley Arcikis face-off in a derby bout.

In fact, the only ones telling them what to do are the women themselves. Each player is part owner of the league, which is a limited liability corporation. Revenue generated from sponsors, as well as merchandise, beer and ticket sales pays the rent on their Austin warehouse and other expenses. And if the league ever does more than break even, the women will be able to pay themselves for playing.

As for the team's name, which translates loosely to "Sluts (or whores) of Fire," she knows some Latinos might find it offensive.

"I'm probably speaking for myself," she says. "But I'm proud that we're taking something taboo and forcefully making it acceptable."

"My dad thought it was hilarious," she says. "There's not one thing that people love more than to have the excuse to yell, 'Go, Puta!'"

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Download at your own risk: Studios crack down on piracy

By Gary Gentile
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Following the lead of record companies who curtailed rampant Internet piracy by targeting even small-time file swappers, Hollywood studios have launched a first wave of lawsuits against people who allegedly downloaded recent films such as "Spider-Man 2" and "Troy."

The seven major studios filed the lawsuits for federal copyright infringement on Tuesday in Denver, New York City, San Francisco and St. Louis. Lawsuits may have been filed in other cities, but the Motion Picture Association of America, which represents the studios, declined to say how many were filed and where.

"It's not important," said John Malcolm, senior vice president and director of worldwide anti-piracy operations for the MPAA. "It doesn't matter if it's 10 lawsuits or 500 lawsuits. The idea here is that there is no safe harbor."

Three lawsuits, obtained by The Associated Press, were filed in federal courts in Denver and St. Louis. Two lawsuits were filed in Denver against 22 defendants, while the one in St. Louis targets 18 individuals.

The St. Louis lawsuit is brought against "John Doe" defendants, including four people who are allegedly in possession of one pirated film each. Some of the Internet addresses for the defendants can be traced to high-speed Internet connections made available by Charter Communications, a cable television company based in St. Louis.

The defendants are accused of offering the movies over peer-to-peer file-sharing programs.

Like similar lawsuits filed by the record industry against downloaders of music files, the studios say they will be able to identify the individual defendants later.

Each of the lawsuits lists only a handful of films allegedly offered for downloading online, including "Troy," from Warner Bros., "Spider-Man 2," from Columbia Pictures and "Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen," from The Walt Disney Co.

The lawsuits seek injunctions against the defendants. Copyright law also provides for penalties of up to $30,000 for each motion picture traded over the Internet, and up to $150,000 if such infringement is shown to be willful.

Malcolm said more lawsuits would be filed in additional cities if the current legal action does not stem illegal downloading.

The MPAA is running the risk of being seen as too heavy-handed, especially by suing people who have downloaded a single movie, said Wendy Seltzer, a staff attorney at the Electronic Frontier Foundation.

"We don't think for any industry that suing its fans is the best approach to new technologies," Seltzer said.

As part of its larger effort to combat piracy, the MPAA also said it would step up its educational campaign and offer a free computer program that sniffs out movie and music files on a user's computer as well as any installed file-sharing programs.

The MPAA said the program is expected to be available for download within a week. It has licensed rights to the program, which was first developed in Denmark.

Information detected by the file-detection program would not be shared with it or any other body, the MPAA said, but could be used to remove any "infringing movies or music files" and remove file- sharing programs.

The trade group said the program would be available for the Windows computer operating system on a special Web site established to educate consumers about copyrights.

The program could be a useful tool for parents, especially if they discover from a lawsuit that their child has been downloading pirated movies from the Web, Seltzer said.

The trade group said it would also join with the Video Software Dealers Association to place educational materials in more than 10,000 video stores nationwide. The materials will include anti-piracy ads that are also playing in theaters.

With increasing success, entertainment companies are taking matters into their own hands to fight back against Internet pirates.

The recording industry has successfully seeded hundreds of thousands of degraded, counterfeit copies of music files across popular file-sharing networks to frustrate computer users: These songs, for example, play for a few seconds normally then loop the same lyrics or play static.

Museum's famed walk-through heart restarts thanks to new makeover

By Maryclaire Dale
Associated Press



A museum patron looks at the walk-through heart. The exhibit is located in the Philadelphia-based science museum, Franklin Institute.

PHILADELPHIA — As Philadelphia's science museum pondered an update of its giant walk-through heart, an annual destination for area schoolchildren for 50 years, designers wondered whether to add a modern twist.

Given the nation's health woes, a 21st century heart might boast a bypass valve or stent.

The idea, while seriously considered, was ultimately nixed. The Franklin Institute heart should remain a healthy one, they decided.

"This is an icon and people love it. Touching things people love can be a dangerous thing," said Steve Snyder, the museum's vice president for exhibits and programs.

For Philadelphia-area baby boomers, annual class trips often meant visits to the Liberty Bell or the Franklin Institute heart, whose narrow passages and thumping audio (buh-BOOM, buh-BOOM) both frightened and delighted those who entered.

Melissa Rihm Thibault, of Raleigh, N.C., remembers "the thrill of walking through the corridors of the huge, backlit heart's interior, with the rhythmic beat surrounding me."

"It is a memory I can call up 30 years later!" she wrote in one of dozens of nostalgic tributes to the heart posted on the institute's Web site.

In October, a new crop of schoolchildren clambered through the imaginative, $2 million revamped heart as it reopened after a six-month makeover.

"I thought it was an amazing part of your body," a wide-eyed Lauren Myers, 10, of Wilmington, Del., exclaimed as she exited.

The two-story heart, a papier-mache-on-metal creation, opened as a temporary exhibit called "The Engine of Life" in January 1954 and quickly became the museum's signature attraction. The model underwent two earlier facelifts, but even now survives pretty much intact, save for some fresh paint and new details.

The exhibit designers — including recruits from Disney and toy maker K'Nex — saved their best work for the surrounding displays in the newly enlarged exhibit hall.

Visitors can try to lower their heart rates in a dark meditation booth, play a pinball machine to see how various cultures treated heart ailments (in Meso America A.D. 600, crushed pinewood was rubbed on the chest) or stand on a scale to estimate how much blood their bodies contain (nearly 1 gallon per 100 pounds, or 7 percent of body weight).

And every school should have a vending machine like the one here.

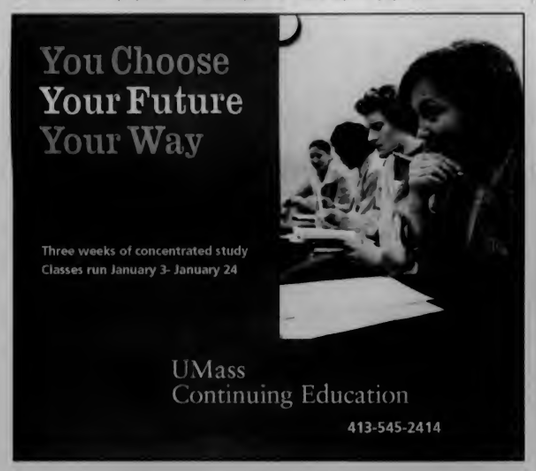
It doesn't dispense real food, but instead provides humorous nuggets about the wisdom of our food choices.

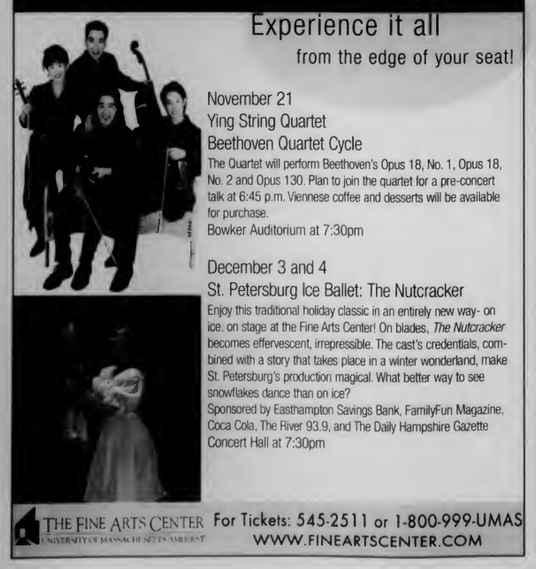
Want that large bagel with cream cheese? It'll cost you, to the tune of 550 calories and 13.5 grams of saturated fat. But the chocolate bar isn't all bad, providing at least a measure of protein and magnesium.

The bagel addict might head straight to the nearby operating theater for an early look at his future — open-heart surgery. Borrowing a page from the real-life medical programs on cable television, a TV screen in the dummy's chest cavity shows footage from a quadruple bypass.

Younger tykes can skip the gory reality and instead crawl through giant tube-shaped arteries on the floor, at least until they reach the plaque blockage.

The exhibit is designed to appeal to a variety of ages and attention spans; about half the museum's 750,000 annual visitors are families and about 35 percent school groups.







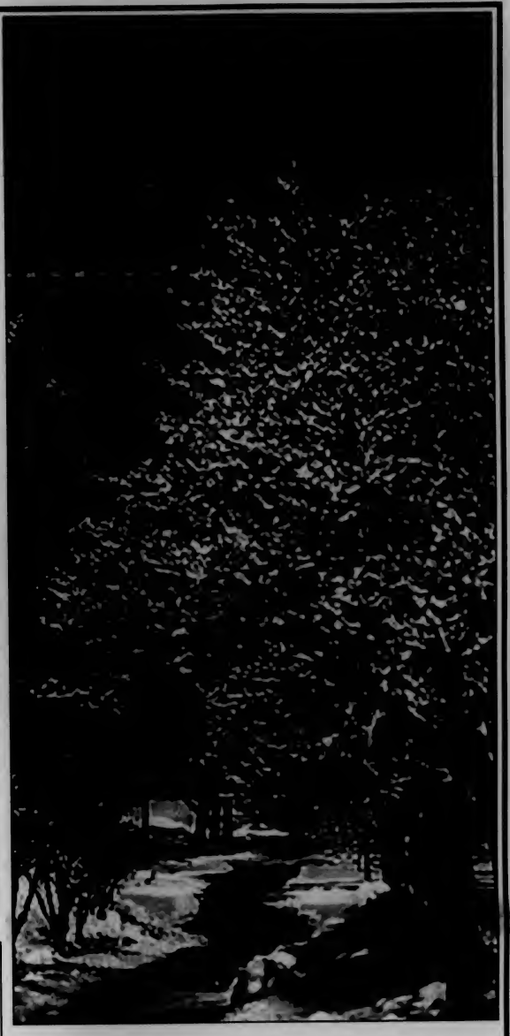
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Lot 52		

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Lot 22	Lot 49	Lincoln Apartments
Lot 29	Lot 50	Any posted reserved space
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RESCHEDULING OF FINAL EXAMS ON OFFICIAL SNOW DAYS - FALL 2004

In order to reschedule final examinations in case of snow, two alternate exam periods have been devised. They are 6:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. each exam day. The use of these alternative periods in the event of closings is outlined below. This policy goes into effect ONLY if the University is officially closed. The snow day Hot Line is 545-3630. If the University is open, all exams are expected to take place as scheduled. **Each faculty member should inform his or her class of the planned time and location of the rescheduled final exam in the event of a snow day.** All rescheduled exams will be held in the same location as published in the final exam schedule.

If the University is closed until 10:30 a.m.

8:00 am	rescheduled to 6:30 pm same day
10:30 am	held as originally scheduled
1:30 pm	held as originally scheduled
4:00 pm	held as originally scheduled
except:	
8:00 am Dec. 22	rescheduled to 1:30 pm Dec. 22

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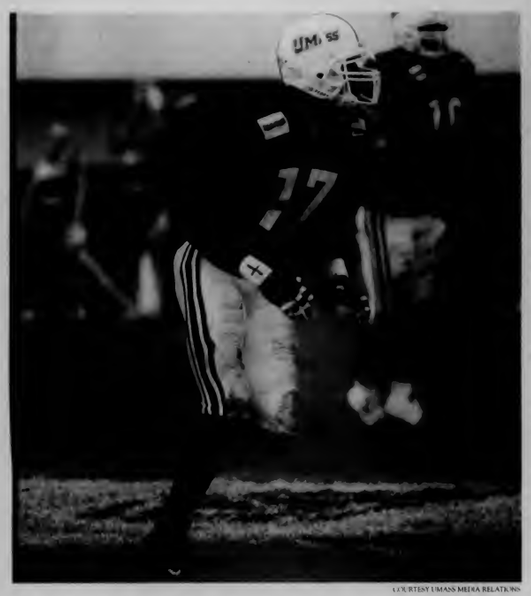
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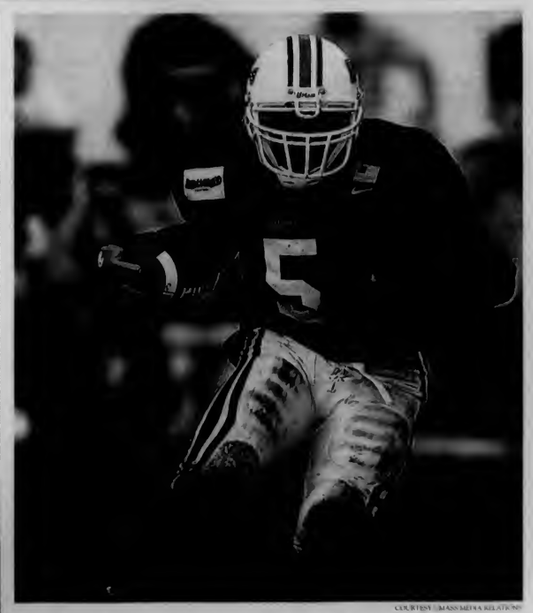
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Offense	Offense
QB 10 - Tim Day, Junior	QB 11 – Anton Clarkson, Sophomore
RB 5 - Steve Baylark, Senior	RB 21 – Terry Crenshaw, Sophomore
FB 40 - Rich Demers, Senior	WR 88 – Charles Sullivan, Freshman
WR 11 – Jason Peebler, Senior	WR 12 - Isaac Irby, Senior
TE 44 – Mike Douglas, Junior	LT 52 – Jed Prisby, Sophomore
LT 77 – Colin Stoetzel, Junior	LG 65 – Tom McHugh, Junior
LG 74 – Rob Kane, Senior	C 75 – Patrick O'Brien, Senior
C 62 – Alex Miller, Sophomore	RG 64 – Chris Durkin, Sophomore
RG 73 – David Thompson, Sophomore	RT 77 – Willie Colon, Junior
RT 68 – Matt Austin, Freshman	WR 83 – Brian Wolman, Junior
WR 88 – J.J. Moore, Freshman	WR 2 – Devale Ellis, Junior
Defense	**Defense**
DE 95 – Keron Williams, Junior	DE 98 – Daniel Garay, Junior
DT 57 – Justin Schweighardt, Junior	DT 97 – Mickey Keene, Senior
DT 99 –Wilner Alexis, Freshman	DT 71 – Edward Greene, Junior
DE 48 – David Burris, Freshman	DE 94 – Stephen Bowen, Junior
OLB 56 – Charles Walker, Sophomore	OLB 42 – Gian Villante, Sophomore
MLB 51 – Serge Tikum, Junior (Captain)	ILB 50 – Cole Haley, Junior
OLB 35 – L.A. Love, Junior	ILB 55 – Tom Daddino, Freshman
CB 26 – Tracy Belton, Sophomore	OLB 48 – Chris Sebald, Sophomore
FS 34 – Shannon James, Junior	CB 5 – Prentice James, Junior
SS 22 – Brandon Smith, Freshman	FS 27 – Sheriet Little, Junior
CB 3 – R.J. Cobbs, Junior	CB 20 – James Glee, Senior
Special Teams	**Special Teams**
K 46 – Michael Torres, Sophomore	K 6 - Chris Onorato, Senior
P 13 – Christian Koegel, Sophomore	P 16 - Joe Nolan, Senior
KR 22 – Bryan Smith, Freshman	KR 1 - Brian Booth, Junior
PR 3 – R.J. Cobbs, Junior	PR 25 – Kareem Huggins, Freshman



COURTESY UMASS MEDIA RELATIONS

Starting strong safety James Ihedigbo, shown here in action last season, will miss this Saturday's season finale against Hofstra due to a suspension for an unspecified violation of team rules.



COURTESY UMASS MEDIA RELATIONS

Junior tailback Steve Baylark has gone over 100 yards rushing in each of the last four games.

UMass to host A-10 rival Hofstra in season finale

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game, and they're going to keep coming at you until they're successful. We need to put our guys in position to stem the tide on defense, and keep them from getting in a rhythm and picking us apart through the air."

On the season Clarkson, who took over as the starter for Bobby Seck earlier this season, has put up the gaudy numbers expected from a Pride signal-caller. Taking advantage of the numerous four and five wide receiver spreads he often deploys, he's completed nearly 60 percent of his passes in throwing for 1,863 and 18 touchdowns against just six interceptions.

Working without star receiver Marques Colston, who was lost mid-season due to injury, Clarkson has found reliable targets in returning starter Isaac Irby and fellow wideouts Charles Sullivan and Devale Ellis, each of whom has caught over 50 passes individually and have combined for a whopping 27 touchdowns.

"There's no question, they have a lot of athletes at the skill positions," Brown said. "They're big guys who can really run, and they make plays. It'll be up to our guys to be on their games."

Ellis, who is second on the team with 58 receptions and leads Hofstra with 12 touchdowns, is familiar to the UMass squad, as he is the brother of UMass linebacker Bryan Ellis, a freshman who is red shirting during the 2004 season. Known for his exceptional speed and explosiveness, Ellis will provide matchup problems for the Minutemen wherever he lines up.

"He's their big play guy," Brown said. "They've always had guys who can beat you in a split second, and he's one of those guys. We need to be sure we account for him wherever he is on the field."

Despite being a predominantly pass-oriented team, Hofstra has also had success running the ball on the legs of Terry Crenshaw, who has carried 183 times for 856 yards and seven touchdowns in giving the Pride some semblance of balance on offense.

"Their running game can get overlooked because of how much they pass," Brown said. "[Crenshaw] is a capable back with a lot of ability who we can't afford to let get going. If they smack us around with the run, then that will open things up even more through the air."

On the opposite side, Brown plans on using junior tailback Steve Baylark as he has in each game over the past month: early and often. After a slow start, Baylark has come on strong with four consecutive 100-yard rushing games, and has emerged as a steadying force for what has been an erratic offensive attack at times.

"There's no secret to the fact that when we started giving the ball to Steve, we started winning," Brown said. "He's a great back who wants the ball, and we feel comfortable giving it to him knowing he can get us those tough yards."

Also important offensively for UMass will be the play of their two senior offensive captains: wide receiver Jason Peebler and guard Rob Kane. Peebler, who started fast and has faded down the stretch after being hampered by injury, caught a touchdown pass in UMass' last contest at Northeastern, a will likely be looking to make an impact in his final game in the maroon and white.

Kane, meanwhile, has continued his steady play on the offensive line, and will once again be counted on to both open holes for Baylark and protect quarterback Tim Day.

Both players efforts are noticed and appreciated by Brown, who admittedly would like nothing less than to send his first group of UMass seniors off with a win."

"Without question, this game is for our seniors," Brown said. "This is a chance for us to compete again and keep playing well, but it's also a chance to send them off the right way."



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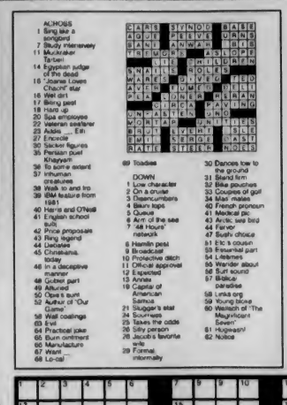
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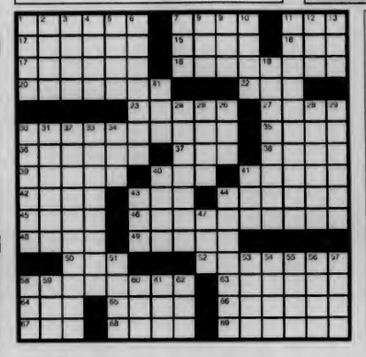


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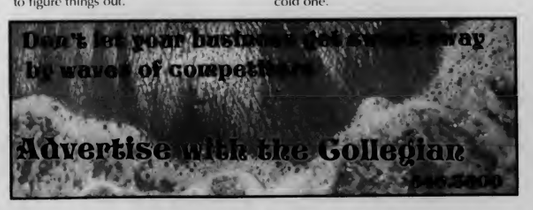
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The end of the road

11 seniors will play their final game as UMass hosts Hofstra

BY MIKE MARZELLI
COLLEGIAN STAFF

When the Massachusetts football team takes the field at Warren P. McGuirk Alumni Stadium for the final time in 2004 on Saturday, it will indeed do so with a lot to prove.

Over the course of a season that has been dominated by change, slowed by transition and thrown off course by the worst of luck, Don Brown's Minutemen have certainly experienced their ups and downs both on the field and off. There have been times where things have worked perfectly as planned, but for the most part the Maroon and White has had to endure a series of trials and tribulations that have tested the team's collective mettle to the fullest. It has been a campaign not for the faint of heart.

Yet just as the Minutemen reached their low point — a 28-7 loss at James Madison on Oct. 9 — they somehow managed to regroup, and eventually recharge. Now, as the season winds down to a close, UMass is playing its best football of the Don Brown era, the type of football Brown and the team knew they were capable of playing.

Thus when Atlantic 10 North rival Hofstra invades Amherst this weekend for the third consecutive season, there will be more than simple bragging rights at stake. Coming off of a bye week, Brown's Minutemen are keenly aware of the momentum they've gathered, and the progress they've made, but more importantly they realize the significance of the game for their seniors, playing in front of the home crowd for the final time in their UMass careers. With that, they also realize the need to go out in one last blaze of glory, on a high note, and with a win.

"There's no question, this team has watched and felt itself get better over the course of each and every game," Brown said. "It's frustrating in a way to finally be clicking now that the season is ending, but it speaks a lot to the poise and character of this team to not pack it in when things weren't going well, and to keep playing football."

The task will not be an easy one for UMass on Saturday, as the Pride will enter play boasting the No.1 offense in the Atlantic 10. Led by first-year starting quarterback Anton Clarkson, head coach Joe Gardi's run-and-shoot attack will put the pressure on UMass' talented defensive backfield from whistle to whistle — a challenge that the defensive-minded Brown clearly looks forward to.

"As a defensive guy, I always like a challenge like this," Brown said. "Hofstra wants to beat you with their throw

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GAME DAY CENTRAL

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Series record: Hofstra leads 5-2
Last meeting: UMass 27 Hofstra 22 - October 18, 2003, Amherst, MA

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COURTESY OF STUDENT-ATHLETE RELATIONS

Senior captain Jason Peebler will play the final game in his UMass career on Saturday against Hofstra.

Bears sign former UMass star Jeremy Cain to four-year deal

After spending the last 10 weeks on the practice squad, former Massachusetts linebacker Jeremy Cain was added to the Chicago Bears' active roster after signing a four-year contract with the team earlier this week. Terms of the contract were not disclosed, and the team placed defensive back Alfonso Marshall on injured reserve to make room for Cain.

The Bears originally signed Cain in late April after he was not selected in the 2004 National Football League Draft. The linebacker was invited to camp and spent the preseason on the active roster, but found himself on the practice squad at the start of the season.

A two-time All America selection and a candidate for the Buck Buchanan Award, during both of his final seasons at UMass, Cain currently ranks fifth in career tackles on the school's all-time list with 363, and fourth in career solo tackles with 252.

Serving as a tri-captain in 2003 under coach Mark Whipple, Cain was named first team All-Atlantic 10 after totaling 107 tackles and four sacks in leading UMass to an A-10 championship. He also garnered All America honors from both Don Hansen's National Weekly Football Gazette and The Sports Network, while also being named to the Division I-AA all-star team.

-Mike Marzelli

Men's and women's cross country competes in NCAA Regional

BY MARTHA POWERS & ERIC ATHAS
COLLEGIAN STAFF

On Saturday, the UMass men's cross-country team finished 21st out of 37 teams in the NCAA Northeast Regional meet. The Minutemen had been looking to perform better, but any more attempts will have to wait until next year, as this was the team's last meet of the season.

"It was disappointing for us to follow the same pattern where two or three people perform a little above average, a few perform below average, and some perform average," Coach O'Brien said.

Finishing first for UMass was junior Ryan Corbett, placing 62nd. Senior Matt Clark finished 120th, and senior Andy McCarron followed closely in 126th. Junior Paul Noone came in 141st, and freshman Matt Klypka was 155th. Rounding out the top seven was freshman Ryan Durkin in 159th, and freshman Nils Fischer in 173rd.

"I guess [our placing] was not completely unexpected. It appears as though we are making progress, but we are not all making it at the same time," O'Brien said.



MATTHEW REDDY/COLLEGIAN

The UMass men's and women's cross country team concluded their respective seasons last weekend.

"I think that even though we are at the end of the season, we are still an inexperienced team. The team needs more time running and competing to gain the confidence they need to actually allow themselves to physically compete at the level I think they are capable of."

"They haven't competed at that level yet, so we're trying to establish a baseline for them to be confident at a certain level. It takes a while to get there. I would like to see it come faster, and I'm sure they would too. I think it's like anything, if you don't have your routine worked out to the best yet, sometimes you're on and sometimes you're not quite on," O'Brien said.

The team was also less than satisfied with their finish. "I think they were disappointed. They would like to feel as though they get better every week, and in theory you should, but in reality sometimes you just have to take some different steps," O'Brien said.

"You can't just put your shoes on and run a race and become better simply because it is one week later. The kids have to take some steps. I think we had some guys do that this week. We had some guys try different race plans that worked out, but we just haven't had enough time to polish that out. Mostly I think that they are disappointed because they knew that they have the potential to be a better team," O'Brien said.

Even though the team's record improved from last year, it was not all that everyone had expected. "My hope is that everyone has had enough experiences individually. I think we had three good races this year as a team. Our first race, our second race, and the Central Connecticut race where more people that not had above average races. So, that is three out of seven," O'Brien.

"The guys have had a smattering of visibility into what their potential is, and that picture is positive. Our practice routine improved tremendously, and we were able to accomplish a higher-level workout. They are running more miles per week than last year, and they have run more quality workouts."

"We had a few more injuries than I anticipated, and we had a few more sub-par races. But for the most part, I think we had enough good things to give the kids some kind of vision as to where they can go. But at the same time we had some disappointments in trying to reach what we had hoped to do this year. We gained a lot, but not all we had hoped to gain," O'Brien said.

"But, hopefully that will be enough to give them a step up for the track season."

The Massachusetts Women's cross country team finished 21st overall at this weekend's NCAA Regional meet.

Freshman Christina Derosa, who finished first place among UMass runners in every meet this season, placed 63rd out of a total of 230 runners, and led UMass to 21st placing out of thirty-five teams. Along with Derosa were two veteran senior captains, Amanda Dahlberg (117th place) and Alexis Anzelone(129th place), who gave UMass consistency all season long.

Cuisle Kierens, Erin O'Donnell, Ashley Davidson and Trica Silva ran with a minute amount of time in-between them and displayed a good performance against the northeast's best. Providence and Columbia were the top two teams and will move on to the national competition.

Throughout the season, UMass finished seventh at the New Hampshire Invitational, first at the UMass invitational, second at the Orange Classic, eleventh at the New England Championships, sixth at the Albany Invitational, fifth at the Atlantic Ten Championships, and twenty-first at regionals.

According to Lafreniere, the problem last season was that the girls were practicing well, but not bringing it to the meets. This year however, thanks to consistent top runners Derosa, Anzelone, Dahlberg and Kierens, the improvement was noticeable.

The seniors for UMass that ran the last cross-country meet of their college careers are Dahlberg, Anzelone, Silva and Loren Donohue. While these leaders will be missed, Lafreniere has much to look forward to for the future and hopes to build on this successful season.

Six out of the 16 runners this season were freshman and with Lafreniere's excellent track record when it comes to recruiting, the future looks bright for the prominent UMass coach.



Past, present, and the future of the gay culture
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Lombardi announces Capital Plan

BY CASEY NOVAK
COLLEGIAN STAFF

Chancellor John V. Lombardi announced "good news" to the University of Massachusetts Faculty Senate Thursday, declaring "with some degree of confidence" that the $400 million Capital Plan, which would consist of the renovation and reconstruction of existing buildings, as well as three new major constructions, should be underway in the near future.

At the 634th Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate, Lombardi explained that the Capital Plan would include a new Integrated Sciences building for undergraduates, an expansion of Skinner Hall in order to bring all nursing programs on the campus together, as well as adding a new, well-ventilated Visual Arts Studio.

"In the process of dealing with these three big buildings, we've taken the opportunity to try and do them all together," Lombardi said.

According to the plan, all of the buildings will be located on North Pleasant Street, which will allow them to be integrated together with the usage of pathways and better traffic flow. However, the Chancellor warned about the hassle and inconvenience the construction will cause during the live years it would take to complete.

"All of us will be living with an extraordinarily messed up campus," Lombardi cautioned. That means there will be detours and all kinds of things we will need to cope with.

"But remember to celebrate it. It's new dirt — celebrate it because it is what will save us and allow us to be successful in our faculty and our staff and our students," he said. "It will also allow us to maintain our competitiveness so that while we struggle with detours we want to celebrate that change because without it, we will not be successful. So this is all good news."



ADRIENNE ROSS/COLLEGIAN

Chancellor John Lombardi addresses the Faculty Senate yesterday. He revealed that plans for large scale campus renovations and construction of new dormitories are underway.

Among the renovations, Lombardi said the Campus Center's roof and windows need to be replaced in order to stop leaks. The renovations are estimated to cost about nine million dollars.

Fire alarms also need to be upgraded and elevators in many buildings need replacement, according to Lombardi.

Renovations would also take place in Morrill, Goessman, the Graduate Research Center and Lab Safety.

"All of [these improvement costs] go into the total of $400 million that will be spent," said Lombardi. "Some of this will be borrowed money, some will be taken out of our operating budget, which is done every year, and another small amount comes from the state."

After the meeting, Lombardi discussed that the renovation plans also include building a new dormitory with about 800 beds behind Sylvan, on the old women's athletic field.

"We would begin this project in early to mid-Fall of 2005," Lombardi said. Although there is no architect yet, the Chancellor added that the design is now in progress.

Even if the University's enrollment does not grow, there are still too many students in most dormitories on campus, Lombardi said. He said the new dorm near Sylvan could also be used to house students while empting already existing rooms in order to make renovations.

Depending on how fast enrollment grows; Lombardi said the plan would include adding a total of around 1,800 beds.

During the meeting, Lombardi also spoke on the importance of replacing faculty lost on campus during the last big retirement cycle.

"So far we have been extremely successful in recruiting truly wonderful new faculty," Lombardi said. "But at the same time we have not yet brought the number of faculty up to a number that makes any of us feel warm, cozy and comfortable."

According to the chancellor, there are still less than 1,000 faculty members at UMass, but he would like to bring that number to at least 1,100.

"This is a very significant challenge for us and relates to our ability to generate revenue," he said.

Lombardi also offered words of praise to SPIRE, saying that so far it appears to be working without any significant errors and students have been enrolling at rates that are as good and better than ever before.

"We continue to hold our breath, but all signs are good," Lombardi said. "That doesn't mean we are entirely happy with every part of SPIRE, but at least the damn thing is working."

Du Bois library to receive local donations soon

BY RYAN ALGATE
COLLEGIAN CORRESPONDENT

The Jeffrey Amherst Bookshop and College Store will donate 10 percent of its Thanksgiving weekend proceeds to benefit the University of Massachusetts' W.E.B Du Bois Library for the second year in a row.

For Howard Gersten, the bookstore's owner, it remains a meaningful fundraising effort.

"I think it's important to give as much as you can [to the library,]" Gersten said. "It's such a great library — a great resource for the students. And we would like to support it as much as we can."

In addition to the proceeds from Thanksgiving weekend, the bookshop will begin donating 10 percent of daily earnings to the UMass library beginning next Friday. Shoppers at the bookshop will also be able to participate in a drawing for store gift certificates.

Although this particular fundraising drive was established only last year, Gersten has worked to raise funds for local libraries for much longer.

"Every year for maybe the last 20 years we have done something similar with the Jones Library," he said.

Through a mutual agreement between the Friends of the Jones Library and Gersten, the bookshop donates 10 percent of sales for the first weekend of December to the Jones Library annually. Because it is so close to Christmas, the Jones Library benefit has historically been a successful one.

Last year, Gersten approached UMass library administrators with the idea for a Thanksgiving weekend benefit. They obliged, and the first benefit generated more than $500. This year, Gersten hopes to make an even greater contribution.

According to Emily Silverman, director of Library Communication and Development, the students will very soon benefit from the money raised.

"Once we determine what's most needed for the students, the money will be applied directly towards buying specific materials for the library," she said.

In order to determine what the most pressing needs are Silverman consults other librarians, each of whom is assigned to a specific academic field. After considering their recommendations, Silverman expects that the money raised will be dispersed across several academic fields. Likely expenses include full-text databases, new books, magazines and computer equipment, as well as staffing for the library.

Although proceeds from the Jeffrey Amherst benefit are earmarked for direct spending, most donations to the UMass library are invested in endowment funds. Traditionally, the donations sit and accumulate interest in these endowments. Later, this interest is used to buy materials for the library.

"We have several different endowed funds, but over time we need additional annual support, which is why we are very appreciative of all the potential shoppers," she said.

"It's a really nice chunk of money for the library," added Susan McBride, Silverman's assistant.

This year's benefit is in keeping with a reciprocal business relationship between the W.E.B. Du Bois Library and the Jeffrey Amherst bookshop. In the past, the book-

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Professor urges computer use in hospitals

BY MARIA VARMAZIS
COLLEGIAN STAFF

Dr. Raymond Yang, a professor of Environmental and Radiological Health Sciences at Colorado State University, presented several cases of health problems caused by various chemical interactions that could better understood with the help of computer models yesterday in Goodell Hall. His lecture was titled "Chemical Mixtures and Multiple Stressors: Health Concerns."

Yang said that data gathered from a hazardous waste situation presents scientists with a potentially infinite number of chemical combinations to analyze, which makes finding a conclusive solution seemingly impossible by human reasoning alone. He added that advances in technology are important for complex situations.

"It's very complex, but to a computer it's nothing," he said. One of his first examples of health ramifications of chemical mixtures was that of Gulf War Syndrome, an illness that has affected approximately 29 percent of all 700,000 troops deployed during the first Gulf War.

"Some physicians attribute it to 'it's all in your head,'" said Yang. "My thinking is totally different."

The demolition of Iraqi chemical-filled munitions sent clouds of hazardous gas into the air troops breathed, possibly affecting 100,000 of them. Yang firmly believes Gulf War Syndrome is a direct result of multiple stressors conflicting and reacting in soldiers.

"Soldiers were given as many as 17 vaccines," he said, adding that one of which was never approved by the FDA. "What might be the end result of that — nobody knows."

Another example of multiple chemicals and stressors conflicting within the human body is that of Adverse Drug Reaction (ADR).

He explained that oftentimes severely ill hospital patients are given an average of eight drugs at a time, which can result in drug reactions.

Yang claimed that ADR is the fourth- to sixth-leading cause of death in the United States.

"I wouldn't be surprised if toxicological overaction was responsible for some of those deaths," he said.

When exposure to hazardous chemicals in war or a disaster situation is combined with environmental stresses such as harsh wind or smoke, Yang stressed that there are "infinite different kinds of combinations" that could result in reactions in the human body. He explained that even personal health factors as simple as a common cold will change how a human body reacts to chemical exposure.



ADRIENNE ROSS/COLLEGIAN

Professor Raymond Yang from Colorado State University speaks on technology use for medical purposes.

"The only way to deal with this kind of issue is in concert with computer simulation," Yang said.

Analyzing experimental data would be far too daunting and time consuming by human hands, and Yang hoped students attending his lecture would be convinced to conduct their own research using computers.

From data gathered from experiments with rats and plugging that data into software custom made for his studies, Yang was able to predict what would happen to humans when exposed to certain stressors.

"You come up with a model that is useful and basically you do your experiment on a computer," he said. "You have endless, endless resources to do this."

Veterans denounce Iraqi occupation

BY MATT ELDER
COLLEGIAN STAFF

Marine veteran Mike Hoffman led a four-person panel Wednesday in the Campus Center, denouncing the war in Iraq while sharing some of his stories from over seas.

The panel spoke to over 50 people, and included Susan Schuman, the founder of Military Families Speak Out, Annie Zirin of the International Socialist Organization and Matt Andrews of the UMass Antiwar Coalition.

"I've got dead Iraqis on my hands and it kills me everyday," said Hoffman, who was involved in the initial military push into Baghdad.

The panel's agenda for the evening was to discuss many reasons why the troops should be sent home. Everyone on the panel seemed to agree that the media is not portraying the war accurately.

Schuman said that the press did not talk about her son Justin, who was gone for 15 months, sitting in an eight-by-10 foot abandoned Police barracks for a year. She said that her son lacked proper food, water and equipment.

"I think our voice is powerful," Schuman said of her group Military Families Speak out, which has over 5,000 families in it. She said that she thinks people will listen to her more because of how close she is to the situation.

Hoffman agreed that many troops in Iraq are not given necessities like food and equipment. Hoffman said that he joined the Marines in 1999, when a recruiter approached him while he was working at his local mall. He said he was working a "dead end" job there.

The veteran said that the recruiter offered him three meals a day, a steady paycheck, and a roof over his head. He accepted the offer.

However, Hoffman said that he started to see the reason why he was being shipped off to Iraq, which he found out days before he was scheduled to leave the Marines.

"When I signed up, I didn't sign up to fight for oil," he said. Schuman said that two of Justin's friends committed suicide while in Iraq, and that the media does not cover stories of that nature.

"The war will never go away for my son, that is clear," she said. Hoffman agreed with the seriousness of depression in the military.

He said that when he came home he had to seek psychological treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder, a condition that is common among people in the military.

When the discussion turned to question-and-answer, the first person came out and proudly spoke to the audience about the war.

Greg Krill came to the front of the room and talked about how his experience in Iraq was much different than Hoffman's. He said he was fed better over there than he is here, and most of the people he talked to voiced anger about the United States not coming to their country a decade earlier.

"All I cared about was the Iraqis," he said. He added his belief that we cannot simply leave the country, as many people suggested throughout the night.

However, Hoffman main-

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US troops find command center in Iraq

BY MAGGIE MICHAEL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. troops sweeping through Fallujah on Thursday found what appeared to be a command center used by followers of Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, and a U.S. general expressed confidence the battle for the city has "broken the back of the insurgency."

A separate raid near the suspected command center uncovered a bomb-making workshop where an SUV registered in Texas was being converted into a car bomb and a classroom that held flight plans and instructions on shooting down planes, according to a CNN crew embedded with the U.S. Army.

Gunbattles still flared in Fallujah as troops hunted holdout insurgents five days after the military said its forces had occupied the entire city 40 miles west of Baghdad. One U.S. Marine and one Iraqi soldier were killed, U.S. officials said.

At a base outside Fallujah, Lt. Gen. John Sattler, commander of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, said the U.S. casualty toll in the Fallujah offensive stood at 51 dead and about 425 wounded. An estimated 1,200 insurgents have been killed, with about 1,025 enemy fighters detained, the military says.

Sattler told reporters he felt the U.S.-led attack on the city had dealt a serious blow to the insurgency.

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Campus Perspectives

By Adrienne Bossi

What interesting tradition does your family have for Thanksgiving ?



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"We go to dinner at Katella Deli in Southern California, but next year they are all coming out here for Thanksgiving."

Shirfa Yonis
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"My family usually makes chicken, duck, or even beef. Anything but turkey!"

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"My mom bakes eight different kinds of pie."

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"TURKEY!!!!!"

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Officials investigating Mad Cow claims

By Tom Raum
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is checking a possible new case of mad cow disease, officials said Thursday, rattling the nation's cattle industry, food processors and beef-oriented restaurant chains.

Additional checks are being conducted after initial testing proved inconclusive on the suspect brain tissue. Officials said the animal never entered the food or feed chain.

The Agriculture Department gave no information on the location or origin of the slaughtered animal and said results from advanced tests were not expected before four to seven days.

Ranches and businesses dependent on beef are still feeling financial effects from the nation's only confirmed case of the fatal brain-wasting disease last December.

And Thursday's announcement sent cattle prices tumbling on fears that foreign markets would remain closed to U.S. beef. Shares of McDonald's, Wendy's, and other restaurant chains that feature hamburgers also slumped, as did those of U.S. meat producers.

Mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, attacks an animal's nervous system. People who eat food contaminated with BSE can contract a rare disease that is nearly always fatal, variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

"The inconclusive result does not mean we have found another case of BSE in this country," said Andrea Morgan, associate deputy administrator of the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.



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Beef from cows that is being imported into the U.S. may be tainted with Mad Cow Disease, which has launched a federal investigation.

The "inconclusive result" was the same term the agency used in June when two potential cases turned out to be false alarms. Inconclusive results "are a normal component of screening tests, which are designed to be extremely sensitive so they will detect any sample that could possibly be positive," Morgan said.

"USDA remains confident in the safety of the U.S. beef supply," she added.

An industry representative seconded that view.

"Inconclusive test results are just what they sound like — inconclusive," said J. Patrick Boyle, president of the American Meat Institute. "Regardless of the outcome of this test result, U.S. beef is safe."

Library receiving local donations

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shop has helped raise funds by selling books donated by the library. In turn, the library has often ordered new books through the bookshop.

"They are an independent bookstore, so we would like to buy our materials from them whenever possible. It's a nice synergy," she said.

As part of this continuing tradition, UMass professor Stephen Gelbach, the former dean of the School of Public Health, will offer a reading and signing of his recent book "American Plagues: Lessons from Our Battles with Disease" at the bookshop during the Thanksgiving weekend.

If you would like to help support the UMass library through this benefit, but cannot currently afford new books, Silverman recommends ordering them this weekend for future purchase.

"It counts. It will still go towards helping us," she said.

The Jeffrey Amherst Bookshop and College Store is located at 55 S. Pleasant Street in Amherst center. For more information, call them at 413-253-3381, or contact by e-mail at jeffamhbk@aol.com

Local veterans share experiences in Iraq

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tained the stance that he took all night.

"The best way to help them is not to occupy them," Hoffman said as he stated a survey that said 80 percent of the Iraqis see the U.S. forces as occupiers and not liberators.

"Us being there is causing a lot of violence," he said.

Hoffman continued talking about how much damage we have done to their country. "We have decimated this country," he said, referring to Iraq and the violence that occurs there.

Hoffman said that one of the reasons he has started to speak out is because of a group of Vietnam veterans helped him out, saying they too know what really happens in wartime. Many people in the audience compared the two wars.

Despite their different stances on many matters, Krill and Hoffman shook hands after the discussion ended.

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"It is hard enough to remember my opinions, without also remembering my reasons for them."
-Friedrich Nietzsche

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More than a metaphor

Sanam Hakim

When I was a kid, like most children, there were foods I wouldn't eat just because they looked gross, people on television that I laughed at because they were dressed funny and buildings I was scared to go in because they looked scary.

Adults around me smiled, patted my head and said, "Sanam, don't ever judge a book by its cover."

As the years went on, and I advanced in my education, not judging a book by its cover wasn't even a good metaphor anymore. What if the book's cover was accidentally ripped off? What if the book had a really bad cover but was placed between really good books? What if the book had an amazing cover but was written by a bad author? What if the title sounds bad but the picture looks good? What if everyone else tells me it's a bad book? Can I judge it then?

Take, for example, everything that is going on with the SGA right now.

The entire student body has learned a few new names like SGA, SCERA and ALANA, and throws those words around with mindless and inappropriate judgments attached to them.

First of all, the SGA is every fee-paying undergraduate student, not the 10 or so students you read about in the paper. The SGA is broken down into branches, one of which is the Legislative branch, also known as the Senate, which is the one we read about every Thursday on the main page of the paper. The names mentioned in these Thursday Senate articles are always the same names, over and over again, yet somehow people are saying that we should just throw out the entire SGA.

These statements make no sense and are derived from reading the front page of the Collegian, which is essentially from the viewpoint of the person who wrote the article. Do not judge the student governing body by your weekly Collegian article with mention of only a few people; judge it by your own volition. If you want to propose throwing out the entire SGA, go to a Senate meeting. Get all your facts straight and then pass judgment.

Second of all, the "scandalous" photos of students drinking in the SCERA office are now being called "SCERA photos," and SCERA is being called a racist organization, which is completely unfair and uncalled for. To refer to "SCERA" photos and/or call SCERA 'a racist organization' is bringing down the entire agency and hindering its progress.

I personally work for SCERA, and I am not a racist. In fact, racism is something that I have been fighting against since I was a child. To hear anyone judge my moral character based on the actions of a few people in that office, or for anyone to tell me that I am working for a racist organization. If you would like to call that office 'racist,' please contact me or visit the office first to back up your statements because these blind accusations are hurting the agency.

Third of all, the term "ALANA" is being used as one word to label multiple groups of people.

In reality, the term "ALANA" is synonymous to the word "minority," so when people say "ALANA this and ALANA that," they are talking about every minority on this campus. In reality, it's in reference to only a handful of people. This generic "ALANA" label that's being thrown around is usually in reference to five different active groups: The Office of ALANA Affairs, the ALANA Caucus, ALANA RSO's, ALANA Caucus-appointed senators and the entire ALANA community.

If you are going to propose any article about "dismantling" ALANA, at least propose it correctly. Getting rid of ALANA is proposing to get rid of all minorities. Don't judge an entire group of people based on the actions of a few. If you disagree with what a few people are doing, getting rid of the whole thing is a ridiculous proposition. Learn your terms. Get all your facts straight. Then make a judgment.

On a more personal level, I have been a columnist for the Daily Collegian for almost three years. Next to each column I write is my full name: Sanam Hakim. I am proud of my name, but sometimes I am judged by it. Sanam Hakim is a Middle Eastern name. Therefore I must be Muslim, wear a veil, have a thick accent and only hang out with other Middle Easterners.

It is only when you read a book that you attain the understanding and ability to judge it. If you don't feel like reading, keep your mouth shut, because your judgments are blind and do nothing but harm to this University.

Last year, someone called me on the phone and told me he was writing a story about an Arabic girl for one of his classes. He told me he saw my name in the paper, and decided to call me because he wanted to hear what an Arabic accent sounded like.

First of all, I am not an Arab. I am an Iranian. Second of all, I have no accent, although I can speak both Farsi and Spanish. This year, I wrote an article about how women dress like prostitutes for Halloween, and I got a response from someone, addressing me as 'Miss Hakim' about 30 times, who told me that it was not fair to criticize women who want to wear a naughty nurse costume instead of a burka. A burka is a loose veil garment worn by some Muslim women. I do not wear a burka or veil my face and I am not even Muslim. I am a Baha'i. Do not judge people by their names, because chances are really good that you will be wrong.

I propose that we should change the old metaphor about judging books by their covers and bring in a new idea. No one should have the right to judge any book, regardless of who says it's good or bad, what the title is or what the cover looks like, unless they read the book first. It is only when you read a book that you attain the understanding and ability to judge it. If you don't feel like reading, keep your mouth shut, because your judgments are blind and do nothing but harm to this University.

Sanam Hakim is a Collegian columnist.

How right can we go?



Matthew Reid

Colin Powell's recent resignation as Secretary of State was bad enough. It's one thing to lose one of the greatest public servants this country has seen in years, but to make things worse, Powell's replacement will be National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice. So much for Bush's plane to bridge the gap in this already divided country.

In his Nov. 3 acceptance speech, following the concession of Sen. John Kerry, Bush admitted he failed at unifying the people of the United States. The gap between the left and right was wider than ever when Bush won a second term, but he said he would do everything in his power to fix the problem. He isn't off to a good start by placing someone who is possibly farther to the right than he is as the nation's top diplomat.

Powell, a four-star general and one of the great voices of moderation in the government, is being replaced by, essentially, a smarter, shrewder version of George Bush. Any balancing that Powell was doing in the Cabinet has all but disappeared. And as the Iraq situation gets worse and worse, and the death toll rises higher and higher by the day, we need Powell's presence more than ever.

Sources in the U.N. rumored that U.S. ambassador to the United Nations John Danforth was a potential replacement for Powell. Danforth would have been more of a logical choice given the president's post-election speech. Danforth is a Republican, like Powell, but he also shares Powell's diplomatic experience and tact and has won the praise and respect of politicians on both side of the political isle. He would have continued to serve as a balancing force amidst Bush's ultra conservative base. But alas, Rice was chosen instead.

Prior to Rice's appointment, Bush chose White House Counsel Alberto Gonzales to replace John Ashcroft as Attorney General. Yes, this is the same Alberto Gonzales who called the Geneva Conventions "obsolete." But, it's not like Ashcroft was much of a winner to begin with. Bush has also named Stephen Hadley as the new National Security Advisor, replacing Rice. Hadley was Rice's deputy at the National Security Council.

[Rice] represents everything that is wrong with the Bush administration, which would seem to hinder the whole "bridging the gap" thing Bush had in mind.

Rice replacing Powell, on the other hand, is about as far of a downgrade as you can get. She lacks the experience on the diplomatic stage that Powell possessed and has never been one for diplomacy. She represents everything that is wrong with the Bush administration, which would seem to hinder the whole "bridging the gap" thing Bush had in mind. And on top of all that, she didn't even want the job in the first place, having said she was primarily interested in the Secretary of Defense position.

I do realize that Rice is a brilliant, strong-willed person. She was a professor (at Stanford, no less) in her mid-twenties. Ten years later she was advising one President Bush, and a little over 10 years after that she was advising another President Bush. She is decisive, fierce and confident.

But does that make up for the fact that she played a crucial role in the preemptive invasion of Iraq, leading to the deaths of God-knows-how-many lives? Does it make up for the fact that she covered up the truth along the way? Does it make up for the fact that in the process, she helped ruin our alliances with several European nations? Hardly.

One good thing I can say about Rice being named Secretary of State is that we will be able to believe what she says. With Powell, it was clear that he was struggling to find the balance between his ideology and his loyalty to his Commander-in-Chief. It must have been frustrating to have to sell policies that he didn't truly believe in. He believed in the president because it was the American thing to do, not because he truly believed what they were doing was in the best interests of the country.

With Rice in the driver's seat, there will be no question whether or not she believes in what the President is pushing for. Bush no longer has to deal with a Secretary of State that doesn't share his excessive fever for the war in Iraq, and all can be one big, happy family. In the end, that's seemingly the whole point of Bush's second-term team, to make a Cabinet of as many like-minded (and essentially right-minded) people as possible.

Matthew Reid is a Collegian editor.

The myth of us vs. them

Ben Duffy

While counter-protesting at the Republican National Convention this August, I encountered some of the strangest banners and placards I had ever seen. The one that stood out the most was the mass-produced rainbow banner that seemed to be everywhere. The banner was paraded about and hung in every window on the march route, declaring that "We the People object to the Bush Agenda." Such an article of hubris had I never seen in my entire life.

A protestor carrying the above-mentioned banner stopped to debate with me, wanting to ask me a political question. I told him that I would answer his question, if he would respond to a question of mine as well. He asked his question and I answered it as truthfully as I could. Then I asked my question: what made him think that he spoke for "We the People"?

"Well, these are people" he said, motioning toward the protest behind him.

"Yes they are people," I replied. "But they aren't 'the People.' Are you suggesting that I'm not a person because I don't agree with the protestors?"

"No," he concluded. He acknowledged that I was a human being. At this point, a policeman separated us.

It's "us" against "them". If you need any help understanding just who falls into which catergory, just ask your local Leftist.

As he moved away from me, the man screamed that I was attacking him personally because I had run out of logical arguments of my own.

But I wasn't attacking him personally. Rather, I was asking him an honest question. In a nation as divided as ours, how could these protestors speak for "We the People"?

The terminology reminds me of a certain Marxist philosophy that greatly oversimplifies society, pitting a tiny group of "haves" against a massive group of "have-nots." It stems from the ideology that the proletariat should rise up against their masters, seize the means of production and realize the fruits of their labor. It's "us" against "them." If you need any help understanding just who falls into which category, just ask your local Leftist.

"Us" is a sweeping group of the downtrodden — women, minorities, homosexuals, the poor, industrial workers, young people and anyone earning less than six figures. "Them" is defined as a tiny class of rich, old, WASP-ish men who invariably own stock in Carlisle or a major oil company. It's a classic political tactic that hasn't changed much since Hitler tried it in the 1930s.

Take, for example, Howard Zinn and his latest book, "A People's History of the United States." Zinn has a number of books that feature the word "people" prominently in the title. Don't be fooled: "people" in this context means far-leftist and nothing more.

Consider Michael Moore's "Stupid White Men," which refers to Ralph Nader as "someone who will represent the bottom 90 percent of this country." Later, he says that the Democrats and the Republicans should merge, because they've been working together for years in the interests of the richest 10 percent.

I want to ask Michael Moore a question. If the bottom 90 percent is dying to have a new party that he thinks would better serve our interests, what's stopping us? I'm part of that 90 percent, and yet I shudder to think of Moore's dream political party that presumably would fall to the left of the Democrats.

I suppose that Moore would tell me that we're locked into a two-party system, that some devoted liberals vote for the Democrats as the lesser of two evils, even though they're really followers of Nader or Cobb deep down inside. He suggests such an idea in his book. To an extent he's right, though it's almost impossible to gauge how many Democrats are actually greens that sold out.

But what about the 51 percent of Americans who voted for Bush this year? Surely they weren't secretly yearning for a Nader victory. Surely they don't all belong to the top 10 percent. Surely they aren't all elite members of the Texas oilman good-old-boy network. Surely there must be women, minorities, gays, working class people, young people and poor people among them. What happens to this theory when it confronts reality at the voting booths?

In fact, Bush has more right to speak for "the People" than either Michael Moore or the NYC protestors. After all, he won a majority of the popular vote. Sure, it wasn't a landslide, but it was more than Clinton got in either 1992 or 1996, when he reaped 43 percent and 49 percent of the vote respectively.

Bush was hardly unanimously approved, and it would be a mistake to think that all Americans are in love with him. But he was hardly unanimously disapproved either, which seems to refute the idea that "We the People object to the Bush agenda."

In reality, no individual can speak for "We the People." We're a nation of 293 million citizens, all having different interests, backgrounds and values. There are very few ideas that can unite the vast majority of us.

Usually we just have to agree to disagree with the other members of our diverse society. Anyone who thinks that he can speak for the entire populace is taking arrogance to a new level. Anyone who claims to speak for "We the People" and then proceeds to be embarrassed on Election Day is a buffoon.

I hope this election will force the protestors to put their rainbow banners away in the attic. I really hope that it will make Howard Zinn and Michael Moore abandon their presumption that they are the spokesmen of the masses. Unfortunately, I have little confidence that either of those things will happen.

Ben Duffy is a Collegian columnist.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SENDING THE WRONG MESSAGE ABOUT ABORTION

I have to disagree with Thomas Naughton's opinions on abortion in "Saturday's Behind the Fence," especially his comparison of abortion and adoption. To say that the words written close together do not look much different, may be literally true, but is otherwise insulting. It is insulting to all of the millions of adoptive families in America that have given a child unconditional love; it is insulting to all of the foster families that provide safe and nurturing homes for children in transition, for children who would otherwise be living in an unsafe environment.

Foster care and adoption are not the same thing. Yes, there are horrible foster homes, where children are abused, and I am sure that there are horrid adoptive parents as well. However, there are also horrible birth parents, parents that collect money from the state and let their children sit in the same dirty diaper for two weeks.

But life is life, and even if it is not ideal, it should be respected in my opinion. In most cases, adopted children grow up just as non-adopted children: happy, healthy and loved. So is Mr. Naughton saying that those children, or anyone who was adopted or came from a less than perfect home should have been aborted?

I am not an angry "church-goer" as people that do not believe in abortion were referred to in his column, but I do not agree with abortion. To those who believe that "it is just a short operation that no one feels particularly great about," remember that abortion is an elective procedure.

We are not talking about open-heart surgery here, this is something that you are choosing to have done. If you were going to the doctors for say, laser eye surgery, which is also an elective procedure, and you didn't feel particularly great about it, than you probably wouldn't go through with it. Just the simple fact that I have never met a girl that has had an abortion and not had any guilt or sadness about that child (or fetus for those of you who do not believe it is a child yet — either way it has a beating heart) proves to me that it is wrong.

I'm not the type to put down a girl that has had an abortion. I would not want to make someone feel bad about what they had already done.

But what about before the abortion? What about before you have unprotected sex? Or make a "mistake"? I am talking about education, and the message we are sending to our daughters. Instead of teaching self-esteem, sex education and responsibility, we are telling girls that it is OK to be sexy, it is OK to have sex, and even though we really don't want you to get pregnant until you're ready, it's okay if you do because we can fix it. And we are telling our sons that it is all the girl's responsibility if she becomes pregnant with an unwanted child.

The abortion pill is as readily available to young girls as Tootsie Pops are to little children. It is disgusting; it is the wrong message. The fact that you cannot vote until 18, drink alcohol until 21, or even go on a school field trip without your parents' permission, but you can legally in some places have an abortion without your parents consent is unfathomable to me.

What ever happened to it takes a village to raise a child? Where is the support from family, from friends to say, "you didn't plan this baby, but you will love it, we will help you get through this"?

Ruby Toledo
Amherst Resident and mother

COLUMNIST DOES NOT SPEAK FOR TEAM

The Women's Ice Hockey club does not support the statements made by S.J. Port in the article printed on Nov. 17. In fact, without the Men's Varsity Ice Hockey program, there would be no Mullins Center in which to skate. So thank you boys and Toot, we've got nothing but respect and support for you guys. Congrats on tying the No. 1 ranked team this weekend.

Samantha Louras
President
Women's Ice Hockey

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Going Gay

Not so alternative lifestyles

From Ellen to Madonna and Britney: Chronicling gay culture in the past decade

Gay seems to be everywhere nowadays. You can't go more than a week without hearing something about one of the many homosexual issues that have recently come into the foreground of politics, culture and society.

Chris Gazzara

From the freshly legal marriage rights of homosexual men and women in Massachusetts, to the many hit television shows gracing the airwaves, it seems that they are here, they are queer, and we are enjoying it.

Where did this all come from? Well, it's hard to pin down. There have been numerous familiar gay artists, singers, actors and celebrities in the past 50 years, without any enormous boost in gay-friendly pop culture. James Dean, Rock Hudson, Janis Joplin and Elton John are a few of the more frequently known homosexual celebrities from the past. Things didn't really pick up until the hit television sitcom Roseanne began to take an active role in opening up gays to the media. Roseanne's boss, Leon, was gay and so was her friend Nancy, played by outspoken bisexual actress Sandra Bernhard. Even her mother came out later on in the series. Shortly thereafter, lesbian rock artist Melissa Etheridge scored big with her aptly-titled L.P. "Yes I Am," in 1995.

Two years later, after experiencing some success in the limelight, Ellen Degeneres decided it was her time to announce to the public that she too is gay. The episode of ABC's "Ellen" in which Ellen's self-modeled character came out of the closet, was so controversial that Birmingham, Ala. pulled out network support the night the show aired. Despite critical acclaim for the gutsy move and an Emmy Award, the show was canceled in 1998.

The new millennium brought a drastic turn about in the way we viewed homosexuals in popular culture. The success of Will and Grace, a sitcom about the relationship between a gay man and his best girlfriend, seemed a ticket to the big time for gay culture.

The show "Queer as Folk" blasted onto the scene, exposing an entirely gay and lesbian cast for the first time ever to a nation of Showtime viewers. The show centers on several men and women living different lifestyles representative of the different aspects of gay culture. This show was instrumental in giving gays a sense of identity. Finally they had a show of their own.

"Queer Eye for the Straight Guy," a reality show where the premise is for five gay men with different style specialities to makeover sloppy straight men, exploded after just one season. Their motto is "Five gay men, out to make over the world — one straight guy at a time." The show was so successful, it inked a deal with NBC almost right off the bat. Since then, the "Fab Five" have become an incredible phenomenon.

Since the introduction of "Queer Eye" to the public last year, gay culture seems to be melding in with straight culture almost effortlessly. The sultry kiss shared by Britney Spears and Madonna at the 2003 MTV Video Music Awards received less harsh criticism than did the infamous "wardrobe malfunction" between Ms. Janet "Damita-Jo" Jackson and Justin Timberlake. CBS is still fighting the $500,000 fine imposed by the FCC due to the tragic incident, whereas Britney and Madonna are forever doomed to share shiny necklaces and kabbalah bracelets.

Gay people everywhere are enjoying the newly found freedom of expressing themselves thanks to the tireless efforts of these and many more unmentioned artists who work to create a more accepting, diverse country for all of us. When looking back over these moments of glory for the gay cause, it is important to remember that these are not infiltrations into our society, but merely a beginning to a more accurate perception of the people who live in this great country. It is my hope that one day, every person in this country will feel truly represented in our media, but for now, what an awesome place to start.

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Stonewall Center plans a four-day weekend with REELout

By Lindsey Ferris
Collegian Correspondent

Looking for something to do this weekend that will be both entertaining and different from the typical end-of-week activities? The Stonewall Center has put together the REEL Out Film Festival to give you just that.

The festival is presented yearly by the center and shows films that deal with lesbian, bisexual, gay and transgender issues. Each film being shown is either a premier or a film that has received critical praised. The film festival is fairly new and the Stonewall Center hopes to continue the tradition throughout the years, center official Melanie Marcon said.

The film-filled weekend started yesterday and continues through Sunday. REEL Out began with "Brother to Brother" in the Isenberg School of Management building last night at 7 p.m. This dramatic film focused on the Harlem Renaissance told through the experiences of Bruce Nugent and his voyage with a black gay artist. Nugent is cofounder of the revolutionary literature journal "Fire."

It continues tonight with the debut of "Tying the Knot" at 7 p.m. in Bartlett Hall, room 65. This is a documentary that makes a compelling argument for gay marriage. It also focuses on the history and change of marriage. There will be a discussion with the filmmaker, Jim de Seve after the screening, and a second showing of the film at 9 p.m.

Transgender Awareness Day is on Saturday and the Stonewall Center has planned several events. The Junk Film Festival, which is a travelling festival put on by Malaqueerche Productions, will start the day's festivities. On the bill are pieces from independent underground films like "Venus Boyz," a documentary about female masculinity. There will be four short Trans films shown following "Venus Boyz," and finally, the day will end with "Cookie Project," a film that tells the life of Cookie, a transsexual lesbian. Each film on Saturday will be shown in SOM 137.

The films shown on the final day of REEL Out, Sunday, will be shown in SOM 137 as well. The day starts out at noon with "By Hook or By Crook," a film following the life and friendship of a "small town butch" and a "wise-acre adoptee" for three weeks.

"Yossi and Jagger" is being screened too. A true story, the film tells the story of two soldiers in the Israel army and their love for one another.

There will be six short gay and lesbian films shown after this love story. The romantic film "The Trip" is the story of the love affair of two men and their lives together and will be displayed after the short films. "Amour de France" is another intriguing story about a mother and wife who experiences a feeling she never experienced before: affection for another woman. "Radical Harmonies" focuses on the subject and the history of the Women's Music Cultural Movement. The festival is finished up with a romantic comedy about a group of multiracial and poly-sexual friends titled "Relax! It's Just Sex."

The Stonewall Center hopes to educate and entertain students with the festival and provide a weekend of interesting films. Showing times and locations can be found at www.umass.edu/stonewall.

A night of dress up: *Drag Ball* returns to UMass

Every year there is at least one guy. October 31 rolls around and there he is, decked out in a Salvation Army dress and a blonde wig, making a mockery of drag. Well, with Halloween come and gone it is time for the true masters of disguise to take the stage. When Pride Alliance host's it's annual Drag Ball tomorrow night boys will be girls, girls will be boys but everyone will be in top form.

The event kicks off at 9 p.m. at the Top of the Campus Center and will feature music, dancing and live entertainment from some of the area's best drag performers — members of the University of Massachusetts community.

The Pride Alliance, a Registered Student Organization serving the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered students and their allies on campus, has been a presence at UMass since 1970, known then as the Student Homophile League. In the 34 years it has been around the group has defined their mission as two-fold; Its "primary function is to offer a supportive atmosphere in which gay people can meet to discuss mutual problems, receive legal advice and medical advice, and participate in encounter groups, consciousness raising sessions, as well as social events. Its secondary function is to educate the community about homosexuality as a lifestyle and refute the myths about gay life," according to the group's Web site, www.umass.edu/rso/pride.

The annual fall Drag Ball is just one of the many events sponsored by the Pride Alliance through out the academic year. The group also actively plans events for National Coming Out Day, held yearly in early October, as well as the festival known as Queerfest, held annually in the spring.

The Ball will begin with performances by Five College students, rehearsed and choreographed in preparation for the night's festivities. Hosted by a Five College student, the event will kick off at 9 p.m. and wind down at 1 a.m. UMass students get in for $3, and those who arrive dressed for the occasion can expect a $1 discount. Drag queens and kings are welcome, as are those not in drag. Five College students can get in the door for $4 and everyone else for $5.

— *Meghan Healy*



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Local man creates thriller based on tale of princenton girl

By Adam Gorlick
Associated Press

PRINCETON — It's a local legend that has spooked children and made adults wonder.

In 1755, 4-year-old Lucy Keyes vanished in the shadow of Wachusett Mountain while collecting sand around a nearby lake. Unable to ever find her, Lucy's mother went insane.

Years after the death of Lucy's parents, an explanation finally surfaced for the little girl's disappearance. A letter said to have been written by the Keyes' reclusive neighbor, Tilly Littlejohn, amounted to a detailed confession of Lucy's murder over a property dispute with her father.

"I struck her three heavy blows on the head with a stone," the letter said. "I then hid the body in a hollow log, and went to my house."

The letter goes on to describe Littlejohn burying Lucy's body beneath a pile of leaves and rocks. To cover any traces of a grave, he built a bonfire above it.

And then the haunting began.

"(At sunset I heard the cry of Mrs. Keyes, calling for Lucy, and 'Lucy!' 'Lucy!' would be repeated from the mountain, and then from the hill, and then again and again from farther and farther away," the letter says. "It seemed as if all the spirits of the air were calling on me for Lucy."

Now, 250 years later, local movie director John Stimpson is making a film that retells the tale of Lucy Keyes and the ghost story that goes with it: The woods, local legend has it, still ring with the call of Lucy's mother looking for her lost daughter.

"The story intrigued me right away," Stimpson said recently during a day of shooting "The Legend of Lucy Keyes," an independent film running on a budget expected to stay under $1 million. "It fascinated me as a filmmaker, and I knew it was a story I wanted to tell."

Fed up with chasing an acting career in hectic Los Angeles, Stimpson — who grew up in Wellesley — turned to writing and directing movies and moved to Princeton about 17 years ago. He didn't know it at first, but he later found out that his property abuts the land purchased by the Keyes family in the 1751.

Stimpson's story places a young couple — played by Julie Delpy, who starred in "Before Sunset," and Justin Theroux, who was in "Mulholland Drive" — in modern-day Princeton with their two daughters. The couple, Jeanne and Guy Cooley, unwittingly buy a farmhouse that had belonged to the Keyes family. Once they find out, the Cooley family starts experiencing the spirits of Lucy and her mother.

Then, their youngest daughter — also named Lucy — disappears. "Their lives shadow the story of Lucy Keyes," Stimpson said. "It's a modern-day tale exploring the history and the legend."

Stimpson won't give away all the plot details, but said his supernatural thriller has a happy ending. And he took a few liberties with the historical accounts of what happened to Lucy. Instead of having her vanish while collecting sand around Wachusett Lake, his retelling of the story has her disappear while picking blueberries.

"I didn't want to deal with the logistics of shooting by the lake," he said.

And with respect to anyone who might be related to Littlejohn, he's changed the name of the person who confessed to killing Lucy. "Some people claim he didn't really write the letter, and some people say he didn't own any land," Stimpson said. "Whatever. I'm just making a movie."

The movie, produced by Waltham-based Moody Street Pictures, is being filmed entirely in Princeton and on the 2,006-foot Wachusett Mountain, which straddles Westminster. Some of Princeton's 3,700 residents have been enlisted as extras, filling coffee shop and town hall meeting scenes.

The producers are hoping the film will get some sort of theatrical release in this country, and will also push for foreign and video distribution when the movie is completed by spring.

"I wish my grandmother was here to see all this," said John Bennett, a deputy chief on the town's volunteer fire department, who is in a scene where Lucy Cooley is taken to the hospital after breaking her arm. "I'm related to the Keyes through her side of the family, and she would've gotten a kick out of a movie being made about the story."

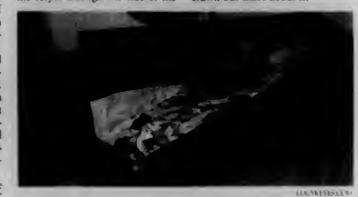
Because there's nothing left of the Keyes' farmhouse, the film crew has moved the fictional Cooley family into the home owned by Joe and Ellen O'Brien. The O'Briens, in turn, have moved into a hotel for the 18 days of filming.

"So far it's been interesting to see what they've done in our backyard," Joe O'Brien said.

Trailers and trucks are parked a few yards from his house while cameras and lighting equipment bustle around his property as the crew of about 75 people go through the slow and deliberate process of shooting and re-shooting scenes.

If there are any ghosts haunting the Princeton woods, there's a chance they may have been scared away from all the activity rumbling through this otherwise quiet area.

"Have I seen any ghosts? No," Stimpson said. "I wish I could say yes. I've been out walking in the woods at dusk and I've felt my skin crawl, but that's about it."



Simpson, who is making a movie based upon the murder Lucy Keyes has discovered artifacts including the 250 year old crib of Keyes.

Interpol makes new wave comeback

By Matt O'Rourke
Collegian Staff

For those who thought the new wave movement was a thing of the past, Interpol is your worst nightmare. For those who loved that era, look no further for a group to provide a renaissance. Surfacing from the underground on their debut album, "Turn On the Bright Lights," Interpol single-handedly revived a genre of music thought to be lung dead. Combining the garage rock power of the Strokes and the new wave sound of Joy Division, their sophomore album "Antics" (perhaps named in tribute to Tim Ant's album "Antics in the Forbidden Zone") rocks at times, while feeling bland at others.

"Antics" begins with organs blaring, and well placed guitar chords playing along with lead singer Paul Banks proclaiming "We're ain't goin' to the town/We're going to the city." Perhaps this is Interpol's way of stating, that they are sticking with their roots of underground rock. Heavy undertones and pedal effects provide a feeling that the music is all coming together at a single point, with some occasional noise pollution. A decent track overall, but not their best work.

"Evil" does no harm to the ears, as it can be appreciated on several different levels. From a lyrical standpoint, puns are well placed, if not intentional. Paul Banks sings, without the aide of voice changers, "Rosemary, Heaven restores you in life", and while the religious factor is obvious, it's well placed as Banks addresses two ideas at once. The bass line sings, and the drums are basic but brilliant and driving. Kessler's guitar rhythm is also fitting, playing off the previous musical phrase in the second minute beautifully.

"Take You On a Cruise" plays well, but can be a bit much with a certain overlying (perhaps overused) guitar effect, which sounds similar to ship leaving port. Although that may be the obvious purpose, it still can become a bit much at time. Carlos D's dancing bass line is played off by Daniel Kessler's guitar picking, and later filled with Sam Fogarino's dancehall drum pulse. Overall the song can be in the listener's face, with almost too much going on at once within a single wall of sound. Some will take a liking to this one quicker than others.



"C'mere" is the highlight track of the album. Interpol strives for, and succeeds, in pushing a garage rock song, while still maintaining their traditional new wave sound. Kessler's guitars chime in Banks' singing of "Its way too late to be locked inside ourselves/the trouble is that you're in love with someone else." At its heart, "C'mere" is a driving love song, or a song about questioning love. While the concept is obviously unoriginal, the arrangement is well composed. From the bass line to the pushing guitars, the song will easily become stuck inside of your head, and you'll find yourself coming back again and again to listen.

Interpol struggles with the concept of allowing the lead singer to be the prominent sound. It's OK once in a while to let Banks drown in the guitar-driven background, at least it provides variation. However, "A Time To Be So Small", the concluding track on the album, fails to do just that. The listener shouldn't have to struggle to understand what the singer is singing. The instrumentation is the foreground, and it too can be a bit too much to handle. Around the third minute, there is a slight drum and bass break, which can be refreshing before the next wave of sound.

"Antics" is not the same album as "Turn On the Bright Lights", but it can be quite similar at times, but one must note this doesn't mean it's of a lesser quality overall. The arrangements are for those who love guitar with a drowning effect, so Radiohead and Killers fans take heed: Interpol has revived a lost sound, and it's not fading any time soon.

Eve has two choose between two friends



Original Sin
Eve

I somehow managed to get caught up in a very sticky love triangle. I am entirely responsible for this creation, but I do not regret its monstrous implication in the slightest. Unfortunately for them though, the two corners of the triangle happen to be childhood friends. Not just playground pals, they share a perpetually rooted brotherly love, which in fact might already be tainted by their uncontrollable temptation.

Our relationship was once completely harmless, yet it was inevitable that someone would get hurt, and I am still baffled at why it wasn't me. Each one of the three points. I have found seem justified in their actions.

The first guy was my first choice. I have known him since primary school, and I had wished that one day he might look my way. We became acquaintances in high school, casual friends during college, and only realized recently that he lives with two of my closest friends. We spent a lot of time together, slowly building an unexplainable feeling of lustful tension. Our chemistry, our energies, collided irresistibly with intense passion. A feeling one may never experience often, but we fed our need and embodied this fortune.

Yet, I was still surprised when he called me the next day, and continued to do so for five months thereafter. We made an agreement, though, on that day. Our encounters were to remain strictly casual with no-strings-attached, and I could not have been happier, but is it really possible to maintain an ongoing casual affair without developing emotions? I have learned it is only possible if both of the participants are keeping their emotions occupied with other people, and no one has any expectations., but when the third party arrived, a surge of the emotional reality swept through all of us without warning.

The third piece to our puzzle, his eternal friend, swept me off my feet one evening, completely unaware of our situation. By the time his pursuit seemed serious, my casual relationship with the first guy just happened to slow down. Yet, I felt it was necessary to unravel the simple truth, and he was heartbroken.

However, after a few conversations and small arguments, the first guy let it happen, and I was heartbroken. Did he have no feelings for what we had whatsoever? And so I gave into the second guy. He was nicer, compassionate and actually cared for what we began to have. We also just happened to go to the same school, and it was perfectly comfortable, but soon after, it was too comfortable, too plain, too calm. I missed the excitement I once had with the first guy. He was passionate and kept the meaning of us as a simple unit.

When I realized that is all I really want at the moment, I untied the knot with his friend. Weeks later, my first choice called to tell me he was coming up to visit. Both of them invited me to see an exhibit together, and I was flattered. There were no hard feelings, no more hearts breaking, but hearts were still beating. As the evening began, and then the night settled in, we all settled in. Conversation was comfortable and the company was warm, but then I noticed they were unintentionally competing for my attention, fighting for my interest, and neither of them saw what the other was doing. How can two close friends be so disloyal to each other? But, then again, their dishonesty and unfaithfulness to one another began at the very beginning, and I've realized it is not my problem.

The first guy and I will always have a lasting bond of sexual chemistry, and the second will always be the ideal choice for a commitment, and in the end, the first corner of our dynamic finally chose to admit that he does feel, he does care, and he was upset he let me go, and he left this certainty at that. It was all I really needed to hear to put our past to rest, and I am now able to enjoy the memory and smile.

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Youth will help lead UMass against USC

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averaged 25 points, nine rebounds and four steals as a senior at Chinguacousy High School in Ontario.

She was also the MVP of the All-Canada Basketball game and named the 2003-04 Miss Basketball in Canada. During the off-season, Tatham was selected to the Canadian Junior National Team and helped the Canadians earn their first trip to the World Championships.

In the Bronze Medal game, Tatham lead Canada with 11 points, two rebounds, two assists and three steals in a come-from-behind victory over Brazil.

"We were very excited to get Alisha, her sister [Tamara] has done very well for us and I'm looking forward to seeing how they will work off each other," Dacko said.

Joining the group of freshman is redshirt-junior Katie Nelson, who missed last season after undergoing knee surgery to repair an ACL tear.

Throw 6-foot-4 center Patrycja Gulak into the mix, and UMass should have a shot at making it deep into the A-10 playoffs. Gulak sat out last season after transferring from St. John's and is expected to be in the starting line-up.

USC is coming off 15-13 season, in which they went 11-7 in the Pac-10 and finished tied for third in the conference.

Led by first-year coach Mark Trakh. The Women of Troy return only one full-time starter but nine letterwinners.

Meghan Gnekow is the top USC returning scorer. The guard averaged 7.9 points and 5.5 rebound per game last season.

DePaul went 23-7 last year (10-4 in Conference USA) before finishing fourth in the conference tournament. The Blue Demons were the only Conference USA school to crack the Associated Press' preseason Top 25 poll. The DePaul player to watch is junior forward Khara Smith. Smith received votes but came up short of making the AP preseason All-America team.

Smith hold the best field goal percentage in school history (.605), and has scored at least 10 points in 54 of 66 career games.

Murray State is coming off an 82-48 exhibition win over the Blue Chip Legends last Saturday.

Federer defeats Moya at ATP Masters Cup

By Michael A. Lutz
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Roger Federer was at his best after midnight. Too bad hardly anyone was there to see it.

With less than 500 fans remaining in the stands after a deflating day of rain delays, Federer made several clutch shots to hold off Lleyton Hewitt 6-3, 6-4 in the second round of the ATP Masters Cup Championships on Wednesday night.

"There was only so much crowd left. It was kind of a very strange and awkward feeling," Federer said. "We're not too used to that, especially me since I've been playing center court basically every match since I've become No. 1."

Carlos Moya had to sit through a rain delay of nearly eight hours before beating Gaston Gaudio 6-3, 6-4 in an earlier second-round match.

Federer was leading 4-2 in the second set when showers again halted play, this time for an hour. After play resumed, the Swiss star closed it out on the first match point with an overhead, beating Hewitt for the fifth straight time in a match that ended just before 1 a.m. Thursday.

"There were some good rallies," Federer said. "That was a good game, that last one. I've had trouble against him serving matches out."

Federer, who improved to 7-7 in his career against Hewitt, has a 2-0 record in the Red Group of the round-robin format. Hewitt dropped to 1-1. The four players with the best round-robin records from the two groups will play in Saturday's semifinals. The winners will meet Sunday for the championship.

Federer got the first break in the fourth game of the opening set with a backhand crosscourt passing shot. Then he had to stave off two break points in the fifth game to hold his serve. After the second deuce, Federer hit an ace and a backhand winner.

Sorenstam among golf's elite

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Annika Sorenstam competed against the men last year at Colonial.

Now she is being compared with them.

Sorenstam has won nine times around the world this year, same as Vijay Singh.

And her four-year run as the No. 1 player on the LPGA Tour is equally impressive, if not more, to the way Tiger Woods dominated the PGA Tour during a five-year stretch.

"The kind of golf she's playing, it's unbelievable," Meg Mallon said Wednesday. "Everyone is talking about Vijay's year. She's done it for the last six years."

And that's what might be most impressive of all.

Sorenstam comes into the season-ending ADT Championship at Trump International in the same position as the previous three years — on top of her game, atop the money list and the player to beat on the LPGA Tour.

"When Annika is in the field, everybody is aware of it," said Grace Park, who's No. 2 on the money list and will be paired with Sorenstam when the tournament starts Thursday. We know the competition will be that much tougher."

Winning never gets old, but it has become routine for Sorenstam.

She won a major for the fourth straight year. She already has crossed the $2 million mark for the fourth straight time, an amazing feat considering no other woman has done it once. She already has wrapped up LPGA Tour player of the year and has gone four straight seasons with at least six victories.

The difference this year is that Sorenstam started taking more time off.

The ADT Championship, a season-ending tournament for the top 30 players on the money list, is only her 18th start on the LPGA Tour. She's working less off the course, but learning to get more quality out of her practice sessions.

The bad news for the rest of the LPGA is that she is as good as ever.

"I've played less and still played at the same level," Sorenstam said. "I stepped away from the game a lot more this year, and I'm still able to be up there. People from the outside might not see that, but I've noticed that."

Sorenstam played only 17 times a year ago, but that was different. She spent long, hard hours in the gym and on the range to get ready for the Colonial, where she became the first woman in 58 years to compete on the PGA Tour.

"I've had more time at home and less on the road," she said. "I think the negative — which I thought would be, but I haven't really noticed any — is that I wouldn't play as much and I'd be a little more rusty. But I'm surprised how consistent I'm playing the weeks I've played."

Still, she's starting to wonder how long it can last.

Sorenstam once dropped hints about an early retirement, although she said she would continue to play as long as she's motivated and enjoys competing.

The question is whether anyone can challenge her.

Just like with Woods, there has been a revolving door of rivals — Karrie Webb, Se Ri Pak, Juli Inkster. The fresh challenge now comes from Park, Lorena Ochoa, even Mallon, who won the U.S. Women's Open.

"When you have a player on top dominating, people catch up," Sorenstam said. "It's just a matter of time. It's tough to be on top. I've always found it easier to chase something or somebody."

She was on top last year at Trump International, taking a three-shot lead into the final round and everyone assumed the tournament was over. Mallon had other ideas, rallying with a 67 for a one-shot victory.

Now, the defending champion is just happy to be playing.

Mallon's back went out on her two weeks ago, causing her to miss two LPGA events and a silly season event against the men. She figured she was day-to-day when she arrived Monday, and managed to get through the pro-am.

"I will be very grateful for teeing off," she said. "I will be very grateful for getting through a round of golf without having my back go out. But I also need to get myself mentally saying, 'You need to be competitive.' Hopefully, that will all come into play."

No matter what she does at Trump International, nothing will take away from Mallon's year. She won the biggest trophy in women's golf at the U.S. Open. She also won the Canadian Open, and a third event in Ohio, not far from where she went to college at Ohio State.

"It was a magical summer for me," Mallon said.

Sorenstam feels the same way about her season, even though everyone is used to the results.

"Maybe people take it for granted, but I definitely don't," Sorenstam said. "I'm very proud of this year. I think I've played some excellent golf. When you don't play as much, maybe people don't pay attention."



Annika Sorenstam blasts out of a bunker on the first hole in the second round of the Colonial PGA tournament Friday, May 23, 2003.

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Finances will influence the IOC

By Steve Wilstein
Associated Press

The fat "Bid Books" for the 2012 Summer Olympics are in the money-grubbing hands of the International Olympic Committee.

Finances, as always, will be a big issue. How much can the IOC shake down from the cities?

Stadiums, arenas and athletes' villages are big items. Which cities will promise the most majestic vision to enhance the status of the self-perpetuating, self-indulgent Olympic Move-ment?

Security is critical. Who can be counted on to provide a zone of peace in a world that could be very different eight years from now?

Politics is the X-factor, a theme not touched on in the bids but not far from the minds of everyone in the process. Will President Bush's re-election and the diminished American popularity overseas hurt New York's chances? Will France's opposition to the Iraq war give Paris an edge?

"We don't know which detail is most important for each person," Paris bid leader Philippe Baudillon said Wednesday. "One person is perhaps upset by the war, but has historical links with one country. I am fully aware of such geopolitical questions. Individuals are going to vote according to different factors, including emotional factors."

The volumes submitted by New York, Paris, London, Madrid and Moscow are stuffed with figures and sketches, hopes and dreams. They are the slick, pricey products of years of work. Four will get tossed in the garbage next summer. One will become the blueprint for seven years of hard work ahead when the winner is named on July 6, 2005.

Expect the usual glee by the winning city, and the usual groans by the losers. Yet it is never certain in this sort of competition whether the winner will turn out to be a loser, and vice versa.

"We call it the 'winner's curse,'" Evan Osborne, who teaches sports economics at Wright State University in Ohio, said as he watched costs soar in Athens. "The cities that win the bid for the Olympics are the cities that most overestimate what they are worth."

Athens got a taste of sticker shock last week when the bill arrived for last summer's games — $11.6 billion and climbing.

That government tally was almost double the original estimate and made the games by far the most expensive in Olympic history. Sydney 2000 cost $1.5 billion; Atlanta 1996 cost $1.72 billion. Athens spent almost that much — $1.39 billion — on security alone.

Athens' running total so far does not include infrastructure costs for items like a new $344 million tram line, a suburban rail network and the extension of the Athens metro system to the airport — things the city needed but wouldn't have gotten so quickly if it hadn't won the Olympics bid.

Nor does that bill include the future cost (more than $100 million a year) of maintaining $2.83 billion worth of new or refurbished stadiums and arenas.

White elephants have been marching through the Olympics for years.

None of that deters the champions of bids for 2012. Dan Doctoroff, leading the charge for New York, says the city's 600-page "Bid Book" meets or exceeds all IOC requirements.

He spoke of the energy, excitement and power of New York, and he expounded on the city's "parallel values with the Olympic Movement" in bringing the world together in peaceful competition and the pursuit of individual dreams.

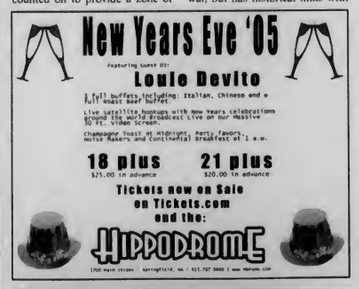
Doctoroff is no mere dreamer, himself. He's the city's mayor for economic development and rebuilding and the founder of NYC2012. He's been pushing this Olympic bid from the start, saying it will spur growth in the city.

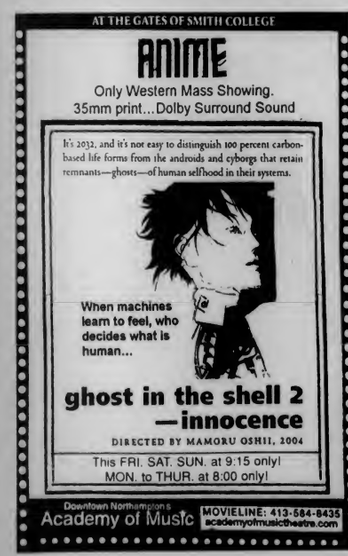
He might be right about that, but sports economists have doubts about whether mega-events like the Olympics and stadiums built on public funds ever make financial sense.

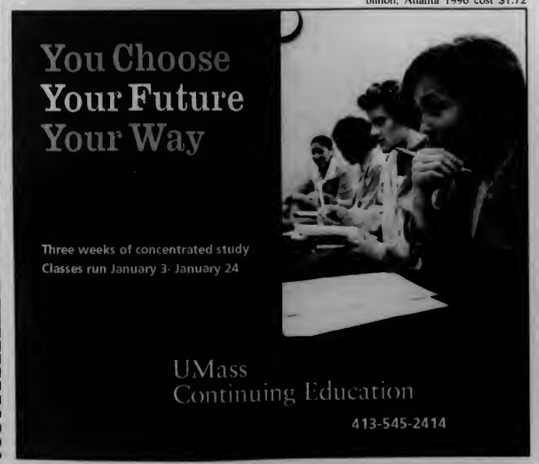
The Olympics at almost any cost might be worth it if they contribute to world peace. They might be justified by cities for the attention they bring to their culture. They surely enrich certain developers and unions. Whether the Games really boost the local economy and image in a meaningful, lasting way is doubtful.

None of the cities bidding for the 2012 games needs the Olympics to establish, or even enhance, its image. New York will be no grander with or without the games, though a winning bid would accelerate development of a few underused areas. Paris will still be beautiful Paris, London will still be its stately, efficient self. Madrid will try to outshine Barcelona, which dumped a $20 milllon debt on the Spanish economy, but won't essentially change. Moscow, a fringe choice, won't suddenly turn into Miami.

















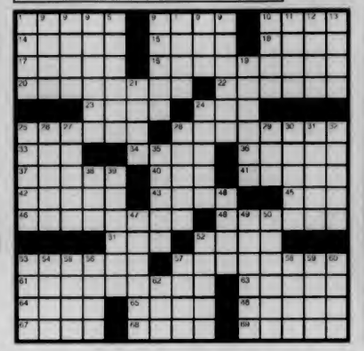


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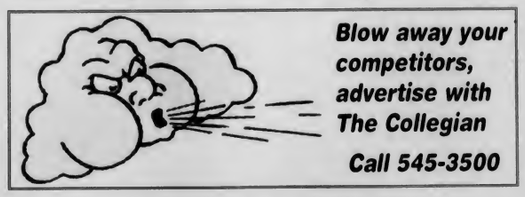
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SPORTS WEEKEND

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UMass gets ready to Bear down

By Andrew Merritt
Collegian Staff

The first 20 years of Hockey East have produced a number of thrilling rivalries. While Boston College and Boston University were at each other's throats long before the league began, Hockey East has brought them together, and created a number of other new dogfights that never fail to impress.

The newest rivalry is also among the best. Beginning with the shocking upset at Alfond Arena in Orono, Maine, and culminating with March's triple-overtime conference final, Massachusetts and Maine have clearly become another clash that gets highlighted on the calendar every year.

The conference's newest rivalry enters its next chapter tonight, when the Minutemen travel to Orono to play the Black Bears for the first time since Ben Murphy redirected Mathew Deschamps' shot past Gabe Winer to give Maine the Hockey East title at Boston's FleetCenter.

The Minutemen (6-4-1, 3-2-1 Hockey East) enter the game hot off a weekend that saw them tie No. 1-ranked Boston College and blow out Mercyhurst 6-1. With two games to go before their Thanksgiving weekend trip to Colorado, they'll have the No. 12 Black Bears (7-6-0, 3-3-0 HEA) in their way tonight, as well as Vermont in Burlington on Tuesday. UMass' next home game is on Dec. 3 against Providence.

Last year at this time, the Minutemen were relying on junior goaltender Gabe Winer for nearly every game, but this year have switched to a rotating system that alternates Winer and senior Tim Warner on what has thus far been a game-by-game basis. The strategy takes a page from the playbook of the Black Bears, who found plenty of success switching off between Jimmy Howard and Frank Doyle last year.

This year, however, the teams' netminding situations have reversed, as Howard has become the de facto No. 1, with freshman Matt Lundin backing him up after Doyle graduated in May. Lundin has allowed four goals and made 60 saves in five appearances, but it's clear that Howard, who was between the pipes for the Black Bears' conference championship win, as well as their 1-0 loss to future Minuteman opponent Denver in the national title game.

The rotating goaltender theory is beginning to stick for the Minutemen, for while Winer began to excel early this season, Warner showed with a 23-save performance against Mercyhurst — coming 2:22 short of his first career shutout — that he is well-suited to receive more playing time than in past years. Winer has remained solid, meanwhile, and his 51-save performance in the Minutemen's 3-3 draw with BC earned him the Hockey East Player of the Week award.



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Sophomore foward Obi Aduba has a goal and an assist this year for the Minutemen. UMass will play the Maine Black Bears today in Orono for a 7 p.m. face-off. The Maroon and White last played Maine in the Hockey East Championship on March 30, in Boston. UMass lost the game 2-1 in triple overtime.

NHL season looking bleak

By Nancy Armour
Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — The NHL players' union is answering the league's hard stance with one of its own, offering little hope for resolution of the lockout that threatens to wipe out the entire season.

The NHL Players' Association and 62 agents presented a unified front as they emerged from a six-hour informational session Wednesday, saying the union has presented a solid proposal and it's now up to the owners to come to the bargaining table.

If the owners refuse to budge, hockey won't be played "for a long, long time," agent Ritch Winter said.

"I guarantee the framework laid by the NHLPA will be what we will sign at one point," Winter said. "I can only hope the owners pay a little more attention, understand what it proposes, because it appears for the most part they do not. When they do, they'll understand the players as a group have given in a way that guarantees we can play hockey."

The lockout, in its 63rd day, was imposed by commissioner Gary Bettman after the collective bargaining agreement expired Sept. 15. The NHL and the players association haven't met since Sept. 9, and have no plans to return to the bargaining table.

The All-Star game has already been canceled, and the Stanley Cup finals are in danger of being wiped out for the first time since 1919, when the series between Montreal and Seattle was stopped after five games due a Spanish influenza epidemic.

"We've got real concerns that we're going to lose the season, there's no question," agent Don Baizley said. "Both sides remain resolute at this moment, so there is a real risk of losing the season, there's no question about that. But everybody hopes that can be avoided."

The union made the last proposal in September, a plan centered on a luxury tax instead of a salary cap. The NHL rejected it because the league says that won't achieve "cost certainty" — a term the players say is tantamount to a salary cap.

A handful of players said last month they would be willing to play under a salary-cap system, or would return to the ice next season if the NHL decided to use replacement players if a deal wasn't reached.

But agents at the meeting Wednesday said they supported NHLPA executive director Bob Goodenow. He explained the union's proposal in detail to the agents and shared the union's correspondence with the league.

"There's no question that all the agents and the players are on the same page with Bob," agent Mark Gandler said. "Everybody wants the season to start. But by the same token, not on the terms that are proposed by the league."

Though there had been some talk that the NHLPA might present the league with a new proposal, Goodenow said there are no plans for that right now.

"We understand that there are certain teams that have got some difficulties, there's no question at all about that. And our proposal recognizes that," Goodenow said. "But what the league's asking from the players is a cap system. The league is asking for players to correct situations which the CBA is not really the fault of.

UMASS

Weekend Schedule

Friday, Nov. 19

Sport	Opp./Event	Time
Women's Basketball	at USC Moran Realty Classic	6:30 p.m.
Men's Hockey	at Maine	7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 20

Sport	Opp./Event	Time
Football	vs. Hofstra	12:00 p.m.
Women's Basketball	at. DePaul/Murray State	6:30/8:30 p.m.
Men's Swimming	vs. New Hampshire	1:00 p.m.
Women's Swimming	vs. New Hampshire	1:00 p.m.



Revamped squad faces first test of the season

By Matt Barstow
Collegian Staff

After a 80-32 pre-season thrashing of the NWBL All-Stars on Nov. 6, the Massachusetts women's basketball team is ready to kick off the regular season this weekend at the Moran Realty Classic in Chicago, Ill.

UMass will play Southern California in the first game of the tournament tonight. With a win, the Minutewomen would move on to play either No. 20 DePaul or Murray State.

"We will be playing against some very good teams this weekend but I think we are ready," coach Marnie ' Dacko said. "I am already seeing a lot of improvement since practices started. USC always has a good team but if we can play good team defense we should be ok."

Against the NWBL All-Stars, senior Brooke Campbell led the way for UMass with 13 points on 6-for-8 shooting. Freshman guard/forward Pam Rosanio chipped in with 11 points.

After going 6-22 last season (2-14 Atlantic 10) and losing 89 percent of its scoring to graduation, Dacko is optimistic about seven new additions. The new faces include five highly recruited freshmen and two transfers.

Newcomer Alisha Tatham is regarded as one of UMass' top recruits in recent history. She

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Point guard Monique Govan scored two points in the Minutewomen's 80-32 victory over the NWBL All-Stars on Nov. 6.

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Moviegoers take a ride on the 'Polar Express'

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DAILY WEATHER FORECAST

Minutemen prevail in season finale

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The Stonewall and Everywomen's Centers show gay-marriage film

By Nina Lowy
Collegian Correspondent

Last Friday evening the Stonewall Center and the Everywomen's Center presented the area premier of the film "Tying the Knot" as part of the Lesbian Bisexual Gay and Transgender Film Festival, which ran from November 18-21; A discussion with the film's creator, Jim DeSeve, followed the screening.

The documentary chronicled the effort for marriage and legal rights that gay couples have been fighting for throughout time. It contained interviews, excerpts of rallies as well as clips of legislative hearings. The film was released last month across the country in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Boston and St. Louis, among other cities.

The film was being edited in a timely fashion since the Massachusetts Supreme Court had upheld its decision of granting the right for gay and lesbian couples to marry, last November. DeSeve told the audience he had started the film at the end of 1999, and was working steadily for four years, intensely keeping up with all of the changes.

DeSeve, who recently legally married his partner in Canada, has already enjoyed the success of two other films "Burying the Saints" a personal family portrait, and "Sigrid and Rudi Do New York" which was aired on PBS.

"The movie came from a personal point initially. As I Investigated, I found the rights of marriage.... I wanted to show the changes of Massachusetts through history," DeSeve said.

DeSeve also explained that he wanted to capture realistic situations, not only, "metro gays from the coasts," he joked, referring to portrayed stereotypes of gays and lesbians in the media.

A man from a rural farm in Oklahoma and a woman from Tampa, FL told their stories about the losses of their beloved partners and how they received no benefits from the government.

"Tying the Knot" presented the argument that marriage had no religious significance in the Catholic Church until the Middle Ages. Before then, marriage existed strictly for feudal purposes so people

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MATTHEW REISS/COLLEGIAN

Jim DeSeve, the creator of the 'Tying the Knot' a documentary about gay-marriage struggles, answered questions of students after the screening.

Powell visits Middle East to help Israelis pick Arafat's successor

By Mark Lavie
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Secretary of State Colin Powell embarked Sunday on a mission to revive the Middle East peace process after Yasser Arafat's death, saying he will ask Israel to help with the upcoming Palestinian election to pick a successor.

Israel said it would consider pulling back troops from disputed areas in the West Bank.

On his way to the Middle East, Powell told reporters on his plane that U.S.-Palestinian cooperation in setting up the elections "will encourage a degree of cooperation that can spread into other areas."

"This is a moment of opportunity," Powell said. "I'll be encouraging both sides to do everything they can to make sure that this election comes off and that the maximum number of Palestinians get the opportunity to participate."

He said there were "many things" the Israelis could do to help, and he will discuss them during a Monday meeting with Israeli officials.

Powell arrived in Israel hours after Assistant Secretary of State William Burns held talks with both sides, becoming the first senior U.S. diplomat to meet with top Palestinians in several months.

Powell has separate meetings scheduled with Israeli and Palestinian officials Monday.

The visits are part of an international push for progress toward a new Israel-Palestinian accord after Arafat's death Nov. 11 and ahead of Jan. 9 elections to pick his successor as president of the Palestinian Authority. The United States and Israel boycotted Arafat, charging he was tainted with terrorism.

British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw will visit the region this week, and Spanish Foreign Minister Miguel Moratinos is expected Dec. 2.

"I am here to stress strong American support for the Palestinian election," Burns said after meeting interim Palestinian Authority President Rauhi Fattouh in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

Near Ramallah in Beitunia, Israeli Special Forces killed a Palestinian fugitive and two other militants in a car Sunday, the military said. The military said the Palestinians opened fire first. Palestinian security officials said the three were members of the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, a

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Steel Art exhibit at Durfee Conservatory draws attention courtesy of the Art Department's metal shop students

By Samantha Smith
Collegian Correspondent

Last Thursday, the Durfee Conservatory proudly displayed an array of steel sculptures, courtesy of the Art Department Metal Shop.

Upon arriving at the Steel and Foliage Sculpture Exhibit, one could see numerous pieces, all illustrating a unique perspective and distinctive flair. The works, which were specifically constructed for in and outside the Conservatory, were proudly displayed by their artists. One artist, Ben Silva, was happy to explain what went behind his piece "Palpitations 1-3."

"They're dodecahedrons," he said, "I incorporated geometry and organic forms. I wanted to juxtapose those." Silva has been working with steel for about a year and a half, and the dedication involved with working with such a sturdy medium is impressive.

"The large dodecahedron took about thirty hours to make," he said. Despite how long it took to finish the piece, Silva noted that he liked working with steel, saying he enjoyed its strength.

Another artist at the exhibit, Aaron Rutz, had much to say regarding his piece "Fire on the Mountain." His work included various pieces of steel, all of which were salvaged from a park atop of Mt. Tom that had been ruined in a fire. One aspect of the piece was shaped into a flame, "to represent the fire."

The fire-shaped steel was placed on a rotating pedestal that came from a merry-go-round at the park. Rutz explained this was used to, "tie it all together." It created a fiery effect while incorporating a piece of steel that was destroyed in a fire.

Another piece of steel was placed horizontally adjacent to the flame, which Rutz said was done to "create a different plane" for the work. Included with the steel was also a tree that was also salvaged from the fire at Mt. Tom.

Rutz also created another work for the Exhibit, entitled "Line." This piece, he explained, was made to, "give a celebratory feel to the conservatory." This work involved a rectangle, which included two solar lights.

This was the first time Rutz had used steel as a medium, but he noted that he enjoyed using it.

Those observing all of the steel works were also pleased to have such an exhibit at the Durfee Conservatory. Armand Prevost, interim director of Durfee, was very happy with the turnout of the exhibit this year.

"This is one of the best ones we've had at Durfee," he said. "There are a lot of excellent pieces here."

One of the proudest observers at the exhibit, assistant professor of the welding class Line Bruntse, was especially pleased with the outcome.

"Everything has gone really really well," Bruntse said. "The works looks fabulous, and this is the best semester I've taught my seven years of teaching. They're all absolute gems."

Another reason Brunse was excited about the exhibit was because of the positive exposure Durfee received from the show.

"Durfee is one of the lesser-known places on campus," she explained. "It's great to have the chance to do something like this with Durfee." Bruntse emphasized that she was delighted to "create a visibility to help the conservatory."

"I liked the 'Fire on the Mountain'," said UMass student Clara DoNascimento. "It achieves its goal of looking like real fire with the rotating pedestal." DoNascimento also stated that it was evident that "all the artists put in a lot of effort into their pieces."

The Steel and Foliage Sculpture Exhibit was a grand success according to viewers. Not only did it allow talented artists to display their works, but it also gave students an opportunity to go to Durfee Conservatory and see how pretty one of the best-kept secrets of the UMass campus is.



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A student ponders over a large metal structure on display at the Durfee Conservatory last Thursday.



ADRIENNE ROSSI/COLLEGIAN

Two students admire a unique sculpture at the Durfee Conservatory.

Chaos and violence erupts in Baghdad; street battles ignite

By Hamza Hendawi
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq - The Iraqi capital, on edge for months because of unrelenting violence, has shed its business-as-usual veneer and become a city at war.

Last week's U.S.-Iraqi raid on the Abu Hanifa mosque - one of the most revered shrines for Sunni Muslims - sparked street battles, assassinations and a rash of bombings.

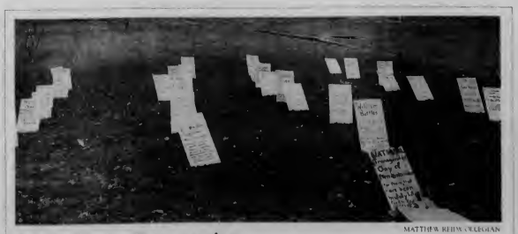
The chaos has fanned sectarian tension and deepened Sunni distrust of interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, a Shiite installed by the Americans five months ago. It has also heightened the anxiety of the city's six million people — already worn down by years of sanctions and tyranny, then war, military occupation, crime and deprivation.

"Baghdad is now a battlefield and we are in the middle of it," said Qasim al-Sabti, an artist who kept his children home from school Saturday, which is a work day in Iraq. When he sent his children back to school Sunday, the teachers didn't show up.

Merchants in the outdoor markets, where most people buy their meat, vegetables and household supplies, say crowds are below normal. Many shops near sites of car bombings have closed.

Adding to the sense of unease, U.S. military helicopters have begun flying lower over the city. The distant roar of jets has become a fixture of Baghdad at night.

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Remembering Transgenders

Dozens of memorials stand near the Campus Pond in memory of those transgendered individuals lost. The month of November marks Transgender Awareness Month.

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'Tying the Knot' documentary shown

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would be able to eat and survive.

Marriages were compared to business relationships before they evolved into love-based relationships. Another point the film argued focused on Republican criticism of gay marriage. Republican representatives claimed that gay marriage would not be in the best interest of children. The film attacked this point by asking how broken homes and divorce are in the best interest of children. "Tying the Knot" expressed the demand for the same 1,138 federal rights that insure heterosexual marriages.

"It's maddening, political, frustrating," filmmaker DeSeve described fundraising as the most challenging part of his film. He said that the most rewarding part for him was changing the minds of five Connecticut state legislators.

DeSeve said that he felt it was his moral obligation to change peoples' minds about the subject. He said the film is directed towards people who still need convincing.

"Gay marriage is not on most peoples' minds. Most people don't care about it, and they're easily fooled by the Right [wing] using rhetoric," DeSeve said.

"I think we've got a long road ahead of us. Progress is slow but moving in an upward curve. Massachusetts got a crack in the road, and the progress will probably be state by state. New York will probably be following. Ultimately it will take action to the Supreme Court," said DeSeve on his outlook for the future of gay marriage.

UNH student hit and killed by car

DURHAM, N.H. (AP) - A University of New Hampshire student from Massachusetts was killed early Sunday when hit by a car near campus. Another student was charged.

Sophomore Richard Hegerich, 20, of Hanover, Mass., was hit on Main Street around 1 a.m., police said.

Another student, Kevin Whittaker, 19, of Nashua, has been charged with drunken driving and conduct after an accident.

Hegerich, a business major, was a member of the men's swim team. He died at the scene.

The university's crisis response team met Sunday, and UNH counseling staff will be available to teammates and students living in his dorm. Counselors will be available to students and faculty in Hegerich's classes.

Whittaker was being held on $5,000 cash bail and was scheduled to be arraigned in Dover District Court on Monday.

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Violence continues in Iraq

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The latest escalation appeared to have been triggered by a U.S.-Iraqi raid Friday on the Abu Hanifa mosque in the Sunni neighborhood of Azamiyah as worshippers were leaving after midday prayers. Witnesses said three people were killed, and 40 were arrested.

The next day, heavy street fighting erupted in Azamiyah between U.S. and Iraqi forces and Sunni insurgents who tried to storm a police station. The fighting, involving mortars, rocket propelled grenades and roadside bombs, raged for several hours and left several stores ablaze, according to witnesses.

Almost simultaneously, clashes broke out in at least five other Baghdad neighborhoods. In all, at least 10 people, including one American soldier, were killed throughout the capital Saturday.

Lt. Col. James Hutton, spokesman for the U.S. Army's 1st Cavalry Division, which is in charge of security in Baghdad, acknowledged that there has been an increase in insurgent activity in the capital.

But he linked the increase to the lighting in Fallujah, where U.S. troops are still fighting pockets of resistance after recapturing the city last week, rather than the raid on the Abu Hanifa mosque.

The government has said the raid was carried out because of suspicions of "terrorist activity" there. It appears the operation was part of a crackdown on militant Sunni clerics, many of whom are believed to have links to some insurgent groups and who had spoken out against the Fallujah operation.

The Friday raid came at a time when sectarian tensions in Baghdad were already running high over the assault on the mainly Sunni Arab city of Fallujah. Baghdad's population is a potentially explosive mix of Sunnis, Shiites and Kurds. With frustration mounting over soaring crime, unemployment and poor services, Allawi can ill-afford to allow Baghdad to descend further into chaos.

The signs, however, are not encouraging. With the Jan. 30 national election now only two months away, the rivalry between various ethnic and religious groups is intensifying.

Adding to the public discontent is a fuel shortage — ironic in a country with some of the world's largest petroleum reserves. Motorists must line up for hours behind hundreds of other cars at gasoline stations throughout the city.

Electricity supplies remain erratic, with frequent outages. Residents of some Baghdad neighborhoods complain there has been no garbage collection for weeks, leaving them no choice but to burn their trash.

A nighttime curfew imposed this month under a 60-day state of emergency empties the city shortly after sunset.



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A fair to remember!

Activites Coordinator Susana Ho and Kosal Sarou sit in front of thier 'Cambodian Students Association' display during this weekend's International Fair.

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violent offshoot of the ruling Fatah party.

Israeli troops also shot and killed an armed Palestinian who tried to attack a Gaza road used by Jewish settlers, the Israeli army and Islamic Jihad said.

In the meeting with Burns, Palestinian leaders asked the United States to pressure Israel to remove troops from West Bank cities and towns to allow campaigning and a free election.

"We are determined to do everything we can to help in that process and we also support steps by Israel which are needed to facilitate this election," Burns said, without elaborating.

Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Mark Regev said Israel has "every intention of redeploying ttroops) so as to allow them to have their process of election."

Shortly after the latest round of Mideast violence erupted in 2000, Israel sent troops back into West Bank areas ceded to the Palestinians under interim peace accords. Troops set up dozens of roadblocks and cut off cities and towns, often confining hundreds of thousands of Palestinians to their home communities.

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"I have opinions of my own—strong opinions—but I don't always agree with them"
-George Bush

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Too much focus on ABC football commercial

ABC and the NFL recently had a fallout regarding ABC's promo for the start of "Monday Night Football". The promo, which contained sexual connotations, caused quite the stir that resulted in the public denouncement of the commercial from the NHL and the public apology of the network that aired it. In light of last year's super bowl halftime show where Janet Jackson had one of her breasts exposed on live television, there has been a lot of concern about the effects such airings will have on the children who are watching them. While there is a natural protective air that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) embodies and upholds, we must not overlook the fact that the commercial in question was not selling sex, it was advertising for a television show.

As a result of the Super Bowl incident last year, the FCC fined CBS a total of $550,000 dollars, or $27,500 to each of the 20 channels that is owned by CBS, according to The New York Times. Currently, the FCC is said to be reviewing complaints about the commercial that was aired last week. The main issue here is that ABC is an affiliate of the Walt Disney Company, whose programming is directly targeted at children.

We live in a time when it is becoming virtually impossible to shelter children from every little disturbance that parents might deem inappropriate. The program "Monday Night Football" itself is not a show that is typically geared towards younger viewers. Therefore, it is expected to have a little more adult-style advertising leading up to the show. Granted, the commercial was not very tasteful in combining an actress from the popular ABC show "Desperate Housewives" Nicollette Sheridan with Terrell Owens, receiver for the Eagles; having them be in a locker room before the game with Sheridan in a towel and Owens saying "the Eagles can win without me."

To try and get the FCC involved rather than just accepting the apology of the network, letting them learn their lesson and moving on shows how we, as a society, can be less understanding than we preach. In the commercial aired, there was no nudity shown and in the days that followed, ABC has taken full responsibility for the disturbance that the commercial has caused. There is no blame game being played, except by those who feel that implying sex on the television is just as bad as actually depicting it.

The commercial was no doubt in poor taste and the network is surely suffering for it. However, for us as a country to not let it be what it was and get past it is just as bad as if we were to replay it over and over again on television. The FCC will underniably attempt to take some sort of action in the future regarding the commercial. Whatever they decide will appease, once and for all, the complaints being fired against ABC. However, until then, we as a collective group of entertainment-seeking individuals must realize that the only way to make everyone completely happy and avoid all confrontation and offensive material is for everyone to just stop watching television.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ADOPTION ABUSE LOGIC FLAWED

It is very unfortunate that Mr. Naughton did not give more thought to his comments that indicated "adoption can be worse than abortion." As the Director of a local adoption agency which primarily works with the State to recruit and develop families who will adopt the older child who has been in State foster care for three years on average, I can assure your readers that Mr. Naughton's assumptions not only miss the mark but inadvertently insult the hundreds of dedicated adoptive families with whom we have worked over the past 30 years, who have opened their hearts and their homes to very fragile and abused children.

Yes, unfortunately, the extremely rare case of an abusive foster care situation has been in the papers both locally and nationally. It is extremely important to distinguish again between these very rare occurrences among the many dedicated foster parents and the stability and permanence that an adoptive family provides. It is painfully ironic that Mr. Naughton's comments were made during National Adoption Month. I have just come back from the Northampton Court's second annual Adoption Day in which 14 children were adopted with great fanfare, balloons, cakes and affection from all present.

As one young adoptee put it in her remarks to all those assembled in the court, thanks need to go to the social workers and lawyers but mainly to the family who has chosen to give her a second chance at life. Again, in what may have been a throw away line in his column on abortion, Mr. Naughton needs to be aware what a second chance adoption is for the hundreds of children in Massachusetts foster care waiting for an adoptive family.

Jeffrey P. Roth-Howe
Executive Director, Children's Aid and Family Service of Hampshire County

UMASS DRIVERS SET GOOD EXAMPLE

When a freshman first arrives at college, they are inundated with new surroundings in their first days. Worries about new friends dissipate, unfamiliar living conditions settle in and eventually classes begin. This has been my experience at UMass Amherst. However, there was one other detail about this University that struck me immediately. Or, rather, it's what didn't strike me.

As I made my way across campus, I stopped as I approached a crosswalk. Parents and teachers have ingrained this process of "Stop and look left, right, and then left again" in me since pre-school.

Yet, I was quite stunned to realize that even before I had reached the street, the cars traveling in both directions had stopped so as to allow me to continue my journey uninterrupted.

The surprise did not wear off until this happened many times over the course of the first weeks. It seems that as soon as I begin to think about crossing the street, drivers read my brain waves and slow to a halt.

When asking friends about this phenomenon, they greeted me with the same feeling of "I know what you're talking about! You noticed that too?

When I prodded for possible explanations, most pointed out the street signs, which read, "Stop for Pedestrians in Crosswalk - $100 Fine." However, that is a statewide law in Massachusetts, and I have never encountered such pedestrian hospitality in my suburban hometown or in the City of Boston.

I must say that I am quite impressed with the cautious drivers around campus. I have never seen such polite drivers, certainly not in Boston or New York City. Here is, finally, one way in which the University should be an example for the entire state and beyond.

While students can enjoy the respect given to those who decide (or must) walk across campus, one must continue to be cautious. Especially when in New York City or Boston – I am afraid I might forget where I am!

Matt Hoffman
UMass student

Bill bad for students



Allison Edles

In a new bill approved yesterday by the House of Representatives and the Senate, more college students will be left to pay for their college educations without as much help from federal financial aid as in previous years. The bill came about due to a revision of the formula that is responsible for determining the amount of financial aid each family/student receives.

As if it wasn't hard enough for students to pay for college, the government has now gone and cut down more resources that many students relied on to get them through their college careers. By passing this bill, a bill that was shot down by Congress last year, college students across the nation will be left scrambling for last-minute loans because their federal grants will no longer be awarded to them.

"Nearly 100,000 more students may lose their federal grants entirely, as Congress considers legislation that could place more of the financial burden for college on students and their families," said a New York Times article. By passing this bill, it is limiting a student's opportunity to pursue higher education after they graduate high school. To go along with that theory, many students will, no doubt, reevaluate their future plans if they were planning on becoming a doctor or lawyer, both professions that require additional schooling after a student has earned their undergraduate degree.

The formula that is in contention, "allows families to deduct some of what they pay in state taxes," as was mentioned in the article. The article also mentions that the drawback from the federal government's point of view, specifically the Office of Management and Budget, to the current formula is it will add an extra $300 million "to a program that is already running at a shortfall." For students who attend a university out of state, their financial aid is already significantly less than their in-state peers for obvious reasons. Now, add in the factor that the families whose parents are in the $35,000 to $40,000 yearly earnings category are the ones who

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will be most affected by this. Typically, families who earn that kind of money seek out state schools because it is cheaper and they can, more often than not, rely on Pell grants from the federal government. Now, about 90,000 students whose families fall within that bracket will have their choices for school funding drastically cut down.

The biggest and most serious effect that this bill will have will be on high school graduates, in particular the ones who were accepted to schools based on the financial aid received for that year. If one of those students fell into the aforementioned yearly earnings category and received a Pell grant for their first year of college, the odds of them receiving it again the following year are greatly decreased. The problem with the way financial aid is distributed is that the distributors are only seeing the family on paper in comparison to other families. For example, in many instances, students with multiple siblings have a better chance of receiving financial aid than a family with an only child, especially when they assume the same economic environment for both.

As a result of the high cost of colleges and universities as is, it is quite often the case that many students don't fully pay off their student loans until they are well into their thirties. As a result of this bill's approval, it has lumped middle class and lower class income families into the same boat, a boat that will receive little to any financial aid from the federal government. Barring individual scholarship opportunities around college campuses, the remaining financial aid that will be left as a result of this bill will be dished out based on even stricter standards than before. Consequently, for a state school such as UMass in particular, the financial aid packages for all students will be significantly less than in previous years.

It is understandable that the federal government will be choosy when dispensing their money, especially given the amount of national debt the country has acquired. However, student financial aid is not the place to be stingy. By cutting back on Pell grants being distributed to students, it is only hindering the capabilities and the amount of students that wish to seek a higher education and have been told since day one that an affordable college education is one that should not be avoided based on financial need.

Allison Edles is a Collegian editor.

Giving thanks for this year

Chris Eckel

Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Some might tell you it's the best of Americana: family, football and food. Some of you might decry it as a remembrance of atrocities committed against Native Americans. However each of us may feel about this holiday, everyone hopefully has something to be thankful for at this time of year - those little sparks of bliss that keep you going through the longest of days. In case you're struggling to find your blessings and need a little help, here are some insights into my happy place.

(If you are from New York or certain other parts of this country, you're out of luck on this one this year - skip this paragraph.) Local sports are a good source of cheer. In case you hadn't noticed, the best teams in the most popular of American sports, football and baseball, happen to play within our little state. Wear those hats with pride, even you bandwagon fans. UMass also has a lot of great teams playing well, and there's no better way to procrastinate and while away the day than spending it at the Mullins Center.

Great music always helps me to see the best in life. And no, I don't mean musicians like Britney Spears or others who might be able to read ghostwriter lyrics and shake their (insert your favorite body part here), but can't write or sing for themselves. I mean Interpol, Coldplay, Jay-Z, Modest Mouse, The Streets, Kayne West, Less than Jake, O.A.R., Franz Ferdinand, Outkast, N*E*R*D and all the rest. I don't know about you, but hearing a good song can alter my entire mood for the better. There's so much great music out there, there has to be something you can dig. Squish closer to that cute girl or boy with the iPod and steal some new inspiration.

I'm cheered up by "The O.C.". Seriously. I got into it with my sister over last winter break when it first aired. I missed some episodes in the spring because of SGA, but now I'm back on the O.C. wagon. It gets so ridiculous I spend half my classes imagining new plotlines. Nothing seems out of bounds for these guys. Next week, I'm predicting that Marissa is going to have to choose between Ryan and his suddenly discovered long-lost evil twin brother who just woke up from a coma after a plane crash in the Alaskan wilderness where he was cared for by wolves and made millions panning for gold. She can't deal with choosing one over the other, so she decides to run away to Paris and star in skin-care commercials.

Lightning round! I'm happy for those little things that I take for granted that put a great finishing touch on a day. I'm talking about the perfect sundae at Sweets, Adult Swim, long showers, intense rain, my video games and movies, my stuffed animals always staying up late waiting for me and my extra blanket to keep me warm as it gets colder.

I'm appreciative of good writing, and I don't mean myself. I mean real writers, or at least decent impersonators. People like Ernest Hemingway and Rick Reilly. People like Bill Simmons and Dan Brown. Now, you can quibble with my choices. But you can't deny that burying yourself in a good book or article helps the crazy world around you dissolve away, just for a bit. We all need afternoons or late nights like that once in a while.

I'm grateful for friends, both old and new. The new friends, all of which were met through that modern marvel Facebook. (Apparently some people did read my last column, and did take me up on the Facebook offer.) The old friends, I'd list you all but can't, so just assume you've got my love and respect. I can't say too many good things about you all. You know who you are, and you've been through it all with me over the years - thanks for that. Here's to six more months of whatever college life throws at us.

I've saved the best for last. I'm thankful for my family: my Mom and Dad, who have taught and continue to teach me how to excel, how to deal with life's little disappointments, how to carry myself with class, and so many other valuable lessons; my brother, who is my team's first-round draft pick no matter what needs to get done, and who always leaves a good impression on everybody to whom I introduce him; and my sister, who worries so much, but really has nothing to worry about.

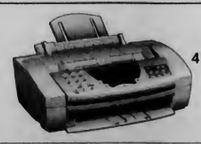
With comforts and people like that around me, it's no wonder that nothing gets me down for too long. I hope you all have the same luck. Happy Thanksgiving, UMass!

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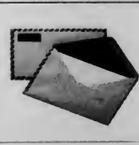
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'The Polar Express' pulls into theaters

By Tambi Munn
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After a year-long wait since the first appearance of the movie poster in theaters "The Polar Express" has arrived. The much-anticipated film is an adaptation of the Caldecott Award winning book of the same name by Chris Van Allsburg. The story emphasizes, like other stories about Christmas, that seeing really isn't believing and in this story, one boy is desperately trying to believe in the magic of Santa Claus, despite all the evidence he has collected that tells him no such thing exists.

The boy goes to bed on Christmas Eve, but like most children, he is having trouble sleeping, not because of the excitement, but because he is listening for the proof he so desperately needs. Suddenly his room begins to shake and there is a loud steamy whistle to signify that the Polar Express has pulled up to lead the boy on the road to discovery.

Tom Hanks lends his voice to The Conductor who yells to the bewildered boy, "All aboard!" Thus begins the trip to the North Pole with a few other lucky children — including a poor boy, who in the past has had no reason to believe in Santa due to a lack of presents at his house Christmas morning, an obnoxious know-it-all boy, whose irritating voice sounds very out of place and ruins the beauty in the scenes he is in, and a brave girl, whose adult actions and vocabulary are unbelievable even for a fantastical film such as this.

"The Polar Express" is a far more adventurous and exciting train ride with a lot more twists and turns in the film than in the book. For instance, the mere cocoa scene in the book is a fun choreographed dance with waiters and chefs in the film. Cups, saucers, teapots and cocoa are flying as the waiters run to catch them and the children watch in amazement as their seats are turned to face each other. The waiter's aprons become tablecloths for imaginary tables, the children gratefully drink their hot chocolate, and the conductor controls the whole scene to ensure the cocoa's smooth delivery.

There is definitely one question that has to be answered: why is it that films intended for little children have some of the scariest scenes? The boy is walking with the Conductor and the Brave Girl through the train, but he inadvertently gets separated from them in the car that houses many old and misused toys. Marionettes with freakish faces hang from the ceiling of the car and one of them suddenly verbally attacks the boy for being a doubter. The marionette is being controlled by this rather creepy hobo who has quite frightening facial expressions. To further the fear, an elf at the North Pole tries to take a present from a kid and says, "You can trusssst me," lengthening the "s" sound like Gollum from "Lord of the Rings."

The versatility of Tom Hanks shines through as the voices of The Boy, The Conductor, The Boy's father, the freaky hobo, and Santa, but the classic Tom Hanks "hha" sounds, the ones that come deep down from his chest, give him away in a few of his character voices. The voice of the boy is truly an amazing accomplishment for Hanks. It is unbelievable how realistically he can sound like a small boy.

The characters jump off the pages of the book and become life-like as these amazing technologically animated people for the film. A great many scenes had to be added to Allsburg's story to make the short Christmas tale into a full-length film. It is quite beautiful and its scenes look impeccably like the book's illustrations with the falling snow and cold, winter colors of the night and the warm, cheerful colors of the North Pole. Mixed with a glorious score there are completely mesmerizing moments. The film is a welcome asset to the library of Christmas films but it is missing a certain something that could turn it into the classic that Allsburg's book has become.



'The Polar Express'
Directed by Robert Zemeckis
Starring Tom Hanks, Daryl Sabara
Warner Bros.
Rated G
100 mins.
Grade B

Dylan shows Mullins what legends are made of

By Brian Duffey
Collegian Staff

AMHERST —Young and old alike flooded the Mullins Center Saturday night to listen to living legend Bob Dylan. Although his lyrics were not easily understood, the show was solid. Dylan's band was impressive, as was Bob's work on the harmonica.

Born Robert Allen Zimmerman in Duluth, Minnesota in 1941, Dylan's musical career has spanned four decades. He recently finished a collection of personal stories entitled "Chronicles, Volume 1."

Bob Dylan
Mullins Center
Amherst
Nov. 20

This former civil rights activist was dressed in a black suit with a matching top hat. Dylan and his band played for a little over two hours. There was a mix of slow sad tunes and upbeat toe-tapping selections.

His rendition of "Mr. Tambourine Man" was received warmly by the crowd. Those in attendance cheered as Dylan sang, "I'm not sleepy and there is no place I'm going to." He completed the tune with a harmonica solo that was vintage Dylan. This version was certainly flawed and somewhat disappointing, but just hearing Bob Dylan sing the chorus was enough to bring a smile to your face. Being in the same room as this American icon was more satisfying than his music.

Greenfield Community College student, Shauna Mizula, said that she wrote a paper on this Dylan song as a junior in high school. Mizula was not thrilled with his performance, but did feel that it was "mellow and relaxing."

Dylan did a haunting version of "The Ballad of Hollis Brown." Self-proclaimed "long-time fan" Carolyn Bower said this was her favorite tune of the night. "The arrangement was tough," Bower explained. Bower and her husband were all smiles after the show, but they did admit that Dylan's music has weakened over the years.

The crowd erupted when Dylan and his bandmates returned to the stage for an encore. They played a memorable version of "Like a Rolling Stone." Both children and baby-boomers clapped and sang along as Dylan belted, "How does it feel, to be without a home, like a complete unknown, like a rolling stone?" This was the best tune of the night.

Bob Dylan finished the night with a ruckus rendition of "All Along the Watchtower." "There must be some way out of here, said the joker to the thief; there's too much confusion, I can't get no relief," sang the legendary performer. His voice was suspect on this song, but his band made up for his vocal inadequacies. It was a strong conclusion to the evening's performance.

UMass alumnus Avin Mathur said, "he was so professional, the guitars were awesome and the band was tight."

Mathur's friend, Ken Bredon, has seen Dylan four times. Bredon said, "All Along the Watchtower was great, there were a lot of good songs."

Mount Holyoke senior, Teal Maxwell, said, "He was incredible, he's a legend, you gotta see him."

Ithaca College student, Flexis Vesely, stated, "I wanted more old stuff, but the purpose was just to see Bob Dylan."



Taking Back Sunday takes back Boston

By Craig Leger
Collegian Correspondent

BOSTON — As advertised, Thursday, November 18th went down in the Beantown record books as one of the greatest nights of rock of the year. The amazing lineup of Like Yesterday, Funeral for a Friend, Atreyu, and the creators of everyone's favorite CD of the year, Taking Back Sunday, lit up the Avalon Ballroom as if Christmas had already arrived.

Taking Back Sunday
The Avalon
Boston
Nov. 18

With a sold out crowd on hand at the WFNX Radio Station sponsored event dubbed "Stick a Fork in It" the right mixture of music and promotions teamed up to host a great show.

Like Yesterday opened the show with a strong performance that showcased their indie-rock capabilities. They were followed by the melodic hardcore amazement that is Funeral for a Friend. These two bands together put on a great performance, pumping up the crowd that had already been jumping with anticipation for the next two acts.

After the usual 15 minutes of stage preparation, the distinct sound of an electric guitar let everyone know it was time for Atreyu's set. These hard rockers out of Orange County, California played a 40-minute set that consisted of much head banging and guitar solos by their amazing lead guitarist. The end of their set featured the same guitarist as well as the band's bassist, on top of an amplifier playing their instruments behind their heads... absolutely amazing.

As you can only imagine, after a set such as Atreyu's, the sold out crowd packed in tighter and tighter until feet could not be moved and short girls were begging to be lifted up to breathe. At this point in time, FNX radio personalities Swasey and Amngelle from "The Swasey Show" came out and introduced Taking Back Sunday.

All of a sudden, the distinct sound of the opening to "Set Phasers to Stun" the opening song on Taking

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Granola and Cold Duck serve up area's funkiest performance

By Brian Duffey
Collegian Staff

NORTHAMPTON — Local sensation Cold Duck Complex opened for underground giant Granola Funk Express on Thursday night in Northampton. These groups put together a musically diverse program that had individuals inside Pearl Street Night Club dancing and carousing.

Cold Duck began their set in front of a small crowd with minimal energy. As the set progressed, the audience grew and their enthusiasm strengthened.

Emcee Platypus Complex was impressive and did not stumble over a single word. As the crowd got more involved, Platypus stepped up his stage presence. With the microphone in hand, his style is similar to Zach de la Rocha of the now defunct Rage Against the Machine. Platypus Complex, AKA Casey Hayman, performed an Old Dirty Bastard track in memory of the Wu Tang Clan member's recent passing.

Casey said his stage name symbolizes what he refers to as an ongoing struggle to identify himself. This sentiment is described in the lyric, "is he an asshole, is he a genius, or is he insane." His witty lyricism is evident in lines such as "I'd like to say I'm ill, but I'd be lying cause I've been vaccinated."

Hayman, a senior at UMass, explained that he hesitates from working with other wordsmiths because of the personal nature of his material, which he feels may be compromised. He says that he would have to get know a person before working on a collaboration. Platypus said he's always coming up with new material in unlikely places, like in the classroom.

Cold Duck Complex
Granola Funk Express
Pearl Street
Northampton
Nov. 18

His musical influences are Mobb Deep, Wu Tang Clan, De La Soul, and Tribe Called Quest. Hayman said that he experiences some nervousness before he takes the stage, something that has lessened throughout his career. He likens performing on stage to working out or lovemaking.

Cold Duck bass guitarist Joe Cardozo was satisfied with Thursday's performance. Cardozo did say that Pearl Street is a tough place to play because of the sound dynamics. Cardozo, who plays everyday, explained that the group plays together four to five times a week, between practicing and performing. Led Zeppelin and The Slip have influenced Joe musically.

The group, which also includes drummer Makaya McCraven and keyboardist Jeff D'Antona, will be opening for Mr. Lif and Acrobatic at Pearl Street on Dec. 4. They will be headlining a show at the Iron Horse in Northampton on Jan. 29. Their full-length album, Figureheads, is available at Newbury Comics. For the Record, and at coldduckcomplex.com.

Cold Duck fan, Becky Levert, said, "They sounded amazing."

Granola Funk Express emcee, Foulmouth Jerk, said that his group is a, "nationwide group of musicians." Foulmouth is originally from New Jersey, but now resides in Asheville, North Carolina. He said that GFE has been able to withstand the test of time because of their close friendships.

Foulmouth confessed to his on the road habits, which he admits are at times somewhat excessive. He works daily on his material in order to keep money in his pocket. His material comes from, "my immediate surroundings, things I need to get off my chest." Growing up, this New Jersey native was heavily influenced by Big Daddy Kane. He stated that he is unimpressed with most current hip-hop music, but he does listen to Outkast, Tame 1, and Murs. He has several solo albums including, "Skrilla Warfare."

He explained that friends join GFE as they tour the county. Top Raman, a friend of the band, performed before the Express took the stage. His performance was not well received. Although he is lyrically endowed, his rhymes were offensive and unlike the upbeat positive vibe put forth by GFE.

Granola Funk took the stage and shook Pearl Street from start to finish. Many of those in attendance were familiar with the lyrics including, "I wasn't raised by the street, I was raised by the highway." This tune celebrates the nomadic nature of the bands' members, who spend a third of every year touring the country, according to GFE emcee, Agent 23.

The crowd participation provided GFE with added fuel. Agent 23 said that Pearl Street is always one of the group's best tour stops. Agent 23, also known as Cactus, said that the crowd's energy is a "huge factor" in his group's performance. Cactus said that each GFE show is unique and different.

Granola Funk performed a new track titled, "Three in the Morning," which the crowd loved. In addition to their pre-written material, GFE did several freestyle songs, where several emcees went back and forth with improvisational, unrehearsed poetry. The group also added a few instrumental dance tunes that had everyone moving.

Keene State College art student, Megan Miller, said the performance was, "really good, good beats and good lyrics. They always put out a good vibe."

Josh Cole, a student at Holyoke Community College, complimented, "I like the beats."

Caitlin Doyle, who came to the show from Providence, Rhode Island, screamed, "I loved every minute of it, it exceeded my expectations."

Information about tour dates, merchandise, and music is available at granolafunk.com.

Taking Back Sunday show rocks the Avalon

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Back Sunday's album "Where you want to be" echoed throughout the hall. The crowd of over a thousand fans roared in possibly the most deafening cheer heard in Massachusetts since just a few weeks ago (ahem... Red Sox!) As the lights illuminated the stage, the band was rocking and singer Adam Lazzara danced out sporting a Mickey Mouse sweater that appeared to be able to fit a fifth grader.

Throughout the entire Taking Back Sunday set, the Avalon was absolutely insane. At times there were fans jumping off one another's shoulders, fans seemingly having deep moments within songs, and a sing-a-long for an hour straight that can only be compared to the likes of a Disney movie.

Within the hour set, Taking Back Sunday played 14 songs, including 8 off of the "Where You Want to Be" album and 6 older tracks. Each song was very well received by the audience. The acrobatics that Adam Lazzara performed with the microphone performing only added to the amazing onstage show. At times it seemed almost like fans were waiting for him to "walk the dog" with all of his yo-yo like motions with the microphone. He managed though to mix in a few of the coveted mic-chord noose actions. It all made for a great visual effect.

Possibly the only negative aspect to the entire set was the ridiculously bright spotlights that were shining from behind the stage into the eyes of the crowd, which is believed to have been so that people could not take pictures during the set.

After the time with TBS had come to an end, the band thanked everyone for coming out to the show, before they ran back stage. After a moment, a roaring chant of "One More Song!" ignited in the crowd. The band kindly obliged, and ran back on stage. Initially, Adam and guitarist/vocalist Fred Mascherino came out and began performing the bands acoustic staple "New American Classic" along with what seemed like every person in the building singing along.

Halfway through the song, the rest of the band joined them on stage and played the song out and followed it with yet another older song. They once again left the stage following the encore. The crowd of over a thousand fans screamed in awe as to what they had just witnessed and been a part of.

To say the least, not one person left the Avalon on Thursday night with a dry shirt. The intensity that was shared that evening was rare. It isn't often that most people witness a concert this amazing. I'm sure it is something that will travel with people for a very long time.

If you ever get a chance to check out Taking Back Sunday live, they come highly recommended. You wouldn't want to have to, "close your eyes and just settle, settle."



Taking Back Sunday played at Boston's Avalon Club on Thursday, along with Like Yesterday and others.

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Seniors go out with a bang

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Ellis in going over 100 yards receiving, catching six passes for 105 yards and a touchdown.

"We finished this season playing the type of football we were capable of playing," Peebler said. "It's up to these guys to keep the momentum going and come back strong next year looking to build on what we started."

While the focus of the afternoon was on the graduating seniors, junior defensive back R.J. Cobbs ultimately got the biggest kick out of the afternoon. With his team holding on to a slim 33-30 lead with 2:35 to play, Hofstra took over at its own 40-yard line looking to drive for the tying or winning score.

On first down, however, Cobbs read Clarkson's eyes, jumped the intended receiver's route and picked off the pass. After an initial bobble, Cobbs tucked the interception away and returned it 43 yards for the touchdown that proved to be the clincher. Cobbs then celebrated by punting the football out of the stadium, drawing flags from each and every official.

"I told coach if I take one to the house I was going to do something spectacular," said Cobbs, whose touchdown was the first this season for a UMass defense that led the A-10 in interceptions with 17. "I didn't have too many balls thrown to my side, I almost dropped it, I was bobbling it, but I got it."

UMass opened the scoring with the game's first 13 points, including a nine-yard touchdown strike from Day to Peebler and a one-yard scoring sneak by Day, before Hofstra answered back with two second quarter touchdowns to give the Pride a 14-13 edge at halftime.

The Minutemen then posted the initial two scores of the second half, as tight end Chris Hopkins recorded his first career touchdown reception on a nine-yard pass from Day and Moore hauled in a 26-yard touchdown catch with 4:12 remaining in the third quarter to stake the Maroon and White to a 26-14 lead.

The Pride answered right back again however, scoring 16 consecutive points on two touchdowns and a 44-yard field goal by Chris Onorato to jump out to a 30-26 advantage.

Yet in the end, UMass had the final say, as Day found Peebler one final time in No. 11's stellar career, giving the Minutemen a lead they would not relinquish.

Tough weekend in Chicago

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two and made them both.

The tie was short-lived, however, as Cameron's jumper 11 seconds later put the Women of Troy in the lead again, and USC went into the half leading 25-22.

Rebounding paid off for the time being in the second half. Trailing 43-36 with under 10 minutes to go in the game, the Minutewomen went on an 11-2 tear to give themselves their first lead of the game. Edris Bailey started things off with a mid-range jumper at the eight-minute mark, and Katie Nelson nailed down a three-pointer with four to go to put them up 47-45.

But once again, it was short-lived, Lenoir hit a layup with 3:48 left to tie the ball game again, and the Trojans never looked back. They would finish out the game with a 7-2 run.

Saturday's consolation game against the Murray State Racers was more of the same: committing turnovers and losing the lead, falling 56-50.

This time, there was no record-setting amount of turnovers, but the extinguished lead was greater.

Murray State's Jessica Hirsch led all scorers with 24 points —19 coming in the second half — while Katie Nelson led the Minutewomen with 12.

It was the Racers who were playing catch-up this time as the Maroon and White slowly built a small lead through the first half. The Racers were up 4-0 three minutes into the game, and it was the last time they would see a lead until 15 minutes to go in the second.

Nelson was leading the charge, hitting several lay-ups and a crucial trey to keep the Minutewomen one step ahead. But this was no Nelson show, as UMass' bench accounted for 18 of the 50 points.

Heading into the locker room, the Minutewomen were leading 26-21. When both teams emerged again, it was a completely different game.

Different in the sense that the Racers went on a tremendous charge, opening the half with an 18-5 scoring run on the efforts of Hirsch, who scored 15 of the 18 points in that run. Within six minutes, the Racers turned a five-point deficit into a 39-31 lead and never looked back after that point.

The Racers pushed the lead out to 10 with six minutes to go before UMass found a second wind and tried to regain the lead. Brooke Campbell and Ashley Sharpton made consecutive baskets to cut the Racers' lead to three with two minutes to go — making the score 52-49 — and had to burn a timeout.

Katie Willinger made two free throws on the next trip down, and the Minutewomen were unable to score again.

NBA hands down stiff suspensions stemming from weekend brawl in Detroit

By Chris Sheridan
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ron Artest was suspended for the rest of the season Sunday as the NBA came down hard on three members of the Indiana Pacers for fighting with fans when a melee broke out at the end of a game against the Detroit Pistons.

Overall, nine players from the teams were banned for more than 140 games, including some of the harshest penalties the league ever issued. Artest is the first player to be suspended for nearly an entire season for a fight during a game.

"The message the league sent was so powerful to players that they'll never do that again," Pistons CEO Tom Wilson said.

Indiana's Stephen Jackson was suspended for 30 games and Jermaine O'Neal for 25. Detroit's Ben Wallace — whose shove of Artest after a foul led to the five-minute fracas — drew a six-game ban, while Pacers guard Anthony Johnson got five games.

"I'm sick about that for Indiana. I'm devastated for them," Pistons coach Larry Brown said. "And we lost our heart and soul."

Four players were suspended for a game apiece: Indiana's Reggie Miller and Detroit's Chauncey Billups, Elden Campbell and Derrick Coleman. All of the suspensions are without pay.

Artest, O'Neal and Jackson — who all threw punches at fans in the stands or on the court at the end of the nationally televised Pacers-Pistons game Friday night — began serving their suspensions Saturday. Indiana, limited to just six players because of the suspensions and injuries, dropped an 86-83 decision to Orlando.

"The actions of the players involved wildly exceeded the professionalism and self-control that should fairly be expected from NBA players," NBA commissioner David Stern said in a statement, adding that the league must not "allow our sport to be debased by what seem to be declining expectations."

The NBA also has to "redefine the bounds of acceptable conduct for fans attending our games and resolve to permanently exclude those who overstep those bounds," Stern said.

He added that security procedures in all NBA arenas will be reviewed, and rules need to be added to prevent a repeat of what happened at Auburn Hills, Mich., on Friday.

For Sunday night's home game against the Charlotte Bobcats — Detroit's first outing since the melee — the Pistons doubled the number of armed police to about 20 in the arena and increased other arena security personnel by about 25 percent.

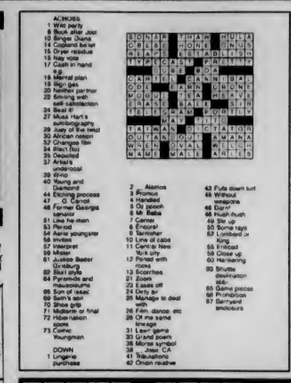
When some spectators lined up to take pictures with Pistons guard Lindsey Hunter on the court before the game, two police officers stood just a few feet away.

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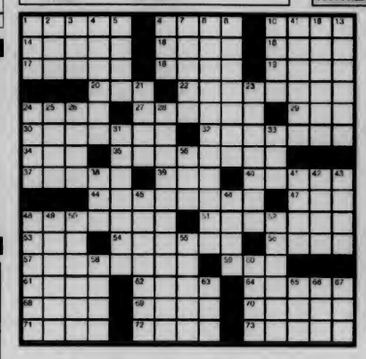
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Going out on top

Minutemen send senior class off with win, winning season

By MIKE MARZELLI
COLLEGIAN STAFF

There will be a lot of memories and accomplishments that make up the legacy of the Massachusetts football team's 2004 seniors, but most of all, they will be remembered simply as winners.

Finishing with a 27-20 overall career record and having lost only three games at Warren P. McGuirk Alumni Stadium over the past three seasons, Ricky Appiah, Luis Ballestas, Leroy Brooks, Rich Demers, Mike Gillespie, Matt Goldstein, Steve Howell, Rob Kane, Jason Peebler, Steve Wysocki and Sean Young will mostly be remembered for contributing to a 2003 Atlantic 10 championship and a birth in the Division I-AA playoffs.

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Yet in the end, their greatest accomplishment as a class may have been the turnaround they helped orchestrate over the course of this past season; a turnaround that culminated on Saturday afternoon, when the Minutemen downed Hofstra 40-30 before a home crowd of 5,867 to secure their sixth winning season in seven years.

"Obviously it was a big game for us and a big game for our seniors, and that was really our motivation for the last couple of weeks, to send them out with three consecutive winning seasons," UMass coach Don Brown said.

UMass, which had ascended as high as No. 9 in the I-AA polls after a quick 2-0 start, dropped four consecutive games and was saddled with a 2-4 record at the midway point in the season. Yet despite being out of the playoff hunt and faced with nothing to play for other than pride, the Minutemen rallied and caught fire, winning four of their final five games to finish second in the Atlantic 10 North Division standings.

"We have lofty expectations here every year. When we were 2-4, I think [6-5] is successful," Brown said. "We know we're a good football team…these last five games we certainly came together, and that's what I'll remember the most, not the disappointments."

Leading the way in his final game in the Maroon and White was senior wide receiver and captain Jason Peebler. Making one final case for All America consideration and a shot at the National Football League, Peebler caught eight passes for 161 yards and two touchdowns, including the eventual winning score on a 56-yard touchdown reception late in the fourth quarter.

Peebler completed his career second on UMass' all-time list in receiving yards with 2395 and in career touchdowns with 27, and ranks third in school history in catches with 123. He finished his senior season with a team-leading 48 catches for 976 yards.

"I think it will hit me tomorrow that it's over," Peebler said. "I'm so proud of these guys and what we've been able to accomplish, and I'll have a lot of great memories of UMass and my career here."

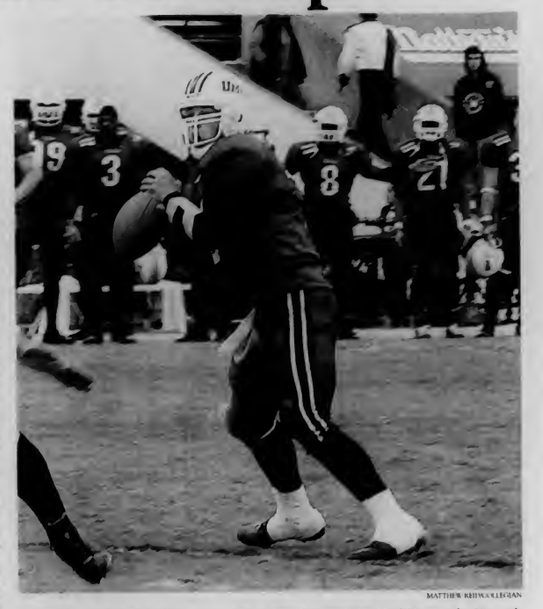
Joining Peebler in leading UMass' offense was junior tailback Steve Baylark, who carried 25 times for 80 yards to ultimately best Maine's Marcus Williams and win the A-10's rushing title with 1,138 yards on the season. It marks the second consecutive season Baylark has rushed for over 1,000 yards, and he currently ranks fifth on UMass' all-time rushing list.

"[The conference rushing title] was something we wanted for [Baylark]," Brown said. "He's worked hard for a long time to get where he is today, and he deserved us giving him a chance to accomplish something like that. It's something he should be very proud of, and something we're proud of him for."

Junior quarterback Tim Day had a banner day as well in the final game of his first season as a starter, completing 22-of-36 for 344 yards and four touchdowns. His counterpart Anton Clarkson was solid as well for Hofstra, completing 32-of-51 for 376 yards and a touchdown.

Wide receiver Devale Ellis paced the Pride offense with the best game of his collegiate career, catching a game-high 16 passes for 225 yards and a touchdown. Isaac Irby also caught seven passes for 86 yards for Hofstra, while UMass' J.J. Moore joined Peebler and

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MATTHEW REHWOLDT/COLLEGIAN

Tim Day picked apart the Hofstra secondary on Saturday, completing 22-of-36 passes for 344 yards and four touchdowns. His solid play over the last month was a big reason for UMass' great finish.

Black Bears stomp UMass

By JEFF HOWE
COLLEGIAN STAFF

ORONO (Maine) — Heading into Friday night, those who surround themselves with Massachusetts or Maine hockey knew that this game had a little less at stake than the previous time these two teams met.

It wasn't for the Hockey East championship; it was one of 24 regular season Hockey East games. It wasn't before a capacity crowd at the FleetCenter, the biggest hockey stage in New England; it was in front of 5,641 fans at Harold Alfond Sports Arena. And Ben Murphy wouldn't be around to end the game after playing nearly six full periods of hockey, as he didn't dress due to an MCL sprain.

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But for the game's first 30 minutes, it fully appeared that the newest editions of the Minutemen (6-5-1, 3-3-1 Hockey East) and No. 9 Black Bears (8-6-0, 4-3-0 Hockey East) were poised to top the excitement of last year's championship game — unquestionably — one of the most thrilling hockey games ever seen at any level.

The referees called a very loose game, and there was constant action up and down the ice with plenty of full-speed hits, momentum swings and tons of involvement from the crowd, which sits almost directly over the ice, providing the most intense atmosphere the Minutemen have played in all season.

But halfway through the second period the momentum shifted for the final time as Maine took advantage of several Massachusetts mistakes to recapture its lead and successfully implement its systematical defense, which allowed the Black Bears to completely control the pace of the game.

"We continued to work hard, and I think that was the difference [between the first and second half of the game]," Maine coach Tim Whitehead said. "I thought we protected Jimmy (Howard) a little bit better [once we took the lead]. We limited their chances, which was good. We limited their second shots and gave ourselves an opportunity to win. We played good defense."

Maine out shot UMass 37-12 throughout the game, as the Minutemen only forced Jimmy Howard — who had the best statistical season for a goalie in NCAA history last season — to make 10 saves.

Eight-and-a-half minutes into the game, Brent Shepheard of Maine picked up a loose puck to UMass goalie Gabe Winer's right and wristed the puck top-shelf past Winer, making the Black Bears the owners of the first goal of the night.

About eight minutes later, Minuteman David Leaderer intercepted a pass just beyond the blue line of Maine's zone and skated up the right side of the ice before dropping a pass back to Matt Anderson, who put a shot on net. Jimmy Howard made the save, but P.J. Fenton gathered the puck off the rebound and easily fired a shot home as Howard was out of position from the first shot.

With the score still tied just under two minutes into the second period, Fenton was trying to center a pass to Anderson from the right point, but the puck was deflected by a Maine defender, and it found its way through Howard's legs, giving Fenton the eighth goal of his freshman season.

UMass' lead was short-lived, however, as John Ronan received a pass from Jon Jankus at the left point and put the puck over Winer's right shoulder to tie the game just two minutes later.

Later in the period, Winer made a poor clear attempt when he sent the puck into two Black Bears on the left boards. Tim Maxwell came away with the puck and hit Jankus with a pass. Winer was unable to collect Jankus' shot, and Josh Soares converted on his rebound try, putting Maine back in the lead.

Things got worse for the Minutemen when Bret Tyler intercepted a pass at center ice and found Keenan Hopson, who was able to make his way right in front of the net and score to give the Black Bears a 4-2 lead.

With that, Maine was really able to settle into its notorious trapping defense, and it suffocated UMass' attack, giving the Minutemen very little chance to mount a comeback.

With hopes of generating some quick offense, UMass coach Don Cahoon switched up his lines, and he started the third period with a line of Fenton, Anderson and Stephen Werner, the team's top-three point scorers. This contrasted with the lines Cahoon began the game with, which were about as balanced as all four lines could be on this UMass team.

"We were only down by two goals, and I figured if I could get a line together that generates a little offense, then possibly [we could come back]," Cahoon said. "We've been in games before where we've stunk the house up, and we managed to find a way back into the game and make a game of it in the last 20 minutes, and who knows what can happen? Tonight, no such luck."

Cahoon also benched Winer — who made 59 saves in the triple-overtime final — before the final period started for Tim Warner.

"Gabe had an average night," Cahoon said. "He wasn't particularly bad, but he wasn't particularly good, either. We could have had Martin Brodeur in the net, and it wouldn't have made a difference tonight."

Massachusetts could only rally for a single third period shot, though, and Maine dominated play in the final 20 minutes and finished the Minutemen off with two more goals.

"It was as bad of a performance as I could ever imagine putting together with this group of guys," Cahoon said. "Obviously, the coaching staff didn't do a good job of getting these guys ready for this game, and these guys didn't do a good job of getting themselves ready. So between those two factors, it was about as deplorable of an effort as we could make."

UMass will play the second leg of its four-game road trip against Vermont tomorrow night at 7 p.m.



KAREN WINGERA/COLLEGIAN

Tim Warner entered the game in the third period on Friday night against the Black Bears in relief of starter Gabe Winer. Neither goalie could stop the Maine scoring attack, and Maine made easy work of UMass.

UMass hoops rally to be held today in Blue Wall

With the Massachusetts men's basketball season set to kick off tomorrow night at the Mullins Center, the UMass sports management department is hosting a lunchtime rally at the Blue Wall inside the Campus Center to provide students with the opportunity to meet and greet players and coaches, as well as hear coach Steve Lappas' thoughts on the upcoming season.

Scheduled to begin at 11 A.M and continue until 1 P.M, the rally will feature music from a disc jockey and performances by the UMass cheerleaders and mascot Sam the Minuteman, along with a question-and-answer session with Lappas and an open forum for general comments from the coach and players as well. Students who attend the rally will have the opportunity to pick up their free student tickets at that time.

"Our purpose with the Monday lunch time event is to get the word out to as many students as possible that an exciting college basketball season is about to get under way," Rob Metzler, one of the events co-organizers, said. "The athletic department is trying to do everything possible to bring UMass students together behind great events and strong teams this winter season."

-Mike Marzelli

Tough weekend for UM in Chicago

By BRENDAN HALL
COLLEGIAN STAFF

Hopping onto the plane Thursday for Chicago, the Massachusetts women's basketball team had some high hopes for themselves as they prepared to take on Southern California in the Moran Realty Classic.

The flight back home was a different matter, however, as they came away from Chicago with an 0-2 record after losing in the final minutes to the Women of Troy on Friday and then giving away a first-half lead against Murray State.

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UMass' trip to the Windy City was a historic one, as the Minutewomen committed a record 31 turnovers against the Trojans despite out rebounding them 47-37.

And despite playing 39 minutes of great defense with a close lead on the Women of Troy, it was the last one that proved fatal, as USC outscored the Minutewomen 7-2 in the final three minutes to hand them a 54-49 defeat in what was an emotional game.

"The one positive we take from this [weekend] is that we played 39 minutes of good defense against Southern Cal," coach Marnie Dacko said. "This was such an emotional game to try and get up for Murray State." Freshman Pam Rosanio led all scorers with 11 points, and USC's Camille Lenoir was the only other player to reach double figures.

"I'm proud of Pam," Dacko said. "She's doing a nice job out there. She tried hard. Katie tried hard, too, but we've got to get more combinations of scoring from different players."

The Minutewomen were playing catch-up for the first half, never gaining the lead and tying the score only once. The Women of Troy started the game with a 9-3 run off contributions from Jamie Hagiya, Brynn Cameron and a three-pointer from Meghan Gnekow.

But not to be outdone, the Minutewomen returned the favor with a 7-0 run that tied the game for the moment. Tamara Tatham started the run off with six minutes to go in the first, tapping in a lay-up to cut USC's lead to five. Three minutes later, Brooke Campbell went to the line for

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Gargano denies withholding ALANA stats

By JULIE O'DONNELL
COLLEGIAN STAFF

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life Michael Gargano denied allegations that he is withholding important statistical information requested by President of the Student Government Association Eduardo Bustamante last summer about the ALANA (African Latino Asian Native American) community.

Bustamante filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) last summer to Gargano, University General Council Brian Burke and Marilyn Blaustein from the Office of Institutional Re-search. The act requested information such as the zip codes of ALANA students, minority student retention rates, and the number of students who graduated. According to University law, an answer must be given after an FOIA has been requested within ten days of the initial request.

"From what I gather, some of the information is so specific that ... there is a concern that it would affect FERPA [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act]," said Gargano.

Gargano also said that a great deal of information that was requested does not violate FERPA regulations and is available on the Office of Information Research Web site.

"In a nutshell, the delay is because of the [FERPA] and a lot of the information is on the OIR Web site anyway. Some of the information was right down to the specific zip codes."

Gargano said that he does not know why Bustamante continues to be upset over the delay, because "most of the information is on the Web site."

Gargano said that he was also surprised but not shocked that the SGA Senate voted no confidence in him last Wednesday.

"I wrote to Eddie and told him that 'I was disappointed to learn of your decision and I am hopeful that you will reconsider.'"

Bustamante said last week that it is perfectly feasible to work with vice chancellors and members of the faculty other than Gargano to get student issues accomplished this year, and Gargano agrees. "[The SGA] is free to work with any of the various constituents on campus, so I think that it is clear that we will not be slowed down as long as we stick to our mission," he said.

Gargano, however, does not feel that the vote of no confidence will greatly affect the way he is perceived by students. "The student body knows that my door is open," he said, "they can come to me with whatever issues, questions or concerns they have. This doesn't prevent other students to come to me. I am not nervous, why should I be? I am doing my job to the best of my ability."

Former Speaker of the SGA Patrick Higgins and Gargano have also addressed the legality of the ALANA Caucus seats earlier this summer via a series of e-mails. In the e-mails, Higgins said that he believed that the seats were not legal, and a violation of the Fourteenth Amendment. Gargano responded by asking Higgins to seek legal advisement from the state's General Council Terrence O'Malley.

According to Gargano, neither Higgins or Bustamante could agree on a date to meet with O'Malley, and the pair then wrote to him requesting his legal opinion. Gargano said O'Malley responded to the question via a phone call to the vice chancellor's office last June.

"[O'Malley] would not offer his legal opinion [on the status of the Caucus seats]," Gargano said. "He said that he needed greater clarity amongst the SGA and that [its members] need to come to some sort of resolution. This is a campus-based issue."

Gargano also offered his opinion on what the SGA should consider to get this issue resolved. "What I would recommend is similar to what [SGA members] tried to do this summer and have a meeting with the general council and ask for his guidance."

Bustamante was not available for comment at press time.



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Michael Gargano, vice chancellor of student affairs and academic life announces the Diversity Commission in this Oct. 15 photo.

Aid workers flee as Suddan violence flares

By MOHAMED OSMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KHARTOUM, Sudan — Fighting near a village in Sudan's crisis-plagued Darfur region killed at least 17 people Monday, while helicopters rescued dozens of workers who fled into the bush to escape.

State Minister Ahmed Haroon said rebels attacked the strategic North Darfur town of Tawilla early Monday, killing 17 people and destroying the town's hospital. He said an unknown number of people were injured. A statement by an aid organization said government planes also dropped bombs on the town.

But Haroon denied that the government had violated a cease-fire between rebels and the government.

"These areas are under our control. Those who talk of violations are making unsubstantiated accusations," he said.

During the clashes between rebels and Arab militiamen in Tawilla, African Union peacekeepers airlifted 45 people who had spent several hours hiding in the bush outside the town of Tawilla during clashes between rebels and Arab militiamen, U.N. spokesman George Somerwill told The Associated Press.

Kate Haiff, Sudan country director for Save The Children, UK, said more than 30 Sudanese workers for her organization and some other people were airlifted to the North Darfur capital of El Fasher.

Somerwill, speaking by telephone to the AP in Cairo, said no humanitarian aid is reaching thousands of people displaced by violence in Tawilla.

A tribal dispute over livestock sparked the clashes, which began Sunday and led to rebel Sudan Liberation Army forces attacking the government-allied Arab militia known as the Janjaweed, Somerwill said.

Tawilla is a strategic location which the government uses to supply forces based in western Sudan, near the Chad border, and areas in Darfur's northwest. It is also home to about 30,000 African villagers displaced by the conflict.

A Save the Children statement said a Sudanese government plane dropped several bombs on Tawilla, with one landing 50 yards from one of the organization's feeding centers.

Somerwill said African Union forces confirmed that Sudanese "air assets were used, but we can't confirm there was hostile action."

If the reports are correct, they represent an apparent breach of Nov. 9 accords between rebels and the government, including a Sudanese agreement to create "no-fly zones" over Darfur. Rebels and African Union mediators had demanded the zones following widespread accusations of government bombings of villages.

Disability center founder urges journalists to watch their words

By ADAM O'NEAL
COLLEGIAN CORRESPONDENT

AMHERST — An expert on disability news reporting is urging journalism students at the University of Massachusetts to watch their language in order to be more accurate and fair when reporting about those with disabilities.

Suzanne C. Levine, the founder and executive director of the National Center on Disability and Journalism, told journalism students, "we, as reporters, need to take out judgment from our language. We want to be accurate," she said, because leaving judgment in further disables people through stereotype.

Stereotypes of people with disabilities are insidious in popular media, she said, and are focused into seven stereotypes that Jack A. Nelson discusses in his book titled "The Disabled, The Media, and the Information Age":

Pitiable and Pathetic — disabled people depicted as child-like or incompetent, a drain on taxpayers (e.g. fundraising telethons).

"Super-Crip"— through great courage and determination, a disabled person triumphs, his actions often considered superhuman (e.g. many TV and movie dramas).

Sinister, Evil and Criminal — the person or character's disability is used to suggest that he is morally deficient (e.g. Hunchback of Notre Dame, Dr. Strangelove).

Better Off Dead — anyone with a serious physical impairment is incapable of a fulfilling life and would be better off dead (e.g. TV drama "Whose Life Is It, Anyway?").

Maladjusted — disabled people depicted as bitter and self-pitying, their predicament is their own fault.

A Burden — the implication that those with disabilities need to be taken care of by "normal people," they are burdens to family, friends and society.

Unable to Live a Successful Life — those with disabilities are stigmatized by their disability and are unworthy of attention.

The Better Off Dead stereotype is especially significant, Levine said. "Disability is associated with dying, so we fear it." Such fear is vital for understanding the stereotype, she said.

In the early 1990s, according to Levine, John Clogstone conducted a study on the coverage of disability issues in American newspapers. He found two general ways of reporting on disability issues: focusing on the differences between disabled and normal people — in other words, perpetuating the stereotypes listed above — or looking at the issues from a civil rights perspective. The study found that the majority of American newspapers used the first method of reporting, Levine said.

Because much disability reporting remains inaccurate and unfair, Levine urged journalism students and others to closely analyze disability reporting. She recommended carefully studying three elements of a story: angle — the approach or perspective the story takes; sources — whether they're credible and connected to the subject matter; and language — if stereotypical, inaccurate or unfair?

Careful patrolling of stories for these three factors can reduce inaccurate reporting on disability and provide a truer view for all, she suggested.

Disability is pervasive in this country, Levine said. When she asked who in the room had a connection to someone with a disability, all eleven people raised their hands.

Roughly 49.7 million people in the United States have some sort of disability, she said, but the number differs depending on how one defines "disability." Levine said she defines a "disability" as something that "affects a major life function," though she said her organization takes no position on the definition.

The National Center on Disability and Journalism, founded in San Francisco in 1998, is an independent, impartial, non-profit journalism education organization, which works with journalists and educators on disability reporting issues in an attempt to promote more accurate, fair and diverse news reporting.

Levine said her idea for the organization came from her experience as a free-lance photographer within disability communities and what she saw being represented in the mainstream news. In June, Levine moved the non-profit to Boston.

"California is very different in terms of disability issues than Massachusetts," she said, "Boston is much more inaccessible than San Francisco." Since she has only been in Boston for five months, she said she is still adjusting to and learning about the city. Her preliminary evaluation of the Boston Globe, in terms of accurate and fair disability reporting, was "inconsistent."

UMass ranks among top 20 in state enterprise survey

By ERIC ATHAS
COLLEGIAN STAFF

Last week, the University of Massachusetts was ranked amongst the top 20 in an annual survey that measures the reputation of Massachusetts's enterprises. The survey, conducted by Morrissey & Co. ranked UMass at number 13 out of 20, two spots lower than where it was last year.

According to University officials, the ranking that UMass received reflects the University's high standards as far as academics and finance. It also reflects on the overall reputation of the school. As UMass continues to receive higher rankings, the result will continue to make UMass a more competitive school.

Opinion Dynamics Corporation conducted the study, titled "The Massachusetts Corporate Reputation Survey." Ranking is based on overall reputation, products and services, place to work, social responsibility, ethics and corporate governance and financial stability.

"An organization's reputation is its most valuable asset. It is the composite picture of how it is viewed by its key audiences," said CEO Peter Morrissey. "The highly rated institutions in the Massachusetts Corporate Reputation Survey have earned the recognition, credibility and trust of the area's business leaders through their actions and behaviors, not through words alone. For them, reputation is about deeds, not spin."

UMass shared its ranking with high-profile institutions such as Tufts University (fifth) and prestige businesses like Fidelity Investments (eighth). Harvard University was at the top of the list, as it was last year. Along with universities and businesses, the survey also looks at healthcare providers such as Children's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital.

The other universities that shared the top 20 with UMass were UMass Lowell, UMass Boston, Northeastern and Boston University. Businesses such as Gillette, Yankee Candle and Fleet Boston also made the top 20.

Morrissey and Co. is a reputation management firm who stand by their belief that "organizations with strong, positive reputations enjoy more successful sales initiatives and more consistent financial performance, greater trust with investors and partners, stronger customer satisfaction and loyalty, higher quality employees, better publicity and deeper community relations."

The survey was conducted for the first time last year and was the first to look at the opinions and views of businesses in this sense. The survey revealed that although big businesses like Fidelity and Fleet are involved in the rankings, it is non-profit organizations that are viewed to have the best reputations.

The survey is conducted using a point system in which the organizations with the best reputations receive high points, and then the scale moves down as the reputation diminishes. However, the lower the point does not necessarily mean a negative continuation for the business.

"While a high reputation score indicates that an institution is held in high regard, a low score does not necessarily indicate that an institution is viewed negatively," said President of Opinion Dynamics Corporation John Gorman. "In most instances, a low score was caused more by a lack of familiarity than by a negative perception. Still, a lack of recognition among business leaders can hinder success as much as having a 'problem' perception."

The ranking involves both private and public institutions. While the University's 13th-spot ranking is two spots lower than last year, it is still seen to be a positive for UMass, especially to be out in the same pool as Tufts, Boston University, Fidelity, and Harvard, according to University officials.

Mother cuts arms off infant

PLANO, Texas — A mother cut off the arms of her baby daughter Monday, then called 911 and waited calmly until authorities arrived, police said.

Dena Schlosser, 35, was charged with murder after the girl died at a hospital in Plano, a Dallas suburb. Child-protective authorities said she had a history of post-partum depression.

Authorities said when they arrived at the family's apartment, they found the nearly 11-month-old baby with her arms severed. Schlosser was waiting calmly, with blood on her clothing, police spokesman Carl Duke said.

Schlosser lived at the apartment with other family members, including her two older daughters. Police said the girls, ages 6 and 9, were not home when they arrived.

Texas Child Protective Services was called to the home in January after Schlosser was seen run-

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A night to remember

Guests at the annual Pride Alliance Drag Ball showcase their attire Saturday night at the Top of the Campus Center. The ball took place from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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Racial bias behind over 7,400 hate crimes

By Curt Anderson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Racial prejudice, most often directed at black people, was behind more than half of the nation's 7,400 reported hate crime incidents in 2003, the FBI said Monday.

Reports of hate crimes motivated by anti-black bias totaled 2,548 in 2003, more than double the total hate crimes against all other racial groups. There were 3,150 black victims in these reports, including four who were murdered, according to the annual FBI figures.

The overall total of 7,489 hate crime incidents reported in 2003 was slightly above the 7,462 reported in 2002, the lowest number since 1994. Race bias was behind 3,844 of the 2003 cases.

Intimidation, vandalism and property destruction account for nearly two-thirds of the nation's hate crimes.

Although the FBI report does not provide details, a database maintained by the nonprofit Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Ala., shows that such incidents range from spray-painting of swastikas and racial slurs on people's property to menacing with guns and verbal threats.

There were also hundreds of violent hate crimes in 2003, including 14 murders. There were more than 2,700 assaults, 444 robberies, burglaries and thefts related to prejudice, and 34 arson incidents.

Heidi Beirich, spokeswoman for the Southern Poverty Law Center, said the FBI's hate crime totals are probably low because reporting by local law enforcement agencies is voluntary, and some states have weak hate crime laws. Some states, for example, don't recognize prejudice against sexual orientation as the basis for a hate crime.

"We have found several flaws. We think there's really more like 50,000 hate crimes out there each year," Beirich said.

The FBI report shows that crimes categorized as anti-Islamic remained at the about same level in 2003 — 149 crimes — as the year before. There was a spike in such crimes immediately after the 2001 terror attacks, helping drive the overall hate crime number much higher that year to 9,730.

By far the most reports of hate crimes based on religion involved Jews, with 927 incidents in 2003, about the same as in 2002.

"The urgent national need for both a tough law enforcement response and education and programming to confront violent bigotry has only increased over the past three years," said Michael Lieberman of the Anti-Defamation League.

The report also found more than 1,200 hate crimes based on sexual orientation, including 783 against male homosexuals. That included six murders.

Infant dies alone

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ning down the street from her apartment, with one of her daughters, then 5, bicycling after her, authorities said. When police and CPS arrived, the child told them her mother had left her 6-day-old baby sister alone in the apartment.

Schlosser appeared to be suffering from postpartum depression, Marissa Gonzales, a CPS spokeswoman, told the Dallas Morning News.

Schlosser was hospitalized for a few days. Her other two daughters were released to their father, who told authorities Schlosser had been acting strangely since the birth of the third child.

Once she was released from the hospital, Schlosser agreed to seek counseling and see a psychiatrist, Gonzales said. Caseworkers continued to visit the family through the spring and summer, and the case was closed Aug. 9.

-Associated Press

Bush travels to Colombia

By Terence Hunt
Associated Press



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President Bush watches Colombian President Alvaro Uribe speak at a press conference in Cartagena, Colombia yesterday.

CARTAGENA, Colombia — Under a security web of warplanes, battleships and 15,000 troops, President Bush praised Colombia's battle against drugs and Marxist guerrillas Monday and pledged to keep U.S. aid flowing so "this courageous nation can win its war against narcoterrorists."

In a country that is the world's largest producer of cocaine and a major supplier of heroin, Bush said President Alvaro Uribe is achieving results with a massive aerial fumigation program against coca — the main ingredient in cocaine — and an aggressive military buildup against insurgents, who fund themselves through drug trafficking, kidnapping and extortion.

"The number of acres under cultivation are down significantly," Bush said, standing with Uribe in shirt sleeves at seaside lecterns. "The number of arrests are up. The number of murders is down. In other words, this man's plan is working."

Uribe said Colombia is winning the fight, but has not yet won. "We have made progress but the serpent is still alive," Uribe said.

Bush's pledge reaffirms U.S. commitments to a $3.3 billion, five-year military aid program known as Plan Colombia. Bush said the plan launched in August 2000 enjoys widespread support in Congress and that he would work with lawmakers to keep it funded. Without mentioning a specific figure, Bush said he would seek enough funds to make the plan effective.

Red Sox ticket prices climbing

BOSTON (AP) — The World Series champion Boston Red Sox raised their ticket prices by an average of 7 percent for next year, the team announced Monday as it released its schedule for the 2005 season.

The Red Sox will open at Yankee Stadium on April 4 and then have their home opener on April 11 against New York. That will give the Yankees a chance to watch while the Red Sox raise the World Series banner above Fenway Park.

The teams will also play each other to finish the regular season at Fenway Park Sept. 30-Oct. 2. Other notable games include June 10-12 in Chicago — Boston's first visit to Wrigley Field since the Red Sox played the Cubs in the 1918 Series. The Cincinnati Reds, who beat the Red Sox in the 1975 Series, will visit Fenway Park June 13-15.

Despite playing in baseball's oldest and smallest ballpark and charging the highest average ticket prices in the nation, the Red Sox sold every available seat last season and set an attendance record for the fifth consecutive year.

Most box seats will go up by $10 for 2005, with standing room going up from $18 to $20. More seats have been shifted into the upper bleacher category, lowering their price from $20 to $12.

The team said that 57 percent of the ticket prices will remain the same or go up by $1.

"We will invest that revenue to assemble a winning team worthy of our fans' support, and to maintain one of Major League Baseball's highest payrolls," team president Larry Lucchino said. "We are committed to being aggressive in defense of our World Series title."

The Red Sox will announce on Tuesday plans for offseason improvements to Fenway Park that are intended to help ease crowding.

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Let it snow

Emily Carino, a senior exercise major, and Adam Sutton, a UMass graduate, test out a pair of Rossignol skiis at the Ski and Board Club's annual Ski and Board sale last weekend in the Student Union.



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Bay state becomes two- party again

BOSTON (AP) — Massachusetts has become a two-party state again.

The Libertarian and Green-Rainbow parties have lost their major party status — and an automatic spot on the presidential ballot — because none of their statewide candidates won at least 3 percent of the vote on Nov. 2, according to official election figures released by the Secretary of the Commonwealth on Monday.

Green-Rainbow won a spot on the ballot in 2000 when Ralph Nader ran for president on its ticket. Libertarians have had a spot since 1998 when a Secretary of the Commonwealth candidate won 4.5 percent of the vote.

A total of 2,927,455 Massachusetts voters cast ballots on Nov. 2, setting a new record, according to the figures. That is 193,449 higher — 7 percent more — than four years ago, when the previous record was set.

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If there's a will, there's a way

Colin Jones

There are a million phrases just like it. Obvious points of truth that you've been hearing all your life, since you were a little kid: An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Don't put all your eggs in one basket. If you catch a man a fish you'll feed him for a day, but if you teach a man to fish you'll feed him for life. And of course, that myth about the sticks and stones.

The one that seems the most relevant to all of us here at the University, fortunate enough to be pursuing higher education, is equally as cliché and innate as the others, but is most important because it's the hardest to follow and the easiest to forget. If there's a will, there's a way.

Senioritis has already infected a number of my friends. They are either jaded with their classes and this area, are tired of scraping by on next to nothing, or just want to see what else the world has to offer outside of this quaint little college town. I can sympathize with them without question.

Although I personally won't graduate this year, the same little thrills that I got as an underclassmen don't do it for me anymore. I really don't care about the next big party and who is going to be there, or find my classes more fascinating than daunting. But to those of you who are graduating in May, fresh meat for the proverbial jungle that is the working world, don't allow yourselves to become so bogged down in your fear of the future that you cannot enjoy the rest of your time here.

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Many people that I have talked to are largely unsatisfied and disillusioned with their college experience. Well, although you can't change the past, you don't have to allow it to repeat itself. There are ways to get the satisfaction and excitement you once felt back, if you are willing to take the necessary steps. Maybe there is someone you've seen around campus over the years that you've always wanted to meet. Maybe you had a professor that profoundly influenced you in some way and you've always wanted to thank but have just never had the time. Maybe you've always wanted to express yourself in some way, artistically or otherwise, but you were always too busy or too afraid.

As they say, there's no time like the present. It is easy for us to find reasons to justify our lack of action because then we never really risk anything. We're safe. When we take a risk it brings with it the possibility of negative results: rejection, failure and for some of us, even success. We all need to get over our fear of these things because they are a part of life.

We're not in high school anymore, and at some point we're going to have to take chances. If you can look at things with a little perspective, you can come to a realization. All of us are young, and we have our whole lives ahead of us. There will be spots along the road ahead where we will lose our way; at times we'll fall flat on our faces. Once you recognize that this is inevitable, you can view any attempt to burst out of your bubble as a success even if it's a failure.

College is not a means to an end. For that matter, neither is life. The satisfaction should come from the process, not from the results. Too many people I have talked to have realized that they don't like what they are doing, that their heart lies in something else, and yet they compromise their passion in the face of circumstance.

As far as I'm concerned, the uni-que and individual combination of body, mind and spirit that make you who you are only exists once. If we only live once, we should never compromise who we are. If you want to change your major, to pursue a different dream than the one that you had when you started, do it. If you really want it bad enough, you can get it.

Often times, the biggest obstacles we have to overcome are the ones we put in front of ourselves. This is not to say that there are no difficulties. Many are related in some way to financial circumstances that for all intents and purposes seem insurmountable, but even these mountains can be climbed.

Case in point: a good buddy of mine who transferred to this school sophomore year just decided that he doesn't like his major or this school. He was set to graduate in May, and now he has withdrawn from the spring semester, during which time he plans to work and save money while he figures things out. He's not even sure what school he'll transfer to, but he knows what he loves and he has faith in himself that no matter what, things will be okay. For me, that is the very definition of courage. To quote the late, great Freddie Mercury, "Can't we give ourselves one more chance?"

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The real disability is society

Katelyn Harding

As we entered the restaurant, I could feel all of my senses heightening, my eyes noticing every glance, my ears picking up every sound that occurred around us. I could immediately feel myself transforming into defensive mode, ready to attack anyone who dared to say an unkind word or share a look of disgust. Sadly, the reason I felt the need to get worked up over seemingly nothing was the mere fact that my cousin and I had taken out his friend Paulie, who is autistic.

Just as I had anticipated, people stared. Paulie Demko is about thirty years old but was diagnosed with autism a few days after birth. His education will remain at a fourth grade level for the rest of his life. Other than that, Paulie is as normal as you and I. Paulie represents the group in society that people tend to overlook, the ones who are discriminated against every day, without the realization of doing it. He belongs to the set of people that are labeled as having a disability.

Growing up with a best friend whose brother is severely special needs, I have grown compassionate for the disabled and try to learn about them as much as I can. In my observations, I've noticed that many people treat people with disabilities as if they were of a lower life form than themselves.

My definition of a person with disabilities not only includes persons with mental retardation, but also people who have suffered in accidents and maybe have had surgery that left their bodies looking less than "perfect."

Think back to a time where you saw someone with any sort of defect: one leg, a patch over an eye or maybe even scars all over his or her face. Did you notice that person and continue to stare even though you established the quality that made him or her different? Are these attributes really defects, or just a variation of the human body? In today's society, one would like to believe that prejudices are lightening up, but this one has been deep-rooted in society for some time, and there is little hope that this form of discrimination will go away anytime soon.

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Back at the restaurant with Paulie, we were seated when our table was ready. To our relief, our waitress was very friendly and was able to communicate with Paulie very well. He even decided he liked her so much that he gave her a kiss on the cheek. Afterward, my cousin and I talked about how annoying it is that people have to stare just because Paulie may seem a little different. It makes me very angry that people are so ignorant that they feel the need to gawk at someone who stands out. Paulie is an amazing person, and he has helped me realize is it the small things in life that really do matter.

People with mental retardation can look at a person, like them for their personality and values and not judge them on their status in society and physical characteristics. This is something that everyone should do: judge people on their character and nothing else. Just because a person might be disabled, that does not mean they are incapable of realizing when a person is being kind and generous to them.

Today's culture is so obsessed with flawlessness and good looks that we tend to look down upon others we deem are not as good looking. The naive people who believe they are perfect and look down upon those with a handicap, tend to consider themselves to be "ordinary." How do they know they are ordinary, and what is it that makes them so? What gives them the right to make these decisions anyway?

People in society who are branded with the label "disability" have a hard time changing people's minds. To begin with, they are already at a disadvantage, because people have already formed biased opinions of them. It is a sad pretense that people are not more open and caring to others in general.

This country should be one that can be proud to say that we as Americans stand together, but in reality, there are so many different groups in this society that have wrong feelings of resentment towards each other. Instead of further dividing our communities, we should be trying to come together as a unit because that is where our strength will build. People with disabilities can contribute just as much to our society as anyone else; they are just never given the opportunity.

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The empire in the mirror



Yousef Munayyer

So what do Belgium, South Korea, Honduras, Italy, Cuba, Greece, Indonesia and Kenya have in common? You may look at this mixed group and ponder what on earth they could share. Different continents, different populations and different forms of government make this question difficult. The answer is rather simple even though it's not something we constantly think about, and that is the problem.

All of these countries are home to American naval or army bases. This is a mere selection of the total number of countries in which the U.S has troops. No other nation on earth has troops and bases so widely distributed across the planet. America is, without doubt, a modern day empire.

The question is why is it that the American public has such a hard time accepting and acknowledging that reality?

The Roman Empire was filled with pride. Every Roman marched for Caesar or Rome. Some of the empires most valiant soldiers never laid eyes upon the city yet they entered battle with pride. The English empire, upon which the sun was not supposed to set, had soldiers marching into Sudan with battles cries about "King and Country."

Today, with what is arguably the greatest empire in the history of empires, the subjects are reluctant to play their traditional roles. With so much of the world under American influence, there is no doubt the United States has hegemonic power. With a recent history of disregarding the international community, we have proven that unilateralism is our way.

In 1898, American Imperialism began in the wake of the Spanish-American war. The Philippines, Puerto Rico and Cuba came under American control. Others would argue that even before that point American imperialism began with its manifest destiny to reach another ocean. Still others will argue that the same manifest destiny is the driving force in the minds of many policy makers today. From Haiti to Iraq, the American empire throughout history has wreaked havoc upon all which lies in its path. The effects of imperialism are still evident today in all these places.

Since 1898, imperialism has been embraced in practice but shunned in discourse.

Perhaps this is because of something rooted within the American culture. Having been a colony one can make the argument that "empire" was a sore spot in the American historical narrative. Even the farewell address of George Washington warned us about involvement abroad.

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Perhaps this is because we have grown to learn what empires really are and the affects they have on the native populations that they demoralize.

Or maybe Americans simply find empires morally wrong. The ideological recommendations of the First World War president Woodrow Wilson called for the principle of self-determination. The idea that an individual had the right to be governed by his own people and not some foreign government gained acceptance.

When eight different crusades were launched from Europe hundreds of years ago, the claim to legitimacy was based on divine order. In other words, the motivation for leaving your fatherland and invading another's was based on a moral principle.

When the Spaniards conquered much of America and encountered natives, many of them, were reluctant to harshly treat the inhabitants of the land. The Spanish crown for years delayed reforming its policy with natives and hid behind the cloak of "moral" legitimacy as they found the need to Christianize the new world. It was not till most of the native population of the Caribbean had died off that the Spanish had begun to realize the sheer hypocrisy in brutally expressing religion.

The colonizers of the last centuries that took over parts of Africa, Asia and the Middle East excused their actions by using yet another moral principle. They believed they were advancing the barbaric societies and bringing them out of their savage ways.

Today, the new global empire does much the same thing. We invade foreign lands and justify this with moral principles. This time, however, it's not direct commands from the divine or the need to spread the good news. Rather it is the burden of bringing "democracy" to those who do not have it.

The trend that develops is one of awakening. Eventually the crusaders gave up on Jerusalem (though some would argue they are at it again). The Spanish realized Jesus would not approve of killing Indians. The colonizers realized Algerians, Somalis, Indians and Viet-namese did not want civilization imposed on them, but rather they wanted the Independence to have their own civilizations.

How long will it be before we realize the Iraqis and Afghanis do not want any of the democracy we are trying to force down their throats? If they want democracy, they can do it themselves. They are after all, civilized.

So here is our chance to learn from history. You see the imperial theater is accustomed to tragedy as every empire that rises consequently falls. We have arrived at a critical juncture in the development of the Ameri-can identity. We have the choice to acknowledge our imperialism and attempt to avert the dangerous path we are on in nations we have occupied or to continue our immorality by justifying it with the so-called moral principles.

It is not till we see ourselves for what we are that we can begin to work on what we really want to be.

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Get to know your reality

Mike Sances

The present obsession over religiousness in politics was, in the weeks before the election, somewhat predictable. Several detailed and insightful articles sprung up during those last days, valiant attempts at encapsulating and exposing the role of faith in the Bush presidency before the voters went to the polls.

Chief among these was Ron Suskind's "Without a Doubt," published on Oct. 17 in the "New York Times Magazine." If you haven't read it yet, go to the library, look it up and do so immediately. It is an essential guide at understanding how this administration works.

The crux of the piece is the idea of a "new reality," espoused by a senior Bush aide to Suskind in the summer of 2002. According to the aide, the Bush administration has brazenly set out to construct reality through its actions — as opposed to the reverse course, favored by journalists like Suskind, among other naive and radical dissidents.

What does the new reality look like? In sum, what it comes down to is an utter contempt for the most basic standards of argumentation: that is, that when you assert something, you are also obligated to provide evidence for your claims. Witness Afghanistan, Iraq, the treatment of suspected terrorists — the list continues and is by no means limited to foreign policy alone.

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So far, both the media and the Democratic Party have proven ill equipped to respond effectively to the new reality. The press's failure rises out of a larger problem: the death of journalism. Over time, journalists have forgotten how to ask questions. These days, they simply print what they are told to by those in power. The Washington Post, for example, in its mea culpa over prewar reporting on Iraq, was unrepentant toward fulfilling its role as a "mouthpiece" (their phrase) for the White House. If the President said Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, then that's what made the front page. The media's lack of skepticism works incredibly well with an administration fueled by faith.

Columnist Paul Krugman (incidentally, also of the "New York Times") sums up the current state of the media as follows: "If Bush said that the earth was flat, Fox News would say 'yes, the earth is flat and anyone who disagrees hates America,' and the mainstream media, for the most part, would run articles with the headline 'Shape of the Earth: Views Differ.'" In other words, equal time to both positions, regardless of how absurd a given argument might be. In the name of objectivity, of "fair and balanced" journalism, anything goes in this new marketplace of ideas.

Anything? Well, not quite. If I were to call up Fox News, for example, and argue that everyone who voted for Bush ought to be deported to a Muslim theocracy as anti-American traitors, I doubt they'd put me on the air. Needless to say, the people they do put on the air would never say that. John Kerry could barely get away with saying that the war was being "mismanaged," and when a Democrat came along who actually did have the courage to challenge mainstream conventions (give Osama bin Laden a fair trial when he is caught? Go back to Soviet Russia!), he was effectively crushed by the media's obtuseness and by his party's mediocrity and sent home to Vermont with his tail between his legs.

These problems have been endemic in both the press and the Democratic Party for some years. The genius of the Bush administration seems to lie in its ability to exploit them so successfully. Like many of the administration's vices, the primary distinction between Bush and his predecessors is one of style: preventive war is hardly a new concept: explicitly reserving the right to wage one at any time, anywhere, is. The same is true with regards to the contempt for those who would dare to question the powerful.

But just as with preventive war, the openness of this new war on doubt makes it far more dangerous, especially when the problem is framed as "moral values" or "faith," as has happened in the wake of the election. Hopefully, Democrats will resist falling into the trap. If anything, they ought to have learned by now that they can't out-Republican the Republicans.

But that's for them to decide. As for us, if we wish to withstand another four years of George Bush, then the strategy might be easier than we thought: respect facts, ask questions and continue to speak out for what we believe in. In other words, do as much as we can to adopt the responsibilities that have been abandoned to us by the press and by the "liberal" opposition. Because what these people really hate, what they truly fear, is to be doubted. Acknowledging this reality, questioning it, will be the first step toward defeating it.

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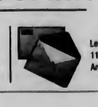
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Spongetacular

Nickelodeon's cartoon sponge and friends break free from television in their first full length film.

'The SpongeBob Square-Pants Movie'

Directed by Steven Hillenburg

Starring Alec Baldwin Scarlett Johansson

Paramount

Rated PG

88 mins.

Grade B+

By AMANDA GARDNER
COLLEGIAN CORRESPONDENT

Welcome to Bikini Bottom: a life under the sea where sponges work at hamburger restaurants and worship a dancing peanut. A place where every water animal, whether it's a squid, lobster or even a talking computer wait in line at the Krusty Krab to eat the sea's best hamburger. A world where all different types of creatures, enjoy singing and riding around in giant hamburger cars.

This is the under the sea adventure, "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie," starring the faithful yellow sponge and his goofy companion Patrick the Starfish as they venture into the evil Shell City to rescue King Neptune's Crown and save Bikini Bottom from the evil Plankton.

SpongeBob is a loving character that is trying to shed his childlike image and prove he is a real man, or a real sponge capable of handling many tasks. However, the message coming across in this movie is be yourself and anything is possible, even tackling evil monsters (humans) and riding around on David Hasselhoff's back in a moment where animation and reality merge.

The movie's appeal goes beyond the kiddie setting, because many of the jokes are geared toward adults, including SpongeBob pouring out his sorrows over ice cream and having a terrible hangover in the morning.

While the kids laugh and enjoy SpongeBob's silly sense of humor and his ability to get himself out of sticky situations, just by being himself, they can learn a lesson about being true to oneself. On their way to Shell City, they almost get caught in a bar fight, lose their giant hamburger car and are nearly stepped on by an evil motorcycle riding green giant, without losing any dignity.

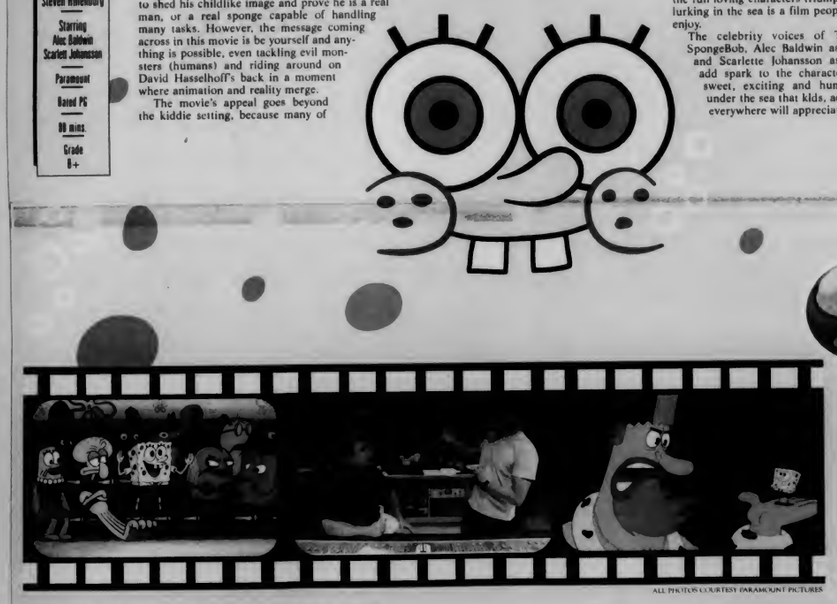
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The movie's real motivator is Princess Mindi, a blue mermaid who convinces SpongeBob and Patrick that their green leaf mustaches make them real men. The two feel strong and powerful for the first time.

The musical numbers throughout the film are also pleasurable, because everyone can sing along with SpongeBob and cheer him on through every obstruction that crosses his path. How can anyone not enjoy the Goofy Goober singing peanut wearing sunglasses and colorful underwear?

On a sour note, the 88-minute movie seemed to go on forever. The children along with this adult, got a bit restless, considering the plot problems could have been solved much earlier. The animation is certainly not anything special, but the fun loving characters triumphing over all evil lurking in the sea is a film people of all ages can enjoy.

The celebrity voices of Tom Kenney as SpongeBob, Alec Baldwin as the evil Dennis and Scarlette Johansson as Princess Mindi add spark to the characters and create a sweet, exciting and humorous existence under the sea that kids, adults and sponges everywhere will appreciate.



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Who lives in a pineapple under the sea?

In an effort to beef up the cast for the first full length SpongeBob movie, casting directors attracted big names in Hollywood such as Alec Baldwin (Dennis the hit man), and Scarlett Johansson (Mindy the Mermaid). Though despite all of the big names some say the Nickelodeon film seemed to drag on at times.

UMass Marching Band shines at the Bands of America

"I'm sorry, I can't. I have a 4:40 class,' that's what you need to tell people! When they say 'Hey, come to the mall' or 'let's go to dinner' or 'come walk my dog' what do you say?"

"I'm sorry, I can't. I have a 4:40 class," a chorus of 300 voices repeats back to the man on the ladder. That man is Michael Klesch, assistant director and musical arranger for the Power and Class of New England, the University of Massachusetts Minuteman Marching Band.

The band, with 200 wind players, 40 percussionists, 45 color guard members, 4 drum majors and other various student positions, the UMMB is one of the largest student groups on campus. The entire program is student run, from organizing and handing out uniforms to getting the proper buses to make sure the band gets to all their performances on time. Under the direction of marching band maven George N. Parks, the UMMB is know nationwide as one of the best collegiate bands in the country.

Parks, along with Klesch and associate director and percussion guru Thom Hannum (affectionately known throughout the UMMB as "the big three") act as Shepard's as they guide their flock of 300 safely through season after season of incredible performances and lifelong memories.

"It has been a great experience to work with them over my three years in the marching band" says Michelle Sparr, a senior accounting major, "they have given us an opportunity to be a part of a great organization."

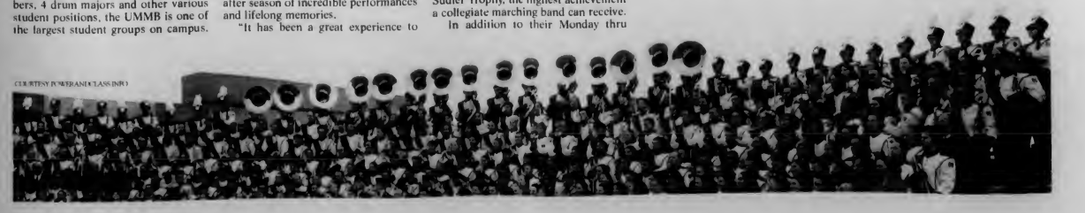
During the bands storied history, they have marched in two Inaugural Parades (for Reagan in 1980 and George W. Bush in 2000), performed at numerous venues across the country, including the RCA Dome in Indianapolis three times, and other places across North America. The pinnacle of the UMMB's success came in 1998 when the band was awarded the Sudler Trophy, the highest achievement a collegiate marching band can receive.

In addition to their Monday thru Friday practices, the band can be found most Saturday mornings at 8 a.m. on the practice fields behind the Mullins Center, trying to wake up Southwest (to the residents of Southwest, you have my deepest apologies), but the general mind of the band seems to be "If we're up, then they might as well be up too." After their rehearsal, the band eats lunch and changes into uniform and makes their way down to the stadium.

The band parades its way through the southern part of campus and makes a stop at the pyramids in Southwest to give an impromptu concert featuring music from this years show, "West Side Story" as well as a medley of Elton John tunes and continue to McGuirk stadium where they perform pre-game, a half time show, and their traditional post game performance at every home game. Between the football games, the band travels to various other parts of the region for performances.

This season, the band was the highlight of the 300th Anniversary parade in Sutton. They also made their yearly

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Marching Band brings power and class to Indianapolis

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trip to Allentown, Pa. to perform at an intercollegiate band festival where some of the best college bands on the east coast perform. They traveled to Boston College to cheer on the football team, followed by a performance at Faneuil Hall and they were even the opening act for Bill Cosby during homecoming.

The highlight of this season was without question their trip as an exhibition band to Bands of America Grand National Championships at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis, Ind. earlier this month. The band had prepared all season for their four-day trip, which started out on Thursday, Nov. 2 from Amherst for Indianapolis.

They made a stop at McDowell High School in Erie, Pa. and made the front page of the local section of the Erie Times. After a good night sleep on the McDowell gym floor, the UMMB put on a rousing performance for the students at the school and then it was off to their anticipated destination, Indianapolis.

The Bands of America Grand National Championships showcases the best high school marching bands from across the country. Students from states as far away as California and Texas made the journey to compete in Indianapolis. The competition started on Thursday, with 99 bands in competition. Those 99 were then paired down to 22, which would perform on Saturday during the day. From those 22, 12 would be chosen to perform at the Grand Nationals Final Performance on Saturday night, where one of them would be crowned 2004 Bands of America Grand National Champion.

Upon their arrival on Friday in Indianapolis, the band unloaded the busses and was whisked away to the Pan-American Plaza to play for the announcement of the 22 finalists that would perform on Saturday in the dome. After their rousing performance of "West Side Story", the band concluded their performance with an enthusiastic, and crowd-pleasing rendition of their Elton John medley while fireworks exploded over the Indianapolis skyline. After their performance in the plaza, the UMMB headed inside the RCA Dome for a private rehearsal with the dome all to themselves, which not many bands get to do.

Saturday was the day that the entire band had been looking forward to since band camp had started in August. They entered the dome on Saturday afternoon ready for the performance of their lives. The UMMB was treated to the Indianapolis Colt's visitor's locker room to dress and prepare for their performance. During warm ups, Klesch gave the band a pep talk: "This is it. You've been working all season for this. You're ready. Get out there and give them something to remember." The band proceeded to the airlock, and the mix of excitement and nervousness was overwhelming.

"You're going to remember this performance for the rest of your lives," Parks told the band before they went on. The airlock gates opened and the UMMB proudly took the field.

With the bright lights, the Astroturf, and thousands of cheering people filling the stands, the UMMB was primed and ready for the performance of their lives. The two giant Jumbotrons on either end of the stadium welcomed, "The Power and Class of New England. The University of Massachusetts Minuteman Marching Band from Amherst Massachusetts." Drum Major John Kohronen called the band to attention, and with three sharp whistle blasts, the band was in gear and they gave what many considered the performance of the season, if not their entire life.

"BOA was amazing. All the events, the good and the bad leading up to it, just made it that much more rewarding," said sophomore Dev Lutchman, a sociology major. "To be received so well by all those people, to have random mothers and students come up to me and other tenors telling us how they loved our show, it was special"

Junior mechanical engineering major Andy Cook echoed Lutchman's thoughts: "Marching band does three things for me," said Cook. "It keeps me busy on otherwise lazy weekends, lets me spend a good amount of time with my closest friends who I met in the band, and gives me an outlet to play a little music in a very laid back atmosphere. [Bands of America] was pretty amazing, the audience response was incredible."

After their crowd-pleasing performance, the band was able to explore Indianapolis, and then went back to the dome to watch the 12 final bands compete. There the band sat, a proud and talented representation of the University of Massachusetts, surrounded by their closest friends, which is a huge part of the UMMB. "The friends I've made through band will definitely be my friends for life. Yeah, my friends back home will definitely be there too, but the friends I've made from marching band all share a common bond; band camps, rehearsing in the cold, sleeping on gym floors. All of those things really brought us close together," said Lutchman.

Once the final band had performed, Lee Greenwood gave a stirring rendition of "God Bless the U.S.A" (with the help of the UMMB from the balcony) and the 2004 Grand National Champion had been declared. In case you're wondering, Lawrence Central High School from Indianapolis was the winner.

The band filed out of the Dome, all while being congratulated and complimented on their performance. They headed out towards the buses, to pack up and head back to Amherst. Although they were exhausted from their whirlwind four-day trip, they got on the buses and left Indianapolis tired and kept their "eyes with pride", exemplifying just why they are the "Power and Class of New England".

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Bringing home the Bacons

By MICHAEL DEEHAN
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Kevin Bacon came, he saw, he shook his butt.

Thursday night at Northampton's Calvin Theater, The Bacon Brothers put on a surprisingly lively and energetic performance. The duo, made up of brothers Kevin and Michael Bacon, took to the stage armed with material from their previous three releases and a few select cover songs.

As the audience began to pour in, a startling theme revealed itself and did little to heighten my expectations: the entire audience, it seemed, was made up of women (some accompanied by husbands) of at least 35 and up. I began to worry that this was a bad idea.

Opening the show was newcomer Melani Smith. Performing with her simple backing band, Melani showed her vocal chops on such songs as the politically charged "God" and the love-gone-bad piece "Simple Girl." Perhaps the most powerful portion of Smith's set was the personal letter put to music called "Mr. Smith." In the song, Melani recites a letter she wrote to her father, who left his family when the songstress was young. The song proved to be thought provoking and haunting in its simplicity and significance.

The Bacons stage setup was sparse, just a few guitars and other assorted instruments littering the stage. After a huge ovation for Mr. Kevin Bacon, the audience settled down for the Bacon Brothers' patented folk-rock combo. Michael Bacon proved his talent right from the start of the show. Within a few short songs' time, the elder Bacon had done everything from accompany his brother on guitar, to sing the lead of a song (with a voice that sounds remarkably like Christopher Guest's folk singing character from the film "A Mighty Wind"), to playing an incredibly moving solo on the cello. This classic cello solo soon turned into a cello/rock jam, and then into the song "Supposed to be Tuesday". The song featured Kevin Bacon for the first time truly showing his musical and vocal skills, a feat that finally won over the skeptical audience.

The rest of the set was made up of cuts from the Bacons own catalog as well as the Beatles song "If I Needed Someone". Some of the more upbeat songs, such as "I'm So Glad I'm Not Married," resulted in the country twang-inflicted actor Kevin dancing around on stage to the delight of the adoring crowd of middle-age women. And yes, there was much butt-shaking.

The Bacon Brothers
Calvin Theatre
Northampton
Nov. 19

The rock continued with a cover of The Rolling Stones "This Could Be the Last Time" and a medley featuring riffs by Jimmy Hendrix, Aerosmith and the legendary rocker James Taylor.

The biggest surprise of the night came at the very end of the encore set. The band came back on stage to the shouts of a deservedly riled crowd. That's when all hell broke loose. With the first few words of Kenny Loggin's song "Footloose," the estrogen inside the Calvin Theater reached a boiling point. "Footloose" was made famous by the Kevin Bacon-starring movie of the same name – and people remembered it. The ensuing mob of gyrating and "dancing" fans made the night complete. I came away from the performance with a newfound respect for The Bacon Brothers as a true, genuine group of artists that just happens to have a famous, butt-shaking actor for a singer.



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Strong frontcourt fuels UMass

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if they keep working ... Chris [Chadwick] is also a guy who can really give us a boost as well. He's worked hard in the off season, and we're confident that he's going to give us another formidable option off the bench."

Walk-ons Drew Rossi and Mike Jones will also provide added depth at the position.

Frontcourt

There is little doubt that the 2004-04 Massachusetts Minutemen will only go as far as reigning Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Year Rashaun Freeman can take them.

A physically dominant force with a soft touch around the rim and an exceptional arsenal of offensive moves, Freeman led the Minutemen with 15.4 points per game and 8.5 rebounds per game in '03-04, and is a leading candidate for A-10 Player of the Year honors. After shooting almost 55 percent from the floor, recording 12 double-doubles and being named A-10 Rookie of the Week seven times, Freeman must remain consistently stellar on the offensive end for UMass, and continue to be a physical force on defense.

"Ray has a chance to become one of the elite players in the conference, no doubt about it," Lappas said. "He's worked hard in the offseason again, and is ready to pick right up where he left off last year. We're counting on him again for a great season, because we know he's capable of special things."

Another key for UMass along the front line will be sophomore forward Stephane Lasme. One of the conference's premier shot blockers, Lasme ranked second in the A-10 with 51 blocks last season, an average of 1.8 per game. Tall, athletic and an exceptional leaper, Lasme is a key figure for the '04-05 Minutemen. If he can continue to develop into an intimidating defensive force and the avoid problems with foul trouble that plagued him much of last season, he'll give Lappas a difference-maker in the pivot who will help take the heat off of Freeman defensively and help slow opponents inside game. If he can also further his game offensively to the point where he can contribute consistently, it will be an additional bonus for the Maroon and White.

"Stephane is a guy who has really come a long way since last season," Lappas said. "He's still very new to the game, and he's learning things every day that are just helping him get better and better. The more experience he gets, the more he'll be able to help us."

Back for his third season at UMass is Jeff Viggiano. The Suffield, Conn. native has started for Lappas through the majority of the past two seasons, and will provide key leadership and stability off the bench both at the wing and inside as an occasional power forward. Viggiano averaged 9.7 points and 5.4 rebounds per game for UMass last season but, despite being recruited as a shooter, still hasn't shown the consistency from behind the arc to be a mainstay within the offense. Nonetheless, Viggiano is one of the toughest players on the team, and the many intangibles he brings will help keep the Minutemen together on both ends of the court.

Highly touted freshman Lawrence Carrier will also help take some of the pressure off of Carrier, and will team with Viggiano in giving Lappas a pair of forwards who can play both inside and out. A former top five high school recruit who played at the Salisbury (Conn.) School after moving east from Southern California, Carrier is known for his deadly 3-point shooting ability. He needs to work himself into better shape at this point, but has the athleticism and potential to be a true difference-maker on the offensive end. If he can work on his transition game and finish strong on offense to allow himself more open looks around the perimeter, he will likely get better with as the season progresses.

"We have the chance to go big or go small, and that flexibility is good," Lappas said. "We have guys like [Viggiano] who can play a number of roles, and those guys can really help us in finding the best possible matchups on both ends."

The final two-thirds of UMass' 2004 recruiting class will also be put in a position to help the Minutemen this season. Canadian high school product Olivier Lamoureux missed most of early season practice after hernia surgery, but has rebounded nicely and has the potential to come in and help right away. A tall, lanky forward who can shoot and run the floor, Lamoureux remains untested against the big, physical forwards in the A-10, and needs to prove he can hold his own inside.

Holding his own will not be a problem for 6-foot-11 325-pound Bristol, Conn. native Jeff "Big Deli" Salovski. A monster of a man who can move bodies inside, Lappas says Salovski still needs to lose some weight and gain quickness and stamina before he can contribute regularly, but strongly emphasizes that he thinks "Big Deli" will one day become a solid A-10 big man.

"The young kids that we've brought in are guys we really think can contribute, but we don't necessarily need them to because we have such a strong returning group," Lappas said. "Over the course of the season, I think the three freshman are going to have their chance to make a difference, but they won't have the pressure on them of having to do it all right away."

Senior Brennan Martin will also contribute at the forward position, and will compliment UMass' inside presence with his strong shooting ability. Sophomore forward Alassane Kouyate, meanwhile, had double knee surgery in the off-season, and has had difficulty during the recovery process. He is continuing to rest his knees and weigh his options, and will likely be out for the foreseeable future.

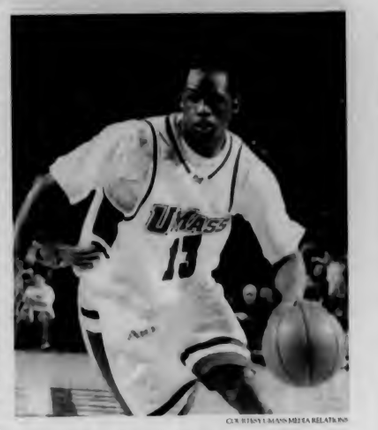
Walk-on Tim Collins will also provide depth at the position.



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

In the thick of things

Junior foward John Toffey has an assist this year for UMass. The Minutemen will face off against Vermont today at 7 p.m.



COURTESY UMASS MEDIA RELATIONS

Chris Chadwick averaged 1.1 points per game last year for the Minutemen. Chadwick will see more time at guard this year for UMass.

UMass looks to rebound at Holy Cross

By Brendian Hall
Collegian Staff

After last weekend's trip to Chicago, a tournament in which they outrebounded but lost to both Southern California and Murray State, the Massachusetts women's team will be looking to get into a rhythm tonight at Holy Cross.

A win this evening in Worcester against the Crusaders would be obviously pleasing to coach Marnie Dacko, but it won't exactly be a piece of cake — especially when one factor is turnovers.

Against USC on Friday, the Maroon and White committed a record 31 turnovers, a good portion coming unforced.

"I'm concerned with how well we're going to make our own adjustments as far as taking care of the basketball," Dacko said. "A lot of those turnovers were unforced ... we dribbled the ball off our knee, off our foot, threw it out of bounds. A couple of players averaged six turnovers a game, but that's something that can be remedied."

Whatever remedy that is had, better act quick. If they want to hang with the Crusaders, turning the ball over — whether carelessly or not — is not an option.

Against Providence College on Nov. 19, the Crusaders' defense forced a whopping 26 turnovers, which eventually led to 68-40 thumping of the Lady Friars.

Two days later, facing Buffalo, the Crusader defense stood tall yet again, this time forcing an even more astounding 29 turnovers and pounding the Bulls 73-42.

In a span of two games, Holy Cross outscored their opponent 141-82 and forced 55 turnovers. Meanwhile, the Minutewomen gave the ball away almost as many times, totaling 53 in the Moran Realty Classic.

Nonetheless, going 0-3 is not in the Maroon and White's agenda.

"It's pretty important, you know. Going 0-3 isn't what any team wants to do," junior guard Katie Nelson said. "I think we played pretty well in our first game. We'd gain a lot of confidence with a win."

But the game that UMass has played hasn't been all that bad. Look no further than the defense, and more importantly the rebounding skills of Patrycja Gulak, Brooke Campbell, Tamara Tatham and the like. The frontcourt outrebounded the Women of Troy 47-37, including 32-23 defensively, and then proceeded to outboard the Lady Racers on Saturday 47-34.

Putting together a good defensive stand for the length of a game, however, may need a little touching up.

"If you're going to pick out a highlight, defense and rebounding would be your two highlights," Dacko said. "[But] are we playing defense for 40 minutes? No. Are we rebounding better? Yes."

The ups and downs of UMass basketball

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Talk of the season ahead became the same old song. "They should be good, they have potential, this year will be better," were comments you could almost set your watch to as fall slowly faded into the doldrums of another New England winter.

This year, however, things are starting to look different for the Minutemen. Things look like they are finally turning around.

For the first time since Lappas has arrived, the lineup isn't chock full of Bruiser Flint's (Lappas's predecessor) recruits. It is a team that has depth beyond the sixth man and there is actually more than one viable scoring option.

Instead of sharp-shooting point guard Anthony Anderson carrying the load and surrounded by question marks, there are a few other players, including last year's leading-scorer and Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Year Rashaun Freeman.

However, as any knowledgeable UMass fan will attest to, they've been in this situation before. Reminiscent of the Crooks-Rhymer tandem of old, many Minutemen supporters may be wary to put all of their faith in another point guard/big man offensive scheme, but if you look at the lineup on paper the talent on this team goes a bit deeper.

For the first time in awhile there will be a fight for starting positions.

Jeff Viggiano, who last year was a shoe-in to start at small forward, now has to compete with defensive-minded Maurice Maxwell. Although there may be some discrepancy to who starts from week to week, this competition will be beneficial for both players.

Aside from the swing-man rotation, UMass has one of the most intimidating front courts in recent memory. Freeman, who is a lock at power forward, and Stephane Lasme, who may be the best defensive center in the A-10 this year, will guard the paint for the Minutemen. However, Lasme has this problem where he gets himself into foul trouble ... fast.

For any other UMass team of the past four years, foul trouble down low would decipher into problems, but not this year. Freshmen Jeff "Big Deli" Salovski, who stands at 6-foot 11 and an imposing 325 pounds, and Lawrence Carrier, who was once a top-10 recruit in the nation are both ready and able to not only defend, but also dominate the paint.

As any sports fan knows, it's hard to get excited after three mediocre seasons in a row. Fans of the Minutemen will be skeptical, as they should, until the product they root for finally delivers. But maybe this year is different; perhaps the right pieces are actually in place and a positive chapter will be written in the ongoing saga of UMass basketball. I guess we'll just have to wait and see what happens this year.

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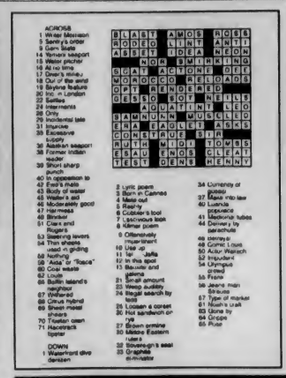


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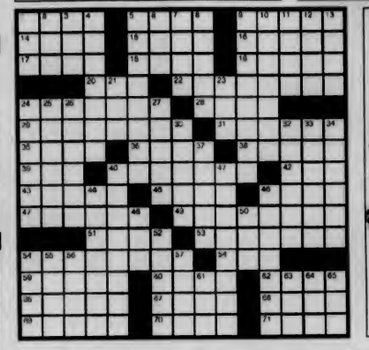




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Revival in the Pioneer Valley

UMass combines strong youth and experience in the 2004-05 season

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

For those in and around Massachusetts men's basketball, there is little to no doubt that this is a make-or-break year for head coach Steve Lappas and the Minutemen. A year after going 11-17 and bowing out in the first round of the Atlantic 10 tournament for the second consecutive season, UMass returns all five starters and a plethora of cautious optimism surrounding the program.

Lappas has displayed a prowess for igniting dormant programs from the doldrums of mediocrity, and it was for that very reason that he was brought to Amherst. After three consecutive losing seasons, however, the uneasiness of losing has begun to grow uncomfortable for the Maroon and White's thin but loyal fan base. Nonetheless, in his stays at Manhattan and Villanova, Lappas combined to go 51-16 in his fourth season at the helm, and the veteran coach has every reason to believe his young and talented group will be primed for success in 2003-04.

With a year of experience under their belt and a few more pieces of the puzzle fitting in around them, this group has the potential to be the team that reignites the basketball flame and takes back the cold, bitter Amherst winter that once belonged solely to basketball and nothing else. With success will come interest, and with interest will come fans, but one will not come without the other. The opportunity is there for the taking, as are the fans who have waited anxiously for the return to glory of UMass basketball, all that's left is for this group to make it happen.

Backcourt

As he has over each of the past three seasons, Lappas will once again rely on senior point guard Anthony Anderson to take charge of his young team and direct traffic on both ends of the court. A four-year starter and a two-year captain, Anderson now has three years' experience running Lappas' motion offense, and the 2001 Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Year has evolved into a reliable floor general who takes care of the ball and can effectively create his own offense.

His shot selection is shaky at times — he often passes up open looks in attempting to get teammates involved — but he remains one of the Atlantic 10's premier shooters after connecting on nearly 39 percent of his three-point attempts and averaging 12.9 points per game last season.

Anderson will also be looking to make a final mark in the UMass record books in this, his final season in Amherst. The Lynn native currently sits third on the program's all time list in three-pointers made (227), fourth in three-point attempts (584) and fifth in three-point percentage (.389).

Additionally, he is one of only six players in UMass history who have recorded 100 or more assists in three consecutive seasons, and if he can accomplish the feat again, he will join Carl Smith as the only two players in school history to reach that level in four consecutive campaigns.

"Anthony knows exactly what to do out there at all times," Lappas said. "He's a very smart player who understands what we're trying to do in the offense, and he really serves as another coach on the floor. The guys look up to him and respect him, and he's the kind of player who can really help to hold a young team together."

Joining Anderson in the backcourt will be sophomore guard Art Bowers, who was named to the A-10 All Rookie Team after averaging 9.7 points, 3.5 rebounds and 3.2 assists during his freshman campaign. A pure scorer known for his dynamic mid-range game, Bowers will be relied on heavily to pick up more of the scoring slack along the perimeter. He has proven he has a knack all his own offensively, but must improve on his 3-point shooting to take the pressure off of Anderson and help draw defenders away from the post.

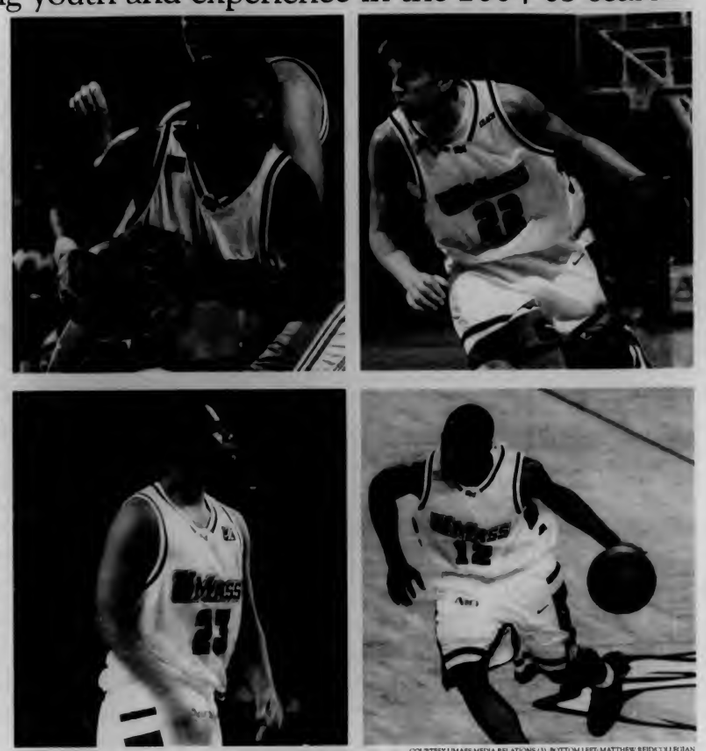
Classmate Maurice Maxwell, who is listed as a forward on the roster but will likely serve in a variety of roles on the wing, has a chance to become an elite defender in the A-10 with his long wingspan and good athleticism, but must show he can shoot the ball consistently to balance out his offensive game. He displayed good court awareness and an exceptional ability to attack the basket in averaging just over eight points per game in 2003-04, and if he can further his feel for the offense he may find himself filling in for Anderson at the point in certain situations.

Senior Chris Chadwick, a solid combo guard will once again serve as the team's backup point guard, is a player whom Lappas feels is poised for success this season, and has shed nearly 20 pounds to get back in what Lappas calls "much better shape." A steady hand at the point who is fearless with the ball, Chadwick is a streaky shooter who can help the Minutemen with senior leadership at either guard position, and gives the Maroon and White four relatively interchangeable parts at the guard position.

"Around the perimeter, we have the chance to be very solid both offensively and defensively," Lappas said. "We have guys who do a lot of different things well, and with the year of experience they got last year they should be primed to succeed for us this year.

"Artie Bowers and Maurice Maxwell are guys that we're counting on to step up this season, and we feel they both have a chance to be very good players

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COURTESY UMASS MEDIA RELATIONS (3), BOTTOM LEFT: MATTHEW REIDCOLLEGIAN

Clockwise: Rashaun Freeman, Jeff Viggiano, Anthony Anderson, and Lawerence Carrier will be key contributers for the Minutemen this year. UMass posseses its deepest squad in nearly five years and will be led into the 2004-05 campaign by captain Anthony Anderson.

Men's Basketball 2004-05 Roster

#	Name	Class	Pos.	Height	Weight
12	Anthony Anderson	Senior	G	5-11	170
34	Art Bowers	Sophomore	G	6-4	190
25	Lawrence Carrier	Freshman	F	6-8	225
2	Chris Chadwick	Senior	G	6-3	195
20	Tim Collins	Senior	F	6-5	210
1	Rashaun Freeman	Sophomore	F	6-9	255
21	Alassane Kouyate	Sophomore	F	6-8	200
11	Olivier Lamoureux	Freshman	F	6-9	215
5	Stephane Lasme	Sophomore	F	6-8	190
0	Brennan Martin	Senior	F	6-6	190
3	Maurice Maxwell	Sophomore	F	6-5	175
10	Drew Rossi	Sophomore	G	6-0	170
24	Jeff Salovski	Freshman	C	6-11	325
22	Jeff Viggiano	Junior	F	6-6	215

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Hoops starts season against worthy foe

With all the makings of an explosive season for the Massachusetts men's basketball team, it has to start converting skeptics today against a very talented Birmingham Southern team.

After defeating Concordia, 73-64, in an exhibition game 11 days ago the Minutemen had some concerns about their defense, their offense, and the status of their point guard and captain Anthony Anderson.

Anderson, who had only one day of practice before taking on Concordia, had a mere eight points on three-for-eight shooting. UMass coach Steve Lappas is quick to put that game behind him and is pleased with the progress Anderson has made.

"He'd only been back for a day before he played that game, but yea he's definitely back to normal," Lappas said.

One of the main issues for the Maroon and White will be its approach to a team that is extremely proficient from behind the arch. Birmingham Southern lacks a powerful game in the paint, but what it lack in size it makes up for in guard play.

With this, the Minutemen will need to shut down the perimeter and close off the Panther's exterior passing lanes. Lappas knows that UMass's perimeter defense has been one of its weaknesses over the past few seasons, and sees tonight as an opportunity to work on defending an adept shooting team.

"They're a smart team and they're a very good three-point shooting team," Lappas said. "We didn't defend the three-point line particularly well last year, so that's going to be a big thing for us."

One issue that may arise will be the health of guard/forward Maurice Maxwell, who hurt his thumb in practice yesterday. Maxwell, who is one of the premier defenders for UMass this year, went to get X-rays after practice; his status was yet to be determined.

If Maxwell is healthy, the Minutemen will start Anderson and sophomore Artie Bowers at the guard positions, and Rashaun Freeman, Maxwell, and Stephane Lasme in the frontcourt.

Birmingham Southern, who is coming off an 81-70 dismantling of Northeastern on Friday, has been slated as the pre-season favorite to win the Big South division.

-Bob McGovern

Men's Basketball 2004-05 Schedule

All times Eastern

Tue	11/23/2004	Birmingham Southern	Amherst, Mass.	7:00 PM
Sun	11/28/2004	Yale	Amherst, Mass.	2:00 PM
Wed	12/01/2004	Northeastern	Amherst, Mass.	7:00 PM
Sat	12/04/2004	Gonzaga	Seattle, Wash.	4:00 PM
Thu	12/09/2004	Connecticut	Amherst, Mass.	9:00 PM
Sun	12/12/2004	Miami	Coral Gables, Fla.	2:00 PM
Sun	12/19/2004	Davidson	Amherst, Mass.	2:00 PM
Thu	12/23/2004	Rider	Amherst, Mass.	7:00 PM
Tue	12/28/2004	Boston University	Amherst, Mass.	7:00 PM
Sun	01/02/2005	Boston College	Amherst, Mass.	2:00 PM
Wed	01/05/2005	Temple*	Amherst, Mass.	8:00 PM
Sat	01/08/2005	Xavier*	Amherst, Mass.	2:00 PM
Wed	01/12/2005	Saint Joseph's*	Philadelphia, Pa.	8:00 PM
Sat	01/15/2005	George Washington*	Washington, D.C.	NOON
Wed	01/19/2005	Fordham*	Amherst, Mass.	7:00 PM
Sat	01/22/2005	Saint Joseph's*	Amherst, Mass.	NOON
Wed	01/26/2005	St. Bonaventure*	Olean, N.Y.	7:00 PM
Sat	01/29/2005	Richmond*	Amherst, Mass.	NOON
Sat	02/05/2005	St. Bonaventure*	Amherst, Mass.	NOON
Wed	02/09/2005	Rhode Island*	Kingston, R.I.	7:30 PM
Sat	02/12/2005	Fordham*	Bronx, N.Y.	1:00 PM
Tue	02/15/2005	Florida State	Amherst, Mass.	7:00 PM
Sat	02/19/2005	La Salle*	Philadelphia, Pa.	4:00 PM
Wed	02/23/2005	Rhode Island*	Amherst, Mass.	7:00 PM
Sat	02/26/2005	Temple*	Philadelphia, Pa.	2:00 PM
Tue	03/01/2005	Dayton*	Dayton, Ohio	7:00 PM
Sat	03/05/2005	Duquesne*	Amherst, Mass.	2:00 PM

* Denotes Atlantic 10 Conference game

The revival of the basketball program



Bob McGovern

I remember it like it was yesterday.

Coming into UMass as a freshman, I had little knowledge of college athletics in the Pioneer Valley aside from the Massachusetts men's basketball team. When the paperwork was sent in and I was ready to head north from Florida to Amherst, friends told me, "Hey man, you're going to have a great basketball team up there."

So there I was, excited for the 2001-02 season, sitting in the then-crowded student section of the Mullins Center, with players like Shannon Crooks and Kitwana Rhymer headlining the squad. Steve Lappas was new to UMass and at first glance, everything appeared perfect.

They went 4-0 to start off the season, dropping national powerhouses Oregon 62-58 and North Carolina State 69-62 and were cruising towards a home matchup against University Connecticut, with only Holy Cross standing in the way.

That's when everything went terribly wrong.

In front of nearly 7,000 screaming fans, the Crusaders downed the Minutemen and from then on the program wasn't the same. Michael Smiley, a sharpshooter from Holy Cross, shot the lights out that night and a team that looked totally overmatched on paper and on the court went to bed that night victors.

But I kept coming.

My friends and I would sit in our seats, roughly 10 rows back and watch game after disappointing game. The crowds started to diminish over the past three years, hockey took over, and what was once a thriving basketball school became a campus of frustration.

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Minutemen win home opener 64-60

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Annual Dean's seminar presents 'Arts in America at Cultural Crossroads'

By Sean Whelan
Collegian Staff

Robert Lynch addressed issues that American artists face in his lecture Monday afternoon in the Campus Center. Lynch's talk was titled, "Arts in America at a Cultural Crossroads: The Future of Cultural Support and Policy."

The event was the third annual CHFA Dean's seminar, emphasizing a theme of CHFA graduates' roles in the real world. Lynch's blending of humor and subject matter captivated an audience larger than anticipated for nearly two hours.

Lynch graduated from the University of Massachusetts as an English major in 1971. Currently he is president and CEO of Americans for the Arts, and has been with the organization since its inception in 1996. In addition, Lynch has received many prestigious awards and serves on numerous boards of directors, including The National cultural advocacy group.

He has spent more than 30 years of work in the arts industry, and composes music on the piano, mandolin, and guitar. After divulging this information Lynch was quick to say, "I'm certainly not any good at any of the three." Following the audience's laughter, Lynch stated, "An uncountable number of people write poetry on any surface they can find, twenty-five million Americans sing in choruses, and thirty milllion make quilts," reminding the audience of the numerous forms of artistic expression.

Lynch's professional motivation has been driven by his personal desire to empower communities and leaders to advance the arts and to broaden social appreciation of the arts on all levels. The road to his present destination, "Was not easy, in fact it was a lie, let me rephrase that, a marketing strategy."

Lynch was referring to an organization he cleverly created on paper titled, "New England Artists." He set a date, invited artists, advertised, and rented a parcel of land here in western MA. 20,000 people attended, he charged an admission fee of $0.99, and quickly learned, "the value people place on a penny in this part of the state." Besides having to acquire roughly 20,000 pennies, the ceremonious release of a hundred white pigeons hovered 20 feet over the crowd, and then proceeded to expel there waste over a frantic crowd. There was also a very large contingency of "well armed police, ready for what they perceived as a dangerous gathering of these types," considering the year 1971, and the inherent clash of ideals pertaining to the left and right.



MATT REIDCOLLEGIAN

Robert Lynch addresses issues concerning the arts and its future.

Regardless of what went wrong, the event was a success, and Lynch was ready to proceed with confidence, determination, and had formulated goals to guide his company and perspective.

Lynch's goals of empowering communities and leaders to advance the arts centers around creating an environment in which artists can thrive, generating more revenue for the arts and education of art, bringing leadership together, influencing politicians, and ad campaigns.

The current state of funding for the arts in America is rather dismal compared to most of the world, developed or not according to Lynch.

"Americans as a whole believe that government funding for the arts is roughly fifty percent of all contributions," said Lynch. He continued to articulate that although this may be true with some of our

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Law school merger possible for UMass

By Matt Elder
Collegian Staff

The University of Massachusetts is in the process of trying to merge with a local law school in order to give students across Massachusetts the benefits of a state law school, according to Ryan Benharris, president of the Student Bar Association at the Southern New England School of Law, which is located near UMass Dartmouth.

"The idea is that our school and SNESL try to be ABA accredited," Benharris said. The ABA, or American Bar Association, is one of the nationally recognized bars for lawyers.

Because of the way the bar system works, Benharris said, you need to pass the bar once you graduate from an ABA accredited school, which SNESL is not. If the merger happens, UMass would help support the law school's efforts to become accredited.

According to Benharris, Massachusetts and Connecticut have their own bars, and if a student passes those they can practice law in either of those states. Massachusetts is one of only five states without a public law school, according to Benharris.

"UMass would take over the school and make it a state school," he said. Benharris added that the school would offer its students the same types of benefits, like tuition breaks, like regular state schools have.

Benharris said that Robert Ward, the dean of SNESL, developed a plan for the merger. According to Benharris, once UMass took over it would be financially easier for the school to become accredited.

"The University would engulf us," he said.

Benharris said that the University would need to provide $800,000 to build an extra room onto one of the current SNESL buildings. He said that the building is worth about $8 million, and if the merger is completed it would not cost the taxpayers.

The money that the University would spend on the merger would help them become ABA accredited, according to Benharris.

Benharris said that the merger would essentially be SNESL giving UMass an $8 million present: their building. He said that UMass would receive all the profits from the school.

Benharris added that the money UMass would contribute would also help to hire additional faculty members, which could offer more classes and in turn assist in the school's bid for accreditation.

"They're trying to beef up their classes," he said

Benharris said that UMass has a $1.2 billion budget for their schools across the state. He said that the $800,000 is well within their budget.

"That's like one night in the DC," he said.

Although Benharris said that he thinks the merger will happen, there is still a lengthy process ahead.

Benharris said that the UMass Board of Trustees met two weeks ago to discuss the possible merger. UMass President Jack Wilson and UMass Dartmouth Chancellor Jean F. MacCormack presented to the board why the two should merge.

"President Wilson is very for the merger," Benharris said. "He's been a huge friend."

Benharris said that for the merger to pass the Board of Trustees, a majority vote is needed. He said that most of the members of the board want to see the merger take place, but there are some opponents.

According to the UMass Web site, there are 25 members of the Board.

Most of the opponents, Benharris said, are afraid of spending the taxpayers' money.

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Three former law students fuel criticism for a private unaccredited law school

NORTH DARTMOUTH, Mass. (AP) — Lawsuits by three former law students claiming they were defrauded by a private unaccredited law school in Dartmouth are fueling criticism of a plan by the University of Massachusetts to convert the law school into the state's first public law school.

The graduates of the Southern New England School of Law allege that the school's leaders misled them into believing the school was about to be accredited by the American Bar Association. The school's accreditation was denied in 1997 and again in 1999.

The former students sued in part because their home states — New Jersey and Rhode Island — require bar applicants to be graduates of accredited law schools.

Brian D. Tamborelli of East Greenwich, R.I., alleged that the dean of the law school, Robert V. Ward Jr., said at a student forum in March 2000 that the law school and the University of Massachusetts were in "bed together," and that a University takeover would speed accreditation.

U.S. District Court Judge Nancy Gertner dismissed all three lawsuits, but one suit was revived in a strongly worded decision by Appeals Court Judge Bruce M. Selya.

Selya reinstated a count of fraudulent misrepresentation brought against the school by Joseph Rodi of New Jersey and allowed him to raise a claim against the school under state consumer protection laws.

Tamborelli has appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals decision.

University trustees could meet before the end of the year to vote on whether to merge the law school into the Dartmouth campus.

State Rep. Gale D. Candaras, D-Wilbraham, said the lawsuits signaled a need for caution.

"As you can see from the lawsuits, officials at the Southern New England School of Law have been telling students for years that accreditation was imminent, even though they knew that was not true," Candaras told The Republican of Springfield.

The school's lawyer, Allen N. David of Boston, said the school received "provisional accreditation" from the bar association. It's also clear the school was not promising anything to any of the students, Allen said.

John T. Hoey, a spokesman for the UMass Dartmouth campus, said yesterday that the school will again seek accreditation when the merger is complete. Hoey said he is confident the application will be successful.

Accreditation is also an issue in the proposed merger. University officials said the process will cost about $900,000, but Candaras and other lawmakers said it could cost $40 million.

Some legislators are also concerned about the merger because they fear other university programs will be shortchanged if the University begins a public law school.

-Associated Press

Mad cow false alarm

By John Heilprin
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A cow the Agriculture Department had suspected of carrying mad cow disease was declared free of the illness after follow-up tests, officials said Tuesday. The announcement was a relief to the U.S. beef industry, which is still trying to recover from the nation's first case of the disease last December.

Initial screenings last week had raised the possibility of a new case of the disease in the United States. However, a more definitive test at the National Veterinary Services Laboratories in Ames, Iowa, came back negative, the officials said.

Cattle futures trading ended Tuesday at 87.25 cents per pound on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, just slightly below the 87.32 cents per pound it was at the end of last Wednesday, the day before the latest mad cow scare. In between, it had dipped to nearly 84.2 cents per pound.

"We saw the market sell off and then stabilize," said Bill O'Grady, director of futures research for A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc. in St. Louis. "The market had sort of expected that the odds were high this would end up being a false positive."

O'Grady and Gregg Doud, chief economist of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, said beef prices also were affected by the heavy rains and snow in parts of Texas. Doud said it was hard to say how much the mad cow scare alone had influenced the markets.

"We're already back to where we were," said Doud.

After the initial screening, the Agriculture Department said it ran a "gold standard" test twice on Monday and Tuesday. Officials did not say where the cow came from or why it was suspected of being diseased.

"Negative results from both ... tests make us confident that the animal in question is indeed negative," said John Clifford, deputy administrator of the department's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

The initial screenings had produced what officials said were "inconclusive" results, but just the possibility of a second case had rattled cattle producers, meatpackers and hamburger chains.

Julie Quick, a USDA spokeswoman, said officials would provide no further information about the suspect cow since the test results came back negative. It has been less than a year since the first case of mad cow disease.

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Controversial tapes revealed at station

BOSTON (AP) — The man who was poised to purchase a Boston business radio station but then withdrew, after owner Bradford C. Bleidt revealed a decades-old investment scam in tapes mailed to authorities, has agreed to continue to manage the station until Nov. 30.

Christopher Egan had been operating WBIX since Aug. 1, but the station's license had not yet been transferred when Bleidt, an investment adviser, attempted suicide after mailing confession tapes to the Securities and Exchange Commission, family, and business associates.

On Nov. 18, Egan announced he was withdrawing from the sale, effectively ending his role with the station.

But on Tuesday, the court-appointed receiver in the case, David Viscinanzo, asked Egan to continue operating the station through the end of the month.

Egan agreed, extending his role with the station for 12 days. He said he wanted to give the receiver more time to work out an agreement with the station's previous owner, Alex Langer, to whom Bleidt owes $7 million.

"The receiver felt it was important to operate the station, and was not equipped to do it, so I am willing to step in temporarily and help," Egan said. "If my managing WBIX for a week buys the receiver more time to recover assets, I'll make that sacrifice and assume that expense."

Egan had earlier agreed to pay salaries and health insurance for all displaced WBIX employees through Jan. 7 should it become necessary. Egan said that pledge still stands.

On Monday, a federal judge ordered Bleidt, 50, to undergo a psychiatric evaluation to determine whether he is mentally competent to stand trial on charges he stole tens of millions of dollars from his clients.

Bleidt, 50, confessed on the tapes he mailed to family, business partners and the Boston SEC to bilking his clients over two decades, calling his business "a great big Ponzi scheme."

-Associated Press

Rather steps down

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dan Rather, the hard-charging embodiment of CBS News who saw his reputation damaged by an ill-fated report on President Bush's National Guard service, said Tuesday he will step down as "CBS Evening News" anchor in March after nearly a quarter-century in the job.

Rather, 73, will become a correspondent for both editions of "60 Minutes," saying he looked forward to "pouring my heart" into investigative reporting.

John Roberts and Scott Pelley are frequently mentioned as in-house candidates to succeed him, but CBS News — a distant third in evening news ratings behind NBC and ABC — also will look elsewhere.

Rather replaced broadcast legend Walter Cronkite in 1981 and lasted even longer than his predecessor's 19 years. Rather, Tom Brokaw of NBC and Peter Jennings of ABC competed at the top ranks of network news for more than two decades as the world — and world of news — changed around them. Brokaw leaves NBC's "Nightly News" next week.

After some bumps that included walking off a broadcast, an eyebrow-raising mugging and attracting ridicule by briefly signing off his newscast with the word "courage," a September "60 Minutes Wednesday" story about Bush's service that turned out to be based on allegedly forged documents forced Rather to fight for his professional life.

Independent investigators are looking into what went wrong with the story, and their report is considered imminent.

Rather told The Associated Press that the guard story had

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CBS's Dan Rather decides to quit "CBS Evening News."

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Lynch presents the future of art

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European counterparts, the actual total is about 16 percent, and federal contributions are roughly two percent. On a recent trip to the Canadian Arts Association, Lynch quoted them as saying, "we need help!" In actuality, the Canadian Government spends ten times as much as the American Government. Canada annually spends $130 million on the arts, having roughly the same population of California. With these dismal numbers, "Americans for the Arts" have run some creative ad campaigns in cooperation with the Ad council, an important strategic partner.

Reaching out to all the various cultural groups of America, their television advertisements have been created and aired for target groups and locations. One ad showcased "Public Enemy's" Chuck D. rapping about under funding for arts in New York Schools; his actual mother follows his rap stating, "More Hip-hopin, and less hob-nobbing."

Another ad featured a Latino pop star urging involvement in the arts, which was done in English and Spanish. Another focused on an affluent Caucasian family, showing a young kid walking past a street violinist, saying, "Get a job." Directly following this statement, the same kid has a balloon giraffe made for him by a clown, and agitatedly replied, "I don't get it." The participating musicians volunteered their services, and actor Alec Baldwin voluntarily narrated the ads.

Another creative conception by Americans for the Arts can be found on their Web site.

"It was created as a motivational tool," where anyone can type in their zip code, said Lynch. From there, they list every American politician that affects that zip code ranging from George W. Bush, to your local town officials. They each receive a grade on their voting performance pertaining to the arts, on a standard academic grading scale.

From this list, links appear to give feedback to the various politicians. Lynch proceeded to ask the audience, "How many letters are required to coerce a politician into thinking they are laced with a situation requiring immediate action?" A confused audience gave no response; Lynch responded "Ten."

Lynch followed his answer asking, "What do the executions of Charles Degualle, and King Charles the first, the presidential election of Rutherford B. Hayes, and Texas being brought into the union all have in common? One vote," Lynch stated.

Lynch ended the discussion with an open question forum. When a student asked him for his opinion regarding the state of the arts funding and support at UMass, he replied, "We didn't have a fine arts center then, but it seems about the same, many students still create music, and many creative writing outlets exist. I was able to meet Janis Joplin when I was a student here, and I heard Bob Dylan recently performed." He then ended his talk by paraphrasing William Carlos Williams, "Men don't get the news of the day by reading a poem, but many die by their meanings."

UMass working to establish law school

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but Benharris said that can't happen.

"It's actually illegal to use taxpayers money for this type of merger," he said.

According to Benharris, after it passes the Board of Trustees, UMass would need to make a presentation to the State Board of Higher Education. Benharris said that the Board doesn't need to approve the merger, and that UMass can continue on without their approval.

"I'm very confident it will pass," he said.

According to Benharris, the goal is to get the law school to be nationally recognized and get a lot of above average students to attend. Once this happens, he said, the students could practice law in the state.

"Anybody who went [to the law school] would make a serious tuition break if they will work with public interest," he said. These students would do things like be public defenders for a few years.

Benharris said that Massachusetts has a shortage of lawyers. He said that 11,000 people in the state don't have lawyers, and many of those people end up representing themselves and end up in jail because they don't understand the law.

Benharris said that he wasn't sure when the Board of Trustees will vote on the merger. The next meeting isn't scheduled for several months, however an emergency meeting may be called earlier if the Board chooses.

Rather joins '60 Minutes' team

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nothing to do with his announcement.

"Everybody will have their own thoughts about this, but ... this was a separate decision apart from that," he said in an interview.

Discussions with CBS management about when he would leave began in 1999, were shelved after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and then renewed last summer, Rather said. He said he and CBS Chairman Leslie Moonves agreed his departure would be sometime early next year and Rather settled on March 9 — the 24th anniversary of when he succeeded Cronkite.

CBS News and Rather were undoubtedly weighing whether timing the announcement before or after the investigative panel's release would be better, said Ken Auletta, media columnist for The New Yorker magazine.

"I'm sure one of the things that Rather was doing here was thinking about his legacy," Auletta said. "It must be frustrating for a guy like this who has spent 24 years doing this and building up his career to be tainted by an event that he didn't have control over."

Rather, whose Texas roots were evident in his folksy aphorisms, joined CBS News in 1962 and covered President Kennedy's assassination in Dallas a year later. He became a White House reporter in the Nixon administration and his combative style was captured in a memorable moment when Nixon, at a news conference, grumbled to him: "Are you running for something?"

"No, sir, Mr. President," Rather shot back. "Are you?"

Together with Jennings and Brokaw, Rather's continuous coverage in the wake of Sept. 11 drew praise for helping a nation come to grips with an unimaginable tragedy. He scored several scoops, including anchoring the CBS report that offered the first pictures from the Abu Ghraib prison scandal earlier this year.

But his career was also dogged by incidents that attested to a tightly wound persona. In 1987, he walked off the evening news set in anger after CBS delayed the broadcast for a tennis match, leaving the network with dead air for six minutes. Four months later, then-Vice President George H.W. Bush, angered by a line of questioning from Rather, asked if he'd like to have his career judged by the walk-off.

Rather also claimed to be accosted once on a New York street by a strange man who beat him, asking, "Kenneth, what is the frequency." It became an odd cultural touchstone; the rock band R.E.M. wrote a song about it.

"He's apt to be haunted by the bizarre things that happened to him, the mugging and everything," said Bob Lee, president of WDBJ-TV in Roanoke, Virginia, and head of CBS's affiliate board. "But he has always been a vigorous competitor and a guy who cared an awful lot about the evening news broadcast. I wish he were going out on top."

Brokaw said that he was "pleased for Dan that he's come to a conclusion about his own life, as I have in my case."

"Dan and I have known each other competitively and personally for a long, long time," Brokaw said. "Occasionally on the competitive side, it would be tiny bumps in the road, but when you think of all that we've been through, we have a pretty strong relationship. So I wish him well."

ABC News said Jennings was traveling and could not immediately be reached for comment.

About his successor, Rather said, that "I hope it'll be somebody from the inside. But whoever it is will have my complete, unadulterated support and encouragement. Probably the best way I can help is to stay out of the way."

The transition is likely to raise renewed questions about the long-term viability of evening news broadcasts, which have been suffering from declining ratings for years in a world of instant Internet and cable news.

Rather has long been a target of critics who accused him of a liberal bias, and there's even a Web site devoted to that notion. The National Guard story sent those critics into overdrive. Rather's announcement Tuesday led one Republican congressman from Pennsylvania to issue a statement saying, in effect, good riddance.

Mad cow cleared

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or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, was found in the United States. The disease attacks an animal's nervous system, and food contaminated with BSE can afflict people with variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, a rare disease that is usually fatal.

A Canadian-born Holstein was found infected with BSE last December at a slaughterhouse near Moses Lake, Wash. More than 40 countries almost immediately cut off imports of U.S. beef and more than 700 additional cattle in Washington state, Oregon and Idaho were killed as a precaution. Exports account for about $3.8 billion of America's $40 billion a year beef industry.

The first case led authorities to broaden the number of animals screened for the disease and to further restrict what animal parts can be used in cattle feed. Some of those parts, such as the brain, spinal cord and small intestines, have the highest risk of contamination.

Preliminary screening tests have been conducted on more than 121,000 animals since the Agriculture Department initiated a new testing regime in June focusing on high-risk animals: those that died on the farm, had trouble walking or showed signs of nerve damage.

Within weeks, officials said they might have found two more animals whose preliminary screening tests came back "inconclusive," the same terminology used last Thursday when officials announced the latest possible case. But those two cases turned out to be false alarms once the more delinitive tests came back.



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Interim leader plans to follow Arafat's rule

By Mohammed Daraghmeh
Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — The interim Palestinian leader, Mahmoud Abbas, told the Palestinian parliament on Tuesday that he'll follow in Yasser Arafat's footsteps and demand that Israel recognize the "right of return" of Palestinian refugees, a hard-line position that has contributed to failed peace efforts in the past.

Abbas' remarks were seen as the start of his six-week presidential campaign, signaling to young, militant activists that he would not compromise on long-held Palestinian policies, though Israel considers them deal-breakers.

The traditional leadership of Fatah — dominated by contemporaries of the 69-year-old Abbas and Arafat, who died Nov. 11 at 75 — picked Abbas as the party candidate for president of the Palestinian Authority.

Rebellious young Fatah members are demanding a primary election, backing Marwan Barghouti, 45, who is serving a lengthy prison term in Israel.

Barghouti's wife, Fadwa, said her husband would decide early next week whether to run as an independent in the election, set for Jan. 9.

Abbas' speech sent another signal — though he is seen as a pragmatist and moderate opposed to violence, there is no guarantee that he could forge a peace deal with Israel.

During a one-day visit on Monday, Secretary of State Colin Powell hoped that successful Palestinian elections could result in renewed talks on the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan, which leads through stages to a Palestinian state.

The plan has foundered because neither side carried out the initial obligations. That aside, the last phase of "road map" negotiations would tackle the same issues that have scuttled earlier peace efforts — refugees, borders, Jewish settlements and Jerusalem.

Abbas gave no hint of flexibility Tuesday.

At a memorial ceremony for Arafat at the Palestinian parliament, Abbas said he would walk in the footsteps of the late Palestinian leader. "We promise you [Arafat] that our heart will not rest until we achieve the right of return for our people and end the tragic refugee issue," he said.

The "right of return" is a demand that all the refugees from the war that followed Israel's creation in 1948 should be allowed to return to their original homes, along with their descendants. That refers to a total of about four million people.

Israel has always rejected the concept, offering compensation to refugees and saying they should find permanent homes in Arab countries or a Palestinian state. Four million Arabs would overwhelm the Jewish state, where about six million Jews live.

Israel has consistently turned down Palestinian demands on the other main issues, as well.

Arafat held three top jobs — PLO chief, leader of Fatah and president of the Palestinian Authority. Immediately after Arafat's death on Nov. 11, Abbas was chosen as PLO chief. If he is also elected as Palestinian Authority president, he would be transformed from interim leader to Arafat's successor.

Abbas served as Arafat's first prime minister in 2003. However, he resigned after just four months in power, frustrated with Israeli policy and Arafat's refusal to grant him real power.

Thirteen members of the old-guard Fatah Central Committee picked Abbas as the party candidate Monday.

Palestinian Cabinet minister Qadoura Fares, a Barghouti loyalist, said the Fatah candidate should be chosen in a much larger forum. However, other members of the young guard said they are ready to recognize Abbas.

Palestinian Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath urged Barghouti not to run. "I think Marwan Barghouti is a disciplined man. He is committed to the decisions of Fatah," Shaath said. "Marwan will have an important role in the future."

Barghouti is serving five consecutive life terms for what an Israeli court said was his involvement in shooting attacks that killed four Israelis and a Greek monk. Barghouti, a former Fatah leader in the West Bank, denied any role in the attacks.

Israel has said it would not release him.

Also Tuesday, two more candidates joined the burgeoning list of presidential aspirants — Palestinian legislator Hassan Kreishch, 46, an anti-corruption crusader and Arafat critic, and Bassam Salhi, 44, leader of the People's Party, a small faction with communist roots. Neither is given a chance of winning.

Among others who plan to run are a billionaire industrialist and other critics of corruption under Arafat's regime.

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Iraqi malnutrition levels concern and discourage

We all read and hear about the American soldiers killed in Iraq, and how much of a tragedy it is when our young troops come home wrapped in the American flag. No matter what side of the political fence you sit on, it's clear that the number of deaths that has come out of this war is saddening and frustrating.

However, there is a group that gets less coverage in the news, but has been no less decimated by tragedy and death. It is a group that most Americans either don't know about, or don't want to think about because it doesn't directly affect life and the United States., which makes it easier to ignore.

The group in question is the youth of Iraq, who are just as much casualties of war than the American soldiers dying overseas, perhaps more.

One of the most glaring results of the U.S.-led invasion has been the escalating malnutrition levels among the Iraqi children. According to a recent survey done by the Oslo, Norway-based Fafo Institute for Applied Social Science, malnutrition rates have nearly doubled in the months following the invasion, rising from 3.8 percent before the invasion to nearly eight percent currently.

According to a Boston Globe article, studies suggest 400,000 children in Iraq are suffering from malnutrition. These rates are despite United Nations efforts to deliver food packages to Iraqi citizens. United Nations efforts have been partly hindered by insurgents attacking food convoys that approach the border. For security reasons, these convoys are sent back before they can even deliver a single bit of aide.

Another reason for the poor health of children in Iraq is the decimation of the country's infrastructure following years and years of fighting. The country's sewer systems are in shambles, a large percentage of citizens do not have adequate access to clean water, and sanitation levels are deplorable.

These conditions lead to chronic diarrhea in children whose immune systems have been broken down by long-term protein deficiencies and malnutrition. Since medical supplies in Iraq are sparse, malnourished children begin downward spiral of illness, weight loss, and dehydration.

UNICEF chief Carol Bellamy has estimated that one out of eight Iraqi children dies before reaching the age of five, due primarily to poor nutrition and poor health conditions. This problem has been escalating in Iraq for years, but has grown exponentially following the latest conflict.

"War is waged by adults, but it is the children who suffer the most," said Bellamy. "This protracted fighting and instability is wreaking havoc on Iraqi children."

Some would argue that the suffering of the Iraqi children is a necessary result of war and reconstruction. Regardless of whether or not this is the case, one cannot argue that the situation should be ignored. How long will the children of Iraq continue to suffer needlessly from a war that has already taken the lives of countless innocent victims?

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Media has ugly effects

Mike Annuth

Perhaps it's from reading psychology books or having female friends while growing up, but it is apparent that this country has a serious problem with the media influence on our adolescent girls. Instead of an isolated incident, this has become an epidemic and with the connection of television and magazines to the Internet, visions of what our society considers to be "beautiful" is visibly forced to our adolescent girls at an alarming rate.

This is not a new problem, at least not that I can figure. Since I, myself, have been in my early teen years, I have known girls who have been ill-affected by portrayals of models and skinny, fit girls in magazines and TV. I still know a number of college-aged women today who feel that they have been or are being influenced by what is in the media. While the problem of the media portrayal of only "beautiful" people is not isolated strictly to women, the focus of this editorial is the same focus that has been in the forefront of discussion for quite some time, our young girls are affected in negative ways by what we push as "beautiful" in our society.

I present the question: what exactly is "beautiful"? The magazines and television would have you believe that it is skinny, fit, tall, leggy, lithe and having flawless features. This is echoed time and time again in the pages of Seventeen when you're younger and Cosmopolitan, when you're older. It's seen on MTV and every awards show, in movies and on billboards, when we consciously notice it and when it's unconsciously pushed towards us in advertisements and commercials and even newscasters. The hypocrisy of it all, is when girls are told to "be themselves" by someone who society would deem to have "perfect" looks, influencing the negative stereotype that being oneself means changing towards what we find to be superficially impressive.

Aside from a general lessening of self-esteem in girls, media influence promotes eating disorders, which are a huge problem in our society. According to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, 90 percent of those who have eating disorders are women between the ages of 12 and 25. I cannot stress enough how astounding the influence is embedded in our society or how catastrophic the results when girls think negatively about their body image based on societal expectations.

I have always wanted to be able to hug the world and say that it will be okay, that not everyone looks like the people in the media and nor should they look like those people.

You may be asking, "But Mike, why are you writing about this topic that has been explored so many times by so many people?" My answer, because I think it affects each and every one of us, whether we are a man or a woman, whether we have had personal experience with the media influencing our self-esteem or know someone who has, or whether or not we have even noticed such a thing in our society. I have always wanted to be able to hug the world and say that it will be okay, that not everyone looks like the people in the media and nor should they look like those people.

If we were all designed to be the same person, we would all look the same and it would be quite a boring world. Baskin Robbins isn't known for their one flavor of ice cream, they're known for their 32 flavors, proving that we like variety in both our ice cream and our people. If I could have an answer to what someone should look like it would be simple and one worded, "yourself." However, I seem to hold the dissenting opinion in reference to societal expectations; television and magazines have me beat in both their circulation and their exposure.

I have a younger sister who is 11, and when I asked her about the media influencing how she thinks, she said things like, "How can I compare with those girls? They're thin and you look at them and think, why don't I look like that?" I didn't have an answer for her. I haven't yet found the answer to tell people when they ask questions of that nature. If I could supply an honest answer to everyone affected by media imagery, it would be: you are perfect the way you are, but we have to spread that word because it's as against a lot of magazines and TV, and currently, they're winning.

Mike Anmuth is a Collegian columnist.

Tagging devices pose threat

Andrew Freeman

Think of your experience in elementary school: recess, gym, and bus rides. Now, imagine walking into that school, or stepping onto that bus, and swiping an identification card through a terminal, which sends a signal to administrators that you are on your way to school, or already there. That is the reality facing a growing number of students, as schools from Texas to Tokyo are setting up electronic systems for monitoring students, ostensibly to prevent kidnapping.

Such systems are possible because of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags, a technology that originated during the World War II and is used in everything from product inventories to the highway Speed-pass.

The tags emit a signal, usually a simple ID number, although larger models can transmit more detailed information. These tags are also used on pets, to find them if they get lost, and have recently been approved by the FDA for use as sub-dermal implants. This means chips planted under the skin for doctors to access the patient's medical information. There are even proposals to plant these devices in passports and dollar bills. However, the most disturbing of the devices' uses is in schools.

In the town of Spring, Texas, roughly 28,000 students are being given

IDs that will be read when they enter and exit school buses; this information is transmitted to the school administrators and police. Although the purpose of the system is to prevent kidnapping, the local police chief told the New York Times that he expected it to be used to reassure parents whose children were attending extracurricular events after school. At the entrance to the Enterprise Charter School in Buffalo, New York, students pass through Texas Instruments kiosks where they present their cards to readers to indicate their attendance. In Japan, the Ricky Elementary School's children carry tags in their backpacks that trigger when they step in the door, and their parents are notified by email once they arrive. However, the concept of these systems to prevent kidnapping is flawed.

The ensuing demand for security obscures the fact that the likelihood of kidnapping on the way to school is extremely low.

Youth kidnapping is a relatively rare phenomenon: it composes 0.1 percent of all crimes against individuals, and only 1.5 percent of violent crimes against juveniles, according to FBI data. The majority of kidnappings are committed by people who know the victims, whether family members (49 percent) or acquaintances (27 percent); only 24 percent of kidnappings are committed by strangers. In addition, the majority of kidnappings by family (84 percent) and acquaintances (63 percent) occur at the homes or residences of the victims, so children are much more likely to be kidnapped at home by someone they know than outside by someone they don't. However, heavy media coverage of the few kidnappings that do occur elicits intense fear and creates the false impression that children are constantly in danger. The ensuing demand for security obscures the fact that the likelihood of kidnapping on the way to school is extremely low.

The RFID systems are also expensive. The Buffalo kiosks cost $40,000, while the Spring system is $180,000, and the Ricky tags are around $136,000. Multiply these costs across the country, and you have a massive outlay of funds that could be spent on education, whether improving degraded facilities, adding new classes, or raising teacher salaries. Because of the low probability of kidnapping, this money would essentially be wasted.

To make better use of such a substantial investment, administrators and police officers would surely employ the technology for other purposes. Tracking students after school is one possibility — the information gathered could be transmitted to parents, or even sold to marketers interested in knowing where students congregate. Tags might be implanted under the skin of young children so that they would not lose them, making it possible to locate them anywhere. Moreover, kidnapping of teenagers also occurs, meaning such systems could be extended to middle and high schools, when young people are first asserting their independence. Parents flush with the power of knowing where their children are at all times would be more controlling of their offspring's behavior. As RFID tags spread, they might reach higher education, where parents paying as much as $30,000 a year would demand electronic proof that their children aren't drinking the money away. Unsurprisingly, privacy groups such as the ACLU and Electronic Frontier Foundation oppose the use of RFID tags.

Youth kidnapping is an awful crime, but fortunately it is rare, and expensive RFID technology will not substantially protect against it. Moreover, the threats to civil liberties and privacy are substantial. I'd rather see children playing tag than paranoid parents and administrators tagging children.

Andrew Freeman is a Collegian columnist.

Adoption includes risks

Amelia Sabadini

Adoption is an important issue in society; the pros and cons have been debated. I'd just like to point out that while it probably is true that many children do get adopted and live happily ever after, there is no way to be sure that this will be the case for every given child. Adoption is not the guaranteed perfect solution to an unwanted pregnancy that some people want to believe it is. While I'm not an expert, I don't run an adoption agency, nor have I ever put a child up for adoption, I do feel I can speak with some knowledge on this subject. I am the child of a woman who was adopted.

Even if an adopted child does not get adopted into an abusive home they still have to deal with the fact that they are adopted and it does have an impact.

Some would consider my mother to have been lucky. She was white, healthy and given to smiling quite a lot, so consequently she was adopted while she was still a baby. I mention this because a child's chances of being adopted drop sharply as they grow older. Not that you will be able to find actual numbers of children up for adoption on a website like adoption.com. They only give the percentages of women who put their babies up for adoption. This site does however give a break down, in percentages, of white vs. black women (no other qualifications about race are given, it's just white or black) who apply for placement. They do have pictures of 86 children awaiting adoption in Massachusetts, and mention that there are three couples looking to adopt. Like I said, some would say my mother was lucky. I wouldn't though, given that she was adopted into a severely abusive family.

I am not anti-adoption but I don't see adoption as a panacea. It does have real risks involved. Even if an adopted child does not get adopted into an abusive home, they still have to deal with the fact that they are adopted and it does have an impact. How can it not say something to adopted children that people are willing to go to outrageous lengths to conceive their own children? What is implied by the fact that so many people consider adoption as a last resort? There's also this notion that adoption offers a second chance or a new start for a child. Well, maybe; maybe not. Looking again at adoption.com, I found a section they call "risks," and it is all about the risks incurred by the prospective adoptive parents. There is even a worksheet to determine the risk rating associated with a tentative adoption. It asks questions about the birthmother's level of education with high school drop outs having high-risk scores. Other things that will get a child a high-risk rating are if the birthmother is on welfare, if she's under 18, has a substance abuse problem, or comes from a single parent home. So much for that new start.

I don't talk to my mother anymore. For reasons I have still yet to comprehend, she brought the man who abused her (her adoptive father) into our home. She knew he was abusing her children as he had abused her and instead of stopping him she aided and abetted him. She seldom missed an opportunity to put her children in harms way. She seemed to be perpetually abandoning us. Now, I am only delving into this because I feel it is important to show how there are indeed cases where adoption is not a happy ending. Maybe more importantly, it needs to be stressed that the miserable outcome of my mother's adoption did not just stop short with her, it kept spreading — it is still spreading. Cases like my mother's are probably (hopefully) in the minority. Just the same, say it's a minority of 10 percent out of say a million adopted children who end up in situations of abuse, that's still 100,000 people living in horrible pain.

I realize some people would prefer to not hear this and that this group of people has a fair amount of over-lap with the people who happen to believe that abortion should be made illegal. This mutually inclusive group wants to remain unconscious about these risks. This is understandable. Hearing about these risks raises the specter of doubt. Doubt is uncomfortable and unpleasant, as are pain and fear, but if you are unconscious there is no perceiving such things. The less aware you are, the less you perceive and the less you are effected by your environment.

Amelia Sabadini is a Collegian columnist.

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Dr. Ralph Stanley plays the Iron Horse



Country legend Ralph Stanley played at the Iron Horse in Northampton on Friday. Though the aging singer has no longer adopted the banjo picking that made him famous for years, was in top form at the show.

Martha gives 'Thanks'

NEW YORK (AP) — Martha Stewart, in prison for one of her favorite holidays, says she is "safe, fit and healthy" and grateful this Thanksgiving for the support of her fans.

In a new message on her personal Web site, the homemaking expert also says she is being treated fairly by staff and other inmates at the federal women's prison in Alderson, W.Va.

"As you would expect, the loss of freedom and the lack of privacy are extremely difficult," the message says. "Visits from my friends, family and colleagues — together with your goodwill and best wishes — will get me through this chapter in my life."



Stewart, 63, is serving a five-month sentence for lying to investigators about a 2001 personal stock sale and will be released from prison in early March. She is appealing her conviction.

Stewart's lawyer has said she has access to a typewriter, but it was not clear if she had a computer that allows her to post messages to her Web site. Her publicist did not immediately return a call Tuesday.

Stewart said before entering prison that she was "very sad" about missing the holiday season. In the past, she has made TV appearances for the holidays, guiding Americans on how to prepare and expertly carve turkey.

At Alderson, as at other federal prisons, Stewart and other inmates will be served a Thanksgiving meal on Thursday, including turkey, said Dan Dunne, a spokesman for the U.S. Bureau of Prisons.

"It's tradition that we do that for the purposes of recognizing the holiday for the inmates," Dunne said. Stewart says she has received thousands of letters and 15,000 emails since reporting to prison Oct. 8. Her lawyers have said she spends much of her time at Alderson writing — perhaps for a book rumored to be in the works.

"I want you to know that I am well," she wrote on the Web site. "I am safe, fit and healthy, and I am pleased to report that, contrary to rumors you might have heard, my daily interactions with the staff and fellow inmates here at Alderson are marked by fair treatment and mutual respect."

— *Erin McClam/Associated Press*

U2 surprises fans with show at Brooklyn Bridge

NEW YORK (AP) — With the bright lights of lower Manhattan shining on the stage, the band U2 played a surprise outdoor concert Monday in a waterfront park beneath the Brooklyn Bridge.

Although the MTV-organized show hadn't been publicly announced or advertised, thousands lined up at the Empire-Fulton Ferry State Park, a riverside park between the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges and across from the New York skyline.

Most people said they heard about the show through word-of-mouth or postings on U2 fans' Web sites.

The concert was for an MTV special called "mtvJAMMED: U2," set to air Dec. 10.

Led by frontman Bono, U2 played songs from its new album, "How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb." Although the album wasn't scheduled to be released until Tuesday, many fans had already downloaded the songs and sang along with the choruses.



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Deb Pruitt, 47, left her home in Culpeper, Va., at 4 a.m. to see the concert. She met her daughter, Melissa, who was flown in from Los Angeles after winning a U2 raffle.

"It's totally worth it not to sleep at all and drive eight hours to be here," said Deb Pruitt. "We're big fans."

Before the concert, U2 spent the day playing on the back of a flatbed truck that wound through city streets as a film crew shot the band for a new video.

When the waiting fans in Brooklyn saw the truck crossing the Manhattan Bridge with the band on board, they screamed and waved at the rockers.

"It was an incredible show," Zain Deane, 30, said after the band's 45-minute set. "U2's the best. And there's nothing like the skyline at night."

— *Sam Dolnik/Associated Press*

Dances on the streets of Rio de Janeiro's Cidade Alta slum educate

By HAROLD OLMOS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — The clatter of police helicopters and crackle of a gunfight between drug gangs isn't unusual in the Cidade Alta slum, nicknamed the "Gaza strip" for its endemic violence.

More striking is the ballet music that wafts softly from an old two-story house soon after the shooting ends. Dozens of young people are inside eager for a chance to escape the lure of drug trafficking and other crimes.

The dance program is sponsored by Acao Comunitaria do Brasil — Brazilian Community Action — a privately financed group that has been active in Rio's shantytowns for almost 40 years.

There are also classes in percussion, reggae, rap music and a variety of African-Brazilian dance, although ballet is the center's showpiece — some dancers have even joined the Municipal Theater ballet corps, one of Brazil's most prestigious.

Over the past four years, the center has gradually expanded its focus from basic education to the arts. A key was hiring local teachers to tutor teens and twentysomethings in dance and music, handicrafts and related activities like stage lighting, set design, drawing, electrical wiring and hairdressing — all potential livelihoods for career-hungry youngsters.

From Monday to Saturday, some 500 students flock to the ACB house every day for classes, rehearsals and workshops. Their output — from dolls and recycled paper to T-shirts and postcards — is sold at cultural centers and the city's hotels. Those who have gone on to the Municipal Theater are a source of pride for the center.

"Gisele, Natalia, Rebeca — they all went to the Municipal Theater ballet," says Michele Cristina Costa, 26, a graduate of the ballet course herself and its current teacher. "Three! And all in only three years."

Twelve other dancers are being tested for spots in the troupe, she adds.

Acao Comunitaria do Brasil hopes to raise standards and goals for youngsters in Rio's 600 or so slums, which are often run as private fiefdoms by drug gangs.

"We showed them that dancing can be a respectable career," says Casemiro Moreira, coordinator of the program in Cidade Alta. "And those less inclined to arts learned there's a lot of jobs supporting art they can learn quickly and earn a living."

Standouts become part of "excellence teams" at the center and get scholarships of up to 80 reals, or about $27, a month. That's about a third of what many poor workers earn on Brazil's monthly minimum wage of 260 reals ($93).

The teams now have 40 members and 40 others are awaiting grants. "We hope we can get them enrolled next year, as soon as we get funds to pay for the grants," Moreira says.

Dance is a natural attraction. Brazilians love to dance, from samba to the acrobatic capoeira, a graceful martial art brought to the country by African slaves.

The 42 young people now getting instruction in street dance, ballet, an ancient Angolan dance called Kina Mutembua and various African-Brazilian styles learned many basics outside on their own.

Now their skills are being polished by Firmino Pitanga, who learned capoeira when he was just eight and worked in the 1970s under New York University choreography professor Clyde Morgan as part of the Contemporary Dance group.

"Capoeira here in Cidade Alta has become an art close to perfection," Pitanga says. "But for those joining us, dance gives a possibility to get out of violence."

One of his students, Alexandre Silva, 29, agrees.

"In this place I found a way of life. I now strongly believe in dance as my way of personal realization — it used to be just a dream," says Silva, a leader of the center's "Action and Street Dance" team.

Under Pitanga's direction, the group rehearses almost daily in a yard behind the offices, protected by high, white walls as they prepare for performances in the city's theaters.

The rehearsals offer a catharsis for those excluded from the life of affluent, seaside Rio down below the shantytowns in the hills.

In one dance choreographed by Pitanga, the students stretch out their arms and point, chanting in a hoarse accusation: "Your home might be creating one more delinquent." Then they rhythmically stomp and execute flips and pirouettes representing police brutality and domestic violence.

The group also acts out historical events, like the execution of runaway slave leader Zumbi dos Palmares by his Portuguese captors in the early 17th century.

"Representing violence is not hard for them, because they live feeling violence," Pitanga says.

According to official figures, an average of eight people die violently every day in Rio de Janeiro, many of them in the slums.

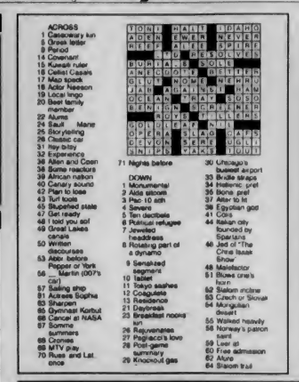
"One learns how to deal with violence," says Silva, the group leader. "First lesson is not walking on the streets after 7 p.m. This is the deadline to be back at home."

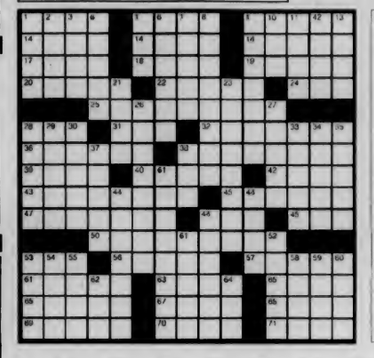


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"It is change, continuing change, inevitable change, that is the dominant factor in society today. No sensible decision can be made any longer without taking into account not only the world as it is, but the world as it will be."

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Minutemen squeak by Panthers

'Big Deli' is clutch at the charity stripe

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

Maurice Maxwell led four Minutemen in double figures with 17 points and Jeff "Big Deli" Salovski hit two crutial free throws down the stretch as the Massachusetts men's basketball team downed Birmingham Southern 64-60 before 3,122 on opening night at the Mullins Center.

Sophomore guard Art Bowers chipped in with 15 points and senior captain Anthony Anderson added 14 points and five steals as UMass used a strong first half and clutch shooting late in the game to win its sixth consecutive season opener in Amherst.

UMass	64
Birmingham	60

Sophomore forward Rashaun Freeman, who led the Maroon and White in scoring last year at 15.9 points per game, contributed 12 points and seven rebounds before fouling out late in the contest.

"I thought our kids did a great job of keeping their poise against a good team," UMass head coach Steve Lappas said. "Getting the first one out of the way at home is always a good feeling. We're not going to go overboard, and as we told the kids we want to get better one game at a time and see what it adds up to.

UMass took a 40-24 lead into halftime and led by as many as 18 early in the second half before going cold offensively and allowing Birmingham Southern to climb back into the game. Following a jumper by Freeman which made the score 45-30 with 16:16 to play, the Minutemen endured a stretch of 10:16 in which they scored just five points, and allowed the Panthers to narrow the lead to one.

After a basket and two free throws by Thomas Viglianco made the score 45-34 with just over 15 minutes to play, James Collins and Jakob Sigurdarson each made 3-pointers sandwiched around a basket by Freeman to narrow the lead to 47-40 at the 11:30 mark.

The Panthers then proceeded to score the next nine points, and Jimmy Amerson's two free throws with just under seven minutes remaining gave Birmingham Southern its first lead since the 10 minute mark of the first half.

Anderson answered back immediately for UMass, however, as his 3-pointer on the very next possession helped the Maroon and White regain the lead at 50-49. Bowers and Maxwell then combined to spark a 6-2 run that pushed UMass' advantage to 56-52 with 1:37 left.

The teams then traded free throws for the remainder of the game, including a pair from Salovski in two trips to the line, before Viglianco gave the Panthers one last gasp by hitting a 3-pointer with two second remaining. The Minutemen were able to inbound the ball from under their own basket, however, and Bowers sealed the deal by hitting 1-of-2 from the line.

"The difference from last year is that the experience will help us win games along the way, while we're still getting better," Lappas said. "This is not the best basketball we're going to play this year ... but come January we're going to be playing a lot better than this."



COLLEGIAN ARCHIVES

Sophomore power foward Rashaun Freeman goes for a dunk during the 2003-04 season. Freeman scored 12 points and grabbed five boards against Birmingham Southern last night. UMass won 64-60.

Maxwell's shooting paces Minutemen

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

If there were a class on how to hit clutch shots, Maurice Maxwell would be an apt teaching assistant.

In the Massachusetts men's basketball team's 64-60 victory over visiting Birmingham Southern, Maxwell hit two of the biggest shots of the contest en route to an impressive 17-point game. Even more astounding was his accuracy behind the arch where he went 4-for-6 for the evening.

Maxwell, who is usually a defense-minded player, capped off an impressive first half for UMass with a last second 3-pointer which put the Maroon and White up 40-26.

With time running down, Maxwell created his own shot on the top left corner of the arch. He pulled up, faded back, and before the ball hit the floor he was in the air, arms raised with an ear-to-ear grin for the whole crowd to see.

The 3-pointer was an integral part of the Minutemen's success sin the first half as they scored 21 of their first half points from behind the arch. The Panthers, however, made a defensive alteration, switching from a zone to man-to man pressure in hopes of shutting down the outside game.

It worked.

For the majority of the second half, UMass couldn't hit anything. Its field goal percentage dropped dramatically from an astounding 55 percent in the first half, to a lowly 22 percent in the second.

"I thought that the only difference in the second half was that we didn't make shots that we were making the in first half we didn't make in the second half," Lappas said.

When it wasn't working from the outside, Lappas had the Minutemen work it in to Rashaun Freeman and Staphane Lasme. Foul trouble, however, caused both to be relegated to the bench for a majority of the period.

The Panthers brought it back, took the lead, and it appeared that UMass was heading towards a collapse of colossal proportions, just as the going got tough, Maxwell got his hands on the ball again and gave the Minutemen the momentum they desperately needed.

With 4:30 left in the game, the ball was stuck around the perimeter and the shot clock was in the waning seconds. Maxwell got the ball, this time on the top right, and nailed a three as the buzzer sounded, sending the 3,122 fans in attendance into frenzy.

"I think Maxwell hit a three in the second half when they were having a difficult time," Birmingham Southern coach Duane Reboul said. "That kind of ignited them and allowed them to get back into a groove."

Maxwell was quick to mention how pleased he was with the shot, but also knew he had to focus his excitement and stay with the flow of the game.

"I was happy, you know, but then I knew I had to get back on D [defense]," Maxwell said. "Everybody wants to hit big shots but when you hit one, you know you wanted to hit it but you're still like, 'Yea!' you know?"

'The Brawl' leaves scar on NBA



Jeff Howe

When Friday night's brawl in Detroit erupted, the immediate, common reaction by those watching was one of excitement. It slowly turned into shock, which may have soon been replaced by disbelief.

As the days pass, and the aftermath gradually begins to set in — the suspensions, second-guessing, security stipulations and so on — those who invoive themselves with sports may start to question whether or not these fines and suspensions were warranted.

Well, they were.

These players, mainly Ron Artest, Stephen Jackson and Jermaine O'Neil, completely jeopardized the integrity of basketball and the world of sports in general.

Although it is too early to tell, "The Brawl" may have seriously damaged its fan base. This incident, which will undoubtedly be etched in people's brains, alongside things like Bill Laimbeer punching Larry Bird or Dennis Rodman kicking a cameraman, will not be forgotten about and that doesn't bode well for the NBA's image.

This is an image that has developed over the past five-and-a-half years, and it consists of athletes who have tarnished pasts, scandal-ridden careers and even embarrassing retirements in which former stars such as Jayson Williams have spent most of their down-time in courtrooms.

It is also an image that commissioner David Stern has done a stellar job to suppress over the past couple years.

But that all went out the window on Friday night when Ron Artest and his good friends found the time to destroy what was a good basketball game between two very solid teams by launching a free-for-all street brawl in The Palace.

Of course the fans did a great job of provoking the visiting Pacers, but this one still falls squarely on the shoulders of the professional athletes who took it upon themselves to police the matter.

It was the millionaire athletes who put a black eye on the entire sport, and it was those very same athletes who clearly showcased that they thought they, as individuals, were bigger than the game, and sport, as a whole.

On a gut, impulse reaction, it was the athletes who broke a uniquely sacred boundary between themselves and their fans to prove that they wouldn't back down in the face of conflict by showing how irrational they can act: not only off the court but on it.

But Stern also showed that he wouldn't back down to two of the league's biggest superstars plus one of the best role players in the NBA by dishing out three of the most extraordinary suspensions in league history. Ron Artest, who received the harshest punishment, now has the second most shameless album promotion in 2004, only being bested by Janet Jackson.

And by suspending the players involved, Stern stopped at nothing to make sure he did everything in his power to save the integrity of the game by coming down hard on the main components of the brawl all the way down to the bottom by giving Reggie Miller a day off even though he was making harmless attempts to stop the melee while decked out in a full suit.

For it is the integrity of the game that was set up by the legacy of athletes who worked hard to make the NBA what it is today long before Artest's parents were even born, and Stern's rulings are not unprecedented.

In 1877, a year after the National League officially started, four players on the Louisville Grays — including the league's best pitcher, Jim Devlin — were banned from National League baseball for life for losing games on purpose for gamblers. It was the bookies that were attempting to run through professional baseball at that time, similar to today's basketball players who seem more concerned with having strong street credibility than they are with learning how to effectively pass the ball through a zone defense.

It was this precedent that allowed Major League Baseball's first commissioner, Kennesaw Mountain Landis, to pull the plugs on the careers of the 1919 Black Sox who threw World Series games for the extra money from bookies. Landis made a statement saying that he would not stand for players in his league that would maliciously destroy the history and tradition of the game as well as the pride of its former players.

What the Indiana Pacers did on Friday night was not as intense of a violation of the sport as putting money on games, but it did expose one of the things that are wrong with the current game. Most of the players in the league are thugs who certainly are not suitably representing the emblem of Jerry West that stands as the official logo of the National Basketball Association.

So when these players come out and say that they were just trying to defend their pride as men, they should be reminded that, as professional athletes, they are held to higher standards, not just because of their national attention or because young kids want to emulate them in their backyards. They are held to higher standards because what they represent is a team's tradition, a city's image and a sport's integrity.

And while integrity continues to be the last thing on players such as Ron Artest's minds, the words "honor" and "basketball" will never continue to mix.

Jeff Howe is a Collegian editor.



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Last minute 'Crusade'

Tamara Tatham had eight rebounds in a last second 61-60 victory over Holy Cross.



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Senior foward Tim Vitek had an assist last night against Vermont. UMass lost to the University of Vermont 5-2. Marvin Degon had two goals on the game from the Minutemen.

'National Treasure' banks on predictable plot
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Holiday shoppers battle 'Black Friday'

By Mark Jewell
Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Malls are no longer conceding the most hardcore shoppers to big, freestanding discount stores on "Black Friday." Anchor stores in malls and even niche shops are increasingly opening their doors before sunrise on the year's biggest retail day.

A.J. Ebert joined a throng waiting in near-freezing temperatures Friday for the 6 a.m. opening of a Best Buy store at the CambridgeSide Galleria.

When the electronics store opened for a one-day, six-hour sale, television cameras were there to film the stampede.

"It was pretty bad. People were pushing and shoving," said Ebert, a 24-year-old nanny from Malden. "But ... it was all for the cameras."

Inside the mall, it was more civilized.

"I was talking to my cousin yesterday and I was like, 'Can I borrow your football pads?' because I was expecting big crowds," she said. "But the only place it was crowded was Best Buy."

CambridgeSide was hardly alone among Massachusetts malls opening early on Friday, expanding a tradition begun by retailers like Wal-Mart and Target.

"The entire retail industry is getting on this early morning bandwagon," said Jon B. Hurst, president of the 2,500-member Retailers Association of Massachusetts.

At the North Shore Mall, in Peabody, a J.C. Penney store opened at 5:30 a.m., with Macy's and Filene's opening their doors at 6. Even jewelers and other niche stores opened two or three hours before normal.

In the past, a mall like North Shore "would be focused more on the late-morning, casual type of shopper," said Hurst, noting that the North Shore Mall's parking lot was nearly full at mid-morning Friday. "Now, the consumers seem more willing to come in early."

At CambridgeSide, Sheila Buckman, a 44-year-old student from Boston, said she woke up at 3:45 a.m. to be on hand when KB Toys opened at 5 a.m., an hour or more before the mall's other stores began doing business.

Buckman, who said she was on a tighter budget this year than in the past, bought some Yu-Gi-Oh trading cards for her children, then raced to Sears to pick up one of the $10 gift cards handed out to store's first 200 shoppers.



COURTESY CAMBRIDGESIDE GALLERIA

The Cambridgeside Galleria prepares for the busy holiday season.

"I'm on a limited income so I can't go crazy," she Buckman, who used the gift card to buy children's socks.

Naotsugu Oyama, a 32-year-old Boston doctor, used his Sears gift card to pick up a $30 jacket for himself.

"I'm glad I got up early," said Oyama, who was shopping at CambridgeSide with his wife and his young son and planned to buy the boy a toy train later in the day.

Ebert was ready to head home after spending 90 minutes filling a large bag with gifts from KB Toys and Filene's. Her top sale item: a Norcent DVD player from Best Buy for $17.99, discounted from $37.99 after two $10 rebates.

For some, like Canadian visitor Linda Szczesniak, Black Friday was more like a spectator sport.

The 48-year-old legal assistant from Toronto awoke early with her daughter at a hotel, in time to witness the 6 a.m. rush at CambridgeSide. For them, shopping could come later.

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Bush suspects fraud in Ukraine elections

By Scott Lindlaw
Associated Press

CRAWFORD, Texas — President Bush declared Friday that charges of voter fraud have cast doubt on the Ukrainian election, and warned that any European-negotiated pact on Iran's nuclear program must ensure the world can verify Tehran's compliance.

"The only good deal is one that's verifiable," the president told reporters as he emerged from his Texas ranch for a brief visit to a coffee shop.

Bush issued a new appeal for the power to delete specific items that he deems excessive from budget plans. He spoke a week after Congress approved a $388 billion spending package that lawmakers loaded up with special items for their home-state industries and communities.

The president said he was not troubled by the total cost of the measure, which he said conformed to the outlines of spending requests he had made to lawmakers.

But, he said, "there's going to be things in these big bills that I don't particularly care for."

"The only way a president can affect that which is inside the bill, other than vetoing the entire bill, is to be able to pick out parts of a bill and express displeasure about it through a line-item veto. I hope the Congress will give me a line-item veto."

In 1997 the Supreme Court ruled that line-item veto power gave the president unconstitutionally broad latitude to change laws enacted by Congress. Bush has said he wants a new law that would pass constitutional muster.

World affairs dominated Bush's remarks here. He said he had lent his voice earlier in the day to new efforts to achieve a stable, joint Catholic-Protestant government in Northern Ireland.

Bush called Ian Paisley, who's Democratic Unionist Party represents most of Northern Ireland's British Protestant majority, to try to nudge the process forward.

The president waded in ahead of what is expected to be a week of high-stakes negotiations on the details, and Bush aides said they expected him to call Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams as early as Saturday.

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Iran signs against nuclear testing

By George Jahn
Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria - Just a day before an international deadline, Iran agreed Sunday not to test any centrifuges as part of a total suspension of nuclear activities that can yield uranium for atomic weapons. Diplomats described the about-face as an effort to avoid possible U.N. sanctions.

Diplomats from the European Union and elsewhere said on condition of anonymity that the International Atomic Energy Agency received a letter from Iran containing a pledge not to test 20 centrifuges during the freeze it agreed to Nov. 7 during negotiations with Britain, France and Germany, who were working on behalf of the European Union.

Diplomats accredited to the IAEA said the Europeans were still checking the offer for loopholes late Sunday and could not conclude that the Iranians had accepted a full freeze until the contents of the letter to the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency were analyzed fully.

But the pledge appeared to resolve a dispute that threatened to escalate at Monday's IAEA board meeting into consultations on possibly referring Iran to the U.N. Security Council for defying the board. The Security Council could then impose sanctions against Iran.

Still, the commitment came with strings attached. A government official from a board member country told The Associated Press that France, Germany and Britain had accepted an Iranian demand to further water down the language of a draft resolution they wrote for adoption by the board on ways of policing the suspension.

The text to be adopted Monday now includes a phrase emphasizing that the suspension is not a legal or binding obligation on Tehran's part, he said.

Iran says its program is for generating electricity, but the United States insists Iran is trying to make nuclear weapons. President Bush has called Iran part of an "axis of evil" with North Korea and prewar Iraq.

Uranium enrichment does not violate the terms of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty that Iran has signed, but for months Tehran has been under pressure to freeze all related activities to ease fears it might want to use the technology to make weapons.

The three European negotiators of the Nov. 7 deal say the freeze also prohibits the Iranians from running centrifuges for research purposes. The centrifuges spin gas into enriched uranium.

The Iranian promise came less than a day before the 35-nation IAEA board was scheduled to reconvene in Vienna over the enrichment suspension.

Iran had no official comment Sunday on the letter. State television and radio in Tehran were still broadcasting earlier statements from a Foreign Ministry spokesman, who had vowed that Iran would use the centrifuges for research.

The Foreign Ministry could not be reached for immediate comment.

"We always had research and development in the past and we will continue that in the future," ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi said.

It is not unusual for Iran state media to lag behind developments in diplomatic negotiations.

The IAEA board meeting adjourned in disarray Friday. The pause was meant to give the Iranian government time to approve a total freeze of its program, which can produce both low-grade nuclear fuel and weapons-grade material for the core of nuclear warheads. Delegates also were to decide on further steps in policing Tehran's nuclear activities.

The dispute about what constituted full suspension had dominated the meeting.

The Europeans say the deal committed Iran to full suspension of enrichment and all related activities at least while the two sides discuss a pact meant to provide Tehran with EU technical and economic aid and other concessions.

Iranian officials had suggested the issue was not up for debate only hours before details emerged of their letter to the agency.

"Referral to the U.N. Security Council would not be the end of the world," Asefi said in Tehran earlier Sunday.

But as the clock ticked down to Monday, EU officials and delegates spoke of the growing likelihood of tough action at the board meeting if Iran remained defiant — including the start of work on a harsh resolution that could include the threat of U.N. Security Council action.

The draft being informally circulated ahead of Monday's resumed board meeting contained intentionally weak language on how any freeze would be monitored by the agency in an attempt to entice Tehran to sign on to total suspension.

No open-bar law passed for holidays

BOSTON (AP) — Under a new interpretation of state law, Massachusetts liquor regulators won't allow bars and clubs statewide to offer open bars for revelers this holiday season.

The crackdown by the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission means that clubs can no longer offer fixed-price tickets that include all-you-can-drink deals. In the past, clubs would offer $100 admission tickets, an all-night open bar, and an early breakfast on New Year's Day.

"You're not allowed to have an open bar and we won't be having any," said Douglas Bacon, owner of the White Horse Tavern and three other Boston bars. "It's likely that we will still sell tickets for admission, including hats, noisemakers, food, entertainment, but we will not be including an open bar."

A 20-year-old state law bans two-for-one drink specials, chugging contests and open bars with unlimited drinks. Though the state "happy-hour law" also bars clubs from selling fixed-price tickets to parties with open bars, the law was not strictly enforced until last year, said Alan Eisner, executive director of the Massachusetts Hospitality Association.

Last year, club managers who opened their bars and faced sanctions for it protested to the state, saying they thought the open bars were legal because they sold tickets in advance and considered the events to be private.

The commission responded by sending notices to local licensing boards and bar owners this month clarifying that the rules apply to all events except "private functions."

The commission also defined what those functions are: an event with an identified host who pays the club for the event and restricts admission to invited guests on a written guest list. The event cannot be advertised to the public, under the commission's rules.

Eisner said the commission's stricter interpretation means club owners will cut ticket prices for big events and offer only cash bars.

Frederick Mahony, the commission's chief investigator, said the commission wants to avert tragedy. In past years, patrons in their 20s flocked to package-deal parties, got drunk, and then tried to drive home, he said.

"The natural tendency for people of that age is to drink all they can because they paid X amount of money," said Mahony.

-Associated Press



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Bar patrons can expect a 'no open-bar policy this holiday season.

Local family continues to search for answers

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — The family of two Springfield teenagers killed in separate shootings held a party over the weekend to mark what would have been their 20th birthday, hoping that someone among the dozens of people present at one of the killings might name the shooter.

Sheila A. Shepard organized Saturday night's party for the friends and family of her twin boys, Darnell and Daylan Shepard. Darnell was shot in May, at a friend's 16th birthday party in front of 100 guests. Daylan's death followed in July on a city street corner.

Two men, Porfirio Morales, 25, and Leo White, 20, have been arrested and have pleaded innocent in connection with Daylan's murder. According to police, Daylan was targeted because he was a stranger in the neighborhood he was passing through.

But there have been no arrests in Darnell's shooting, and their mother hoped that the birthday party would spur one of the dozens of people present when Darnell was shot to step forward.

On Saturday night, guests had little to say about the shooting.

"Everybody knows who it was," Arlington J. Dixon, 19, told The Republican newspaper.

But Dixon, an old family friend of the Shepards and companion of the twins who has since moved to New York City to attend college, refused to name the suspect.

Dylan and Darnell's father, John Shepard, had originally opposed the idea of the party at Cottage Hill Banquet Hall.

"I didn't want any kind of celebration until they found Darnell's killer. I have no good words to say," he said, surveying the room, which had begun to fill with the boys' teenage friends and family members.

The Shepards' death sparked vigils, political mobilization and calls for reform. But the killings devastated and stumped the boy's family, who said street violence has never been a part of their lives.

"Our family is educated. We are all college graduates. These boys had supportive parents. âThey had the Boys and Girls Club. Our family doesn't fit that," said the twins' aunt, Nancy Shepard, of Springfield.

Telea Y. Shepard, the twins' older sister, had rushed from work to attend the party and dish out chicken and spaghetti from the buffet line. A Springfield College senior, she said her family has grown closer since her brothers' deaths.

"We used to hardly talk even though we all lived in the same city. Now we talk every day," she said. "My dad's taken it the hardest. He misses his boys, and that guilt gets up inside him."

-Associated Press

Explosion in China kills dozens of people

By Audra Ang
Associated Press

BEIJING — An explosion tore through a coal mine in central China on Sunday, killing at least 25 miners and trapping 141 others in tunnels and shafts below without communications, the government said.

Some 127 workers managed to escape the state-owned mine, the Xinhua News Agency said, citing the State Bureau of Production Safety. Some 45 were hospitalized, five with serious injuries, Xinhua said.

The blast rocked Chenjiashan coal mine in Shaanxi province at 7:20 a.m., when 293 workers were underground, the official Xinhua News Agency said. The explosion was centered around coal pits five miles from the mine entrance, it said.

Most of the miners who escaped were working close to the entrance, Xinhua said, and many suffered from carbon monoxide poisoning. High levels of carbon monoxide was preventing rescuers from reaching parts of the tunnels.

Witnesses said they saw "huge amounts of thick smoke pouring from the mine's ventilation vents," hampering rescue efforts, according to the Web site of the Communist Party's People's Daily newspaper.

Staff at Chenjiashan said communications with the trapped miners were cut off, the site said.

On its evening newscast, state television showed ambulances rushing to the scene as huge crowds of people gathered outside the mine's main gate.

President Hu Jintao urged rescuers to employ "all effective measures" to save the trapped workers, China Central Television said.

Premier Wen Jiabao, who arrived at the ASEAN summit in Laos on Sunday, said he was "extremely upset" over the accident.

He said the cause of the explosion would be thoroughly investigated and the government would continue to push for safer working conditions in the mines.

According to Xinhua, Chenjiashan is capable of producing 1.3 million tons of coal a year.

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Stores gear up for holiday shoppers

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"We'd heard about how special this day is in America, so we thought we'd check it out," Szczesniak said. "We were pretty amazed to see people running to stores when we came in."

Massachusetts retailers expect a 4 percent increase in holiday shopping season sales this year. The state's Boston-based retailers association predicts Massachusetts sales will total $20 billion in November and December, with $5.5 billion of the total associated with holiday gifts.

The projected increase, which is based on a survey of the association's 2,500 members, would fall below the 5 percent rise posted for the state last year. But it would surpass the 2 percent growth in 2002, and exceed the current inflation rate, the association said this week.

Justices could see forced retirement

WASHINGTON (AP) — Six in 10 Americans say there should be a mandatory retirement age for Supreme Court justices, according to an Associated Press poll.

The survey found public support for an idea that has arisen periodically in Congress without ever making headway.

Only one of the nine current justices, Clarence Thomas, is younger than 65. Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, 80, appointed to the court by President Nixon, has thyroid cancer. In the survey, people were asked if they could identify what job Rehnquist held, and 59 percent did not know.

The appointment of justices without term limits or a mandatory retirement age historically has helped to insulate the court from politics, said Dennis Hutchinson, a Supreme Court expert from the University of Chicago Law School. At the same time, that can have the unintended consequence of letting some justices serve beyond their most effective years.

People over 65 were among those most likely to favor mandatory retirement, according to the poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs.

The question on retirement mentioned no specific retirement age. Lifetime appointment of Supreme Court justices is dictated by the Constitution and could be changed only by an amendment.



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In a recent poll a majority of Americans believe that supreme court justices should be forced to retire.

Voter fraud suspected in Ukraine

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"Hopefully it will help," Bush said of his telephone diplomacy. "Anything I can do to help keep the process moving forward, I'm more than willing to do so."

The United States and other Western nations contend that massive fraud marred the presidential runoff election Sunday in Ukraine, and the country's highest court has ordered election officials not to publish the results until an appeal is heard next week. Earlier this week, Secretary of State Colin Powell cited reports of fraud in the election in saying the United States cannot accept the results of presidential elections in Ukraine.

"There's just a lot of allegations of vote fraud that placed their election, the validity of their elections, in doubt," Bush said. "The international community is watching very carefully. People are paying very close attention to this, and hopefully it will be resolved in a way that brings credit and confidence to the Ukrainian government."

Bush did not directly answer a question about what consequences Ukraine might face if the dispute is not resolved to his satisfaction. Powell said there would be consequences for U.S.-Ukraine relations if the government there did not act "immediately and responsibly" to find a solution that respected the will of its people.

As Bush spoke, several dozen Ukrainian protesters stood across the street, waving their country's flag and calling on Bush to press for a fair election result. "Will President George W. Bush now stand up to Russia's blatant imperial overreach in Ukraine?" wrote Michael Balahutrak of Houston in literature distributed at the gathering.

Halliburton Co. faces audit

By JOHN SOLOMON
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WASHINGTON — A third or more of the government property Halliburton Co. was paid to manage for the U.S.-led Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq could not be located by auditors, investigative reports to Congress show.

Halliburton's KBR subsidiary "did not effectively manage government property" and auditors could not locate hundreds of CPA items worth millions of dollars in Iraq and Kuwait this summer and fall, Inspector General Stuart W. Bowen reported to Congress in two reports.

Bowen's findings mark the latest bad news for Vice President Dick Cheney's former company, which is the focus of both a criminal investigation into alleged fuel price gouging and an FBI inquiry into possible favoritism from the Bush administration.

The Associated Press reported Wednesday that FBI agents have extensively interviewed an Army contracting officer who last month went public with allegations that the Bush administration was improperly awarding contracts to Halliburton without competitive bidding.

Halliburton and the Pentagon deny wrongdoing, and say they are cooperating in all investigations.

Company spokeswoman Cathy Gist said Friday that KBR recently conducted a "wall-to-wall" review of all property it is managing for the Pentagon in war zones including Iraq and Afghanistan and produced results far better than Bowen's findings.

"We are pleased to report that this total inventory review confirmed 99.4 percent accountability of all property," she said. "The facts show that KBR has adequately managed property for this mission by aggressively monitoring its property management functions, above and beyond what is required."

The U.S-backed CPA officially dissolved after a year in power in Baghdad when an interim Iraqi government took control of the country this summer. But Bowen's office continues to review how money was spent and it gave a tough assessment of KBR's performance.

KBR won a key logistics contract to manage everything from trucks and generators to computers.

Bowen reported that an audit earlier this summer found KBR had lost track of more than $18 million worth of equipment in Iraq. Investigators could not track down 52 of 164 randomly selected items in an inventory of more than 20,000 items overseen by KBR, including two electric generators worth nearly $1 million, 18 trucks or SUVs and six laptop computers.

Pentagon and Halliburton officials have been searching since the summer for the missing items and have tracked down many of them. Some were found in the hands of "unauthorized users" and 111 vehicles had not been returned for required check-in, they said.

Bowen's auditors found the problems extended beyond Iraq's borders. More recently, auditors sought to determine how well KBR managed the inventory and supplies of the CPA offices and warehouses in neighboring Kuwait, initially sampling 90 items from an inventory of more than 3,000.

The auditors found 30 of the 90 items could not be accounted for, and then reviewed additional documents and projected a total of 1,297 of the 3,032 property items, or 42.8 percent, could not be accounted for or were missing.

The inspector general said 108 additional items were on hand but not properly recorded in inventory. The audit projected more than 400 required hand receipts for property were not available or weren't filled out.

"This occurred because KBR did not effectively manage government property: specifically, KBR did not properly control CPA property items. Further, the KBR property records were not sufficiently accurate or available to properly account for CPA property items," Bowen reported to Congress.

"As a result, the CPA-IG projected that property valued at more than $1.1 million was not accurately accounted for or was missing," it added.



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"The author must keep his mouth shut when his work starts to speak."
-Friedrich Nietzsche

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Dark reality check brings light

Becky Martins

Experience alone will prove nothing is for certain. Material objects we own, freedoms we possess, and people we love can be taken away at any moment. Thus, it is important to appreciate our lives in their entirety, for life is too short to be taken for granted.

Last Tuesday, I received some unexpected news. Phil, a friend from home who had been fighting leukemia for the better half of his adolescent life, had relapsed and fallen seriously ill. Despite his lengthy remission from the disease, and all the efforts modern medicine could provide, nothing proved useful. By early Tuesday, a hard-fought battle for survival was lost as Phil passed peacefully in his sleep, loved ones by his side.

Upon learning of his death, my initial reaction was shock. Though Phil had dealt with his cancer for years, he had lived the past couple in good health. He had fought through many of the horrors brought on by the disease and seemed to have made it through. Despite his ailments, he continued to pass along his contagious smile, laugh, and personality to anyone he encountered. No one expected life to take such a tragic turn.

Oftentimes, we get wrapped up in our day-to-day lives, putting importance on petty things, instead of what truly matters.

Only in his early 20s, Phil left behind too much: a family who loved him, best friends who were like brothers, and a bright future that would never be. After hearing the news from my best friend, I could not stop thinking how unfair life was. The good always go first, it seems. Why should we ever bury a friend, relative or loved one under such circumstances as these?

After ending my phone conversation in which I had learned of my friend's death, I was unable to move. The light that had flooded into my dorm room soon faded. I was left sitting in the dark and staring out the window, deep in thought. Phil and I were not close, but we were definitely on good terms, with many mutual friends in common. When I had learned of his passing, I did not instantly feel the desire to cry. Yet, as I sat there thinking, my eyes welled and tears began to roll down my cheeks. I was surprised at my sudden bout of physical mourning. I realized I was crying for Phil and for those experiencing deep pain brought on by his absence. I also realized my tears were in regards to my own life; as I remembered those I had lost over similar circumstances, as well as those I could not ever fathom losing.

Phil's death has proved to be an enlightment of sorts. Oftentimes we get wrapped up in our day-to-day lives, putting importance on petty things instead of what truly matters. If we are lucky, our lives are put back into perspective before they are beyond the point of repair. But in other instances, people are forced to live life regretting the past, without having the luxury to ever make it right again.

In the past week, I have tried to reevaluate my life and fix what needs work. I got in touch with old friends who had become distant. I watched my temper and tried to avoid fights that would only lead to ill will. Although I am extremely stubborn, I made a conscious effort to let things go; calling to reconcile with an old friend, over reasons I once thought were beyond the point of forgiving. I now realize how irrelevant petty misunderstandings and disagreements are. They should never stand in the way of an otherwise good relationship with someone. If they do, we take the risk of being forced to live life only aware of the 'what-ifs' and 'what could have been's'. Anything good that may have existed with someone will forever be overshadowed by what never will be.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we should appreciate what life holds today, since there is no guarantee for tomorrow. Live life each day satisfied that if everything were to end, no loose ends would remain untied. Learn to let go of grudges and appreciate people for the goodness they bring. And as Phil did, grin and bear what our lives throw at us, for life is precious and meant to be cherished.

In the words of Abraham Lincoln, "In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years (that matter)."

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When shopping think local

Ramzi Kanazi

The holiday season is upon us, and now that the elections are over we still have one of our greatest powers as Americans to affect change in the world. We are consumers, and as such, we can vote with our wallets.

This past Friday is commonly termed "Black Friday," also less prevalently known as "Buy Nothing Day." The latter is less realistically descriptive of the day after Thanksgiving, a day when more Americans hit the stores to shop than any other. It is the busiest shopping day of the year and gets its name because many retailers move from being financially "in the red" to profitability.

Ironically, one major advocate of Buy Nothing Day, Adbusters Media Foundation, was (as far as I could tell) taking subscriptions for its publication this November 26. It also charges about eight bucks for its magazine on newsstands. It can be pretty expensive to read about buying nothing. To be fair though, it is a not-for-profit organization that does not take, but spoofs, corporate advertisements.

So what can we do during this busy time to make a difference? Since, as Americans, it is clearly our collective obligation to overconsume, we can begin by doing so with a bit of social responsibility. Shop locally!

Instead of wasting your time and gas to navigate through seas of people in one of those sweatshop retailers at the outlet malls, buy your sweatshop goods from the guy down the street. Actually, there are even a number of local establishments in the Northampton/Amherst area that personally know who makes their products. Some even make their own.

Skip the large corporate businesses on Route 9 this winter, and now that the elections are over try to pick something up from one of the many bookstores and novelty shops in this area. Rather than hastily shopping at an office superstore, take a look around North Pleasant Street in Amherst. As an alternative to buying flowers from one of the grocery chains, support the local florists. Make a fruit basket with one of the organic farms in the area.

There are even a number of local establishments in the Northampton/ Amherst area that personally know who makes their products. Some even make their own.

While there are many alternatives to purchasing from companies that put local merchants out of business, as college students we tend to find these retail conglomerates more convenient and less expensive. It is true that some items cost less at the larger stores, and they may stock a larger selection of products overall, but the alternatives may surprise you.

The large chains try to lure people in with the sales listed in their circulars, but they do not price all of their items as those they advertise. The difference in cost is often minimal too. If you are on a quest for one or two specific items, like CDs, it may not be worth it to search a huge store and suffer through a long line to save a couple of dollars when you can pick them up across the street after having dinner downtown. Although the music shops in Amherst probably don't sell toothpaste and dog collars, they do maintain a better selection of music.

Why else should you bother to shop locally? I won't delve into the political reasons concerning the importance of this activity, but there are many benefits for shoppers who purchase from small, locally owned businesses. Buying at one of these stores can be a much more pleasant experience.

There is a greater possibility that you will find knowledgeable salespeople who care about the products they sell. They can also give more accurate information about them. Perhaps you will buy directly from the owner. The individuals who run these establishments tend to be much more concerned about your experience than those who manage the larger corporate entities.

You might even have a good conversation with someone who could actually be there the next time you show up. That person may remember you and probably won't have a script to wish you a "happy holiday" while offering you a special rate on a new credit card.

Well, it is the near the end of the semester, and I am sure that most of you are much less concerned about where to shop than with finishing up your work at school, but try to give some of these ideas a little thought this winter. There are so many benefits to supporting local organizations, not only during the holiday season, but also throughout the year.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LAW SCHOOL MERGER BENEFICIAL

The proposed merger of UMass Dartmouth and Southern New England School of Law makes good sense, and deserves support from citizens of the Commonwealth.

It is somewhat backwards that a state with such a concentration of higher education institutions is one of only five in the nation without a public law school. Opponents of the merger claim that there are too many law schools in the state, when there is clearly enough demand for legal education to support them all. They also conveniently forget that the merger will not create a new law school, but will merely convert an existing institution from private to public, with no immediate plans to raise enrollment.

While the state may not need more lawyers en masse, it certainly needs more public interest lawyers. UMass Law would specialize in public interest, maritime, and immigration law, all fields in need of additional lawyers and all fields not adequately served by the state's private schools. The new public law school would provide tuition breaks to students making a commitment to public service or non-profit work, which helps the citizens of Massachusetts.

The union of the two schools makes financial sense as well. SNESL is already a fully functional, degree granting law school needing only minor improvements to become accredited by the American Bar Association. The school has made significant progress in recent years, and these efforts will continue to be funded through student tuition. SNESL's finances are in order, as the New Bedford Standard-Times recently reported that the school currently has a budget surplus and contingency funds on hand.

Such a merger would also be good for SNESL students and alumni. It would allow SNESL to attain accreditation quicker, and would give the school an immediate marketing boost. The UMass moniker and state backing would allow the law school to attract better students and faculty, and would give Massachusetts residents a public school they could attend with pride. In addition, tuition at SNESL is currently lower than that of Harvard, BC, BU, Suffolk, Northeastern, Western New England, and New England School of Law.

The proponents of such a merger have provided thorough answers to critical questions and have been open about the potential costs and benefits. Supporters include President Wilson, the majority of the Board of Trustees, several state legislators, former Governor Weld, and SNESL students. Its opponents, mostly affiliates of private law schools fearing competition from UMass Law, have spewed nothing but rhetoric. A public law school will give the UMass system a tool to keep graduating law students in Massachusetts and boost the numbers of public interest lawyers to promote the University's mission of service.

Undergraduates and others interested in law school should get involved to help promote the merger and ensure its success. Write letters to the Board of Trustees, the Board of Higher Education, and state legislators to show your support. It's possible that within a few short years a UMass graduate will be able to receive an affordable legal education from an accredited state school. For this reason and many others, the merger is the right thing to do.

Justin Cormier
UMass Amherst alum

GARGANO LIES AGAIN

While it's nice to see that Vice Chancellor Gargano denied allegations that he is withholding statistical information about the University from student leaders (both graduate and undergraduate), the State of Massachusetts begs to differ. According to the Supervisor of Records of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the administration has yet to comply with the request for these public records. It's confusing how Gargano can continue to make this claim in the face of such evidence, and confusing that the Collegian will still print his rather obvious untruths – especially when the ruling was printed a week ago in the Graduate Voice. Look it up!

As for this requested information being referred to as "ALANA stats", I wonder why the mere mention of "ethnicity" in the request automatically blankets it entirely as an "ALANA" matter. If you actually read the request (also in the Graduate Voice), you'll see that it asks for not only ethnic information, but place of residence, gender, and class data as well. In fact, the focus of the informational request is on the amount of financial aid that students are receiving, and the departments that they belong to. This isn't simply an "ALANA" issue – it's about figuring out exactly who is accepted into the University, who stays in the University, and who can afford it. Stop throwing down the race card whenever you can't be bothered to read the rest of the appropriate information.

The latter half of the "ALANA stats" article talks about the former Speaker of the SGA, Patrick Higgins and Gargano addressing "the legality of the ALANA caucus seats earlier this summer via a series of emails." What the article fails to mention is that this was no innocent discussion. Higgins and Gargano were actively conspiring to do away with the ALANA caucus permanently. The leaked emails (the content of which Gargano has noticeably failed to deny) clearly show that General Council Terrence O'Malley had, in fact, given his opinion with regard to the legality of the ALANA caucus over the summer, and that opinion was approving of the Caucus and its charter. The emails also describe just how Higgins planned to go about withholding this information from the rest of the student body as "there is no record that this passed through the VC's office."

Gargano is taking advantage of this student forum. He knows you'll print whatever he says without questioning it or seeking a dissenting opinion. This kind of slimy, self-interested attitude is exactly the reason why the SGA senate passed an overwhelming vote of no confidence in Gargano last week.

I urge all students (and especially those who may consider themselves critical reporters) to take what he says with a mountain of salt!

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How much I hate reality TV

What is the craze about reality TV that has come up over the last couple of years? Apparently some of us enjoy watching people get tortured on national TV. The rise of reality TV has turned the audience into a sadistic mass of people. Even when the viewer wants one of the contestants to win, the contestant is still going through the torture that is prescribed to him or her by the show. The contestants on these shows compete for fame and prizes, and they are willing to do anything to get it. The reality TV shows take advantage of this and they put the contestants through a living hell.

The contestants jump from high places, eat worms, and swim through sewer tunnels, and suffer many more indignities. The torture that the contestants are going through entertains the viewer.

The first style of reality TV that emerged was the game show. Everyone remembers watching Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy. Game shows were a national phenomenon. Today there are so many game shows that there is a Game Show Network. There is nothing sadistic about watching a traditional game show since you want one contestant to win. Unless you want one person to lose, there is no sadistic pleasure in watching these shows.

Another type of "reality TV" that has emerged is the talk show. On talk shows like Oprah, there is a sense of decency in the treatment of the guests. However on shows like Jerry Springer and Maury Povich, the guests get into violent confrontations with each other (very violent on the Springer show). Lives of the guests are changed in these types of shows and the Springer audience just throws one insult after another at the guests.

On the Maury Povich show, women are not sure as to who their baby's father is and whether they are cheating on their spouse or not. After DNA testing and giving a lie detector test, at least one person is crushed on national TV and the audience looks on and considers this entertainment.

The Jerry Springer show has been voted the worst show in the history of television and the fans still love it. The guests are brought from the bottom rung of society and are humiliated on the air in some way or another. Almost every story deals with infidelity and love triangles. The guests usually get so violent that they have to be restrained. The guests are made into fools on national television and are jeered by the audience at the end of the show. What is really sick is that if a woman (or man) shows off her breasts in public, she gets a necklace of Springer beads. There is a bell that is occasionally rung, which triggers the guests to attack each other like animals. The Springer show has one of the most sadistic audiences on the air.

After game shows and talk shows, a new kind of reality TV has been put on the air. There is a program called the Simple Life, which has its second season. It has mega fortune heiresses Paris Hilton and Nicole Ritchie either live in a small town or drive cross-country. Either way they make complete fools out of themselves and they get more fame and public attention because of it. The Simple Life entertains us but it also makes the rich and famous richer and more famous.

There is a show that is now on the FX network called Scare Tactics. This is a game show that embraces the new style of reality TV. The contestants jump from high places, eat worms, and swim through sewer tunnels, and suffer many more indignities. The torture that the contestants are going through entertains the viewer. If this isn't sadistic, I don't know what is.

There were days when people watched Star Search and were entertained by the critics finding the next star. Today there is a program called American Idol which pretty much does the same thing, except a judge, Simon Caldwell is the harshest critic in TV history. It is as if he enjoys crushing the hopes and dreams of the contestants.

Every season, another reality TV program comes on the air. There is always a challenge for the contestants. The challenges become more cruel as time goes on and the more sadistic the challenges get, the more the viewer is entertained. This is reminiscent of ancient Rome when the prisoners were eaten by lions in the Coliseum.

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There are plenty of typical action movie complaints with the preposterous plot, the absurd chase scenes, the corny montages at building suspense and the overwhelming majority of the hero defeating the villain, winning the girl, and saving the day. Loyal moviegoers can make a map of this kind of film, marking all the predictable twists and turns as unsuspecting every corny surprise. It's exhausting watching the same movies every week and we long for something new every once in a while. Rarely do we get it. "National Treasure" is just like the typical action movie, but it's the only typical movie I can think of where the words "convenient" and "obligatory" turn up this often. That's an accomplishment.

"National Treasure" stars Nicolas Cage as Benjamin Franklin Gates, a treasure hunter who heard a story about vast treasures from his grandfather when he was a child. Now he is a grown man and not only still looks for the treasure, but has convinced fellow grown men, that the treasure, his Grandpa John used to speak of is real. They all devote their lives and careers to hunting this treasure that may or may not exist while his father (Jon Voight), a snotty older grown man, scoffs at the idea. How very sad it would be if Ben Gates was a real person. How would he support himself? That's right, in these kinds of films you don't need a job or an income just a purpose to serve as the movie hero. A hero comes complete with a very nice apartment furnished with top-secret gadgets to decode the clues. His lab must have been paid for by, I don't know, investors he promised a cut of the treasure.

The movie revolves around him finding all these clues with his buddy Riley (Justin Bartha), the electronic genius, who provides a double whammy by being the brain and the comic relief. They are both chasing this treasure that was buried long ago by the founding fathers of America and guarded by Knights, and moved dozens of times, by people that were generous enough to leave behind clues in case someone like Ben ever wanted to find it.

The most laughable scenes are the scenes where Ben decodes the clues while Riley stares at him, like the rest of us, with a blank face wondering how he extracts such a logical conclusion, so clear, from something so vague. I don't know how Cage kept a straight face in those scenes. He appears like the old Adam West type "Batman and Robin" characters trying to decode the enigmas of the evildoer, The Riddler. In one scene, he gets a code from a scribe containing letters written in the 1800's. It says something to the effect of "the cast of dye set the twelfth hour of a written cat will find you the sun of the golden map." In this like the rest of the mind-boggling scenes, he decodes the impossible clues, like the one above, with awe-inspiring intelligence in explanations that go something like this: "'Cast' obviously means ink! Dye is a kind of ink! But why would they say ink twice? They must mean blood! 'Twelfth hour' is another word for fifth year!" "Written on"? They didn't write on cats. The cat must have written it! 'Golden sun of the map'. The map is golden and the sun shines on the map! I've got it! The map must be on Pleasant Street under the street light entitled Golden Cat! "

There are a lot of scenes like that one. The film of course needs an obligatory villain (Sean Bean) as well as a hot girl for the treasure hunter to smooch at the end. So the film begins as they find a clue helpfully labeled under the snow as the exact thing they were looking for. (That will happen a lot, things being helpfully labeled just in case Ben happens to dig in

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'National Treasure'
Directed by Jerry Bruckheimer
Starring Nicolas Cage, Jon Voight
Walt Disney
Rated PG
145 mins.
Grade B-

'National Treasure' comes up short with premise and plot

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a particular location). During this treasure excavation he gets into a fight with one of his treasure hunting colleagues who decide they want to steal the Declaration of Independence because the next clue might be on the back. Ben tells him not to. The villain whips out a gun. He says he's going to steal it anyway and tries to kill Ben, who miraculously survives with Riley. Ben concludes the only rational explanation. He must go to Washington with Riley and steal the Declaration of Independence. He must steal it to protect it because if he doesn't, the bad guy will steal it and that will be unfortunate, because you shouldn't steal the Declaration of Independence without good intentions.

So Ben first tries to warn a National Archives woman that the bad guy is going to steal the Declaration of Independence. Her name is Abigail (Diane Kruger), a young blonde with a nice figure and exceptional cleavage. Not some 60 year old grandmother who's paid her dues to get such a job, because Cage wont end the film kissing an old lady. Of course, she doesn't believe him about a bad guy plotting to steal the Declaration. But he gives her a pin that George Washington once wore and she likes the crusty old thing so she develops a crush on him. Ben inevitably steals the Declaration because the National Archives is going to be having a ball, during which they are going to dry clean the Declaration, which they do on a weekly basis anyway to keep it nice looking. Security isn't very tight during the ball because the plot needs Ben to steal it.

Ben steals the document and almost gets caught. Abigail tries to stop him but gets herself whisked away into the adventure — with acting so bad, viewers may start to yearn for the 60-year-old grandmother. When the bad guys steal the Declaration from Ben, it's actually a fake one because Ben tells us, "I kept the real one in my coat! I thought I might need a fake so I bought an imitation at the gift shop, just in case." Uh huh.

They will continue to hunt for the treasure throughout the movie, the Declaration is merely one of the maps, although the trailer would have us think otherwise. The bad guy and his crew of bad guy henchmen, will follow them, trying to kidnap Ben, Riley and Abigail, and threaten them with guns that if they don't give them their latest clues they'll shoot them down, in which case they wouldn't find the treasure anyway.

If they originally split up because Ben wouldn't steal the Declaration, but now he has stolen it, why not just make amends and hunt for the treasure together, like in the olden days? That would be too easy. The movie needs chase sequences that are tiresome, FBI agents that don't belong and lots of deceptions for the good guy to set up for the bad guy that are too elaborate to work.

I love one scene where they need another clue, so they send a fifth grader to write it down because the bad guys are near. He writes the scientific codes down with no problem. They decode them in one of those ridiculous riddle solving scenes and go to a bell, which soon turns into a clock because it's in an ivory tower. The clock casts a shadow which leads Ben down stairs to look around, notice one of the bricks are loose in the wall, take it out, find some x-ray glasses and use them to read the map. The map tells them crucial clues, but only with these glasses, which they wouldn't have found unless all those measures were performed to a tee. It's a good thing these characters never miss a thing.

How did they make this movie and keep a straight face? Why did they attempt to make this movie a serious action film? Sure it makes fun of itself, on and off, for comic relief. But how do they even attempt to keep any of the plot, melodrama or clue discussion sincere? How do these actors have the ability to pretend so frantically that finding the treasure is crucial. How did someone with the integrity of Cage keep a straight face while acting it? How did the filmmakers keep a straight face while filming it? How did I keep a straight face while watching it?

Well that last one is easy.

I couldn't.



COURTESY WALT DISNEY

Bartha, left, and Cage star in Walt Disney's predictable and unplausible action film "National Treasure."

List leaves much to be desired

By Tony Hicks
Knight Ridder

Rolling Stone magazine says Bob Dylan's "Like a Rolling Stone" tops its list of the 500 greatest songs of all time in its new issue, which was released Friday.

They wish.

Disclaimer alert: Such lists mean absolutely nothing. There's no mathematical formula, based on sales, spins, notes, chords or strength of drugs the artist was or wasn't on when recording. These are totally subjective decisions made by a bunch of writers and editors.

So invite people over and argue about it until you can't talk. Sever friendships, get divorced, write the kids out of the will. In the long run, none of it matters. Because we're all right. And wrong.

But really, what are these people thinking?

They want to irritate music lovers for a week or two, Eminem isn't available for the cover every week.

Anyway, their Top 10 goes like this: After "Like a Rolling Stone," the Rolling Stones come in second with "Satisfaction." (Rolling Stones follow "Like a Rolling Stone" for Rolling Stone magazine. Hmmm.) OK. Third is John Lennon with "Imagine." Fourth is Marvin Gaye's "What's Going On," followed by Aretha Franklin's "Respect." Which isn't as good as Otis Redding's original, but, OK.

Then comes the Beach Boys' "Good Vibrations," a good song, but not Top 30. Seventh is Chuck Berry's "Johnny B. Goode," which only pretty much started this whole rock 'n' roll thing. Then comes "Hey Jude." Paul McCartney closes his shows with this. People cry. The RS staffers probably raise their lighters. Fine.

Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit" is ninth, which is acceptable. Ray Charles' "What'd I Say," is 10th, indicating the RS staff wrote this minutes after weeping through a free sneak preview of the new Ray Charles movie. Suckers. I'm not saying money changed hands, but…

The rest of the list goes something like this: Bob Dylan, Beatles, Beatles, Bob Dylan, Rolling Stones, Rolling Stones. Glen Campbell, Bob Dylan. Actually, Campbell did make the list, twice, which is two more than Pearl Jam. You figure that one out.

Instead of picking apart this list until we either die or run out of newsprint, I'll now hit some highlights/lowlights, and pretend that you think I'm right.

What's wrong with this list:

-Age: Apparently, there are no RS writers under the age of 70. The Beatles and Stones, with 590 songs on the list, deserve most of their spots. Dylan, with the other 110, probably doesn't. So much weight is given to age, and there are no clear criteria. As in, are we talking the most influential songs? The best songs? Or simply the songs rock critics think make them look good? Because if I have to hear about the genius of The Band anymore, I may take my own life.

-More on ageism: Somehow RS wants us to believe that borderline one-hit wonders in the '50s and '60s are infinitely better than one-hit wonders of the '80s, '90s and 2000s. In other words, Dexy's Midnight Runners took it in the shorts.

-15. "London Calling," the Clash. Of course it's good, but it's also possibly the most overrated song on this list. I realize, to be cool, you have to consider the Clash nothing short of genius. But not that genius.

-18. "Maybellene," Chuck Berry. OK, we already paid tribute. He was a trailblazer, but he really just wrote that one song over and over and over. Bump "Johnny B. Goode" to No. 1 and let's move on with our lives.

-70. "Walk On By," Dionne Warwick. Above "California Girls," "Summertime Blues," "Supersition" and "Whole Lotta Love"? Someone call the Psychic Hotline and ask Dionne if she foretold this.

-103: "Hot Stuff," Donna Summer: Disco rules and all, but this is 86 song spots higher than "Stayin' Alive." Criminal.

-158: "Rock Around the Clock," Bill Haley & His Comets: An oldie worth defending. Maybe I just watched too much "Happy Days," growing up, but listen to that guitar.

-200: "Loser," Beck: Yeah, yeah, this was cute. He's a loser, kill him, blah blah. He break-dances and he's white. But if one feels the need to represent Beck on a best song list, surely one can do better.

-314: "Comfortably Numb," Pink Floyd: What, none of these RS writers smoked pot in the '70s? Putting "Wish You Were Here," two spots later reeks of "Hey, uh, guys … we forgot to include Pink Floyd. Quick, jam something in there."

-257: "Wild Thing," the Trogs: This song should be outlawed.

There were more, to be sure. You can figure it out by calling your friends and starting the debate.

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Celebrities shun famed holiday parade

By Gillian Flaccus
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The biggest stars at the Hollywood Christmas Parade this year will be the marble ones under the feet of spectators.

The annual parade, which winds past the Hollywood Walk of Fame, was once a tradition as rich and famous as the celebrities who graced its floats: Jimmy Stewart, Bob Hope, Mary Pickford and Gregory Peck, to name a few.

But the event's cachet has declined so much in recent years that the Hollywood personality generating the most excitement for the 73rd parade on Sunday is a cartoon character, SpongeBob SquarePants.

The other big names? Female boxer Laila Ali, the winners of the reality show "The Amazing Race 5" and out-of-tune "American Idol" loser William Hung.

"The parade used to be huge, a million people would come and there were huge stars," said Michael Levine, author and publicist to the stars. "But today there's no sense of obligation to anyone except yourself and the immediate. It's a shame. The celebrities are missing a great opportunity."

The event has been in such dire straits recently that the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce called celebrity impresario and Walk of Fame boss Johnny Grant out of retirement last year to try to resuscitate it.

But even Grant, who rescued the parade in 1978 and kept it going for 20 years, has had trouble restoring its faded luster. The 81-year-old honorary Hollywood mayor said he called "just about every star in town" for this year's event, but most were already booked.

"I'm not sure we have the caliber stars today that we had back in the era of the golden days of Hollywood. It has changed drastically," Grant said. "Today the young kids are making a lot of money and they hop the charter jet to Miami or the ski slopes or wherever."

Grant hopes that with more publicity, the parade will return to its glory days, when he could call the biggest Hollywood names directly and ask them to appear. In those days, he said, celebrities would fight to be in the parade because it was a sign they had arrived.

"Arnold Schwarzenegger told me once that he spent his first night in Hollywood sitting on the curb watching the Hollywood Christmas Parade and wondering if he would ever get in it," Grant said. The governor has since appeared in the parade, but last year he couldn't commit to be grand marshal.

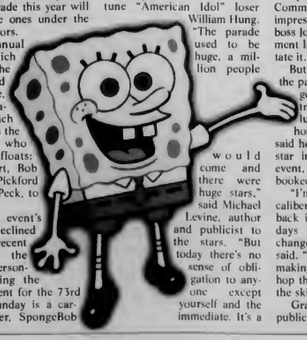
The history of the parade is as storied as Hollywood itself. The first, called the Santa Claus Lane Parade, was staged in 1928 by merchants who wanted to drum up holiday business on Hollywood Boulevard. It consisted of a sleigh on wheels pulled by two live reindeer, with starlet Jeanette Loff on board.

In 1946, Gene Autry heard the children along the parade route shouting for Santa Claus and was inspired to write the holiday classic "Here Comes Santa Claus." The parade has been held every year except for 1930 and three years during World War II. In 1978, the event started to lose its appeal and then-TV personality Grant swooped in with financial backing from Autry to revive it. He renamed it the Hollywood Christmas Parade to draw attention to its star quality and to generate national interest.

But the event has faltered in the five years since Grant stepped down as executive producer, losing live television coverage, corporate sponsors and much of its star power. In 2002, NBC decided to ignore the parade in favor of a one-hour "variety show" taped a week earlier.

Grant hopes his involvement this year will show Hollywood's A-list that they have a vested interest in Tinseltown's past.

"I don't think we've done a very good job telling them how important a tradition this is," he said.





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Minutewomen split pair with intra-state rivals, earn first win

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

This Thanksgiving break saw the Massachusetts women's basketball program show off two different teams.

There was the team last Tuesday in Worcester that erased a halftime deficit to deliver an exciting, last-second victory over Holy Cross. Then, there was the Minutewoman squad that held close with the No. 20 Boston College Eagles until late in the game on Saturday.

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Tuesday's match with the Crusaders saw a sudden burst of second-half intensity by the Maroon and White. And while they completely extinguished their slowly built eight-point lead against Holy Cross (3-2) in the final two minutes of the game, Pam Rosanio's layup with six seconds to go allowed the Minutewomen (1-3) to escape the Hart Center with a 61-60 victory in front of a crowd of 1,179.

"What I would have liked to have seen was for us to keep our cool after taking that seven-point lead," coach Marnie Dacko said. "But at the same time, our defensive effort was terrific, our rebounding was outstanding and we're starting to believe that we can win."

Freshman Rosanio led all scorers for the second time in three games, nailing 10 to go along with two assists, two rebounds and a 50 percent night from both the floor and the charity stripe. Sophomore Brittany Keil led the Crusaders with 16 points of her own, including four-of-five from downtown, to go with a five-rebound and three-assist performance in the losing effort.

The first half saw a back and forth exchange of baskets that had Holy Cross in an advantage. Slowly but steadily, on the efforts of Keil's hot hand, the Crusaders led by as much as seven midway through the first. It seemed that every time the Maroon and White made an attempt to cut down the lead, the Crusaders simply tossed the ball out to Keil, who was set outside the three-point line.

UMass went into the half trailing 33-34, but when they re-emerged from the locker room, it was an entirely different squad.

"We were really hungry," center Patrycja Gulak said. Gulak was UMass's other double-figure scorer on the night, draining 13 to go with six rebounds and two blocks. "We really wanted to win [tonight], especially coming back to our home court [Saturday]."

And that hunger paid off as the Minutewomen slowly but steadily built an eight-point lead as the second half progressed. It was a different, more aggressive, more up-tempo UMass squad. Different, that is, until the final two minutes of the game, when the Minutewomen literally came within inches from a sudden collapse.

Leading 59-51 with just under three minutes to go, Ashley Sharpton took a crucial charge, and it seemed all but sure that the Minutewomen would escape with victory. But then, the Crusaders went on a 9-0 run, aided by contributions from Sarah Placek, Maggie Fontana, Keil and culminating with the go-ahead trey by Ashley McLaughlin with 63 seconds to go.

Then, trailing 60-59 with under 10 seconds left, Tamara Tatham wrestled down a long rebound and kicked it out Rosanio who, streaking along the left side of the court, went up for a break-away layup and gave the Minutewomen the lead 61-60 with 6.7 seconds to go.

Holy Cross had one last chance, but Fontana missed a six-foot jumper as time expired, and UMass escaped with a dramatic win.

The Maroon and White weren't as fortunate on Saturday, however, as the Eagles used a second half scoring surge to pull away from the Minutewomen in a 62-47 defeat at the Mullins Center in front of a crowd of 1,238.

Brooke Queenan led all scorers on the afternoon, dropping 21 points for the Eagles (3-1) to go with an eight-for-15 night from the floor and six rebounds. Point guard Jess Doherty put up 14 points in the BC win, while shooting 50 percent from the floor and tallying six rebounds.

Tatham put out her best performance of the young season, leading the Minutewomen with 14 points — including a perfect six-for-six from the foul line—and also contributing four rebounds and a steal. For the third time in four games, Rosanio hit double figures. This time, the frosh from Southampton, P.A. went six-for-12 in field goals and one-for-three from the line for 13 points.



Anthony Anderson and the Minutemen return to action Wednesday night at home against Northeastern.

UMass stomps Yale

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tributed 12 points and six assists. Lappas said that the incident was "not a big deal", and indicated that Maxwell will likely return to his starting role when the Minutemen host Northeastern Wednesday night at 7 p.m. Senior guard Chris Chadwick replaced Maxwell in the starting lineup and had five points and three assists in 24 minutes.

Freshmen forwards Lawrence Carrier and Jeff "Big Deli" Salovski also continue to make significant contributions as well. Carrier took advantage of his first significant playing time of the season, scoring 10 points and adding six rebounds in 16 minutes, while Salovski scored four points and hauled in six rebounds in 10 minutes.

"Big Deli," who has become an instant fan favorite, also ignited the small but spirited crowd when he dove after a loose ball and successfully called for time out to secure possession midway through the first half.

"We had two freshmen come in and give us a tremendous lift, Lawrence Carrier and Jeff Salovski," Lappas said. "We had four sophomores, two freshmen out there. It's great to see them go out there and play like that together."

Sophomore Art Bowers also chipped in with six points for UMass while classmate Stephane Lasme posted 10 rebounds and six points as well.

Center and former Princeton transfer Dominick Martin led the Bulldogs with a game- and career-high 23 points but was the lone Yale player in double figures. Guards Edwin Draughan and Alex Gamboa each tossed in eight points while Worcester Academy product Sam Kaplan scored seven points.

Trailing 15-9 halfway through the first half, UMass embarked on a 17-4 run that gave it a lead it did not relinquish. After five points from Carrier sandwiched around a Freeman lay-up gave the Minutemen their second lead of the game at 16-15, Gamboa responded with a driving lay-up of his own to put Yale back out in front.

The Maroon and White then regained control of the contest for good, using a baseline jumper by Freeman and a leaning one-hander from Chadwick to jump out in front 20-17 with 5:11 to play in the half.

After a Chadwick free throw and a transition dunk by Maxwell, the Bulldogs responded with a hoop from Caleb Holmes before Anderson came right back with a 3-pointer that pushed UMass' lead to 26-19 with just over four minutes to play.

The Minutemen then closed the half on a mini 6-2 run, culminating with a strong post move by Freeman that resulted in the final basket of the half with 30 seconds to play, securing a 32-26 halftime lead.

After UMass scored the first seven points of the second half, Yale cut its deficit to six before the Minutemen pulled away for good, opening up leads as large as 17 before eventually sealing the victory.

Freshman pair look to chip in

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ly," Lappas said. "We have such a strong nucleus of guys around them that they can both grow and get better in our system and really make us that much better now and down the line."

For Carrier, who sat out last season as an academic non-qualifier, Sunday's game was the first chance for the 6-foot-8 forward to showcase the skills that made him a top-five recruit nationally in high school. Known as a deadly long-range shooter, Carrier shot 50 percent from beyond the arc (2-for-4) but also showed good prowess in getting to the hoop on three separate occasions, including a solid basket cut and lay-up in the second half.

"It felt great [to contribute]," Carrier said. It doesn't matter if I score or not; I'm out there just to try to get rebounds. Everyday in practice I am competing against these guys so it helps me get more confidence in my game."

"The Big Deli", meanwhile, made a strong first impression on the Mullins Center faithful when he entered Tuesday night's contest late in the second half and hit two crucial free throws to help ice a victory. He then continued to assert himself as a fan favorite on Sunday, scoring four points and grabbing six boards in his 10 minutes of play before showing his tenacity by diving for a loose ball on the floor in the first half.

"I just want to get better and help the team each game," Salovski said following the win over BSC. "All I can do is work hard and hope that I can continue to do my part in helping us be successful."

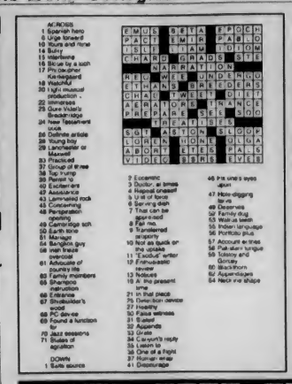
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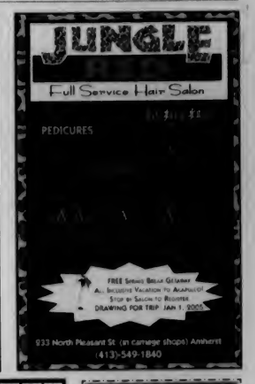
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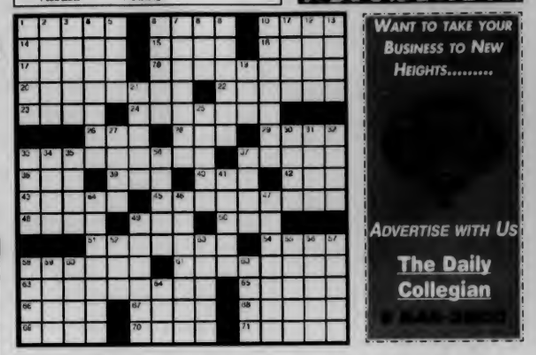




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Getting off on the right foot

Freeman leads UM to 2-0, past Yale

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

One of the Massachusetts men's basketball team's major flaws in struggling through an 11-17 campaign last season was its inability to rebound both offensively and defensively — a problem often exploited by bigger, stronger and more physical teams as the year wore on.

On opening night against Birmingham Southern, the Minutemen showed more of the same, losing the battle of the boards on both ends before eventually securing a 64-60 victory. Yet, on Sunday afternoon against Ivy League foe Yale, UMass showed a newfound tenacity on the glass with help from the unlikeliest of sources, as Anthony Anderson grabbed 13 rebounds to help spark a 70-56 non-conference victory before 2,675 at the William D. Mullins Center.

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The Maroon and White improved to 2-0 on the season with the win while the Bulldogs fell to 1-3. UMass returns to action on Wednesday night for a 7 p.m. tip-off against in-state rival Northeastern at the Mullins Center.

"We did a great job on the glass...I was very pleased," UMass fourth-year head coach Steve Lappas said. "I was upset at having only four offensive rebounds in the first half. We did a much better job of rebounding the ball in the second half."

"We crushed them on the glass," added sophomore forward Rashaun Freeman, who led the Minutemen with 21 points and grabbed five rebounds. "Going into the A-10, there is not that many big men, so we can crush them on the glass and be successful."

For Anderson, who had seven rebounds in the game's first 12 minutes and nine in the first half, the double-figure rebound total was the first of his career. The senior captain also added six points and four assists in a team-high 36 minutes of play.

"What else do you say about Anthony Anderson? He had thirteen rebounds in the game. It's great to see Anthony have six points in the game and win," Lappas said. "We couldn't have won a game like this in a million years with Anthony Anderson only scoring six points."

Sophomore guard Maurice Maxwell, who was suspended for being five minutes late to a team meeting on Friday and did not start, played 25 minutes and con-

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Senior point guard Anthony Anderson led UMass with a career-high 13 rebounds.

Freshmen fit into rotation

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

One is affectionately known to a cult following in and around Massachusetts men's basketball as "The Big Deli," while the other is simply known to his teammates as "I.C." They are the new faces of Massachusetts men's basketball.

Neither, however, brings any college basketball experience to a young, up-and-coming Minuteman team looking for more pieces to the puzzle of success — one head coach Steve Lappas feels he can finally piece together this season.

Therefore, when the individual performances of Jeff Salovski and Lawrence Carrier in Saturday's win over Yale translate into "contributor" being added to the list of words that describe the pair of rookies, things may be looking bright for the Minutemen these days.

"[Salovski and Carrier] have helped us in each of the first two games," Lappas said. "They're guys who don't need to come in and take over a game right away, but any contribution we get from them obviously helps us a lot...we feel they are both going to be very good players."

In the win over Yale, the pair combined for 14 points and 12 rebounds in 26 minutes of play after amassing just two points and three rebounds in seven minutes in the season opener against Birmingham Southern. It's the type of improvement Lappas hopes will only continue to manifest itself over the course of the season and the type of improvement he expected when he signed both players.

"When we brought both guys in, we knew they were going to be very good players eventual-

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Cahoon's squad has hit a lull two months into the season



Andrew Merritt

You can throw the loss to Connecticut out as an anomaly, a product of simmering problems facing a team it assumed to be lesser. But make no mistake; this is the low point for the Massachusetts hockey team thus far. In their last four games, the Minutemen have looked nothing like the team most expected them to be — the team that tied No. 1 Boston College two nights before chasing Mercyhurst out of its house.

Starting with the beating they took at Maine on Nov. 19, and continuing through a downright disastrous showing at Vermont, onto their failed western expedition, the Minutemen have quickly found themselves on the wrong side of the overall ledger at 6-8-1. While that 3-3-1 Hockey East record didn't suffer any blemish in Colorado, the trio of games against unpredictable Providence, burgeoning Boston University, and big brother New Hampshire don't exactly feel like opportunities right now. The Hockey East matchups that will end the 2004 conference calendar feel something more like a trip to the principal's office, looming with the possibility that all of UMass' current faults, diminished by their manifestation against non-conference opponents, might continue against the teams that really matter.

Oh, and while we're setting the record straight about the Minutemen's current status, let's address the previous statement. The words "at-large" should no longer be involved in any discussion about this team because losses to Vermont, Denver, Colorado College, and of course UConn have all but eradicated any hopes of sneaking in the back door of the NCAA Tournament as the Minutemen almost did last year. If these skating revolutionaries have any designs on actually participating in the on-ice festivities at the NCAA Regionals, to be held at the Mullins Center in late March, the berth will almost certainly have to come via a trophy-lifting experience at the FleetCenter.

That's right, just run through the regular monoliths of Hockey East — Boston College, Maine, New Hampshire — who will almost certainly be calling for hotel reservations near Causeway Street in a few months, not to mention the one or two dark horses that always pop up in February. The bet here is those pesky Terriers, who could end up hoisting the Beanpot and the Lamoriello Trophy over the Fleet Ice this year.

But before any thoughts of March can start to develop, the Minutemen will have to take a good hard look in the mirror over the next few weeks and find the team that may or may not be hidden within. Sure, one could excuse this weekend's sweep as a couple of losses that won't really matter come February and March, since that, well, you-know-what bid has gone running off into the wilds of northern New York, or perhaps the Midwest.

However, the reason that it might be time to at least take the cover off of the panic button is that the Minutemen have looked mostly dreadful in the last four games. Friday night against Colorado College was the exception, as UMass genuinely looked like the equal of the No. 5 team in the country, but as coach Don Cahoon put it, "found a way to give up a couple of goals." Otherwise, though, there has been a severe lack of upside to the last two weekends. Cahoon has done a number of things to re-ignite the pilot light, like shuffling lines and starting sophomore Mike Waidlich Saturday, in his first collegiate action since the 2002-03 season.

No matter what coaching tricks Cahoon might have up his sleeve, though, the Minutemen simply haven't responded. Scoring has become a rarity, and while there are very few on the team who could be cited for a lack of effort (though there are some), there's no clicking, no cohesion, none of those peculiar abstracts of hockey that don't make any stat sheet but have as much to do with success and failure as any number. Scoring opportunities were available all night Friday, and there was little result. Conversely, the Minutemen and Pioneers traded just 39 shots Saturday, and UMass couldn't put together the few chances they saw.

UMass has struggled in shootouts like the 76-shot affair with Connecticut and has also come up empty in defensive battles like the one on Oct. 15 against Minnesota when the two teams combined for just 38 attempts. The Minutemen have lost to teams they should have beaten (hello again, Huskies), and reeked out a tie against a BC team everyone expected would flirt with double-digit scoring.

In the first few weeks of the 2004-05 season, the Minutemen struggled to find an identity, playing like a different team every night, sometimes very good, sometimes not as much. But the Jekyll-and-Hyde team of a few weeks ago isn't even what we're seeing now. Dr. Jekyll seems to have skipped town, and the ugly Mr. Hyde team has taken over.

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P.J. Fenton has been one of the sole bright spots early on in the UMass hockey season. The Minutemen are in the midst of a four-game skid.

Minutemen fall flat in weekend double-dip

By Andrew Merritt
Collegian Staff

DENVER, Colo. — A heavy snowstorm fell here yesterday, locking up highways and air travel. For the Massachusetts hockey team, however, the avalanche came Friday and Saturday, as the Minutemen fell to Colorado College 3-1 on Friday and were run out of Magness Arena by the Denver Pioneers by a 6-1 score Saturday.

UMass falls to 6-8-1 on the season and is mired in a four-game losing streak that stretches back to its 6-2 loss at Maine on Nov. 19. The Minutemen have averaged fewer than two goals a game during that streak, and have given up an average of five tallies.

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While the Minutemen stayed with Colorado College (10-2-0) for most of Friday night's game, despite giving up a few untimely goals, Saturday's clash was anything but, as the Pioneers (8-5-0) outdid their guests throughout.

"I think the biggest problem we have now is that we've found ways to self-destruct," UMass coach Don Cahoon said. "As good as Denver can be, we certainly, by making some of the decisions we made and some of the plays we made early in the game, beat ourselves as much as they beat us. We put ourselves in the position we did with some fundamental breakdowns."

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Saturday's game started with a small surprise, as Cahoon opted to bench both Gabe Winer and Tim Warner, who have combined to start every game in net for the Minutemen this season, in favor of Michael Waidlich, who made his first appearance for the Minutemen in more than a year.

Waidlich, who spent last year with the Lincoln Stars of the United States Hockey League, put together a few impressive saves Saturday, and while his goals against average (6.00) isn't going to raise anyone's eyebrows, the majority of the pucks that got past him did so due to a number of outside influences, with Denver skaters camping out in the slot in front of him and picking off cross-ice passes to go in alone on him, as defenseman Brett Skinner did in the second period.

"Mike's been working real hard," said Cahoon, who currently does not plan to alter his two-goalie rotation of Winer and Warner. "He's competed real well in practice. I thought it was important to get him a real look, a test, before Christmastime, and not go into the second semester without being sure that I got that look. I thought that the amount of travel that we have done, and the games that the other two have had, that this seemed like a logical choice to throw him right into the wolves, and I thought he played very well ... and it wasn't until we started running around that he started to let down a little bit, too."

The Pioneers earned the winning margin early, scoring their first and second goals in a 1:34 span late in the first period. After Jeff Drummond scored on a fluky play to tie the game at one, J.D. Corbin, in the right wing corner, found Adrian Veideman enjoying a few minutes in the slot, and Veideman one-timed the pass through Waidlich to give the Pioneers a 2-1 lead heading into the first intermission. They would hold on, thanks to steady goaltending from Peter Mannino (15 saves) and a defense that held the Minutemen mostly away from Mannino's net.

From there, the hosts poured it on in the attacking zone, getting two goals from junior Gabe Gauthier, and little resistance from a Minuteman squad that seemed to struggle with their opponents, as well as the differing style of the WCHA officials compared to Hockey East referees.

For the second time in two nights, the Minutemen got on the board early, and at Denver it was without the burden of an even earlier score by the opposition. David Leaderer scored his first career goal, taking a feed off of an attacking zone faceoff and firing a slapshot from the left wing that zipped past Mannino to make it 1-0 at the 5:41 mark.

The Pioneers, however, tested Waidlich throughout the first period and finally found a way past him at 14:11, when Drummond caught an aerial pass at the blue line, and made a quick fake before ripping a forehand wrister past Waidlich's stick hand.

Denver came back a minute-and-a-half later with Veideman's goal, taking a lead it never relinquished.

Denver continued to pepper Waidlich in the second while the Minuteman attack, which matched the Pioneers stride-for-stride for most of the first, was somewhat dormant. Denver added two goals in the period, starting when Brett Skinner was the happy recipient of a giveaway by Mark Matheson in the UMass zone, with a player from each team in the box. Skinner, all alone in the slot, wristed a shot past Waidlich to increase the Pioneer lead to 3-1 at the 6:35 mark.

Denver added another tally on the power play, as Drummond set up a Skinner slap shot from the point, and Gabe Gauthier deflected it in the slot to make it 4-1 with 1:19 to go in the middle frame.

Gauthier added a rebound goal two minutes into the third period, and Mike Handza capped off the scoring with a hard wrister from the right wing that blistered between Waidlich and the nearside post.

While Friday night's contest was much closer, it was again the Western hosts who got the better end of the stick, as Colorado College edged the Minutemen 3-1 at the Colorado Springs World Arena.

The Minutemen and Tigers got the scoring started early in the first period, trading goals in the first 1:20. Colorado College got it started when Scott Polaski slid a pass out to Aaron Slattengren in the slot, giving Slattengren a point-blank opportunity on Winer. Slattengren promptly backhanded the puck home for a 1-0 CC lead just 18 seconds into the game.

The Minutemen fired back almost as quickly, as Stephen Werner cashed in on a feed from Craig MacDonald at the 1:17 mark, knotting the game at one goal apiece. It stayed that way until there were 19 seconds left in the opening frame when Boston Bruins draftee Mark Stuart centered a pass to Marty Sertich in the low slot with Winer scrambling to cover the gaping net. Winer didn't arrive in time, and Sertich flicked the puck home to send the teams to the locker rooms with a 2-1 Tiger lead.

Slattengren struck again for the Tigers late in the second when he zoomed into the zone along the left wing boards, half-eluded one defender and as he was falling to the ice one-handed his stick at the puck, knocking it under Winer to make it 3-1 Colorado College.

NOTES: It was a bad weekend overall for the two Hockey East teams on western vacations, as Boston University fared no better against Denver and Colorado. The Terriers fell to the Pioneers 4-1 on Friday, and then had the doors blown off the wagon by the Tigers, who skated to a 7-3 victory Saturday.



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UMass professors develop solutions for industrial wastewater treatment

By Sean Whelan
Collegian Correspondent

Sarina Ergas and David Reckhow, professors of civil and environmental engineering at the University of Massachusetts, recently developed custom-tailored methods for treating some of the most polluted water in America – the spent dyebath from textile mills. The methods dramatically ease the environmental impacts, and are very economical to the companies that implement them.

The dyebath that wastewater textile mills create is one of the highest-rated pollutants among all industrial sectors. The pollution load consists of heavy metals, toxic solids, and has notoriously high color content. It becomes useless in the manufacturing process, and is generally released with minimal treatment to wastewater facilities or nearby water supplies through National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems permits. Larger facilities can release upwards of 2 million gallons a day.

Ergas and Reckhow, with the help of numerous students, collaborated with 15 textile companies in Massachusetts to confront the problems they generate. Utilizing funding from the National Environmental Technology Institute, as well as private contribution, they developed these methods with a concept of a zero-discharge policy. Adopting these methods recycles the water back into the manufacturing process and leaves little impact on the environment, according to Reckhow. "These companies' motives are not driven by legislation; they stem from economic survivability," said Ergas.

Currently there are 217 facilities operating within the state and supplying 15,000 people with jobs. The methods created for these 15 facilities have dramatically slashed energy bills, reduced wastewater treatment costs and prevented numerous pollutants from entering the water supply. The overall slashing of operating costs makes these methods "highly desirable to the rest of the industry that has predominately moved to Asia or Mexico in order to drive up profits due to little environmental regulation," Reckhow said.

To reach the economic objectives, criteria centered on an inexpensive and efficient method to make 75 percent of the water recyclable. Three years and the testing of eight different methods concluded that "two were found to meet that criteria: electrochemical oxidation, which passes the spent dyebath through an electrolytic cell that in this case is supplied by Zappi Water Purification Systems of Amherst, New York; and ozonation, in which an industrial-strength ozonator is applied to the used dye water," said Ergas.

Profitability wasn't the only concern among many of the companies involved. "Many of these companies are genuinely concerned with our environment. They are run by people with good hearts, who have been integral parts of their communities for hundreds of years and in numerous ways. Being one of the largest employers in their respective communities, the company's survival is parallel to the communities. And the environmental concerns affecting those communities becomes a top priority," Reckhow said. He said that a lack of technology was the only obstacle in the past.

Reckhow was predominantly referring to Malden Mills, based in Lawrence. The company is headed by Aaron Feuerstein and produces high-performance Polartec climate-control fabrics, most commonly found in L.L. Bean and Lands' End clothing products.

The name Malden Mills has been synonymous with corporate responsibility to the communities they operate in. In an industry quick to move overseas to appease stockholders, Feuerstein steadfastly stood by the company's tradition of community responsibility. Their facilities were destroyed by a fire in the late '90s, and the business world expected them to rebuild overseas. In an unprecedented move by most standards, they rebuilt, initiated no layoffs, and extended full benefits during the construction period. In return, their employees are known to be some of the hardest-working in the industry, and profitability has remained.

Three years of hard work and collaboration between Ergas and Reckhow produced results to set an industry standard. The company's motives ranged from profitability to acting in accordance with its conscience. When asked about environmental legislation being a driving force, Ergas said, "If legislation is on the horizon, then our methods are the only chance of survivability [for the Mass. textile industry]."

Serena L. Ergas is a professor at UMass, and the chief undergraduate advisor in the department of civil and environmental engineering. David Reckhow is currently the director of the Environmental Institute on campus, and a professor of numerous environmental engineering courses at UMass.

"Over the past three years, we've spent half of our time in the labs and half in the classrooms," Reckhow said.



This unidentified textile mill is one of the 217 in Massachusetts that provide over 15,000 jobs.

UMass patent library celebrates 20 years

The University of Massachusetts' W.E.B. DuBois library celebrated its 20th anniversary as a federally-designated patent and trademark depository this weekend.

The depositories are responsible for receiving and housing copies of U.S. patents and trademarks with their respective research materials. They are also responsible for making this material available to the public and educating them in how to use it.

When the patent library first opened in 1984, it was the 55th library of its kind in the country. Currently, there are 86 in the nation. The library houses patents including a traffic signal with adjustable light cycles that allows it be adjusted to the flow of traffic, a steering alignment system for a toy car, and a hyper-wash dishwasher that uses 210-degree-Fahrenheit water to clean dishes.

Patent depository librarian Leonard Adams said all the patent records were recorded on paper. When it first opened, people had to search for materials by hand, a process made very difficult and sometimes tedious by the amount of material present. This process was greatly improved when they began to upload material to the Internet. "People had to come here. Now all you have to do is go online," said Adams.

Today, almost all of the records are available for the public to view online, and the database is constantly being updated. "Almost all of it is online," said Adams.

With the information recorded online, people have an easier time searching through it for the information they need. They also no longer have to physically visit the library to access information. "Most of the people who come here [for research] are people from outside the University," said Adams.

Adams says he sees this as the way of the future. He believes that someday the entire process will be completely automated, allowing people to be able to search and register for patents and trademarks online with the click of a mouse. "It's a constant process of putting more and more information online," he said.

The depository was located in the Physical Sciences and Engineering Library, which is now known as the Integrated Sciences and Engineering Library. The depository was moved this year to the sixth floor of the DuBois library when the former patent depository librarian, Cindy Spell, retired. Adams, who is also the government documents librarian, is her replacement.

-Hayden Marx

Ukraine court wants proof of election fraud

By Natasha Lisova
Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Ukraine's Supreme Court gave the prime minister's legal team until Tuesday to study evidence of fraud presented by the opposition in last week's presidential election, while outgoing President Leonid Kuchma endorsed the idea of a new vote "to preserve peace" in the bitterly divided former Soviet republic.



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The Ukraine Supreme Court debates the results of the allegedly fraudulent country's presidential election yesterday.

Kuchma said Monday a new vote might be the only way to resolve the weeklong standoff in which tens of thousands of opposition supporters have blocked official buildings in the capital and eastern provinces are threatening to seek autonomy.

The demonstrations continued Monday night as throngs packed snowy Kiev's Independence Square, waving Ukrainian flags and orange flags showing their support for opposition candidate Viktor Yushchenko, who addressed them. The defense minister said the army would not use force against the people, the Interfax news agency reported.

If we really want to preserve peace and accord, if we really want to build a democratic state ... let's hold new elections," Kuchma was quoted as saying by Interfax. He said Ukraine needs a "legitimate president."

Yushchenko, who claims he was robbed of victory, has called for a new election on Dec. 12 under international auspices.

Ukrainian Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych, who was declared winner of the disputed Nov. 21 runoff vote by the nation's Central Election Commission, offered lukewarm support for a new vote, saying he would accept it if the opposition's allegations of fraud were proven.

Yanukovych added that he had not seen any evidence of fraud, and he suggested that another vote would be illegal.

"If there is evidence of falsification, I will agree with this decision," Yanukovych said while meeting with Kuchma and top officials from eastern Ukraine. He stressed allegations of fraud must be proven by a "clear, honest and transparent" investigation.

Yanukovych also said he would call on voters in Donetsk and Luhansk to participate. Lawmakers in Donetsk, Yanukovych's native region, voted Sunday to hold a referendum on autonomy for the province.

The United States and the European Union have agreed the presidential election results were marred by massive fraud and cannot be accepted. Secretary of State Colin Powell told Kuchma on Monday it was important to keep the country intact.

"If we can keep things calm and allow the leaders and the politicians and members of the international community who are trying to help the Ukrainians all come together then, hopefully, a peaceful solution will be found," Powell said in Washington.

At the White House, presidential spokesman Scott McClellan called on the international community to unite in support of a peaceful, democratic process in Ukraine "and of Ukraine's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity."

Yushchenko's team is asking the Supreme Court to throw out the presidential election results, cancel the election commission's decision and name Yushchenko the victor because he narrowly won the Oct. 31 first-round vote.

The Supreme Court began considering his appeal but said Monday a decision could take days.

The ruling could pave the way for a new vote or remove the only barrier to the inauguration of Yanukovych, who was declared the winner by a margin of 871,402 votes.

Justice Anatoliy Yaremа said the court would give Yanukovych's lawyers until 10 a.m. Tuesday to study additional evidence presented by Yushchenko's team.

Under Ukrainian legislation, the court cannot rule on the overall results but can declare results invalid in individual precincts. A Yushchenko aide, Mykola Katerinchuk, said the appeal focused on results in eight eastern and southern Ukrainian regions.

A key Yanukovych aide, Stepan Havrysh, said his side was expecting a "fair decision ... taken without emotion."

"I expect that the judges will not overstep the law because it could end in a civil war," he said.

Thousands of supporters of both sides massed outside the court as the session started.

Yushchenko has rejected government appeals to call off the tens of thousands of protesters who have thronged the capital since last week, instead urging his backers to maintain their round-the-clock vigil and blockades of the Cabinet building and the presidential administration.

Yushchenko's more radical ally, Yuliya Tymoshenko, also warned that opposition supporters would block Kuchma's movements if he did not fire Yanukovych and governors of eastern regions threatening to push for self-rule by late Monday.

The crisis has deepened the political tug-of-war between the West and Moscow, which considers this energy-dependent nation of 48 million people part of its sphere of influence and a buffer between Russia and NATO's eastern flank.

Private orders for stun guns soaring

By Anabelle Garay
Associated Press

PHOENIX — From Korean Air flight crews to U.S. police and corrections officers to beat cops in Britain, the orders are pouring in for stun guns made by Taser International Inc.

The Scottsdale company even recently launched a metro Phoenix ad campaign urging private citizens to arm themselves with the weapons, which temporarily paralyze people with a 50,000-volt jolt.

Yet while Taser's stock has soared with the booming business, concerns are growing about whether the shock-inducing guns are truly as non-lethal as advertised.

In a report being released Tuesday, Amnesty International says stun guns are being abused by police and wants more scientific study done to determine whether the devices are safe.

Amnesty says at least 74 people have died in the United States and Canada in the past four years after being shocked with Tasers.

The group also says officers have turned stun guns on the mentally disturbed, children and the elderly.

"Not only do we not know the impact of these weapons on human beings under various conditions, we are also concerned about the gratuitous use of these weapons," said Gerald Le Melle, deputy executive director of Amnesty International USA

A Defense Department-sponsored report also calls for more testing, and some health professionals are expressing concern that the potential for cardiac arrest could be too high.

Amnesty worried that "the deployment of Tasers, rather than minimizing the use of force, may dangerously extend the boundaries of what are considered 'acceptable' levels of force."

Similar to a device first developed the 1970s, the Taser became available to consumers in the early 1990s and is now used by more than 6,000 law enforcement agencies worldwide as well as the U.S. military, which has used them in Iraq and Afghanistan and ordered nearly $2 million worth of stun guns and accessories this summer.

Taser officials bill the guns, which shoot two barbed darts up to 21 feet whose current can penetrate up to two inches of clothing, as among the safest ways of subduing violent individuals in high-risk situations.

"We get e-mail from police every week ... thanking us for developing a weapon so they didn't have to shoot somebody," said company chairman Phil Smith. "We're saving lives every day and cops love them."

Phoenix police officers credit Tasers with helping police shootings drop by more than half and fatal shootings by 31 percent last year.

"We've seen them reduce injury to suspects ... who in the past we would have had to strike multiple times with fists or batons," said Sgt. Randy Force, a department spokesman.



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President Bush pets Biscuits the turkey during the annual presidential pardoning of the turkey on Thanksgiving Day.

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Insurgents increase attacks

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Associated Press


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U.S. soldiers patrol streets in Baghdad last weekend.

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Insurgents stepped up attacks on Iraq's fledgling security forces, killing seven Iraqi police and guardsmen Monday in a suicide bombing hours after storming a police station north of the capital. Two U.S. soldiers died in a bombing in Baghdad.

In addition, two U.S. Marines were killed in a weekend bombing south of the capital, a U.S. official said Monday. U.S., British and Iraqi forces have been sweeping through the area to clear Sunni insurgents from a string of towns and cities between Baghdad and the Shiite shrine cities of Najaf and Karbala.

Military offensives in Fallujah and elsewhere have made November the second deadliest month for U.S. troops since the March 2003 invasion, with at least 130 American dead.

Monday's suicide attack occurred in Baghdadi, a Euphrates River town about 120 miles northwest of the capital, where a driver detonated his vehicle near a police checkpoint, police Lt. Mohammed al-Fehdawi said. A hospital official, Hatim Ahmed, confirmed seven police and Iraqi National Guard members were killed and nine were wounded.

Late Sunday, gunmen stormed a police station west of Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad, looted the armory, commandeered several police cars and fled after encountering no resistance, Iraqi officials said.

U.S. troops went to the police station Monday morning and arrested two dozen people, police said. American officials had no comment. U.S. and Iraqi troops recaptured Samarra from insurgents in September, but the city remains tense.

Two American soldiers from Task Force Baghdad were killed and three wounded Monday in a roadside bomb explosion in northwestern Baghdad, the U.S. command said. One American soldier died and two were injured in a vehicle accident 30 miles northwest of the town of Kut in eastern Iraq, the military said.

Attacks have increased against U.S., Iraqi and other targets on the road leading from the center of Baghdad to the city's international airport, located on the western outskirts of the capital.

The British Embassy announced Monday that its staff would no longer be permitted to travel on the airport road, which the U.S. State Department has identified as one of the most dangerous routes in Iraq.

"We advise against all but essential travel to Iraq," the British Embassy said in a statement. "We urge all British nationals in Iraq to consider whether their presence in Iraq is essential at this time. Even essential travel to Iraq should be delayed, if possible."

Online retailers lead in sales

NEW YORK — Computer-savvy consumers did plenty of online shopping over the Thanksgiving weekend, giving companies like Amazon.com and walmart.com the same kickoff to the holiday season as department stores and malls had.

The pickup in business on the Web was the result of online merchants using marketing tricks like their brick and mortar counterparts plying consumers with special discounts to get them to shop early.

Online sales excluding travel shot up 100 percent to $133 million on Thanksgiving Day compared to the same day last year, said comScore Networks Inc., an Internet research company. On Friday, online sales hit $250 million, up 41 percent from a year ago.

"We certainly expected a strong performance during the holiday weekend, but these are impressive figures," said Dan Hess, senior vice president at comScore.

Historically, the online shopping season has begun the Monday after Thanksgiving, when consumers begin buying from their workplace computers. But the early start this year can be attributed to two phenomena: Merchants are working harder to get online sales, and millions of homes have converted to high-speed Internet connections, making it easier to shop from home.

About 53 percent of those consumers who have access to the Internet currently have high-speed Internet connections, compared with 40.9 percent a year ago, according to Ken Cassar, an analyst at Nielsen/NetRatings Inc.

Associated Press

Osama bin Ladin's deputy vows to keep fighting U.S.

By Salah Nasrawi
Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — Osama bin Laden's top deputy vowed in a videotape aired Monday to keep fighting the United States until Washington changed its policies.

In a brief excerpt broadcast on Al-Jazeera television, Ayman al-Zawahri offered Americans "one last advice" for dealing with Muslims, adding, "I am sure that they will not heed it."

"You have to choose between one of two methods to deal with Muslims: either on mutual respect and exchange of interests, or to deal with them as if they are spoils of war," al-Zawahri said. "This is your problem and you have to choose yourself. You have to realize that we are a nation of patience and endurance. We will stand firm to fight you with God's help until doomsday."

The bearded and bespectacled al-Zawahri sat before a brown background, with a gun leaning against the wall. One shoulder was covered by a brown blanket. His voice sounded calm and steady, as in previous tapes.

A U.S. intelligence official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said authorities have "a high degree of confidence" the message was from al-Zawahri.

The intelligence official noted this video resembles one made in September, featuring a similar brown fabric background and weapon. But, the official added, that does not mean it was made at the same time or actually is the same video.

In a reference apparently showing that the latest tape was made before the Nov. 2 presidential election in the United States, al-Zawahri said there was no difference between President Bush and Democratic nominee Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts.

"As for elections in America, the two candidates are competing to win the satisfaction of Israel," saying that fact proved "there will be no solution with America without forcing it to surrender to justice."

He added: "The results of the elections do not matter for us. Vote whoever you want, Bush, Kerry or the devil himself. This does not concern us. What concerns us is to purge our land from the aggressors."

Days before the election, bin Laden said in similar video footage that the United States must stop threatening the security of Muslims if it wanted to avoid "another Manhattan" — referring to the Sept. 11 attacks. Addressing the American people, bin Laden also said, "Your security is not in the hands of Kerry, Bush or al-Qaida. Your security is in your own hands .... Any state that does not mess with our security has naturally guaranteed its own security."

It was unclear if Al-Jazeera planned to show more of the latest al-Zawahri tape.

The United States has offered a $25 million reward for the capture of bin Laden and al-Zawahri, who are believed to be hiding in the border area of Afghanistan and Pakistan.


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"The author must keep his mouth shut when his work starts to speak." -Friedrich Nietzche
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Proposal puts student privacy in jeopardy

Students' privacy is once again in jeopardy after a proposal from Congress has been issued requesting a federal database be made containing students' information upon their enrollment in a college or university. Currently, schools only have to give the government data on their students if they qualify for and are receiving federal financial aid. The purpose of this database is to improve the available statistics regarding college students' enrollment, graduation, etc. for tax payers and said policy makers. Although knowing where tax payers' money is going when given to colleges and universities is important, it does not provide sufficient grounds for creating a database that is unnecessary and increases the government's hold on students while fostering students' paranoia surrounding the government.

Perhaps the largest and most obvious concern about the new database is the government's reasoning behind it. Under the new proposal, students will be able to be tracked through their higher education careers, thus making the government aware of students who drop out, transfer or take longer than the usual four years to graduate, according to The New York Times. Making personally identifiable such statistics regarding students' drop out rates and years beyond the conventional timeline taken to graduate will not better the statistics for the tax payers, but worsen them.

Another terrifying risk and misuse of this database would be the temptation of using the names found in the records for purposes other than gathering statistics. In a New York Times article, the National Center for Education Statistics said, "A department overview of the proposal insisted that data would not be shared with other agencies and that outsiders could not gain access." Contrary to this statement, the article continued to mention that, according to Sarah Flanagan, vice president for government relations at the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, "officials from some states had already announced they would like to match the data against prison records."

Although the database has been said to be completely confidential, it is almost a certainty that those names will be sought out and compared to other records. In a society where higher education is praised and expected, it is an extremely dangerous thing to have students' private information handed over to the federal government because they did what society expected them to do. The threat of that database affecting students' potential for employment, future educational opportunities and more is too great for this database to be kept secure.

Currently, many employment and college applications ask questions regarding students' previous prison sentences. The questions are phrased so that applicants have an opportunity to answer truthfully and begin to develop an honest relationship with their potential employers. Performing a background check on all applicants by simply looking into this database is misleading to the employer and breaks that truthful relationship right off the bat, not because of employers' curiosity, but because the database is there and able to be misused.

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Time to get over Artest

Dan McDonnell

For the last week or so every sports television channel has been running clips of the "Ron Artest Incident." For those of you who don't know about it, here's a brief recap. During a Detroit Pistons/Indiana Pacers basketball game, tension on the court between the players inevitably led to an altercation between members of the Indiana Pacers and the fans in attendance at the Palace of Auburn Hills in Detroit.

This event has been made out to be one of the biggest, most controversial events in sports of not only this year, but of the last 20 years. Everyone is calling this a black eye on not only the National Basketball Association, but on all sports. They're all saying that athletes are completely out of control and feel like they can get away with anything. They're saying that athletes have been placed on a pedestal, and they need to be knocked down.

Personally, I think everyone needs to relax and move on. I agree that Artest and the other players were in the wrong for going into the crowd and attacking a fan for throwing a beer at the players. A six-and-a-half-foot tall, well-conditioned athlete that spends the bulk of his time in a gym is going to absolutely destroy a 120-pound, drunken man that cannot even spell the word gym let alone work out in one. If Artest wanted to, he could have put this guy in a wheelchair for the rest of his life.

Am I the only one that thinks that this guy got what he deserved? I don't care how big of a fan you are of a team, or how drunk you get at games. Throwing objects at athletes on their field, court, rink, etc., is just asking for trouble. Personally I probably would have reacted the same way Artest did. I have been close enough to the field at a Red Sox game that I could have reached out and slapped Mark McGwire upside his head, but I had the sense enough to hold back (and I'm glad I did because that guy would kill me with one punch).

I am not saying that athletes belong on the pedestal on which society has placed them, but this is what they do for a living. Sports are their career. When is the last time you heard about an athlete showing up at a manufacturing plant to start a fight? Has Ray Lewis ever entered your cubicle and thrown a beer at you? Does Steve McNair show up during your lunch hour to start a "you suck" chant? Athletic competition is an athlete's occupation. It's their career. As fans, we should have enough respect for what these guys do to know better than to throw cups of beer at them.

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Sports writers and broadcasters are all saying that the Artest incident is going to drive fans away from the sport of basketball. They're saying that this is the last straw, and everyone is finished with the NBA.

I don't know about you, but this incident has gotten me interested in basketball again. I stopped watching years ago, and now this incident happens, and all of a sudden I'm thinking I have to keep watching to see what happens next. It's almost like watching the Battle of the Sexes; there are so many questions that need answers. Will Mike finally lose his mind again and bring back "The Miz"? Will Shaquille O'Neal try to kill Kobe Bryant after a hard foul? You keep watching because you don't want to miss out on seeing something great.

I'm willing to bet that this incident actually helps the NBA more than it hurts. Controversy always sparks interest. People are going to start watching again. Think about what it will be like when Ron Artest's suspension is over. I guarantee that the NBA will sell out every game that he plays in for at least a month following his return. Fans are going to be chomping at the bit to boo and heckle this guy until they lose their voices. They are going to want to be there to try and get under his skin again and see if they can set him off one more time.

People are saying that this incident shows that more security is needed at sporting events. Alcohol should not be served anymore. Fans need to feel safer from athletes. The list of complaints goes on and on. I say let it go and move on. Events like this happen once every five or 10 years at most.

Think about how many sporting events there are in the country each year. Millions of games played every year. An event like the Artest incident only happens on extremely rare occasions. I say forget about it and move on. He's being punished, so stop worrying about it. If you feel unsafe at a game, give me your ticket. I'd be glad to take it off your hands, especially if it's a game in which Artest will be playing back in uniform.

Dan McDonnell is a Collegian columnist.

Making excuses to the police

Stacy Kasdin

Driving home on Wednesday, I hit all the southbound Thanksgiving weekend traffic. Finally, the traffic let up in New York, and I took advantage of the opportunity to speed up before getting clumped into another chunk of stopped cars. Of course, the second I accelerated a cop was behind me, siren blaring. I prayed he was after someone else and moved into the next lane to let him pass. Unfortunately he stayed behind me, so I pulled off the road. I've been in cars with people when they've gotten pulled over, but this was the first time I'd been pulled over myself. I rolled down the window. I may have been shaking slightly.

A young state cop appeared at my window and asked for my license and registration. He asked if I knew why he had pulled me over. I said I didn't, and he laughed at me. He claimed I was doing 90 mph in a 65-mph area. Thoughts began running through my mind of what people do when they get pulled over for speeding. It's a well-known stereotype that oftentimes females can get out of tickets with male officers if they cry. I entertained the thought of crying, and I'm sure I could have managed to shed a few tears, but that was probably what he was expecting me to do. I needed to catch him off guard.

I began thinking of other ways to get out of a speeding ticket. "Were you in a hurry?" the officer asked. There was no one else in the car, so I couldn't say I was taking someone to the hospital. I couldn't say I was sick, because then he'd say I shouldn't have been driving in the first place. Then I started thinking about excuses that had worked well for me in the past. A scenario with the cop using an excuse that always worked in high school gym class might have gone something like this:

Cop: Are you aware that you were going 90 mph in a 65-mph area?

Me: Well you see officer, this is kind of embarrassing, but I have my period today. I've got terrible cramps and I just don't feel that I'm able to drive the speed limit in this much pain.

Cop: You'll need to get a signed note from the nurse to be excused from following the speed limit due to menstrual cramps.

I don't suppose it would actually work like that, though. I've never heard of nurses assigned to certain sections of the highway, and I imagine using menstrual cramps as an excuse for anything other than getting out of high school gym class only works in England.

Then I remembered a story a classmate of mine once shared with me. He got pulled over for speeding and pulled out a map, faked a southern accent and pretended to be hopelessly lost. His Florida license plate sealed the deal, and the cop had pity, pointed him in the right direction and sent him on his way. My car has a New Jersey license plate. I wouldn't have to work very hard to emphasize my New Jersey accent, but I don't think a New York cop would have pity on someone from the next state over. I suppose I could be driving a borrowed car, but the only accent I can pull off besides Jersey is English, and since I'd been pulled over for speeding and not for being on the wrong side of the road, that probably wouldn't work either.

I suppose I could have tried something completely ridiculous like telling him I was an undercover FBI agent and had forgotten my badge, but that doesn't even work in the movies, let alone real life. Being chased by aliens was pretty much out of the question because he would probably ask where their saucer was, and there would be no saucer to show him. Either that or he'd have me committed, and then I'd miss Thanksgiving dinner and potentially the remainder of my last year of college.

One thing I hadn't considered was how I would get the cop to listen to my chosen excuse. It was the day before Thanksgiving, the worst travel day of the entire year. There were cops all over the road, and every single one of them was pulling someone over. It turned out he had better things to do than listen to my excuses for speeding, like pull over other people who were speeding. The denial of doing 90 mph was barely out of my mouth before he was walking back to his car to write up a ticket. I suppose the moral is that cops have heard every excuse before, and if you're speeding on the busiest travel day of the year, you're asking for a ticket. So just suck it up and take it.

My court date is in late December. Maybe I ought to try out the alien story on the judge. By then the saucer would have been long gone anyway.

Stacy Kasdin is a Collegian columnist.

Surrendering in today's world


Yousef Munayyer

Something happened to the American military mentality since the birth of this nation. This phenomenon may or may not parallel changes in other nations of the world, but as we are the world's strongest superpower, it is surely worth understanding.

This change is signified by the idea of "unconditional surrender." Perhaps it has its roots in the Civil War era, but it was certainly brought to preeminence at the end of the second World War.

There was a point in time, not so long ago, when Western thought viewed war as a way to do business. A little war here, a little land grab there: this was how business was done in much of Europe before the 20th century. Consider the wars that led to German unification. Three wars, which compared to the Napoleonic wars that preceded them and the world wars that followed, do not deserve to be placed in the "war" category. Yet, they were wars fought between sovereign nations. At the end a treaty was signed, land was divided and both sides went home in time for dinner.

Then it happened. Somewhere along the line of the evolution of the military mentality in the Western world and the United States, war became an issue not of business, but of survival. Perhaps bigger and deadlier weapons like machine guns and poison gas, which came into major use during the first World War, contributed to this paranoia and justly so. Also, wars were fought on larger scales with more fatalities. Lastly, we got into the habit of accepting wars of ideas. Whenever an ideologue launched a war, there was no mercy.

States have interests that may conflict with the interests of other states. Yet, to reduce war to ideological competition is to introduce something very dangerous: that is, never-ending war.

Napoleon rushed through Europe bringing liberal ideas with him only until conservatives had a chance to settle Europe in 1815 and put Napoleon in his place: on a secluded island. Rebels in the southern United States put their lives on the line for ideological reasons like "states' rights" (which at the time meant the state's right to implement the inhumane practice of slavery), and they were crushed by the North, who was not about to let its southern half disappear for ideological reasons. Fascism spread through Europe like wildfire (or German tanks), and Hitler's ideas of a superior race were not accepted. He, too, was forced back and crushed. When wars are fought on the basis of ideas, there is only one victor. Or at least that is the mentality that we have today.

You see, we live in a world that talks about good and evil, us or them. There is a struggle for the survival of an idea: in this case, the American idea. This may mean democracy, or capitalism, or Western values or a variety of other things depending on the enemy against whom it is being defined. What evolves is a struggle for the survival of an idea. Is it democracy or fascism, capitalism or communism, Western values or ... Islam?

Perhaps this is a post-Cold-War syndrome. Having survived this tense period, American ideology has learned to define itself in contradiction to an enemy's. There is no such thing as business anymore. We don't live in a world of business partners; we live in a world of competitors.

It seems that we have accepted that no enemy can survive, because its survival means our downfall. Maybe this is for fear of returning to a bipolar system. Maybe this is the paranoia of an empire. Whatever it may be, it is causing problems in our ability to craft successful military and foreign policy.

Can we envision a war that we can walk away from as winners, without destroying the enemy? The Vietnamese sure can. However, we have difficulty with this. It has been bred into our mentality. Both world wars and the Cold War ended with the complete collapse or destruction of our enemy. Us or them, two options, you choose.

The problem with this is it is unrealistic. We do not live in a black and white world or a world of good and evil. States have interests that may conflict with the interests of other states. Yet, to reduce war to ideological competition is to introduce something very dangerous: that is, never-ending war.

Unconditional surrender never really ends a problem. It may bring the end to a government, a regime or an empire, but care must be taken to make the actual issues that lead to war go away. This mistake was made in the 1860s. Sure, work was done to reengage the south in the political structure, but is this country much less divided today? The lines even look the same. This mistake was made after World War I when the overly punitive treaty of Versailles laid the framework for the Second World War. Again, this mistake was repeated with the punitive U.N. resolution that ended the first Gulf War.

The idea of unconditional surrender, in a world filled with competing ideologies, creates a very dim future. If this strategy is to be applied in future conflicts, we can expect to be engaged in war forever. To avoid this fate, we must try to understand the interest of state actors instead of labeling them good or evil. We need to bring professionalism back to war and take radicalism out. Surely, we could hope for no war at all, but that is a naive thought today. Rather, the best bet for a safer future is to learn to make war businesslike again. It is, after all, more civilized that way.

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THE PIXIES *It's Education*



COURTESY ELEKTRA

Band with UMass ties visits Mullins Center for historic performance



By Nick Romanow
Collegian Staff

UMass is in for a history lesson tonight, as the recently reunited Pixies come to the Mullins Center in the first New England date of their reunion tour that started in April. Not only is this the region's first chance to see the legendary indie-rock pioneers in ten years, but it marks a return home for the Boston-bred band.

Lead singer Black Francis/Frank Black/Charles Thompson and guitarist Joey Santiago formed the band when they were roommates here at UMass. Though the band never had hit records or big singles during their heyday (though they did reach a level of popularity overseas), their fan base has grown exponentially over the years. Granted, the Pixies' large fan base now could be due to the fact that their music was far ahead of its time and decidedly non-commercial, but they have no doubt won many fans from the glowing praise that the band receives from artists such as U2's Bono and Radiohead's Thom Yorke (U2 took the Pixies out as an opening band in the early '90s, and Radiohead has long said that their first few albums were nothing more than Pixies imitations).

Bands like Weezer, Local H, and Eve 6 took part in a Pixies tribute album, and Brad Pitt, Edward Norton, and David Fincher were very excited to have the Pixies classic "Where Is My Mind?" close out their film "Fight Club." However the commotion should be even bigger at the Mullins Center tonight; after all, not only are half of the Pixies from UMass, but they even have a track titled "Umass" on their last album, 1992's "Trompe Le Monde" (the song, a tribute to the kids of the school and a diss to Western Mass. "rednecks," features the screamed chorus, "It's educational!").

The band formed with bassist Kim Deal and drummer David Lovering in 1986, and they released the raw, edgy "Come On Pilgrim" EP in 1987. The band was a mix of influences, from current college rock like R.E.M. to progressive punks like Husker Du, and classic '50s and '60s rock and pop from Buddy Holly to the Beatles. The band was the real punk-pop, not at all like the music that is commonly referred to as pop-punk today, mixing distorted guitars and insane screams with catchy hooks and pretty melodies.

"Come On Pilgrim" was followed by the band's first LP, "Surfer Rosa." While every Pixies fan is different, "Rosa" is widely regarded as the classic album and spawned future fan favorites such as the model Pixies track "Bone Machine," the Deal-sung "Gigantic," and the aforementioned "Where Is My Mind?" After the minor success of "Rosa," the band was signed to Elektra Records and released their next album,

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Party too hard? Ask an attorney



Ask the Attorney
Michele L. Leaf

Q: I got a letter from the Dean of Student's Office informing me that I am suspended from the university effective immediately. After one of the Red Sox victories, I was chanting "Go Red Sox!" along with many other students, but did not participate in any rioting. Although the police have claimed that an order to disperse was given, I never heard it. I was grabbed from behind by a plain-clothes officer and arrested for disorderly conduct and failure to disperse. How can the Dean suspend me before I have been found guilty?

A: While it certainly looks and feels like this is the case, the Dean is not finding you "guilty" by taking this action to suspend you. You can be prosecuted in criminal court and charged with violating the Code of Student Conduct (CSC) for the same behavior. Although the protections are not as extensive as for a defendant in criminal court, a student accused of violating the CSC is guaranteed due process by the Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Many of the students who were arrested at gatherings after the Red Sox games have been charged with violating the CSC by engaging in endangering behavior, and failure to comply with the directions of university officials. Under normal circumstances, students accused of code violations are entitled to notice and a hearing before an impartial board before a serious sanction like suspension can be imposed. In extraordinary circumstances, the Dean can take immediate action and does not have to follow the usual due process guarantees.

Courts have upheld interim actions by universities when there is an imminent danger of serious harm. In the case of students who are alleged to have been involved in riotous behavior at the Red Sox victory celebrations, the Dean's Office has taken the position that this is the case. The Dean is exercising power under a special section of the CSC, which states that interim restrictions are available whenever there is ground to believe that the student is an "imminent threat" or the cause of "serious disruption" to the university community. Such interim restrictions are for the purpose of protecting the university community from further harm, and not considered to be a punishment for the charged student.

However, since the consequences are severe – because the effect of the interim restriction is loss of educational credits, tuition and university housing – this power must be used sparingly. Despite the University's concern about preventing and punishing riotous behavior, the interim restrictions should not be an excuse to deny students their rights to due process guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and provided for in the Code of Student Conduct.

The information contained in this article refers to Massachusetts law and does not constitute legal advice.

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'GREAT' acting but new Stone film falls short on historical accuracy

By Spencer Ziegler
Collegian Staff

It's only fitting that Oliver Stone's "Alexander," like the kingdom of the great conqueror, suffers from stretching itself too thin.

'Alexander'
Directed by Oliver Stone
Starring
Colin Farrell
Angelina Jolie
Walker Brothers
Rated R
253 mins.
Grade
C+

The movie has some positive attributes — almost every actor gives a superb performance and the visualizations of these lost lands are astounding — but ultimately, it is the films shortcomings — its over-the-top dialogue along with its painfully long and convoluted plot — that drag the three-hour epic into mediocrity.

The problem isn't entirely that Oliver Stone is taking himself too seriously — though this is a large part of it — but also that Alexander's life, and that of any historical figure for that matter, does not translate well to the silver screen.

History rarely flows in typical plot patterns, leaving directors with two choices: to fabricate the past and force it into a more palpable plot or to give the audiences an irregular movie and hope the positives outweigh the difficult plot. Fortunately, Stone stays true to Alexander's remarkable life. Unfortunately, the movie does not have enough positives to make up for the difficulty in creating a historical epic.

Perhaps the difficulties with the plot could have been solved by only analyzing one section of Alexander's life. From his birth to the time of his father's death would have made a great movie. Likewise, a movie focusing solely on Alexander's conquests would have been quite interesting. The first could analyze Alexander's rise and the second his fall, but in trying to combine these two segmented portions of Alexander's life, Stone is left with a story too complex for even the greatest director to tell. Sad as it may be, Stone is no longer in that category, so the viewer is left with a movie that contains a tiresome plot on top of a number of other shortcomings.

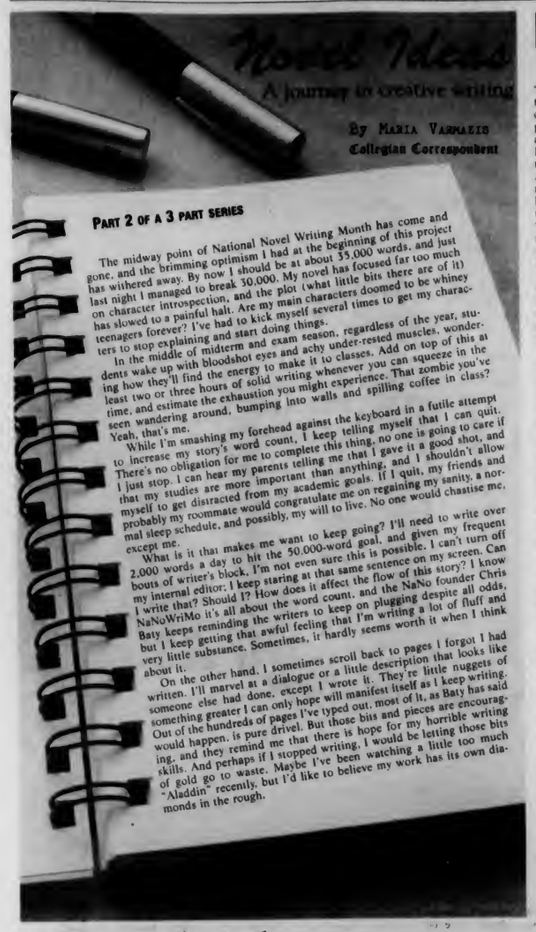
The script fails not only with the plot but also with the dialogue. It comes out forced and pretentious, sounding like fortune cookie proclamations. Of the few lines that do work — such as, "And this is the man that will take you from Greek to Persia? He can't even make it from one couch to the next" — the writers can't even claim that the real Alexander said them.

Despite the difficult material, most of the actors give impressive performances. Colin Farrell's pompous nature is perfect for the self-proclaimed god Alexander the Great. Val Kilmer and Angelina Jolie do a great job portraying the complexity of Alexander's parents, despite the clunky dialogue they are given. The only actor whose performance is sub par is Anthony Hopkins, but this is because his character is completely unnecessary. Ptolemy is the narrator of the movie

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COURTESY WARNER B...



By Maria Varmazis
Collegian Correspondent

PART 2 OF A 3 PART SERIES

The midway point of National Novel Writing Month has come and gone, and the brimming optimism I had at the beginning of this project has withered away. By now I should be at about 33,000 words, and just last night I managed to break 30,000. My novel has focused far too much on character introspection, and the plot (what little bits there are of it) has slowed to a painful halt. Are my main characters doomed to be whiney teenagers forever? I've had to kick myself several times to get my characters to stop explaining and start doing things.

In the middle of midterm and exam season, regardless of the year, students wake up with bloodshot eyes and achy under-rested muscles, wondering how they'll find the energy to make it to classes. Add on top of this at least two or three hours of solid writing whenever you can squeeze in the time, and estimate the exhaustion you might experience. That zombie you've seen wandering around, bumping into walls and spilling coffee in class? Yeah, that's me.

While I'm smashing my forehead against the keyboard in a futile attempt to increase my story's word count, I keep telling myself that I can quit. There's no obligation for me to complete this thing, no one is going to care if I just stop. I can hear my parents telling me that I gave it a good shot, and that my studies are more important than anything, and I shouldn't allow myself to get disracted from my academic goals. If I quit, my friends and probably my roommate would congratulate me on regaining my sanity, a normal sleep schedule, and possibly, my will to live. No one would chastise me, except me.

What is it that makes me want to keep going? I'll need to write over 2,000 words a day to hit the 50,000-word goal, and given my frequent bouts of writer's block, I'm not even sure this is possible. I can't turn off my internal editor; I keep staring at that same sentence on my screen. Can I write that? Should I? How does it affect the flow of this story? I know NaNoWriMo it's all about the word count, and the NaNo founder Chris Baty keeps reminding the writers to keep on plugging despite all odds, but I keep getting that awful feeling that I'm writing a lot of fluff and very little substance. Sometimes, it hardly seems worth it when I think about it.

On the other hand, I sometimes scroll back to pages I forgot I had written. I'll marvel at a dialogue or a little description that looks like someone else had done, except I wrote it. They're little nuggets of something greater I can only hope will manifest itself as I keep writing. Out of the hundreds of pages I've typed out, most of it, as Baty has said would happen, is pure drivel. But those bits and pieces are encouraging, and they remind me that there is hope for my horrible writing skills. And perhaps if I stopped writing, I would be letting those bits of gold go to waste. Maybe I've been watching a little too much "Aladdin" recently, but I'd like to believe my work has its own diamonds in the rough.

Pixies, a winter highlight at the Mullins Center

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"Doolittle," also considered one of the Pixies' best. The album is more commercial, featuring the über-poppy "Here Comes Your Man" and bizarro-pop "Monkey Gone To Heaven," both songs that cracked the top 10 modern rock charts in America. However, "Doolittle" was no sell-out album, proven by songs like the bass-driven "Tame" and the frantic "Dead." If anything, "Doolittle" saw the band stretching in every direction and going new places, such as the slow, slide guitar-based "Silver."

1990's "Bossanova" came next, and the title matched the album. The band still had a hard punk edge, but they found themselves more attracted to surf-guitar riffs and more experimental sounds and moods. This album didn't spawn any hits to the same degree as "Doolittle," and a good amount of Pixies fans see this as a step down from the first albums. If anything, though, "Bossanova" is an underrated gem with no weak moments and some of the Pixies' best songs in their entire catalogue, such as the bombastically rocking "Dig For Fire," the alien-themed "The Happening," the dynamic "All Over The World," and the flat-out screamer "Rock Music." The Pixies have long been known for their soft/loud dynamics, but "Bossanova" perhaps took these to the extreme. One moment Thompson would be singing softly and sweetly, if a little eccentrically, and then with just a squeal of Santiago's guitar the whole band would explode.

In 1991 the band released what would be their final album, "Trompe Le Monde." This was the most experimental Pixies album in their career and turned out to be their most polarizing. While some fans saw it as a large step down, others think it is the band's finest moment.

The meaty rocker "UMass" is a fan favorite, even outside of the UMass community, and "Alec Eiffel" is a poppy track with a heavy keyboard sound to it. Like "Bossanova," some of the album's least-known tracks are its best, such as "Letter to Memphis" and "Motorway To Roswell" (another alien-themed track).

During the making and following the release of "Trompe Le Monde," tensions within the band, most famously between Thompson and Deal, grew. There were on-stage fights and backstage bickering, and soon the band broke up via an infamous fax than Thompson sent the band. Soon Frank Black was born from Thompson's original alter ego, and a string of solo albums followed (Black is working on the follow-up to 2003's outstanding "Show Me Your Fears"). Deal formed the Breeders, who had a major hit in the mid-90s with the track "Cannonball." Santiago formed a band of his own, The Martinis, and assisted Black with his solo work. And Lovering became a magician (for real).

The Pixies, along with other contemporary legends such as Sonic Youth and Nirvana (who made a major point of proclaiming the large influence the Pixies had on the band, especially the soft/loud dynamic that Nirvana is often credited with creating), are considered the forefathers and pioneers for what we now understand as alternative, grunge, and indie rock. They have had a such massive impact on rock and pop music that there is no doubt their influence will be felt for decades to come.

Fortunately this past spring, after years of speculation, rumors, and pleading by the band's fans, the Pixies did what many thought was impossible: they reunited. Not only that, but they did so in top form. The reunion tour, which has taken the band all over the world, has been one of the biggest selling tours of the year, finding the Pixies playing to audiences far bigger than they ever had before. Rumors of a new album have been alleged, hinted to, confirmed, and denied (not necessarily in that order) by the notoriously media-shy band, but a new song, written and sung by Deal, called "Bam Thwok" was offered up on iTunes earlier this year. The band also recorded a cover of "Ain't That Pretty At All" for the recently released Warren Zevon tribute album.

While fans are still hoping that more new material from the band will surface, no one is complaining about the reunion tour. No doubt the Mullins Center will be filled with frenetic fans from all over New England (and perhaps fans from all over the world who have come to see the historic homecoming) to see The Pixies live, in person, and in action.

The Bennies and very notably, Mission Of Burma, will open the show. Burma are also recently reunited Boston punk legends whose new album "Onoffon" has successfully lived up to all the hype surrounding their reunion. Like The Pixies, Burma was underappreciated in their time and saw their fan base grow after they broke up.

In addition to the show tonight at the Mullins Center, the Pixies will be at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell tomorrow and Thursday. Then they will tour the Northeast for a few more weeks before finishing up with a string of shows in New York. Future plans have not been announced, but rumors of a 2005 tour have been mentioned.

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'Alexander' the not so great

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and appears to have the role of proclaiming to no one in particular the lines and themes that the writers could not fit into the actual plot.

The movie's depiction of ancient lands is another plus. India, Greece and the various Alexandrias all feel incredibly authentic. But the most impressive setting in the movie is definitely Babylon. The movie does a great job in showing that if Alexander did not overextend his empire, this extraordinary city really could have been the center of the known world, as is suggested in the film.

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Ebersol's 14-year-old son dies

By John Marshall
Associated Press

MONTROSE, Colo. – The 14-year-old son of NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol was presumed dead Monday in a chartered jet that crashed while taking off in light snow and fog.

Ebersol and his oldest son emerged on their own from the wreckage of the 18-seat aircraft, which crashed Sunday morning after leaving Montrose Regional Airport in southwest Colorado, not far from the Telluride Ski Area. Two crew members also were killed but a third survived.

The plane slid sideways into a road and the impact ripped the cockpit from the fuselage. Ebersol's 21-year-old son, Charles, helped his 57-year-old father through the gap, a witness said.

Matt Ellis, Montrose County chief deputy coroner, said Monday that a "complete and thorough search" revealed no sign of the second son on the plane, 14-year-old Edward, anywhere around the crash site.

"We believe at this time that the boy has probably perished within the crash," Ellis said. He said the search in the wreckage would get underway when federal crash investigators arrived later Monday.

A heavy snowstorm had eased up before the plane prepared to take off for South Bend, Ind., where Charles Ebersol is a senior at Notre Dame. There was no immediate word if the weather was a factor in the crash.

Steve McLaughlin of MTJ Air Services, which de-ices private planes at the airport 185 miles southwest of Denver, said the company did not de-ice Ebersol's plane before it took off. Airport Manager Scott Brownlee said de-icing would have been the pilot's decision; he said at least one commercial jet had de-iced before taking off Sunday.

The wreckage came to rest about 100 yards from the end of the runway in an open, snow-covered field.

The pilot and a flight attendant were killed, said Michael O'Connor, regional duty officer with the Federal Aviation Administration in Washington state. The co-pilot was hospitalized in Denver, while Dick and Charles Ebersol were hospitalized in Grand Junction, witnesses said.

Ebersol's wife of 23 years, "Kate and Allie" star Susan Saint James, was not on the plane. The family lives in Connecticut.

The Ebersols were returning from a family gathering in Los Angeles, where Charlie's school, Notre Dame, played football Saturday night against Southern California, where 18-year-old son Willie is a freshman. They stopped to drop off Saint James in Colorado, where they have a home.

Neither NBC Sports nor St. Mary's Hospital released any information on Dick and Charles Ebersol's conditions.

Eyewitness Chuck Distel told The Associated Press by phone that he was driving on a highway parallel to the runway when he saw the plane skid sideways through a fence and brush before hitting a road that ripped the cockpit from the fuselage.

Distel said Charles helped his father through the front of the plane and that the pair were walking around when Distel and an airport official arrived. He said Ebersol didn't say a word but the younger man cried and yelled "Oh, my God! Oh, my God!"

"I had to think for a second, 'who are these people?'" he said. "They weren't severely injured, they were in shock." Distel said Charles was able to climb into an ambulance, while the elder Ebersol was loaded onto a stretcher.

A weekend storm that covered most of the state dumped more than 3 feet of snow in the Montrose area, and Distel said there was light snow and fog at the time of the crash.

The plane was a CL-602 Challenger, registered to Jet Alliance of Millville, N.J.

Known as a television innovator, Ebersol has a long history at NBC and has been influential in giving the Olympics a home on the network.

He became the network's director of late-night programming in 1974 and replaced Lorne Michaels for a rocky tenure as executive producer of "Saturday Night Live" in the early 1980s. Ebersol became president of NBC Sports in 1989 and recently signed a contract that keeps him at the network through 2012.

Flavin and Booth shine

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Dayton was hoping for the same kind of turnaround after a 3-25 campaign in 2003-2004, but even without Jabir the Flyers have already matched that total through four games. Last Saturday in Toledo, UD improved to 3-1 with a 62-20 defeat of the Toledo Rockets. It was their third consecutive road win after falling in the final seconds to Chicago State in their home-opener.

All-America Watch

Prior to the start of the 2004-2005 season, Street & Smith named Xavier's Tara Boothe and Richmond's Kate Flavin to Honorable Mention All-American honors. So far in the young season, the duo is living up to the expectations.

The junior Boothe was named A-10 Player of the Week on Sunday after averaging 19.5 points and 15 rebounds in the Provident Bank Xavier Invitational Tournament on Nov. 26 and 27. On the season, she is averaging 16 points per game, 10.3 rebounds per game and is shooting 45% from the floor.

Flavin was named A-10 Player of the Week prior to Boothe (Nov. 21) after draining a career high 33 points — 25 coming in the first half — en route to a 91-71 thumping of Southwest Missouri State. Thus far, the Colorado native is averaging 18.3 points per game while shooting 67.9 percent from the floor, and she's doing all of this while averaging only 27 minutes per game.

Sox, Mirabelli agree to terms

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press



Courtesy The Examiner-Enterprise

The Boston Red Sox and backup catcher Doug Mirabelli have agreed to a two-year contract.

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox have reached an agreement in principle with backup catcher Doug Mirabelli, who would become the first of the World Series champions' 16 free agents to re-sign.

Mirabelli and the Red Sox have agreed to the parameters of a $3 million, two-year contract but have not yet completed the details, a person with knowledge of the negotiations said Monday on the condition of anonymity.

Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Mirabelli made $825,000 last season, when he batted .281 with nine homers and 32 RBIs in 160 at-bats as Jason Varitek's backup and the regular catcher for knuckleballer Tim Wakefield.

Mirabelli had sought work as a regular catcher. Instead, he nearly doubled his pay to stay with the Red Sox, who are also trying to re-sign Varitek.

Varitek's agent, Scott Boras, has said he wants a five-year deal for $50 million.

The Red Sox have 14 unsigned free agents remaining, including Varitek, pitchers Pedro Martinez and Derek Lowe and shortstop Orlando Cabrera.

Boston has reportedly offered Martinez a two-year contract worth about $25 million with a third year that could become guaranteed to bring the deal to $38 million. Cabrera is seeking a multiyear deal, but the Red Sox don't want to commit long-term because prospect Hanley Ramirez could be ready as soon as 2006.

Lack of fans stops the Madness

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lack of fan support given to the Minutemen will be directly correlated to the insufficient attention given by the school to hype up its team.

But it takes two to tango.

Over the past two seasons, fewer and fewer fans are showing up for games. Granted, the team has seen its share of ups and downs, but there has been a heavy emphasis on the downs.

The last Midnight Madness, which took place before the 2002-03 season, got little to no attention. The school lost money and as the fans left the Mullins Center that night, there was an overwhelming feeling of apathy in the air. Sure enough, the team struggled, as did the attendance.

This year there was nothing, and maybe it was all for the better. No one really showed up at the Blue Wall, no one has come to the games, and now that the Minutemen are 2-0, no one is really paying attention. So maybe UMass doesn't deserve Midnight Madness yet. It seems as though the general student population isn't willing to support its basketball team. It appears that they don't want to get hurt, as they don't want to take the chance of actually cheering for their alma mater because there is a chance it will lose.

With a season of high aspirations, the Minutemen will attempt to build energy on their own. There will be no Hummers, no laser-lit dunks, and no boisterous introduction.

Maybe it's time for students to buckle down and get to know their team.

— Bob McGovern is a Collegian Editor

Celtic's Delonte West breaks hand

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Boston Celtics guard Delonte West is out indefinitely after breaking his right hand.

West was hurt in the second quarter of Boston's 106-104 loss at Miami on Sunday night. It was only the rookie's second game since coming off the injured list. He broke his right thumb in the preseason.

In limited action, West had seven points, four assists and three rebounds.

The injury put a damper on Monday night's reunion between West and Jameer Nelson _ the backcourt mates who lifted St. Joseph's to an undefeated regular season last year.

Nelson, the consensus college player of the year, is averaging 4.5 points and 2.2 assists as Orlando's backup point guard.

— Associated Press

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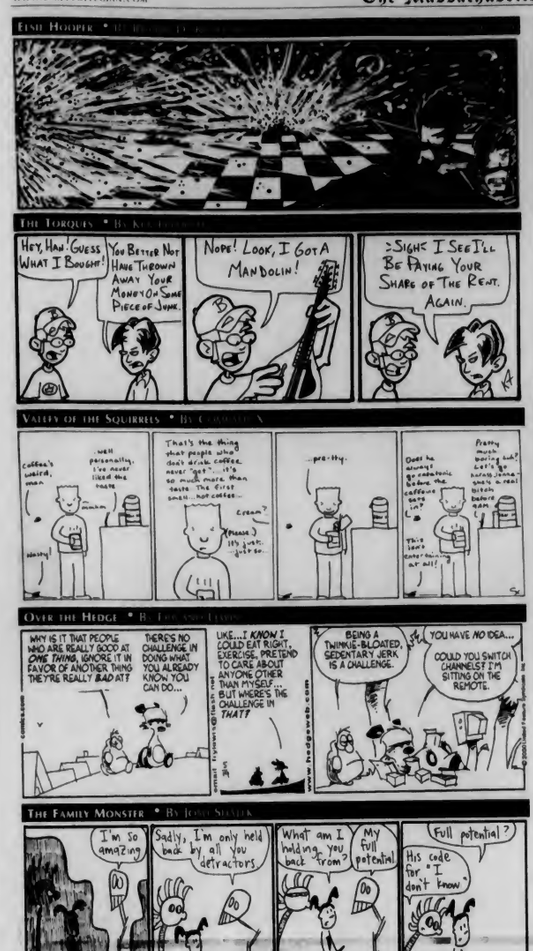
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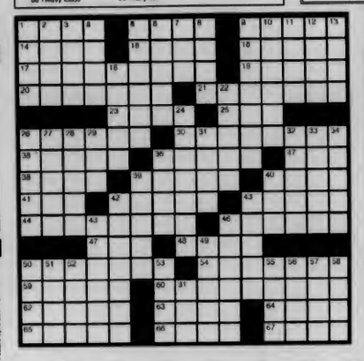


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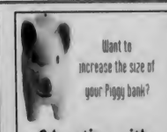
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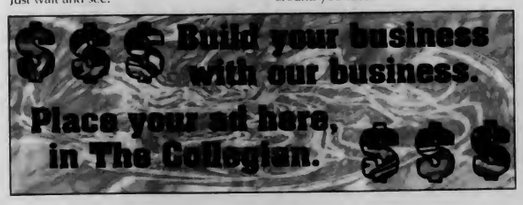
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Where's the Madness?



Bob McGovern

November is an interesting time in college sports. The slow transformation from fall to winter begins to take place, college football starts to wind down, and college basketball starts to creep into the heads of every Joe and Sally college student.

As they have done for the last 34 years, the Maryland Terrapins kicked off their season with Midnight Madness, a spectacle that injects excitement into the team's fan base. A rock concert, high-flying dunking acrobats, and even a look-alike contest of head coach Gary Williams took place for the 17,950 at the Comcast Center.

Midnight Madness at college campuses across the country has fans buzzing with excitement. It is the first sight of the changing of the guards and the introduction of the age-old question to whether this year is actually "The Year."

Yet, on the biggest stage for college basketball in the Pioneer Valley, the lights were off, the Mullins Center silent.

For the last two years there has been no Midnight Madness at the University of Massachusetts. Aside from the warm-up exhibition game, and a sparsely populated gathering at the Blue Wall last Monday, there is no true introduction to the team.

In 2001-02, a season that saw the Minutemen go 4-0 to start the year, the attention was there. Head Coach Steve Lappas, then in his first year, was introduced in a Hummer, and the UMass basketball team came in to a musical lights show that had the crazed students and fans in attendance going wild.

Jameel Pugh shocked everyone with his gravity-defying dunks, and a team that was a little better than average was pumping up the entire campus.

Now, with one of the most talented teams in the last five years, the Minutemen are getting no pre-season recognition. In a seemingly direct correlation, the attendance for the first three games (including the exhibition) has been poor at best.

Granted, two of the three games were around Thanksgiving break, but there is a definite lack of interest this year. You can see it when you look over at the student section that has only a few dozen die-hards in attendance.

Many will put this one on the shoulders of the UMass Athletic Department. There will be more complaining, and the

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The Minutemen's starting point guard and captain Anthony Anderson is one of the remaining players that has participated in Midnight Madness at UMass. Anderson is averaging 10 points and seven rebounds this year for the Maroon and White.

A-10 falters against elite

By BRENDAN HALL
COLLEGIAN STAFF

FRIGHT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

It appears UMass wasn't the only Atlantic 10 team to falter against a top 25 team this weekend.

On Nov. 23, No. 1 Tennessee and No. 2 LSU squared off against arguably two of the A-10's best squads, and proceeded to pummel them.

The Lady Vols, on the efforts of a 14-point, six-assist performance from junior Shanna Zolman, were able to cruise by the George Washington Colonials on opening night with a 71-41 defeat. Tennessee was not so fortunate over the next two games, first getting stunned by No. 4 Texas 74-59 on Thanksgiving Day and then narrowly escaping defeat at the hands of Temple (inching by the Owls 52-48 only after two crucial Zolman free throws were made in the final ten seconds).

As for the Tigers, they had no trouble downing the Owls 65-51 in Philadelphia on the same night the Vols took on GWU. LSU, led by the efforts of freshman Sylvia Fowles (17 points, 16 rebounds) and junior Seimone Augustus (16 points, two assists), went on a 17-4 run late in the first to take a 13-point halftime lead and never looked back.

Rhode Island took the worst beating on the national stage, getting handed a shell-shocker of a loss by the 14th-ranked Vanderbilt Commodores, 108-53.

Jabir taking a leave of absence

The University of Dayton announced on Nov. 3 that head coach Jim Jabir is taking a medical leave of absence, and assistant Greg Williams has taken the interim spot in the mean time. The length of leave has not been determined yet.

Jabir, 42, has been diagnosed with cardiac arrhythmia, a condition that affects a person's heart rate. To treat the condition, Jabir has undergone surgery to be fitted with an internal defibrillator.

Dayton was hoping for a lot of success with the hiring of Jabir. Before coming to UD, Jabir was most noticeably instrumental in the turnaround of the women's basketball program at Marquette. After winning just seven games in his first season (1990-91), Jabir led the Golden Eagles to a 16-win season the following year and eventually registered two NCAA appearances in his seven-year tenure.

Jabir has also coached on the professional level, most recently with the WNBA's Detroit Shock in the 2001 and 2002 seasons.

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Boggs on HOF ballot

NEW YORK (AP) — Five-time AL batting champion Wade Boggs, eight-time All-Star Darryl Strawberry and two-time NL batting champion Willie McGee are among 12 players who will appear on the Hall of Fame ballot for the first time.

Ryne Sandberg, Bruce Sutter, Jim Rice, Andre Dawson and Rich Gossage head the returning players on the ballots, which will be mailed this week to eligible voters in the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Also among the newcomers announced Monday are three-time All-Star outfielder Chili Davis, 1993 AL Cy Young Award winner Jack McDowell, three-time All-Star reliever Jeff Montgomery, four-time All-Star pitcher Mark Langston and longtime knuckleballer and ESPN.com analyst Tom Candiotti.

Pete Rose, once again, will not be on the ballot because he is on baseball's permanently ineligible list, the result of a 1989 agreement that followed an investigation of his gambling.

Rose, who earlier this year admitted he bet on baseball while managing the Cincinnati Reds in the 1980s, must gain reinstatement within the next year to appear on the 2006 ballot, the final year he would be eligible for the BBWAA vote.

While Rose applied for reinstatement in 1997, baseball commissioner Bud Selig has not ruled and will not give a timetable for a decision.

Paul Molitor and Dennis Eckersley were elected to the Hall last year, while Sandberg was 71 votes short of the required 75 percent needed for election.

Boggs, a 12-time All-Star during 18 major league seasons with Boston, the New York Yankees and Tampa Bay, is 23rd on the career list with 3,010 hits, and he was the only player to homer for his 3,000th hit.

Boggs had a .328 career average and set an AL record by reaching 200 hits for seven straight seasons, and won two Gold Gloves at third base.

McGee, a four-time All-Star outfielder, was a .295 career hitter with 2,254 hits and 352 steals

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Wade Boggs, who had 3,010 hits in his career, is eligible for the Hall of Fame this year. Also in the 2004 class is Darryl Strawberry.

With wins OU and USC will likely meet

By RALPH RUSSO
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If Auburn can't get to the Orange Bowl with a 12-0 record, the Bowl Championship Series has no plans to pair the Tigers with Utah and create a second match-up of unbeaten teams.

The Tigers are still stuck behind first-place Southern California and second-place Oklahoma in the BCS standings released Monday.

If USC (11-0) wins at UCLA on Saturday and Oklahoma (11-0) beats Colorado in the Big 12 title game in Kansas City, Mo., the Trojans and Sooners will likely play for the BCS championship in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 4.

That would leave Auburn (11-0) out, no matter what it does against Tennessee in the Southeastern Conference title game in Atlanta.

"We still need to see results of the games, but that's the system we have," Big 12 commissioner and BCS coordinator Kevin Weiberg said Monday. "Until you go down the path of some system that involves the playing of extra games, we're not going to sort out that kind of situation."

Utah (11-0), which finished its season two weeks ago, remained sixth in the latest standings and is positioned to become the first team from outside the BCS conferences to play in one of the four big-dollar bowl games.

Auburn would be contractually obligated to play in the Sugar Bowl if it wins the SEC and does not reach the national championship game. The Atlantic Coast Conference champ would be the Tigers' likely opponent.

Utah would likely be the first choice of the Fiesta Bowl if it must replace Big 12 champion Oklahoma. Pittsburgh, which is a win away from securing the Big East's BCS bid, will likely face the Utes.

For Utah and Auburn to play each other, either the Sugar or Fiesta would have to acquiesce.

Weiberg said the BCS could step in to create an Auburn-Utah game, but he isn't anticipating it.

"But I think it would be very unusual to have pairings altered unless there is some compelling reason to do so related to the alignment of interests of a number of parties. I just don't really at this juncture believe that's likely to happen," he said.

"We have to listen to see what others may say about it. That's part of the way our process works. We'll take input from bowls, we'll take input from the television network, and weigh that information. It would be premature to make comments about whether any particular match-up is better or worse."

USC improved its BCS grade in the standings this week to .9834, and padded its lead over Oklahoma (.9611). Auburn has a grade of .9342.

While Oklahoma and Auburn were idle last week, the Trojans beat Notre Dame 41-10 to regain some support in The Associated Press Top 25 and coaches' poll.

The polls each count for a third of a team's BCS grade. A compilation of six computer rankings are used to determine the other third.

USC holds a big lead in both polls, ahead of No. 2 Oklahoma and No. 3 Auburn. The Sooners and Tigers are separated by a total of only 17 points in the two polls, but the BCS computers have pegged Oklahoma as the No. 1 team in the country with USC second and Auburn third.

California (.8431) barely held on to the fourth spot ahead of Texas (.8418) after the Longhorns ended the season with a 26-13 victory over Texas A&M last week.

The Golden Bears will lock up an at-large spot in the BCS by beating Southern Mississippi on Saturday. The Bears would play in the Rose Bowl for the first time in 45 years if USC ends up in the Orange Bowl.

Texas is again on the verge of being left out of the BCS, despite being ranked among the top teams.

Sixth-place Utah (.8224) is guaranteed an at-large bid as a team from a non-BCS conference with a top-six finish in the BCS standings. The Utes (11-0), from the Mountain West Conference, finished their season two weeks ago and are sure to become the first team from a mid-major conference to play in the BCS.

Last season, Texas was bumped from an at-large BCS bid when Kansas State upset Oklahoma in the Big 12 title game to give the Wildcats an automatic berth and make the Sooners an at-large team.

Boise State (.6510) dropped from seventh to eighth in the BCS standings behind Georgia (.6948). The Broncos (11-0) from the Western Athletic Conference were trying to join Utah in the top six and grab a spot in one of the four bowl games worth more than $14 million.



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Oklahoma's Jason White fires a pass during the Sooners' 35-0 victory over Baylor in Waco, Texas, on Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004.

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Pearl Jam's Greatest Hits album is a hit with the fans

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UMass faces off against Northeastern tonight

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'Riot UMass' computer game creator makes less violent game after pressure

By DAN O'BRIEN
COLLEGIAN STAFF

In the wake of considerable media attention, much of it negative, University of Massachusetts freshman Grant Cerulo made the decision to pull his "Riot UMass" computer game off his University-provided Web site this past weekend. But he still said, "it's just a game."

The 18-year-old Ashland, resident sparked controversy after several news reports described the violent assaults the main character made on police officers in the "Riot UMass" computer game. Several television stations in Boston and Springfield interviewed him since the Daily Collegian broke the story in early November.

"[The reporters] just asked me how I made it, what was my inspiration, and do I feel it's in poor taste," he said. "You know, it is controversial, but it's just a game."

Cerulo said he decided to pull the video game because he wanted to have a good relationship with school officials over the next four years. He added that despite the negative portrayal his game received in the news media, he loves the UMass Amherst campus and did not want to tarnish that reputation.

"I love the campus, this is a great place. [The game] is just a reflection of what we see," Cerulo said. "UMass is confused if they think that people don't know riots occur here."

Riot UMass was created in response to several campus disturbances, according to Cerulo, a couple of which turned into riots of celebration after several Red Sox victories over the past couple of years. Over 100 students were arrested this fall in disturbances in the Southwest Residential Area.

The computer game featured a cartoon character posing as a University student in a Red Sox baseball cap, punching riot police officers until they succumbed to their injuries, lying in a pool of blood. The student could also pick up weapons dropped by police officers along the way to use to fight cops. A bottle of beer was used to measure how much life the character had remaining.

Cerulo's new game, simply called "Zoo Mass," features the same main character in the previous game, but on the campus pond, feeding ducks. A player can use the computer space bar to feed the ducks grain. After one duck is fed, it gleefully runs away while the player is bombarded with more ducks to feed. The point of the game is to feed as many ducks as possible. In this version, the player's life is measured in apple juice.

Cerulo said Zoo Mass is a mockery of Riot UMass.

"People are calling [Riot UMass] ultra violent. I mean, the game is not ultra violent. Ultra violent is like, guns and 'Kill Bill,' so [Zoo Mass is] kind of just making a mockery of people getting over excited about it," he said.

Cerulo said he was not completely surprised that his game received media attention, but did not think it would escalate much.

"I never even finished the game when people started looking at it. It's not like a professional creation. It's just kind of this silly thing," he said. "It surprised me that it got so much attention."

Cerulo claimed that all the response he has personally received about the game has been positive.

"Alumni have e-mailed me with support. People who went here in the 70's they played it and they were saying things like you handled the situation well. Kids, and everyone I've talked to — all my friends love it," he said.

However, the response to his creation has not been so positive on feedback forums on mainstream media sources.

"There's been… people saying in the [Boston] Herald on forums that I've been raised by wolves," he said.

He said he takes all the criticisms in stride.

"I kind of laugh at it because I know there are people out there who don't get the big picture … You just gotta ignore them."

After the game received considerable media attention across the state, University officials released statements condemning the game.

"We find it regrettable and

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A student feeds ducks in freshman Grant Cerulo's new "Zoo Mass" computer game. The object of the game is to feed as many ducks as possible. It takes place on the UMass campus pond.

Professor disects 'Bahston' accent

By ADRIENNE BOSSI
COLLEGIAN STAFF

One characteristic of the Boston accent, according to John McCarthy, a professor of linguistics, includes misplaced R's. McCarthy's lecture, "Pahk Your Cah in Hahvahd, Yahd: A Biography of the Boston dialect," was the second speech in this year's University of Massachusetts's Distinguished Lecture series.

McCarth focused on a topic familiar to many UMass students — the Boston accent.

"I'm originally from Medford," McCarthy said and then correcting himself, "I mean Mefud." However, it wasn't until 1979 when McCarthy began teaching at the University of Texas in Austin that he began studying the Boston accent.

The student evaluations, "all pointed something out that as a linguist you'd think I already knew. The students wrote that they couldn't understand me. And to be honest, I couldn't understand them, either," McCarthy said.

McCarthy surveyed the packed Massachusetts room at the Mullins center with four questions used by his linguistics 101 class to determine who in the room spoke the Boston dialect.

"What do you call beverages like Coca Cola, Sprite, and Pepsi," McCarthy asked. "Tonic."

"What do you call a drink with milk, ice cream, and flavored syrup blended together? A frappe."

"When you order a regular coffee, what do you expect to get? Coffee with cream and sugar."

"And, what do you call the thing you push around a supermarket that you carry your groceries in? A carriage."

McCarthy showed survey results from past linguistics classes spread throughout the state. Graphs illustrated that the existence of the Boston dialect seemed to fade in the western part of the state and nearly disappear once crossing the Connecticut River.

Using maps from the 1700s, McCarthy showed that when settlers were colonizing the state, they came from two distinct areas. They either entered through ports in and around Boston and spread out from there. Or, they came from the Connecticut Valley and moved up the river, exactly the border for the Boston accent.

"By the 1800s," McCarthy said as he showed a roadway map from that century, "All roads led to Boston up until the Connecticut River. The river was a formidable barrier." Boston was then in communication with only the parts of the state the roadways could traverse, thus enforcing the accent's border. And, by the 1800s, there is evidence of an R-dropping Boston accent already forming. Written in a 1794 publication, "The Young Ladies Accidence" girls are told that the proper pronunciation of the word "wharf" is not "woff."

McCarthy then went on to discuss the linguistics of the missing and misplaced letter "R." "R is stronger when followed by a vowel. It has more oomph," he said. Misplaced Rs come only after certain vowel sounds; "uh", "aw" and "ah", and are only added to the end of a word, like "sawring" for "sawing". "The first rule has priority as in, this tuner is rotten versus this tuna seems rotten," McCarthy said as an example.

Misplaced Rs are not to be confused with the common problem of overcorrecting the Boston accent. "It's not something we can really control so it's often overdone, hyper-corrected. Like when John Kerry says 'idear' and Ted Kennedy said 'Cuber' (Cuba)," McCarthy said.

McCarthy has tried hard to hide his accent by adopting the standard American English dialect characteristic of Midland states like Ohio and Pennsylvania. "I'm now bi-dialectical." McCarthy joked, "But I still don't know any other way to say 'Nomah Gahciaparrra.'"

Homeland Secretary Tom Ridge resigns

By Katherine Pfleger Shrader
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, whose name became synonymous with color-coded terror alerts and tutorials about how to prepare for possible attack, resigned Tuesday.

Ridge submitted his resignation in writing to President Bush on Tuesday morning, but indicated he will continue to serve until Feb. 1. "I will always be grateful for his call to service," Ridge said.

Ridge said that for the future he intends to "raise some family and personal matters to a higher priority," including attending his son's rugby games.

In an e-mail circulated to Homeland Security officials, Ridge praised the department as "an extraordinary organization that each day contributes to keeping America safe and free." He also said he was privileged to work with the department's 180,000 employees "who go to work every day dedicated to making our country better and more secure."

Among those mentioned as possible candidates for Ridge's replacement are Bernard Kerik, interim Minister of the Interior for Iraq and former New York City police commissioner, former Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Joe Allbaugh and Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Mike Leavitt and White House homeland security adviser Fran Townsend. Others are also believed to be interested in the job, including Asa Hutchinson, undersecretary for border and transportation security in the Homeland Security Department.

Six other Bush Cabinet figures are leaving, including Attorney General John Ashcroft, Commerce Secretary Donald Evans, Education Secretary Rod Paige, Agriculture Secretary Ann

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Holiday green

Workers secure the Capitol Christmas Tree on the West Lawn of the White House on Monday.

Ukrainian opposition blocks talks after no-confidence vote in elections rejected

By NATASHA LISOVA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KIEV, Ukraine — Opposition supporters on Tuesday abruptly broke off compromise talks over Ukraine's disputed presidential election after pro-government lawmakers blocked a no-confidence motion seeking to topple the prime minister, who was declared the victor in last week's vote despite allegations of massive fraud.

The opposition's rejection of the talks raises pressure on Ukrainian authorities, while Russian President Vladimir Putin said the crisis in the former Soviet republic must be resolved without foreign meddling.

The Supreme Court was wrapping up a second day of hearings with no sign of a decision on an opposition appeal to annul the results from the Nov. 21 runoff election, which put Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych ahead by 871,402 votes.

The moves came after outgoing President Leonid Kuchma, who did not run in the election, spoke out harshly against any steps that would divide this nation of 48 million and said he would support a new vote.

President Bush said Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski will lead a delegation to Ukraine "to encourage the parties to reject violence and to urge the parties to engage in dialogue toward a political and legal solution to the current crisis."

"Our common goal is to see the will of the Ukrainian people prevail," Bush said during a joint news conference with Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin in Ottawa.

Ukraine's government has been paralyzed since the election results sent hundreds of thousands into the streets of the capital for round-the-clock protests to support opposition candidate Viktor Yushchenko, who claims he was robbed of victory.

Putin told German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder that "an exit from the crisis should be found in a democratic way, that is, on the basis of observing the law and not under external or internal pressure based on political passions," the Kremlin press service said in a statement.

Schroeder and Putin also discussed the possibility of new elections in Ukraine and agreed that any results should be "strictly respected," according to the German leader's office.



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Yushchenko's supporters hold flags outside Parliment yesterday afternoon in the snow.

Jury still out on Scott Peterson's fate

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — The start of the penalty phase in the Scott Peterson murder trial was delayed Tuesday after a bartender claimed he overheard a juror discussing the case, a defense source told The Associated Press.

The judge met behind closed doors with attorneys from both sides throughout the morning. At one point, a man identified by the source as the bartender and his attorney entered a closed chamber in the courtroom.

The lawyer, Ian Loveseth, declined to identify his client but said he had been subpoenaed in the Peterson case.

The defense source, who requested anonymity, said the court had subpoenaed a bartender who claimed to have heard at least one juror discussing the case in his bar. The source did not say when the alleged discussion took place or how many jurors were involved.

Jurors are not allowed to discuss the case outside of the jury room.

The penalty phase was to start Tuesday after the state Supreme Court on Monday denied a petition by Peterson's defense lawyers to delay it and seat a new jury in another county.

Defense attorney Mark Geragos argued the jury that found Peterson guilty is now tainted by public opinion. In his appeal for a new jury, Geragos also cited the ousting of two jurors during deliberations.

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Missing U.S. Air Force plane found

KABUL, Afghanistan — (AP) Rescuers found the wreckage of a missing plane used by the U.S. Air Force and recovered the bodies of several Americans who were aboard when it crashed in snow-covered mountains over the weekend, Afghan police said Tuesday.

The transport plane, which was carrying three U.S. soldiers and three American crew members, was located southeast of Bamiyan in the heart of the Hindu Kush mountains, said Ghulam Mohammed, a senior police official in Bamiyan.

"They found pieces of the engine and the wheels scattered on top of Baba Mountain, which rises to 16,600 feet and was covered in fresh snow," Mohammed said.

He said several bodies were recovered and taken to the main U.S. military base at Bagram, north of the capital, Kabul, from where the plane departed Saturday.

Mohammed had no information on the identity of the bodies found. There was no suggestion that anyone survived.

The American military announced earlier Tuesday that the plane was missing and that search-and-rescue teams were struggling to reach the area where they suspected it went down.

A spokesman declined Tuesday evening to say whether the plane had crashed or whether any of its occupants were killed.

The CASA 112 transport plane was operated by Florida-based Presidential Airways and was contracted to the U.S. Air Force in Afghanistan, U.S. military spokesman Mark McCann said.

By Stephen Graham – Associated Press

The Capitol Vistor Center costs rising

By JIM ABRAMS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The cost of the new Capitol Visitor Center could run as high as $559 million, more than double the estimated cost when the construction project broke ground in 2000.

The Government Accountability Office, the investigative office of Congress, also predicted in an analysis that the opening for the three-floor underground facility, originally scheduled for the end of 2005, would be further delayed. It said current plans to open in the summer of 2006 were optimistic.

The GAO analysis is the latest of several assessments to drive up the price tag of what is the most ambitious and expensive construction project in the history of the Capitol.

In concluding that the real costs could be as much as $100 million above the $454 million currently budgeted, the analysis cited management problems for the project, which is being overseen by the architect of the Capitol, and low bid estimates.

Jennifer Hing, spokeswoman for Rep. Jack Kingston, R-Ga., who heads the Appropriations subcommittee responsible for the project's budget, said both Kingston and Rep. Jim Moran, D-Va., the top Democrat on the panel, "are very concerned" about the latest analysis "and plan to take a long hard look at it."

She said they plan hearings on the cost overruns and delays when the new Congress convenes next year.

November marks the worst month for U.S. troops in Iraq

By STEPHEN MANNING
Associated Press



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Martha Burger weeps at a service for her son who was killed in Iraq on Nov. 14.

Cpl. Dale Burger Jr. and his father shared more than just a name. Both joined the Marines at 17 and both were combat veterans. As a boy, Burger dressed up in his dad's uniform for Halloween. He helped care for his father after the older man became an invalid a decade ago.

Father and son now share one last thing — a grave site. Killed Nov. 14 in Iraq, Dale Jr., 21, of Bel Air, Md., was buried Monday at Arlington National Cemetery next to his father, a Vietnam veteran who died in May at 54.

"He said, 'If anything happens to me, I want to be buried near my dad,'" said the younger man's mother, Martina Burger.

The Pentagon reported at least 135 U.S. troops killed in November as of Tuesday morning, matching April of this year for the deadliest month since fighting began in March 2003. Many died in the street-to-street fight to retake the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah or during gun battles in cities such as Baghdad and Mosul. Others were killed by snipers, in accidents, or from shrapnel sprayed by roadside bombs. Some died where they were hit; others succumbed at stateside military hospitals.

Twenty were from California, and 13 were Texas natives. Puerto Rico suffered its 11th fatality. Six were from the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, based in Hawaii; seven others from that battalion were killed Oct. 30.

The dead include Marine Cpl. Jarrod Maher, 21, who had helped his father plant soybeans at their Shenandoah, Iowa, farm on his last visit home in May.

Another was Brian Baker, 27, of West Seneca, N.Y., an Army specialist based at Fort Drum who was about to become the father of identical twin girls.

Army National Guard Spc. Quoc Binh "Bo" Tran was sent a care package by his mother containing his favorite dried noodles — "the Asian kind that are really good," according to his 25-year-old sister, Kristie. Tran, 26, was killed Nov. 7 by a bomb in Baghdad. His family is not sure he got the noodles.

Tran's father was once an officer in the South Vietnamese army. Sent to a re-education camp after the Vietnam War, he escaped from Vietnam with his family in 1986 by trudging through the jungle. They later settled in Mission Viejo, Calif.

Tran was a dutiful eldest child who helped with chores around the house. He joined the military because he liked to fix things. In the National Guard, he was a mechanic.

His family went out to his grave Sunday. Thanksgiving was the first time that one of them had missed a holiday gathering.

"It is completely unreal," his sister said. "Every day we imagine him and think about him and cry."

Spc. David Roustum, 22, was in his last semester of college when he got a call to active duty with the Army National Guard in March. His father, a native of Syria, urged him go there instead to avoid the fighting.

"He looked at me and said, 'Dad, I would never even consider it,'" Russ Roustum recalled.

David Roustum was just a few months from finishing a degree in accounting at the University of Buffalo. At Orchard Park High School outside Buffalo, he was quarterback of the football team and captain of a club hockey squad.

He was killed Nov. 20 in an ambush in Baghdad. Three other soldiers from his 108th Infantry Regiment were wounded. The mothers of the wounded told his parents they believe Roustum saved their sons' lives.

In a call a week before his death Nov. 12 in combat, Lance Cpl. David Branning, 21, told his stepmother that eight Marines had been killed in his company from the Hawaii-based unit. He said he was OK during the call to Tia Steele in Baltimore.

"It was like he didn't want to quit talking, but he couldn't say what was happening," she recalled. "He was a Marine, so he couldn't say he was scared. I thought he was going to come out of it. And he didn't."

Branning loved to cook, and worked his way up from dishwasher to a line cook at a restaurant while in high school. He enlisted in 2002, a year after graduating from Dulaney High, wanting to see the world beyond Baltimore.

Dale Burger Jr. took part in the initial assault on Iraq in 2003. He was just days away from the end of his second tour of duty when he died. He was wounded in the arm by shrapnel recently but told his mother he planned to return to the fighting. She urged him not to, but he said his unit was short on men and he was needed.

"He died doing what he believed in," Martina Burger said. "He's my hero. I'm just so proud of him."

Student pulls 'Riot UMass' and creates new 'duckey' game

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discouraging that a student had designed a game that involves making University police officers targets," said UMass spokesman Ed Blaguszewski. "It doesn't reflect well on the relationship we'd like to build between students, police and the community as a whole."

Despite the University's concerns, they admitted Cerulo was within his first amendment rights to post the computer game on his Web site.

"We don't have the authority to remove the game or censor it," Blaguszewski said. "That doesn't mean we endorse it or support its distribution — we clearly don't. But based on the legal advice we received, it's not within our domain to remove the game."

"I respect what they said. I didn't want to set a bad example," he said. "If people were going to look at me for a model of what to do, then I thought the best decision, overall, was just to take it off."



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In "Riot UMass," the player's goal was to beat to death as many riot police officers as possible. The player can pick up weapons as well.

Student Activities Center
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UP TO THE MINUTE

December 1:
Music injecton Wednesdays:
Bring your lunch and recieve a healthy dose of music between classes.
Student Union, Cape Cod Lounge, 11am -1pm.

December 2:
Under the Radar, Off the Charts!
Hip hop, spoken word, Afro-beat, jazz, reggae.
Sponsered by WMUA, UPC, & BMCP.
Student Union Ballroom, 8pm. FREE

Tomboys!
A documentary film profiling tomboy subjects and exploring how class, ethnicity, and sexual orientation help shape our definitions. Talk to the film maker Christian McEwen. Sponsored by the Stonewall Center.
Hasbrouck 124, 7pm. FREE

December 1, 2, & 3:
Annual Holiday Craft Fair:
Unique hand-crafted gifts at reasonable prices. Sponsored by the Student Union Craft Center
Campus Center Concourse, 10am - 4pm.

December 3:
Something Every Friday: Collateral,
with Tom Cruise.
Top of the Campus Center, 9pm. FREE

December 5:
Sunday Night Movie: Collateral,
with Tom Cruise.
Top of the Campus Center, 8pm. FREE

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Caller alerted to car in Conn. River, K-9 aids in three arrests

MondayNovember 15

12:24 a.m. After investigating loud banging noises around Tobin Hall, an officer found subjects playing dodge ball. A marijuana pipe was confiscated from one of the subjects.

12:25 p.m. A vehicle parked in the parking lot behind the bus garage was reported to have its passenger side window shattered. The car also had damage to the dashboard, and its stereo was missing.

3:10 p.m. A party reported someone was watching them while they were in the shower.

6:56 p.m. An officer reported that a subject was trying to access a police cruiser. The officer advised the subject that they could be charged with attempted breaking and entering.

8:38 p.m. Following a traffic stop for an expired inspection sticker, Jeremy Barrett, 18, of Millbury, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

TuesdayNovember 16

1:10 p.m. A party at the Campus Center stated that someone broke into the game machines and stole money.

9:48 p.m. A party stated that someone threw a rock or another object through a plate-glass window at Hills House. Three people were hit by flying glass, but were not injured.

WednesdayNovember 17

6:41 p.m. A caller in Van Meter Hall stated that someone stole their clothes from the laundry room.

8:31 p.m. A caller stated that several people were riding a wheeled dolly in traffic on Clark Hill Road. An officer investigated, but could not find the people.

ThursdayNovember 18

12:45 a.m. An officer observed four subjects entering vehicles parked in the parking lot next to the football stadium. After being seen, the subjects fled on foot. The UMPD K-9 unit as well as the Massachusetts State Police K-9 unit assisted in finding, and arresting, three of the subjects: Joset Leaf, 22, of Springfield, was arrested for breaking and entering, Possession of a class D substance, and malicious destruction of property.
Ricardo Ramos, 19, of Springfield, was arrested for breaking and entering, possession of a class D substance, and malicious destruction of property.
Israel Aponte, 19, of Springfield, was arrested for breaking and entering, Possession of a class D substance, and malicious destruction of property.

9:03 p.m. A party stated that cash from their wallet was stolen at Boyden Gymnasium. The wallet was found, but $20.00, a UCard, and two credit cards were taken.

10:19 p.m. An officer stated a stereo was missing from a car parked in the parking lot next to Dickinson Hall.

FridayNovember 19

5:43 p.m. A party stated three ski hats were stolen from the Boyden Gymnasium.

7:30 p.m. A party reported a DVD stereo was stolen from their vehicle in the parking lot behind the Mullins Center.

9:30 p.m. After being observed carrying alcohol in Patterson Hall, Scott Selenow, 19, of Sharon, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol.

SaturdayNovember 20

1:01 a.m. Following a traffic stop on Massachusetts Avenue, Amanda Pettijean, 18, of Melrose, was arrested for operation a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and Christopher Leone, 18, of Medford, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

2:47 a.m. A party reported a fight involving 20 to 30 people on Sunset Avenue. An officer stated one subject possibly had a broken nose.

3:04 a.m. Following a traffic stop, Joseph Panarese, 21, of Yarmouth, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

3:41 a.m. A party in Van Meter Hall stated a subject with a bleeding hand fled to the bathroom after they punched a window.

4:47 p.m. Following a traffic stop, Constance Splitter, 26, of Marlborough, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

10:08 p.m. A party stated that the passenger side window of their vehicle was smashed, the stereo was missing, the dashboard was destroyed, and the trunk was damaged and could not be opened. The car was parked in the parking lot behind Sylvan Hall.

10:37 p.m. After being requested for their date of births, Sean Gerrish, 19, of Bridgewater, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol and John Turner, 19, of Bridgewater, was arrested also arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol.

SundayNovember 21

12:59 a.m. A party told the UMPD that they had been notified by the Northampton Police that their vehicle was located in the Connecticut River.

4:22 a.m. A party stated that there was an intoxicated person knocking on their door, refusing to leave. The subject was transported off campus.

7:07 p.m. A party stated that an unknown subject had jumped up and down on the roof of their vehicle, across the street from Whitmore. An officer stated that the roof of the vehicle was caved in.

-Compiled by Brendan Heck

Ridge vows to stay until Feb. if needed

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Veneman; Secretary of State Colin Powell and Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham. Bush has chosen national security adviser Condoleezza Rice for the State Department, White House counsel Alberto Gonzales for the Justice Department and Carlos Gutierrez for Commerce.

In October 2001, Ridge became the nation's first White House homeland security adviser, leading a massive undertaking to rethink all aspects of security within the U.S. borders in the wake of the terror attacks of September 2001.

Congress subsequently passed legislation establishing the Homeland Security Department, merging 180,000 employees from 22 government agencies. Ridge became the department's first secretary in January 2003.

He has presided over six national "orange alerts" when the government boosted security out of concern that an attack may be coming. An attack in the United States never happened on his watch.

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"The author must keep his mouth shut when his work starts to speak."
-Friederich Nietzche

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Don't lose your head this upcoming holiday season

It is December 1, and although stores and radio stations have been prepared since before Thanksgiving, today marks the official start of the holiday season. In the coming 24 days, we will be bombarded with commercials, Christmas music, TV specials and the overall madness that the holidays bring to our society.

Those not gleaming with cheer and good will during these expectations filled and fueled days are often the loneliest. Instead of fulfilling our capitalist economy's consumerist requirements for the season keep your eyes open for the lonely soul who needs your company more than a present.

We lead busy lives, and so it seems impossible to manage all of our decorating, gift buying, cooking and travel plans in just over three weeks. It is this thought that creates the hectic frenzy that could make anyone hate this most wonderful time of year.

For us as college students, it is easier to avoid this frenzy; we are so bogged down in final papers and exams that we don't even have time to think about Christmas until it is all over. However, as the wind blows a little colder and the days get a little shorter, it's easy to panic and start feeling more like the Grinch than the embodiment of holiday merriment, Tiny Tim.

The thing that people seem to so easily forget in the weeks leading up to Dec. 25 is that it really isn't about the decorations or the presents. Holidays are a time to celebrate some time off, to be with the loved ones we have and remember those we used to. They're about eating, drinking and being merry, joys which easily get lost in a consumer driven world that tries to make it about cards, candy and wrapping paper.

This year, we'd like to challenge all of our readers to approach the holidays a little differently this year: don't allow the commercialism to ruin your spirit. Make hot chocolate, hope for snow and hang decorations with those you love, but don't spend the next 24 days obsessing over what to get for each and every person on your gift list. Bottom line: even making it to the gift list shows you care, and no matter what you give to people, it really is the thought that counts.

So let yourselves have an enjoyable and stress-free season for a change. Remember the less you expect of other the less they may expect from you and the easier it is on all of us to enjoy the chestnuts roasting. And remember, if your gifts don't make a hit, there's plenty of time on Dec. 26 to make exchanges.

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This one's for the UMMB

Let's not kid ourselves.

We attend a university that is flooded with the ugly.

Zach Oelschlegel

We have a Student Government Association that basically seems to amount to scandal followed by scandal, teacher's contracts that always seem to be up in the air, and a vice-chancellor [for student affairs and campus life] whose resignation is constantly called for. We had a fair amount of riots this year, a whole lot of tree burning, general campus destruction, people throwing bricks at police and numerous arrests and costs due to student stupidity. There is too often a negative aura that hangs over the campus.

It's fairly easy to get depressed considering what is on the front page of this newspaper every day. So when you need a pick me up from the campus madness, I say look no further than our University of Massachusetts Minuteman Marching Band. When everyone around you makes it seem like nothing productive ever happens on this campus, just tell them that we have a band full of the hardest working studs (not geeks) you will ever see. When everything screams at you to think negatively about UMass, think about our band studs.

The band contains so much of what the school needs. There are so few students at UMass who truly love their school. We don't cheer when the football team wins, we don't congratulate ourselves when our hockey team whips another Hockey East opponent, and it's largely because we don't take pride in our school. UMass should be part of our identity, to the point where our friends back home should think "UMass" when they hear our names, yet in reality, it's more or less just a small stop along our personal journeys of life that apparently don't warrant much conversation.

The band embodies the exact opposite. Just by the fact that they show up for school a week early, losing sleep and sweating off a few pounds during some of the most grueling practices, shows a commitment most students couldn't make, in terms of basic class attendance. That they practice to the point where they seem like a varsity team, and pledge themselves to weekend long trips to cities as far as Indianapolis is just one more way the band exemplifies what our students should look like.

Every single time that I have seen this band, I come back to my dorm room fired up for this school. I come back excited for what we do have at UMass instead of what we don't.

Then there's the swagger these studs carry. They don't call themselves the "Power and Class" just because they like the way it sounds. They don't yell the phrase "with pride" when asked how their eyes should look for a couple giggles. And the very thing they are so prideful about is a supporting role. I've never heard any talk around campus about our incredible drum major, how comical our tubas are or how loud the band cheered when RJ Cobbs ran in for that touchdown last Saturday. The ultimate team player is our typical band stud because he rises to the occasion only when his fellow studs do as well, and because he is supporting more than just the football team.

It's not something we read about all too often. It's rare that you find an article in The Collegian about a band event, and it's rare that you would expect a band stud to expect such an article. Essentially, they play their hearts out because they love this school, and make sure they show UMass' finest every Saturday as they burst onto Alumni Stadium's field. Any accolades they receive are purely bonus, since they realize that they are not the main event.

Hence, this is where I come in. Every single time that I have seen this band, I come back to my dorm room fired up with spirit for this school. I come back excited for what we do have at UMass instead of what we don't. This isn't a sporting event where I can come home either completely satisfied or completely disgusted. There's no alternative to what I am getting when I see them strut onto the field for the fifth quarter to perform for the remaining faithful who stay and watch.

I often think that with the fair amount of people leaving immediately after the game, the band could get a little discouraged considering some of the smaller crowds they have entertained on Saturdays past. I want to let them know that this writer and everyone else who attends the fifth quarter is in awe every time we see them, and to keep up the good work. I want the band to know how proud I am to say that I go to the school with the Power and Class.

To you band studs, congratulations on another tremendous season. Thanks for loving this school as much as I do. The things you do, ranging from the field positions to the small nuances that make you truly great, don't go unnoticed. Thanks for being a bright spot on a university that too often doesn't seem to have one. I can't wait for next year's team.

Zach Oelschlegel is a Collegian columnist.

No condom? No deal. Sorry.

The last two guys I hooked up with wanted to move beyond the generic grab, suck and fondle to sex. That's not shocking. What is shocking was that both males attempted to persuade me to have intercourse without a condom. One claimed not to have any condoms; the other just didn't want to get out of bed to grab one.

S.J. Port

I'm sorry. I had no idea we'd cured AIDS, hepatitis and genital warts! Why didn't anybody inform me that the plague of sexually transmitted illnesses that for most of our lives have run rampant from loin to loin was eradicated from the earth? Somebody should have told me that we are all now free to have casual sexual intercourse without concern.

Furthermore, how presumptuous of these men to assume that I was on birth control and that nine months down the line they wouldn't be straddled by the burden of a junior.

You're in the moment and it looks like your three days (or months) of celibacy are about to conclusively climax. You want to get laid and, guess what, so does she! But my guess is neither of you wants to end up with diseased sexual organs or the responsibility a pregnancy brings.

Whether you can count the number of people you've slept with on one hand or don't have enough fingers and toes combined to total the records up, sex remains an exciting venture. It also remains an act in which you open up a part of yourself to vulnerability.

They're small and come in a myriad of colors, sizes, textures and flavors. You can get handfuls free from your resident advisor, or if you're off-campus, the pharmacy at University Health Services stocks big boxes for low prices. Can you guess what they are?

Since high school I've carried a condom in my purse at all times – upon mother's orders – in the hope that if I were ever attacked by a rapist, I might be able to convince him to use a condom. In an age in which AIDS has become an epidemic and Human Papalo Virus is the leading cause of cervical cancer in young women, condoms have become necessary weapons of defense.

If you are mature enough to enjoy sex, you're mature enough to know the health risks and how to avoid them.

Take the moment to put the condom on. Not just for her sake, but for yours. Who knows where that girl has been, or rather with whom she's been. She may look "clean," "healthy," or "safe," but she also probably looked different before you had those beers.

"Pulling out" before ejaculation will not protect you from STIs or from impregnating the babe you've just involved yourself with. Did you want to involve yourself with her for a few hours, months or the rest of your lifetime?

Don't assume that every female is on birth control. True, a majority of the college-attending women in our generation are on one form or another of chemical birth control. However, this is not an absolute guarantee: not every woman is on the pill or the patch.

Either way, just because the coed your dying to seduce is on chemical birth control, it still doesn't mean she is taking the pills correctly. In order to be at their most effective, birth control pills must be taken at the same time, within a one-hour window, every single day. How many days in a row do you manage to do something at the exact same time?

Perhaps, it's because the majority of unwed college-aged women fear pregnancy as much as they fear contracting a sexual disease that women are more likely to take the pill and to insist on the condom. That said, when are we going to stop making excuses for men? When will men stop making excuses for themselves? And when will women stop accepting the paltry excuses men make? If I have to swell up and bleed once a month, give up my body to produce our child or undergo a painful procedure to end the life of that child, then you can get your act together enough to remember a condom.

If you are mature enough to enjoy sex, you're mature enough to know the health risks and how to avoid them.

Just because a girl gets naked, or removes the majority of her clothing, does not mean it is a green light to initiate sexual intercourse without a condom. There are many things to do when naked that don't involve intercourse ... unless of course you've got a condom.

S.J. Port is a Collegian columnist.

Up against the Wal-Mart

Julie Deffenbaugh managed Wal-Mart's jewelry department in the Arlington, Texas store from 1990 to 1994. In 1992, she began a relationship with a fellow employee named Truce Williams, which culminated in their marriage two years later. Several supervisors knew of their relationship, and she was called to a meeting in 1993, in which one of them declared that Deffenbaugh, "would never move up with the company being associated with a black man and that Wal-Mart frowned upon fraternization with[in] the company," according to Williams v. Wal-Mart Stores (1998). Early in 1994 she was fired, on trumped-up charges of "shopping on the clock." Abuse of workers is common at the company that employs over 1 million Americans: Wal-Mart.

Andrew Freeman

Wal-Mart is the world's largest and most powerful retailer. Its revenue in 2003, over $256 billion, is only slightly less than the value of all the goods produced in Colombia ($263 billion), according to the New York Times. It has grown to be that size through a variety of measures, from greater use of technology to an extremely aggressive business strategy, but the essential thrust is to single-mindedly reduce costs. The result of this ruthless corporate mentality is wholesale exploitation of the company's workers.

Without unions to advocate for, or to defend them, Wal-Mart employees are disadvantaged in everything from wages and job security to healthcare.

While the retail industry in general is one of the poorest paying professions, Wal-Mart is particularly parsimonious, giving most of its "associates" only $7.50 to $8.50 per hour, often less than $1,000 a month.

In addition to low wages, workers are often required to work off the clock without pay, during breaks or as overtime. To give one example, 596 pharmacists suing for damages claimed their work weeks were 60 hours rather than the 40 that Wal-Mart recorded, and that they were not compensated for this overtime.

Part of the reason workers are exploited like this is that there is essentially no union presence at Wal-Mart. The company aggressively prevents union formation, with the government issuing more than 60 complaints at the National Labor Relations Board, encompassing everything from illegal firings of unionizing workers to threats and surveillance of them. Without unions to advocate for or to defend them, Wal-Mart employees are disadvantaged in everything from wages and job security to healthcare.

Between 41 percent and 46 percent of Wal-Mart's employees are covered by the company's health care program, which has a 6 month waiting period for full-time workers and a two-year period for part-time ones. By contrast, other large firms offered insurance to 66 percent of workers, at an average waiting period of 1.3 months. Furthermore, the plan itself requires employees to pay 42 percent of the costs of their healthcare, versus 16 percent for large-firm workers and nothing for many unionized grocery employees. Many employees simply cannot afford Wal-Mart's healthcare.

Because of abysmal wages and healthcare, workers are often forced to seek assistance from the government. A report entitled, "Everyday Low Wages" by the staff of several Democratic congressmen estimated that a single Wal-Mart employing 200 people would cost the government around $420,750: over $2,100 per employee. These costs would result from having to provide free lunches for children, housing assistance, healthcare and tax credits.

In addition to general worker exploitation, women, who make up 65 percent of hourly employees, are discriminated against, receiving 37 cents less than men in comparable positions. Women have a great deal of difficulty entering management, with an average of 4.38 years to gain a job as Assistant Manager, while men average only 2.86 years. 90 percent of store managers are men, and overall, women make up only a third of all managers. Among Wal-Mart's competitors, women compose over 56 percent of managers.

Even entrance into management does not secure equal treatment, as women management trainees make nearly a thousand dollars less than male counterparts. This inequality persists at the highest levels, with the four female senior vice presidents receiving an average of nearly $280,000, while men in the same position got salaries of almost $420,000.

As a result of widespread discrimination, a massive class-action lawsuit is underway, representing hundreds of thousands of current and former Wal-Mart female employees. Unsurprisingly, Wal-Mart is among the most-sued organizations in the country: in 2001 it was sued 4,851 times, second only to the U.S. government at over 7,500.

Exploitation of workers is hardly new to the world, and Wal-Mart may not be the worst corporate offender, but it is at the present time the largest and most prevalent. Consumers have power and they should exercise it. If you support Wal-Mart's vision of America – a land of low-paying, nonunion, exploitative jobs – then by all means shop there. But if you believe that Americans deserve jobs they can be proud of, shop elsewhere.

Andrew Freeman is a Collegian columnist.

SUBMIT A LETTER OR OPINION



Rap lyrics: more than words

Eminem's last album, "The Eminem Show," opened to mixed reviews among critics and fans, but after giving it a few more chances it became one of his most beloved. The same is true of his new album, "Encore." It needs a few listens before it catches on. What is especially interesting about this album is the fact that the words, "bitch, faggot and nigga" are hardly used, and I didn't miss them. This begs the question, what impact do these words have on people, and subsequently, if the only impact these words have is negative why not eliminate them from a rappers repertoire?

Jake Monte

I'm not talking about burning CD's or censorship. However, I admit the idea of eliminating any words from art poses a problem. If one says we should eliminate some words, then how long before someone else says we should eliminate other words. Before we know it, we'd eliminate cuss words from movies.

We can, however, draw a distinction between necessary pejorative terms and unnecessary ones and ask rappers to act responsibly. The words in the albums of Eminem, Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg, among others, are unnecessary. Eminem's latest album proves it. If they weren't there, we'd hardly notice it.

These words are different than just cuss words. They are a thorn in the side of today's society. I witness it everyday as a college student. People all over campus are freely using the word "faggot." African American's call their friends the n-word and think nothing of it. Misogyny and the idea that all women are "bitches," can be seen at any frat party. People aren't mature enough to listen to these albums and avoid being influenced. There is a deterioration of sensitivity around these words, and the boundaries between us, and the prejudices that are breaking down.

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When rappers use the words faggot, niggas, and bitch freely, we begin to use them freely as well. In today's culture, most people have an ingrained fear of being homophobic, racist or sexist. Before Eminem, homophobia was taboo. But the fear of being prejudice is disappearing since Eminem made homophobia cool and funny.

The response from the music industry isn't helpful. Eminem tells us that "faggot" refers to a man who has given up his manhood. He says it has nothing to do with homophobia. Snoop Dogg tells us that "bitch" refers to a specific type of women, not all women. And Tupac said that the guys hanging from the ropes are the n-words, but niggas is just your buddies at a club.

These arguments are hardly convincing. More importantly, the distinction between different meanings of these words is lost on people. No one takes the time to draw the distinction. They hear the words and think of the first definition that pops in their head.

In one of Eminem's songs Dr. Dre says, "All bitches are ho's. Even my stinkin' ass Mom," which sounds very inclusive of all women. Marshall says in one song, "Faggot! Talking about I fabricated my past. He's just aggravated I won't ejaculate in his ass!" A man who has lost his manhood? Does anyone buy that this statement doesn't pertain to homosexuals? And many black rappers talk about their friends by saying niggas.

The distinction between this word and the pejorative word is not understood and black people call their friends the n-word. This word is so steeped in shame that it should never be uttered, not from one black person to another or one white person to another. The associations with it are too powerful. And now, thanks to the rappers of today you can hear this word anywhere on campus.

The answer is that the music industry needs to take responsibility for the elimination of these words. They always throw the first amendment at us. But these amendments don't pertain to every situation. In other words, just because the second amendment tells us we have the right to bear arms doesn't mean you'd buy your child a gun for Christmas.

Artists are like parents and audiences are like kids. Parents have a responsibility to their kids. Until teenagers and college students prove they can hear the word faggot from their favorite rapper and not use it in their own life, they deserve the title of kids.

Not everyone will join us in putting a stop to the use of these words, but just like it is possible to save the world one charity at a time, it is possible to save kids from bigotry one rapper at a time. Eminem is the first to join. "Encore" is a good album. The pejorative terms go un-missed. Dr. Dre once said, "We as entertainers have a responsibility to these kids." I say then, at long last, exercise that responsibility.

Jake Monte is a Collegian columnist.



Manufacturing disasters

We have been plagued by disaster through nature and through man. From murder to nuclear war, we have seen death in human lives and traumatizing catastrophes. We have seen structures crumble and explode; ships sink and people run for their lives. We have experienced the havoc of earthquakes, hurricanes, tsunamis, floods, fires, tornadoes and volcanic eruptions. To deviate from these disasters, we have prepared for them and sought to technology to save us from it.

Wesley LaRochelle

But what if technology was not our refuge? What if what we made to be a necessity turned into a horror? What if what we manufactured, was disaster?

"Oh, the humanity!" cried out the reporter as he filmed the flaming Hindenburg crashing to the ground. The misery that overwhelmed his shouts of dismay, mixed with the screams in the night around him. The searing light from the gas-giant that fell in a ball of inferno dissipated into a horrifying mass of the famed airship's metal skeleton.

In the dark night of March 6, 1937 and in the faded, dim, scratchy film you can see the overwhelming fire that engulfs the whole of the hydrogen-infested blimp. You can witness the silhouettes of people jumping from the minute pod at the bottom of the ship before it hits the ground.

Dozens of onlookers and escaped passengers dash from underneath the flaming sky and pounding alloy, running further from the enormous Hindenburg's fall onto the field of Lakehurst, New Jersey. 97 passengers and crew were traumatized by the horrifying crash. 36 of them, you could say, will never have to remember it.

The Exxon Valdez was another disaster waiting to spill over, not only the lives of humans, but of nearly 500,000 sea animals, birds and onshore life. On the night of March 24, 1989, the 987-foot oilrig hit a reef in Prince William Sound, Alaska. When an officer was left to command the ship through a narrow system of shallow reefs, the ship ran aground and spilled 260,000 barrels of oil over 1100 miles of the Alaskan shoreline.

The extensive measures that were taken to clean up the oil-coated rocks, polluted waters and dead animals that were tarnished over the two days that the spill had lasted, still takes place today, nearly fifteen years later.

On the clear day of Jan. 28, 1986 in Cape Canaveral, Florida, the Challenger space shuttle and crew were destined to the heavens above.

We can see the damage that technology does and we can understand the birth of disaster from the birth of a new inspiration of machines.

The day was beautiful as the crowd huddled together patiently fretting over the momentous occasion that was about to hit the history books: It was the day the first civilian, Sharon McAuliffe, a teacher from New Hampshire, would be given the chance to be taken into outer-space.

73 seconds passed after the shuttle left the ground and then it happened: an enormous explosion that sparked from the spot where the Challenger once was. Tiny fragments of this blast ejected like a flurry of meteorites and sprinkled in an umbrella of flames about a thinning cloud of smoke.

The space shuttle challenger exploded and killed the occupants inside. It was a morbid day for the citizens of America and the troubling news report was a shock to the nation. Years later, NASA has had a number of disasters; many just as monumental and costly, but probably none so memorable and devastating to the spirit of the United States.

Nuclear war is another one of man's follies, and it is one of technology's most cunning creations of turmoil and death. Not only does it show the capability of destruction through the evolution of machinery, but It also helped to show the cold-heartedness of mankind.

Other tormenting events, such as the Titanic disaster having killed over 1,500, or the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki that killed and injured over 200,000, are just examples of the many and much more devastating incidences that have taken place throughout history.

We can see the damage that technology does and we can understand the birth of disaster from the birth of a new inspiration of machines. Whether we can stop them from ever happening Is not important; it is whether or not we will try to. Every new construction, every new fabrication into the mind will display what man is capable of.

However, with every disaster from what we make, there is a reminder of what we can do to ourselves. We must learn to control what we form and we must limit ourselves to what we can control. We cannot let the fumble of our hands determine our fate. We cannot let decision and ignorance to rule our dreams.

Whether it is a crash, an explosion, pollution, an accident or a war, we must be careful. When dealing with technology we must not make mistakes. If we don't manufacture necessity, we manufacture disaster.

Wesley LaRochelle is a UMass student.

Searching for inspiration

I don't mind job interviews that much. Despite the fact that, to sum it up in a sentence, a job interview is a short, mindless conversation between one human being and another in which one human being is judging the other based on that short mindless conversation and his or her appearance, it is the interview process that we use, and the questions they ask are usually simple.

Sanam Hakim

However, sometimes I will be asked that one question that I hate answering: the question that I don't even know how to answer. It is a question that shows up at interviews, a question that shows up as a random essay question, and is a question that everyone thinks about at some point or another in their life: who is a leader that you admire or, in other words, who is your hero?

Well, I admire many leaders.

I admire Mohandas K Gandhi, an Indian man who freed India from British oppression through non-violent protest. Despite opposition, he stayed strong, never fought back and, furthermore, inspired those around him to do the same. In the end, he prevailed, and reminded the world that, "Nonviolence is the greatest force at the disposal of mankind. It is mightier than the mightiest weapon of destruction devised by the ingenuity of man."

I admire Albert Einstein, a shaggy haired genius who is now regarded as the greatest physicist of the 20th century. Although his scientific discoveries were an amazing achievement, I am, nonetheless, an English major, and silly words like "quantum physics" or "relativity" don't mean anything to me unless they rhyme with the poem I am writing. I do, however, think he came out with the most brilliant quotes and believe that he reminded people of the importance of imagination, which is something we tend to lose with age.

I admire Rosa Parks, a black woman who made history when she refused to give up her seat to a white man in the 1950s. She was arrested and tried, inspired a 381 day Montgomery bus boycott and was basically the reason why segregated public transportation was found unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in 1956.

I admire Hercules, that scrawny little cartoon god that didn't fit in with the rest of the humans. The bad guy took away his immortality though, so when he realized he was a god, he still had to live with the humans, which was probably really sad for him. I admire his courage and bravery, and the fact that he was willing to die for the girl that he loved at the end of the movie.

We have come to foster a society that puts these uninspiring individuals in leadership positions and makes them the heroic faces of our media.

Yet, when I sit back and think about all the leaders I admire, how many are still alive or in the case of Hercules, ever were? None.

Actually, if the question was rephrased to, "Who is a living leader you admire?" I would be stuck. Who do I have to admire? The leader of our own American nation. George W. Bush, is not an admirable leader by any means. If John Kerry won the presidential race, I would not admire him either. In fact, any person who rises to high leadership positions through dirty politics does not have my respect and admiration.

We have come to foster a society that puts these uninspiring individuals in leadership positions and makes them the heroic faces of our media. After Sept. 11, for example, instead of a large front page article about one of the firemen who died, we had a large front page article with Bush's face on it, talking about the leadership steps he took in response. The firemen got a small tribute in the middle of the paper, and a few collages made it on the cover once or twice.

It seems like the real heroes are not only the furthest away from being our leaders, but they don't even make it to the front-page news. So, to everyone out there without a living hero — find inspiration in the people. In a society that brings fools to the top, don't let inspiration fade.

Admire Nkosi Johnson, an 11 year-old boy in Africa with AIDS who addressed an audience of 10,000 delegates at the international AIDS conference in Durban, encouraging them to help. He has been made a national figure in the campaign, and he will probably die in the next few years.

Admire George Latham, who saved a girl from a burning car.

Admire Judith Blair, who donated one of her kidneys to a man in desperate need.

Admire Olara Otunnu, who helps children in war-torn nations by demanding legislative action, medical treatment and food from the government.

Inspiration and admiration are still alive. Sadly, however, we can't find it in our leaders. Maybe it's heroic leadership qualities they should be asking us about in our job interviews. Since the people we would label heroes are not our leaders, we can still admire their qualities. And before I break into song, I'm going to end my column. But remember this — everyone needs a hero.

Sanam Hakim is a Collegian columnist.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STUDENTS NEEDED ON DIVERSITY COMMISSION

The Commission on Campus Diversity is basically a bunch of old fogeys that will make recommendations to alter life on campus. Why is this a problem? Because when old people are in charge of what young people have in their lives, you end up with things like pin the tail on the donkey at your sweet 16.

There are two members of this panel that I would not consider to be old fogeys, but instead respectable students: Uri Strauss, president of the Graduate Student Senate, and Eduardo Bustamante, president of the Student Government Associa-tion. These are two wonderful additions to the Commission, but these appointments represent only a small step in the right direction.

Being the only undergraduate out of all 23 commission members, Bustamante is to represent all 18,139 undergrads. That means that less than five percent of the commission is composed of the very body of people it will most influence.

Vast distances between a representative and the individuals in a represented population are expected when the population is in the millions, like in the U.S. Congress. However we are not dealing with millions of people. There is no reason to have such a general representation for all undergrads, especially on a diversity commission.

The commission has been charged to make recommendations aimed at meeting the expectations the entire student body. This wide array of expectations could be better expressed with more student representation.

The commission should have a representative from every major residential area on campus to ensure that the resident student voice is heard as clearly as possible. Without a strong resident voice in the decision-making processes, the commission will fail to fully assess diversity issues on campus and will, therefore, make poor recommendations. The consequences are wasted time, energy and money.

The fact of the matter is that the undergraduate students are significantly younger than the vast majority of this commission and live in a different world, with a different mindset. They've grown up in different times and live on a crazy campus. One man cannot represent them, and middle-aged people definitely cannot represent them, regardless of their titles.

Adam Sutton
UMass student

DEMOCRACY MATTERS MEETING TODAY

Do you constantly ask "why should I vote?" or "does my vote really matter?" Do you feel that our political system is corrupt due to private, corporate influences on politicians and their decisions? Are you tired of convincing people that their vote really matters and we as citizens still have power to do something about our system? Want to do something about it but have your undies in a bunch because you don't know how? Join Umass'

Democracy Matters! Come to our General interest Meeting today in the Commonwealth College Lounge in Goodell at 5:30 pm. Refreshments will be served.

Democracy Matters is a brand spanking new, non-partisan, political studentorganization on the UMass campus. It's so cool that the national organization was founded by an NBA player, Adonal Foyle of the Golden State's Warriors. And now it's here ... right on your own campus! DM aims to promote and educate residents of the valley area about clean elections and campaign finance reform through student-citizen community activism. Reform in the way political campaigns are funded is key to creating a stronger democracy, without the threat of corporate influence on decisions that matter to you and your community.

We are lucky because Massachusetts has a unique history of campaign finance reform, in which the local reform legislation was passed but too poorly funded to even have a chance to work. We as students and residents of Massachusetts have much power in re-energizing the campaign for finance reform.

Through Democracy Matters you will learn: what's wrong with our political system, how our society's elite use their power to influence politicians' decisions, what you can do to eliminate this threat, what happened in Mass. with the reform and crucial grassroots organizing and leadership skills that you will value for all your future endevours. (It also looks good on your resume or job application. But we don't condone joining for such purposes.)

So come to the General Interest Metting today at 5:30 in the Commonwealth College Lounge to learn what we can do to change the system and as well as good leadership and grassroots organizational skills.

Come fight the power to create a new power! It's time for a revolution baby!

Kate Baldacci
UMass student

REDEFINING DISABILITY

I am absoiutely dumbfounded by the callousness, arrogance and ignorance of Kateiyn Harding's assertion in last week's Collegian that the "definition of a person with disabilities not only includes persons with mental retardation, but also people who have suffered in accidents and maybe have had surgery that left their bodies looking less than 'perfect.'"

What gives you the authority to redefine "disability" and verbaiiy hinder an entire category of people? I don't understand how you are able to reconcile your "compassion" for the truly disabled while assigning erroneous, belittling and flippant labeis to those who are disfigured.

In identifying a disfigured person as disabied you are attempting to deprive them of their physical, moral and intellectual strength. Clearly you came to this conclusion without insight from anyone who looks "less than 'perfect.'"

Felicity Lingle
UMass student

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Revisiting the movie greats: '10 Commandments'

By Jeffrey Horowitz
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Somebody once asked me the difference between an epic film and a standard film. I told them a standard film is something like "Pulp Fiction" or "Fargo": a standard movie with a standard experience, perhaps with something a bit more. An epic is something with ambition greater then the eye can see. A film with grand sets, overwhelming story lines, characters larger then life, and a movie that overwhelms with an experience rather then an escape. The same person remarked, in that case, that many films aspired to be epics (i.e. "Troy," "Gladiator," and even now "Alexander" promises our newest epic).

Having seen films like "Troy" and "Gladiator," the friend asked, how to distinguish a film that aspires to be an epic from a film that just is. I told him, watch "The Ten Commandments." If ever there was an epic that is the one. It's the greatest of all epics. Films like "Troy," "Gladiator," "Alexander," they aspire to be epics. Films like "Lawrence of Arabia," "Ben Hur," "Spartacus," and the best of them "The Ten Commandments," they just are.

"The Ten Commandments" touches on perhaps the greatest of stories, the story of Moses. It balances the life of its hero and the lives of everyone who touched it, while simultaneously covering Hebrew slavery from its brutal beginning to its flawed end. It takes a subject matter too broad to tell in a movie and squeezes it into a 3 hour and 40 minute film that passes like quicksand. In its seemingly extended length it's still forced to summarize the forty years of wandering in the desert into a five-minute narration, to give proper focus to more important aspects of the story.

The film was directed by Cecil B. Demille, the most talented director in Hollywood at the time, a master of filmmaking first in the silent era and by 1950 a master of the talkies as well. Already a legend, widely known at the time as one of the greatest filmmakers to date, he decided to make "The Ten Commandments" (released in 1956). It is his greatest film; directing at the pinnacle of its excellence. At the time, only he could complete a film this ambitious, with a budget this bold, with actors this famed and with a story so intimidating in content, length and profundity. He has made here a story that is too large for a movie and yet it is a movie, perfect in editing, in its world, in its philosophy, and in its character study.

It focuses on all the right struggles, gives a perfect screen time to all the right relationships, and portrays the heavenly events with all the right effects. While many movies are a model for how to reach for the stars, "The Ten Commandments" is a model on how to grab them and a pamphlet on how to use them.

Demille makes the film into a tale about a hero. The movie wouldn't have worked if Moses (Charlton Heston) were not so likeable. Charlton Heston plays him here with such confidence, and he is ideal as the likeable, noble, leader. His passion is emotionally captivating and it is easy to believe that slaves couldn't resist his leadership. Along with a perfectly noble hero, Demille gives us a sibling rivalry between Rameses (Yul Brynner) and Moses over the love of the Pharaoh (Vincent Price). He has the brothers fighting over the kingdom, but even more so over the girl, the gorgeous Nefretiri (Anne Baxter)

Whoever Pharaoh names king shall inherit the kingdom, the girl, and the love and approval of himself as a father. This fierce competition will set the bitter feelings for later on. Moses seems first in line to take all, as he captures Ethiopia, wins the affection of his "father," the Pharaoh, captures the heart of Nefretiri, and builds a city that Rameses failed to complete, in a scene exciting in tension and glorious in visual awe.

The film also shows us scenes heartrending in tragedy of the process by which slaves work, how they are driven like animals, starved, whipped, and overworked. It shows the slave life in brutal means with sad eyes, as they push their bricks, stomp their mud, carry their stone and pull their rope. Their bodies: tired; their eyes: sad; their skin: so covered with mud it seems to blend with the color.

As the story goes, a prophet of Pharaoh sensed a deliverer for the Hebrew slaves. To prevent the birth of a Hebrew savior he ordered all the male firstborns murdered. The mother of Moses, Yochabel (Martha Scott), sends him down the Nile in a basket of straw to save his life. He floats into the life of Bithiah (Nina Foch), the sister of Pharaoh, who falls in love with the baby, and brings it into her life to fill the emptiness left by a dead husband. She raises it as her own, its Hebrew heritage hidden forever. Until thirty years later when a Maid (Judith Anderson), that witnessed the incident, threatens to reveal to Rameses the truth.

Nefritiri, too in love with Moses to care of his heritage murders the Maid. Moses discovers this and interrogates her until he uncovers the reason for the murder. He learns that Nefritiri had done it to protect him from Rameses's future discovery of his hidden heritage. Now, however, he learns for the first time in his life, that he is a

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Design of a Decade: Pearl Jam returns with greatest hits on 'Rear View Mirror'

By Ian Reed
U-WIRE

PITTSBURGH — This month, Pearl Jam released a two-disc, 33-track, greatest-hits album, titled "Rearviewmirror." This release, coupled with the recent release of "Lost Dogs" (a rarities set), represents Pearl Jam's effort to clean out its closet of tracks before severing ties with its long-time label Epic. Because this greatest-hits collection samples from each Pearl Jam release, it provides an excellent opportunity to summarize the band's career until this point.

The early '90s presented a great collection of bands and music that has not since been matched. At the time, bands such as Soundgarden, The Smashing Pumpkins, Nirvana, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Nine Inch Nails and Green Day popularized rock music in a way that is sorely needed today. Some of the aforementioned bands (as well as Radiohead and OutKast) have been fortunate enough to celebrate their 10th anniversaries. Pearl Jam has become one of those bands, but in the process, it has gone from immense popularity to relative obscurity.

In many ways, Pearl Jam's popularity was something that the band never handled very well. This is most evident in the 1995 attempt to circumvent the giant Ticketmaster, which, in the end, alienated many fans by making the band even more difficult to see live. Coincidentally (or not), this also happened to be the point when Pearl Jam peaked musically. It was during this time that Pearl Jam released "Vitalogy" (1994), "Merkinball" (1995) and "No Code" (1996) — collections so outstanding that a double-CD release of these albums would constitute an admirable greatest-hits album.

This brings me to the most inherent and notable flaw of the present greatest-hits collection: It fails to showcase the very thing that has kept Pearl Jam together for so long. It fails to show the evolution of the band. Not one song in Pearl Jam's catalog can be taken from its album and placed on another album. As a result, the current release is merely a collection of songs — a collection of songs that do not tell the story that needs to be told.

There are many other crimes committed in addition to the one above. This collection fails to show that the music that Pearl Jam has created continually reflected the current struggles of the band. It fails to show the many ways in which Pearl Jam has used music as sublimation throughout the years. It fails to show how their music has changed as a result of their popularity. As a singular release, it fails to tell a story.

Arguably, the most important failure of the current release is its relative lack of songs penned by Eddie Vedder. In the beginning, Pearl Jam was Stone Gossard's band. From Vitalogy on, Pearl Jam has been Eddie Vedder's band. Undoubtedly, Vedder is the reason that the band is still making relevant music. Vedder is also the reason that Pearl Jam's more recent releases have been so frustratingly inconsistent. It is because Vedder is light years beyond his band mates in terms of song writing. An album of songs written by Vedder alone would constitute an amazing release.

In the end, the current release disappoints because of its effortless assembly. Pearl Jam's catalog is one to be handled with care — this release was not. Pearl Jam is a band with a collection of brilliant songs that have not been heard. I, for one, would have liked a release that challenged listeners to look deeper within the catalog of one of the greatest songwriter in music today.



COURTESY J&J SCHUTZ/SONY/UMG

Rock and roll legends Pearl Jam release their greatest hits album,"Rear View Mirror," proving that they still have what it takes.

Duke student challenges M.P.A.A

By Kelly Rohrs
U-WIRE

DURHAM, N.C. — When Duke University freshman Elliott Wolf opened his e-mail last week and found a forwarded note from the Motion Picture Association of America, he didn't think much of it. Sure, he had downloaded some television shows, but he didn't mind that the Office of Information Technology was telling him the industry wanted him to stop. He did.

But when he opened his e-mail this week to find another note from the MPAA, he wasn't sure what to think. The warning, which applied to TV shows from weeks earlier, was the same as the first, but this time Wolf was armed with a slew of research.

He was willing to quit sharing his files over the Internet because, as he said, "it's just not worth it." But the prospect of a legal fight with the MPAA intrigued him. "What the MPAA is yelling at me about, at Duke about, is really ambiguous," Wolf said.

Because the MPAA warning is about television shows, which are initially broadcast free of charge, Wolf thinks the industry is on questionable legal ground. He has contacted independent activist groups to help him figure out if the same court rulings that made VCRs legal in the 1980s, protects downloading.

Ren Bucholz, activism coordinator for the advocacy group Electronic Frontier Foundation, said the copyright law that governs file-sharing cases has not caught up with technology. Whether file sharing is legal at both individual and large-scale levels depends on interpretation of "fair use" exceptions in copyright laws.

"As far as personal file sharing and copying a television show, there isn't something in the law that gets you off the hook right away," Bucholz said. "The argument is that they may have been broadcast for free in the first place, but they may not remain free."

In the absence of a clear legal course, the industry often sends "cease and desist" requests to people they find trafficking files. OIT receives about 300 to 400 warnings from the recording and movie industries each year, said Chris Cramer, information technology security officer. It then forwards the messages to the people accused of violating copyright law. Whereas most allegations used to come from the Recording Industry Association of America, Cramer said a majority now concern movies and television.

In mid-November, the MPAA filed an undisclosed number of lawsuits against multiple individuals who were only identified by their IP addresses, which serve as computer identification codes. Following the same model the RIAA used, the studios said they will identify the individual defendants at a later date.

Cramer said none of the IP addresses named in lawsuits have belonged to Duke community members.

These lawsuits encountered resistance Nov. 23 when a federal judge in California ruled that individual lawsuits must be filed for each unnamed defendant.

Officials from the MPAA did not return repeated phone calls. Most of the lawsuits so far, from both the RIAA and the MPAA, have been filed against people who upload copyrighted information, rather than people who download it. OIT includes instructions on its website about how to prevent uploading while using file sharing sites.

"Practically speaking, it would be difficult to catch people who have disabled uploading, whether or not you are violating copyright law," Cramer said.

The University has never tracked downloads or person-to-person file transfers and does not disclose the names of alleged violators without a subpoena, Cramer said. "Since these are things that are alleged, there is no real reason to turn over the names of the alleged people," he said.

The policy is one that Wolf, like many other Duke students, is grateful for. In practice, it prevents the MPAA from linking Wolf to his address and becoming an easy target for a lawsuit.

So as Wolf attempts to argue for downloading, he is keeping specific details of the MPAA's accusations, such as what shows he downloaded, quiet. "I guess I'll go as far as I can without telling them my identity," he said. "Because if I become the one person who gets identified, then WHEW."

Gwen Stefani fails to deliver with new album release 'LAMB'

By Ruben Sanchez
U-WIRE

MEDFORD, Mass. — On her new album "Love, Angel, Music, Baby" (LAMB), Gwen Stefani rocks like it's 1989. Stefani is a child of the '80s, and through her solo debut the rock princess tries to revive the decade mocked for its materialism, bad clothes, and worse music. And for a large portion of LAMB, she succeeds.

On hiatus from her band No Doubt, Gwen has focused on her solo career. She has been working on projects including her album, acting in "The Aviator" alongside Leonardo DiCaprio, and her own clothing line (also called LAMB). She's getting a lot of press these days, and the media coverage only helps her quest to become the interim queen of pop.

Gone are the highly personal and introspective lyrics that made No Doubt and its female lead so successful. In the place of substance, LAMB delivers '80s new wave and pop, with hints of swing and electronica. There is none of the familiar Ska sound No Doubt is famous for.

Fans of the rock band have let their displeasure be known. They've posted angry letters on message boards all over fan sites. Most of the complaints are that Gwen's solo album is just too weird, too over the top. And they are right. Put the album on and the first song you hear is the first single released to the public, "What You Waiting For." The "Alice in Wonderland" inspired video prepares the audience for the absurd themes on the rest of LAMB. This first track also introduces us to Gwen's personal muses for this project: the four Harajuku Girls she named Love, Angel, Music and Baby.

The story goes that in the process of creating her album and her clothing line, Gwen had a creative block. While visiting the Harajuku shopping district in Tokyo, Japan, Gwen was inspired by the glamour and style of the girls who go there to shop and show off. The Harajuku girls are referenced all over the album.

Dr. Dre produced the song "Rich Girl," a collaboration with female rapper Eve. Gwen helped Eve make a hit a few years ago on "Blow Your Mind," and Eve returns the favor. This track is no "Fiddler on the Roof" remake; it is inspired by Lady Saw's reggae hit "If I Were a Rich Girl." Dr. Dre takes the reggae beat and laces it with some heavy drums. "Rich Girl" is one of the two songs on this album that will grab some hip-hop listeners.

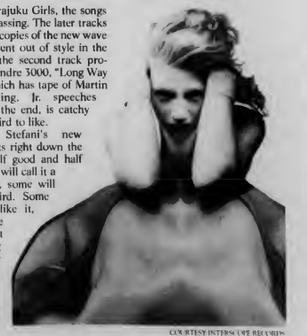
The other song is "Luxurious." Tony Kanal, bassist for No Doubt, gets in on the production and samples the same Isley Brothers beat that made the Notorious B.I.G. so famous with "Big Papa." Kanal stretches the beat out even more by slowing down the playback and having Gwen sing (almost rap) her lyrics quickly. She sings about money, cars and clothes on "Luxurious," likely to the chagrin of some dichard No Doubters. Gwen's solo album is for her fans alone, not No Doubt fans looking for more No Doubt music.

Really, LAMB isn't about the music at all. It's about Gwen Stefani and the cultivation of her new persona and career. The producers are the ones making the music on this one, not Gwen. She's put her career in their hands for the chance to propel her celebrity even further.

LAMB is an eccentric pop album meant to solidify the identity of an artist and package it neatly in a jewel case. Sometimes it works. Look at Madonna, Prince and most recently Andre 3000, who produces two tracks on LAMB. But it can also backfire.

When an album is promoted as an extension of the of the artist's personality, bad songs become embarrassments. LAMB has 12 tracks, and starting with number seven, an homage to the bizarre Harajuku Girls, the songs get embarrassing. The later tracks are carbon copies of the new wave pop that went out of style in the '80s, and the second track produced by Andre 3000, "Long Way to Go," which has tape of Martin Luther King, Jr. speeches infused at the end, is catchy but too weird to like.

Gwen Stefani's new album splits right down the middle: half good and half bad. Some will call it a fun album, some will call it weird. Some fans will like it, some won't. But one thing is clear: for Stefani, it's no longer about the music. It's about the material.



COURTESY INTERSCOPE RECORDS

Gwen Stefani's debut solo album recieves little praise

An epic vs. a movie: '10 Commandments' sets the stage

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Hebrew. He can't take the hypocrisy of living in royalty and inheriting a kingdom based on slavery. So Moses joins the slaves in the harsh labor, stomping away in the mud, because as he learns to accept: they are his people.

Dathan (Edward G. Robinson) a slave overseer is one of the meanest of the characters. Joshua (John Derek), a slave is one of the most beloved of characters. Joshua is desperately in love with the Hebrew beauty Lilia (Debra Paget). Dathan however, eventually buys her. Joshua earlier had tried to save Lilia from being raped by an Egyptian master, but in doing so, struck an Egyptian and will now be put to death. After Dathan purchases Lilia he promises that if she does not physically fight his rape, he will see that Joshua, her love, is not executed. She submits to save Joshua, but in doing so their romance is murdered and so is her innocence.

When Dathan, overhears Moses telling Joshua of his Hebrew heritage, he tells Rameses that Moses is a slave and the prophesized deliverer. Rameses brings Moses to his beloved Pharaoh in chains and the truth is revealed. The Pharaoh disowns him for openly denouncing slavery and adapting an attitude of "treason." He allows Rameses to banish him into the desert, with nothing but a days worth of food and water, a walking rod and a Hebrew cloth to cover him.

Here the second part of Moses's life begins. He finds a Jewish family. Out of seven daughters, he marries the wise older one, prettier by any means then any of the other flirty siblings. He has long talks with her about religion, philosophy and inspired skepticism. They marry and have a son. He becomes a smart businessman, a successful and prosperous shepherd, and adjusts to his new life, happily married. Until one day, he sees a fire engulfed bush, that defies logic — one that is covered in flames, but does not burn. The voice of the Lord tells him to travel to Egypt, with rod in hand, carrying the voice of the Almighty one and free the Hebrews from the bondage of Egypt.

Years have passed, the Pharaoh has died and the new Pharaoh is none other than his old foe Rameses. He tries to appeal to Rameses sympathetic side but soon finds it doesn't exist. The new Pharaoh antagonizes the Lord and ten plaques ravage the land of Egypt. In these scenes special effects are done with surprisingly realistic simplicity even by today's standards.

Moses repeatedly argues to the new ruthless Pharaoh, Rameses, to let his people go and with a stubborn grin and a disrespectful laugh he waves away the accusations of Moses. The scenes between Moses and Rameses provide some of the most bitter and intensely delivered dialogue of any fights I've ever seen between any two movie characters. Here we are watching sibling's war over an issue of freedom over slavery, life over death, God over man.

With passion and hostility and a well-developed background between two characters, by two actors that have disappeared into the concentration of their roles, Heston and Brynner provide us with some of the best scenes in movie history between an obsessed and furious Rameses and a fiery, but spiritually heartfelt Moses.

The film is emotionally overwhelming. It's not so much a film as it is a prayer on the history of a people. In thinking back on it, the thing that stands out the most are the gargantuan sets. Demille filmed on location, in Egypt, amidst the deserts, among the locations. The costume design is so authentic it's breathtaking.

The magnitude of the sets is daunting. The eyes of film have never seen sets this massive, actors this many, land this endless. The project is simply massive. The pyramids, the interiors, the desert lands, Mt. Sinai, and the pits of slavery are all spellbinding. The awe this film inspires is indescribable.

Demille also gives us a Moses that is doubtful. He questions the existence of a greater power in a world where his people are enslaved. He has philosophical discussions on the merits of whether the Almighty can exist and if so still be worthy. Would any spirit of good ignore cries of slavery, he asks? We see here a confused Moses who doesn't believe he will save anyone at first. He is skeptical of himself and his spirituality and only after he visit's the burning bush do we see a Moses that has transformed. Heston must change physically and emotionally in this role, in a way that convinces us of a confused slave changed to a holy profit and he does it in perfect form. It's his best performance.

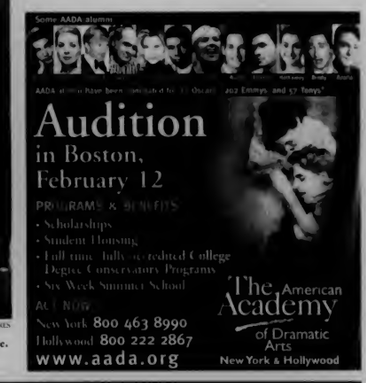
The parting of the Red Sea filmed with two different shots of water superimposed around shots of dry land, has a perfect effect of water divided in walls with a look that is not natural because indeed it is not natural for seas to part. Some may mistake it as cheesy, it is transcendent to the reality of this movie and it works. Marked commonly as the greatest special effect in movie history, Demille delivered that scene about as well as a director can while claiming divine intervention within a movie that embraces reality.

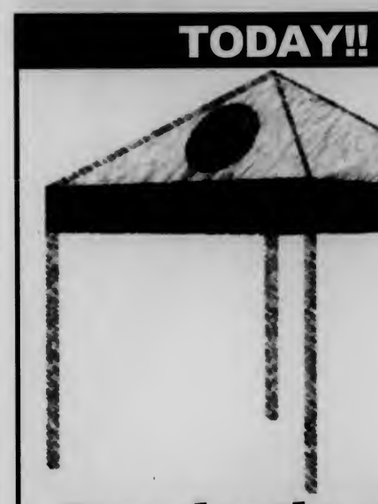
This movie struck a chord. There's a reason it plays every Passover and there's a reason we watch it every year. It's an achievement of spectacular heights. It's not as if Demille made a movie that everyone has copied. Demille made something amazing that no one had ever done before, and no one has ever done again. He taught us how to film a miracle and no filmmaker dared to imitate. It's the greatest of biblical movies and the greatest of cinematic epics. Often I've mentioned its name and people's eyes grow wide and they think with little description of the experience. It's too intimidating to encapsulate with a comment so they nod and gaze and mutter. "The Ten Commandments. That's the best."

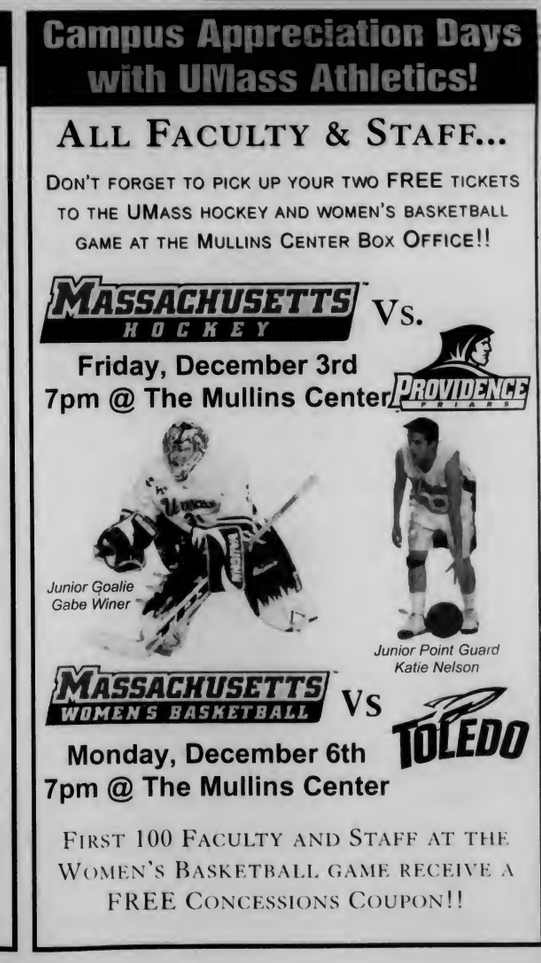


COURTESY PARAMOUNT PICTURES

The epic "10 Commandments" starring Charelton Heston and John Derek has proven to be a timeless classic and remains a fan favorite.







A list of the best plays in '04

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Massachusetts football program will look back on as the major turning point of the 2004 season. After starting out 2-0 in impressive fashion, it was the first clap of thunder in a storm that brought about four straight losses and knocked UMass from Division I-AA playoff contention.

With the Pioneer Valley having been pelted by rain overnight and well into game day, the Minutemen appeared waterlogged as well in putting together a lackluster first half performance against Richmond. Content to cut their losses and head into halftime even, the Minutemen fell asleep at the wheel during the half's final snap.

Using six defensive backs in a situation where only a heave towards the end zone could produce pay dirt, strong safety James Ihedigbo, among others, got crossed up in assignments. After rolling out to his left, something Brown had been stressing that UMass not allow the Spiders quarterback to do, Tutt lofted a long bomb towards the back half of the end zone for a wide open Wilson. Standing alone, with no maroon jerseys within seven feet of him, Wilson patiently watched the ball into his hands and caught it for the touchdown, stealing the lead and the momentum in a game UMass would never climb back into.

3.) First-year head coach Don Brown receives a Gatorade shower courtesy of his new team after the Minutemen down his former employer, Northeastern University, 26-22 in Brookline.

Dubbed as the "Bitter Bowl" by the Boston media, it was clear from the day he took over at UMass that Don Brown's return to Parsons Field would be about far more than football. Yet on this day, football was all the former Huskies boss needed to soothe nearly a calendar year's worth of hard feelings.

Behind inspiring, gritty performances from his charges, namely senior captain Rob Kane, who battled tooth and nail with All-American middle linebacker Liam Ekeziel from whistle to whistle, and tailback Steve Baylark, who physically wore the Huskies down in the second half, Brown was finally able to exact revenge on the team, the school and the athletic department that intentionally embarrassed and publicly defamed him.

Nonetheless, in a show of ultimate class that proves how much a football coach truly means to his past and present players, and vice-versa, it was Brown who made himself available to any and all of his former players who wished to visit with him after the game. Standing there, soaking wet from a victory shower, Brown took the final step towards closure in this most difficult of episodes, and fully stepped into the UMass chapter of his head coaching career as a victor.

2.) Ola Sanusi and L.A. Love block an extra-point attempt from Maine's Mike Mellow in overtime, preserving a 35-34 Homecoming Day win for UMass.

Things had already gone terribly wrong for the Minutemen by the time rival Maine arrived in Western Massachusetts for a rain-drenched Homecoming battle. Having lost four games in a row and five-of-six, UMass was coming off of a devastating final-minute loss to Rhode Island, and was just trying to salvage some semblance of respectability within its tumultuous season. Yet by the time this wild game was complete, the Minutemen had put themselves on the fast track to a complete turnaround.

Capping a nine-play, 80-yard drive with a nine-yard touchdown run just before the two minute mark of the fourth quarter, former Amherst Regional High School star tailback Marcus Williams sent the game to overtime, where he answered a Baylark touchdown on the first possession with a 25-yard scoring burst of his own on Maine's first play in the extra frame.

Facing the prospect of a second overtime against one of the A-10's most talented teams – the same team that stunned SEC foe Mississippi State earlier in the season – the Minutemen reached into their bag of tricks and pulled out the kind of moment you expect to see from this team at least once a year; the type of moment seasons are made, and remade, out of.

After the snap from center was on the money, defensive lineman Ola Sanusi broke through the middle of the line with a hand outstretched and behind him was Love, vaulting high over the mass of bodies with a hand reaching similarly to the sky.

When Maine kicker Mike Mellow eventually got his foot into the ball, the kick came off a little low, and Love and Sanusi successfully smothered the kick. From there, all hell broke loose as the UMass sideline erupted in victory and spilled onto the field in a sea of maroon. From that point forward, the Minutemen did not lose another game in 2004.

1.) On a warm, late summer evening in September, the Minutemen take the field under the lights at McGuirk Alumni Stadium for just the second time ever, and gain revenge on No. 4 Colgate 30-20 before a near-capacity crowd of 16,405 – the largest to watch a football game in Amherst in 30 years.

It was a game, or rather a series of moments, that reinforced the potential and possibilities of Massachusetts football, because for one fleeting football Saturday in the Valley, everything went perfectly.

From the hoards of tailgaters and football fans that filled the surrounding parking lot upwards of three hours prior to kickoff and spilled into the stadium for the first near-capacity crowd at McGuirk in three decades, to the Minutemen, clad in all-maroon for the first time since the 1999 playoffs and looking to build on the success of a championship season in 2003, there was an incredible aura of positive energy surrounding the artificially-lit stadium – the type of positive energy that creates a legitimate Division I football atmosphere.

In the end, the result of the much-anticipated rematch with hated Colgate was much like the night as a whole – perfect. With two Baylark touchdown runs, two Jason Peebler touchdown catches and the most amazing kickoff return you will ever see turned in by the aforementioned Mr. Spectacular R.J. Cobbs, the students jumped and chanted, the alums stood and cheered and those who knew what the win over the Red Raiders truly meant to this team sat, smiled and just soaked it all in.

It was the past, present and future of the UMass gridiron in full effect, and it was a tremendous success – a sign of the things to come.

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UMass will try to stop NU guards

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who tends to be recognized as a defensive player, has showed his accuracy from three-point land shooting 44 percent for the year.

Perhaps the most important player for UMass has been point guard/captain, Anthony Anderson. Getting back into the swing of things, Anderson is averaging 10.0 points per game, but leads the forward-clad team in rebounds with 7.5. Most of this statistic is derived from his 13-rebound performance against Yale.

"He plays great defense every game, he has a great floor game every game, and he rebounds like he did in the last game," Lappas said of his captain. "He does everything, whatever you need on a given day. He's just one of those guys that wants to win so bad that he'll do anything. He has the heart of a lion and when you have the heart of a lion you should be captain."

Northeastern has had some troubles this season, but has been getting a significant amount of contribution from its guards. Jose Juan Barea and Marcus Barnes are averaging over 50 points per game this year for the Huskies and pose a threat to any opposing defenses.

In the Huskies' lone win over Cornell on Nov. 20, Barea scored a season-high 35 points. He has been complemented by Barnes' accuracy from behind the arch; he has shot 54 percent on the year.

Lappas will be switching up the defensive scheme with his guards, hoping to keep the scoring tandem off-kilter.

"Anderson is going to have one, Mazwell is going to have one, but we're going to have Chadwick and Artie Bowers come switching on and off," Lappas said.

Any team that has a losing record with two primetime scorers must have a weakness. In the case of Northeastern, its early season troubles may stem from literally being a little slim in the post.

Sophomore Bennet Davis has been the biggest contributor from under the basket, scoring 6.7 points and grabbing 4.0 boards. Although he stands at 6-foot-9, he weighs in at a slim 220, 30 pounds less than Freeman.

Although there is a definite size differential, Lappas is wary to look beyond the Husky's post-game.

"This team here has some good big guys, they are a little thin, but they're very athletic," Lappas said.

Lappas hopes that tonight's game will spark interest in the student community. If the Maroon and White win three in a row, it will be only the second time since its 1995-'96, its Final Four season.

"I think it would help no doubt, last week was tough because of Thanksgiving and the weather was so bad, so you have two things against you," Lappas said. "Hopefully, we'll do well [tonight], win the game, gain some momentum, and hopefully people will come back. I think these kids deserve to be seen."

Speedy Baylark highlights 2004 season

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ers and dejection on the faces of its opposition after the game told the whole story.

Though there was no postseason for the Minutemen, the groundwork was set for next year. A young team that will only lose two senior starters (wide receiver Jason Peebler and offensive guard Rob Kane), they have clearly grasped Brown's ball-control and defensive systems.

And though there will be no national hardware for this team, the individual accolades are already adding up. Let's get to my awards:

Offensive Player of the Year:

Steve Baylark — The leading rusher in the Atlantic 10, Baylark was the driving force behind Brown's offensive scheme that relies very heavily on the running game. When he played well, the team usually won, and quarterback Tim Day's numbers skyrocketed when Baylark had success.

Baylark finished the season with 1,138 yards on the ground plus eight touchdowns, and his best game came during the upset at UNH when he rushed for 192 yards and three touchdowns. After two seasons of being UMass' starting tailback, he has rushed for 2,235 yards, which is good for fifth on the school's all-time list.

Also receiving consideration:

Jason Peebler — The senior wide receiver was the most potent scoring threat the offense had. He caught 48 balls for 976 yards and 10 scores while being held back due to a nagging leg injury during the early portion of the season. He was often double-teamed, and Brown said earlier this season that opposing defenses would change their schemes entirely on Peebler's side of the ball.

Peebler was great at taking a quick hitch-n-route and turning it into a long touchdown reception, and he had the greatest ability to change the momentum of a game on the team.

The senior receiver's career didn't take off until his All-American junior season, and he leaves UMass in the top-three in career receptions (123, third), career receiving yards (2,395, second) and career receiving touchdowns (27, second).

Defensive Player of the Year:

Shannon James — Also the Atlantic 10 Defensive Player of the Year, James picked off eight passes this season which put him in a tie for the nation's best, and his 16 career interceptions makes him the active leader in Division I-AA. He intercepted two passes in three games this season.

He single-handedly kept the Minutemen in the game during the 29-7 loss at Boston College when he intercepted Paul Peterson twice and had a third pick called back because of a penalty. James also finished the season with 75 tackles.

Also receiving consideration:

Serge Tikum — His team-leading 82 tackles came during his first full season at middle linebacker in a new defensive system under Brown. As one of UMass' captains, Tikum was the heart and soul of the defense.

The coaching staff admitted that Tikum's best game was against Northeastern, a week after he played his worst game against Maine. He had 14 tackles and a sack against the Huskies, which was ultimately a head-to-head match-up between himself and the opposing middle linebacker, Liam Ezekiel, who is the Division I-AA career record holder for tackles, but was held to only seven against the Minutemen.

Special Teams Player of the Year:

Christian Koegel — He averaged 41.3 yards per punt which was good for second in the Atlantic 10, and his 76 yard punt that went out of bounds at the three-yard line against Delaware with the score knotted at zero was one of the most jaw-dropping moments of the season.

Rookie of the Year:

JJ. Moore — As a redshirt freshman, Moore was second on the Minutemen with four touchdown receptions and third in receptions with 32 and receiving yards with 389. As a very reliable third option in a young passing attack this season, Moore should contribute more steadily next fall.

2005 Breakout Performer:

Brandon London — His swagger never went unnoticed, even to the point when he collected several unsportsmanlike conduct penalties during game action. London's best game was against UNH when he caught seven passes for 136 yards and a touchdown. More amazing was how he caught those passes, though. He caught 34 passes for 439 yards and three touchdowns this season, and with Peebler graduating, London will be UMass' big threat next year.

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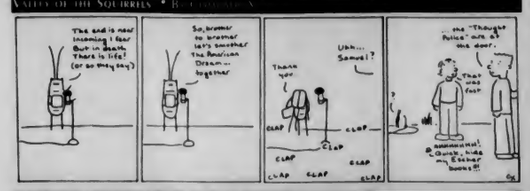
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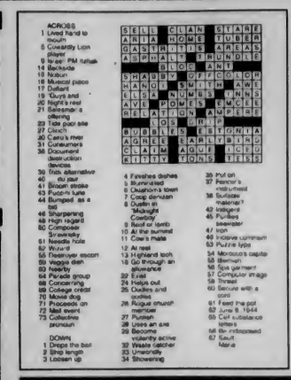


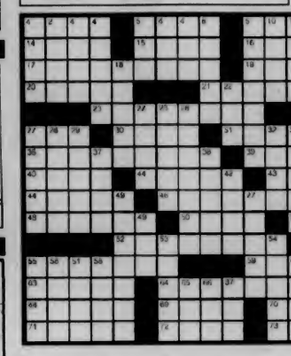


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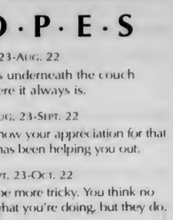




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UMass searches for 3-0 start

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

After going 2-0 for the first time in three years, the Massachusetts men's basketball team is hoping to sweep its season-opening three-game home stand tonight against Northeastern.

The Huskies (1-2) will be the last game before the Minutemen head 2,979 miles west to play Gonzaga in the Battle for Seattle on Saturday.

Some would say, with nationally known Gonzaga and UConn coming over the next week and a half, UMass has to win tonight to carry over proper momentum. Head coach Steve Lappas is more concerned about the here and now and is focused on beating NU more than anything else.

"We haven't even mentioned Seattle, Gonzaga, or anybody else, all we've been talking about is Northeastern, that should be our only focus," Lappas said. "I hope that other stuff plays no part in this game."

The first two games of the season have shown a mixed bag of what the Minutemen are capable of. Against Birmingham Southern on Nov. 23, UMass dominated the first half, but let the Panthers get back in the game in the second. The Minutemen were able to snag a 64-60 victory, showing a resilience that has been missing over the past couple of season.

In its next game against Yale, the Maroon and White dominated on both ends and showcased a 70-56 victory.

The Minutemen, who are usually a one-dimensional team, have been getting help from up and down the roster. Four of the five starters are averaging in double figures, with Rashaun Freeman leading the way with 16.5 points per game and a respectable six boards.

Complementing Freeman has been the resurgence of Maurice Maxwell who is second on the team with 14.5 ppg. Maxwell,

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COLLEGIAN ARCHIVES

Sophomore foward Maurice Maxwell goes up for a layup during the 2003-'04 campaign. Maxwell is averaging 14.5 points per game this year this Minutemen and has been a vital piece in UMass' defensive plan.

Five moments to remember



Mike Marzelli

Transition.

The 2004 Massachusetts football team adapted to it all season long. Transition from one era to another – from a coach who guided them to a National Championship and two league titles to one who hadn't coached in Amherst in over four years. Transition from a pass-happy offense to a run-oriented attack – namely a switch in quarterbacks following the graduation of Jeff Krohn, and transition on defense after losing seven starters and a vast amount of talent, size and experience.

Yet in the end, this team was able to overcome transition and adapt to change. The Minutemen figured themselves out after struggling mightily and united with their new coach, transforming a lost season into their third consecutive winning season. Now, with the experience this young but talented group gained during this period of transition, the focus will shift to 2005, when the transition will be complete, and the group that finally found its identity in 2004, will finally come full circle. With that I introduce to you the up five plays of the 2004 UMass football season.

5.) R.J. Cobbs intercepts an Anton Clarkson pass late in the fourth quarter and races 43 yards for a touchdown to seal a 40-30 UMass win over Hofstra on Senior Day.

Clinging to a three-point lead with just under three minutes remaining in the game, UMass was faced with the daunting task of stopping Hofstra – the Atlantic 10's best offensive team – from tying the score or taking the lead late in the final contest of 2004.

With the ball spotted at his own 40-yard line Clarkson, the Pride's first-year quarterback, came to the line of scrimmage on first down with an array of wide receivers to either side. After checking the play and scanning the defense, he took the snap and fired a quick pass out in the flats to his right, where he hoped to have receiver Charles Sullivan waiting for it.

Instead, Cobbs, a former Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Year who has shown a flare for both the electrifying and the dramatic, jumped the route, swooped in and stole the ball. Bobbling it as he began to race down the home sideline, he finally gained control and scampered into the end zone untouched, assuring the Maroon and White its third consecutive winning season.

Afterwards, Cobbs made sure the McGuirk faithful got a kick out of UMass' only defensive touchdown of the season, punting the game ball out of the stadium and equalling a collegiate record for most flags received on one play, with seven.

4.) Richmond quarterback Stacey Tutt completes a Hail Mary pass to wide receiver Harry Wilson on the final play of the first half, staking the Spiders to a 21-14 lead they would not relinquish in handing the Minutemen their first loss of 2004.

It was a play that many of those in and around the

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Minutewomen face PC

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts women's basketball team is winless so far this year against Big East teams, but perhaps a trip tonight to Providence could change all that.

UMass (1-3) will be the favorite when the ball tips off at 7:30 at the Dunkin Donuts Center against the very young Providence Lady Friars (0-4); it's a position the Minutewomen aren't used to being in.

"PU might be the best adjective for PC at this point, because 2004-2005 has been looking ugly thus far for the Friars. Entering tonight's game, they are averaging only 43 points per game while allowing a startling 72.5, and have been outscored 290-172 through the first four games of the season.

In their most recent outing, the Airport University Inn Thanksgiving Classic in Albuquerque, N.M., the Friars came out extremely flat. In short, two squads not even currently ranked in the Top 25 or receiving votes for the poll beat them raw.

Against Gonzaga, PC was burned 85-38 in a match that was never even close. At the half, the Friars trailed 41-14. One day later against Missouri, the loss wasn't quite as bad – though they still lost by 33.



COLLEGIAN ARCHIVES

Sophomore foward Tamara Tatham is averaging just over seven points a game this year for UMass.

Even Holy Cross, who the Minutewomen were able to squeeze by thanks to a last-second lay-in by freshman Pam Rosanio, was able to hand the Lady Crusaders a beating. In fact, they forced a season-high 29 turnovers against the Friars, en route to a 68-40 thrashing. PC's closest game, a 56-46 loss to lowly Fordham, was still far out of reach.

The Friars currently lead the Big East in turnovers, with 99. And with such a young squad – only one junior, four sophomores and seven freshmen – logic suggests that a good portion of the turnovers can be attributed to not only carelessness with the ball, but rookie mistakes as well.

So perhaps it's a safe bet to preemptively mark this one in the win column, right?

Wrong.

"I think they're hungry for their first win," UMass coach Marnie Dacko said. "We can't come in and be complacent. We gotta try to get an uptempo game, force turnovers and then crash the boards."

To give the benefit of the doubt, the young PC squad has been shining one bright spot on the court in the form of sophomore Shauna Snyder.

Originally from Albuquerque – where she had her best performances of the year at the Thanksgiving Classic, averaging 14 points in the two-day tourney – the 5-foot-10 forward is the only Friar averaging in d- able figures in any category. She leads PC in scoring with 12.5 points per game, and is also the team's top rebounder with 8.3 per game.

But without a lot of help in the frontcourt, the Minutewomen may want to consider crashing the boards, especially with the size, and skill, leading them in the paint.

Senior Brooke Campbell has gone a bit under the radar for the Maroon and White this season. Though she is averaging 6.8 rebounds a game and shooting 42.9 percent from the floor, it has been the play of 6-foot-4 center Patrycja Gulak and Tamara Tatham that has been eyeing most of the attention in the paint. But it seems to work to her advantage.

"She's hands down the best we've got down low," Dacko said.

Rosanio, on the other hand, has been doing nothing but turning heads since she first stepped onto the court donning Maroon and White, and her contributions paid off when Sunday she was announced as the Atlantic 10's Rookie of the Week. Through the first four games of the year, the shooting guard out of Southampton, P.A. leads the Minutewomen in scoring with 10.8 points per game.

UMass and PC have not met in 11 years. In their last meeting, the Minutewomen cruised to an easy 64-52 win at home. Providence leads the all-time series 7-6.

Awarding the 2004 squad



Jeff Howe

The 2003 Massachusetts football team's season ended amidst a controversial ga-me in upstate New York.

The Minutemen were defeated 19-7 by the lesser Colgate team that just happened to beat the Division I-AA football playoff system on its way to a first-round game at home.

This was a game that was played during a massive snowstorm so bad that the visiting Minutemen almost couldn't make it to the game that ultimately sealed their season's fate.

Fast-forward a couple months. The snow was still falling in Amherst, and the controversy was ringing anew as the athletic department announced its hiring of coach Don Brown, who took over the job after Mark Whipple headed to the Pittsburgh Steelers to become the quarterback's coach and bring along rookie Ben Roethlisberger.

After lawsuits between University of Massachusetts and Northeastern University — due to Brown's alleged breach of contract — passed, Brown was forced to watch his new team's first three games from the press box, and UMass had to pay a $150,000 reparation to Northeastern.

With the season in full swing a few months later, the Minutemen properly disposed of Colgate under the temporary lights at McGuirk Alumni Stadium to improve their record to 2-0. The 30-20 victory in front of the largest crowd the UMass campus had seen in almost 30 years let off 10 long months of pent-up frustration.

But when the lights left McGuirk, the team's offense departed with them. The Minutemen fell hard, losing four in a row to Richmond, defending national champion Delaware, the oh-so-close to the BCS Boston College Eagles and current Division I-AA tournament team James Madison.

As fast as the lights turned off on the offense, though, they turned back on seemingly as quickly. UMass rebounded to win four of its final five games to send its seniors out with a 6-5 record and give its underclassmen some solid confidence when they return to action next fall.

The Minutemen were finding ways to win the close games they were losing during the four-game skid, and the final 36 days of the season were as fun to watch as the first two weeks.

In the season's most exciting game the next Saturday, linebacker L.A. Love stormed through Maine's offensive line to block an extra point attempt in overtime to

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MATTHEW REBUCOLLEGIAN

Junior tailback Steve Baylark led the Atlantic 10 in rushing with 1,138 rushing yards. Baylark was named to the 1-AA All-Star team.

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SGA says student queries to campus improvements may be answered soon

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

Students may see improvements as early as next semester to requests and queries pertaining to the upkeep of the University of Massachusetts, according President of the Student Government Association Eduardo Bustamante and Attorney General Craig Goldshmidt.

Bi-weekly meetings called, 'Back to the People' have been going on in various dining commons on campus for this semester. Bustamante, Goldschmidt and other SGA members visit student while they dine and ask what concerns or problems that they might have with the current status of the University.

"We let them see the progress," Bustamante said. "We go around to tables and we get feedback, then we compile what they told us and go from there."

During his office report, Goldschmidt reiterated to the Senate, that these student concerns are important and it is the duty of the SGA to make sure that they are fulfilled.

"This is what we are here for and this is what we've got to do," Goldschmidt said.

He noted that many members of the SGA have been preoccupied with the current status of Speaker Seamus Brennan and certain members of the administration. Last March, key members of the SGA were photographed drinking alcoholic beverages in a University office while mocking a caricature of a Ku Klux Klan Grand Wizard and the Senate has been dealing with this issue because several of the aforementioned members have since resigned.

"We have to remember even though we have had trouble with our speaker and the administration, let's try and make [the students] happy," Goldschmidt said.

A series of emails that were anonymously released to the Senate last month between key members of the SGA and Vice Chacellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life Michael Gargano led to a vote of 'no confidence' in Gargano during the last meeting.

Goldschmidt said that there is a long list of student gripes that needs to be taken care of as soon as possible.

"Students want to see road paving, more work study programs, more vending machines, better bus service, computer labs in Southwest so they don't have to walk across campus, and maybe a track because the track team doesn't have a track and that's a problem," he said to the crowd.

He also added that students don't always feel safe on campus and appropriate steps need to be taken to ensure student safety.

"There needs to be parking closer to the dorms, and more security. I know a student that has had his car broken into two times this semester."

Other complaints that member's said need changing are the meal plans on campus, bathroom renovations, better gym hours, reintroducing physical education classes and textbook prices.

Trustee Matthew Murphy addressed the Senate during his report with "some good news."

According to the Time of London, the University of Massachusetts is ranked the 45th best university in the world and 22nd in the country. The Times of London also mentioned that UMass is now ranked fourteenth in the country on intellectual property licensing, beating the number 16 school, Harvard.

During the meeting, three senate motions passed by majority.

The first motion written by Bustamante passed overwhelmingly to let students use kitchens on campus aside from the ones in the dorms. Recently, Auxiliary Services revoked the students' rights to use kitchens because of a small fire. According to Bustamante, after the investigation of the fire, it was found that it was not started by any fault of students, but by years of grease that had built up.

Secondly, the motion to tighten regulations on elevator inspection passed. Several senators noted that dozens of elevators on campus have expired inspection stickers and that is an issue that needs to be taken care of promptly because of the high traffic of elevator use on campus.

Finally, after some debate, the motion to verify the aforementioned emails by Brennan, Goldschmidt and a member of the administration passed. Senators also voted to amend the motion by setting a deadline for Wednesday.



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Student Government Association Senators Mark Morrison addresses the Senate body along side Senator Pavel Payano in last night's weekly meeting.

Racial panel asks UMass, 'Where do we go from here?'

By Sean Whalen
Collegian Staff

A panel discussion titled: "Where Do We Go From Here? Debates on Racial Inequality and Reparations," featuring Harvard Law School Professor Charles Ogletree took place last night. The event was part of a semester-long series emphasizing the impact of the U.S. Supreme Court's 1954 school desegregation decision, Brown v. Board of Education.

The Feinberg Family Distinguished Lectureship sponsored the panel discussion. Three other panelists were on hand to speak in succession after Ogletree. The second was Professor Laura Lovett, from the UMass History Department, followed by Alan Gordon, a law student from Yale. Ending the night was Neta Crawford, who presently holds numerous positions at Brown University.

Charles Ogletree opened by asking the audience, "Who here was born after 1970?" and two thirds of the audience raised their hands. He followed by addressing that the audience's age would pose a barrier to understanding "Colored only water fountains, and white only restaurants." He said that would sound completely "un-American" to most in attendance.

"You've predominately been alive with only one Pope, barely remember Regan being shot, and Jay Leno as the only host you've ever known on The Tonight Show," Ogletree said.

Ogletree proceeded to inform the audience that some of them may not be too old to remember 1975, when Ogletree arrived at Harvard, where he was "shocked and appalled to see, that the birthplace of the abolitionists-movement, and the place where President Kennedy had so recently rallied the nation, was facing racial riots with the bussing of whites and blacks to different schools."

With a timeline drawn, Ogletree began to speak of Greenwood, a segregated neighborhood of Tulsa, Ok. Greenwood was home for many in the African American community.

"[Greenwood was home to] black Wall Street, where black businesses, theatre, and black Americans thrived. It was home to many newspapers, and the dollar circulated an unprecedented 35 times before leaving the community," he said.

Greenwood's prosperity ground to a halt on May 31, 1921 when a false report about a black assaulting a white spiraled out of control.

"By the end of the day, a shoe shiner's stepping on a white woman's foot turned into a tale of rape," Ogletree said. "At the jailhouse, a white lynch mob demanded the accused, and a group of black World War One veterans came to his defense, and demanded a jury trial."

He said that many blacks retreated to Greenwood, while at the same time the sheriff deputized hundreds of whites, who stormed Greenwood.

"300 black bodies were never found, and the remaining of the population was placed in internment camps," Ogletree said.

The aftermath left the city in flames, the shoeshine cleared of all charges, and greenwood destroyed, he said.

Currently Ogletree is involved in a reparations suit against the state of Oklahoma. Another lawyer in the suit is John Franklin, the son of lawyer Buck Franklin, whose law office was burnt to the ground in the "race war."

In 2000, they were able to claim a short-lived victory. Oklahoma's courts agreed to pay reparations, but the governor halted the court decision. Ogletree paraphrased the decision as, "The governor claimed no one alive now was responsible, and no one alive was directly affected." They are presently in the appeals process.

Ogletree's recent book, "All Deliberate Speed," refers to the wording in the Brown v. Board decision, which allowed policy makers to implement change at their own pace. This type of interpretation of the law poses similar problems in the Greenwood suit, "where the youngest client is 89, and the oldest 105." They are in fact alive, and were affected.

Laura Lovett followed by citing present day reasons for reparations. She cited the practice of "Red lining" cities and towns. Lovett utilized visual aids to show this practice as nothing more than a way to draw racial lines through a city, where grades were assigned ranging from A to D. The banks and Federal Housing Authority would then decide who to loan to, and at what rate.

"The socio-economic standing of your neighbor became more important than whether your house would keep out the rain," Lovett said.

Society of Professors host discussion on tenure-tracking for UMass educators

By Alberta Colakovic
Collegian Correspondent

The Massachusetts Society of Professors hosted a lecture to deal with the lack of tenure-track professors at the University of Massachusetts Tuesday. A number of students, teaching assistants and faculty members came to give their testimony on the effects of the shortage of professional faculty.

The first speaker in the meeting was Professor of Sociology and president of the Faculty Union, the Massachusetts Society of Professors (MSP) Dan Clawson. He gave a basic account on the number of tenure-track faculty in the 1980's compared with that of today. He said that in 1986 there were 1,229 tenure-track faculty members. The number currently is 880, while the size of the student body is about the same.

Clawson claims that in 1980, 80 percent of students had courses with a tenure track professor, but today only 60 percent have the opportunity.

He further attempted to define the meaning of tenure track, saying it means "faculty recruited through open national searches." Tenure track also means when a professor or faculty member holds onto one's position on a permanent basis without any contract renewals.

Students at the lecture described their dismay at the large lecture halls where students find it hard to ask questions and to pay attention when in proximity to chattering classmates. Many complained of the difficulty in finding faculty members who know them well enough to ask for recommendations.

"I don't honestly know that any one professor would be able to claim they know enough about me and my education to write a recommendation," said Sarah Towsley, a junior political science major.

Eric Wirth, a graduate student working toward his Masters in the Spanish and Portuguese program, said that almost all of his classes in the Spanish department were taught by teaching assistants. He comically remarked that the only class taught by a faculty member of the department was a Spanish cinema.

"Given that I was obtaining a degree and also was a paying student, it was very disconcerting to me," Wirth said.

Students claim that with the lack of professional tenure-track members and large lecture halls with no one-on-one interactions with professors, they may have little or no contact with the experts that teach their field of study. Many claim that they have no one to turn to when in need of recommendations, when in search for inspiration or in search of a faculty member to ignite interest.

Associate Professor Ray Pfeiffer of Department of Accounting and Information Systems believes that the decline in the number of tenure-track faculty will lead to a decline in the quality of the duties that faculty perform. He added that tenure-track offers faculty a stronger sense of attachment to the school in question, and more ample opportunities in researching the subject of their expertise.

In addition, Pfeiffer maintained that putting reliance on non-tenure track members could curb the aims of the University.

"The teaching mission may be relatively less affected, but the other two of the three missions of the University [scholarship and outreach] are diminished," he said.



MATTHEW REBUCOLLEGIAN

Sociology professor David Clawson discusses tenure-tracking for University professors and faculty among a panel of community leaders.

Priest gets 4 1/2 to 5 years for child rape

CAMBRIDGE (AP) — A Catholic priest was sentenced Wednesday to 4 1/2 to 5 years in prison after he admitted repeatedly raping an altar boy at a Waltham parish in the 1980s.

The Rev. Robert Gale, 63, pleaded guilty to four counts of raping a child on Tuesday, just as jury selection was set to begin for his trial.

The sexual assaults took place at St. Jude's parish in Waltham between 1980 and 1985, when the victim was between 10 and 15 years old. Prosecutors said the boy was sexually abused by Gale about twice a month.

The victim, now 34, told Gale he'd been tortured by his sexual abuse.

"The scars of the abuse will continue to haunt me," the man said. "My life has been permanently scarred."

The victim first told a friend about the abuse in 1995, and went to authorities in 2002. Gale was indicted in August 2002.

His father said all three of his sons were altar boys at St. Jude's. "We put them in your care; we believed in you. You let us down," he said, looking directly at Gale as his now-grown sons, seated in the front row, wiped away tears.

"You don't know what you've done to us as a family, and you'll never know."

Gale apologized and asked for forgiveness. "Saying sorry is very easy, but I am truly sorry," he said.

—*Associated Press*

Wilson is highest paid state worker

BOSTON (AP) — More than 2,000 state workers were paid at least $100,000 in the last fiscal year, according to a state report.

Almost half the 2,095 employees worked at state universities or colleges, and most of them are college professors. About a third worked in public safety, including state troopers whose pay was boosted by thousands of dollars in overtime. About 10 percent worked for health and human services.

The number of employees earning $100,000 or more makes up 2.5 percent of the state's 71,000 employees, according to the 16-page report, called the "Executive and Management Compensation in Massachusetts State Government." The report was submitted to Legislature on Nov. 15 by the Executive Office for Administration and Finance. It did not look at salaries of the Legislature or Judiciary. The Boston Globe reported.

In education, nearly 86 percent of those who were paid more than $100,000 worked for the University of Massachusetts. Of those 720 employees, 486 were professors whose earnings averaged $118,479.

The highest-paid state employee was University of Massachusetts President Jack Wilson, whose base salary was $349,999. The Chronicle of Higher Education ranked him 19th in compensation among the 131 presidents of U.S. public colleges.

In public safety, 525 State Police employees were paid $100,000 or more, including 160 state troopers who were paid an average of nearly $109,000. Twenty-nine employees in district attorneys' offices throughout the state and 27 in the Department of Correction made $100,000 or more.

In health and human services, more than 100 people were paid more than $100,000 in the Department of Public Health and the Department of Mental Health. At the MBTA, 130 employees were paid $100,000 or above.

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Military sending 12,000 additional troops to Iraq

By Robert Burns
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States is expanding its military force in Iraq to the highest level of the war — even higher than during the initial invasion in March 2003 — in order to bolster security in advance of next month's national elections in January.

The 12,000-troop increase is to last only until March, but it says much about the strength and resiliency of an insurgency that U.S. military planners did not foresee when Baghdad was toppled in April 2003.

Brig. Gen. David Rodriguez, deputy operations director of the Joint Staff, told reporters Wednesday that the American force will expand from 138,000 troops today to about 150,000 by January.

The previous high for the U.S. force in Iraq was 148,000 on May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations were over and most soldiers thought the war had been won.

The initial invasion force included thousands of sailors on ships in the Persian Gulf and other waters, plus tens of thousands in Kuwait and other surrounding countries.

The expansion in Iraq will be achieved by sending about 1,500 troops from the 82nd Airborne Division in Fort Bragg, N.C., this month and by extending the combat tours of about 10,400 troops already in Iraq.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld approved the moves Wednesday, according to a Pentagon statement.

"They are the most experienced and best-qualified forces to sustain the momentum of post-Fallujah operations and to provide for additional security for the upcoming elections," the statement said.

The Pentagon originally expected to train and equip enough Iraqi government forces to fill the security gap in the weeks leading up to the elections, but that hope was not fulfilled.

The military is reluctant to extend soldiers' combat tours because of the potential negative effect it could have on their families, and thus on their willingness to remain in the service. In this case, Gen. George Casey, the most senior U.S. commander in Iraq, decided it was necessary to keep up pressure on the insurgents while also providing security for the elections.



KNIGHT RIDDER

Spl. Arthur Wright of New Jersey, with Alpha Company, 1st Infantry Division, sits outside of a Bradley fighting vehicle in Iraq.

One unit, the 2nd Brigade of the 1st Cavalry Division, is being extended for the second time. Its soldiers originally were told they would be going home in November at the end of a 10-month assignment, but in October they got the news that they would remain until mid-January. Now they are being extended until mid-March.

The 2nd Brigade of the 1st Cavalry and most of the other extended units will end up serving about 14 months in Iraq, exceeding by two months the 12-month standard set by the Army.

Rodriguez listed these unit extensions:

— About 4,400 troops of the 2nd Brigade of the 25th Infantry Division, which is operating in north-central Iraq, will stay until mid-March, instead of departing in early January. Those soldiers' home bases are mostly in Hawaii.

— About 3,500 soldiers of the 2nd Brigade of the 1st Cavalry, will be extended until March. These are the soldiers who originally were told they would be leaving Iraq in November.

— About 2,300 members of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, based in Okinawa, Japan and in Hawaii, and California, will stay until mid-March instead of leaving in January.

— About 160 soldiers of the 66th Transportation Company, based in Germany, was due to depart Iraq in early January but instead will stay until early March.

The 82nd Airborne is generally relied upon by the Army to keep one of its three brigades on short-notice alert year-round to deploy abroad in the event of a crisis. Shortly before the October elections in Afghanistan, about 600 members of the 82nd Airborne were sent there to strengthen security.

Military officials have said repeatedly in recent weeks that they were considering whether more American troops would be required to provide sufficient security before Iraqis vote.

The moves announced Wednesday are in line with expectations — a combination of holding some troops in Iraq longer than scheduled and sending some fresh forces from the United States.

Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., a critic of the administration's handling of the war, said the Pentagon's announcement confirmed that the effort to stabilize Iraq would take years, with no certainty of success.

"This announcement makes it clear that commanders in Iraq need more troops and that this will be a long and very expensive process for the United States," Reed said.

Mass. natural gas line to see repairs

BOSTON (AP) — The Army Corps of Engineers has ordered repairs to New England's longest undersea gas line in eight locations where the pipeline was improperly buried, because of fears that ships' anchors could rupture the pipe.

When the Army Corps approved the pipeline several years ago, developer Algonquin Gas Transmission Co. promised to bury it deep enough under the ocean floor to be safe from anchors, and to fill the trench and restore the bottom for marine life.

But a recent inspection found the line improperly buried in 21 places, with open trenches and piles of dirt 200 to 1,000 feet long, called spoils. The Army Corps ordered repairs to eight of the sites, but will leve the other 13 alone to protect marine life.

"We felt this was a good compromise," said Ted Lento, the Army Corps' project manager for the 30-inch diameter "HubLine," which stretches across Massachusetts Bay from Beverly to Weymouth. The 29-mile-long pipeline went into operation a year ago.

The pipe, which connects to a longer pipeline delivering natural gas from Canada, was to be buried at least three feet beneath the sea floor. However, in areas heavily used by ships at anchor, the pipeline was to be buried much deeper.

Officials of Algonquin, a subsidiary of North Carolina-based Duke Energy, said the company completed a majority of the project as promised. However, the geology of the seabed prevented crews from burying the pipe as deep as planned in certain locations, while weather and other problems hampered efforts to fill the trench in other places.

"We want to do it right," John Sheridan, a spokesman for Algonquin, told The Boston Globe. "But this is the first pipeline built in Mass. Bay, and ... you learn something as you go along. Until you construct, you are not sure what the subsurface may look like."

The company attempted to fix some of the problems, including dropping rocks from the ocean surface to fill some trench sections, but company officials "just haven't been able to get it right," Lento said.

"It's probably less damaging" to let water currents naturally level the piles and fill in the trenches, Lento said, than to have the firm's heavy equipment do it.

-Associated Press

Univ. of Oklahoma banning alcohol after student death

By Julie E. Bisbee
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Drinking will be banned at University of Oklahoma fraternities and residence halls under new policies announced Wednesday, two months after a 19-year-old student died of alcohol poisoning.

University of Oklahoma President Dan Boren said the rules will go into effect Jan. 18 at the start of the new semester. Three violations will end in a student's suspension for one semester.

The university also will set up a hot line for students to report violations, and will expand alcohol education programs.

Drinking is already prohibited at sororities.

Boren will present the policies to the Board of Regents Monday for approval. Regents have been involved in creating the plan and support it.

"These policies send a strong signal that alcohol abuse will not be tolerated at the University of Oklahoma," Boren said.

Student Blake Hammontree died Sept. 30 after a Sigma Chi fraternity party. He had a blood-alcohol content more than five times the legal limit. The frat has since been shut down.

Police are still investigating the death and several fraternity members have been subpoenaed to testify before a grand jury. One student, a sophomore, has been charged with furnishing alcohol to another minor at the party.

"The investigation continues and other charges are anticipated," said Cleveland County District Attorney Tim Kuykendall.

Similar recent incidents have been reported at campuses, including Colorado State, where student Samantha Spady had consumed as many as 40 drinks when she was found dead at a fraternity house in September.

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Peterson's father takes the stand

By Brian Skoloff
Associated Press

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — Scott Peterson's father took the stand Wednesday in the penalty phase of his son's murder trial and described a friendly boy who sang at a senior citizens' home on Sundays, tutored young students, and distributed clothes and food in Tijuana.

"You don't know who Scott Peterson is, and it's going to be our job to show you," defense lawyer Pat Harris said on the second day of testimony in the penalty phase of Peterson's trial.

"What we're going to now show you is the 30 years that preceded this. And when we show you those 30 years, I believe that you will agree that this is a life worth saving."

The attempt to humanize Peterson came a day after Laci Peterson's mother cried on the stand and screamed at her former son-in-law as prosecutors urged jurors to sentence him to death. Jurors must decide between execution and life in prison without parole.

Lee Peterson said his daughter-in-law's death and the subsequent trial of his son have taken a heavy emotional toll.

"I'm frightened, deeply saddened," he said, looking tired on the witness stand. "Losing someone you love and now having our son in such jeopardy — it's just beyond belief."

As an infant, he said, Scott Peterson became ill with pneumonia and was placed in a plastic chamber — called a croup tent — that controls humidity.

"It was very risky. The doctor said this may not go so well, but he pulled out of it and he lived," Lee Peterson said.

He recalled a toddler who was always smiling, enjoyed playing with trucks and action figures, and liked to snuggle while his father read to him.

His son grew into a good student, and captained his high school golf team and dreamed of a pro golf career, Lee Peterson said. He sang to senior citizens, tutored and gave to the poor in Tijuana.

Lee Peterson described his son as motivated and full of energy: "You wouldn't catch him laying around in bed."

The day's testimony was in stark contrast to Tuesday, when Laci's mother, Sharon Rocha, alternated between tears and outbursts, at times directly addressing her former son-in-law, saying, "She wanted to be a mother. That was taken away from her."

Lee Peterson's testimony was somber, and he conceded that by nature he does not readily show emotion. He and his son exchanged brief glances.

Prosecutors claim Peterson strangled or smothered his pregnant wife in their Modesto home on or around Christmas Eve 2002, then dumped her weighted body into San Francisco Bay.

The remains of Laci, 27, and the fetus were discovered four months later along a shoreline a few miles from where Scott Peterson claims to have been fishing alone the day his wife vanished.

The 32-year-old former fertilizer salesman was convicted on one count of first-degree murder in the death of his wife and one count of second-degree murder for the killing of her fetus.

"We're not asking you to let this man go free," said Harris, the defense attorney. "Life without parole is not some sort of a holiday."



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Scott Peterson converses with attorney Mark Geragos. Peterson's father took the stand yesterday, pleading for his son's life after he was convicted of murder.

Parliament votes 'no confidence'

By Anna Melnichuk
Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Ukraine's opposition scored key victories Wednesday in its bid to scrap a disputed presidential election as parliament voted no confidence in the government and European-brokered talks provided momentum toward holding a new ballot.

Opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko urged throngs of supporters to stay on the streets until plans for what he demanded — a rerun of the Nov. 21 runoff with Kremlin-backed Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych — are worked out. He said such a vote could be held as early as Dec. 19.

But President Leonid Kuchma, who backed Yanukovych, instead proposed an entirely new election, which would allow his Russian-allied government to field a more attractive candidate as it scrambles to stay in power with his 10 years in office running out.

European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana, who mediated talks Wednesday between Yuschenko and Yanukovych, also suggested a new vote but didn't indicate whether it would be a repeat of the runoff or a new election. Kuchma, who earlier in the day called the idea of a new runoff "a farce," also left the issue unclear.

The two candidates signed a deal to set up a group of lawyers to work out proposals for the "completion of the election," a reference to drafting legislation for a settlement of the dispute.

The statement also urged protesters to lift their siege of official buildings that have paralyzed the government's work — but Yushchenko urged his backers to press ahead with their street protests.

"Our ranks mustn't shrink," Yushchenko told tens of thousands of his supporters who gathered on Kiev's central Independence Square for the 11th straight night since the election commission declared his rival the winner in a vote he says was stolen. "We mustn't leave until we have a revote date firmly set."

Hours after the deal was signed, throngs of Yushchenko's supporters continued to besiege the Cabinet and the presidential administration buildings, while thousands clad in his orange campaign colors crammed the central square under fireworks and listened to rock bands in a raucous celebration.

Yushchenko said he expected the Supreme Court to deliver a ruling Thursday on his campaign's appeal to invalidate the runoff result — based on claims of widespread violations across Yanukovych's eastern and southern strongholds.

Yanukovych has tried to counterattack by launching his own appeal contesting the vote results in pro-Yushchenko western provinces and the capital, but it wasn't immediately clear when the court would address it.

The opposition has asked the court to declare Yushchenko the winner based on his narrow edge in the election's first round, on Oct. 31. But his call for a revote suggested he does not believe the court would pronounce him the winner.

Yushchenko, Yanukovych and other participants in the talks in the ornate Mariinsky Palace presidential residence emphasized the need to prevent any actions that could split the country. Yanukovych's supporters in the east have called for regional autonomy, sparking fears of Ukraine's breakup.

Participants in the talks emphasized the need to avoid the use of force and said the next round of talks would be held after the Supreme Court's ruling.



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Members of Ukraine's opposition gather in the tens of thousands in Independence Square in Kiev, to show support for a rerun of the Nov. 21 presidential election.

Toyota recalling more than 92,000 Celicas

WASHINGTON (AP) — Toyota Motor Corp. is recalling 92,577 Celica cars because their daytime running lights are too bright and could be a hazard to oncoming drivers, federal regulators said Wednesday.

The recall affects Celicas from the 2000 and 2001 model years. Dealers will repair the vehicles for free beginning in March, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said.

NHTSA also said General Motors Corp. will recall 1,378 of its new Chevrolet Cobalt coupes because a headlight bulb shield can loosen or break. Without the shield, the lights cause too much glare. Dealers will install new shields free.

NHTSA has gotten thousands of complaints about headlight glare in the last few years.

In October, the agency said it had shut down 24 suppliers of klts that allow drivers to install their own high-intensity headlights.

—Associated Press

Violence breaks out as Powell arrives in Haiti

By Anne Gearan
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Heavy gunfire rang out near Haiti's presidential palace Wednesday as Secretary of State Colin Powell prepared to meet with the country's interim leaders. He denounced the violence as the work of thugs.

Powell said international peacekeeping troops need to come down hard on street toughs and those who carry out political violence in Haiti.

"They have to forcefully take on those armed individuals of the kind who were firing this morning," Powell said after meetings at the National Palace with President Boniface Alexandre, Prime Minister Gerard Latortue and other political leaders.

Haiti is still beset with violence and political infighting as the one-year anniversary of former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's ouster approaches in February. The country's caretaker government has pledged open elections next fall, a goal Powell said Haiti can meet with outside help.

"The only outcome that will satisfy the U.S. is an election next year that is free and fair, ... that is not fraudulent and stolen," Powell said later in his one-day trip to shore up democratic efforts in the desperately poor country.

The United States, and Powell in particular, have been instrumental in Haiti's chaotic power shifts over the past decade. Powell was once an Aristide supporter but helped arrange Aristide's exile this year.

"I'm deeply saddened the opportunity that was given to Mr. Aristide a decade ago was wasted," Powell said Wednesday. "But the Haitian people have a new opportunity."

Aristide and others claim the Bush administration coerced him to leave. Aristide's followers say Powell signed onto a plan to remove Aristide because he was viewed as a troublemaker whose unpopularity could destabilize Haiti and cause a tide of refugees to head for U.S. shores.

The administration says Aristide departed voluntarily.

Details of the palace shooting were unclear. Gunshots, including several long bursts of automatic weapons fire, were heard in front of the palace shortly after Powell entered with a small U.S. delegation. A palace security official said a shot was fired from a passing car, and U.N. forces guarding the palace returned fire.

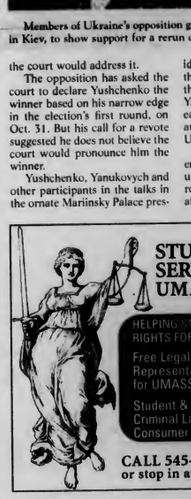
Several U.N. tanks appeared a short while later and patrolled the palace front.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Adam Ereli said that at the time of the gunshots, Powell was in a holding room at the palace. Powell and others in his delegation heard the gunshots, Ereli said. The incident prompted a change of meeting rooms but otherwise had no effect on Powell's schedule or plans.

Despite the presence of Brazilian-led U.N. peacekeeping troops, rebels and former soldiers have refused to abandon police stations across the country. They have also refused to disarm, saying they need to stabilize Haiti until the government reinstates the military and the police hire more recruits.

The U.S.-backed interim government has accused Aristide of orchestrating recent political violence from exile in South Africa. Aristide has denied supporting violence.

At least 89 people have been killed in politically linked violence since Sept. 30, when pro-Aristide groups stepped up protests demanding his return.

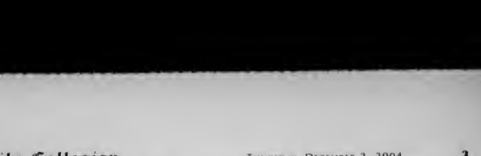


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Commitment and support needed in fight against AIDS

Wednesday, Dec. 1 was World AIDS Day, a day meant to remember those who have died as a result of the disease and to strengthen our resolve in finding a cure.

AIDS ravages people in all corners of the globe. As part of World AIDS Day, officials in China, the most populated country in the world, publicly announced their commitment to fighting the disease; The government in India, the world's second most populated nation, declared it would take great strides in promoting AIDS awareness in its rural areas.

For residents of Massachusetts, however, one must only look in his or her backyard to see the epidemic up close. According to a report in the Boston Globe, of the approximate 6.4 million people living in Massachusetts, an estimated 22,000 are living with HIV/AIDS. Of these 22,000, more than 50 percent are black or Hispanic/Latino and the rate of infection among teenagers and women is rising dramatically.

Despite all of this, Massachusetts residents living with the disease are facing an uphill battle. Statewide budget cuts are making it harder and harder for HIV/AIDS-infected people to receive the care they need. An HIV/AIDS line item in the Massachusetts state budget has been cut by 37 percent since the year 2000.

One area that has been hit the most by these cuts is AIDS-related education. A large number of the youth education and prevention programs throughout the state are being closed, and it is becoming harder and harder for young people to get counseling. In order for education on AIDS to work, it must start as soon as possible. Children growing up in these times are exposed to a world so ravaged by AIDS, that the sooner they learn about proper preventions methods, the better off they will be. It is also important to teach youths about what to do if they should become infected.

This leads to the second area that has been affected by the cuts; treatment. Early detection of the disease is extremely important when it comes to treatment. However, the budget cuts are closing down testing facilities where people can safely and accurately determine whether or now they are infected. People are also finding it difficult to get access to the proper medicine needed for treatment, because housing, nutrition and transportation programs are being cut as well.

Without proper and efficient treatment, the disease can multiply and/or mutate, making it harder to treat the disease further down the road.

The first case of AIDS was first documented over 20 years ago. At this time, patients were not expected to live more than a few years after contracting the disease. Since then, great strides have been made in terms of research, funding and awareness. Drugs have been developed that allow those infected to live fuller, happier and healthier lives. However, when setbacks occur, it is important that we remember the battle against AIDS is only beginning.

We must start by doing everything we can to get back the money that has been taken away from AIDS related programs and services. The fight against AIDS cannot be won without help, and government assistance is necessary to finally rid the world of this terrible disease.

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The promise of stem cells

Matthew M. Burke

On Thanksgiving, a paralyzed South Korean woman walked for the first time in 20 years with the aid of a walking frame. Her progress, from being bed and wheel chair ridden, to taking her first steps, was the direct result of recent stem cell research.

When Thanksgiving rolls around every year, we often leave school and go home. We spend time with our families and our friends. We Americans picture Pilgrims, turkeys, and Native Americans all having a big meal, which later leads to most of us simultaneously unbuckling our pants, parking it on the sofa, and watching football. We don't think of the things that have made us smile, the things that we are truly blessed to have, like our health, or perhaps the health of our friends and families.

The AFP (Agene France-Presser) reported that Hwang Mi-Soon, 37, suffered spinal cord damage from an accident that occurred while she was still a teenager. Stem cells found in umbilical cord blood were used to repair her injured spine. She had not walked in twenty years. She wept and spoke of "miracles" as reporters snapped pictures.

In the same breath, a pro-stem cell research law was passed Sunday in Switzerland to compliment the good news from the Korean Peninsula. Two-thirds of the Swiss voted in favor of a bill that steps up regulations, but opens the door to new and promising research at the same time. This example of growing world liberalism contrasts sharply with the United States' unwillingness to pursue these programs. The rest of the world is not waiting around when it comes to stem cell research. Sadly, the United States is far behind.

The flip side to stem cell research, of course, is the ethical questions that the issue raises. President Bush and other stem cell opponents bring up strong and somewhat legitimate arguments. Like most people around the world, however, I think their conclusions are wrong. The stem cell opposition in Switzerland drew parallels between their new law and the medical experiments conducted on Jews in Auschwitz. I think that is going a little overboard.

Watching someone suffer is a horrible thing. My mother has been suffering, like many others, with a debilitating disease for many years now. Her affliction, which results in symptoms similar to Lou Geri disease, is incredibly rare and there is no cure. Two of my best friends from my old neighborhood are in the same boat as me, with each having a mother who is also very sick. It is not easy to experience. It is a pain that affects the heart and the soul, and it gets worse as the days pass.

President Bush and my fellow Republicans, you can 'at least' explain to my mother and the mothers of my best friends why you are denying them hope.

It enrages many people to know that stem cell research is being ignored when it could quite possibly improve the quality of lives and alleviate suffering. Stem cell research should be a bipartisan issue, and everyone should get involved. I applaud Nancy Reagan and the widow of the courageous Christopher Reeve. But the Bush administration and conservatives have been dragging their heels, claiming that destroying an embryo in the process of extracting the stem cells is like killing a person — even though the leftover embryos from in vitro fertilization are destroyed on a daily basis anyway.

What would President Bush do if one of his daughters came down with a debilitating illness that could successfully be treated using stem cells? Or maybe even his mother, the former first lady? Or his wife? Would he leave it to faith to decide her destiny, or would watching their suffering first hand make him finally open his eyes and recognize both the promise and the value in stem cells? Knowing that they could cure his loved one and stop the pain might just do it for President Bush. I guess maybe it takes a tragedy to see that this cause has the potential to move mountains.

Bush ran his campaign on family values; maybe he should ask Hwang Mi-Soon or her family if they are a happier family unit. We are talking about cells that are destroyed anyway. They should be used to save lives.

There are many different kinds of stem cells. They all have promise, from those extracted from the placenta and the umbilical cord, to those taken from leftover embryos. Scientists suggest that those taken from embryos have the most potential because they have a higher likelihood of adaptability — they could be used on a variety of organs or body parts. Unfortunately, these cells will not be used in the United States because, as Bush says, they have "at least the potential for life."

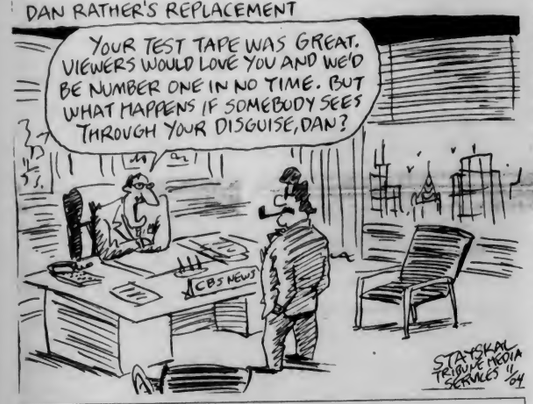
Okay, President Bush and my fellow Republicans, you can "at least" explain to my mother and the mothers of my best friends why you are denying them hope. These cells are destroyed, but their potential for life keeps us from helping our own. It is an injustice.

A paralyzed woman walked for the first time in 20 years. I hope everyone understands the promise this brings. This has the potential to help so many people in the future, without getting any closer to having a clone in a tube that will someday break out and take over the world. We must both regulate and embrace developments like these.

The Bush administration is active in pursuing placenta and umbilical cord fluid stem cells because there are few ethical questions, but why stop there? A cure for a disease like Alzheimer's could be just around the corner.

President Bush, I voted for you. Now get it done.

Matthew M. Burke is a Collegian columnist.



Come on, lay off the judges

The Supreme Court of the United States on Monday declined to hear a challenge to the Massachusetts law that allows gay and lesbian couples to marry. The San Francisco Times quoted Peter Sprigg, a policy director at the Family Research Council, as saying "This will just reinforce the fact that our problems are not going to be solved by judges. Judges are the problem here, not the solution." Indeed, a trend that many public figures, most notably including President Bush, have followed is to decry "activist judges" that do not emulate the will of the people.

The problem is (and anyone in Dr. Jones' POLSCI 203 class two years ago can tell you this) is that the will of the masses is invariably transitory (no pun intended). Public opinion, the embodiment of the occasionally illogical and irrational passions of the people, has a dangerous precedent of being insensitive to the human rights of marginalized groups.

Yes, I did just compare the effort to allow homosexuals to marry with the plight of slavery. The gravity of the comparison is not lost on me.

This concept of allowing the electorate to decide the rights of another group of people has come up before. Stephen A. Douglass ran for president in 1854 on a platform of "Popular Sovereignty" – that the settlers of states newly inducted to the Union should be able to vote whether or not to legalize slavery within that state.

I think we all can agree that if slavery were left up to a mere state-to-state majority-rule vote, the legal recognition of African-Americans as free individuals would have happened much later in some parts of this country than the Emancipation Proclamation, January 1, 1863.

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If you look at this dilemma broadly, the real issue here is the critical importance of insulating the judiciary from the angry mob, and allowing them to get the tough decisions right without fear of backlash, especially when it comes to safeguarding the civil rights of a group of individuals. That's why justices of the Supreme Court are elected for lifetime terms — so that they can do their job without fear of being fired or elected out by making an unpopular decision, even if that decision rightfully strikes down laws that trump the Constitution.

The Massachusetts Supreme Court ruled that statutes banning gay marriage violated the state constitution, stating that opposition lawyers had "failed to identify any constitutionally adequate reason" to deny them the right.

Indeed, decisions by judicial bodies are known in legal parlance as opinions, and these opinions are made by fallible human beings (The phrase "Separate, But Equal" rings in my head). However, in a country such as ours where we believe in the rule of law and not the rule of the mob, the laws of the land must be followed not 99.999 percent, but 100 percent. That's something on which both conservatives and liberals can agree. This underscores the need to choose adjudicators who will impartially interpret and clarify the letter and spirit of our laws, especially the Constitution, and whose private religious or political prejudice will stay just that — private.

There is no legal basis to single out this not-so-small group of human beings (one in 10, right?) to treat them differently than other people.

When I say angry mob as above, I mean to convey that public opinion has been and always will be in flux. Perhaps someday, as is my sincere hope, gay people will be regarded in a much better light than they are now by the general electorate of this truly great nation, just as most people have moved on from the notion that African Americans are less than human.

Whether you're on the side that believes that the legalization of gay marriage will contribute to the turd-swirl that exists in our Godless, prudish, anti-family collective mentality that we call Pop Culture, or you believe that legalizing gay marriage will instead make a huge difference in the lives of homosexuals and will not affect the integrity of the nation, the law's the law.

Let us not attack the judges who are there to ensure that the Constitution is not violated, and laws are fully enforced. I laughed at Jon Stewart's mockery of an anti-gay marriage activist's frustration, "Damn those judges! Who are they to.....?"

Christopher Coletta is a UMass Student.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GARGANO REPLY QUESTIONABLE

We write as the current and a former president of the Graduate Student Senate, to challenge Vice Chancellor Michael Gargano's abuse of FERPA privacy regulations in his zeal to hide public information.

The privacy law known as FERPA protects personal information —personal records, health information, home addresses, grades, and the like. It does not cover aggregate or statistical data, such as the information that SGA President Bustamante and GSS President Strauss have requested.

UMass knows that FERPA doesn't apply to these cases. During the years that we have been here, the administration has repeatedly tried to hide behind FERPA and has repeatedly been instructed by the State of Massachusetts to hand the information over.

In the case of SGA President Bustamante's information request, the State of Massachusetts informed UMass more than two months ago (on Sept. 27) that FERPA is not an issue — the letter is published in the November issue of the Voice. What distinguishes the current situation from previous ones is that the Vice Chancellor is refusing to comply with the State's instructions and is telling lies about the applicability of FERPA.

What is the administration's real reason for withholding public information? We can only assume that it's because of what the data will likely reveal when it finally becomes public: that UMass is becoming a more elitist, less accessible and less diverse place. It was these concerns that motivated the presidents of the SGA and GSS to file the request for information in the first place. At a meeting with the Vice Chancellor after the request was denied, he gave the two student presidents a reason other than FERPA for not providing the information: he said that we would use the data to publicize misleading information.

In other words, the reason for withholding public information is not principled concern about student privacy, but rather fear of the conclusions that we would draw from the data. The University's administration has chosen the path of corporatization in place of diversity and accessibility, and it's not willing to be accountable for its decisions, even if it means withholding public information and then lying about it.

Unfortunately for University administrators, its project of privatization does not shield it from the fact that this is a public university and they are public servants As such, their activities, decisions, policies and statements are a matter of public record and subject to scrutiny by the public. If the information they seek to withhold is damaging to their elitist ambitions, their refusal to follow the laws of the state can only compound their problems.

The information they seek to hide will be made public, sooner or later, but by that time, their credibility will have been seriously damaged, not by the information itself, but by their track record of arrogance, impudence and lies.

Uri Strauss, GSS President
Thomas Taaffe, Former GSS President

ADOPTION OPTIONS

I'm writing in response to Amelia Sabadini's column about adoptive families. Your article was well written and your message was very clear. My heart goes out to your mom and the experiences you both have shared together throughout your lives.

I encourage you to put together a resource book that could be used in trainings of pre-adoptive families through both state and private adoption agencies. If it's possible, you could also give a presentation at a Mapp Training through area DSS offices.

Once you had something in writing, then your knowledge and skills would be available to everyone. There are also a number of publications that would welcome your articles or anything you might write jointly with your mom.

Adoptive Families is a magazine at Jones Library. Other publications and adoptive groups can be found online. I support you in your concerns.

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Adoptive Mom

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Eve looks for a new gentleman


Original Sin
Eve

I have noticed an ongoing trend with most of the guys I date, and I cannot help but question why no one has kept my interest in over a year. I always end up feeling unfulfilled or void of something essential from each guy, and I think I have finally discovered what it might be.

In simplest terms, I desire a gentleman.

But it is not so simple. By a gentleman, I do not only mean a guy with manners, but someone with maturity, respect, and responsibility for the person he is with. Someone who works ambitiously for a woman he lusts after, and does not relent until he accomplishes this goal. It might sound passé, but I think it is what I secretly long for. It could be that I have made it too easy for some of them. I always seem to rush into a casual relationship before the guy has a chance to woo me with romantic gestures. I also tend to give a wrong impression of what I might really want from someone.

But does anyone know what they really want? I lowered my expectations the day I became single, and most recently decided to raise them due to my frustration with each outcome.

Yet somehow I can only really blame myself for these mishaps. I come across as entirely self-sufficient and capable as a single woman. I regularly refuse help from someone if it is based on a difference in gender, and I live by constantly proving I am as able as any man may be, but I know this will never be true, and I yearn for just one guy to take charge and be that strong, masculine role I seek.

It is exhausting to be the one who makes final decisions, to be the driver, to carry the heaviest bags, and even to pay for my own meals. Isn't it assumed that the guys are supposed to pick up the check on occasion? Since when did they feel it was justified not to spoil a girl they are interested in? I realize money can be a sore subject as a student, but even as little as a coffee would be acceptable.

I guess I crave the gesture more than anything, to feel special, and above all, taken care of. I am allowing myself to admit that I am tired, and it would be nice if just one guy would make life easier.

Sometimes I wonder if these expectations may be too high for some, And I fear there are logical reasons that may determine these communications. Most have been younger in age, and I believe that may be my biggest problem. I want someone with experience, someone with stability, someone I can legally have a drink with, and someone who I can take seriously. Is this why I refuse anything more than a casual fling? Is the answer as simple as age? It would be wrong to say that all young guys are incapable of handling a mature relationship. In certain situations, I have found that they try harder to fulfill my needs, but their reasoning may be stemmed from their subconscious need to compete with my previous experiences with older men. Whatever the case, they somehow fail to act as gentlemen.

As I said before, I do not expect more than what they are able to give. On the other hand, older men can also be frustrating if they feel the need to stay young and irresponsible. I diagnose their fear as the Peter Pan Syndrome.

They act as though they are still enrolled in college and neglect putting any energy into treating a woman with dignity. Shouldn't a man in his late twenties know by now? I have heard that what I seek does exist, but I have not had the opportunity to experience this possibility in years. I have forgotten what it feels like to be treated in ways any woman deserves, and I find it slightly unsettling that this has become a common complaint by most women I know.

I envy those that have a man with these rare characteristics, and I realize there are plenty wonderful gentlemen that I haven't had the chance to meet due to circumstance, but for this moment, I am satisfied with simply being aware of what I should expect from the next guy I meet.

That, I think, is all I need to acknowledge at the moment.

Eve is a Collegian columnist.

U2's album proves better than ever

By Ally Welch
Collegian Correspondent

U2
'How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb'
Interscope

With over two decades of music, the legendary Irish lads of U2 are at their best once again. From young punks that amazed us with style to mainstream rockers today, U2 continues to put out cool and inspiring music, savoring their old techniques and adding a softer, newer sound. The newly released "How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb" captures the distinct sound usually heard from the band, only this time it's the most mature and personal side of U2 we've been allowed to hear.

Already debuting at number one in the UK and in Ireland, the album combines old school sounds of the 1987 album "The Joshua Tree" and the smooth slower sounding music from U2's last release "All That You Can't Leave Behind" in 2000. Lead singer Bono's lyrics are powerful and emotion-filled words that take us into a profound state, and The Edge's guitar balances every bittersweet line with a distinct tempo that makes the music just plain good.

Although one of the band's best talents is their ability to reinvent themselves with each new album, perhaps the best quality of "How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb" is that it isn't a reinvention. The album pulls together all the music that helps define U2 over the years. The first single, "Vertigo" is a track that rocks. As the most energetic track on the album U2 is able to start its music out with a bang, pulling the listener in to hear more.

The energy quickly fades, though, as the following slow songs take us from a high vertigo to a deep mindset with the melancholy track "Sometimes You Can't Make It On Your Own." The song is an emotional tearjerker that leaves you both moved and overwhelmed. The track is a reference to Bono's father who died of cancer in 2001. The song was the one U2 chose to sing at his funeral. The song switches from slow and acoustic to echoing and powerful.

Towards the end we hear Bono belt out the lines "Can you hear me when I sing? You're the reason I sing. You're the reason why the opera is in me." You can both hear and feel the emotion in Bono's voice as he sings as if speaking directly to his father. It's the most personal song yet to be heard from U2.

The album of course contains a song about the two most repeated themes in every U2 album released: war and peace. Back in the early 80s they were ranting about "Bloody Sunday." In the 90s they were promoting peace with "One." Now in 2004, U2 is asking where the love is with the albums fourth track, "Love and Peace or Else." The song is a grungy, in your face piece portraying the frustrations of a world lacking peace. Drummer Larry Mullins gives the background a loud beat while the Edge is sharp, playing a series of notes that create an angry tone that makes the song work.

The other themes contained in the album create a soundtrack to our lives. On the disc we're faced with death and healing, war and peace, and also love and fear. The upbeat song "All Because of You" includes the tender words "You can make me perfect again. All because of you, I am." The guitar in this song has the old school sound old U2 and the upbeat rhythm provides for a feel good love song.

The song that follows, titled "A Man and a Woman," captures the fear involved in love with Bono claiming, "I could never take a chance of losing love to find romance." It attempts to show the distance between a man and a woman through "love and sex and faith and fear."

These issues that everyone can relate to give "Atomic Bomb" a more personal touch, but this is just

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There's no joy spending 'Christmas With the Kranks'

By Tammi Munn
Collegian Staff

'Christmas with the Kranks'
Directed by Joe Roth
Starring Tim Allen, Jamie Lee Curtis
Revolution
Rated PG
134 mins.
Grade B+

The long lines, cranky people, hours of shopping, wrapping gifts, writing out Christmas cards and the complicated all-day preparation for a holiday feast have replaced the simple Christmas carols, the religious meaning, maybe a meager gift exchange and family as Christmas ideals. Sometimes it is a nice thought to forego all of the madness associated with Christmas and in the film "Christmas with the Kranks" the protagonists have the opportunity to do just that.

Nora Krank (Jamie Lee Curtis) is distraught, with empty nest syndrome, as the Krank daughter, Blair, is headed to the Peace Corps shortly after Thanksgiving. It will be the first Krank Christmas without her and it to the family, it just won't be the same without her. Luther (Tim Allen) is grumpy about how much money was spent on Christmas last year and he comes up with a plan that replaces the typical Krank Christmas with a Caribbean cruise. Nora, despite being a huge fan of the Christmas season, wants to avoid feeling her daughter's absence, and reluctantly agrees to her husband's scheme.

The Kranks become the talk of the town after Luther sends out a memo to his coworkers explaining his Christmas boycott. After Nora refuses to buy Christmas cards, the clerk from the stationary store practically stalks Nora into a restaurant to also ask if she would want to order invitations to the annual Krank Christmas Eve party. When she refuses, she is forced to explain her plans to her friends as shock falls over the restaurant.

The neighbors, one of whom is played by Dan Akroyd, are having trouble understanding the crazy Kranks and their anti-Christmas ways.

They won't participate in anything that the neighborhood is involved in, including putting up a giant Frosty snowman on the roof, which is a tradition that everyone in the neighborhood practices. The neighborhood kids chant, "Free Frosty!" as they make prank phone calls to the Kranks. How truly strange it is indeed for a couple to decide to go on a cruise for Christmas because their daughter is away for the first time. How could they be so selfish? The mere fact that the neighbors care so much about the lives of the Kranks, so much as they would harass the poor couple is quite outlandish.

Tim Allen who should, after this film, hold the title of "Mr. Christmas," seemed like a very unlikely actor to play the role of the stuffy Luther Krank who suddenly breaks out of his own little world to boycott Christmas.

At first it doesn't look like Allen is going to pull off the role, but as the film continues, he does fit the role surprisingly well. It is just a little unnerving at times to think of "The Santa Clause" as Luther Krank who wants nothing to do with Christmas.

At the beginning of the film, Curtis and Allen lack the chemistry that a couple with a college-aged daughter should have. The characters have been together many years and they should know each other's quirks, but Curtis and Allen fail to let the jokes happen smoothly and it seems like their exchanges are forced.

The film is based on John Grisham's book, "Skipping Christmas." Grisham wrote a brilliant book filled with wittiness and humorous exchanges and scenarios between the Krank couple. Grisham even writes about the neighbors being obsessive over the Kranks, but it works in that medium. The book doesn't translate well into film. The jokes from his book are stale in the film, but it does have a few of its own visually hysterical moments. Most that are in both the book and the film seem overemphasized in the film to try to make a roaring comedy, but it is too campy and it fails miserably at its attempt to be a fun holiday.



Brian Jonestown Massacre looks back

By Nick Romanow
Collegian Staff

The Brian Jonestown Massacre is, perhaps, the greatest hidden gem in modern American music. The band, led by mastermind Anton Newcombe, has released over 10 albums in about 10 years to much acclaim, but never hit the mainstream. There are countless reasons for this: maybe the BJTM is simply too good and people just want their watered down commercialized music, maybe the band was never promoted enough, maybe Newcombe and his band's infamous antics and erratic behavior (including fistfights on stage and an ever rotating lineup) have scared people away from them. Whatever may be the explanation, based on sheer talent, originality, and musical proficiency the BJTM should be the biggest band in the world.

Newcombe and his band mates mix influences of bands from The Rolling Stones, The Beatles, The Velvet Underground, My Bloody Valentine and far more (including a hefty dose of '60s psychedelica) to create a swirling, almost magical, sound that brings the listener back in time while pushing rock music forward, to its very limits. Newcombe can play practically any instrument laid in front of him and often uses that, and his innate musical talent and ability, to erase any boundaries put in front of him. Rock music? Newcombe's mastered it. Psychedelica? Newcombe's all over it. Folk? Newcombe tackles it with ease. Garage rock? Newcombe flipped the genre inside and out before the White Stripes recorded a note.

Newcombe is even heavily invested in involving world music influences, something you don't see too often in Western rock. Newcombe has a firm grasp on his musical flair and builds complexly, deeply arranged songs and other tracks that are based around one or two chords — they all come out just as brilliant. Not only are Newcombe's songs astounding but, he is also prolific. He released three albums in a year and made one album, "Thank God for Mental Illness" while the rest of his band was out getting drugs.

Earlier this year Newcombe and the BJTM were the focus of a long-in-the-works documentary called "Dig" which tracks the careers, friendship, and rivalry of the band and The Dandy Warhols. The Warhols, much more commercial and poppy then the BJTM, hit the big time, getting signed to Capitol Records and selling tons of records (especially overseas where the band are huge stars) while BJTM battled drug addiction, inter-band strife, and an industry that wants money, not art. However the recent release of the documentary, which won awards at Sundance and many other film festivals and has been getting high critical marks across the world, seems to be a blessing in disguise for BJTM. Though Newcombe has publicly stated that he feels the "Dig" is exploitative and inaccurate, there are many new people who are now discovering his music everyday through the film.

Now Newcombe's current label, Tee Pee Records, has taken it upon themselves to release a packed two-disc retrospective, featuring many songs that are prominently featured in "Dig," along with other fan and band favorites. "Tepid Peppermint Wonderland" features tracks from all of the BJTM's many releases, excluding "Strung Out On Heaven" their one foray into major-indie territory (it was released on TVT records), along with a few unreleased and live tracks.

The songs demonstrate the band's abilities to tackle a great number of different types of music, and showcases the band's distinctive sound. The opener, "All Around You," is a Sgt. Pepper'sesque intro taken from "Their Satanic Majesties' Second Request" and shows the band at perhaps their most bizarre. Tracks like "Open Heart Surgery" showcases the band's pop-pier side and "Sailor" shows their lush, '60s-inspired sensibility.

Brian Jonestown Massacre
"Tepid Peppermint Wonderland: A Retrospective"
Tee Pee Records

"#1 Hit Jam" shows that the band can be in top form even at their simplest, with a basic chord progression and only two words in the whole song ("Hey" and finally "You"). "Not If You Were The Last Dandy On Earth" is a playfully mocking song about the band's newly successful friends (it was written after hearing the band's first single, the super-poppy "Not If You Were The Last Junkie On Earth").

Newcombe is notoriously press-shy, especially after being burned so many times by so-called 'journalists' who portray the BJTM as rowdy, violent, and unable to pull themselves together. Sit Newcombe down and treat him with respect and he'll do the same to you, and reveal himself to be as interesting and intelligent as his music would suggest. Newcombe and the band are currently working on their next album, "We Are The Radio", and Newcombe took some time out to do an email interview, "I don't feel it is worth my time to be chained to a phone for interviews," Newcombe explains, with the Collegian.

Newcombe does have one reputation that he definitely lives up to. He is above all, an artist. Money seems to be his least concern, which makes it curious that his band would release a retrospective. However, Newcombe explains that it was his label's doing.

"Teepee wanted to use the interest in [Dig] to expose more people to our music," and then parenthetically suggested, "the cash in?" Newcombe also says he had nothing to do with organizing the 38 song track list or compiling the extensive liner notes.

"I'm glad that people like the music," Newcombe writes, expressing his feelings about the success of "Dig," though he still doesn't see the film as a positive product. "I don't want to edit anything [to make the movie more fair], I just think the filmmakers are scumbags. Why should I care? They are trying to sell a product, plain and simple, they don't care about facts or people's feelings."

Newcombe doesn't seem as upset with the former band members, and the Dandy Warhols, who have been promoting the film like mad since it came out. "I think people like being in the lime-light," he writes, "I think people like free airplane trips. I don't care about what they do. 15 minutes, right?"

Newcombe also appears to be just as indifferent about the current state of music. While most artists want to see the industry and the corporations tumble, Newcombe is genuinely invested in only his own work and absolutely doesn't care about the business. Newcombe is currently offering up the band's entire catalogue in free mp3s on the bands website.

"I think you need to look at the facts," Newcombe states, "people are sheep. They really like the music(?), fassion [sic], and styles created by these corporations. Why should that be changed? It has been proven by scientists that only one in ten-thousand people possess musical aptitude. That means is able to hear music as it really is. Let sleeping dogs lie." He goes on to state, "It's a pretty sad world at this point. I don't have much faith in the medium. There are so many distractions in this day and age."

While some critics and music fans hail bands like The Strokes and The White Stripes as a real return to rock's pure roots, Newcombe doesn't really see it that way.

"The proof is in the pudding. I see both of those groups as one trick ponies. I'm into wild horses, bucking broncos etc. I'm sure you get my drift."

And for those that still don't quite get Newcombe's drift, "Tepid Peppermint Wonderland" is sure to spell it out. When a band has as large a catalogue as the BJTM it can be very hard to distill it down to a few select songs but whoever was in charge of this retrospective seemed to nail it on the head. For anyone that is curious about the BJTM or anyone that wants to become really excited by real, pure music again "Tepid Peppermint Wonderland" is a must-have; a true chronicle of one of modern music's few true artists and, no exaggeration, geniuses.



King Tut's treasures take trip to Los Angeles County Art Museum

By Laura Wides
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The treasures of King Tut will go on display in this country for the first time in a quarter century in an exhibit featuring the ancient ruler's gold crown, carved dagger and a massive gold and cloisonn necklace.

"Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaoh" will include about 130 of the 5,000 Egyptian artifacts found in King Tut's tomb. The last time a similar exhibit toured the country, in 1976-1979, 55 items were displayed.

"Now Tutankhamun is back, giving a new generation the chance to learn firsthand about the life and magic of this ancient monarch," Zahi Hawass, secretary general of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities, said.

King Tut ascended to the throne at about age 8 and died around 1323 B.C. at 17. Some archaeologists have speculated that he was murdered because a 1968 X-ray found bone fragments in his skull.

Hawass worked with National Geographic to obtain permission from the Egyptian parliament to display the artifacts. Money raised will help pay for the country's massive new archaeology museum, a children's museum and for preservation of the Pyramids, Sphinx and other national treasures.

The decision to allow the exhibit to travel marked the reversal of a policy set in the 1980s that confined most of the objects to Egypt, after several pieces were damaged during an international tour.

Hawass said he hoped the show would provide understanding of ancient Egypt while improving ties between that country and the United States.

The exhibit, which has already been staged in Germany and Switzerland, will make its U.S. debut at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art on June 16 and run through Nov. 15. It will feature displays of gold objects along with exhibits on death and the beyond and an interactive room on the discovery of King Tut's tomb.

The exhibition will travel to the Museum of Art in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in December 2005, Chicago's Field Museum in May 2006 and a fourth museum yet to be identified. It will then head to London's Dome of the Millennium. Hawass said negotiations are underway with Japan to show the exhibit.

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U2 releases best album to date

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one of the many qualities of the album. The combination of old and new sounds creates a mix that's exciting to listen to. In "City of Blinding Lights," the quick, clean strumming of Edge's guitar is similar to the classic U2 hit "Where the Streets have no Name" which made The Joshua Tree so distinguished. The instrumental bridge in Vertigo has similar chords to the one in "Pride."

Like any album however, "Atomic Bomb" does have its flaws. With a softer and slower tone to the music it's easy to get bored with it unless you really listen to the lyrics. Those used to the faster, more brash side of U2 are likely to be disappointed. The music does grow on you quickly, because even with a softer sound the music is still U2, and it is still good. The lyrics are sung with heart and easy to relate to.

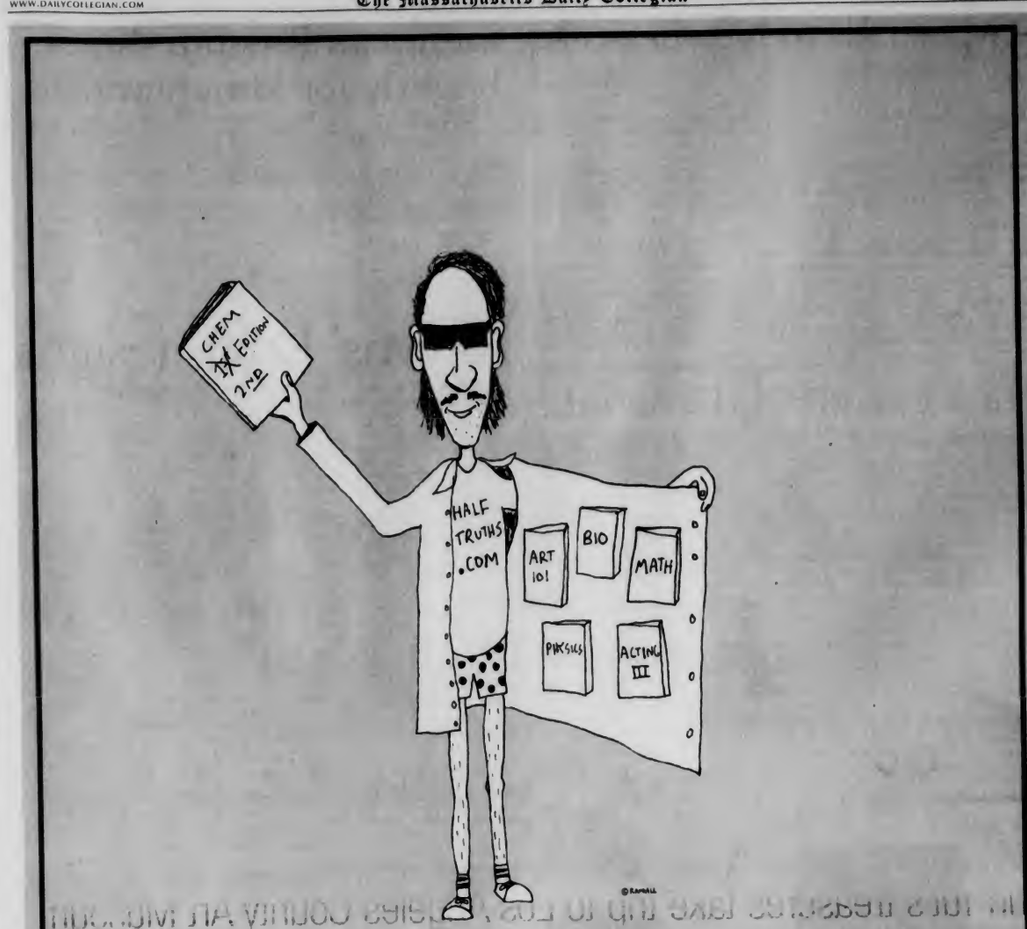
U2's personal style puts you right in the minds of the long time musicians who have experienced love, death, pain, and triumph. Their discrete sound remains, and now more than 20 years after their first album are U2 fans still able to enjoy it. Their "Atomic Bomb" leaves you speechless, thoughtful, emotional, and joyful, as many U2's albums do. Prepare to be swept up in their "vertigo."



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UMass falls to Northeastern

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it," Lappas said. "I think he's made more passes out of the post this year in three games then he made in the entire year last year."

UMass took its first lead of the game at 14:14 in the second half when Maxwell hit a three while getting fouled. He missed the free throw, but his shot put the Minutemen up 55-52, one of eight lead changes in the half.

The Huskies have been led by Barea and swing guard Marcus Barnes. Over the course of the season, this scoring duo has put up close to 50 points per contest. Last night was just another day in the office as they put up 47 between them, a statistic that didn't sway Anderson.

"Barnes takes 22 shots a game, Barea takes the rest of the shots, I mean we knew they were going to score," Anderson said. "We just wanted to make them shoot bad, like Barnes went 5-for-16, that's alright."

If there was any indication that Northeastern was ready to impose its game on UMass, it came with the first play of the game. Lasme won the tip off sending the ball to Bowers, who had the ball stolen from him by Barnes, who went to score the first points of the contest.

The Huskies never trailed in the first half, and shut down the Minutemen starting five. It wasn't until a youthful lineup, including Jeff 'Big Deli' Salovski and Lawrence Carrier, that UMass made an actual run.

Carrier went four-for-seven in the half, including two-for-three behind the arch, but as it went all night for the Minutemen, each run was countered by the sharp-shooting Huskies, who forced an incredible 12 first half turnovers.

The first half ended similar to how it began, with Northeastern leading the way.

With 12 seconds left, Artie Bowers scored a layup, putting the score at 43-37 in favor of the Huskies. On the ensuing play Barea took the ball up the court, squared up from roughly seven feet outside the arch and drained a three with time expiring. He crossed his arms over his chest making, sending the signal to the UMass student section.

Huskies control the action

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for final waning seconds of the half, a 5-foot-10 point guard from Puerto Rico reminded them who was truly in charge.

"They went out and played their game," UMass coach Steve Lappas said. "They did what they wanted to do, and made us play their type of game. We needed to be able to inflict our will on them, and they wouldn't let us do that."

Barea, a junior point guard who started all 28 games that he has appeared in as a sophomore for NU, was very much a known commodity for UMass coming into last night's action, as was backcourt mate Marcus Barnes, a transfer from Miami. Averaging a combined 50 points between them in the Huskies first three games, the explosive pair accounted for 47 of the Huskies 84 points in the win, which didn't come as a surprise to head coach Steve Lappas after the fourth-year UMass bench boss had been singing the praises of the pair all week.

What did surprise Lappas, however, were the struggles his group experienced on offense — much of which was brought on by the relentless half-court man-to-man defense the Huskies employed. Knowing UMass was a slow-down team that relied on dumping the ball into the post to best utilize star forward Rashaun Freeman, the Huskies stepped up the pace from the game's first possession.

"They took us out of our game on offense," senior point guard Anthony Anderson said. "They forced us to play a quick game, and kept us from slowing things down and working for a good shot. They pressured the ball and took away the first pass that we use to get in the offense, forcing us to take quick shots and bad shots."

The Huskies pressured the ball, pressured away from the ball and forced quick shots. They stepped into the passing lines, battled hard for loose balls and caught UMass' big men not boxing out on numerous occasions. They wanted to run, and did everything they could to force UMass to run with them.

The end result? UMass finished the game with just one point over the final six-plus minutes, and guards Maurice Maxwell, Chris Chadwick and Art Bowers combined to shoot 6-29 from the floor, including 1-10 from beyond the arc. Additionally, the Huskies forced 19 turnovers and recorded 13 steals and generally created havoc and a sense of recklessness in a usually calm and collected Minuteman offense.

This is not the note this UMass team wanted to end on before beginning a week in which it will face No. 25 Gonzaga, defending National Champion Connecticut and Miami.

"I am very concerned [about the struggles on offense," Lappas said. "It's something we need to address, and something we need to fix. This will be a good learning experience for us, and hopefully we'll be able to build on this as we move along."

Freshman Rosanio shines brightly for Minutewomen

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where she is right now," sophomore forward Tamara Tatham said. "She's finishing, she's working hard in practice, she's working hard in the games. That's why whatever's coming to her is coming to her. I'm happy for her."

Those rights include racking up Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week honors this week, and being named Dinn Brothers/ UMass Athlete of the Week after averaging 14.5 points, three rebounds and two assists last week in their two-game stretch against Holy Cross and that other rival, twentieth-ranked Boston College.

Rosanio is currently the only Minutewoman averaging in double figures, with a team-high 10.8 per game.

"It feels like a good fit. I think we're all still getting used to playing with each other," she said. "It's only our fourth game, and I think we're jelling pretty good out there on the court. I think by the time we get to [the A-10] season, we'll be in good shape."

So what does she see her role as in UMass' matchup at Providence College?

"I don't know. I just hope we can get a win, and that our offense comes and our defense remains strong. I hope we can put the ball in the basket more than they do."

Browns' Davis resigns

BEREA, Ohio — Cleveland Browns coach Butch Davis resigned under pressure, leaving a last-place team with five games left in the season. The Browns (3-8) dropped their fifth straight game on Sunday, 58-48 at Cincinnati. The team went 24-36 and made the playoffs just once in Davis' four seasons as head coach.

Offensive coordinator Terry Robiskie will coach the Browns for the rest of the season.

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers released struggling kicker Martin Gramatica and replaced him with Arena Football League kicker Jay Taylor.

The team's career scoring leader missed three field goals in Sunday's 21-14 loss at Carolina and was 11-for-19 overall this season. Gramatica missed seven of his last nine attempts and had not made a field goal over 22 yards since Oct. 10.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Coach Tyrone Willingham was fired by Notre Dame after three seasons. Willingham went 21-15, including 6-5 this season. The Fighting Irish lost 41-10 to No. 1 Southern California on Saturday.

Players are considering whether to play in the Insight Bowl on Dec. 28. Athletic director Kevin White said he didn't know who would coach the game. Notre Dame accepted the invitation to the game on Sunday.

BOSTON (AP) — Boston College will play North Carolina in the Continental Tire Bowl on Dec. 30 in Charlotte, N.C.

The Eagles would have gone to a Bowl Championship Series game with a win last Saturday against underdog Syracuse. A surprising 43-17 loss at home knocked the Eagles out of the BCS and the AP Top 25.

Also:

— Georgia accepted a bid to play Wisconsin in the Outback Bowl on New Year's Day in Tampa, Fla.

— Florida State formally accepted its bid to play in the Gator Bowl on Jan. 1 against West Virginia.

— Boise State will play Louisville in the Liberty Bowl on Dec. 31.

— New Mexico will face Navy in the Emerald Bowl on Dec. 30.

— Connecticut accepted a bid to play in the Motor City Bowl on Dec. 27. It's the Huskies' first post-season appearance as a Division I-A team.

— Marshall was invited to the Fort Worth Bowl against Cincinnati on Dec. 23.

— Bowling Green will play Memphis in the GMAC Bowl on Dec. 22.

— Georgia Tech accepted an offer to play in Champs Sports Bowl on Dec. 21.

— Wyoming is headed to the Las Vegas Bowl on Dec. 22.

BASKETBALL

ATLANTA (AP) — The NBA will set new security guidelines for its arenas, exerting more authority over a matter previously left to individual teams, commissioner David Stern said.

Stern said the Nov. 19 Pacers-Pistons brawl that spilled into the stands and led to three Indiana players being suspended for 25 or more games — including the season-long penalty for Ron Artest — exposed current policies as inadequate.

In his first public comments on the brawl since announcing the suspensions, Stern said the new guidelines will be issued in early January.

NEW YORK (AP) — Hornets center Jamaal Magloire was fined $7,500 by the NBA for throwing a basketball at Golden State's Mike Dunleavy in a game last week.

BASEBALL

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Free agent Armando Benitez and the San Francisco Giants agreed to a $21.5 million, three-year contract. Benitez saved an NL-leading 47 games in 51 chances and lead major league relievers with a 1.29 ERA for the Florida Marlins this year.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The District of Columbia Council approved financing a ballpark for the Washington-bound Expos after voting to cap funding at $630 million. The council approved the plan 6-4 with three members, including Chair Linda W. Cropp, voting present. The measure must be approved a second time to become law.

The deal signed in September by the Expos and Washington Mayor Anthony A. Williams did not contain a cap. Major League Baseball had not yet received the text of Cropp's amendment and would wait until seeing the exact wording before responding.

SWIMMING

SALISBURY, Md. (AP) — Michael Phelps' drunken driving trial was set for Dec. 29. Phelps, 19, who won eight medals at the Athens Olympics, was stopped by a state trooper on Nov. 4 for running a stop sign in Salisbury. Phelps acknowledged shortly after his arrest that he made a mistake. Maryland's drinking age is 21.

SOCCER

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) — The United States will open the final round of 2006 World Cup qualifying with games at Trinidad and Tobago in February and at Mexico in March.

The Americans, trying to reach their fifth consecutive World Cup, close out the 10-game final round of the North and Central American and Caribbean region in October at home against Panama.

The draw for the final was conducted by FIFA, soccer's governing body.

The top three teams in the six-nation group qualify for the 32-country field at the World Cup tournament in Germany. The fourth-place team will play the No. 5 nation in Asia in a home-and-home playoff for another berth.

CYCLING

GENEVA (AP) — Olympic gold medalist Tyler Hamilton was fired by his cycling team two months after testing positive for blood doping. The Swiss-based International Cycling Union, or UCI, said the Phonak team told the governing body that the American rider's contract was terminated last week.

Hamilton confirmed the dismissal in a statement on his Web site.

Hamilton tested positive for an illegal blood transfusion at the Spanish Vuelta in September and plans to contest the results. He faces a possible two-year ban if found guilty.



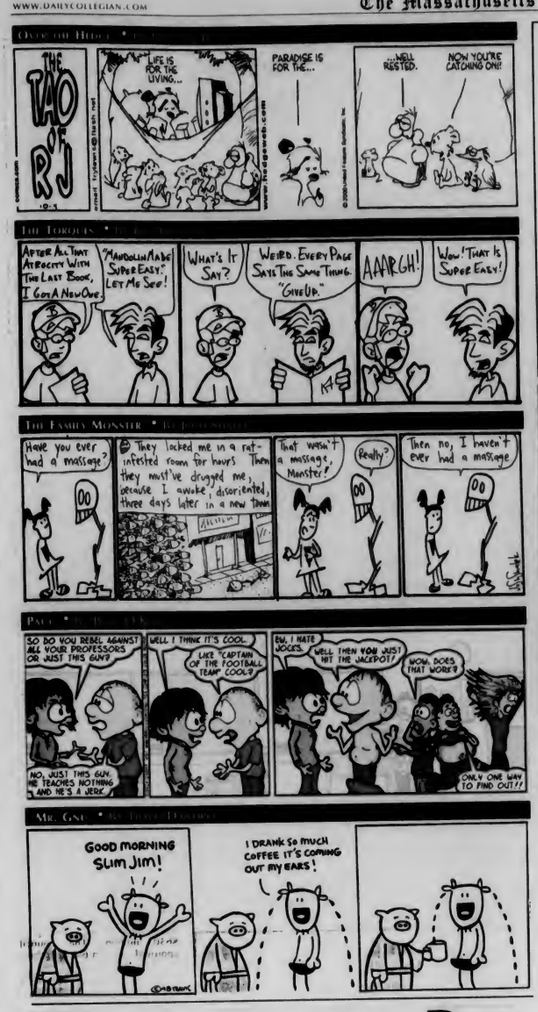
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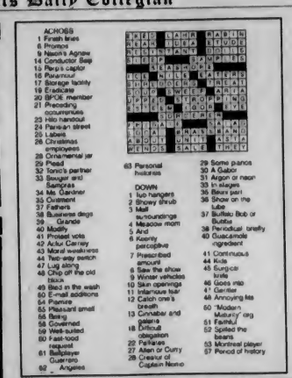
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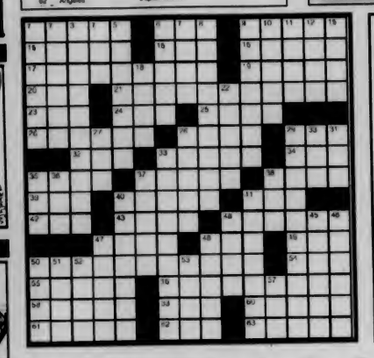


Quote of the Day

"The Grinch hated Christmas — the whole Christmas season. Oh please don't ask why, no one quite knows the reason. It could be, perhaps, that his shoes were too tight. Or maybe his head wasn't screwed on quite right. But I think that the best reason of all may have been that his heart was two sizes too small."

-How the Grinch Stole Christmas





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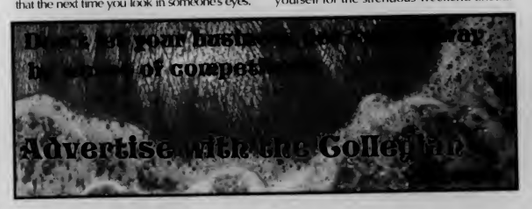
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Same old, same old

Once again, UMass falls to lesser foe

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

Northeastern point guard Jose Juan Barea clenched his fist, holding the ball under his other arm. Barea had just been intentionally fouled with 57.7 seconds left, and he knew his team had pulled off an upset.

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The Massachusetts men's basketball team didn't score a basket for the final six minutes of the game, missing every one of its final eight shots, en route to an 84-68 loss to the cross-state Huskies.

With 6:23 remaining in the game, Viggiano broke through Northeastern defenders and netted a lay-up, putting the Maroon and White up 67-64. NU forward Aaron Davis hit a wide-open three pointer on the ensuing possession and the Huskies never looked back.

UMass coach Steve Lappas saw the game as a series of offensive flaws, which let Northeastern take over the game.

"We lost a game because of the way we played on offense," Lappas said. "We certainly had some defensive lapses, but that game was lost because of the way we allowed the tempo to be played in the game, and that's what was disappointing."

After Davis' three, Barea, who scored a team-high 24 points, scored back-to-back baskets. Not to be denied, Davis received the ball again and nailed another three-pointer, this time assisted by Barea who had nine on the evening. The basket put the Huskies up 74-67.

UMass captain Anthony Anderson attributed the second half collapse to the tenacity of the restricting Northeastern defense. For most of the half, the Huskies successfully denied the ball to sophomore Rashaun Freeman, which opened up shots for the Minutemen guards.

Even with the open looks, UMass was already playing off balance.

"They wanted it more than us. They basically made us offense faster than we wanted to play offense. They just made us do what we didn't want to do," Anderson said. "Even in practice, when the other team is playing that defense, it was kind of hard to get the offense going."

Even though the Huskies put on emphasis on guarding the post, the Minutemen used Stephane Lasme and Freeman to come out fast into the second half.

Freeman, who scored a team-high 18 points, found Lasme on consecutive possessions, both resulting in two-handed dunks, leaving the score at 47-41 in favor of Northeastern. Freeman was double or triple teamed for most of the game and only used Lasme as an option twice. Otherwise, he was trapped, or forced into one of his three turnovers.

"Ray is still learning about how to deal with making quick decisions and getting double teamed, there's no doubt about

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MATTHEW REISS/COLLEGIAN

Sophomore guard Art Bowers, shown driving to the hoop during a win over Birmingham Southern, struggled offensively once again for the Minutemen, scoring six points.

Northeastern did what it came to do

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

If the Massachusetts men's basketball team needed a reminder of what kind of trouble it was up against Northeastern last night, then Jose Juan Barea took it upon himself to make it abundantly clear just before the first half expired.

Holding a six-point lead after responding to an 11-0 UMass run with a 10-0 run of their own, the Huskies appeared content to head into halftime with a two-possession lead. Barea, Northeastern's explosive point guard who unofficially ranked first nationally in scoring average entering play, slowly sauntered over half court with the ball as the clock wound down under five seconds, not appearing to realize that he was quickly running out of time. Then, without the slightest hesitation, Barea set his feet at the far right end of the Mullins Center's half-court logo, cocked his shooting arm under the ball, and showed perfect form in firing a 30-plus foot trey that hit only twine.

It happened so fast that those in attendance who looked away for a split second may have missed the only shot buried from that distance all season, not to mention the fact that the Minutemen were now in a nine point hole.

Despite the fact that UMass fought back almost immediately in the second half and even enjoyed the lead for a portion of the frame, it was game, set and match at that very moment, because with that shot, Barea exemplified what Huskies came to Amherst to do in their game with the Minutemen: dictate the flow of play from whistle to whistle on both ends.

Northeastern did what it wanted, when it wanted and forced UMass into following suit. Yet just when the Minutemen thought it was safe to stop resisting; to let their guard down

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COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

One for the road

Senior guard Monique Govan and the Minutewomen downed Providence 53-39 in Providence, R.I. to move to 2-3 on the season. Junior point guard Katie Nelson lead all scorers with 13 points, while the Lady Friars' 39 points marks the lowest point total for a UMass opponent since December 13, 2000.

Without a true role, Rosanio starts fast for Minutewomen

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

When asked by a reporter after last Saturday's loss to Boston College on what she thinks her role on the team is, freshman Pam Rosanio bursts out with giggles.

Almost instinctually, "I don't know" is the first thing that rolls off her tongue. After some pause and elaboration on what she just said, she decides to ask the reporter to clarify. Her role? "I guess I'm a scorer, and..." More pause, followed by a burst of laughter.

"Don't know, sorry!"

This is ironic because the way she has fit into this team is no laughing matter. From the moment she stepped on the court donning the Maroon and White, the eighteen-year-old shooting guard out of Southampton, P.A. has been absolutely lights out for the Minutewomen.

One could start with her preseason debut, in which she was second in scoring on the night for the Minutewomen with 11 points — one point behind senior forward Brooke Campbell — in the 80-52 thrashing of the NWBL All-Stars. Or perhaps one ought to jump ahead to the regular season's opening weekend, when she once again dropped 11, including a four-for-eight night from the floor, three rebounds and a block to lead all scorers in her regular season debut.

Maybe even Nov. 23's contest with host Holy Cross, where her layup with 6.7 seconds was the game winner as the Minutewomen went to win 61-60 in nail-biting fashion, effectively hurling gasoline into the fire that is the growing rivalry between these two intra-state nemeses. Whatever the case may be, there's no doubting that there is something special about coaching this player.

"She's very coachable, somebody that wants to grow," coach Marnie Dacko said. "She's somebody who can take criticism and try to improve, somebody who really believes in a Team First motto, and that's great."

But it's proven to be more than great. It's a trait that everyone can soak up and use in their style of game.

"I wish that everybody would react like she does," Dacko said. "I think that can be contagious right now because Pam has had successes. She's got more of a confidence and I think others can look at that and start building up confidence themselves too."

A four-year letterwinner at Archbishop Wood High School in Warminster, Pa., Rosanio was a three-time member of the All-Philadelphia Catholic League team. When she closed out her senior year, when she averaged 20 points, six rebounds, three assists and two steals a game, she came away with a piece of Vikings history as the all-time leading scorer with 1,417 career points. And yes, that includes boys too.

Nonetheless, the Phila-delphian was one of more heavily-scouted players by Dacko and assistant Kia Damon, who began looking into Rosanio during her junior year. The five-foot-ten guard was one of the first recruits Dacko landed last year, and all those weekly phone calls have paid off. She's been reaping the benefits of landing Pam ever since.

"She deserves the right to be

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Pedro mulls offer from New York Mets

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — With an offer in hand from the New York Mets, Pedro Martinez will wait to see what the New York Yankees do before deciding where he'll play next year.

The free-agent ace isn't close to making a decision on where to sign, a person close to Martinez said Tuesday on condition of anonymity.

Martinez is likely to wait until the Yankees determine their level of interest, which could hinge on whether they acquire Randy Johnson from Arizona in a trade that could send Javier Vazquez to the Diamondbacks.

The Mets, trying to make a splash in the free-agent market, offered a $37.5 million, three-year contract last weekend, an agent with knowledge of the proposal said, also on condition of anonymity. The offer contains an option for a fourth season that could make the deal worth $50 million over four years, the agent said.

Boston has offered a two-year deal to retain Martinez and must decide by Dec. 7 whether to offer salary arbitration, which would extend the window for the World Series champion Red Sox to re-sign him until Jan. 8.

Martinez's agent, Fernando Cuza, would not comment on the Mets' proposal, which was first reported Tuesday in several New York and Boston newspapers. New Mets general manager Omar Minaya declined comment.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner met with Martinez in Tampa, Fla., on Nov. 18, and Martinez also met in Florida with New York third baseman Alex Rodriguez.

But the Yankees' primary interest in recent days appears to be Johnson, the 41-year-old left-hander who would prefer to leave the rebuilding Diamondbacks and play for a contender. The Yankees and Diamondbacks have been discussing a trade involving the five-time Cy Young Award winner for several weeks, but talks haven't gained any momentum, several baseball officials said.

Steinbrenner met in Tampa with top aides Mark Newman and Billy Connors on Tuesday. Boston, coming off its first World Series title since 1918, has not publicly discussed its offer to retain Martinez, who teamed with Curt Schilling to give the Red Sox a powerful starting rotation.



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Pedro Martinez received a guaranteed three-year deal from the Mets.

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Faculty Senate releases Capital Plan

By Casey Novak
Collegian Staff

A detailed description of the Capital Plan, which would consist of new construction as well as repairs and renovations of exisisting campus buildings, was presented Thursday by James Cahill, director of Facilities and Campus Planning, at the 635th Regular Meeting of the University of Massachusetts Faculty Senate.

The five-year project totals $547 million in planned spending, and would support academic as well as student life at the University. Of that $547 million, about 19 percent or $107 million would come from UMass spending.

One aspect of the new construction includes a Central Heating Plan, according to Cahill.

"This would be a 10 megawatt plan to provide electricity and steam for the entire campus," he said. "It would provide five times more electricity than the current output."

The target completion date for the heating plan is 2007.

"We are working on the design and we still have a lot of dicussion left about the detailing of the building," said Cahill.

He also talked about a two-phase plan that would add a total of 1,500 beds to the campus.

"This is one of our most exciting projects," said Cahill.

He explained that the two-phase plan would add four-story buildings with apartment style suite arrangements near Sylvan.

Phase One includes adding 868 beds and is expected to be completed in 2006, while Phase Two would add 640 beds at a later date.

"We arrived at the conclusion that this is one of the best locations for Phase One, and we feel confident that it can be completed on schedule," Cahill said. "We also want to have some relationship between the first and second phase so they can become one large community."

There will also be four major developments on North Pleasant



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Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Michael Gargano.

Street, including an Intergrated Science Building, the renovation of Skinner Hall for the School of Nursing, a new auditorium as well as a new art building.

"We want to look at this as a region we are developing, rather than individual buildings," Cahill said. "We believe that the proper response to the development would be to close Stockbridge Road in order to connect Thatcher and Infirmary Way with a thru street."

He added that they have not yet decided whether or not the thru way would be two ways or not.

"We've got oodles of consultants working on this so that we can ensure we are doing the right thing for the campus," Cahill said.

The Integrated Science Building would consist of 140,000 square feet for chemistry and biology science, including a 250-seat lecture hall, and labs for teaching a research.

"This is a major project," said Cahill. "We can maybe get a 300-seat lecture hall, but we will be working on that through the design phase. Right now, we invision four-stories close to North Pleasant Street."

The project is scheduled to be completed in 2008.

A new art building would be located across from the Fine Arts Center. It would be a 55,000 square feet of instructional, individual and group studios for two and three dimensional design. The target completion for this project is 2007.

"The cost of steel as gone up to a greater extent last year than it has in the last 30 years," Cahill said. "Basically, anything that sticks to a magnet is now more expensive. We are going to be faced with dealing with that as we have a fixed budget on these projects."

Nursing renovations will include the expansion of Skinner Hall, with a 7,000-square foot additon onto the east side of the building. According to Cahill,

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Final arguments in election scandal

By Mara D. Bellaby
Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Tens of thousands of opposition supporters partied in Kiev's main square Thursday, erecting a Christmas tree and waving orange flags, in a show of confidence as the Supreme Court heard final arguments on whether to overturn disputed election results.

With Ukraine's political crisis nearing a decisive turning point, Russian President Vladimir Putin took the government's side in a deepening dispute over how to proceed once the judges issue a ruling.

Putin denounced the opposition's demand for a repeat of the contentious Nov. 21 run-off vote rather than holding entirely new elections for president, as the government wants. Putin said a new run-off "would yield nothing."

"A revote could be conducted a third, a fourth, 25th time, until one side gets the results it needs," a grim-faced Putin said, standing alongside his longtime ally, outgoing Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma.

The two held a hastily arranged meeting at Moscow's airport just before Putin left for India. Kuchma flew to Russia for support as his goverment appeared to be losing momentum in the 11-day standoff with the opposition.

Opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko repeated his stance rejecting an entirely new election in an address to his supporters filling Kiev's Independence Square.

"We won't take part in any (negotiation) process if they talk about a new election," Yushchenko said, dressed in a fur trimmed black coat and orange sweater and tie. Behind him, his top aides were lined up, also decked out in scarves, sweaters and ribbons in orange, the opposition's campaign color.

The opposition wants a repeat of a run-off between Yushchenko and Kuchma's ally, Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych. Kuchma seeks an entirely new election, possibly so he can replace Yanukovych with a stronger, more charismatic candidate.

President Bush said Thursday that any new vote in Ukraine "ought to be free from any foreign influence."

The mood among the throngs of Yushchenko supporters rallying in their Independence Square tent city was celebratory, confident that the Supreme Court will annul the official results that declared Yanukovych the winner of the Nov. 21 run-off.

They waited all day for a ruling they expected Thursday, watching live broadcasts of the court sessions on televisions in the square, showing the 18 red-robed judges, behind stacks of documents hearing testimony in the cramped chamber.

The justices adjourned in the evening after beginning final arguments. They will hear more arguments Friday, then retreat for deliberations before ruling. It was unclear how long the process would take.

Protesters erected a Christmas tree spray-painted orange in the tent camp, while rock banks played on stage, their instruments fluttering with orange ribbons.

Other protesters kept up their blockade of the Cabinet building despite an agreement the day before to lift their sieges of government offices.

"We aren't letting anyone through. Why should we? We are so close to victory, why surrender now?" said Natalya Nechipurenko, 38, one of

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Professor explains the history of pitch

By Arka Sen
Collegian Correspondent

Professor Sigrun Heinzelmann gave a lecture on music theory as a part of a series of themed lectures given over the past year on Thursday.

After playing a recording of "Do-re-mi" at the end of the lecture, Heinzelmann stated that everything had gone as planned and that she was very impressed with the turnouts. She mentioned that the turnout was better than the previous lectures given this year.

According to Gary Karpinski, the head of the Music Theory faculty at the University of Massachusetts, the Department of Music and Dance offers several different presentations for students each year.

"The Department of Music and Dance offers many different concerts and other presentations. Professor Heinzelmann's lecture is part of the Music Theory Lecture Series," he said.

He went on to say, "The Music Theory Lecture Series is coordinated by Professor Heinzelmann, in consultation with rest of the Music Theory faculty and that this series began last academic year, with one presentation by each member of the music theory faculty."

The music theory faculty met in early September to plan a series of dates where faculty members could present lectures. All faculty members decided to give a lecture and invite some guest music theorists as well.

Professor Heinzelmann's talk is the third in this year's Music Theory Lecture series.

To begin the talk, Heinzelmann asked what the conception of the "pitch" is and after giving several examples, said that the pitch was a result of historical developments. Heinzelmann stated that the ancient Greeks used the monochord and then played a few notes on a monochord for the audience.

The pitches are proportional to the length of the string being played. This is how the ancient Greeks made many different pitches. Heinzelmann went on to say that Pythagoreans used ratios to make different pitches, but their interests were mathematical and not musical.

Heinzelmann said that in singing, pitch is a position of the voice. He then talked about the tetra-chord and mentioned that it was used in Greek music.

On the tetra-chord, the outer tones were fixed and the inner tones were movable and one semi-tone was followed by two tones. Heinzelmann went on to talk more about the Greek system of music.

In the middle ages, Heinzelmann said, letters were associated with pitches. In the Carolingian era, the ancient Greek system of music was combined with church chanting.

They were joined together to make a set of pitches. In the year 1000, names of tones were



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Professor Sigrun Heinzelmann of the Music Theory department explains the history behind the pitch to students yesterday.

associated with Roman letters. In the ninth century, lines of music were designed to aid the memory so the monks did not have to memorize their chants.

Heinzelmann then went to talk about different notation systems. The notational system was used to keep the monk's repertoire. In 1074, the Pope let the people notate the liturgy.

There was a piece of music in a handout given to the audience that was attending the lecture and after talking about the Middle Ages and notating music, the audience sang the tunes that were notated in the music, written on the handout. The handout was called Guido of Arezzo's Hymn for Solmization. The song translated into, "That your servants may be able freely to proclaim the wonders of your deeds, absolve the guilt of their unclean lips, O holy John."

Heinzelmann then talked about a hexa-chord pitch system and how it was combined with the Latin pitch system. One could switch between one hexa-chord and another, which eventually evolved into octaves.

There was a fixed system of pitches as time went on and the development came as a matter of tuning. In 1610 seven syllables were used to cover an entire octave: do-re-me-fa-so-la-ci. 'Ci' was later changed to ti.

The lecture ended with the playing of a recording of "Doc, a dear."

Lecture on hate

The Office of Michael Gargano, the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, held a Hate Crime vs. Hate Incidents discussion Wednesday night in the Campus Center Auditorium.

Janice Healy, the Western Massachusetts Regulation Chief for Attorney General Tom Reilly said a hate crime is when a person commits a criminal act with bias towards an individual(s) because of race, gender, religion, or sexual orientation.

She said that a hate incident is when the motive behind an act is evidently biased toward race, gender, religion, or sexual orientation, but is not a crime.

–Da...-O'Brien



MEGAN BRINKER/COLLEGIAN

Combating Hate

Several University officials meet to discuss hate actions and how to combat them.

Military protecting fragile democracy

By Stephen Graham
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — For a time, the U.S. military in Afghanistan was talking as if it would smoke Osama bin Laden out of a cave on the rocky Pakistan border within months, perhaps even ahead of President Bush's re-election.

Now, American commanders say protecting the country's fragile new democracy, reviving its economy and keeping Taliban militants on the run are the priorities, though tracking the cold trail of bin Laden and other al-Qaida leaders remains the focus of intelligence efforts.

Spies, informers, electronic listening devices and surveillance from the air all belong to the U.S. arsenal. American officials acknowledge that videotapes featuring a sprightly looking bin Laden and his deputy Ayman al-Zawahri, have yielded no clues to their whereabouts, even though one was delivered to a TV channel in Islamabad.

"They're pretty sterile in terms of intelligence value," Maj. Gen. Eric Olson, the operational commander of U.S. forces here, told The Associated Press.

Despite initial high expectations on the other side of the border, Pakistan's yearlong crackdown against foreign militants near the tribal town of Wana also has yielded no trace of bin Laden or al-Zawahri.

"We have no specific indication that they are in the Wana area or really any other location" in the region, Olson said. "But the hunt goes on."

American generals have had three years to rue how the suspected mastermind of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks slipped away from Afghan and U.S. troops near the Tora Bora caves of Afghanistan's eastern mountains as the regime of his Taliban protectors crumbled that December. French Defense Minister Michele Alliot-Marie, who has special forces patrolling farther south, claimed last month that bin Laden narrowly escaped an American operation as recently as mid-2003. There is no firm evidence anyone has picked up his trail since.

Interviewed at Bagram Air Base, nerve-center of the 18,000-strong force he helps command, Olson said this week that his immediate goals were preventing insurgents from mounting a "strategic surprise" with an attack on President-elect Hamid Karzai's Dec. 7 inauguration, and keeping them on the defensive ahead of April parliamentary elections.

American commanders have slowly diluted their focus on combat operations against Taliban militants to take in more of the kind of nation-building that the Bush administration was once wary of.

Lawless provinces in the south and east are now dotted with "provincial reconstruction teams" designed to help the Afghan government regain a grip on the countryside while squeezing better intelligence from ordinary Afghans in return for building wells and clinics.

Olson said running down bin Laden and his cohorts was still the focus of American intelligence efforts here. "That's the main effort, no doubt about it."

The general said al-Qaida cells could still be in Afghanistan and have encountered foreign fighters on several recent operations.

On Nov. 21, U.S.-led troops mounted raids on suspected al-

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Senate releases Capital Plan

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the project is on schedule to be completed by 2007.

Renvoations will also take place at Berkshire Dining Common in the Southwest Residential Area.

"This is a challenging project because we have to renovate and at the same time feed the students," said Cahill. "We hope to close the dining common for only one semester."

A state-of-the-art, general purpose auditorium with a 500-seat lecture hall is also planned to be completed for 2006. It would be located either south of Knowles and west of Goessmann or south of Hasbrouck, across from Skinner Hall.

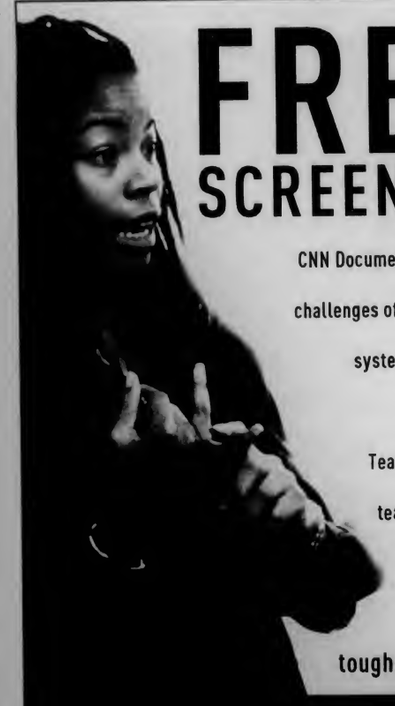
"We are hoping for [the Skinner Hall location] because it would accommodate the auditorium nicely," Cahill said. "It would also be a very cost-effective site."

A new track and field is also scheduled to be added by 2005. Other renovations to the campus include: DeBois Library interior repairs, library deck replacement, campus center repairs, Totman elevator, hotel and tourism management renovations, and Southwest concourse replacement, among others.

When asked whether the University will have the money to do all of these things, Cahill responded somewhat confidentely.

"Yes we do. The question is, do we have enough money to do them the way we want to? But yes, all of these are funded projects."

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Military focusing on Afghan democracy

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Qaida compounds in Nangarhar, not far from Tora Bora. The U.S. military said "several Arab fighters" were among suspects killed or detained.

Another raid targeting an unidentified "al-Qaida facilitator" a week later provoked riotous protests after the suspect's wife was taken into custody, a breach of tribal honor codes.

Olson said the chief suspect, who escaped, is only a "medium-value target" in Nangarhar, but that this kind of operation was now the military's best hope in the hunt for bigger fish.

Intelligence gleaned from such captives can help "piece together a story that leads you to more specific locations for the senior leaders," he said. "I honestly believe that that's the way that Osama bin Laden and al-Zawahri are eventually going to be located."

Despite the drain on resources posed by Iraq, the number of special forces in Afghanistan has held "steady," at an undisclosed level, Olson said.

He said he was redistributing those troops along the border in an effort to catch militants trying to slip back and forth from safe havens on the Pakistani side. To that end, cooperation with Pakistan is vital.

U.S. and Afghan officials have praised Islamabad for its bloody operations around Wana, the main town of the lawless Waziristan region, where fierce resistance earlier this year fueled speculation that a high-value target was cornered.

If he was, he escaped. Pakistani commanders now say they don't believe any of al-Qaida's top brass are in the region.

Maj. Gen. Niaz Khattak, commander of Pakistan's military operations against al-Qaida-linked fighters in South Waziristan, has predicted the fiercely autonomous area will be pacified by year's end. He says there is no sign of bin Laden and that most of the foreigners still in the region are low-level fighters.



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Al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, pictured above in a November videotape released to Al-Jazeera, is still missing.

Khattak said only a few foreign militants have been captured alive. He estimated that among the nearly 500 militants killed in the past nine months, about 100 were foreigners.

Final arguments made for new election

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dozens of protesters standing shoulder-to-shoulder to block entrances to the building. They banged cans against the ground to distract whatever workers had managed to slip past.

In talks mediated by European officials, Yushchenko and Yanukovych agreed Wednesday to respect the court's ruling. The opposition charges that government fraud cheated Yushchenko of victory in the runoff, and his campaign has appealed results from eastern regions where the prime minister's support is strongest.

During Thursday's session, the court rejected Yanukovych's objections to parts of the opposition's appeal.



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Two members of Ukraine's Supreme Court discuss arguments made in the case that will decide whether that nation will be holding new presidential elections after controversy since the Nov. 21 election.

Malls stepping up security around U.S.

By Matt Apuzzo
Associated Press

MANCHESTER, Conn. — In a shopping mall outside Hartford, past the Abercrombie & Fitch and the cell phone kiosks, tucked away by the Barnes & Noble, a conference room full of security guards is learning how to spot suicide bombers.

They are being taught blast patterns and behavior profiles, how a bomb is packaged and how a bomber is recruited.

Suburban shopping mall security guards are receiving the type of training that just a few years ago was reserved for the Israeli police and the U.S. military.

"If they're carrying a bag, look for that white-knuckle grip. ... They're carrying that package and they're holding onto it for dear life," Patrick Chagnon, a Connecticut State Police detective and national counterterrorism instructor, tells his class of 10 students as the Shoppes at Buckland Hills mall bustles with holiday shoppers carrying bags and boxes of all sizes.

Chagnon's students are also told to watch for people wearing oversized clothes, and are instructed to make eye contact with shoppers and look for either extremely focused people or those who won't return a look. Another tip-off: Terrorists often ritualistically shave their bodies before carrying out a suicide bombing, he says.

Around the country, enrollment in these suicide bombing classes has increased in the past year, and the students include not just elite SWAT team members, but also local patrol officers and private security forces.

"Everyone has an obligation to be a soldier in this war," Connecticut Homeland Security Director John Buturla says.

In Israel, mall security guards, bus drivers and hotel managers are added eyes and ears for the police. That is what state and federal officials are trying to build in the United States.

In New York City, apartment doormen and supers are being trained to be on the lookout for cars or trucks that are parked outside for a long time; for anyone who takes pictures of the building or lingers too long outside; and for new tenants who move in with little or no furniture.

The International Council of Shopping Centers held about 20 anti-terrorism classes this year and plans dozens more next year, says Malachy Kavanagh, who helps organize training for the organization. A class of mall security directors recently received training at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va., he says.

"Our attitude is that everybody has a role: mall managers, engineers, maintenance people," Kavanagh says. "The more people you train, the more eyes you have, the more people you have aware, the better your opportunity to prevent things."

Such training frequently is met with skeptical questions: Is al-Qaida really going to attack a Connecticut shopping mall? Anti-terrorism instructors say a bombing is nearly twice as likely at a commercial establishment than at a government building or military installation.



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Shoppers walk around the Auburn Mall in Auburn, Mass.

Car bomb explodes outside Baghdad

By Slobodan Lekic
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Mortar barrages hammered the heavily fortified Green Zone and elsewhere in central Baghdad on Thursday, killing at least one person and underscoring the vulnerability of even Iraq's best-protected areas ahead of national elections.

Also Thursday, a car bomb exploded next to a Bradley fighting vehicle near Beiji, about 155 miles north of Baghdad, wounding two U.S. soldiers and two Iraqi National Guardsmen, said Master Sgt. Cynthia Weasner of the 1st Infantry Division. No other details were available.

President Bush insisted that crucial elections set for Jan. 30 must not be delayed, rejecting calls from more than a dozen political parties there to postpone them until security at the polls can be ensured.

"It's time for Iraqi citizens to go to the polls," Bush told reporters in the Oval Office on Thursday.

The Pentagon has said U.S. troop strength in Iraq will be raised from 138,000 to about 150,000 by mid-January in order to provide security for the election.

The Iraqi Islamic party said it would push forward with demands to postpone the elections and would hold a conference on Sunday in a bid to muster more support for the call.

"We're trying to create a force to pressure the (electoral) commission and the government to postpone the elections," party official Ammar Wajeeh said. "We will do our best and we will continue this process until the very end."

"We are not convinced that elections could be held on this date so long as the security situation remains the way it is," Wajeeh said.

The calls for delay also have been strongly opposed by Shiite politicians and the influential Shiite religious authority. Shiites comprise about 60 percent of Iraq's nearly 26 million people and have been eagerly awaiting elections to transform their numbers into the political power they were deprived of under Saddam Hussein.

In Baghdad, at least five mortar rounds exploded Thursday, including two in Baghdad's Green Zone, the compound that holds Iraq's interim administration and foreign diplomatic missions.

One round struck near a mobile phone office in Baghdad's Arasat neighborhood, killing one person and wounding three, police Lt. Muhsin Khazim said. Witnesses also said people were wounded in the other blasts around Baghdad, but the number of casualties wasn't known.

Last week, a mortar attack killed four Nepalese employees of a British security firm and wounded at least 12 in the Green Zone.

In the northern city of Mosul, 10 insurgents were killed in a clash with Iraqi security forces, an Iraqi general said Thursday.

Maj. Gen. Rasheed Fleiyh said two rebels were captured during the firefight, which flared overnight when a police special forces unit was conducting a sweep through the city's troubled Islah neighborhood.

Mosul's 5,000-member police force disintegrated during an insurgent uprising last month, forcing the U.S. command and the interim government to divert troops from their offensive in Fallujah.

In Baladruz, a town, about 50 miles northeast of Baghdad, attackers gunned down a police colonel as he walked through a market, according to a policeman there, Ahmed Hassan. Insurgents repeatedly have targeted Iraqi police, who are cooperating with U.S. forces.

The U.S. Embassy also banned its employees from using the highway linking Baghdad to the international airport, regarded as one of the country's most dangerous roads.

"Until further notice, no mission personnel will be permitted to use the main road from the international (Green) zone to the Baghdad International Airport for security reasons," a warden's message said.

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"The author must keep his mouth shut when his work starts to speak."
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Unity in a divided nation?

Thomas Naughton

Imagine yourself running for student council in your high school or for another analogous group of ineffectual morons who don't really accomplish anything: say, for example, the UMass SGA. However, this year is different, you're not just running for a simple senator seat in the "Ineffectual Moron" branch of your student government. This year, you're going for the gold. You want it all. You want to be the President.

So you face your opponent in a blood bath of a campaign; you expose his drunk driving and heroin possession record. He exposes your kiddie porn collection. It's a death match like no other. Not only are you and your opponent sparring, but also your respective constituents have jumped into the ring. Your supporters protest in the hundreds of thousands when your opponent shows up in town. He gets his friends who fought in a war 30 years ago along side you to say really crappy things about you: it's a bloody, dirty war of words and ideas.

Now imagine that your opponent wins. His supporters rejoice in the streets, promising that their president's supreme reign has just begun. Your opponent also rejoices and agrees with his constituents that his "mandate" has just been newly christened. The other side laughs in your face and in the faces of all who support you. Then suddenly, a deafening silence sweeps over the celebrating supporters of your opponent as he comes forward and says "We should really unite. We should be on the same side. We should put this terrible campaign behind us and unite under the blanket of our great school and its leader, me."

We don't know who we are as a nation anymore. We are still fighting the battles about abortion, gay marriage, war, healthcare and civil rights.

Sound familiar? Well, the above scenario, although crafted under the metaphor of the SGA or your local high school student council actually describes the current climate of our nation. Remember the bloodbath that was the 2004 Presidential Campaign? Remember how close the election was? Remember how divided the nation is? You should remember and don't ever forget it. Don't let anyone, not George W. Bush, not Condoleezza Rice, not Bill O'Reilly or Joe Schmoe from one of the Red States alter your memory by spouting some crap about unity, healing, or "reaching across the aisle."

None of the supporters of George W. Bush really have the idea of true unity in mind. What they want is for anyone who is fighting against their ideological agenda to abandon the fight, to give up and surrender to the idea of some kind of "mandate" held by one man. I'm sorry, but the idea of a "mandate" doesn't really seem synonymous with democracy, or even a republic "by the people, for the people," but I guess if a mini-dictatorship makes people in Georgia feel safer at home, who am I to argue?

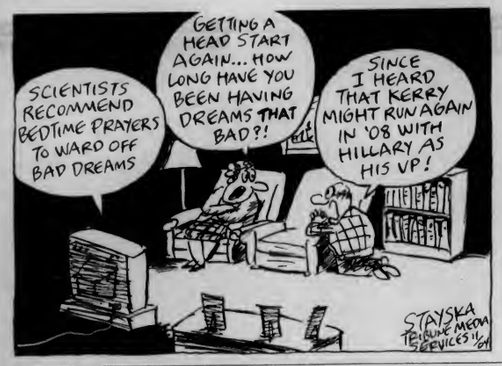
Who am I? I'm an American citizen who loves his country, who refuses to forget the disgusting ideological warfare that has occurred during this important campaign. I don't want the Republicans to forget what transpired in the past year either. Many dirty blows were dealt to Mr. Bush as well, and if I were aligned with the Republicans, I would not be pleased with his concessions to the democrats concerning "unity." Why? Because it's a band-aid over a deep gash, it does nothing. The cultural civil war has just begun. The bodies are still fresh on the ground on both sides. We cannot be united until some clear victories or defeats have occurred.

We don't know who we are as a nation anymore. We are still fighting the battles about abortion, gay marriage, war, healthcare and civil rights. Forgetting the past, letting go of this past and of our respective fights will never solve anything. I am for reproductive rights; it would be easier to know where I stand in this nation if some clear choices are made. My friend Sarah is against gay marriage; I think she would know better how she wants to move on as an American citizen if there was a clear decision made about how her nation will treat the issue.

I haven't given up anything. I am ready to be labeled as "crazy," "liberal," "anti-American," "a hater" or any label that talk radio and Fox News can come up with. We live in a scary time with a frightening and harsh division between people and their ideals, and I think that's a good thing. When I saw and heard the reporters describe the nation as "divided," I thought to myself "Good, now something can get done. Now that the delineations between people and what they stand for is clear, our leaders will be forced to make decisions for the entire nation, whether they like it or not."

I realize that the decisions made may be decisions that I don't like. In fact, I'm counting on it. In the meantime, I'll be watching the other side carefully, reading and educating myself, arming myself to try to defeat them and the outdated "values" they say they uphold. And while I'm doing that, I'll be processing my passport.

Thomas Naughton is a Collegian columnist.



The dilution of Holland

Ben Duffy

Holland is a land noted for its tulips, wooden shoes and drugs. Over the last half century, Holland has taken great pains to grant itself a new distinction as a nation of tolerance and a warm hearth for asylum-seekers from across the globe. Though pleasing to the ears of most liberals, I always had my doubts that such attitudes really served the Dutch people.

The Dutch are free to initiate whatever immigration policies they please, but I've always wondered if any nation could absorb almost limitless numbers of foreigners and still retain any shred of its national character and heritage. Opening its arms to the world seems like a recipe for ethnic suicide, the extinction of the people who gave us Van Gogh, Berlage and Rembrandt.

In short, I don't like it one bit. I believe that the Dutch have simply been avoiding a key decision, in hopes that remaining indecisive will allow them to have their cake and eat it too. Will Holland be a Dutch nation, or a tolerant, multicultural nation? Though the two seem to be in conflict, the Dutch have been living in denial that their homeland has been radically transforming before their very eyes.

When walking through the streets of Rotterdam last August, I found myself hard-pressed to find a Dutchman anywhere. According to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, almost half of this massive port city is foreign born. Amsterdam is more ethnically Dutch, and it's important to look past the tourists to see the true character of the city. Even so, its population is only 65.9 percent Dutch and falling every day.

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The city council of Amsterdam recently drafted a new policy on diversity, acknowledging that, "particularly in the last decade, large numbers of migrants (from former colonies), guestworkers and newcomers with over 150 national backgrounds have substantially changed the constellation of the population." Therefore, announced the city council, Amsterdam was going to have to make some changes in order to accommodate the diverse population. Foreigners were spared the chore of adapting to Amsterdam. Instead Amsterdam adapted to the foreigners.

Like all Western European nations, the Netherlands has a low fertility rate. Just 1.66 children are born per woman, compared to the worldwide average of 2.62 children per woman. Coupled with loose immigration laws, this trend indicates that the Dutch will soon be a minority within the Netherlands. The three largest Dutch cities are projected to have non-Dutch majorities sometime between 2010 and 2015, and the country as a whole will pass that mark sometime in the latter half of this century, depending on whose projection one uses.

But I was wrong about one thing. It's not a choice between a Dutch nation and a tolerant, multicultural nation. If recent events are any indicator, the future of Holland holds neither. On Nov. 2, Dutch filmmaker Theo Van Gogh was murdered in Amsterdam. Mohammed Bouyeri, a 26 year-old with dual Dutch-Moroccan citizenship, allegedly shot Van Gogh while he was on his bicycle. Bouyeri then slit his throat and stabbed him, pinning a note to his chest that promised jihad against five particular Dutch politicians, Jews, Holland itself and the entire Western world. While apprehending the suspect, Dutch police and Special Forces laid siege to Bouyeri's hideout, where he and four policemen were injured by bullets and a hand grenade. The nation noted for its tolerance has seen a rash of mosque-burnings and retaliatory church burnings.

Van Gogh was certainly not an angelic figure. In fact, he wasn't the most tolerant of people himself. He was deeply critical of all three major Western religions, and wasn't afraid to make inflammatory remarks about their followers whenever he pleased. Van Gogh believed that insulting people and exposing harsh truths were his rights as a citizen. He collaborated with self-proclaimed "ex-Muslim" Ayaan Hirsi Ali to make his most recent film, "Submission," about the mistreatment of women in Muslim societies.

Still, offensive films are no excuse for murder. The Dutch people are now left asking themselves what went wrong with their utopia. I suspect that they naively assumed that toleration would be a two-way street, that those welcomed into Holland would be welcoming in return.

And what about the backlash against the Muslims themselves? Once again, I suspect naivete on the part of the Dutch. They foolishly believed that a peaceful, multicultural society would be easy to achieve. It appears now that this pluralistic utopia is reaching its limits, and multiculturalism always breeds some sort of resentment from both the host demographic and the minorities. While it would be an exaggeration to call the current state of Holland "balkanization," it certainly appears that it could move in that direction.

I wish the best for all of Holland's 16 million citizens. I certainly don't want to see any more bloodshed leveled at innocent immigrants or at blasphemous Dutch critics of Islam. Let not another mosque or church burn, another policeman be wounded or another immigrant be bullied. But let this be an opportunity to reflect on the slippery and sometimes contradictory natures of tolerance and diversity. A nation cannot allow unfettered immigration without affecting its culture and risking almost certain culture clashes.

Ben Duffy is a Collegian columnist.

Love or food poisoning

Blake Alcantara

Is it foolish to consider oneself in control of such an illusory word like love? Or is there comfort in the feeling of being conquered, like those who are victim to coyness and curiosity, who bow toward the other, more easily revealed and accessible personality? For in every relationship there is sans doute, the active and the passive, the supine palm that beckons for physical correspondence as two hands, complimenting each other, paddle through the campus center bazaar. The on-air embrace of sets of arms — forearms gripping coffees and Collegians, wrists supporting the fading yellow LiveSTRONG (a phrase that once had the momentum of the man who truly does), and hand tied to hand, in the belief that these minds attached to these bodies attached to these hands have the same definition of the word that will not be defined.

What are the university requirements that measure such a word? It is a lion in a lamb suit hiding amongst the ordinary. Junta suggests "Dinner and a Movie," while Frampton's Fender asked "Do You Feel Like I Do." Is it the insecurities about our standards in what we like, enjoy and appreciate that make us feel there should be a common interest to share in life's extracurricular? I do not want your apple in exchange for my apple. I am walking on Escher's staircase; I am gripping the rail. I am that faceless man hanging over that railing deciding what is up and what is down, debating if my next move will be classified jump or fall.

She is your anticipation of spring after the long Decembers and Januarys. You know this with a measured certainty because it is the story that you have developed for yourself time and time again.

I cannot say with any certainty that my instincts change. My heart is on my sleeve, but it's cold today; I'm wearing layers.

How will you be dressed when I meet you, I ask myself as anyone will when fashioning for an emotional inundation. What baggage do you carry? How long since your last? Your first? Are you? Have you? Would you like to? Everyone is in a constant state of transformation: cycling, in a constant state of transformation: cycling, transitioning, folding and unfolding. There is hope, tension and awkwardness, and then there is that unsettling anxiety that pits your stomach in just a way that you know only she can do, and you know it's either love or food poisoning.

Robert Frost once wrote, "A mother takes twenty years to make a man of her boy, and another woman makes a fool of him in twenty minutes."

Before you parenthesize or excuse my dear sally of anything else, there is a simple mantra: one and one. When experience, friends, stories, films and literature all tell you that there are going to be a myriad of variables down the road, there is that first meeting. When everything else in the world for that instant dips into a blurry "eventually" because this girl could be now. I want her to be now. There are inviting eyes; there are big lips and a freckled face carried above a soft neck cuddled in a cozy turtleneck sweater. There is long, thick hair straight and down grazing shoulders, finding bag straps and books, and you can clearly see that she is the warmth of winter. She is your anticipation of spring after the long Decembers and Januarys. You know this with a measured certainty because it is the story that you have developed for yourself time and time again.

And then there is the first hello, followed by the first smile, and "you make me laugh." It's all great, because I already think that you're just that ... and I don't know your last name, your birthday, your friends, your car or your classes, and vice versa. When none of that matters, is that love? Because what is that when we know so little, but feel so much? Irrational? Maybe. Stunning? Yes.

That first night when you separate and drive home belting out the song playing in your car, brush your teeth smiling and lie down above the covers. You face the ceiling when you normally sleep on your side, and you put your hands behind your head and say, "this has been a good day." You cannot sleep, only to wake and realize that you slept better than any other night before. Is that something?

Maybe there is a word for the gut-straddling attraction that all at once consumes the temptations, the wants, the needs, the desires, the fears and excitements that rush through your core and build behind your chest until you can't swallow. Maybe that one gulp is harder to get down than all the others else because you want to say everything all at once, but you don't know where to start. Or maybe you just had lunch at the DC.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

REALITY TV VS. SADISM

Kudos to Arka Sen for his column "How much I hate reality TV." He had the guts to remind us of something we seem to have forgotten in the bloodfest that is modern cinema: that there is nothing wholesome, respectful or – dare I use the M word? – moral about watching and enjoying our fellow human beings suffer in the name of entertainment.

In fact, it borders on a kind of perversion. Whether it's reality shows with contestants eating bugs and tunneling through sewers, or talk shows like Jerry Springer making a coast-to-coast spectacle of the slugging, desperate members of a love triangle, it's all so far beneath a thing called decency as to make one wonder if the people who derive pleasure from this are really all there.

If memory serves me right, it was Variety magazine that gave the movie "Night of the Living Dead" the thumbs-down when it premiered in 1968. It was considered distasteful, immodest even, to be voyeurs of cannibalistic acts. It just wasn't right to get a thrill out of watching people being attacked and eaten. As a recent review of the movie on Nixflix.com noted, most of the "hardcore action" took place slightly off screen; viewers weren't expected to be able to stomach in-your-face carnage. As the reviewer noted, "It seems that driving a tire iron through someone's forehead wasn't exactly an 'every day stunt' back in 1968, as it seems to be now."

Sen sums up the argument by calling today's reality entertainment what it is in reality: sadism. "The challenges become more cruel as time goes on and the more sadistic the challenges get, the more the viewer is entertained." Sadism: deriving pleasure from viewing the suffering of another being.

I'd like to suggest that we try another response when we see such suffering: compassion. It's long been recommended by the more enlightened beings on our planet (Gandhi, Mother Teresa, Martin Luther King, the Dalai Lama, Chief Seattle). The first step is to stop marinating our souls in that which celebrates the exact opposite.

Ali Crolius
Amherst resident

BOYCOTT WAL-MART

I'm writing to commend Andrew Freeman on his editorial piece from the Dec. 1 Collegian. In "Up Against the Wal-Mart," Freeman comments on the various exploitations and shady practices going on behind the scenes at the world's biggest retail chain. As a former Wal-Mart employee who experienced many of the issues Freeman wrote about, I'm pleased to see that people are willing to speak out on this issue.

While it's a little difficult to find sympathy for an executive who earns $280,000 a year as opposed to $420,000, there were many low-level workers at my hometown Wal-Mart who experienced the same sort of problem. I'm proud to refrain from shopping at Wal-Mart. Please join me.

Will Wagner
UMass student

BUILDING A TRULY BETTER UMASS

I have a question and an idea: As long as they're doing all that work over there by the library, why don't they do something with the Old Chapel? It's kind of just taking up space, isn't it?

They could renovate it, and the Interfaith Council could have devotionals there. Maybe a seance, to find the ghost of Whitey Bulgar? Just kidding. Or perhaps a Handel's "Messiah" sing-along. I would attend that.

Maybe just a place and pulpit to have big poetry readings. How about it?

Also, as long as they're doing all that work, why don't they put in some grass instead of concrete? Grass is prettier, by all practical accounts. Of course you have to mow grass, but concrete looks ugly. You could plant the kind of grass that you don't have to mow, the kind they have on golf course greens. How about it? Two good ideas for the price of one.

Joseph Hunt
UMass student

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METROID PRIME 2: ECHOES in high demand this Christmas despite gaming competition

Press Start to Play

Reid Davenport



Garnering comparisons to cult video games such as 'Halo 2' and 'GoldenEye' the new Gamecube release, 'Metroid Prime 2: Echoes' has received much positive feedback from video game fans.



'Metroid Prime 2: Echoes'
Gamecube
Publisher: Nintendo
Developer: Retro Studios
Rated T

After a two-year leave of absence, Samus Aran has returned to do what she does best: stomping alien scum, in "Metroid Prime 2: Echoes" for Gamecube. The game series, which is quickly becoming as popular as Mario and Zelda games, has morphed from a highly challenging 8-bit side-scroller to one of the most mind-blowing first-person adventure games on the Gamecube.

The first thing gamers will be wondering is if it can compete with "Halo 2" for XBox or "Half-Life 2" for the PC. According to a few Internet polls , such as the one at G4techtv.com "Metroid Prime 2" is more in demand than "Halo 2," while "Half-Life 2" is jumping ahead of both. The reason is that "Metroid Prime 2" has a much more solid story going for it. The worlds have a lot to explore to get Samus through her travels, while "Halo 2" has excellent graphics but can be too easy to run through.

"Metroid Prime 2" brings back all of the details gamers loved from the first one. The game starts off with the same deal as the last game. You get jumped and lose almost all of your extra powers. You will quickly start to pick up the pace and find yourself forced to go one on one with a few hard-to-beat bosses to earn back those pieces of equipment.

"Metroid Prime 2" still has the loading-as-you-go maps, so you won't find yourself waiting and waiting for the next scene to load up. The areas are just as magnificent as they were in the first game and once again you will need to use your scanning visor to learn more about your surroundings, activate doors, and pick up useful information on your enemies. There are plenty of hidden passages to gain extra life and missile packs along with secret ways to get around a horde of enemies.

The game's storyline brings the space pirates back into play, but this time there is an even bigger threat than them. A dark force is traveling into the lighter universe on the planet Aether and it is up to you to stop it from invading the once peaceful planet. You will be helped by the light world inhabitants, called Luminoth, that remain in order to travel between the two worlds to save the planet and escape in one piece.

The weapons for Samus have been slightly tweaked, as you will now be able to use a light and dark beam. Both beams have their specific uses to activate and kill enemies. She will also be able to pick up the annihilator beam, which seeks out multiple enemies in the area, and even perform a screw attack that can help you reach great heights while attacking enemies.

Traveling into the dark world is a new experience, as you will, at first, need to stay in the cover of crystals due to the atmosphere being too poisonous for Samus to handle. The enemies are much harder than those you will find in the light world and they will come at you at every possible chance they have.

The added twist is that you are not only battling dark forces that infest the light world's inhabitants in attempts to destroy you, but you will also meet face to face with Dark Samus. The dark version of the space bounty hunter will constantly be taunting Samus until you finally do battle with it head on.

The added feature that makes the game even more appealing is the new multiplayer option. It is nowhere near the likes of "Halo 2" by any means, but it allows you to play with friends in a 2-4 player setup. If you were a fan of the "GoldenEye" multiplayer on N64, this is not quite as good but it will satisfy you enough. There are a few, different game modes to play: regular battle or death match mode, bounty mode in which you will need to pick up the most coins to win, or warrior mode, which is basically death match with all weapons and abilities available. This is a nice added feature to try every now and then with friends, but it isn't anything spectacular.

"Metroid Prime 2" has a lot more stability overall than its consol competitor "Halo 2."

"Metroid Prime 2" has a lot more solid story and the graphics are reasonably close to "Halo 2" considering the lack of power Gamecube has compared to XBox. With lush environments, hidden passages, space pirates, and the universes sexiest bounty hunter, "Metroid Prime 2" is the game to have for Gamecube owners this holiday season.



Beats in the Ballroom

Seen here is a live performance last night in the Student Union Ballroom, the band, The Alchemystics helped to round out the bill for "Ground Shaking," a hip-hop, spoken word, afro-beat, jazz, and reggae production put on by both university radio station, WMUA and the University Productions and Concerts.

An 'Academy' of rock teaching punk in Boston

By Craig Leger
Collegian Correspondent

The Academy Is... is quite possibly the ray of hope we have all been looking for amongst a barrage of bands being signed these days. The five-piece melodic rock band out of Chicago, Ill. has recently been touring the country non-stop and taking it by storm.

On the self-titled five-track E.P. that was released in March of 2004, each track allows for listener to become more attracted to the band's sound and instantly want to hear more. The best part is that if you are looking to hear the music of The Academy Is.... then you can check them out for free on the Internet at pureVOLUME.com.

The Academy Is... Tuesday Axis Boston $12

Coming off of an amazing tour with Matchbook Romance, Midtown, and Hidden in Plain View, The Academy Is.... is now on tour with Motion City Soundtrack, Tsunami Bomb, and Limbeck. Directly following the end of the tour, the band will be going out on a five-stop tour with Fall Out Boy, Midtown, and label-mates Gym Class Heroes (also a strong recommendation).

In a recent interview with the Daily Collegian, the drummer of The Academy Is.... Andy Mrotek stated that "Touring is all about making best friends, and every band has so much to offer each of us. You learn about yourself. You have to be open to learning from other people."

From the looks of it, this band must be learning a lot with all the tours they currently have set up.

Following a strong performance at the Worcester Palladium just under a month ago, the stir about the The Academy Is... was a positive one. The more people that hear them, the more fans they seem to acquire, and with the tours that they have lined up, gaining more fans does not appear to be a problem.

With a show containing national powerhouse Motion City Soundtrack, as well as the much talked about Tsunami Bomb, and up and coming Limbeck along with The Academy Is.... it is safe to say it will not be a boring night.

The constantly progressing The Academy Is.... say they strive not to let any crowd down. As lead singer William Beckett said, "Unless you're Bono, then you haven't done [anything]." With Motion City Soundtrack, The Academy Is..., Tsunami Bomb, and Limbeck all playing on one stage on Tuesday, Dec. 7 at the Axis in Boston, it will be the place to be.



Courtesy pureVOLUME.com

Following a brief tour with well-known acts such as Matchbook Romance and Midtown, The Academy Is ... will headline a show this Sunday at the Axis in Boston.

Crime prevention shows are still 'America's Most Wanted'

By David Bianculli
New York Daily News

It goes unnoticed, but "America's Most Wanted" is the most-watched program in its time slot on Saturday nights. It's also No. 8 on a much more impressive list: This Little TV Show That Could has lasted long enough to be ranked as one of the longest-running series in the entire history of prime time.

"America's Most Wanted" began on Fox's owned-and-operated stations in February 1988, and went national on Fox that April.

John Walsh, whose son Adam had been found dead in a nationally famous missing-child case, was and remains the host nearly 17 years later, with more than 800 fugitives captured.

Families of victims, especially, trust Walsh, because he's experienced in the ordeal they're undergoing.

"Unfortunately, I've walked in their shoes, so I know where they're coming from," Walsh said. "The media can be brutal.

"After Adam was murdered, a lot of the media that we begged to keep Adam's story going for the two weeks that he was missing lost interest after the first or second day. I had begged them to keep helping us look for this little boy, and, of course, when parts of him were found two weeks later, the most horrible murder, they were all camped out on our front lawn."

It was a horrible experience, he said.

"It's actually part of my deal with Fox, that I'll never do a story a victim doesn't want me to do," Walsh said. "We'll never show the face of a molested or abused child. That criteria has been my standard for 17 years. And if they don't want to say something, or are uncomfortable, this is not '60 Minutes,' this is my show. If they don't want to talk about it, it's okay."

The program, modeled after the BBC's "Crimewatch U.K.," went after FBI Top 10 wanted killer David James Roberts in its pilot, and caught him, identified by several people at a Manhattan homeless shelter.

"When it started," said "AMW" executive producer Lance Heflin, "everyone was just shrieking in horror. 'Oh my God, it's vigilante TV! Everyone will be turning in their brothers and their neighbors! Here comes George Orwell and company!'

"It was never that, and never turned out that."

The show helped catch John List, then the Texas 7, and, most famously, helped return Elizabeth Smart to her parents after nine months.

"America's Most Wanted" has lasted so long, Heflin said, because it's audience (7.7 million viewers last week) is so loyal: "People trust us, and they know what they're going to get with us."

And that has helped keep the show running. The top four longest-running shows still on the air are "60 Minutes," the Disney umbrella showcase, "Monday Night Football" and "20/20."

How many reality shows will run that long? Not many.

As for reality the genre, Walsh is dismissive.

"I think it's unreality TV, to tell you the truth," he said. "A woman in a bikini eating two yards of horse colon is not reality TV. 'Who Wants to Marry a Ho??' That's not reality TV."

A rarity in America, Irish group makes a splash in the U.S.

By Matt O'Rourke
Collegian Staff

It can be a letdown when one learns of a band from oversees that doesn't receive the same praise in the States as it does in its home country. Once in a while however, a band can break into a music scene abroad as an opening act for another artist, or through a mix tape from a friend. Irish rockers The Frames are one such example. After touring this past year with folk-rock artist Damien Rice, The Frames have managed to earn a small but strong following here in the United States.

With the release of their live album entitled "Setlist," The Frames have captured the live show experience with all the highs and lows of actually being present at the recording. Recorded over a few nights in Dublin in 2003, The Frames picked the best tracks and compiled them into an album of 13 energy-driven songs.

"Setlist" opens with a punch in "Revelate." What at first begins with a recording of a song from "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," soon jumps with intense guitar driven vigor into a moment that defines the rest of the album — pure rock. The crowd begins chanting along with Glen Hassard, the lead singer, as he sings, "My single slant, this broken chant." Heavy guitar melodies combined with rock violin create a sound that will blow away rock aficionados. Colm MacConlomaire's sweeping violin solo melds the folk aspect of The Frames with heavy rock feel in a moment that is sure to give listener chills.

The Frames 'Setlist' Plateau Records

The chilling effect of MacConlomaire's violin continues with "Star, Star," a soft ballad where Hassard sings about bringing out the best in oneself. Building in volume, the ballad increases in instrumentation and emotion.

Hassard proves that emotional singing can be perhaps the most powerful type of vocalization in "God Bless Mom," which features perhaps the best live moments of the entire album, while also featuring the worst. Complex guitar strumming, fueled by a driving drum rhythm, complimented by single chords on another electric guitar, highlight the vocal overtones, providing a dark yet rich sound. At about two minutes into the song, MacConlomaire's violin and the rest of band break, but only for a second, coming together in perfect sync to make an incredible "grand entrance". Unfortunately, only seconds later, Hassard and his backup Doyle sing terribly out of tune.

The listener is rewarded however at about three and a half minutes in, when a Pixies-esque bassline and guitar rhythm akin to the Clash kicks in. The moment builds and builds, with a sudden eruption of sound, where one might find themselves with their fist pumping in the air, or jumping with excitement. It's truly a moment of rock excellence.

"Pavement Tune" and "The Stars Are Underground" thunder with heavy guitar resonance and drums clattering precise rhythms. The Frames master their timing, never missing a key moment, and one knows they're well rehearsed. Three part harmonies are present, but in an arrangement that consists of either the guitar, violin and vocalist, or a combination with the crowd singing. Make no mistake, The Frames use the crowd as an instrument and they do it well.

Considered by many to be their best song back in Ireland, The Frames use "Fitzcarraldo" as one of their closers. Hassard found inspiration for writing the song after seeing a movie of the same title where a man had to pull a ship over a mountain. Using that metaphor, The Frames combine great songwriting with a well-arranged piece. A Spanish guitar rhythm (played on an electric) combined with dark undertones, makes for a great piece. Every instrument is important here. Doyle's bass line, the simple carrying drum rhythm, and of course, Colm's rock violin. Hassard sings "Even the good stars fall from grace and falter" as the band rocks as a single unit, combining different elements of world music, and varied rock influences, before climaxing with Colm's last solo.

Listening to The Frames is an experience, which is difficult to describe. It's something you have to feel. For those who miss the emotion in rock, — and this isn't emo — and who want to experience a live show without being there, this album is for you. There is something for everyone in their music, and you don't know what you're missing till you've given them a try.

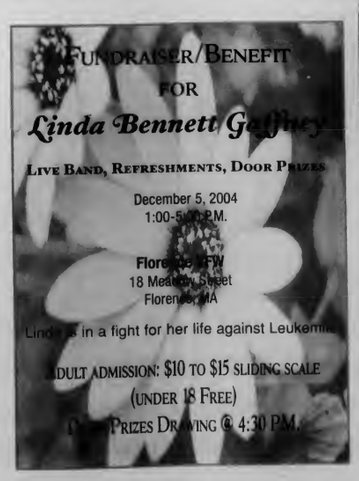
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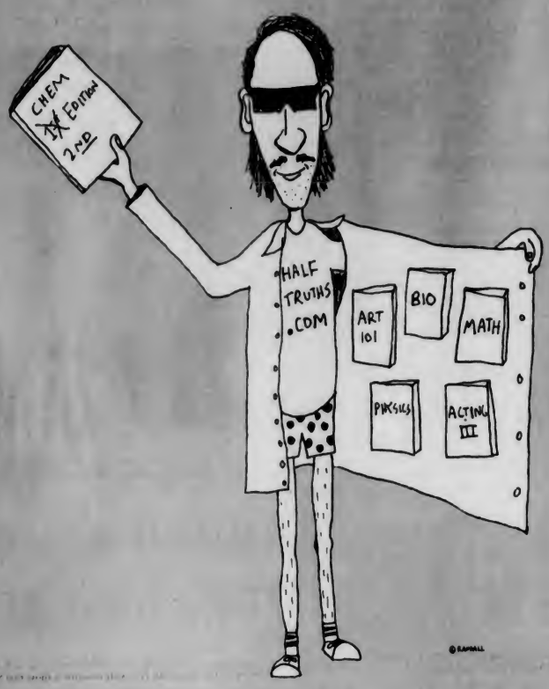
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Despite past commercial success in Ireland, until now the Frames have yet to make much noise in the United States.









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UMass hosts Syracuse in an old school battle at 'The Cage'

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

Big East teams have proven to be formidable opponents for the Massachusetts women's basketball team in the 2004-2005 season.

After falling to No. 20 Boston College six days ago, the Minutewomen (2-3) scored a huge rebound against the Providence College Lady Friars (0-5) with a 53-39 win Wednesday night at Alumni Hall in Providence.

It is the fewest amount of points the Minutewomen have allowed in a game since December of 2000 when they trounced the New Hampshire Wildcats 56-39.

Katie Nelson led all scorers on the night for the first time this season, registering 13 points, four rebounds and a season-high five assists. Tamara Tatham recorded her first double-double of the year with 12 points and 11 rebounds, and Pam Rosanio netted 10 points — all 10 coming on a 14-0 run in the second half — on a 4-for-10 night from the floor.

Sophomore Shauna Snyder met Tatham's ante with a double-double of her own, grabbing 13 boards and dropping 12 points. She would be the only Friar, however, to create anything on offense, as no other players reached double figures in any category besides minutes.

Despite a lack of production by the home squad, PC held a six-point lead with just over 14 minutes to go in the game. That's when the Minutewomen found a second wind, embarking on a 9-0 run that started with a 3-pointer from Nelson. Nelson then stole the ball on PC's ensuing drive and kicked it out to Tamara Tatham, who laid it in for a one-point game.

Another Tatham, freshman Alisha, contributed arguably one of the most important plays of the game when she stole the ball from a Friar guard and made the unselfish pass to sister Tamara, who was fouled and went to the line for two.

Alisha took lead from the recent successes of fellow froshies Rosanio, Whitney McDonald and Kate Mills and has become a factor on defense.

"[Alisha] got some quality minutes and some quality rebounds as well," coach Marnie Dacko said. "She's a hawk on defense. She really stepped it up."

Tamara went 1-for-2 at the line to tie it up at 34 apiece, and the Minutewomen ceased to trail for the remaining 10 minutes. In fact, they turned on the jets and embarked on an offensive surge that has only surfaced a few times this season. Alisha stole the ball for the second time in two trips but missed a trey. Rebounding machine Brooke Campbell eventually came up with the ball and was fouled as she laid the ball in.

UMass went on a 14-0 run to close out the game. Rosanio, who had been on the bench for most of the half, hit double figures for the fourth time in five games, scoring all 10 of her points on this run.

And with Providence out of the way, the Maroon and White have now shifted their focus on the final of three Big East opponents this season: Syracuse.

And what better way to close out their Big East door than with a historic backdrop. Tomorrow's matchup with the Orange will not be played at the Mullins Center, but instead the women will be lacing up the sneakers on the other side of campus at the historic Curry Hicks Cage.

"Rage in the Cage III," as it is being promoted by the UMass athletic department, is a chance not only to see some great women's basketball, but an opportunity to take in the rich history that lurks inside the small arena.

When players set foot on that court at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow for warm-ups, they will be running through their Mikan drills and pre-game stretches on the same hardwood floor that once played host to the feet of some of UMass's most famous alumni.

When they go to the line for two, it will be on the same marked-off space where players like Julius Erving, Al Skinner, Lou Roe, Rick Pitino and countless others have taken their shots.

When they set up on the low post, it will be in spots once ruled by the likes of Sue Peters and Octavia Thomas.

There's a lot of history within the confines of the Cage. For the third straight year, the Minutewomen will try to create a little more.

The Orange are 4-0 this season, most recently escaping Hamden, Conn. with a 65-61 win against Quinnipiac. The Orange's efforts were aided in that contest by a 19-point effort from sophomore guard Lauren Kohn.

Like the Minutewomen, the Orange have a tendency to let the opposition back into the game. In four of Syracuse's games, the opponent hung in through at least the last 10 minutes of the game. But also like the Minutewomen, SU bears the potential to catch fire and put a game out of reach, like its 61-45 defeat of Manhattan on Thanksgiving Day.

In last year's meeting between the two on Nov. 25, the Minutewomen held a nine-point lead over SU going into the half. But with such a depleted roster and inexperienced bench, UMass ran out of gas and gave up the lead, eventually falling 62-54.

However, this is not last year's team. There is more depth and experience at each position, and even the inexperienced are showing they can hang with the starting rotation.

"Syracuse is someone we certainly want to challenge," Dacko said. "There's going to come a point in time for our team where we establish a lead and hang onto it. We've got the makings of a very good, strong basketball team."

And what better of a place to play than in their comfort zone? Certainly, playing a game in an area one practices in several times a week would make for a comfortable place to reach .500 for the first time this year.

"The kids are very comfortable at the Cage," Dacko said. "Our players like the Cage a lot."

Giambi: Busted!

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in his performance after starting to use the drugs, the newspaper reported.

Giambi came to spring training this year looking noticeably trimmer as baseball began a steroid-testing program that included punishments for the first time. Asked in February whether he had ever taken performance-enhancing drugs, Giambi said: "Are you talking about steroids? No."

Giambi won the AL MVP in 2000 for Oakland and signed a $120 million, seven-year free-agent contract with the Yankees after the 2001 season. He hit 155 homers from 1999-2002 and batted over .300 each season, but injuries slowed him down the last two years.

Bothered by a balky knee, Giambi hit just .250 in 2003. Giambi batted .208 and played in only 80 games last season, missing time because of a tumor, which the New York Daily News reported was in his pituitary gland. Medical experts told the Chronicle that Clomid, a female fertility drug Giambi said he thought Anderson had given him, can exacerbate a tumor of the pituitary gland.

Giambi's younger brother, Jeremy, who last played in the majors with Boston in 2003, also testified that he used performance-enhancing drugs given to him by Anderson, according to the Chronicle.

—Associated Press



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Jason Giambi walks back to the dugout after striking out in the 2003 ALCS. Giambi recently admitted to using performance enhancing drugs despite publicy denying previous accusations on the matter.

Minutemen look to change luck at home

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the road on smaller ice surfaces.

"The only issue right now is Providence College on Friday night and how we emotionally get prepared, how we physically get prepared, and how we get the energy level that's going to allow us to go out and play as well as we're capable of playing," Cahoon said.

Tomorrow night, the Minutemen will host the Terriers of Boston University (7-6-0, 6-1-0 Hockey East) for the first meeting between the two teams this season.

It will also be a meeting between two very old friends in Cahoon and Terriers' coach Jack Parker. Cahoon played left wing for Boston University during the team's two national championship teams in 1971-72, and he also served as an assistant coach under Parker three separate times, the last stint coming in 1990-91.

To further the connections between the two teams, Cahoon also recruited Paul Fenton to play for the Terriers in the late 1970s.

Boston University, which is currently in first place in the Hockey East, also dropped two games to the same two teams in Colorado last weekend, allowing Cahoon and Parker to catch up a bit.

"Jack and I are great friends," Cahoon said. "We spent the entire weekend together in Colorado and shared a lot of information. There's not much we don't know about each other's teams.

"It's always nice to play against him and beat him ... They're always special contests, but when the game is going on we're just trying to execute and win. I don't think a lot about Jack, and I doubt that he thinks a lot about me. We've had some interesting games over the years, and hopefully we'll have some more in the future."

Before the game tomorrow night, UMass plans to honor the 1972 ECAC Division II Championship team. It was the only time that UMass, which was known as the Redmen back then, has won a championship in its hockey history. In addition, should BU lose to rival Boston College tonight, Parker will be attempting a little history of his own tomorrow night, gunning for his 700th career victory.

Pierce apologizes to team

WALTHAM (AP) — Boston Celtics captain Paul Pierce apologized on Thursday for arguing with coach Doc Rivers after being benched for not hustling.

"Emotions got involved. I really didn't handle it the right way," Pierce said a day after the argument during Wednesday night's 101-100 win over Milwaukee. "So I'm just going to come out and apologize to my teammates, the coaching staff, the fans of Boston for what happened last night.

"It was uncalled for. I reacted at the moment. That's all it was. We handled it like men. I apologized to the team this morning, and we move on."

Pierce said that he and Rivers had not talked things out, but the conversation doesn't need to be a long one.

"He's the coach," Pierce said. "Whatever he says goes, and that's it."

Pierce was pulled from the game against the Bucks with just over 4 1/2 minutes to play and the Celtics holding a 92-91 lead. The star guard appeared agitated when Jiri Welsch came in for him. Pierce then got into a brief shouting match that Rivers ended by shouting, "You sit."

Rivers said he was upset because he didn't think Pierce was heading out quickly enough on the fastbreak. The coach, in his first year with the Celtics, said the argument "looked a lot worse than it was."

"I sat him because I didn't think we were doing the right things," Rivers said. "I'd rather for him to be upset. I don't want a guy on my team who shows no passion. ... It's never personal."

The two chatted in the huddle during a timeout, and Pierce returned to hit a 3-pointer on Boston's first possession to give the Celtics a 97-93 lead with 2:40 to go.

"Regardless of what happens, I can't let it affect this team in winning and losing," Pierce said, adding that he wants to set a better example for the young players on the team.

"I was upset because I couldn't remember the last time I got snatched out of a game for something that was minor. But as a coach he makes the decisions, and I've got to deal with it and move on."

Rivers said benching Pierce, the team's best player, was not intended as a message for its lesser stars.

—Associated Press

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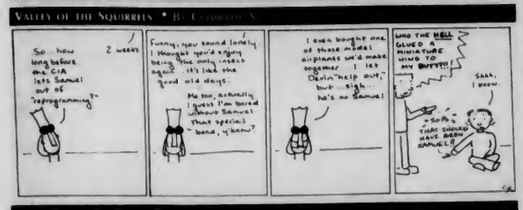
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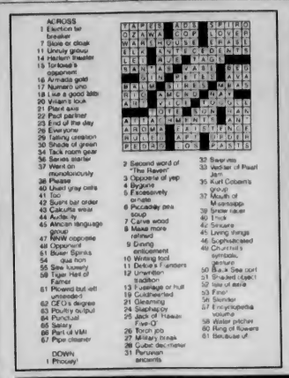
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-Mark, Love Actually



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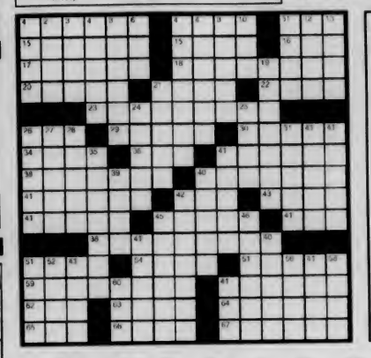
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'Battle in Seattle'

Minutemen head out west to take on the Gonzaga Bulldogs

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

After suffering another painful, early-season loss to a mid-major opponent — something that has become a staple of head coach Steve Lappas' four-year tenure — the Massachusetts men's basketball team will make the cross-country flight to Seattle, Wash., where it will face No. 25 Gonzaga in "The Battle In Seattle" on Saturday. Tip-off is slated for 4 p.m. Eastern Time at Key Arena, with the game being broadcast locally on College Sports Television.

Reeling after finishing an 84-68 loss to Northeastern with just one point over the final six-plus minutes Wednesday night, UMass will look to ignite a sputtering offense that has featured poor shooting performances from sophomore guards Maurice Maxwell and Art Bowers among others, and a lack of consistency from buzzer to buzzer.

Such troubles come at an inopportune time for the Minutemen, as the match up with the Zags will begin their most difficult stretch of the season. Following their departure from Seattle, the Minutemen will host defending national champion Connecticut on Thursday at the Mullins Center, followed by a trip to south Florida to take on Atlantic Coast Conference newcomer Miami.

With that in mind, Lappas knows the need for a quick fix to his team's offensive woes must be addressed immediately.

"I'm not sure what's wrong with us offensively," Lappas said following the loss to the Huskies. "We've done a lot of good things at times, but we've kind of fell into a lull during some stretches where we're not moving around like we need to and not knocking down open shots."

One player who has produced the offensive success that was expected of him has been sophomore forward Rashaun Freeman. A leading candidate for Atlantic 10 Player of the Year, Freeman scored a team-high 18 points and grabbed 11 rebounds against NU, but will face arguably his toughest test of the season against Gonzaga (4-1) and All-American center Ronny Turiaf.

Averaging 25.6 points per game and 10 rebounds per contest, Turiaf ranks fourth in the nation in scoring and has established himself as one of the premier big men in the country. At 6-foot-10, he will provide a larger-than-life challenge for Freeman and the Minutemen, something Lappas is keenly aware of.

"The difference between Turiaf and Ray is that Turiaf is a bona-fide NBA center," Lappas said at Wednesday's Alumni Association sports luncheon. "He has the potential to be a lottery pick in the NBA Draft, and he is an imposing force down low.

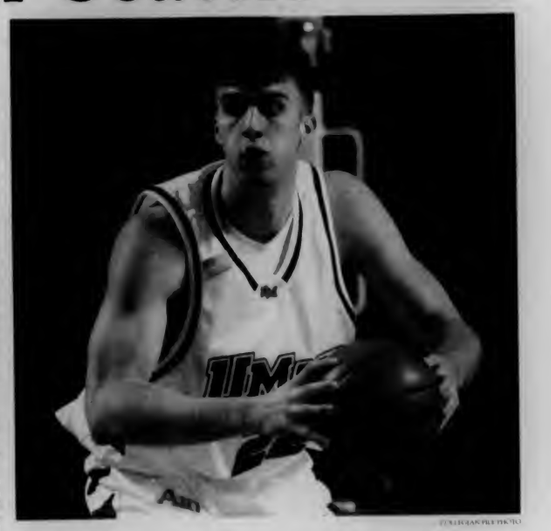
"It's going to be a great challenge for Ray and our team and something we're going to have to address if we hope to win the game."

Also providing a major contribution offensively for Gonzaga is sophomore Adam Morrison, who averages 19.6 points per game and 6.6 rebounds per game from his forward position. More importantly, however, is that Morrison gives the Bulldogs a legitimate second option who can score consistently — something UMass has lacked at times in its first three games.

"They are a solid offensive team," Lappas said. "They can beat you with more than just Turiaf, and we need to be prepared to play solid defense and deny them open looks. If we can do that, then we can work to establish our tempo and control the pace of the game."

The game will mark the first meeting between UMass and Gonzaga and will also be the first time a UMass team has played a team from the state of Washington, as well as the first time it will play in the state. Over the last few years, Gonzaga has garnered much national attention as it rose from mid-major status to a perennial NCAA contender.

The Bulldogs were ranked for all of 2003-04, and finished the season third overall and as a No. 2 seed in the NCAA tournament. The game is the first of a three-year deal, which will bring the Zags to the Mullins Center next season, and send the Minutemen to the Gonzaga campus in Spokane, Wash. in 2006-07.



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

Jeff Viggiano and the Minutemen will travel across the country to take on Gonzaga tomorrow at 4 p.m.

Busted: Jason Giambi admits to steroid use

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — New York Yankees slugger Jason Giambi injected himself with human growth hormone in 2003 and used steroids for at least three seasons, according to his grand jury testimony that was reviewed by the San Francisco Chronicle.

The testimony given in December 2003 to the federal grand jury investigating BALCO contradicts Giambi's public proclamations that he never used performance-enhancing drugs.

Baseball probably cannot punish Giambi. Penalties for steroid use began in 2004. Human growth hormone, or hGH, is not specifically banned by the major leagues.

Giambi described to grand jurors how he injected hGH in his stomach, testosterone into his buttocks, rubbed an undetectable steroid knows as "the cream" on his body and placed drops of another, called "the clear," under his tongue, the Chronicle reported Thursday.

Giambi testified that he obtained several different steroids from Barry Bonds' personal trainer, Greg Anderson, one of four men indicted by the grand jury probing the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative. He said he got the hGH from a gym in Las Vegas.

Anderson's attorney, Tony Serra, declined comment to the Chronicle, citing a court order.

Anderson, BALCO founder Victor Conte, BALCO vice president James Valente and track coach Remi Korchemny all have pleaded not guilty to the charges, which include steroid distribution.

The Chronicle report came out the day before Conte is scheduled to speak on the ABC program "20-20."

On Wednesday, a federal judge refused to immediately dismiss the charges in response to accusations that prosecutors illegally searched BALCO headquarters and Anderson's house and car. U.S. District Judge Susan Illston said she may conduct hearings into the matter in January.

Giambi was among dozens of elite athletes — including Bonds, Gary Sheffield and track stars Tim Montgomery and Marion Jones — who testified before the grand jury last year under a promise of limited immunity from prosecution.

Bonds, Jones and Montgomery deny using performance-enhancing drugs. Sheffield told Sports Illustrated and ESPN he used "the cream" and "the clear" from BALCO, but that he did not know they contained steroids.

Giambi told grand jurors that he didn't notice a "huge difference"

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UMass returns home after tough road trip

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

The wheels are starting to fall off the bus.

Literally.

After the Massachusetts hockey team lost 5-2 to Vermont last Tuesday in the second contest of their winless four-game road trip, the team was traveling back to Amherst when two wheels on the team's bus actually fell off.

Luckily enough for the Minutemen, Paul Fenton, father of freshman P.J. Fenton and an eight-year NHL veteran, was following the team bus and helped them make their way back to campus by starting his own personal shuttle service.

The younger Fenton has done a great job of rejuvenating a team that lost most of its talent from last year's squad that reached the Hockey East finals. He leads the Minutemen (6-8-1, 3-3-1 Hockey East) with eight goals and is second to Matt Anderson with 13 points.

With the four-game road trip — which saw the Minutemen travel somewhere around 5,000 miles to places as far north as Maine and Vermont and as far west as Colorado to do battles with Colorado College and Denver — is finally over with, and UMass will play five of its next six games at the Mullins Center.

Coach Don Cahoon is treating this weekend's games against Providence College and Boston University as a fresh start for a tired team. He has held short practices, which haven't extended much longer than an hour, all week so this young squad could rest up for two tough Hockey East tests that could really set the tone for the remainder of the long season.

"We love playing the game," Cahoon said. "This is what we've chosen. This is how we define ourselves so you don't get caught up too much with what has happened in the past. You try to learn from it. You try to use it as a starting point in your teaching, but you can't get caught up with worrying about how we've lost four in a row."

Tonight, the Minutemen will try playing rude hosts to the Providence Friars (5-7-1, 2-5-1 Hockey East) at 7 p.m. Earlier this season, the two teams split a home-and-home series with each team solidly defending its home ice in a very chippy weekend for both teams with plenty of extra curricular activity happening in the corners and after the whistles.

The up-and-down weekend against the Friars has showcased what has been the underlying theme of inconsistency for the Minutemen this season. Before the last string of games, UMass would often follow up a poor showing with a convincing victory and vice-versa.

"We're not getting consistent performances from our players," Cahoon said. "I've got a run of [several] kids playing extremely well in a given situation and too many kids not playing up to their abilities on a regular basis, so consistency has probably been our biggest shortcoming."

Cahoon planned to dwell on the game tape that featured the 2-0 win at the Mullins Center on Oct. 30 — rather than the 6-2 loss in Providence the night before — for the short-term, but he also said he was looking at the tape from the road contest during the previous night to determine why his team hasn't played well on

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KAREN WINOGRAD/COLLEGIAN

Freshman P.J. Fenton will look to help the Minutemen end their current four-game losing streak when they take the ice twice this weekend at the Mullins Center to play Providence College and Boston University.

UMASS

Weekend Schedule

Friday, Dec. 3

Sport	Opp./Event	Time
Men's Hockey	vs. Providence	7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 4

Sport	Opp./Event	Time
Women's Basketball	vs. Syracuse	2:00 p.m.
Men's Basketball	at Gonzaga	4:00 p.m.
Men's Hockey	vs. Boston University	7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 5

Sport	Opp./Event	Time
Women's Swimming	at Nutmeg Invitational	11:00 a.m.
Men's Swimming	at Nutmeg Invitational	11:00 a.m.



Josh Ritter comes to the Iron Horse

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UMass returns home for weekend split

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Boston Globe editor speaks to UMass journalism students

By Adam O'Neal
Collegian Correspondent

Last month, a top editor for The Boston Globe came to UMass to speak to journalism students on editing as a delicate balancing act that requires provocation, sensitivity and a sharp ability to report.

The role of a newspaper's opinion section is, "sometimes to be provocative and cause debate, but it has to be done sensitively," said Renée Loth, the editorial page editor at the Globe. "There's an important balance: giving free vent to a broad array of opinions, while balancing the responsibility of the paper to the community. You don't want to turn off your readers."

Loth is responsible for maintaining that balance in the editorial and op-ed pages—the last two pages of the Globe's front section. The two pages are so important, she said, that the Globe considers Martin Baron, the editor of the rest of the paper, and Loth, the highest-ranking woman at the paper, to be of equal rank, second only to the publisher.

To achieve that balance, Loth said that she strives to represent three voices in the two pages.

The first voice, the editorials without bylines, represent the, "voice of the institution of the Globe," she said. Editorial board members write these pieces, usually 450 words in length. Loth and her colleagues, who she jokingly called "graybeards" ("I'm the second youngest person on the editorial board, and I'm 51," she quipped.), hold the role of "ambassadors to the community," she said, and regularly meet with community groups and others to assume that role.

The second voice, the columns on the op-ed page, represent the "voices of full-time staff and members of the community," she explained, who are loosely edited to enable a balancing of other views, not usually those of the editorial staff.

The third voice, the letters to the editor, represents the voices of readers. "We really like to have a good cross-section of responses from our readers," she said.

"When all three voices are working properly," Loth said, "we [Globe board members] have op-ed columnists and the voices of the people representing a whole range of opinions. And so [these two pages] represent the public forum of the Globe."

It is Loth and her 20 staff members who are paid to get these voices working properly. In other words, they are paid to edit.

"We try to get local, national and international news in the editorials [every day]," she said. "A good editorial will recognize the other side's view right there in the piece. And it respects the other side," she said. Students interested in writing good editorials, she advised, should, "take their opponents' strongest argument(s) and explain why your position is better."

She said that the editing of the op-ed columns is "kept to matters of clarity and taste. We only edit columns for clarity, obscenity, libel, etc.—the big no-no's."

She emphasized the importance of becoming a sharp reporter of straight news, as a prerequisite to column writing.

"You can't be a good columnist unless you start with straight news," she said. "Opinion writing is news writing with an extra layer of work. It takes more skill."

Loth said she and her staff generally look for clarity, intelligence and authenticity in letters from readers. Authenticity proved to be problematic during the recent presidential campaign, when Loth discovered she had printed canned, pro-Bush letters that were sent to newspapers all over the country from the same website. The lesson for her, she said, was to follow a basic rule of reporting: verify the source and its quality.

Loth said she has not forgotten a lesson she learned when she began her journalism career in the 1970s while writing for a local paper.

"[Newspapers] matter more on local issues," she said. Issues are more important to readers when they are closer to them, she said.

"Local issues are harder to write about than national or international issues," Loth said. "The feelings are much closer to home, much more intense."

"I learned early on in my career the pressure of local reporting," she said. "You can't spell someone's name wrong because you might see him on the street the next day."

Loth spoke to UMass Amherst journalism classes on Nov. 9.

Annual Craft Fair attracts students

By Bill Donovan
Collegian Staff

Local artisans and craftsmen from New Jersey and Cape Cod gathered in the Concourse of the Student Center Dec. 1, 2 and 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Student Union Craft Centers annual fair.

Various tables were set up, showcasing the works of these professionals; such as miniature statues, decorations, photography, and jewelry. Past and current student members of the Craft Center sold their own as well.

"We have everything here from honey to herbal body perfume, jewelry, and embroidery," said Paula Hodecker, director of the Student Union Craft Center. "Working for this event, students learn of fundraising, promotion, marketing, and the business skills needed to set something like this up. This event livens the place up. There's a nice variety at reasonable prices affordable to students."

Student members at the event described the Fair as an excellent way to express themselves artistically. Some are restricted by the major they are in, and being involved with the group gives them an output for their creative needs. The students got to keep the profits they made off their products.

"We fill a void for the non-art major," Hodecker said.

"I wouldn't have a place to do the arts if I wasn't here. You can just go into the Center, get involved, and start something," said Molly Macfadden, student crafts fair coordinator. "This is a really important way to promote the arts on campus. It gives students like us certain things to aspire to."

Macfadden, a Spanish and Art double major, has been involved with the Student Union Craft Center since a freshman at UMass. Her first year as the student coordinator of the campus group, she was thrilled with the Craft Center turnout Thursday afternoon, Dec. 2.

"I'm really impressed with the fair," Macfadden said. "I'm thrilled with how it turned out."

Hodecker and Macfadden also explained the amount of planning which went into this three-day event. Press releases were sent out, and Macfadden even had a chance to promote the event on WMUA, the campus radio station.

Hodecker expressed the fact anyone can become involved with the Crafts Center.

"We want to be accessible for everyone, such as students

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SCOTT B. RUDA/COLLEGIAN

Shoppers get a glance of a local artist's work during last week's annual craft fair in the Campus Center Concourse.

Stonewall Center showcases documentary

By Dan Terk
Collegian Staff

Last Thursday evening the Stonewall Center sponsored the showing of Tomboys, a documentary by Christian McEwen and Julie Akeret.

The movie explored both the customary idea of a tomboy, young girls that act more like boys, as well as a more untraditional manifestation of tomboys: "spirited woman." Tomboys also made the point that the term itself is archaic and inappropriate.

McEwen was on hand to present the film and also answers questions. She introduced the film by informing the audience that according to Grace Pally, a short story writer from New York, most students read six times more biographies about men then women. In children's books there are three times more heroes than heroines and twice at many animals are boys rather than girls.

The documentary "trapped tomboys through time" according McEwen. She also talked about her reasons for making the film: "to connect the rebel girl with the active women." The major concept was not to show what happens when girls act like boys, but to show what happens to the woman resister, the woman who is brave enough to break cultural norms. If anything, it was trying to bring to an end the idea that a tomboy is a girl acting like a boy, rather than a girl acting like herself – acting naturally.

The documentary followed four women: three are tomboys by definition, a high school student, an artist, and a firelighter. The fourth is an elderly activist. The artist featured made one of the most profound observations of all those interviewed. She recounted when her niece and nephew were jumping on a trampoline and the boy became very rambunctious. The boy's father said that it was okay, "just let him be a boy." She was frustrated not by his passiveness but that he had to "be a boy." Her outlook was that you should, "let them be whatever it is they need to be."

The high school student talked about how at times, espe-

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Democracy Now discusses 'clean' elections

By Casey Novak
Collegian Staff

Democracy Matters, a new organization on campus, discussed last Wednesday the importance of clean elections and ways to go about educating the student body on why the issue "so closely pertains to them."

"Clean" or "fair" election legislation means that the state gives money to qualifying candidates during an election, which would ideally keep big corporations out of politics, which most of them are not, then a corporation can give any amount of money to a candidate," said DM member and junior English and Classics major Rachel Lewis. "We need to question why a corporation would do that unless there is some sort of payoff."

Baldacci asked the group to question what the corporation's incentive is to do that.

"If you start to ask those types of questions, you get to the reason why we are here," she said.

Democracy Matters is a national organization that was founded in 1996 by NBA player, Adonal Foyle of the Golden State Warriors. It has chapters on college campuses all over the country; however, it was just brought to the University of Massachusetts this semester and is not yet a registered student organization. While they are working towards that, their ultimate goal is to pass clean election legislation in Massachusetts.

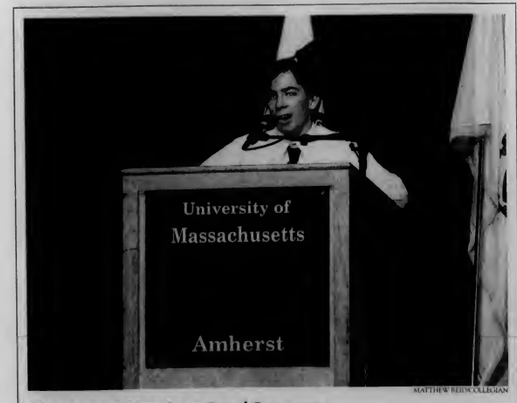
"There is a possibility to get

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"Clean elections basically allows average people to run," said Kate Baldacci, a junior psychology major and member of Democracy Matters. "So these are people that don't have the financial ability to run for office, advancing the idea that our country is built on that anyone can be president."

Currently, Arizona and Maine are the only states that have clean elections.

"If a corporation gives several million dollars to one candidate and they are not a politically inclined corporation,



MATTHEW REDUK/COLLEGIAN

Minuteman Marching Band Banquet

Senior English major band member Jameson Melbourne speaks to all graduating seniors of the marching band Saturday evening at their banquet in the Campus Center.

Drug war growing in Mexico

By Mark Stevenson
Associated Press

CANCUN, Mexico — Behind the glitzy playgrounds of Cancun is a growing drug war, fueled by widespread police corruption, the partial disruption of once-popular trafficking routes through Haiti and a sudden turf battle between two of the country's main drug gangs.

Three years after authorities thought they broke up the cocaine trade here, nine people have turned up dead, revealing a smuggling ring involving corruption at all levels of government and that took even federal investigators by surprise.

The discovery brings back memories of the dark days of the 1990s, when one gang, the Juarez cartel, moved huge amounts of cocaine along Mexico's Caribbean coast, allegedly with the protection of the state's former governor, Mario Villanueva, arrested in 2001 on drug charges.

But now, a shadowy chain of events involving several gangs has led to the killing of three federal agents and two police informants, the kidnapping and wounding of two federal investigators, and the discovery of four as yet unidentified bodies in the trunk of a burned car.

More than a dozen local and federal police agents have been arrested, including the wounded pair, adding to mounting evidence that police, business and local power figures are linked to the drug trade.

"It's like a little game to see who can get the drugs first" between the army, the navy, or traffickers in speed boats, said Donald Morgan, a fisherman and tour guide who moved to the coast from Washington state in 1976.

Describing shipments of drugs dumped from passing aircraft into the sea, he said: "It goes on all the time."

The drugs are destined for the United States, not the millions of Americans who visit Cancun annually. U.S. officials say there have been no reports so far of U.S. tourists caught up in the wholesale Gulf Coast drug trade and accompanying violence.

The trade here revolves around plastic-wrapped bales of Colombian cocaine tossed from small planes to waiting speedboats. Once ashore, the cocaine is put aboard trucks or airplanes for the trip north.

Mainly the victims and players have been Mexican police and police informants - though exactly why they were killed remains unclear.

Federal prosecutors say only that "the drug traffickers reacted violently, and began looking for something they thought the federal agents had."

Local officials who spoke on condition of anonymity said traffickers thought police had stolen a shipment of 11 pounds of heroin during a Nov. 9 raid on a house in Cancun.

A local columnist, Renan Castro, said the drug gangs wanted a computer disk police seized during the raid that allegedly contained the names of businessmen who launder money for the cartels. Prosecutors say they have no evidence such a list exists.

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Possible drug bust at Hampshire College

According to two sources, a drug bust at Hampshire College took place last month, and five people involved have left the school.

"The November 11th incident is related to an open investigation that was being conducted by Hampshire College Security," said Rennee Steese of the Northwest District Attorney's office.

Elaine Thomas of Hampshire College confirmed that marijuana and cocaine were involved in the bust, but amounts of each were not disclosed. She said that she did not think that large amounts of money were found, but she didn't know for certain.

Steese said that Hampshire College Security is continuing the investigation, and that the district attorney's office is not currently involved.

Thomas said that two students were dismissed and that three students withdrew from the college.

Many of the details about the investigation are confidential because they involve student information. However, some of the details were released.

"I don't think they are first year students," Thomas said because of where the students were living at the time of the incident. She said that the way the students are disciplined is also confidential.

Thomas said that she has been with the school six years, but this is the first sizeable drug bust that she has seen.

"I'm sure there are incidents," she said, but she didn't think it is very common. She said that she didn't have any numbers regarding any previous drug-related arrests on the campus.

Even though she couldn't give any specifics on the punishment of the students, Thomas had a strong stance on the issue.

"Illegal drug activity are against school policy," she said. "We will take action."

—*Matthew Elder*

Craft Fair showcases local artists and student photography

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majoring in Engineering, Computers, and Languages. They don't have access to the Arts," Hodecker said. We sell supplies at very low prices, affordable to Undergraduates. We also have evening workshops with one on one teaching. Sometimes we have a display case out in front of the center featuring the work of our customers as well as staff."

UMass students had tables displaying their works at the Fair. Patrick Zephyr, a former Exercise Student was selling his photography at the event.

"This is how I've been making money for six years," Zephyr said.

"My first year here I was on the Concourse selling things. I love doing it. I like the energy of the college."

Keyse Angelo, a Women's Studies major who has just recently graduate from the university last May, also had a space on the Concourse. She now runs her own business, selling jewelry.

"I sold jewelry on the concourse for 3 years," she said. "The Craft Fair is how I started out taking this as a business seriously. The Craft Center is a great way to get people started."

A table filled with handmade dolls by former Craft Center employee Angela Zammarelli was showcased as well.

"I've been making dolls for a year and a half," explained Zammarelli. "First, I draw abstractly on a piece of cloth and then figure out where I want to go from there. I'm glad to be here, it's nice to have the opportunity to come back."

"There's a real, active group dynamic of Art as a business and teaching at the Craft's Center," commented Hodecker.

"Many times, it gives people the experience needed to make their own things. We are open to all students, undergraduate and graduate."

Membership is free to all interested in getting involved at the Craft Center. Students, faculty, staff, and administration are welcome. For members from the Five Colleges, it is $15 per semester and $25 a year.

The event was sponsored by the Student Government Association Arts Council and Graduate Student Senate. Donations were given by these organizations to pay the staff and support them. Tix Unlimited also leant a hand to the people of the Student Union Craft Center in putting the three-day event together. Through them, the space in the Concourse was booked for the Fair.

Democracy Now advocating for clean elections next year

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that done in two years," said Lewis. "So next year would be the year to lobby for it and get public awareness."

As it is now, candidates are able to receive unfixed sums of money from private founders, explained DM member Amara Levy-Moore. The junior, who is a political science and STPEC major, said that there are currently no provisions to even have clean election candidates in Massachusetts because there is no public funding available.

"If clean elections are passed it would only cost each citizen about $3-5 so you could pay a few dollars and then have your interests represented, instead of paying no money and having the interests of big oil companies represented," said Levy-Moore.

In 2002, a clean elections proposal was passed when it was on voting ballots in Massachusetts; however, it was not supported by legislation.

"A clean elections bill was passed by the people of Massachusetts in every single city in the state," said Baldacci.

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Group dicusses the 'tomboy'

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cially when she was younger, it was difficult for her to be a tomboy. During youth soccer games she was periodically mistaken for a boy because of her athletic ability and short hair. She now participates in many other sports like BMX racing, karate, and riding ATVs.

The fire fighter, Jay Driscoll, was something of a pioneer. She was the first girl to be allowed to play little league, instead of softball in Northampton. To her it did not seem like such a big deal.

"Girls played softball. I didn't want to play softball. I wanted to play little league," she said. She also talked about what happened when she was younger.

"Girls did not do fun things, fun was out in the woods having fun," she said.

Driscoll became a fourth generation firefighter in her family after being the first firefighter trained by the Northampton Fire Department.

The most extraordinary woman was nicknamed Granny-D. She walked from California to Washington D.C. to support campaign finance reform. This is an amazing feet for anyone, but Granny-D was 88 years old and she walked over 3,000 miles, ten miles a day, six days a week.

Tomboys! has the ability to open the eyes. It is a pure look at tomboys at all stages of life and drives home the idea of letting girl's lives not be constrained by stereotypes. The pieces of a girl's life should be let to fall where they may.



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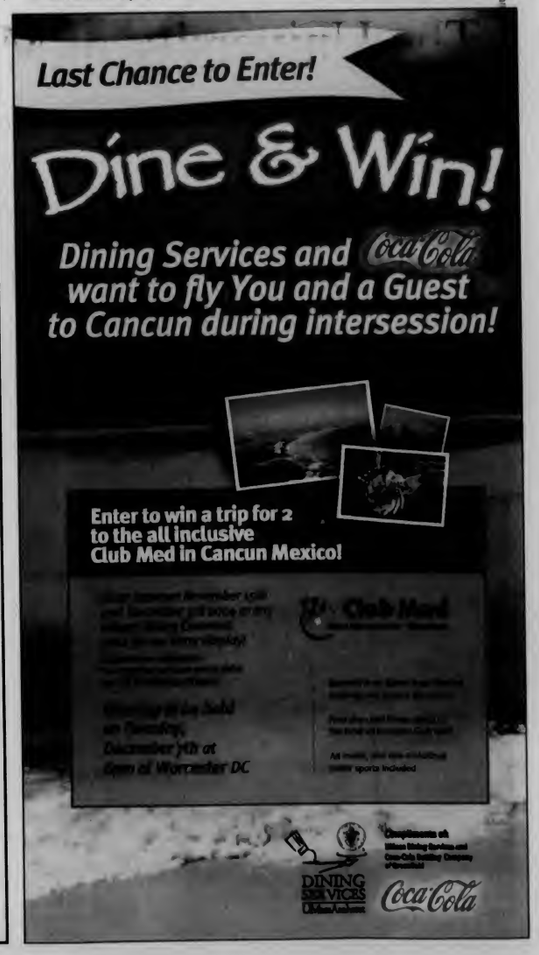
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Clean elections possible

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"So it got to legislation - the people that we elect to be our representatives - and they didn't want it. There is a disconnect there, it's the perfect case and point."

Lewis added that the bill was voted down by a silent vote, so the legislators that voted against it are not known.

"And they probably don't want us to know because it was such a popular bill, but Massachusetts didn't want to spend more money," she said. "Our only course of action is to get numbers of people involved, and that's why DM is so important on campus. These legislators will vote in their own personal interest unless the constituency really revolutionizes and throws all their votes against them in order to get people who are in favor of clean elections into office."

Democracy Matters works closely with Massachusetts Voters for Fair Elections, the organization that got the question of clean elections on the ballot in 2002. Since there was nothing on the 2004 ballot, Baldacci said she believes it is time to regroup and determine their goals for 2006.

"It's a definite goal of ours to lobby at UMass and get a petition signed and sent to Boston because first we need to organize the campus and then we can move to the community," she said.

Levy-Moore also stressed the importance of continually participating in the democratic process, rather than only being concerned when election time rolls around.

"The problem with American democracy is that people only feel obligated to participate once every four years," she said. "What we are trying to do is get clean elections passed so that we would be participating all the time. Our politicians would be held responsible because they will always be running for reelection and would want their constituents to be pleased with them. If their constituents want clean election candidates who run on clean money, then in turn the politician would be serving their constituents rather than corporations."

Democracy Matters, a non-partisan organization holds meetings every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in the Blue Wall.

Dozens killed in Iraq this weekend

By NICK WADHAMS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Gunmen opened fire on a bus carrying unarmed Iraqis to work at a U.S. weapons dump near Tikrit on Sunday, killing 17 and bringing the toll from three days of intensified insurgent attacks to at least 70 Iraqi dead and dozens wounded.

The attacks, focused in Baghdad and several cities to the north, appeared to be aimed at scaring off those who cooperate with the American military - whether police, national guardsmen, Kurdish militias, or ordinary people just looking for a paycheck.

The violence came just weeks after the United States launched major offensives aimed at suppressing guerrillas ahead of crucial elections set for Jan. 30. Later Sunday, several small Sunni Muslim groups joined more influential Sunni clerics in demanding that the vote be postponed by six months.

Sunday's bloodshed began when gunmen opened fire at the bus as it dropped off Iraqis employed by coalition forces at a weapons dump in Tikrit, 80 miles north of Baghdad, said Capt. Bill Coppernoll, spokesman for the Tikrit-based U.S. 1st Infantry Division. Coppernoll said 17 people died and 13 were wounded in the attack.

Survivors said about seven guerrillas were involved, emptying their clips into the bus before fleeing. The bodies of the victims were brought to a morgue too small to fit all of them; some were left splayed on a street outside.

About an hour later, a suicide car bomber drove into an Iraqi National Guard checkpoint in Beiji, about 75 miles to the north, detonating his explosives-packed vehicle, Coppernoll said. Then gunmen opened fire on the position. Three guardsmen, including a company commander, were killed and 18 wounded, Coppernoll said.



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Iraqis carry the coffin of a twenty year old citizen killed in combat yesterday.

Cosby visits second graders in Springfield

By TRUDY TYNAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Bill Cosby was surrounded and upstaged in Springfield's Symphony Hall by two-dozen cute first and second graders in pigtails and their Sunday best. Deliberately.

"Ladies and gentlemen this is what we are talking about. These happen to be our redwoods," Cosby said bending down to the children he had called out of the audience. "We are in charge of bringing them up strong regardless of the winds and the flood. ... We're in charge.

"Are there any junkies in this crowd? Any drug dealers standing here," he said pointing to the children on stage while the cheering, clapping audience of 2,000 mostly black parents shouted "No!"

The comedian - who has become known for talking serious and tough about problems faced by blacks, pushing for young people to stay in school and calling for parents "to do more parenting" - was on almost an evangelical roll.

In the six months since making headlines during a commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark school desegregation decision by accusing some blacks of squandering the opportunities it provided, Cosby has taken his message to "Town Hall" meetings around the county. He's appeared in Newark, N.J., Milwaukee, Wis., Chicago, Baltimore and Norfolk, Va., and before Congress.

And he says he's just getting started.

"We've gone around and blamed people. That's not talking," he said. "Some people say I am being too harsh but we have to turn this around. It's epidemic. We've got to catch these children before they go into the slump. We've got to."

Over the months the delivery has been honed, become less scolding and more inspirational and inclusive with appeals to whites, Latinos and Asian-Americans.

"All of us are in this together," he said.

Still, he bluntly told the minority crowd in Springfield: "You are now getting up. The victim game is over."

"Your children are too important to wait. Stop looking for people to pour money into it," he said. "Do it yourselves."

For the man who knows a bit about mean city streets and dropping out school the message had a special resonance here.

"I was almost lost, but I was found. Saved, really," said Cosby, who moved his family in the late 1960s to rural Shelburne about an hour's drive north of Springfield when he determined to complete his own education at the University of Massachusetts.

It's where he quietly raised his own children and where his son, Ennis, who was shot and killed while changing a tire on a Los Angeles freeway in 1997, is buried.

"Education was not number one in my mind," said Cosby, who grew up in the projects of North Philadelphia. His own father abandoned the family. His mother worked as a cleaning lady. He dropped out of high school to join the Navy and to his mother's dismay dropped out of Temple University when his career as a standup comic took off.

"At the time, in the late 1960s, I had shows on the major networks and four LPs in the Top 10," he said. Still, Cosby admitted, he couldn't get finishing school "out of the back of my mind."

After a performance at the university, a professor approached him and told him that Dwight Allen, then dean of the School of Education, wanted to talk with him. The subject was how television could be used to aid teachers and family life.

Cosby recalls the discussion, with one of his wry faces, as his first exposure to "an oral dissertation - when Dr. Allen talks, you need a translator."

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"The recipe for perpetual ignorance is: be satisfied with your opinions and content with your knowledge." -Elbert Hubbard

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Permission slips for gays are detrimental

The issue of gay rights has been raised again, this time at the high school level. For the past four days, protests have been commencing outside Copper Hills High School in West Jordan, Utah after the principal of the school passed a policy requiring all gay students to have a permission slip signed by their parents in order to attend school dances. As a result of the protests, the principal of the school will reevaluate the policy on Friday. Regardless of the principal's revisiting the policy, mandating that homosexual couples require special permission to attend a public school dance is demeaning on all levels and shouldn't have even been considered in the first place.

The principal, Tom Worlton, had instilled the policy last month "as a way to alert the parents to the dangers their children might face," according to www.cnn.com. These "dangers" that Worlton is referring to are, no doubt, hinting at the possible harassment gay students may run into from their peers. By using the term "dangers," Worlton is attempting to trigger the protective parent mindset which, in doing so, seems to place the onus on the parent to defer the child from going to a dance.

This high school is a public school that is paid for by the tax dollars of the students' parents, including those students who are gay. For a parent of a gay student to hear that their child may be in danger if they attend a public school dance, brings to mind the notion that their child is less protected than the others. Many public schools are required to adopt the doctrine of in loco parentis, meaning the school is to take the place of the parents. This encompasses duties of protection and seeing to the well being of the students in the parents' absence. By threatening the parents of gay students, that duty is being violated.

The school has a responsibility to the tax payers to provide a safe environment for students to learn and grow in. That environment should be made safe by the administration for the students regardless, and safety can not be assured just sitting idly by and warning those you're responsible for of dangers they may encounter on your watch.

By putting this policy into place, it seems as though the school and administration is attempting to sidestep any liabilities they may have over the harassment gay students may receive at their institution. By having signed permission slips by gay students' parents, the administration is saying that you signed this piece of paper, you know what you're getting yourselves into and it's out of our hands. No public institution that's responsible for the well-being and overall education of minors should have that attitude. Such action is not to be condoned and in a society such as this were equal rights are an expectation of all its citizens, the administration should be chastised for their lack of responsibility.

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Going abroad is vital

Chris Eckel

Amherst is a wonderful place, and the longer you live here, the more you come to appreciate it. With that on the table, some of the best advice I can give you is to get out of here. First, a disclaimer about my own study abroad experience. I was never fortunate enough to be able to go abroad for an entire semester or year. Between serving as a Resident Assistant and working in the SGA, I found it tough to get away during the school year. Last summer, I was finally able to get abroad as I enrolled in the UMass summer program at Oxford University. Now, that particular program was wonderful and comes highly recommended.

With what I know now, not having gone abroad during my time at UMass for a full semester or year is my second biggest regret. My biggest regret, of course, is that the Hampshire Mall is going to be so much better after I leave here - I should have taken a few years off before college so I could enjoy the convenience of Best Buy and Trader Joe's nearby. In persuading you all to do as I say, and not as I did, I don't want to sound like a travel agent. So rather than sell you on a specific destination, I only hope I can convince you of the value of the experience.

When I was younger, I read some study about how becoming stuck in a rut, even with your room decorations, was detrimental to your mental potential, so I constantly put up new posters and moved my furniture around. (Contrary to public opinion, I was not a nerd. I also read the Hardy Boys, Matt Christopher and R.L. Stine. It just so happens that my ever-thoughtful Mom clipped this out for me to read.) Ask my downstairs neighbors, and they'll tell you I still move my furniture around when I get writer's block.

Going abroad is kind of similar, except you rearrange your whole world, not just the stained chair from the Salvation Army. Your mind is opened to new kinds of thinking, and it just absorbs things like a sponge. I can better tell you what I learned last summer than I can tell you what I learned yesterday in class. If sitting in Herter 216 five times a week is getting a little stale for you, then take a walk over to the International Programs Office.

Going abroad is good practice for the real world . . . You make all your own decisions, whether it is what time to wake up, what city to visit on break, or whether or not to try the sketchy foreign delicacies.

Going abroad is good practice for the real world. Now, I run away from it all the time, but we all have to join the real world some time. For those of you who brought your laundry home to Mom or Dad on Thanksgiving break, listen up. Europe is the best of the real world without the drag of having a full-time job. You make all your own decisions, whether it is what time to wake up, what city to visit on break, or whether or not to try the sketchy foreign delicacies (frog legs, cow tongue, etc.) If you fail miserably, you know you need a little more seasoning before you walk down the graduation aisle. If you make all the right moves, then you get that shot of confidence that the world is yours for the taking.

It's a cliché, but you really do gain a clearer perspective of the United States when you're thousands of miles away, and it changes you for the better and not just our political woes, or anything else that you hear bashed in the foreign media. You gain insight into your own life, and what really is important to you, and what only seems that way.

It doesn't really hit you over there, because you're having too much fun. But when you get back, everything is suffused with this little gloss, this little sheen of simplicity. It really pushes you to reorder your relationships and priorities, and in doing so, you make living your own life much easier. It's like struggling to finish that 500-piece puzzle, then having your mother hand you the last 11 pieces that you left in the box by mistake; the picture becomes more complete. If you still need some convincing, just remember this: the dining commons try hard, but there's no way they can compete with panini, crepes or gyros actually made in the country in which they were first invented. Now get to filling out applications and packing your bags. Happy travels, UMass.

Chris Eckel is a Collegian columnist.

Mistletoe and the menorah



Matthew Reid

Christmas is a Christian holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. Hanukkah is the Jewish festival of lights. They are two separate events, each with a long tradition of worship and custom. But what do you do when you have a family made up of Christians and Jews?

You celebrate Chrismukkah, of course.

Michelle and Ron Gompertz of Livingston, Mont. have combined the two holidays with their own greeting cards, which they send out to friends and family members. The cards read, "Happy Chrismukkah." The Gompertz's are a Protestant/Jewish couple, who thought the cards would be a light-hearted, convenient way for couples with multiple religions to send out holiday greetings to their families.

On the couple's website, www.chrismukkah.com, they describe their creation as a "hybrid holiday... a gumbo of favorite traditions from both Hanukkah and Christmas that celebrates diversity.

The couple says the interfaith holiday is a fresh way to describe how millions of people already experience the holidays. The website also features a large picture of a bowl of matzoh ball soup with a snowman floating in it.

"Chrismukkah" does nothing more than homogenize and further commercialize the holiday spirit.

Competing greeting card companies have jumped on the bandwagon as well, including the Raleigh, N.C., company "MixedBlessing," and the more conventional card makers Hallmark and American Greetings.

The Gompertzs first thought of the idea while watching an episode of the popular Fox show "The O.C.," which has characters who occasionally face interfaith situations. The couple had already faced an interfaith wedding ceremony, and was now faced with the challenge of raising their newborn daughter.

It's not that I don't have sympathy for Michelle and Ron Gompertz. Raising a family must be difficult when you are faced with a "conflict" of religion. However, to trivialize both holidays by simply grouping them together does more harm than good. It further emphasizes that people are losing sight of what the holidays truly mean. While the Gompertzs may have the best intentions, the idea of "Chrismukkah" does nothing more than homogenize and further commercialize the holliday spirit.

I have heard of interfaith couples doing some sort of mixed rituals to represent the combination of Jewish and Christian beliefs. Although I still don't like the idea of an interfaith ceremony, at least it would encompass traditional elements from both holidays. The fact that we are using greeting cards, which have become symbolic of holiday commercialization in this country, as a way of representing each side speaks volumes for the regard some people hold for each.

The Gompertzs insist that they do not want, or ever wanted, the actual rituals of the holidays combined. In a statement they gave to ABC News, Ron Gompertz said: "Our intention wasn't to merge the religious aspects, but rather the secular aspects of the holidays."

The Chrismukkah website even has a disclaimer that reads, "We respect people's different faiths ... We passionately believe in religious freedom and tolerance, along with our right to worship as we please."

The ABC News report featured many angered Christians saying the mixture of the two holidays further commercializes and weakens the true meaning of Christmas, as well as many conservative Jews who said the "holiday" promotes interfaith marriages.

Chrismukkah is not only offensive and inappropriate, but it is ridiculous as well. Most of you probably recall the fictitious holiday Festivus, created by Frank Costanza on "Seinfeld." The holiday was a joke, of course, but it was symbolic of something deeper. Frank Costanza started Festivus so his family could experience a holiday free of commercialization. One of the crucial elements of Festivus is the "Festivus Pole," the holiday's equivalent to the Christmas tree. The pole is nothing more than an unadorned aluminum pillar, free of decoration and "distraction." It may sound ridiculous, but how ridiculous has the commercialization of Christmas become?

I don't want to demean Christian/Jewish couples by comparing their "holiday" to a sitcom, but that's how it seems to be. The Gompertzs wanted to focus on the secular aspects of Christmas and Hanukkah, but that takes every important, necessary element out of each. It is the latest example of how holidays have lost their meanings, and how we are so eager to lump religion with sentimentality. It may be convenient, and it may be cute, and that's the problem. Convenience and cuteness have become more important than worship and tradition. In a society where commercialization has become a way of life, the holiday season is when it is most important to remain steadfast to your beliefs and convictions.

Matthew Reid is a Collegian editor.

The worth of the U. S. dollar



Allison Edles

Three out of the four times I have tried to give blood, I have been rejected due to a low iron count. Yet I keep coming back and keep continuing to not learn my lesson that the outcome will not change if I don't increase my iron levels. Upon reflection of my situation and closer examination of my obsession with being knocked down for trying to do a mitzvah, it seems that this is the common mindset of people around me.

Go out of your way to do something good, but don't alter anything on your part if that something good doesn't work out. You did your part by trying. Consequently, there's a lot less stress on moral support in today's society and more attention must be given to monetary support.

Sit at the blood bank and get seen filling out your paperwork, but complain about your fear of needles to the Red Cross employees when no one's looking. Buy that Lance Armstrong bracelet to benefit his cancer fund, but don't make it a point to actually know what the foundation's called or what kind of cancer he even had. This stream of consumerism has placed a new emphasis on the American dollar. Consequently, its steps can be traced due to the predictability of the American buyer.

Upon all Americans' departure from this planet, following the idea of reincarnation, we will all return as our greatest love: the American dollar. We will start off slow, being exchanged for single teeth found under the pillows of small children who will. From there, begin to learn the joys that a single dollar can hold. That dollar will then be acquired and exchanged for five airhead candies at the local convenience store. During this time, the child will learn the most vital lesson of being an American consumer: the art of bargain shopping.

From there, that dollar will serve as change to the next American who just purchased a cup of coffee that was not able to come up with the 99 cents but, instead, had to pay with a 20 dollar bill. The next lesson on Americanism learned: you can have more than you need and still use all of it to pay for something that cost less in the first place. A sense of pride develops that many of you are more valuable than just the one alone.

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Continuing along the path to self-enlightenment, that American dollar next finds itself among many others in a guitar case sitting on a street in New York besides a financially struggling supposed musician. It has been tossed out as pocket change, a worthless token for a worthless individual who earns a living playing for the likes of passersby. The self respect and individual importance of that dollar has been decreased to that of its quarter and dime counterparts. To continue with the downward spiral, that said musician now holds that dollar, that American-made dollar, as an example to all the others and writes on it "please give" in ugly black letters. This is a cry to his fellow Americans, for them to help him join in the joyous consumer lifestyle.

That dollar's trip does not end with a homeless man, but rather continues through the natural chain of consumer events. The musician, upon being mugged, loses that dollar (including many others) and is once again at the bottom. That dollar that was stolen, however, gains one step in that capitalist society. It now has a new owner, one who will use it to buy black tar heroin off the streets of the city.

This cycle, however, isn't really a cycle. That dollar will never be under the pillow of a small innocent child again. Its only hope, at this point, is to be donated to the heavenly-equivalent Red Cross and, at least, be used precisely. That single American dollar, once there, will be contributed to the purchase of food, the maintenance of a blood bank and helping to aid the thousands of United States soldiers who are currently overseas. Once there, the American dollar will realize its full worth and come to acknowledge that, despite its journey, its final resting place will be in a land not its own. Such are the overreaching undertones propelled by consumers.

Next semester, I will undoubtedly try to give blood again. However, this time I choose not to anticipate and accept the fate of an iron-deficient rejection. I will spend my hard-earned dollar on raisins and nuts, in hopes to break the cycle. Maybe then my dollar's worth will finally be morally appreciated.

Allison Edles is a Collegian editor.

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Fitting the average size woman into the fashion industry

Ever since I was 12 years old, I remember getting my monthly subscriptions to my favorite magazines, Teen, Seventeen, American Girl, etc. It was at this point that my serious love affair with fashion began; and now as an adult I still find myself anxiously awaiting the arrival of the latest issue of my now favorite magazines: Vogue, Essence, In Style, and W.



Style 101

Monique Jemmott

Although my preference in magazines have changed, one thing has remained the same: the fashion editors, designers, and stylists do not recognize me — me, your run of the mill reader who happens not to stand 6 feet tall and weigh 100 pounds.

I am pretty sure that I am not alone in this boat, especially when I take a look at my circle of friends. While we range in sizes and shapes, the number of tall thin friends that I do have are undoubtedly in the minority. It seems to be a fact of the matter that super thin does not dominate, but what is reflected in the magazines that I so faithfully subscribe too, would tell you otherwise.

The images are everywhere, and it takes a mighty strong character to not give into the pressure of the many images telling you that who you are is not "in" when the average woman is a size 10, and a size 8 is considered plus size for a runway model, it makes one wonder what exactly is the future of fashion?

We live in a world that is bombarded with images of what beauty is, and ways to attain it. If you flip through any contemporary fashion magazine, the first 20 pages of so are all advertisements from various designers baring images of this rare species known as supermodels.

Looking at these images you wonder what strings did they pull in heaven to blessed with genes like this, but in our admiration we fail to realize that some of these women go to dangerous and unhealthy extremes to maintain these physiques; not to mention that before those cameras are in front of them, they undergo hours of makeup and hair by professionals, and before you see those magazines, digital imaging erases all imperfections with the click of a button.

It's not just the matter of being big or small, but as a black woman I find that high fashion does not have us in mind at all. While stars such as Beyonce, and Queen Latifah have drawn positive attention to their curves, us commoners still find difficulty walking into a Nordstrom's and picking out clothing from our favorite designers. I cannot count the many times that I have walked into a high end fashion store, and tried on something in my size to no avail because the hips were too narrow, or there wasn't enough room in the seat for my curves. Urban apparel has also begun to abandon the ever -faithful support of women with curves. As brands like Baby Phat, Enyce, and Rocawear become larger, and more able to compete in the fashion world their clothing becomes more fitting to the bodies of their competitor's customers, and less to the average woman.

Monique Jemmott is a Collegian Editor



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Beyonce isn't afraid to step out and show her curvy side.

Folk singer Josh Ritter brings unique sound music to Iron Horse Music Hall

By Spencer Ziegler
Collegian Staff

Josh Ritter is bringing his unique brand of folk to the Iron Horse Music Hall this Thursday. However, if it wasn't for Boston, Ritter may have found himself in a science lab somewhere instead of touting his stuff to an attentive audience of folkaholics.

In a small town in Idaho 20 some odd years ago, Ritter was born to a pair of neuroscientists. Josh was on his way to following down their path until he heard "Girl from the North Country" by Bob Dylan and Johnny Cash. After hearing that song, Ritter went down to the local K-Mart and bought his first guitar. This momentous K-Mart blue light special kicked off the battle of the folk and the science communities over young Ritter's talents.

The sciences were winning the battle as Ritter was on his way towards finishing up his studies in neuroscience at Oberlin College when Josh had a change of heart, packed up his bags and moved to Boston to become a musician.

Ritter promised his parents that if in four years he was not where he wanted to be, then he would throw in the towel and with his head hung low with the shame of defeat, return to the life of test tubes and bunsen burners.

Luckily for Ritter and lovers of singer songwriters everywhere, Josh found success in the folk clubs of Beantown.

In 1999 Ritter recorded and released his first record. Ritter threw everything he had into this record, including some of the knowledge he picked up in college as evidenced by the following lines from the hidden track "Stuck to You:" It is not love that makes the flowers grow. But a complex electron transfer process known as photosynthesis when chlorophyll reacts with the light of day/ Since you're gone, the light has gone away." Just another example of the age-old axiom that you can take the Idaho born, Boston bred folk singer out of the science community but you can never take the science community out of the Idaho born, Boston bred folk singer.

In 2002 Ritter released his second album, the critically acclaimed "Golden Age of Radio." This is the album that launched Ritter's career thanks to a little help from HBO's "Six Feet Under," and Ireland. "Six Feet Under" used the song "Come and Find Me" in one of their episodes and Ireland made Ritter a local sensation due to the Irish Radio's top 40 hit "Me and Jiggs."

Ritter followed up "Golden Age of Radio" with "Hello Starling." This album exhibits a musician who has found his voice, and the result is one of the best singer songwriter albums—one of the best albums altogether even—of the last few years. The highlights are "Kathleen," "You don't make it easy babe" and the haunting "Wings."

Opening for Ritter is Willy Mason who is touring for his 2004 release "Where the Humans Eat."

The show begins at seven and tickets are $15 in advance and $18 at the door.



Networks hope to strike midseason gold

By Marisa Guthrie
Knight Ridder

Some familiar faces will return to the small screen in the next few months. Butt-kicking, wig-wearing double agent Sydney Bristow (Jennifer Garner) is back to battle criminals and her own demons in ABC's "Alias," Jan. 5 at 9 p.m. Kiefer Sutherland's Counter-Terrorist Unit agent Jack Bauer embarks on another very long day when Fox's "24" kicks off with a two-hour premiere Jan. 9 at 8 p.m.

And the kill-joy judges of "American Idol" are back for another season of dashed hopes and shmaltzy warbling with a two-hour premiere Jan. 18 at 8 p.m. on Fox.

But a roster of newcomers is also on the lineup, each looking for the kind of success won by "All in the Family," the king of midseason replacements. Archie Bunker and family arrived Jan. 12, 1971, and spent five years as the top-rated show.

Though the networks have yet to announce premiere dates for most midseason series, here's what to expect:

ABC

"Grey's Anatomy" is not an adaptation of the late Spalding Gray's sharp-witted monologue. The medical drama gets its title (never mind the slightly different spelling of the last name) from Henry Gray, the turn-of-the-last-century doctor who famously dissected and documented human anatomy. It stars Ellen Pompeo as Meredith Grey, a first-year surgical intern. In the pilot, she hooks up with a stranger (Patrick Dempsey) in a bar, only to discover, when she first reports to work the next morning, that he's a staff surgeon. Oops! Her fellow interns include Katherine Heigl, T.R. Knight and Sandra Oh.

"Blind Justice" is Ron Eldard's ("ER") return to series TV. In Stephen Bochco's latest police drama, Eldard plays Detective Jim Dunbar, who has worked his way back to active duty after being blinded during a botched robbery. Needless to say, he has a hard time finding a partner to work with him. But, there's good news: Dunbar's handicap has made him a better detective. The series is tentatively scheduled for the Tuesday 10 p.m. slot that will be vacated when Bochco's "NYPD Blue" wraps its long run.

"Eyes" stars Tim Daly as the head of a high-stakes risk-management firm that investigates corporate malfeasance and such dirty dealing as blackmail, embezzlement and even murder. His crack team of investigators includes Garcelle Beauvais-Nilon ("NYPD Blue"), A.J. Langer ("My So-Called Life"), Laura Leighton ("Melrose Place"), Eric Mabius ("The L Word") and Natalie Zea ("The Shield").

The spy thriller was created by John McNamara, the man behind the turbocharged "Fastlane," and promises plenty of high-wire stunts and whiz-bang special effects. Risk-management has never been so sexy.

CBS

"Numbers," a new crime drama with the big-screen cachet of executive producers Tony and Ridley Scott ("Gladiator," "Blade Runner"), stars David Krumholtz ("Grounded for Life") as a math genius who is enlisted by his FBI agent brother Rob Morrow ("Northern Exposure") to help the Bureau track tough cases. The cast also includes Peter McNicol ("Ally McBeal"), Judd Hirsch ("Taxi") and Sabrina Lloyd ("SportsNight").

"The Will" has money-grubbing friends and family of a wealthy man competing for a favorable place in his will. The reality show's Mr. Moneybags is not near death, a network rep says, so this is one competition with a serious case of delayed gratification. Staying in the reality vein, Joan Lunden will be hosting the network's search for the next Martha Stewart. The still-untitled series is scheduled to premiere next year. Remember, Stewart could be released in March.

FOX

-"The Sketch Show" Kelsey Grammer takes a turn at a different kind of comedy with this remake of a British series described as a hybrid of "Laugh-In" and "Monty Python."

-"Life on a Stick" finds two best friends (Zachary Knighton and Charlie Finn) taking jobs in a mall food court rather than go to college. One gets lucky and meets the girl of his dreams (Rachelle LeFevre). The other is resigned to operating the deep fryer. The comedy was created by Victor Fresco, the quirky brain behind the late, lamented "Andy Richter Controls the Universe."

-"Jonny Zero" chronicles the life of Jonny Calvo, ex-con and former strip-club bouncer, trying to go legit by becoming a freelance Jack Webb. Brooklyn-born actor Franky G ("The Italian Job") takes a stab at playing himself, sort of. In real life the one-time bodybuilder (and former Mr. Queens) worked at a strip club. He also studied criminal law in college. But he's never been in jail.

-"Hell's Kitchen" has real-life wanna-be chefs enduring the wrath of pompous Michelin-starred chef Gordon Ramsay. Contestants toil in Ramsay's L.A. restaurant Cordon Bleu, where each week, after a verbal lashing, the crusty cook sends someone packing.

NBC

-"Committed" stars Josh Cooke and Jennifer Finnigan play a couple of New Yorkers who meet and fall in love. But everyone in his family has gone insane, so he's perpetually negative and she's a quintessential Pollyanna.

-"Law & Order: Trial by Jury" stays close to the courtroom for drama in the style of an updated "Perry Mason." "Law & Order" stalwart Jerry Orbach headlines the latest franchise spinoff.

"Medium" stars Patricia Arquette as a psychic who can see dead people. She can also hear them, and she uses her mysterious gift to help them find their eternal resting place.

"Revelations" is an apocalyptic drama with Bill Pullman and Natascha McElhone as a scientist and a nun who join forces to prevent the four horsemen from riding roughshod over humanity.

"The Law Firm," a reality show from David E. Kelley ("Boston Legal," "Ally McBeal"), has real lawyers trying real cases for a chance at a $250,000 prize.



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ABC's television show 'Alias' returns as one of the network's hits.



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American Idol will return to Fox for its fourth season, as it makes another star out of a dreamer, like last season's winner Fantasia.

Michael Jackson volunteers DNA

By Linda Deutsch
Associated Press

LOS OLIVOS, Calif. — Michael Jackson voluntarily gave a DNA sample to authorities, returning to his Neverland Ranch estate a day after he left during a search by sheriff's deputies, a source close to the case said Sunday.

When sheriff's deputies arrived with search warrants Friday, his lawyer instructed him to leave and take his children with him, the source told The Associated Press.

Jackson's attorney, Thomas Mesereau, flew by helicopter from Los Angeles to Jackson's ranch in Los Olivos, 100 miles northwest, when he heard the search warrant had been served, said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

On Saturday, when the deputies returned, they asked for a DNA sample and Jackson returned by car to the estate and supplied the sample voluntarily, the source said.

Authorities had never before asked for a DNA sample, the source said. A cotton swab was used to collect the sample from Jackson's mouth.

It wasn't immediately clear how authorities planned to use the DNA in Jackson's child molestation case.

Also while at Jackson's ranch, sheriff's investigators measured rooms, trying to establish the sight lines from one room to another, the source said.

The 46-year-old entertainer has pleaded not guilty to charges of child molestation, conspiracy and administering an intoxicating agent, alcohol, to his alleged victim. He is scheduled to stand trial Jan. 31.

Loyola University law professor Laurie Levenson, a former federal prosecutor, said she was surprised District Attorney Tom Sneddon had not requested DNA earlier.

"We don't know whether this means they are scrambling or tying up loose ends, or its just Sneddon going over the top," she said.

From a public relations standpoint, however, the prosecution has scored a coup with the highly publicized searches, she said.

"They've certainly gotten a lot of attention and, even if there's a gag order, they got the message out: 'We've got DNA,'" Levenson said.

Authorities spent more than eight hours at the estate Friday, and less than two hours Saturday.

Santa Barbara County sheriff's officials have refused to discuss the visits except to issue a statement saying they are "part of an ongoing criminal investigation."

Jackson's estate was first searched in November 2003, shortly before he was charged.

Monday is the deadline for prosecutors and defense lawyers to complete the case's discovery process, in which both sides exchange evidence they have gathered during pretrial investigations.



By Bradley Farberman

MondayDecember 6

SHOW
X-rated hypnotist Frank Santos brings his raunchy live show to the Fine Arts Center Concert Hall tonight, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $5 for UMass students and $10 general admission.

TuesdayDecember 7

MUSIC
Jazz Ensemble I, directed by Jeffrey Holmes, presents "Jazz For The Holidays & Beyond" tonight, at 8 p.m. The program is set to include Duke Ellington's *Nutcracker Suite* and *Twelve Days Of Christmas*, Rob McConnell's *Winter In Winnipeg*, a new arrangement of *Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas*, and original pieces by grad students Steve Kirby and Woo-Young Soon. Jon Bean (saxophone), Lena Bloch (saxophone), Joe Mayo (saxophone), Brian Raymond (piano), Jared Burrell (trumpet) and Scott Daugherty (trumpet) will contribute solos. Bowker Auditorium is the place to be; tickets are $5 (students, seniors and children) and $10 (public).

WednesdayDecember 8

SPEECH
Famed architect and Harvard professor Rem Koolhaas is set to speak at Amherst College's Stirn Auditorium today at 4:30 p.m. A reception follows at the Mead Art Museum; this event is free and open to the public.

ThursdayDecember 9

ART
Local artist Guillermo Cuellar's new portrait of Emily Dickinson goes on display today, at 5 p.m. at the Jones Library in Amherst, on 43 Amity St. The exhibits runs through February 10.

ThursdayDecember 9

MUSIC
Come watch as The Maori Dance Theater of New Zealand takes the audience on a colorful and exciting journey through the islands of Polynesia, including visits to Tahiti, Hawaii, Samoa, the Cook Islands and ending in Aotearoa, New Zealand with Kahurangi: People of the Pacific tonight at Bowker Auditorium at UMass. Show starts at 10 a.m. and tickets are $5 and $7. For more information call (413) 577-2486

FridayDecember 10

MUSIC
Funky Bostonians Addison Groove Project returns to Pearl Street tonight with instructions to rock Northampton. And, if their past performances at the club are any indication, tonight's event should be one to remember; AGP brought the house down last semester when their Pearl Street appearance fell on keyboardist Rob Marscher's birthday and they kicked out some fun new covers.

And what's on the menu tonight? That's hard to say, but it should include two saxophones, swirling organ runs, breakbeat drums, jazz guitar licks and catchy vocals. But you'll find that out for yourself; NBFB kicks things off at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are $11 in advance, and $14 at the door.

FridayDecember 10

MUSIC
The recital of Jewish music is one of the Isaac Babel Festival events, a three-day festival hosted on the Amherst College, Smith College, and UMass Amherst campuses in conjunction with the Smith College Theatre Department's December 8-12, 2004 staging of Isaac Babel's *Marya*, directed by Veniamin Smekhov. Show takes place at the UMass Amherst's Benzanon recital hall from 4:30-5:30pm. This event is free and open to the public.

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PARKER AND DRAKE DUO

The Fine Arts Center's fall "Solos & Duos" series concludes tonight with William Parker and Hamid Drake, at 8 p.m. Drake (drums) did time with jazz legends Don Cherry and Pharaoh Sanders; Parker (bass) fleshed out Cecil Taylor's low-end for more than ten years. These cats are serious; don't miss out. Tickets are $5 (students) and $10 (public).

Comedian Billy Crystal tells life story in Broadway production

By Michael Kuchwara
Associated Press

NEW YORK — "My first hero."

That's what Billy Crystal calls his father, Jack, during "700 Sundays," the comedian's fond journey back to his boyhood that opened Sunday at Broadway's Broadhurst Theatre.

And the show can probably remain there for as long as Crystal is willing to tell his frankly sentimental, yet very funny tale. The man may be talking about his own family, but Crystal's story is a universal one — of growing up, coming to terms with his parents (not to mention a carload of crazy relatives) and making his way in the world.

The man certainly has had a varied and successful showbiz career, from "Soap" to "Saturday Night Live" movies such as "Analyze This" and, of course, gigs as host of the Academy Awards.

But what he talks about here is more personal, so it's fitting that designer David F. Weiner's setting is the facade of the family home, a modest brick house in suburban Long Island. The time is post-World War II when Ed Sullivan was on television, automobiles sported big fins and Mickey Mantle was the star of the New York Yankees.

Crystal is the youngest son of Jack and Helen Crystal. Dad was a jazz musician and concert promoter who also ran the Commodore Music Shop, a legendary jazz record store in New York. Mom was a housewife. And there was a parade of colorful grandparents, uncles and aunts, "the Jewish Kennedy's," according to Crystal, who would "sell you the shirt off their backs."

The performer, dressed in a casually expensive burgundy sweater and dark slacks, prowls the stage as he lovingly tells their stories. What emerges are vivid portraits of people and a time. He talks of his Uncle Milt, who founded Commodore Records and who, among other things, recorded Billie Holiday singing "Strange Fruit," when other record labels turned down the song about the lynching of a black man.

Home movies and old black-and-white photographs complement Crystal's monologue, and they show a peppy little boy, mugging for the camera and frantically tap-dancing, or adults doing the goofy things that always occur when the filming of home movies begins.

Yet the heart of Crystal's evening is Jack Crystal, a man who died too young (he had a heart attack in a bowling alley at the age of 54). His death jolts his 15-year-old son into a new appreciation of what the man accomplished and what his mother, Helen, then did to keep the family together.

The show's title, "700 Sundays," comes from a calculation by Crystal that father and son spent that many Sundays together before Jack Crystal died. Sunday was the one day of the week the two had to enjoy each other's company since Jack Crystal always held two or three jobs. Too short a time, of course, but they were enough to produce an affecting, hilarious evening of theater.



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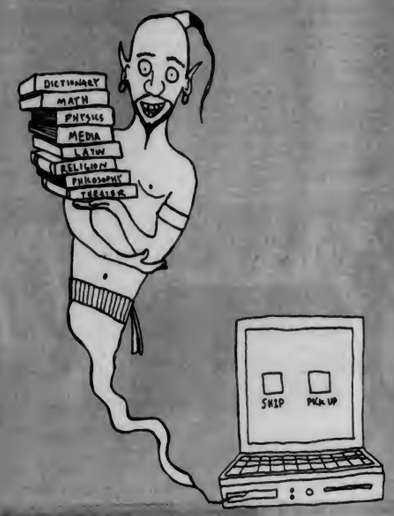
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Parker wins 701 at the expense of his former assistant coach

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"Certainly, going into the weekend I didn't want to be Jack's 700th (victim), but I can tell you it doesn't feel any better whatsoever being number 701," Cahoon said. "It's kind of a disheartening performance from our side. We weren't very sharp as far as making plays. It wasn't a real good offensive evening. That being said, it was more the self-destruction that put us away.

"We had a turnover in the middle of the rink for goal number one. [Winer] starts to make what looks like a terrific play on goal number two and then loses his balance and falls down. [Winer] can't get over goal number two and MacArthur, as good of a shot as it was, snipes a goal that there's no way he should be beating him from 45-50 feet out for goal number three. Goal number four is a turnover on a [penalty kill]. It just goes on and on."

Parker seemed as though he was more relieved after the game than he was happy with the victory that put him on the right side of 700.

"I was really concerned about this game," Parker said. "I really didn't get the chance to enjoy last night because I was so concerned that we wouldn't be ready for tonight because we had such a big win. I was really anxious to see how we would come out and play."

The weekend started out well for the Minutemen, who jumped out to a 2-0 lead of their own in the second period against Providence when Matt Burto received a pass from Matt Anderson just to the right of the Providence net. Burto said that he let Friars' goalie David Cacciola make the first move, and Burto capitalized on Cacciola's over-compensation to the left side of the net as he skated past the goalie and easily slid the puck home.

With the Friars rallying in the third period and cutting the lead down to 3-2, the Minutemen really escaped their home rink with a victory. With 45 seconds remaining in the game Torry Gajda made a perfect centering pass to David Carpentier directly in front of Winer.

Carpentier had Winer easily beat, but he couldn't get enough on the puck to flick it past the UMass net minder to tie the game.

Providence coach Paul Pooley noted that his team is still in its growing stages, but he knows that they needed to take advantage of that last opportunity.

"We have to make better decisions at times," Pooley said. "We have to score that goal. We've got to score the tying goal when we've got chances to score like that."

Cahoon just seemed happy to end his team's four-game losing streak and finally play a game at home for the first time since Nov. 14.

"I thought the kids responded pretty well to a difficult couple of weeks, and you never know who you are going to get when you come back to your own building after you've been away and kissed a couple times not so sweetly," Cahoon said. "Obviously, the friendly confines of Mullins treated us pretty well, getting out to a lead and having a good first period I thought was real important to us."

NOTES: Friday night's crowd of 4,321 fans was the largest one of the season at the Mullins Center until Saturday's crowd of 5,638 trumped that.

"The fans are great and more and more are coming to the games as the season goes on," captain Stephen Werner said. "We just feel a lot more comfortable playing at home right now."... Former Boston Bruins legend Ray Bourque was in attendance for the BU game to watch his son tally the ninth assist of his freshman season.

UM swim teams off to solid early seasons

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

So far this season, the Massachusetts men's swimming and diving team has yet to lose a meet. In fact, in its four straight wins, they have accumulated 714 points against their opponents. They also had first and second finishes at two invitationals. Led by seniors Justin Zeimetz and Dylan Smith, UMass faced four teams and beat them decisively.

The men began the season by placing second at the UConn Invitational. At Stony Brook, it was a combination of teamwork and record-breaking victories that caused the 148-87 blowout in October. Evan Swisher, Jake Hogue, Smith and Zeimetz placed first in the 400-yard medley relay that was also a UMass pool record. In the 400-relay, it was Jeffery Chu, Kyle Thorton, Dan Piastruck and Ted Freeborn who stepped up to place first.

During the home opener against Southern Connecticut State, Smith dominated. Posting three individual victories, 1000-yard freestyle, the 200-yard butterfly and the 100-yard butterfly, Smith led UMass to a 189-106 win. Help came from all around as Swisher (100-yard back, 200-yard back), Hogue (200-yard breast, 100-yard breast) and Zeimetz (100-yard free, 50-yard free) all posted victories in two events.

Coming off two colossal wins, UMass didn't slow down. This time it was Amherst native Greg Chartier who had a big day, winning the 200-yard fly and 200-yard breaststroke to help UMass beat Boston University 196-99. Zeimetz also won two events and was involved in the 200-yard medley relay win involving Chartier, Hogue and Swisher. Smith, Ryan Mathews, Owen Scollan and Derek Castellana all won individual events.

Each meet has consisted of different Minutemen having big days in each of the previous meets, and against New Hampshire, senior diver Brandon Doane prevailed. Doane swept both the one-meter and three-meter and totaled 312.75 points in the process. The 190-71 execution was a result of a UMass team that is consistent all around. Mark Pechack (100-yard butterfly), A.J. Vozella (1,000-yard freestyle), Brian Porter (200-yard butterfly), Zeimetz (50-yard freestyle), Hogue (200-yard backstroke), Swisher (100-yard backstroke), Smith (200-yard backstroke) and Chartier (100-yard freestyle) all posted individual victories.

The men participated in the Nutmeg Invitational last weekend in New Haven, Conn. and continued with their success. The Minutemen placed first among eight teams with Zeimetz, Mathews, Leonard and Chartier filling up the top fours spots for UMass. The Maroon and White edged Yale by six points and Boston College came in third.

Winning has also been familiar to the women's swimming and diving team. At 3-1, they have their best record since its 2001 Atlantic Championship season. Led by coach Bob Newcomb, who is in his 21st season, the women's team hopes to reach those ranks again.

The women placed third at the UConn Invitational to start the season. Against Stony Brook, UMass won 136-103 thanks to their strong relays. Rebecca Porteus, Kristen Williams, Michelle Bahar and Jenny Serven all placed first in the 400-yard relay and helped UMass to a 1-0 start to the season.

A 171.50-122.50 win over Southern Connecticut State in November was due to the strong performances by Aimee Bourassa, Melissa Strango, Nicole LeBarge and Kelly Hoffrage. The four each won their two events: Bourassa winning the 1,000-yard free and the 500-yard free, Stango winning the 100-yard breaststroke and 200-yard breaststroke, LeBarge winning the 50-yard free and 100-yard free and Hoffrage taking the 200-yard back and 200-yard free. Susan Allen also added a victory in the 100-yard back.

Freshman Samantha Dempty proved she's ready to compete at the collegiate level, winning three individual events to lead UMass to a 196-99 win over Boston University. Colleen Wasson, Laura Whelton, Allen and Dempty competed together to win the 200-yard medley relay.

In their third meet, the women fell to New Hampshire 178-18. LeBarge won the 50-yard freestyle, which she is undefeated in so far this season. Dempty and Liz Lovejoy finished in the top two spots in the 200-yard butterfly, and sophomore Mary Jenkins came in second in both her dives.

At the Nutmeg Invitational, the women battled against 12 teams and came in second. They were led by LeBarge, Sweeney, Volpe and Hoffrage. The Minutewomen were beaten by Boston College by six points but came out in front of Central Connecticut, which came in third.

The men's team was ranked No. 11 in a recent national poll, and the women were ranked No. 12. This is one of the best starts for both programs in a few years. Both the men's and women's teams will next compete at the Sacred Heart Invitational in Jan Juan Puerto Rico.

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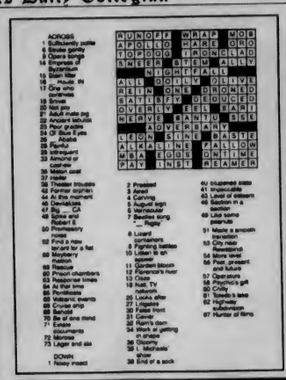
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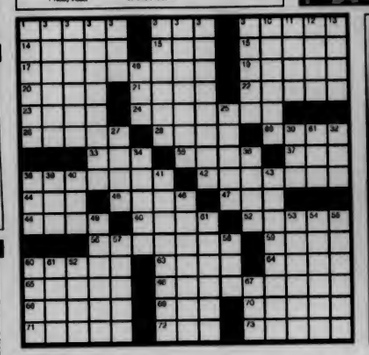
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Morrison led all scorers with 20 points, despite 1-of-5 shooting from beyond the arc. Turiaf, meanwhile, overcame a slow start to come on strong in the second half, getting the majority of his production from an 11-for-16 showing from the free throw line.

J.P. Batista was the only other player in double-figures as he had 10 points for the Bulldogs to go alone with nine points and four steals from point guard Derek Raivio.

The Minutemen appeared to be out of the game early in the second half after falling down by 17 but stormed back with a stunning 24-6 run that erased the advantage. A Maxwell 3-pointer with 12 minutes remaining brought UMass within a basket at 40-38, before Lasme tied the game with a pair of free throws just under a minute later.

After the team's traded hoops on the next few possessions, a Bowers basket gave the Minutemen a slim 44-43 lead before a Lawrence Carrier 3-pointer pushed UMass out in front by a score of 47-45 with 8:50 to play.

Gonzaga answered immediately with a 3-pointer of its own from Morrison, before the Bulldogs took off on a 13-2 burst that was part of a 23-4 run, giving them control of the game for good.

With both Freeman and Lasme fouling out of the game down the stretch, UMass was no longer able to contain Turiaf, who scored nine points during Gonzaga's second half run and keyed the Zags success on offense during the streak.

The Maroon and White got off to a promising start in the opening minutes of the game, staking itself to a 13-8 lead before turnovers and a lack of offense keyed a 15-0 Gonzaga run that gave control of the game to the Zags. The Minutemen turned the ball over 14 times in the first half, including 10 times in the first nine minutes.

Minutewomen escape 'The Cage' with win

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

Last Friday in practice, Massachusetts women's basketball coach Marnie Dacko was working with sophomore forward Tamara Tatham on the mental aspect of foul shooting.

"I was with her just talking about visualization, all that mind stuff, trying to get her to focus on the ball and seeing it go through the basket," Dacko said.

So it comes as no surprise that with 11.7 seconds left and a tie score in Saturday's "Rage in the Cage" contest with the Syracuse Orange (5-1), it was Tatham at the charity stripe, visualizing the two most important shots in her young career.

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"I was just focusing, zoning everything out, visualizing making the basket," Tatham said.

And with the crowd of 1,402 on its feet and screaming in the historic Curry Hicks Cage, the 6-foot-1 native of Canada came, saw, and conquered, nailing both her free throws to give the Minutewomen (3-3) a 52-51 win over the Orange.

"It was an ugly game," Dacko said. "We're usually a rebounding team, and we got beat on the boards today. It was an ugly game, but we'll take the win."

But things would have certainly been much uglier for UMass had forward Chineze Nwagbo made both of her free throws with 0.4 seconds left to go, which would have forced an overtime.

Once again, luck went the way of Maroon and White as a perennial star player fell short when it came down to the wire. Nwagbo led all scorers on the afternoon with 19 points and added 14 rebounds to give her a double-double. And so while the 6-foot-1 senior continued to wreak havoc on the Minutewomen's inside game all day long, she was unable to make her last shot count.

"Overall, I was pretty pleased with the way we're trying to play, and it's just [a matter of] finishing," Syracuse coach Keith Ciepicki said. "I'll tell you, Chinny's never played better. She plays hard. She's so consistent. I mean, it's too bad she's got to miss that free throw because she carried us for 39 minutes and 59 seconds... I think everybody understands everybody else has to play better."

Senior guard Rochelle Colton also scored in double figures for the Orange, throwing down 11 points despite a three-for-11 day on the floor. She also grabbed two boards and dished out three assists in 31 minutes of play.

The Campbell-Nwagbo matchup was an interesting showdown as the two continued to exchange baskets and boards down inside the key. When all was said and done, the two came away with double-doubles (Campbell scored a team-high 16 points and grabbing 10 boards).

UMass concluded its Big East tour for the 2004-05 season, finishing with a record of 2-1 against teams from that conference. The Maroon and White are also in the midst of their first two-game winning streak since November of 2003 when they pulled off three wins in a row against Brown, Vermont and Utah State, respectively.

The first half saw a neck-and-neck battle between the Minutewomen and Orange through the first 15 minutes. The excellent ball movement of UMass and the inside and outside shooting game of Syracuse continued to counteract one another until late in the first half. With 4:43 to go in the half and trailing 20-19, Edris Bailey tapped in a layup, sparking an 8-0 run to finish off the first half.

In what has almost become customary, the Maroon and White saw its seven-point halftime lead vanish, care of the hot outside hands of Coleman and Lauren Kohn. Every time the Minutewomen took back the lead, the Orange went deep from outside.

Trailing by three with under five minutes to go, Katie Nelson took a page from Kohn's book and nailed a deep trey to tie things up. Pam Rosanio then stole the ball on SU's next trip down, dished the ball off to Joyce Massey, who passed it right back to her for the go-ahead layup, and the Minutewomen would cease to relinquish their lead again.

Gulak grabbed the rebound off Nwagbo's errant second shot to prevent overtime, and the Minutewomen closed the door on a game that literally went down to the last stitch of allotted time.

If winning on a sloppy day is any indicator of the potential this team has, then there certainly has to be some momentum carrying into tonight, when they will play their last home game of the fall semester before embarking on a four-game road trip.

Tonight's game against the Toledo Rockets (1-4), scheduled for a 7:00 p.m. tipoff at the Mullins Center, ought to be an interesting one. Both the Rockets and the Minutewomen are shooting 38 percent from the field, 25 percent from beyond the arc and around 50 points per game (Toledo averages 49 while UMass averages 52).

Now here's where the paint comes into play. UMass has nearly a double-figure advantage in rebounds, as Toledo averages a mere 33 per game while the Minutewomen board 41.3. Syracuse has been the only team thus far in the young season to outplay the Maroon and White on the boards.



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Ednis Bailey started UMass' 8-0 run to close out the first half of her team's victory over Syracuse at "The Cage" on Saturday. The Minutewomen won during the last second to improve their record to 3-3.

This will be the second of six straight road games the Rockets will play. Last Thursday, the Rockets traveled to Youngstown State, where the Penguins came away with a 53-42 win. It was the fourth straight loss for Toledo since taking down Cincinnati on opening night, Nov. 19. Since ousting the Bearcats 62-57, the Rockets have been outscored 253-187—including a season-low 28-point effort in a 39-point loss to Marquette.

The Minutewomen would love to embark on their first three-game winning streak since November of a year ago, putting them one game over .500, but it will not come easy. After Saturday's wild barnburner with the previously undefeated Orange, the Minutewomen — despite playing poorly — have found out that anything can happen.

UMass is 0-1 so far in 04-05 when playing in the Mullins Center.



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Professor developing new designs on emergency vehicle traffic light changer

By Mike Parrish
Collegian Correspondent

University of Massachusetts Professor John Collura says he has been developing new and improved designs for a device called an Emergency Vehicle and Transit Priority System. This system is a device that allows emergency vehicles or even public transports, such as buses, to pass through a red light by emitting a signal to change it to green.

In his Dec. 3 speech at the Isenberg School of Management and in an interview with the Daily Collegian, Collura, a professor of civil and environmental engineering, said transit signal priority (TSP) is a device that could be invested in given cities and towns to help prevent accidents and save lives.

"I think it is more likely to be used in major cities, and it is a fairly inexpensive system in light of what occurs, such as saving lives and improving mobility," he said.

His speech, part of the ongoing "SOM INFORMS" speaker series, was titled "Preferential Signal Control Strategies for Transit Vehicles."

The lecture consisted of ways to improve response times of emergency vehicles or transit buses, such as the PVTA. Collura says that the Emergency Vehicle and Transit Priority System has actually been in use in some major cities for 10 to 15 years. The technology for this device has been around since the 1970s and 80s, when it was shown to reduce accidents and improve response times in emergency vehicles.

"In a way we are trying to enhance traffic signal systems for emergency vehicles and public transit," said Collura.

Collura said research for the device began almost two decades ago in Minnesota where 3M, the device manufacturer, is based. Once the value of the device was proven in Minnesota, other cities began investing in the product. Other benefits arise from using the device, as well. By preventing the vehicle from consistently idling, it cuts down on emissions because the vehicle can drive non-stop. This also makes emergency vehicles more efficient on fuel consumption.

"It improves air quality because fewer buses are idling and cuts down on emissions," said Collura.

This device is essentially an emitter, such as a strobe light, that is mounted on a vehicle. It sends out a conical signal to a receiver, about the size of a shoebox that is mounted on the arm of a traffic light. Some devices work in other ways, such as sending out a signal by sound, but the concept remains the same. The emitter that is mounted on the vehicle such as a bus is hardwired to the door of the bus, so when the door is open the signal is not being sent out, and when it closes the signal continues. This allows the vehicle to continue through the light, which will turn green after



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Professor John Collura

responding to the emitter. The price for one of these emitters is nearly $1,000. To set up 25 intersections in a 10-mile stretch and equip 20 vehicles would cost a city $200,000.

"People have actually bought emitters on the Internet and some states are enacting fines and sentences for using the item," said Collura.

More than 10,000 of these devices have been set up and are in use throughout the U.S. They have produced energy-conserving results by improving transit, improving air quality, and optimizing traffic flow, which also reduces pollution by lowering vehicle emissions.

Last April, Collura chaired a panel discussion in Washington D.C. that involved the use of these systems. He said that at the same time the discussion started at 11 a.m., two fire engines in Chicago collided with each other, killing two people and injuring others. The reason they collided was because both fire engines received a green light and proceeded through the intersection. Had these fire engines been equipped with these systems, one of the engines would have received a red light, and the accident never would have happened. The system Collura has been designing does have its benefits, and more cities are likely to use the system where the funds are available.

On March 31, 2003, Collura and three other men from Virginia Tech Transportation Institute submitted their research for publication in the 2003 Transportation Research Record of Virginia. Their research was titled "Evaluation of Service Reliability Impacts of Traffic Signal Priority Strategies for Bus Transit." The other three men were research associate James Chang, assistant Professor Hesham Rakha — both of the department of civil and environmental engineering at Virginia Tech — and research scientist Francis Dion.

Four months ago, Collura came back to teach at UMass after having done his research at Virginia Tech for the past seven years. He is now the Associate Director of the UMass Transit Center.

When asked why he came back to the University, he said, "the challenge of coming back and the opportunity to work with excellent people."

Omega-3 fatty acids lacking in many diets, says panel

By Megan Daley
Collegian Staff

Omega-3 fatty acids, found primarily in fish, are important to a healthy diet, and many people aren't getting enough.

This was one of the main points of the panel discussion, "Omega-3 Fatty Acids: Remedies, Risks, and Recommendations," that met last Wednesday to teach nutrition and food science students, as well as other interested Amherst residents, about the vital fatty acid.

Professor Nancy Cohen gave the audience of approximately 100 people an introduction to Omega-3 fatty acids and the four panelists who were there to discuss them. Cohen is the head of the department of nutrition at UMass Amherst.

Linda Arterburn was the first lecturer. Arterburn is the senior director of clinical research at the Martek Biosciences Corporation in Columbia, Md. She talked about the benefits of Omega-3 fatty acids to disease prevention. Citing epidemiological observations, prospective cohort studies and controlled clinical trials, Arterburn showed that regular fish eaters had a lower rate of cardiovascular disease and a reduced risk of sudden death due to a heart attack or stroke. Omega-3 fatty acids also have "anti-inflammatory effects."

Arterburn said the group who can reap the greatest benefits of Omega-3 fatty acids is pregnant and lactating women. Infants draw the fatty acids from their mothers, and Omega-3 has been proven to increase eye and brain function and development.

Next to talk was Professor Eric Decker, who discussed seafood supplements and other Omega-3 fatty acid sources. Decker is the Fergus Clydesdale endowed chair of the department of food science at UMass. Since most people in the United States don't get their recommended amount of Omega-3 from fish, Decker encouraged the use of supplements such as cod liver oil and Omega-3 tablets.

Decker acknowledged that cod liver oil is "pretty gross" and that both it and supplements can cause reflux, so he also encouraged the use of Omega-3 fortified foods.

The next speaker was Elaine Krueger whose subject was seafood safety. She discussed in more depth the dangers of eating fish due to mercury, arsenic and other pollutants in our water. Krueger is the director of environmental toxicology program of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Krueger explained how fish are becoming more and more toxic due to water pollution, particularly in freshwater.

Even with legislation in the U.S. to cut back on water contamination, Krueger explained, our water supply is still being polluted by "local wastes, such as incinerators, global pollution from areas that may use 'old' pesticides that have been banned in the U.S." Even some natural sources, like volcanoes, have been contributing to the contamination of water.

Krueger's biggest area of concern was mercury, which has become increasingly common in fish and has led to advisories

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Over 4,200 people broke the world record on Saturday in Newton, Mid-Wales, by dressing up as Santa for a 4K run in the cold.

University Education department rears future teachers not to 'teach toward' MCAS

By Dave Fonseca
Collegian Staff

Although high-stakes standardized tests are pressuring elementary and secondary teachers to push students to reach achievement standards, the University of Massachusetts's School of Education is cultivating teachers to prepare students by not "teaching towards the test."

A main obstacle in preparing pre-service teachers for the MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System) test is making sure their curricula don't become too focused on the test. According to Joseph Berger, assistant director of UMass's Department of Educational Research Policy and Administration, "One of our main goals is to prepare teachers to go out into the world and not resort to the stereotypical teaching to the test," Berger said. "We want to make sure teachers and students are engaging in a lot of active learning, not just drilling and killing."

Cynthia Rosenberger, coordinator of the school's CTEP (Collaborative Teacher Education Program) — which licenses new elementary and early childhood education teachers — said they must have the skills not only to prepare students for the MCAS, but also to help them understand the concepts behind the material.

"We consider it extremely important that our teachers have the background knowledge and pedagogical skills to prepare students to perform well on the MCAS tests," Rosenberger said. "At the same time, the CTEP faculty hopes to prepare teachers who know how to help students construct an understanding of the fundamental concepts and big ideas in the various fields of knowledge."

Rosenberger said that CTEP seeks to avoid teachers' teaching to the test "by sharing research that demonstrates the importance of teaching for understanding, helping them learn meaningful ways to construct a curriculum that focuses on essential understandings or large concepts in each field of knowledge, and focusing on the importance of helping children become autonomous and lifelong learners."

Nevertheless, with greater pressures placed on schools as a result of the No Child Left Behind education reform act, some in the educational system say the push to focus on the MCAS is inescapable.

According to Wendy Buckley, a reading teacher at the Erwin K. Walker School in Carver, Mass., the pressure to do well on standardized tests has created an atmosphere in which not focusing on the test is almost unavoidable.

"The atmosphere within the school building has changed," Buckley said, "because there is this underlying feeling that we are in a time of making sure that we make the grade."

Buckley, a teacher in the Carver system for 29 years, says she doesn't feel like her teaching style will change much despite to the pressures of MCAS testing "I truly felt like what I was doing was working before," Buckley said. However, she fears that many teachers are letting preparing students for MCAS overshadow other important aspects of teaching.

"We used to be very much interested in observing children," she said. "Watching the process of how they arrived at answers. There's no time for that now. You really just need to focus on the final product, something that is measurable."

With the enactment of No Child Left Behind in 2002, the importance of standardized tests such as the MCAS gained new weight. Provisions in the act require states to come up with ways to measure the achievement levels of their schools. In Massachusetts, it is the MCAS test that is used to measure school achievement.

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Ukraine officials reach compromise on election reforms

By Natasha Lisova
Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Ukraine's opposition and pro-government lawmakers tentatively agreed on a compromise Monday to ensure a fair vote during the rerun later this month of the fraud-ridden presidential runoff and gradually shift some powers from the presidency to parliament.

Ukraine's outgoing president, Leonid Kuchma, and Russian President Vladimir Putin said they would abide by the results of the new election, removing major question marks surrounding the Dec. 26 rematch. The vote was ordered by the Supreme Court, which last week struck down the election commission decision that Kremlin-backed Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych won the Nov. 21 runoff.

"Of course we will ... accept the will of any nation in the former Soviet space and will work with any elected leader," Putin said during a state visit to Turkey.

Yanukovych emerged from seclusion and declared he was confident of victory. Kuchma had supported Yanukovych in the runoff against Western-leaning opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko, but has distanced himself from the prime minister over the past two weeks as protesters swarmed the capital.

Stepan Havrysh, a senior pro-government lawmaker, said all factions in the parliament's coordination committee agreed to back the compromise to amend election laws and the constitution when it comes to a vote Tuesday.

As part of the deal, Kuchma may also fire Yanukovych from his prime minister's post. Havrysh said. Kuchma was quoted by The New York Times as saying that if he were Yanukovych, he would not run in the Dec. 26 vote.

As European leaders mediated talks in Kiev, Putin warned against foreign interference in the new ballot and suggested the opposition was seeking power at any price. He left open how Russia — which considers this nation of 48 million people part of its sphere of influence — would deal with a Yushchenko government.

On the streets of the Ukrainian capital, opposition demonstrators countered Putin's warning with an appeal of their own, unveiling a 200-foot-long petition — inscribed on a roll of cloth in the opposition's trademark color of orange — urging the Russian leader to stay out of Ukrainian affairs.



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A Yushchenko supporter celebrates downtown Kiev yesterday.

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Sophomore guard Maurice Maxwell led the Minutemen with 19 points while senior captain Anthony Anderson added 14 points and four assists. Sophomore forward Rashaun Freeman, who attracted double teams all afternoon and struggled to find an offensive rhythm, scored nine points and grabbed six rebounds in 27 minutes before fouling out midway through the second half.

Sophomore guard Art Bowers continued to struggle mightily on the offensive end for UMass after scoring six points on 3-of-12 shooting, including 0-of-5 from 3-point range. Classmate Stephane Lasme played a strong defensive game for the Maroon and White, posting four blocks while defending Turial over 34 minutes.

UMass returns to action on Thursday night when it will host archrival and defending national champion Connecticut at the Mullins Center. Tip-off is slated for 9 p.m., and the game will be broadcast live on ESPN2.

Morrison led all scorers with 20 points, despite 1-of-5 shooting from beyond the arc. Turiaf, meanwhile, overcame a slow start to come on strong in the second half, getting the majority of his production from an 11-for-16 showing from the free throw line.

J.P. Batista was the only other player in double-figures as he had 10 points for the Bulldogs to go alone with nine points and four steals from point guard Derek Raivio.

The Minutemen appeared to be out of the game early in the second half after falling down by 17 but stormed back with a stunning 24-6 run that erased the advantage. A Maxwell 3-pointer with 12 minutes remaining brought UMass within a basket at 40-38, before Lasme tied the game with a pair of free throws just under a minute later.

After the team's traded hoops on the next few possessions, a Bowers basket gave the Minutemen a slim 44-43 lead before a Lawrence Carrier 3-pointer pushed UMass out in front by a score of 47-45 with 8:50 to play.

Gonzaga answered immediately with a 3-pointer of its own from Morrison, before the Bulldogs took off on a 13-2 burst that was part of a 23-4 run, giving them control of the game for good.

With both Freeman and Lasme fouling out of the game down the stretch, UMass was no longer able to contain Turiaf, who scored nine points during Gonzaga's second half run and keyed the Zags success on offense during the streak.

The Maroon and White got off to a promising start in the opening minutes of the game, staking itself to a 13-8 lead before turnovers and a lack of offense keyed a 15-0 Gonzaga run that gave control of the game to the Zags. The Minutemen turned the ball over 14 times in the first half, including 10 times in the first nine minutes.

Minutewomen escape 'The Cage' with win

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

Last Friday in practice, Massachusetts women's basketball coach Marnie Dacko was working with sophomore forward Tamara Tatham on the mental aspect of foul shooting.

"I was with her just talking about visualization, all that mind stuff, trying to get her to focus on the ball and seeing it go through the basket," Dacko said.

So it comes as no surprise that with 11.7 seconds left and a tie score in Saturday's "Rage in the Cage" contest with the Syracuse Orange (5-1), it was Tatham at the charity stripe, visualizing the two most important shots in her young career.

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"I was just focusing, zoning everything out, visualizing making the basket," Tatham said.

And with the crowd of 1,402 on its feet and screaming in the historic Curry Hicks Cage, the 6-foot-1 native of Canada came, saw, and conquered, nailing both her free throws to give the Minutewomen (3-3) a 52-51 win over the Orange.

"It was an ugly game," Dacko said. "We're usually a rebounding team, and we got beat on the boards today. It was an ugly game, but we'll take the win."

But things would have certainly been much uglier for UMass had forward Chineze Nwagbo made both of her free throws with 0.4 seconds left to go, which would have forced an overtime.

Once again, luck went the way of Maroon and White as a perennial star player fell short when it came down to the wire. Nwagbo led all scorers on the afternoon with 19 points and added 14 rebounds to give her a double-double. And so while the 6-foot-1 senior continued to wreak havoc on the Minutewomen's inside game all day long, she was unable to make her last shot count.

"Overall, I was pretty pleased with the way we're trying to play, and it's just [a matter of] finishing," Syracuse coach Keith Ciepicki said. "I'll tell you, Chinny's never played better. She plays hard. She's so consistent. I mean, it's too bad she's got to miss that free throw because she carried us for 39 minutes and 59 seconds... I think everybody understands everybody else has to play better."

Senior guard Rochelle Colem[illegible] also scored in double figures for the Orange, throwing down 11 points despite a three-for-11 day on the floor. She also grabbed two boards and dished out three assists in 31 minutes of play.

The Campbell-Nwagbo matchup was an interesting showdown as the two continued to exchange baskets and boards down inside the key. When all was said and done, the two came away with double-doubles (Campbell scored a team-high 16 points and grabbing 10 boards).

UMass concluded its Big East tour for the 2004-05 season, finishing with a record of 2-1 against teams from that conference. The Maroon and White are also in the midst of their first two-game winning streak since November of 2003 when they pulled off three wins in a row against Brown, Vermont and Utah State, respectively.

The first half saw a neck-and-neck battle between the Minutewomen and Orange through the first 15 minutes. The excellent ball movement of UMass and the inside and outside shooting game of Syracuse continued to counteract one another until late in the first half. With 4:43 to go in the half and trailing 20-19, Edris Bailey tapped in a layup, sparking an 8-0 run to finish off the first half.

In what has almost become customary, the Maroon and White saw its seven-point halftime lead vanish, care of the hot outside hands of Coleman and Lauren Kohn. Every time the Minutewomen took back the lead, the Orange went deep from outside.

Trailing by three with under five minutes to go, Katie Nelson took a page from Kohn's book and nailed a deep trey to tie things up. Pam Rosanio then stole the ball on SU's next trip down, dished the ball off to Joyce Massey, who passed it right back to her for the go-ahead layup, and the Minutewomen would cease to relinquish their lead again.

Gulak grabbed the rebound off Nwagbo's errant second shot to prevent overtime, and the Minutewomen closed the door on a game that literally went down to the last stitch of allotted time.

If winning on a sloppy day is any indicator of the potential this team has, then there certainly has to be some momentum carrying into tonight, when they will play their last home game of the fall semester before embarking on a four-game road trip.

Tonight's game against the Toledo Rockets (1-4), scheduled for a 7:00 p.m. tipoff at the Mullins Center, ought to be an interesting one. Both the Rockets and the Minutewomen are shooting 38 percent from the field, 25 percent from beyond the arc and around 50 points per game (Toledo averages 49 while UMass averages 52).

Now here's where the paint comes into play. UMass has nearly a double-figure advantage in rebounds, as Toledo averages a mere 33 per game while the Minutewomen board 41.3. Syracuse has been the only team thus far in the young season to outplay the Maroon and White on the boards.



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Ednis Bailey started UMass' 8-0 run to close out the first half of her team's victory over Syracuse at "The Cage" on Saturday. The Minutewomen won during the last second to improve their record to 3-3.

This will be the second of six straight road games the Rockets will play. Last Thursday, the Rockets traveled to Youngstown State, where the Penguins came away with a 53-42 win. It was the fourth straight loss for Toledo since taking down Cincinnati on opening night, Nov. 19. Since ousting the Bearcats 62-57, the Rockets have been outscored 253-187—including a season-low 28-point effort in a 39-point loss to Marquette.

The Minutewomen would love to embark on their first three-game winning streak since November of a year ago, putting them one game over .500, but it will not come easy. After Saturday's wild barnburner with the previously undefeated Orange, the Minutewomen — despite playing poorly — have found out that anything can happen.

UMass is 0-1 so far in 04-05 when playing in the Mullins Center.

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Professor developing new designs on emergency vehicle traffic light changer

By Mike Parrish
Collegian Correspondent

University of Massachusetts Professor John Collura says he has been developing new and improved designs for a device called an Emergency Vehicle and Transit Priority System. This system is a device that allows emergency vehicles or even public transports, such as buses, to pass through a red light by emitting a signal to change it to green.

In his Dec. 3 speech at the Isenberg School of Management and in an interview with the Daily Collegian, Collura, a professor of civil and environmental engineering, said transit signal priority (TSP) is a device that could be invested in given cities and towns to help prevent accidents and save lives.

"I think it is more likely to be used in major cities, and it is a fairly inexpensive system in light of what occurs, such as saving lives and improving mobility," he said.

His speech, part of the ongoing "SOM INFORMS" speaker series, was titled "Preferential Signal Control Strategies for Transit Vehicles."

The lecture consisted of ways to improve response times of emergency vehicles or transit buses, such as the PVTA. Collura says that the Emergency Vehicle and Transit Priority System has actually been in use in some major cities for 10 to 15 years. The technology for this device has been around since the 1970s and 80s, when it was shown to reduce accidents and improve response times in emergency vehicles.

"In a way we are trying to enhance traffic signal systems for emergency vehicles and public transit," said Collura.

Collura said research for the device began almost two decades ago in Minnesota where 3M, the device manufacturer, is based. Once the value of the device was proven in Minnesota, other cities began investing in the product. Other benefits arise from using the device, as well. By preventing the vehicle from consistently idling, it cuts down on emissions because the vehicle can drive non-stop. This also makes emergency vehicles more efficient on fuel consumption.

"It improves air quality because fewer buses are idling and cuts down on emissions," said Collura.

This device is essentially an emitter, such as a strobe light, that is mounted on a vehicle. It sends out a conical signal to a receiver, about the size of a shoebox that is mounted on the arm of a traffic light. Some devices work in other ways, such as sending out a signal by sound, but the concept remains the same. The emitter that is mounted on the vehicle such as a bus is hardwired to the door of the bus, so when the door is open the signal is not being sent out, and when it closes the signal continues. This allows the vehicle to continue through the light, which will turn green after



CHRISTINE WUSMAN III

Professor John Collura

responding to the emitter. The price for one of these emitters is nearly $1,000. To set up 25 intersections in a 10-mile stretch and equip 20 vehicles would cost a city $200,000.

"People have actually bought emitters on the Internet and some states are enacting fines and sentences for using the item," said Collura.

More than 10,000 of these devices have been set up and are in use throughout the U.S. They have produced energy-conserving results by improving transit, improving air quality, and optimizing traffic flow, which also reduces pollution by lowering vehicle emissions.

Last April, Collura chaired a panel discussion in Washington D.C. that involved the use of these systems. He said that at the same time the discussion started at 11 a.m., two fire engines in Chicago collided with each other, killing two people and injuring others. The reason they collided was because both fire engines received a green light and proceeded through the intersection. Had these fire engines been equipped with these systems, one of the engines would have received a red light, and the accident never would have happened. The system Collura has been designing does have its benefits, and more cities are likely to use the system where the funds are available.

On March 31, 2003, Collura and three other men from Virginia Tech Transportation Institute submitted their research for publication in the 2003 Transportation Research Record of Virginia. Their research was titled "Evaluation of Service Reliability Impacts of Traffic Signal Priority Strategies for Bus Transit." The other three men were research associate James Chang, assistant Professor Hesham Rakha — both of the department of civil and environmental engineering at Virginia Tech — and research scientist Francis Dion.

Four months ago, Collura came back to teach at UMass after having done his research at Virginia Tech for the past seven years. He is now the Associate Director of the UMass Transit Center.

When asked why he came back to the University, he said, "the challenge of coming back and the opportunity to work with excellent people."

Omega-3 fatty acids lacking in many diets, says panel

By Megan Daley
Collegian Staff

Omega-3 fatty acids, found primarily in fish, are important to a healthy diet, and many people aren't getting enough.

This was one of the main points of the panel discussion, "Omega-3 Fatty Acids: Remedies, Risks, and Recommendations," that met last Wednesday to teach nutrition and food science students, as well as other Interested Amherst residents, about the vital fatty acid.

Professor Nancy Cohen gave the audience of approximately 100 people an introduction to Omega-3 fatty acids and the four panelists who were there to discuss them. Cohen is the head of the department of nutrition at UMass Amherst.

Linda Arterburn was the first lecturer. Arterburn was the senior director of clinical research at the Martek Biosciences Corporation in Columbia, Md. She talked about the benefits of Omega-3 fatty acids to disease prevention. Citing epidemiological observations, prospective cohort studies and controlled clinical trials, Arterburn showed that regular fish eaters had a lower rate of cardiovascular disease and a reduced risk of sudden death due to a heart attack or stroke. Omega-3 fatty acids also have "anti-inflammatory effects."

Arterburn said the group who can reap the greatest benefits of Omega-3 fatty acids is pregnant and lactating women. Infants draw the fatty acids from their mothers, and Omega-3 has been proven to increase eye and brain function and development.

Next to talk was Professor Eric Decker, who discussed seafood supplements and other Omega-3 fatty acid sources. Decker is the Fergus Clydesdale endowed chair of the department of food science at UMass. Since most people in the United States don't get their recommended amount of Omega-3 from fish, Decker encouraged the use of supplements such as cod liver oil and Omega-3 tablets.

Decker acknowledged that cod liver oil is "pretty gross" and that both it and supplements can cause reflux, so he also encouraged the use of Omega-3 fortified foods.

The next speaker was Elaine Krueger whose subject was seafood safety. She discussed in more depth the dangers of eating fish due to mercury, arsenic and other pollutants in our water. Krueger is the director of environmental toxicology program of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Krueger explained how fish are becoming more and more toxic due to water pollution, particularly in freshwater.

Even with legislation in the U.S. to cut back on water contamination, Krueger explained, our water supply is still being polluted by "local wastes, such as incinerators, global pollution from areas that may use 'old' pesticides that have been banned in the U.S." Even some natural sources, like volcanoes, have been contributing to the contamination of water.

Krueger's biggest area of concern was mercury, which has become increasingly common in fish and has led to advisories

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Santa Smorgaspord

Over 4,200 people broke the world record on Saturday in Newton, Mid-Wales, by dressing up as Santa for a 4K run in the cold.

University Education department rears future teachers not to 'teach toward' MCAS

By Dave Fonseca
Collegian Staff

Although high-stakes standardized tests are pressuring elementary and secondary teachers to push students to reach achievement standards, the University of Massachusetts's School of Education is cultivating teachers to prepare students by not "teaching towards the test."

A main obstacle in preparing pre-service teachers for the MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System) test is making sure their curricula don't become too focused on the test. According to Joseph Berger, assistant director of UMass's Department of Educational Research Policy and Administration, "One of our main goals is to prepare teachers to go out into the world and not resort to the stereotypical teaching to the test," Berger said. "We want to make sure teachers and students are engaging in a lot of active learning, not just drilling and killing."

Cynthia Rosenberger, coordinator of the school's CTEP (Collaborative Teacher Education Program) — which licenses new elementary and early childhood education teachers — said they must have the skills not only to prepare students for the MCAS, but also to help them understand the concepts behind the material.

"We consider it extremely important that our teachers have the background knowledge and pedagogical skills to prepare students to perform well on the MCAS tests," Rosenberger said. "At the same time, the CTEP faculty hopes to prepare teachers who know how to help students construct an understanding of the fundamental concepts and big ideas in the various fields of knowledge."

Rosenberger said that CTEP seeks to avoid teachers' teaching to the test "by sharing research that demonstrates the importance of teaching for understanding, helping them learn meaningful ways to construct a curriculum that focuses on essential understandings or large concepts in each field of knowledge, and focusing on the importance of helping children become autonomous and lifelong learners."

Nevertheless, with greater pressures placed on schools as a result of the No Child Left Behind education reform act, some in the educational system say the push to focus on the MCAS is inescapable.

According to Wendy Buckley, a reading teacher at the Erwin K. Walker School in Carver, Mass., the pressure to do well on standardized tests has created an atmosphere in which not focusing on the test is almost unavoidable.

"The atmosphere within the school building has changed," Buckley said, "because there is this underlying feeling that we are in a time of making sure that we make the grade."

Buckley, a teacher in the Carver system for 29 years, says she doesn't feel like her teaching style will change much despite to the pressures of MCAS testing. "I truly felt like what I was doing was working before," Buckley said. However, she fears that many teachers are letting preparing students for MCAS overshadow other important aspects of teaching.

"We used to be very much interested in observing children," she said. "Watching the process of how they arrived at answers. There's no time for that now. You really just need to focus on the final product, something that is measurable."

With the enactment of No Child Left Behind in 2002, the importance of standardized tests such as the MCAS gained new weight. Provisions in the act require states to come up with ways to measure the achievement levels of their schools. In Massachusetts, it is the MCAS test that is used to measure school achievement.

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Ukraine officials reach compromise on election reforms

By Natasha Lisova
Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Ukraine's opposition and pro-government lawmakers tentatively agreed on a compromise Monday to ensure a fair vote during the rerun later this month of the fraud-ridden presidential runoff and gradually shift some powers from the presidency to parliament.

Ukraine's outgoing president, Leonid Kuchma, and Russian President Vladimir Putin said they would abide by the results of the new election, removing major question marks surrounding the Dec. 26 rematch. The vote was ordered by the Supreme Court, which last week struck down the election commission decision that Kremlin-backed Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych won the Nov. 21 runoff.

"Of course we will ... accept the will of any nation in the former Soviet space and will work with any elected leader," Putin said during a state visit to Turkey.

Yanukovych emerged from seclusion and declared he was confident of victory. Kuchma had supported Yanukovych in the runoff against Western-leaning opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko, but has distanced himself from the prime minister over the past two weeks as protesters swarmed the capital.

Stepan Havrysh, a senior pro-government lawmaker, said all factions in the parliament's coordination committee agreed to back the compromise to amend election laws and the constitution when it comes to a vote Tuesday.

As part of the deal, Kuchma may also fire Yanukovych from his prime minister's post. Havrysh said. Kuchma was quoted by The New York Times as saying that if he were Yanukovych, he would not run in the Dec. 26 vote.

As European leaders mediated talks in Kiev, Putin warned against foreign interference in the new ballot and suggested the opposition was seeking power at any price. He left open how Russia — which considers this nation of 48 million people part of its sphere of influence — would deal with a Yushchenko government.

On the streets of the Ukrainian capital, opposition demonstrators countered Putin's warning with an appeal of their own, unveiling a 200-foot-long petition — inscribed on a roll of cloth in the opposition's trademark color of orange — urging the Russian leader to stay out of Ukrainian affairs.



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A Yushchenko supporter celebrates downtown Kiev yesterday.

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LIVESTRONG-type bracelets gaining popularity



Brent Murach, left, and Brett Hartman of Pennsylvania hold up a Lance Armstrong Livestrong bracelet.

CHICAGO — Jennifer Longley wears her yellow bracelet in honor of her many relatives who have had cancer, including a grandfather who lost his tongue and voice box and an aunt who died of ovarian cancer.

"I also wear it for me, because I know that this is something that I will continue to deal with in my future," says Longley, a 24-year-old who works for the Cornell University Press in Ithaca, N.Y.

Jason "Jazz" Skipworth, a 26-year-old scientist at the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, says his bracelet gives him "the extra motivation to work that much harder."

And Eric Nobis, an amateur bike rider in Seattle, is convinced that his bracelet "makes [him] cycle faster."

It's just a simple band of yellow rubber that bears the word "LIVESTRONG" and sells for $1 as a fund-raiser for the Lance Armstrong Foundation, an organization the celebrated cyclist began for fellow cancer survivors. But the yellow bracelet has become a must-have item and has prompted charitable organizations nationwide to create their own versions, made with various colors, materials and messages.

Some liken the fad to the POW-MIA bracelets people wore for imprisoned and missing soldiers during the Vietnam War or say the bracelets are the latest twist on the red and pink ribbons that have become synonymous with AIDS and breast cancer, respectively.

Today, red bracelets are being sold to raise money for everything from diabetes research to children with HIV. Vistacare, a health care company in Scottsdale, Ariz., is giving out hurgundy bracelets with the word "Remember" to get people talking about the difficult topic of hospice care.

And next Monday, the Ohio Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Foundation will start handing out orange bracelets as a conversation starter about the dangers of secondhand smoke.

Genny Neely, a 27-year-old New Yorker, is interested in getting several of the bracelets. She first saw the LIVESTRONG bands while visiting Chicago last summer and said, "I have to have one of those."

-Associated Press

Professor advises to avoid fish with high mercury levels

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being posted for at-risk groups, such as pregnant women, to stay away from fish. Mercury negatively affects a person's kidneys and reproductive system; it has also been suspected of causing cancer. The worst effect of mercury is the neuro-developmental damage it can cause as it builds up in the brain over several years. This can lead to seizures and cerebral palsy.

Finally, Professor Elena Carbone came to the podium to talk about what amount consumers really need of Omega-3 fatty acids based on the risks and benefits of them. Carbone is an assistant professor of nutrition at UMass. Carbone encouraged people to stay away from certain sources of fish, such as shark, swordfish, king mackerel and tilefish, which all contain high amounts of mercury. She also said to "stay away from fish from freshwater sources." For people with lowered immunity, Carbone said to "avoid Boston Harbor lobsters, flounder, soft shell clams and other bivalves." Canned tuna is another thing to limit in a diet.

Most of all, Carbone encouraged people to stay updated on health advisories, but not to be so afraid of eating fish that you miss out on all the benefits of Omega-3 fatty acids, which, in and of themselves, present none of the dangers that eating fish might.

This conference was funded in part by a grant from the Nutritional Impacts of Functional Food Program.

Total security not certain in Iraq

WASHINGTON — President Bush acknowledged Monday that American military forces "can never guarantee 100 percent security" for Iraq's elections Jan. 30, but said the voting must proceed on schedule to let people choose democracy over terrorism.

Bush met with Ghazi al-Yawer, the interim Iraqi president, and Jordan's King Abdullah II, in the White House on a day when attackers forced their way into the heavily guarded U.S. consulate in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia. Eight people, none American, were killed.

"The attacks in Saudi Arabia remind us that the terrorists are still on the move," Bush said at an Oval Office photo opportunity with al-Yawer. "They're interested in affecting the will of free countries. They want us to leave Saudi Arabia. They want us to leave Iraq. ... And that's why these elections in Iraq are very important."

Iraq has been riddled with violence that has claimed the lives of more than 1,200 U.S. troops.

To bolster security for next month's voting, the United States announced last week it was increasing its military force in Iraq to about 150,00, the highest level of the war, including the initial invasion in March 2003.

Bush said the 12,000-troop increase will help make polling places safer, although "you can never guarantee 100 percent security. But the Iraqi people have a chance to say to the world, 'We choose democracy over terrorism.'"

Al-Yawer — an influential leader in Sunni Muslim regions of Iraq where the fiercest battles against insurgents have been waged — wants Iraq's Jan. 30 election held on time, but other Sunni leaders want it postponed, saying ongoing violence in these areas would keep people from voting.



Interim Iraqi President Ghazi al-Yawar speaks to reporters after meeting with President Bush yesterday.

-Associated Press

MCAS importance stressed to teaching students

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Schools that score poorly or show no improvement on the MCAS are subject to panel reviews to determine whether the school is under-performing. According to the MCAS homepage, schools that under-perform are subject to state intervention. Such schools may be placed under federal watch or become subject to reduced funding. No Child Left Behind also enables parents to transfer their child to another school if the one they are currently enrolled in underachieves.

In the School of Education, there's concern not only with the way the teachers prepare students for the MCAS, but also with whether or not the tests are good indicators of student progress.

"These tests are far more concerned with educational efficiency than they are with educational equity," Berger said. "We need to make sure we have enough information about what it's useful for and what it's not useful for before we start implementing policies around it."

Wendy Buckley echoed Berger's sentiment. "You can measure a test, but you can't measure the idea that while a student was working on this she saw that she made a mistake and she fixed it, which says a lot more to me than that student getting the answer right."

Rosenberger said the test is a valid measure of a student's knowledge, but not the only one. "What we know about the theory of multiple intelligences shows us that students need many ways to show what they know," Rosenberger said. "The MCAS is just one way to show what a student knows."

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"The recipe for perpetual ignorance is to be satisfied with your opinions and content with your knowledge." Elbert Hubbard

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Near miss at Mullins

Zach Oelschlegel

Last Wednesday, I came back to my dorm room pretty ticked off. I was having a blast at the UMass basketball game against Northeastern up until the last eight minutes of play, when the Huskies went on a big run to beat UMass by double digits. We've had better games in terms of finishing them out.

What really ticked me off, though, was the fact that our student section was this close to making Sports Center. It wasn't for being the loudest fans at the Mullins Center since the "Refuse to Lose" era. It wasn't for inspiring the team to a nice win, although we sure tried.

It was because some knucklehead decided it would be a good idea to throw a peppermint at one of the male cheerleaders from Northeastern as the game was twenty seconds from ending — some knucklehead who has seen the hoopla surrounding Ron Artest and the Detroit Pistons fans yet still, in a big effort to impress the schmuck sitting next to him, took the risk.

The cheerleader, being a real tough guy, didn't help the situation. He turned around towards the student section, in absolute hysterics, bellowing, "Who did it? Man up! Come on, man up!" He managed to get one leg over the railing to pounce on who he deemed the perpetrator before two of his other cheerleading cohorts grabbed his arms to pull him back, with him still screaming, "Man up!"

While what came about was relatively minor, it all comes down to one huge "what if?" For instance, what if that cheerleader managed to get the other leg over the railing and was able to level the guy who hit him with the peppermint?

To flip out over a one-ounce peppermint hitting you in the head is ridiculous, and he made his best attempt to prove to the crowd and to the women he was so recently bulding pyramids with that he was, in fact, masculine.

Every student in that section would have been throwing punches right back at him, like those Detroit fans who kept hitting Ron Artest after he threw to the ground the man who hit him with beer. Some more of those beefy cheerleaders would have followed him into the stands to defend him, and they would've been fighting the students as well, since there was bad blood between the cheerleaders and the Maroon Platoon faithful before anything was thrown onto the court.

It would have been ugly. We all would have been famous. And, as it has been done so traditionally at our school for so long, our reputation would have gone down yet another few notches.

We really were two male cheerleaders from disaster.

Clearly, the cheerleader overreacted. To flip out over a one-ounce peppermint hitting you in the head is ridiculous, and he made his best attempt to prove to the crowd and to the women he was so recently building pyramids with that he was, in fact, masculine. Then again, you don't play with fire, especially when it weighs 250, can bench 300, and has the intellectual capacity of a baked potato.

I sat down with my sociology professor Todd Crosset to get some more input on why these things happen. He pointed out to me how the spectacle isn't so much the actual game anymore, but the fan. Since sports has become completely about the money, fans are paying more than ever for their sports with tickets, T.V. and taxes. Fans go to games expecting to enjoy themselves in other ways than just watching, because they feel they have the license to by paying huge fees for every aspect of the event.

We see this in heckling, in booing, and in being critical of whoever Is playing. And because of that, the fan is drawing attention to himself, making games almost a contest to see who can say the most obnoxious comment to the other team — or seeing who can outsmart whom.

Unfortunately, it's become a blank check. The line is no longer booing or chuckling at a player's inability to make a free throw. Now, with that same license received for paying to watch the game, the slippery slope continues to the point where some fans think they can throw something. In addition, as was seen with Ron Artest, the line between the grandstand and playing field isn't as sacred.

So what do we do? Mullins Center security, as long as it is primarily students, will continue to be a joke. The UMPD embarrassed itself Wednesday night when it turned on the very fans that were policing the unruly ones. Overall, the whole situation could have been avoided had the Mullins Center placed the Northeastern cheerleaders somewhere other than two feet from the student section.

That one knucklehead who threw the mint spoke for everyone. The headline would have read "UMass Students Fight Cheerleaders" instead of "One Idiot Throws Altoid." We need to understand how one person can represent an entire university under a larger spotlight. It's up to the students to take responsibility for each other and police themselves, and it's time for the Mullins Center to foresee problems before they begin.

Of course, realizing that your student fees don't afford you the right to idiocy is probably the appropriate way to start.

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The Anaconda Plan



Yousef Munayyer

In 1862, a military strategy was adopted by the Northern army in the American Civil War. The plan, originally drafted by General Winfield Scott, would lead to the blockade against Gulf of Mexico ports, dividing the South by controlling the Mississippi as well as marching to Georgia from the Tennessee River Valley. Ultimately, this led to the fall of Richmond, the capital of the Southern Confederacy. The strategy was simple: surround, divide, and suffocate. With this plan, and overbearing force, the Southern armies could bear no more, setting the stage for an upset that would feature a militarily superb general surrendering to his lesser counterpart Ulysses S. Grant.

Today, Israeli armies and the government are implementing a similar plan halfway across the globe. It seems that they took the page right out of General Scott's playbook. However, the target in this situation is not the rebelling army of the South; rather it's a civilian Palestinian population.

Slowly it creeps, uprooting trees, dividing families, separating villages. Children at the top of hills look every day to see it coming closer. Surely they are thinking of how it will soon be at their doorstep. Surely they are wondering what will happen when the apartheid wall reaches their home.

Its nature can only be described as serpentine. Curving, twisting, moving in between villages and suffocating its prey, the apartheid wall is a repulsive creature that is tearing apart any hope in the region.

Some immediately object to the use of the word "wall." They would rather call it a fence, or perhaps a barrier. However, if you cannot cross it, if passing it means your death, why argue over the semantics or, even worse, the aesthetics?

Israel's anaconda plan aims to suffocate a Palestinian population. It is a direct response to the paranoia in Israel towards the possibility of a Palestinian state and the current population crisis.

In Tel Aviv, they are hoping they can turn every Palestinian town into another Gaza: isolated, surrounded and packed unbearably. With 1.3 million Palestinians in Gaza and high birth rates (3.8 percent), there is a population crisis developing in the already densely populated spot. Gaza is a 40-kilometer strip. Still they have been contained.

This is the prototype. In the eyes of the snake masters in Tel Aviv, Nablus must become Gaza. Jenin must become Gaza. Qalqilya is almost there, and Tulkarem will soon follow. Surround, divide, and suffocate.

They claim that this monster is necessary. They claim that this is for security. I can tell you from personal experience, this vicious construction does not keep people out of Israel all the time. The exact circumstances I'm referring to cannot be mentioned because they are not technically legal for Israeli citizens like me to undertake.

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The wall is economically clamping down on Palestinian society. It is confining people to their villages as they cannot travel or bring goods from one place to another. One Bantustan after the other is being created. From refugee camp to concentration camp, this is Israel's idea of advancing Palestinian society.

Travel is restricted to the use of mules, which have come back into the main street market. That spiffy hybrid that gets 80 miles to the gallon will not cut it for Palestinians; they need something to get around the mountain on. This is what they have been reduced to; this is the road map to peace.

The Hague has found the path of this wall Illegal: it of course deviates from the 1967 green line consistently. Still, The Hague is an international organization, and like most international organizations, it is not respected by Israel or the United States. Sometimes I wonder if Israelis have a backup plan for policy strategy once they lose the support of the United States. At some point, maybe not soon, Americans must realize that they are supporting the concentration of human beings into Bantustans and the longest-standing occupation that is internationally recognized as illegal. Concentration . . . occupation ... why does this sound familiar to the genocides of World War II? You would think at least Israel would be beyond repeating that. You would think.

This apartheid wall is not only hurting Palestinians, but the creators of the wall, as well. To use this Civil War strategy against civilians shows you how uncivilized Israel can be. Further, it hurts Israel because it solves nothing and only makes the situation worse. Instead of acknowledging the problem of demography and population, Israel chooses to build a wall so they do not have to deal with it. If you are a settler in the West Bank or Gaza, which means you are an illegal settler, you could still travel freely all day long without having to see a Palestinian. Israelis use the wall to cover up any eyesores, or in other words, the indigenous Palestinians.

Sure, it can claim to be a democracy and all that other public-relations nonsense, but inside, Israel is bleeding because of what it has become. The only way out for Israel is to acknowledge the elephant in the room and deal with the problem it has forced upon itself.

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Model in Ukraine elections

Mike Sances

What's been going on In Ukraine recently? More to the point, why do we care? To be sure, fraudulent elections in politically obscure countries are hardly a novelty, but granting sustained front-page coverage to one amongst others is practically unheard of. While the geostrategic implications for the United States and Russia cannot be ignored, it seems equally impossible to ignore the parallels — and they are legion — to the American elections that took place here earlier last month.

Yet miraculously, the press has accomplished just that. Without a trace of irony, stories abound detailing the excruciatingly tight race, the exit polls that somehow turned out bizarrely inaccurate, the accusations of voter intimidation and stuffed ballots, and the ultimate role of the Supreme Court in resolving the dispute. On Friday, after the decision to hold new elections by Dec. 26 had been made, Newsweek reporter Frank Brown told Ray Suarez on PBS News Hour that one of the most convincing points Yushchenko supporters raised was the anomaly of one million extra votes registering for the Kremlin-backed Viktor Yanukovych in the final hour before polls closed.

However, Allan Waldman, an independent journalist whose extensive analysis of stories on domestic voter fraud appeared in last week's Valley Advocate, reports that similar anomalous surges for Bush occurred in several U.S. states on Nov. 2.

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Indeed, the only real difference between these two situations seems to be the reactions to them: reneging on John Edwards's election night vow to "count every vote" in Ohio, Kerry chose to skip the extra ten days and conceded on Nov. 3. Kerry voters, while bitterly disappointed, ultimately followed suit.

In stark contrast, after Yanukovych was declared the winner in Ukraine, tens of thousands of Yushchenko supporters poured into the streets of Kiev to protest, camping out in the cold and snow for nearly two weeks. The mood of the demonstrations reportedly differed sharply with the post-election doom and gloom among the American left. One protester, a young journalist named Svitalan Usenko, expressed on News Hour her wonder at the "huge changes in society. People are saying our nation's been born. I cried on the first day when I saw these people on the square. We'll never forget the strength of these feelings. I'm proud to be alive at this time in this country. It's something to be happy about. After we've witnessed all this, what stories we'll have to tell our children." Solidarity and praise to Miss Usenko!

Although it remains a mystery just what either Yanukovych or Yushchenko actually stands for (beyond allegiance to Moscow or Washington, either man could be a neo-Nazi — their views simply aren't being reported), the spectacular display of direct democracy in Kiev surely puts us all to shame. At the same time, its spirit, optimism, and ultimate success ought to instruct and inspire us.

And I think, to a point, that we are shamed by what's happened in Ukraine and that the obsessive media coverage in the U.S. is our way of projecting disappointment toward our own elections, of living vicariously through these true democrats (small "d"). The guilt toward reelecting President Bush, coupled with the innumerable yet invariably ignored (outside of wonderful journals like the Advocate) reports of voter fraud at home, make for a Ukraine-sized elephant in the room. Perhaps this is why it's out of the question for American journalists to mention "Ukraine" and "John Kerry" in the same article.

Two primary causes of our national woes remain static. First is a dysfunctional press that is more comfortable inquiring into voter fraud in domestically irrelevant Eastern European states than in its own. Second is mediocre Democrats who would rather gossip about who they might field in 2008 than work to change things today. Indeed, one might be left with the impression that after Nov. 2, all the problems that faced this country during the campaign simply disappeared. Certainly they have disappeared from the national discussion. Perhaps they will resurface before the midterm races in 2006 — but again, there's no reason we should wait so long.

Ukrainians like Svitalan Usenko certainly didn't. And so, with her and others like her in mind, I hereby invite the reader to join me among countless others at the counter-inaugural planned for Jan. 20 in Washington, D.C.

To reiterate what was written earlier, and what has been written elsewhere in recent weeks: the campaign may be over, but the fight has just begun.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

LOAN CONSOLIDATION IS VITAL

The stumping economy of the past few years has proven a boon for at least one segment of the American population. College students who pay for their education through federal loan programs are currently able to take advantage of record low interest rates. Graduates are also able to consolidate their loans to lock in these low rates throughout repayment, which can save bundles over the life of their loan. While current students and graduates benefit disproportionately, they do so at the expense of both future students and taxpayers, which is why Congress may soon change the rules.

Under current law, the Department of Education allows graduates to consolidate, or refinance, their federal education loans. This means that if you have multiple loans, you can trade them in for a single loan covering the entire balance of what you owe, so you can make a single monthly payment on your balance until It is paid off.

When you consolidate, current loan rates are locked in, so students who consolidate now are at a huge advantage because they lock in record low rates for the entire life of their loan. Rates are currently as low as 2.77 percent, according to the Department of Education. To put this into perspective, current record low mortgage rates hover around 4 percent, and you'd need perfect credit history to get a credit card that gives you a rate of 5-7 percent. These rates have nowhere to go but up, so this is a crucial time for student borrowers to consolidate.

Consolidation lowers interest for loans initially borrowed at higher rates, lowers monthly payments and can spread repayment over a longer time period with less total interest burden. Consolidation is also guaranteed; you can't be turned down for a consolidation loan. This is all great news for students, who have been rushing to take advantage of this opportunity. According to the U.S. Government Accountability Office, total consolidation loan volume rose from $5.8 billion to $41 billion between 1998 and 2003.

This raises financing problems for taxpayers, because the law also requires that the feds guarantee a rate of return to private lenders who make educational loans under federal regulations. When interest rates drop, the government has to pay more to private lenders to fulfill its end of the bargain.

Students should keep their eyes on the news for word of Congress's intent to change the law, which could make consolidation loans sport variable rates that follow the ebb and flow of the economy. Such legislation was discussed this year and may become a reality in next year's session. If Congress is able to avert their attention from intelligence reform, Iraq, and social security, they may find time to fix the costly little consolidation problem sometime in 2004.

What does this mean for the average Minuteperson as they near graduation? Don't miss the bus. check out loanconsolidation.ed.gov for information during the semester before graduation, and use their loan calculator to figure out the best approach. If you sit idly by until you start making payments, you may find yourself staring at variable rates that could rise every July. Loans should also be consolidated immediately to beat Congress's rule change so that students can get in before the government slams the door.

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New pages in the Lennon Songbook

"If you tried to give Rock and roll another name you might call it 'Chuck Berry'."
-John Lennon



"My role in society, or any artist's or poet's role, is to try and express what we all feel. Not to tell people how to feel. Not as a preacher, not as a leader, but as a reflection of us all'."
-John Lennon

COURTESY PAPARAZZI

Rerelease has 'Rock 'n' Roll' but little soul

By Michael Busack
Collegian Staff

The Beatles, like many great bands, had to learn form the masters. When they were young, they lit up clubs of future Beatle-maniacs with tunes that were not created by John Lennon and Paul McCartney, but rather by the likes of Little Richard, Carl Perkins, and Chuck Berry.

John Lennon 'Rock 'n' Roll' Capitol

When the Beatles began performing, it was about exactly that: performing. But, as most performers realize, you won't get far as a cover band.

Later on during the success of the Beatles, the band still cut a few cover songs; but even though Lennon and McCartney continued to be inspired by many of their idols, they were not able to have good ol' fun with some of the originals.

In the re-release of Lennon's "Rock 'n' Roll," it appears that something is lacking in his tributes. It is as if he falls short of the confidence that he should have. After all, the man was John Lennon. His versions of, "Money" and "Twist and Shout" will always be remembered by many as the "real" versions of the songs.

When Lennon and the Beatles played the tunes of their heroes, listeners never got the impression that they frightened the band. They played the songs and had fun.

On "Rock 'n' Roll" Lennon seems to just simply play the songs. Don't be mistaken, the music is played accurately, but while none of the songs are painful, Lennon's original music had a passion that this disc does not.

The album was originally released in 1975 and was recorded in part as a response to a possible lawsuit by the notorious Morris Levy. On Nov. 2, Yoko Ono re-released the disc in an attempt to allow fans another opportunity to remember Lennon.

While the overall tone falls short with "Rock 'n' Roll," there are a few gems hidden in the album. The Gene Vincent cover of "Be-Bop-A-Lula" is a graceful version of the song that seems a bit like what Vincent may have done with the original if given the chance.

"Stand by Me" is considered by many fans to be a classic Lennon tune. The cover undeniably strays from the sound of the original Ben E. King song and is a signature for Lennon. Lennon's version invokes the desperation of King's lyrics and hrings them to fruition in his voice.

The disc includes very restrained performances by Lennon. As it was produced by Phil Spector, there are significant Spector touches on the clarity of the disc. On many occasions, you can hear the distinct attention to detail that Spector made work in releases like "Let it Be."

While this album is maybe only mediocre in Lennon's discography, the amazing thing about Lennon as an artist is that this does not matter at all. Lennon was an artist with few regrets and many accomplishments. This allows him a rare privilege that many artists are not afforded: he can fudge one every now and again. So what if it was a little half-assed for John Lennon?

Most listeners would take a mediocre Lennon over an exceptional Ringo any day.

'Acoustic:' An intimate view of a more raw John Lennon

By Michael Busack
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While the title of the new posthumous John Lennon release, "Acoustic" seems to refer to the guitar Lennon played during these session, "Acoustic" seems an odd title considering that many tunes oddly show signs of the origins of punk music.

John Lennon 'Acoustic' Capitol

The album released from the Lennon songbook is a combination of demos and live cuts from the 1998 Anthology box set and seven previously unreleased Lennon tales.

The most visibly definitive effects of this disc are the raw Lennon moments that are most remembered from the John Lennon/Plastic Ono Band era. Lennon bellows out tunes like "Working Class Hero" and "My Mummy's Dead," Lennon evokes the future of music despite having little clue about the lack of his own future.

In 1970, the world was stunned to see the Beatles draw to a bittersweet end. The songwriting duo of Lennon and McCartney were then and continue to be hailed as one of the greatest songwriting duos in history.

This year, as many remember the anniversary of Lennon's death on Dec. 8, yet another piece of the John Lennon pie has been released to help define the man as more than just the many accomplishments of the Beatles.

An acoustic version of Lennon's ode to spirituality, "God," is one of the seven unreleased demos that appear in the "Acoustic" collection. This bare rendition of classic Lennon prose is one of the disc's most simple, yet honest ballads. The demo version of the song has a budding feeling to it; it is quite possibly the most perplexed you have heard Lennon. It shows the open spirit of Lennon that led him to be not only a musician, but also a great political force among radical peace activists. Lennon was a model example of what has come to be known as guerilla protest — staging bed-ins for peace and advocating billboards stating, "War is over, if you want it."

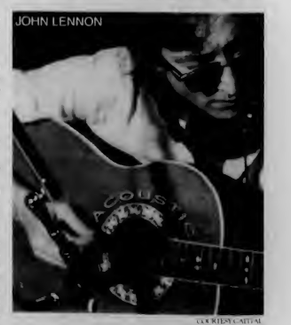
The other previously unreleased songs are a bit of a departure for the casual Lennon fan. The songs on the "Acoustic," disc are raw, to say the least, though quite rewarding. "Well, Well, Well" and "Cold Turkey" evoke a little bit of the Lennon spirit that was angry, bitter with life. It seems as if it were not only the love, but often times the heartache that inspired Lennon to write many of his most candid songs.

"Real Love" is a John Lennon composition that many can actually say was ruined by Beatles influence. Luckily, on "Acoustic," the listener is able to hear the song in a form that does not modulate the unmistakable voice of John Lennon. This song is in no way similar to the Beatles' release of a studio-modified version that coincided with the "Beatles Anthology" discs. The natural form of it is almost as powerful an elegy for love as the simple poetry that was John Lennon's "love."

Other tracks on "Acoustic" include live performances of such Lennon political trademarks as "The Luck of the Irish," "John Sinclair," and "Imagine." Stick-in-the-mud fans will recognize these recordings as taken directly from the "Anthology" box set.

The problem with the release of unreleased Lennon tracks is in the slow and deliberate removing of the legend's ambiguity. Once most kids know the real story behind Santa Claus, they are often a little disappointed. The point may be that John Lennon was mortal. Though exceptional, John Lennon was a human being.

Once Yoko Ono clears all of the dust from the Lennon vault, will the hype remain? It is clear that as a musician, Lennon has made a lifelong legacy, but many critics believe that the many recent Beatles/Lennon releases in the past decades are taking it a step too far to bleed the collective songbook of the mythic musician.



COURTESY CAPITAL

While the album consists entirely of acoustic tunes, listeners have noted a more gruff Lennon sound.

Percussion show a success

By Dave Fonseca
Collegian Staff

The UMass Amherst Percussion Ensemble treated a modest, but enthusiastic, crowd to an evening of extraordinary and uncommon compositions on Sunday, Dec. 5 at the Bowker Auditorium.

Persephassa: Sounds of War — Bowker Auditorium — UMass — Dec. 5

The night began with the percussion ensemble's performance of Tokuhide Niimi's "Heterorhythmix." A piece typical of Japanese music, "Heterorhythmix" flowed naturally from start to finish with familiar patterns arising almost imperceptibly throughout. For those not familiar with this particular style of composition, "Heterorhythmix" may have taken some time to get into; however, its subtle yet engaging manner served as a fitting introduction to a show that would be introducing the audience to a host of musical experiences for which they may not have been prepared.

Next on the program was the percussion ensemble's rendition of Lynn Glassock's "No Exit." Perhaps the least cerebral and most easily accessible piece performed that night, the xylophone-driven "No Exit" bounced along at a lively and delightfully unpredictable pace. The selection of "No Exit" for Sunday evening's presentation came via grad student Jeff Hope, who also conducted the piece, in what is becoming a UMass percussion ensemble tradition: departing students choose and conduct a piece for one of their final performances.

Lou Harrison's "Canticle No. 3" — featuring instruments such as an ocarina, guitar, and elephant and buffalo bells — followed and was perhaps the most eclectic piece on a night ripe with unusual compositions. Before the piece began, conductor Eduardo Leandro took some time to address the audience and explain the background of the piece and its composer. Leandro also pointed out that the ocarina part of the piece was open to improvisation, and that its melody would be determined by the player and not the composer.

After a brief intermission, Leandro introduced Iannis Xenakis' "Persephassa," a composition he described as "one of the most difficult and encompassing pieces in the percussion literature." Xenakis' composition, which requires a multitude of percussion instruments, deals with the composer's personal experience with German bombings of the city of Persepolis during World War II. The piece, which draws extensively from Xenakis' background in engineering and mathematics, is what Leandro called a "combination of mathematical complexity and raw, primal power."

With the six percussionists and their islands of instruments situated in a ring around the audience, Leandro explained some of the fundamental components of the piece, such as the cyclic manner in which the sounds travel around the auditorium. Clearly, it would take a musical acumen far greater than this reviewer possesses to tell whether or not the UMass percussion ensemble had fudged any of the dizzying intricacies of Persephassa, but from my perspective, their portrayal of the composer's experience with the horror of war was as accurate a translation as one could hope for.

In a fitting conclusion to what turned out to be a spectacular evening for the UMass percussion ensemble, the final 20 seconds of Persephassa featured all six percussionists battering their kit with maximum force, driving home Xenakis' vision with utter clarity and bringing the night to a close in rousing fashion.



COURTESY DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC & DANCE

Professor Eduardo Leandro conducted the UMass percussion ensemble in "Persephassa: Sounds of War" Saturday night.

Local musician on the rise

By Jennie Lea
Collegian Correspondent

Raspy and raucous, rueful and raw, she is shake, rattle, and roll. She is Northampton native, Chris Pureka: born performer and legendary folk-musician-in-the-making, as proven once again during her bravura performance at the Iron Horse Music Hall last Friday night. But don't let the implications of the local venue fool you. The packed house proved that Pureka has garnered more than just local celebrity. She has, in fact, achieved much more.

Chris Pureka — Iron Horse — Northampton — Dec. 3

With the May release of her sophomore album, "Driving North," Pureka officially established herself within the realm of contemporary folk music. Critically recognized for her lyrical genius and distinguished by her mesmeric tone, Pureka knows her way around a guitar. With a voice like an audible whisper, her secrets cut through the crowd like a knife with little to no resistance. She is haunting. She is enchanting. She knows how you feel.

Pureka's keen ability to tap into these emotions establishes an instantaneous connection, placing the crowd in the palm of her calloused hand. You want to know where she's been and what she's done. Then you realize you already do, because you've also been there: everyone has.

Friday's performance was no exception. Pureka proved that folk is alive and thriving in Western Massachusetts, playing amongst an array of talent comprising Sebastian Renfield on bass and banjo, Jesse Freidin on percussion, and the vocal accompaniment of Merrill Garbus.

After kicking off the night with "Unwelcome," the performance proceeded to twist and turn across the musical highway that is "Driving North." Taking the crowd on a tour of relationships past — laden with the lament and remorse of breakups and breakdowns — Pureka flat out admits, "This is me at my most cynical." Cynical she is, but cynical we love. This is the fuel that keeps the emotional fires burning in mind well after the conclusion of a song. Echoing lyrics like, "This is the story of loaded glances and leaning in too far. This is the story of vague advances and confessions in smoky bars," from Burning Bridges (a definite crowd favorite) had the audience ravenous for more of the bitter honesty Pureka so heartily supplied throughout her performance.

In addition to her own material, Pureka's choice of cover songs was noteworthy in itself. Borrowing from the likes of Gillian Welch, Bruce Springsteen, and Old Crow Medicine Show, Pureka refines with finesse while preserving the novelty of the original tracks.

Clearly comfortable in front of the insatiably receptive crowd, the only interruption in song occurred during water breaks in which she would offer bits of friendly banter, sip from the bottle, and crack a silver-tongued smile that exclaimed, "This is what I live for."

Hopefully she will continue on with that feeling. If you missed her this time, have no fear. You can likely find her at any number of venues across greater New England sometime in the near future. Catch her while you can, though. This one's going places.



COURTESY CHRIS PUREKA

Popular locally, Pureka is gaining steam in New England.

Pixies make special stop at UMass in major headline tour

By Nick Romanow
Collegian Staff

Something very special was in the air at the Mullins Center last Tuesday night, and everyone in the near-capacity crowd felt it when the Pixies returned home to UMass. It has been 12 years since the Pixies broke up and about seven months since the Boston-bred band hit the road again before finally making it back home, and the second the lights dimmed and the band took the stage, the crowd let them know they were welcome with open arms.

Not only was this the first show in Massachusetts, as well as the entire New England region, but it was especially meaningful because lead singer Charles Thompson (known as Black Francis in the original Pixies days and Frank Black in his current solo career) and lead guitarist Joey Santiago met and formed the band here at UMass (for those of you that are curious, they revealed that they lived in Sylvan). After the roommates decided to drop out, they found bassist Kim Deal and drummer David Lovering in Boston, and the band was formed.

The band started the set just the way many of the band's first fans were introduced to the Pixies: with "Bone Machine," the song that opens the band's first full-length album, 1987's "Surfer Rosa." The minute Lovering started the familiar opening drum pattern the crowd went wild, and from then on the show become a constantly escalating display of adulation and excitement.

It seemed that every movement, every note, every beat, every noise the band made provoked the crowd even more than the previous one. When Deal began the simple, memorable bass line of "Bone Machine," there were cheers. There were also cheers when Santiago started playing his lead line and perhaps best of all when Thompson let out the first of what would be many of his trademark yelps/screams. The Pixies were indeed in top form, and everyone at the Mullins knew it.

After "Bone Machine" the band jumped straight into "Head On," a cover originally done by the Jesus and Mary Chain — a band that, like The Pixies, was never very popular in their heyday, but has been the source of influence for hundreds of bands that followed. Without even saying a word to the crowd, the band transitioned from "Head On" to "UMass," their ode to the school. Though the track is from their last album, 1992's "Trompe Le Monde," which did not sell as well as the previous efforts, it is a fan favorite worldwide. It can be assumed, though, that the biggest reaction the song ever got was at the Mullins when the entire arena went absolutely insane, singing every word louder than they did for the other songs and jumping around more then they did for the rest of the night.

> **"While a lot of talk has been given to the fact that this reunion tour ... has been about the money, the band didn't show it..."**

While "UMass" was definitely a highlight, and a historic performance, the band maintained the same energy for the whole evening, and the crowd was just as happy to hear every single song they played. From hits (mostly just songs that have grown to be fan favorites in the years since the band broke up, as the band only had about two or three songs that were ever played on the radio) such as "Monkey Gone To Heaven," "Debaser," and "Where Is My Mind?" to less well-known songs such as "Something Against You," "Planet Of Sound," and "In Heaven" — a cover of a song from the film "Eraserhead" — the Pixies sounded great and the crowd reciprocated everything the band gave them.

While a lot of talk has been given to the fact that this reunion tour, which has seen the Pixies headline larger venues than they ever had before — and sell most of them out — has been about the money, the band didn't show it at all. While the between-set talk was kept to a minimum, that seemed to be more about keeping the momentum of the show rather than the band's actual enthusiasm. In fact, judging from the onstage behavior, the band was just as excited about being there as anyone in the crowd was. For a band that broke up amidst serious fighting and hostility, they were all smiles and seemed to really enjoy playing with each other.

When it came time for the encore break, the band never actually left the stage, rather they all came to the front of the stage and waved goodbye to the audience for a few minutes while the roadies came out and retuned the instruments. This sense of playfulness continued into the encore song, "Gigantic," a track sung by Deal, whose youthful, girly voice sounded as perfect as ever. The song ended with an extended "outro" during which all the members of the band broke the tradition of saying "goodnight" to the crowd by saying "goodnight" to each other; and somehow — and perhaps this is only for a band that has grown to be as loved as the Pixies have — when Thompson and Deal said goodnight to each other (their fighting was reported as the worst during the final months of the Pixies' first run), that got the crowd going just as much as any song did.

Even after 12 years apart, the band sounded as if they had never separated. Not only did everyone leave the Mullins happy and buzzing about the thrilling show they had just seen, but everyone was also hoping that the band would stay together for more than just a tour. Hopefully the Pixies agree.

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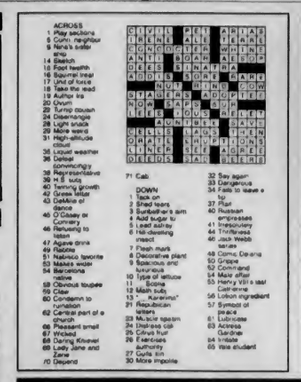
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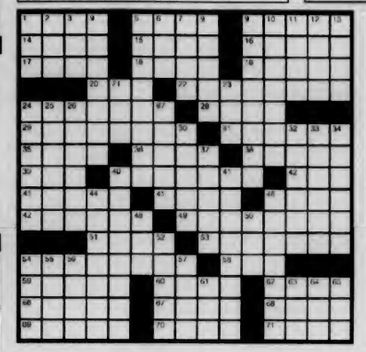


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SPORTS TUESDAY

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UMass redirects Rockets

BY BRENDAN HALL
COLLEGIAN STAFF

It would appear as if the Massachusetts women's basketball team is finally turning the corner on this turnover thing. For once it was the least of their worries as they cruised to an easy 76-56 defeat of the Toledo Rockets (1-5) last night at the Mullins Center.

The Minutewomen (4-3) are on a three-game winning streak for the first time since November of 2003, when they beat Brown, Vermont and Utah State in succession. They will leave their home town with a winning record as they now embark on a road trip that will last roughly one month.

UMass	76	
Toledo	56	

This game is also the highest point total UMass has reached in a regular season game since January 11, 2004, when the Maroon and White downed Dayton in double figures, 78-68.

The Minutewomen and the Rockets both tallied 21 turnovers, but Toledo's carelessness with the ball proved more costly as UMass scored 22 points off turnovers and 16 fast break points. It came at the expense of rebounding, however, as the Maroon and White just barely edged out the Rockets in rebounds, 40-39.

Rocket Olivia Terry led all scorers on the night with 14 points to go along with a three-rebound, two-steal effort. Danielle Bishop (12 points, five rebounds, three assists, three steals) and Karin Hoogendam (10 points, nine rebounds, one block) also reached double figures for Toledo.

Brooke Campbell recorded her second double-double in as many games, totaling more rebounds (13) than points (11) while dishing out three assists.

Katie Nelson dished out a career-high seven assists, mainly setting up UMass's three other double-figure scorers. Tamara Tatham and Pam Rosanio tied for the team high (13), while Patrycja Gulak tallied 12.

Toledo took an early lead by making its first two shots of the game successful three-pointers by Hoogendam and Bishop, but it was entirely the Maroon and White's ballgame following the second trey at the 18-minute mark of the first half.

UMass answered Toledo's early spark with a punishing 18-2 run, highlighted by six straight fast break points. Gulak gave the Minutewomen a 10-8 lead at the 16-minute mark with a short jumper, and they would cease to lose the lead for the remaining 36.

The run was highlighted by a spectacular play from the duo of Rosanio and Campbell. Rosanio stole the ball near the top of the key and found Campbell streaking along the left side of the court, who tossed the ball up one-handed as she was knocked to the ground on a foul. Almost effortlessly, the ball ricocheted off the front of the iron and sank through the net to give her a chance at a three-point play.

Toledo continued to push from beyond the arc in light of their successes with it to begin the game, but it was to no avail.

The Rockets were a miserable 7-for-27 from beyond the arc.

The Minutewomen reached halftime leading 43-27, and held onto the lead remarkably with its backups in for a good portion of the second half. Toledo never trailed by fewer than 18 points in the second half.

Nelson reached her career high in assists with 12 minutes to go in the second half, a dish to Rosanio that made it a 58-37 contest.

Toledo shot just 29.9 percent from the floor, while UMass shot 54 percent.



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Point guard Katie Nelson had five points and seven assists for the Minutewomen last night against the Rockets of Toledo. UMass defeated Toledo 76-56 to win its third straight game

GW leads the way

BY MIKE MARZELLI
COLLEGIAN STAFF

The Mullins Center is preparing to have its 1,000,000th fan walk through its turnstiles in the near future, and the University of Massachusetts is helping to make it all worthwhile for one lucky individual.

The lucky fan will win a prize pack featuring two season tickets for 2005-06 and two round-trip airline tickets courtesy US Airways to the 2005 Atlantic 10 Men's Basketball Championship in Cincinnati, including hotel accommodations.

Coming into the '04-05 season, 979,807 fans have watched the Minutemen at home since the Mullins Center opened its doors in 1993. Following the season's second home contest on Dec. 1, the number stands at 989,283 – just 10,717 short of the million mark. The Minutemen host defending National Champion Connecticut on Dec. 9, followed by a Dec. 19 home date with Davidson. Capacity at the Mullins Center is 9,493.

Atlantic 10 Conference

Notebook

BELIEVE THE HYPE

It was no secret that George Washington would be the team to beat in the Atlantic 10 entering 2004-05, and the Colonials have recently gone along way in asserting that prediction as fact, beating national powers No. 11 Michigan State and No. 12 Maryland in succession to win the BB&T Classic and move into the national top 25 for the first time since 1998.

Returning all five starters and 13 players from an '03-04 squad that finished second in the A-10 West Division standings and made an appearance in the National Invitation Tournament (NIT), GW garnered 48 of 54 first place votes in the conference's preseason coach's poll and currently sits at No. 21 in the nation in The Associated Press poll.

Leading the way is 6-foot-9 junior forward Pops Mensah-Bonsu, who scored at least 20 points in each of the Colonials' three wins over the past week.

ANOTHER MILESTONE

On Dec. 20, Temple head coach John Chaney will coach his 1,000th college basketball game as the Owls host Princeton at the Liacouras Center in a game broadcast live on ESPN2. Behind the bench for his 33rd season of coaching and 23rd at Temple, the Hall of Famer ranks 16th all-time among Division I coaches in wins and fifth among active coaches with 710 career wins.

YOUNG GUNS

After struggling mightily through much of the last 10 years, the Fordham men's basketball program finally got an infusion of talented young players this season, and four freshman newcomers in particular have paid immediate dividends for coach Derek Whittenburg.

Kevin Anderson, Bryant Dunston, Sebastian Greene, and Marcus Stout have combined for half of the points scored by the Rams in 2004-05 (129 of 258), and combined for 33 points in Fordham's comeback win over Iona.

Auburn squeezed from Orange Bowl

BY WENDELL BARNHOUSE
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

AUBURN, Ala. — Toilet paper and precipitation don't mix. Sort of like Auburn's undefeated football team and the national championship game.

As is tradition, Tigers fans celebrated Saturday night's victory over Tennessee in the Southeastern Conference championship game by draping the oak tree at Toomer's Corner with tissue.

"It was pretty amazing," Auburn sophomore Casey Maddox said Sunday from behind the counter at Toomer's Drug Store. "But everybody knows we're getting [slighted] by the BCS. It's a shame. We're 12-0 for the first time, we've won our first SEC title in 15 years."

The thought trailed off, but what was unsaid was understood. The last time the South felt this way, Lee was handing over his sword at Appomattox.

Auburn's season of dreams ended with Sunday's expected and unwanted wakeup call. The Bowl Championship Series standings decreed that this year's national title game will match No. 1 Southern California against No. 2 Oklahoma.

Third-ranked Auburn? The Tigers will play Virginia Tech on Jan. 3 in the Sugar Bowl. Enjoy yourselves on Bourbon Street. We'll just call you Au-burned.

"It will probably never happen again," Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville said of an undefeated SEC champion being deemed unworthy of playing for the national title. "It will be my luck."

Buzzard's luck.

And unlike last season, when USC was able to split the national championship glory with LSU, Auburn's best hope is a 13-0 season and a No. 2 ranking.

Tuberville bravely tried to talk up the possibility of sharing a title.

"There's gotta be some hope there," Tuberville said of the Tigers' moving from No. 3 to No. 1 in the final Associated Press poll. "We'll run through that scenario [with the team]."

No matter the Orange Bowl outcome, the winner will be No. 1.

"Everywhere I go, they want to see USC-Auburn," Auburn cornerback junior Rosegreen said. "They want to see that showdown. We should get what people want. Most everybody in the South wants to see Auburn-USC.

"I believe and the whole team believes in the man up above. God's been blessing us this whole season."

God, apparently, is a BCS fan. Auburn actually lost ground in the final BCS standings. The Tigers were ranked No. 17 in the preseason AP poll. USC and Oklahoma finished where they started – ranked No. 1 and No. 2. "It kinda hurts," Auburn quarterback Jason Campbell said nearly three hours after the official word had come down. "I think the national championship [USC-Oklahoma] was preordained by the preseason rankings. We're champions of the SEC, and we feel like we're champions in our hearts."

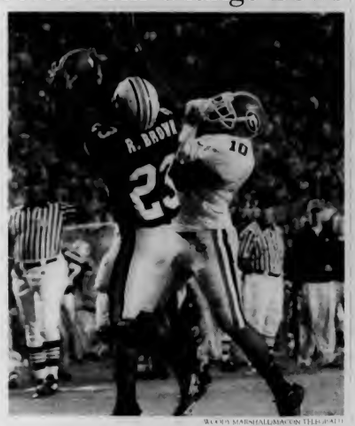
During Sunday afternoon's Wofford-Auburn men's basketball game, football season-ticket holder Ned Sheffield was told Auburn was locked in as the No. 3 team.

"I figured that," he said. "I don't like the BCS. The computers have too much influence. They need to work out some way to have a playoff system so they don't deny opportunities to a team like Auburn.

"If you had told me a year ago Auburn would be undefeated and SEC champions but not playing for a national championship, I would have sent you to the loony bin."

Not that Auburn fans are crazy mad. There were no cars set on fire, no storming of the administration building, no hanging of effigies of BCS coordinator Kevin Welberg.

"I think we all saw this coming," said Marc Corbi, a sophomore from Atlanta. "Right now, this system is as good as it gets to decide a national championship. It's just not easy when you're left out."



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Auburn's Ronnie Brown scores touch down reception on University of Georgia's Thomas Davis Auburn, Alabama, on Saturday, Nov. 13.

Patriots keep cruising

BY JIMMY GOLEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FOXBORO — Randall Gay had picked up a fumble and headed for the end zone when he felt someone pulling on his jersey. It was Patriots teammate Willie McGinest, trying to get up front to block.

That's the way things are going for New England these days; the only thing that can slow them down is themselves.

"Willie and Blue [Gay] kind of improvised that a little bit — not exactly the way we practiced," coach Bill Belichick said Monday, a day after Gay's return helped the Patriots to a 42-15 win over the Cleveland Browns.

"That one, that wasn't textbook, but it worked," Belichick said. "Willie held him up so he could get in front of him, and Willie made the block, and Blue cut it back and got in the end zone."

The victory improved the Patriots to 11-1, with a two-game lead in the AFC East over the New York Jets. New England is tied with Pittsburgh for the best record in the conference.

The Steelers' remaining opponents have a 27-21 record, while New England's have a combined mark of 18-30. If both teams go 15-1, the Steelers would have the home-field advantage through the AFC title game by virtue of a 34-20 victory over the Patriots on Oct. 31 — New England's only loss in 27 games.

"I can see why they've won [26] out of [27]," Browns interim coach Terry Robiskie said Sunday. "You can't go out there and let them run back the opening kickoff and you sure can't fumble the ball away."

Gay, a rookie from Louisiana State nicknamed "Blue" in college, has filled in at cornerback while the Patriots' secondary has sustained one injury after another. Cornerbacks Ty Law, Tyrone Poole and Asante Samuel all missed Sunday's game with injuries.

Gay showed his worth on the third play of the third quarter, when he scooped up a fumble by Browns running back William Green at the Cleveland 41-yard line. Before he could get up to speed, McGinest pulled on his shirt to slow him down.

The Patriots' linebacker did get in front of Gay and set a block, but Gay soon turned sharply to the left and ran the width of the field before diving past Browns quarterback Luke McCown into the end zone.

"I felt somebody holding my jersey. I thought it was the other team. But then when I looked back, I saw it was Willie," Gay told reporters after the game. "He was like, 'Get behind me, fella.'

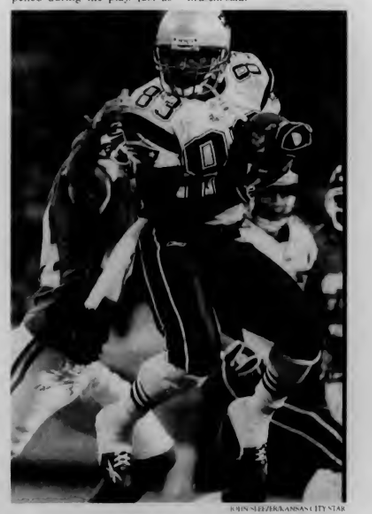
"He told me he was leading me in. Hey, I got to the end zone, so I don't care what happened during the play. Just as long as I got there."

Gay's first career touchdown made it 28-7, but the game was over long before that.

On the opening kickoff, Bethel Johnson ran 93 yards to give the Patriots a 7-0 lead just 14 seconds into the game.

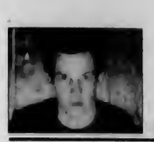
With the four touchdowns they scored on offense, the Patriots scored in all three phases of the game for the first time since Jan. 6, 2002, against Carolina. New England went on to win its first Super Bowl that year.

"That does not happen a lot, [where] offense, defense and special teams all put points on the board," Patriots linebacker Tedy Bruschi said.



JOHN SLEEZER/KANSAS CITY STAR

Patriots' Deion Branch catches a first down pass in front of Chiefs' cornerback Eric Warfield in their game at Arrowhead Stadium on Nov. 22.



Simple Plan's new album mediocre punk rock

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Students disciplined post Red Sox season

Following through on a series of warnings about unruly behavior, the University of Massachusetts administration has handed out preliminary sanctions to students who allegedly participated in disturbances following Red Sox victories this October.

One student was expelled, 11 were suspended and 73 received deferred suspensions, which places students under judicial review for a determined period. The UMass News Office would not release names of the students, citing federal law.

The University claims students received three warnings via email regarding post-Red Sox celebrations. Shortly after the disturbances occurred, the University moved quickly to impose immediate interim suspensions. Each case was individually reviewed under the Code of Student Conduct, resulting in the current sanctions.

"We warned all students, in three different messages this fall, about the consequences of harmful and destructive behavior, and I sent a personal letter to all parents explaining our no-tolerance policy for such acts," said Michael Gargano, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Campus Life. "When this behavior does occur, students will face consequences from the University as well as in the courts."

When the courts make a final judgment on the students who were arrested in the disturbances, students must meet with Dean of Students Jo-Anne Vanin to determine a final and permanent sanction to be placed on their permanent record.

The Code of Student conduct defines expulsion as "permanent separation of the student from the University system."

Suspension is "separation of the student from the University system for a specified time, but not less than the remainder of the semester."

Deferred suspension occurs when, "significant mitigating factors are present," providing the student with one final opportunity before he or she is suspended. If another violation occurs within the sanction period, he or she is immediately suspended.

-Dan O'Brien

Homicide in North Amherst

Shots heard early Tuesday; investigation is underway

BY MATT ELDER
COLLEGIAN STAFF

AMHERST – A homicide investigation is underway by the Northampton District Attorney's office after police were called to an Amherst residence early Tuesday morning.

"I was upstairs and I heard, I think, three shots," said Jill Zagami, a University of Massachusetts senior nursing major. Zagami, who lives across the street from the residence where the incident took place, said approximately two minutes after she heard the gunshots she heard a car speed off.

Unconfirmed sources say that the victim is a student, according to WGGB-TV 40 in Springfield. The Daily Hampshire Gazette confirmed this morning that the victim was a 22-year-old male from Berkshire County.

Although there is no confirmation that shots were fired, Zagami said that the police line of questioning involved comparing the noise she heard to various fireworks.

Renee Steese, the first assistant of the district attorney in the Northwest District, said that at 12:36 a.m. phone call came in and police were sent to 105 Meadow St.

"A homicide had occurred there," Steese said. Steese added that the name of the person could not be released at press time because the next of kin had not yet been notified.

"The State Police Detectives are investigating with the Amherst Police Department," Steese said.

According to the Associated Press, Steese told The Republican in Springfield that the authorities have learned the victim had a conversation with someone shortly before the call.

The residence is part of a three-family house that is opposite from the Townehouse Complex. As of press time, no arrests have been made.

Zagami said that she and her three roommates were questioned for the investigation, but that the police focused their attention to her because she heard the shots. Zagami's three female roommates did not hear anything.

She compared the noises to someone banging on her door very loudly.

Zagami said that she was also questioned again at around 3:30 a.m., but this time the questions were more specific, but many were similar to the ones she was asked hours before.

"It was out of control," she said. Zagami said that when she looked outside she saw two EMTs and an ambulance. She said that it didn't appear as if anyone was in any major hurry.

Pat Kelly, a junior political science and English double major, was in Zagami's residence when the incident occurred. Kelly said that he was questioned at around 12:30 a.m., and then again around 7 a.m.

Meadow St. was blocked off all day, however people who lived on the street were granted access. Dozens of police cars were outside the house, and a State Police Crime Scene Services van was parked in the street throughout the day and into the night.

Some buses, whose routes ran along Meadow St. were diverted. There were detour signs on 116 throughout the day. Despite the detours, many cars drove through the Townehouse Apartment complex to see what was going on.

"Obviously it was something major," said Jared Tivnan, an Amherst Police Department officer.

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life Michael Gargano, who is currently in Tampa, FL, said that he got a phone call from Bob O'Connor of the UMass News Office to inform him of what happened.

"We couldn't confirm what year the student was, and we couldn't confirm if they were a student," Gargano said.

More information will be made public this morning at a news briefing at the Amherst Police Department.



MATTHEW RIBEIRO/COLLEGIAN

An ambulance and police officers remain outside the residence of the apartment on Meadow Street where a 22-year-old male's body was found early Tuesday morning. Police have not released the victim's identity.

Veterans recall Pearl Harbor anniversary

BY JAYMES SONG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — Tears ran down the wrinkled cheeks of 81-year-old Wayne Pease on Tuesday as he recalled the destruction he witnessed on Dec. 7, 1941.

"I had a bird's-eye view to watch five battleships go down," said Pease, who was an 18-year-old seaman aboard the USS Sicard destroyer when the Japanese launched a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor.

Pease, of Fort Myers, Fla., was among the dwindling number of survivors who returned to the site of their most haunting memories to honor fallen comrades on the 63rd anniversary of the assault. "On December the 6th, I was a boy," Pease said. "On December the 7th, I became a man, suddenly. I grew up in one day. I grew up in two hours you might say."

Ceremonies were held on shore and on the gleaming white monument straddling the submerged USS Arizona.

The anniversary took on added meaning with U.S. troops still fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, saluted the nation's resilience, then and now.

"It was a day when weaker souls would have surrendered," Inouye said of the attack that thrust the United States into World War II. "It was a day that gave real meaning to our name, the United States of America."

He added: "Today, the obstructions and challenges are many, the ugly voices

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ANDREW B. WHITE/COLLEGIAN

'Tis the season!
Kate Bradbury and Chelsea Elliott place gifts under the 'giving tree.'

University Child Care assists parents

BY HANNAH DRAKE
COLLEGIAN STAFF

To a young pregnant woman the idea of obtaining a college degree may be daunting. After all, college isn't cheap and it isn't easy, especially if you're the parent of an energetic preschooler. As a result, there are options in place to assist eager parents in their pursuit of a higher education.

One such option for assistance at the University of Massachusetts is University Child Care, located on Clubhouse Drive on the Southwest side of campus.

UCC provides a place for children of UMass affiliates aged 15 months through five years of age. UCC considers children of full-time undergraduates, graduates, and employees for priority enrollment, followed by alumni, children of Five-College affiliates, and children of the community-at-large.

The classrooms are open Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., with different pick-up and drop-off options. Tuition assistance is available, and is based on household size, income, and services needed.

Nine eligible undergraduate families are offered a $2.00 per hour tuition rate, and many undergraduate/graduate families receiving assistance pay no fee or only $1.00 per hour spent at UCC.

Butler, a single mother and English major at UMass, decided to finish school following the birth of her son, Max, and hopes to go to graduate school upon completion of her degree. She is currently a waitress on the weekends, but her goal is to teach. Her four-year-old son Max has been going to UCC since he was three.

"I don't know what I would do without them [UCC]. I do know I definitely wouldn't be here. They're great; I love them," she said.

"And they're not just babysitters, they're loving and they're so well educated, which is really important. They know what they're doing."

Marvanne Gallagher, Director of UCC, says the most exciting part is that the system works. Apart from Butler, she sees undergraduate parents succeed with the help of UCC's child-care year after year.

"It's so exciting when you see a single mom in their first year of school, figuring out what their major's going to be; by the second-third year, they're doing it; third-fourth year they can see the light at the end of the tunnel," Gallagher said.

"So now here's a person who might be a first-time college graduate in their family, who has their higher education, whose child has had a great early childhood experience and is going to be very ready for kindergarten. It works, and it makes sense."

Gallagher went on to add, "That family's not going back in the welfare system. That family's not going to go back and need public assistance. That mom has a job, she can pay the rent, the utilities, and the food for her child," she added.

The services at UCC aren't just for undergraduate parents. While approximately one-third of children at UCC are children of undergrads, one-third more are children of graduates, and the remaining third are children of faculty and staff.

"Some of [the faculty] came to UMass because our childcare center has a national reputation," Penny Gagnon, UCC Office Manager said.

"We have a very well qualified staff. To become an early childhood teacher, you don't have to have a degree. At UMass we require degrees of everyone," she added.

Gallagher said that all UCC teachers have degrees in Early Childhood Education. All have at least their Associate's Degree, most have their Bachelor's and some have their Master's.

UCC also contributes to the community by hiring 35-45 work-study students per semester as assistant teachers.

The curriculum at UCC differs from most pre-schools because of the individual focus and that its children come from diverse backgrounds. There are 28 Caucasian, 17 Asian, 7 Latino/Hispanic, 5 Black/African American, 5 European, and 8 multiracial children at UCC.

Their primary languages include English, Chinese, Spanish, Korean, Akan, Hebrew, Japanese, Russian, Bulgarian, Arabic, Tagalo, Vietnamese, Turkish, African, and Bhutanese. As a result, the curriculum strives for tolerance.

"Anti-bias Curriculum supports children as they explore, celebrate, and understand differences. Our approach acknowledges that children and adults can be empowered to stand up for their rights and to recognize and question social injustice," the UCC application packet explains.

Despite its benefits, the status of UCC's future at UMass has been shaky in recent years. UCC suffered a $300,000 budget cut in 2002 when UMass received financial cuts from the state.

However, in October of 2002, the Department of Higher Education granted UCC a four-year federal grant. The grant, known as CCAMPIS (Child Care Access Means Parents In School) enabled UCC to sustain itself for longer than expected.

Professional reports indicated that it was not likely for UCC to maintain the quality of the program with the cuts without additional subsidies or fee increases, which would stop most student-parents from being able to afford UCC childcare.

Last May, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life Michael Gargano committed to support UCC through the 2004-2005 academic year.

Gallagher and Gargano are currently working towards a plan to align costs and allow UCC to continue its childcare services.

Gallagher is confident about UCC's future, and expects to have final plans for the upcoming year by the end of the semester.

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Several students arrested for alcohol possession

WednesdayDecember 1

5:47 a.m. An intoxicated student was reported to be kicking a door in Mary Lyon Hall. An officer brought the student to their room.

ThursdayDecember 2

9:42 a.m. The Marlborough Police Department requested assistance with threats made against a family and a UMass student. The suspect was issued a trespass notice through the mail.

12:36 p.m. A twenty to thirty foot pine tree was cut down on Clark Hill Road. There are no suspects at this time.

FridayDecember 3

12:09 a.m. A fire alarm was set off in Dwight Hall after an unknown subject set a poster on fire.

1:26 a.m. A party stated that three subjects refused to quiet down and sprayed the hallway with the fire extinguisher in John Adams Hall.

10:13 a.m. A caller reported damage to the patio furniture, which had been smashed and thrown onto the lawn of Dakin House. The approximate cost of the chairs was $200.00.

12:08 p.m. A bike was stolen from the bike rack at the Franklin Dining Commons. The bike was valued at $300.00.

7:46 p.m. Benjamin Pogany, 19, of Newton, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol, possession of a class D substance, and possession of a false identification on Fearing Street.

10:07 p.m. Joseph Gerossie, 20, of North Billerica, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol in the parking lot across the street from Southwest.

10:24 p.m. A party stated that the dressing rooms in the Fine Arts Center were broken into and multiple wallets were stolen.

SaturdayDecember 4

1:02 a.m. A fire alarm sounded in Herter Hall. The fire was extinguished, but a large amount of smoke was reported to still be in the building.

3:33 p.m. A computer was reported to have been stolen from Coolidge Hall. The estimated value of the computer was $800.00.

7:16 p.m. An EMT stated that a subject was hit by a hockey puck in the Mullins Center. The subject refused a transport to the hospital.

8:27 p.m. Following a date of birth request, Benjamin Orrell, 20, of Stow, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol in the parking lot across the street from Southwest.

8:32 p.m. John Rahkonen, 18, of Monson, was arrested for unlawfully transporting alcohol.

8:46 p.m. Carl Ciarcia, 19, of Berlin, CT, and Brian Guite, 18, of Kensington, CT were arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol in the parking lot next to Southwest.

10:13 p.m. Patrick Torney, 20, of Braintree, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol and indecent exposure in Kennedy Hall. Another subject fled on foot

10:27 p.m. John Gould, 20, of Braintree, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol and indecent exposure in the parking lot behind Sylvan.

SundayDecember 5

1:33 a.m. A backpack with marijuana, a bottle of Bacardi rum, and a knife was found in Van Meter Hall. An officer brought the backpack to the police station.

3:06 a.m. After a disturbance in Melville Hall, Kathleen Kelly, 20, of Needham, was arrested for disorderly conduct, resisting a police officer making a lawful arrest, attempting to commit a crime, and assault and battery on a police officer.

4:44 a.m. After a vending machine was discovered smashed with the contents stolen in Mackimmie Hall, Nathan Silva, 20, of Dartmouth, was summoned for destruction of property and larceny under $250.

11:47 a.m. A party stated a group of people were arguing and possibly fighting outside of Baker Hall. An officer reported that the disturbance was actually a guitarist, playing and singing.

11:12 p.m. After serving a warrant an officer arrested Adam Vohra, 18, of New Fairfield, CT in Hamlin Hall.

MondayDecember 6

2:29 p.m. Two bikes were reported stolen outside of Washington Hall

5:21 p.m. Subject were observed throwing snowballs at vehicles on Clark Hill Road. An officer could not locate the subjects.

-Compiled by Brendan Heck.

MIT agrees to increase annual payment to Cambridge

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — The Massachusetts Institute of Technology will boost its annual payments to the city of Cambridge and won't pull large amounts of property from the tax rolls without paying a penalty, according to a new deal between the school and city.

As a nonprofit, MIT is exempt from property taxes, but the school has long made payments to Cambridge to compensate for its use of city services. The deal announced Monday is the first time the payments have been part of formal agreement.

Under the new arrangement, MIT will pay the city $1.5 million this fiscal year, up from $1.2 million last year, The Boston Globe reported. The university will then increase its payments by 2.5 percent each year for 10 years. The agreement will be renewed every decade for 40 years, unless MIT opts out.

The new deal also ensures Cambridge won't suddenly lose a significant portion of the taxes MIT does pay. Despite its tax-exempt status, MIT is Cambridge's largest taxpayer because it owns 84 acres of commercial real estate as part of its investment portfolio. Last year, MIT paid $23.5 million in taxes on that property.

As MIT's commercial holdings have grown, city officials have worried the school would convert portions of it to nonprofit use and threaten the stability of the city budget.

Under the agreement, MIT won't remove more than a half percent of the city's tax base from the tax rolls in any given year and will not remove more than 2.5 percent of the tax base off the rolls over the life of the agreement. If MIT exceeds those numbers, it will pay Cambridge an amount equal to the taxes on the newly exempt property.

"It's helpful to know that we can continue to invest in our infrastructure without the peril of losing tax money in an extreme fashion," said Cambridge city manager Robert Healy.

—Associated Press

UMass Amherst Student Activities Center
UP TO THE MINUTE

December 8
Music Injection Wednesday
Bring your lunch and get a healthy dose of live music between classes!
Student Union, Cape Cod Lounge, 11am-1pm

International Movie Series: The Cuckoo
The story of a Finnish conscript who turned pacifist in WWII, a Russian imprisoned for writing bad poetry, and a Lapp woman with a reindeer farm.
SOM 108, 8pm. FREE

The NEXUS Magazine Release Party
A source for social change. Featuring
COLD DUCK COMPLEX,
student art work, and free food from People's Market.
Fine Arts Center Lobby, 7pm. FREE

DECEMBER 8,9,10
Yearbook Senior Picture Sittings: The Best of U
Be part of UMass history and have your photo recorded forever in university archives. Log on to www.ouryear.com (UMass Amherst code:147) or call 1-800-OUR-YEAR. Sittings open for next semester.

December 9
Mix It Up Dance Series: Latin Dance Lessons
Back by popular demand, the award-winning UMass Ballroom Dance Club presents a short performance followed by dance lessons for all!
Campus Center Auditorium, 7pm-11pm. FREE.

December 9,10,11
A Midsummer Night's Dream
Premier Shakespearian comedy performed in all of its magnificence by the UMass Theater Guild.
Student Union Ballroom, 8pm
Two performances on 12/11 at 2pm and 8pm.
Students $5, General Public $8.

December 12
Contradance
Dance to the live music of fiddles, accordions, and banjos! No experience necessary and no partners needed.
Student Union Ballroom, 7:30pm FREE

December 16
Tension Breakers
Save the drama for yo' mama but let us help relieve your stress! Drop by and enjoy free food, give-aways, and messages.
Campus Center Concourse, 11am-3pm. FREE

Iraq blaming neighbors for heavy combat

By Mariam Fam
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A top Iraqi official accused the country's neighbors Tuesday of doing too little to stop foreigners from joining the brutal insurgency, while the U.S. combat death toll neared 1,000 with the killing of an American soldier in Baghdad.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said he "cannot imagine" how Iraq's elections can go forward next month amid the violence.

In a speech to the Iraqi National Council, the deputy prime minister, Barham Saleh, said he was losing patience with Iraq's neighbors. He didn't single out any governments, but noted that Iraqi police had arrested a Syrian driving a car bomb packed with artillery shells and other explosives.

"There is evidence indicating that some groups in some neighboring countries are playing a direct role in the killing of the Iraqi people and such a thing is not acceptable to us," Saleh said. "We have reached a stage in which if we do not see a real response from those countries, then we are obliged to take a decisive stance."

Iraqi leaders have repeatedly called on their neighbors — particularly Syria and Iran, to guard their borders more closely against infiltration. Those countries have expressed concern that instability in Iraq poses a threat to the entire region.

U.S. soldiers, meanwhile, arrested several people described as suspected senior "transnational terrorists" in a raid Monday night on a sports complex in Baghdad, the military said Tuesday. It did not identify the suspects or say where they were from.

"This operation put a serious dent in the transnational terrorism in Baghdad," Col. Robert Abrams, commander of the 1st Cavalry Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team, was quoted as saying in a military statement.



U.S. soldiers' presence remains heavy during elevated insurgent combat. Iraqis claim foreigners are not being stopped.

The American soldier slain Tuesday was gunned down by small-arms fire while on patrol in Baghdad. As of 10 a.m. Tuesday, the Pentagon Web site listed the number of combat deaths as 999; it was not clear if the soldier was included.

The military also announced a Marine died in a vehicle accident in western Baghdad. The two deaths brought the number of U.S. military who have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003 to 1,278, according to an Associated Press tally.

Also, three Iraqi National Guardsmen were killed in a roadside bomb attack Monday as they patrolled near Iskala, an Iraqi National Guard official said. And a roadside bomb exploded near a police patrol in Basra at 8:30 p.m., killing one policeman and wounding five.

N.Y. scaling back mandatory sentence

By Joel Stashenko
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — State lawmakers voted Tuesday to scale back some mandatory prison terms under New York's infamously harsh drug laws, which critics said caused low-level offenders and addicts to spend too much time in state prison.

Among the reforms would be to change the current maximum sentence of 15 to 25 years to life to a sentence of eight years to 20 years, making offenders eligible for release in less than seven years.

The proposal would also eliminate the maximum term of life for the most serious offenses. A common sentence of three years to life for many offenders would become a determinate sentence of three years, making offenders eligible for release in just over 2 1/2 years.

Opponents of the drug laws had decried the maximum life sentences of the statute as draconian, though only about 400 of the state prisons' 62,000 inmates are serving the maximum for offenses related only to drug possession.

Those inmates would be allowed to seek reductions in their prison time in line with the new sentencing guidelines.

The agreement would also make nonviolent drug offenders eligible sooner for treatment programs and double the amounts, by weight, of heroin and other controlled substances that defendants have to be caught with to qualify for the harshest of charges.

The Assembly approved the measure 96-41; the Senate passed it in a 53-6 vote. The bill will next go to Gov. George Pataki; he did not say Tuesday if he would sign it.

Former Gov. Nelson Rockefeller pushed the statutes through the New York Legislature in 1973 and 1974, at a time when he felt the state's inner cities were being lost to heroin addiction and judges were balking at imposing still sentences on drug offenders.

Two longtime goals of drug law reformers — giving near-total sentencing discretion to judges and allowing some offenders to avoid prison entirely in favor of treatment — are not included in the agreement.

Michael Blain, director of public policy for the Drug Policy Alliance, called the measure "a step in the right direction." Robert Gangi, head of the state Correctional Association, said the legislation makes "very modest" changes in the drug-sentencing provisions.

"The laws are still mandatory," Gangi said. "The sentences called for are still unduh long, even with the reductions."

Anniversary brings tears to veterans

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of hatred and the unconscionable actions of terrorism around us intending to make us afraid."

Inouye, a recipient of the Medal of Honor, spoke to more than 1,000 people at the USS Arizona Memorial visitor center.

Just 17 and living in Honolulu at the time, he later lost his right arm serving in Europe as a member of the Army's distinguished 442nd Regimental Combat Team, made up almost entirely of Japanese-Americans.



COURTESY CNN/AP

A veteran recalls his involvement in Pearl Harbor sixty three years ago. More than one thousand people attended the memorial service in AZ.

A moment of silence at 7:55 a.m. marked the time bombs began to fall over the harbor. Hawaii Air National Guard jets roared overhead in a missing-man formation.

The somber ceremony, under overcast skies with an ocean breeze, concluded with a 21-gun salute and a Navy bugler playing "Taps."

About two dozen Pearl Harbor survivors attended the ceremony, a number that declines every year. They were given a standing ovation and later signed autographs and posed for pictures.

"It's really neat to see them out here and see people that were in the war and experienced the whole thing," said Dave Casados, of Red Bluff, Calif. "It's a privilege to see them."

Other ceremonies were held around the country. In Little Rock, Ark., retired U.S. Air Corps Col. David Moffat recalled standing guard at an airfield when the attack began. "There was a state of confusion. Our weapons were locked up," he said. "One officer ran to his plane in pajamas."

Zenji Abe, 88, a Japanese dive-bomber pilot who participated in the attack, also paid tribute in Hawaii to the American lives that were lost. He met Pearl Harbor survivor Richard Fiske during the 50th anniversary ceremonies in 1991 and the two became friends.

The two men made a pact. Abe would send Fiske money each year to lay two roses at the memorial each month, one for him and one for Fiske. Fiske promised to continue the tribute for as long as he lived. He died April 2.

Wearing white gloves and a dark suit, Abe laid down the roses and bowed to the marble wall listing the names of those killed aboard the Arizona and prayed.

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"The recipe for perpetual ignorance is: be satisfied with your opinions and content with your knowledge." Elbert Hubbard

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Disciplinary action not enough to fix riot problem

Yesterday represented a small dose of closure for a long, embarrassing ordeal at the University of Massachusetts, as disciplinary action was finalized for the students identified as being involved in raucous post-Red Sox game disturbances this fall.

While it is probably still too soon to understand the full impact of these events, there are certain cultural and social lessons that ought to be learned from what happens in the name of celebration. The punishments that were handed down will certainly affect the lives of the students who receive them, but for the rest of us, the true message is something else.

This is the unfortunate and harsh reality of our school right now. Upon what should have been a cause for joyous celebration, the hometown team winning at the most crucial of times, we instead saw outbreaks of violence and vandalism; antisocial acts that destroyed property at best and endangered lives at worst.

The debate about the severity of those actions and the justification of the punishment that results will certainly continue long after the school year, if only in an academic sense. What we must recognize now, though, is that what some people call disturbances, and what some call riots, are the manifestations of some abstract part of our society that is begging to be corrected.

That "part" is not just a human element, either. We can castigate and alienate as many students as we wish for their unruliness, but that is attacking the effect. The causes of that lack of control and respect for the school and their peers will not go away when we punish those students.

The fix must begin with everyone in the UMass community, not simply the individuals we deem as being separate from the group, the rabble-rousers. We must all take a good, hard look at ourselves as students of this school and residents of the community, because we are both of those things at all times.

The underlying problem seems to be a lack of pride in the special gifts that UMass has to offer. To draw up a laundry list of reasons for pride in this university should not be necessary — they appear on the front page of this publication and on the UMass Web site everyday. Suffice to say, this is a top-class institution, and a place where we all experience a tremendous amount of growth. It should not also be a place where we feel endangered or embarrassed as a result of sporting achievements.

To be fair, this is not the only school that has dealt with such problems recently. Northeastern and Emerson have both been affected by postgame violence in the worst ways imaginable. The brother of a Northeastern student was killed and another student was injured when a schoolmate hit them with his SUV after the Patriots' Super Bowl win, and an Emerson student died after being hit with a police pepperball after the Red Sox' World Series victory.

We are not that liar from such incidents here at UMass, and it must become a part of our cultural dialogue. The dangers of excessive and violent celebration were already evident. Now, we see the consequences of even mostly harmless acts, and as those students who feel the brunt of disciplinary action decide what comes next, we can all take proactive measures to ensure that we will not have to open the newspaper and see our peers, or ourselves, punished in public again.

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Mandatory attendance unfair

Mike Anmuth

When I was a freshman I was bright-eyed and bushy-tailed and ready to attend the full roster of large lecture classes that I had picked in orientation. Despite being one of about 300 people, I would still show up; take notes, talk to my neighbor during times when I thought the professor had said something interesting and sit in my chair with my flip-out desk ready to learn ... until about the third week of the semester. That's when college students get the urge to sleep in later, or sleep most of the day, catch up on doing other things or do practically anything other than go to a large lecture class.

But there was something stopping me in the way, something large and looming that was right there on the syllabus: the mandatory attendance policy. Now, I understand that when you're a professor and you've put in years of hard, diligent work in getting your doctorate, researching, coming up with material and teaching it, you want an audience. This is understandable. However, is an audience full of students who are not paying attention, doing other work or sleeping really a desirable audience? I know that when I'm tired, in big classes or small, I don't want to sit there and learn, and neither do most college students.

The problem with mandatory attendance policies is not the encouragement to attend the class because, in reality, every professor encourages you to attend the class and you inarguably learn the most when you do. The problem is the other side of the equation, which punishes those who cannot attend classes for a variety of reasons. Is it fair to say that missing one class is detrimental to one's learning? How about three? How about half the semester?

If there is one thing that I have learned in my education class this semester, it is that students learn in different ways. Perhaps you learn by visual notes on the board; your neighbor may only have to hear the lecture, and the girl who sits down the row may need to copy the notes down to learn. With each student having different needs, is it balanced to assume that every student needs to be present in every class session as opposed to just reading the assigned texts? Perhaps some students will grasp the concept just by reading the texts whereas some students may need the lecture, the texts and flashcards in order to fully understand the material. Mandatory attendance policies force students to attend classes that they might not get anything out of attending, and may disadvantage other students who do wish to attend classes without other students, who may be bored or sleeping.

Mandatory attendance policies should be eliminated from college courses because students pave their own way, so to speak, in terms of independence and choices

One cannot think about mandatory attendance without thinking of the cost involved. Each student pays tuition, some of us more than others. Each of us contributes to the upkeep of this University and effectively pays for the classes in which he or she is enrolled. To look at it from a consumer point of view: if I buy a television and never turn it on, I still have paid for the television and the store has gotten its money. Likewise, if I pay for a class, but never attend it, the advantage is still on the side of the school because the tuition dollars are already present. I am not saying that students should never attend classes, nor am I saying that students will succeed by not attending classes; I am simply stating that mandatory attendance does not change the role of the student in the university system when it comes to paying the bill before each semester.

As with any opinion, I'm sure there are proponents for mandatory attendance policies. It does fill seats in classes; it keeps students off of the street, or perhaps out of bed, and it makes years of professor research and implementation more worthwhile. Plus, students do generally get a better education when they show up for class.

Mandatory attendance policies should be eliminated from college courses because students pave their own way, so to speak, in terms of independence and choices. If you choose to continually not show up to a job in the real world, you will be fired. If you do not show up to class, you will not learn as much. In terms of responsibility, attendance policies are just a slap in the face to students, and when someone is attending class and sleeping, it is a slap in the face to the instructor.

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New traditions; old lessons

S.J. Port

It was Christmas Eve 2003 when Mom decided 32 years of marriage was enough. She flung down the wrapping paper and walked briskly from the wrapanything-not-moving center, formerly the dining room. In her office she began to look at real estate in the town in which she worked, 45 minutes south of our home. My father dismissed her feelings, left the shopping bags at his feet and claimed his usual spot on the living room couch for his usual afternoon nap. I left standing in the dining room, like two heroic trees after a hurricane's destruction, my brother and I were in shambles. Was this the end? How could this be the end? Was she serious? Did he care?

The holidays have always been riddled with tension in my home.

Raised in a communist household by Jewish immigrant parents who rejected religion after witnessing the atrocities faith brought to their Russian villages during the pogroms, my father challenges the commercial holidays.

Taught the Gospels on a dairy farm in the Bible Belt, my mother's childhood passed with each advent calendar, as she decorated sugar cookies to bring to the Apostolic Christian church in town with the women of her prosperous family.

When they married in 1971, family and friends alike asked my parents "how" they would raise their children. Their immediate answer was always: "to be good people." If people asked what faith they would raise their children both would answer: "to have faith in independent thought and education."

Neither considered what would happen when the values of their childhood traditions collided. Neither realized how powerful those habits of thought and association would be or how heavily the burdens of conflict would weigh on their children. Their inability to mesh, to realize the other's needs and wants during the holiday crush has drawn us into a feud that quite literally threatens our existence as a family.

My brother, Andy, and I were the lucky kids on the block who celebrated both Hanukah and Christmas. The traditions had to change as we changed as a family. With both children away from home for four years now, Hanukah has been largely forgotten, and Christmas is intensified by the stress of exams, rush to get home and the few days off to "be together."

In truth, the together part has become the most challenging part. And in turn finding small gifts that we were certain the other would appreciate became an equal test. Big gifts became the thing, lots of them, so much so that when you needed something it became an expectation that it would be provided. Gifts were no longer sentimental or affectionate niceties, they became expensive burdens that represented the consumerism of the society we lived in the other 364 days of the year.

With the ever-increasing cost and tension of the holidays, my father grew more and more frustrated. His few days off from the office were not spent lounging and enjoying company, they were spent chasing items on a list at the nearest packed mall. For my mother, the holidays came to represent one of the few times both her children were home and hers to coddle; she attempted to make everything perfect, and as homesick college students, we pouted each time she suggested a smaller tree or fewer traditions. At the same time, we were too tired or too busy with friends to help clean, decorate, cook, sing, wrap or spend time together.

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As a small immediate family of four a thousand miles from our enormous extended family, we didn't see a mass of people each time we entered the door and left Mom with the responsibility of making the holidays fulfill our expectations. Our father decided the best way to deal with the holidays was to shut down and fight every request made of him; these were not his holidays or his expectations.

On Dec. 24, 2003 the pressure almost blew the roof off our humble home.

As children we were the minority: our parents were happily married. And even when they weren't at their happiest, they put their commitment to the partnership they had built first. We never questioned the legitimacy of their union. It is one of, if not the most important, constant in my life.

For the three days following Christmas, Andy and I tried to make things normal. We did the work Mom usually did alone.

On Christmas we opened our gifts; we pretended; we tried. We spoke very little. Then, Andy and I went away to ski homes and Cape Cod cottages for New Years ragers. When we returned the dust had settled. Shocked, Andy and I, accepted the return to normalcy quizzically.

Months later we brought the question of, "What are we doing this Christmas?" to the table over dinner. Conversation stopped. Nobody was sure what to do. Later at Thanksgiving, we still were unsure, but with the tension mounting tears came again as we desperately scrambled for an answer. Dad held onto his contention that the holidays had become something that didn't mean anything to him, but only caused him pain. Our mother argued that the traditions meant a great deal to her and to her children. Andy and I wondered if we should even come home. He wondered why he should have faith in our ability as a family to gather the moxie and consideration to attempt another holiday, and make it a successful holiday. For once, I kept my mouth shut, but wondered the same thing.

But then, as I drove away back to the messy Massachusetts Turnpike it hit me that faith, in the words of the Hebrews 1:11, "is evidence of things unseen."

Each year it is not a battle between Judaism and Christianity, or between atheism and belief, nor is it even really the divide between communism and capitalism. It is a fight to survive as a family despite the expectations of all of these components and the possibility that we cannot possibly fulfill them all. In fact, this holiday, my faith lies squarely on the idea that we will not fulfill all the expectations, except the most important: time together without the pressures of religion, commercialism, capitalism or tradition because that to me is all that matters now.

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The wide world of LiveJournal

Lisa McLaughlin

I'm an egomaniac. I like to read fellow aspiring writers. People from different walks of life fascinate me. I crave the newest gossip from my friends and want to divulge gossip where I don't have to repeat myself fifteen times. I can't miss my daily dose of drama, comedy and freedom of speech. These are just some of the reasons why I am hopelessly addicted to LiveJournal.

For those of you who aren't familiar, www.livejournal.com is a personal publishing Web site for online journals, i.e. "blogs." The blog is a fairly recent phenomenon. The term was coined in 1999 by Peter Merholz as a shortened version of the phrase "Web log." It is defined as "a Web site that contains an online personal journal with reflections, comments and often hyperlinks." According to Merriam-Webster Inc., "blog" was the number one searched word on their Web site in 2004.

While there are many blog sites on the Web, such as Blogger, Journal Space and Type Pad, LiveJournal is one of the most popular with more than five million users internationally. To create a LiveJournal, one simply has to create an original username. LiveJournals are free unless you want special features, such as the ability to post pictures, create polls, customize your journal style and make audio posts, among other things. It's easier if you're technically savvy and know some basic html.

Your journal can serve many purposes. It can be used as a therapeutic outlet for the daily stresses of life. It can serve as an easy way to update all of your friends on the events of your life or as a glorified tool to gossip. It can be a place to showcase your creative writing and receive constructive criticism. It can be a way to meet people online and make new friends. Personally, I use it for all of these reasons.

My daily routine is logging onto LiveJournal so I can glimpse through the windows of people's lives all around the world.

On LiveJournal, you have the right to remain completely anonymous, or at least semi-anonymous. As long as you have enough common sense to not give out your personal information to complete strangers, no one can invade your privacy. You can keep your journal private or make it so only certain people are allowed to read it. If you do want to meet people, again you have to be careful and take the same precautions you would in an online chat room. Remember that the person behind the username can be a much different person from what they proclaim to be.

A good way to meet people on LiveJournal is to join one of its many communities. There is a community for everything, and I mean everything! You can join a community of fellow Johnny Depp fans, pro-choice activists, math geeks, journalists, truffle lovers, etc., where you can discuss the topic at hand with others who share your interest.

If you can't find a community that suits you, you can even create one yourself. Be aware though: LiveJournal is an exercise in freedom of speech, and there are communities out there that you might find offensive. There are certainly communities in existance that are racist, sexist, pro-anorexia, pro-marijuana legalization and (wink) pro-Bush. So just remember to keep an open mind if you come across something that doesn't suit your fancy. Remember that everybody has a right to his or her own opinion.

One drawback to LiveJournal is that it is very easy to get lost within the blogosphere. One link leads to another, and you end up spending more time surfing the web than you expected. It can end up feeling like a waste of time because you're taken away from academic or professional productivity, but it can also serve as a good learning experience.

For example, somebody posts an article from cnn.com regarding a current event. Different people can post comments voicing their opinions and how the situation affects them. Thus, the reader can look at the post objectively and learn different sides of the issue, and then decide what they think of it themselves. It's a great tool in learning tolerance because you feel compelled to listen to and interact with people you disagree with, and vice versa. Emotions don't end up factoring as much into the argument, because they're hidden behind the computer screen. Personally, I often find it easier to make arguments that are not face-to-face, because it gives me more time to think of an intelligent thing to say.

Where most people have a daily routine of going to the gym, watching the morning news or meditating, my daily routine is logging onto LiveJournal so I can glimpse through the windows of people's lives all around the world. These people, my Live Journal "friends," range widely in age, ethnicity, nationality, profession, and personal identity. While we may differ in many ways, we all have one thing in common tying us together: we write to express ourselves as individuals living in a complicated and multifaceted society.

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Breaking the yoke of gender roles

Amelia Sabadini

In his book "The Prophet" under the entry, "On Laws," Kahlil Gibran asks, "What of the ox who loves his yoke and deems the elk and deer of the forest stray and vagrant things?" These are the words that haunt me whenever I hear someone extolling the supposed virtues of gender roles.

By gender roles I mean the expectation that behavior and performance in certain situations are not determined by the specifics of that situation, nor by the abilities and talents unique to the individual involved or even a combination of these two factors, but by biological sex alone. I mean those notions such as: all women are just naturally superior to men when it comes to caring for children, as my friend keeps insisting to me. I mean, the idea that men are all innately predisposed to excel at math, driving and killing spiders.

I'm sighing these examples because in all honesty I don't know if the official nomenclature for these preconceptions is gender roles or sex roles. I know it varies depending on whom you ask and where you look. I also know that ultimately what I'm talking about is the prevalence of stereotypes about women and men.

What troubles me the most about gender-based stereotypes is that they exacerbate the 'us and them' mentality that's already given to plaguing interactions between men and women.

The very word stereotype has all sorts of negative connotations and most people will shy away from it with good reason. You hear the word stereotype and you probably think of oppression, injustice, limits imposed on people's personal freedoms and individual potentials. Limits that are based on and maintained by unfounded generalizations about certain groups of people. Most people will agree that stereotypes are detrimental things, and should be abandoned.

I guess that means there has to be something else that people can call the stereotypes they're not ready or willing to part with. So enter gender roles? About a year ago, in a coffee shop, it was gender roles as I recall that the unpleasantly loud boy sitting behind me kept referring to. He was insisting that he was being fair, and it was simply a fact of nature that women are not as assertive as men. While he wouldn't discriminate against a woman, he just felt that a woman wouldn't do as well in a leadership position because of her natural, pre-determined lack of assertive behavior.

Well, I took the opportunity to demonstrate just how assertive a woman can be that day as I asked him where he had gotten such an idea. It was strange because he didn't have much for an answer. Maybe he just didn't feel like he could assert himself, and adhere to his gender role, if I wasn't going to play along and behave in accordance with my own. It's bad enough that this guy's gender roles were going to probably lead him to discriminate (despite his contrived insistence that he wouldn't), but he probably didn't even see how they were limiting him either.

I've had other people try and justify gender roles to me with talk of how it all comes down to an appreciation of the differences between the sexes. Yet I do not see how our biological differences confer the need for so many social restrictions. The assumptions made by gender roles and stereotypes extend well beyond the realm of quantifiable physical differences between the sexes and ultimately seek to suppress the differences antong individuals of all genders.

Perhaps what troubles me the most about gender-based stereotypes is that they exacerbate the "us and them" mentality that's already given to plaguing interactions between men and women. Any time you have this sort of in-group/out-group dichotomy, you also have an increased potential for acts of aggression occurring between the groups. Members of either group are apt to see members of the other group as less real or human than themselves. This perspective opens the door for anything from apathy to outright violence. Given that according to the U.S. Department of Justice in 2002 there were 247,730 rapes, attempted rapes and acts of sexual assault reported (the actual number would be higher as rape and sexual assault are two of the most under reported crimes committed), it doesn't seem like the dehumanizing divide between the sexes needs to get any wider.

Even if you could keep all the larger scale repercussions of these gender roles in check, what about the intra-personal damage that they do? How can it be conducive to personal growth to have a built in excuse as to why you don't, or can't do certain things (i.e. change a flat, change a diaper, file your taxes, ask for directions, stand up for yourself, articulate your feelings)? How does it feel if you really suck at something you believe your sexual identity is defined by? What if you're good at something your gender role says is off limits for you? What if you would've been really happy doing something that you never even tried thanks to your role restriction?

Why would anyone want to endure or even just risk the emotional and intellectual disfigurement that goes with accepting a gender role, living out a stereotype? "What of the ox that loves his yoke?" My best guess is that he's enamored his confinement with the belief that it ensures his safety and fulfillment. I can't say how it goes for an ox but any human ought to know better.

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The academy of the left

John Ciampa

In case you haven't heard, some conservatives are up in arms about the leftist thought that is permeating through academia. Right-wing heavy-hitters such as George Will and Jeff Jacoby have each recently shared their insights on studies that confirm that an overwhelming majority of college professors are liberal, reinforcing the long-standing notion that academic institutions have traditionally been a harbor for left-wing political ideology. The news is hardly revelatory, but the reaction of the pundits is.

To his credit, Will tackles this issue in a recent Washington Post editorial with his customary tact, quoting Emory University English professor Mark Bauerlein. Bauerlein gives several interesting suggestions for the phenomenon of liberal academic dominance, including an echoing of what social scientists call the "false consensus effect," whereby people assume that the collective opinion of their own group matches that of the larger population.

He also has plenty to say about the prevailing environment that surrounds contemporary academic discourse. Especially intriguing is his mentioning of an "irrational social dynamic," that trumps the ability for equitable debate to occur. Instead, he argues, we are left with an environment where the most radical views that exist within a group eventually become the social norm. Bauerlein refers to this phenomenon as the "trappings of deliberation."

Boston Globe columnist Jeff Jacoby ups the emotional ante of Will's column by taking a considerably more caustic stance, claiming that contemporary campus leftism is more than just extensive, it is also "radical, aggressive, and deeply intolerant." Strong words when you consider the emphasis that many campuses now place on student diversity. Jacoby's interpretation of the released data prompts him to declare that students should have "the right to learn without being molested," and universities are sitting idle while professors are exacting a form of "intellectual harassment," on their students.

Now I cannot speak for college students everywhere, and I'm sure that many of my peers have their own fair share of insights on the matter, but I can't help but think that Jacoby reached a bit too far into his journalistic tool box to cull language that is flowery and emotional at the expense of being truly reflective of the post-secondary classroom experience that we students share.

Perhaps it was the statistics that lired him up. They are, in fact, quite telling: in a 2002 report by the American Enterprise magazine, an examination of the voter registration records of academics showed that faculty members registered the Democratic Party outnumbered their Republican brethren by ratios exceeding a 10-1 margin.

Yet one cannot help but wonder what results this study would have yielded from a broader sample. Of the half-dozen schools mentioned, several of them not only operate under umbrellas of perceived liberalistic thought, but they are also nestled within liberal geographic regions. A poll taken at Oberlin, or for that matter, within the Five College Consortium, would have yielded similarly predictable results.

Far more interesting would have been a sampling that looked at schools with liberal leanings that contrasted with their broader geographic locales. It remains intriguing how liberalism in prestigious institutions such as Texas, North Carolina and Wisconsin dictate the flavor of their surrounding city limits even though the states that they reside in range from conservative to inoderate.

The real question, then, seems to be: what accounts for the affinity that liberals appear to have for academia and the accompanying flavorings and sensibilities that surround it.

Perhaps age plays a factor. There is a healthy sense of authoritative questioning that presides over many campuses, a phenomenon that in some fashion traces that natural arc of human development. Traditionally, people have been more apt stray to the left in their younger years, only to become more centrist with age. Indeed, as people age and acquire more, a cautious possessiveness almost invariably grows with it. It was, after all, with great insight that Winston Churchill professed the following: "If you're not a liberal in your 20's, than you have no heart, if you're still a liberal in your thirties, you have no brain." Could it be that the academy is merely reflecting the age that it serves, and if so, are conservatives doomed to being shut out of the proceedings?

Before conservatives begin to hang their heads, they should recognize that location and ideological association does seem to be a factor. If the American Enterprise magazine compiled their results from Kenyon College in Ohio or Washington and Lee Univesity in Virginia – schools that more than hold their own with their intellectual eastern counterparts – they would certainly garner less lopsided results than from those found at Cornell and Stanford. There are conservative groups residing out in the left-of-center world of academia, albeit in more isolated pockets.

In my experience at this University, the liberal bias that most of my instructors have displayed has been noticeable, though that hasn't necessarily limited their effectiveness to teach. Few, if any, have flagrantly distorted their interpretation of the material at hand. Moreover, in terms of stirring up rigorous debate, despite what Mr. Jacoby purports, I have yet to encounter an instructor who presides over a classroom state of "intellectual harassment" with gleeful affirmation.

On the contrary, most have made the effort to encourage debate – right or left of center – that is both vociferous and engaging. Without question, a dominating sense of liberalism pervades UMass, be it in small groups, social events, speaking engagements or the editorial pages of the Collegian itself. If anything, I often find my classes to be a respite from this – a forum where viewpoints are freely discussed in an encouraging environment.

This is not to say that certain ideological leanings do not exist in other forms. In many cases, assigned texts often present a particular point of view that coalesces with that of the instructor. Warning about predisposed biases are also common: we've all born witness to proverbial warnings from instructors who make it a point to state that their political opinions have little to do with the point they are about to make. This creates an environment that arguably makes it challenging to introduce conservative views, but by no means impossible.

I once had a conversation with a faculty member who is conservative in his leanings. He said that if anything, the leftism of fellow colleagues has helped to make him a better academic, requiring him to choose his words more carefully, tactfully and with a measured sense of discipline. I admired this stance, even though his political position stood opposed to mine. It remains an inspiring way to address this issue. Intelligent debate will always remain more profound and significant than the ideological spectrum that surrounds it.

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A not-so-Hollywood ending

Thomas Naughton

"Well, its ok I guess. Tim and Thomas are two names that are not meant to be romantically involved," I thought to myself as irrational tears made their way down my cheeks, while I quickly walked down Lansdowne Street, away from Tim's workplace. I smacked my hand against each side of my face, violently wiping off the tears while averting my eyes from the looks of drunken girls in halftops that were screaming some crap about the Red Sox.

I was especially happy that the Sox won that night in October because at least I could pass off my weak sob-fest as hyper-elation over the quickly reversing curse that the Boston baseball team had incurred years ago. "Tim and Tom," I said under my breath, "sounds like a stupid cartoon where animals drop anvils on one another or stick dynamite in each other's mouths while looking bug-eyed."

I actually don't really have a head anymore. My cartoon counterpart won, so there is a cold black anvil standing upon my neck where my head should be, and let me tell you, I am so much hotter now. It doesn't really matter how attractive I am these days because I'm throwing in the towel. The anvil on my head is a symbol that I can't do the American Dream Moderne because I'm just one of those people who doesn't have the ability.

The American Dream Moderne is a three-pronged hope for all Americans born out of the cinematic rainy-day kisses of romantic comedies: successful career, supportive friends, sustaining love. To have all three is to obtain the Holy Grail, and this anvil on my neck or the dynamite that I'm quickly attempting to digest (both provided by a bug-eyed guy who's name sounds much like mine when tripping off the tongue) is making things really hard for me to pull off my most convincing Indiana Jones impression. I'm the one of the odd men out.

Tim showed me something by his quick departure from my life: a pattern. There's nothing so damning in evidential terms as a pattern and my pattern is quick departures, either perpetrated by me or by the guy I am seeing. The pattern sent the message that I am capable of "the career" or at least a pursuit of success, and my friends are incredibly loving and supportive, but as for love or whatever love has become, I'm pretty bankrupt. I go on dates with some very interesting young men, and all I can think about is what my next project will be, what my next column will be on, what kind of sound my band will evolve into, what my friends are doing — anything but the situation at hand.

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The situation at hand is the attempt by another person to make a connection with me, and I always find a way out or he does. I think I'm secretly terrified, and this fear is so secret that I can't even identify or recall it. And that might happen at dinner on the first date.

Or after the dinner or movie, my date and I will go to his place to "talk and stuff," which usually means we're going to make-out. He'll kiss me and I'll kiss back because that's what the people in the movies do, and then my eyes will open wide and I'll look at the lids of the boy I'm kissing or at our kissing reflection on some shiny surface in my eyeline and think calmly, "I feel nothing for you, I could walk away right now." He fumbles and rubs against me, and we make the noises we're supposed to. He'll ask me if I "wanna," and I'll look at him and say "No, it'll mean more to us if we take it slow," which really means that he terrifies me, and I terrify me and the way I feel when I know that the sight and touch of my own body changes some one else's very body chemistry terrifies me. And that's just one date.

It's even more frightening on a long-term basis. I have had a few long term relationships, good relationships that verged on some kind of love, but in the back of my mind there always remained that image of me in the mirror hanging by the lips of some boy knowing that I could walk away, preventing me from ever truly being invested. We all do it to some extent. We are each an elaborate and beautiful lattice of scar tissue from failed friendships, relationships, projects and even failed identities. It becomes a kind of armor that we constantly thrust against other people (and their respective armor) to keep ourselves from ever again being as vulnerable as that first time you were bludgeoned so badly by love.

I got into my car on Lansdowne Street and drove through the city, driving past ex-boyfriend's houses, first date-restaurants and other landmarks of failed relationships. I felt stupid and childish for being upset, but once again I was just doing what I thought people in the movies did. I called a friend and laughed about something stupid to keep myself from wallowing in self-pity. After all, I had two-thirds of the dream that the movies prescribed for me, and that ain't bad. Besides, I don't really think any screenwriter ever met someone like me.

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No such thing as a coincidence

Colin Jones

Have you ever gotten in your car, turned your radio on and found that the song playing is just the one that you needed to hear, right at that moment? Or how about turning the television on randomly and finding that whatever happens to be on the air at that specific instant is in some way personally relevant to you? Maybe you've thought about an old friend of yours, one you hadn't seen in a long time, and you happen to run into that person suddenly or get a call from them.

All of us have experienced these things at one point or another. There are two ways to look at them: the first way is to fall in line with our contemporary cultural tendency to see them as being a coincidence, a happy turn of chance, a random occurrence that brings fleeting happiness or satisfaction, but nothing more. The second way is to see them as signs that there are forces out there, unheard and unseen, that look out for us all and try to tell us things, if we're willing to listen.

Don't worry. I'm not going to get all preachy on you. I'm not talking about religion in any kind of a traditional sense; I'm talking about spirituality. At this time and place in the world today, it seems that many people oscillate between two views on the subject. Some deny the existence of anything that can't be quantified scientifically, limiting themselves to only what they can see, hear, taste and touch. They feel that they are capable of understanding these things and that is what makes them "real."

We must acknowledge that it is up to all of us as individuals to find our own path, and we cannot force others to follow us.

In my opinion, this view isn't about knowledge as in science or experience: it is about fear of an unknown. It is one thing to not believe in forces we can't see, somehow exerting their influence over our lives. It is another thing to deny the possibility of such things altogether. It is arrogant to say that any one of us can fully understand and comprehend the nature of our existence. There are certainly distinctions that can be made and conjectures that can be developed based on those distinctions, but none of us know all of the answers to life's questions.

If we can acknowledge this as being a fact, then we can remain open to any possibility. Such openness can have a way of increasing our appreciation for things we do know and see, while at the same time allowing us to wonder with youthful curiosity about what we don't know. In a real sense, we can remain young at heart.

Others are limited to viewing things through the filter of their religious or spiritual views. While they believe that there are forces at work that we may not see, they feel that they know what these forces are. As such, they feel that not only is their view on any number of subjects right, but that other views are wrong. A key example of this mentality can be seen in the way that our current government administration conducts it's international relations, particularly with regard to the situation in Iraq.

Although there are a number of reasons for us to be fighting this war, both philanthropic and selfish, the fact that part of our motivation has a basc in religion is indicative of the destructive nature of such a way of thinking. It creates an illusion of things being us against them, and such a mentality can allow even the best of us to justify doing things that we know are wrong. As Chris Rock says in "Dogma," "I think it's better to have an idea. When there's a belief, people will die for it and people will kill for it."

We are now seeing history repeat itself firsthand. The Crusades weren't about religion; they were about land. Vietnam wasn't about protection; it was about containment. And this war is about a lot of things, but terrorism is towards the bottom of the list. Just as none of us can ever know the answers to all of life's questions, no one knows what "God" or "fate" or "whatever" would want. It seems unlikely that such forces would take sides.

So what can we do, personally, in our day-to-day lives that can help us come closer to spirituality? First of all, we must acknowledge that it is up to all of us as individuals to find our own path, and we cannot force others to follow us. Once we can accept this and move on, we can start to look for signs in our lives: if we're open to them. This takes practice, like most skills in life, and faith, like the best things in life. There are thousands of great books written on the subject, on how to determine the best ways to use spiritual insights to our advantage and gain knowledge and understanding.

However, even though it may be very difficult to do, we need to recognize that when we notice signs, they may not tell us what we want, but they will tell us what we need. So the next time you experience something that seems to be too much of a coincidence, think about what it means to you and how you can use that meaning to better your life.

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The complexity of the Simple Plan world



By Emily Myer
U-WIRE

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Pop music has hit an all-time low.

With marginally talented pop princesses ruling the charts, Simple Plan fits right in. Considering the band writes its own lyrics, it may be a bit of an improvement. Yet its new album, "Still Not Getting Any ..." is remarkably similar to its last album, "No Pads, No Helmets ... Just Balls."

The band's latest attempt is full of songs about how bad life can be when you're famous or without an internationally known band, proven. Good enough, whining against record execs and bitching to a girl friend or friend are the recurring themes.

The album is essentially three minutes of Pete Singer, Jeff Stinco, David Desrosiers, Chuck Comeau and Jeremy Dion's best attempts at sounding angry and pissed off. Each track is the musical equivalent of a temper tantrum, complete with stomping feet and slamming doors.

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they'd rather "jump" tonight.

Most of the lyrics are stereotypical of the pop-punk genre, which includes artists such as Avril Lavigne, Good Charlotte and Ashlee Simpson. Lyrics repeatedly scream "Shut up," and members say they will never be stopped, that the world just needs to leave them alone and get out of their way.

The boys attempt to be [illegible] ridiculous, but most of the tracks [illegible] whiney. Every track is a [illegible] singer's life. Individual songs are [illegible] but when integrated into an album [illegible] message becomes an ode to lead singer Pierre Bouvier.

"Still Not Getting Any ..." does [illegible] fairly advanced guitar solos in [illegible] untitled track at the end really [illegible] solo is redundant if the [illegible]

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Nas continues quest for lyrical dominance on 'Street Disciple'

By Aaron Salas
U-WIRE

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The rapper Nas has grown up.

On his eighth solo release, gone is the young and wild thug with street stories about gun battles and partying all night. He's become a man, husband and father.

Nas has blessed the world with street poetry for more than a decade. His newest release, "Streets Disciple," once again fills our heads with political consciousness.

The old school that Nas visits so many times on his new album shows his appreciation for hip-hop forefathers, as well as a new direction for artists to follow. From the intro, "Streets Disciple" brings the listener into the complex world of Nasir Jones.

The first track, "A Message to the Feds, Sincerely, We the People," shows listeners that in a time when club hits reign supreme, Nas still kicks the knowledge. He has something serious to say, whether we like it or not.

Like previous Nas albums, he sticks to several themes throughout the CD. He hits listeners with his political views on songs such as "American Way" and "These are Our Heroes."

The Queens Bridge MC lets listeners know who influenced him on "U.B.R. (Unauthorized Biography of Rakim)." It tells the story of rapper Racism, one of the greatest MCs in the game. "Virgo," a track that features Ludacris, is a throwback to the late '80s hit, "The Show/La Di Da Di," by Slick Rick and his beat box partner Doug E. Fresh.

Nas also gets personal as he tackles issues such as marriage, children and his mother, who passed away a short time ago. "Just a Moment" asks listeners to give a moment of silence and pour out a little liquor for those who have been lost in the struggle.

"Getting Married" delves into the relationship Nas has with wife Kelis, who sings on several of his tracks. He also introduces listeners to his musical roots on the lead single, "Bridging the Gap," which features his blues-singing father, "Me and You" is dedicated to his daughter Destiny, as he spills his heart about the importance of his firstborn.

Like the millions of fans who fell hard for Illmatic in '94, Nas has become a man with grown up responsibilities and more to think about than hanging on the street corner.

His album stays with the same formula, using more of the same choppy beats and street poetry that takes months to fully understand. It is a throwback to when dancing to hip-hop meant bobbing your head to the beat as you chilled at the block party or listening to your headphones while walking to school.

Hip-hop has changed, but Nas refuses to change with it. While the Dirty South gets crunk, Nas brings us back to the East Coast and a time when conscious rap ruled the world.



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Nas proves that he still has what it takes to survive the rap game on his new album "Street Disciple."

McGregor, Borman write new novel 'Long way Round'

By Niti Bagchi
U-WIRE

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Many people know it's possible to go almost entirely by land from London to New York. It's fairly simple: you take the train under the Channel to France, move through Belgium, Germany, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Russia and Siberia. Then you hop on a plane that takes you across the Bering Strait and into Alaska, from where you continue by land across the continent until you get to New York. But no one would actually undertake such a journey, right? Wrong. Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman, actors and motorbike enthusiasts, set out to do just that, and they tell their story in, "Long Way Round: Chasing Shadows Across The World."

The story is told in the form of a first-person narrative, with McGregor and Boorman alternating the narration. They speak of their dream to ride around the world, the extensive preparations they have to make, their hassles in getting a documentary deal set up so that they can afford the trip, and their fears of leaving their families for three months.

The trouble with a first-person narrative is that it is difficult to maintain a three-dimensional aspect to the story at all times. "Long Way Round" occasionally falls prey to this, and parts of the narrative do drag on. For the most part, though, McGregor and Boorman keep their narrative afloat with funny anecdotes, detailed imagery and honest self-reflection. Each speaker has certain blind spots about himself that the other picks up on and writes about. McGregor and Boorman often detail the same experience or event, each from his own point of view, leaving the reader with a much richer and more detailed sense of the events.

The book's greatest asset is the humorous, and often poignant, stories about the people that the narrators meet along the journey. They speak of sharing a meal with some Mongolian tribesman, only to discover, to their horror, that the meal comprises a soup made of animal testicles. They also speak of their interactions with orphans on the streets of Ulaanbataar, and the heart-wrenching leg of their journey when they ride along Siberia's Road of Bones, built through the labors of Stalin's political prisoners.

Approximately two million prisoners were killed in the area, and many of their corpses were used as landfill for the road — hence the gruesome name. Although the story's strength lies in its numerous stories about help from complete strangers, and the kindness of people the world over, it manages to relate these without getting bogged down in cloying over-sentimentality: this is no Chicken Soup For The Biker's Soul.

For the most part, the book moves at a brisk pace, and holds on to the reader's attention. Ironically, the pace is fastest when the actual journey is moving slowest, and the narrators speak of breakdowns, bad weather, and other obstacles along the way. The book's shortcomings – a sometimes overly detailed narrative, and much complaining about their difficulties – actually work to strengthen the narrative by giving it a very genuine feel. The best recommendation for the book is the difficulty in condensing its strengths into a short review – there is enough to be discussed about it to merit a much longer article. McGregor and Boorman keep the reader interested, with their reflections on traveling through little-visited places like Mongolia and Kazakhstan, as well as their attention to detail and avoidance of cliches.



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Ewan McGregor, co-author of "Long Way Round," looks to travel from London to New York City almost entirely by motorcycle.

Trend Report: Vintage done right

By Jacky White
Knight Ridder

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — You can tell by the way Christa Wilson's denim jeans are carefully rolled into trendy cuffs just above her gold high-heeled sandals. She is well tuned when it comes to fashion.

So when she began noticing that new clothes coming off designer runways looked, well, old, the 24-year-old Overland Park, Kan., woman turned to original sources. She started scouting vintage stores.

And when she found a fur stole at a Kansas City shop about a year ago, she was hooked with a new obsession.

Melody Le Fever, 37, of Lawrence, Kan., buys and sells antiques through her store, Nine Lives, in Parkville, Mo. Her personal closet includes labels such as Paris-based Chloe and Lilly Pulitzer of Palm Beach, Fla.

But one day about 10 years ago she came upon an authentic Diane von Furstenberg wrap dress, the style that became a uniform for women in the '70s. It was the beginning of a new creative perspective on dressing that has her now zealously searching for the old to blend with new. On a recent trip to Paris, she found a jacket with puffy sleeves and a high collar from an old Chloe collection. And she is always on the lookout for more Dianes.

"I want people to recognize me for my own style," she says of her eclectic mix. This day her look includes Ferragamo's silk print shirt from 1962 wrapped over a new patterned skirt with a new vest, old belt and Frye stub-toed leather boots, her favorite '70s icon. "I wear them with everything."



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Vintage flair gives unique style.

Wilson and Le Fever are part of a growing number of style-conscious consumers who have rediscovered an age-old source of apparel in vintage, antique and thrift stores.

Credit today's designers and manufacturers, who are caught in the moments of yesterday. From Prada, Marc Jacobs, Tracy Reese and Ralph Lauren to Banana Republic and Anthropologie, they are mining the archives from the '50s, '40s, '80s, '20s and '30s. The current rage for antique brooches, round-toed shoes, fur and faux fur shoulder wraps, mixed prints and full skirts are fueling the drive.

It's no secret, of course, that fashion designers search for ideas in places such as flea markets, vintage dealers and museum collections. Kansas City dealer Ken Coit, who owns Re-Runs vintage store, says representatives from two Ralph Lauren divisions were shopping his Kansas City warehouse last month.

Business insiders agree vintage sales have surged in the past year. Coit says business this year is up "maybe 25 percent, and the year is not over." Lingerie is popular. So is sparkle.

"People are hungry for beauty. A lot of bad things are going on in the world," he adds. "People seem to be going back to another time, a time of luxury."

Terry Richardson, who owns the Kansas City vintage boutique Revue, says it's one of the biggest years ever. She has had a run on cropped blazers and suit jackets from the '40s and '80s, big stars on designer runways and in magazines this season. "I think I have sold 47 blazers in three weeks. In the past I would have sold maybe 15."

DIFFERENT IS BETTER

The trend is evident across the country. At Screaming Mimi's in downtown New York City, owner Laura Wills says sales are up 25 percent to 40 percent in the last year. Her customers are buying pencil-slim skirts, bow blouses and cardigan sweaters.

Among other reasons, the majority of vintage offers a look for less money than conventional retail sources. Studies consistently show shoppers relish a bargain at any price and prize the mix of high and low couture.

They have come to value the hunt, which they see as a game or pastime. Wilson, a sales associate at Nordstrom's trendy Savvy department, says she usually hits two vintage shops at least once a week.

And perhaps most significant, people have developed a distaste for cookie-cutter fashion. They celebrate personal style and the post-modern trend to eclectic dressing. "You're not going to see someone who looks like you," says Constance White, the fashion director of eBay, the vast auction site.

"I like different," confides Chanel Cousins, a young, adventurous Kansas City area stylist with a platinum '60s flip hairdo. And if everybody is looking at her, she says, "I know I am looking different."

This day she is wearing pink fishnet hose, a close-fitting '50s print dress draped with a new pink stole embellished with vintage pins. She has on this year's pink round-toed shoes, and her hand flashes a large '50s-type cocktail ring.

She says she started scouring vintage stores about two years ago. "I'm in New York a lot. I'm looking at trends and what's hot. And vintage is hot right now."

Richardson says the current quest for the old was pumped up in the '90s by the television show "Seinfeld." More recently, HBO's "Sex and the City" showcased eclectic fashion so effectively it gave it a huge boost. Sarah Jessica Parker's personal mishmash style also has energized the movement.

Another factor is the popularity of vintage couture among celebrities at awards shows' red carpets. Who can forget the dazzle of Julia Roberts at the Academy Awards in a black and white vintage Valentino gown in 2001?

Few people can afford couture prices, but celebrity endorsement removed the stigma. "Vintage has moved away from old clothes," says Blair Schulman, who manages Second Honeymoon vintage clothing store in downtown Kansas City. "When people see someone like Kirsten Dunst in Zandra Rhodes vintage, it makes it more acceptable."

David Brockman, Second Honeymoon owner, does vintage shows in New York and Los Angeles. He says the category has been especially big on the coasts for five years but has moved across the country in the last year.

Cameron Silver is the owner of Decades, a Los Angeles-based upscale vintage designer store where evening gowns run from $850 to $25,000. "Every art form, including fashion, pays homage to the past," he says. "But more people are interested because everything today looks so ubiquitous. People are looking for something else."

IT'S ALL IN THE MIX

Clothes from a distant past have long had appeal. Students have traditionally relished the opportunity to set themselves apart on a meager budget. Costume historians consider them telling symbols of their time. Aficionados tout the quality of clothes made long ago.

What's newest about today's growth spurt is that old pieces, maybe a single jacket or handbag, are mixed judiciously with modern as a means of individual expression.

Mary Dilley, a department manager at Saks Fifth Avenue, is careful how she wears a vintage item. "I think you have to add it to something new," she says.

She considers such pieces accents. For example, she treasures a leopard print bolero jacket she found at a Parkville antique store paired with a black dress. She loves a necklace that belonged to her grandmother and a leopard-print flower she attaches in the middle of a pink suit.

She giggles as she remembers how she wore opera gloves to the recent gala at the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art. It all brings a touch of "old world glamour," she says.



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To: Public Forum Presenters

From: Commission on Campus Diversity

Re: Procedures for Public Forum Presenters

The Commission on Campus Diversity welcomes the opportunity to hear your testimony on December 9, 2004. We believe you will provide valuable information and serve as a good resource to the work of the Commission on behalf of the university. The public forum will be held on the Amherst campus at the Curry Hicks Gymnasium from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. **All presenters are strongly encouraged to arrive no later than 6:30 p.m.** Late arrivers will only be seated in between presentations so as not to disrupt presentations to the Commission and audience. Melissa Vara and Lloyd Henley, located in the main lobby, will provide you with a nameplate and direct you to your designated seat. We have attached the times and names of all presenters for the Public Forum. The protocol for the evening follows:

All presenters will have a designated seating area. Presenters will be seated in sequence of presentation times. As names are called, presenters will be directed to the presentation platform, each presenter will place his/her nameplate on the table, facing the Commission members, introduce himself/herself, and immediately begin his/her opening statement. After the presentation, presenter will exit the platform from the left and return to his/her designated seat. Due to the overwhelming response from constituencies to speak, **under no circumstances will a presenter be allowed to go beyond a total of five (5) minutes**, which includes both the presentation and follow-up questions from Commission members. Specifically, presenters are advised to make a three (3) minute statement and allow two (2) minutes for questions from the Commission. If the Commission does not have questions, the presenter will have two (2) minutes for a closing statement.

Presenters can submit written documentation to the Commission after their presentations.

Presenters who miss their designated time slot are not guaranteed a time for this session of the public forum. The Commission will attempt to arrange a follow-up forum.

The public forum will be video recorded for Commission review.

Professor Frank Hugus, Director of the International Programs Office, will serve as the parliamentarian for the public forum.

The Commission advises all presenters to turn off their cell phones.

The Commission on Campus Diversity thanks you in advance for your assistance.

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Track team poised for season

By Dave Quinn
Collegian Staff

With all the things to worry about before the opening indoor track meet, the last thing a coach should have to worry about is transportation. Unfortunately for Massachusetts women's indoor track coach Julie LaFreniere, getting a bus to take her team to Saturdays' Boston Five Way Meet turned in to a major hurdle.

Since the pole vault, the opening event, started at 12:30, LaFreniere sent vaulters Sophie Brown and Kristen Bakanowski ahead of the team with men's coach Ken O'Brien while she scrambled to find a bus to bring the rest of the team to Boston.

However, two vaulters were without one very important piece of equipment, their poles, as O'Brien's Pontiac Aztec was filled to capacity. Thankfully, the poles, as well as the rest of the team, arrived at 12:25, just in time for the opening vault.

Despite the chaos leading up to the meet, the Minutewomen performed well splitting the unorthodox dual scored event. Massachusetts defeated both Providence and Maine, but was defeated by Boston University and New Hampshire. With any luck, future events will run a little more smoothly for the Minutewomen. Here's a preview of this year's squad.

Sprinters

Leading the sprinters will be junior Christina Huff. Huff was the Maroon and White's lone dual winner at the Boston Five Way taking both the 55-meter dash and the 200-meter dash with times of 7.38 seconds and 28.51 seconds, respectively. As a sophomore, she had two top 10 conference times, a 7.21 second performance in the 55-meter dash and a 25.58 second sprint in the 200-meter dash.

"She's got great range. She's very good from the 55 right through the 400," LaFreniere said of her star sprinter. "It's not unusual for her to run three events in a meet. She's always on the edge, she's never been an A-10 Champion but she always scores in those events. I know she wants to win the Atlantic 10's she just needs to stay focused."

Another key runner will be Elisabeth Budd. The sophomore was the Atlantic 10 champion in the 500-meter run last winter with a time of 1:16.12. Budd got off on the right foot this season winning her opening 500-meter run in Boston with a time of 1.16.73.

"Elizabeth Budd is going be strong in the 400-500. She's got great range as well from the 200-800. She's going to score points in dual meets. She qualified for ECAC's last year and hopefully she'll get back there this year," LaFreniere said.

Also looking to make an impact are freshmen, Britt Canfield and Kendra Leighton. Canfield is best known for her play on the soccer field. The super sub came off the bench for the Minutewomen and scored eight goals en route to a second team all Atlantic 10 selection.

"She's only practiced with us for two weeks. She was very unhappy with her time in the 200," LaFreniere explained. "You could see her sulking around that she was out of shape, but we'll get her down. She's capable of mid 25's in the 200."

Leighton should be the Minutewomen's best first year prospect. In her first collegiate meet she won the 400-meter dash with a time of 58.99 seconds.

"Kendra Leighton is going to do very well for us this year. Here strengths are in the 200-400.

She's quick and she loves track. She was second in the state in the 400 as a junior in high school. She has tremendous potential," LaFreniere said.

Distance Runners

Freshman Jen Curtain was the lone distance winner for the Maroon and White Saturday, triumphing in the 800-meter dash with a time of 2:26.82. Her win was aided by a small field, but still impressive since just returning to action after suffering a knee injury early on during the cross country season.

"She came here ready to run Cross Country but then she wrenched her knee, so she's only been running for the last few weeks. She has the ability to be a multi-eventer. Right now she's focusing on the base so she ran the 800 on Saturday. She has good form and she's strong both physically and mentally. She's impressive," LaFreniere said of her Freshman.

Curtin will not run in the next meet as a precaution. LaFreniere explained that this meet was used to gage where Curtin was physically.

The majority of the distance runners for this years indoor squad will be coming from LaFreniere's cross country program. Freshman cross country standout Amanda DeRosa will be placed in a number of events including the mile, 3000-meter run and even the 5,000-meter run to get a grasp on where she fits in to this year's squad.

The remainder of the distance squad will be comprised of veterans Amanda Dhalberg, Alexis Anzelone, and Trish Silva, all seniors. Silva was a top five runner for this year's cross country squad, will handle the 5,000-meter runs for Massachusetts. Anzelone, who has been plagued by injuries throughout her career, will run a combination of the 800-meter run and the 3000-meter run. Dahlberg will be running most of the longer events including the mile, 3000-meter run as well as the 5,000-meter run.

"The longer the better," LaFreniere said of Dahlberg. "She just loves to keep going. She's a super hard worker with a great attitude."

Field Events

The field athletes are lead by sensational thrower Jennifer Iasiello. The senior was the 2003 Atlantic 10 Conference champion in the weight throw. Iasiello threw well in the Five Way Meet, but finished second due to a tiebreaker.

"She's our only thrower, but she's also best in the conference. She really steps it up at the conference and New England meet. She's really top notch," boasted LaFrenier.

The vaulting duties will be handled by freshmen Kristen Baknowski and Sophie Browne. Baknowski won her first vaulting event with a leap of 11-feet-5 and 1/4 inches. She also has the ability to run the 200-meter dash, but most likely will stick to vaulting, as the vault event can last several hours.

Katelyn O'Toole will be the primary high jumper while Marissa Kay Callahan will be responsible for bringing home points in the triple jump. O'Toole did very well in the opening meet, winning first place with a jump of 5-foot-1.

Troyanah Evans is the featured long jumper for the 2004-05 season. Evans had a sub-par showing on Saturday, finishing eight with a bound of 16-feet, five and 1/4 inches. LaFreniere believes Evans will bounce back strong and end up in the 18 foot range. LaFreniere also claimed that Evans has the ability to be a solid sprinter in the 200 and 400-meter dashes.

Team Outlook

After thriving in 90s, the Minutewomen are facing the natural progression of things as the past few years have been less successful. LaFreniere believes that this year's squad is the beginning of the upswing and should finish in the middle of the pack, and high as fourth. The majority of the squad won't compete again for over a month until the Boston University Quad Meet on Jan. 18. They will return to action three days later on Jan. 21 for the URI Go Rhody Classic in North Kingston, R.I. As far as the most important meet, LaFreniere doesn't feel as if there is any one single meet that defines the season.

"Every single meet is important for us for the pure and simple reason that we don't have an indoor track," LaFreniere said. "I liked to use our meets to train our athletes so that when we do go to the conference meet or when we do go to the New England meet they have the endurance, stamina and speed to be successful."

Manning compared to legends

By Steve Wilstein
Associated Press

There are traces of Johnny Unitas, Dan Marino, Joe Montana and Steve Young in Peyton Manning, not to mention the DNA of dear old dad, Archie.

They're all there in his arm, his accuracy, his eyes, his brains.

He commands the field as they did, scanning targets, clicking them off side to side, throwing short or long. The way he passes, the way he's protected by his line, and the way Edgerrin James runs, this Manning need not often risk his limbs or skull scampering around.

Peyton Manning is in the lineage of those quarterback icons and he's snatching pieces of their records one by one, sometimes in one fell swoop.

On Sunday, when Indianapolis is at Houston, Manning needs five touchdown passes to break Marino's NFL single-season record of 48 in 1984. Playing in the Colts' 13th game with three to go, Manning is on pace for 58 TD passes this year. When the Colts hosted the Texans last month, Manning threw for five TDs.

If that is football's equivalent of the home run record, Manning could shatter Marino's mark by a greater percentage than Barry Bonds' 73 home runs or Mark McGwire's 70 eclipsed Roger Maris' 61.

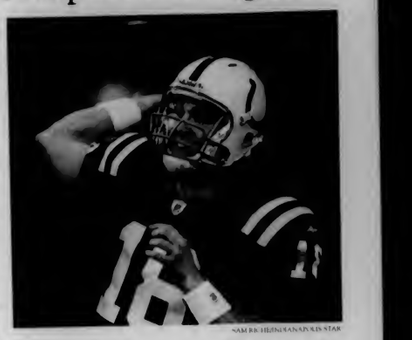
At the same time, Manning is on course to take down Young's quarterback rating record, 112.4, with an astounding 126.3 mark so far.

Numbers like that, plus film of him picking apart secondaries, drive defenses crazy. They look for flaws and see few.

"He's as close to a football god as there is right now," Chicago Bears defensive end Adewale Ogunleye said recently. "The way they're playing on offense, it's like Madden 2005."

It's as new as the latest video game and as old as the vintage teams quarterbacked by the players Manning is surpassing. They commanded offensive juggernauts in their time, playing catch with their favorite receivers.

Manning is at another level. His line keeps him out of sack trouble. James, the NFL's second-leading rusher with 1,291 yards and eight TDs, keeps defenses honest. The air force is deep: Marvin Harrison (67 catches for 870 yards and 12 TDs); Reggie Wayne (56-875, 10 TDs); Brandon Stokley (55-882, nine TDs); Marcus Pollard (23-233, six TDs); and Dallas Clark (18-357, five TDs).



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The Colts' Peyton Manning threw three touchdown passes against the Titans on Dec. 5. The Colts defeated the Titans 51-24.

Manning's toughest job is to divide the yards and TDs evenly, keep everyone alert and happy.

His three-TD, 425-yard effort this past Sunday in a victory over Tennessee didn't tire out Manning enough to keep him from trying to keep some other people happy on Monday. Without a lot of fanfare, he hosted 1,100 disadvantaged kids for a holidays celebration at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis, giving them hugs, shaking their hands and signing autographs.

This is the year of the surpassing passer in the NFL. Manning is the best by far, but others are enjoying some of the finest seasons in history.

Philadelphia's Donovan McNabb, having the best season of his six-year career, erased Montana's record for consecutive completions. He hit on his first 14 passes in the Eagles' 47-17 victory over Green Bay on Sunday, a week after completing his last 10 passes in a victory over Eli Manning and the New York Giants.

Against the Packers, McNabb passed for a career-high five touchdowns and a club-record 464 yards to bring his quarterback rating to 110.4, second-best in the league.

Pittsburgh rookie Ben Roethlisberger is flirting with perfection of a different sort, leading the Steelers on a 10-game winning streak.

Roethlisberger didn't get the respect and the money Eli Manning did in the NFL draft last spring, but he has a virtual lock on Rookie of the Year. He is fourth among the six quarterbacks with ratings over 100, and he is the only rookie among them.

In Joe Montana fashion on Sunday night in Jacksonville, Roethlisberger added more luster to his season by engineering a drive that set up a winning field goal with 18 seconds to play.

"Is a rookie quarterback supposed to win a game like that on the road in a hostile environment in prime time?" Steelers guard Alan Faneca asked before answering his own question.

"Probably not. That says a lot about him. He's special."

This is a special era for quarterbacks, as golden a group as any in the past. Brett Favre continues to amaze, though he struggled Sunday against Philadelphia when his streak of games with a TD pass was snapped at 36, second in NFL history.

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IOC investigates Jones

By Stephen Wilson
Associated Press

LONDON — The IOC opened an investigation Tuesday into doping allegations against Marion Jones, who could eventually be stripped of her five medals from the 2000 Olympics.

International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge set up a disciplinary commission to look into the claims made by Victor Conte, head of the California-based lab accused of illegally distributing steroids.

Conte told ABC's "20/20" in a broadcast aired Friday that he gave Jones performance-enhancing drugs before and after the Sydney Olympics. He said he watched Jones inject herself with human growth hormone.

"The allegations made by Mr. Conte are extremely serious and the IOC is fully committed to bringing to light any elements that will help the truth prevail," the IOC said in a statement.

Jones won three gold medals (100 meters, 200 and 1,600 relay) and two bronze (long jump and 400 relay) in Sydney. She repeatedly has denied ever using banned drugs, and has threatened to sue Conte for defamation.

Attorney Rich Nichols reiterated that Jones has consistently denied use of performance-enhancing drugs, passed a lie detector test and has maintained the same physical appearance.

"Victor Conte is someone who is under federal indictment, facing serious prison time and has a record of issuing a host of contradictory, inconsistent statements," Nichols said in a statement.

"Victor Conte's allegations are not true and the truth will be revealed for the world to see as the legal process moves forward."

The U.S. Olympic Committee did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

World Anti-Doping Agency chief Dick Pound, a senior IOC member, has said Jones should be stripped of her medals if Conte is telling the truth. Any decision on the medals would be made by the IOC executive board.

Rogge advocates a "zero tolerance" policy on doping.

"I hope the truth will emerge," he said last week. "We want the truth. We want to know what happened and the more we know, the better."

Under the IOC charter, Olympic decisions can be challenged within three years of the games' closing ceremony. The Sydney Olympics ended more than four years ago, on Oct. 1, 2000.

But Thomas Bach, the German lawyer and IOC member who heads the three-member investigative panel, said the three-year rule shouldn't apply in this case.

"I don't think it plays a role," he told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

Pound said there was no actual decision taken in Sydney and the allegations are only coming out now.

Jones, who did not win any medals at the Athens Olympics, has been under investigation for months by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, but has not been charged. USADA has said it will take Conte's allegations into account.

Conte, head of the BALCO lab, said he worked with Jones from August 2000 to September 2001. He said he designed a doping regimen for her that included the previously undetectable steroid THG, the endurance-enhancing hormone EPO, human growth hormone and insulin.

Bach said his first move will be to request a transcript of the ABC program.

"First of all we have to check carefully whether the allegations concern the time of the Olympics, and then we have to determine who is concerned," he said.

Bach said the investigation could cover athletes other than Jones mentioned in the program. The panel will ask for athletes' statements and could have them to appear at a hearing, although "we are not in a position to force anybody to appear," he said.

Bach said he doesn't expect to finish the probe before the next IOC board meeting, which takes place Feb. 10-11 in Turin, Italy.

Under Rogge, who succeeded Juan Antonio Samaranch in 2001, the IOC has taken a much tougher stance on doping. The IOC sanctioned a record 24 athletes for duping offenses during the Athens Olympics in August.

The IOC has also been investigating the 1999 doping case involving American sprinter Jerome Young. He tested positive for a steroid in 1999 but was cleared by a U.S. appeals panel and won a gold medal in Sydney as part of the 1,600 relay team.

The IOC could strip the entire team — including five-time Olympic champion Michael Johnson — of the gold medals. The IOC is waiting for the Court of Arbitration for Sport to rule on an appeal by the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Former Celtic player arrested

PORTSMOUTH, R.I. (AP) — A former Boston Celtics player was arrested on drug charges after passing out in his car and hitting a doughnut shop, according to police.

Police were called to a Dunkin' Donuts on Friday morning after Chris Herren, 29, of Portsmouth, crashed his car into a wall near the drive-through, Sgt. Harry Leonard told The Providence Journal.

Officers found Herren unconscious in the car and had to smash a window to give him medical treatment. He was taken to the hospital, where he was treated and released.

Herren, a former star basketball player from Fall River, Mass., refused a blood test at the hospital and was arraigned at Portsmouth Police Station after officers found empty packets that contained heroin residue in his car, Leonard said.

— *Associated Press*

Bonds is another scar on the game

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Gregory Urquiaga/Daily Contra Costa Times

San Francisco Giants' Barry Bonds hits his 690th homerun in San Francisco on Tuesday, Aug. 17.

ation? Will the fans still trust their idols?

Fortunately for Selig, such questions were asked before.

Questions were asked to Kenesaw Mountain Landis, who was hired as baseball's first commissioner in 1920 to solve the Chicago "Black Sox" scandal. The owners gave him complete control of the game solely so he would secure the game's integrity during a time when bookies were trying to take it over.

A U.S. district court judge and a man who was named after the mountain his father fought a battle on during the Civil War Landis was an extremely stern, traditionalistic person.

Landis made an example out of these players by expelling them from his league directly before the peak of the game's popularity in the years immediately following Major League Baseball's first legitimate scandal.

As the seasons progressed and the game further innovated itself, the stories grew, the tradition was padded, and a national pastime had officially hit its stride.

Then, along came Pete Rose. He could arguably be the most successful hitter of anyone who has stepped on a field, but just like the eight members of the White Sox in 1919, he put himself before the game by compromising the sanctity of its tradition.

Not only did he bet on his own games but he has lied, shown a lack of remorse and completely spit in the game's face by marketing his book in casinos.

I applaud Selig for keeping Rose out of baseball, and I will give him a standing ovation if he throws Bonds and the rest of the BALCO all stars out of the game for good. When they walk out of Selig's office, I hope he hands them their stats and Hall of Fame items in a duffle bag.

If Landis didn't do it to the Black Sox, you wouldn't remember the first time you stepped on a field because the game wouldn't be around right now. If Landis didn't outlaw eight of baseball's biggest criminals, the Boston Red Sox would have been the best team in a league that no one right now would know about.

Fenway wouldn't be a ballpark, but a parking lot. Michael Jordan wouldn't have retired to play minor league baseball in Birmingham. No one would question why Deion Sanders couldn't have just stuck to one sport. The name Babe Ruth would mean nothing to you.

Bonds was ultimately after better stats which would bring him more money, money that he makes now because of people like Curt Flood and "Catfish" Hunter who fought for better player contracts just 30 years ago.

When someone like Barry Bonds wants to ruin something that beautiful, something that Bud Selig stands for, what else can the commissioner do besides ban him from the game?

My memories of baseball are so personally significant because of my passion for the game, the same passion that fans shared a century ago.

And I fear that kids in the future won't be able to say the same.

Jeff Howe is a Collegian columnist.

Swim team will rely on teamwork

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here and are all driving to do well as a team."

Since their 2001 Atlantic 10 championship, the Minutewomen look to continue their success that they have experienced so far. If this year is the year they can capture the championship again, many on the team agreed it would be because of their teamwork.

"This team has attitude as far as training goes," coach Newcomb said. "One attribute is that they are very team oriented and that is very important if you want to succeed in this sport especially."

Amongst the top performers are Nicole LeBarge, Kelly Hoffrage and freshman standout Samantha Dempty, the team leader in the fly event. However, despite all the success, Newcomb stresses that there is always room for improvement.

"It's the little things we have to work on like turning," Newcomb said. "But despite that, we have had some really outstanding performances so far."

With their hectic schedule coming up, the team is working together to make things happen and swim to their highest potential.

"Although it is going to be tough during these upcoming weeks, the motivation of the team really keeps me going," Bourassa said. "Everyone backs you up. There is always 24 other girls cheering you on and it really makes things exciting."

In the previous four years, the Massachusetts men's swimming and diving team has won four Atlantic 10 championships. With that past behind them, and a perfect record thus far, the men are preparing for the rest of this year's swim season.

"This is a real good group. Everyone comes in here with a smile and keeps a positive attitude," coach Russ Yarworth said. "The next three weeks [it] is important to keep focus with the stress of finals and the holiday break."

There is pressure that entails being the best team in the Atlantic 10 over the past five years, and the team knows which teams look to end that streak. Schools like St. Bonceventure and La Salle are having decent seasons and will be a challenge in the upcoming month.

"The motto for this season has been drive for five, because coach has stressed that the goal is to get that fifth championship," senior captain Owen Scollan said. "We have some energetic freshman and are making sure that everyone keeps their mind set on our goal."

While these out of conference meets are important, the men are all in agreement that it is the Atlantic 10 championship that is their target. They also agreed that they have to remain focused.

"The A-10's are definitely our driving force during this busy next month," sophomore Greg Chartier said.

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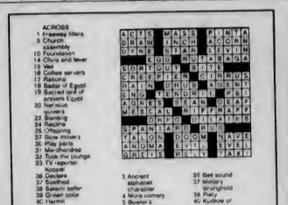
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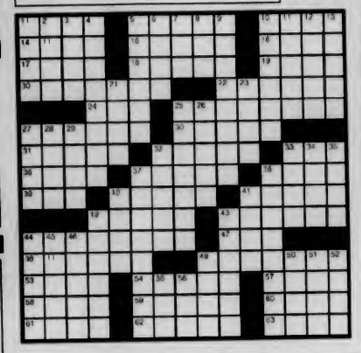
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The goal of the post-Oslo *Intifada* is not to establish a Palestinian state alongside a Jewish state. Its goal is an Islamic *umma* extending "from the Jordan to the sea." That is why Oslo was rejected by Arafat even though Barak and Clinton offered him an independent state on virtually all of the land Palestinians claimed in the West Bank of the Jordan and Gaza. That is why the very birth of Israel is referred to by all the present Palestinian leadership as the "Naqba" – the "catastrophe." To Islamic radicals at war with the West, the very creation of Israel is a catastrophe.
American apologists for Arab aggression are also apologists for Islamic aggression. In their eyes, Arab terror in the Middle East has a root cause in the policies of Israel, whom terrorists refer to as the "little Satan." For apologists of the Islamic terror of 9/11 and the Zarqawi terror in Iraq, *jihad* is not a self-generating creed but has a "root cause" in the policies of "the Great Satan," which is us.
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The tainting of America's pastime

The emergence of steroid abuse is hurting the game



Jeff Howe

Baseball is one of the few things in life that can unite a group of friends or millions of people. It is one of the pure things in life that just about everyone can relate to because of its illustrious history, magical present and assured future.

I grew up just north of Boston — a Red Sox fan — and baseball was one of the first things that bonded my father and I.

I remember playing catch in my backyard after getting my first baseball glove; the expression on his face when he gave me my first Red Sox hat, and being fraternized in 2003 as one of the many Sox fans who have suffered through the team's notoriously agonizing history.

Baseball is a game that stands for so many things to so many people. It united a nation after 9/11. It inspires young kids and brings back old memories when the Little League World Series is put on the world's stage each year.

And just like myself, everyone has their own unique stories that involve the game in some fashion or another.

It's the mostly clean history and tradition of the game that make it a cultural phenomenon.

But I say, "mostly clean history" for a reason, because a few have tried to destroy this game's legacy. And though it is still a sport, baseball is mostly a game, and it was certainly nothing more than a game to those who combined cricket and rounders so they could pass the time better with their buddies at local taverns in the mid-19th century.

It was nothing more than a game to the soldiers who set up fields during their breaks from action as soldiers in the Civil War, as it is nothing more than a game to the same soldiers who are doing the same thing in Iraq to this day.

And it was unquestionably nothing more than a game to the young kids who played games of stickball in inner-city alleys so they could emulate their favorite Brooklyn Dodgers and Boston Braves nearly a century ago.

The proof of everyone's prideful love of baseball became official during the first decade of the 20th century when the courts launched an investigation to determine if the game was invented in America or if the English deserved credit because it was so similar to rounders.

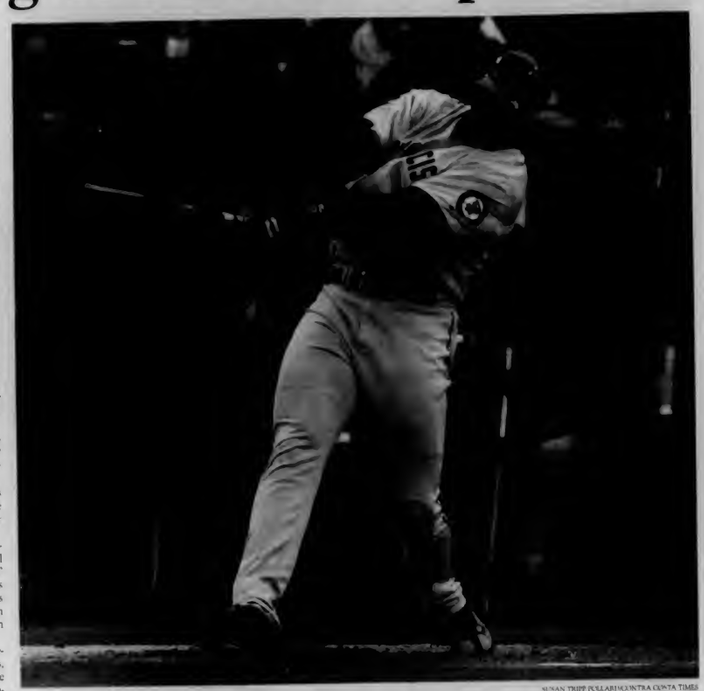
Americans actually lined the streets to chant, "No rounders!" because they wanted so badly for baseball to be their game.

But will baseball still have its assured future, its Little League games, its curses, its memorabilia or even its history?

That depends on how this excruciatingly painful steroids scandal pans out. It depends on Barry Bonds' records and their place in the game's almanacs. It depends on the game's outlaws — Gary Sheffield and Jason Giambi — and how they approach their returns in the spring.

Most importantly, if any of baseball's biggest stars like Albert Pujols, Sammy Sosa or Carlos Beltran are found to be juicing, how will commissioner Bud Selig handle the situ-

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Barry Bonds is currently the third baseball player to ever hit 700 home runs, behind only Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron. Bonds has come under scrutiny in regards to his involvement with steriods; also involved are Jason Giambi and Gary Sheffield, both play for the Yankees.

Dayton's coach returns to the bench

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

After taking a medical leave of absence on Oct. 28, University of Dayton women's basketball head coach Jim Jabir returned to the sidelines to resume head coaching duties against Wright State.

Jabir, 42, officially announced his temporary leave of absence on Nov. 3 after being diagnosed with cardiac arrhythmia, a condition that affects a person's heart rate. He was fitted with an artificial defibrillator to minister to his condition, and was hospitalized until Nov. 19 — the same night the Flyers opened their season with a 66-56 win over Akron.

Jabir returned to the practice Thursday mostly to observe assistant coach Greg Williams run the practice. He watched last Saturday's 72-45 loss to No. 10 Ohio State from the President's Suite at the University of Dayton Arena.

But last night, Jabir was able to pace the sidelines for the first time since the 2003-2004 season came to an end.

"I'm just really glad to be back," Jabir said on Dayton's Web site. "I love the people here at UD, and missed them while I was away. I realize how lucky I am to still be around and to be a part of where this program is going."

After going 3-25 last season, the Flyers are 3-3 so far in 04-05, having lost their last two.

GWU in Top 25 for first time since 1998

On Dec. 1, Anna Montanana tallied a season-high 19 points and Jessica Simmonds notched a double-double with 19 points and a career high-tying 13 rebounds as the George Washington Colonials upset the No. 24 Villanova Wildcats with a convincing 62-52 defeat at the Smith Center.

Following the win, the Colonials are now ranked No. 21 in the latest polls. They are the first Atlantic 10 team in '04-'05 to break into the Top 25. GWU also became the first A-10 team to defeat a ranked opponent this season, and has put itself in serious contention among the top of the conference following the win.

It was the Colonials' first win against a ranked opponent since December 18, 2003, when Cathy Joens' 19 points and eight rebounds helped them slam then-No. 21 Oregon 72-52. They weren't so fortunate this year, however, as the Ducks slammed them right back with a 64-40 thumping last Saturday.

Temple, coached by famed WNBA great Dawn Staley, came close to upending No. 1 Tennessee back on Nov. 28, falling 52-48 in the waning minutes of the contest. They are still looking for their first upset of a ranked opponent since beating then-No. 20 Rutgers in the 1989 A-10 Semifinals.

All-America Watch

Montanana has made a serious statement for All-America and A-10 Player of the Year consideration following last week's performance.

The Valencia, Spain native garnered A-10 Player of the Week honors this week following back-to-back 19-point performances against Villanova and Oregon.

Over the last week, the senior forward has averaged 19 points, 6.5 rebounds, three steals and 2.5 assists in two games, while going 10 for 11 from the foul line. After her six-rebound performance against Oregon, she moved into No. 11 all-time on the career rebounds list, with 557.

Montanana took things a step further, however, and put up career numbers Monday night against Brigham Young. She notched a career-high 25 points, including nine of 16 from the floor, but committed a team-high nine turnovers to aide BYU's 76-70 victory.

Richmond is 5-0 for the first time since the 1970-71 season, and senior Kate Flavin is a big reason why. Last Sunday, the forward dropped a game-high 27 points and ten boards to pick up her second consecutive double-double as the Spiders downed VCU 76-67.

Tough road ahead for swimmers

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

While many students prepare for finals and the upcoming winter break, the Massachusetts men's and women's swimming and diving teams have a lot more to think about. On top of the tests and papers, it has practice everyday, a training session in Puerto Rico starting Jan. 8, the Rhode Island Invitational after that and then two challenging meets the next two weeks after.

Saying they will be busy would be an understatement.

"We have a very tough schedule coming up over the next month," UMass women's coach Bob Newcomb said. "Going from Puerto Rico straight to Rhode Island will be tough on them."

So far this season, UMass has won three meets and lost only one, along with placing second and third in its two invitational. With a recent poll ranking the Minutewomen No. 11 nationally, they hope to carry that success over the rest of the season.

"This team is very diverse as far as events go," freestyle swimmer Aimee Bourassa said. "That way everybody gets a taste of each event."

Senior leadership has been key to the women's success thus far, with captains Colleen Wasson, Jay Yankowski and Lynette Sweeney piloting the team.

"We all work hard and there is a lot of team chemistry that really motivates us," Sweeney said. "We have a great group of freshman

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Sox offer arbitration to Pedro

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

BOSTON — The Red Sox are offering arbitration to pitcher Pedro Martinez and seven other free agents, General Manager Theo Epstein said Tuesday, meaning the club would receive draft choices if they sign with another team.

The World Series champions decided not to offer arbitration to their other six free agents who can sign with any team, including the Red Sox. Boston would get no compensation if they sign elsewhere.

Besides Martinez, the team will offer arbitration to catcher Jason Varitek, shortstop Orlando Cabrera, pitchers Derek Lowe, Pedro Astacio and Mike Myers, infielder Pokey Reese and first baseman David McCarty. Players have until Dec. 19 to accept or reject arbitration and can negotiate with any team until that deadline.

If a player accepts, he is considered signed by Boston for 2005 for a salary to be determined by an arbitrator after the player and team exchange salary proposals. They sometimes reach an agreement before the arbitration hearing in February.

If a player rejects the offer of arbitration, he can negotiate with any team. If he doesn't re-sign with the Red Sox by Jan. 8, he can't sign with them until May 1.

The six free agents not offered arbitration are right-handers Terry Adams, Curtis Leskanic, Ramiro Mendoza and Scott Williamson, infielders Ricky Gutierrez and designated hitter Ellis Burks, who has said he'll retire.

By knowing which players are offered arbitration, general managers at baseball's winter meetings, which run from Friday through Monday in Anaheim, can determine whether it's worth losing a draft choice to sign a free agent. Compensation for any of Boston's top four free agents — Martinez, Varitek, Lowe and Cabrera — would be a draft choice after the first round and before the second

The Red Sox should get a better idea of where they stand with Martinez when principal owner John Henry and chief executive Larry Lucchino visit him Wednesday in the Dominican Republic.

They said they will meet with Martinez during their trip to his home country to attend the one-year anniversary of the opening of the Red Sox baseball academy outside Santo Domingo.

"Certainly we hope to see and meet with Pedro," Henry wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press on Monday night.

Lucchino stressed in an e-mail that the meeting was intended to be social.

"During our visit, we will meet with both Pedro and (designated hitter) David Ortiz. They are not intended to be business meetings," he said.



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Pedro Martinez of the Boston Red Sox has been looking at offers from the New York Mets.

Brady named 'Sportsman of the Year'

FOXBORO (AP)— Patriots quarterback Tom Brady was named Sportsman of the Year by Sporting News on Tuesday, nine days after the Boston Red Sox received the same honor from Sports Illustrated.

Brady began the outstanding year for Boston teams by winning his second Super Bowl MVP and leading New England to its second NFL championship in three years last February. This season he's played a major role in the team's 11-1 record.

"Brady has come from 199th draft choice to be the face of the NFL," Sporting News editorial director John Rawlings said.

"You'll find quarterbacks with gaudier statistics and some with more hype, but Tom Brady is about winning and that's why they play the game."

Brady was the 199th player selected in the 2000 draft. But he took over for the injured Drew Bledsoe in 2001, leading the Patriots to a 20-17 Super Bowl win over the St. Louis Rams.

Last season, the Patriots went 15-1 en route to another Super Bowl title.

Brady is 45-13 as a starting quarterback At 11-1 this season, New England is tied with Pittsburgh and Philadelphia for the best record in the NFL.

The award is determined by editors of the St. Louis-based Sporting News. His selection will be the cover story of the issue that hits newsstands Wednesday.

Last year, the honor was shared by Kansas City Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil and Florida Marlins manager Jack McKeon.

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White Ribbon Campaign works to prevent violence against women

By Erin Lemkey
Collegian Correspondent

In the days leading up to Canada's National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women on December 6, the "Voices Against Violence" program and a group of volunteers put together the White Ribbon Campaign, which condems violence by men against women.

During several days of tabling in the University of Massachusetts Campus Center and in various Dining Commons on campus, the White Ribbon Campaign volenteers asked men to sign a petition stating their commitment to ending violence against women. These names ran as an ad in The Daily Collegian this week.

According to the group, the white ribbons are for men to wear signifying their stand against violence, particularly acts committed by men against women. This is the first year that this campaign has taken place at UMass. It is modeled after campaigns in Canada that mark the anniversary of a horrific massacre of 14 women that took place in 1989 in Montreal.

The Montreal massacre was committed by an armed man at the Ecole Polytechnique, who opened fire after declaring his hatred for women and feminism. As a result of this catastrophic event, the White Ribbon Campaign has been going on since 1991. The campaign has also spread to the United States, where one out of every three women will be the victim of some kind of sexual assault or battery during the course of her lifetime, according to White Ribbon Campaign members.

Tom Schiff is one of the leaders of the UMass White Ribbon Campaign as well as the director of "Voices Against Violence" and health educator at the University Health Center.

"Most acts of violence are committed by men, though most men do not commit acts of violence," he said. "The effort behind the white ribbon campaign is for men to become accountable for the frequent acts of violence committed against women by men. The ribbons are designed to spark conversation and dialogue about men's responsibility to acknowledge a culture of violence against women that exists in our society," said Schiff. "Many men don't say anything when they hear jokes about rape because they think they're the only one who feels that it's wrong."

The White Ribbon Campaign at UMass started through the collaboration of Tom Schiff and Senior Finance and Psychology major Jim Darling, who has been committed to educating himself and others about violence against women since high school. Darling is an Educator Advocate with the Everywoman's Center, located between Franklin Dining Commons and the Morrill Science Center.

The Educator Advocate Program, according to the EWC website, is a component of the Rape Crisis Center of Hampshire County, providing various types of workshops for the local schools and the University. As an educator, Darling leads workshops talking to men and women about the prevalence and culture of violence against women that persists in our society. This subject became important to Darling in high school as conversations with female friends made it apparent to him that much of the violence against women was not taken seriously by men, leaving women with much lingering psychologi-

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COURTESY JEFF NASH/UMASS

SGA President Eduardo Bustamante and Trustee Matt Murphy pose with volunteers involved in the White Ribbon Campaign against violence towards women.

Westfield man arrested for Amherst murder

Victim identified as UMass student

By Matt Elder
Collegian Staff

AMHERST — A Westfield man was arrested and arraigned yesterday on a single count of murder in the death of David C Sullivan, a 22-year-old University of Massachusetts student.

According to a release from the office of Northwestern District Attorney, Elizabeth Scheibel, Bryan Johnston, 23, of 342 Southwick Road, was arraigned before Judge Robert F. Kumor, Jr. at Noble Hospital, in Westfield. Johnson had been a patient in the facility since early Tuesday morning. No details regarding Johnston's medical condition were made public yesterday.

Sullivan's body was found inside the bedroom of his 105 Meadow Street home early Tuesday morning at approximately 12:31 a.m. Sullivan was a Building Materials and Wood Technology major at the school, expected to graduate in the Spring of 2005.

According to the Northwestern District Attorney's office, Sullivan had visible injuries that appeared to be gunshot wounds that investigators believe came from a rifle caliber firearm.

Johnston was ordered to be held at the Hampshire County House of Corrections until today's court appearance, at which time he will be given an examination to test his competency to stand trial.

Despite the recent shooting, UMass director of News and Information, Ed Blaguszewski says the Amherst area has not experienced much violence in the last 10 years.

"I think it's a fair case to say that this is rare," said Blaguszewski.

In October 2002, Jennifer Paluseo, then a UMass senior, was charged with involuntary manslaughter, after she gave birth to a baby boy in a shower stall in James Hall dormitory, and then disposed of the live child in a trashcan.

UMass Police Chief Barbara O'Connor said that the last incident of this magnitude that she knew of was a shooting at Cashin Hall in 1998. O'Connor was referring to an Oct. 30, incident in 1998 when Sukha Doe Chhim of Amherst shot a UMass student in the neck during an attempted robbery.

Blaguszewski said that the UMass Police Department is not involved with the investigation, and that the Amherst PD is among a group involved in an ongoing investigation, including the State Police Detective Unit, and the Northwestern District Attorney's office.

STUDENTS AND FACULTY REACT

As details of the Tuesday morning incident spread across campus, students and faculty reacted to the news.

"Obviously our condolences go out to the family and friends of David Sullivan," Blaguszewski said. He added that he doesn't remember anything like this ever happening here.

"It's not something that I'm aware of," he said.

Vice Chancellor of Campus Affairs and Student Life Michael Gargano commented on how he felt about the incident.

"Obviously we're deeply saddened at any time a member of the UMass family loses his life. It's double daunting because he's so young. He had his whole life in front of him," he said.

Blaguszewski agreed with Gargano's comments on tragedy.

"It's always difficult to grapple with the death of a student," he said.

Gargano, who was in Florida yesterday, said he hasn't heard anything about a motive or anything involving the status

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SGA names new Associate Speaker

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

The Student Government Association Senate voted unanimously last night to appoint Mark Morrison as the Associate Speaker to the SGA despite some skepticism that he was hand picked by Speaker Seamus Brennan.

Morrison, who has been the former Attorney General to the SGA as well as chair of the administrative affairs committee admitted that he was reluctant at first about taking the position but realized there was a duty for someone to step up to the position.

"I am doing this to fulfill the duty to you and the Senate," Morrison said, who also accepted the fact that he could potentially become the next Speaker if Brennan is impeached.

"[If Brennan is impeached] I am going to side with the Senate and the student body," Morrison said. He added that he is "not the same person by any stretch of the imagination" as Brennan.

"[Morrison] will do meaningful tasks, and things will get done in a timely fashion," said Eduardo Bustamante, president of the SGA. "Mark is definitely a good candidate, and he has been around forever."

Senator Pavel Payano tried to table the motion to appoint Morrison indefinitely because of the lack of duties that Brennan has fulfilled as current Speaker.

"I don't feel right voting to appoint him coming from Seamus," Payano said, "I want this tabled indefinitely."

The motion which need two-thirds vote to pass, did not; the ultimate vote for appointing Morrison, however, passed unanimously.

Senate members asked critical questions about Morrison's ability to work for the students and fellow senators, hoping that his intentions were not to serve members of the administration.

"I am not going to roll over to the administration," Morrison said, "I am a big stickler for the institutional process."

Last month, the Senate voted no-confidence in the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life Michael Gargano and has refused to work with him on future issues. Morrsion, although he was not present to vote in November, acknowledged the concern from the Senate about working with him in the future.

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Happy Hanukkah

The Hillel House Band kicked off the group's Hanukkah Bash, which featured music and dancing in the Campus Center last night.

Newman Center's Giving Tree program helps local families during holidays

By Adrienne Bossi
Collegian Staff

As they say, the holiday season is a time of giving. And the Newman Center is doing just that.

The Giving Tree Project, now several years old, aims to provide 682 needy children with Christmas gifts this holiday season.

The tree, glowing warmly in the Newman Chapel, is decorated with hand made paper ornaments each containing the age, gender, and wish list of a local area child, one for each child.

"Every time an ornament is taken from the tree, it is replaced with a gold star symbolically telling us about the generosity of the community," said Kathleen Callahan, communications coordinator for the Giving Tree project. "Our goal is to go from a paper tree to a golden tree."

They are almost there. Callahan estimates there are around 100 ornaments left. "There is always a bit of a scramble towards the end of the project, not all the ornaments are taken, or ornaments are never returned with gifts, but it always comes together in the end. Every child gets accommodated for."

One way to aid with the scramble is to take more than one ornament. While most people take just one hoping to "rock this kid's world", Callahan suggests spreading the cheer and brightening more than one child's holiday.

Callahan also points out that, "many of the children on the tree have siblings on the tree as well. There can be a large disparity among the gifts. A child's brother or sister might not be getting as much."

Callahan suggests spending between $20 and $25 on each child. For older children, she recommends gift cards. She also recommends stores where $25 can go the farthest, like Target, Walmart, and Old Navy.

"It's not that we don't want people to be stylish," Callahan joked, "but we also want them to be warm. And some things are as good as any. My socks are from Walmart, too."

"Our focus is on helping families provide for the basic needs; food and clothing," Callahan said. While it is okay to include small toys, dolls, crayons, or books with a gift, the focus should be clothing.

Callahan also understands that many college students are short on cash themselves this holiday season. Students can consider pairing up, or forming groups to pool money. They can go door to door in their dorms and collect money or can ask people at their jobs for a dollar or two. Planning ahead also helps.

"I bought four kids' outfits, each $5, in the spring on winter blowouts," Callahan said.

There are, however, other ways to help with the Giving Tree project that don't require opening a wallet. This Sunday, December 12, the overwhelming task of organizing the gifts will begin. Students are encouraged to volunteer their time with that. Getting the word out and posting flyers is another way.

"Every single person on this project has made a contribution," Callahan said. "Even if all they can do is sit in on one meeting. When it comes to helping kids, we will take whatever help we can get."

"You can't save the world all by yourself, but you can save a piece of it. And that's what we are doing here, one child at a time."

Ornaments can be picked up at the Newman Center chapel. Gifts should be wrapped, ornament attached as a nametag, and returned to the Chapel after morning mass on Sunday December 12. For more information, contact Chris Clark, Campus Minister and Director of Religious Education at chrisclark@external.umass.edu or 413-549-0300 x14.



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The Newman Center's Giving Tree.

Floral designers raise money for trip

By Jennifer Gorson
Collegian Correspondent

The Baird Student Chapter of the American Institute of Floral Designers (SAIFD) held their annual Holiday Bazaar in French Hall on Thursday, December 2. The Bazaar helped Chapter members fundraise for their trip to the 2005 National American Institute of Floral Designers Symposium in Seattle, Washington.

The Baird Student Chapter at the University of Massachusetts began eight years ago as the Horticulture Club. Today, led by advisor Nancy L. Garrabrants, members cultivate their common interest in floral design and play an important role in campus affairs.

If you have ever wondered who designs the floral centerpieces for the Cosby dinner and the Autumn Event for prospective student, the answer is SAIFD.

"It can be long days, but it's relaxing. It helps you unwind from the daily grind," said "Lindsey," a junior majoring in retail floral design.

Although SAIFD tasks are not exactly leisurely, members put in long hours preparing for important University events. The University gives the club a budget for each function, and members must work within their allotted resources to create aesthetically pleasing centerpieces for the campus community.

However, according to members, the time put in is well worth the effort.

"I call it my mental health class," says Lorraine Lapoint, a non traditional student involved with SAIFD.

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For the record:
In yesterday's Daily Collegian, UMass Police Chief Barbara O'Connor was incorrectly identified as Bob O'Connor in the article about Tuesday's homicide. We apologize for this error.

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of the investigation. However, he expressed his condolences to everyone involved.

"We share the grief with the family and friends," he said.

Many students around campus didn't think that this incident would affect their day-to-day safety.

"It hasn't given me any fear. I don't feel less safe," said Anh-Dao Nguyen, a junior biochemistry major at UMass.

"It's kind of crazy that it happened," said Joe Aquino, a junior math major at UMass.

Aquino said that he doesn't feel any less safe, and that he thinks this was an isolated incident. However, he does believe that the killer probably had motive.

"I don't think that it was some random murder," he said.

Even though he said that he wasn't fearful for his safety, philosophy graduate student Steve Woodside said that he is going to be careful in the days to come if he lived on campus.

"I would definetly walk a little more carefully," he said. He added that he didn't think it would affect the safety of the people on campus.

Central Berkshire Superintendent Paul E. Swem, who was superintendent while Sullivan was in high school, shared his sympathy.

"Certainly we regret the loss of a life that we had to do with the forming of," he said.

Anyone with any information on the incident on Tuesday morning should call the Amherst Police Department at 413-256-4011.

SAIFD holds bazaar

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"Beginner Floral Design" and "Advanced Floral Design" is an optional two-class sequence offered in conjunction with the club through the Stockbridge School of Agriculture.

The classes are open to anyone with an interest in floristry, and give members ample instruction to prepare for the National Symp-osium held each year. Whether retail floral design is their major or their hobby, members list fun, traveling, and creativity as the benefits that make SAIFD so rewarding.

The 2005 National Symposium, which the recent Holiday Bazaar benefited, is a highly anticipated SAIFD event. Retail Floral Design professionals come from around the world to compete and showcase their floral designs at the annual convention. The event was held in New York City last year, and takes place at a different locale each year. SAIFD members from all over the country will travel to Seattle, Wash. this July to take part in the five day, conference style symposium.

"You're busy from 8 a.m. to 6 at night," Garrabrants said.

Although leisure lacks for SAIFD members, the experience is invaluable. Each group of students gets instruction from a renowned floral artist. Most often, the designers have worked for celebrities and various high profile weddings and affairs. The UMass chapter has built up a special rapport with well-known designer Derek Demateos, who is now coming to UMass as part of the "AIR" (Artist In Residence) program.

Though he cannot disclose the details of who exactly enlisted his expertise, Demateos recently worked on a "VIP" wedding covered in People magazine. He will soon come to UMass and instruct SAIFD members on floral design for "parties" and similar functions.

The annual Symposium has been featured on NBC's "Today" show and draws designers from all over the world. The students have not only had the chance to take classes with famous profession-

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"I know every single vice chancellor," he said, "and I work in Whitmore."

In response to the no-confidence vote, Trustee Matthew Murphy and Bustamante met with Chancellor John V. Lombardi Tuesday and were both disappointed in the outcome of the meeting.

"[Lombardi] expressed that he was not going to sign the motion of no confidence," Murphy said, "and that he was not going to sign the Freedom of Information Act filed last summer."

Bustamante said that all Lombardi had to offer was a verbatim account of the Wellman doctrine that encourages students to work with the vice chancellors. "It seems slightly absurd to me," he said, "we are the student voice."

Bustamante and Murphy also encouraged the Senate with positive news about the textbook rental system and the process to give students more access to affordability.

"We met with vice chancellor Joyce Hatch, and it was a very positive meeting," Murphy said, "we are working on getting going with the textbook rental system and we are bringing in a consultant. It is a very good opportunity to save a lot of money for students next year."

Bustamante said that this plan would bring greater opportunities and options for students who purchase books.

"There will be an option to rent, so they will have 'new' books, 'used' books and 'rented' books."

He also said that because this plan is in its infant stage, then perhaps rental books will be done class by class, and if the professor agrees not to change the edition for two to three years.



Mark Morrison addresses the SGA shortly after being unanimously appointed as Associate Speaker in last night's meeting.



Santa's coming to town!
Hayley, left, and Tyler Schrakamp give their Christmas lists to Santa in Dallas, Texas yesterday.

Ribbon project comes to UMass

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cal trauma.

"I hate excuses," he said. Darling said he had many female friends in high school that confided in him about instances of rape, sexual assault, and harassment from boyfriends. "None of these problems were solved. The guys got away with it and the problems were left with the women," he said.

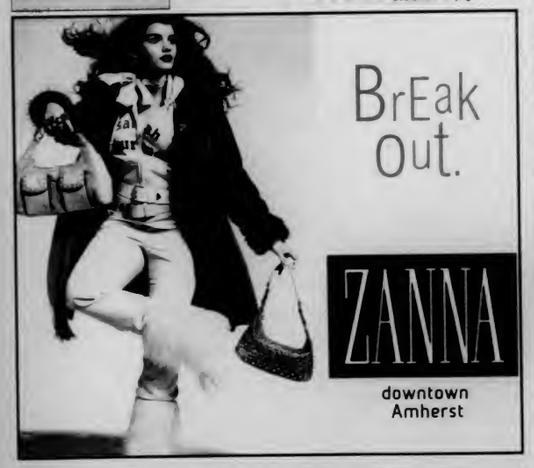
Darling spoke of many situations that were too complicated or too subtle to stand a chance in court, but that upset him greatly. He said one of his friends in high school was diagnosed with anorexia, bulimia, and manic depression, which Darling said he attributes in part to her violent boyfriend. He also said that many students, male and female, don't recognize the problem (or legitimacy) of women being raped at parties while intoxicated.

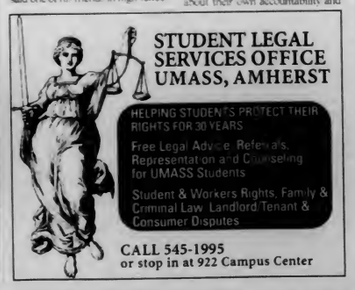
Darling said one of his best friends was raped five times at a party by a man she knew, and neither individual understood the situation as a serious act of violence. As many of these situations are not easily dealt with through legal means, Darling sees the education of men about their own accountability and responsibility for stopping violence against women as essential.

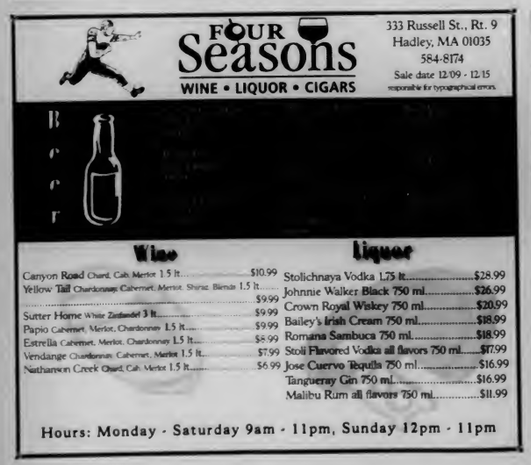
Darling became aware of the White Ribbon Campaign when he visited Chicago to attend the CALCASA (California Coalition Against Sexual Assault) Institute's annual conference in October. The purpose of this conference was for different colleges across the country to network and listen to speakers about domestic violence, rape, and assault. Darling said that the conference was by far the "best thing I've ever done as an extracurricular here at UMass."

He emphasized that he met great people at the conference, including the head of the White Ribbon Campaign from Canada. Darling said he liked the idea of the campaign, and wanted to bring it to UMass. Upon returning from the conference, he spoke with Schiff of University Health Services, who had coincidentally also been planning a White Ribbon Campaign for early December. With the help of a bunch of volunteers, many of who attended Schiff's educational workshops through sports activities or the dorms, this campaign has had a successful first year at UMass.

According to Ali Hamedani, a volunteer, the campaign has received "mostly a very positive response from the men that we've talked to."









SAIFD raises funds for trip

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als, but they also get to see floral presentations of other students from across the country and receive useful feedback in optional competitions.

A typical competition involves allocating each team the same materials. Then, competitors are free to design their own floral arrangement, such as a boutonniere. Participants are judged on components including design technique, texture, color, and form. At the end of the conference, all of the floral presentations are broken down, and attendees transform the entirety into bouquets. Finally, the symposium donates as many as 1,500 hand tied bouquets to area hospitals.

This year, attending the conference will cost the UMass SAIFD about $6,000. The Annual Holiday Bazaar held last Thursday helps defray the cost.

Members created floral arrangements to sell, and area business donated vases and other needed materials. This year, SAIFD also held a silent auction to bid on holiday gifts. Keep an eye out for next year's Bazaar to get your holiday season decorations. Items for sale include poinsettias, Christmas cactuses, Decorated Wreaths, holiday centerpieces, and Boxwood Tree kits. You can also design your own wreath and have it custom made for pick up at French Hall.

The Holiday Bazaar and the National AIFD Symposium represent just a slice of SAIFD's multiple activities. The UMass SAIFD chapter is a busy group on campus open to anyone with an interest in floral design. If you are intrigued, meetings are held Tuesdays at 3:45 in French Hall 405 or contact Nancy at ngarranbrants@nrc.umass.edu.

Study says new breast cancer drug looks promising for women

By Marilynn Marchione
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — A newer drug prevented far more breast cancers from recurring in older women than the old standby tamoxifen and with far fewer side effects, doctors said Wednesday, citing a new study.

Cancer specialists said Arimidex is likely to become the first-choice treatment for most women who have had the disease, and they predicted a wider role for similar drugs of its type, called aromatase inhibitors.

New research suggests Arimidex might be able to prevent 70 percent to 80 percent of the most common type of tumors that occur in women after menopause, compared with the 50 percent that tamoxifen is credited with warding off.

Women with early-stage breast cancer who took Arimidex for five years were less likely to have cancer recur, develop in the other breast, or spread throughout their bodies than women who took tamoxifen.

"Arimidex is a more effective treatment. This is a better drug," said Dr. Aman Buzdar, a specialist at the University of Texas' M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. He headed the U.S. portion of the study, which involved about 6,000 women in 21 countries.

Results were reported Wednesday at a meeting in Texas of breast cancer experts and were published online by the British medical journal The Lancet.

Studies involving other aromatase inhibitors showed that women who switched to them after two or three years of tamoxifen also fared better than those who took tamoxifen for the standard five years.

The studies were largely funded by the makers of the newer drugs, but experts not involved in the work were impressed by the results.

"The big message is, women will have a better outcome if they take aromatase inhibitors," said Dr. Paul Goss of Massachusetts General Hospital, an expert on the drugs.

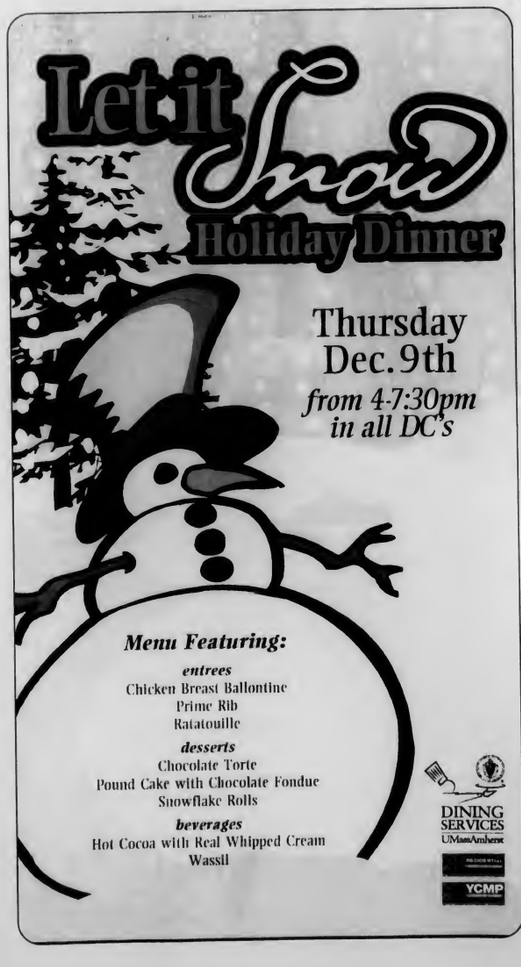
None of the studies change tamoxifen's status as the drug of choice for women who get breast cancer before menopause, because the newer drugs aren't thought to be effective then.

Tamoxifen revolutionized breast cancer treatment when it came into use some three decades ago and studies showed it could cut recurrence risk in half. It blunts the effects of estrogen, a hormone that promotes the growth of about three-fourths of the tumors that occur in postmenopausal women.

Aromatase inhibitors prevent estrogen from being made in the first place, and don't raise the risk of blood clots and endometrial cancer as tamoxifen does. Three are available: AstraZeneca PLC's Arimidex, Pfizer Inc.'s Aromasin and Novartis Pharmaceuticals' Femara.



A doctor gives a woman a mammogram at Providence Hospital.



Experienced Appalachian hiker writes book on journeys

By Jerry Harkavy
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — As a youngster, Mark Warner enjoyed hiking sections of the Appalachian Trail but never gave much thought to the idea of traveling it from end to end.

More recently, however, the 68-year-old retired nature photographer from Newcastle made at least a half-dozen trips along the entire 2,174-mile trail between Georgia and Maine, not on foot but in vintage airplanes he rebuilt himself.

Between those flights and a bunch of shorter ones, he figures that he has logged more than 20,000 miles flying above the trail.

The product of all that travel is showcased in Warner's latest book, "The Appalachian Trail: An Aerial View," a portfolio of pictures of the trail taken from a vantage point of 500 to 2,000 feet above the ground. In addition to the rugged peaks and high ridges the trail is famous for, the photos include lowland meadows, river and highway crossings, and even several towns.

Warner hopes the book will appeal to trail hikers looking for a bird's eye view of the places they've passed through.

Warner, who has worked as a wildlife and boating photographer for 30 years, is the author of two books on nature photography. He said he decided to publish his new book himself in order to retain editorial control.

The Appalachian Trail Conference in Harpers Ferry, W.Va., is distributing the book, which spokesman Brian King said is the first such collection of aerial photos he has seen.

The book, sold at trail shops or through the ATC, should appeal to hikers as well as anyone who enjoys landscape photography, King said.

"I think it gives hikers especially a whole different perspective on where they've been and where it lits," he said.

The project is an outgrowth of Warner's renewed interest in flying, a pastime he gave up years ago. In the early 1990s he stumbled upon a 1947 Piper Cub Super Cruiser in Rockland that needed lots of work. "I made a ridiculously low offer and they took it," he recalled.

Warner, who was then living in Connecticut, spent three years restoring the antique three-seater with the idea of selling it at a profit. But his plans changed after a dinner guest recounted his adventures hiking the Appalachian Trail and Warner decided to fly over the nearest portion of the trail to get a look at it.

His view of the footbridge across Ten Mile River just upriver from the Housatonic hooked him on the project he would pursue for nearly five years: taking aerial shots of the trail with his 1970s-vintage Nikon F2 camera in all 14 states it passes through and putting the best of the photos in a book.

Warner did his research during the winter, combing through hiking guides and other publications to find suitable spots along the trail to photograph.

To locate a potential site, he would determine its longitude and latitude, then enter the numbers into a hand-held Global Positioning System unit that could steer him to the right place while he was aloft.

Once there, Warner would aim for a shot that would show the trail and perhaps include a shelter, footbridge or other landmark. He would check the light angles and shadows before spiraling down to get the picture, usually getting what he wanted by the third run.

"I'd circle three or four times, then get the airplane stable to make the photo run and swing the window open and take the picture," he said. He would hold the stick between his knees to steady the plane as he clicked the shutter.

While it sounds daring, aerial photography by a solo pilot is not inherently risky, said Bill Hemmel, a retired commercial pilot in Belmont, N.H., who now specializes in aerial photography in New Hampshire's Lakes Region.

"It's akin to steering the car with your knees while you eat a sandwich, except that there's no traffic," he said. "It oftentimes takes several passes to get the right angle, the right lighting, the right framing."

Warner did most of the shooting during the spring, before leaf growth had obscured the trail, or in the fall, when the changing foliage colors provided a distinctive backdrop.

Early on, he realized that the Super Cruiser's door and window configuration made for an awkward perch from which to aim a camera.

In November 2002 he located the plane he wanted – a 1959 Piper Super Cub he later rebuilt – in Oklahoma and flew it home via the Appalachian Trail. Many of those pictures from that single trip made the cut.

Powell asks for allies' support

By George Gedda
Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Anxious to ease America's international burdens, Secretary of State Colin Powell urged European allies to step up cooperation in support of U.S. efforts concerning terrorism and conflicts from the Middle East to South Asia.

Powell told a gathering of young people Wednesday that trans-Atlantic institutions have been acquiring responsibilities on a global scale in recent years, notwithstanding the "bumps and bruises" and "blustery days" stemming from key European countries' opposition to the Iraq war.

Although he has only a few weeks left in office, Powell's message for the Europeans was decidedly aimed for the long-term.

"We need to have the courage to seek fundamental change and not be satisfied with just managing or containing threats," Powell said. "We must be able to create and seize opportunities."

Powell said the challenges facing the United States and Europe are more diffuse and harder to counter than those of the Cold War. Terrorism, trafficking in weapons, narcotics and people and transnational crime are among the threats that will require greater cooperation, he said.

Although Powell did not say so explicitly, a greater European role in meeting these threats will ease a mammoth burden for the United States. The combined costs of the Iraq and Afghan wars plus other components of the war on terrorism have run into the hundreds of billions of dollars and contributed to huge budget deficits.

Powell said President Bush is anxious for stronger ties with Europe and will travel to the continent in February, the first foreign trip of his second term.

The secretary of state arrived here from Bulgaria in advance of a Thursday meeting of NATO foreign ministers. But he made clear that trans-Atlantic cooperation should involve not only the 26-member defense alliance but other institutions as well, including the European Union and the Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

He said he was hopeful for a break in the impasse between Israel and the Palestinians, adding that U.S. and European institutions must help that process along and make contributions elsewhere in the region.

NATO's outreach is being underscored this week by the presence here of delegations from Israel and six Arab countries – Jordan, Egypt, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco and Mauritania.

The alliance's secretary general, Jaap de Hoop Scheffer, recently paid a visit to Algeria, the first by NATO's top diplomat to any of the seven countries in its decade-old "Mediterranean dialogue."

NATO had not undertaken a major operation outside Europe until the Afghanistan war. Powell noted that 9,000 NATO troops are deployed in that country and more should be sent in time for Afghani parliamentary elections set for next April.

Powell praised the OSCE role in monitoring Ukraine's Nov. 21 presidential runoff election that the country's top court found illegitimate, and he said he hoped the organization will perform the same role in Iraq next month. Other officials noted that NATO has begun the initial phase of training Iraqi forces and a second

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Men are friends, family, and/or lovers with victims/survivors of violence. Their response can help or hinder a survivor's recovery process.

Men are the primary targets of violence in our society, though women are the primary targets of sexualized violence.

We all have women in our lives we love – partners, daughters, mothers, sisters, friends, grandmothers, and granddaughters.

Thus:

Violence is a MEN'S issue. As men we must work to stop violence. We need to learn and teach positive ways of being that are healthy for our selves, our partners, our families, our communities, and our world.

We, the below signed men of the UMass-Amherst community acknowledge that:

Domestic and relationship violence is a problem that all men must work to end;
All people deserve to live and learn in a safe and loving environment based on equality;
Our lack of action and silence perpetuates the violence in my community;

And we pledge to:

Be violence free
Never commit, condone or remain silent about violence
Challenge other men to recognize that they can be powerful without making others powerless
Encourage all men to work together with women, using their collective voices and resources to end violence - not only at UMass but in all of our communities.

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This message is brought to you by the SGA and the Voices Against Violence Program of the Health Education Division of University Health Services as part of the UMass White Ribbon Campaign. White Ribbon started in Canada in 1991 to commemorate the Montréal Massacre of December 6, 1989, in which 14 women students at the École Polytechnique were systematically killed and 13 other students wounded by a lone gunman, who openly declared this as an act of hate against women and feminism. Men wearing a white ribbon is a symbolic statement against any type of violence against women, and it is a personal pledge never to commit, condone nor remain silent about violence against women. To honor the victims of Montreal massacre, we do not organize events on December 6, nor do we make public statements unless requested by women's groups.
For more information about Voices Against Violence call 577-5133.

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The Massachusetts Daily Collegian

EDITORIAL OPINION

Thursday, December 9, 2004 — "The recipe for perpetual ignorance is: be satisfied with your opinions and content with your knowledge." -Elbert Hubbard — Editorial@dailycollegian.com

Farewell southern cross

World Perspectives

Jennifer Kim

I home sweet home. I am finally back in the States after my short, yet fulfilled time abroad in Oz. 'Tis a bittersweet ending to an unforgettable experience. It's a great feeling to be welcomed with open arms and greeted with familiar surroundings that were once so trivial to you. Being away and overseas definitely makes you appreciate the simplest things that you wouldn't have originally given a second thought about. Every-thing is seen in a fresh new light.

Just recently, I went to visit U-Mass and swar-ms of nostalgia and familiarity came crawling back to me. When I missed the campus shuttle, I no longer had to wait an hour for the next one, but merely 20 minutes. When printing out work at the library, I didn't have to pay eleven cents per page as I did back at Unl in Australia. Oh, and by the way, I can go on the Internet whenever I please without worrying if I used up a certain percentage of quota on my account!

I often find myself being sucked into the hustle and bustle of the American culture and forgetting the "no worries" attitude I had so grown to live by back in Oz.

When I am craving food late at night, I don't have to resort to Dominoe's as the only delivery service available within a twenty mile radius. To be able to grab the collegian and read it with a cup of coffee brought me such a comforting feeling, unlike Australia, where we didn't have a newspaper on campus or any source of campus news. Who really knew what was going on at the Unl? Beats me. I no longer have to stress about ordering coffee anymore and receiving a cup of who knows what. In Australia, you have to order a cup of coffee by size, color, length and depth. For example, coffee can be ordered as a "tall short black" or a "small flat white". I would have resorted to tea, but the coffee addict in me needed the beans. This is when I eventually started to enjoy drinking straight up black coffee. These are just a few of the many things that I was relieved to come back to.

I no longer have to worry about finding a place to sleep whether it is in an airport, or a tiny crevice (in which they like to call a room), packed like sardines with ten other backpackers, and making sure that your luggage is locked and secure so that it doesn't get stolen by a fellow roommate. There are no more anxiety attacks after sprinting as if you were in a hundred meter dash through the airport or to the train station to make sure you caught it in time. There is no longer a worry about what to eat or what to do the following day. Nor is there that spontaneity or freedom to do exactly as life intended it to do—to take things as they come day by day—literally. I don't encounter random acquaintances I have met on a previous tour group or in general, meeting new people everyday and chilling with them the entire day. The fact of the matter is, as it turns out, I miss my nomadic and Aussie lifestyle that I had adopted while overseas.

I often find myself being sucked into the hustle and bustle of the American culture and forgetting the "no worries" attitude I had so grown to live by back in Oz. In deep contrast to the American culture, I believe the Aussie way of life is the way to be. It's so free of drama, worries and stress. One thing I have learned from them is to live, love and enjoy life in the present. This easygoing approach on life is portrayed through the people and culture. Never have I seen friendlier, laidback people willing to get to know you without any preempted judgments.

The country, culture and food are one thing, but the friends and experiences we've shared together are under a completely different category. My Aussie mates have taught me so much about their lives (and now my life too), and for this I am truly grateful to them. My fellow American friends from Cali, Texas, 'Sota, Indiana and all across the nation, who have experienced this incredible journey with me, will not be forgotten. Each and every one of us is unique and diverse in our own individual way, but one common factor that links us all together was Campus East, Wollongong, Australia. Who knows when we will all ever meet again, but the memories and experiences we've shared will only be understood amongst us and those will forever be cherished in my heart.

My final thoughts on studying abroad: As the Nike campaign would say, "Just Do It!" I strongly urge everyone to seize this opportunity before it's too late. However, there should also be a warning sign that comes with such an opportunity.

Warning: May cause one to fall in love with the country and people. May also cause increase in addiction levels to travel.

Carpe Diem.

Jennifer Kim is a Collegian Columnist. She is currently on exchange in Australia.

Thefacebook: a stalker's guide

Matt Brochu

Once upon a time, stalking people wasn't just an underrated art form; it was also a huge pain in the ass. Sit back and think about the countless hours you could have wasted: 1) Driving four to five car-lengths behind your stalkee at all times. 2) Dialing her phone number and breathing heavily like "Big Dell" after a round of wind sprints, then hanging up. 3) Taking black-and-white pictures and thumbtacking them to your Shrine Wall, right next to the hair doll and that pencil she picked up for you in CompSci105. 4) Dealing with the bird that crapped on your head while sitting in the oak tree across the quad to take those pictures. 5) Cutting individual letters from magazines to paste together creepy makeshift love notes to tape to her dry-erase board, always signed, "Your Secret Admirer".

Fortunately for all of us, www.thefacebook.com has brought those days to an end. Of course, one would think that such an innovative solution to all of your stalking needs would be sold via an infomercial for three easy payments of $14.95 (and if you call now, they'll throw in a pair of binoculars absolutely free). But you'd be wrong. All you need is an internet connection, an uploadable picture of "yourself", and the desire to poke random chicks (which isn't as cool as it sounds) to put hundreds of vulnerable, accessible college co-eds at your fingertips within the click of a mouse. And if you haven't had the opportunity to re-enact the toilet scene from "One Hour Photo" yet, this may be your lucky day.

Well, as soon as I heard about this thing a few weeks ago, I logged on and registered immediately (for research purposes only) to see what it was all about. This is what I found. For the seven of you who haven't heard about the facebook by now, it's a Website (thence the .com) that allows you to post much-too-personal information about yourself on the Internet for the entire world to see. In the end, thefacebook is just a cross between your high school yearbook, your AOL Instant Messenger profile, and that unsettling feeling you get when you read the personal ads in the Valley Advocate.

Basically, they assign you some web space for a personal profile, supply you with the categories, and expect you to supply them with the answers depending on how pathetic and attention-starved you are. You can then browse the profiles of fellow UMass students and add people to your group of friends, except unlike the girls who made lists of their friends at recess in 4th grade — you can't distinguish your best friend forever (BFF) from your best friend for life (BFFL) by dotting your I's with little hearts.

Unfortunately, thefacebook's suggested way of making friends is creepier than the old dude with the beard, the "I'm panning for gold" hat, and the cane that hangs out in front of Antonio's every day. And if you disagree with me, I suggest you try this out in the real world (you know, that place where normal people have normal relationships and girls can go to bed without using the halo-ed angel smiley face). Here's thefacebook's method to becoming Mr. Popular, in step-by-step fashion. Insert Patrick Duffy or "Code-man" joke here.

Step 1: Approach a random person in the campus center. Step 2: Poke them with your finger (or with a pelvic thrust, it doesn't really specify how). Step 3: If they're OK with this — I mean, who wouldn't be — simply say, "I request to add you as my friend, but before I can do that, you must confirm that you are in fact friends with me." Sound weird to you? Sounds like a kick-in-the-balls and a restraining order to me.

But here's the deal. Allowing a friend to be on facebook is a lot like allowing a friend to have sex with a really shady guy. It's bound to happen every once in a while, so when they do it, just make sure they do it responsibly. Here's a few ground rules to start you off on the right foot.

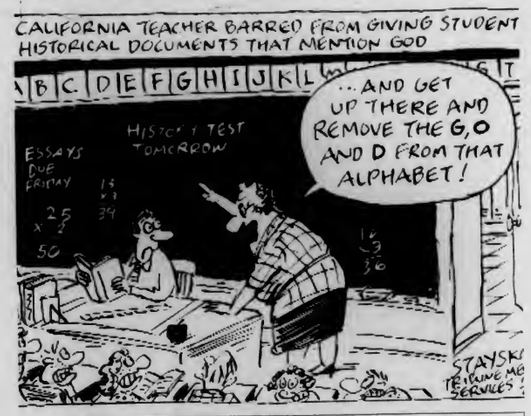
Rule 1: When building your profile, keep your cell phone number to yourself. I don't know about you, but I'd rather not have random people calling me ever. Would you go out to dinner and a movie with the next telemarketer who calls to ask about your satisfaction with your newspaper subscription? I didn't think so.

Rule 2: Don't list your school address. If you're that comfortable telling strangers where you live, you might as well take it a step further and add a few new awkwardly personal categories, such as: "Words My ATM Pin Code Rhymes With When Spelt Out", "What I Told My Therapist Last Week", or "If You Were My Social Security Number, What Would You Be?"

Rule 3 (For Guys Only): Keep your damn shirts on. You know who you are (and if you don't know, your last name might just be a well-known salsa brand). But seriously, if I wanted to check out some freshly waxed, oiled-up pecs, I'd go watch "Baywatch" reruns. Hopefully someone gives you the head's up when "Playgirl" shoots their next "Facebook Fantasies" DVD.

So use thefacebook wisely or don't use it all. Just realize that it exists for the same reason that Snood exists, to help your sorry ass procrastinate every night. And if it doesn't help you find love, then you might just have to resort to the old-fashioned way: get drunk and blatantly hit on people. Sure, it might get you slapped in the face, but at least you won't be the loser who pokes people on the Internet.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

USTORE AND TEXTBOOK ANNEX ARE JOKES

Somehow I wasn't surprised to open an e-mail from Phill Olson, the store director Of University Store & Textbook Annex, which included the following: "We try very hard to get you top dollar on as many books as possible. We love to hand out big dollars at buyback. We'd rather buy books from our students than from wholesalers, so if you're not going to use a book again, give buyback a try."

I was almost tempted to call this man a physiatrist and have it sent to the textbook annex. He must not realize that in order to "love" doing something you have to have done it. I'm pretty sure that last semester I was offered $4 for a book that cost me $40, and the book was in mint condition.

C'mon $4 bucks can't even buy me a sandwich in the Blue Wall (another University gouge) so obviously it's not going to get me another book for a class.

But don't worry its not just Mr. Olson that is deranged because he keeps saying "We". When he says "We", I'm going to assume that he is talking about the entire administration at the University of Massachusetts.

This e-mail is a perfect example of how they run their university. UMass is not an institution but a corporation that claims it needs to build revenues to improve the quality of education that it gives to its students. What they will never realize though, is that they really don't care about the everyday well being of their students. Students are just an eight-digit number to them.

All they want is money from students and they are pretty good at getting the job done. Don't think this stops when you graduate because they will keep calling years beyond the time you leave Amherst. When you don't donate though, they can't figure out why. Well It's very simple because the alumni that says no is the same kid who was getting screwed on simple things like text books when he/she went here and he/she paid through the nose for his public education. What else could he/she possibly owe UMass?

The culture on this campus will never change unless the administration puts the students first. Unfortunately though they are in favor of doing the complete opposite and they say it themselves, "We'd rather buy bo-oks from our students than from wholesalers". Thanks for the e-mail Phil; I'm going to see if these four bucks can get me a coke and fries in the campus center.

Marc Bertrand
UMass Student

Ethics of the death toll

Katelyn Harding

I am truly thankful that I have not had to say goodbye to any friends or family to go over to fight in the War on Terror in Iraq. The mere thought of having someone I know and loved overseas fighting in a war that will not have any satisfactory outcome would be too disheartening for me to endure. I respect and admire those people who voluntarily gave up their services to go fight in a war that seemed to have good intentions, but is really a war that is being fought for selfish and biased reasons. The soldiers that have gone overseas and given their lives fighting for us deserve to be honored and respected, not to become another name on another long list of those fallen. Instead of being honored the way they should be, they are being put on lists where their number is more important than their name and their background. It is becoming an issue of tally marks instead of fallen heroes, and here is where the American media has gone too far.

According to Aly Colon of PoynterOnline, the deaths of the soldiers have seemingly resulted in pretty numbers to fill up pages in articles about the tragedies of war. Journalists use the huge numbers to lure their readers in, the more zeros included, the more intriguing the story, right? Wrong. The real question of ethics comes down to this, as quoted by Michael Stanton "Do people believe that this is the kind of 'milestone' that is significant to the readership in terms of helping them come to terms with the scope of the nation's involvement in Iraq, or should the 1,000th death not be treated any differently than those that came before?" Do all the zeros written on the page really matter to the outcome of the war? Tough question. Even tougher to answer.

In my opinion, I do not think that the deaths of soldiers should be listed in such a careless way. Each and every single one of these soldiers died for a cause they thought purposeful, and they went overseas and put their lives on the line, because they were doing what they thought right. I do not think we should demean them by adding their death to an always growing list as one of the "unfortunate" soldiers to have fallen in the War on Terror in Iraq. I believe that every soldier should get the respect they deserve, especially after their death overseas. A tally mark and a zero hardly add up to the experiences they had to suffer. It is insulting to those fallen to be labeled as such a marker.

What line have the media misconstrued? It seems as though they are using the rising numbers of fallen soldiers to appeal to some sort of audience. In the media, there is "something attractive about large, round numbers, especially if they include many zeroes". How morbid. So, in other words, there is some attraction to reading about thousands of American soldiers losing their lives overseas? When did we stop caring about human life and start caring about how attractive big numbers can look on a page? It disgusts me that journalists would use these numbers to attract audiences. It is one thing to use numbers such as those to prove a point in saying that too many lives have been taken, but it is an entirely different point to use these numbers to appeal to other people. To me that is morose and completely unethical.

I agree with using the number of deaths to explain the context of those dead. For example, Monica Davey from the New York Times "used the number of deaths to provide information about those affected in a variety of categories: Age, geography, race, ethnicity, branch of service, cause of death, rank, and gender. She also found people who helped humanize the numbers". This is a way of using the death toll in an acceptable manner. Davey is using the number as a mean to honor those passed on, and not using it just as number. She is trying to revive life into those that have died, and I give Monica Davey much respect for doing so. She is using the number of fallen American soldiers in a way that is ethical.

The War on Terror has gone on long enough, and too many American soldiers have lost their lives. I realize and understand that numerous soldiers have gone down, and the only thing that we can hope to do, as the United States, is to bring the remaining soldiers back safely. In today's society, numbers and words have become so entangled with each other, that it is becoming harder and harder for journalists to extricate themselves from the mess. They need to realize the stark differences between these two elements, and not use one to attract the other. The number of soldiers that have lost their lives in Iraq is too large, but do not disgrace them by making them a statistic.

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HOLIDAY DELIGHT

Not your average album

Trans-Siberian Orchestra enchants with new disc

By CAMERON J. WOODS
COLLEGIAN STAFF

Just give up the fight. You are too old for that dusty cassette of cliché Christmas jingles.

As a child Rudolph, Frosty and Santa may have been your icons of Christmas cheer, but seeing as you seem to think you're big enough to leave the kiddy table, then maybe it is time to choose some more mature holiday tunes.

With part three of their musical trilogy "The Lost Christmas Eve," the Trans-Siberian Orchestra has captured some semblance of the old Christmas magic. That feeling of wonder and anticipation at the sight of a glowing tree, gathering with family members and all the other small pieces that add up to only part of

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Waters takes holiday music to new level



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The director's journey into music proves that he is not ordinary on the set or in the studio, on the disc "A John Waters Christmas."

By MICHAEL BUSACK
COLLEGIAN STAFF

The holiday season in America is like no other holiday on the face of the Earth. Why, just yesterday I saw a life-sized Santa doll in Wal-Mart that will actually hold your hand and dance with you to all of the holiday classics.

But before Christmas time is here, it is Thanksgiving that we celebrate. Turkey is eaten, naps are taken, and all is good. I am convinced that this is to allow American citizens to have a brief moment of holiday bliss before the onslaught that is Christmas music. For every black Friday, our radio station dials are bombarded by the torturous tradition that is Christmas music. Jessica Simpson, Bright Eyes and Mariah Carey all have their own Christmas albums. God Almighty, what is it that makes musicians think that we

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Top five holiday flicks



With things being the way they are in Hollywood as of late, many of you may find yourself wondering exactly what you did to deserve such awful holiday films. How did we get placed on Tinsletown's naughty list, and why are we being punished with movies like "Christmas With the Kranks?" It's really no surprise that the Christmas film, much like the holiday itself, has become materialistic and exploited. Sure, holiday films have always been fluffy, gut-wrenching and about as sugary as the cookies we left for Santa back in the day, but as of late the holiday selection has been sparse, to say the least.

While flicks like "Christmas With the Kranks" sully film screens across the world, there are a group of classic Christmas movies that the holiday viewer can count on to bring Christmas cheer sans nausea. These movies all succeed in arousing a healthy dose of holiday guilt, which leads to, at the very least, charitable thoughts. They tug at the

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A collection of classics

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strings of our winter-worn, frost bitten hearts, making way for enough holiday cheer to make it possible to forgive loved ones for wearing Frosty the Snowman sweaters. Sure, there are plenty of treasures to find in the vaults of holiday films, but the following five movies are the staples in a well-rounded season of movie watching.



"LOVE ACTUALLY"



The 2003 romantic comedy set in London follows the lives of a handful of British men and women, struggling to grasp the meaning of love and the Christmas season. In a shocking casting choice, Hugh Grant plays a stuttering, neurotic, overall nice guy. Colin Firth, Alan Rickman and Kiera Knightly also star in the feel good flick that, despite a less than 'happily ever after' ending, leaves viewers with a general feeling of warmth and happiness. You may want to hate this movie (trust me I really, really wanted to) but ultimately it is impossible not to turn off the DVD player with a smile on your face and a momentarily renewed faith in mankind.

"HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS"



Personal preference dictates which version, the recent Jim Carey live-action or the older animated feature, you favor, but either way, "The Grinch" is one of the few movies whose arrival on airwaves marks the start of the holidays. The magic of Pioneer Valley native Dr. Seuss' tale of a disillusioned, societal outcast has not diminished with the passing years. Instead, it seems that it has gained more momentum. And no one can deny the chills they get listening to "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch."

"NATIONAL LAMPOON'S CHRISTMAS VACATION"

No film spreads holiday cheer like "Christmas Vacation." While the heart-to-heart dialogues, shoeless orphans and miraculous wish granting typical of the genre are all absent from this movie, the Griswold family's hellish holiday will at the very least make you thankful for your own crazy familial unit. Sledding disasters, wildlife-infested Christmas trees and even a good-intentioned kidnapping are just the tip of the iceberg for Chevy Chase's Clark Griswold.

"IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE"



No holiday movie list would be complete without the inclusion of Jimmy Stewart's perennial classic. The mother of all Christmas movies, "It's a Wonderful Life" has it all: angels, a rousing sing along and a neat, moralistic ending to tie things up. The flick gains points for the nostalgia factor; it seems to capture the essence of a Christmas before the days of materialism.

"A CHRISTMAS STORY"



"You'll shoot you eye out!" Somehow this threat of accidental self-maiming defines Christmas for me. While I never lusted after a piece of weaponry the way that Ralphie (Peter Billingsly) yearned for his Red Rider bee bee gun, "A Christmas Story" can immediately revive that childhood agony and ecstasy of wanting something so badly you can almost feel it in your hands. As I get older the movie's subtle humor takes on a new meaning, proving it is more than just childhood wonderment that keeps me coming back to this film every Christmas Eve.

Meghan Healy is a Collegian editor.

The beauty of 'The Lost Christmas Eve'

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what the holidays really are. The Orchestra's 23-track disc radically contrasts with what most people know as Christmas music. With amazing energy each piece from start to finish conveys a sort of telepathic image of wintry perfection.

On the inside of the disc's jacket is a snippet of un-attributed poetry that succinctly sums up the experience of the work it reads, "Here the tragically beautiful, And the beautifully tragic, Drift through this night, In a last quest for magic." Though the sound of each track is different from the rest and the album as a whole lacks the telltale narrative of most rock-operas it does seem to all throb with the same basic message. The whole thing seems to be an artful plea to the listener not to lose the magic of the holiday season, it has a sense of urgency at times and at others the album sort of winds out into jazzier numbers that still tug on the heart strings just with a gentler approach.

The disc seems to take a conventional start with "Faith Noel," a blatant Christmas classic touched up with the ballad style draw out classic rock sound of an electric guitar. Slowing the pace a bit the next track, the title track of the album, has a slow dramatic sound indicative of classic operatic productions. The lyrics are a bit cheesy on the recording but would be perfect if they were being sung live in an opera house.

One of the more inspired pieces, bound to pique some interest is "Wizards of Winter." With a frantic and powerful contingent of violins and piano playing this track is definitely one of the most exciting pieces of Christmas music ever made.

"Christmas Nights in Blue," "Christmas Jazz" and "Christmas Jam" offer an interesting center to the album. Up to this point the music is inspired but still somewhat conventional. These three tracks take a more Bourbon Street approach to holiday music. The switch is sudden and may throw some listeners as the instrumental sound goes from that of a full-blown orchestra to a that of a blues bar quintet with the flip of a track.

The album comes to a close with "Different Wings," a classic acoustic guitar dominated track with angelic vocal accompaniment. The song is a sort of lullaby that draws the whole album to a close maybe an attempt to hush down the inner child the rest of the album so excited.

Formed in 1996 by the collaborative writing works of Paul O'Neill, Robert Kinkel and Jon Oliva the Orchestra was from its inception a unique and magical entity. Fueled by O'Neill's desire to create music that carried a superb emotional charge and his desire to break the conventions of the standard rock-opera the musical troupe has created some of the most innovative and surprisingly stirring contemporary holiday music.

The orchestra has actually split itself into two companies for their winter touring this season in order to bring their sound to any even greater audience than it has been able to in previous years. This tandem storm or holiday tunes is scheduled to perform 30 times between now and Dec. 30. Unfortunately the closest live shows to this area will be held in Pennsylvania and Maryland. Regardless of if you can see them live or not the recorded works are still breathtaking.

From classic opera music overlaid with a squealing electric guitar to classic slow burn jazz tunes "The Lost Christmas Eve" this disc has something to satisfy any occasion this holiday season. Now for the hard part, no playing air guitar.

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Medeski, Martin and Wood rock NoHo

By Bradley Farberman
Collegian Staff

Northampton — At home (on stage, that is), Medeski, Martin and Wood are a lot like scientists. Tunes are specimens; performance is occasion for dissection and analysis. Conclusions are drawn, information is recorded and, before the last man has left the lab, all findings are destroyed.

Medeski, Martin and Wood
Pearl Street
Northampton
Dec. 3

Yeah, Medeski, Martin and Wood aren't your average scientists. But jazz is not your average science, and music's not your average...well, anything.

And Pearl Street's not your average venue. 10 times out of nine, the pride of Northampton packs its ballroom full of howling youngsters dying to get their ears on the main attraction. Night after night, the energy at Pearl Street rivals that of any Boston or New York city club and Friday night's foray didn't stray from the norm.

When MMW hit the stage, Northampton erupted. Many in attendance thought they knew what they were in for: Tales of Billy Martin's groove run far and wide these days and, undoubtedly, any number of kids at the show might have had the good fortune of catching the trio before.

But, on the eve of their performance, nothing can prepare you for what's to come next. You watch the opening band pack up and the techies test instruments and, as the minutes roll by you realize that what you're about to witness is something real, and something special.

And then, all at once, you're inside the sound. On stage (at home, that is), the games have begun. New England Conservatory grad John Medeski pounds cluttered clusters of distorted tones and space-age noises from an array of vintage electric keyboards; New England Conservatory dropout Chris Wood jumps on upright bass and throws out a funky, ostinato line, anchoring in the freaks around him – Martin coats the proceedings with noisy percussion and arrhythmic clatter.

Until Wood drops us into "Sasa," a track off their new album, "End Of The World Party (just in case)". The tune cooks and, with its big chorus (augmented by the Sex Mob horns on record), opens the show in a solid way.

"New Planet" is next, and Medeski goes to town on clavinet (if you're ever in a position to do so, please, watch his hands up close while he plays – the man's a genius). Wood rides high atop Martin's dirty drumming, and the trio coasts effortlessly on.



Musicians Medeski, Martin and Wood brought their unique sound to the Pearl Street Nightclub on Saturday, playing for a packed house.



The trio, pictured here at a gig earlier in 2004, put on an extraordinary performance in Northampton.

Into "Who The Fuck", a chilling PJ Harvey cover (MMW and Harvey are odd bedfellows, eh?). The tune's stop-time arrangement builds a gross amount of tension and, once a groove is captured, one is left with no choice but to breathe a sigh of relief and get moving.

Likewise, there was no choice but to move to "Shine It," an acoustic number. Medeski's approach here was unusually percussive (good for dancers) and his playing laid the groundwork for some virtuosic bass work (good for everyone).

And, according to "Curtis," the work is never done. In fact, it was during this piece that the trio worked their hardest. Get the tapes: "Curtis" is indisputable proof of ESP. You could just see the gears spinning in each of the musicians' heads as they spontaneously fell in and out of freedom, in unison, without the aid of vocal or physical cues, as if they had practiced doing so well beforehand.

But, of course, they hadn't. First and foremost, MMW are a band of improvisers, and thirteen years down the line, they're the best at what they do.

And they proved it during their outstanding, albeit skimpy (only 90 min.?) set at Pearl Street. Around 11 p.m., the boys brought the house down one last time with "Partido Alto," an animated vamp off The Dropper. The kids cheered like it was a Phish show; who knew it was three funky jazzers from Brooklyn? These cats have it down to a science.

Museum shows how the Cape weathers the storm

By Jay Lindsay
Associated Press

BREWSTER — South Beach has long offered scenic views of coastal Chatham, but it hasn't always been as easy to reach on foot.

In 1987, South Beach was a barrier beach running parallel to the shore before a winter hurricane pounded a hole in it, and the ocean rushed through to reshape the land. By 1994, the sands had connected South Beach to the mainland and nature had again altered the geography of Cape Cod.

Visitors to the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History quickly learn that such dramatic changes are common on the Cape. Pictures of South Beach as it moved landward are among the displays that highlight the Cape's dynamic nature.

"When you stick a peninsula out in the middle of the ocean, it becomes a very fragile piece of land," said naturalist Myles Marcus, a museum volunteer and it's former interim director. "That's why I think things happen so quickly here."

The museum also highlights a variety of land and sea life, from the blue heron the museum adopted as its symbol to whales that congregate in Cape waters. But seeing the changing Cape as it is, was and will be is a common theme in the museum's indoor exhibits, as well as the acres of surrounding land it uses as a sort of outdoor classroom.

"You never have to wait for change on the Cape," Marcus said. "Things change all the time here. It doesn't stay constant."

The museum is emerging from a troubled time that began when its funding dropped during the recent economic downturn. Layoffs last year pared the staff down to two year-round employees, so the museum relies heavily on a roster of 200 volunteers, such as Marcus, to handle tours and run its lecture series.

Betty Bagshaw, 74, a volunteer and frequent visitor said the museum augments what she's learned during three decades exploring the Cape.

"Our Cape is so different. You've got woods, you've got ocean ... you've got the bay," she said. "It's endless, just endless. I can learn so much just from coming here."

The museum is built on 80 acres of property that abut 300 acres of seaside conservation land. A nature trail that runs from the museum to the ocean leads through woods and salt marshes, and gives the museum guides a chance to talk about how different the land looked when the Pilgrims began to explore it in the early 1600s.

For instance, the Cape once boasted forests of hardwood trees, such as maple and oak, instead of the pine that grows now in its sandy soil. The settlers were farmers, and cleared the land to grow crops, Marcus said. By the 1860s, the Cape had been so thoroughly cleared of trees that Henry David Thoreau noted he could see from the edge of Cape Cod Bay to the ocean, Marcus said.

The trail also leads to dunes and an essential, though recently more prevalent, feature of today's Cape geography _ dune grass. Before the widespread grass plantings, Cape's sands blew wildly about, and people shoveled sand from the streets much like they shoveled snow, Marcus said.

Inside the museum, "The Cape Takes Shape" exhibit features a wave tank that erodes the sand below a model lighthouse to show how the ocean wears away at the coastline. Maps show the Cape's geography as it was 12,000 years ago, and project how the peninsula's shifting coastline _ which Marcus said recedes 3 1/2 feet per year _ will look in 8,000 years.

Marcus also points to a spot on the Cape Cod Bay where a populated island existed before the sea gradually swallowed in the 1950s.

The Cape will always be subject to the wind and waves, and Marcus said he hopes the museum will help people appreciate what the Cape is today, as well as the forces that will cause it to change.

"We're at the mercy of nature," he said.

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Mass Attack to battle No. 5 UNH

By Andrew Merritt
Collegian Staff

At the end of every practice, the players on the Massachusetts hockey team gather at center ice for some final words from coach Don Cahoon, and then scatter in different directions toward the showers or for some extra shots.

Yesterday, that gathering — normally a mild-mannered adjournment — ended with the Minutemen jumping up and down, cheering loudly, as if they'd just won a big game.

Not exactly the picture you would expect from a hockey team that has lost four of its last five games, including a 7-1 thrashing by a conference foe.

However, as the Minutemen (7-9-1, 4-4-1 Hockey East) head into tonight's game at New Hampshire (Whittemore Center, 7 p.m.), it might be the kind of confidence they exuded at the center of the Mullins Center Practice Rink that has been missing all this time. "Confidence seems to waver," Cahoon said, "and the confidence is directly related to our ability to coordinate our play. We're not very coordinated at this point, we're not playing together the way we need, and so that's really been the problem."

The Minutemen have not won a game on the road this season. Their last road win, in fact, was a 1-0 victory at Maine on Jan. 17, discounting their Hockey East semifinal win over UNH at Boston's FleetCenter. The Wildcats (10-3-2, 5-1-1 HEA) are third in the Hockey East standings, with first-place Boston University (8-1-0 HEA) and second-place Maine (6-3-1) within striking distance.

UNH has won six of its last eight, with only a 5-4 loss to Vermont on Nov. 23 and a 3-3 draw with UMass Lowell the only blemishes.

Other than the Colorado Springs World Arena, where they were bounced 3-1 by the Colorado College Tigers, the Minutemen haven't played a road game at an arena that approximates the large ice surface they call home at the Mullins Center. The Whittemore Center's 200-by-100-foot surface is just a hair bigger than the Mullins Center's, and while it can seem like an ocean to incoming opponents, it could be a more comfortable space for UMass, and right now Cahoon will take any help on the road he can get.

"I don't know if it's the sheet, or the mindset, or both," Cahoon said of his club's struggles away from home. "But the confidence and the assuredness, a lot of teams are confident on the road, and that can be a difference."

There seem to be a lot of unanswerable questions about the Minutemen, but the goaltender situation, though it has become a little more complex, has at least given Cahoon some options. The Minutemen began the season with a two-goalie rotation, as Gabe Winer and Tim Warner alternated starts.

However, sophomore Michael Waidlich was thrown into the mix against Denver on Nov. 27, and freshman Jamie Gilbert made two stops in relief against Merrimack on Nov. 6. The goaltending tandem has turned into a three-way combination of Waidlich, Winer, and Warner, with Gilbert on the outside looking in.

"The biggest problem is, I think we've struggled with having four goalies in camp," Cahoon said. "I think it's been difficult not only for Gabe, but difficult for Jamie Gilbert as well. We're focusing on just giving enough work to Gabe and [Warner] and [Gilbert] right now, and just getting Jamie to grow into a part of the future.

"Gabe's still our go-to guy, and Timmy's done a good job backing him up and picking up games, and Mike has shown us where he's at at this point. So we've got a good handle on it, we've just got to figure out how to work it."

Minutewomen hit the road to face Hofstra

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

Following last Monday's dismantling of the Toledo Rockets, senior forward Brooke Campbell re-emerged from the locker room for post-game interviews wearing a black shirt that reads "Believe" in white lettering.

It's a motto she carries with her from her high school days in Baltimore, MD to the hardwood confines of the Mullins Center in Amherst. And after the way she has been playing over the last week, averaging a double-double over the last two games (11.5 rebounds, 13.5 points), she is making a bunch of believers out of those involved with Massachusetts women's basketball.

"I've been struggling lately on offense. I just had to find a game, get into it," Campbell said. "Now that I'm into it, this is not going to be my last double-double."

Hopefully, it won't be the last win of the season for the Minutewomen (4-3), as they are carrying the momentum of a their first three-game win streak of the year into Hempstead, N.Y., where they will take on the Hofstra Pride (2-2) to kick off a month-long road trip.

"Hopefully, the win on Monday really added to the kids' confidence because we shot very well," coach Marnie Ducko said. "The starters shot 70 percent, everybody had a chance to contribute; we had [a season-high] 28 assists. We played unselfish basketball - team basketball."

After accounting for one quarter of those assists (a career-high seven), point guard Katie Nelson is beginning to look like the Nelson of old.

"We're close to Katie's old right now," Ducko said. "Her expectations have been high. She's got to stay with it and continue to believe in herself, and she'll be great."

What's more noticeable, however, is the slow but steady movement of backup point guard Monique Govan into a more regular role in the one spot. Nelson's seven assists came on just 23 minutes of play, her lowest total all year, meaning the defensive-minded Govan is showing more prowess in her senior year in Amherst.

Like UMass, Hofstra has been priding itself on its rebounding, as both squads enter tonight's matchup with almost identical rebounding statistics. The Pride average 40 rebounds per game, while the Minutewomen stand just one notch ahead with 41.1 per game.

Averaging over 66 points per game, the Pride feature three players averaging in double figures in scoring, and in turn will be relying on Gigi McCollan (15.5 points per game), Vanessa Giddien (14.3), and Lizanne Murphy (10.5) to spark some offense.

Struggling Werner looking to turn things around on the ice

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

Last Friday night after the Massachusetts hockey team defeated Providence 3-2 at the Mullins Center, questions during the press conference momentarily shifted towards one specific player.

It was an important win for the Minutemen; they all are. But after dropping four straight road games, UMass returned home to play a Hockey East opponent for the first time in 14 days.

Then someone asked junior captain Stephen Werner to talk about his individual play after a big, team win. He admitted that it was the best he has played in the past few games.

Rewind the clock to last spring. The Minutemen just lost a triple-overtime game to Maine in the Hockey East championship at the FleetCenter. They had just completed their finest hockey season since the team returned to varsity status in 1993, but it wasn't a sign of immediate things to come.

They were going to lose four of their best players — Greg Mauldin, Thomas Pöck and Nick Kuiper to the NHL and Mike Warner to graduation — and the rebuilding process would have to start yet again.

This time, the rebuilding would be shaped around Werner, and it was made clear when he was named team captain before this season started.

In house, they know they are temporarily rebuilding, but they are also trying to prove to the outside world that their march to the biggest hockey stage in New England last year was no Cinderella story.

Because of this, the expectations are high, around Werner, around coach Don Cahoon and around the new freshman class that must pick up the slack of last season's departures.

As they fast approach the halfway point of the 2004-05 season, the Minutemen (7-9-1, 4-4-1 HEA) are finding it tough to validate last season's remarkable run.

With Werner admittedly playing inconsistent hockey so far this season, it is up to him to make sure this team — his team — rises back to that top-tiered level. And he knows and can't just be done by riling his teammates up in the locker room; he needs to perform for them on the ice.

"What's important is hard work and playing smart and playing hard," Werner said. "If I can do those things out on the ice, then hopefully it'll help the team move in that direction as well. Goals are going to come. You're going to get bounces, and your scorers are going to score, and you're going to get scoring from other players as well. I think the most important thing (for myself) is just doing the little things out there, trying to play really hard and play smart."

When he plays well, the way he is capable of playing, the way the Washington Capitols, who drafted him in the third round in 2003, know he can play, it shows up in the nightly box score's biggest statistical category, the win column.

"You look at the games we've done well, the games at home: the Lowell game, the Merrimack game at home, the couple of Providence games at home, he's been very good in both of those games. Those have been his best games," Cahoon said. "I thought he played really well at [Colorado College] and not nearly as well at Denver so most of the games we've done well in, he's been a part of that process."

But with Werner's inconsistency comes the team's inconsistency, which has been the plague of Massachusetts hockey this year.

The questions were asked when UMass split home-and-home series with teams like Merrimack and Providence, following a strong showing with a flat performance.

The questions stop being asked when the Minutemen tied No. 1 ranked Boston College and follow it up with a trouncing of Mercyhurst two days later. It looked as though they were cured. Now, with the players' roles a little more established, Werner has settled in and is beginning to perform within himself.

"I tried not to put too much pressure on myself in terms of I've got to score goals because Mauldin's gone, Tommy's gone [Kuiper] and Mikey Warner are gone," Werner said. "Now I'm starting to say maybe I do need to put a little more pressure on myself. After Friday (against Providence), doing the little things right on the ice is a start and the scoring will come. I definitely am going to put more pressure on myself to be a little more successful in that department."

He noted that it helps when players like Matt Anderson and PJ Fenton have done a nice job providing some steady offense to back him up, and Werner's maturity shines as he takes a step back and puts the still-young season in perspective in terms of UMass stance in Hockey East. He also hasn't forgotten that last year's team faced a similar tough streak during the same point in the season.

Likewise, Cahoon has still kept his optimistic perceptive on the man who he knows can step up and turn this team around.

"When Steve is playing at a high level, he's terrific," Cahoon said. "One of the things we're trying to shape is that he plays every game like it's the last game he's going to be playing. We know what his top-end is all about, and it's plenty good enough. It's all-league, All-American, all-everything in terms of college hockey. He just needs to be able to learn to sustain that level of play from game to game."

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UM to host UConn

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do to make our mark on the series."

Currently ranked No. 7 in the nation, finding its way into the win column against this Huskies team will be easier said than done for UMass. A year after watching First Team All-Americans Ben Gordon and Emeka Okafor leave school to become NBA Lottery picks and losing Taliek Brown, the Big East's all-time winningest point guard, to graduation, Calhoun and the Huskies still have a plethora of talent and size that will pose match up problems for the Minutemen on both ends of the court.

With five players in its rotation 6-foot-9 or taller, UConn is a relentless rebounding team that clearly possesses a significant size advantage over UMass. Led by sophomore forward Josh Boone, a part-time starter as a freshman last season who averages 15.8 points and 11 rebounds per game this season, and classmate Charlie Villanueva, a former top recruit who has chipped in averaging 9.5 points and five rebounds per game, the Huskies have averaged an astounding 60-plus rebounds per contest, and have outrebounded their opponents by an average of 40 rebounds per game.

"I've never seen a team with rebounding numbers like that," Lappas said at Wednesday's Alumni Association sports luncheon. "They are clearly as good a rebounding team as there is in the country, and we definitely have our work cut out for us."

Another big contributor up front for the Huskies has been freshman Rudy Gay, a 6-foot-9 former McDonald's All-American who was at the top of the 2004 recruiting class and chose UConn over a number of prominent programs across the nation. Averaging 9.5 points and seven rebounds in an average of 23 minutes per game, Gay has already shown superior athletic ability and an impressive knack for getting to the rim.

"He's the real deal," Lappas said of Gay. "He can run, shoot, rebound and jump through the roof, he's going to be a very good player if he stays."

While Connecticut's overwhelming size up front has been a driving force towards its success in the early going, Calhoun's offense is complimented well by solid perimeter shooting and consistent guard play that make the Huskies a near-impossible match up.

Along with sophomore Marcus Williams, who has taken over for Brown at point guard, Rashad Anderson has emerged as UConn's leading scorer this season at 16 points per game despite shooting an uncharacteristic 29 percent from beyond the arc.

Joining Anderson in giving Calhoun an arsenal of premier shooters is unheralded forward Denham Brown, who has connected on 54 percent of his 3-point attempts, and is second on the team in scoring at 12.5 points per game.

"They both have the green light to shoot from anywhere on the floor," Lappas said. "Good shots, bad shots, open shots, shots with a hand in their face, they can shoot it whenever they want, and they're great shooters. We need to make sure we get out and cover them if we want to contain them offensively."

Is it finally UMass' turn to win?

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smiled, and as the final seconds slipped off the clock, the Minutemen were up 30-9.

If you have followed UMass basketball at all over the last few years you know what happened next.

My buzz was going strong; I was running off the negative energy that was produced by the big blue sea known as my section. Nothing could go wrong, the Minutemen were rolling, but then the whole scene imploded on itself in a hurry.

UMass lost that night, 59-48, and was outscored 50-to-18 in the second half.

On the ride home I was sticky. The contents of the 20 ouncer were dried, and as I drove in silence, I was candy-coated and confused.

So here comes UConn again poised and dominating everyone in its way. Not only that, but the Huskies have set the bar for the Minutemen. UConn defeated Northeastern 97-60 on Monday night, dominating the lesser Huskies in every aspect of the game.

Now the Huskies of UConn the No. 7 team in the country and, oh yea, the defending national champions, are coming to Amherst. UConn is coming in as huge favorites, and if they win, no one will think twice.

It's the other side of the spectrum that will pack the house.

The Minutemen need to come out poised and play together. They always get up for this game, but UMass will have to play perfect in order to make history.

So here's another chapter in this one-sided sandbox fight. As usual the Maroon and White have an arsenal to put up a fight, and just maybe set those in attendance loose on the hardwood of the Mullins Center.

I guess we'll just see what kind of day it is.

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What the Minutemen must do

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Huskies, then all four of these players, among others, must knock down open shots consistently.

Shooting just five percent from 3-point range and barely better than that from inside the arc, Bowers' woes can likely be attributed to what Lappas calls "Achilles tendonitis." Nonetheless, the Maroon and White cannot afford a sub par effort from any of its main scorers, and Bowers must find a way to chip in and make the shots he is capable of making — whatever shots those may be.

Keep Freeman Involved

As he has, and will, over the course of UMass' 2004-05 season, Freeman will draw double teams from buzzer to buzzer tonight, and must find a way to work out of them and contribute in the scorebook. After being held to just nine points against All-American center Ronny Turiaf in a loss to Gonzaga, Freeman must show he can get the best of other talented big men as he continued to establish himself on the national hoops scene, and must be able to break through against vicious double and triple teams tonight for UMass to have success.

At 6-foot-8, Freeman will be outsized across the board with whoever Calhoun employs to guard him, and must find a way to score despite this. As UMass' foremost scoring option, he must remain persistent on offense and on the glass, and capitalize on any opportunity he receives to score or get to the line. If he is able to move bodies down low and force UConn's big men into foul trouble, then he will keep Calhoun's front line rotation back on its heels and put his team in position to develop a rhythm on both ends.

Stay Out of Foul Trouble

Very simply, the Minutemen have little to no chance against the Huskies if either Freeman or Stephane Lasme has to leave the game prematurely due to foul trouble.

Without a legitimate option in the post outside of freshmen Lawrence Carrier, who prefers to play the wing, and Jeff "Big Deli" Salovski, who is still a step or two behind in his conditioning, UMass will be caught with its pants down if it doesn't have one or both of its big men to combat UConn's mammoth front line.

Neither Lasme nor Freeman can pick up any cheap fouls, and must therefore be extremely cautious in how they play defense and rebound. If they are able to remain aggressive and hold their own without fouling, they will greatly improve UMass' chances of holding its own.

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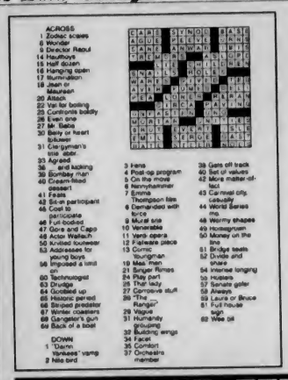
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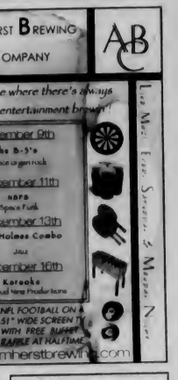
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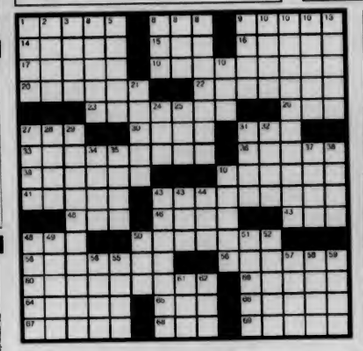
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Archrival Connecticut invades Amherst for 9 p.m. showdown

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

Throughout its 12 seasons as the home of Massachusetts men's basketball, the William D. Mullins Memorial Center has hosted a number of the nations top basketball programs.

From an epic contest with Tim Duncan's '95-96 Wake Forest squad, to a match up with a Roy Williams-led Kansas team in 1998 to battles with the likes of Florida State, Pittsburgh, Boston College and conference rival Temple, the Mullins Center has been an integral part of the history, tradition and success of the once-proud UMass program.



COURTESY UMASS MEDIA RELATIONS

Sophomore Maurice Maxwell.

Yet tonight, before a national television audience and what is expected to be a rabid, season-best crowd, the Maroon and White will take to the Mullins Center hardwood to face an opponent the likes of which the 9,493-seat arena has never seen, as eternal rival Connecticut will become the first time reigning National Champions to ever play in Amherst.

Tonight's game will mark the 107th meeting between the Minutemen and the Huskies, with UConn leading the all-time series 68-38. Tip-off is slated for 9 p.m., with the game being broadcast on ESPN2. Dave Revsine will call the game, with Len Elmore handling color commentary

"This is always a big game for us, and a game we're going to need to work hard to prepare for," fourth-year UMass coach Steve Lappas said. "It's an opportunity for us. It's a chance to go out there and compete against one of the best programs in America, and see how we measure up, but we have to be prepared."

While the Huskies have dominated the all-time series with UMass of late, the numbers are somewhat skewed due to the fact that UConn coach Jim Calhoun did not schedule the Minutemen during their highly successful seasons under coach John Calipari in the early-to-mid nineties.

Despite having won the last 13 meetings between the two schools and 21 of the last 22, Connecticut has only played in the Mullins Center twice, having earned wins in 1998 and 2000, while UMass' last win in the series came in overtime at the Curry Hicks Cage in December of 1983.

Therefore, Lappas realizes the urgency from within the UMass basketball community to finally get the best of the Huskies.

"This is a series that will always continue as long as I'm here, but we need to win one of these games for it to be a good series for us," Lappas said. "I have a great relationship with [Jim Calhoun] and I have a lot of respect for him from my time in the Big East...[and] we'll always play each other, but the time has come for us to put a solid effort together and do what we need to

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COURTESY UMASS MEDIA RELATIONS

Preseason Atlantic 10 Player of the Year Rashaun Freeman, shown here shooting over a Yale defender early this season was held to just nine points in UMass loss to Gonzaga after averaging 15.6 per game last season.



COURTESY UMASS MEDIA RELATIONS

Senior captain Anthony Anderson is 0-3 in his career against UConn.

A good night to beat UConn?



Bob McGovern

The first few weeks of winter have been an interesting time here in Western Massachusetts. The snow has fallen, melted, frozen, and then it came down again. It's such an uneasy feeling of anticipation. Everyday you warily approach the door and brace for the possibilities of snow, ice, rain, or just the bitter cold of a New England morning.

Yet sometimes, it's just a nice day.

It appears that the Massachusetts men's basketball team has been following winter's trends this season. The Minutemen have been good, average, and at times pretty hard to watch.

The UMass fan base has been watching and preparing for another roller coaster year, in hopes that one day, everything with come together as it should. With signs of brilliance and collapse in each of its four games, the Minutemen have yet to really play for a full contest.

So tonight, in front of what should be the biggest crowd to watch the Maroon and White play in Amherst in nearly three years, UMass will be looking for that random fall day, lost in the midst of winter. It will try to do something it hasn't done since Dec. 15, 1983.

Defeat the Connecticut Huskies.

For most people interested in college basketball, tonight's game appears to be just another blowout on the calendar. When people see UMass versus UConn on the stat bar, scrolling along the bottom of their favorite sports show, they chalk it up to the Huskies and move on.

For myself, I try not to think about it. After you watch UMass play UConn enough times, you start to realize that anything is possible. These teams have played three times in as many seasons and I was there for two of them, both exciting, unexpected contests resulting in a Minutemen collapse.

During the 2001-'02 season, UMass was in a similar situation as they are now. It had just dropped a game to a lesser Holy Cross team, which was followed by an 80-78 nail-biting loss to Boston College. The Minutemen came full-circle this season and were outclassed by Northeastern then beaten by a worthy foe in Gonzaga.

Three years ago, in front of 8,894 fans at the Mullins Center, the Minutemen came out slow but played consistent enough to keep the fans interested. With the most energy I had seen at a college athletic event in my life, I was pleased with the performance regardless of the loss.

The following year, things were much different.

I drove over the frozen strip of route 91 that connects Amherst to Hartford, straight into the wolf den. As usual, I showed up late to the game, and found myself running around the Hartford Civic Center, just looking for a place to get in.

If you have never been to the Civic Center, it is quite the loud arena when the fans are upset. As I entered with less than half the period remaining, dirty hat, and maroon shirt, I turned around to see that UMass was up... big.

I flipped back around just in time to get nailed in the face with a 20 oz. drink, followed by laughter and boos from those in the UConn section that I had mistakenly purchased tickets in.

One might think that the fizzy bath would of upset me, but no, not then. The splash was a perfect complement to the shock of what was happening. I sat,

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What the Minutemen must do to win

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

For members of the Massachusetts men's basketball program and all those who support and follow the Minutemen, Jim Calhoun's Connecticut Huskies are the bad guys — the bitter rival that is easy to hate, hard to compete with and near-impossible to beat. Despite their best efforts, the Minutemen haven't beaten UConn since 1983, and have watched the Huskies capture national titles in 1998 and 2003.



COURTESY UMASS MEDIA RELATIONS

Josh Boone, right, is the Huskies leading rebounder at 11 rebounds per game.

However with the dawn of a new season comes hope, and with that a slight glimmer of faith. Tonight, Massachusetts and Conn-ecticut meet again in the latest renewal of a rivalry that has the potential to be great, yet has never reached the point of being competitive. In a make-or-break season for UMass and coach Steve Lappas, the opportunity to finally topple its favorite enemy is clearer than ever.

With the raucous UMass student section likely to be filled for the first time since the last meeting between the two schools three years ago, UMass has a chance to re-ignite a passion for basketball this campus once cherished with just one win. To do just that, here's what the Minutemen must do:

Rebound, Rebound, Rebound

Entering play averaging more than 60 rebounds per game, the Huskies are easily the best rebounding squad the Minutemen will face all season. While it's not realistic for Lappas to ask his team to break even with UConn on the glass, the Minutemen must avoid being dominated on both ends if they want to hang in the game.

With five solid big men 6-foot-9 or taller, UMass is clearly outmatched and outsized along the front line. With that being said, whoever Lappas employs to guard Josh Boone, Charlie Villanueva, Rudy Gay, Hilton Armstrong and Ed Nelson/Marcus White must box out, and box out consistently. If UConn's big men are allowed to camp out down low, their superior height and athleticism will translate into one-shot possessions for UMass and fast-breaks for the Huskies on one end, and easy put-backs for UConn on the other end.

Slow the Pace of the Game

Northeastern proved to Lappas and his players that they must slow the game down to be successful, and that will be no different against UConn. Calhoun's aggressive man-to-man defense is designed around denying position and the ball all over the offensive end to force bad shots, so UMass must be persistent in enforcing its will on offense.

Unlike what they did against NU, the Minutemen must be patient and work the shot clock, much like they did in jumping out to a 31-9 halftime lead over the Huskies in Hartford, Conn. two seasons ago. If they can hold their own on the offensive glass and thus prevent UConn from running up-and-down the court, the Minutemen will have the opportunity to set up their offense and execute it as planned, which will likely translate into numerous touches inside for Freeman, and open shots for UMass' perimeter players.

Make Open Shots

If the aforementioned assertion of its offensive gameplan goes as planned, UMass clearly must make the open shots it earns to have success. While Anthony Anderson and Maurice Maxwell have enjoyed solid starts shooting the ball, backcourt mate Art Bowers and forward Jeff Viggiano have not. If the Minutemen hope to steal one from the

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COURTESY UMASS MEDIA RELATIONS

Rashad Anderson has shot just 29 percent from 3-point range this season, but still leads UConn with an average of 15 points per game.

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Above: The enormous bra

Enormous Bra Found

HERKIMER, NY—An enormous bra was found in the gutter near the corner of East Lester Street and Jefferson Avenue Monday. The owner of the bra is not known at this time.

The off-white, 48DD Just My Size bra, with its contoured cups and reinforced six-hook back closure, was discovered at approximately 9:30 p.m. by a pair of Herkimer County Community College students.

"Me and Jeremy were coming back from the sub shop and, all of a sudden, we were like, 'Whoa—what is that in that puddle by the curb?'" Craig McCrae, 19, told reporters. "Jeremy was like, 'Holy shit, dude, I think it's some kind of humongous bra.'"

"This giant fucking bra was just laying right there in the gutter," said Jeremy Reznicki, 20, who noted that he almost stepped on it. "I was like, what the hell?"

Reznicki said he and McCrae stood staring at the bra for several minutes, encouraging passersby to "check out the giant bra," before continuing on their way home, leaving the item unmolested.

Herkimer police officials said they have few leads in the case.

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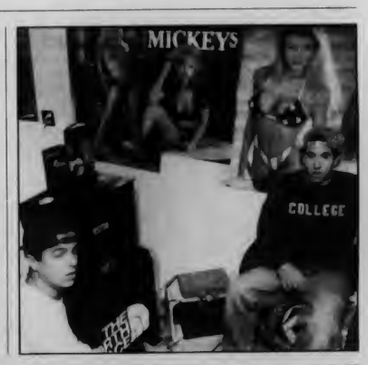
Posters Of Naked Women Fail To Draw Real Naked Women To Dorm Room

BRAMP, KS—A trio of posters depicting scantily clad women, hung recently in a Bramp State University dorm room, have been found to have "little to no effect" in facilitating the presence of actual naked women in that room, a Bramp State housing department study reports.

The posters, manufactured by alcoholic beverage companies as promotional items, were intended to establish a fun, party-like atmosphere, in which the presence of naked women would be suggested and encouraged. But their actual effect was "minimal if not entirely nonexistent," the study's findings indicate.

"The thinking was that these posters would set a tone," freshman Chad Drubham said. "We enjoy beer here in Selham Hall West room 508, and we share an equally enthusiastic

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Short-Distance Relationship Too Much Work



Left: Froeger and Petrakis run into each other yet again.

GASTONIA, NC—After four months together, sales manager Jack Petrakis, 29, and paralegal Justine Froeger, 26, reported Tuesday that dating someone who lives in the same building isn't worth the hassle.

"Everyone warned me that these short-distance things never work out," said Froeger, who recently spent a night with a friend in nearby Charlotte just to escape the stifling proximity of her short-distance boyfriend. "But I thought I would be different, that my love would be strong enough to handle the less than 1,000 feet separating Jack from me."

Froeger, who lives in a one-bedroom on the fifth floor of Manning Towers, and Petrakis, who occupies a studio on the fourth, met in the building's laundry room last September.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Woman Ejected From Bed In Cracker-Eating Incident

IRVINE, CA—Citing "insufficient looks," Charles Hausner, 31, threw Amy Glass out of his bed Monday after catching the 27-year-old consuming Saltines. According to Hausner, Glass was not attractive enough to warrant special in-bed cracker-eating privileges. "Had she looked like Claudia Schiffer, I most certainly would have let the transgression slide and allowed her to stay in my bed and get crumbs all over the sheets," Hausner said. "But she doesn't, so I had no choice but to kick her out."

NS/ND/C/DWF Wondering Why She Can't Find Someone

MINNEAPOLIS—Susan Stenerud, a divorced, white, non-smoking, non-drinking Christian who has placed "countless" personals ads over the years, wondered aloud Monday why she can't find someone special. "All I want is to find a D/D-free NS/ND/C/SWM who shares my strong morals and doesn't waste his time going to bars and parties," the 32-year-old said. "For some reason, no men seem to respond to that description."

Girlfriend Dumped After Forwarding Stupid Link

GREAT FALLS, MT—Amanda Manis was dumped Monday after forwarding boyfriend Anthony Madrid a link for the humor web site LunaticLobsters.com. "I was convinced that I had found my soulmate, my kindred spirit, the woman I could grow old with," Madrid said. "Then, out of nowhere, Mandy e-mails me this stupid link. When I saw those Flash-animation cartoons, I knew it was over." Madrid has previously dumped girlfriends for owning roller blades, buying Vegemite, and watching Craig Kilborn.

Ugly Man With Huge Penis Unsure How To Get The Word Out

AUBURN, ME—Overweight and balding Ira Groff, 37, is unsure how to get the word out about his 11-inch penis. "In theory, I could fumble around in my wallet for something and then—whoops!—an extra-large condom falls out," the acne-scarred Groff said Monday. "But that would come off as staged." Groff has also pondered wearing tighter pants, leaving penile-reduction-surgery brochures around his workspace, or sporting a button that reads, "Ask Me About My Huge Cock."

Peeping Tom Tired Of Watching People Watch Television

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO—Jonathan Hargrove, a Colorado Springs-area peeping Tom, expressed exasperation Tuesday, when a fifth consecutive victim did nothing more with her evening than watch hours of television. "I thought peering in on strangers would be more, I don't know, exciting," said the 44-year-old Hargrove, speaking from his hydrangea-bush hiding place. "I guess I somehow expected other people's lives to be more sexy or interesting than mine." Hargrove did note, however, that *Big Brother 2* is "really starting to heat up."

Beautiful Nurse Gives Teen Enema

HUNTINGTON, WV—A routine stay at Huntington General Hospital turned humiliating Monday, when Bradley Fiddich, 17, received an enema from shapely, smooth-skinned nurse Stephanie Goodwin, 22. "Oh, my God, I want to kill myself," said Fiddich following his degrading encounter with the attractive, single Goodwin, who rolled him over and inserted an enema tube into his anus, draining the contents of his colon. "I can never look at another girl as long as I live." Fiddich noted with alarm that while conversing with Goodwin, he learned that the nurse's younger sister is in his science class.

Slow-Motion Woman Emerges Glistening From Pool

LOS ANGELES—An unidentified woman in her early 20s emerged from a large, backlit swimming pool at approximately one-third normal speed Monday. According to witnesses, the woman, accompanied by sultry saxophone music, began emerging from the pool at sunset with incandescent pool lights highlighting the droplets of water running down her lithe frame. Upon exiting, the woman reportedly closed her eyes and slowly leaned her head back in preparation for toweling-off procedures.

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Dating Tips

The dating world can be a bewildering place. Here are some tips to help you navigate the perilous waters of love:

- Ladies: Your date's salary divided by your own equals the base you should let him get to on the first date.
- If you are overweight and socially awkward, consider "online dating." You can go on a dragonslaying adventure instead of to a movie, play games on Pogo.com instead of dancing, and masturbate instead of having real sex.
- Do not bathe for several days prior to a date to get your pheromones good and strong.
- Never date a married person, unless he or she is just about to leave his or her spouse and simply waiting for the right moment.
- When planning a romantic candlelit dinner, the right music can create the perfect mood. Put on *The Best Of Spike Jones* to create a freewheeling, anything-goes atmosphere.
- Maintain a casual, "Let's just have fun" attitude until the other person starts seeing someone else. Then let the tears and accusations fly.
- Remember: There's only one way to console a widow.
- To make a lasting impression on a first date, declare yourself his or her eternal soulmate and propose marriage.
- Why don't you ask that Julie girl out? She's a lovely girl. You're practically 35, for God's sake. Fine, rip your mother's heart out.
- If you are a princess being courted by a low-born but beloved suitor, be sure to elude the watchful eye of the lord high chamberlain.
- Instead of going out tonight, punch yourself in the nuts three times and the heart twice. This will save you approximately $75.



LOCAL

I Think I'm Going About This Cat Breeding Thing All Wrong



By Stan Morrow
Cat Breeder

Last October, my dear wife Lois passed on. The first few months after her death were extremely difficult for me, as I missed her very much. Then, one day, my pastor recommended I take up a hobby to help me get my mind off things.

Now, I've always been what you might call a lover of cats, so I decided to take up cat-breeding. And, while nothing will ever replace my Lois, I have found cat-breeding to be an extremely enjoyable pastime. Only problem is, after months of trying, I still haven't seen a single litter from those furry little gals. I'm beginning to think I'm going about this cat-breeding thing all wrong.

To be honest, I haven't the slightest idea what the problem is. As far as I can tell, I'm doing everything right. I wait until they're well in heat, rubbing up against me and yowling to be serviced. At that point, I bring them out back to the shed, where I've prepared a special breeding area.

It's cool and dark in the shed, just the way cats are supposed to like it. There are candles and nice music, too. (Actually, those are mostly for me. I know it sounds selfish, since I'm not the one giving birth to the kittens, but I like the experience to be special for me, too.) I've even laid down soft blankets where the actual breeding takes place, and put up chicken wire so my skittish lovelies can't run far if they get scared.

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At that point, I'm ready to consummate the breeding process. Gently but firmly, I hold them down with one hand while I carefully and lovingly breed them with the other. You'd be surprised—the tail hardly gets in the way at all. Sometimes I'm afraid I'm hurting them, but all the books I've read say that cats tend to yowl and scratch when breeding, so I usually don't worry too much. (Heck, I yowl and scratch, too, sometimes.) The worst was the time Mrs. Purrs slashed my thigh. She couldn't help it, though—cats' instincts are so strong.

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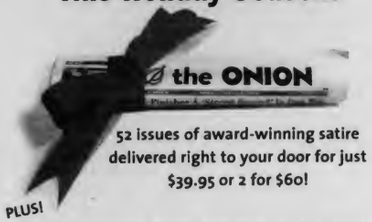
It seems like I'm doing everything correctly. But after months of trying, not a single kitten has been produced. So, for the past few weeks, I've been breeding them twice as hard and long, making sure to get each of my darlings right on the money. Especially Princess. I've really enjoyed breeding her. She's a delicate Persian with a long, white coat that's just gorgeous. She's always been my favorite. I've rung her bell loud and long, and for weeks I've been imagining tiny little kittens with her beautiful coat and twinkling eyes.

But still, even after redoubling my efforts, none of them has yet to catch pregnant. Bewildered by my lack of success, I went to the doctor last Saturday to get myself checked out. Except for an unusual amount of lacerations and scrapes in my "area," the doctor said I seemed just fine. Not only that, all my tests came back negative. Obviously, either there's something wrong with my method, or there's something wrong with my precious little ones.

Concerned, I dropped off Princess, Dusty and Mrs. Purrs at the veterinarian the other day, and explained the problem. Yesterday, though, I got a call back from the receptionist at the vet's office, and she seemed very upset. For some reason, they won't let me have the cats back. I was shocked—I'd tried so hard to get it right. I hung up the phone, determined to learn more about the breeding process.

I've been reading ever since. I'll breed those cats again someday. I can feel it.

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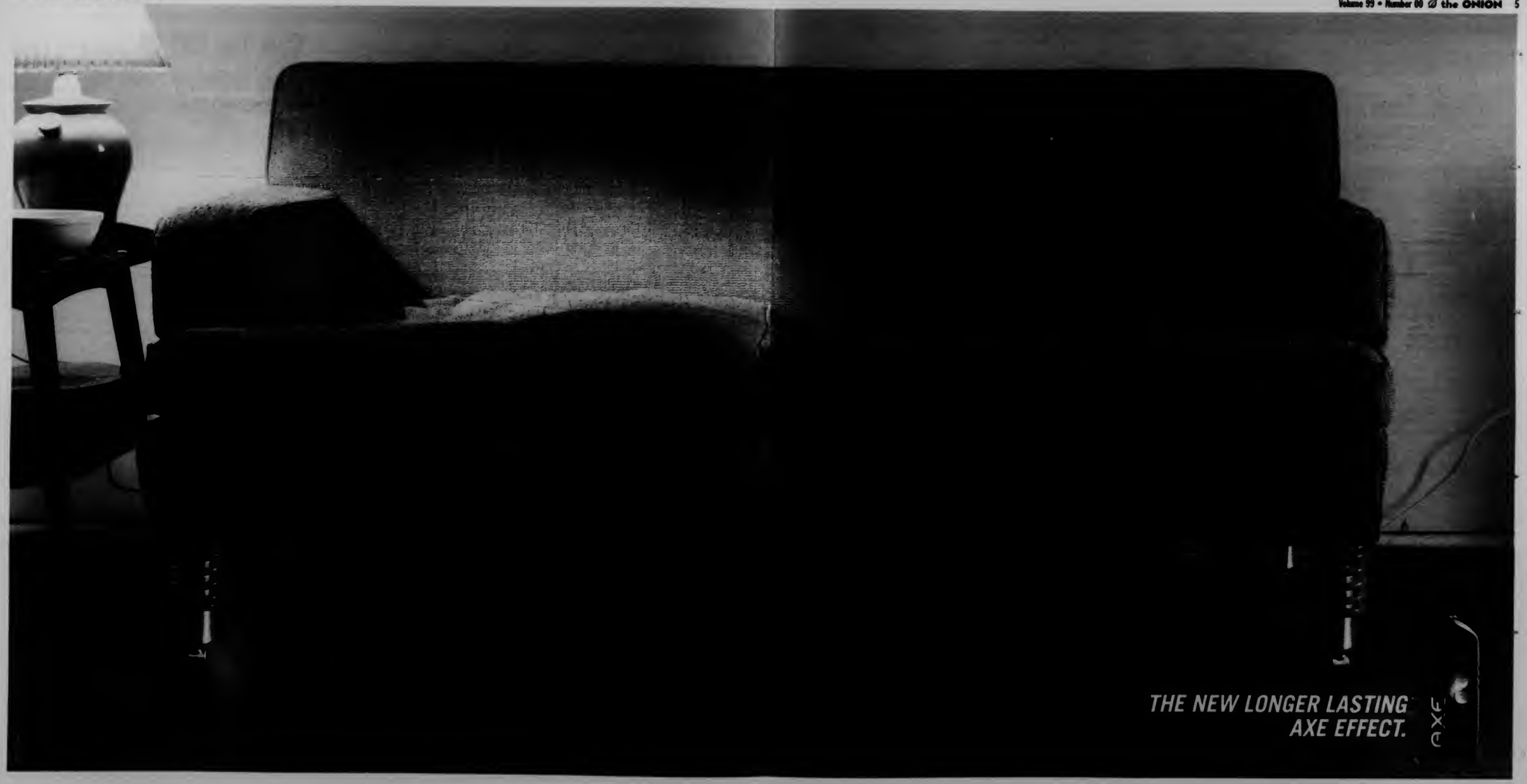
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interest in naked women. We thought that by combining these two elements, these posters would establish not only a mood of beer-drinking fun, but also one of casual female nudity or semi-nudity."

"Our idea was to create an environment in which nude or semi-nude women would find themselves comfortable and at ease, not only drinking beer, but also just being naked," Drubham added. "We also sort of hoped that they might have sex with us."

"None of these things have happened," Drubham added. "It would appear that our conclusions were completely unfounded."

The housing department report, compiled over the course of three weeks spent monitoring the dorm room and its immediate surroundings, categorically concluded that "there exists no measurable cause-and-effect relationship between the presence of the naked-women posters and the willingness of non-photographic human women to appear naked in or near that location."

The study went on to report no notable relationship between the number of naked women in the room before and after the decision to acquire the posters, other than the fact that in both cases the number was zero.

"I can't understand it," roommate and management studies major Kurt Beem said. "We had it all planned out. I just can't see where we went wrong. Perhaps we need to know more about women in general, clothed and unclothed alike, before we can accurately affect and predict the behavior of the nude ones, specifically."

In a surprising side note, the report did find the posters to have a marked impact on alcohol purchase, causing a notable rise in consumption of the product lines the posters advertised, and an upswing of as much as 35 percent in the case of the wine cooler that sponsored the largest-breasted model's photo.

One reason for the initial enthusiasm in the posters project was the earlier success the roommates had had with other, differently themed posters.

"Everybody liked the Miller Lite poster and the Bud Dry neon sign, and they did in fact seem to be effective in facilitating a bar-like, drinking-oriented dorm interior," Beem said.

"Similarly encouraging results seemed evident after our decision to display our 'Rockin' USA' poster (depicting a guitar rocketing into the air with an American flag in the background)," Beem continued, noting that the poster had indeed made the place seem overall more "rockin'."

"Unfortunately, the technique does not seem to have any effect on glamorous, product-endorsing models," Beem said. "In fact, the only effect of the posters so far has been that we get real horned up when we look at them. Jesus Christ Almighty, get a load of that rack, Man!"

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"Unfortunately, at this point, we have more questions about this enormous bra than we have answers," said Sgt. Walt Sorensen of the Herkimer Police Department. "Who does this bra belong to? How did it get in the street? And what sort of breasts would necessitate the use of a brassiere of this magnitude?"

By studying the dirt and organic matter accumulated on the enormous bra, police were able to determine that it had been outdoors for at least 12 hours prior to its discovery. The bra also shows evidence of severe fabric stress, which could provide clues as to how it came to end up in the gutter.

"The bra's ruptured stitching, badly distended comfort-lined satin cups and two broken EZ-close hooks may be an indication that some sort of violent struggle took place," Sorensen said. "But, if I had to venture a guess, I'd say this damage was more likely the result of the tremendous demands placed upon it by its presumably ox-like owner over the course of many strenuous years."

Police are currently looking for leads at a Lester Avenue laundromat just four blocks away from the corner where the bra was found, as well as in a nearby residential area where pranksters may have stolen it from a clothesline before discarding it. A sketch artist has also produced a composite rendering of the bra owner's torso, which is believed to be at least 55 inches in diameter. Police have provided local media with the sketch and are urging citizenry with any information about the enormous bra to come forward.

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Several local residents have already responded to the request for information.

"When I called my 8-year-old son in for lunch Sunday afternoon, he was yelling something about finding 'big boobs' in the bushes," said Eileen Dunne, who lives a block away from the spot where the bra was discovered. "Well, you know how kids are at that age, so I didn't think much about it at the time. But now I wonder if it was the enormous bra."

"I don't know if this helps," local resident Roberta Puhl told police, "but I distinctly remember my kids saying that the boy next door dared them to touch the 'big white thing,' before he picked it up with a stick and flung it at them."

If no one comes forward to claim the enormous bra in the next 30 days, it will become the property of the individuals who discovered it.

"Dude, I don't want that thing," Reznicki said. "The cops can keep it."

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"We were both down there waiting for our clothes to dry, so we started to talk," Petrakis said. "It turned out we had a lot in common—we shopped at the same grocery store and worked out at the same gym. At that point, I wasn't thinking about the future and how hard this sort of relationship can be."

For several weeks, Froeger and Petrakis enjoyed a protracted honeymoon period, during which the short distance dividing them seemed like an advantage. Friends report that Petrakis and Froeger thought it was adorable to share a mailman, bump into each other near the trash bin, and frequent the same coffeehouse.

"At first, Jack would brag about how cool it was to get a midnight 'booty call' from a sexy girl only three doors down and one floor below," Petrakis' friend Doug Maris said. "He was like, 'I don't even need to change out of my pajamas. I just put on slippers, answer the door, and I'm ready for action.'"

"He's not bragging anymore," Maris continued. "Last week, a bunch of the guys were hanging out at his place when someone knocked on the door. Jack made us all stand there, frozen in place and totally silent, for about five minutes until he could be sure that whoever it was had left."

Both Froeger and Petrakis said they began to experience misgivings about the lack of distance dividing them in early December.

"When I met Jack, I'd just broken up with this guy from Toledo, so I was really looking forward to dating someone nearby," Froeger said. "Now, I realize that having him so nearby that I can hear him whistling every time he uses the elevator isn't an advantage. And I do mean *every* time he uses the elevator. Seriously, every single time—that same OutKast song."

"Justine is sweet," Petrakis said. "But sometimes it's too much. Once, I stayed at my buddy's house after a late night of drinking. When Justine saw that I hadn't picked up my newspaper from the doormat, she called to make sure I was okay. That's when I started feeling crowded."

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In addition to infringing on each other's privacy, Froeger and Petrakis said the close proximity removes a level of excitement from the relationship.

"Part of the fun of getting involved with someone is immersing yourself in a new environment and experiencing new things," Froeger said. "But staying overnight at someone's place isn't as great when you live on the same block. Our apartments overlook the same exact tree."

"Now we have no excuse to make it downtown or anyplace else," Froeger continued. "And believe me, Jack doesn't look for one, either. We just order delivery from the menus we both already know by heart."

Petrakis agreed that "things are getting a little stale."

"Justine and I kiss goodbye in the morning, then I see her 30 minutes later in the parking lot," Petrakis said. "Then I get home, and boom! There she is in the elevator. I don't know what to do. I've told her that I need my space, but her space and my space are practically the same space."

Froeger said she has started to think she needs someone who will "be there for me occasionally."

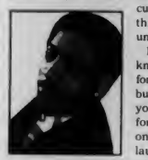
"The next person I date should live in, say, Chicago or Minneapolis," Froeger said. "There are a lot of nice guys from the Midwest profiled on those Internet dating sites. If I was seeing someone farther away, we could spend a passionate weekend together, but I wouldn't have to sit around at Starbucks for an extra two hours after work until I'm certain I won't run into him."

Petrakis said he agrees that a break-up might be the only answer.

"Next time I'm on the market, I'm gonna get out to a lot of out-of-the-way bars in neighborhoods that I wouldn't normally have any reason to be in, like that area behind the expo center," Petrakis said. "From now on, I'm going to stick with the 50-block rule: no dating anyone who doesn't live at least a 10-minute car ride away."

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By Smoove B
Love Man

Have I told you how wonderful you are? When I am with you, I feel like a whole new Smoove. Since you have asked me not to call you at work, I have opted to discuss your fineness through my column.

I know we have known each other for only two weeks, but I already know you are the girl for me. You are the only one I want to laugh with, talk with, and grind on the dance floor with. You are the only one I want to ride.

I am capable of bringing you to a state of freakstasy that no other man could ever bring you to. You can try to find this level of sexual satisfaction with some other man, but know that if you break from Smoove, I cannot guarantee that I will still be single when you realize that only I can satisfy *all* your senses. Then, you would be living in a cold, cruel, Smoove-less world, and I would not wish that upon you. You are too special to me.

Damn, girl, you need to take the rest of the day off so I can break you off doggy-style in my bathroom.

Ever since we met two weeks ago, I knew you were the one for me. Your style, your booty, and your class are beyond all compare. In a world populated with many fine women, you are without a doubt the most fine. Let Smoove take you out tonight or, if you are busy, tomorrow night to show you how I treat a lady as exceptional as you. Allow me to break it down:

First, I will pick you up from your house in a white limousine and take you to the finest dance club in the entire city. The people at this club will be attractive and the beats will be crazy. We will not be in the club for a minute before we get on the dance floor. Even though the other people will be good dancers, we will be the best. When you bump, I will bump. When you grind, I will grind. We will move together like twins who happen to like to freak.

When you have had your fill of dancing, I will take you by the hand and lead you to the most romantic corner of the entire club and sit you down on one of the plush, red-velvet couches. While you rest, Smoove will go the bar and purchase a drink for you. Before I bring it back to you, I will taste it, demanding finer gin should it fall short of my expectations for you. Also, I will ask for less ice so that your gin and tonic is not diluted.

While you sip your drink, I will stroke your hair and tell you such complimentary things as "You are like a fine statue carved out of brown marble," and "Your eyes are like pools of creamy Italian butter," and "You have beautiful shoes." You will know that I mean these things because they come from the heart, and the heart is always true.

At this point, we will go back to my place, where I will prepare a dinner specially suited for one as lovely as you. While I am cooking the meal, we will talk about your life, your hopes, and your dreams. At this point, I will unthaw a deluxe bag of jumbo shrimp for you to sample as the appetizer.

There will also be cocktail sauce.

Finally, my dinner of lobster, shipped to me that morning in only the coldest of ice from the finest lobster region in all of Maine, will be completed and placed on the table. Along with the lobster will not only be melted butter, but also side dishes. Some of them will be corn, peas, and baked potato. When the meal is over, we will have dessert and coffee.

Ever since we met two weeks ago, I knew you were the one for me. Your style, your booty, and your class are beyond all compare. In a world populated with many fine women, you are without a doubt the most fine.

At this point, you will be so turned on by this night of dancing and lobster that you will be dying to sex me wild. But instead of taking you to my bedroom to knock boots, I will build your desire even more. I will do this by leading you to my living room, where I will light a fire and hand-feed you the finest strawberries available. If you do not enjoy strawberries, I will have other types of berries at my disposal that can be fed to you in a sexy manner. Between bites, I will offer you sips of champagne in a glass made specifically to maximize your champagne-drinking pleasure.

As much as you want to, you will no longer be able to control your desire. Neither will I. This is when I will lead you to my polar-bear-skin rug so we can do it all night long. You will cry for more, and you shall receive it. I will hit it until you can take no more. Then, when you are 100 percent satisfied, I will stop. After that, I will kiss your belly button and tell you how beautiful you are until you fall asleep in my arms.

Damn.

In the morning, I will make you waffles that have chocolate chips embedded in them. There will coffee waiting for you, and there will also be a cup with cream and two sugars, just the way you like it, cooling on the breakfast bar. If you want toast, I will make it for you and offer you a staggering array of exotic French jams.

Through this display of caring and thoughtfulness, you will see that I am the one for you. We are like two slightly different colored beads on a single ancient necklace. We are so right together, it hurts to even speak your name when you are not around me. Do not doubt my words. Believe me when I say this to you. Smoove's love will rock your world.

Peace.

ADVICE



Ask That Tramp I Saw You With Last Night

By Connie Vance
Wife

Dear Connie:

The other night I came home from work to find my prize azalea bushes completely wrecked. I didn't witness it, but I feel sure I know the culprits: the children next door who are always running wild in our yard. How do I keep my bushes safe without permanently alienating my neighbors?

Frustrated In Fairport

Dear Frustrated,

If you need advice so bad, why don't you go ask that tramp I saw you with last night? She must have had some interesting things to say or you wouldn't have sat there buying margaritas for her every 10 minutes. I'm sure she knows all kinds of things I don't, or you wouldn't have spent so much time talking to her, laughing at everything she said like she was the funniest person on earth.

Dear Connie:

There's a big company dinner party coming up at the boss' house, and I can't decide whether to "dress to impress" or just go with the casual confidence of slacks and a sweater. The invitations say it's just an informal cookout, but this is my boss we're talking about! What do you suggest?

In A Quandary In Quebec

Dear Quandary,

I'm sure that tramp I saw you with last night would know the answer to this one. She seems like the kind of woman who could tell you a thing or two about impressing the big boys! After all, she had you dancing to her tune for hours. I just happened to drive past your office, and your car wasn't in the parking lot. I guess you were working so hard you just had to take a little dinner and dancing break with that cheap slut.

She seems like the kind of woman who could tell you a thing or two about impressing the big boys! After all, she had you dancing to her tune for hours.

Dear Connie:

My mother's 75th birthday is coming up, and I want to get her something really special. I want to go all out on this one, but I'm afraid I'll spend a fortune and end up with something she doesn't like. What would be an appropriate gift for an occasion like this?

Unsure In Utica

Dear Unsure,

I suppose your mother wears blue eyeliner and miniskirts, and hangs out at Eli's Mile High at two in the morning, batting her eyes at everything some big, dumb, married ox says, doesn't she? Maybe if I dressed up like a two-dollar whore and snuck around in the middle of the night, that'd satisfy you. Maybe then you wouldn't go galavanting around at God-knows-what hours! Is that what you really want, a tramp like her? You know what? I'm glad I saw you two. I gave you the best years of my life, you no-good, goddamned, two-timing son of a bitch! Get out of my sight!

Connie Vance's weekly syndicated advice column, Ask That Tramp I Saw You With Last Night, *appears in over 250 papers nationwide.*

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Hillel House Band rocks UMass Chanukah Fest in Campus Center

By MATT HOFFMAN
COLLEGIAN STAFF

100 people packed the People's Marketplace in the University of Massachusetts Campus Center on Wednesday night to celebrate the Jewish festival of lights, at the Hillel House's Chanukah Fest.

The newly-created Hillel House band began the evening with their debut performance. The Hillel House is a campus organization that provides resources for Jewish students and those interested in learning more about Judaism.

"The turnout is great and the event is awesome," said Matt Bertuzzi, a freshman member of the Hillel band.

Bertuzzi is also a member of the Jewish Cultural Council, which planned the event. This group of five students chose the main entertainment for the night, which was the New York City-based band, Pharaoh's Daughter.

Bertuzzi explained how Pharaoh's Daughter was chosen.

"We first thought about what entertainment would be appealing, and searched for bands in the area. We researched reviews and listened to CDs. When we found out that Pharaoh's Daughter was available, we invited them to appear."

The band was created after one of the band members, Basya Schechter, toured the Middle East, including Israel, Egypt, and Turkey. She created music that combined her Jewish spiritual background with world beat and the intense lyrical detail of a popular songwriter.

During an intermission in the musical group's performance, the entire crowd went outside for a candle-lighting ceremony. As the candles were lit for the second night of the eight-day holiday, the group said the blessing for the occasion. Afterwards, those in attendance broke into traditional celebratory song.



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The Hillel House Band performs at yesterday's Chanukah Fest at UMass.

Chanukah is a holiday that commemorates the victory of faith over tyranny, specifically, for Jewish rebels who triumphed over Syrian rulers over 2,000 years ago.

Although Chanukah is technically a minor Jewish festival, it is the only holiday for which Jews exchange gifts. It also is celebrated in the Jewish month of Kislev, which usually falls in December. This combination has resulted in the misperception that Chanukah is "the Jewish Christmas." In fact, this festival has a rich tradition and history of its own.

The Jews of Judea had lived for many years under the oppressive hand of Syria, whose rulers outlawed Jewish worship and desecrated the temple in Jerusalem. Even though they were outnumbered, the Jews took up arms to

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Police: murder suspect admits guilt to parents

By MATT ELDER
COLLEGIAN STAFF

HADLEY — A 23-year-old Westfield State College student who allegedly shot his high school friend, University of Massachusetts senior David Sullivan, early Tuesday morning admitted the shooting to his parents, a police report said.

"He had told his parents that he had shot someone," said the police report, written by Amherst Police Lt. Ronald Young and filed in Hadley District Court.

Bryan Johnston, the murder suspect, is originally from Pittsfield. He was pursuing a criminal justice major at the time the crime occurred. He transferred to Westfield State from the University of Hawaii. Sullivan was a Building Materials and Wood Technology major.

Both were seniors at their respective colleges. They were also friends when they attended Wahconah Regional High School in Dalton, where they both graduated in 2000, according to mutual friends.

Information from a firearms check showed that Johnston has a revoked Class A firearm license and he currently owns a Colt .223 rifle.

The rifle is capable of firing the type of ammunition retrieved by police from Sullivan's 105 Meadow St. residence, the police report said. The report also said that six shell casings were removed from the home.

The Associated Press reports authorities found a rifle in the woods off of Bay Road in Hadley that they believe was the murder weapon.

"Obviously this is a very sad situation all the way around," said Westfield State College News Coordinator, Craig Phelon.

Johnston appeared in Hadley District Court today to see if he was competent to stand trial. After a court-appointed examination, he was deemed competent. He is currently being held without bail in the Hampshire House of Corrections until his probable cause hearing on Jan. 26.

He pled innocent to one charge of murder.

At the start of the hearing, Johnston's lawyers said they did not want him present in court because they did not want him to face the media. The judge denied the order, and the defendant was brought into court wearing a suit.

During the hearing, both the prosecutors and Johnston's lawyer Edward Berlin said he was going through steroid withdrawal at the time of the shooting, but that he did not have a motive for the attack.

Johnston's mother said that she wanted her son to remain in Noble Hospital, the Associated Press reported. She said that her



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Bryan Johnston of Westfield is charged in the murder of a UMass student.

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WMUA, 91.1 FM polkathon raises more than expected

By TARA TRAYERS
COLLEGIAN CORRESPONDENT

The University of Massachusetts student radio station, WMUA 91.1 FM, raised over $40,000 in donations during the station's 25th Annual Polkathon, a weeklong on-air fundraising campaign. The Polkathon began Nov. 13 and ran through Nov. 19 in hopes to raise $28,000 for various upcoming events and equipment for the radio station.

Staff member Billy Belina, a newly inducted International Polka Hall of Fame Personality, hosted the event this year. Belina is an Easthampton resident and a WMUA DJ and University of Massachusetts Housing Services staff member since 1979. He made a compilation CD of his famous Polka songs as well as other songs that were available in a premium package for donations. Over 100 of his CDs sold for approximately $35 a piece.

Many other guest DJs helped with the event, including Annie Goodman, a Pioneer Valley syndicated alternative news program DJ. Her show carried about $10,000 in donations.

Jill Weinstein, the Fund Drive Director and a senior at UMass, has been hard at work on this project for the past year. Just about every day since the semester began, Weinstein has called, made arrangements, and organized for the event. She had to call businesses in the area to enlist their support. The station thanks the businesses by mentioning their support and does not direct advertisements on the various programs through out the week.

"I'm so happy. We raised over $40,000 dollars and surpassed our goal of $28, 000," Weinstein said. "Most college radio stations are unable to accomplish this event."

Weinstein had to find volunteers to devote their time to this weeklong event, that included signing up to volunteer any time from 5 a.m. to 12 p.m. The donations go towards the station's wish list, which includes technical equipment for the station of about 100 members. The volunteers helped to answer the phones throughout the week.

"The Fund Drive Director's job pretty much starts right after the event for next year," Weinstein said. "This event has engulfed my life pretty much since I've gotten back to school," she added.

Weinstein explains that the event planning really picked up around October and November when she was busy getting things into place.

Weinstein's job as fund drive director is a paid position from September to May as she still needs to process the information and send out over 1,000 items to listeners. WMUA-FM is a federally licensed student-run, non-commercial radio station of the

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From front left, Mitch Moskal, Helen Szubzda, WMUA general manager Jen Moskal and assistant G.M. Jill Weinstein after volunteering at 91.1 FM's Polkathon, which raised $40,000 on November 19th.

Former Pantera guitarist killed at Ohio concert

By CARRIE SPENCER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — It looked like something out of a macabre heavy-metal video: The lights dimmed in the smoke-filled nightclub, the rock band Damageplan launched into its first thunderous riffs, and then a man in a hooded sweatshirt ran the length of the stage and opened fire, shooting the lead guitarist at least five times in the head.

In just minutes, the gunman had killed three others before being shot to death by a police officer.

The rampage Wednesday night stunned the heavy metal world and left police searching for answers about what set the gunman off.

The slain guitarist, "Dimebag" Darrell Abbott, 38, was a driving force behind the rock band Pantera, and police are looking into reports from witnesses that the gunman was a fan irate that the hugely influential group broke up.

Some of the 500 people packed into the club to see Abbott's new band initially thought that the gunman was an excited fan or that the shootings were part of the show.

"I figured it was another fan wanting to jump off the stage and crowd surf," said Brian Kozicki, the club's lighting designer. "I think he knew he wasn't going to get out and he was going to take down as many people as he could."



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"Dimebag" Darrell Abbott, of the band Damageplan, was killed Thursday.

Police identified the gunman as Nathan Gale, 25, who listened to Pantera music to psyche himself up before football games and would often hang out at a tattoo parlor and make a pest of himself by talking to customers about music.

"We may never know a motive for this, unless he left a note," Sgt. Brent Mull said.

Also killed were Erin Halk, 29, a club employee who loaded band equipment; fan

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Officials disputing law school plans

By DAVE FONSECA
COLLEGIAN CORRESPONDENT

The plan to add a public law school to the University of Massachusetts system is ill-considered and financially unsound, according to two Western Massachusetts authorities. But a UMass spokesman dismissed the criticism, saying the plan as outlined will make the new law school a self-supporting addition.

Skeptics to the plan include UMass Amherst Legal Studies Professor Stephen Arons, who explained that creating a new school is a tough process.

"Setting up a public law school that is both effective and capable of surviving financially and that deals successfully with the commercial bar is very, very difficult, and I have not seen any evidence that UMass has thought it through," said Arons

Another skeptic is Arthur Gaudio, dean of Western New England College in Springfield, who calls the UMass law plan "very, very doubtful." Gaudio is a former deputy consultant on legal education for the American Bar Association.

The criticisms parallel those of Richard G. Huber, a past president of the Association of American Law Schools and former dean of Boston College Law School, who called the planned acquisition of The Southern New England School of Law by UMass Dartmouth a "waste of money" in a recent letter to The Boston Globe. He warned that the process of attaining ABA accreditation could cost Massachusetts millions in tax dollars.

Robert Connolly, UMass system associate vice president, disagrees with these criticisms.

"Skepticism is fine, but at some point facts have to become determinative," Connolly said. "The facts are that SNESL is self-supporting and has been for some time."

Connolly said that the proposed UMass law school would operate on a trust fund and would be restricted from receiving any state funding by law.

"It is as blunt as that," Connolly said. "State law would not allow us to use UMass funds for any law school-related purpose."

One of the major issues facing the proposed school is its ability to gain ABA accreditation. Southern New England School of Law now is regionally accredited, meaning students may take the bar exam in Mass-achusetts and Connecticut. But for students to take the bar exam in any of the other 50 states, the school must be ABA-accredited. To receive ABA accreditation, among other criteria, the school must raise students' average scores on the Law School Aptitude Test and on current bar exams.

According to a document released Oct. 4 by UMass Dartmouth Chan-cellor Jean MacCormack, SNESL has successfully met 90 percent of ABA's accreditation benchmarks, and the remaining 10 percent will be met through an investment of annual operating funds covered mostly by the law school budget.

According to the document, SNESL produces a yearly operating surplus of $350,000 and has a $1.5 million "rainy day" account, which the school intends to use to cover the costs of accreditation.

However, Gaudio said that the plans of the Western New England College of Law are "very, very doubtful." He questioned whether the school would be able to maintain its $19,000 a year tuition while still bringing in better students capable of raising Bar Exam and LSAT scores to a level satisfactory to the ABA.

"They're going to have to offer something to prospective students if they want to get students in," said Gaudio. "And to do that, they're

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Campus Perspectives

By Adrienne Bossi

Do you think the punishments the students involved in the campus riots received from the administration are fair? Why or why not?



freshman
Nursing major

"Yes, if you do something stupid, you should expect to have to pay for it."
Andie Johnson



senior
Legal Studies major

"No, I do not think they were given due process."
Sean Bliss



sophmore
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"I do think the punishments were fair ... I thought there should have been a few more punished."
Kruti Ravaliya



freshman
Undecided

"No. If they were punished half the school should have been. It was not like they were doing anything different."
Ralph Francis



freshman
Undeclared

"I think it was somewhat fair. They acted stupid, and they deserved to be punished."
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senior
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"No ... the penalties should have been more severe."
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Polkathon raises $40,000

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University, serving members of the Connecticut River Valley of Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Vermont.

Full-time undergraduate students as well as graduate students, faculty, and staff members primarily run the station. Members of the surrounding communities also donate their time and efforts to help. The station is partially funded from the University's Student Government Association, but needs to raise almost half of their annual operating budget.

The money raised from the Polkathon has allowed the WMUA to purchase and install a new transmitter and antenna, new CD players, cassette decks, and high quality processing equipment. First started as an AM radio station in 1949, the station continues to operate to provide various programs including blues, jazz, rock, hip-hop, polka, and other music programs as well as providing news throughout the day.

WMUA is an alternative radio station, which has a mission to provide programming not readily available elsewhere on the radio not covered in mainstream media often working in genres by commercial radio.

Other volunteers included over 70 UMass students and several community members who are donating few hours to help take calls. Most volunteers stayed about two hours, excepting the dedicated Polka people that stayed from 5 a.m. until nighttime.

"There were so many people and tables of food including bagels from Bruger's Bagel and many polish foods," Weinstein said.

Most of the listeners and donators are from Polish associations.

Weinstein describes the event as being just plain crazy saying, "About 20 people were running around with not a second of rest. The phones were ringing off the hooks," At one point during the show, a CD player was causing some problems.

"Many people called in with donations of their Polka bands CDs," Weinstein said. "We used most of their CD's for the event," she added.

The station itself had its 15 departments working hard on the event as well. "Each department was responsible for big role. For example, the Music Director had to round up the CDs to play, the Publicity Department had to print out advertisements, and the Visual Media Department had to make pictures for the shirts and other prizes," Weinstein said.

The biggest amount donated by one person was $200, while the smallest amount was about $15. As a thank you for tax-deductible donations, CDs, gift certificates, concert tickets, T-shirts, and other special premiums were available for the donations.

The WMUA streams its programming live at www.wmua.org-/listen, where listeners can tune in anytime. The programming during the week includes blues, jazz, rock, hip-hop and other music programs. During the weekend, specialties are aired. Polka, oldies, and dance music plays on Saturdays, while country, bluegrass, gospel, and electronic music play on Sunday. The station airs sports coverage throughout the week. The coverage includes basketball games from the University as well as traveling to Chicago to air the sports show. The studios are located in the basement of the Campus Center.



Officials disagree on new law school

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gonna have to up the discount [on tuition.]"

"[The UMass planners] don't have an appreciation of what it takes to become accredited," Gaudio added. "A law school, to become accredited, must show students can pass the Bar Exam. [At SNESL,] they've got a history of students passing at around a 30 percent rate."

But Connolly added, "We are fully confident that our financial model will work ... [Dean Gaudio] seems to be grasping at straws in an effort to fend off competition that he really doesn't have to worry about."

At last month's Nation Moot Court Competition, Connolly pointed out, SNESL won a spot in the semi-finals along with teams from Suffolk School of Law, Boston College, and Boston University, by edging out Western New England College.

"Maybe Dean Gaudio should be paying more attention to Western New England and less attention to Southern New England," Connolly said.

The proposed UMass law school would offer 25 scholarships of $9,500 (half of one year's tuition) to students who promise to work in the public realm, the cost of which Connolly said could easily be easily covered by the school's yearly operational surplus.

In addition, Connolly added, though the operational surplus will cover the cost of the scholarships, UMass planners also are confident that outside benefactors will be willing to donate funds, should they be needed.

"Chancellor MacCormack believes she has some benefactors who are poised to make substantial contributions to defray the cost of public service scholarships," Connolly said.

But Connolly's explanations don't satisfy Arons, who said he thinks the president's office has not been forthright with its academic agenda for UMass Law.

"If all they have for their concept of an academic plan for a public law school is handing out these scholarships, and offering fellowships, then I think they have barely scratched the surface, and I think they owe the public a better explanation," said Arons.

Connolly replied that the UMass Dartmouth administration has made every effort to coordinate its financial and academic plans with sources throughout the UMass five-campus system.

"Certainly there has been involvement from the higher levels of academic leaders at all five campuses," Connolly said.

Halliburton passes $10 billion mark

By Matt Kelley
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Halliburton Co. has passed the $10 billion mark in work orders from the Army for services supporting U.S. troops in Iraq.

The Army Materiel Command has ordered $8.3 billion in work from Halliburton under a contract to support troops with meals, laundry, housing and other services. The Army Corps of Engineers awarded an additional $2.5 billion to Halliburton under a no-bid contract to light oil fires and help restore Iraq's crumbling oil industry infrastructure.

Allegations of financial misdeeds, including corruption and overcharging, have led to criminal, congressional and Pentagon investigations of Halliburton's work in Iraq.

Congressional critics say the Bush administration is going easy on the oil services company, which Vice President Dick Cheney ran from 1995 to 2000. Cheney and Halliburton deny any preferential treatment.

Rep. Henry Waxman of California, the top Democrat on the House Government Reform Committee, has been one of the main congressional critics of Halliburton. Waxman issued a statement Thursday criticizing the Army's decision not to withhold partial payments to Halliburton while some accounting issues are straightened out.

"The mounting value of the contracts has been accompanied by a growing list of concerns about Halliburton's performance," the statement said.

Halliburton spokeswoman Wendy Hall said the company has done a good job serving troops and helping to rebuild Iraq.

"This latest statement is simply recycling old, unfounded allegations in an effort to discredit a company that is providing much-needed services in support of our troops on the ground in the Iraq and Kuwait," Hall said.

The investigations of Halliburton's work in Iraq include a criminal investigation into whether kickbacks were involved in Halliburton's use of a Kuwaiti subcontractor to provide gasoline for Iraq's civilian market. Halliburton says it notified federal authorities after an internal probe found two of its former employees may have been involved in corruption worth $6.3 million.



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Vice President Dick Cheney, who was CEO of Halliburton from 1995-2000

Hillel House Band rocks C.C.

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defend their lifestyle and religion. They overwhelmed the Syrians in two decisive battles.

Legend has it that when the Jewish army entered the temple to re-consecrate it, their first task was to rekindle the Eternal Light, a sacred oil lamp that was left burning continuously. There was only one jar of oil to be found, enough to keep the flame lit only for a single day. A messenger was sent out to find and bring more sanctified oil, and it took the messenger eight days to return. Miraculously, the Eternal Light continued to burn those eight days. Chanukah, which also is called the Festival of Lights, celebrates that wonder.

Shiites preparing for election

By Marriam Fam
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Under the guidance of Iraq's most powerful Shiite cleric, Shiite parties presented a list Thursday of 228 candidates for next month's elections. Minority Sunni Arabs, who had been favored under Saddam Hussein, must now decide whether to join the race or renounce a vote that will help determine the country's future.

The announcement of the list of 23 parties, dubbed the United Iraqi Alliance, followed weeks of haggling. Members of participating groups said the coalition's platform would include a call for working toward the withdrawal of U.S. and other foreign troops in Iraq.

"There must be a timetable for this," said Hussein al-Mousawi, an official of the Shiite Political Council, an umbrella group that has some parties represented in the alliance. The candidates list includes two powerful Shiite parties, as well as an array of independent Sunni tribal figures, Shiite Kurdish groups and members of smaller movements.

Importantly, the roster does not include the movement of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, who appeared to be waiting to see whether the vote will be considered legitimate before he joins the political process. With violence roiling the country and key Sunni leaders demanding the Jan. 30 vote be put off, a credible election is by no means certain.

There were already signs that Sunni ranks were breaking: One group that had called for a delay, the Iraqi Islamic Party, quietly submitted a 275-candidate list Thursday. Party officials told The Associated Press they wanted to reserve the right to take part in the vote if the election is not postponed.

In violence Thursday, seven Iraqis were killed in clashes in Baghdad and the volatile western city of Ramadi.

A car bomb also rocked a busy vegetable market in the northern city of Mosul, wounding two civilians, while a U.S. soldier was wounded by a roadside bomb in the capital.

Iraq's leading Shiite cleric, Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, appointed the committee that set up the 228-candidate list. He has been working to unite Iraq's majority Shiites ahead of the vote to ensure victory, and include representatives from Iraq's other diverse communities. Shiites make up 60 percent of Iraq's nearly 26 million people.

The major Shiite political parties, the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution and the Islamic Dawa Party, were on the list. Both have strong links with Iran, a Shiite but non-Arab neighbor.

The 228 candidates also include independent Sunni Muslims, members of the Yazidis minority religious sect, and a Turkomen movement, among others. Also listed are members of the Iraqi National Congress, led by former exile and one-time Pentagon favorite Ahmad Chalabi.

Suspect confesses to his parents, police say

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son could have a medical emergency, like a heart attack, as a result of the withdrawal.

"The defendant may have medical concerns to be monitored," the bail form said.

Young's police report said that at 10:33 p.m., Johnston called Sullivan to go out, and Sullivan refused. The report also said that on a prior occasion, Sullivan and Johnston were involved in an altercation, although it did not give the specifics.

Sullivan's roommate, Stephen Kubicki, called the Amherst Police at 2:26 a.m.

When police entered Sullivan's bedroom, Sullivan was unresponsive, the report said. It also stated that there were gunshot wounds to the body as well as trauma to the torso and left hand.

"There were no signs of forced entry," Young's report said.

At 12:45 a.m., according to Young's report, Hadley Police stopped Johnston seven miles from Sullivan's residence. The police released him, but around 4:00 a.m., Johnston contacted his parents and was admitted to Noble Hospital for his own protection, the report said.

"What appeared to be blood on his clothing and the interior of his car was observed and recovered by the officers assigned to the Massachusetts State Police Crime Scene Services Unit," Young said in his report.



COURTESY PHOTO

David C. Sullivan, who was killed in Amherst Tuesday night, police said.

People at the two's old high school claim that they were well-liked.

"They were very alike, almost the same type of kid, hard workers. People liked them. This is shocking," mutual friend Ryan Allessio, a UMass student, told the Berkshire Eagle.

"Sully [David Sullivan] was a good guy," Wahconah Principal Thomas Callahan said to the Berkshire Eagle. "A good student, well-liked, and I think he had a pretty good career here."

"We have nothing to say. We are devastated, that is all," said Sullivan's grandmother Anne Sullivan.

Dimebag killed in club

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Nathan Bray, 23; and Jeff Thompson, 40.

Two others were hospitalized after the shooting. The nature of their injuries was not disclosed.

With his frenetic, ear-splitting guitar riffs, Dimebag Abbott created an aggressive sound for Pantera and attracted a cult following in the early 1990s. The band was nominated for Grammys in 1995 and 2001. The Abbott brothers left Pantera last year and released Damageplan's debut album, "New Found Power," in February.

"I'm absolutely beside myself with grief. I can't for the life of me understand why someone would do this," said heavy metal legend Ozzy Osbourne, who often toured with Pantera.

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"The recipe for perpetual ignorance is: be satisfied with your opinions and content with your knowledge." -Elbert Hubbard

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U.S. needs to step up on educating its youth

The intelligence of high school students in the United States was recently ranked in an international survey comparing the mathematical skills of 15-year-olds to those of other countries around the world. The United States placed 28 out of the 40 countries surveyed and was cited as having the poorest outcomes per dollar spent, according to The New York Times, which published the results of the survey. Although the survey dealt strictly with high school students, the results are not overly surprising. For a country whose majority of spending has been devoted to the military, it seems almost expected for the country's funds directed toward education to be misapplied and not used adequately.

The study, according to the article, was released Monday by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, a group based in Paris. Among the students from the United States, only 10 percent placed in the top two performance groups. Countries such as Canada, Hong Kong and Finland had students of the same age who performed significantly higher than those from the United States.

There is a common phrase used in today's society to offer an explanation for the underachievement of American's youth. The phrase "dumbing down America" has been used as a label, affixed to certain things such as excessive viewing of television and video games. However, this phrase does not offer a solution to the intelligence problem of America's youngsters, but merely points the finger at what is seemingly causing the problem.

According to the results of the study, "while spending on educational institutions is a necessary prerequisite for the provision of high-quality education, spending alone is not sufficient to achieve high levels of outcomes." The United States certainly falls into this slot and seriously needs to reevaluate its financial spending when it comes to the education of its potential future leaders. Perhaps this is a comment on the intelligence of today's current influential heads of state: money can buy you an education, but what you do with it is a completely different story.

It is vitally important that the standards of educating today's youth are raised and the money awarded to public schools is spent wisely. Since competition within the international arena has always been a concern of the United States, the results of this survey should serve as a wake-up call to the educators of the country. The United States may be one of the wealthiest countries in the world, but if its money is not spent properly on the preached "prospering educational systems", then that title is worthless. What the United States must do now is take this study and learn from the results, not only where priorities are flawed, but how the educational systems of the country can be adequately improved.

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Purchasing patriotism

Stephen Post

If you're like me, you don't like sitting around doing nothing when there's a war on. As much as you like lounging on the couch watching reality shows, you think that maybe there's something else you could be doing, you know, for your country.

You and I both need to get off our duffs and take a ride ... to the mall. The holidays are here and you'll have to get gifts eventually, so plunk down the plastic in the name of peace. Have fun. Treat your friends and family. Heck, treat yourself. Buy some toys. Just don't shoot your eye out!

For starters, check out what toy-fanciers think is this year's "hottest" plaything: Robosapien. "A full function fast moving robot minion suitable for all your world domination needs," says manufacturer Wow Wee on its website. It's the perfect gift for little Rummy, Dickl, Condi and Dubya. For a cool $100, you (or your special someone) can have a robot designed by a NASA robotic physicist who worked on the Mars Rover.

Check it out: Robosapien is 14 inches tall, and he comes ready to perform 67 pre-programmed functions, all at the push of a button on his "ergonomic" remote control. He walks, of course, but he walks with style. He talks too, in a language his creators call "international 'caveman' speech." Oh, he doesn't exactly talk, he grunts ... so he can be properly understood in, well, less civilized parts of the world – the ones we'd like to dominate.

Nonetheless, Robosapien is great to have around the house. Feeling lazy? He picks things up. Feeling violent? He does Kung-Fu. Feeling funky? He raps. Feeling rude? He belches. And, oh yes, he farts. Dominating the world can cause indigestion.

There's no need to feel guilty about buying this precocious robot. Parenting magazines give Robosapien their enthusiastic seal of approval. Why not get it for your five-year-old? But then, why not get it for your husband, boyfriend or your favorite fraternity-boy? After all, you can make Robosapien pick up your beer. Stave off that winter break boredom for at least a little while. Voyeur Magazine says Robosapien is "sure to entertain for a few hours at least." It'll even clean up afterwards (check your manual for specifics). So why settle for something lame like a robot-dog when you can dominate the world with Robosapien?

If there's one thing about terrorists that really irks me, it's that they have no sense of style. They obviously never played with Barbie.

If there's one thing about terrorists that really irks me, it's that they have no sense of style. They obviously never played with Barbie. Remember her? Well she's back, this time with her very own cell phone. Barbie has voicemail! She's as perky as ever and ready to rock the toy box. There's Kate Spade Barbie, sporting a Kate Spade a handbag, of course. There's Barbie with capri pants, Barbie with camo jeans, Barbie with a faux fur coat, Barbie with knee-highs and an oh-so-skimpy skirt, Barbie with an "Asian-like" print jacket (how multicultural!) and Barbie in Holiday get-up (Caucasian or African American, just to cover all the bases).

Fight the ultimate battle between good and evil with The Lord of the Rings Collector's Series action figures, featuring "Birthday Bilbo" and "Coronation Arwen", not to mention "Gandalf the Grey with light up staff", Treebeard "with branch lifting action", and an armor-bedecked Pippin with "removable helmet and sword", replete with the obligatory "sword slashing action". But let's not kid ourselves. What you really want is the "Deluxe Talking Gollum": It has two "talk" buttons and two interchangeable heads, one for Gollum and one for Smeagol. Be honest with your inner selves: we wants it, we does!

Help reduce our dependence on fossil fuels by buying a Corvette C5 Power Vehicle with eco-friendly rechargeable battery. It's supposed to be for three-year-olds but you'll fit; just squeeze yourself in and go. Pull into Haigis Mall with the top down and wave to all the cuties waiting for the B43. For under $400 you can have that flaming red 'vette you've lusted after since driver's ed. Be sure to allow extra travel time though, as maximum cruising velocity is only 5 miles per hour.

Yes, there's much to do, but as you can see, you can do a lot. This holiday season, do yourself a favor. Do your country a favor. Shut up and shop!

Stephen Post is a Collegian columnist.

2004 popular culture roundup

Erin McNamee

2004 is rapidly drawing to a close, and boy am I feeling the ramifications. Since this is my last fall semester at UMass, I find myself bombarded from all angles by the inevitable "So what are you going to do after graduation?" question. It seems professors, friends, relatives, and random strangers all have to know what I'm going to do with the rest of my life when I've barely got it figured out for myself. But that's not the point of this week's column. Perhaps I'll wax philosophically on the meaning of life after college closer to graduation, but for now I'll go superficial and discuss my favorite pastime: pop culture.

For me, 2004 was a year of great personal growth: I studied abroad for a semester, held down my first internship, lived away from home over the summer, and was even run over by a hot dog cart in Prague (don't ask). But these things can't hold a candle to the pop cultural achievements of people I don't even know. So as someone who rabidly follows all the up-to-the-minute news in music, movies, television and celebrity gossip, I can't help but feel let down by 2004's broken promises and squandered opportunities. Here's my take on the good, the bad and the ugly of pop culture in 2004.

"Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," "The Incredibles" and "Garden State" are a few movies that were particularly good. But since most of the so-called "Oscar-worthy" films either aren't playing on a screen near you or failed to live up to the hype, I find it difficult to accept that I'll only have one or two films to root for come Oscar night. Looking back on last year, I saw one good movie, sometimes two, almost every weekend. This year I've seen only a handful and ironically most of them were released during the summertime. I can't remember another year where the summer blockbuster films were actually better than the "cerebral" artsy holiday season films, but this phenomenon certainly occurred in 2004. "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," "Anchorman," "Shrek 2," and "The Bourne Supremacy" were all fun, entertaining movies and frankly that's all I've ever asked of Hollywood. I just want are films that are entertaining without forcing me to compromise my dignity. Last summer's offerings certainly fit that bill to a tee.

Obviously following pop culture doesn't create brain cells or promote intellectualism, but let's face it: pop culture is literally everywhere and we like it.

The music scene fared a bit better. Kanye West, Franz Ferdinand, The Killers, The Scissor Sisters, and The Arcade Fire all had notable and promising debuts. I saw Madonna's "Re-Invention Tour" and six months later I still get chills thinking about it. Still, nothing really big or exciting happened in music this year. There were some blips on the radar with that whole "indie bands learn how to dance!" craze that lasted for about five minutes, but nothing approached the scale of last year's epic "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below" by Outkast. The only thing that comes close in terms of a phenomenon is the inexplicable ubiquity of Usher, but besides the pure fun of "Yeah!" the rest of his album is pure crap.

Television provided a double whammy of greatness: "Desperate Housewives" and "Lost" revitalized the fiction genre and proved that originality can still thrive if the networks take a few risks. While these shows hint at the promise of the television industry's re-birth, networks aren't out of the red just yet. The sitcom genre is nearly dead and two of its funniest and most original offerings, "Scrubs" and "Arrested Development," are on the brink of cancellation for lack of viewers. In 2004, the television industry showed signs of life, but the jury is still out in regards to its future.

Even in terms of celebrity gossip, nothing too scandalous or shocking occurred in 2004. If you're in the camp that finds Janet Jackson's Super Bowl fiasco shocking, then I'm sorry. I wasn't shocked by all that hoopla; I was simply bored by the media saturation and disgusted by America's prudishness. Similarly, Britney's two quickie marriages weren't at all surprising but rather reaffirmed the pop diva's ever-quickening descent into lunacy. J-Lo got married again but this surprised no one. The tabloids desperately prayed for the break- ups of several high-profile Hollywood couples including J-Lo and Marc Anthony, Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey, and Justin Timberlake and Cameron Diaz, but the only scandalous bits they could uncover included a feud with an ex-wife, a bachelor party stripper and a paparazzi tussle, respectively. Help! I'm falling asleep and I can't wake up!

Obviously following pop culture doesn't create brain cells or promote intellectualism, but let's face it: pop culture is literally everywhere and we like it. Most of us enjoy going to the movies, listening to music and watching television, but most of all we love to discuss and argue and analyze it all to death with our friends, in internet forums, and with random people on the PVTA. So the next time someone asks me what I'm doing after graduation, I'll reply, "Oh, I don't know – maybe cause a wardrobe malfunction or two, go barefoot to a gas station bathroom and convert to Kabbalahism?"

Erin McNamee is a Collegian columnist.

The death of a music icon

John Fenuccio

The death of an amazing guitarist, icon of the music world, but an even better human being. "Dimebag" Darrell Abbott, has proven that we, as a society, have learned nothing from the past.

Abbott was the guitarist of heavy-metal act Damageplan and formerly of Pantera. Every person has their own uniqueness that makes them different and special from everyone else. Abbott was no different, and his gifts to the world were his signature guitar riffs.

While many turn away at the thought of a heavy-metal band, Abbott's style was like no other before him. However, his death has proven to be something that, unfortunately, has happened to many artists before him.

From the shooting of John Lennon to the Warwick Nightclub tragedy, we as a society haven't learned, and at this point it doesn't seem like anyone's going to get it. The killing of such an influential musical icon will be more detrimental to the world than anything else, and the worst part about it is that David Gale, his murderer, was killed that night himself.

This situation, however, should be looked upon as a prime example of how the level of security at such events is in much need of improvement. How is it a man can pass security at the nightclub, with a gun, and not be detected? The safety standards at these clubs haven't improved despite the Warwick fire that took 100 victims because of a pyrotechnic mistake.

For those who are personally affected by the death of Dimebag Darrell (the name the music community knows him by), who are we to be mad at? With Gale being fatally wounded by a police officer that reportedly arrived on the scene within two minutes of the outbreak, the longing to place blame is a void especially large today.

It seems that in the music world, a few gems come around every once in a while. With Darrell on guitar and his brother Vinny Paul (drummer of Damageplan and former drummer of Pantera) together they had the best musical connection among brothers I've ever seen. In an age where rock music is evolving into something slower and different, Abbott's contributions to the music world always stayed true to his roots. How many icons are we going to have taken from us prematurely, one way or another? John Lennon, Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Jim Morrison, Kurt Cobain and now Dimebag Darrell are just some of those gems who have been taken too early but whose contributions to the world are priceless and timeless.

We as a society need to take this opportunity to step back and look at ourselves as people, and see that the security at music events isn't the only thing that needs to have a complete overhaul in this country. I figured the Warwick nightclub fire was going to be the single tragedy that would cause the U.S. to look at this situation and change. Knowing that someone was able to get into a concert with a gun, an event that welcomes people of all ages, is absolutely ridiculous.

If it weren't for the countless Pantera songs that were ingrained in my head during my youth, I probably would have never picked up a pair of drumsticks and started jamming away myself. One of the worst parts is that Abbott's new band Damageplan only released one CD. For any fan, it's heart-breaking to learn of his death. His death will result in the music world never again having the pleasure of listening to Dimebag Darrell's guitar riffs scream through the massive amplifiers he stood in front of.

Whether you're a fan of heavy-metal/rock or not: it doesn't matter. The fact is that the world has just lost an extremely talented man due to preventable causes. I want to live in a society where people don't decide to take their own personal crusades out on others simply because of a breakup of a band. It seems like American society can't be trusted enough to even venture out to see their favorite music group anymore. R.I.P. Dimebag Darrell, you will never be forgotten.

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A LESSON IN COMEDY FROM BILL HICKS



By Michael Burack
Collegian Staff

Bill Hicks was not your average comedian. With an incredible intelligence, Hicks was able to do what many comedians are not: he tackled serious topics like politics, the military, and religion, and still threatened to make you pee your pants.

Before his tragic death from pancreatic cancer in 1994, Hicks left his mark on comedy, and the world. A new DVD, titled "Bill Hicks Live: Satirist, Social Critic, standup Comedian" was released on Oct. 26 on Rykodisc. The first DVD release from the artist is sure to be a collector's item for new and diehard fans alike.

As a young boy, Hicks first became intrigued by jokes he heard from Woody Allen on records. By the age of 13, Hicks performed his first standup routine.

In 1978, with the opening of the Comedy Workshop in Houston, Hicks began visiting the club frequently. They even let him perform sometimes.

In 1983, after experiencing some hard times in the industry, Hicks began experimenting with drinking and using drugs before taking stage. He would often get angry at shows, provoking heated arguments and criticism. At one particular show, two Vietnam War veterans harshly criticized Hicks' body of work, by breaking his leg. Another disgruntled audience member became angry after he attempted to heckle Hicks, but Hicks continued to gain the upper hand in he argument. The man in the audience showed Hicks just how serious he was, when he pulled out a gun.

Hicks' comedy began to influence a larger fan base. Fans were attracted to his candor and interesting look at life, but it was music that really sparked Hicks' interest. He often talked about the music scene in his routine, and what he thought about the latest pop stars. He once said that he thought we live in a backwards world where John Lennon was killed and Barry Manilow still continues to produce records.

Hicks' work began to develop into stronger, more mature topics. He discussed controversial topics that other comedians wouldn't dare touch. In his act he began to incorporate his ideas about the incidents in Waco, TX. He said "If the FBI's motivating factor for busting down the Koresh compound was child abuse, how come we never see Bradley tanks smashing into Catholic churches?"

He was truly before his time. Hicks continued to work fervently for the next year, touring the country, despite chemotherapy treatment he was undergoing for his cancer.

Oct., 1, 1993 was Hicks' last scheduled television appearance on the David Letterman show. His act was later canceled because his material about pro-life protesters was considered too controversial.

"If you're so pro-life, do me a favor: don't kick arms and block medical clinics," Hicks said. "If you're so pro-life, kick arms and block cemeteries."

Hicks was so angry about his act being canceled, he wrote a 39 page letter to The New Yorker's John Lahr. A pro-life commercial was later aired during Letterman's Show.

In February, Hicks died at his parent's home in Little Rock, Arkansas.

This DVD is the greatest example of Hicks memorabilia that has been released to date. It has three and a half hours of raw Hicks material, from smack in the middle of his prime. Hicks is charismatic, intimidating, hilarious, but most of all brilliant. The DVD is a must see.

Information from billhicks.com was used in this report.

Eve ponders past loves, new flames, and her best friend



Original Sin
Eve

I have come to learn that absolutely nothing can be solved by walking away, and that is exactly what the new guy in my life chose to do. The argument which caused his action, however, was something I had chosen.

Which leads me to my next question: is it wrong to maintain a friendship with an ex, and is it normal to feel slightly jealous of this relationship? The only problem is that we are both communicating with our past, and we are both making this an issue in our present. Let me explain.

My high school sweetheart and I are presently in close contact. We were together for two years as teenagers, and we have remained loyal to each other as adults. He has been the only guy that I can truly depend on, and that will always pull through in a time of need. Even if we rarely find time to see each other due to circumstance, I know he will always be a phone call away.

Last week the circumstance changed when I was invited to my five-year high school reunion. I knew he might show up, and I was excited to see him. The reunion setting enhanced nostalgic memories and I anxiously awaited his arrival. On cue, he made his appearance and immediately scanned the room for me. I walked over to him and fell into his comforting embrace. It was so nice to be able to let go, to let my guard down, and to trust someone whom I know would never hurt me.

Our connection is incredibly strong, and it is not just an unspoken sexual attraction. We really just love each other as close friends. Some say it is impossible to have a platonic relationship between a guy and a girl. Some say that one of the two will always want more, and for the most part, I do agree, but I find that it is usually the guy who is secretly attracted to his friend, and rarely is it the other way around. He might be, but that is not my problem.

As for the new guy, am I more justified in questioning him for staying in contact with his college sweetheart? As far as I know, and as much as he tells me, I think I might be. He was with her a year ago, and they were passionately in love, and as expected from anyone with initial passion, their feelings simmered down and they broke up. But I think it was his decision, and he probably broke her heart in the process.

I assumed he was the type to move on if his feelings were not involved, especially if his relationship with her was more of a fling than anything else. But if so, why is she still around? What sort of comfort could he possibly get from her? Does this make sense? I cannot help but reiterate my feelings toward age differences. I am twenty-two years old, and he is not even close. I was a senior in high school five years ago. My friendship with my sweetheart is almost seven years and counting. How can the new guy be fully justified in questioning and distrusting our alliance? I understand his feelings, but it is not fair for him to compare our situations. He was with her for a few months, and they have stayed friends for a little less than a year. It is a completely different scenario. I really do not mind if he continues to speak with her, but I do mind how long it took him to admit to this.

He is usually honest and open about himself and his past, and also quite mature for his age. That is why it confuses me to experience such unnecessary drama about such unnecessary distrust. I know he likes me, and I know he knows I like him. Why can't it stay that simple? I guess this is what happens when you really like someone. All of those feelings, all of the natural human insecurities tend to burst out unexpectedly, and then what? I don't know. But these arguments always begin to happen when the relationship turns from casual to serious. And that is exactly what I refuse to let happen. My security, my dignity, and my level of maturity are all too important to give up on a petty argument. And I am relieved to remember this fact before it is too late.

Long awaited 'Half-Life' game released



Press Start to Play

Reid Davenport

One of the most popular and well-known PC games has returned. After a six-year absence and a year of dealing with reports that the game's source code had been leaked, Valve and VU games finally introduced one of the most anticipated games of 2004. Gamers once again strap on their eco-suite and grab a crowbar as Dr. Freeman in "Half-Life 2."

'Half-Life 2'
PC
Publisher: Vivendi Universal
Developer: Valve Software
Rated M

Valve had to deal with a lot to get the sequel out. The leaked source code was only a slight problem because you would need a lot of patience to attempt to get it running. Unlike "Doom 3," they decided to hold back until they were sure they could have a smooth running final release of the game.

With all of the teaser trailers and demos taunting fans until the final release date, Valve had secured a large amount of buyers for the Nov. 16 release. They also started new software called the "Steam Network" which makes sure that the gamers who decide to pirate the game will not get the full experience.

In "Half-Life 2" you are once again seeing a strange world through the eyes of Dr. Gordon Freeman. The world you were introduced to in the original "Half-Life" is nothing like this new world called City 17. You now have extremely realistic abilities as do the other characters and enemies. Right off the bat you will run into the security forces that will impede your quests throughout the game. Through some mildly humorous meetings with guards, you will learn how to pick up just about any object and use it.

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Doo Wop back in action

The Doo Wop Shop, one of the University's acapella groups, will be performing their final show of the semester tonight at 8 in Mahar auditorium. They will be performing with the all female UMass acapella group, the Six Minutes, as well as a co-ed acapella group, Alabaster Blue from UNH.

Domestic diva tries reality T.V.

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Martha Stewart may still be in the clink, but it appears there's no caging her appeal as television's domestic diva.

Stewart will revive her daily homemaking show next September, it was announced Wednesday — this time before a live audience, with celebrity guests and the help of "The Apprentice" producer Mark Burnett.

Stewart, not allowed to conduct business in prison, was not involved in the deal with NBC Universal to syndicate the show but is very pleased, said Susan Lyne, president of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia.

NBC-owned stations in 14 major cities have already agreed to air the daytime show, and deals will be sought in other cities.

"Millions of people feel that Martha got a raw deal," Burnett said. Stewart and her former stockbroker were convicted in March of lying to investigators about why she sold ImClone Systems Inc. stock in 2001. Stewart, who's appealing her conviction, is serving a five-month sentence at a minimum-security federal prison for women in Alderson, W.Va. She'll be released next March.

For five months after that, she will be fitted with an ankle bracelet and confined to her Bedford, N.Y., estate, but allowed to conduct business for 48 hours a week.

Her old show, "Martha Stewart Living," was put on hiatus last summer after its 11th season. She will tread familiar territory on the yet-to-be-titled new show, including cooking, entertaining, decorating and home renovation.

Burnett said he watched several hours of outtakes from "Martha Stewart Living" and often found them more entertaining and reflective of her personality than the show itself. Interaction with a studio audience and guests will add a new element to what she does, he said.

Judging by celebrities who turned out at Stewart's trial to offer support — Rosie O'Donnell, Bill Cosby and Brian Dennehy — Burnett said he expected many to be willing to appear as guests.

Stewart went into prison promising to learn something new every day, Lyne said. "Knowing her, I am convinced that much of it will end up on the show," she said.

Burnett and NBC Universal Television Group chief Jeff Zucker would not comment on whether they have any prime-time plans for Stewart, including whether she might someday be a candidate to replace Donald Trump on "The Apprentice."

At a news conference at Martha Stewart Living headquarters in Manhattan, the executives took pains to say they had not talked business with Stewart since her sentence started. Burnett said he and Zucker first met with her last spring.

'Half-Life 2' release critically applauded

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Some of the weapons you will pick up are familiar, such as the crowbar, handgun, machine gun, and so on. But one of the cooler weapons you will be given is the anti-gravity gun. This weapon enables you to pick up and move objects that are out of reach or to launch explosives at a group of enemies. Some of the more fun objects to launch at human enemies are the bladed objects. You can launch these objects at guards to make them halt the men they used to be.

Another interesting weapon that makes use of the unique graphics engine is the crossbow. You can literally pin up enemies like the posters on your dorm walls. You can have plenty of fun trying to nail them all in a row or aiming to nail up their hands and feet to the wall.

One more added feature that gamers will absolutely love is the ability to drive different vehicles throughout the game. The speedboat and the dune buggy may not be the easiest vehicles to ride, but they are realistic in their reactions to terrain and surrounding objects. One of the nicer perks is running over guards that decide to get in your way.

The graphics and sound for "Half-Life 2" are extremely mind-blowing compared to any other game. Compared to this, "Halo 2" is simply a scratch on the surface when it comes to creating a realistic feel. Everything from the grinding of blades on metal to the look of the water, makes the gamer feel they are really controlling the life of Gordon Freeman.

The graphics design also allows you to activate traps to take out large numbers of guards. In the first speedboat level, you can wipe out the support beams for the bridge and let the guards plummet to their death, or you can shoot a flammable barrel and send other barrels hurdling into the guards. It gives the game even more replay value so you can simply run through again and try to find the traps and triggers you missed.

The only downside to the game is the loading time in between areas. It can range from a few seconds to five minutes. The good side is that everything else is free flowing. There's no big cut scene every few minutes or a pause for character interaction.

The characters around you will also be very handy when you get a group following you to take on the guards. They will also be polite and get out of your way if you need to get by them in close quarters. If you can help them survive they can lead you to passages and ammo supplies that you might need.

The multi-player has been enhanced wonderfully and brings back the online series that had fans loving the game even more: "Counter-Strike." The same graphics engine is used as in the single-player, and the guns are even more incredible. You will play the same games that "Counter-Strike" fans are used, to along with the money spending catch when It comes to weapons and ammo.

"Half-Life 2" is quickly becoming one of the most popular games of the year and may get by "Halo 2" as game of the year.

With a graphics engine that makes the game as close to reality as you can get today and a fan basis like no other PC game, "Half-Life 2" is the PC game to get this holiday season. Just make sure your PC has the requirements before running out and purchasing it.

Finding the best gym for you

By Michael Precker
The Dallas Morning News

OK, you're infatuated. Enticing looks, a seemingly ideal match, the promise of many long and fulfilling years together.

But in weighing any long-term commitment, don't let your impulsive heart overwhelm the common sense of your cool, logical head, or you could be stuck in an unhappy, expensive relationship.

We're talking health clubs, of course. High season is fast approaching, when the perfect storm of extra holiday pounds, New Year's resolutions and alluring deals propel many people to look for a place to work out.

"By far and away, January, February and March are the three biggest months in the calendar for us, says Bill Howland, director of research for the International Health Racquet and Sportsclub Association. "It's prime time for our industry."

But as sure as winter turns to spring, the holiday rush will fade.

"If everybody who belonged to a health club actually went, you wouldn't be able to get in the door," says James Hood, president of consumer allairs.com, a consumer watchdog Web site. "It would be too crowded."

Cedric Bryant, a vice president at the American Council on Exercise, figures the health club attrition rate mirrors the percentage of people who start exercising but don't stick with it.

"Everybody comes in with so much enthusiasm, and about half the people drop out," says Dr. Bryant, an exercise physiologist. "Unfortunately, a lot of facilities are banking on that."

Sam Mulroy, who owns health clubs in the Dallas area, disagrees. No matter what cynics think, he says, no club wants you to sign up and then stop showing up.

"It doesn't cost me an extra dime to have this place full," says Mulroy, who hopes to open more of his Fitness Evolution clubs in the area. "My electric bill is the same as when it's empty."

And when it's full, he says, customers are spending money on everything from energy bars to training sessions. When people like the club and renew memberships, he doesn't have to work as hard to recruit new ones.

"I don't want people out there saying, 'I'm a member at Fitness Evolution but I never go,'" Mulroy says. "That's no good for anybody. You want the energy in your club."

Nobody disputes that the first key to maintaining that energy is picking the right club.

"Approach this as a long-term relationship," Howland says. "This is not a short-term fling."

To make sure this love lasts, Bryant says, "It just takes a little bit of homework."

Here are a few lessons.

LOCATION, LOCATION

"People will make any excuse not to work out," says Mulroy, who's also a personal trainer. "The number one reason is proximity."

So the No. 1 consideration is to find a club near your home or office. Howland says clubs figure that members won't drive more than 15 minutes to work out, with 8-10 minutes a more likely time frame.

"It's got to be convenient, because you've got to make it part of your day," concurs Josh Mandel, director of sales and marketing at the Baylor Tom Landry Fitness Center. "If you really fall in love with a club that's 30 minutes from your home or office, you'll have the best intentions, but you won't go."

WHAT ABOUT MY NEEDS?

America is all about choice, which is why there are clubs for grunting bodybuilders, clubs for women only, clubs for people more concerned about lattes than lats.

"I don't want to sound like Stephen Covey," Mandel says, referring to the business guru, "but you've got to begin with the end in mind. No club can be all things to all people."

So before you check out clubs, check out yourself.

"What type of person are you and what are you looking for?" says Mulroy. "Do you want a pool? Do you want a lot of machines or just a treadmill to run on when it's cold? Are you a big meathead (club talk for a no-nonsense bodybuilder), or do you want a nice atmosphere and a lot of classes?"

And when you're finished asking yourself all those questions, ask your friends. "People want to work out with people they know and like," Mandel says.

KICKING THE TIRES

Take a tour, of course. Check the place out — from machines to mildew to music to meeting members, and then check it again at the time of day you're most likely to work out.

"Clubs have a different feel on a Friday night than they do at 2 o'clock on a Monday," Howland says. "See how crowded it is when you're going to be there."

Then come back with your gym bag.

"I can show you the club and tell you what we offer, but you've got to feel comfortable," Mandel says. "You have to try the club and see if it's where you want to be. Any club that won't give you a free trial period, it's like, 'What are you hiding?'"

PAPERS, PLEASE

"People get in all kinds of trouble by not reading contracts," says Hood, the consumer advocate. Still, he says the contract obliges you to pay, "but it doesn't oblige them to do anything, like maintain the club."

So if you're dubious about a club keeping its promises or even staying in business, Hood suggests making monthly payments by credit card. "That way, you can dispute the charge," he says. "If you gave them a check, you're out of luck."

KEEPING PASSION ALIVE

Mandel says his experience teaches that health club members want three things: "They want a clean facility, they want the equipment to function and they want people to be nice to them."

He pledges to do all that, but thinks members have a responsibility as well.

"People need to be comfortable to ask for help," he says. "We know there's going to be a rush in January and there will be people who look lost, aren't sure what class is going on or how to work the equipment. We try to be proactive, but we want you to speak up."

At Fitness Evolution, Mulroy says, the people most likely to stick it out are the ones who know the most about the club's programs and equipment.

He starts new members with a free trainer session and tries to make sure they get to know the staff.

"I tell them, 'Tell us what we can do for you. I don't want you to be the person who joins and works out for a month and is gone."



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UMass upsets UConn

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themselves, but another strong move to the hoop by Bowers ended in the ball rolling in and out as the buzzer sounded.

After UMass scored the initial four points of the second half on a pair of Freeman lay-ups, UConn stormied back with a 13-2 run, highlighted by back-to-back thunderous, breakaway dunks from highly-touted freshman Rudy Gay that gave the Huskies their largest lead of the game at 42-37.

With the teams trading baskets over the next few minutes, UMass was able to even the score when a Lasme free throw and Anderson's first basket of the game, a 3-pointer at the 8:28 mark, made the score 46-46.

Rashad Anderson answered right back with a 3-pointer of his own, however, and the Huskies used six points from the free throw line to pull ahead by five at 55-50 with just under five minutes to play.

From there the Minutemen battled back, however, and five consecutive points from Connecticut's own Jeff Viggiano gave UMass a 59-55 lead with 55 seconds to play. Two free throws apiece from Boone and Gay tied the score at 59, before Freeman gave UMass fans a reason to flood the court for the first time in recent history.

Examining recruiting

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me will tell you that. But plain and simple, this was not the football I knew. I didn't end up enrolling in either of the two colleges, and while these incidents were not the overriding reason for my decision, they definitely had an effect on it. Coming out of a small high school, college football turned out to be a whole different ball game.

My sense of college recruiting was obviously a negative one, which is not to say that everyone has a similar impression. There are plenty of successful college athletes at all levels who did not run into the same roadblock that I did. There are also many college athletes out there who are genuinely respectable. I cannot come out and say that this goes on at every college because I only know this about two schools. But I will say that I wouldn't be surprised if this type of recruiting turned out to be evident at many institutions.

As a sportswriter, the game is what I enjoy to write about, rather than the game outside the game. After my personal experiences with college sports and the senseless fights that took place at NFL, NBA and college football games recently, I believe, unless there is some kind of change in the system, sports will continue on this path. The game used to be sweat, strength and heart, but now, with money, drugs and other misconduct, the line that separates the field or court from life is a thin one.

Perhaps someday in the future we can go back to a world of sports that seems so distant at this point, the days when baseball wasn't steeped in steroid controversy. When you could read about your favorite professional team in the sports section, and not in the police reports. Maybe. But for now, reality says the sun is setting on sports.

Time is running out. And the game is almost gone.

Eric Athas is a Collegian columnist.

Players, fans charged in Pacers-Pistons brawl

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Green threw a drink at Artest, who then charged into the stands and attacked a man he thought had done it. Other Pacers followed him, and the brawl spread through the stands and then back on the court as some fans walked down to confront the players.

David Wallace is one of three fans who face only a single count each of misdemeanor assault and battery. The others are John Ackerman of Grand Rapids and William Paulson of Grand Blanc, each accused of throwing a cup or liquid substance at players.

Auburn Hills Police Chief Doreen Olko said Charlie Haddad and Alvin "A.J." Shackelford, both of Burt, are charged with violating a local ordinance that prohibits fans from entering the court. That violation is punishable by up to 90 days in jail and a $500 fine, Lt. James Manning said.

Olko said investigators planned to continue trying to identify all fans who entered the court during the fight and those who dumped drinks and debris on players as they exited the floor. Gorcyca said more charges could be filed.

Pacers chief executive Donnie Walsh said he would not comment until the cases were resolved. "In the meantime, we will continue to support our players in every possible way for the duration of these proceedings and afterward," he said.

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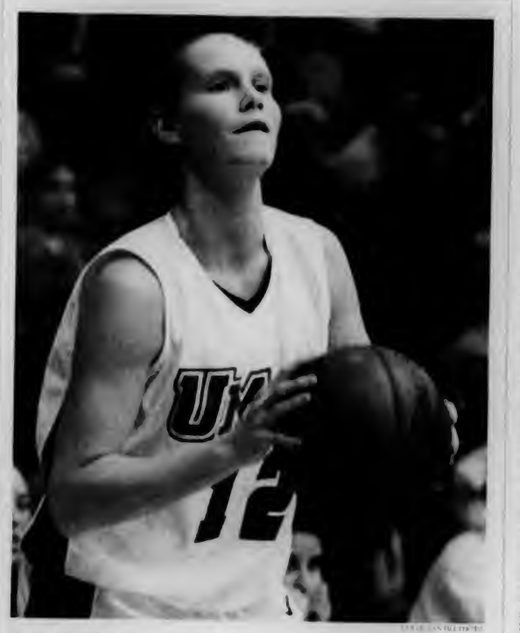
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Road Warriors

Ashley Sharpton and the Massachusetts women's basketball team were victorious on the road once again, this time downing non-conference foe Hofstra 64-57 in Hempstead, N.Y.

The ups and downs of college recruiting

Eric Athas

Money, drugs, sex and alcohol are all words that can be associated with college athletics these days. It's no secret at this point, especially after the recent scandals involving big-name schools around the country.

Colorado had the incident where a female member of the football team was allegedly raped by both students of the school and high school students being recruited. Ohio State had the notorious Maurice Clarrett episode involving an alleged exchange of money to players, a clear violation of NCAA rules. And then there is the Baylor incident, which had perhaps the worst outcome of corruption when basketball player Patrick Dennehy, who received money and other illegal profits from coaches, was allegedly murdered by a teammate.

College sports are beginning to sound like a bad soap opera. Last year I experienced a taste of what it's all about when I visited a number of colleges in hopes of playing football. What I learned, however, is how little football had to do with anything. The schools I visited were not high-profile Division I schools like Colorado or Ohio State. They were smaller, Division II and III colleges that don't offer scholarships, so I figured they would be much more civilized and more similar to high school. I was wrong. I visited numerous schools and stayed overnight for football recruiting weekends at two schools in particular. These were the two schools I was most interested in playing football at.

I stayed over at these colleges to get a decent idea of what the football program was like. Like I said earlier, football didn't have too much to do with it. Now, some of the actions that took place during these weekends are more prone to shock the general public rather than an 18-year-old in the 21st century, like myself.

At one point during my first visit, the quarterback of this team was snorting prescription painkiller Vicodin up his nose, at which point another player inquired if he was snorting "blow" (more commonly known as cocaine). I was later informed that a lot of the upperclassmen on the team would get drunk the night before football games during the season. In short, my visit did not make a very good impression on the quality of this football team. The "football-recruiting visit" only involved football for a few hours.

About a month later I stayed overnight at a second recruiting weekend, this time at a different college. I happened to visit when the team there was pledging and witnessed college hazing firsthand. "The seniors are choosing three freshman to be cupids tonight!," one freshman told my host in a both humored and anxious tone, shortly after I arrived to the dorms. That night, three freshmen would be transformed into these "cupids", appropriate for the occasion, since it was Valentine's Day. Later that night at a senior's house, those three freshmen were brought into a room on the upper level of the house, with the door shut and locked. A few hours later, the three emerged from the room, incoherent, and wearing only thongs, painted red all over in recognition of the holiday. Actually, only two made it downstairs, the third remained on the steps as he threw up continuously. I was later waitlisted from this school after being informed by the head coach that being accepted to the school "wouldn't be a problem."

Some may say that "boys will be boys" and this is something that will go on no matter what. But where do you draw the line? You can't say that corruption at all of these institutions is okay, as long as it doesn't lead to rape or murder like it did at Colorado and Baylor. Because it was the same type of wrongdoing that takes place at the schools I visited that leads to the tragic actions at other schools. Hopefully there is some kind of change on the horizon.

I love sports, especially football, and everybody who knows

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Minutemen fall to No. 5 New Hampshire

UM loses Anderson to ugly knee injury

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thing that might keep him out for a long time, if not the season."

Cahoon was careful not to make any conclusions about the immediate future for Anderson, but the look on the coach's face said a lot, and a word that will certainly bring winces in the Pioneer Valley — "fracture" — was uttered as a possibility.

It's just one more splash of gasoline thrown on the inferno of doubt that the Minutemen's season has become. UMass has won one game in its last seven, and that victory, a 3-2 decision at home against Providence, is beginning to look more like an aberration than a slump-buster.

While there's no way to tell now the effect that Anderson's absence will have on the team, the worst message that can be gathered from last night is that the slippery slope the Minutemen have been on for a month solid isn't firming up at all. Although they were very much in last night's game until Jacob Micflikker opened the scoring with just 22 seconds to go in the second period, the Minutemen couldn't solve UNH's left Pietrasiak, and for the most part couldn't even get to that puzzle, taking just 14 shots in the game.

Although the puck movement on the power play, which has been a staple of the problems the Minutemen have had over the last few weeks, was more lively and inventive last night, it still didn't produce any result.

18 games into the season, there have been ups and downs for the Minutemen, but very little consistency, and very few truths about the play of a team everyone expected to at least tread water this year. Cahoon, though, may have offered the answer, somber and harsh, after last night's game.

Maroon and White fall flat in Durham

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"I think we made the most of our scoring opportunities, and I think that was the difference in the game," UNH coach Dick Umile said. "I think we generated more opportunities. We played well tonight. We beat a good team."

The shot disparity between the two teams was the biggest obstacle for UMass to overcome as they were out shot 27-17, and the Wildcats scored on three of their 11 third period shots.

"When we can only generate [17] shots, we're going to have a hard time winning games ... Obviously, things aren't going well for us right now," Cahoon said.

The contest got off to a slow start as both teams struggled to grab control of play in the first period. UNH out shot UMass 11-4, but the Wildcats didn't have many clear looks at the net as they were trying to figure out UMass' trap defense, which was very efficient through most of the night.

New Hampshire's best chance to take an early lead came just under 11 minutes into the contest when Preston Callander crossed the blue line into the UMass zone unabated but failed to take advantage of his one-on-one opportunity with Minuteman goalie Gabe Winer.

Winer made an all-or-nothing play, diving headfirst up the ice and knocking the puck loose from the UNH co-captain's stick to keep the score knotted at zero.

"For awhile there in the second period, even towards the end of the first period, it looked like we might have had a shot at getting that first goal and maybe put a little bit more pressure on [UNH]," Cahoon said.

"Then, obviously, there was a little leakage, and things got away from us."

The second period saw most of the same, two teams trading possessions with neither one gaining any momentum.

But with 90 seconds remaining in the second frame, the Wildcats began mounting a charge.

Freshman Craig Switzer received a quick pass from Sean Collins just to Winer's right but clanked his shot off the right post, causing a previously quiet crowd of 5,675 to stand and applaud, thinking Switzer's shot made it home.

The Minutemen collected the long rebound and took off down the ice on the counterattack, but before they could set anything up in their offensive zone, Garrett Summerfield was called for a hooking penalty.

With their home crowd now involved in the game, the Wildcats set up their offense as Daniel Winnik hit Jacob Micflikker with a pass. Micflikker skated into Winer's crease and somehow forced the shot into the net, giving UNH a 1-0 lead with his power play goal heading into the final period.

The Minutemen still appeared optimistic at the beginning of the third period as they had two great chances to tie the score early on.

John Toffey stole a pass that caromed wildly off Robbie Barker's stick in the UMass zone. Toffey quickly turned towards the net and fired a shot that went wide right.

Just seconds later, Peter Trovato put a shot on net from the left point, but UNH goalie Jeff Pietrasiak, who registered his first career shutout, made a spectacular glove save over his left shoulder.

The Wildcats put a dagger through the collective Minuteman heart just over four minutes into the last period, though, when Sean Collins collected a rebound from Callander's shot and knocked it into the back of the net for a 2-0 game.

The dagger was twisted when Collins added his second goal of the night and seventh of the season nine minutes later. He took a weak shot from the right point that slid right through Winer's legs.

Callander closed the scoring book and capped off a great individual night by adding a garbage goal with 1:01 to play.

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Players charged in Pacers-Pistons brawl

By Sarah Karush
Associated Press

PONTIAC, Mich. — After weeks of poring over videotape from one of the worst fights in U.S. sports history, prosecutors filed charges against five Indiana Pacers players and seven Detroit fans.

Pacers players Ron Artest, Stephen Jackson, David Harrison and Anthony Johnson were charged Wednesday with single counts of assault and battery, a misdemeanor that carries a maximum penalty of about three months in jail and a fine of up to $500.

Jermaine O'Neal, a three-time NBA All-Star, was charged with two counts of assault and battery for his actions in the brawl at the end of a game last month.

Five fans were charged with misdemeanor assault and battery, including Pistons star Ben Wallace's brother, David.

Fan Bryant Jackson also was charged with felony assault for throwing a chair. That crime is punishable by up to four years in prison, but he could get up to eight years because he has prior convictions, Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorcyca said.

The other fans and players most likely would face only fines and probation if they have clean records. Two other spectators were charged with violating a local ordinance for walking onto the court.

Gorcyca said there was no video evidence that any Pistons players threw punches.

Lawyers for two players and one of the fans said their actions had been reasonable in the context of the chaos that erupted.

Gorcyca said one man was more to blame than the others: John Green of Oakland County's West Bloomfield Township faces two assault counts and is the man accused of throwing the cup that sparked the brawl.

"I would like to hold Mr. Green more accountable, because had not he thrown that cup and struck Artest, we wouldn't be here today," the prosecutor said.

Gorcyca personally identified the 39-year-old Green early in the investigation because they were neighbors years ago in the Detroit area. Green also has a prior record, so his penalty could be stiffer if he is convicted, Gorcyca said.

Green's lawyer, Shawn Smith, called the charges against his client "outrageous and the worst kind of politics" and said the prosecutor was caving to the big business of basketball by "picking on the little guy."

"He's setting an example," Smith said of Gorcyca. "And I'm all for setting an example, but tell him to leave the game, don't prosecute him."

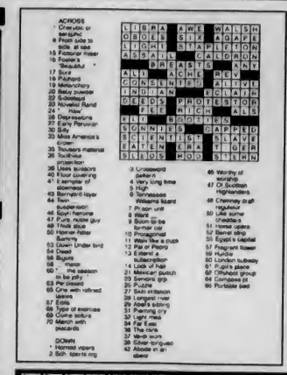
The fight among spectators and players broke out near the end of a Nov. 19 game at The Palace of Auburn Hills after an on-court dispute over a foul. Gorcyca said

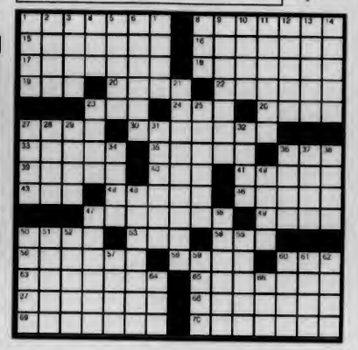
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MADNESS AT MULLINS!

UMass pulls shocking upset of defending champion UConn

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

They did it.

The members of the Massachusetts men's basketball team finally did it. The team that hasn't had a winning season in five years, the team that has put head coach Steve Lappas on the ropes because of its poor performance during his tenure and the team that has watched its fan base dwindle to an all-time low did the one thing that no one thought it could do – it earned the one win that fans young and old who bleed maroon and white thought they may never see again.

On a cold, winter night in early December, the Massachusetts Minutemen took on, hung with and eventually beat archrival Connecticut – make that defending NCAA National Champion and No. 7 Connecticut – 61-59 before one of the more raucous and supportive crowds in the history of UMass basketball - 9,037 strong.

They accomplished, in one night, what every UMass basketball team since the departure of John Calipari was not able to do. They re-ignited a dormant passion for basketball on the campus of the state university of Massachusetts that hasn't seen a win of this magnitude in over half a decade, and did so in one small window of time when the eyes of the college basketball world were focused not just on the small college town of Amherst, but ultimately on the return of UMass basketball to the spotlight of national prominence.

"It feels like we just won the National Championship," Anderson said. "I've been waiting my whole career for this, and for it to finally happen is just amazing. It's an incredible feeling, and I don't want it to end.

"I still can't believe what just happened," sophomore forward Rashaun Freeman added. "I'm going to have to watch it again on SportsCenter to make sure it's really real."

Freeman led the Minutemen with a game-high 18 points, while Jeff Viggiano chipped in with 12 points.

Freshman Rudy Gay paced Connecticut with 13 points, and was joined in double-figures by Josh Boone with 12 points and Denham Brown with 11 points.

"This ranks up there with some of my top wins of all time," Lappas said. "These guys really deserved this win, and to see the UMass fans fill the Mullins Center for a night like this is just tremendous."

With the game tied at 59 with just nine seconds remaining, Freeman's breakaway lay-up off a feed from classmate Art Bowers on a 2-on-1 fast break gave UMass a 61-59 lead it did not relinquish, as UConn's Denhant Brown was short on a game-winning 3-point attempt at the buzzer, sending the delirious UMass students flooding onto the court in pandemonium.

"It's just a testament to how hard these kids have worked," Lappas said. "They put themselves in position to make this happen, and they were able to do it for themselves, our team, this program and this university."

Feeding off the energy of a raucous student section and a season-best crowd, the Minutemen came flying out of the gates against the defending National Champions. After trading baskets with the Huskies over the first two minutes of action, a pair of easy baskets from Freeman sandwiched around a Stephane Lame dunk helped spark a 12-3 run that gave UMass an early 18-7 lead and further ignited the crowd.

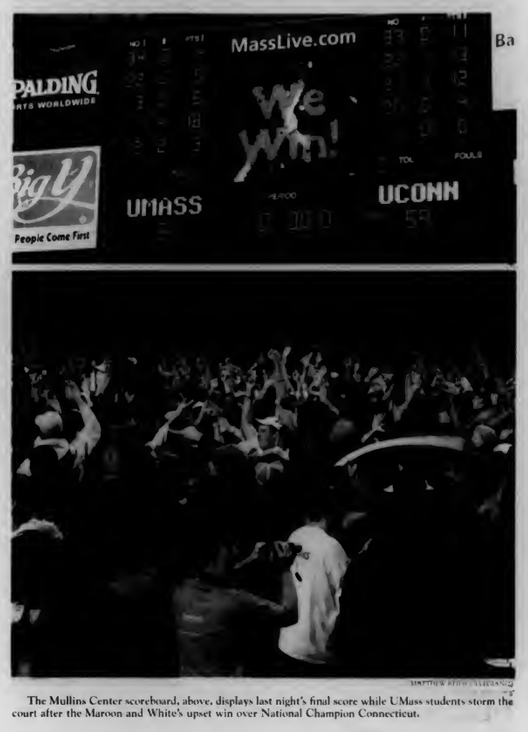
UConn answered back with a mini 5-2 run of its own to pull within seven, but UMass continued its success on the offensive end by scoring the next five points to increase its leads to 25-13 with just under nine minutes to play in the half.

With the Maroon and White struggling on offense in scoring just four points over the final 8:15 of the half, the Huskies utilized four points from Boone and five from Denham Brown as part of a 14-4 run that culminated when Villanueva tied the game at 29 with a breakaway dunk at the 2:03 mark.

Bowers then gave the Minutemen the last laugh before the buzzer, converting on a strong driving layup to give UMass a 31-29 lead heading into intermission.

The Huskies could have elected to hold for the last shot, but Antonio Kellogg attempted an alley-oop lob to Villanueva that the sophomore forward clanged off the side of the rim. The Minutemen then elected to hold for the last shot

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The Mullins Center scoreboard, above, displays last night's final score while UMass students storm the court after the Maroon and White's upset win over National Champion Connecticut.

UNH shuts out Mass Attack on the road

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

DURHAM, N.H. — The story almost told itself at the Whittemore Center last night.

The Massachusetts hockey team was able to keep up with the New Hampshire Wildcats (11-3-2, 6-1-1 Hockey East) for two periods, but when things got rough for the Minutemen (7-10-1, 4-5-1 HEA), the wheels fell off and UNH kept piling on third period goals to spell a 4-0 win over UMass.

UNH	4
UMass	0

Just like the Minutemen did against Maine three weeks ago and Boston University just last Saturday, they were able to stick with one of the top-level Hockey East teams before self-destructing late in the game.

Massachusetts returns to action tomorrow night against Sacred Heart at the Mullins Center at 7 p.m. on "Mullet Night".

Just when things couldn't get any worse for UMass, leading point-scorer Matt Anderson was checked hard along the left boards by Mike Radja with 10 minutes to play in the game and the contest seemingly decided.

UMass coach Don Cahoon said after the game that the leg injury didn't look promising, and it is possible that he fractured his leg, which could end his season. Cahoon did want to clear up, though, that he wanted to wait for official word from the medical staff on the injury before any conclusions were made.

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UMASS

Weekend Schedule

Friday, Dec. 10

Sport	Opp./Event	Time
Women's Ice Hockey	vs. Trinity	7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 11

Sport	Opp./Event	Time
Men's Hockey	vs. Sacred Heart	7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 12

Sport	Opp./Event	Time
Men's Basketball	vs. Davidson	2:00 p.m.

Anderson goes down with potentially serious knee injury

By Andrew Merritt
Collegian Staff

DURHAM, N.H. — The gasps could probably be heard from Durham to Amherst. As if the Massachusetts hockey team needed another blow, another reason to be concerned about getting anything out of this season, the worst yet came in the form of sophomore Matt Anderson, crumpled on the ice near the UMass bench.

Anderson, who has provided the Minutemen with seven goals and 13 assists in 17 games this season, was the recipient of a hard, but by all accounts clean, check against the boards from Mike Radja with a little over 10 minutes to go in the third period of last night's 4-0 loss to New Hampshire. Anderson didn't put a shot on the final stat-sheet, but his presence as a playmaker was certainly still felt on the ice.

The worst fear, of course, would be that he had re-aggravated the right shoulder that kept him out all of last season, erasing the possibilities of a stellar second year in the maroon and white.

Early speculation, however, suggests that the shoulder was not the injury that sent Anderson off for the remainder of the game. Assisted by a pair of teammates, Anderson glided to the corner zamboni exit with his right foot off the ice, using only his left leg for support. While medical privacy rules prevent the team from releasing any detailed information, it would seem that the prognosis will likely be a right leg injury.

So, it's probably not the infamous shoulder, leading to the possibility of a return by Anderson this season. But the centerman was down on the ice for several minutes, which would hint at a fairly serious injury that could keep him out of tomorrow's game against Sacred Heart at the Mullins Center.

"The preliminary information is that it isn't good," Cahoon said. "I don't want to be rash, but there's a chance it's some-

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Members of the UMass ice hockey team, shown here celebrating a goal during a recent home game, had no reason to celebrate last night after being shut out by Hockey East rival New Hampshire.



'Ocean's Twelve' turns out to be a holiday treat

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Hurricanes storm over UMass

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Commission on Campus Diversity listens to statements from students

By Sean Whalen
Collegian Staff

The University of Massachusetts Commission on Campus Diversity held a public forum on Wednesday night in the Curry Hicks Gymnasium. Thirty pre-registered participants comprised of students and faculty addressed the commission in five-minute statements, and answered questions from commission members directly following speaking.

The first participant to address the commission, Barak Sered, a student in the class of 2005, stressed the need to combat racism from within the University structure.

"Though diversity is indeed an important goal, a community can never achieve it so long as racist factions are supported by the people representing the institution itself," Sered said. "Vice Chancellor Michael Gargano has become a weight on this community, and in planning the restructuring of our university, I urge you to consider restructuring him out." This statement was followed by a thunderous applause from the audience, and it's duration led Chairman Orlando Taylor to inform the audience that they were taking away Sered's allotted time.

Alex Austin, a student speaking on behalf of the Students of Caribbean Ancestry, cited his numerous trials and tribulations being an African American student, and the diminishing financial and academic support allotted for minorities. During his statement, he mentioned three younger brothers doing well in school. When asked by the commission if he would recommend UMass, he firmly said, "No, I will not let them. I will not let them stand before a commission like this, or have to beg for funding."

Analise Forza, a graduate student at UMass, edited her statement prior to speaking, which said in part, "There's seven police officers at this event tonight, it says quite a bit about the racial climate on this campus," referring to the heightened security and officers garbed in black on black suits.

Many speakers focused on the trend of UMass turning into an elitist university, devoid of racial diversity, gravitating towards privatization and business. This opinion was elequated by Pavel Payano, a student speaking on behalf of the ALANA Caucus.

"There's one vision that comes straight from Boston down to Whitmore. In this vision, education is a privilege and not a right and UMass Amherst will only be accessible to the wealthy," Payano said. "There's another vision for the University, a vision that follows UMass Amherst's mandate as a land grant institution, a vision of a top-level university, but not of an elite university.

We see a university that serves the needs of the community that it is a part of."

In reference to minority student programs' declining financial support, senior Ismelly Rivera spoke fondly of the Bilingual Collegiate Program at UMass. When she arrived as a freshman in 2001, she said, "Without this program, I don't know how I would have survived my first few weeks here."

Citing a lack of funding and institutional support, she stated, "when I came back my sophomore year, everything was gone."

"We must remember that if it wasn't for the students, there'd be no university. So I am here as a student representative, not asking but demanding, that we need to start changing things now," she said

The public forum was scheduled from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., with the five minutes allotted for each speaker timed with a large clock, and rigorously enforced. The absent speakers allowed for ten minutes of questions from the committee to the forum participants.

"We celebrate our faculty, they have been tremendous, and the recent hires have been great," Sered said.

In stark contrast, Analise Forza, a grad student and professor who holds three different degrees from three other sate uni-

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The Commission on Diversity hears stories regarding racial issues on campus from a range of UMass students and faculty at a forum held in Curry Hicks Cage Wednesday night.

Robotic contest to transform Lederle

By Matthew Reid
Collegian Staff

Room A307 of the Lederle Graduate Research Center will be transformed into an Incan maze this afternoon, as part of a robotics competition described as "Indiana Jones meets RoboCop."

The competition is the culmination of Computer Science 403, Introduction to Robotics course at the University of Massachusetts. Students in the class have been working all semester to program small robots, called AmigoBots, to perform complex motion and behavioral actions that allow the robots to remotely navigate a maze.

The class is taught by Oliver Brock, assistant professor in the department of Computer Science and co-director of the Laboratory for Perceptual Robotics.

The competition will feature a theme based on the hidden treasures of the Incan Empire. The robots will "parachute" into the Incan maze of Sacsayhuaman, where the Incans supposedly hid their vast reserves of gold. The AmigoBots will act as machines assigned by the CIA to rescue the gold from thieves.

Students have programmed the AmigoBots using the C++ computer language to navigate the maze and find specific locations, referred to as "cells," and then find their way back out. For the competition, each robot will be provided with an electronic map of the maze that will help them find the location of the gold. Students will not know where in the maze their robots will be placed prior to the competition, adding to the complexity and unpredictability.

One of the central elements of the course has been the element of teamwork.

"Students are learning how to work in a group to get something done, which is what they will need to do in the real world," said Brock. "They are learning how to compensate for other team members if something goes wrong, and how to go to their team members if they get stuck with something. It's a fun bonding experience for them."

Scott Myers, a senior

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More construction for next semester

By Adam Sutton
Collegian Correspondent

Students returning to the University of Massachusetts next semester can expect to see more ditches, dirt and heavy construction equipment on campus.

Construction is planned to begin next semester near the Student Union, Whitmore Administration Building, Holdsworth Hall and Flint Lab. The plans are aimed at replacing decayed underground steam pipes, according to Campus Energy Engineer and Energy Performance Project Manager, Jason Burbank.

The dilapidated pipes have permitted excessive steam to leak into the ground, causing heat loss and pollution, according to the UMass facilities Web site. The steam pipe replacement project is a small part of a $42.7 million campus-wide energy and water conservation project contracted to Johnson Controls, Inc., of Milwaukee.

The project's purpose is to reduce the energy and water consumption at UMass by renovating the lighting in buildings, installing low flow toilets and other campus-wide improvements.

Replacing the current three to five gallon toilets with new 1.6 gallon toilets will be a major contribution to water conservation, Burbank said.

Overall, monetary savings over 10 years that will be generated by the campus' efficiency increases are expected to pay for the entire project, according Burbank. The entire project's construction is expected to go on "no longer than three years," Burbank said.

The steam pipe replacement construction in the lower Central residential area and around Health Services has continued throughout the fall semester and students living there have grown weary of noise during the months of construction.

"[The construction] wakes me up every single morning," said Mike Hall, an exchange student from England. "Sometimes you think a bomb has gone off."

Walking in lower Central during the past month, one could expect to see dump trucks, men jack hammering, large fenced-off ditches and heavy construction equipment surrounding residence halls while construction workers were replacing the underground steam pipes.

While most of the ditches are filled in and construction is winding down, Wheeler resident Corey Harris, a sophomore, says the area is "like a war-zone" from the mess and noise of the construction.

Burbank said he "hoped to have [the steam replacement in lower Central] done by the end of summer," however due to the "slow bureaucratic process" and "unforeseen underground utilities", such as abandoned steam pipelines that required removal, the production was slowed.

While major construction in lower Central is expected to be complete by next semester, there will be some paving of a "connection to a manhole right in front of [Health Services]" next spring, Burbank said.

CVS pharmacist denies birth control pills to a UMass Amherst sophomore

By Amy Grzybinski
Collegian Correspondent

Earlier this semester, a University of Massachusetts student went to the CVS pharmacy on University Drive, where a pharmacist refused to fill her prescription for birth control pills.

The UMass sophomore, who discussed the issue on the condition that she remain anonymous, had sought to refill her prescription of Aviane, an oral contraceptive, online. But when she arrived at the pharmacy, she said a male pharmacy technician told her he had deleted the request from the computer because, as she claims, "he didn't want to fill it."

The student then waited 15 minutes, while another pharmacist at the store filled the prescription for her instead.

Calls to a variety of CVS outlets, local and corporate, got no responses to requests for comment, but a pharmacy technician at the CVS pharmacy located on North Pleasant Street in Amherst, who talked on condition he be identified only as "Robert," said that state law and CVS company policy both protect the rights of pharmacists to refuse to fill a prescription on moral grounds.

However, CVS policy, Robert said, requires that those who object to filling such prescriptions find either another technician in the store or another store location where the customer can have her prescription filled.

"I'm pro-life and about as far right as you can go," Robert said, "but I still fill [the prescriptions], because there are other medical reasons requiring the use of birth control and emergency contraceptives."

Robert said he fills such prescriptions "as a courtesy."

According to USA Today, pharmacists nationwide are refusing to fill prescriptions for oral contraceptives because doing so violates their moral beliefs.

And the UMass sophomore is not alone in Massachusetts. These kinds of refusals are happening across the state, mostly concerning prescriptions for Emergency Conception.

A steady stream of calls comes to centers at the Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts, mostly because the organization provides a service called "EC online," according to Erin Rowland of PPLM. This service allows women to request a prescription for EC through the Internet and have it filled at either a Planned Parenthood pharmacy or a local pharmacy if it is more convenient.

Planned Parenthood personnel hear about such pharmacist refusals when women call, sometimes "in tears," says Rowland. In other cases, outraged pharmacists will call in anger at being presented with these prescriptions.

Oral contraceptives come under fire as well as EC because of how these drugs work, either before or after conception, Rowland says.

The controversy arises around the question of when life begins, and whether these drugs interfere with the implantation of a fertilized egg. In the rare circumstance that an egg is fertilized while birth control pills are taken, oral contraceptives including EC, which works in the same way, prevent the fertilized egg from implanting in the wall of the uterus. In addition, Rowland says that "about 50 percent" of fertilized eggs don't implant naturally, when a woman is not taking hormonal contraception.

However, the pro-life Pharmacists for Life Web site, http://www.plli.org, states "at the precise and unique moment of conception, a woman is pregnant with a new individual. This is an accurate and informed medical description."

The argument by opponents of these contraceptives is that life starts at conception, and if the fertilized egg is not implanted, it is the equivalent of abortion.

Two years ago, Marlene Fried, a professor who teaches about reproductive rights at Hampshire College, had her class survey Western Massachusetts pharmacies. She said her students called all the pharmacies in the area, asking to fill a prescription for EC, in order to "test the awareness" of the issue on the part of pharmacies. The students found, besides a "very uneven" knowledge of EC, that there was an "amount of judgment" by the pharmacists questioned. Fried said that one student, who wasn't even pregnant, stopped making the calls because she became so upset.

Rowland said those at

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Slam Jam Fest fighting AIDS

By Cameron Methner
Collegian Staff

The Cape Cod Lounge hosted the Slam Jam Fest on Thursday night, featuring the artistic stylings of the participants in an open mic night for AIDS awareness.

Residence Hall staff from around campus organized the open mic night to raise awareness of the HIV and AIDS epidemics that have taken hold of many different types of people around the world. Each performer received a carnation after their appearance.

The stage presented many different styles of poetry, solo guitarists and spoken word performance. Six Minutes, the all female acapella group made an appearance along with the fraternity Omega Psi Phi doing a step performance. Omega Psi Phi brother, Will Onuaha talked about why it was important to participate in an event like this.

"Our chapter and our fraternity are very involved in community service. We want to help and support anyone trying to find a cure. AIDS affects us all. This is a fight that no one should have to fight alone," Onuaha said.

The event held a raffle between performances and gave away DVDs, UMass water bottles and a DVD player among other gifts. Each audience member held an AIDS ribbon and a fact about the affects of AIDS.

Jennifer Kirmes, a resident assistant from Baker stressed that AIDS affects us all.

"We are busy college kids and we often do not take time to reflect on important issues that affect us all, like AIDS. An event like this is important," Kirmes said.

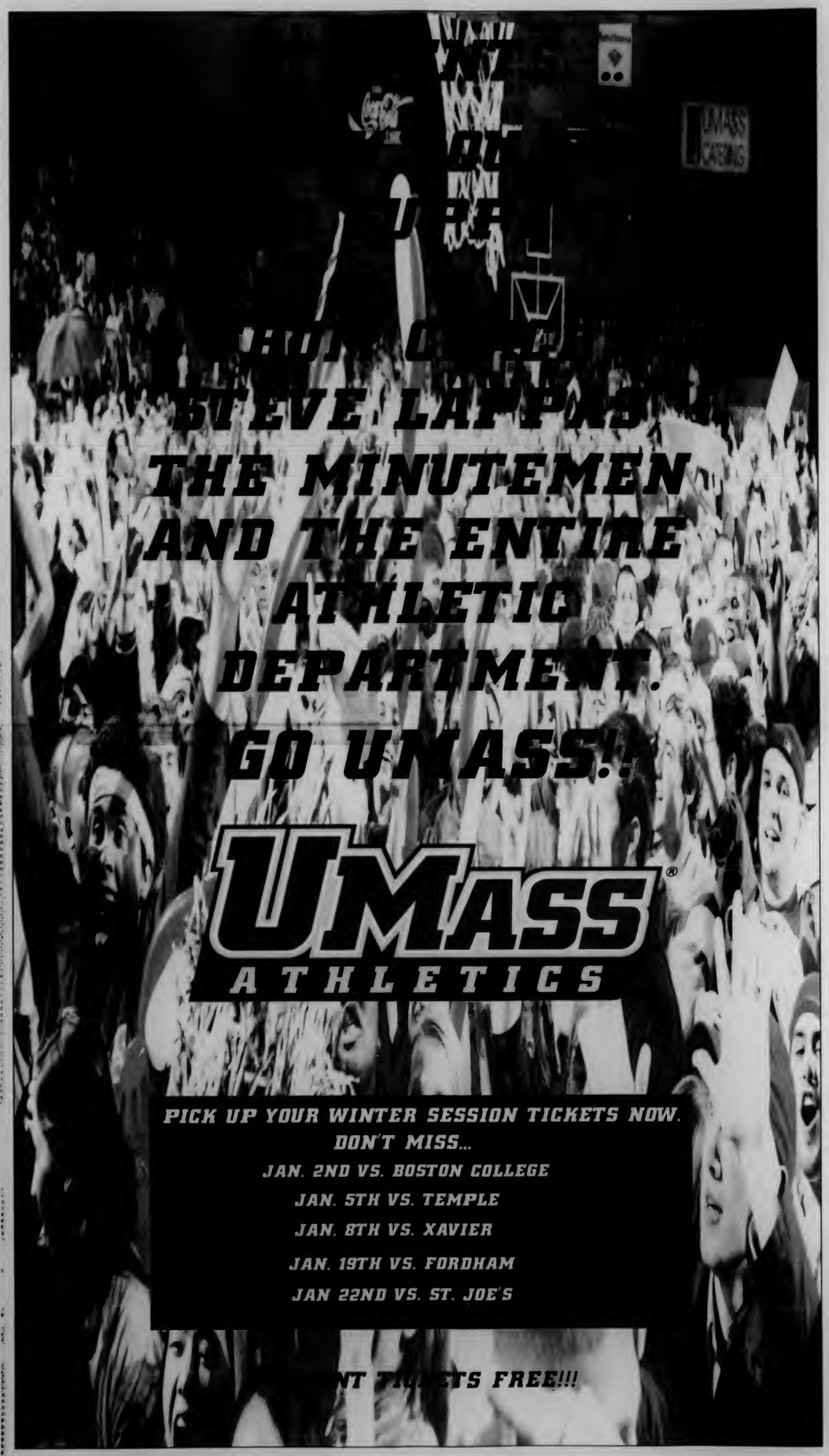
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KNIGHT RIDDER

Santa Training

A student of Santa Claus University finishing school at the Hilltop Mall in Richmond, VA.



Fire rips through apartment

AMHERST — The Amherst Fire Department is reporting that a fire caused $10,000 worth of damage to a unit in the Mill Valley Apartments on Riverdale Drive at approximately 8:52 p.m. Saturday night.

Amherst Fire Department reported that residents observed fire coming from a bedroom window in unit 780 H shortly before being notified of the incident via phone and a box alarm. Eight on-duty firefighters were summoned to the scene in two pumper fire trucks and student volunteers in their pumper, along with all off-duty Amherst Fire personnel, according to a fire department press release.

The first fire truck arrived on the scene at 8:59 p.m. The firefighters from that truck stretched a hose line into apartment 780 H and extinguished a fire in a bedroom. A dog was also rescued from the apartment. As more firefighters arrived, they checked the remainder of the building for occupants and ventilated smoke from the building.

A total of 30 firefighters in 4 pumpers, an aerial ladder, an ambulance and two squads along with three chief officers and the Fire Department chaplain responded to the scene. There were no civilian injuries reported. However, firefighter Heidi Olmstead injured her arm when she fell at the scene. She was transported to Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton for evaluation. A supervisor at the hospital said she believed Olmstead had been treated and released, but could not confirm this report as of press time.

Amherst Fire Department investigators are still determining the cause of the fire, which is thought to be accidental. The apartment was being occupied by Jenna Mann and Juliana Salter.

Western Massachusetts Electric Company was on the scene and cut power to apartment 780 H. The Amherst Police Department provided initial evacuation of the building and helped with crowd and traffic control. The Amherst Building Depart-ment is determining at this time if apartment 780 H can be re-occupied.

The complex is owned by the Mill Valley Limited Partnership, representatives of which were on the scene initiating some door repair and boarding up broken windows.

—*Dan O'Brien*

Commission hears students

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versities stated, "From my numerous experiences, I find them aloof and not caring."

The commission repeatedly questioned the forum participants on funding and support for white students compared to minority students. These questions were repeatedly unanswered citing lack of information.

Chairman Orlando L. Taylor announced that another public forum would be scheduled shortly after winter break, with the date yet to be announced. Taylor cited the enormous amount of people wishing to address the committee, and emphasized the committee's commitment to giving everyone an opportunity to address their grievances.

Among the 22 members of the commission is Taylor, vice provost for research and graduate school dean at Howard University. Other members include educators, lawyers, psychologists, two UMass students and University presidents, 13 of which are from the University.

The commission was formed in the wake of student and community outrage in response to members of the SGA posing with KKK imagery, and an overall heightened racial climate on campus.

Anniversary of Iraqi takeover

By Nick Wadhams
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — In the year since he was captured and hustled away to a secret location, Saddam Hussein has taken up gardening, undergone a hernia operation and written poetry that one visitor describes as "rubbishy."

What he has not done is meet with any of the 20 lawyers who claim to represent him. And with the country in the grips of an insurgency that remains strong, predicting when Iraq's most famous prisoner will be tried is no easier now than it was on the day he was pulled from his hiding spot in a spider hole near his hometown of Tikrit.

When Saddam first appeared before an Iraqi court in July, some officials predicted a swift trial. Ever since, they have said October, November, or by the end of the year. Now, they expect it no earlier than the beginning of 2006, Iraq's National Security Adviser Mouwafak al-Rubaie told The Associated Press.

"This is going to be probably the trial of the century and we have to get it right," al-Rubaie said. "We can't suddenly try him and sentence him to either life in prison or whatever, execute him a 100 times as some people want to do."

Officials say the work of gathering evidence — documents, mass grave sites, testimony from victims — continues away from the public eye and beyond the reach of the insurgents. They insist that it is being done meticulously and legitimately.

American officials with the Department of Justice's Regime Crimes Liaison Office are advising the Iraqi Special Tribunal on the process of bringing Saddam to trial. The Americans paid the tribunal's budget of $75 million 2004-2005.

But with elections approaching on Jan. 30, the Iraqi government is in flux and is likely to stay that way for another year until a new constitution is drafted and another round of elections are held next December.

Kerik no longer cabinet nominee

By Donna De La Cruz
Associated Press



Bernard Kerik speaks outside his New Jersey home Saturday.

WASHINGTON — The White House renewed its search for a homeland security chief Saturday as the candidate President Bush thought ideal apologized for an immigration problem involving a family housekeeper that forced him to withdraw.

"I owe the president ... a great apology that this may have caused him and his administration a big distraction," Bernard Kerik said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

Speaking from his home in Franklin Lakes, N.J., the 49-year-old Kerik said he had discovered a few days ago that he did not pay all required taxes for a family nanny-housekeeper and that the woman may have been in the country illegally.

The surprise withdrawal by the former New York City police commissioner sent Bush back in search of a nominee to head the sprawling Homeland Security Department, which was created after Sept. 11, 2001, to improve coordination and protection against future terrorist attacks.

On Saturday, former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani, who has been mentioned as a possible choice, expressed no interest in the job. "I am not a candidate," he told reporters in New York.

Sen. Susan Collins, the Maine Republican who heads the Senate committee that will take up the nomination, said two "terrific choices" would be Asa Hutchinson, the department's undersecretary for border and transportation security, and Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn.

Among the names that had been circulating for the post before Kerik's selection on Dec. 3 were Joe Allbaugh, former director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; Mike Leavitt, former Utah governor and now head of the Environmental Protection Agency; and White House homeland security adviser Fran Townsend.

But it was still possible that the White House would break the search wide open again rather than return to the previous stable of top contenders, said a senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"We will certainly work to name someone as quickly as possible," White House spokeswoman Claire Buchan said Saturday.

Meanwhile, questions continued over how the White House review process could have missed the kind of "nanny problem" that scuttled high-level appointments in both the Clinton administration and the first Bush administration.

"There's a standard vetting process that we go through with all nominees and certainly we did that" with Kerik, Buchan said. She said it was solely Kerik's decision to withdraw late Friday.

Bush, leaving a Maryland hospital after his annual physical Saturday, ignored a question about Kerik's withdrawal.

Giuliani, a close friend of Kerik's, said Bush administration officials asked Kerik from the beginning whether there were any issues involving domestic employees.

"He didn't think he had a problem," Giuliani. "He made a mistake."

Bush advisers, now having to deal with the kind of messy situation they had so far avoided, were taking Kerik at his word that he had not intentionally misled them, the official said.

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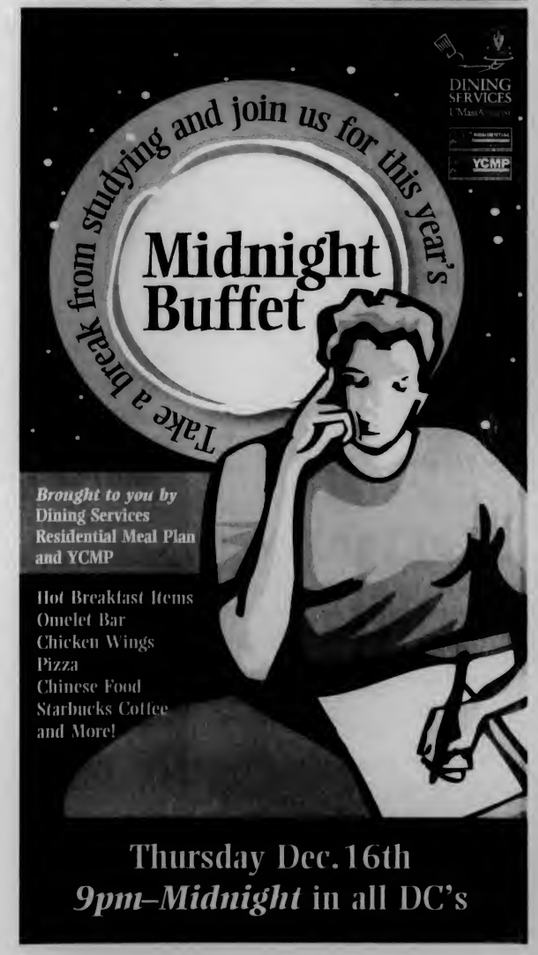
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Computer Science major and member of the class' Scorpion team, says that while the class was very difficult, with over 5,500 lines of code were written by the team members, it was a unique and rewarding experience.

"It's much different than most other computer science classes," Myers said. "It deals with new concepts and new ideas, and was a lot of fun."

Another key element that Brock has tried to get across to his students is the practical application of what is learned in the classroom.

"One of the most important educational points for the course is for students to see why they've had to learn all the math and programming skills. You actually get to take what you learn and see the results."

The course, described as "truly multi-disciplinary" by Myers, requires students to incorporate elements of physics, linear algebra, geometry, trigonometry, probability theory, engineering and even sociology.

Last year, the first year Brock taught the course, students used small, simple robots guided by a mounted palm pilot. These robots were bought for approximately $350 each, after Brock applied for a faculty grant. Students enjoyed using the palm pilot robots, but felt they were not capable enough. Brock then went to Computer Science department chairman Bruce Croft and asked for funds to purchase five AmigoBots, which cost $2,000 apiece and are much more sophisticated and able to do more complex functions than the palm pilot-based robots.

They come preprogrammed to perform primitive actions and movements. The students must program the AmigoBots to perform more complex behavioral patterns. They have a red plastic case and are seven inches high and weigh approximately nine pounds.

The 19 students in the class have been broken up into five teams, who will compete against each other to see who can be the first to find the "Incan gold." The five teams competing in the competition will be "Lesco," "Midnight Oil," "Red Dwarf," "Scorpions" and "Hawks."

The competition, which is free and open to the public, will take place in room A307 in the Lederle Graduate Research Center today at 4 p.m.

Residence Life holds 'Slam Jam' to raise AIDS awareness

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The walls had sheets of paper that had written statements from students all over campus about how they are affected by AIDS. The event also offered free soda, sweet treats and coffee donated by Coca-Cola. Earthfoods and People's Market. There were also AIDS awareness bracelets available for a donation of $2, which can still be purchased at the Cluster Offices of Baker in Central and Cance in Southwest.

Erica Piedade, the Residence Director of Cance Hall, organized the event with help from many of the other clusters around campus. She spoke about why it was important for the campus to have such an event.

"The people on this campus believe they are safe, they don't make the connection of AIDS to their relationships. When I talk to young people they say it's a 'clean campus' and they think no one has HIV or AIDS here, my heart skips a beat," Piedade said.

Piedade has been in Residence Life work for more than 5 years and felt that it was necessary to bring AIDS awareness to campus.

"This disease is preventable, and people who are infected can stay well. Those people who are infected are motivators of awareness. Even with education, abstinence and monogamy people are still getting infected," she said.

Piedade, along with staff from Gorman, Wheeler, Grayson, Field and many other dormitories around campus were able to help promote the event. The events were brought to campus this whole month in hopes of raising awareness.

"It is so critical to get the word out that this disease can be preventable. The people at this campus feel that they are infallible and they need to know the truth," said Piedade.

The proceeds of the raffle bracelet sales and food all go to Tapestry Health, which is a local non-profit health organization that provides HIV/AIDS prevention and support services.

Leighanne Regan, the resident director of Baker, Chadbourne and Greenough, commented on why she felt bringing the open mic night to campus was important.

"There is a lack of awareness on campus, and in society. The more knowledge we can give students the more of a difference we can make. Presenting this program to campus is only one way to bring awareness and bring a community together. It is also one way to make a small change in a larger societal problem."

UMass Police clear the air while Emerson takes action

By Todd Foster
Collegian Staff

Emerson College students are making progress to cease the use of less-than-lethal weapons as the Boston Police Department banned the use of the FN303, according to the department's media relations.

The FN303 gun killed that one of their peers and is similar to the weapons that were fired on University of Massachusets students in October's riots, but UMass police say their weapons are safer than those used in Boston.

The Emerson Student Government Association passed a resolution on Nov. 16 that petitions the Boston City Council members, Mayor of Boston Thomas Menino, and Boston Police Commissioner Kathleen O'Toole to cease the use of less-lethal weapons. The petition passed following the death of Victoria Snelgrove, the 21-year-old Emerson student who was killed by a projectile fired from a FN303 rifle during riots near Fenway Park after game seven of American League Championship Series.

"The SGA addresses you with only the deepest respect; we are confident that the city wants what is best for its constituents," wrote Emerson SGA President Emily Garr in a letter sent to Boston Police. "As we believe our recommendations to be in the best in interest of the Boston community, we hope that you will take our recommendations seriously, as we believe them to be necessary to ensure that events like those of Oct. 21 never happen again in the city of Boston."

The resolution is currently being reviewed by Menino and O'Toole. Emerson SGA president Emily Garr said they received a thank you from a mayor's liaison, but is yet to receive "an official thank you" from the mayor. Garr also said the SGA will discuss about whether or not to put their names to the national petition to ban the use of less-than-lethal forces.

Some UMass students worry that they could suffer Snelgrove's fate. The fear arises because UMass Police used similar "less-than-lethal weapons" to control thousands of students per night during the October riots, which resulted in over 100 arrests.

"[UMass Police officers] are trained to force people around like cattle," Michael Markhan, a junior engineering major, said. "The Red Sox just won the World Series, what do you expect? People gather; that's what they do. These acts of force are geared towards serious crimes, but this is not a serious crime. It's not even a riot and there is no place for that kind of force."

"The use of the Pepperball system can be an effective was to control crowds, considering it is a 'less-lethal-method.'" Emily Colton, a junior resident of Southwest, said. "But, when it becomes deadly, like the case in Boston, then obviously it is being used in the wrong way. Apparently, there should be an even 'less lethal' kind of method."

But UMass Police Sgt. Ian Cyr said the chances of serious injury in Amherst are much less, because of a difference in the equipment used by the UMass Police. Cyr, who bought the Pepperball system used at UMass, said the word "pepperball" is used too generically, referring for anything that delivered a pepper powder projectile.

"It's the same as asking for a Kleenex, not a tissue." Cyr said. "It is a specific brand name for a pepper delivery. The launchers we have are specifically for law enforcement, but they are very similar to a paintball launcher that can be bought in any local paintball store. So, we have the Pepperball System and the Boston police have the FN303 by FN Hestel."

According Cyr, the FN303 guarantees maximum effects on impact and a kinetic impact shock that instantly stops a subject. According to the FN Hestel website, the FN303 is designed to use less-lethal projectiles in ranges of 50 meters accurately to 100 meters maximum.

In contrast, the Pepperball System used at UMass lacks the impact and range of a FN303. The Pepperball System, in addition to having a range of 30 feet accurately, is less powerful than a normal paintball, and uses talcum powder that dilutes the pepper spray to make the effect "leaves people to become uncomfortable," Cyr said.

The major difference in the two less-than-lethal forces is the make-up and impact of the projectiles in each launcher. The Pepperballs used at UMass weigh only 3.5 grams, compared to the 8.5 gram projectiles used in a FN303. Although both projectiles are made of plastic, the FN303's plastic covers are harder and deliver an impact up to 24 foot-pounds of force, three times more force than the pepper balls, according to Cyr.

"When you take our projectile and throw it at a brick wall, it breaks apart," Cyr said. "It doesn't take a great amount of force to fracture that projectile. That's different from the FN303 projectiles, because FN303 has a heavy powder called Bismuth that is naturally heavy and under the force of the launcher, it becomes more compact and dense."

Contraception nearly denied

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Planned Parenthood hope that the issue is mainly the pharmacists' understanding of this issue. By providing outreach and pharmacist education, they are trying to create more discussion about the birth control pill and EC.

Fried said the Pharmacists for Life group "encourages pharmacists to assert their right of conscience in practice." That may be okay for an individual, she said, but not for a business created to serve the public.

"By refusing [to dispense birth control pills, pharmacists] are putting their moral judgment on a person," she said. To her, pro-life groups are politicizing sexuality, morality and religious beliefs.

"These aren't just a few kooks," she said, but people who have "back-up in high places," referring to the Bush Administration.

"This is an issue of women's autonomy," added Arlene Avakian, professor and director of the Women's Studies program at UMass. "Any kind of [religious] fundamentalism is dangerous toward women."

The issue of access is not so great in the Pioneer Valley, according to Amanda Collings, a health educator at University Health Services, who specializes in women's health and reproductive issues. Because UHS and its pharmacy make it the goal to provide "quality care for students" in a non-political way, prescriptions will always be filled, and emergency services will always be available. However, access becomes more of an issue when a student returns home, to a town where pharmacies have different policies.

Fried also called the issue one of access. She said this issue was a "big deal" for women who do not live in a city, who cannot easily go to another pharmacy to fill a prescription.

Avakian said that in the larger picture, women are "teetering on the brink" of abortion being inaccessible.

"My hope is for your generation to be outraged, and to take to the streets," Avakian said.

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"A writer doesn't solve problems. He allows them to emerge."
-Friedrich Durrermatt

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The miracle of Adoption

Larry Goldbaum

November 13, 2000 was one of the happiest days of my life. On that cold and dreary Wednesday morning, my wife and I walked into a courtroom half way around the world, in the Republic of Kazakhstan, and adopted our son Isaac.

The judge's signature on a two-page decree, written in Russian, profoundly changed all three of our lives.

Jody and I were finally parents, the culmination of a dream that could only have happened through adoption. Neither simple biology nor modern medicine were able to help us conceive the child we so badly wanted. So for us, adoption was a miraculous gift.

Had Isaac not been adopted, he would have spent the his childhood in an orphanage, until he was old enough to enter the army. Who knows what his life would have been like? But one thing is certain: he would not have had a family of his own.

I grieve for a world that bestows riches on some while denying even the most basic needs — food, shelter, love — to others, and I feel compelled to do whatever I can to struggle against that injustice.

Isaac's caretakers at the orphanage clearly loved him and gave him the best care they possibly could. "Baba" Luba and "Mama" Tatiana cried the day we bundled up our little 15-month-old toddler and took him away. We cried too.

But no matter how much they loved him, Luba and Tatiana weren't Isaac's parents, and the baby home wasn't his family. At age three he would have been moved to another institution, and then again at age six, and at least once more when he was older.

No matter how much they loved him, his caretakers would have come and gone. He would never have had the stability of a real family, with parents who would love and care for him forever.

Every year on Isaac's birthday (the fourth of July!) and on Mother's Day and Father's Day, we honor the memory of his birth parents, the man and woman who gave him life. We mourn their loss, and we grieve Isaac's loss of his biological parents, a loss which he will feel throughout his life.

The whereabout of Isaac's birth parents are unknown, so we don't know why they abandoned their newborn baby. Tragically, poverty probably had something to do with their decision. They may also have been very young. These are the reasons why many children in the U.S. and other countries are abandoned or placed for adoption.

My heart goes out to any parent who must give up their child because of poverty. It's an injustice that tears my heart apart. I grieve for a world that bestows riches on some while denying even the most basic needs — food, shelter, love — to others, and I feel compelled to do whatever I can to struggle against that injustice.

Poverty is not the only reason children are adopted, however. Some parents are simply too young, or unmarried and unable to raise a child by themselves. Others are incapable of providing for the safety and welfare of their children, and these are perhaps the most tragic adoption stories of all. Sadly, the foster care system in Massachusetts and other states is overflowing with children who have been neglected or abused by their (birth) parents.

The neglect or physical, sexual or emotional abuse of a child is taken very seriously in Massachusetts, as it should be. In documented cases of abuse or neglect, the Department of Social Services removes children from their families of origin and places them in temporary foster families, to protect them from further abuse. It is a painful solution to a tragic problem.

I've known far too many of these children, and their stories are harrowing. In some cases the child is eventually reunited with their birth family, after the person responsible for the abuse leaves the home, or after psychological counselling or drug treatment solves the underlying problem.

In other cases, the child goes from one temporary foster family to another, usually receiving good care but without the stability of a permanent family. In those instances where the parental rights of the birth parents are legally terminated, the child becomes free for adoption. I know several such children who now have loving and permanent families, forever free from the neglect or abuse that threatened to destroy their young lives.

There is nothing simple about adoption. As I've explained, the reasons why children are adopted are varied and complex.

But one thing is clear: My family, and many adoptive families like mine, celebrate every day the miracle of adoption, the miracle that has made us parents and has provided a loving family for our children.

Larry Goldbaum is director of the UMass Office of Jewish Affairs.

Children forgotten



Matthew Reid

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) released its tenth annual report on the "State of the World's Children" to the countries of the world last Thursday.

The news is far from promising.

The report revealed shocking revelations of the deplorable living conditions faced by many children across the globe. More than one billion children are being denied the rights to a healthy, protected childhood promised to them by the United Nation's 1989 "Convention on the Rights of the Child," which has been signed by 117 nations.

UNICEF's report provided statistics that are almost unimaginable. It states that more than one in six children across the world go hungry and one in seven has no access to adequate health care. Over 640 million children do not have adequate shelter and 140 million do not have the option of going to school. Over 400 million children have no access to clean water and nearly 500 million live without basic sanitation.

The single biggest reason for these statistics is war. War-torn nations must deal with several aftermaths, the least of which is the living conditions children must deal with on a daily basis. In the media and at water coolers everywhere, war is seen as an "us versus them" situation. It is fought for a common good between good guys and bad guys. There are the figureheads in the respective governments that can say the world will be a better place afterward, but in the meantime, it is the innocent and helpless children that must suffer.

Some argue that wars are fought for the good of the world, while others say war is never the answer. While these points can be argued, what can't be argued is that of the 3.6 million people who have been killed on the front line in wars around the world, almost half of them, 1.5 million total, have been children. And that is just the front-line deaths — the number of indirect deaths caused by war is a number too high to count.

Take, for example, children in the Darfur region of Sudan. Children in Darfur suffer from disease and poverty resulting from over a year of conflict between rebel factions and the Sudanese government. Pediatrician Jerry Ehrlich, who recently visited the region to offer medical supplies, told the Philadelphia Inquirer that "children in [Darfur] can be 2 years old, but look like they're 102 ... They are so malnourished, so severely immuno-compromised, and so many of them die."

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"The children are wasted by illnesses few American children ever know," the Inquirer article continued.

"What we are saying in this report is that choices made by political leaders in many cases are very often negative when it comes to children," UNICEF executive director Carol Bellamy said in regards to the State of The World's Children report.

Despite signing the "Convention on the Rights of the Child," many governments across the world are failing to fulfill its principles. The convention is described on the UNICEF website as a "universally agreed set of non-negotiable standards and obligations, spelling out the basic human rights that children everywhere – without discrimination – have." These rights, the rights of survival and protection, are not being met by countries that combined spent 1.3 trillion dollars on weapons used in wars last year alone. Ironically, it is these weapons that cause over a billion of the world's children to live in such awful conditions.

It is hard to find hope in a situation marred by such dismal and horrific figures. But there is at least a glimmer of hope. While more than 10 million children perished in 2003, child mortality rates fell by a fifth over the past decade. England Prime Minister Tony Blair recently announced plans that Britain will take the lead on ending poverty, debt and war in Africa. UNICEF officials, at a forum last week in Abuja, Nigeria addressing the world's progress on improving global health, announced that new measures would be leveled in the months to come that will provide aid several countries in need of support.

President Bush has said that the War on Terror is a different kind of war, because it involves enemies from all over the world, not just one centralized enemy with one centralized agenda. The same can be said for the war to end childhood suffering, which up until now is a war that is not being fought. This is a war against a faceless enemy, an enemy who cannot simply be eliminated with a gun or a landmine. This enemy can only be defeated by reprioritizing our worldview and realizing that this is a problem worthy of our attention.

Matthew Reid is Collegian editor.

Learning to fit in

Becky Martins

It is funny how much things can change in the course of a year.

Last December, as a freshman at UMass Amherst, I was anything but happy. In the process of completing my first semester of college, I already could not wait for graduation. The three and a half years that lay ahead seemed as long as a lifetime.

Posted on my dorm room wall during the last post-Thanksgiving break weeks was a calendar with December 21 circled in red pen. As each day can to a painfully slow end, I would 'x' it off; bringing me one step closer to reaching my ultimate goal: home. I wanted nothing to do with UMass. If I were to leave and never return, I felt there would be little to miss. Essentially, college was not proving to be the 'best years of my life.'

Looking back now, I understand the reason for my forlorn feelings. Freshman year, I was forced to live in Sylvan: my fifth choice living area. My suite was primarily upperclassmen, most of who were over UMass' social scene. I also had a roommate who was as miserable as I was: a bad combination when trying meet people. As my peers adjusted to college life and befriended others, I felt as though I was being left behind. 'Why was a social person like myself so unhappy?' was one question that constantly crossed my mind.

Second semester, though, proved to be an entirely new experience. Upon returning to school, I was not looking forward to the following months. For all I knew, they would only be a repeat of the previous semester: a time I felt I would be better off forgetting. But surprisingly, just a few days after moving back, college began to take on a new meaning for me. The people residing in my suite proved to be good friends, instead of just suitemates.

My floor mates were actually interesting individuals and were worth getting to know. My classes became outlets to meet others, many of whom were going through similar experiences such as me. By the time May arrived, I was no longer the same person I had been at the beginning of the semester. I was genuinely enjoying my college experience and was sad to leave it, even if it were only for the few months of summer break. I now understood why my high school friends were so enthusiastic about their 'second life' away from home.

One would think after having such a traumatic first year, I would do anything to avoid the situation again. But against the advice of many, I decided to begin my sophomore year on a fresh note: moving to Southwest by myself and leaving all that was comfortable behind. I knew I did not belong in Sylvan: I just had made the best of my situation while there. Southwest fit me better as a person and was the place I should have been all along. And while I knew it was not the easiest way to begin my sophomore year, it was something I had to do.

At first, this semester began similarly as the beginning of my freshman year. Though I had many friends on campus, the majority of them resided in other living communities. Again, I found myself in a new place surrounded by unfamiliar faces. But luckily, my feelings of unease were short-lived. It was not long before I adjusted to my dormitory change. Strangers became the friends who made my new living area a home. Any doubt I had felt about my decision to move, disappeared. As I sit here, remembering how I had felt only a year ago, it feels good to know how far I have come and how happy I am.

One lesson I have learned from my shaky college experience is to give life a chance. Things may seem hopeless at times, but in most cases, things do work out: they just may take more time than expected. When I hear freshman complaining about school and contemplating transferring or dropping out completely, I so badly want to put them in my shoes. I understand what they are going through, since I was once there myself. But they also need to realize that life gets better and it is hardly as bad as it seems.

Today, I am completely satisfied with my college experience and am looking forward to the remainder of it. Instead of wishing these years away, I now find myself valuing my time left. My past at Umass may have been slow going, but I am certainly enjoying all the school has to offer in the present.

Becky Martins is a Collegian columnist.

Divest from distruction

Ramzi Kanazi

For several months now, the Presbyterian Church has been taking heat for its 216th General Assembly decision to endorse selective divestment from the state of Israel. In addition, according to the Church's website, www.pcusa.org, "the Assembly voted by large margins to condemn Israel's construction of a "security wall" across the West Bank; disavow Christian Zionism as a legitimate theological stance and direct the denomination's Middle East and Interfaith Relations offices to develop resources on differences between fundamental Zionism and Reformed theology; and study the feasibility of sponsoring economic-development projects in Palestine."

One of the major companies the church is targeting, one central to many other divestment campaigns, is Caterpillar Inc. It makes the bulldozers that the Israel Defense Forces have used to demolish thousands of Palestinian homes since the country's purchase of them. It is also a recipient of worldwide criticism for its complacency and negligent sales of these machines to the state of Israel.

While I know that most of you were planning to buy new Caterpillar bulldozers as gifts for the holidays, I suggest buying one from a different company this year.

The Presbyterian Church is breaking away from the contemporary Evangelical stance in America, which wishes to hasten the Apocalypse. Those right-wing Christian Zionists who call for Armageddon side with the Government of Israel (GOI) while many socially conscious Presbyterians have chosen to diverge from this ideological lunacy and support ideas that may not be quite as important to the divine creator—like human rights. The Presbyterian Church should be applauded for realizing that the means to reach God's ultimate calling cannot not be achieved through violence, but instead through morality.

Many have expressed that the Presbyterian decision is an anti-Semitic one. The Anti-Defamation League (ADL—the group that placed propaganda posters about Israel all over campus last year) has been working to persuade the Church to reverse its decision. The ADL, however, has not yet officially called this specific instance anti-Semitic. They may be too busy searching for examples of Anti-Semitism on college campuses and in Arab countries. I don't mean to argue semantics and etymology right now, but I'm pretty sure that many of the people the ADL criticize as anti-Semitic are Semites. If one were to use a connotatively less exclusionary term to describe their pretense, it would be anti-Arab.

Regardless of what certain groups feel about the Presbyterian decision, divestment is not anti-Semitic, anti-Jewish or anti-Israeli. There are a number of Jewish and Israeli groups that call for divestment to end an occupation that they feel is unjustified. Divestment is a non-violent action, admonishing the state of Israel for its government's misdeeds. As the sanctions against Iraq after the Gulf War were not imposed to discriminate against the Iraqi people, this divestiture is a reaction to the GOI's continued brutality against the indigenous Palestinians. It is an action that many colleges review and one that the Presbyterian Church is now courageously embarking upon. It does so amidst the vast majority of organizations in the country, which seem to fear nearly any relation to criticism of Israeli action.

One important element of the discussion to remember is that the Church is not trying to say that Israel or its collective people are a problem, but the government is. The GOI has long been in violation of international law and has committed an excessive number of human rights violations against the indigenous population. They continue to do this with overwhelming monetary assistance from the American government and American businesses.

So what can you do? While I know that most of you were planning to buy new Caterpillar bulldozers as gifts for the holidays, I suggest buying one from a different company this year. Besides Caterpillar, many other corporations contribute to the GOI's revenue. By boycotting some of these businesses, you will be doing your body a great favor too. As a general rule, regardless of social consciousness, don't eat fast food or drink soda (I hope I can do the same). Many of these companies, in addition to ravaging the health of Americans, contribute to the marginalization of Palestinians and, incidentally, others in third world countries. Remember the Coke killings in Columbia?

If you are interested in being a little more proactive, then consider a positive action like investment. Take a look at some Palestinian products on sites like www.palestinedirect.org. One of their products is fair trade, organic olive oil. They make this oil from the olive trees that the Israeli government hasn't gotten around to uprooting.

Petition Umass and the other area colleges to divest. Considering Umass' well-known yet unspoken efforts to make the college more elite, it could consider that most of the Ivy League schools have active divestment campaigns.

Finally, if you are Presbyterian, support your church and its actions. They are commendable, and I hope that others follow their lead.

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Damon, Clooney steal the show again; 'Ocean's Twelve' shines at box offices

By JOE PIEDRAFITE
COLLEGIAN STAFF

They're back. Yes, they're ALL back. Trading glitzy and glamorous Las Vegas for exotic European locales, Danny Ocean and his band of accomplices are back for another go around. They have three European targets to shake, each one seemingly more impossible to accomplish then the previous. This time however, Catherine Zeta-Jones becomes a player in the game as Isabel Lahiri., a detective and ex-girlfriend of Brad Pitt's character Rusty Ryan.

With "Ocean's Twelve," you need to go into the film knowing the plot is going to be even more ridiculous and implausible than the first, but so outrageous that it could actually be true. Confusing yes, but it certainly makes for great storytelling.

'Ocean's Twelve'
Directed by Steven Soderbergh
Starring Brad Pitt, George Clooney
Warner Bros.
Rated PG-13
125 mins.
Grade A-

For those of you out there who missed "Ocean's Eleven" three years ago, here's a quick recap: Danny Ocean (George Clooney) and his merry men pulled off an unthinkable heist, taking $150 million from three Las Vegas casinos, The MGM Grand, The Mirage and The Bellagio, all owned by casino impresario Terry Benedict (Andy Garcia). In addition to taking Benedicts money, they also took his girlfriend (and Danny's ex-wife), Tess (Julia Roberts).

Fast- forward three years to "Twelve" and Benedict wants his money back — all of it ... plus interest. Since Ocean and Co. are too well-known stateside, they decide to take their venture across the pond and pull scams in Amsterdam and Rome. Obviously, hilarity, mishaps and hijinks ensue. With Benedict breathing down their neck, a mysterious French rival simply known as "Night Fox" seemingly always one step ahead of them and the unstoppable (and extremely sexy) detective Lahiri hot on their trail. "Twelve" constantly keeps the audience guessing "will they or won't they?"

Directing maverick Steven Soderbergh is again at the helm as he was in "Eleven," and he handles his cast with the greatest of ease. Soderbergh doubled as cinematographer, and "Twelve" is a beautifully shot film. All of the locations sparkle and shine, almost leaping off the screen. The final scene with Rusty and Isabel on the Italian coast is exceptionally stunning; with some of the bluest ocean you're bound to see on screen this year. All of the production values for that matter were sumptuous, a constant feast for the eyes, and with slick and sophisticated costumes complimenting the gorgeous sets.

Hollywood royalty is on screen in "Twelve", and the performances are intoxicating. From George Clooney's suave Danny Ocean to Shaobo Quin's hysterical Yen, all of the actors seem completely comfortable in their roles and with each other. The film must have been exciting and fun to make, and you can see how much fun they all really had in their performances. Celebrity cameos are rampant, and they make the film all the more fun. There is one scene in particular with the majority of the cast that will no doubt bring a smile to New England audience's faces, but you'll have to see the movie to find out.

The one-standout performance in "Twelve" in a glittery ensemble (and that's a very hard thing to do) has to be Matt Damon's magnificent turn as Linus Caldwell, a sort of Danny Ocean-in-training. Linus wants to be more involved with the heists this time, and its hysterical watching him fumble through learning the ropes, and you can't help but cheer when it finally comes time for him to step up and take the lead. If there is any justice in my world, Matt Damon would be nominated and win the Best Supporting Actor Oscar this year for his performance of Linus Caldwell, it was that good.

There were some minor problems with "Twelve," mostly its run time. About 20 minutes could have been cut from the film, mostly in the middle. There is also one sub-plot that the film could do without, which also would have trimmed down its running time. While "Ocean's Eleven" was edited at a breakneck pace, "Twelve" seems to lag in a few places, and at times is uneven. The dialogue also leaves a bit to be desired, there are quite a few good one liners, but they feel flat and stagnant next to those of "Eleven."

All in all, Christmas has come a couple of weeks early to Hollywood, as "Ocean's Twelve" will no doubt have Warner Bros. producers seeing mounds of green over the upcoming holiday weekends. While "Twelve" probably won't see much awards season glory, it's just the ticket for the Christmas season. Soderbergh and his crew have created the perfect holiday treat, a light and fluffy piece of cinema that's so delicious it can only come around at this time of year.



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The "Ocean's Twelve" gang is back again. The all-star cast includes Julia Roberts, Brad Pitt, George Clooney, Eliot Gould and Don Cheadle.

Preparing for the end of 'America's Next Top Model'

Style 101
Monique Jemmott

I have been against reality TV since it infested its way onto every television network in existence today. I've never understood why anyone in their right mind would want to watch people live in the wilderness, live with strangers or eat things for money in their spare time.

But of course to every rule there is an exception, and to every declaration there is the gray area – mine's regarding reality TV is "America's Next Top Model." The UPN show takes ordinary beauties, and puts them to the test of seeing how they handle the grueling schedule, and not always glamorous life, of supermodels. In the end, the winner gets a modeling contract, and lives happily ever after.

Now in its third season, the show, hosted by supermodel extraordinaire Tyra Banks, has gained a cult like following, with Web sites, and online message boards in support of viewers' favorite contestants.(I have come across three separate sites in support of Jocara, the feisty plus-sized model eliminated four episodes ago). Fans can't get enough of the television show — its drama, fashion and glamour all rolled into one hour.

The show started off with 14 contestants (including a University of Massachusetts student, who unfortunately was eliminated early on in the season). As the week's have gone by, we've watched the girls dwindle away, until we were left with just three: Amanda, Yaya, and Eva, all exquisite beauties who throughout the contest continue to overcome great odds by the standards of the modeling world (Amanda is legally blind, Eva is only 5'7 in height, and Yaya struggles with an acne problem), but they have weathered the storm, and in the season finale which airs this week, one of them will be crowned queen bee.

As cliché as it might sound, there really is more than what meets the eye on this show. All of the contestants have represented various aspects of life, and have overcome some type of odd to reach their goal.

Amanda has not let her vision keep her from fully participating in the competition, and its challenges, which have ranged from posing with a live tarantula, to posing on roller skates, she has stepped up to any challenge and left a lasting impression on the judges. Eva, has dealt with her personal demons, and struggled with being a less spiteful and hard individual, and even seemed to find a strong bond with contestant Ann, until she was eliminated, and declared Eva was not really her friend. As the shortest model in the bunch, Eva's tenacity, has helped her produce quality pictures, and become a favorite amongst the judges. Yaya, despite her acne, which can prove to be a problem in an industry that tries so hard to endorse perfection, has relied on her unwavering confidence and grace, has been the leader of the pack winning countless challenges that are given to the contestants.

For fans of the show, the finale will be bitter sweet. Of course, we all want to see the best girl win (I'm rooting full steam for Eva the Diva), but at the same time, we don't want to see the show end and to soon be wondering "what happened to the winner of that model reality show?" — I have yet to see Yohanna, the winner of last season's show in any endorsements.

So we all sit anxiously waiting to see what will happen, and pray that season four is in the works.

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In the last episode of "Top Model" only Yaya, left, Eva, top right, and Amanda remain.

Goo Goo Dolls rock out in rain on 'Live in Buffalo' CD

By JERRY GORDINIER
MICHIGAN DAILY

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — There is a torrential downpour in Buffalo, New York. It's that kind of oppressive rain: cold and relentless. It comes down in sheets, soaking the worn crowd in Buffalo's Niagara Square. A few umbrellas pop up, but most of the fans raise their arms to the sky. They are there for one reason.

No one is more aware of this than Johnny Rzeznik, lead singer of the Goo Goo Dolls. Soaked to the bone, staring out from the stage with a sly smile on his face, Rzeznik stops and takes it all in. The soft acoustics of "There Is Gone" begin to fill the night. Johnny plaintively asks, "It feels good, don't it?"

Watching the Goo Goo Dolls homecoming performance on the DVD included with "Live in Buffalo," there is something magical in the air. Even absent the rain, which doesn't fall until the last third of the show, the songs fill the night. The raw instrumentation is the most notable aspect, evident in "Black Balloon" which beautifully juxtaposes delicate acoustic picks against evocative piano. The album gives no hint as to when the storm starts, a credit to the band's professionalism. During the show, however, the shower gives the show an epic, almost religious, quality. The slow, precise, acoustic work of "Iris" plays against painful mandolin, and gives way to quick, distorted, electric lines. "Iris," a song of longing and heartbreak, pours like the rain from the storm.

Sadly, absent the atmosphere of the performance, the songs lose a little something in comparison to their original recordings. The most appealing aspect of a ballad are the vocals, and Rzeznik can't match his production values. This is especially noticeable in songs such as "Big Machine," when it feels as though Rzeznik is talking more than singing. There is a unity, a different kind of intimacy, in the live production. This comes from Rzeznik's harsh, plaintive voice. It comes, however, at the expense of vocal range.

Some critics may say this album, like many live releases, is only for the die-hard fans. To some extent they are right, as simply hearing the album is not justification to purchase it. Yet, there is something special about this Independence Day concert. There is a love of music in that band, playing against nature, playing for its fans. There is something in those fans with their arms raised to the sky. "Live in Buffalo" has heart.



COURTESY WARNER BROS

Alternative rockers Goo Goo Dolls give fans yet another musical treat on their new album "Live at Buffalo."

Holiday CD review: the best (and the rest) of the festive

By KATHY BERDAN
KNIGHT RIDDER

A soundtrack sets just the right mood in a movie, so why not for the holidays? A festive party, a quiet night by the fire, cocoa with the kids. New releases this holiday season offer as many types of soundtracks as there are reasons to celebrate.

Here's a look at a few:

What: "Frank Sinatra: The Christmas Collection" (Reprise)

Soundtrack for: All your swinging hipster holiday parties. (Aluminum tree recommended to set the mood.)

Why buy it? : Contains loads of finger-snapping tunes, plus several previously unissued songs with Bing Crosby, such as "The Christmas Song" and "White Christmas." It opens with a grand version of "I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm." Only Dean Martin sings lyrics such as: "Who needs an overcoat, I'm burnin' with love" better than the Chairman of the Board.

What were they thinking?: One song with offspring Tina and Frank Jr. is sufficient. Three? At least lose "The Twelve Days of Christmas" where the kids "bought their loving dad a most lovely lavender tie."

What: "Peace on Earth: The Best of Tingstad and Rumbel Christmas" (Narada)

Soundtrack for: A woodsy little gift shop that smells like pine.

Why buy it?: Lovely, acoustic, simple carols such as "Away in a Manger" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

What were they thinking?: Soothing can quickly become all-sounds-the-same snoozers.

What: "Barenaked for the Holidays," Barenaked Ladies (Desperation)

Soundtrack for: The ride home from college for holiday break.

Why buy it? : The Hanukkah songs are swell, and "Footprints" is a sweet song about seeing a crush's footprints in the snow and making your own so that it looks like you've been walking side by side.

What were they thinking? : It's all Barenaked Ladies, all the time. These guys can even turn "Jingle Bells" into a Barenaked Ladies song.

What: "Silver and Gold," Vanessa Williams (Lava)

Soundtrack for: A holiday brunch.

Why buy it?: Smooth tunes, only occasionally overwrought. "Mary's Little Boy Child" has a nice tropical beat.

What were they thinking?: The only person who should ever sing the title song is Burl Ives.

What: "Ultimate Christmas 2," various artists (BMG)

Soundtrack for: A gathering of people you don't know very well. Nothing too challenging here.

Why buy it?: If you're an "American Idol" fan, your buddies Ruben Studdard and Kelly Clarkson are here, along with Christina Aguilera, Britney Spears and TLC.

What were they thinking?: It's near sacrilege to mix Elvis and the Jordanaires, Alan Jackson, Santana and the Eurythmics with "American Idol" stars. If you really want an Ultimate Christmas CD, buy the first edition (1998) with Nat King Cole, Bing Crosby, Elvis, Aretha Franklin, Luciano Pavarotti, Johnny Mathis and Judy Garland.

What: "The Lost Christmas Eve," Trans-Siberian Orchestra (Lava)

Soundtrack for: A holiday reunion of friends who used to sit in your dorm room and listen to Pink Floyd.

Why buy it? : Because Christmas rocks! And this is a rock opera, "a story about Christmas and its ability to change endings," says Paul O'Neill, according to TSO's creator, producer, lyricist and primary composer in press materials.

What were they thinking? : This is the music of epic struggles, and this season I think I'll confine my epic struggles to holiday shopping at the mall.

What: "A Lovemongers' Christmas," Heart (Sovereign)

Soundtrack for? : A train station or airport runway – so you can't hear it.

Why buy it? : If the only music you listen to is Heart, and you have to have everything the duo ever recorded. Otherwise, there's no reason to buy this screeching album filled with awful lyrics.

What were they thinking: How bad can lyrics get? A song titled "Mary" describes her son going on to fame: "While the angels are singin' his praises in a blaze of glory/Mary stays behind and starts cleaning up the place./Mary you're covered in roses, you're covered in ruin./You're covered in secrets/You're covered in treetops/You're covered in birds ..." Huh?

What: "Maybe This Christmas Tree," various artists (Nettwerk America); this is the third in a series of these collections – part of the proceeds go to Toys for Tots.

Soundtrack for: After watching "The O.C."

Why buy it? : Earnest young artists who are best when they're being earnest. Copeland's "Do You Hear What I Hear," Belasana's "Bittersweet Eve" and Jars of Clay's "Christmas for Cowboys" merit repeated play. And the Pogues' "Fairytale of New York" is slow enough so you can actually understand all the words.

What were they thinking? : Sometimes, it gets a little too earnest, as with Ivy's "Christmas Time Is Here" (the Charlie Brown song).

What: "Everything You Want for Christmas," Big Bad Voodoo Daddy (Big Bad/Vanguard)

Soundtrack for: A party. A big, bad party.

Why buy it? : Where else will you get a copy of "Mr. Heatmiser," from the '70s Claymation TV special "The Year Without Santa Claus"? A rip through "Zat You Santa Claus?" Or "Jingle Bells" set to a cha-cha beat? If you've always wondered what it would be like to go out on a tear with the bearded guy, check out "Last Night I Went Out With Santa Claus." (I knew he was a party dude.)

What were they thinking? : OK, so it's a little wrong to think about Santa belting down a few scotches ...

What: "The Soulful Sounds of Christmas," various artists (Rhino)

Soundtrack for: Consenting adults consenting beneath the twinkle of the Christmas tree.

Why buy it? : Usher is hot, and he'll warm your eggnog with "Comin' for X-mas?"

What were they thinking? : If you've ever seen the "Saturday Night Live" holiday skit where Whitney Houston sings "Little Drummer Boy," you'll surely have that image in your head when she does "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

What: "Watching the Snow," Michael Franks (Rhino)

Soundtrack for: The Jack Johnson crowd, who would do well to get to know this veteran singer.

Why buy it? : "I Bought You a Plastic Star (for Your Aluminum Tree)" is tasty, as are other poppy jazz grooves on the CD, if you can get past the sugary lyrics.

What were they thinking? : Poetry or insipid goo? "Elation for precipitation of the frozen kind/Begins to grow when we are both below/A quilt watching the snow/The crystals fly the wood is dry/And you are wearing only fireglow/Like a Vermeer tableau/Inside watching the snow." Gack.

A few more: "Heavenly Voices," the Boys of King's College Choir, Cambridge (EMI Classics); "A Christmas Album," James Taylor (Hallmark); "My Favorite Time of the Year," Dionne Warwick (DMI).



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Frank Sinatra, left, and Barenaked Ladies have relased their own versions of some of our favorite holiday songs.

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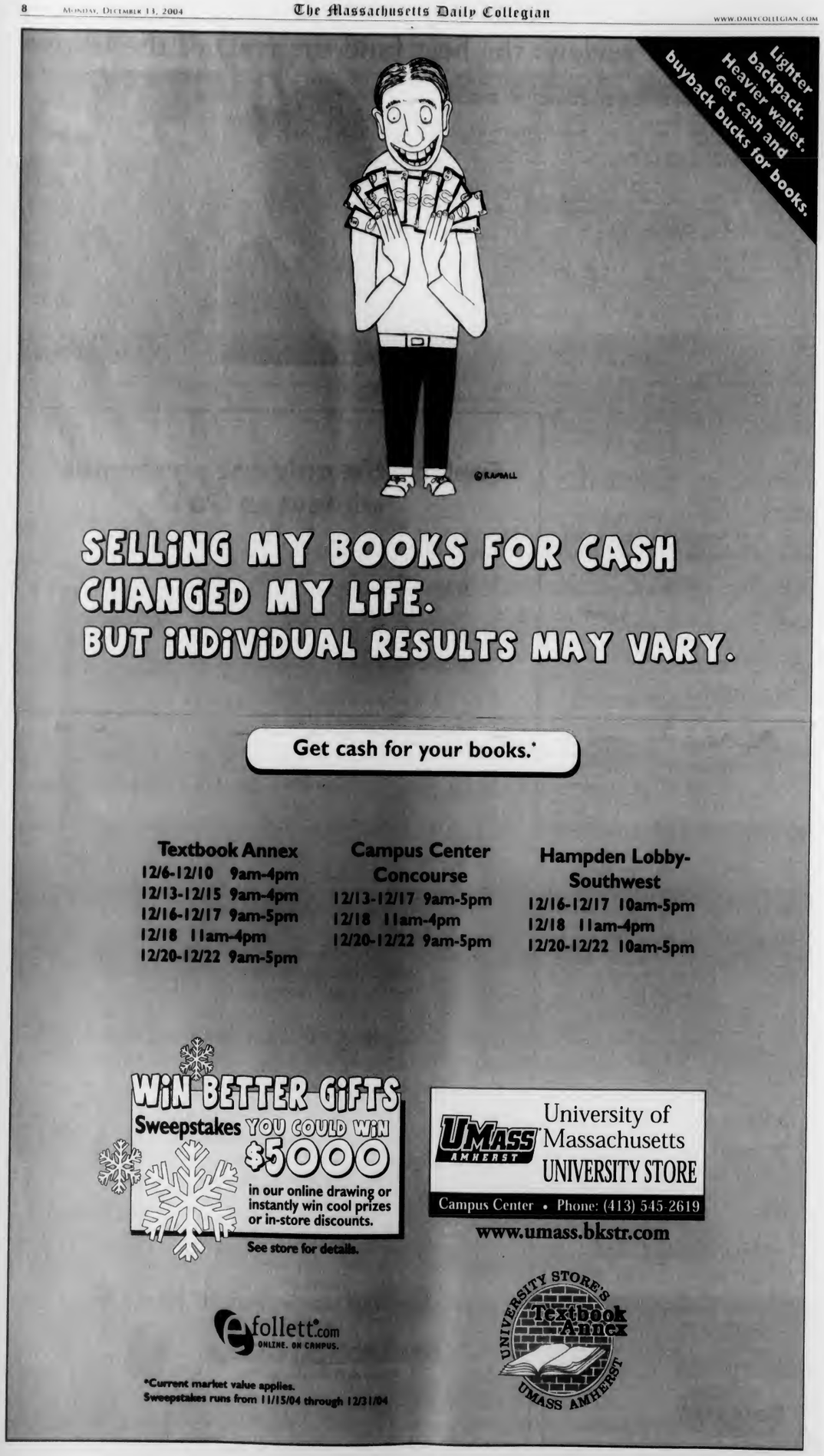
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Dillon carries Pats past some old friends

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

FOXBORO — Tom Brady passed the New England Patriots into the playoffs by guiding an offensive system that may be on display at Notre Dame next season.

And their defense held off the Cincinnati Bengals for a 35-28 win Sunday.

Brady threw for two touchdowns — with offensive coordinator Charlie Weis calling plays while close to becoming coach of the Fighting Irish — and the Patriots got their 27th win in 28 games.

Corey Dillon ran for a touchdown and 88 yards on 22 carries against the team he left amid harsh feelings and, for the first time in his eight pro seasons, reached the playoffs. New England (12-1) clinched a postseason berth and claimed the AFC East championship because the Jets lost to the Steelers.

But the Bengals, who totaled 83 points in their previous two games, made it 35-28 on Jon Kitna's 27-yard TD pass to Kelley Washington with 3:50 left after Troy Brown ended another threat when he intercepted Kitna's pass in the end zone early in the fourth quarter.

Carson Palmer threw two touchdown passes for the Bengals (6-7) before leaving with a sprained knee with 3:10 to go in the third quarter.

But he also threw an interception that Asante Samuel returned 34 yards for a touchdown and a 21-7 lead midway through the second quarter. The Patriots came up with two other turnovers that ended Cincinnati threats — a fumble recovery by Willie McGinest at their 16-yard line and Brown's interception.

On offense, Weis hardly seemed distracted while watching the Patriots increase their total to 77 points in their last two games. Notre Dame was close to hiring him to replace Tyrone Willingham, and an announcement is possible as soon as Monday.

Weis had the athletes to carry out his game plan, especially Brady.

He completed 18-of-26 passes for 260 yards and even connected with Patrick Pass for a seven-yard gain while sitting on the ground after he tripped.

The Patriots scored first for the 18th straight regular-season game, an NFL record, on Dillon's 1-yard run on their first series. That streak was in jeopardy until McGinest recovered Rudi Johnson's fumble.

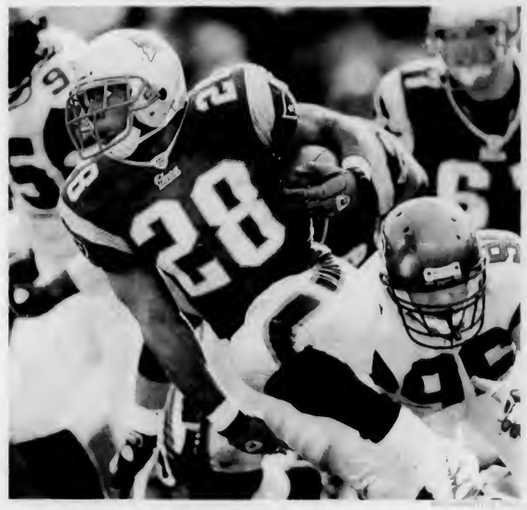
The Bengals tied it on Palmer's two-yard scoring pass to Matt Schobel, ending an 11-play drive. But the Patriots scored two touchdowns over the next six plays on Brady's 48-yard pass to David Patten and Samuel's interception.

Palmer's five-yard pass to Chad Johnson on Cincinnati's next series made it 21-14.

Then Brady got the ball back and marched the Patriots to Kevin Faulk's four-yard touchdown run with 22 seconds remaining in the half for a 28-14 lead.

Brady was at his best on the opening series of the second half. He completed six-of-seven passes for 65 yards, capped by a 17-yard touchdown pass to a wide-open Christian Fauria.

The Bengals cut the lead to 35-21 on Kyle Larson's 11-yard touchdown run off a fake field goal and nearly drew within a touchdown as Kitna led them to the Patriots 10. But on third down, his pass was intercepted by Brown with 12:30 left in the game.



Corey Dillon rushed the ball 22 times for 88 yards and a touchdown yesterday against the Cincinnati Bengles in New England's victory. The Pats claimed the AFC East title with their win and the Jets' loss.

Weis flies out to Notre Dame after Pats 'W'



Charlie Weis is hoping to bring the Irish back to their glory days. Notre Dame is expected to officially announce his hiring today.

By Tom Coyne
Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — New England Patriots offensive coordinator Charlie Weis has told friends he has accepted the Notre Dame coaching job, returning to the school he graduated from in 1978.

And Patriots quarterback Tom Brady said Sunday the team wants to send Weis out "the right way."

Mark Bavaro, a former Notre Dame player who was with the New York Giants while Weis was on the staff, said Weis told him Saturday that he was taking the job at Notre Dame.

"He was excited, but he was much more concerned about the Cincinnati game today," Bavaro said Sunday. "That's the way he is, very focused."

Dr. Jim Benenati, who roomed with Weis for four years at Notre Dame, said Weis had told him he has agreed to take the job and he was excited about becoming a head coach.

"It's the greatest thing that could ever happen to the school and probably the best thing that could ever happen for Charlie," said Benenati, a radiologist in Miami.

The Fighting Irish have been searching for nearly two weeks for a replacement for Tyrone Willingham.

A university source, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press on Saturday that Notre Dame was close to a deal with Weis, but it was not a done deal.

Asked as he left the field after New England's 35-28 win over Cincinnati for his thoughts on Weis, Brady told CBS, "I even though he's leaving I think everyone's going to enjoy these last few games and hopefully we send him out the right way."

Weis will attempt to restore Notre Dame to the powerhouse program it was when he attended the university as an undergraduate while Ara Parseghian and Dan Devine coached the Fighting Irish. Weis never played for Notre Dame.

Associate athletic director John Heisler said Sunday afternoon that the school "was not in a position to make an announcement yet."

"We're not prepared to say it's official yet," he said.

New England coach Bill Belichick wouldn't comment about Weis' status after the game.

Patriots owner Robert Kraft was asked after New England defeated Cincinnati on Sunday about Weis.

"Tomorrow, when they announce it," he said, declining further comment.

Weis was not available after the game.

ESPN reported that Weis has agreed to a six-year contract worth about $2 million a year.

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Hurricanes storm past UM

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gle lead change of the day.

Diaz scored Miami's first six points on two 3-pointers and senior forward William Frisby followed suit with a lay-up, tying the game. Diaz was the leading scorer of the game with 20 points, but Haith attributed much of the Hurricanes' success to Frisby, who was making his first start of the season.

"I thought Will had a great game tonight, in terms that we inserted him in the starting lineup, and we had to get him going," Haith said. "I thought he performed well, you know 14 [points] and eight [rebounds]. He ran the court well and we need that out of him."

UMass struggled offensively for most of the first half, shooting a miserable 33 percent from the field. Conversely, the Hurricanes were unstoppable and went eight-for-14 from behind the arc.

"You've got to give them credit. They just shot it," Lappas said. "If that was a shooting drill and nobody was guarding them that would be impressive."

Lappas mentioned that he might have slightly underestimated the guard trio, who scored 54 of Miami's points between them. UMass altered its defense several times but was unable to control the perimeter throughout the contest.

"The problem with what we did was that we didn't get back in transition fast enough, and we let them get threes in transition, and that got them rolling," Lappas said. "After that it was like a snowball that just kept coming. We tried every defense that we had today. It was the first time this year that we played with every defense that we owned."

After his 18-point performance against UConn, including the game-winning lay-up, Rashaun was shut down by a tenacious Miami defense. Freeman is the leading scorer for the Minutemen this year, but he also leads the team in turnovers with 24.

Most teams have double-teamed Freeman throughout the season, leaving the player on the opposite block open for a pass. The Hurricanes would bring one of their guards down to the paint, causing Freeman to turn the ball over seven times.

"They did a great job. They did something really different today most people haven't done. They were letting him catch it and coming to get him with a guard," Lappas said. "They had some pretty big bodies in there, so that made it hard. He's turning the ball over too much now, but he's working really hard at fixing that."



KAREN WINGERTER/CLASS

Stephen Lasme scored two points and hauled in four rebounds during UMass' blowout loss down in Miami yesterday.

Minutemen have a full slate over break

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come to Amherst to begin conference play on Wednesday, Jan. 5 at 8 p.m. The game is scheduled to be televised locally on CN8 as well. UMass split the season series with the Owls last year, including a dramatic home win sparked by an Art Bowers game-winning 3-pointer with just under 20 seconds to play. The contest will mark the continuation of the A-10's premier rivalry, which began in the mid-1990's during both programs' ascension to national prominence, but has dwindled in significance over the last few seasons.

After tangling with the Owls, the Minutemen will host A-10 West Division foe Xavier, which advanced to the Elite Eight in the 2004 NCAA Tournament in March. The Musketeers are led by new coach Sean Miller, who replaced Thad Matta and is looking to make up for the loss of All-American forward Romain Sato and point guard Lionel Chalmers to graduation.

UMass then returns to television as they hit the road in-conference. Games at St. Joseph's on Wednesday Jan. 12 at 8 p.m. and at George Washington on Saturday Jan. 15 will be shown locally on CN8 and A-10 Television, respectively. They will also mark UMass' final television appearance in 2004-05, barring a trip to the postseason.

Like Xavier, the Hawks are looking to reshape a team decimated by the loss of National Player of the Year Jameer Nelson and backcourt mate Delonte West, both of whom were first-round picks in the 2004 NBA Draft, as well as a serious injury to forward and captain Pat Carroll.

The Colonials, meanwhile, have emerged as the class of the league, and have cracked the national top-25 at No. 21 after upsetting No. 12 Maryland and No. 9 Michigan State in consecutive games.

The Marston and White will then return home to the Pioneer Valley for two more home games and will remain in-conference play, hosting Fordham on Wednesday Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. and St. Joe's on Saturday Jan. 22 at noon.

NOTE: Thursday's historic and dramatic upset of archrival No. 7 Connecticut will be re-aired on Thursday night at 7 p.m. on ESPN Classic.



After struggling over the past few weeks, the Minutemen are 8-10-1 heading into their 18-day break. The second half of their schedule kicks off on Dec. 29 against Princeton at the Mullins Center.

Freshmen propel UM past Sacred Heart

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shoved to the ice by a Pioneer defender, got off a wrist shot that beat LaPointe with 4:41 to go in the opening frame. Burto earned an assist on the goal, as Fenton had done on the first score.

"[The freshman line] is a line we've had together before," Cahoon said. "There's a chemistry there. Dan Gordon has great vision, and Fenton and Burto are very unselfish players. I would bet that you'll see a lot of those guys together."

The Minutemen didn't need another goal to earn the win, and while a 2-1 decision against an Atlantic Hockey Association team might not be quite the convincing victory one might expect, the game wasn't that close the rest of the way, save for an abbreviated 5-on-3 that the Pioneers enjoyed — but didn't use — late in the second period.

After giving up the off-putting first goal, Winer settled in quite nicely, and while the 20 shots the Pioneers put on his net weren't quite as daunting as the 27 he saw from New Hampshire in Thursday's 4-0 loss, he did well to keep Sacred Heart at bay.

"[The first goal] is not a good way to start out, but you've just got to realize that there are still 59 minutes left," said Winer, who earned career win No. 37 Saturday.

LaPointe was almost equally as solid on the other end, save for the two-goal first period, making 34 stops in the game.

That LaPointe had such a heavy workload was representative of a new tack by the Minutemen, which featured a lot more shot attempts than they had been taking previously.

"I threw the number '35' at them before the game," Cahoon said, "I wanted us to work on taking 35 shots on him."

The Minutemen entered the game averaging 25.8 shots per contest, and the 36 they took against LaPointe was the third-highest total of the season, behind the 40-shot output they threw at Connecticut's Brad Smith on Oct. 24, and the 43 attempts they took against Merrimack on Nov. 6.

The UMass power play was a strong factor, something that has hardly been true thus far this season. The extra-man crew entered the game with an anemic .122 percentage, and while Burto's goal doesn't count as a power play tally, it was the Minutemen's strong two minutes of play with

Giatrelis in the box that set the goal up.

The Minutemen have a week and a half off for the holidays, before they return to action on the 29th against Princeton. The next night they'll host Nebraska-Omaha, to whom they paid a visit for Thanksgiving weekend last year. UMass gets back into Hockey East action against UMass Lowell on Jan. 7, and then host the Maine Black Bears on Jan. 14 and 15, continuing the conference's newest rivalry — the Black Bears won last year's conference championship in a triple-overtime thriller against UMass in Boston, just one season removed from the Minutemen's shocking playoff sweep at Maine's Alfond Arena in the 2003 Hockey East quarterfinals.

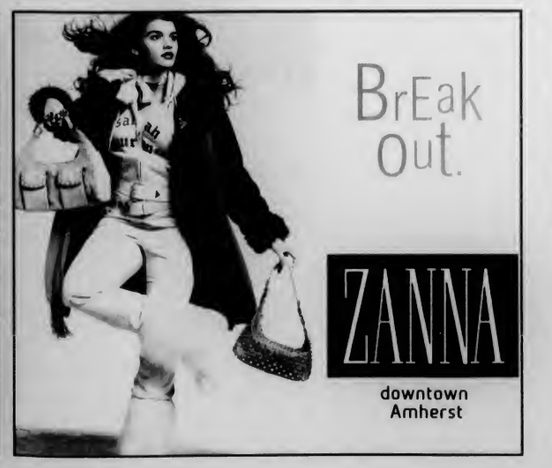
UMass will then play its third game against Lowell, who the Minutemen beat in overtime on Oct. 22, followed by a home-and-home series against Boston College to begin the semester.

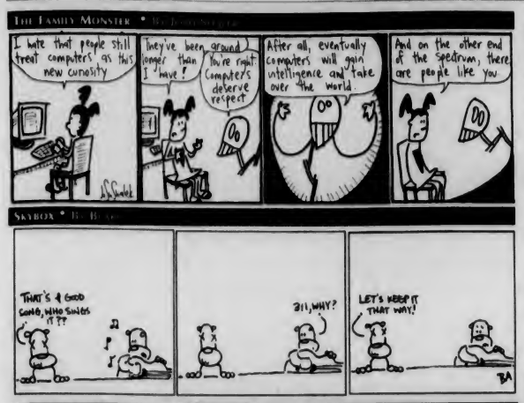
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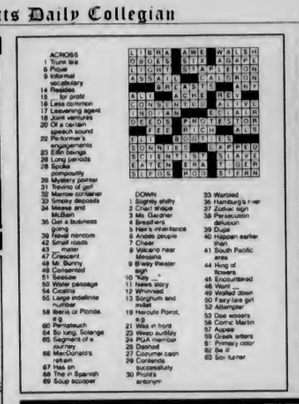




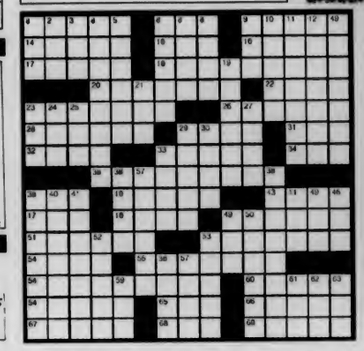
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Minutemen stormed over by Hurricanes

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Riding the crest of its biggest win in recent memory, the wave carrying the Massachusetts men's basketball team crashed down hard on the beaches of Miami yesterday afternoon.

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A day-and-a-half and 1,469 miles after defeating the UConn Huskies 61-59 in Amherst, the Minutemen received an 80-53 reality check at the hands of the Miami Hurricanes.

UMass went on a brief shooting spree at the end of the second half, but its ineptitude to cover the perimeter throughout the day put the game well out of reach. The Hurricanes' guard trio of Anthony Harris, Guillermo Diaz and Robert Hite were lights out from the floor, combining for 39 points behind the arc on 13-for-20 shooting.

Miami coach Frank Haith was pleased with his team's play, especially on the offensive end.

"I thought it was our best performance of the year from start to finish," Haith said. "I thought our ball movement and our player movement was excellent tonight from an offensive standpoint. Offensive execution was very good. You have to make the shots, and our guys shot the ball very well"

The Minutemen trailed by 15 at halftime and never came within striking distance after Miami went on an 18-2 scoring run to start the second half, led by the shooting of its guard trio.

Several baskets, however, came from offensive rebounds and a passive Minuteman frontcourt.

UMass coach Steve Lappas didn't see the rebounding energy the Minutemen had against UConn and questioned whether his team was mature enough to bring the same intensity.

"We didn't rebound the ball with the passion that we did the other day. My concern coming into this game was maturity," Lappas said. "You have to come into a situation now, off a win like that, against a good team on the road and go do it."

UMass started the game as it left off on Thursday night. Anthony Anderson broke the ice with a three, which fueled back-to-back layups from Freeman. The Minutemen led 8-3 when Miami went on a brief scoring run and caused the sin-



MATTHEW KEHR/COLLEGIAN

After the biggest win in UMass' recent memory, Anthony Anderson and the Minutemen got blown out down in Miami.

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Taking a look at the schedule over break

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Still basking in the glow of one of the program's more inspiring victories — a stunning 61-59 upset of defending National Champion Connecticut on Thursday night — the Massachusetts men's basketball team ran into the buzz saw that was the Miami Hurricanes' red hot backcourt on Sunday, and will head into a week-long exam break even at 3-3 on the young season.

The Minutemen clearly struggled to execute on both ends against Miami, but it was the 'Canes relentless shooting barrage from guards Guillermo Diaz, Anthony Harris and Robert Hite that buried coach Steve Lappas' team in a hole it couldn't dig itself out of. Now UMass must use its week off to prepare for the home stretch of the non-conference schedule; a set of games that presents the Maroon and White with the chance to improve its overall record and continue to develop prior to the start of the Atlantic 10 schedule.

Following exams, the Minutemen will host a pair of non-conference foes at the Mullins Center just prior to Christmas, with perennial NCAA tournament contender Davidson arriving for a 2 p.m. tip-off on Sunday Dec. 19 and Rider visiting on Thursday Dec. 23 at 7 p.m.

After returning from holiday break, UMass once again returns to the Mullins Center to face intra-state rival Boston University. The alma mater of former Massachusetts coach and athletics patriarch Jack Leaman, the Terriers are also a likely contender for an NCAA bid out of the America East Conference and will provide the Minutemen with a final tune-up before the annual Commonwealth Classic, which will also be held at the Mullins Center in 2005.

Set for 2 p.m. on Jan. 2, the Classic will match UMass with bitter rival Boston College in the latest installment of the annual series the Minutemen haven't won since 1999-00. Last season, before a sparse crowd at Silvio Conte Forum limited by blizzard-like conditions in Boston, the Maroon and White took the Eagles to overtime, before eventually falling 76-75.

UMass then remains at the Mullins Center for a classic A-10 opener, as rival Temple and legendary coach and foe John Chaney



KAREN WINGER/COLLEGIAN

Rashaun Freeman could only score seven points and grab five rebounds in UMass' loss yesterday. He turned the ball over seven times.

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Broken ankle to sideline leading scorer

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

The news isn't as bad as it was first expected, but that doesn't mean that the news is good.

Matt Anderson, the leading point-scorer on the Massachusetts hockey team, suffered a broken right ankle against New Hampshire on Thursday night, and he will be sidelined for at least eight weeks.

Nothing was torn, and there is no damage to his knee, clearing up the rumors that have been floating around the area for a few days.

Anderson said that he is scheduled to undergo surgery tomorrow at South Shore Hospital in New York to repair the damage to his ankle, and he will wear a cast for six weeks.

"They said [the surgery] is going to be in-and-out, a one-day process. Hopefully, sometime next week I'll be back up here taking my tests and finishing up the rest of the school year," Anderson said. "From what I understand, it's a pretty basic surgery, and I should be in and out in no time."

On one hand, it couldn't have come at a worse time for the Minutemen, who are 8-10-1 and have lost six of their last eight games, but on the other hand, they don't have a game scheduled until Dec. 29 against Princeton, and the final stretch of Hockey East games doesn't begin until Jan. 7 at Lowell.

The big question on the timetable for his return rests on his rehabilitation process, as this appears to be an injury that is different from person to person. Ironically, if he can make it back in eight weeks, it would be for the home-and-home series against UNH that kicks off at the Whittemore Center on Feb. 11.

Anderson, who has scored seven goals and tallied 13 assists for 20 points this season, missed all of last year after undergoing shoulder surgery. He scored three goals and dished out two assists against Clarkson on Oct. 9 in his first game in a year-and-a-half, proving that he could be a key piece on a team that reached the Hockey East championship game last year.

Anderson was hit along the left boards with about 10 minutes remaining in the third period Thursday night. After a several-minute delay in action while he was lying on the ice, teammates Jeff Lang and Craig MacDonald draped him over their shoulders as he was in obvious pain while being taken off the rink.

"My leg got caught underneath me and bent back. I just heard a little bit of a crack, and I knew it was pretty bad," Anderson said. "Thank God it just turned out to be an ankle."

"Matt is a great player," goalie Gabe Winer said. "We're going to miss him on the ice. Personally, I just feel terrible for the kid because of what happened last year having to sit out with his shoulder. We feel badly for him. We'll definitely miss him, but at the same time we're going to help him through this."

Coach Don Cahoon is trying to stay optimistic because he is so familiar with Anderson's work ethic, but he also wanted to refrain from much comment on any medical details because it could be such a long and complicated process.

"Each and every individual is different in terms of recovery, and I know Matt is real disciplined," Cahoon said. "He obviously knows how to deal with a setback like this, so he'll give it his best shot to try to get himself healthy enough and [get back] later in the season so that he might be of service to us at the end of the year. But there's no assuredness of that at all."

Anderson doesn't seem intimidated by the severity of the injury, and he certainly isn't asking for any sympathy as he stairs directly into the face of another one of life's cruel challenges.

"Sometimes things don't go as well as planned, but it's life, and it's how you deal with things that makes you who you are," Anderson said. "I hope to come back stronger and even better than what I was. Who knows what could happen? In eight weeks I could be back on the ice and back playing, or in eight weeks I could still be rehabbing. We'll see how it goes. You never know, bottom line."



KAREN WINGER/COLLEGIAN

Matt Anderson suffered his second serious injury of his UMass career Thursday night against UNH. He has scored seven goals and tallied 13 assists this year.



KAREN WINGER/COLLEGIAN

Rolling along

Tamara Tatham helped the Minutewomen beat Siena 59-49 yesterday. She had a career-high 21 points and tied a career-high with 11 rebounds. The Minutewomen improved their record to 6-3.

Freshman line makes most of their call to action in victory

By Andrew Merritt
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts hockey team finished off an ostensibly disappointing first half of its season on a bright note Saturday night, thanks to a bunch of rookies.

The Minutemen, who found out this weekend that star forward Matt Anderson's broken right ankle would require surgery, edged Sacred Heart 2-1 in front of 2,932 Saturday night, on goals from freshmen Matt Burto and P.J. Fenton.

UMass	2
Sacred Heart	1

UMass improves its record to 8-10-1 overall, and the Pioneers fall to 6-9-1. The Minutemen's 4-5-1 Hockey East record puts them fifth in the conference — two points behind Boston College — where they'll stay until league play kicks up again in January.

The UMass win comes in the last game before the Minutemen's longest break of the season, an 18-day respite until they host Princeton on Dec. 29, and puts a positive spin on the opening stretch of the season.

"It leaves a good taste in our mouths for the holidays," said defenseman Marvin Degon, who took five shots in the game.

It was a night for freshmen, as UMass coach Don Cahoon opted to start the game with an all-rookie line of Burto, Fenton, and Dan Gordon at center, with first-year blueliner David Leaderer in back.

The young guns paid dividends early, although it took a quick Sacred Heart goal to rev the Minutemen's engine.

Just 22 seconds into the game, William Billinghurst got the Pioneers on the board, taking the puck all the way from his own blue line, untouched, to UMass goaltender Gabe Winer's left side, where he slipped it between Winer and the right post.

Sacred Heart continued to pressure the Minutemen for the first minute of the game, but the hosts eventually woke up and returned fire.

Leaderer took a hard slap shot from the left point, and while Pioneer goaltender Kevin LaPointe made a sharp kick save, the rebound trickled back out to the front of the crease, where Burto turned and deposited it to tie the game at the 7:22 mark of the first period. The goal came just six seconds after SHU's Peter Giatrelis finished serving a two-minute interference penalty.

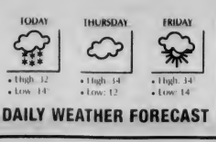
The Minutemen earned the deciding edge just under eight minutes later, as Fenton carried to the slot with Giatrelis in the box again — this time for charging — and as he was being

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Ray Lamontagne: he could be your next favorite

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Minutemen find success over winter break

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Officials say no students lost in tsunami

By Erika Lovley
Collegian Staff

No University of Massachusetts students or faculty members were lost in the tsunami that swept across 11 countries in Asia on Dec. 26, according to Frank Hugus, director of the International Programs Office.

University officials reported that 350 students originate from countries hit by the tsunami. Three hundred and four are from India, and 32 are from Thailand. Seven are from Malaysia, five from Indonesia, and four from Sri Lanka.

The IPO office and the Dean of Students office asked faculty members and students in an e-mail to report any problems, but so far no one has been unaccounted far.

"As I hope, no news is good news," said Hugus. "We have not heard of any problems, other than one or two people in the area who were accounted for," said Hughs.

Gov. Mitt Romney's office has offered aid to private and public universities in the state.

"The governor's office actually called and were very concerned about any of our students or faculty who might have been involved," said Hugus.

FACULTY, STAFF JOIN EFFORTS

Relief efforts and donation centers for the tsunami victims continue to develop in the Five College Area. Haneef Sahabdeen, a radiation safety services officer for Environmental Health and Safety, has set up bins around campus to collect clothes and money for the victims.

The 10-year UMass employee is originally from Sri Lanka, and moved to Amherst in 1982 with his family. When the tsunami hit, Sahabdeen's parents were visiting the country.

"We couldn't find any information," he said. "We were trying [the phones] almost every hour to make sure

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UMass student survives tsunami

By Erika Lovley
Collegian Staff

It was an estimated 10 meter wall of water. Striking the shores of 13 countries with a deadly force, the tsunami killed over 212,000 people, according to CNN. It created one of the largest natural disasters in history, reminding the world just how powerful Mother Nature and the ocean can be.

For the people in the countries such as India and Sri Lanka, the decisions they made on the days surrounding Christmas would determine their fate.

For University of Massachusetts abroad student Lazarus V. Morrison, 23, his decision not to spend Christmas night camped on an Indian beach probably saved his life.

On his December recess from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Bombay, India, the fifth-year senior from Massachusetts traveled the country, sleeping on the southeastern beaches of India. On Christmas Eve, he stopped in the city of Chennai, the largest city in south India, hoping to catch a train back to the city.

Tired and unable to buy a ticket, Morrison decided get a hotel room in the city, rather than staying his usual beach lodge.

"Luckily, in retrospect, I was too lazy to find a beach lodge," he said in an e-mail interview with the Massachusetts Daily Collegian. "I am extremely lucky to have missed the [tsunami] and I am thankful for every small choice I made that kept me off the beach that day."

When the earthquake struck the country at 6:30 a.m. the morning after Christmas, Morrison said he woke up briefly to a loud creaking sound.

"I checked the legs on my bed, listened at the wall ... and then dismissed the incident as a mixture of poor construction and rowdy European neighbors and went back to sleep," he said.



A women surveys the destruction of her village in Indonesia after the tsunami.

When Morrison would wake up at 11:30 a.m., an hour after the tsunami, the death toll for the country of India would be climbing toward a current total of 10,749. Today, 5,640 people are still missing, according to CNN.

Morrison said he was shocked when he turned on BBC News International in his room.

"The first report I saw was a video of Chenna — much to my surprise — with people wading through streets covered in dirty water," he said.

Morrison said the ocean water came a half mile into Chennai, but his hotel was a mile from the shore — far enough inland not to be damaged by the wave. However, Morrison said he knew the event was serious.

"As soon as I saw the images of the flooded city so far from the shore, I knew it would be an unimaginable disaster," he said.

All the phone lines were busy, but Morrison remained in an international phone booth until he was able to get through to his parents and girlfriend in Mass.

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UMass graduate and employee struck by car; scholarship fund created in her memory

By Erika Lovley
Collegian Staff

SUNDERLAND — The comfortable, well-loved dining room table was covered with stacks of newspapers and photos, all bearing the bright, smiling face of a young woman with long brown hair and dazzling eyes.

"She always looks happy," said Joseph Zak, looking fondly at the college senior picture of his step daughter, 25-year-old Jessica Hayes.

The newspaper clippings, however, tell a much sadder story.

Hayes, a 2001 University of Massachusetts graduate and acting office manager in the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Department died Dec. 21 after being struck by a car while crossing the road near her home on Route 116 near the 7-Eleven in Sunderland.

"She used to tell me how to cross the road. She would travel with the crowd, figuring that was the safest place," said Zak. "Somebody just couldn't bother to stop," he said, closing his eyes painfully and leaning back in his living room recliner.

Zak said Hayes caught the PVTA bus to and from work at the Sunderland bus stop for the past nine years. She would then call her stepfather to drive her the last mile home. However, Zak said he never received a call that night.

The Jeep Wrangler that struck Hayes was driven by Tara Sudyka, 31, of South Hadley. The accident is still under investigation, and no charges have been pressed. Even after a month since the tragic accident, Zak and Hayes' mother, Maureen Zak, struggle to make it through each day. Maureen was disabled after undergoing brain surgery for a tumor 10 years ago.

"I can't be alone without crying," she said. "[Joe] and I don't want to leave each other alone."

A WOMAN IN A MAN'S WORLD

As the youngest and only daughter of three children, the 1997 Frontier Regional School grad-



Jessica Hayes, a UMass graduate and employee, was struck and killed by a car on Dec. 21 in Sunderland. Below, Hayes favorite poem.

"Ever more dreams follow
Doors to open paths to explore
Ever more joys to find
And more friends to share in them
Ever more lengths to reach
Ever more life to live"
—Anonymous

uate adored her extensive teddy bear collection, grocery shopping and caring for her mother. But according to Joseph, who is a self employed and repairs steel-cutting machinery, Hayes also played an more rugged role — she was his work partner.

"She was always around in a man's world," he said. "She was cute as can be wearing steel-toed boots and a helmet with a pony tail."

Accompanying her step-father to steel mills from an early age, she learned to create computer programs for steel cutting machines to fashion steel into cat-shaped coat hooks, motorcycle kickstand holders and spark-plug bug ornaments.

The Isenburg School of Management graduate eventually turned her creations, or "Arc Work," into her own business. But Hayes' ability to work with steel also earned her the respect of the men at the mills.

"In a shop where there had never been a woman, she was their real live pinup girl," Joseph laughed. "They would go clean the men's bathroom — the only bathroom — and then stand guard for her. That's how much they liked her."

On the UMass campus, Hayes excelled at her job in the Lederle Graduate Research Center, charming coworkers and administrators alike with her "unflappable," warm personality and dry wit.

"She was an incredibly pleasant person to be around. She could take any situation, get rid of the stress and make it a moment to smile," said Lila M. Gierasch, department head. "Everybody was so incredibly stunned and sad when we found out."

"She loved her job," said Maureen Zak. "She came home and said she was on top of the world and every day was better than the last."

In her honor, the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology department set up The Jessica Hayes Scholarship Fund. Awarded as an endowment, it will be given to a woman pursuing a career in the

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Public law school wins trustee votes

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

Provisions are now underway to merge the Southern New England School of Law with the University of Massachusetts; creating the first ever public law school in the state.

During a vote with the Board of Trustees just three days before the Christmas holiday, the merge gained overwhelming support from SNESL faculty and students, state trustess and UMass members according to Ryan Benharris a current law student and alum of the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

"UMass was elected to merge with SNESL on December 21," Benharris said. "It is the first public law school in the state of Massachusetts. The Board of Trustees voted 12-2 to merge with the school, the support was overwhelming, over 100 people showed up including several local legislators, UMass students and SNESL students and faculty."

He also added that Massachusetts was only one of five states in the country not to offer a public law school.

"This is absolutely wonderful," he said. "[UMass] has such a prominent name, everyone knows UMass, it is a crucial time for this to happen."

Benahrris noted that it is important that the state recognizes the importance of public law because with the number of IV league institutions offering law schools in the state, often times public law can be overlooked.

"We're so focused on private institutions," Benharris said, "people ask, 'we're in Massachusetts, why do we need a public law school?' it's a no brainer."

People who are involved in the merger plan to finalize the process after meeting with the Board of Higher Education in mid February, after that, according to Benharris, the merge will be complete.

"We are still waiting to make a pitch in front of the Board of Higher Education," he said, "if the vote is in

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Missing student's parents angry over police investigation



Missing UMass student Maura Murray poses with her father, Fred Murray, last Feb. while vacationing in the White Mountains before her disappearance.

By Dan O'Brien
Collegian Staff

It has been almost one year since University of Massachusetts junior Maura Murray vanished without a trace. As her family and friends continue to hope and pray for her safe return, they have also expressed anger with the New Hampshire State Police who allegedly botched the investigation.

The 21-year-old nursing student from Hanson packed up her belongings in her Kennedy Hall dorm room on Feb. 9, 2004. In recent months, the Murray family has discovered that police have made several critical errors in the investigation, and allegedly lied to the news media.

At approximately 7 p.m. on Feb. 9, Maura was driving on route 112 in Haverhill, NH, police said. As she was trying to negotiate a curve, her car slid off the road.

According to witnesses, after the crash Maura appeared to be frightened, but physically unharmed. A passing school bus driver stopped and asked Maura if she needed help, but she refused saying she had already called "Triple A" from her cell phone. However, there was no cell phone service in that area. The bus driver said he drove a short distance to his home and called police, but Maura had left the scene before they arrived. It looked as if she had disappeared into the cold night.

Neither the New Hampshire State Police nor Haverhill Police questioned anybody who lived in the vicinity of where Maura was last seen until 36 hours after her disappearance. This is just one in a series of critical errors that has angered the Murray family.

In a June interview with WCVB-TV, the police officer in charge of the investigation, Lt. John Scarinza of the New Hampshire State Police, Troop F, claimed that authorities had found a note in Maura's dorm room that she had wrote to her boyfriend, Army Lt. Billy Rausch of Ohio, indicating troubles in their relationship.

"Sometime between Sunday and Monday morning, she packed up all her belongings in her dorm room, to include

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University officials say SPIRE system should be ready for class registration

By Erika Lovley
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University of Massachusetts officials say they don't expect SPIRE, the self-portal system that provides students with online access to class schedules and registration, to suffer another crash during this week's start of the spring semester.

The system shutdown the day before first day of classes on last fall, leaving many students and faculty unable to access class schedules, housing and course enrollment. The malfunction was blamed mostly on a user overload that taxed the software.

Ed Blaguszewski, director of the UMass News and Information Office, says the system has been fully tested by the Office of Information Technologies since last fall.

"They have tested it thoroughly and are hopeful that they have anticipated potential problems," he said. "The real test will be [this] week."

"We have made a lot of changes and done a lot of load testing," said Heidi Dollard, director of the Administrative Computing Support Organization. "I think we're going to be fine."

Blaguszewski said there were several causes for the system's malfunction last year, namely the system's inability to respond to the increased load of users during the first few days of the semester. A large number of users forgot their password that enabled them to access SPIRE, and requested the system to help. This number was larger than officials had anticipated.

When the system fails, no previous data is "lost" or completely inaccessible. Information such as class times and housing assignments are contained within a major database, which is accessible by administrators.


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A UMass student registers for spring classes on the SPIRE system. University officials say they don't expect the system to crash during class registration this spring.

"This is an extremely complex system if you think of all the information and how much data it processes," said Blaguszewski. "It is an effective and impressive system for the most part, but there were some problems."

The system experienced high traffic during the class registration period in December and performed well, but students should still be prepared in case of a malfunction. Last year, many students were registered for classes, but unable to access their schedules from the system. Many were also confused by rumors that classes were canceled, which Blaguszewski says should be ignored.

"People really should not make that presumption unless they see it in an official e-mail," said Blaguszewski.

The OIT homepage posts routine updates on the status of SPIRE as well as other announcements. Students should check for their UMail accounts for e-mails updates from school officials. Also, a list of classes and locations can be found on the registrars Web site (www.umass.edu/registrar).

Finally, students should make a hard copy of their classes ahead of time.

"Print out your schedule!" said Blaguszewski. "We hope and expect you won't need it, but have a backup available."

Hearing today for UMass murder

The man on trial for the murder of a University of Massachusetts student last semester will return to court today for his probable cause hearing.

Bryan Johnston a 22 year old criminal justice major at Westfield State Collge is being accused of the murder of Senior Building Materials and Wood Technology major David C. Sullivan. Johnston and Sullivan, who according to high school friends were "well-liked" allegedly had a disagreement in the hours leading up to the shooting.

Johnston allegdly shot Sullivan three or four times a his Meadow Street apartment in Amherst early Dec. 7, 2004. Police declared Johnston a suspect after they found a weapon that matched the one used in the murder near the Connecticut River. Johnston admitted himself into a hospital hours after the murder claiming that he was mentally incapable of standing trial. The courts deemed his condition okay for his arraignment on Dec. 9, but the case has been continued until today.

Johnston plead innocent to one count of murder since his arraignment and has since been held in Hadley House of Correction without bail.

Police and authorities have no leads or motives in the case.

Although UMass is not involved with the investigation students, faculty and administrators are deeply sadened and shocked at the incident.

"Obviously we're deeply saddened at any time a member of the UMass family loses his life," said Vice Chancellor of Student Affais and Campus Life. "It's double daunting because he's so young. He had his whole life in front of him," he told the Massachusetts Daily Collegian last December.

—Julie O'Donnell

Provost encourages Univ. Outreach program

By Casey Novak
Collegian Staff

Dr Sharon Tross Vice Provost for University Outreach at the University of Massachusetts, spoke on the importance of public universities being engaged in their states and communities, as she addressed the Faculty Senate at their final meeting this past December, before the University's winter break.

Tross, who joined University Outreach this past September, discussed the national definition of outreach and how it differs at other universities versus how it's been defined here.

"Outreach organizations have become increasingly important to flagship universities, especially in the last decade," Tross said. "And they really are the part of the university that allows it to be accessible to external constituencies, such as public businesses, industries, and government organizations."

States look to public universities to be engaged with them, she said, which is why other universities are ensuring that their presence be felt by the surrounding community.

"UMass has elements of that, by having an Outreach organization and a Faculty Outreach Council and the like, but it hasn't been as fully developed as it is at other universities," Tross said. "So what I'm doing in this initial assessment is looking at the strength of the programming and the strength of the University in order to bring those strengths together to create a comprehensive

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World reacts to tsunami devastation

Californians to aid victims

By Caitlin Jennings
Collegian Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO— Though the immense natural disaster of the Asia tsunami has affected all of America, it has especially hit a Californian nerve. Although California and Thailand are two different worlds in many regards, they also have quite a bit in common. Samantha Duvall, a San Francisco native and Boston University student was in Thailand, north of the disaster, when the tsunami hit.

Duvall returned home safe from her trip, describing pre-tsunami Thailand as "California in different cloths." Like Thailand, much of California's economy, identity and way of life depend very heavily on the sea. Also, the San Francisco Bay area has far from forgotten the earthquake of 1989 in which hundreds of lives and homes were lost to an environmental force.

The similarities between Thailand and California have made the recent disaster more of a reality for California's youth and have thus urged many to come to the aid of the victims.

"My friends and I surf pretty much every day after school," said University of California Santa Barbara student Katie Zuppan.

"The situation in Thailand is the epitome of my worst nightmare . . . I can really feel the terror of the people on the beach that day".

Zuppan has translated her feelings into a productive force and has been devoting many hours to The UCSB Tsunami Response Force, a program recently set up at her school.

Like UC Santa Barbara, many California colleges have set up programs to help Thailand. Megi Lammotte, a student of UC Davis, helps run the UCD Tsunami Relief Task Force.

Lammotte said that the student run foundation has gained a great amount of support in a comparably short amount of time. One of the foundation's tactics in gaining support is to relay specific loses to put a face to the problem.



Japanese compare tsunami's destruction to country's recent earthquake off coast

By Melissa Blanksteen
Collegian Staff

TOKYO— During last month's tsunami in Southeast Asia, the International Christian University, located in the western suburbs of Tokyo, Japan, had two exchange students directly involved in the disaster who have returned to school safely. The tsunami has not yet invoked any student-driven charities but has altered many perspectives on campus.

"I think they are dealing with it very well," Zenora Rackham, ICU counselor for overseas students and teacher at the ICU high school, said of the two students involved. "They've talked about it, they have written about it, they've talked to their families about it."

According to Rackham, the students were in Thailand when they saw the tsunami coming and ran up a nearby hill. Friends living in the area allowed them to stay while they recovered from their ordeal.

"We have been really lucky," she said. "When I think of it, students often go there during the holidays."

Last year, Rackham said, 20 students visited the country during break. University officials say they do not know of any Japanese students affected.

Thailand Is a popular tourist destination for many ICU regular and exchange students because of its proximity and because it is often much cheaper to travel there than within Japan.

ICU returned to session on Jan. 6, but, as of mid-January, no charities except from the on-campus church have been started.

Jun Hasegawa, the International Student Advisor, has sent out an e-mail to the student body, consisting of fewer than 3,000 students, to ask if anyone needed help or if anyone had any ideas how ICU could help victims.

"We have had a very big earthquake in Niigata," Hasegawa said in an interview, speaking of the 6.6 magnitude earthquake on Oct. 23, 120 miles northwest of Tokyo. "Many in the student body were willing to help those people by receiving donations and going there to help."

"We haven't had anyone asking to go there [Southeast Asia] to help the affected people," he said. "The University doesn't recommend that because another disaster might come."

There are several reasons why ICU has yet to reach out and respond to the tsunami disaster.

Rackham said that it is still too early for students to react because school just returned to session. She said that some on-campus clubs might be planning something.

Tomoko Ishikawa, a 22-year-old ICU student, thought news coverage was partly to blame.

"You see it on the news but they don't show much," she said. "I watch CNN or BBC to see what really happened."

"The [Niigata] earthquake is more close to us than the tsunami," ICU student Mayumi Nakagawa, 19, said. "We have to focus on Niigata I think. There are 21 dead Japanese over there for tourist reasons."

Nakagawa also felt that people in Japan might be too used to earthquakes themselves. The recent tsunami has also just served as a reminder that an earthquake might happen to Tokyo soon as well, something that many are talking about.

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Dutch mourn the loss of life

By Nicole Vreeman
Collegian Staff

AMSTERDAM— On Jan. 5 at noon, Holland fell still. Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende and other members of the government gathered in The Hague. Balkenende held a speech followed by three minutes of silence-- a silence heard in the whole country. Classes stopped, trains, busses, trams and even planes that were supposed to take off came to a halt. All the television stations showed the same images and all the radio stations seemed to be nonexistent for those three minutes. Cars, bicycles and people walking in the street stopped in their tracks. Even the busiest place in Holland, Schiphol International Airport, stopped. The silence was intense.

On Jan. 6, a radio station was created called RADIO 555 (named after the bank account number to which donations for tsunami victims could be made). DJ's and radio hosts from all different radio stations joined their efforts and presented their programs on that one station all day.

Listeners could call and request a song for 1.50 Euros or text message their request for the same price. All the money was for tsunami-stricken Asia.

On Jan.1, the Dutch Queen said in her New Year's speech: "Saying Happy New Year just seems like an absurd thing to do right now."

Two women charged with raping female

NORTHAMPTON— Two women including one Smith College student were arrested on several charges of raping and assaulting a 20-year-old female earlier this month according to authorities.

According to Detective Jody Kasper from the Northampton Police Department, the victim was assaulted and raped between 7 p.m. and 4 a.m. on Jan. 14 to 15. The victim then reportedly went to the station where she was then transported to Cooley Dickinson Hospital where she was treated and released.

"She had lacerations on her body caused by a knife. She also had bite marks and bruises throughout her body."

The name of the victim has not been released.

The two other women are identified as Smith College student Augusta C. Kendall and friend Rachel A. Klobertanz, both 22 of Northampton.

Kendall and Klobertanz were arrested and arraigned Tuesday, Jan. 17 at Northampton District Court. The pair pleaded not guilty to charges of assault and battery with a deadly weapon and rape.

Northampton District Court Judge W. Michael Goggins set bail at $2,500 cash or $25,000 surety for Klobertanz and Kendall during their arraignments. According to the district court, Kendall was released on bail the following morning.

The case will be continued to Feb. 8, 2005 according to the Northampton District Court.

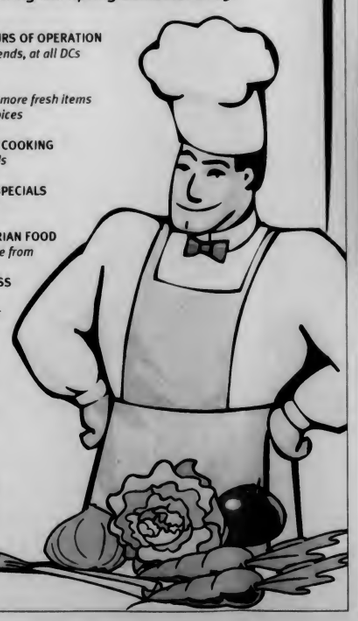
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The Not Ready for Bedtime Players is a student theater troupe that performs on campus on Wednesday evenings throughout the academic year with opportunities for special performances. Our lively and entertaining skits address sex, masturbation, coming out, relationship violence and much more. Check the UMass events calendar for our schedule. Call 577-5181 for more information.

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SHAB is the officially recognized voice of the student body in matters pertaining to UHS, and participates in the planning, financing, implementation and evaluation of student health programs. SHAB provides input into the recruiting of health professionals, reviews and makes recommendations regarding the Student Health Trust Fund and the Supplemental Health Benefits Program, and serves as a liaison to other student organizations. Come to our first meeting of the semester, Monday, January 31, 4:30 p.m. in UHS 302. Call Tom (577-5133) for details.

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UMass President's office, Alumni Club moving to new Boston building

By Dan O'Brien and Hirak Shah
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Building plans for the University of Massachusetts Amherst alumni club in downtown Boston are going ahead as scheduled, according to UMass President Jack Wilson's office.

The new club — complete with an upscale dining room, a fitness center, plush arm chairs and a view of Boston Harbor — is part of the University's plan to join the ranks of private schools that use similar methods to increase loyalty and pride among graduates.

"I'm very excited about the response we've received from alumni and pleased there will be a UMass club where members can connect with classmates and connect with the University," said Wilson on the UMass Web site.

Universities that already include such upscale accommodations for alumni include Harvard University and Boston College, allowing members access to a vast network of people.

The alumni club is expected to open next summer. It will occupy over 20,000 square feet on the 33rd floor of the State Street Bank building on Franklin St. The old club was located at One Beacon St. and was a symbol of excess by former UMass President William Bulger.

At Bulger's old location, rent was $1.1 million per year. Wilson's new club will only cost $552,000 for the first year, saving the University $900,000.

The UMass administrative offices will also be moving to the State Street Building, but on the less glamorous 12th floor, into 7,640 square feet of office space. That move is supposed to occur on the second year of the lease, with an annual rent of about $1,012,000. The cost is expected to save $470,000 in rent and utilities than the cost at One Beacon.

Wilson's spokesperson Robert Connolly told the Associated Press that rent would be locked in at roughly $500,000 per year for the next ten years.

According the UMass News Service the move, "from One Beacon St., where the President's Office has leased more than 30,000 square feet since 1997, is expected to save more than $5.1 million over the next 10 years. The current rent at One Beacon is $1.1 million, and an increase of $314,600 had been proposed for 2005-2006."

Unlike the administrative offices, the alumni club will be funded entirely by membership fees and dues, said Executive Director of Alumni Affairs Robert Goodhue. He added that no tuition money or state funds would be used to pay for the club.

A one-time initiation fee will be less than $1,000 and dues will be less than $100 for members.

UMass officials went forward with the idea of an alumni club after surveying 14,500 alumni last year. The survey indicated a strong show of support for the club idea; one-quarter of those surveyed said they would join the club if it opened. Goodhue also said a strong number of people have been turning out to the alumni breakfasts over the past four years.

There are about 220,000 UMass alumni living in Massachusetts, with 160,000 living within the I-495 corridor.

"The majority of the UMass alumni live in Eastern Massachusetts," Goodhue said. "The biggest problem for them is finding a way to relate to UMass. Right now they can look at the sports scores, but they don't have a tangible way to relate to the university."

Other public universities that have started alumni clubs in other parts of the country include University of Georgia in Athens, Florida State University and University of North Carolina. One of the more elegant clubs is at Florida State University, which is housed in its football stadium with two rooftop patios that can hold 1,000 fans.

The seven-year-old Boston College alumni club has widely been considered a success. It has currently attracted over 2,450 members with a waitlist of over 100 people. Membership fees are around $800 per person. After the costs to maintain the club are covered, the remaining fees are used towards a B.C. scholarship fund.



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The State Street Building is the new site for the UMass President's Office.

The Harvard University club has two locations: a main clubhouse, with guest rooms and an athletic center, on Commonwealth Avenue in Boston, and a downtown club with an elegant skyscraper dining room on Federal St. Annual dues are $1,200, or less for students and senior citizens.

UMass officials acknowledge that they expect more donations to UMass and its alumni club once relationships between alumni club members grow.

Sri Lankan faculty member raising funds

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they were okay."

After two anxious days, Sahabdeen finally was able to connect with them through a phone call. He said the Third World phone lines in the country were saturated and overwhelmed, much like they were in the U.S. during Sept. 11.

Although his parents were unharmed, his wife, who is also Sri Lankan, has 15 family members who are still unaccounted for.

"One of her cousins was married with three kids. He survived but his family didn't," said Sahabdeen. "A couple of her aunts living in the area made it but lost everything."

Sahabdeen says he has raised approximately $1,500 so far. He plans to ship many of the clothes to his father-in-law, who will distribute them directly to schools and orphanages.

"I want to help as much as I can. Thousands of children were displaced ... they're going to need help for a long time," he said.

With classes resuming this week, Sahabdeen says he hopes to work with interested students to organize fundraisers.

"It's going to be an ongoing process [throughout] the semester," he said.

The Smith College Staff Counsel in Northampton have joined forces with Sahabdeen by placing bins in 30 different places on campus to gather personal hygiene products from faculty members, such as toothbrushes and soap.

"We [heard] about Haneef and the staff wanted to something to help out ... as a gesture in the Five College Community," said Marti Hobbes, College Relations news assistant.

"Everyone could afford picking up some deodorant at CVS. It's a good way to help out."

Area student efforts

A night filled with beautiful images of Sri Lankan beaches, a speaker from the Red Cross, and delicious Sri Lankan desserts — all to raise money for disaster victims.

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Bustamante may not seek re-election

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

The Student Government Association is revealing big plans to enhance requests from the student body as well as set perspective goals for the future of the SGA for the spring 2005 semester.

Jeff Napolitano, press secretary of relations for the SGA, told the Massachusetts Daily Collegian that President Eduardo Bustamante and his cabinet have been busy this winter break working on both long and short term goals.

Napolitano also mentioned that Bustamante and his running mate, student trustee Matthew Murphy, might not seek re-election this coming semester. Last April, Bustamante and Murphy were voted into the SGA overwhelmingly despite requests that the voting process was not fair.

Napolitano said the there is a "50-50" chance that Bustamante will run again, but he is also considering the future of the SGA and the leadership qualities that younger candidates may be able to learn and embrace for years to come.

"[Bustamante] knows that this is the best way to accomplish the goals for the student body, these goals may not be accomplished within a year or two or three — we need to build a sense of continuity," Napolitano said. "He is urging younger people to run, we want someone to be president who knows what they are doing — but," Napolitano added, "[Bustamante] still might run."

The SGA proposed many ideas last year, some of which are nearing completion. Others will be worked on continually over the next few years.

"We have made great progress with the [textbook rental program]," Napolitano said, "we have been working with Vice Chancellor Hatch and we met with the head of Follet, [the company that provides books to the textbook annex] Phil Olsen, and it's slow, but we're making progress, and we're making it easier for progress to be made in the future."

The SGA has proposed a textbook rental program for the University to eliminate the high costs of textbooks for students. Bustamante said he believes that this will increase the affordability and accessibility of the university.

"At the very least, whatever kind of rental system is going to exist in the fall — books will be cheaper for the student population," Napolitano said. He also encouraged that students turn to Books for Books in a "worst case scenario." Books for Books is a program run by students, for students, to offer a trade off for textbooks.

Members of the SGA have also been following up on a controversial issue from last year that now, according to Napolitano, is an active case in the state's attorney general's office.

Several requests were made last summer to the administration asking for certain specific information pertaining to statistics about UMass students. Some of the information was not given because of FERPA regulations, but some of the information that had been granted to past SGA members including current Graduate Student Senate President Uri Strauss, has been withheld, which has led some students to question the University's commitment to diversity.

During a weekly meeting last November, the Senate body voted 'no-confidence' in Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Michael Gargano because of his alleged involvement in withholding the information.

"We have not worked with Vice Chancellor Gargano, and the case against UMass is now at the Attorney General's office," Napolitano said. "UMass is still in violation with the department of records...there is a reasonable lack of accountability on behalf of the administration."

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New law school a plus for UMass

The University of Massachusetts will soon be welcoming a new expansion to their institution with the addition of a law school. This law school, former Southern New England School of Law in Dartmouth, will be the first public law school and has become a very high priority for the University as a whole and rightly so. Having a law school join the UMass community is an excellent step in the right direction to help expand the opportunities available to students all while maintaining public state university costs.

Such a move like this is only to be expected given the previous expansions made by other major universities and UMass as well. Typically higher education at the post-undergraduate level is extremely costly, especially given the amount of money previously spent on obtaining an undergraduate degree. By having a law school that is part of a public state university, students will be able to obtain the same quality education as more well-known private universities that cost twice as much.

While many state universities have a very high student population, the addition of a law school brings up the issue of selectivity among students. The majority of students that attend state universities are, naturally, students from that particular state. In addition, there are a fair amount of tax-payer dollars that go into funding the state schools. Therefore, those state universities have obligations to those tax payers when it comes to in-state student admissions.

As a result of the majority of students being accepted not solely on their academic achievements but on their in-state status as well, there is an issue of competitiveness among the applicants. One way the new proposed law school will combat that stereotype is by keeping its size small compared to the other mainstream law schools as well as the other UMass campuses. According to "In The Loop," a UMass online newsletter sent out to staff and faculty, the new law school located at the UMass Dartmouth campus will have an enrollment cap of 585 students. Given the fact that so few students will be admitted to the school in the first place, it further enforces the importance of academic achievement and competitiveness.

"Three decades ago, another UMass board had the wisdom and foresight to create the University of Massachusetts Medical School, now recognized as one of the best medical schools in the country. We look forward to working with our friends throughout the Commonwealth to make the University of Massachusetts School of Law the next jewel in the University's crown," said James J. Karam, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, in the "In The Loop" newsletter. Having seen the success of the UMass Medical School in Worcester alone, there is every reason to believe that the new UMass law school will be a much welcomed addition to the UMass community.

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Peaceniks sickening

Ben Duffy

I don't get a lump in my throat when I see white dove and olive branch imagery. Maybe it's because I understand that sometimes war has justification. Maybe it's because "peace" has become a more palatable codeword for "defeat," which is what some peace activists really want. Or maybe it's because some insidious characters have hijacked the images and vocabulary of pacifism.

Recently, the German news program "Panorama" did a story concerning the "Ten Euros for the Iraqi Resistance" fundraising drive. As one might expect, the movement is an effort to funnel money to the same Iraqi guerillas that are shooting election workers, beheading civilians, bombing police stations, and killing allied soldiers.

The "Ten Euros" campaign is the pet project of a group calling itself Campo Antiimperilista. Campo writes on its Web site, "... for the oppressed peoples the resistance is a dream. They hope that one day the occupants will be forced to leave not only from Iraq. We share this hope and want to support it with our militant solidarity." They encourage "all the anti-imperialists who oppose the American Empire" to start an "international collection of funds supporting the Iraqi national resistance movement."

To the benefit of Campo Antiimperilista, they make no claims to pacifism. Revolting as they might be, at least they're forthright about their intentions. But the "Panorama" story then interviewed Joachim Guilliard, a member of the Heidelberg Forum "gegen Militarismus und Krieg" (Heidelberg Forum against Militarism and War). The Heidelberg Forum was raising money for the "Ten Euros" campaign, and Mr. Guilliard commented about the resistance in Iraq: "Resistance, also military resistance against the occupiers, is naturally legitimate. This has no relation to terrorism." An unnamed "peace activist" in the story noted that "I support the Iraqi resistance even if it is run by people who used to support Saddam Hussein ...I have nothing against that."

I wonder what they would think if I started a campaign to kill them. We could call it "Ten Dollars for the Death of Joachim Guilliard." Shoot a peace activist, save a soldier.

Apparently the Heidelberg Forum sees nothing incongruous between peace and armed resistance. Clearly, "peace" has taken on a new meaning that I can't find anywhere in my dictionary.

I'm ashamed to say that these monsters come from the German city of Heidelberg, a place very close to my heart. I lived there for more than two years, and I fell in love with it. In fact, after looking at their flyers and banners, I discovered that I was acquainted with this group already.

I encountered their propaganda all over the city in the run up to the war. I remember their "Krieg ist immer Terror" (War is always terror) banner that they carried on their marches toward the US/NATO headquarters at Campbell Barracks. I guess they were kidding when they said "War is always terror." After all, they've already said that military resistance "has no relation to terrorism."

I also remember the day I dropped by one of their protests. I didn't cause a scene, but rather I went to observe and to listen. I sat a few feet away from the protestors as they had their pathetic rally and yelled their tired catchphrases at the gates of Campbell Barracks. One man tried to recruit me into the rally, but I wasn't having any of it. I was too nauseous to protest. What really made me sick were the recreational and social aspects of the rally. Even as they were feigning outrage, they couldn't hide their glee.

Protesting was a form of entertainment for these people. Several of the protestors looked old enough to be veterans of 1960s' radical causes, which made me wonder if the protest was some sort of midlife crisis. There is nothing like screeching nonsense into a bullhorn to make an aging flower child feel young again.

But this organization no longer makes me nauseous. It makes me furious. Now that I know about their participation in the "Ten Euros" campaign, I look back on that event in a new light. The "peace activists" of that day thought nothing of funding people who once tried to kill me on the banks of the Tigris. I have nothing but contempt for them.

I wonder what they would think if I started a campaign to kill them. We could call it "Ten Dollars for the Death of Joachim Guilliard." Shoot a peace activist, save a soldier. Of course I don't advocate any such thing, but I wonder what Herr Guilliard might think if he found out that someone was bankrolling AK-47 toting thugs who wanted to kill him.

In my outrage, I've fired off a series of letters to people who should be doing something about this. I seem to remember that Germany was our "ally", wholly united in our fight against terror, and that they had promised to freeze the funds of terrorist organizations. And yet the Heidelberg Forum continues to operate out in the open, with complete impunity. I want action on this immediately, so I'm petitioning the German government to do something about it, and the U.S. government to put pressure the German government. I've written to my congressman, Secretary of State Colin Powell, and the American ambassador to Germany, Daniel R. Coats. I encourage all of my readers to do the same. The more voices of outrage, the better.

In the alternate universe in which we live, our "allies" won't lift a finger to stop the funding of our enemies, and "peace activists" are fundraising for militant Ba'athists and al-Zarqawi's Al-Qa'eda ... so much for the dove and olive branch.

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A conscience scarred



Yousef Munayyer

"Don't cheerleaders all over America form pyramids six to eight times a year?"

This was the response given by Guy Womack, attorney for Charles Graner, in defense of a photo of naked Iraqi prisoners piled on top of each other with bags over their heads. Graner, a reservist, was found in the incriminating and now infamous photographs from Abu Ghraib.

Womack's comment is the epitome of everything that is wrong with Abu Ghraib. He perpetuates the torture of American values, the same values that every soldier carries into battle, and the same values that allow many leaders to sleep at night. Still this is just the tip of the iceberg.

In December of last year the American Civil Liberties Union requested the release of countless documents relating to the treatment of prisoners at the Guantanamo Bay (GTMO) facility where prisoners from the "war on terror" are being kept with out trial. By the first week of the year the FBI complied with the request permitting the release of emails, memos, and various other documents between several organizations tied into the prisoners at GTMO. The results were disturbing, yet after the photos, which leaked from Abu Ghraib, it is hard to be shocked.

Documents shed light on several abuses at GTMO as well as miscommunication between officials in the FBI and the Department of Defense, allegations of sexual assault, and of course the abuse of prisoners.

A November 2003 report documented, "information concerning the impersonation by DOD at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba who represented themselves as officials of the FBI in conjunction with interrogation techniques not endorsed by the FBI."

In GTMO it has come to the point where the "techniques" used are so illegal that the FBI is making sure to wash its hands clean of it. In this instance department of defense personnel falsely identified themselves as FBI officers and proceeded to use torturous tactics to extract information.

Another undated report submitted by the FBI and labeled "FBI Background" regarding the treatment of detainees at Abu Ghraib and GTMO detailed other cases of abuse. FBI agents noted the following:

"A detainee's mouth was duct taped for chanting the Koran; detainee had long hair and a beard, military employee who applied the duct tape found it amusing."

"Detainees being subjected to considerable pain and very aggressive techniques during interrogations."

"Detainees being threatened (either personally or orally) by dogs."

Humiliation was the goal. Alone in a room a detainee sat, draped in an Israeli flag, with music blaring and lights flashing.This humiliation highlights the insensitivity and incompetence with which the "war on terror" is being conducted.

An FBI official also filed a witness report, labeled "sensitive but not classified," dated July 30, 2004 regarding "techniques" that were witnessed at GTMO. Having heard loud noises coming form an interrogation room she peered inside and noticed "a detainee sitting on the floor of an interrogation room with an Israeli flag draped around him, loud music being played, and a strobe light flashing." The eyewitness statement was concluded with, "I understood prior to deployment to GTMO, that such techniques were not allowed, nor approved by FBI policy."

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Another document, a letter sent by the Deputy Assistant Director of the Counterterrorism Division to Major General Donald Ryder at the Army's Criminal Investigation Command on July 14, 2004.

This detailed letter describes the abuse of detainees and one particular abuse that capture the humiliation and insensitivity of the torturous interrogations. An unnamed FBI agent recalls looking over an interrogation room through a two way mirror between the interrogation room and the observation room. The female interrogator duct taped the curtain inside the room over the mirror. The interrogation was still viewed through the camera in the room even though the interrogator had placed her body between the camera and the detainee. The detainee was seen grimacing and pulling away against the restraints. The interrogator later indicated that she had grabbed his genitals. The FBI agent filing the report notes that this was during Ramadan a time when, "physical contact with a woman would have been particularly offensive to a Moslem male."

The rest of the report details a detainee's reaction to isolation in a room that was constantly filled with high intensity light. The agent noted that this resulted in psychological trauma including the detainee talking to non-existent people, talking to his self, and crouching the corner of a room covered in a sheet for hours.

These documents, which follow the horrifying photographs at Abu Ghraib, further detail the interrogation "techniques" that are being used to extract information which seems to be non-existent. This must shake our very moral foundation. Not because we fear for the treatment of captured soldiers. Not because we fear that this will strengthen the resistance against the American military occupation of Iraq. Not because we fear that for every detainee who is humiliated, beaten or tortured another bin Laden is born.

Though we should worry about all these things, the greatest infliction is the scar on the American conscience, the torture of our values; the rights of the human being. This is a scar we as a people will forever carry into battle in the "war on terror."

Yousef Munayyer is a Collegian editor.

Blogging the tsunami

Erin McNamee

There is so much to say about the recent tsunami disaster in Southeast Asia. I could write about President Bush's slow response to the situation in terms of aid and leadership, the outpouring of donations by the American public, or the need for us, Americans, to see this experience as a wake-up call in terms of being more aware of the rest of the world, but I know you've probably heard about that stuff to death by now. Instead, I'd like to discuss a relatively remarkable phenomenon I stumbled upon while searching the Web for a suitable charity to donate some pennies and pocket lint to: the role of "blogs" in creating awareness of the tsunami disaster.

Many blogs pertaining to the tsunami disaster have popped up in the last few weeks and thought some aren't worth your time, others provide a valuable undiluted look at the aftermath...

In case you live under a rock, blogs (short for "Web logs") are usually written and maintained by people wanting to publicize their opinions in hopes that total strangers will randomly stumble upon their Web space and become avid, loyal readers. While there are countless blogs ranging in subject from political musings to mundane personal details, some blogs are actually quite good and have a substantial readership, a feat that can often garner the author a shout-out in a major newspaper or a link off another prominent blog. Many blogs pertaining to the tsunami disaster have popped up in the last few weeks and though some aren't worth your time, others provide a valuable, undiluted look at the aftermath of the tsunami and serve as both a place to offer and seek help for those in need.

The most comprehensive blog I've found is called "The South-East Asia Earthquake and Tsunami Blog," (www.tsunamihelp.blogspot.com). Dubbed the "SEA-EAT Blog" for short, its highlights include personal accounts of the tsunami, a list of missing persons, photographs, opportunities to donate money to the relief efforts and a place to seek out missing loved ones. My favorite section of this blog is the "Help Offered" page where people from around the world can post their desire to go where help is needed. For instance, one person wrote, "I am a manager with a broadcast/IT/telecoms engineering firm. I and other engineers would like to volunteer to go to South-East Asia region to assist in the restoration of telecoms etc. We would also like to help get local radio stations up and running/back on air so people can share important information. I know healthcare and food is critical right now but we just want to help. I'm making inquiries but if anyone can suggest who I should contact so our effort has maximum effect please, please email me." Similar offers range from a woman offering her childcare expertise to a South Africa-based medical rescue and evacuation company seeking deployment where needed.

What struck me most while browsing this and other similar blogs is the sense of community created amongst their readers. Instead of passively watching CNN with a snack and a glass of wine at your fingertips, reading a blog forces you to become a somewhat active participant in a dire situation. While it is unrealistic to expect the majority of people to be able to offer physical assistance and it is impossible for others to provide financial aid, reading and posting in a blog provides a more honest and pure outlook of the situation while giving you a direct connection to the people affected by and involved in the tragedy. The material you see is unedited and unadulterated by network censors or drama-seeking television producers. Best of all, you're allowed to interpret the information for yourself before it's filtered through the mainstream media.

I'm not saying not to donate money if you're able. As a "poor college student," I managed to scrape together a small sum for the American Red Cross, in effect sacrificing perhaps a few trips to the movies and a couple burritos at Bueno Y Sano. To me, this is a small price to pay; I can easily do without these "creature" comforts when so many people are without any comforts at all. So, while donating money and/or time is obviously extremely important in this and other critical situations around the world, it is equally important to remain connected and keep a constant, unwavering gaze on the tragedies that are occurring everyday around the globe. So while it isn't my intent to preach or tell you what to do, I urge you to take a look at the SEA-EAT blog and any other blogs you find of interest. Even if you post a simple "thinking of you"-type message, rest assured that it will be read by people all over the world and, I guarantee, will touch at least one person, somewhere, somehow.

Erin McNamee is a Collegian columnist.

Planning my future

Stacy Kasdin

As a senior who hopes to be employed full-time by next September, I have been spending most of my recent free time applying for jobs. It's hard to believe that after all those, "what do you want to be when you grow up" questions, the time has finally come. Apparently, at some point when I was looking the other way, quite possibly distracted by something shiny, I've grown up. Now, it's time to figure out what I want to be.

I've had a lot of different thoughts on this subject throughout the years. I'm sure I don't remember all of my career goals, but I distinctly remember wanting to be a singer (I think I'm tone-deaf), an Olympic ice skater (I'm a klutz), and a mermaid (I have an excessive amount of legs for this position). Once those options were deemed impossible, I settled on going to college for acting, which is the major I had in mind when applying to schools. Sometime between my junior and senior years of high school I had an epiphany and realized that what I was actually destined for was social work. Thus, I entered college as a sociology major.

I found my sociology coursework very interesting, and was pleased with my decision. Then I had to declare a concentration, and for one reason or another (in all honesty, no reason comes to mind other than watching far too much "Law and Order") I declared criminal justice as my concentration, and decided that instead of social work I was really destined to be a special agent for NYPD's special victims unit. At some point during my sophomore year it was brought to my attention that detectives not only have the potential to be shot at on a regular basis, but have to pass a grueling physical evaluation as well. With that, it was time to find a new career path.

One of the first things I ever wanted to be, at least as far back as sixyears old, was a writer. I began to wonder why

I suppose the lesson to be learned is that the reason everyone has had so many different answers to "what do you want to be when you grow up," is because there isn't just one answer to the question.

I'd strayed from that path in the first place, but instead of wondering for too long I walked myself down to Bartlett and switched my major to journalism. Journalism: the face of my future. Maybe. I'm applying for work at an assortment of publications around the country. I went for one of my first interviews a few days ago. I got all dressed up in my grown-up clothes (no sweatshirt, no jeans, no holes or stains), with my grown-up purse (no backpack, no special compartment for a juice box), and went to a building where other grown-ups were walking around in their grown-up clothes going to meetings, typing, and filing paperwork.

I began to wonder how long it would take me to stop feeling like I was playing dress up. I wondered how long it would be before I realize that this isn't a game, this is actually my life. This is how it's going to be for the next 30 years. Well, it certainly hasn't happened yet. I figure if I still feel this way in five years, maybe I should start worrying. Until then, thinking of it as a game might make it more interesting, but then again, hopefully I'll be doing something enjoyable enough to not have to talk myself into thinking it's interesting.

It's all a very nerve-wracking process, trying to plan the rest of your life. I have enough trouble trying to plan from one day to the next. What helps is trying not to look at it as planning for the rest of my life; it's just what will come first. I suppose the lesson to be learned is that the reason everyone has had so many different answers to "what do you want to be when you grow up," is because there isn't just one answer to the question. At my interview one woman I spoke to told me she went from working in a biology lab to working for an advertising company.

What you major in doesn't have to be the rest of your life. Your first job probably isn't going to be the rest of your life. Some jobs may, in fact, encourage jeans and juice boxes. Fulltime employment isn't going to be the end of the world. It's just going to be the start of a new adventure, and come September, I think I may actually be ready for it or at least willing to give it a shot. For now, it's back to applications and three hours of class a day, and that's okay with me.

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The mosaic of truth

Elizabeth Carter

Have you forgotten? Or have you simply never taken the time to learn the truth? And oh what a fun term "truth" is. Real "truth" is the ability to see from all sides and all points of view yet also to be able to reconcile these difficult abstractions so that one is left with a picture that comes full circle, encapsulating the good the bad and the horror inherent in the fact that each side is simultaneously both right, and wrong. The left, the right and all the degrees that fall in between are but painters of a massive mosaic. Up close, each creates an individual piece of artwork, and while their paintings are subject to personal preference and point of view, to step back and to see the greater picture of it all, we then achieve the only thing that can be called the truth — the ability to see that each individual picture painted is only part of a whole massive work of art: a mosaic that stands as a greater body made up of little truths.

Thus, I am led to think of the world today — shaking in shambles — as many nations try desperately to be "right," working with the assumption that being right on a global scale is an individual, rather than collective effort. I am led to think of our currently reelected presidential administration, which I'm beginning to believe, believes it's self. Now I take the viewpoint that things in this world are not good and bad, but rather "good" and "less good." How disturbing it is to see the presidential administration of the freest nation in the world believing desperately in the idealism of "less good." For while I strive to believe all things are born in good intentions, it seems sometimes amidst all this amicable intent reason has a propensity towards polarization and blindness, leaving some benefiting and others flailing in the wind. Therefore, certain viewpoints are still "good," yet they are "less good" than others due to the fact that such narrowness does not allow all pictures to be seen, all truths to be interpreted, all people involved to be considered, and all factors to be accounted for.

How ironic is telling the free that they are enemies of freedom by excercising their right to be free? Now if that sentance didn't sound like a paradox to you, then what does?

Once again my eyes fall upon our own government — believing that bombs heal hardened ethnic wounds, and that the "us vs. them" mentality will lead to a nation and a world united by the ideological dream of fair democracy. A government looking with unwavering eyes at its own little self-portrait and getting mad as hell when their opposition responds by justly crying out, "Yes we know you want to help, but look! There are other pictures! Other points of view! Please look around! You are determining the fate of domestic and global politics, consequently impacting world stability." To such reasonable pleas they bite back, with razor sharp adages for any and all to silence themselves, for if we do not view their portrait of freedom, then we must be enemies of freedom. This is of course not taking into consideration that the greater idea of freedom, is something which urges people to think differently, and encourages opposing points of view. How ironic is telling the free that they are enemies of freedom by exercising their right to be free? Now if that sentence didn't sound like a paradox to you, then what does? For while I believed that this administration truly hopes to bring about greater good, I also know that the greater good cannot be seen nor accomplished with one's face pressed so close up against the mosaic of truth that only one tiny truth, their tiny truth, can be seen.

A president, especially in this country, should be a man who has and exercises the ability to consider all options, see all viewpoints, and use a vast knowledge of past and present to attempt to weave together a stable and solid future. Nevertheless this type of governing is something we have yet to see of the Bush administration, and the types of tapered viewpoints they are displaying are very dangerous. Yet at the same time also very appealing, they require little thought or research, they require little analysis or consideration and most importantly they do not require one to do the most difficult thing of all—see from other view points.

So now I urge all of you, hardened liberals and hardened conservatives alike, for just one moment go, drop your biases — and I mean that literally for just one moment drop them to the ground, and read a piece of literature from the camp which opposes your own favorite method of thought. Read that piece of literature and empathize, immerse yourself in that mindset until for a moment it is yours. Then, understand, and relate back to your own thinking what the other view point's intent is, what its hopes are, and whether or not it truly is malicious, or simply a little blind. You may just find that neither side is bad, yet sometimes a viewpoint can be very singular, and therein lays the trap, not mal-intent, but rather lack of broad view. For when all sides are viewed, within both a past and present context, then and only then is it possible to learn, and to truly know. But the real question is will you even try?

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Payday loans

Andrew Freeman

Imagine you're running short on cash and want to buy something but your paycheck doesn't come for another week. While online, a pop-up catches your eye, advertising fast, easy money, and you follow the link to a Web site offering a $100 loan. You give the company access to your bank account, they give you the cash, and a week later they will remove $115 from your balance, the price of the loan plus interest. You've just paid on $100 an annual interest rate of 780 percent.

The practice of loaning small amounts of money for a short period of time at astronomical interest rates is known as payday lending, and it is becoming increasingly prevalent. Thirty-seven states allow payday-lending companies, and the states like Massachusetts that prohibit them cannot regulate the multitudes of payday Web sites springing up online. With rates higher than any bank or credit card, such businesses pose a dire threat to consumers.

The only difference between it and loan-sharking is that the former is legal throughout much of the nation and Massachusetts is right to outlaw both of them.

To receive a payday loan, you have to provide a company with either a check for the assigned amount or access to your bank account, so they can withdraw the money. Although the companies often claim that such loans are temporary, approximately 91 percent of the lenders' business is people with five or more loans, according to 2003 Center for Responsible Lending study. Because the high interest payments on their loans leave them with more expenses, many people chose to take out addition loans, entering into a downward spiral of debt. Worse, payday lenders impose substantial fees in addition to the interest. These vary from application fees to cancellation fees, to fees for extension of the loan, to fees for bounced checks.

In addition to the high fees, many online payday lenders collect more information than necessary. A survey of Web sites in 2000 by the Massachusetts Division of Banks found lenders soliciting social security numbers, personal identification numbers, license plate numbers, eye color, and even the customer's mother's maiden name. Because of limited regulation, and difficulty contacting company operators, there is no way of ensuring this information is not sold or shared.

A major target for payday operations is military personnel. According to a December 7th New York Times article, 26 percent of military families had at one point used payday loans. Many such lending companies set up shop outside military bases - one even sought endorsement from a leading officer," Robert Walker. However, such practices endanger soldiers' jobs. The government considers servicemen with excessive debt to be a security risk since they might sell information to stave off bankruptcy, and may decide it safer to terminate them.

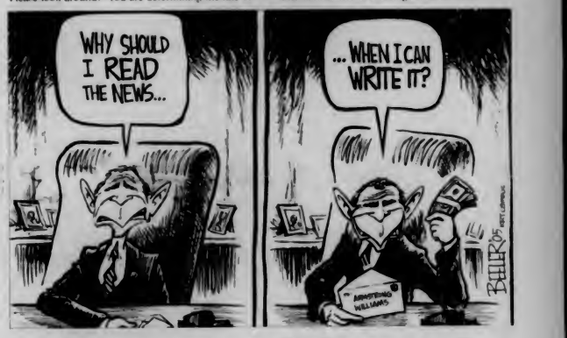
Thankfully, Massachusetts has no payday lenders, due to laws that cap small loan interest rates at a maximum of 23 percent annual interest rates -this law was enacted in the 19th century to combat loan sharking.

However, companies have tried to circumvent such prohibitions elsewhere. In New York, a business calling itself N.Y. Catalog Sales provided high interest loans and offered customers gift certificates for the difference in interest. In Florida, a company named Florida Internet gave customers $500 in exchange for Internet service they charged $100 a month for - to cancel, subscribers had to pay $600 Both of these companies were prosecuted by regulators for violating state laws. Furthermore, online lenders can operate without restrictions, since they are often based in states with limited regulation or in foreign countries.

Payday lending is a serious risk to consumers, and should not be allowed in any form. The only difference between it and loan-sharking is that the former is legal throughout much of the nation, and Massachusetts is right to outlaw both of them. The proliferation of payday Web sites necessitates regulation, and if that is impossible, then efforts should be undertaken to warn people about these businesses. It is reprehensible to allow the people of this country, particularly the men and women charged with defending it, to be victimized by unscrupulous lenders.

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What we're fighting for

Mike Sances

As of today, Iraqis are just four days away from voting in their much-hyped elections scheduled for Jan. 30.

Unfortunately, there appears at this point in time little more to say about them: even if I could predict the winners, the identities of many of the candidates, and even their party platforms, are being kept secret for security reasons.

But not to worry, as I've just recently come upon some rather compelling polling data from back in October of 2003, when Gallup asked Baghdad residents why they thought the U.S. invaded Iraq. Out of six possible choices, control of the country's oil won a decisive 43 percent. The only other option that even came close was removing Saddam Hussein from power — but not for the benefit of Iraqis (which received five percent of the vote), and not because he had weapons of mass destruction (four percent).

Since the impending elections in Iraq have inspired a good deal of talk about democracy, moreover, it might be worth pointing out that only one percent of those questioned in the Gallup poll thought that the United States invaded with democracy in mind. Still, we shouldn't let that stop us from recognizing the views expressed by the Iraqis in the Gallup poll from fifteen months ago. Nor should we let the poll's age dissuade us. On the contrary, as it predates the worst atrocities of the war and no doubt the bulk of Iraqi cynicism and anti-U.S. sentiment.

Thus, as any substantive analysis of the Jan. 30 elections would seem impossible, for reasons stated above, those of us who take things like self-determination, human rights, and indeed, democracy seriously would do well to investigate the primary reason that Iraqis themselves believe U.S. forces entered their country to begin with, and why American forces today are still overwhelmingly viewed as "occupiers," according to another Today/CNN/USA Gallup poll from April of last year.

Of course, by that logic, we must conclude that the mainstream American press hates democracy, as they virtually never respond to the views expressed by Iraqis in polls such as those that I cite here.

All of this might come as a shock to anyone who believed the invasion of Iraq was inspired by concerns for national security or, failing that, simple American goodwill.

That aside, let's assume for the sake of argument that the Iraqis themselves are right, and that all the arguments presented by those in favor of the war were wrong. If the United States is truly in Iraq to "rob them of their oil," as the question was so bluntly phrased in the Oct. 2003 poll, how is this theft going to be carried out? Answer: By establishing fourteen military bases in the country that will last anywhere from 2006 to indefinitely, that will house 50,000 American troops altogether, and that will cost American taxpayers five to seven billion dollars a year.

These figures come from the only two news articles I have been able to find on the bases, the first from the Chicago Tribune, who "broke" the story in March of last year, and the second from the Christian Science Monitor, from September of last year. I stand by my accusations of an anti-democratic press: the Tribune story does not mention oil at all, while the Monitor mentions it only in passing, warning that the plan for bases "reinforces Iraqi suspicions that the United States launched the war to get a hand on Iraqi oil, control the region, and wants to maintain a puppet government in Baghdad."

All of this might come as a shock to anyone who believed the invasion of Iraq was inspired by concerns for national security or, failing that, simple American goodwill. Nevertheless, the "suspicions" are well-established, and demand at least a minimal inquiry by people who actually do care about things like democracy. To go one step further, the fact that the press and American politicians have so studiously ignored these issues, with very few exceptions, should also raise some pressing questions.

It has been fairly obvious that the antiwar movement in this country, despite its initial enthusiasm, fizzled out fairly quickly, first because it failed to stop the war from starting, and second because of the diversion of resources toward the presidential campaign. Post-election confusion and fatigue seem to reign on the left, while many others who opposed the war are initially hesitant about an immediate withdrawal. While the manner in which the U.S. military is carrying out the war has been horrible enough to inspire mass protests, the way out of this quagmire appears to me to lie in a rigorous and honest assault on why we are in Iraq at all—the bases—first calling peoples' attention to them, then by opposing them.

As university students, the means for doing so are quite literally all around us.

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Fross emphasizes Univ. involvement

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Outreach program for our university."

According to Fross, public universities are expected to have a close connection with their state and within their communities. She said that means working in a variety of areas and taking University programming to the external population in a way the school has not done before.

Fross explained that this means making programs more accessible by offering accelerated, weekend and online classes.

"When you are looking at non-traditional students, such as adults, they are often trying to manage multiple priorities - and each of those arenas of life take time and effort," she said. "Then they also have an educational goal they want to meet."

"In the course of our lives education is a lifelong process," Fross continued. "In order to remain current, we need to continue to get the education and training we need to be viable in the workplace and have knowledge about the world we live in."

Since universities have content knowledge, research and teaching capabilities that the state needs, Fross said she believes it is important that that expertise be made available to people across the Commonwealth. Therefore, Outreach works closely with academic colleges on how to disseminate those resources to the public.

"That's why external audiences are looking for us to be involved, to bring knowledge content and capabilities that these external groups need," Fross said. "I've been meeting with all the academic deans and the academic departments on trying to determine what

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First Choice Program to benefit students who choose UMass for early decision

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Inside Whitmore Administration Building, home of UMass admissions, students who choose UMass early will be able to receive $2,000 in scholarships and other benefits through the First Choice program.

High school students who decide early that they wish to attend the University of Massachusetts will now have an opportunity to benefit from the new First Choice Program, which Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life Michael Gargano says will better accommodate those future students' needs.

Students accepted through the First Choice program will receive $2,000 scholarships from the Alumni Association, priority for summer orientation, class registration and housing selection, and the option to enroll in a special online course to earn credits towards their degree.

"We are finding that more and more students are selecting UMass Amherst as their top choice," Gargano said. "And more students are selecting their university of choice much earlier in the admission process."

Gargano said that this program would allow the University to offer the best of both worlds to all students who plan to apply.

"For those students that want to take as many campus visits as possible and want to really think of all the possibilities, we have the traditional registration decision," he said.

In that case, the student applies to the University by the Jan. 15 deadline, and then they would hear back from the University in roughly March. If they were accepted, the University must receive the deposit check by May 1.

"Then for those students that have really made up their minds and there's no reason for them to wait, they can now take advantage of the First Choice Program and apply to the University in November. In that case, they'd get a decision by early December and then send the deposit check by January 15. Then they can go on and plan what they want to do the rest of their senior year," Gargano said.

He added that the program will also include the design of a couple of classes that participating students will be able to take, allowing them to accumulate academic credit, prior to even arriving at the University.

"In a way it helps students get academic credit, get acclimated to a university environment and earn a quicker graduation," Gargano said.

Initially, the program will bring in between 300 and 600 students, he said, beginning in the fall of 2006.

Another aspect of the new strategies in admissions is to spend more time aligning themselves with community colleges, both in the state of Massachusetts as well as in the Northeast, according to Gargano.

"What we want to do is ease the transition from community colleges to the Amherst campus," he explained. "We will visit community colleges and host receptions there and be able to review transcripts of students on the spot, evaluate academic credential, have them fill out an application, and actually, in some cases, admit them on sight."

By becoming more centralized and aligned with community colleges, Gargano said he hopes diversity on the campus will increase. This is why he also said this program should have a dramatic impact on the recruitment of ALANA students.

"Recruitment [from community colleges] is fine, but if

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Student saved by choosing not to sleep in beach hut

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"It was the middle of the night in the U.S., so they first heard about the disaster from me and there were no worries," he said.

Although uninjured, Morrison was unable to see much of the city's destruction until the following day — including the massive amount of bodies along the coastline.

"By the time I went to the affected region, they had collected the majority of the bodies, although I'm sure they will find them washing up on the shore for months," he said. "I went to [the] beach along with thousands of other Indians, just to stand on the shore and look out at the ocean."

Morrison said the Indian news channels had no reservations about showing graphic images of the dead, lying unwrapped on their backs in long rows on the Chennai roadside, while crying loved ones huddled over the bodies. He said as far as he knew, the city's death toll is at 250.

"The videos showed the bloated faces of the dead, their mouths full of sand and their color a sickly pale," he said.

Morrison said judging by the condition of the Marina beach, one of the longest in the world, most of the destruction was mainly to the small fishing villages that lined the beach with their huts. A small train had been derailed and fishing boats were smashed into sidewalks. Large anchors were dragged 500 feet from the shore, and nets littered the walkways.

"I met dozens of people during my time on the beach [before the tsunami], children especially ... and the chances are high they didn't survive," he said. "I had some idea of what a tidal wave like that could do to the flimsy shacks I had stayed in, and I shuddered to think of it."

Today, Morrison says the physical concerns for India seem to be taken care of, due to the outpouring of supplies from around the world. But the emotional trauma remains. Frightened fishermen have just recently begun working with what is left of their boats and equipment.

"I heard ... that lifelong fishermen had never heard about the affects of a tsunami and had never seen the ocean recede the way it did," said Morrison. "So they stood there and watched it until it was too late."

His classes resumed on Jan. 3 at IIT, and Morrison is now back in Bombay. He plans to return to the U.S. in May in time for the UMass graduation ceremony. Although life is beginning to return to some semblance of normal in India, Morrison says the relief effort is still very much underway.

For those who are alive, the biggest challenge is still upon them: survival. In many of the isolated villages that line the coast, the lack of immediate emotional support makes life for survivors that much harder.

"Families who lost children, children who lost families, people who lost their better half...they just have to survive, and I can't imagine what that's like," Morrison said.

"Hopefully the global effort and legendary empathy of the Indian community can help to comfort some."

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Ad campaign growing for the Baby Safe Haven Law

By S.J. Port
Collegian Staff

A new slogan for the recently enacted Baby Safe Haven law was announced by Lieutenant Governor Kerry Healey on Jan. 3 of the new year. The slogan, "If you can't keep your baby, you can keep your baby safe," is the basis for television, radio and billboard advertisements as well as signs on subways, buses and trains in the Commonwealth, hit Massachusetts airwaves soon after Healey's announcement. The advertisements are part of an awareness campaign required by lawmakers of the Department of Social Services in the text of the Baby Safe Haven act.

The advertisement campaign is aimed at "young parents" and "pregnant teenagers," according to a press release from the State House.

The Baby Safe Haven law, referred to in the Legislature as "an act relative to the safe placement of newborn infants, was ratified by the legislature and signed by Healey in July of 2004, and went into effect on Oct. 29, 2004. The law stipulates that parents of a newborn child less than a week old may anonymously leave the newborn in the care of a hospital, police department, or manned fire station, referred to as "designated facilities." Massachusetts became the 46th state to pass a safe haven law. The first baby safe haven law was passed by President George W. Bush, then governor of Texas, in 1999. The baby safe haven law first appeared on the legislature's docket in 1999, but was not approved, despite multiple reforms and rewrites of the proposed law, by the legislature until this summer.

The campaign was designed to promote the new safe haven law as well as established teen pregnancy programs and adoption information. There have been at least eight reported cases of child abandonment in Massachusetts since Sept. 1, 2001, including the case of former University of Massachusetts freshman Jennifer Palusco in May 2002.

Designed by students at the Boston Arts Academy, one of the advertisements draws upon two months of research done by the Academy's students on what their peers needed in order to understand the law. The Academy's students volunteered to write and produce one of the public service announcements, according to a press release by the State House.

In addition to the advertisements, DSS has established a statewide hotline (866-814-SAFE) and Web site (www.babysafehaven.com) at which to discover more help and information concerning the law. The hotline will be staffed b the AMT Child of Hope Foundation, proponents of the safe haven legislation nationally. The staff is trained to respond to calls requiring information or referrals for parents who need help with a troubled or secret pregnancy.

"Newborn abandonment is an avoidable tragedy that we are determined to stamp out in Massachusetts," Healey said at an awareness event in Lexington, according to a State House press release. "Working together, we will spread the word that every child, regardless of circumstance, can receive a loving, supportive start to life."

According to the law's text, the department of social services "shall accept for placement into foster care any newborn infant seven days of age or less that is voluntarily places with a [designated facility]." Parents who chose to leave their child in a designated facility do not automatically terminate their parental rights, however the act does authorize the department of social services to "initiate a petition" to terminate the parental rights. For this purpose the act is considered by DSS to be an abandonment of the infant. Before the law went into effect abandoning a baby in Massachusetts carried a sentence of up to five years in prison. Voluntary abandonment, if done under the strict requirements of the Baby Safe Haven law is not considered a criminal act. However if the DSS determines that the newborn was abused prior to its abandonment, criminal charge against the parents will be filed.

"The safe haven committee is working to provide education and options to anyone in need and a safety net for all who experience troubled or secret pregnancies. Our goal is to save lives," said Harry Spence, commissioner of the department of social services in a State House press release.

The law will expire on June 30, 2008 when it will come under review by the Legislature in 2008. At this time the Legislature will examine the report required by the DSS, in conjunction with a designee of the juvenile court, the probate and family court, the center for adoption research at the UMass, Massachusetts Families for Kids, Massachusetts Children's Trust Fund, Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and several other offices. The report will discuss several issues of the law outlined by legislators within the law's text. These issues include and focus on the effectiveness of the law in "decreasing the number of newborns abandoned in an unsafe manner in the commonwealth."

UMass Dartmouth employee says she was fired due to her handicap

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

When Maeve Hickok was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis is 1998, she had no way of knowing life over the next five years would be even more unbearable than imagined.

The University of UMass-Dartmouth fired Hickok, a former spokeswoman for the University in spring of 2003, after tenure of nearly 17 years there. Last April, UMass-Dartmouth claimed that Hickok was being terminated due to budget cuts.

"The University called it a layoff for budget reasons," Hickok said. "But it became clear to me that it wasn't just a layoff and I was being discriminated against."

Hickok, 55 and a mother of four, is not alone in this complaint. Last month, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission agreed that the University was prejudiced in firing Hickok and a settlement is now being developed. If consent is reached, the settlement would enable Hickok to return to her job as executive director of news and publications at Dartmouth, as well as back pay among other components.

As University attorneys continue to sift through the specifics of this case, they are near the end of a long-winded process that entails several steps. After receiving her notice in April 2003, due to policy, she then was required to work for another 60 days before actually leaving the University.

"When I had to work for those 60 days after knowing I was already fired, it was painful," Hickok said. "It was a very hard time for me."

The office that Hickok worked for prior to being laid off claimed to be uncomfortable in several ways for her, especially due to her handicap. Her complaint of these findings allegedly led to her firing, which has been seen as a violation of the law, according to the EEOC.

The process continued as both sides presented their case to the EEOC and it was then found that there was enough information necessary for a trial to occur. The conclusion that the EEOC stated was that the University violated the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990. If a resolution is not reached, this case has the potential to move on to federal court. As of now, however, both Hickok and the University wait to hear the results.

"This case originated at a time when the University was in the middle of budget cuts that resulted in one hundred million dollars," said John Hoey, a spokesman for UMass Dartmouth. "At all times, the overriding priority was to maintain the academic core of the University."



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UMass Dartmouth employee Maeve Hickok says she was fired due to her MS.

Hoey stressed that the University is focused on improving academic life and understands the difficulty involved around people being laid off during budget cuts. UMass-Dartmouth in particular dealt with $10 million in budget cuts last spring, which resulted in numerous layoffs.

Hickok earned her bachelors degree in English at UMass Amherst and her masters at UMass Dartmouth. A longtime employee at UMass Dartmouth, her first priority has been to get back to work. With the experience and qualifications that she obtains, she hopes that she can continue her career at UMass Dartmouth, and go back to her normal life.

"I had a wonderful career and enjoyed my work enormously," said Hickok. "I was in complete shock when I received the termination notice."

When Hickok started at UMass Dartmouth, she began her career simply as a news writer. Over the next 17 years, she climbed the ranks in the news office, becoming office coordinator, director of News office and eventually executive director of news and publications.

With this case becoming increasingly complicated and extensive, Hickok continues to deal with her ailment as well has her issues with the University. Multiple Sclerosis is a disease that affects the central nervous system and damages body tissue. Over 300,000 Americans have been diagnosed with MS and many of them, like Hickok, wind up in a wheelchair.

UMass to merge with law school

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favor, it will be effective immediately."

A merge between the two schools will not only benefit UMass students, but also SNESL students as well. Benharris said that he is excited about having the 'UMass' name on his diploma, and UMass students will benefit from tuition and stipends that the plan will offer.

"They are going to offer public interest stipends," he said, "50 percent or even more of the tuition will be given back to you if you agree to work for five years of public interest law." Public interest law involves work with the attorney general's office and public defense and typically, according to Benharris, these types of jobs are not high paying, which turns away law school graduates.

"If you have 60 thousand is law school debt and 70 thousand in college debt, you're not going to want to get a job that pays 20 thousand a year."

He added that this will also benefit the state because law school graduates will seek these lower paying jobs so that they can get back part of the tuition.

"This helps the state, you're guaranteed a job for five years and you get to work with lawyers. This is a win-win situation."

The current law school, which is situated in the Fall River area will not move, according to Benharris, but will grow. "Amherst will not play a big factor in this whole thing," he said, "part of the contract said that they will never take it out of the area." He also added that Western Massachusetts is not a region where a law school is needed, but Southern New England is.

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Library officials say project should be finished by summer

By Dan Erk
Collegian Staff

The W.E.B. DuBois library has been under construction for some time now, but students will soon be able to reap the rewards of the annoying detours, ugly fencing and nauseating smells as the exterior renovations should be completed by the end of the semester and new interior alterations are currently underway.

The deck replacement project had to be put on hold because of the cold weather. Construction should resume in early March. Once done, the plaza surrounding the library will have decorative concrete pathways and gardens facing the student union.

Many people do not realize that when they walk across the library deck they are also walking on top of the roof of the main floor of the library. Since the roof is 50 years old and flat it had begun to leak and this is the reason for the construction. This is contrary to many of the reasons floating around campus like the builders did not take into account the weight of the books or that the library was designed as an office building.

The present revamping of the first and second floors will be followed by a redesign of the main floor. The first floor lobby has already be painted and carpeted; a new information center and cafe featuring Rao's Coffee are also being added. The cafe will be run by Auxiliary Services and will start out as a small kiosk but expand overtime. It is slated to open the first of February.



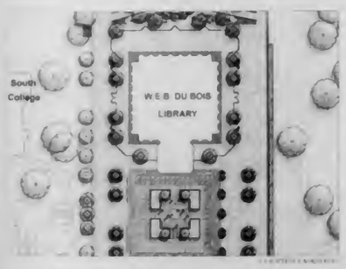
The W.E.B. DuBois Library has been under construction since summer, creating detours for students and faculty.

The second floor is the new home of the extensive map collection of the W.E.B. DuBois. This location allows for the maps to be more readily available then they were on the twenty-sixth floor. The other half of the second floor is being converted into a new quiet study area, complete with carpet and new comfortable furniture.

Emily Silverman, Director of Library Development and Communication said "this is just the beginning." After the overhaul of the first and second floors the main floor will also be redone. In order to make the main floor more user-friendly the entire area will be converted into "The Learning Commons." This will make quiet study and computer access for students, alone or in groups, much easier.

In addition, to cut down on elevator traffic the computers from the labs on the seventh and tenth floors will be moved to The Learning Commons. The unique shape of the building, tall and slender, makes some of the remodeling difficult, especially in the planning stages.

Silverman notes though that once the renovations are complete UMass library "will be better than our peers if not on par."



The new plan for the W.E.B. DuBois Library has been unveiled to include a courtyard and gardens.

Murray's family still holds hope

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taking all her pictures off the walls, taking everything out of her bureaus, [and] put them all in boxes [and] left [them] on her bed," Scarinza told WCVB-TV. "[She] left a personal note to her boyfriend on top of the boxes."

Maura's mother, Laurie Murray, told the Daily Collegian in August the relationship between her daughter and Rausch was a "very, very good relationship."

Raush's mother, Sharon Rausch, reiterated that statement in a recent interview. She said there was a point where the couple's relationship was rocky in the spring of 2002, but they had resolved their problems by summer and had a good relationship since then.

Her son arrived at Maura's dorm room with police just two days after she went missing. He said there was no recent letters to him from Maura that were found.

"There is no note," Sharon Raush said.

Maura's father, Fred Murray, sent a letter to New Hampshire Governor Craig Benson on May 21, 2004 asking him to persuade State Police to receive assistance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in the search for his daughter. Murray never received a response.

Since then, Murray has submitted an application using the Freedom of Information Act in order to receive more information about the investigation.

"After writing to the governor, I appealed again to the attorney general and the district attorney of Grafton County, but I don't expect anything," Murray said.

Murray has been traveling to New Hampshire to search for his daughter almost every weekend since her disappearance.

"This place is like the old west," Murray said as he described the atmosphere of northern New Hampshire.

Murray said part of his search has included hanging out in local bars in hopes to overhear a conversation in which someone mentions something about Maura. Murray said he has been actively investigating his daughter's disappearance himself because he does not trust the police to conduct a proper investigation.

"These guys can't catch a cold," he said.

Murray said his main frustration is that police refuse to investigate "scenario number 4." Lt. Scarniza told the Daily Collegian in August that the police investigation has led them to believe Maura "left on her own volition." This would lead one to believe Maura either ran away, committed suicide or suffered from hypothermia. The Murrays disagreed and believe she was abducted.

Fred Murray believes the police do not want to admit there is a predator in their small, rural community.

"There's a bad guy on their turf in their backyard," Murray said. "The skunk is on their doorstep."

While the Murray family has been disputing facts about the police investigation, yet another troubling piece of information came to light in October 2004 when Sharon Rausch was reviewing Maura's cell phone records. The cell phone was given to Maura by her boyfriend, which was purchased in his mother's name. Rausch came across the last two numbers Maura called three hours before she disappeared.

Rausch decided to call the second number, which was to Dominic and Linda Salamone of Wakefield, Mass. In the course of Raush's conversation with Linda Salamone, she claims that she realized the Salamones own a condominium in Bartlett, NH — the same condo association the Murray family vacationed in years past.

Although the phone call was one of the last Maura made before she went missing, the Salamones said police never once contacted them. The couple did not learn of their part of the story until being contacted by Rausch, eight months after Maura vanished.

"I was speechless," Rausch recalled, "and that doesn't happen to me very often."

Fred Murray explained that this new information is another piece of evidence that points to Maura being abducted.

"She had a destination," Murray said. "She was on route 112, which goes right to Bartlett ... [The police] will do anything to avoid saying 'number 4.'"

This new information does not back up the NH State Police theory that Maura ran away or committed suicide because it would be unlikely for her to rent a condo if she was planning on running away. Before she left UMass, she contacted her professors stating there was a death in the family, when there was no such death...

Many people believe she was taking time off from school to deal with the stress of a recent car crash in which she caused $10,000 worth of damage to her father's vehicle. In addition, Maura's school textbooks were found in the vehicle. Sharon Rausch and Fred Murray have both said they could not be unhappier with the police investigation.

"It's clear they have their own agenda and it has nothing to do with the truth or finding Maura," said Rausch.

More bad news hit the Murray family this past October. Maura's mother, Laurie Murray was diagnosed with throat cancer. According to Rausch, she has already undergone 30 days of chemotherapy and radiation treatment and has been doing better. Rausch said Murray has told people she is going to beat the cancer so she can see Maura come home.

The Daily Collegian has made several attempts to contact New Hampshire State Police for information regarding this article, but calls were not returned.

Rausch asks anyone who would like to help keep hope for Maura to pray, wear a blue ribbon or light an electric- or battery-operated candle until she comes home.

On their official Web site, New Hampshire State Police have asked anyone with information regarding Maura's disappearance to call Sgt. Robert Bruno at 603-846-3333. The Murray family asks those with information to either call police or contact them through their "Maura's Missing" Web site at http://www.maura-murray.com


UMass student Maura Murray smiles with her boyfriend Billy Rausch prior to her disappearance.









Univ. Press finds new home on North Pleasant St.

By Meghan Murphy
Collegian Staff

The University of Massachusetts Press, the book-publishing arm of the Ua niversity, recently moved to a new home in the East Experiment Station on North Pleasant St. The Press Office was part of a shuffle of various office locations happening throughout UMass.

"There was a relocation of many offices around campus and the press was a part of that," said Ed Blaguszewski, the director of the UMass News Office. But for the Press, which celebrates its 42nd birthday this year, the move marked the beginning of a new chapter in its history.

"For many years, we relied on University funds to cover the remaining portion of our expenses," said Bruce Wilcox, the director of the University of Massachusetts Press Office. But during the budget cuts last May, "there were severe financial pressures on the University... and we were told that we could no longer depend on funding."

The Press was granted a few years of "bridge funding" with the expectation that it would gain more and more financial independence from the university.

Since its inception in 1963, the Press has sold nearly a million individual volumes and now has more than 900 titles in print.

"Our strength is in American studies, broadly defined," said Wilcox. "We do books on history, African American studies, women's studies, and we have a series of Native Americans of the Northeast."

He added that the Press prints books by UMass faculty members as well as scholars at other universities and around the world. "Our job is to identify really strong works of scholarship, and then publish them effectively and market them vigorously."

In order to extend the reach of its publications, the Press recently joined forces with the Google Print Program, a feature run by the popular search engine.

"When you go to a bookstore, you rarely buy a book without browsing it first, and now you can do that electronically," said Wilcox.

Google digitizes the Press's publications, scans them, indexes the content, and then places them on secure servers. Then, readers can search for a specific part of the book as well as browse two pages forward and back from their starting point.

"In an age in which many students do their research by sitting in front of their computer, it's important that our books are accessible electronically," Wilcox added.


The University Press has relocated to the East Experiment Station on North Pleasant street in Amherst.

The Press also recently became a part of a similar program through Amazon.com, whereby readers can search through an entire book online. According to Wilcox, this will boost the sales and reputation of the Press by helping readers to decide if they want to buy the book online.

"With these huge companies competing to be your gateway to information, we want to work with them ... we want to make our books as successful as possible."

Many of the Press's publications have already celebrated great success, as shown in the "Recent Awards" section of the University Press Web site. Showcased there is a long list of books that have been recognized in the past few years.

The lineup includes "Captors and Captives" by Evan Haefeli and Kevin Sweeney, "Growing Up Abolitionist" by Harriet Hyman Alonso and "White Robe's Dilemma" by Neil Schmitz, which was selected as one of the 32 titles in the American Library Association's "The Best of the Best from the University Presses: Books You Should Know About" in 2002.

"The Press has a long tradition of publishing outstanding works, and as those works are circulating nationwide ... it communicates that UMass is a serious academic institution and that we're doing important work here," Blaguszewski said.

The University Press was also recognized in a recent book exhibit held by the American Historical Association. "We had a booth there right next to Harvard," said Wilcox proudly. "It reflects well on [UMass] that on a national basis, we are competitive in publishing. We carry the name of the university beyond [its] walls."

As far as the Press' financial situation, Wilcox is hopeful about the future. "I think [financial independence] is a very large challenge ... the reason we're here is to publish good books that might not otherwise be published because they're not likely to be profitable."

He explained that there isn't a large demand for scholarly books on history and literature, so those publications might not bring in as much money. Although the Press brings in a million dollars in sales revenues annually, after factoring in staff salaries, production costs, marketing costs, and author royalties, the expenses outweigh the income.

The road to self-sufficiency will be bumpy, but the Press' staff and supporters believe that the difficulty is worth working through to achieve their goals. "It's quite a challenge, but we're certainly doing everything we can to increase revenues and control expenses while still holding true to our fundamental mission... to publish books that enhance the reputation of the University," said Wilcox.

Fross urges focus on community

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the needs of the University are and what our academic areas are looking for from the Outreach organization."

She added that in order for University Outreach to really enhance the capabilities of the University it would have to work in close partnership with all aspects of the school.

"So that's where a lot of my focus is in this first year," Fross said. "And as we develop new programs to take to external constituencies it is important that we have research data to confirm that those programs are actually needed and that there are constituencies that want those programs."

According to Fross, Outreach anticipates having market research capabilities in order to market the programs that are developed and they are currently in the process of filling the position of a director of marketing and communications.

"I am very focused on aligning the Outreach organization in what we need to do administratively in order to expand and enhance the programs and to have a more significant presence across the Commonwealth, as well as nationally and internationally," Fross said.

Admissions program announced

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[Gargano] is doing it basically to get more diversity on campus — recruitment might not have that effect," said Abigail Austrie, a junior ALANA student majoring in political science. "It's all about how you present UMass, so if kids see all the news about the racial issues that went on last semester, then they aren't going to want to come to UMass.

"I have friends in Boston that don't want to come to here. They say if there are so many issues then they don't think they will get the real help they need as a minority so they decide to go to an all-black college."

Leia Hustick is a senior working at the Office of ALANA Affairs, said she does think that the University needs more recruitment from community colleges.

"We especially need more from inner city schools. [UMass] needs to talk to high school students, and even have college students come and talk to minority students and say 'Hey you can get to college – anybody can do it.'

"I also think we need a bus system going from Springfield to Holyoke – that would help a lot," continued the cultural anthropology and STEPEC major. "We need to recruit from those places or else we are going to have one type of student and that's going to be middle to upper class and mostly white. We need more diversity not just racially but also economically."

Endowment created for women

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sciences beginning next year.

Although the days since her death continue to grow, Joseph Zak is still reminded of his stepdaughter every day. On the family's kitchen counter sits a plaque engraved with a poem that was given to Hayes after her grandmother passed away last Christmas.

"She loved the saying," he said, looking fondly at it. "She was my life in a way."

Recently, in the checkout line of a local grocery store, Joseph said he was surprised when the clerk recognized him as Hayes' step-father.

"She said Jessica used to sit with her on the bus and talk to her when no one else would," he said. "That's just the kind of person she was."

On Dec. 17, during one of Hayes' final business trips with her step-father, Joesph said the two drove past a cemetery.

"She turned to me and said 'When I die, I'm going to Heaven,'" said Joesph.

"I joked with her and said that I bet she was."

To donate to the Jessica Hayes Scholarship Fund, contact the University of Massachusetts Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Department, 701 North Pleasant Street, Amherst, MA 01003.



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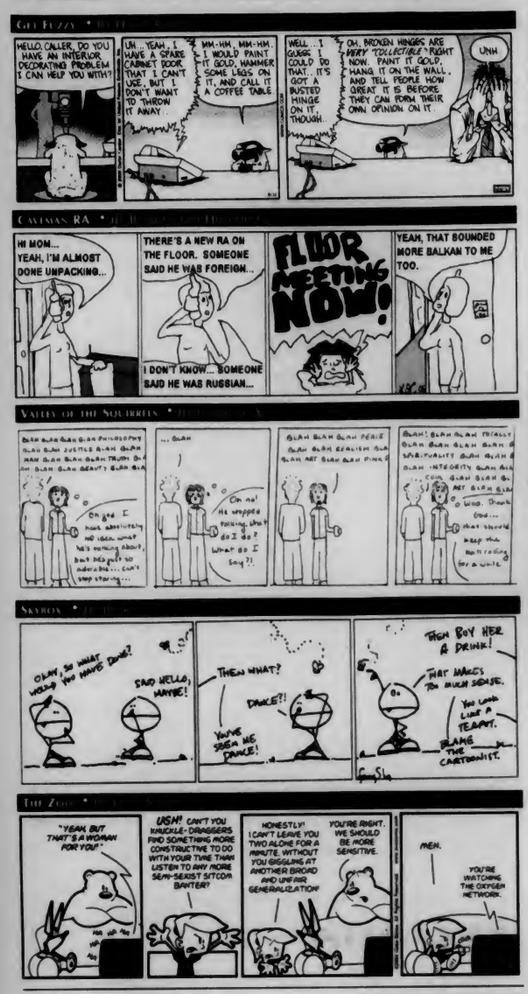
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Quote of the Day

"A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds."

-Sir Francis Bacon

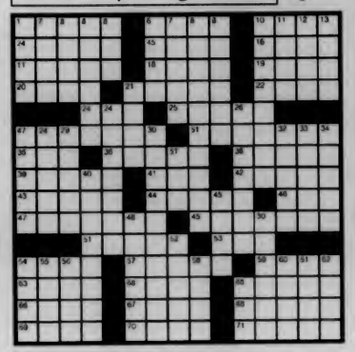
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Relief aid effort scarce

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As for the exchange students, many found that living in Japan, a country prone to earthquakes and tsunamis, has been an awakening experience.

Vaida Vaitkude, 27 of Lithuania, thought it has made a difference "because you're closer, not only geographically but to the people."

"In Australia, we have quite a bit of cyclones," Alan Porta, 23, of Australia, said. "But living in Tokyo where there are earthquakes and tsunamis on a regular basis, it puts it in a different perspective."

"In retrospect, we should not look so much at what happened," Porta said. "But what could have happened in Tokyo ... The same one [in Southeast Asia] wouldn't have killed just 200,000. That comes from living in Tokyo."

Smith College helps in aid

TSUNAMI AID from A5

After her home was flooded by the tsunami wave and her country was devastated, Smith College freshman Yasasri Gammampila, 20, says she knew she wanted to help the people of Sri Lanka.

"When [] heard about the tsunami[, I felt like ... it was a time I should have been there," she said. "It's a really bad feeling when you know you can't do anything."

But Gammampila is planning to do more than just "anything." She is planning a charity event with the Student Government Association and Asian Students Association to organize the event, which is set to feature a slide show of before and after pictures of the country's beaches, a documentary, and a donation collection.

Although her parents and family members have been accounted for, Gammampila said there were a few anxious hours on Dec. 26 when she couldn't reach her parents by phone.

"I was immediately worried. My house is 200 feet from the sea," she said. "The phone lines were dead. [But] my parents [are] safe, thank God."

Gammampila says she considers herself lucky — some of her friends were not so fortunate.

"I spoke with a friend who still has an uncle missing. You don't know what to say to something like that," she said.

Gammampila's event is scheduled for Feb. 7, at 12 p.m. in the Neilson Browsing Room on the Smith Campus.

"Whatever money we can raise, even if it's just $500, it helps people," she said.

People looking to donate or aid in Haneef Sahabdeen's tsunami relief fund can mail donations to Sri Lanka Disaster Relief Fund, P.O. Box 3061, Amherst, MA 01004-3061.

UMass employees may donate through the University of Massachusetts Amherst Community Campaign, or UMACC. Checks or cash can be dropped off in the UMACC office in 305 Whitmore or call 545-0209.

Faculty members' study looks at aging

By Hannah Drake
Collegian Staff

Four University of Massachusetts faculty members will commence studies about human aging this February to learn about different aspects of the aging process.

The faculty, which include David Marquez of the exercise science department, and Rebecca Ready, Susan Krauss Whitbourne and Tammy Rahhal of the psychology department created a common interest group after learning about each other's individual projects last semester.

Rahhal's research project concerns how to maximize the memory performance of the elderly. Whitbourne's studies involve "Baby Boomer" midlife self-identification and personality, and personality development after college through midlife.

"There are a lot of negative stereotypes surrounding the aging, and a lot of misunderstandings about the psychology of aging. People generally think of it as a time of decline, and loss ... there are some more positive [aspects] in nature that we don't understand as well," Ready said.

Ready's research project will involve about 80 participants. It has been designed to show how recall of mood and emotions changes as people age.

To conduct the study, Ready plans to have participants record their feelings daily for four weeks. Ready said she would then proceed to test their recollection and ask volunteers how they think they felt over the four-week time span. The younger half of the participants will be between the ages 20 and 40, and the other half ages 65 and older.

"At the end of the four weeks, I might ask somebody how depressed did they feel. They don't look at their journals. They'll see how well they remember, and we'll compare the older age group to the younger age group," Ready said.

Ready said the project might reveal that the elderly have better emotion recall than younger people.

Marquez will be conducting a study that examines the barriers to regular physical activity amongst caretakers of those with dementia, which includes Alzheimer's disease.

"[Caretakers] spend so much of their time caring for somebody else, they often neglect their own physical and mental health. They're more at risk for different diseases because their immune function will be decreased," Marquez said.

Through his research, Marquez hopes to target the main obstacle caregivers see to their ability to exercise.

"The goal of this cross-sectional study is to ... address the factors that overall care-givers have identified as determinants related to their lack of exercise," Marquez said.

Marquez said that participants will be given questionnaires that inquire about the social support they receive to exercise, how much activity they do during a typical day, and what barriers participants find that prevent them from exercising.

To measure the volunteer's activity, Marquez proposed that subjects use accelerometers, which measure any movement the wearer makes, akin to an upgraded pedometer.

Campus Perspectives

What is the coolest thing you did over break?

By Alex Demosthene



"Got lost in the subways of New York City."
Sarah Modr
Junior
Theater major



"Ice-skating on the Frog Pond in Boston."
Rebecca Margolin
Junior
Geographyx major



"Attended a wedding for the first time in my life."
Anna Darkua
Senior
Psychology major



"Had people over my apartment on New Year's Eve to hang out and watch the ball drop."
Kristen Bouley
Junior
History major



"Went running in the cold."
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Legal Studies major

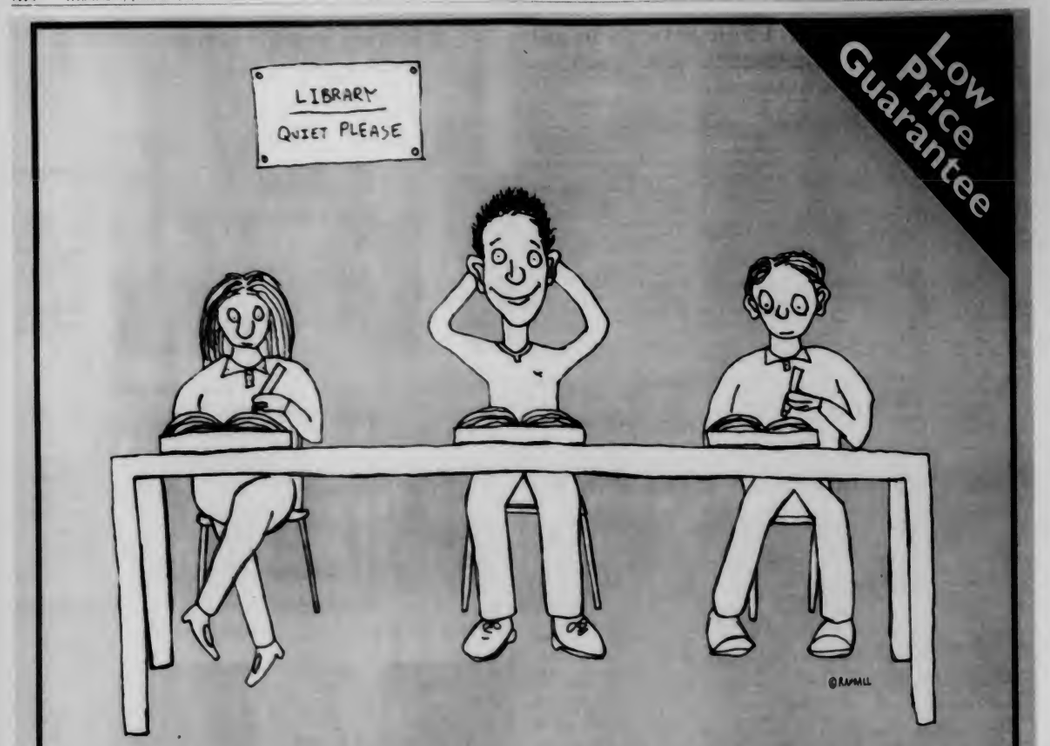


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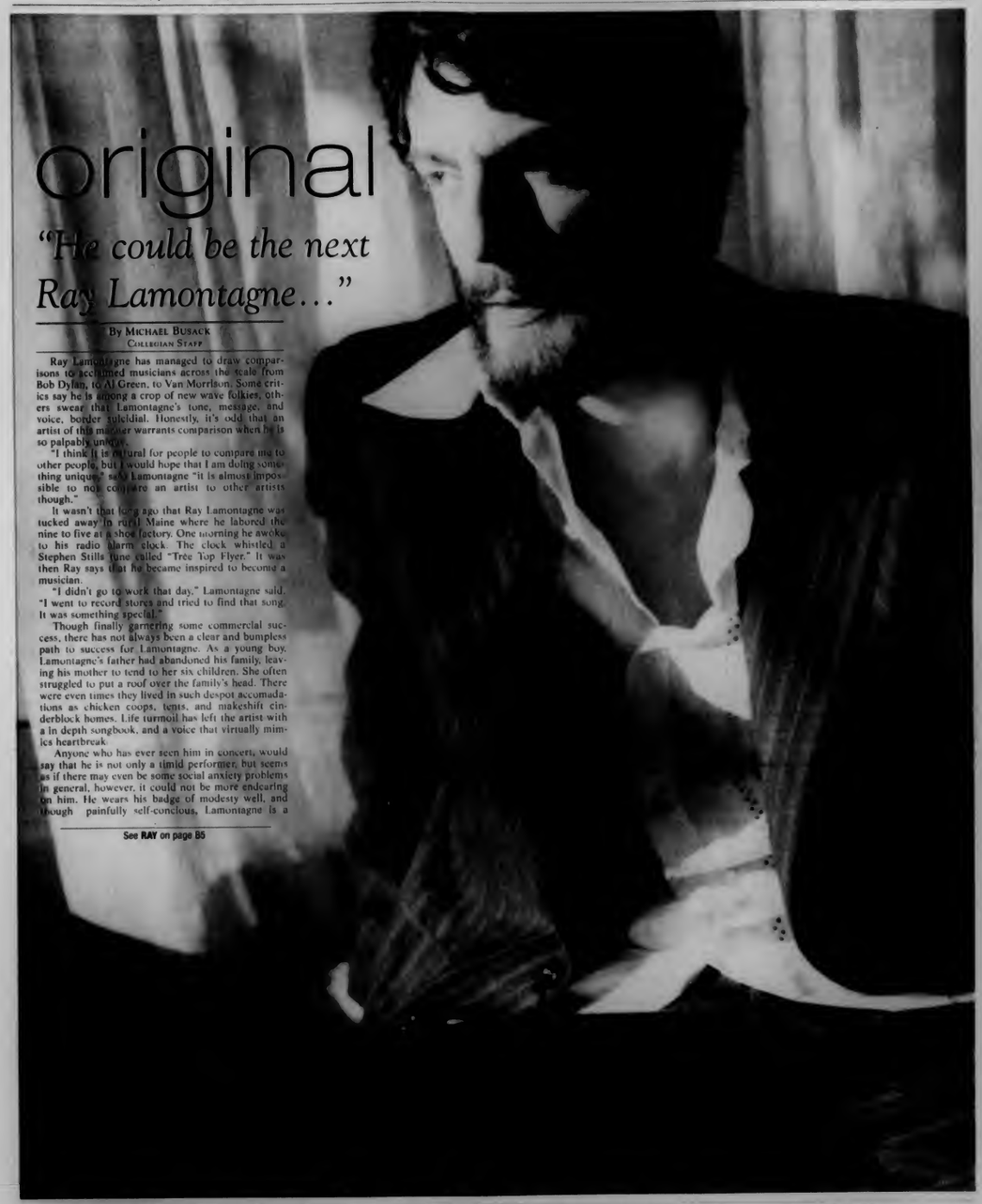
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"He could be the next Ray Lamontagne..."

By Michael Busack
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Ray Lamontagne has managed to draw comparisons to acclaimed musicians across the scale from Bob Dylan, to Al Green, to Van Morrison. Some critics say he is among a crop of new wave folkies, others swear that Lamontagne's tone, message, and voice, border soleidial. Honestly, it's odd that an artist of this manner warrants comparison when he is so palpably unique.

"I think it is natural for people to compare me to other people, but I would hope that I am doing something unique," says Lamontagne "it is almost impossible to not compare an artist to other artists though."

It wasn't that long ago that Ray Lamontagne was tucked away in rural Maine where he labored the nine to five at a shoe factory. One morning he awoke to his radio alarm clock. The clock whistled a Stephen Stills tune called "Tree Top Flyer." It was then Ray says that he became inspired to become a musician.

"I didn't go to work that day," Lamontagne said. "I went to record stores and tried to find that song. It was something special."

Though finally garnering some commercial success, there has not always been a clear and bumpless path to success for Lamontagne. As a young boy, Lamontagne's father had abandoned his family, leaving his mother to tend to her six children. She often struggled to put a roof over the family's head. There were even times they lived in such despot accomodations as chicken coops, tents, and makeshift cinderblock homes. Life turmoil has left the artist with a in depth songbook, and a voice that virtually mimics heartbreak.

Anyone who has ever seen him in concert, would say that he is not only a timid performer, but seems as if there may even be some social anxiety problems in general, however, it could not be more endearing on him. He wears his badge of modesty well, and though painfully self-conclous, Lamontagne is a

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Laura Bush makes fashion comeback

By Chris Gazzara
Collegian Staff

...dy position is the only post in public office that has no ...ress it have a distinct function. That is, except to wear ...ration gown and a couple fancy designer suits.

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...es of the First Lady were never less tangible than ...ington took the original position. Knowing she had ...l power, she took on the role of hostess in the ...gnant dignity. Through social interaction she was ... her husband's career and create valuable connections ...while throwing some rocking good parties.

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...ven within our first two presidencies the idea of ...ould be radically different. There has, however, ...dition that has not changed year to year and that is ...king of choosing the inaugural gown.

...en known for her fashion choices. She herself ... "matronly" to describe her sense of style. This ...rly on par with today's more bold and cutting edge ... This year, despite her ignorance to style, she chose a designer that seems to understand her need to be subtle, but pleasing.

While not considered mod by any stretch of the imagination, Oscar de la Renta was, and still is, considered a classic haute couture house of fashion.

The name de la Renta leaves hope for a continual fashion comeback from Mrs. Bush. Ever classy and dignified, but not exactly up to speed, de la Renta is a perfect match for her.

Embroidered with Austrian crystals and crafted with fine tulle, this ice blue inauguration dress beats its predecessor, a red scoop neck dress of Chantilly lace fitted, once again, with Austrian crystals. The Michael Faircloth gown worn by Mrs. Bush in 2001 seems to have been an idea better left on paper. Faircloth's sensibility has, in the past, been described as being inspired by the feminine form and has a great appreciation for the strength of statuesque beauty. That is all well and good, but looking at photographs taken from the president's first Inauguration, it seems the gown fell short of creating a statuesque shape for Mrs. Bush and just made her look, well, large. With a curvy, size eight figure, she could potentially pull off a very regal design.

Mrs. Bush also wore a Caroline Herrera work to the Black Tie and Boots Ball, hosted by

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A big improvement

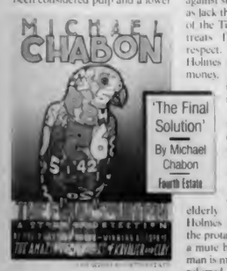
Known for her conservative and modest style in the past, First Lady Laura Bush made a conscious effort to improve her style for this year's Inaugural Ball.

Chabon release sure to garner attention

By Spencer Ziegler
Collegian Staff

Pulitzer Prize winning author Michael Chabon continues to blur the lines between high art and low art with his latest novella "The Final Solution." Chabon's 2001 Pulitzer winning novel "The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay" surprised people when he took up the comic industry as his subject matter. Comics have been considered pulp and a lower form of art, much like the reputation that Arthur Conan Doyle unjustly receives for his Sherlock Holmes stories. In "The Final Solution" Michael Chabon has borrowed the character of Holmes in order to write a fascinating story about seemingly unsolvable mysteries.

Many authors have employed Doyle's character in their writing and most of them cheaply. Stories have been written pitting Holmes against such silly antagonists such as Jack the Ripper and the sinking of the Titanic. However, Chabon treats Doyle's character with respect. He writes a Sherlock Holmes story not just to make money, but to hammer home important themes and ideas.



Sherlock Holmes is reinvented in Chabon's "Final Solution."

The Sherlock Holmes in "The Final Solution" is different from the one seen in Doyle's works. When Holmes hung up his detecting boots he retired to a simple life as a bee-keeper. It is this elderly and less competent Holmes that Chabon chooses as the protagonist in his story. When a mute boy looses a parrot and a man is murdered, Holmes (who is referred to simply as "the old

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Punkers shine in sophomore effort

By Craig Leger
Collegian Correspondent

On Tuesday, Feb. 1 the highly anticipated album of Orlando natives, Anberlin, will hit shelves across the country and will likely sweep the rock community by storm.

The catchy riffs of lead guitarist Joseph Milligan, mixed with the bass talents of Deon Rexroat and unimaginable drum patterns of Nathan Young, all topped-off with the talented vocals of Stephen Christian, all combine to make Anberlin. This group hits the ears hard with every beat of every track. Their melodic style, however, remains unabrasive enough for the listener's senses.

In the summer of 2002 the four-piece alternative rock band was signed to Tooth & Nail Records and one year later, they produced their first full length album, "Blueprints for the Black Market." This February, the rockers will release their sophomore effort, a disc critics claim is one of the most anticipated record releases of the year.

The 11-track "Never Take Friendship Personal" does not offer up a single disappointment, despite the fact that it is only 40 minutes long. With brevity as its only drawback, listeners may want to pick up both of Anberlin's prior releases because their popularity and talent seems to be growing larger and larger every day. As the number one band on www.purevolume.com currently, Anberlin has rightfully racked up almost 400,000 total plays.

Anberlin
'Never Take Friendship Personal'
Tooth and Nail

Straight from the get-go, the opening chords to the title track, "Never Take Friendship Personal," warns the listener of what they are getting into. Once that beat gets into the brainwaves, its smooth sailing from there throughout the rest of the album to the last track, "Dance, Dance Christa Patfgen".

On Feb. 15 Stephen, Joey, Deon, and Nate of Anberlin will be teaming up with Head Automatica, Hawthorne Heights, and headliner Sugarcult on the Take Action Tour. Take Action is a non-profit organization that uses its powerful music sense and connection to influence people's awareness of suicide and mental health.

According to the Take Action Tour website, "Since 2001, the Take Action Tour has been teamed up with the National Hopeline Network, 1-800-SUICIDE, and thanks to the petition gathering and fundraising from fans like you, suicide and the mental health challenges leading to suicide have gained national attention in the halls of government."

Like fellow label-mates Further Seems Forever, Anberlin is just one of those bands that people are always waiting for new stuff from. The wait is over, "Never Take Friendship Personal" hits stores on Feb. 1 and Anberlin hits the road two weeks later. The tour stops in Boston at The Roxy on March 8.

Information from takeactiontour.com was used in this report.



COURTESY TOOTH AND NAIL

With the release of their second album, "Never take friendship personal," the band Amberlin is generating much talk with music critics.

Middle East brings less than 'Ordinary' show to Cambridge

By Matthew M. Burke
Collegian Staff

The world of unsigned bands trying to make a name for themselves is a dazzling realm filled with humorous names an outrageous antics. Instead of stadiums, they play in bars and night clubs. Unsigned bands are accessible to their fans and are generally happy to chat about music and life. They play for the love of it, and for money or fame. Following suit, Ordinary K took an average Wednesday night and made Boston get down and dirty. In their second Boston show in a year, they have improved with the addition of a new guitar player and new songs that compliment their maturity as both musicians and as artists.

On Jan. 12 the stage was set at the Middle East in Cambridge for an amazing night, to say the least. The bill featured former UMass Spring Concert performer and Northampton mainstay, Cold Duck Complex, as well as Frequency 7 featuring Boston's own Amadeus, Electric Donkey, and headliner Ordinary K.

The night started out with Cold Duck Complex taking the stage. Cold Duck won the 2003 UMass Battle of the Bands and hails from Amherst. They blended jazz, funk, and hip-hop splendidly, warming up the crowd as it filtered into the venue from Massachusetts Avenue. Extremely impressive were both lead singer Casey Hayman's lyricism and drummer Makaya McCraven's constant pounding of his three-piece kit that laid down constant earth shattering beats throughout their set. The keyboardist was almost too talented for the band as he played strange melodies and sounds that didn't really fit, but all in all, they were a pleasant experience.

Two less impressive bands took the stage after Cold Duck Complex, the first being Frequency 7. This group featured several rappers and several singers accompanied by funky baselines and soothing beats. The highlight of their set was a cover of "The Seed" by The Roots. A rapper from Boston who goes by the name of Amadeus, however, was a Frequency 7 show stealer. His 2004 release, entitled "Silent Screams and Dry Tears," is a breath of fresh air in today's underground rap scene. Song's like "Boston Boogie," "Get Familiar," and "Rapture"

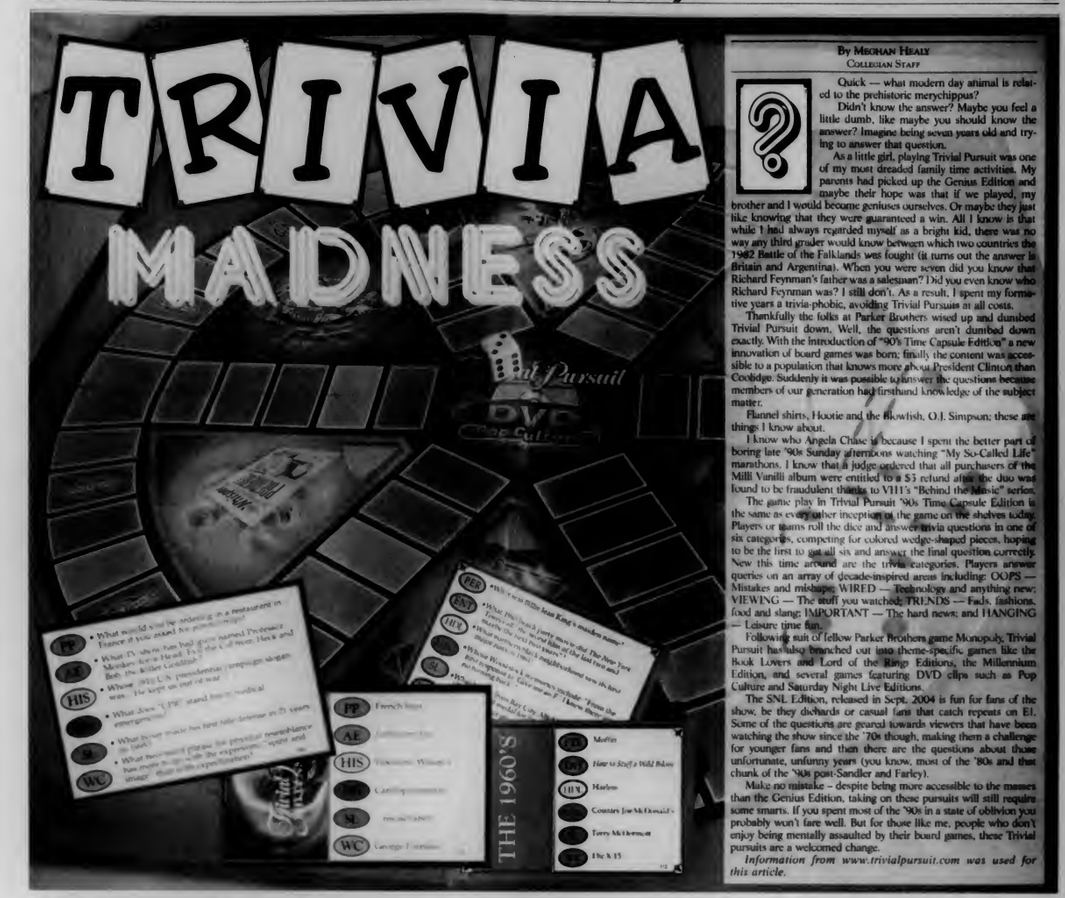
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Ordinary K
Middle East Cambridge
Jan. 12

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The Middle East, home to performances by many "indie" bands, welcomed the popular band Ordinary K to play for a large crowd at the Cambridge venue.



By Meghan Healy
Collegian Staff

Quick — what modern day animal is related to the prehistoric merychippus?

Didn't know the answer? Maybe you feel a little dumb, like maybe you should know the answer? Imagine being seven years old and trying to answer that question.

As a little girl, playing Trivial Pursuit was one of my most dreaded family time activities. My parents had picked up the Genius Edition and maybe their hope was that if we played, my brother and I would become geniuses ourselves. Or maybe they just like knowing that they were guaranteed a win. All I know is that while I had always regarded myself as a bright kid, there was no way any third grader would know between which two countries the 1982 Battle of the Falklands was fought (it turns out the answer is Britain and Argentina). When you were seven did you know that Richard Feynman's father was a salesman? Did you even know who Richard Feynman was? I still don't. As a result, I spent my formative years a trivia-phobic, avoiding Trivial Pursuits at all costs.

Thankfully the folks at Parker Brothers wised up and dumbed Trivial Pursuit down. Well, the questions aren't dumbed down exactly. With the introduction of "90's Time Capsule Edition" a new innovation of board games was born; finally, the content was accessible to a population that knows more about President Clinton than Coolidge. Suddenly it was possible to answer the questions because members of our generation had firsthand knowledge of the subject matter.

Flannel shirts, Hootie and the Blowfish, O.J. Simpson; these are things I know about.

I know who Angela Chase is because I spent the better part of boring late '90s Sunday afternoons watching "My So-Called Life" marathons. I know that a judge ordered that all purchasers of the Milli Vanilli album were entitled to a $5 refund after the duo was found to be fraudulent thanks to VH1's "Behind the Music" series.

The game play in Trivial Pursuit '90s Time Capsule Edition is the same as ever since inception of the game on the shelves today. Players or teams roll the dice and answer trivia questions in one of six categories, competing for colored wedge-shaped pieces, hoping to be the first to get all six and answer the final question correctly. New this time around are the trivia categories. Players answer queries on an array of decade-inspired areas including: OOPS — Mistakes and mishaps; WIRED — Technology and anything new; VIEWING — The stuff you watched; TRENDS — Fads, fashions, food and slang; IMPORTANT — The hard news; and HANGING — Leisure time fun.

Following suit of fellow Parker Brothers game Monopoly, Trivial Pursuit has also branched out into theme-specific games like the Book Lovers and Lord of the Rings Editions, the Millennium Edition, and several games featuring DVD clips such as Pop Culture and Saturday Night Live Editions.

The SNL Edition, released in Sept. 2004 is fun for fans of the show, be they diehards or casual fans that catch repeats on E!. Some of the questions are geared towards viewers that have been watching the show since the '70s though, making them a challenge for younger fans and then there are the questions about those unfortunate, unfunny years (you know, most of the '80s and that chunk of the '90s post-Sandler and Farley).

Make no mistake – despite being more accessible to the masses than the Genius Edition, taking on these pursuits will still require some smarts. If you spent most of the '90s in a state of oblivion you probably won't fare well. But for those like me, people who don't enjoy being mentally assaulted by their board games, these Trivial pursuits are a welcomed change.

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The company you keep

Author Susan Scott discusses the do's and dont's of conversation

By Amy Forni
Collegian Correspondent

"Fierce: robust, intense, strong, powerful, passionate, eager, unbridled." Synonyms for fierce decorate the front cover of "Fierce Conversations," by Susan Scott, the national bestseller that focuses on improving our understanding of one another and the meaning we take from interactions.



Scott offers a guide to good conversation in her new book.

'Fierce Conversations'
By Susan Scott
Berkeley Publishing

The strength, genuineness and energy supporting our words determine how we relate to our colleagues, friends and families. For those of you desiring more evocative, sincere relationships, "Fierce Conversations" will help rescue you from drab diatribes that leave you searching for clarity and truth.

Do you ever find your mind preoccupied with the next two hours, or even two minutes, while someone is talking to you? You see their lips moving, usually in slow motion, and your ears listen to their words from underwater. How about talking to someone and throwing in random, obscene comments to help their distracted eyes focus on you. Although frank comments sometimes hit a sensitive nerve, wouldn't we benefit from always speaking honestly? And wouldn't our words be free without any hidden messages attached?

Susan Scott, founder and Chief Executive Officer of Fierce Incorporated since 1999, wrote "Fierce Conversations" to help people achieve "success at work and in life, one conversation at a time." Her self-improvement guide focuses on seven principles to integrate in our everyday conversations.

To demonstrate the goal of her principles she uses entertaining and relatable narratives, examples, quotes and exercises. Her guideline to enhancing conversations and ultimately improving our lives include: "Master the Courage to Interrogate Reality," "Come Out from Behind Yourself into the Conversation and Make It Real," "Be Here, Prepared to Be Nowhere Else," "Tackle Your Toughest Challenge Today," "Obey Your Instincts," "Take Responsibility for Your Emotional Wake" and "Let Silence Do the Heavy Lifting."

The principles collaboratively discuss the importance of being honest with ourselves and others. Each conversation should have a goal while we speak with clarity and purpose. Scott elaborates on the importance of finding meaning in and touching someone with our words. She emphasizes honesty and truly focusing on what each other has to say. For example, Scott's principle, "Be Here, Prepared to Be Nowhere Else," discusses the importance of committing to a conversation and not becoming distracted with our own thoughts or our

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Williams' album good, but lacks heart

By Chris Gazzara
Collegian Staff



Vanessa Williams is a name that has always been in the background of American pop culture. From her fall from grace in 1984 after becoming the dirtiest Miss America around to her triumph as Ebony Scrooge in "A Diva's Christmas Carol," Williams has always offered up her talent in a way that is accessible and entertaining. She now gives us another album, "Everlasting Love," full of feel good seventies tracks that is mostly enjoyable, but at times lackluster.

Vanessa William's voice is a pure instrument. On tracks like "Never Can Say Goodbye" you can hear the clearness of direction and intonation. Her interpretation of these songs is close to flawless. She possesses a technically impressive voice that rivals some of the best singers in recording history. At times, however, she lacks the complete roundness of emotion that comes from our greater vocalists of the last 20 years, like Whitney Houston, Mariah Carey or Celine Dion.

It is clear in each track that these are some of William's favorite songs to sing, and the concept of the album being exclusively covers of love songs from the 70s' actually seems to work for her. Unfortunately however, on the whole, the album seems to lack the gusto that it takes to create a truly memorable hit record.

In the many articles and interviews published on Vanessa Williams there is the sense that she is more interested in singing as a means to stretch herself across multitudes of genres rather than to express musical passions or creative urges. She herself requested that her new record deal include promotional work that would not interfere with the other facets of her life and career.

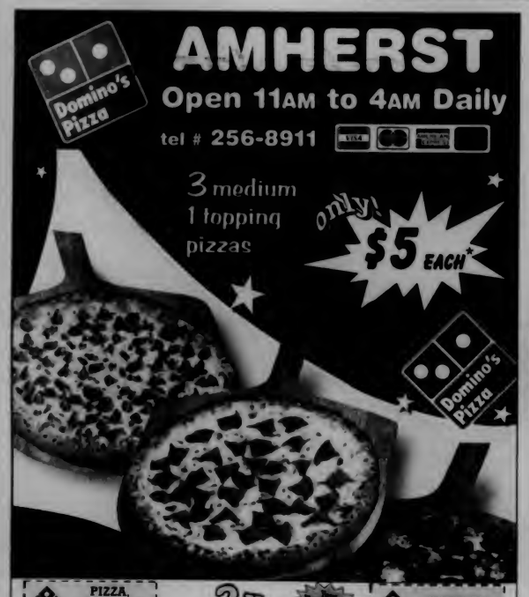
The deal created with her best interest in mind, also stated she would record and release an album of Christmas tunes (released in October) as well, not exactly indicative of a desire to make art. Still, not all music is created with the intention of creating a masterpiece. For [illegible] son, despite all of Vanessa's investment, she falls short even of those recently turned out by younger rivals like Jessica Simpson, or Christina Aguilera.

Tracks like "First Time I Ever Saw Your Face" sound like they haven't really been reinvented, nor has there been much effort put into making the song completely her own. However, on "Send One Your Love," Williams lays down her most sincere and flattering vocals. The song is light and up-tempo with a jazzy feel much like the classic "Girl from Ipanema." This is probably the best song on the album.

"With You I'm Born Again," a duet with George Benson, is another beautiful track. Benson is a great guest vocalist and seems to bring out the purity in Vanessa's voice, though the arrangement itself is best suited for "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." It is no wonder she was so successful on Broadway.

A challenge that faces Ms. Williams is that in this day, age unfortunately matters. Even the majority of adults are either listening to music from their era, or are already right at step beside kids our age listening to more contemporary music. Vanessa certainly has a following, but this isn't 1992. Most people have forgotten "Save the Best for Last," a rank Vanessa doesn't want to place into. She's worth more than that.

The very name Vanessa Williams evokes fond memories of Disney's "Pocahontas." Her intense beauty, [illegible] interpretations on camera and [illegible] house spread have won her the [illegible] lions. Her desire to have a [illegible] denotes a need to make music and [illegible] our hearts. What is lacking [illegible] William's sincerity. Her voice [illegible] which is lacking in [illegible] that doesn't sound the same [illegible] track forward.



Some not-so-'Ordinary' K

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finally draw a line in the sand with regard to the dominance enjoyed by New York's underground hip-hop scene. However, his role in this side project is very small.

Electric Donkey followed Frequency 7. They took the stage and from the start it was very hard to take them seriously. They carried themselves in a goofy yet laid back fashion that resembled Blink 182 in their early days of performing live. At one point a band member played the spoons with bongo accompaniment. It was a humorous moment, but it pretty much summed up their performance.

The headliner Ordinary K, whose members hail from Colorado to Cape Cod to South Carolina stepped off the street, coming from a friend's house, and watched the other acts over a few house beers. Ordinary K consists of Todd "Woodz" Woodward (mic/vocals), newcomer Mikey B (guitar), James Walton (keyboards), James Bruner (bass), and Jeremy Bretey (drums). After Electric Donkey cleared the stage, Ordinary K front man Woodward demanded that the detached crowd move closer to the stage. The crowd gingerly complied and Ordinary K took control of the room with their extraordinary stage presence.

They started right into their high-energy set of hip-hop/funk/reggae, which infected the crowd, and the dancing started immediately. They played everything from fan favorites like "Hello" and "Honey Sweet" to new material inspired from their tour of Jamaica for last year's Spring Break. At one point Woodz and the rest of Ordinary K raised their beers to the crowd in appreciation, due to the fact that the crowd had done nothing but bob their heads during the other bands, and now were alive. Everyone then continued to get lost in dancing, drinking and song.

Ordinary K has conquered everywhere they have played, from Jamaica to Colorado, from New York City to Vermont, and they have now started playing in Massachusetts on a regular basis.



Back to the beginning: How the Eve column came to life


Eve
Original Sin

They are a typical campus couple. She is bigger than he is and spends most of the day basking in her own glorious t for the most part life together is bliss, comfortable, both of them making tiny adjustments for one another in a single-sized dorm room.

When the lights are on they are inseparable. She hangs on him and he keeps her afloat. In the night they sleep peacefully together on top of, beneath, upside down, neck to neck, always touching each other as if their relationship moved in unison. I guess I could say that until the holidays it was just another relationship without a major ripple. Maybe it was the anxiety of leaving the dorms; the packing, the change in weather, the shift in the camaraderie of college life or the trip home. Maybe their rhythm of a stress-free co-existence got mixed up in the transition from rural life to life in the city. Holidays have a habit of shaking things up and bringing out the worst of our animal instincts, but a massacre on the first day of vacation, a night where they even turned on their best friends, was the last thing I expected.

I believe I can mark the rise and fall of my most painful relationship at UMass by the size of my turtles. It was summer, my 21st birthday, and we were in the middle of a heat wave. As a surprise, my beloved boyfriend snatched me off my towel at the beach on Martha's Vineyard for a New York City shopping spree. There we were on Canal Street in Chinatown, searching for the perfect birthday present — a faux Louis Vuitton hand-bag.

The crowded street was unbearable with the stench of raised armpits, used and reused bargains, not-so-fresh-fish, rotting mangos, pickled cabbage and caged birds about to keel over from sun-stroke. Hundreds of people filled the sidewalks and stores, for there was no escaping the heat. I was suddenly irritated that this is how I might spend my birthday. He held my hand firmly as we pushed past the endless blocks of street hawkers that were desperate enough to sell anything to hungry buyers like ourselves. He was absolutely determined to get me this bag because he wanted to make me happy.

We stopped in front of a suspicious old man who had a full wall of Louis knockoffs behind him. I looked up and studied each one carefully. One was too small, another too brown, some too bulky, none were quite right. I turned around to say the fake was too fake when I caught my boyfriend looking slightly startled and rugged me away.

"Come on, let's go. I am sure they have more around this place."

He almost pushed me off the curb in a failed attempt to sway me away from something. I knew it must be good if he was so persistent so I had no choice but to dodge his grip and see for myself.

There were turtles! Hundreds of them in a bowl, in this heat, on the street! Each one was no bigger than a quarter reminding me of a cracker-jack wind-up toy. I had to have one. I mean two, because every pet should have a friend. He looked at me and sighed,

"How much for two, sir?"

He pulled out his wallet and shook his head as he thumbed the money that should have been for what he wanted me to want.

"Twenty dollar wit cage an food an turtle."

My boyfriend's mouth dropped open, but closed immediately when he saw my expression.

"Thank you," I said with a glow as if I had just given birth to my first child. He rolled his eyes and we made our exit. I gripped the cage tightly, but as I turned to catch up with him on the sidewalk, I felt a sudden ache of truth rush my heart: These turtles will probably outlast our relationship.

I really had no intention of studying at UMass Amherst. I was a happy student living in Israel, a country that never sleeps. I studied at Tel Aviv University for two full years in between Shabbats on the beach, nights at discos, and afternoons stitching up stray dogs and cats at an animal shelter. It was a life of youthful ignorance until the night I was standing in line at the Dolphinarium, a favorite beachside night club, when life changed from happy-go-lucky to a nightmarish game of Russian roulette.

One terrorist bomb can spoil your whole life, twenty in quick succession can turn the world upside down. The Middle East was blowing up, taking with it family, friends and friends of friends. Being an only child, I was not left with the option to tempt fate. With much pressure from my mother to come back to the safety of the States, one near miss explosion at the neighborhood mall helped me make the difficult decision. I was ready. I told her, however, I would only return under one condition, I must find a pre-vet program near Boston and I must be accepted. She must have prayed properly because UMass admissions did everything possible to facilitate my transfer and I was on a plane within a month. Some say that everything happens for a reason. I really don't know if this is true.

He was different. He was cocky, arrogant, and exotic-flavored, with an entourage of card playing friends that stayed up all hours in the international dorm. Hindu, Indian, cocoa brown with a splash of freckles, a year senior to me, with endless energy to match my own. He was absolutely incredible in my eyes. I had never fallen so hard for anyone in my life. I studied his every move, every reaction, his every breath. I knew every nook of is body as if it were my own. I loved him so much it hurt, and I convinced myself that he must feel the same way.

I stayed on this cloud for almost two semesters, and then one morning I heard a knock at my door. It was a she with my he. I was nauseous. I was mortified. I was broken. They had something to tell me. He had cheated on me with his ex. I slapped him so hard the whole dorm probably heard it. Then I left. I did not cry, I did not sleep, and I did not eat. Apologies, recriminations, and eventually a reunion has left me regretting the whole ordeal to this day.

I know for a fact that love blinds. It can also make someone crazy, illogical, and may even eat away at life until there is nothing left. I was trying desperately to keep control, but I lost myself to him. We ended up staying together for six more months, but it was never the same. Our relationship was mostly one-sided because he was lazy and I made it too easy for him. I had never felt so much hate and so much love toward one person. Could I ever trust again? Is the pain of love and fear of loss really worth experiencing again? I was terrified of feeling and I could not help but ask if I had made a huge mistake.

But then my coin-sized turtles started growing into the size of my outstretched hand. And as they grew so did I. Within three months of the break up, they doubled in size, and I tripled my output in university endeavors. I woke up for 8 a.m. classes, I talked to new people, and I strengthened my friendships. I started to draw, paint, dance, study at the library, and most importantly, I started to write into a black, spiraled-bound book my mother had given me a year before.

"You never know when this journal could come in handy," she told me.

First I decided to use the walls of my single dorm room for most of my emotions instead. By the sixth month, I had painted every white inch of my walls into an oil pastel forest of heartbreak. There were overbearing trees, full-bodied leaves, and a large ocean at my

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Lamontagne: the next Dylan?

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breath of fresh air in a market where most performers are teeming with bravado.

"I don't watch television," said Lamontagne about his his thoughts on his recent media exposure. "I've never been comfortable with myself. I lose all confidence when I see a photograph or a television appearance. So, I stay away from it. I use my audiences to gauge how things are going."

If you spoke to Mr. Lamontagne a year ago about his live performance, he most definetely would have said it was his least favorite aspect of the job. Now, today, he modestly admits that there are times that he enjoys performing for others.

"When the mood is right, and you I have a good crowd, it can be fun," Lamontagne said. "I've begun to really start enjoying myself."

Lamontagne recently made a stop at the Iron Horse Music Hall in Northampton for a Sunday night set. The eager crowd, many of them packed in standing room only areas, anxiously awaited the spitfire songwriter, some of them for 3 hours.

The dim auburn house lights of the Iron Horse shuttered through the first few tunes of Lamontagne's set, as the performer managed to energetically pick through some new songs. Between the tunes, however, Lamontagne only muttered a few inaudible words, while staring blankly as if in awe of the large crowd that stood before him.

"I'm finding it a little difficult to concentrate tonight," he said multiple times between songs, each time prompting frenzied middle-aged women to shout things like, "sounds pretty good from here Ray."

Most of the songs Lamontagne performed on the night were from his debute album titled "Trouble." This disc has an array of love songs that can be best deemed personal and embracing. The album was put together with the effort of Ethan Johns, producer, and son of legendary producer Glyn Johns.

"We've become really fast friends over the past year or so," Lamontagne said in reference to his producer. " He is very enthusiastic, and generous with himself. I enjoyed working with him a great deal. I will be sticking with Eth' from now on."

So for now Mr. Lamontagne plans to hit the road to England and Ireland later this winter to play some select dates abroad. What will be in his cd player you might ask.

"Someone gave me a Van Morrisson record called Veedon Fleece a couple of months ago and I just have not been able to put it down ever since," he said. "It's a very complete record. I mean the songs are all different in their own right, but the album has a complete tone, like John Wesley Harding by Bob Dylan."

He also has been working on a great number of tracks that he plans to record for a sophomore effort this summer. Depending on contract negotiations with his label (RCA), we may see a new release within the new year.

Despite the hot selling albums, the successful tour dates, and the comparisons to music legends, Ray Lamontagne has yet to even consider compromising his art. Unique? Yes, but there is plenty of room in the music business for artists with even half of the moxy this man carries.



Lamontagne has reached much success with his first release.

The right way to speak 'Fierce'

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surroundings. Scott's witty, real, direct advice touches on a goal that most people wish to achieve: to enhance the meaning of our existences by being one-hundred ten percent attentive, interested, and compassionate in ourselves and the people we interact with.

"Fierce Conversations," embodies fearful realities people keep buried in the back of their minds. For instance, we worry about never finding true love, never finding something we are utterly devoted to and passionate about, and never feeling completely comfortable with our relationships and knowing their true meaning. We yearn to significantly impact some aspect of the world during our lives, yet fear the unknown or a challenge.

Scott writes, "Before we know it, we're off and running, heads down, following a well-trodden path. Perhaps if we looked up and around, we'd become acutely aware of a different reality, an alternate route that would take us someplace more valuable, someplace we've never been before."

Scott challenges readers to make every moment of their lives unique and meaningful. She suggests that feeling fulfilled with ourselves and our relationships, begins with finding the truth, reality, and purpose in every conversation we have, "success occurs one conversation at a time."

Before founding Fierce, Inc. and publishing her book, Scott led think tanks for CEOs and senior executives to help them improve their leadership and ability to promote their ideas to their colleagues.

"Fierce Conversations," is published in four countries and made The Wall Street Journal and USA Today's national bestseller list in 2002.

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Pioneer Valley comic artist uses the web to reach readers

By Matt O'Rourke
Collegian Staff

Forsaking the more traditional career paths to financial security, Ieph Jacques chose to enter the creative, albeit risky world of web comics. At the age of 24, Jacques emerges as one of the most reviewed and respected artists online, with his web comic "Questionable Content."

In a recent interview, Ieph Jacques commented on his chosen career and the success his inventive strip generates. A graduate of Hampshire College with a degree in music, Jacques expressed weariness about the direction in which his life preceded. "A band that I was in had just broken up, and I was sick and tired of having to rely on others to do something creative. Web comics are the next step in the evolution of humor and more serious, story based comic strips." Ieph began drawing every day. "I started thinking, I like reading web comics, and I've drawn stuff all my life, so why don't I just give it a shot?"

Ieph attributes the biggest influence for his creative inspiration to Bill Waterston's print comic, Calvin and Hobbes.

"Waterston was the perfect newspaper comic artist, who could draw like no one else who does syndicated strips. Second, he was a wonderful writer, making the reader identify with everyone in the strip, and that says a lot. Here I am a 15-year-old kid identifying with Calvin's parents, that's genius!" Jacques also credits the web comic by the name of "Scary-Go-Round" who he says influenced him "not so much in what I had done, but rather, what I could do. I could use the daily lives of people and make it silly and amusing."

Jacques bought a domain name and designated it www.QuestionableContent.net. He said the title is a mere warning that the content of the strip will not always be what he referred to as "PG," Jacques quit his job at the Valley Advocate to become a full-time web comic. Initially posting two strips a week, then after a month, three strips, Ieph now publishes up to five strips a week.

Questionable Content stars a 20-something male named Marten, and his four friends, Pintsize, Faye, Dora and Steve. Marten is a depressed sort of character, usually feeling sorry for him for some reason or another. Nonetheless, his character has a good sense of humor. Faye is sassy and enjoys toying with Marten, keeping her feelings unclear to him. Dora runs a coffee shop, and generally considers Dora and Marten friends, but her romantic feelings are also enigmatic. Steve is Marten's confidante, and his advice usually helps Marten get out of the glum. Pintsize is an "Anthro PC," that is, a talking robot whose childish actions usually provide comic relief.

People find it easy to identify with the strip, Jacques says. "They pick a character they really like, and want to make sure that character is okay in the end. They send me angry emails if something happens they don't like."

Jacques admits to no offense by the emails. "It gives me a chance to giggle," he says, "but on the other hand it makes me think about how much they [the readers] care. I want them to know that I care just as much as they do to make it good!"



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Much discussion amongst web comic artists, critics and readers, centers on the issue of whether the daily strip is a viable medium for web comics, or is it too restrictive a format.

At a recent round table sponsored by the Webcomics Examiner, titled "The Future of Webcomics," the moderator, Joe Zabel, posed these and other topics. William G. believes the daily format is imperative if a web comic wants to gain a large following. The downside of this, he warns, however, is he sees this approach as "the fastest route to producing some un-interesting comics."

Neal Von Flue, who recently originated a web comic daily strip to test its viability, says one of the drawbacks is material must be created at least a month ahead at a time. The reward is the instant feedback. Von Flue believes it a "fantastic tool for people who have something specific to say about the world."

Yet another member of this round table group, Alexander Danner, said, "I think there's a lot to be said for working within a restrictive format as a means of breaking new ground. If your goal is to innovate, than the tighter the restrictions you put on yourself, the more you're forced to think creatively about how you're going to make your work stand out."

Ieph Jacques assents as he says, "I benefit from the tight deadline. It helps your brain move up to the next level, and something better will come."

Web comics, according to an introduction by Joe Zabel in T. Campbell's "History of Webcomics," is not a new form of comic, but rather an electronic medium of print comics. However, that is not to say they are not revolutionary.

"They are a revolution in several important ways – they can be published much more cheaply than print comics; they can be distributed much more broadly than print; they can be published much more quickly, allowing artists to comment on news events that occurred only hours ago," he says.

"And as an electronic medium, they open the door to an exciting array of formal innovations – motion, sound, infinite canvases, and the flexibility of hyper linking."

Making web comics good is not easily accomplished, although according to some web comic critics, web comics have definitely improved since their onset, dating back to the early nineties. According to Shannon Garrity, a participant of the roundtable on The Future of Webcomics,

"The first five years were marked by raw, crude cartooning, the establishment of successful formats and genres (so many newspaper-style strips, so many tech-support jokes), and working without an economic or social net. The second five years brought art that is more sophisticated and storytelling, the increased testing and breaking of creative boundaries (Diary strips! Infinite canvas! Flash! Comics that aren't about computer nerds!), and the establishment of organized collectives, aesthetic theories, and money-making schemes."

Asked how a web comic earns a living, Ieph Jacques, while declining to name a specific amount, states he earns money from Questionable Content exclusively from merchandising t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc.

Not only does Jacques' Questionable Content deliver humor, but also provides a place for people of a similar mindset to come together. Jacques provides a column to supplement each new comic, where he comments on something new he has come across for readers to check into, or to clarify something in the comic. He also provides a forum for feedback on the site, as well as a "Recommended Listening" section for music he has recently discovered.

"I always wanted the comic to be a vehicle to get the word out on bands that I like," he said. "I get a lot of e-mail thanking me about a band I've introduced them too."

Asked why he believes his strip marshals such a following, Jacques comments "I don't really know, but I think I have found my niche with the indie-rock/hipster culture. I think it exudes this air of 'coolness' around the comic that some people find attractive."

Ian Jones, a 20-year-old junior English major at UMass, agrees. "I recently started reading Questionable Content, and I discovered The Arcade Fire, a band I really like now. [Ieph] makes jokes about some of the top twenty indie-bands consistently, and I appreciate the humor."

Tim Edwards, a regular reader of the strip says this isn't all that it is interesting about the strip.

"The art, for starters, is wonderful. I loved the style when I first saw it, and, also, I went through the archive and saw how the strip developed," Edwards said in an email interview. A native of Sydney, Australia, Edwards works for the Bureau of Meteorology and is currently residing at Davis Station, Antarctica. Edwards discovered Questionable Content one day while surfing the web.

"I don't really get print media here, so online anything is completely golden. Now I do not mean to say that QC single-handedly pulled me through an Antarctic winter, but to say that it did not play a roll would be a lie. It was a great way to wake up," Edwards said.

Jacques like so many of his colleagues in web comics, repeatedly avows that creative control is the single biggest advantage to web comics. Web comics develop exclusively for websites. Web comic creators, like all artists, possess their own unique illusion, their own artistic goals and agendas for what they want to convey to their audience.

The introduction of the web assists web comics in a way no other medium does. Jacques acknowledges that not all web comics are good, in fact, the quality can still, unfortunately be inferior to its print counterparts. The advantage for these web comics is the lack of control or standards. For Jacques that is not the issue. His explanation, "I'm not interested in having influence on people as I am helping them find things they might not have heard about otherwise."

Ieph Jacques said that if asked to go to major syndication for distribution in newspapers, he would decline the offer.

"I don't feel too well answering to an editor or syndicate. I want to be in charge and you lose a measure of that if you go to a syndicate," he says.

Joe Zabel thinks the vital role of web comics is to be "missionaries for the comic art form." The nineties saw the rise of the comics shops only to than see them go bust. Fans despaired for the future of comics. Zabel attributes the comeback to the web.

Web comic creator Ieph Jacques is determined to make his imprint without the binds and restrictions placed upon print comic strip artists. Dedicated to their art both artists continually strive to make it better, to keep improving. Financial gain is of secondary importance, the reward is that they are pursuing their dream. For those who enjoy the web comic medium, an artist like Jacques is a source of enlightenment.

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the Texas State Society. The raspberry shirtdress made of silk taffeta combines Western style with elegance, and allowed for Mrs. Bush to appear slimmer due to the flowing bottom of the dress. The color complimented her features nicely.

During the swearing in ceremony she donned a chic white cashmere suit, also designed by de la Renta. It is rather simple, but distinguished.

The Bush twins, Barbara and Jenna chose Badgley Michska, an edgier fashion team, to take on their desire to have a "slinky and sexy" look, complete with decolletage. Jenna's dress was emerald silk crepe with jeweled metallic leather banding. Barbara wore her Badgley Michska to the Black Tie and Boots Ball. Hers was a pale aquamarine chiffon gown with jewels and ruffled seamed skirt. They and their mother will all wear matching coats in order to hop from ball to ball in a unison vogue.

Though certainly no Jackie O., Mrs. Bush did make a large improvement from not only her past Inaugural mishaps but other mishaps in her fashion history. Taking a cue from her forward thinking daughters, she hired a design team that fit her needs while allowing her to dabble in the fashion world. Laura Bush was able to pull of the dignified look she has always shot for, while allowing some of her lighter side to shine through.

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A look back at the best discs of 2004

Collegian staff member Nick Romanow shares his top picks of the year

By Nick Romanow
Collegian Staff

Local H
"Whatever Happened To P.J. Soles"
Studio E

Local H, by most accounts, hasn't made a bum move in their 10-year career and with "Whatever Happened to P.J. Soles" the intelligent alterna-indie duo continue to push themselves even further, getting great results.

"Everyone Alive" is a shout-along along anthem that is immediately one of Local H's best and the introspective "Halcyon Days" finds singer/guitarist/bassist Scott Lucas bringing his lyrics in a new direction. However, Lucas' sardonic wit proves to be alive and well on "California Songs" one of the bouncier tracks on the album.



Throughout an over 10-year career, Local H has manged to have success with releases.

Elsewhere, Lucas and drummer Brian St. Clair experiment musically more then ever on the epic "Buffalo Trace" and the menacing "That's What They All Say." "Whatever Happened To P.J. Soles" isn't just another outstanding album from Local H — it's also their most experimental to date.

Autolux
"Future Perfect"
DMZ/Columbia

Three years in the making, the full-length debut from Los Angeles art-rockers Autolux is indeed worth the wait. "Future Perfect" does its best to live up to the title as it mixes the best of My Bloody Valentine's blessed-out indie rock, Sonic Youth's noisy art-punk and the pop-rock splendor of Beach Boys and The Beatles.

Eugene Goreshter's androgynous and airy vocals may offput some listeners at first but it soon reveals itself to be one of the band's most distinctive and important assets. Autolux has a truly unique sound; catchy choruses are balanced out by Greg Edwards' subtle guitar freakouts and Goreshter and drummer Carla Azar's harmonies make for some of the album's best moments. It may take a few listens to really get into "Future Perfect" but it is well worth the journey. This is Autolux's world; everyone else is just lucky to be there.

Failure
"Golden"
Independently released through cdbaby.com

"Future Perfect" isn't Greg Edwards' only contribution to 2004. Edwards and his old failure bandmate Ken Andrews released the DVD/CD package "Golden" this year. The DVD portion features a 40-minute documentary following the band from their early, inauspicious inception in Los Angeles to their breakup in 1997, just as their star was rising. The CD is filled with outtakes and unreleased demos from the band's earliest days right up through the sessions of their last, and greatest, album "Fantastic Planet." No surprise to those familiar with the quality of the band's released work, these tracks are among the band's best. "Perfect Prisons," "Wake Up," and "Mange" are easily some of Failure's finest songs.

While underappreciated in their time, Failure are finding themselves more popular then ever, though still criminally unacknowledged by the mainstream. "Golden" will be appreciated by the band's ever-growing cult following and is good enough that it could even serve as an introductory crash course into the world of one of the best bands (no exaggeration) of the '90s.

Nirvana
"With The Lights Out"
Geffen Records

Following Kurt Cobain's tragic suicide Nirvana was launched front one of the most popular and acclaimed bands in the world into a whole new stratosphere. "With The Lights Out" is the box set that Nirvana fans have been anticipatting for essentially ten years, and, for those that love Nirvana, it is absolutely worth the wait. A lot of the material will only be enjoyed by diehards; however fans of all levels will no doubt fall head over heels for unreleased tracks like "Mrs. Butterworth," "Clean Up Before She Comes," and "Do Re Mi" tone of Cobain's last recorded demos). Think "Smells Like Teen Spirit" is played out? One listen to the early rehearsal demo reinvigorates the song and reinforces why it was so important.

Some people think that Cobain's death inspired too much hyperbole, but "With The Lights Out" box set, it's clear that Nirvana deserves every bit of praise they've ever received — and then some.

John Vanderslice
"Cellar Door"
Barsuk

John Vanderslice should, by most accounts, be only a few steps away from being a household name and "Cellar Door" is proof why. Vanderslice's fourth album is his best to date and it comes across as intensely intimate while masterfully layered. Tracks like "They Won't Let Me Run" and "Up Above The Sea" are dreary tales that you can't help but sing along to. "Coming And Going On Easy Terms" is an airy track that is bound to haunt the listener for days.

Truth be told there is not one less-then-stellar track on "Cellar Door," which is an accomplishment in-and-of itself but it's the sheer excitement and audible talent that Vanderslice conveys that makes him an indie-pop hero.

Sonic Youth
"Sonic Nurse"
Geffen

When a band has been active for over 20 years and released a countless array of LPs, EPs, singles and other assorted sonic freak-outs they have only a few options in front of them: rest on their laurels or continue to forge a path in the music wild. Lucky for art-rockers worldwide Sonic Youth chose the latter. Their latest release "Sonic Nurse," is one of their best in recent years and while the art-punks have simmered down musically a bit, they still know how to agitate and push the boundaries.

"Sonic Nurse" is a largely political album with tracks like "Peace Attack" that take aim at the higher-ups. In addition to the effortless cool and guitar anti-heroics that have been the band's trademark, Sonic Youth has become even more adept at writing full songs. "Sonic Nurse" proves that, even so far into their careers the Youth is just as exciting and relevant as ever.

Incubus
"A Crow Left Of The Murder"
Epic Records/Immortal

Coming into "A Crow Left Of The Murder" Incubus was in a very peculiar position. They were eclectic, experimental and not really ready for the mainstream. Except for one thing: they were one of the biggest bands in the country and working on the follow-up to their most commercial record to-date. Luckily, Incubus decided to revert back to their roots and expanding their horizons.

"A Crow..." is rock, funk, punk, jazz, and pop fused together, a triumphant return to form for Incubus. "Megalomanic" and "Talk Shows on Mute" are harsh political indictments coated

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Chabon gives twist to classic character

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man") decides he will take on the case.

There are a couple of cases for Holmes to choose from in this story. The murder of a boarder where the boy lives would seem to be the obvious crime for Holmes to solve. However, he instead chooses to spend his time finding and returning the young boy's parrot.

In searching for the parrot — an interesting bird who sings songs about trains and shouts out seemingly random German numbers — Holmes stumbles upon a greater mystery: The actual 'Final Solution." This phrase is one that Hitler used in referring to his plan to systematically exterminate Jews and other undesirables to the Aryan race. The young boy in Chabon's story is a German Jew who escapes the Nazi's clutches but whose parents did not.

Much like Chabon's Pulitzer winning "The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay" it is the impact of World War II that really drives the novel.

Holmes would like to "solve one more crime," but how can anyone "solve" the mystery that is the holocaust? How can Holmes — who can detect rationale and reason behind the tiniest morsel of information — find the meaning and justification behind the events of World War II? If the greatest detective to ever live can't, then can anyone? Perhaps. Chabon seems to be saying, there are some mysteries that are inexplicable and unsolvable. It is this mystery of the Holocaust that Chabon's story is truly about, and it is Michael Chabon's skillful handling of this perplexing theme that makes "The Final Solution" such a great read.

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in layers that make it both radio-ready and uniquely free-spirited. "Sick Sad Little World" is an epic, and one of Incubus' best songs, that gives Mike Einziger the opportunity to show off his amazing guitar chops. In fact "A Crow..." is stolen by Einziger's work which is constantly on display, though never over-shadowing the songs themselves. This album is perhaps doomed to be underappreciated by the mainstream that accepted Incubus just a few years ago but judging by the finely-crafted experimental alterna-pop on the disc, they don't care.

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"Kick Up The Fire & Let The Flames Break Loose"
RCA

Every year brings a new batch of "next big things," and while they can be occasionally unique, they usually have a shelf life shorter then boy bands. Thus while it is somewhat inexplicable, though predictable, that American press looked over the U.S. debut by The Cooper Temple Clause that is probably for the best for the U.K. band. In reality they are the most exciting and innovative new band of 2004.

Taking from the electronic experimentation of Radiohead, the hard-rocking choruses of Stone Temple Pilots and expanding upon The Pixies and Nirvana's soft/loud dynamic. The Cooper Temple Clause create something wholly original. There's definitely no confusing the band with anyone else and they are definitely the band to watch. "Kick Up The Fire..." is something extraordinary and The Coopers are definitely not just a band-of-the-moment.

The Cure

"The Cure"
Geffen Records

A funny thing happened in the past few years — the '80s became cool. Bands from Interpol to Hot Hot Heat to The Strokes are taking bits and pieces (some more then others) from the template that The Cure had such a large part in creating. But beneath all the hype for "The Cure" (the band's 13th album) it seemed that hipsters and critics forgot one thing — The Cure never really went away; the listeners and the hype did.



The Cure returned in 2004 with a successful self-titled effort.

Granted, it has been four years since "Bloodflowers," and the band did threaten retirement, but one listen to that album proves that the band never really lost their way. That being said "The Cure" is superior to "Bloodflowers" and one of their best albums — but it's not really that surprising. What is surprising is the layers upon layers of feedback and raw darkness that preside over the band's ever gloomy songs. "Labyrinth" lives up to its name and the final track "Promise" goes out in a wash of sound. Elsewhere, "End Of The World" is one of The Cure's best pop songs to date and "Us Or Them" is a fierce, raging tirade against the way George Bush and Tony Blair handle the war on terror. The fact that The Cure is still making music today is great, but the fact that "The Cure" is so damn good is even better.

David Cross

"It's Not Funny"
Sub Pop

The fact that this is the only non-music album on this list should speak volumes for how funny it really is. Cross' follow up to his Grammy-nominated "Shut Up You Fucking Baby!" is only about half as long, but is equally funny. Cross' style of part-rants, part-stories, part-jokes makes for a very unique comic experience. Not only does Cross' loose style make him very entertaining, but the content itself is top of the line.

His political humor is intelligent and witty and he has no fear in voicing his views on issues like religion, abortio and the war on terror. While some (mostly those with strong religious or right-wing ties) will be offended, most people will find Cross edgy, bold, smart and — of course — very, very funny.

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bedside. The turtles had a light-blue waterfall that matched perfectly with their aquarium tank. Night after night, I painted. I wept as each memory escaped me onto those walls. When my arm began to feel pain from its emotionally intesive work load I stopped and noticed I still missed him.

A few days later I found myself sitting in the dining room with one of my closest friends. He had a girl problem, and like so many others, he came to me for advice.

"All you have to do is ask her out, I mean, what's the worst that can happen? If she says no, at least you know now and you're not waiting around guessing," I said.

He looked at me if I had just cracked the human genome and replied, "Why are you always right? I should listen to you more often, thanks!"

It then dawned on me. Maybe I have been right all along. I looked at him and smiled with an epiphany of enlightenment. He looked confused as I dropped my fork and stood up quickly from the table.

"Hey, do you know where the Collegian is?" I asked.

I was unprepared yet determined. I was going to be the newspaper's relationship advice columnist.

I ran back to my dorm room, gathered a few abstract drawings and an old journal into my bag, and raced back across campus until I found my way down the stairs into the basement of the Campus Center.

The Collegian office was a mess, a disorganized array of newspapers, loose ends, and over-extended deadlines. I walked into the front office and asked who I could talk to about a new idea.

"For what section?" someone asked, barely raising an eyebrow.

"Relationship Advice," I announced.

They pointed to the back room. Embarrassed, yet undeterred, I elbowed my way down a nonexistent path between a crush of a dozen busy people crammed desk to desk, knocking into chairs, jostling arms, tripping over book satchels and pushed through a closed row of folding chairs to reach my goal.

The editor's back was facing me. He was typing away at a 1980's era computer, oblivious to the commotion. When he finally looked over his shoulder, I stuttered out a few crucial sentences to explain myself.

"I don't really write. I'm actually a pre-vet student, but I think I know why people have problems with relationships," I told him in one long run-on sentence.

"I can help them; you need me to write a relationship column for the Collegian. You really do!"

He looked at me skeptically through his over-sized glasses. I opened my journal for him to admire my psycho-babble scribbled around various illustrated figures that were supposed to represent myself or maybe inserted to distract readers from the endless amount of white pages.

"Sure, why not? Submit a column by next Tuesday, and if it works, we'll run it."

He turned back to his computer and continued on with his work. I couldn't believe how easy it was.

"Thank you so much! You won't regret it!"

I left the office that day and immediately ran back to my dorm room to write.

Everyone always tells me to write what I know best. Isn't that the trick? So began Eve, and the column Original Sin. Even though I've got a lot to say I don't know if it's legitimate, or if anyone really cares, but that didn't stop me. For some reason, drama follows me wherever I go. I always have a story, and relationship stories are my specialty. I've been lucky enough to be able to put them to use.

I would be a fool to say being single is easy, especially if there is an ex-factor. I was now single for the first time since I knew what a buy was, and I had no idea what to do with myself. I had spent seven years falling into new relationships before the old-ones had lost their flavor. I never had the chance to be independent, selfish, and completely on my own.

I have encountered many others though. They have ranged from erratic bartenders, to uneducated frat boys, to out-of-shape sports lovers, to overly-muscular egoists, to bastlers and mafia members, to nerdy journalists, to euro-clubbers, to Puma-loving' dj's, to Harvard braggarts, to yoga meditation gurus and green tea users, to Army and Navy Seals recruits, to inexperienced lower classmen, to commitment-obsessed nice-guys, to overly sensitive mean guys, to stingy rich guys. I've dated fat, thin, almost-perfect, tall, short, white, black, brown, red, and sometimes green, and I am still going.

I believe I have adapted quite well to the single world. The only difference is that I am not expecting or looking for anyone to keep me company. I realized that being single does not mean being alone. It is a chance for personal growth, and in the present, I am happier and more accomplished than I have ever been while I was hanging on someone else's elbow.

The ex who created this whirlwind of change called me recently. I felt as though he had clocked the month I would be over him. I hoped I was done with him until I heard his voice. "Damn it!" I thought. We met up for coffee and I shed a few tears. We spoke of everything and accomplished nothing. Why is he doing this? Could this be the closure I so desperately needed? I begged him to come and see our turtles before he left.

"Yuck, they're huge! They are so creepy! I hate reptiles." He shook his head and left the room. Yes, that closing line put my heart back in its place. Imagine not loving your own children.

Whether the father brings home the bacon or not, a good mother feeds her offspring. When my turtles were fist-size, I made it a point to buy guppy-feeders as a tasty treat to increase their appetite. As the turtles grew, their interest in hunting prey rapidly diminished. I decided to take advantage of their laziness and added a few goldfish as an experiment. Months had gone by and the new goldfish managed to survive. Since I am generally an optimist, I couldn't help but think that maybe they have all learned to co-exist with one another. I bought more tropical fish, beautifully-colored, larger, and more expensive and added them to the mix. Weeks later the fish were still swimming with the turtles peacefully. I decided to name each fish, knowing that this was risky, and someone could likely get hurt.

By winter break it was time to empty out the dorm room and head home for the holidays. Running late, I quickly piled the three guppy feeder fish, seven full-bodied tropical-banded goldfish along with the almost-in-hibernation turtles (now as big as size ten shoes) into a size 8 Tupperware container with a wrong-sized plastic lid and slid the container into my unheated car on a frigid December afternoon. This life swap might have been enough to make any menagerie edgy. The move home took longer than I had anticipated. Three hours on the Mass Pike in a snow storm, and I nearly brought home frozen sushi.

Exhausted after unloading four duffle bags of dirty laundry, I wouldn't say I rushed the turtles back into the safety of their tank either. I took time to eat dinner with my mom, soak in a hot bath and chat on the phone. You know how it is when you get home. Time enough for the fish to thaw out. And by now, I could see the thrashing turtles were desperate for freedom.

"Watch how much the turtles and the fish love each other." I boasted to my mother as I set up the 32-gallon glass tank in my room."Peaceful co-existence right here on earth."

I dumped the ten fish and two water-deprived turtles together into the freshly filled tank of warm water and watched as everyone raced to their sub-aquatic stations. I waved goodbye to my little family and left to see a few friends downtown.

The murders were brutal. My shock was complete. How could this have happened? Two hours ago there were ten, now there were two. It was a complete fish massacre. Was it a crime of passion? Insanity? Cold-blooded murder? Were my Chinatown orphaned children natural-born killers or just hungry? I could only see missing pieces, scattered about in a gut-soaked tank, and two very full turtles staring contently at me through the glass. Lost heads to bodies, missing fins and eyes. The turtles had gone **mad**, turned against their fish-mates, and made sure that each fish had a fair chunk taken out of them. All I could do was stare through the tank glass at the underwater crime scene.

I admit I cried as I witnessed this loss even though the truth was obvious; what did I expect? They were guppy feeders' after-all.

So, four months to my graduation, I am waking up to reality. I find it painful to finally see the world as it really is. Whether I am looking through a glass of innocence or denial, the time has come to accept these memorable experiences and keep writing. One can never know what the next story may bring.

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DiCaprio stuns audiences in critically acclaimed 'Aviator'

By Spencer Ziegler
Collegian Staff

Martin Scorsese's latest film, "The Aviator," tells that fascinating story of real-life millionaire Howard Hughes' life by depicting Hughes' wildly ambitious and successful business life with his failings and self-destructive behaviors.

"The Aviator" opens on the filming of Hughes' 1930 epic "Hell's Angels." From here the movie takes off, exploring the triumphs of the young business tycoon's business and movie endeavors, but also shows his gradually deteriorating mental health.

By looking at the movie posters someone might come to the mistaken conclusion that this is an ensemble piece. Yet, "The Aviator" is truly a character study of the intriguing life and mind of Howard Hughes, as played brilliantly by Leonardo DiCaprio. The movie is jam packed with stars from movies and music alike such as Cate Blanchett, Kate Beckinsale, Alec Baldwin, Jude Law, Rufus Wainwright and even Gwen Stefani. But with the exception of Blanchett's Katharine Hepburn, each character and actor's respective roles are nothing more than a cameo — both in the movie and it seems in Hughes' actual life. It is Katharine Hepburn's presence in Hughes' life that keeps him from falling apart and when they break up his life and mind both begin to rapidly collapse.

'The Aviator'
Directed by Martin Scorsese
Starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Cate Blanchett, Alec Baldwin
Warner Brothers
Rated PG-13
164 mins.
Grade A

Historical movies often fail because lives are not structured as orderly as fans expect movies to be. A director then has the choice to fabricate history in order to fit it into a tidy plot or to be honest with the material and deal with the possible consequences — a poorly structured confusing movie (like "Alexander") or a film which simply lacks characters that are all that interesting. Luckily, Scorsese stays true to Hughes' life in "The Aviator" and avoids potential pitfalls while doing so.

As the movie progresses, Scorsese writer John Logan carefully aligns Hughes' ascending fame and fortune with his descending mental health. Scorsese ties the movie together through the motif of flying. The film is full of take-offs and the potential greatness that may arise, all followed directly by crashes. This idea of alternating highs and lows shows what Hughes' life was truly like. He flew higher and faster than any man in his generation, but he also crashed harder and more often as well. It is Scorsese's ability to capture this essence of Howard Hughes' life that makes "The Aviator" succeed where other historical epics have failed.



Leonardo DiCaprio was chosen to play the role of eccentric millionaire tycoon Howard Hughes in the film "The Aviator."

Bacon triumphs in 'Woodsman'

By Jill Weinstein
Collegian Correspondent

Kevin Bacon and wife Kyra Sedgwick star in this unique portrait of a convicted child molester just released from prison after a fifteen-year sentence. Walter (Bacon) returns to his dreary hometown to rebuild his life, and is met with predictable resistance from every angle.

A bearded Benjamin Bratt plays Carlos, Walter's brother-in-law and the only family member who will speak to him. Even his tolerance dissipates when one of Walter's comments crosses the line. Walter keeps to himself at his monotonous job at a sawmill until he witnesses a co-worker sexually harass Vickie, the only female laborer at the mill (Sedgwick). He makes sure she is okay, which prompts her to offer him a ride home, quipping: "I won't bite."

Although Vickie knows something isn't right with Walter, she doesn't find out what it is before sleeping with him. As their relationship unfolds, it is mind-boggling and shamefully honest. Despite the immediate feelings of repulsion we have for Walter's crimes, Vickie reveals his tender, human side and tells him she sees something good in him even if he doesn't – which just might be what keeps him from crumbling under the pressure.

'The Woodsman'
Directed by Nicole Cassell
Starring Kevin Bacon, Eve, Newmarket Films
Rated R
83 mins.
Grade B

Walter's shabby apartment, located across the street from an elementary school, raises questions about his rehabilitation. As he watches children at the playground outside his window, he notices a man giving candy to young boys, which makes him question his own feelings. Bacon's solid acting is brutally honest and deserving of praise.

Singer Eve has a small role as a secretary who discovers Walter's secret and does everything she can to get him to work elsewhere. Rapper Mos Def's performance as an unforgiving police officer is sharp and notable. A frequent visitor to Walter's apartment, he's watching Walter's every move and just waiting for him to mess up.

Walter's sessions with a so-so psychiatrist give us a slice of his inner torment. The film puts a sympathetic spin on perverse addiction, giving it a sense of personal, painful struggle. Walter's desire to be "normal" haunts him, and we wonder what will happen to this disturbed, fragile man.

As Walter tires to resist his every instinct, his unusual relationship with Vicky reminds us of his human side. When he begins to follow a young girl (Hannah Pilkes) he sees on the bus, empathy for an addict turns to disgust. The interaction between pedophile and child that follows is enough to keep you on the edge of your seat.

Director Nicole Kassell's bold portrayal of a man apart features poignant, poetic shots and powerful scenes that push our limits of acceptance of a man we want to hate, but somehow feel sympathetic towards. This rare, compelling look at the struggle to escape one's past and attain redemption is definitely worth seeing.



Bacon plays a recovering child molester in "The Woodsman."

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a Star is born

America's favorite reality show begins a fourth season

By Chris Gazzara
Collegian Staff

American Idol is back in action with a fourth season that promises to be it's best. A television promotional for the nationwide talent search testifies that we haven't seen anything yet.

The much anticipated season premiered Jan. 18 and 19 with its requisite audition special. Over 100,000 hopefuls waited in line in seven cities across America, a number that breaks last year's record.

Three prior seasons have set some standards for how the premiere shows run. The auditions are cut into snippets that allow us to see both the talent of the performers and the ruthlessness of the process itself. While some talented auditionees receive a glowing "Welcome to Hollywood" stamp of approval, other less fortunate souls are chided by the shows very own record executive, the infamous Simon Cowell. Those found to be in the middle range are often hotly debated between Cowell and his two colleagues, entertainer Paula Abdul and A&R specialist Randy Jackson. Radio and TV personality Ryan Seacrest will also return to cover the auditions and host the performance shows.

The rest of the series, however, holds a twist for its viewers. Instead of the expected 36 finalists, this season the slots will be given to 12 male and 12 female singers. Once in the semi-final round one group will perform during the Monday show, the other on Tuesday with voting scheduled for both nights. This revision, the producers say, will allow for some variety while keeping the shows successful format intact. Grouping by gender was tried successfully in foreign versions of the show and made sense in the US because the auditions were more evenly split between the sexes this season.

Last year's winner, Fantasia Barrino, rose from the crowd to defeat her three rivals, dubbed the "Divas" by the Idol judges. Many felt that each of them were so strongly fit for the title that it would be nearly impossible to predict which girl the audience would choose. In the end the raw, untrained yet incredible voice of Fantasia won America and left the young, but skilful Diana Degarmo in the runner-up slot.

The first season heralded the arrival of a new reality trend in television. The wildly popular show was a new venture for American broadcasting and found a way to pick a pop star for the people, by the people. Kelly Clarkson won the first competition, snagging the popular vote after a successful performance during Big Band Night. From there on she picked up speed and finished first after a neck-and-neck race with big haired crooner, Justin Guarini. Both sang stirring renditions of "A Moment like This," were signed to record labels and released singles.

Although they seem similar, don't be fooled. Clarkson sold 297,000 copies in it's first week, and debuted at number one. Guarini was dropped from his record label without being told. He found out by watching a tabloid entertainment show.

The second season definitely upped the stakes. There were the two Kimberly's — Caldwell and Locke — each completely different from the other. Locke, of course, busted out this year with the song "Eighth World Wonder" that went number one.

After another ridiculously close race, Ruben Studdard beat out the bashful underdog, Clay Aiken, but not in record sales. With a well-received first album, "Measure of a Man," and a successful Christmas album, Clay Aiken has seen the most success of any American Idol contestant to date.

Will this year's "Idol" come out on top? It's hard to say. Though some winners like Clarkson, Aiken and Locke have beaten the "American Idol" brand name and risen to success, there has been reported resistance from some disc jockeys when it comes to playing their singles on the radio. This could spell 'bad news' for the aspiring pop stars, but there's no doubt "Idol" will find another way to break through.

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Murray gets his feet wet in 'Life Aquatic'

Director Wes Anderson attracks an all-star cast for his new comedy

By Spencer Ziegler
Collegian Correspondent

If nautical nonsense is something you crave and you're not terribly fond of talking sponges, then Wes Anderson's latest film "The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou" may be the film for you.

"The Life Aquatic" is a filmmaker's analysis of another filmmaker. Steve Zissou, whose deadpan personality is captured perfectly by Bill Murray, is an aquatic documenter a la lacque Cousteau.

Each movie Zissou has made has done a little bit worse than his last and he is on a quest for relevancy and revenge. He wants to make another hit and he plans to do so by filming his vengeance against the mythical laguar Shark who allegedly ate his former assistant and best friend. In filming his documentary (a word used in its koosest sense since his films mainly just exhibit Zissou's feigned brilliance).

Along the way Zissou's path crosses with his potential son (Owen Wilson), a pesky journalist (Cate Blanchett) and a pack of ferocious pirates thrown in for good measure.

Bill Murray is great in the lead role, but like Anderson's 2001 release "The Royal Tenenbaums," this movie works best as an ensemble piece. The supporting cast is superb. Jeff Goldblum is fantastic as Zissou's arch nemesis Alistair Hennessey.

Owen Wilson tones down his usual silly humor and gives a great performance as Ned Plimpton (or Kingsly Zissou as Bill Murray's character prefers to call him). Bud Cort (who is known for his leading role in "Harold and Maude") is perfect as the loyal bond company stooge, and who knew that Willem Dafoe could be so funny? However, the role that best describes Anderson's quirky style is Seu Jorge's character Pele.

One of the aspects of Anderson's films that is so appealing to audiences is his wonderful use of music. Anderson tries something different in "The Life Aquatic" as he asked Seu Jorge (who played Knockout-Ned in "City of God") to rework old David Bowie songs in Portuguese. These Brazilian Bowie ballads (such as "Rebel Rebel," "Life on Mars" and "Ground Control to Major Tom") exemplify Anderson's quirky style and wonderful use of music in his movies.

As with the work of all established directors, there is also another way to review this movie and that is to compare it to Anderson's previous works ("Bottle Rocket," "Rushmore" and "The Royal Tenenbaums"). Anderson's style (which is more evident in "Rushmore" and "The Royal Tenenbaums) is still present in "The Life Aquatic." Characters are all still perfectly framed in the middle of the screen. The movie is still broken down into chapters like a kid's story-book. The set designs (especially that of Zissou's boat "The Belafonte") are still incredibly creative.

However, the writing is a bit different in "The Life Aquatic." The reason for this change is that Owen Wilson is no longer the co-writer as he was in all of Anderson's previous films. Instead, Anderson wrote "The Life Aquatic" along with author Noah Baumbach. The logical result is that the movie is not as funny as Anderson's previous films, but it is a better story with more developed characters.

"The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou" falls in line with Anderson's other films in that it is a quirky, clever little movie with some great writing. Those that appreciated Anderson's work for his characters and stories will gladly accept this tale of life at sea. Those that enjoyed Anderson's movies for the silly and subtle humor may prefer his previous works.

Wes Anderson's next film appears to be a break from the progression that led to "The Life Aquatic" as he is said to be directing a stop-motion animated version of Ronald Dahl's book "The Fantastic Mr. Fox."



COURTESY TOUCHSTONE

Bill Murray has embarked on a set of more introspective roles in his last two films, his newest is titled "The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou"



'Toy Story 2' hits the ice at the Civic Center

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UMass Police Department to purchase Tasers

By Dan O'Brien
Collegian Staff

The University of Massachusetts Police Department has announced it will soon be purchasing Tasers, a non-lethal weapon used to incapacitate targets.

UMass Police Chief Barbra O'Connor told the Springfield Republican in an article on Jan. 23 she wants to purchase the weapons because she believes in "giving officers as many possible options."

"I think any option that is not lethal or is considered less lethal is the better option," O'Connor said.

Governor Mitt Romney legalized Tasers and other electric weapons for police use six months ago.

Four UMPD officers began training with Arizona-based Taser International to become certified trainers of the weapon. The officers must complete four additional hours of training before UMPD can submit its training approval to the state. The police department plans to order the Tasers soon after.

Some student leaders are less than comfortable with the possibility of police using a stun-gun device on students during unruly confrontations. Student Government Association

Trustee Matt Murphy said he is not sure if the public is aware of complications that can arise when a person is struck by the non-lethal weapon.

"If somebody gets 'Tasered,' the procedure to rejuvenate them means that nobody can touch them [The victim] has to be taken to the hospital almost immediately to check for any heart conditions," Murphy said.

The Taser is used to fire two dart-like wires at a target up to 21 feet away. The wires deliver a 50,000-volt charge at 1.36 joules. By comparison, a heart defibrillator is 300 joules

UMPD Detective Lt. Robert A. Thrasher was among the officers trained in the use of the Taser. He experienced the effects of the weapon first-hand.

"I could not light it. It's painful. It basically overrides the muscular system. You lose all your muscular control," Thrasher said to the Republican. "It works. At the same time, there were no ill-effects."

UMPD plans to order three of the stun-guns for their arsenal. Currently, the department is armed with pistols, batons, pepper spray, handcuffs and Pepper Ball guns. The Pepper Ball is an air gun that shoots pepper pellets and is used by the department for crowd control. UMPD said their Pepper Ball guns are not as powerful as the Pepper Ball guns used by Boston Police In the October 2004 death of Victoria Snelgrove, an Emerson College student who was killed after police shot her in the eye with the weapon after a Red Sox playoff victory.

With recent disturbances in the Southwest Residential Area after Red Sox and Patriots' victories, UMPD has said they will do more to crack down on riotous behavior by students. Murphy said he questioned the timing of the UMPD's future purchase of the weapons with the Patriots heading to the Superbowl in two weeks.

"I am setting up a meeting with the UMass Police to talk about the issue," Murphy said. "The timing does bother me."

The state's Executive Office of Public Safety has not received any training proposals from other police departments interested in adding the weapons. According to spokeswoman Katie Ford, the Executive Office of Public Safety must first approve all training programs before departments can start training of the weapons.

She said police can order the weapons, but cannot arm officers with them until they have been trained by a program approved by the Office of Public Safety.

Greenfield's police department has already purchased several Tasers, but has not yet instituted their use. Other departments researching the weapon are Springfield, Holyoke, Belchertown and Monson.

Each Taser costs about $800.



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Santa Barbara County Senior Deputy Blair Spaulding displays one of the department's Tasers. Tasers are a non-lethal weapons that stun with an electrical current.

Man pleads innocent to murder

By Matt Egger
Collegian Staff

NORTHAMPTON — A Westfield man accused of gunning down a University of Massachusetts student pled innocent in Hampshire District Court to several charges stemming from a Dec. 6, 2004 incident which led to the student's death yesterday.

Bryan Johnston, 22 is accused of shooting David Sullivan, a friend and high school classmate. Sullivan, 22, lived on 105 Meadow St. in Amherst and was a senior at the University of Massachusetts.

Johnston pled innocent to charges of murder, armed burglary and two counts of possession of a large capacity firearm in connection with the incident.

Prosecutor Renee Steese told judge Mary-Lou Rup that her office has "quite strong evidence" that Johnston fired six rounds from a .223-caliber rifle into Sullivan's side. Steese said that Johnston called Sullivan at about 10:30 p.m. that night, adding that Sullivan's girlfriend said that he was agitated by the call.

According to Steese, after the shooting, Johnston's 2001 Lincoln Continental got hung up on railroad tie around the boundaries of the parking lot behind the Aqua Vitae restaurant on Route 9 in Hadley.

Steese said that police came to assist Johnston, before he was identified as a suspect in the shooting. Steese added that police let Johnston

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Program can transcribe handwritten documents

By David Fonseca
Collegian Correspondent

A UMass Amherst computer science professor has developed an automated keyword-retrieval program that could make searching handwritten documents easier for researchers and students.

Raghavan Manmatha, a research assistant professor in the Center for Intelligent Information Retrieval, along with help from research assistant Victor Lavrenko, and graduate students Toni Rath and Jamie Rothfeder, has developed a first-of-its-kind program that can perform keyword searches on digitized versions of handwritten documents.

"The outside is like Google, the inside is very different," said Manmatha about the program. The program's interface is very similar to the popular web-based search engine, but is driven by unique programming algorithms.

"All a computer sees when you scan in a document is black and white dots," Manmatha said. He says what makes this program unique is it's ability to make associations between these shapes, and actual English words.

Until now, researchers had to manually annotate each word in a document in order to search that document for keywords. Manmatha's program differs in its ability to learn associations between the digitized image of the word, and the American Standard Code for Information and Interchange text that it represents, without the need for time-consuming manual annotation.

"It takes in a small set of documents, and learns the association between the handwritten words and connects them with actual words," said Manmatha.

"Our program is automatic. You can always hire a bunch of people to transcribe every page [of a handwritten document]. Once you do that it can be searched like a regular page or web-page in the computer. This is very tedious and expensive to do."

"There are certainly programs out there that allow searching of scanned printed documents at sophisticated levels, but this is the first one I can think of that allows searching of handwritten manuscripts," said Len Adams, a research librarian at W.E.B Dubois Library.

A demonstration offered on CIIR's homepage allows users to conduct keyword searches on 1,000 pages of George Washington's handwritten documents. After a user enters a keyword and then clicks on the search function, the user is then linked to a page that shows all of the results in order of the page in which they appeared.

The system makes use of probabilistic annotation, in which a digitized image could have any ASCII association. The system assigns probabilities to each digitized image for every ASCII annotation. For example, for the handwritten word "Washington" the probability attached to the ASCII form of "Washington" would be near 100 percent, and the probability attached to ASCII form of the word "General" is around 10 percent.

A keyword search of the word "Cumberland," returned 30 results, a majority of which matched the word exactly. The program also returned a few matches that came close to matching the keywords shape, such as "Endeavor" and "Constitution."

According to Manmatha, the program is only able to recognize four or five handwriting styles in a single document. Getting the program to a point where it can work with a greater number of handwriting styles is something they're working on, said Manmatha.

While the program has certainly developed since The National Library Foundation and the National Science Foundation awarded Manmatha a $450,000 endowment in 1999, he said the day when students can actually make use of this program is still some time off in the future.

One factor that may prevent the widespread use of

2005 spring semester begins despite relentless New England winter storms

By Dan O'Brien
Collegian Staff

Just as University of Massachusetts students and faculty thought life was getting back to normal after Sunday's blizzard, the region was sideswiped with another storm, leaving even more snow in its wake. However, snow removal crews had no problems clearing the roads and sidewalks around campus, allowing the University to remain open as scheduled through the stormy weather.

The Blizzard of 2005 posed a significant problem for students who planned to return to campus on Sunday for the University's move in day, the day that students move back into the dormitories after winter break. The dangerous weather conditions prompted Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Michael Gargano to issue an e-mail to all students on Saturday afternoon urging them to wait until Monday to move back.

Dorms and dining facilities did open as scheduled for students who had to move in on Sunday, but most students appeared to take Gargano's advice, as the campus appeared empty on Sunday afternoon.

Travel around Massachusetts was truly difficult all day. Roads just off campus had not been completely cleared Sunday evening and PVTA bus service was suspended for the day.



TOM WILLIAMS/CQ-RS

A view of North Pleasant Street leading into campus last Sunday shows a winter wonderland that wreaked havoc on students trying to return in time for the start of spring semester classes.

The storm was far worse in eastern Massachusetts, where more than half the student population calls home. Most communities in Greater Boston received at least two feet of snow. A weather station located in Boston Common reported 25 inches.

Governor Mitt Romney and Rhode Island Governor Don Carcieri declared states of emergency. Romney also announced that state employees in all eastern Massachusetts counties should stay home from work on Monday. Several schools in eastern Massachusetts were closed Monday and again on Wednesday.

Coastal communities got the worst of the storm. Plymouth received 32 inches of snow, while Salem received 38 inches. These and other coastal communities also had to deal with high winds, flooding and white-out conditions. Many roads near the coast were closed for hours, including Route 3, the main highway between Boston and

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Sophomore student's i2hub downloading technology sounds sweet to UMass music fans

By Juliana Leal
Collegian Staff

AMHERST — The i2hub, an online collaboration software developed by UMass sophomore Wayne Chang, is all the rage among students on campus.

Publicized primarily through word of mouth, the hub has become the venue for students to share and download files.

Launched in March of 2004, the hub has expanded to over 400 universities in approximately 20 different countries. At any given time during the school year, up to 6,500 users may be logged on concurrently.

"That number grows every month," said Chang, the 21-year-old Chief Executive Officer of the i2hub and former employee of Napster, Microsoft and Apple.

The i2hub operates on Internet 2, a fast internet connection used on college campuses across the country. This high-speed connection is the reason students are able to download small files, such as seven megabytes, in an average of five seconds.

Three development teams under the supervision of Chang work for free to keep the hub going. Though there is no monetary compensation, Chang said he receives applications every day from people who want to work for the hub.

"We're not in this to make a profit," said Chang. "We hope the students will like it and support us

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UMass officials urged students to delay return to campus after blizzard



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An apartment remains buried under tall snow drifts Sunday morning after a major blizzard pounded Hampshire Country. The University requested students not return to campus until Monday due to poor roads.

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Cape Cod. Massachusetts State Police reported several abandoned cars on the on-ramps of the highway Sunday.

Wind gusts reached as high as 55 miles per hour in Boston and 84 MPH on Nantucket during the height of the storm. The storm caused several communities to lose electricity. The entire island of Nantucket fell into darkness Sunday afternoon and evening. 13,000 people on Cape Cod and another 5,000 people along the south shore lost power. Officials on Nantucket who feared what might happen without heat and electricity brought most residents to shelters at the high school and island hospital.

Reports of damage along the South Shore were still coming in Sunday night. WHDH-TV reported that a Scituate man lost everything from his beachfront home when waves crashed the over the sea wall and smashed through the windows of the house.

Flooding was a problem throughout beachfront neighborhoods in Scituate, which is located 20 miles south of Boston. The National Guard had to evacuate residents in that community, according to Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency spokesperson Peter Judge.

"It's not like we're going to put ourselves on the back and go home," he said to the Associated Press. "Until it's over and folks have a chance to evaluate it, we're going to be hanging in there."

National Weather Service meteorologist Bob Thompson told the Associated Press that the storm did not accumulate as much snow as the infamous Blizzard of '78, but it did fall faster and in a shorter amount of time.

Creator to make software quicker

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and make sure I don't starve." The team is currently looking for a web developer in the Amherst area.

Chang said he and his team hope to launch new software this week that is expected to make the engine faster and more efficient. The i2hub has created a partnership with ConnectU, an online social network, to allow users to share personal online profiles that may be accessed through the i2hub. Students will be allowed to use their existing profiles from sites such as ConnectU, TheFacebook, and Friendster, and import them to the hub.

In the midst of all the anti-piracy lawsuits and protests, the i2hub has been pointed out by the Recording Industry Association of America as a means to "hijack" Internet 2, and facilitate the illegal exchange of copyrighted materials.

Chang said he disagrees.

"This is a student collaboration service, we have no control over what students use it for," he said.

The i2hub can be used for educational purposes with students sharing work and academic information over the network, but the bulk of files being shared is copyrighted material such as movies, songs, and even full music albums containing the cover art.

"I can see the idea of sharing ideas and individual work, but realistically, no one is going to use it for that," said Seth Berkowitz, UMass senior and Electrical Engineering major.

The FBI has not expressed any interest in the i2hub, and monitoring file sharing activity from outside the campus network is impossible. Chang worries about the university attempting to shut down the hub.

"I like to think of us as a grassroots organization. It wouldn't be nice of UMass to shut down one of their own," he said.

Edward Blaguszewski, director of the Office of News and Information, says no outside organization has contacted UMass in regards to the i2hub. The only time the school intervened in Chang's operation was in February of 2003, when he first began to run the hub on the UMass server. Office of Information Technology network monitors picked up on heavy network traffic coming from the i2hub. This activity was slowing down the campus internet connection, so OIT asked Chang to move his project off campus, which he did. A year later, the project was running again and remains to this day.

The University has not made any public statements on its connection with student Wayne Chang and his operation.

"UMass has over 24,000 students. We expect students to abide by the student code of conduct and respect the law. If they don't, their cases may be reviewed and they may face a sanction. But I have not heard of Wayne being involved in that category," said Blaguszewski.

Calif. train wreck kills at least nine

By Tim Molloy
Associated Press

GLENDALE, Calif. — A suicidal man parked his SUV on the railroad tracks and set off a crash of two commuter trains Wednesday that hurled passengers down the aisles and turned rail cars into smoking, twisted heaps of steel, authorities said. At least 10 people were killed and more than 180 injured.

The collision took place just before daybreak on the outskirts of Los Angeles, creating a scene of carnage. Employees at a Costco store rushed to the scene and pulled riders from the tipped-over double-deck cars before the flames reached them. Dazed passengers staggered from the wreckage, some limping. One elderly man on the train was covered in blood and soot, his legs and arms apparently broken.

"I heard a noise. It got louder and louder," said passenger Diane

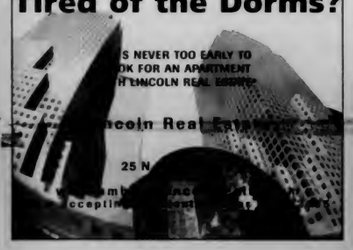
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A suicidal man who parked his car on train cracks caused two commuter trains to collide in Glendal, Calif. yesterday, killing at least nine.

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Enraged individual drives car off tow truck bed by Morrill

Tuesday January18

3 p.m. A party stated a subject's finger was cut and bleeding in Prince Hall.

Wednesday January19

5:19 p.m. A party stated that they were unsure if their license plate was stolen or lost after noticing one of the bolts, attaching the plate, was missing and a second bolt was loose outside of Tobin Hall.

5:55 p.m. A person reported a stolen camera valued at $325 in the Morrill Science Center.

Friday January21st

12:57 a.m. A person stated that someone grabbed their arm and told them to leave Hampshire House. The person did not need medical attention.

Saturday January22nd

12:06 p.m. A person reported that their bike was stolen from Lincoln Apartments on Lincoln Avenue. The bike was valued at $350.

Sunday January23rd

1:02 a.m. A party reported a vehicle driving erratically and not slowing down for pedestrians in the parking lot across the street from the Hagis Mall.

1:54 a.m. A person stated that subjects in the Campus Center Hotel refused to quiet down and were throwing objects at Campus Center security guards. A verbal warning was issued to the subjects.

Monday January24th

2:12 p.m. A party stated that they attempted to tow a vehicle parked outside of Morrill Science Center on Stockbridge Road. The owner of the vehicle became enraged and drove the vehicle off of the tow truck.

7:02 p.m. A person reported to be stuck in an elevator in Kennedy Hall.

11:42 p.m. An officer investigated a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot behind Sylvan. The officer seized a paint ball gun.

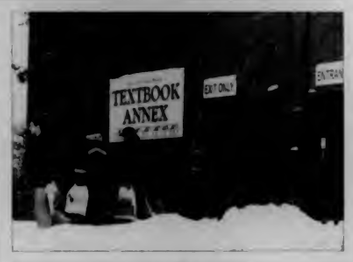


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Back to books

Above, a sign outside the Campus Center welcomes students back to campus after a long winter's break yesterday.

Right, students cringe against the cold after stocking up at the Textbook Annex.



Over 120 injured in train crash

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Brady, 56. "Next thing I knew the train tilted, everyone was screaming and I held onto a pole for dear life. I held on for what seemed like a week and a half it seemed. It was a complete nightmare."

Dozens of the injured were in critical condition, and more than 120 people were sent to hospitals.

The wreck set in motion a huge rescue operation involving more than 300 firefighters, some of whom climbed ladders to reach the windows of the battered train cars. A triage center was set up in a parking lot, where the injured lay sprawled on color-colded mat — red for those with severe injuries, green for those less seriously hurt.

According to authorities, the man who parked his SUV on the tracks changed his mind and got out of the vehicle before a Metrolink train smashed into it.

The train then derailed and collided with another train going in the opposite direction. That train also jumped the tracks.

Processor could save time on historical reference research

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Manmatha's program for some time is the slow processor speed of most personal computers. These processors aren't capable of loading large documents in a reasonable amount of time, which would deter some users.

"The processors just aren't fast enough," said Manmatha.

Although the program may not be available to the public for some time, it's raised optimism from the library's Adams.

"It would certainly seem to be a great timesaver when doing historical research if one could immediately find all references to a person or event that was referred to in someone's papers, letters or diaries," said Adams.

Prosecutor Reese says evidence that Johnston fired gun is strong

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make a phone call from the cruiser.

Using his cell phone, Johnston called a friend at the Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. The friend, who was not identified, drove him back to Westfield.

"Thank god they didn't search me," Johnston allegedly said to his friend. Steese said that Johnston then showed his friend a semi-automatic handgun.

Two days after the incident, state police found a .223-caliber Colt rifle and a magazine with 19 rounds near the Connecticut River in Hadley.

Steese added that an additional round was found on a tree stump. The bullets matched the shell casings taken out of Sullivan's house.

According to Steese, Johnston has a history of mental illness and drug use, including steroids.

Steese described a "trail of blood" that Johnston left behind that night. Blood was found in Johnston's car, the Hadley police cruiser that he sat in, and the car of the friend who gave him a ride.

Court documents said that Johnston's parents called the Westfield police to report that their son was acting erratically. The same documents said that Johnston admitted to his parents that he shot someone.

He was taken to Noble Hospital in Westfield, where Judge Robert F. Kumor, Jr. later arraigned him at his bedside.

Johnston was found competent to stand trial after a court-appointed examination last month. He was sent to Bridgewater State Hospital briefly because he was considered to be suicidal.

Steese asked Rup to hold Johnston without bail.

Johnston's attorney, Alexander Z. Nappan, did not object to this request, but he asked that he be able to review this matter at a different time.

Rup granted Steese's request. Johnston has another pretrial hearing scheduled this spring for April 6.

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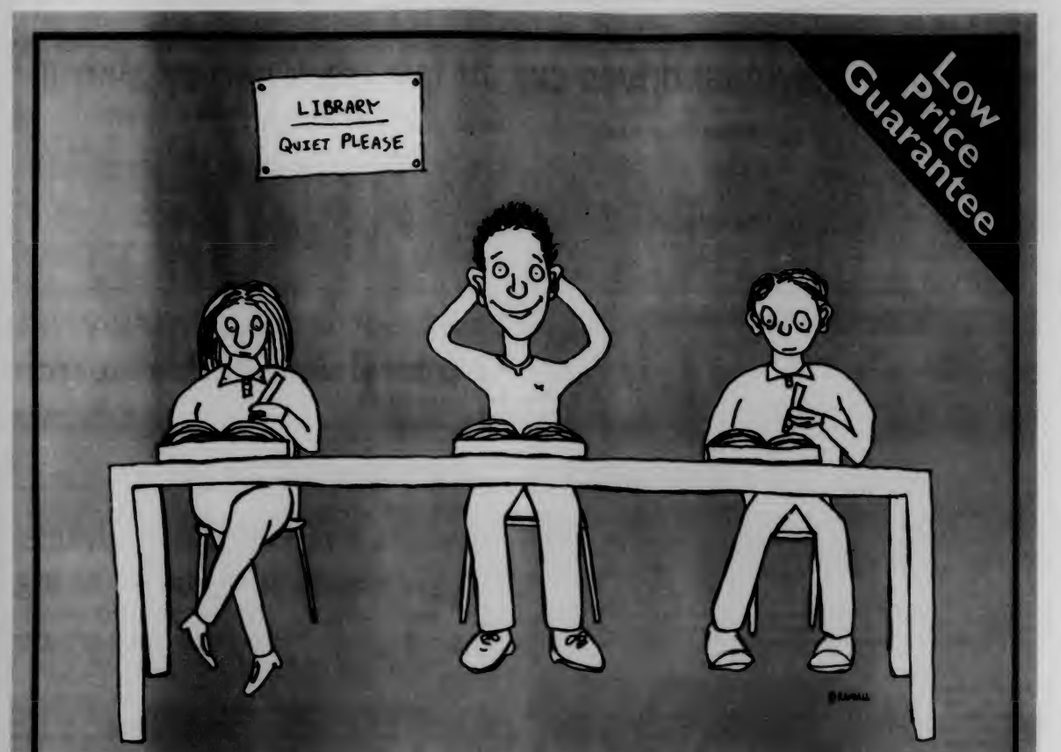
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No news is good news

Thomas Naughton

I was sure that the American people would some day wake up and realize that the proctors of our major corporate news sources were pulling the collective wool over our eyes. I just figured Fox News and its obvious bias and general right-wing intimidation strategy would catalyze this massive awakening.

As a member of the media on a thankfully minute scale, I was so embarrassed, incensed, enraged, and completely bewildered by the events surrounding The CBS News scandal surrounding George W. Bush's military records, but not for reasons that conservatives would like me to be.

Conservatives salivated over this flub like bloodthirsty lions over a rotting carcass, and the brand burnt into the skin of that carcass reads "American Public." Don't you feel the bites taken out of your sides? Can't you smell the breath of blood and ripped flesh looming over you? Of course you can't, because you're dead. We're all dead or dying and no one's getting fat except dirty political beasts like George W. Bush and all who advise or support him. This was the media's September 11 and just like the 9/11 of our reality, conservatives are now able to fully clasp their strangle hold on the establishment. Now they can fully exact control over the media in an overt manner, where before they acted as though diamonds in the rough like Fox News and Talk Radio were the only voices of conservatism in the media.

Fox seamlessly moves between fact-based news reporting and opinion shows. Sometimes Fox News shows even basically include opinions from reporters directly following reports.

The American public looked on at their screens with wide eyes at the revelation that the CBS News report on George W. Bush's military record was based on fake documents. We were left with the obvious questions. "Is Dan Rather a liar?"

Waiting in the wings for the Red Riding Hood populace who looked for some semblance of truth in the face of a messy scandal was Fox News, a real, feral beast dressed as Grandma. That's right kids; Grandma sure does have a big mouth to relay the conservative agenda of racism, classism, sexism and homophobia, 24 hours a day. All the better to eat you with my dear.

However, that's the beauty and extreme genius of Fox News. They label themselves as "Fair and Balanced" and "America's Newsroom" in all of their commercials. The temptation in the wake of such an embarrassing scandal as that of CBS News is to look towards a news source that has the appearance of being truthful, real journalism (as Fox also likes to think of themselves), and all-American.

Fox News hopes to welcome you with open arms, with the promise that they will report on issues and you will decide what is right. It's funny, however, that the only real issues and messages that are explained clearly are the ones that paint the conservatives and the Bush administration in the best light. You have no choice; you have to decide that Bush and all who support him are correct.

Let's really examine this CBS News scandal. What happened was pretty dirty, pretty unfair to George W. Bush. No one deserves to have an story aired on national television about their past, especially if the main source of the report cannot be confirmed as true. Should Dan Rather step down because of this? Yes, probably. This mistake helped to re-elect George W. Bush, which is not the outcome the report intended at all and not an outcome that much of the country desired.

Rather was stepping down anyway, but now he has been said to be planning on hosting other news shows. If I was Rather, I'd take this debacle as a clear sign that it's time to retire. Should the other producers involved leave as well? If they can't find better jobs, no. What is the point of ruining their careers over a mistaken report that was immediately refuted and resulted in an election vindication for the report's subject? If this report was about Bill Clinton and it was found to be fake, would we even still be talking about it? I doubt it.

Where was the fallout when Fox News wrongfully called the election in Bush's favor in 2000? I only recently saw any of the Fox News executives testify concerning that mess in a documentary. Why weren't there a million stories on every channel saying that Fox News is only "Fair and Balanced" if you're George W. Bush?

I don't remember any of the other news channels running that story day in and day out the way Fox News has been parading this Dan Rather scandal.

And now let's compare this scandal to the running composition of Fox News. What is worse? To find out that a report that aired was false or to blur the lines between what is fact and what is opinion? Fox seamlessly moves between fact-based news reporting and opinion shows. Sometimes Fox News shows even basically include opinions from reporters directly following reports. And what about the sins of omission? Fox has repeatedly not included pieces of news when it was literally breaking down their studio door. What did Fox say on the days that there were thousands upon thousands of protesters in the streets standing up against the Republican National Convention? Nothing.

They acted like nothing was happening, when all accounts of downtown New York City described it as war zone.

What will be the outcome of this entire mess? I'm sure everyone will forget about it. Perhaps they will already have forgotten about it by the time this column comes out. This is unfortunately one more skirmish in our new cultural war, a war where the divisions are not clear, where the good guys are not necessarily good, and the bad guys run the country.

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Gender myths in education

Amelia Sabadini

Imagine. Someone is standing in front of you, and saying that they believe there exists a definite reason that would justify their treating you and everyone who is similar to you, like dirt. What do you think you would do?

Imagine that this person had already shown a penchant for refusing to hire people like you. Imagine this person just nonchalantly tells you that they think it's OK to issue an ultimatum about how you and your child are going to live. What do you think you would do? Be honest. You'd probably have an incredibly strong urge to either confront this person or get the hell away from them. It's maddeningly frustrating, and also pretty scary, when someone not only behaves in the same manner as the previously described hypothetical person did, but also happens to hold a position of extreme influence. I'm talking about a person who is so powerful, that they can do more than just put you and your kind down by themselves. Their mere words can convince and encourage an enormous number of people all over the world to do the same, or worse. I'm talking about Harvard's President Lawrence Summers.

On Jan. 14, while speaking at a conference that was ostensibly focused on diversifying the fields of science and engineering, Summers allegedly voiced support for the notion that women lack the "innate ability" (his alleged words which he doesn't deny, but as of January 25th, he has yet to release the recording of his speech) to excel in the fields of math and science. Defenders of Summers' questionable remarks are claiming that he's being unjustly lambasted for advocating a comprehensive investigation into the possible reasons for why females are a minority in many of the math and science related careers.

However, the public's current perspective on female mathematical aptitude seems to be skewed in favor of the "innate" differences ideology. This line of thought is in no danger of being abandoned or excluded from scientific discourse. The innate biological differences hypotheses that Summers was pushing have only correlational and observational data behind them and yet they're assumed to be true by many people. In fact they're generally referred to as theories, which denotes a level of certainty grossly in excess of what the results from the corresponding studies merit.

On the other hand, theories that explain sex-based differences in math performance as a result of social factors have very strong evidence to support them. This evidence comes from consistently replicable experiments that show clear cause-and-effect relationships between social factors and performance. Yet these social factor theories are repeatedly dismissed in the public forum, and the experiments that support them receive little if any mention outside the field of social science. Anyone who claims to be concerned about a free exchange of ideas should be endeavoring to right this imbalance in publicly perceived validity rather than seeking to perpetuate it.

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Many of the studies that show strong evidence for the ability of social factors to effect women's performances in math involve examination of a phenomenon called stereotype threat. Stereotype threat refers to a person's fears that their actions may confirm a negative stereotype about the group to which they belong. Social scientists Spencer, Steele and Quinn found that when a group of male and female college students, equally matched in ability, were given a math test that they had been told men tended to do better on, the females scored significantly worse than the males. Conversely when they gave the same test to another group with the same characteristics and told them that women and men tended to do equally well the women scored as well as the men. The results of this experiment have been replicated many times since. Other experiments have shown that just exposing females to stereotypes about women through Television, commercials prior to a math test will also result in decreased performance. There have also been experiments showing that white males can fall prey to stereotype threat, when tested against Asians after being told that Asians tend to do better on the test.

Experiments such as these don't just cast a great deal of doubt on innate differences hypothesis; they also conclusively prove the harmful effects of invoking stereotypes. This in turn, demonstrates the need for a more comprehensive view of the innate differences hypothesis. The idea that women are born with predetermined cognitive deficiencies is not simply an abstract scientific hypothesis. It's also a political belief that harms women by stigmatizing them. This stigmatization and its effects on women (diminished performance) are taken by certain people as license to discriminate against women.

Stereotypes are in essence biohazards. They can harm people. They can ruin lives. Just because the world is already teaming with a toxic level of stereotypes about women, doesn't mean it's OK to go carelessly splashing more of them about. The problem isn't that innate ability stereotype is being investigated by people who are biased toward believing it's true. Everyone has their biases. The problem is that far too many of the people conducting and supporting this research are being incredibly irresponsible about it. I'd hardly call Summers a champion of scientific inquiry. I'd call him a serious threat to the practice of safe, responsible science.

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Tunes of another time

Mike Anmuth

Whenever I drive around the country, one of my favorite things to do is listen to radio stations in different areas and in different markets. Even just between here and Philadelphia, when I drive home, I can hear Springfield, Hartford, New York, and many areas in between while flipping through the stations. On my last drive from home back to school, however, I began to realize something while listening between the long sets of commercials: certain songs reminded me of people, places and events in the past.

This shouldn't come as a shock to you, and I cannot claim credit for inventing this obvious theory, but isn't it fun to hear a song you haven't heard for quite some time and for it to take you back in your memory? After all, who doesn't remember their favorite jams from middle school or the song that reminds them of their first love? Even if the memories are not exactly favorable, certain songs place us right back where we first heard them, whether we mean for them to do that or not.

It happens to me all the time, whether I am listening to the radio while driving through distant places, or I rediscover an old CD or song in my collection. It blindsides me and I'll start singing along, even if I figured that I forgot the lyrics long ago. The point isn't so much the music or the lyrics, but images from our past that these songs conjur. It's how we link them in our minds to the objects we touch, the situations in which we are placed, and the feelings we have.

How often have you heard a song and thought "this would make a great soundtrack to my life"? I know that I have done this many times. Often times, it seems ironic that a happy song will be playing when we are down, or a sad song playing when we are uplifted. We often find ourselves switching radio stations in order to get music to match our moods, and when we hear these songs again, possibly years later, the same moods come back to revisit us. Perhaps, as people, we attach songs to these memories so that we don't lose them and are pleasantly surprised when they return.

Being on the road for a great many hours allows someone to think of these things that may not come to you if you're not sleep deprived and tired of seeing highway in states where it seems like corn is the main export.

I won't tell you that all song associations are good, but I think the band Maroon 5 actually puts it best when they sing, "Trying to recreate images life gives us from our past / And sometimes it's a sad song."

It's true that sometimes the song is sad, but sometimes it's uplifting and sometimes it's just plain neutral. Whatever the case, songs with memories are memories worth keeping.

We forget many instances and situations in life over time. We have all lived at least 18 years, many of us more than that. Being able to remember random and various things is kind of neat and sort of exciting. I realize that this phenomenon is not spectacular, but being on the road for many hours allows someone to think of these things that may not come to you if you're not sleep deprived and tired of seeing highways in states where it seems like corn is the main export.

The main export of our minds is our experiences, experiences which grow weary over time and happen to fade away. Your passengers may put their hands over their ears in mock horror as you sing bars of songs that you thought had disappeared long ago, but locked inside your head are the feelings of yesterday.

One day, we will be old and gray, and the songs that dazzle us today on the radio will be replaced by something completely different. Perhaps we'll associate our days at UMass with songs, or perhaps we will not. We make that decision rather subconsciously. Overall, listening to the radio while driving has taught me many things, but the best lesson of all is that songs come and songs go, but memories can be resurrected at the drop of a hat.

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America needs teachers

Growing up in the public schools of El Paso, Texas, Aurora Lora experienced first-hand the educational disparities that persist in our country. The daughter of a Mexican immigrant, Lora encountered the reality that the United States' education system, like those in most of the wealthiest nations, often provides the least resources and opportunities to the students who need extra help the most.

Lora's next first-hand encounter with these disparities came just a few years later, but this time she had the opportunity to do something about them. After a phenomenal four-year academic and leadership record at the University of Texas, which honored Lora at graduation for her contributions to student life, she joined Teach For America. At the age of twenty three, "Ms. Lora" stood before a room of fourth-graders in inner-city Houston—most of whom could read and write only on a first or second grade level. As their teacher and leader, she showed her students that she believed in their potential and that they could succeed if they worked hard. Although others scoffed, she and her students set ambitious goals for their progress.

Armed with little experience, but with the focus and determination that idealistic leaders bring to great causes, Ms. Lora went to work. She convinced her principal to let her run classes into the evenings two days a week, and then expanded those classes to five days a week. She held Saturday classes. Following her lead, the students—and their families—worked, and worked, and worked. They began to believe that they could in fact "catch up" academically, with Ms. Lora's help.

Just eight months later, when the test scores came back, Ms. Lora's students—ALL of them—had passed the state exam. Even Adrian, the student who had been handed over to Ms. Lora by another teacher with the admonition that he's "too dumb" for fourth-grade, passed the test. In fact, more students had passed the test in Ms. Lora's class than had previously done so in the entire school. Ms. Lora had literally closed the achievement gap for her students. The next year, the principal doubled the number of students in Ms. Lora's classroom.

After teaching at the Houston school for four years, Ms. Lora decided that she owed it to herself and her students to work to strengthen the educational system on an even larger scale. Today, she is earning her Ph.D. from Harvard University's selective, four-student Urban Superintendent Program. "Ms. Lora" will soon be "Dr. Lora," and will be acting on the insights and sense of outrage she earned in her classroom to improve the academic achievement of students in one of America's largest urban school districts.

Lora's story is a testament to the power and impact that committed recent college graduates can have, even immediately, on the educational disparities that are our nation's most serious domestic challenge.

In our country that aspires so admirably to be the Land of Opportunity and a model for the rest of the world, the sad, persistent reality is that by the time they are just nine years old, students who live in low-income communities are an average of three grade levels behind students who live in high-income communities. This gap only becomes worse over time, and students born in low-income communities are ultimately seven times less likely to graduate from college than students born in high-income communities.

What Lora and others have shown us, however, is that these disparities don't need to exist. When children growing up in economically-marginalized communities are given the opportunities they deserve, they can and do excel on an absolute scale. Yes, the gap in educational outcomes is an extraordinarily entrenched social problem – but a true movement of our generation's future leadership can tackle it.

Educational inequity must be our generation's civil rights issue. It needs the unrelenting commitment of the most talented and determined among you.

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'Toy Story 2' takes cool new stage



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By Chris Gazzara
Collegian Staff

They're toys, they talk... and they can skate.

Disney On Ice is back with another fantastic ice show, "Disney/Pixar's Toy Story 2." For years Disney On Ice has been known for bringing its full length animated feature films to life with stunning special effects and intricate skate dancing. This season, Disney brings the magic of Buzz and Woody back in a sequel to its successful blockbuster about a toy cowboy and a space-age action figure.

"Toy Story 2" on Ice
Springfield Civic Center
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The show begins with Disney favorites Mickey, Minnie, Donald and Goofy dressed as astronauts. After introducing the story, they depart leaving the ice open for Buzz to battle his arch nemesis, Evil Emperor Zurg. At this point the audience will encounter a comical traffic cone sequence culminating with a 16-car-pile-up. This sequence is one of the shows most elaborate, incorporating the landing of a giant airplane wheel and the toppling of a full scale semi truck filled with toothpaste.

In this scene, each character is fitted with its own uniquely designed traffic cone. For example, Mr. Potato Head's eyes and ears are placed on the outside of his cone, a comical detail that symbolizes the care taken in outfitting the show. Everything is specifically tailored in order to make the show as funny and easy to relate to as possible.

After many action-packed scenes and complex skate routines, the show climaxes with toe-tapping energy. All of the toys get together and rejoice at the safe return home of the friendly sheriff, Woody.

Figure skating itself is a difficult and at times dangerous sport. After adding the expressiveness of acting, you have an athletically and aesthetically pleasing show. To create this unique balance experienced choreographer Barry Lather signed on and helped skaters play these classic roles. Lather has some credits under his belt after having worked with the likes of Britney Spears, Paula Abdul and Sting. He has trained with Olympic skating stars such as Kristi Yamaguchi and Nancy Kerrigan. He has also choreographed with Disney On Ice in the past.

In a press release announcing the event, Lather talked about his job and the challenges he faced with this program. He wanted to replicate the range of styles, from comedy to heartfelt drama, that were explored in the movie.

"We strive to accurately emulate this diversity in the choreography," said Lather.

While working with his cast, he sought to imbibe in them a sense of the emotion they would need to actualize the show's more poignant moments. Throughout the story, Woody and Jessie experience struggle as they learn about themselves and where they belong. Lather attempted to bring these lyrical and galvanizing moments to life on the ice.

"It's about making a connection," Lather said.

For the better part of the last century Disney has brought joy and entertainment to people all over the world. The ice shows are another spectacular creation that can be added to the list of Disney accomplishments. From incredible producers, directors and choreographers, to World class figure skaters and innovative set design, there is something for everyone at "Disney/Pixar's Toy Story 2."

Dating troubles answered in tell-all book

By Amy Forni
Collegian Staff

"He's afraid to get hurt again. Maybe he doesn't want to ruin the friendship. Maybe he's intimidated by me. He just got out of a relationship."

'He's Just Not That Into YOu'
By Greg Behrendt & Liz Tuccillo
Simon Spotlight Entertainment

Do you and your confidants recycle these excuses as often as you worry about a future of bags and cats? If you do not already know, you are beautiful. Simply put, you are fantastic, smart, fun, unique, and even though you may not believe the age-old words of our mothers, you are too good to settle for someone who does not love you the way you deserve to be loved. Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo, authors of "He's Just Not That Into You", wrote the witty, direct, "no-excuse truth to understanding guys" manual that will leave you with a smile on your face, opened eyes, and confidence in your heart.

Behrendt and Tuccillo, respectively a consultant and writer of "Sex and the City," encourage women to end incessant analysis of their relationships. Behrendt, a past playboy, now devotedly wed, knows the truth underlining every excuse our male counterparts conjure up. Tuccillo, a successful and independent single New Yorker, analyzes her friends' and her own relationships from her enlightened no-excuse-is-a-good-excuse standpoint. Collaboratively, the writers humorously answer candid letters from women who have heard every defense in the book, literally. The authors suggest that women should forget justifying men's actions and stop analyzing their behaviors. They say to quit stressing out over the meaning of every word that escapes from his mouth and realize that if he were really into you, you would know it.

"He's Just Not That Into You" is organized into 16 chapters such as "He's Just Not That Into You If He's Not Calling You," "Because If He Likes You, Trust Me, He Will Ask You Out," "He's Just Not That Into You If He's Having Sex With Someone Else," and "There's Never Going To Be A Good Excuse For Cheating."

Each chapter offers advice and Tuccillo's, "This is What's Hard About This One" counterarguments against Behrendt's sometimes abrasive, yet honest truths. Also included in each chapter is a "This is What it Should Look Like," section where they discuss success stories based on teachings from the book. Also, each chapter includes hilarious "Super-Good Really Helpful" workbook questions.

You will not be able to put down this provocative and savvy book. Behrendt and Tuccillo help empower women everywhere and relay the simple idea that if you or your significant other are making excuses as to why the relationship is not working, or why you are not satisfied with the situation, it simply means he's just not that into you.

The authors also suggest that women need to honor the fact that they are fabulous and that there is someone out there (there really is), who will love you and all your incredible qualities. So go ahead, be prepared to laugh, learn, and spark a reason to stand up straighter, as you read, "He's Just Not That Into You."



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'Sex and the City' staffers Behrendt and Tuccillo claim they will solve all your boy troubles in their new book titled "He's Just Not That Into You."

Dressing up down: No longer is goose the Michelin Man

By Lisa Jones Townsel
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

When you think of a down coat, what's the first thing that comes to mind? Warmth? Coziness? A profile resembling the Michelin Man?

Yeah, I thought so.

But by far, this synthetic mix of nylon, polyester and, sometimes, down feathers is among the best barriers against winter's fury. The challenge is making it look less, well, inflated.

Let's face it. The coats are big. Bodacious. Even the titles of a few, which refer to "puff" in the name, point to their mammoth size.

"With the older down coats, it was like you were carrying around an extra sleeping bag on top of you," suggests Maeghan O'Hagan, co-owner of Clayton-based Lusso. "Now, they've gone to great lengths to make it more wearable and less like camping gear."

Nowadays, you can dress-up down.

"The right pieces together can make a great outfit, like a great pair of cropped pants and a short-waisted down jacket," notes Jacob Laws, visual merchandiser for Splash. To illustrate his point, he paired a tangerine shrunken jacket and cropped pants with lame banding.

People might be surprised to learn that even coats that say down aren't always filled exclusively with feathers.

"There's a lot of simulated down. It has the look and same effect: warmth," Laws says, adding, "The addition of other materials helps to keep your coat's shape."

Coats typically have somewhere between 20 to 80 percent down feathers combined with fillers.

Want something more than the basic blanket form? Laws says check for designers with "a cool edge."

Embellishments also help. Regular white coats with brassy gold detailing can't help but stand out. And coats in robust hues, including cotton candy pink and sky blue, look good enough to be plucked.

We caught up with Monroe G. Milstein, chief executive officer of Burlington Coat Factory recently. During a phone interview, Milstein called the down coat the year's No. 1 fashion, at least in the coat market.

"More than any other coat this year, it's selling," he says. "It's selling this year was far superior to any other year. Ordinarily, they stop buying coats right before Thanksgiving, but this year's going so strong that we put in additional orders for January."

But the coat mogul acknowledges that color variety and easy maintenance are only a part of the appeal. The puff is a must.

"The truth is, the flatter ones aren't as warm," he says. "It's from the depth of the pile; that's where you get the insulation. It's not like the old Michelin Man, but the puffier ones are warmer."

Does he deny that that depth results in a puffier profile?

"No, it doesn't make you look fat, but it doesn't make you look anorexic either," Milstein says before asking, "Do fur coats make people look fat?"



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A model sports a white down vest with furlined hood and a polar box hat for warmth and style in the harsh winter weather.



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Comedic legends say farewell

By Chris T. Nguyen
Associated Press

BURBANK, Calif. — Johnny Carson was remembered Monday on "The Tonight Show" with an affectionate lookback at his nearly 30 years as host, including tributes by comedians and former guests that left many in the audience teary-eyed.

"As a performer, I never wanted to impress anyone more than Johnny Carson," said Jay Leno, the show's current host. "Johnny had that special quality of grace, charm and dignity in the public arena. He was an incredibly polite man and when you were invited into his house, this show, you knew you were an honored guest."

Carson died Sunday at 79 after nearly 13 years in retirement. NBC said he died of emphysema _ a respiratory disease that can be attributed to smoking.

Leno's guests Monday included Carson favorites Bob Newhart and Don Rickles, as well as comedian Drew Carey, singer k.d. lang and Carson's former sidekick, Ed McMahon.

McMahon told Leno that on their first "Tonight Show" together, he asked Carson what his own role should be. McMahon said Carson replied, "Ed, I don't know how I see my own role. Let's just go down and entertain the hell out of them."

McMahon also recounted the entertainer's strong sense of privacy.

"He was great with 10 million people, lousy with 10," McMahon said.

The tribute show contained an abundance of archival clips, including one of a dark-haired young Leno making his first appearance as a guest on the "Tonight Show." He would take over as host when Carson retired in 1992.

Others included Carson in one of his signature bits, the mind-reading "Carnac the Magnificent," a routine that David Letterman's band leader Paul Shaffer occasionally still borrows for the "Late Show."

Comedians Jerry Seinfeld and Roseanne Barr, who made their starts on the show, also appeared in clips.

Missing from the show was Carson's longtime bandleader Doc Severinsen, but he made an appearance on CNN's "Larry King Live," where he told King he was still grieving.

"I'm still having a problem with it, you know," he said. "I think 'I'm OK, now. OK, I've got everything under control,' and then bam, it hits again."

While the mood on the "Tonight Show" set was often celebratory, there was quiet reflection outside NBC's Burbank studios.

At Johnny Carson Park, adjacent to the studio, a vase of red roses and other flowers had been left at a plaque of the late-night host along with notes that said, "Goodnight Johnny, we'll miss you" and "Nobody did it better than Carson."

"He will be missed by a lot of people, especially his sidekick Ed McMahon," said Basha Kerbel, 73, of Toronto, who came with her husband and received standby tickets for the show. "It's a sad day for everybody. He was liked by so many people."

Debby Kulber, 50, of Cleveland, remembered Carson for his self-deprecating style.

"He was able to laugh at himself. And he made all the guests seem interesting," she said. "He was just very funny."

In Los Angeles, meanwhile, flowers were placed on Carson's star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

"This is a very sad day in Hollywood and I could tell you that Hollywood hasn't been this shocked since the news flash of Marilyn Monroe's demise," said Johnny Grant, the honorary mayor of Hollywood. "I think we all figured that Johnny Carson would just live on forever."



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Scorsese's `The Aviator' to square off against Eastwood's `Million Dollar Baby' in 2005 Academy Awards showdown

By David Germain
Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Martin Scorsese may finally be positioned for Academy Awards glory, but his Howard Hughes epic "The Aviator" will have to duke it out with Clint Eastwood's boxing drama.

The best-picture and director honors are shaping up as a two-film race between Scorsese's and Eastwood's flicks, with "The Aviator" having the inside track as front-runner by leading the pack with 11 nominations Tuesday.

The other best-picture contenders were "Finding Neverland," a whimsical portrait of the creation of J.M. Barrie's "Peter Pan"; "Ray," a fiery film biography of Ray Charles; and "Sideways," a quirky romance about the misadventures of two buddies on a wine-tasting road trip.

Scorsese could be the story come Oscar night Feb. 27. The filmmaker behind such modern classics as "Raging Bull," "Taxi Driver" and "GoodFellas" has never delivered a best-picture winner, and Scorsese has never won a directing Oscar despite four previous nominations.

"We don't want to jinx anything, but ultimately there is no one more deserving, absolutely," said Leonardo DiCaprio, a best-actor nominee as Hughes in "The Aviator" and the star of Scorsese's 2002 film "Gangs of New York," which had 10 Oscar nominations but lost in every category.

"I have the ultimate respect for him as a director and as a person. What he has contributed to the world of cinema is phenomenal and unprecedented. All I can say is, I'm voting for him."

Along with his directing slot, Eastwood was nominated for best actor as a cantankerous boxing trainer in "Million Dollar Baby." Eastwood previously had acting and directing nominations with 1992's "Unforgiven," which won the best-picture and directing Oscars.

His acting nomination this time was a slight surprise given that most previous Hollywood honors had singled out Eastwood for his direction on "Million Dollar Baby," not his performance.

"I heard his name and I screamed. I'm so happy," said Hilary Swank, a best-actress nominee for "Million Dollar Baby," in which she plays a fearless boxer struck by tragedy. "In my humble opinion, it's his best work to date."

Jamie Foxx landed dual nominations. Foxx is considered the favorite in the best-actor race for his dazzling emulation of Charles in "Ray," and he also was picked in the supporting category for "Collateral," in which he plays a cabdriver forced to drive a hitman on a killing spree.

"It's mind-blowing. It's a celebration right now. It is happiness right now," Foxx said. "If we win, it's going to be more happiness, but right now, it's simply time to be happy and reflect on what a fantastic year it's been for me."

Joining DiCaprio, Eastwood and Foxx in the best-actor race were Johnny Depp as playwright Barrie in "Finding Neverland" and Don Cheadle in "Hotel Rwanda," starring as hotel manager Paul Rusesabagina, who sheltered refugees from the Rwandan genocide.

The best-actress category presents a rematch of the 1999 showdown, when underdog Swank won the Oscar for "Boys Don't Cry" over Annette Bening, who had been the front-runner for "American Beauty."

Along with Swank in "Million Dollar Baby," Bening was nominated for "Being Julia," in which she plays an aging 1930s stage diva exacting wickedly comic revenge on the men in her life and a young rival.

Both actresses won Golden Globes, Swank for best dramatic actress, Bening for actress in a musical or comedy.

Also nominated for the best-actress Oscar: Catalina Sandino Moreno as a Colombian woman imperiled when she signs on to smuggle heroin in "Maria Full of Grace"; Imelda Staunton as a saintly housekeeper in 1950s Britain who performs illegal abortions on the side in "Vera Drake"; and Kate Winslet as a woman who has had memories of her ex-boyfriend erased in "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind."

Staunton, a veteran British actress not widely known to American audiences, said she hoped the Oscar attention would draw more viewers to "Vera Drake," which so far has been in only narrow U.S. release.

"I am completely over the moon that I have got this far, because I am the unknown. This is a very difficult subject matter, this film, and that it's got this far is a miracle," Staunton said.

Besides Eastwood and Scorsese, directing nominees were Taylor Hackford for "Ray," Mike Leigh for "Vera Drake" and Alexander Payne for "Sideways."

Along with Foxx in "Collateral," supporting-actor nominees were Alan Alda was nominated for supporting actor as a senator tussling with Hughes in "The Aviator"; Morgan Freeman as a worldly-wise ex-boxer in "Million Dollar Baby"; Thomas Haden Church as a bridegroom out for a final fling in "Sideways"; and Clive Owen as a coarse lover in the sex drama "Closer."

An old hand at the Oscar race with three previous nominations, Freeman said he would rather have slept another hour than be awakened by his publicist with word that he was in the running.

"I wouldn't use the term excited," Freeman said. "I think probably the best term would be disappointed if I didn't get one."

For supporting actress, academy voters picked Cate Blanchett, who plays Katharine Hepburn in "The Aviator"; Laura Linney as sex researcher Alfred Kinsey's carnally adventurous wife in "Kinsey"; Virginia Madsen as a deceived lover in "Sideways"; Sophie Okonedo as innkeeper Rusesabagina's wife in "Hotel Rwanda"; and Natalie Portman as a gutsy stripper in "Closer."



Scorsese's 'The Aviator,' a new film about Howard Hughes, rivals Eastwood's 'Million Dollar Baby,' a film centered around a female boxer starring both Eastwood and young actress Hillary Swank.

"This is one of the shocks of my life. It's an incredible, astounding, heart-stopping moment," Madsen said. "This always seemed really unattainable, because it's the Academy Awards. It's the gold man, the gold statue."

It was the best year ever for black performers, who had five of the 20 acting nominations. The most previously was three, including the 2001 Oscars when Halle Berry and Denzel Washington won the lead-acting prizes.

Mel Gibson's blockbuster "The Passion of the Christ" was shut out in major categories but received Oscar nominations for original score, cinematography and makeup.

Michael Moore, a 2002 documentary winner for "Bowling for Columbine," missed out on nominations this time with his hit "Fahrenheit 9/11." Moore decided against entering "Fahrenheit 9/11" in the documentary category to boost its prospects for best-picture and other categories, but the film failed to earn any nominations.

"Sideways" star Paul Giamatti was the most notable absentee from the Oscar nix. The film was a darling among critics and brought Giamatti heaps of praise in earlier film honors.

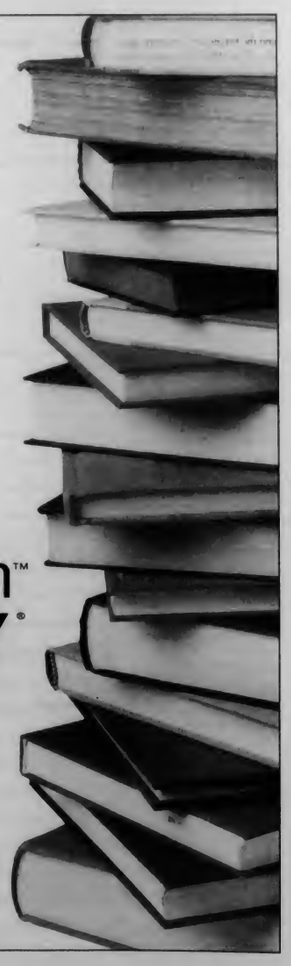
Co-star and nominee Church, who plays Giamatti's traveling pal, said he and Madsen would not have been in the running were it not for Giamatti.

"I wanted to believe that three performances (from "Sideways") could get nominated, but I dreaded that somebody was going to get clipped," Church said. "My performance and I'm sure Virginia's do not exist without Paul's. One performance does not exist without the other."

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Owens doesn't plan to listen to doctors

By Rob Maaddi
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Terrell Owens might try to play in the Super Bowl, ignoring his doctor's orders.

Philadelphia Eagles head trainer Rick Burkholder said Wednesday that Owens plans to continue rehabbing his injured ankle in an attempt to suit up against the New England Patriots on Feb. 6.

Dr. Mark Myerson, the surgeon who operated on the All-Pro receiver in December, said Tuesday he would not clear Owens to play in the Super Bowl.

"We understand Dr. Myerson's point of view. It's just that our risk-reward is different than his risk-reward," Burkholder said. "He has great risk in clearing Terrell to play and no reward. We think there's some risk and we think there's great reward, so right now we're going to progress with his rehab."

Owens was at the Eagles' practice facility for rehab work Wednesday, but the team said he wouldn't be made available to reporters.

On Monday, before hearing Myerson's bad news, Owens said: "Spiritually I've been healed and I believe that I'll be out there on that field Sunday, regardless of what anybody says."

Myerson inserted two screws in Owens' right ankle and a plate on the outside of the ankle three days after he was injured against Dallas on Dec. 19. By not clearing Owens to play, Myerson should be absolved of any blame if Owens goes against his wishes and winds up re-injuring the ankle.

Owens was told after surgery that he had only an outside chance of returning for the Super Bowl, which was 6 1/2 weeks away at the time. But he rehabbed vigorously, hoping to help Philadelphia win its first NFL championship since 1960.

But after a checkup Tuesday in Baltimore, Myerson said that while he's pleased with Owens' recuperation, the operation requires a recovery period of eight to 10 weeks. Myerson added that any attempt to accelerate the rehabilitation process poses the same risk for injury.

Burkholder said Owens worked out on a treadmill when he returned to Philadelphia on Tuesday.

"We will continue to see whether he can jog and see how he does day in and day out, see if he can change direction," Burkholder said Wednesday.

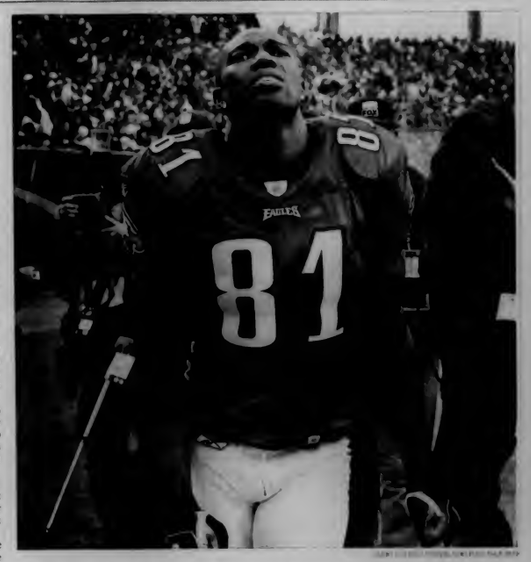
"If he passes all those tests, then we'll start talking about practice time. Right now, the game isn't even in our vision right now. If he has any setbacks in his rehab, then the whole idea of playing in the Super Bowl is probably off."

In his first season with the Eagles after eight years in San Francisco, Owens led Philadelphia with 77 catches for 1,200 yards and 14 TDs.

Quarterback Donovan McNabb and other Eagles have said they don't need Owens to beat the defending champion Patriots, who are 7-point favorites.

"We can win it without T.O. But, if he is there, we can win it with him, and we are definitely going to try to win it without him," McNabb said Monday.

"I think he will be back," he added. "But, if he can't be back, we have to continue this ship home."



Terrell Owens heads to the locker room after injuring his ankle on Dec. 19 against the Dallas Cowboys. Team doctors haven't cleared Owens to play in the Super Bowl on Feb. 6, but he plans to play.

Businesses around hockey towns among those that suffer from NHL lockout

(AP) A sampling of effects on retailers and other business from the NHL lockout:

Mark Pasquale, owner of Halftime Pizza across the street from the FleetCenter, home of the Boston Bruinssaid business has been down about 35 percent during the lockout. He still gets business from Boston Celtics basketball games, but said they aren't as free-spending as the more blue collar hockey crowd.

"Business from the Bruins games is always a lot of better because this is more of a hockey town," Pasquale said. "The Celtics fans are more suit-and-tie types, and the Bruins fans are more casual. ... When the Bruins are in town, I get like two days of business out of one day."

Other businesses that cater to FleetCenter crowds also are hurting. Pasquale said a TGI Friday's restaurant near the arena closed recently.

The past year "has been the worst since I've been down here, and I've been here 25 years," Pasquale said.

— *Mark Jewell, Associated Press*

(AP) In Philadelphia, bars and restaurants are enjoying the success of the Super Bowl-bound Eagles and the Allen Iverson-led 76ers. Flyers fans aren't out looking for hockey jerseys, said Joe Tarantino, a manager at The Sports Authority in King of Prussia, Pa.

"I bet we haven't sold a hockey shirt in two months," Tarantino said. "They're not playing. Why are you going to buy a shirt and wear it for nothing?"

Even during regular NHL seasons, hockey merchandise still doesn't sell as well as gear featuring Philadelphia's pro football, basketball and baseball teams, he said.

"They like their Birds, they like their Sixers," Tarantino said.

— *Jennifer Kay, Associated Press*

(AP) MC Sports, a sporting goods chain based in Grand Rapids, Mich., with 68 stores in seven Midwestern states, is carrying almost no NHL merchandise during the lockout, said Rob Henderhan, men's apparel and licensed products buyer for the company.

"With the exception of some hats, I don't have any NHL product that's not on clearance," he said. "I didn't buy anything new for this year."

Of its 28 Michigan stores, eight to 10 are in the Detroit area. They usually carry a line of Red Wings jerseys, hooded sweat shirts and other items. Asked if any customers were upset about the lack of NHL merchandise, Hanrahan said: "No, none at all."

"I haven't had a single store call and complain because people were in looking for product," he said. "When this happens, people just get upset."

Bob Phillips, a salesman for East Side Sporting Goods in Warren, said sales of hockey apparel has been "dead."

"I talked to a competitor and it's the same thing," Phillips said. "Obviously, if they're not playing, they're not selling."

The suburban Detroit company sells some Red Wings jerseys and varsity jackets but specializes in providing uniforms to teams. Phillips said said East Side didn't expect to see a jump in sales of Red Wings apparel even if the season is saved.

— *James Prichard, Associated Press*

(AP) Anthony Wolfe, vice president of e-commerce and marketing for Montreal-based Icejerseys.com, an Internet company that sells NHL apparel, said sales have dropped in the 30 percent range since the lockout began.

He also said many U.S. retailers did not stock a lot of NHL merchandise in anticipation of the lockout.

"The NHL was a fringe product to start with. Now, with this going on they've just decided, 'OK, clear out what we've got. We're not ordering any more,'" he said.

Icejerseys.com does about 90 percent of its business in the United States, Wolfe said.

"Certainly, we felt a big drop in interest," he said. "I think our potential loss in sales has been buoyed by the fact that other guys are pulling everything off the shelves and it's really not available elsewhere."

— *Sandy Shore, Associated Press*

(AP) St. Paul, Minn., officials estimate the city will lose nearly $369,000 in sales taxe income during the months the Minnesota Wild would have been playing.

Joe Kasel, who owns the Eagle Street Grille across the street from the Xcel Energy Center arena, said he has laid off 28 employees since the lockout began. Kasel and his partner are working 80 hours a week to avoid losing more money.

"We do what we can to get through it. It's all we can do," Kasel said between waiting and bussing tables, serving drinks and handling checks.

Down the street, signs in the windows of Tom Reid's Hockey City Pub beckon customers attending professional lacrosse games. Crowds for the Swarm don't compare to the sold-out Wild games business owners are used to.

"It's been a tough go," said Reid, who also works as a radio broadcaster on Wild game days. "This is a hockey bar with true hockey fans ... with the lockout we lose that clientele."

Dean Trongaard, who is helping 242's owners sell or lease the space, said Wild clientele were crucial: "Someone might have to put in a business there that is not so reliant on hockey games."

— *Elizabeth Dunbar, Associated Press*

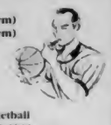
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Patriots continue winning ways no matter who plays

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

FOXBORO — Players come and go, and the New England Patriots keep reaching the Super Bowl. Even the coaching staff is headed for a shake-up.

No need for Patriots fans to worry, though. The most important part of the NFL's pre-eminent franchise couldn't be happier right where he is.

"I like my job. I'm excited to come to work every day," coach Bill Belichick said. "I'm not looking to go anywhere."

Belichick has led the Patriots to consecutive 14-2 seasons and a chance to become only the second team in NFL history to win three Super Bowls in four years. For some coaches all that success would be enough to send them into a proud retirement.

But Belichick won't turn 53 until April 16, seven days before the NFL draft, and loves challenges. He has a big one coming up.

Offensive coordinator Charlie Weis has already been hired to coach Notre Dame. The Super Bowl will be his last game with New England. Next out could very well be defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel, who is expected to become the Cleveland Browns head coach.

Crennel and Weis have been vital in designing schemes that help the Patriots baffle and overpower opponents, as they did last Sunday in a 41-27 victory over Pittsburgh in the AFC championship game.

"You know, it kind of hit me after the game," the normally serious Belichick said wistfully about his coordinators. "We pretty much all are coming from the same place. We have put a lot into this. We are in it together. We are going to work hard to finish what we started."

If Belichick replaces coordinators as well as he has replaced players, the Patriots should be just fine.

"There are going to be some decisions Bill is going to have to make and some of our assistants have to step up," linebacker Tedy Bruschi said. "How it's going to affect us, I don't know."

None of that matters now with just one game against Philadelphia on Feb. 6 in Jacksonville, Fla., standing between Belichick and a fifth Super Bowl ring, two of them as an assistant with the New York Giants.

A victory over the Eagles would give him the best postseason record as a head coach at 10-1, breaking a tie with Vince Lombardi.

Only nine of the 22 Patriots who started in their Super Bowl win over St. Louis on Feb. 3, 2002, are still with the team. And only 15 starters from last year's championship victory over Carolina still wear Patriots uniforms.

"It is something that we are proud of," Belichick said of the success, despite the turnover, "but right now that's not really the focus. It is not to reflect back, on what did or didn't happen."

The only remaining Patriots from the team that lost the 1997 Super Bowl to Green Bay are Bruschi, Willie McGinest, Ted Johnson, Troy Brown, Adam Vinatieri and Ty Law. Bruschi was a rookie then and Law is on injured reserve now.

Even coach Bill Parcells left that team, departing from New Orleans the day after the game without his players and becoming coach of the New York Jets the next season.

Belichick won't be making any such exit from a team in which the players change but the unselfish attitude doesn't.

"There are two main constants," Bruschi said. "One constant is the coaches. Our coaches have remained consistent. And the other constant is the core group of players who have been there through thick and thin."

The Patriots missed the playoffs in 1999 and 2000, then won the Super Bowl the following season.

Like Belichick, the players want more even though they're already the most successful team of the decade.

"This is a special group of guys," he said. "It is a real credit to them that they work that hard, that they are that enthusiastic and they put that much into it."



Quarterback Tom Brady is just one of the many replacements who have thrived for the Patriots over their historic four-year run.

Trovato's Legacy Fund a hit

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process. If your father gave his life in the war, you qualify. We're not even telling you that you have to go to UMass. You can go to Dean Junior College or Harvard."

Originally, Trovato, who has been named a finalist for the Humanitarian Award, given to college hockey's finest citizen, wanted to have all of his power play goals and blocked shots serve as a monetary donation to the fund, but the NCAA put a halt on that, too.

But through the few small problems he has encountered, he has still gotten complete support from his teammates, who have collected money in jars from their dorm rooms and are trying to set up a fundraiser later on in the semester.

"I thought it was an awesome idea. My dad went to Vietnam so I have respect for people who sacrifice themselves for something like that," senior defenseman Jeff Lang said. Lang's cousin and best friend have also just returned home from Iraq.

Trovato has also gotten support from places outside of his locker room, noting a specific incident after a bitter 4-3 loss to Lowell on Jan. 7 at the Tsongas Arena.

"I'm shaking hands in the line, and [Lowell coach] Blaise McDonald comes up to me while I'm in line and says, 'Hey, I just want to tell you that I think that fund is a great idea, and I really appreciate what you're doing, and it's a wonderful thing.'"

It's amazing to see what can emerge from a little patriotism.

For more information about the Legacy Fund visit www.mslfund.org.



KAREN ROGERS-ULLMAN

Peter Trovato has been named a finalist for the Humanitarian Award, given to college hockey's finest citizen. Trovato established a scholarship fund for the children of fallen soldiers from Massachusetts.

Sox working on trade

NEW YORK — Doug Mientkiewicz was on the verge of bringing his good glove to the New York Mets. The ball is another story.

The Mets were awaiting medical records Wednesday and hoped to finalize a trade to acquire the former Gold Glove first baseman from the Boston Red Sox for a minor leaguer who played Class-A ball last year.

New York made the decision to obtain Mientkiewicz after Carlos Delgado accepted the Florida Marlins' $52 million, four-year offer Tuesday, spurning a $52 million proposal from New York.

"You can't win them all," Mets general manager Omar Minaya said. "You don't like losing, but those things happen."

Mientkiewicz, 30, won the 2001 AL Gold Glove with Minnesota and caught the final out of Boston's World Series sweep of St. Louis last October. He kept the ball, which the Red Sox want back.

"I would like to keep the ball, too," former Boston and current Mets pitcher Pedro Martinez said Tuesday. "I think everyone on the team should have gotten a little piece of the ball. He's the only one who noticed to keep the ball. Not even Keith Foulke thought to."

Mientkiewicz came up to the major leagues with Minnesota in 1998 and was dealt to the Red Sox last July 31. A career .272 hitter, he slumped to a combined .238 with six homers and 35 RBIs last year for Minnesota and Boston.

He agreed last February to a $7 million, two-year contract that calls for a $3.75 million salary this year. The deal includes a $3.75 million team option for 2006 with a $450,000 buyout.

To provide the power they had hoped to obtain in Delgado, the Mets might try to sign Magglio Ordonez.

— *Associated Press*

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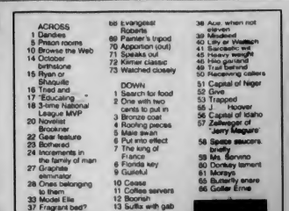
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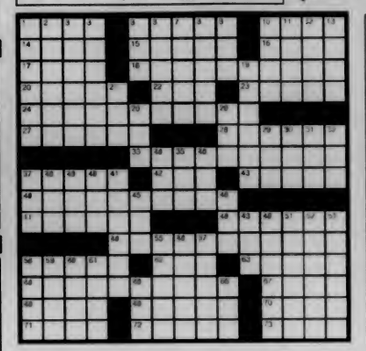
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Building a Legacy

Peter Trovato sets up a scholarship fund for children of fallen soldiers

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

The war in Iraq has caused more civil turmoil in America over the past year than this country has seen in three decades.

United States citizens have divided themselves by political affiliation as much as ever, and the words "Democrat" and "Republican" were used as measures of verbal combat in the months leading to the last presidential election.

People were no longer people; they were labels, perhaps more so than ever.

These labels weren't just for friendly competition like the more simplistic, classifications of "Red Sox fan" or "Yankees fan," which solely determine livelihoods, not lives.

But these were the same American citizens who rallied around one another after the horrific tragedy on Sept. 11, 2001, so they could definitely do it again just a few years later.

They didn't begin to rally around the idea of the war, or who started it and for whatever reason, they rallied around the troops who were sacrificing their lives to fight it.

Some people began slapping the "Support Our Troops" bumper stickers all over their cars and gleaming with a self-assured sense of patriotism.

But one Massachusetts hockey player has taken it upon himself to make a bigger difference.

Peter Trovato, a senior forward, has set up the Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund, a charity dedicated to helping the children of fallen soldiers from Massachusetts by giving them college scholarships.

Trovato has gone beyond looking at this situation as a war of Democrats against Republicans, America against Iraq or the world against terrorism.

He is looking ahead, not just to the point when the government pulls out of Iraq, but as far as he can see, calling the fund a lifelong commitment.

This is a responsibility not many college seniors would want to have, as most really shift their focus towards graduation.

But last summer, when he continued to read article upon article of soldiers dying in Iraq, he felt an urge to honor the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

He wanted to help, and he felt the most appropriate way to do so would be to set up a scholarship fund for the children of those fallen soldiers.

As a member of the hockey team, he had been used to volunteering for community service, but to take it to this next step, he started speaking to some local lawyers and accountants to better understand the ins and outs of setting up a fund.

He later pitched the idea to his former boss, Rob Hale of Granite Telecommunications in Quincy, and Hale said he would be the first one to donate if the fund got off the ground.

Getting off the ground was an understatement. After officially launching the Legacy Fund on Dec. 1, Trovato had raised nearly $50,000 during the first month of operation.

"We've been pretty successful in the first month, a lot better than I thought we would have been," Trovato said. "It really makes you feel good because you have this cause that you feel strongly about and the war was a divisive issue with people."

And he wants to make sure that everyone knows that the driving force of this fund has nothing to do with political issues individually.

"This isn't a political thing at all," Trovato said. "It's a charity, and I'm really excited about that because if there are any political barriers, this looks past that and just looks at this issue as a whole. There are these soldiers going over and risking their lives, and we want to honor them and their families."

Since the fund is still in its infancy, Trovato hasn't had the chance to meet any of the families personally, but on Jan. 15, he said that about 30 Massachusetts soldiers had died in Iraq, directly affecting about 18 children.

"One of the tough parts about doing this is that you are dealing with a tragedy," he said. "I mailed out to a family in Milford, and their son is six months old. He's very far away from college. Who even knows if he's going to go to college? It's just a tough, tough time. I wanted to make them aware of what I was doing, but thinking about college right now is kind of difficult for them."

More challenges are the strict regulations that are set by the NCAA, which won't allow the team to promote the fund at the Mullins Center during home games because a scholarship could be given to a child who may turn out to be a UMass recruit several years down the road.

"This isn't a slush fund for recruits," Trovato said. "This is specifically for the children who qualify. It's not a selection

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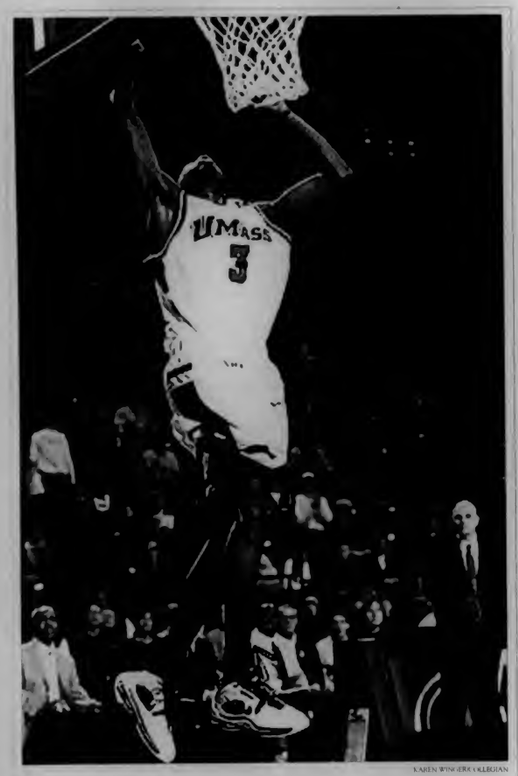
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Senior forward Peter Trovato began the Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund on Dec. 1. He has raised nearly $50,000 since the scholarship fund began.



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Peter Trovato has tallied 10 assists in 25 games during his senior campaign with the Minutemen, and he is also a finalist for college hockey's Humanitarian Award.



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Working overtime

Maurice Maxwell led the way for the Minutemen last night as they knocked off St. Bonaventure 82-78 in double overtime. Maxwell scored 18 points, grabbed five rebounds and dished out six assists. The Minutemen overcame a 10-point halftime deficit, their biggest halftime comeback since Jan. 6, 2001.

Top-ranked Eagles set for two with UM

By Andrew Merritt
Collegian Staff

It might be a good thing that the Massachusetts hockey team had an abbreviated practice schedule this week. It was better that the Minutemen not have time to dwell on what happened the last time they were on the ice.

After all, in their last game they were blown out 6-1 by UMass Lowell, on the strength of a Ben Walter hat trick. UMass looked out of sync, out of touch, and soon enough, out of a three-way tie for fifth place, as the River Hawks briefly took sole possession.

So it's probably for the best that the Minutemen only had four days to think about the loss, because their next opponent, Boston College, isn't likely to be in the mood for sympathy.

The Eagles (15-3-4, 9-1-4 Hockey East) come into the Mullins Center tonight (7 p.m.) as the freshly-minted No. 1 team in the nation in both the USA Today/ American Hockey Association and U.S. College Hockey Online polls.

BC also holds a two-point edge over New Hampshire for the top spot in the Hockey East standings.

The Minutemen, meanwhile, have found themselves in a bit of a freefall as of late, dropping all the way to seventh place in the conference after Northeastern regained a tie with Lowell after its 4-3 win over Merrimack on Monday.

The loss to the River Hawks was the second straight home defeat for the Minutemen, who were nearly perfect at the Mullins Center before the winter break.

"We talked a lot about it, sometimes it's difficult to just get by games like that," UMass coach Don Cahoon said. "You can't ignore it, but you have to hope it's not a classic representation of what you're all about.

"I'm really happy with the effort this group of people have made, especially under adverse circumstances, losing a lot of key people with injuries and everything."

The Minutemen's losses to injuries have been prolific at best, and debilitating at worst. First, junior forward Matt Anderson suffered a leg injury at New Hampshire on Dec. 9, and hasn't been seen since with no indication of a return soon.

Then, sophomore Garret Summerfield was injured in late December, and hasn't been heard from since the Minutemen's 4-0 win over Princeton on Dec. 29.

As a result, Cahoon has been forced to make some interesting line combinations, which have included such oddities as defensemen such as Sean Regan playing on forward lines, and rookies like P.J. Fenton seeing solid minutes on the first unit.

It's not trickery, but rather a new version of the team, now playing without some of its most important assets.

The improvised roster will face a real test tonight. The perennially high-powered Eagles are averaging three goals per game, have held opponents to fewer than two, and have not lost in their last 11 contests. No surprise, junior Pat Eaves leads the Eagles with 11 goals and 19 assists, and senior Ryan Shannon comes in with eight goals and another 19 helpers.

For a team missing much of its offensive power, the prospect of the big-scoring Eagles coming to town isn't exactly pretty.

"We're not going to try to play them that way," Cahoon said. "The intent isn't go in and just open it up and run and gun. But we've got to play with an offensive side to us. We're not trying to play not to lose, we're playing to win, so we've got to go after them to a fair extent."

The Minutemen will travel to Chestnut Hill to play the Eagles at Conte Forum tomorrow night, and the two-game set effectively kicks off the "iron" of the schedule, with just one non-conference game remaining.



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Freshman Dan Gordon and the Minutemen will have a tough task at hand as they are set to play the No. 1 Eagles twice this weekend.



Examine the anatomy of making out

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UMass researchers get new technology grant

By Juliana Leal
Collegian Staff

University of Massachusetts researchers received a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to fund research for an effective model of online dispute resolution that may be used by several federal agencies.

The UMass research team received a three-year $700,000 grants from NSF and will work together with the National Mediation Board (NMB), an independent federal agency that manages labor disputes in the airline and railroad industries. The money is expected to fund research and create an online process that will be trusted by employees and companies to resolve labor dispute.

Leon Osterweil, computer scientist and co-director of the campus Electronic Enterprise Institute (EEI) heads the research team. His colleagues are Legal Studies professor Ethan Katsch and School of Management's Norman Sondheimer, who is also co-director of EEI.

The research team chose a partnership with the National Mediation Board because the organization offers an interesting opportunity to demonstrate the concept of online dispute resolution. Osterweil says the project will build on NMB's record as an honest mediator in the transportation industry and the agency's consistently proven methods for handling labor disputes.

The goal of the project is to improve online dispute resolution technology by increasing security, privacy, accuracy, and trust, Osterweil said.

According to Katsch, who helped develop an online dispute resolution process for EBay, there is a need for an online system that users from both parties feel comfortable with and trust. Oftentimes, confidential information has to be shared over the Internet and if users are uncomfortable or unsure of how to use the system, then they will not participate.

The research team hopes to use the processes already employed by the NMB as a centerpiece for discussion among all NMB shareholders. According to Osterweil, their input "should [help the team] reach an agreement on a process that is acceptable to everyone and ultimately, automated systems that help everyone."

The initial phase of the project is focused on identifying the needs of the NMB and the participating unions and companies, said Sondheimer.

"We want to give the potential user community voice and choice in negotiating a system. Too many government systems are unsuccessful," he said. "We believe that by expanding the participation in development of the system, we can overcome some of the inherent barriers to change."

According to Katsch, every issue of labor dispute involves three parties: labor, management, and the government. The research team would like to make technology the fourth party.

"If we can really make it work and verify that such systems work for the people in government who will have to use them," said Sondheimer, "then it opens the door for other federal agencies to adopt online dispute resolution."

ODR technology is not meant to replace face-to-face dispute resolution, said Katsch. But the implementation of the system may produce faster results, greater accuracy, reduce travel costs and ultimately enhance face-to-face sessions.

Harry R. Hoglander, chairman of the National Mediation Board, said he believes strongly that the application of technology to dispute resolution will bring significant advantages to the agency, the mediators, and the parties.

"Years from now, the work we do under the NSF grant will be used as a roadmap for the development and application of ODR technology," Hoglander said.

The National Mediation Board helps the airline and railroad industries deal with labor unions and uphold the rights of both parties in events such as collective bargaining, while ensuring that these industries provide uninterrupted services to the population. Other such federal agencies that require labor dispute methods that could be enhanced by the result of the research are Equal Employment Opportunity and the Internal Revenue Service.

New England digs out... again



A woman trugges through a narrow path shoveled through deep snow banks on Main St. in Hyannis, Mass. The Cape Cod area was the hardest hit by the winter weather. Many Cape Cod communities received over three feet of snow since Sunday.

By Theo Emery
Associated Press

BOSTON — Sal Bartolo shed his jacket and slipped into Richie Firicano's red leather barber's chair on Thursday morning – no waiting. The barber's pole was turning outside the door, but the shop was empty and quiet.

Bartolo, 55, usually had to wait for Firicano to finish with other customers, but the weather had kept everyone else away, and Bartolo's salt-and-pepper hair was falling to the floor within minutes of his arrival. Outside, record-breaking snowfall formed towering mounds on the streets of Boston's North End.

"The old-timers, they aren't going to walk up the street in this snow and ice," Firicano said.

After a weekend blizzard dropped more than three feet in some places, up to 11 inches of new snow fell Wednesday and Thursday, forcing New Englanders to make adjustments large and small in a snowbound environment that is unlikely to change anytime soon.

"This is bad," Firicano said. "I lose some of the working people. They take the day off, or it's hard for them to get in here."

The storms pushed the January total in Boston to 43.1 inches, more snow than in any month since the National Weather Service began keeping records in 1892. The previous record of 41.6 inches was set in February 2003.

In Providence, R.I., the snowfall totals for January stood at 36.7 inches, approaching the 1966 record of 37.4 inches, according to the National Weather Service.

With temperatures expected to remain below freezing through the weekend, all that snow figures to stick around for a while.

The snow delayed trains, slowed traffic to a crawl and turned streets into obstacle courses. Towing companies have been busy pulling snowbound cars from streets, and some gas stations have had to close because shipments of gasoline couldn't get through.

Denise Murphy, a 46-year-old employment lawyer, walked through downtown Boston in chunky boots and a fur-trimmed parka. She said her usual hour-and-20-minute commute by car and train from her East Bridgewater home to downtown took 2 1/2 hours on Wednesday morning. It took three hours to get home that evening.

She wryly called the weather "character-building."

"It's exhausting," she said. "After driving, waiting for trains, getting crammed on them, freezing while I'm doing it, and then walk ... I'm so cold, and I'm so tired. I feel like I've put in a full day already."

Boston schools reopened on Wednesday after closing Monday and Tuesday. But parents complained that it

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Center for e-Design gets $76K for software

By Megan Evans
Collegian Staff

Ball Aerospace and Technologies Corporation donated a gift of software valued at more than $76,800 to the University of Massachusetts. The gift, Knowledge Kinetics (K2) Software License, was given to the Center for e-Design and Realization of Engineered Products and Systems in the mechanical and industrial engineering department.

The center for e-Design is one of two funded by the National Science Foundation at the UMass College of Engineering. The center's research focuses on new product designs in cyberspace through technology that allows multiple users to collaborate and software tools to inter-operate flawlessly.

K2 can be used by the Center to track ongoing changes on cooperative designs throughout their production and life cycles. This collaborative engineering software tool is a big help to engineers, said Ian Grosse, co-director of the Center for e-Design.

"This software can help several different groups in geographically separate locations on a design they are working on as a team."

The K2 software offers collaborating team members to access and share computer-based engineering tools, models, simulations, knowledge bases and other special facilities.

Gary A. Whitted, a program manager at Ball, worked closely with Grosse to license the software for educational purposes. The software was originally designed for the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) Information Directorate's Information Systems Division at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base under its Dual Use Science and Technology program.

K2 was used by the Air Force in one instance as the interaction backbone for a test best known as the Joint Synthetic Battlespace. This was an

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12 killed in Iraq with elections near

By Robert H. Reid
Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Insurgents stepped up attacks Thursday against polling centers across Iraq, killing at least a dozen people, including a U.S. Marine, in the rebel campaign to frighten Iraqis away from participating in this weekend's election.

As part of an intensifying campaign of intimidation, an al-Qaida affiliate led by Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi posted a videotape on the Internet showing the murder of a candidate from the parts of interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi.

The tape included a warning to Allawi personally: "You traitor, wait for the angel of death."

To protect voters on Sunday, hundreds of American soldiers began moving out of their massive garrison on the western edge of Baghdad to take up positions at smaller bases throughout the city to respond more quickly to any election day attacks.

Sunni Muslim insurgents have threatened to disrupt the balloting, when Iraqis choose a 275-member National Assembly and governing councils in the country's 18 provinces. Voters in the Kurdish self-governing area of the north will select a new regional parliament.

In the former rebel stronghold of Fallujah, where opposition to the balloting is strong, U.S. Marines drove through the city Thursday, urging people through loudspeakers to turn out Sunday. Spokesman 1st Lt. Lyle Gilbert



Iraqi police officers secure a polling area on Thursday. Violence has increased around polling stations as the Jan. 30 election draws near.

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Alleged victim testifies in sexual abuse trial of former priest



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Former Catholic priest Paul Shanley stands during his trial for child sex abuse yesterday in Cambridge.

By Denise Lavoie
Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — The lawyer for defrocked priest Paul Shanley sought to undermine the credibility of his accuser Thursday, grilling the man about his troubled childhood, his abuse of alcohol and steroids, and his gambling habit.

The man, now a 27-year-old firefighter says, Shanley raped and molested him at a Newton parish over a period of six years, beginning when he was 6. He didn't recover memories of the abuse until early 2002, when he heard a friend's account of being abused as a boy by Shanley, one of the central figures in the Boston Archdiocese's clergy sex abuse scandal.

When defense lawyer Frank Mondano began asking detailed and graphic questions about the abuse, Shanley's accuser broke down. Clasping his hands behind his head and pressing his forehead against the rail of the witness stand, he began loudly sobbing. The judge called a recess.

Earlier, Mondano implied that the man's account was tailored to conform to those of three other alleged victims who were dropped from the case by prosecutors.

The man, now the lone accuser remaining in the case, testified for a second day of Shanley's rape trial, one of the few cases in which prosecutors have been able to bring charges against priests accused of molesting boys decades ago.

The man said his mother left him when he was 3 years old, and his father beat him. Under a barrage of questions from Mondano, he also acknowledged that he drank heavily and abused steroids for 8 years starting when he was 16, at times taking the maximum dosage. He also said he gambled away hundreds of dollars at a time.

He blamed his steroid use on Shanley, saying the sexual abuse caused him to develop a "poor self image."

"It just made me feel better about myself," said the accuser, who said he once smuggled

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Shanley accuser testifies in sex trial

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steroids across the border from Mexico. "I just thought I looked better."

Plaintiffs in the hundreds of lawsuits filed over the clergy sex abuse scandal have made similar claims that they spiraled into lives of drug abuse and depression after being molested by Catholic priests.

Mondano challenged claims the man made his lawsuit, which he settled with the archdiocese last year for $300,000. In it, the man blamed Shanley for his difficulty maintaining relationships and for his failure to realize his dream of playing Major League baseball.

"This too you blame on Paul Shanley?" Mondano asked.

"Absolutely," the accuser said.

Mondano has said the man made up his story to cash in on the multimillion-dollar settlements paid to victims of the Boston scandal.

He also sought to portray Shanley's accuser as a homophobe, questioning the man about entries in his journal in which he refers to the former priest using a derogatory term for homosexuals.

The two sparred when Mondano asked about press interviews the man did in 2002, suggested he was seeking publicity.

"Oh, yeah, this is exciting for me," the accuser shot back.

New England digs out again after second major storm

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was unsafe because the sidewalks and streets were too icy and cramped by enormous snow piles. The city responded by canceling classes for the rest of the week and many other districts made the same decision.

The cancellations have raised the specter of the school year extending into the summer. Schools must go 180 days, but can go less if they receive a waiver from state education Commissioner David Driscoll. Schools can also shorten vacations or extend school hours to make up the difference.

Gov. Mitt Romney said Thursday he'd like to avoid keeping students in classrooms until July.

"Let's see how bad the rest of the winter is. If it continues to be awful, we're going to have to find some way, I hope, of keep that from occurring," he said.



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This snowblower blows away 2 feet of snow in Hingham, Mass. on Sunday. The town received another 10 inches of snow Wednesday.

Violence near voting stations

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said the Marines were "encouraging people to capitalize on this opportunity to exercise their voice by voting in the upcoming free elections."

Iraqi newspapers also published for the first time the names of some 7,000 National Assembly candidates, many of whose identities had been kept secret to protect them from assassination.

The interim government will deploy an additional 2,500 troops to help guard the elections, the Defense Ministry said. A total of 300,000 Iraqi and multinational troops will provide security, with Iraq's U.S.-trained forces taking the lead role.

About 9,000 Iraqi troops also are being dispatched to guard oil pipelines, which insurgents repeatedly have targeted.

Iraq's national security adviser, Qassim Dawoud, acknowledged that security remains shaky in four provinces but expressed optimism that extensive security measures would protect voters and encourage turnout.

However, attacks were reported Thursday in at least seven provinces, including relatively peaceful Basra in the south, where militants fired mortar shells at four schools designated as polling stations.

U.S. troops and rebels also exchanged fire Thursday on Haifa Street in central Baghdad, witnesses said.

One Marine was killed and five others were wounded when insurgents fired mortars at their base near Iskandariyah, about 30 miles south of Baghdad in tense Babil province.

Another three Iraqis were killed and seven injured when a roadside bomb missed a U.S. convoy in Mahmoudiya, a religiously mixed area of Babil province, hospital officials said.



U.S. troops examine the wreckage after an insurgent attack in Iraq yesterday. At least 12 were killed in the violence on Thursday.

Tortilla chips that are good for you?

By Mark Jewell
Associated Press

WALTHAM, Mass. — Tortilla chips might not be health food anytime soon, but science may have found a way to make them lower your cholesterol.

Researchers are frying chips in oil spiked with an ingredient from plants called phytosterols, which can soak up cholesterol without harming taste.

K.C. Hayes, one of the Brandeis University scientists working on the method, acknowledges fried chips, doughnuts and the like may forever remain the stuff of nutritionists' nightmares.

But he's realistic. Most people are unlikely to give up fried snacks entirely, so why not improve the munchies a tad to partly offset the fat and preservatives?

"I'm not trying to advocate eating chips," Hayes told The Associated Press. "They have their place, and let's make them better, that's all."

Consumer reaction has been mixed on the scores of often taste-challenged foods that are lower in fat, carbs or sugar. Food industry analysts believe sterol-enriched snacks may get just as tough a reception from the medical community and from consumers wishing to reduce cholesterol _ even if the new treat tastes the same as regular snacks.

"I think you're going to have a real uphill battle on that one," said Bob Goldin, a food industry researcher with Technomic Inc. "Consumers will have a big problem linking fried foods or snack foods with 'better for you.' I think there's so much skepticism.

"It sounds sort of like oat bran revisited," he said.

Alice Lichtenstein, a professor at Tufts University's Friedman School of Nutrition, said sterol-enriched, cholesterol-reducing snacks fail to address the larger U.S. public health problem of obesity. But she said the science behind the enriched snacks appears sound, and the cholesterol reduction measured in human testing was in line with benefits seen from other sterol-enriched foods such as some margarines and salad dressings that have been marketed for years.

The Brandeis team's research, recently published in the journal of Nutrition, described LDL cholesterol reductions averaging 15 percent among 10 people. LDL is the "bad" cholesterol. Participants ate two 1-ounce servings of phytosterol-enriched tortilla chips daily for four weeks.

The researchers reported no changes in the test participants' HDL, or "good" cholesterol, and a 10 percent drop in total cholesterol.

The sterol-enriched chips worked by blocking the body's absorption of LDL as other foods were eaten along with the chips.

Hayes, of Brandeis, said the volunteers couldn't tell the difference between the special chips and those without the additive _ and neither could an Associated Press reporter when he sampled a few.

Phytosters, which can be extracted from plants such as soybeans, have long been used as a cholesterol-lowering additive in some margarines and the American Heart Association and National Cholesterol Education Program recommend their use in food to help reduce cholesterol.

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Remembering Auschwitz

Holocaust victims and world leaders come together

By Vanessa Gera
Associated Press

BRZEZINKA, Poland — As candles flickered in the snowy, winter gloom, world leaders and Auschwitz survivors Thursday remembered victims of the Holocaust on the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camp.

The ceremony, which opened with the recorded rumble of an approaching train, was held on the spot where new arrivals were brought in by rail to the vast camp and put through "selection" — meaning those few who were deemed able to work were separated from the rest who were taken immediately to the gas chambers.

"It seems if you listen hard enough, you can still hear the outcry of horror of the murdered people," Israeli President Moshe Katsav said. "When I walk the ground of the concentration camps, I fear that I am walking on the ashes of the victims."

Joining in the commemoration were Vice President Dick Cheney, and presidents Aleksander Kwasniewski of Poland, Vladimir Putin of Russia, and Jacques Chirac of France. German President Horst Koehler sat on the platform without speaking in recognition of his country's responsibility for the Holocaust, in which 6 million Jews died during World War II.

Barbed wire and brick barracks stretched as far as the eye could see. The ruined crematoriums loomed nearby, all covered with a layer of fresh snow.

Girl Scouts brought blankets to elderly survivors sitting in the freezing cold.

"For a former inmate of Auschwitz, it is an unimaginable and overwhelming emotion to be able to speak in this cemetery without graves, the largest one in the history of Europe," said Wladyslaw Bartoszewski, a survivor who later became Poland's foreign minister.

When he arrived in 1940, he recalled, "I never imagined I would outlive Hitler or survive World War II."

Soviet troops liberated Auschwitz and the neighboring camp at Birkenau, or Brzezinka in Polish, on Jan. 27, 1945. Some 1.5 million people, most of them Jews, had died at the two camps from gassing, starvation, exhaustion, beatings and disease.

Other victims included Soviet prisoners of war, Poles, Gypsies, homosexuals and political opponents of the Nazis.

"We think of the suffering of our brothers, of the special ties that link us, Poles, with the Jewish nation," Kwasniewski said.

Putin compared the Nazis with the terrorists of today.

"Today we shall not only remember the past but also be aware of all the threats of the modern world," he said. "Terrorism is among them, and it is no less dangerous and cunning than fascism."



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Victims of the Holocaust remember the liberation of Auschwitz concentration camp at a ceremony in Germany yesterday.

Indonesia offers rebels amnesty

By Irwan Firdaus
Associated Press

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — Indonesia's president Thursday offered rebels in tsunami-hit Aceh province autonomy and an amnesty in exchange for a cease-fire, the brightest hope in years of ending a three-decade separatist conflict that more recently has threatened to disrupt massive relief efforts.

Moves were also under way in Sri Lanka to ease tension between Tamil Tiger rebels and the government. The two sides agreed to meet to resolve disagreements over the distribution of aid to rebuild tsunami-damaged areas under guerrilla control.

Japan, meanwhile, kicked off its largest ever relief effort as two of its military's hovercraft arrived in Aceh, bringing a water purification unit and medical supplies.

The Japanese troops will try to fill the gap left when U.S. forces scale back their relief operations. Indonesia was hardest hit by the tsunami with close to 100,000 killed followed by Sri Lanka where more than 30,000 died.

In Jakarta, Indonesia President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono told reporters the government has offered Aceh rebel leaders a chance to "terminate the conflict peacefully, of course in the framework of the unity of the Republic of Indonesia and by adopting the special autonomy status."

The rebels have long demanded full independence.

The warring sides are expected to start peace talks in Helsinki, Finland, probably on Friday, to try to hammer out a formal cease-fire.

Aceh rebels have been fighting since 1976 for independence for the province of 4.1 million people on the northern tip of Sumatra island, a conflict that has killed 13,000 people. A previous truce collapsed in 2003 when the Indonesian military launched a new offensive.

Yudhoyono offered concessions to the guerrillas ahead of the Helsinki meeting, including an amnesty, if they agree to the cease-fire. He said there was "a great momentum for us to really end the conflict, unite with our brothers and to rebuild Aceh."

Despite an informal cease-fire declared after the tsunami, sporadic fighting between rebels and government forces has at times threatened to disrupt the relief efforts by foreign armies and aid groups.

A rebel leader in Aceh said insurgents would respect whatever deal is reached in the talks, but added he did not expect much.

"It is Indonesia which has to get out from our country, Aceh. Indonesia is the colonizer," Tengku Mackalinna told The Associated Press by telephone from his mountain hideout.

e-Design gets $76K for new software

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environment where war fighters could train and exercise on real-world equipment while embedded in a realistic wartime cyberspace. The software has since been commercialized by Ball Systems Engineering Operations.

William K. McQuay, former program manager for the AFRL Information Directorate, explained how K2 makes it easier to make technological decisions.

"K2 leverages information and simulation technology to enhance decision support by linking information and software tools together to get critical information to decision-makers when and where they need it," McQuay said.

The Center for e-Design is a design facilitator. It uses the Internet and special software platforms that allow multiple partners to manipulate a common design in cyberspace and in unison. This collaborative work is critical in reducing development time.

Contemporary development often involves long-term partnerships and tricky design stages. However, the Center for e-Design and software such as K2 hope to alleviate this problem.

The new center is supported by a combination of NSF funding and membership fees from industry members. The estimated total funding level is $3 million. Ball Aerospace's donation began the membership process. Their donation gained the company access to all research being done at the center, including royalty-free license rights to intellectual property.

There are about 15 projects going on at the center now, so members have access to the knowledge generated by them. The current academic partners in the e-Design are the University of Massachusetts Amherst, the University of Central Florida and the University of Pittsburgh. Next year Virginia Tech and Carnegie Mellon University are scheduled to join.

Grosse said, "The goal of the Center is collaboration across the Web."

He explained that they hope to use various technologies to achieve this collaboration and also look for ways to make the tools more effective.

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Medical malpractice crack-down long overdue

In an effort to start his second term off on a good note, President Bush and his administration have begun an attempt at cracking down on an issue that has grossly affected millions of Americans: medical malpractice. President Bush is looking to crack down and enforce limits on malpractice lawsuits, according to a recent New York Times article. In doing so, this will hopefully redirect the administration's attention to those doctors that are repeat offenders of medical malpractice. While it seems that the administration's current goal is focused on ensuring global freedom for all people, this seems a little more realistic and is very encouraging to hear on behalf of the American people.

According to the article, the onus will be placed on individual state boards of medical examiners to better discipline those doctors that have a large amount of malpractice suits filed against them. This is a necessary step in helping to prevent medical malpractice. Also, taking into consideration the amount of money American citizens pay in order to receive health insurance, it is a wonder that certain measures were not taken earlier.

Because of the amount of doctors, it is very difficult for the state boards to keep track of, let alone take action against, any and all malpractice suits that occur in their state each year. Having taken this situation into account, Massachusetts has set up a standard that the Bush administration is hoping other states can adhere to in the future. According to the New York Times article, "without waiting for a complaint to be filed, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine conducts a clinical review of any doctor who has made three or more malpractice payments to patients as a result of jury verdicts or settlements." Following the example set by the Massachusetts Medical Board is a step in the right direction, one that the Bush administration is smart for endorsing.

The main issue that is at the root of all these malpractice suits is the fact that doctors are even administering substandard or marginal care in this country such a thought is very disheartening. American citizens should expect the very best from their doctors, regardless of what insurance plans they have or what their financial situations are. There are standards that should be met at all times. Going along with the Massachusetts Medical Board, if we hold our politicians and public figures to such high standards, our doctors should receive no different treatment.

The Bush Administration has a lot on its plate this term, and now that all the inauguration festivities are over, they can finally look to get back into the swing of things. There's a lot of pressure on President Bush to perform well this term. Cracking down on medical malpractice is certainly a step in the right direction.

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Bush's new address?

Ramzi Kanazi

Well we're back for the spring semester, a new year and a second sentence to four additional years of Bushisms and blather. The President recently began his new term with an inaugural address lauded by U.S. cable and network news channels, revering it among those made by Franklin D. Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy. William Safire, an op-ed columnist for the New York Times, rated it "among the top 5 of the 20 second-inaugurals in our history." The rest of the world was more skeptical of Bush's speech.

What was in Bush's address? It was not very specific and extremely idealistic. He spoke of the dichotomy between tyranny and freedom, diluting nuances of the world's political makeup. As usual, Bush separated governments into a pair of distinct groups. As in the past, having spoken of good vs. evil or "with us or against us," Bush divided nations into those that choose either freedom or oppression.

He explained that freedom and liberty throughout the world, while in the interests of America, should be shared globally. He stressed that American liberty, "depends on the success of liberty in other lands," that freedom should expand across the globe. Though this idea is noble in rhetoric, we must question which actions he is willing to take to reach global democratization, an irony in itself. The Associated Press quoted the President's father and former commander-in-chief, George H.W. Bush, as saying, "people want to read a lot into it – that this means new aggression or newly assertive military forces ... that's not what that speech is about. It's about freedom."

Most of the world press however, disagrees that this speech is simply about freedom. The greatest concerns for Bush's address come from overseas. From Europe to Africa, Asia, and the Middle East, many are worried about Bush's language concerning his desires to spread democracy. They see a continuance of interventionist policy that would lead to further aggression against states that do not serve American economic, resource and security interests. Instead, they propose that Bush is anathema to the freedoms and liberties he speaks of, using instances like Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo for illustration.

[Bush] stressed that American liberty 'depends on the success of liberty in other lands,' that freedom should expand across the globe. Though this idea is noble in rhetoric, we must question which actions he is willing to take to reach global democratization, an irony in itself.

Other nations recognize his efforts as far less than the altruistic vision, which he evokes. Indeed, Rami G. Khouri of the Daily Star in Lebanon explains, "'pro-mot[ing] freedom and democracy' in the Middle East ... are seen as self-serving instruments of America's own defense." Such assertions are also widely held in the European and Asian media. The BBC reviewed numerous publications around the globe including China's People's Daily which suggests that it would be "wishful thinking" to believe that Bush would act anyway but unilaterally. Similar sentiments were expressed in Malaysian, Russian, German and Italian papers.

While Bush's statements may be newly worded, the underlying ideas that he conveyed are just as familiar as many of the criticisms made against him. This recalcitrant dialogue is hardly a surprise. New York Times op-ed columnist Thomas Friedman, while writing from Paris recently explained, "Europe is the world's biggest 'blue state'." Even the conservatives in Europe would be Democrats in the U.S. Still, Europe's clamor is not a result of partisan divide; it has seen Bush's policy in action over the course of a preceding term.

Europeans are less concerned with opposing abortion rights and gay marriage. They believe in Kyoto and strong national healthcare. They also wished to act more diplomatically in Iraq than the current administration. Our allies across the Atlantic have observed Bush's actions for four cantankerous years and, frankly, are dismayed over what his future may bring.

We too, should express our concern over Bush's initiatives. He will likely choose to act according to his "messianic" principles. He has already greeted an anti-abortion rally, and Condoleezza Rice, Bush's foreign policy tutor, is the newly confirmed Secretary of State. Bush further surrounds himself with sycophants who endure an abysmal propensity towards groupthink, and he seems dedicated to structuring the world in a similarly servile manner.

Sure, this sounds a little dramatic, but one can't really say "it's not like he's killing people." He is. And under his leadership our forces will continue to die in service of what this administration believes are America's evangelical interests under God and green.

Ramzi Kanazi is a Collegian columnist.

Money versus happiness

Becky Martins

When asked which is better, "to be happy yet poor" or "rich and miserable," the humble answer is obvious. But why, then, do many seek satisfaction through monetary gains instead of simply living a life with fewer frills?

Honestly, the answer is not always simple.

I am the type of student who feels connected to almost every major at his or her university. Reason being that I practically have tried them all at some point during my college career. But my indecisiveness does not stem from a lack of concern for my future. Instead, my continuous major changes are due to internal turmoil. Do I choose a field I know will be personally satisfying, yet unable to pay well? Or should I settle for a career that is less rewarding but more capable of securing my financial independence? I realize money does not equal happiness, but I also know a life of struggle is not easy. Money is not everything, but without it our lives and those of our future families are greatly affected.

Nothing can be worse than having to stay with someone just so the bills can get paid. For these reasons, I look for financial security in myself. A comfortable life has its benefits. But independence is more worthwhile in the end.

One of my true passions has always been writing. Though I never considered it as a career option until the end of high school, it had always been a hobby. Upon coming to The University of Massachusetts, I shocked my parents by dropping my biology major. After trying out a few other fields, I decided on journalism. For the first time, I felt like my future had direction, but this did not last long. After doing some research on careers in journalism, I discovered the area I was interested in was both overstocked with people and underpaid. I felt as though I would be paying for college, but getting little out of my education. While my peers move up in the world after graduation, I will be struggling to support myself. For this reason, I decided to join the School of Management, which I felt would provide more financial security for me in the future. Writing would always be in my life. It would simply remain a hobby or freelance opportunity that I pursue at my own leisure.

As I write this, I am aboard a plane to Pittsburgh, PA to visit an old friend. Beside me sits a middle-aged businessman dressed in an expensive suit and accompanied only by his briefcase and paperwork. When I was younger and traveling through airports, I always admired his type —professional, stylishly dressed, and always on the move with a flight to catch and somewhere to go. I would imagine myself as an adult with a similar career and nothing sounded more appealing.

But as I sit next to this stranger I wonder how fulfilling his life is. Is he comfortable in his suit and tie or would he prefer my choice of jeans and sneakers? Is he satisfied eating, sleeping and traveling alone when he should be at home with his family? Does he ever regret the path his life has taken, yet understand his options to change it are now limited? Suddenly his lifestyle is much less attractive than it had appeared in the past. I wonder if I am only setting myself up to be like him in the years to come.

We have all dreamt about how lavish life will be "when we're successful." Everyone has big ideas as to what cars, elaborate homes and other frivolous items they wish to one-day purchase. But more importantly, many count on success as a way to provide for themselves and their loved ones, without having to depend on others for security. It is hard to deny those closest to us the things we wish to give them. Nothing can be worse than having to stay with someone just so the bills can get paid. For these reasons, I look for financial security in myself. A comfortable life has its benefits. But independence is more worthwhile in the end.

Some may regard me as selfish since it appears I am settling for materialism. Others may think I cannot accept the fact that not everyone lives life fruitfully. But I do not believe I am wrong nor am I alone in thinking as I do. People should pursue what makes them happy. They should not give up their dreams either. I simply feel it is necessary to look at the world realistically and understand how it really works. Hopefully my decisions will provide a worthwhile future, but by being dependant only on myself, I am sure happiness and success will surely come.

Becky Martins is a Collegian columnist.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

TSUNAMI COVERAGE RETHOUGHT

"UMass student survives tsunami ... Lazarus M. Morrison, 23, his decision not to spend Christmas night camped on an indian beach probably saved his life." At first I thought the article was a satire, but as I read further, the wrenching disgust in my bowels only intensified. In no way am I trying to take away from the joy of Morrison's escape from death, nor his sincere and insightful words at the end of the article, however Morrison is a Massachusetts resident. He is a resident of the United States of America, and is in a privileged enough position in life that he can study at a state university. Although he may be temporarily living in India right now, Morrison will be returning back to his home in a few months where he has relatively clean water, plentiful food and order on the streets. In essence, he shall be resurrected from his current living environments.

Now then, we are all well aware that the number of deaths has grown well past 200,000 and that the numbers are still growing as each day passes. A lost life is always a tragedy, regardless of nationality, socioeconomic class or race. However, the far greater tragedy perhaps, is inflicted on those natives and residents of South East Asia and North Eastern Africa that must now actually fight for survival.

Literally, as you read these words, there are hundreds of thousands, if not millions of people whose lives have been completely destroyed. Their homes are gone. Their farms are gone. Their places of work are gone. Their ability to provide for their families and even themselves is gone. Unlike the European and American vacationers who survived, whether by the skin of their teeth or because they happened to stay away from the coast, these people must now linger in a massive wasteland and claw and scrape in obscurity for a very, very long time. This happened in their backyard. They have no summer homes to return to; no yachts to cruise on the marina; not even economy flight tickets back to Logan Airport. They have been forced against their will and on the very soil that they consider home to become dependent on the generosity of others and what infinitesimally small resources remain.

Clearly you were already aware of all of these horrible things and perhaps you were even motivated enough to donate some of your small wealth so that those unfortunate souls may be able to survive just that much more. I will now be blunt and direct this toward the editor: why was this American student given priority over those millions of people? Why? Because you feel a closer affinity for him than those people because you are also part of the UMass community? I will be the first to admit that I have no faculty whatsoever to even imagine being in their situation, nor Morrison's however, this is not his time.

When people are still dying in the streets because the very substance that they need to survive is killing them, it is completely inappropriate and utterly disrespectful to them to simply mention their plight at the end of Morrison's spotlight. Twenty-seven sentences were dedicated to Morrison's survival story, and as I said before, I am very glad to hear that he was able to survive. Only 12 sentences, less than half of those given to Morrison (surmounted by the heading, "Student saved by choosing not to sleep in beach hut"), were given to the people who still must find incredible strength on a daily basis simply to continue breathing.

I am not an editor, or a journalist. However, it would have been much more prudent to post this article, whether on the front page and in color or not, closer to graduation time in my humble opinion, when we can only hope that this tragedy will be on its way to becoming history.

Alexander DeSerpa
UMass student

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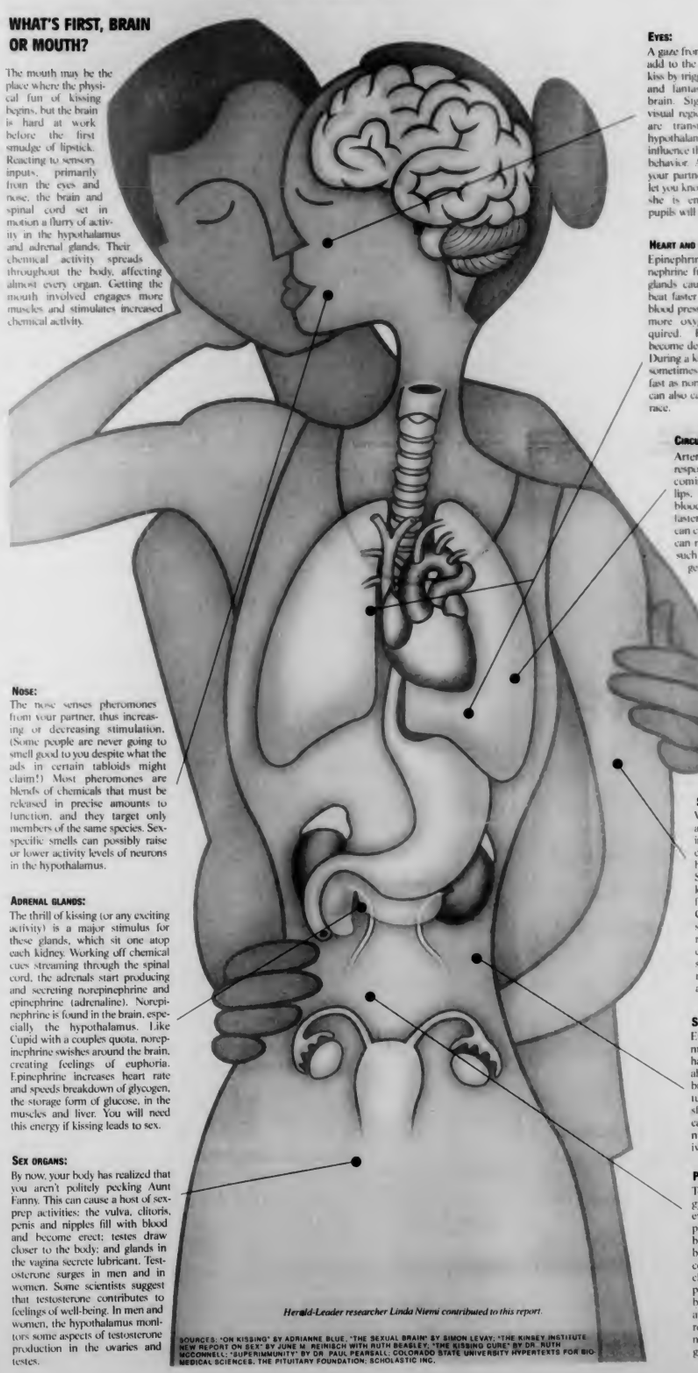
A kiss isn't just a kiss

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Smooch. Snog. Tongue hockey. Lip lock.

Whatever you call it, two lips touching with a bit of pressure and tongue-wiggling have inspired myriad songs, poems and, ahem, newspaper articles. Most of us picked up the basics of kissing in junior high, but our knowledge of the mechanics of this most enjoyable activity hasn't moved beyond first base. We've provided a primer to get you up to speed on this amazing confluence of hormonal, circulatory and muscular activity.



WHAT'S FIRST, BRAIN OR MOUTH?

The mouth may be the place where the physical fun of kissing begins, but the brain is hard at work before the first smudge of lipstick. Reacting to sensory inputs, primarily from the eyes and nose, the brain and spinal cord set in motion a flurry of activity in the hypothalamus and adrenal glands. Their chemical activity spreads throughout the body, affecting almost every organ. Getting the mouth involved engages more muscles and stimulates increased chemical activity.

NOSE:
The nose senses pheromones from your partner, thus increasing or decreasing stimulation. (Some people are never going to smell good to you despite what the ads in certain tabloids might claim!) Most pheromones are blends of chemicals that must be released in precise amounts to function, and they target only members of the same species. Sex-specific smells can possibly raise or lower activity levels of neurons in the hypothalamus.

ADRENAL GLANDS:
The thrill of kissing (or any exciting activity) is a major stimulus for these glands, which sit one atop each kidney. Working off chemical cues streaming through the spinal cord, the adrenals start producing and secreting norepinephrine and epinephrine (adrenaline). Norepinephrine is found in the brain, especially the hypothalamus. Like Cupid with a couples quota, norepinephrine swishes around the brain, creating feelings of euphoria. Epinephrine increases heart rate and speeds breakdown of glycogen, the storage form of glucose, in the muscles and liver. You will need this energy if kissing leads to sex.

SEX ORGANS:
By now, your body has realized that you aren't politely pecking Aunt Fanny. This can cause a host of sex-prep activities: the vulva, clitoris, penis and nipples fill with blood and become erect; testes draw closer to the body; and glands in the vagina secrete lubricant. Testosterone surges in men and in women. Some scientists suggest that testosterone contributes to feelings of well-being. In men and women, the hypothalamus monitors some aspects of testosterone production in the ovaries and testes.

EYES:
A gaze from your lover can add to the excitement of a kiss by triggering memories and fantasies within the brain. Signals from the visual regions of the brain are transmitted to the hypothalamus, where they influence the start of sexual behavior. A quick peek at your partner's peepers will let you know whether he or she is enjoying it. The pupils will dilate.

HEART AND LUNGS:
Epinephrine and norepinephrine from the adrenal glands cause the heart to beat faster and elevate the blood pressure. This allows more oxygen to be acquired. Breathing may become deep and irregular. During a kiss, the heart can sometimes beat twice as fast as normal. Endorphins can also cause the pulse to race.

CIRCULATORY SYSTEM:
Arteries and veins respond to the signals coming from your lips. Arteries convey blood into organs faster than the veins can carry it away. This can result in swelling, such as in the lips and genitalia.

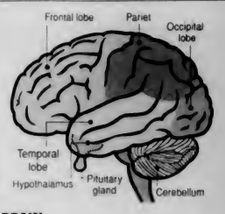
SKIN:
With the heart and lungs working hard, the skin can redden and become clammy. Sweating helps keep your system from overheating. Chemical messages and increased touching can alter skin sensitivity, which can result in tingling and tickling.

STOMACH:
Endorphins might make your brain happy, but they can also set loose big butterflies in your tummy. Digestion is slowed so the body can focus on, uh, more pressing activities.

PANCREAS:
To keep your energy from fading, extra sugar is being pumped into the blood from the breakdown of glycogen in the muscles and liver. The pancreas keeps blood sugars in balance through secretion of the hormones insulin and glucagon.

Herald-Leader researcher Linda Niemi contributed to this report.

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BRAIN

As a kiss grows in intensity, neural signals speed from the brain and along the spinal cord, spurring glands and organs into action. Inputs from the cerebral cortex, especially the section called the amygdala, very likely mediate other sensory influences on sexual arousal.

HYPOTHALAMUS:
The hypothalamus receives inputs from the cerebral cortex, nose, genitalia and sex hormones in the blood and then sets the level of its neurons' activity accordingly. These neurons then send signals back to areas of the brain that influence sexual behaviors and thoughts. During a kiss, the hypothalamus produces gonadotropin-releasing hormone into the pituitary gland.

PITUITARY:
The pituitary gland secretes hormones that influence all cells and virtually all physiologic processes. The pituitary is stimulated to secrete adrenocorticotropic hormone, which targets the cortex of the adrenal gland, as well as a follicle-stimulating hormone and a luteinizing hormone, both of which target the ovaries and testes.

NEUROTRANSMITTERS:
During pleasurable or exciting activities, the brain experiences a surge in dopamine, endorphins and phenylethylamine. These neurotransmitters attach to pleasure receptors in the brain, and they create feelings of giddiness and euphoria.

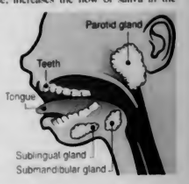
ENDORPHINS:
These neurotransmitters are released when a stressful or painful situation arises. There are three major types of endorphins, but beta endorphins, found primarily in the hypothalamus, give the most euphoric effect to the brain and are the most effective. Besides behaving as a pain regulator, endorphins are thought to be connected to physiological processes including euphoric feelings, appetite modulation and the release of sex hormones.

PHENYLETHYLAMINE:
This chemical is also found in chocolate, which could explain why chocolate is so good as a pick-me-up.

DOPAMINE:
When kissing, dopamine rushes around the brain. It is released by certain neurons in the brain when pleasure or desire is experienced. It is not a common neurotransmitter: Less than 0.3 percent of the neurons in the brain produce it.

ORAL CAVITY

SALIVARY GLANDS:
The presence of a foreign object, such as a partner's tongue, increases the flow of saliva in the mouth. Salivary glands produce saliva, which is used to moisten your mouth, initiate digestion and help protect your teeth from decay. Saliva secretion is controlled by the autonomic nervous system, which monitors both the volume and type of saliva secreted. Parasympathetic stimulation from the brain, such as simply imagining a kiss, can result in heightened secretion, as well as increased blood flow to the salivary glands. There are three major pairs of salivary glands: the parotid, submandibular and sublingual. Several minor salivary glands are in the lips, inner cheek and linings of the mouth and throat.



MOUTH:
The lips are loaded with nerve endings. Once stimulated, these nerves send signals to the brain and spinal cord. Five of the 12 cranial nerves that affect brain function are involved in a kiss. This aids in kissing, but ultimately this dedication makes possible the line lip and tongue movements used in speech.



MUSCLES

A kiss begins with only a few muscles engaged. As the kiss intensifies, chemical messages stimulate more into action. A simple pucker uses only two muscles, the upper and lower orbicularis oris, but a passionate kiss uses all 34 facial muscles. A serious make-out session engages every muscle and tendon in the body.

FUN FACT

• Some anthropologists think that kissing began when cavemen and women licked each other on hot days to obtain salt to balance their electrolyte levels.

Young artists out on top at the 2005 Grammy Awards

By Jim Farber
New York Daily News



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Chart-topping rapper and producer Kanye West is among the most-nominated artists at the this year's Grammy Awards.

This year's list of big Grammy nominees did little for those who like surprises.

Kanye West, Usher, Alicia Keys and Ray Charles were about as hard to predict as rain in Seattle. But such choices reveal as much about the increasing relevance of the awards as they do about their continued blind spots.

First, the good news: Grammy voters now seem certifiably hip to the fact that hip hop and R&B define the music of this era.

Last year, they gave the Album of the Year award to OutKast's double CD, "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below." This time they did the right thing by burying Kanye West in an avalanche of Grammy nominations.

Not only was his "The College Dropout" the best hip-hop album of the year, it was one of the most politically astute, broad-minded and personally revealing releases in memory.

Its bold array of roiling beats didn't hurt, either.

Voters showed equally good taste by singling out Alicia Keys. Her sophomore CD, "The Diary Of Alicia Keys," sounds even more stirring than her first, with melodies and performances that do her '70s soul mentors proud.

It's cool, too, that Prince got five nominations from the very industry he works so hard to subvert.

Probably the most unexpected, and welcome, angle to this year's nominations is the prominence of Green Day's "American Idiot." Though yours truly picked it in an article predicting the nominations, I didn't think the band would mount up a full six nods. Given the CD's anti-Bush stance, the nominations could well be read as a blue-state backlash.

Speaking of backlashes: Grammy's large voting body must still contain plenty of old guard sentimentalists, because the nominations are hardly without some stumbles into sap. The "Song" category features the Tim McGraw hit "Live Like You Were Dying," which sounds like the theme song for a made-for-TV movie about surviving cancer. Hoobastank's "The Reason" has equally little reason to be here, except for a crassly commercial one.

And how in heaven's name did John Mayer's icky "Daughters" ever sneak in? It's one of those disingenuous odes-to-womenkind that young men write when they want to score.

Of course, the most undeserved nomination of the year was, unfortunately, the most inevitable one.

God bless Ray Charles, but his "Genius Loves Company" hardly showcases his genuine depth. Recorded in the year before his death, it's a compromised effort, filled with indifferent duets, like "Here We Go Again" with Norah Jones. If nothing else, its inclusion proves that no matter how hip the Grammys become, no award ceremony can ever avoid the lure of giving those who've passed on one more honor.

Hawke and Fishburne save 'Precinct 13' from disaster

By Joe Piedrafite
Collegian Staff



'Assault on Precinct 13'
Directed by Jean-Francois Richet
Starring Ethan Hawke Lawrence Fishburne
Rogue Pictures
Rated R
109 mins.
Grade C+

COURTESY OF C.B.G.B.-O.M.

Hawke and Fishburne prove to be a positive aspect in Jean-Francois Richet's less-than-par "Assault on Precinct 13."

You can tell that it's January at the multiplex. The average moviegoer has one of two types of movies to choose from in the early winter. First, there is the flashy, epic Oscar-bait type film, this year the likes of "The Aviator," "Million Dollar Baby" or "Finding Neverland." The other is often a ridiculous, trashy movie that the studios usually roll out at this time of the year because they're too busy pushing their would-be awards contenders. These would include "Are We There Yet?," "Electra" and "White Noise." Sadly, "Assault on Precinct 13" falls into the ladder category, not the former.

Richet's "Assault on Precinct 13" is an updated version of John Carpenters 1976 cult-classic of the same name. The basic storyline follows a washed up cop, Jake (Hawke), who is commander of precinct 13 in Detroit, set to close closing on New Years Eve. During a terrible snowstorm, a bus transporting one of the cities most famous criminals, Marion Bishop (Fishburne), is forced to spend New Years Eve in 13. Shooters surround the decrepit building, apparently wanting to kill Bishop— or do they? Gunshots ring out, and a mediocre cop thriller ensues.

Hawke and Fishburne anchor the film and are two attractive leads, but they unfortunately don't have a whole lot to work with. Hawke, who was Oscar-nominated for another cop role in "Training Day," plays the haggard Jake the best he can, given his material. He has a fantastic opening monologue which makes the film look extremely promising, but sadly, it's all downhill from there.

Laurence Fishburne is a Hollywood celebrity who can truly lay claim to the term badass. In "Assault," he is the epitome of cool, and no one else in can wear a purple suit quite like he can. Unfortunately, Fishburne suffers the same fate that Hawke does— an extremely talented actor with a sub-par script and is often found in ridiculous situations.

The supporting characters are a rag-tag group as well. Maria Bello plays the obsessive compulsive shrink, and John Leguizamo and Ja-Rule put in great supporting turns as criminals who are more concerned with escaping rather than sticking around and helping out. Seasoned theater veteran Brian Dennehy plays the aging cop on the verge of retirement and Gabriel Byrne looks as though he is simply going through the motions as a vengeful detective out to get Bishop. Drea de Matteo is cast as the sexed up secretary of the precinct, but she could have easily been mistaken for her character Adriana on "The Sopranos."

James DeMonaco's script left a lot to be desired, and a lot of the situations that the characters find themselves in that seem implausible. Case and point, towards the end of the film just, before the climactic shoot out, Hawke, Fishburne and Bryne end up in the woods. Whenever there were aerial or outside shots of the station, there were trees nowhere to be seen, but suddenly, they're tracking each other down through the dense forest. Incorsistencies such as this make the film harder to believe, and there are a few plot twists that are ridiculous. Movie goers are often looking for an escape when they go to the movies, but they don't intend to have their intelligence insulted, much like "Assault" explicitly does on occasion.

Much of "Assault" was shot using hand held cameras, a technique that when used properly can be a welcome addition to a film, but here it was over used and often made the viewer feel sick. The director was probably going for that "realistic, in your face" type of camera work, and if such was the case, he severely misjudged. The end result is a jumbled mess of scenes, with the audience often not knowing where the characters are, and who is shooting at whom.

It's a shame that a movie with such a talented and diverse cast can be so run of the mill. The premise is quite appealing and the first half hour of the film looked extremely promising. Ultimately, "Assault on Precinct 13" spiraled into a cliche-ridden cop movie, leaves you with a feeling of being cheated out of something that could have been excellent. The potential was there, but it felt like the director only went half way. His cast gave engaging performances, which saved the entire movie from being a complete mess, but Richet didn't hold up his end of the bargain. Too bad, "Assault on Precinct 13" could have been one hell of a way to start 2005.









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UM teams take to the track

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

Looking to build off the success from its first meet of the year, the Massachusetts men's track and field team will travel to the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in Boston to participate in the Husky Invitational today.

There will be 12 teams competing at the meet, and coach Ken O'Brien expects that his team will raise its performance against the strong competition at a first-class facility.

"The Reggie Lewis Center has really become the hub of track and field in New England," O'Brien said. "It's an exciting place to go. It's almost like if you're a basketball player what it would be like going to the old Boston Garden."

In the season opener at the New Hampshire Invitational, the Minutemen finished in second place. UMass won seven of 17 events and got strong efforts from two of its premier runners.

Seniors Jon Korhonen and Joe McCormack each turned in times that qualified them for the New England Championships, which takes place on Feb. 25 and 26. Korhonen won the 1,500 meters in a time of 4:01.05 and McCormack took the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.50 seconds.

"Anytime someone reaches a higher level of competition in the first meet, it indicates that they've kept themselves in good shape during the off season," O'Brien said. "It's not a real surprise for us because both Jon and Joseph have been two of the key competitors for our team for the past couple of years."

UMass also received first place efforts from junior James Godinho, senior John Jacobson, freshman Matt Klypka and senior Henry Smith.

Godinho won the 500 meters (1:06.81) and set a personal best in the long jump with a mark of 20-feet-11.75 inches. Jacobson won the 1,000 meter race in 2:37.03.

In his first collegiate race, Klypka took the 3,000 meters (8:50.81). Smith finished first in the triple jump with a mark of 44-feet-1.25 inches. Smith was followed in the triple-jump by fellow All-Atlantic 10 performer Derek Swart. Swart took second with a leap of 40-feet, 7.75 inches.

Freshman Nathan Barksdale did not record a win but was impressive enough, finishing second in both the 200 meters (25.40 seconds) and 400 meters (52.18 seconds) to be named the A-10 Rookie of the Week.

"That's a great honor in his first college meet to end up as the conference rookie of the week," O'Brien said. "He's done a great job getting ready for the season. It was a just reward for all that work he put in."

Barksdale's performance capped off a good outing for many athletes competing in their first collegiate meet. O'Brien said before the meet that he was looking forward to seeing the younger members of the team in action, and he was impressed after the first meet.

"In the first meet I look for the people who are in their first college meet. I focused on those guys and I think we had some nice performances from that group."

The Massachusetts women's track and field team will also head to Boston today to compete in the Northeastern Invitational at the Reggie Lewis Center.

Today's meet will be the fifth of the season for the Minutewomen, and coach Julie LaFreniere expects to see some tough competition from the 12-15 teams that will be participating.

"This meet will be tough," LaFreniere said. "Some of the top athletes from all over the east coast will be there. Every event is going to be extremely competitive."

A few athletes have stood out so far this season for UMass but none more than freshman pole-vaulter Kristen Bakanowski.

In the past week, Bakanowski has been named the Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week, the UMass Athletics/Dinn Brothers Co-Athlete of the Week, and the ECAC Division 1 Field Event Athlete of the Week.

The honors came following a week in which Bakanowski tied the school-record set in 2003 by Brandy Green in the pole vault with a leap of 12 feet. Bakanowski has already qualified for the ECAC Championships, which will be held March 4-6 at the Reggie Lewis Center.

"That's a very prestigious honor," LaFreniere said of Bakanowski receiving the ECAC Field Event Athlete of the Week. "We're just happy to have recruited her and have her competing for us."

After tying the school record last Tuesday, Bakanowski went on to record her third straight win in Friday's "Go Rhody" Classic. In Friday's meet, Bakanowski didn't come close to challenging the record, but her 11-feet-3.75-inch mark was still good enough for the win. With the win, Bakanowski remained undefeated in her collegiate career.

Minutemen escape SBU with victory

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want to run and not fall victim to a situation."

Despite receiving a team-high 18 points apiece from Maurice Maxwell, Rashaun Freeman and Stephane Lasme, it was clearly the latter who made the most significant contributions on Wednesday night.

After leading scorer Rashaun Freeman was held to no points and one attempt in the first half, Lasme proceeded to score 14 of his 18 points in regulation to set a new career high in that category, while recording the third double-double of his career by also grabbing 10 rebounds.

The native of Gabon was most helpful to the Minutemen's cause in the first overtime period, however, as Lasme calmly sank two free throws with under a minute to play to tie the game and eventually send it into a second extra frame.

"I think it was the best game I've played," Lasme said after the game. "I just wanted to go out and help my teammates and do what my team needed me to do, and I did that."

Now, Massachusetts must turn its attention to the Spiders (8-9 3-3 A-10), who, after qualifying for the NCAA Tournament last season in their first year under new coach Jerry Wainwright, have bottomed out this year with big losses to Fordham and Xavier before surprising George Washington at home on Jan. 22.

Gone is slick-shooting forward Mike Skrocki and defensive whiz Tony Dobbins, but Richmond has made up for the losses with solid balance in the scoring department.

Point guard Daon Merritt shares the team lead in scoring with 6-foot-11 junior center Kevin Steenberge at 11.9 points per game.



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Nelson looking to lead UMass tonight

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two to secure the come-from-behind win and season sweep of the Hawks since entering the A-10 in 83-84.

However, the Bonnies have never had a winning season with Collins at point. The Minutewomen, if they continue at their current pace, are on track to have their first with Nelson in the roster—and also their first under third-year head coach Dacko.

Although the two won't be facing each other—Campbell will be guarding the 5-foot-6 junior out of Montour Falls, N.Y.—Collins is still the x-factor in St. Bonaventure's offense.

And shutting her down will be vital.

"We've got to find an answer to Collins," coach Marnie Dacko said.

But with all emphasis on the backcourt aside, the performance of the frontcourt will need to continue its dominance. Currently, the paint patrol of Campbell, Tamara Tatham, Patrycja Gulak and Edris Bailey are out-rebounding their opponents at an average of 4.8 boards per game, while the Bonnies are getting outboarded at a rate of 2.7 per game.

Rebounding surely helped UMass cruise to a 65-54 win over Fordham a week and a half ago. Brooke Campbell's career-high seven steals allowed the Minutewomen to run the transition game with ease, highlighted by an 11-1 run in which the senior forward racked four of her steals over the run.

Campbell also tallied 16 points and eight rebounds in that affair, while the freshman Rosanio led all scorers with a then-career high 19. She broke her career total a week later at home against the Hawks, this time on the efforts of a 24-point affair.

Now with the Maroon and White heading to face the Rams on their home court in the Bronx on Sunday, the big question will be: can the defense have a repeat performance? If so, the Minute-women would pull off their first season sweep of Fordham since the 1999-2000 season.

If the Minutewomen can play good defense without making careless fouls, they'll surely be that much closer to the achievement.

"I think we're all going to need to play team basketball," Dacko said. "We can't afford to make the mistakes we've been making."



Katie Nelson will have to be a key factor for the Minutewomen tonight as Stefanie Collins poses as a tough task for the Bonnies.

Temple is making a surprise surge in the Atlantic 10

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

Move over, Richmond and George Washington—Temple is in the driver's seat.

After running rampant on the 25th-ranked Richmond Spiders (14-3, 5-2 A-10) in Richmond, Va., last Monday, the Lady Owls have finally garnered some national respect, breaking into the polls this week for the first time in school history.

Following the 82-62 thrashing of the Kate Flavin-led Spiders—in which junior Candice Dupree threw down a career-high 31 points, including 18 in the first half—the Owls earned a No. 24 spot in this week's Associated Press poll, and a No. 25 ranking in this week's USA Today/ESPN poll.

The University of Richmond is the latest victim along TU's 12-game win streak, currently the fourth longest among active winning streaks in the nation. The streak ties a school record dating back to the 1923-24 season, when the Lady Owls went a perfect 12-0 on the season.

Surely, head coach Dawn Staley has got to be a favorite for A-10 Coach of the Year following the thumping. A two-time gold medalist (1988 and 1996), former USA Today National High School Player of the year, three-time All-American and an All-Star guard for the WNBA's Charlotte Sting, the Philadelphia native came into the program four years ago and has turned them from middle-of-the pack contenders to national prominence.

Prior to Staley's hiring in 2000, the Owls had gone just 10-18, including a 5-11 record in the A-10. With Staley on board, the Owls have taken a commanding lead of the A-10 East division with a 7-0 record through January 27—and 15-3 overall—surging ahead of Massachusetts (4-3 A-10) and Rhode Island (3-4 A-10).

Record-Breaking Day for GW

January 23rd's showdown in Washington, D.C. between the George Washington Colonials and St. Bonaventure Bonnies was more than just a blowout win.

The Colonials dished out an A-10 record 34 assists Monday night as they went on to drub the Bonnies 97-42.

As usual, All-America candidate Anna Montanana led the charge, most significantly fronting the assist parade with a career-high ten dishes. Freshman sensation Kimberly Beck also chipped in with nine.

Despite forcing four turnovers and achieving two blocks to go along with the career-high day, Montanana was unable to achieve a double-double. Of the five Colonials that reached double figures that night, Montanana was surprisingly not among any of them—she only scored nine—but perhaps that comes with the territory of tallying so many assists.

In making mincemeat of the Bonnies, GW broke the conference record of 32 assists, set by none other than the Colonials on December 30, 1999 against Seton Hall.

Moreover, the high assist count is a testimony to the team's maturation.

Thomason doesn't plan on waking up from this dream

By Steve Wilstein
Associated Press

Jeff Thomason awoke and shook his wife.

"Hon," he said. "I had an incredible dream last night."

"You're not dreaming," his wife, Blake, said. "It's really happening."

Most days, Thomason worked 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., sitting at his desk, talking on the phone, meeting with subcontractors, going over the thousands of details involved in building and marketing a community of homes.

No one cheered him, but then again no one tackled him and he didn't have to throw any blocks. He had settled into a quieter life than he had known as a tight end in the NFL. He was learning, he said, "How hard it is to earn a buck in the real world."

On Wednesday, a day when dreams and reality merged, Thomason donned a helmet in his first practice for the Super Bowl-bound Philadelphia Eagles — 11 days before the game.

He wore No. 85 and took the roster spot of his good friend and former Eagles teammate Chad Lewis, who hurt his foot on his second touchdown catch in Philadelphia's 27-10 victory Sunday over Atlanta in the NFC title game.

Lewis called on Monday, saying he wanted Thomason to play for him in the Super Bowl. After calls from other coaches and a quick workout, Thomason was an Eagle again.

He studied films Wednesday morning, ran drills in the afternoon, did interviews in between as photographers captured his incessant smile and the stars in his eyes, two years after he had played the last of his 10 NFL seasons.

He was suddenly cast in a Hollywood ending for a solid, if unspectacular career he thought was over. Against all odds, a second Super Bowl ring was in his grasp. He couldn't stop beaming. His wife, his 9-year-old daughter Taylor, his co-workers, everyone he knew was "going crazy," he said, at this unexpected chance of a lifetime.

Stories said Thomason had a construction job, but he wasn't doing any heavy lifting. He didn't hammer nails, lay bricks or run a backhoe. He used his brain more than his considerable brawn. As a project manager in training for the housing developer Toll Brothers, he was a deskman who donned a hard hat only when he walked the building site.

He could've gone soft doing that kind of work, but he chose instead to stay super fit training for triathlons — for the sake of his health, his competitive juices and just in case one day a team called out of nowhere and said, "Hey, we need a little help."

If that call came, he was ready, having competed in a half-dozen Olympic-sized triathlons — shorter than the Ironman versions but still grueling with 1.5-kilometer swims, 40-kilometer bike rides and 10-kilometer runs.

But one season went by, and then another, and he turned 35 on Dec. 30. By then, he and Blake had three children: Taylor, 3-year-old Lily, and 1-year-old Beau. Thomason had committed himself fully to a career as a real estate developer.

His office in Chesterfield, N.J., is unadorned by memorabilia from his NFL days — three years at the end with Philadelphia, five with Green Bay before that, and two at the start with Cincinnati in 1992. There are no photos on the walls of his two Super Bowl games with the Packers.

"Unless you know him well, you don't know that he played football," Toll Brothers project manager Michael Assofsky says. "It's the last thing to come out of his mouth unless he's asked about it."

"He's just a humble guy, a team player. His work ethic and discipline are outstanding. Those are definitely traits that are common to his prior profession and his new one."

As badly as Thomason felt about the injury to Lewis, he leapt at the chance to make a one-game comeback in the Super Bowl. He loved his new day job, but he could hardly resist suiting up one more time.

"I think I'm still floating," Thomason said before the first practice.

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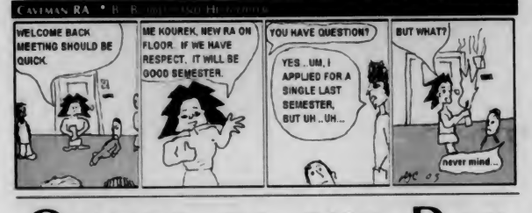
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Quote of the Day

"Affluence separates people. Poverty knits 'em together. You got some sugar and I don't; I borrow some of yours. Next month you might not have any flour; well, I'll give you some of mine."

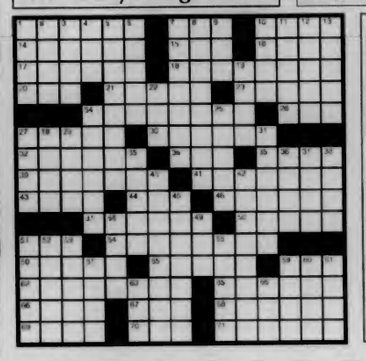
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A song on the radio applies directly to your life at this moment.

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Don't go sledding on the red sled of doom. Chances are, you will end up in pain.

taurus • Apr. 20-May 20
The more you drink, the more trips to the bathroom you'll have to make.

gemini • May 21-Jun. 21
Don't tell your mom anything you think could turn out to be embarassing at a later date.

cancer • Jun. 22-Jul. 22
Today is crazy Friday. You are not allowed to sit on the couch.

leo • Jul. 23-Aug. 22
All of your conversations today will revolve around the same topic.

virgo • Aug. 23-Sept. 22
If the saying "you are what you eat" is true, you are a plantain.

libra • Sept. 23-Oct. 22
One era of your life is over, and today a new begins.

scorpio • Oct. 23-Nov. 21
You need to be more aware of your financial situation, starting now.

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Eagles too much for UMass

By Andrew Merritt
Collegian Staff

If last night's game had been a dance, the Massachusetts hockey team would have found itself backed into a corner by the end of the night.

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That's because it was a classic one step forward, two steps back night for the Minutemen, who fell 5-2 to Boston College.

Although they managed to hang with the No. 1-ranked Eagles (16-3-4, 10-1-4 Hockey East), the Minutemen (10-14-2, 4-9-2 Hockey East) couldn't keep up with BC on the scoreboard. A goal from Kevin Jarman in the second period seemed destined to swing the momentum by cutting the Eagle lead to one, but the guests fired right back with a goal late in the middle frame to lock up the victory.

"In the second half of the game, we went from making good decisions and advancing the puck well to making poor decisions and playing some pretty sloppy hockey," UMass coach Don Cahoon said.

The Eagles, who came in averaging three goals per game, only needed to make that number to win, and added two more for good measure, while locking down the Minuteman attack in the third.

The Minutemen responded quickly to an early BC goal and looked like they might trip up the vaunted Eagle attack. That all changed in the second period when BC bookended Jarman's goal with a pair to take a 4-2 lead.

Brian O'Hanley tipped Greg Lauze's shot from the point, slipping it past Winer with 2:18 remaining for his first collegiate goal. O'Hanley played on the Eagles fourth line with Brian Boyle and Joe Rooney, and with third-line center Matt Greene scoring a goal at the 17-minute mark of the third, the Eagles saw all four of their forward lines get on the scoring sheet.

"We really need that as top-line guys," BC junior Patrick Eaves said. "It really lifts us up."

The Eagles opened the scoring early, when Ryan Murphy found Chris Collins in the slot for a one-timer into a gaping net at 4:19. The Minutemen responded, though, just over two minutes later.

With Stephen Jacobs providing an effective screen in front of Schneider, freshman David Leaderer zipped a hard wrist shot that beat the goaltender over his stick side shoulder to tie it.

BC regained the lead with 5:47 to go, as Taylor Leahy circled Winer's net and found Eaves up high. Eaves took the feed and wristed it off the crossbar and in to send the teams into the first intermission with the Eagles up 2-1.

BC also came up with two goals in the second period, starting with Ryan Boyle's game-winning tally at the 4:46 mark. Off a feed from Spina down low, Boyle fired a hard one-timer from the high slot and beat Winer, making it 3-1.

With 8:24 to go, the Minutemen got their second power play goal of the night and sent the 6,432 in attendance into a frenzy. Taking a pass from Zach Klann, Jarman skated in from just outside the right wing faceoff dot and threw a wrister at Schneider, banking it off his left leg and in to cut the lead to one.

O'Hanley's goal six minutes later reversed all of the momentum, though, and the Eagles cruised to their 11th victory in 12 games.



KAREN WINGERT/COLLEGIAN

UMass freshman Matt Burto and the rest of the Minutemen had a tough time stopping the relentless Boston College attack last night.

Minutemen need a supportive fan base



Bob McGovern

As St. Bonaventure's junior point guard Ahmtad Smith brought the ball down the Reilly Center hardwood on Wednesday night against the Minutemen, you could literally feel the school's pulse.

A sea of gold and brown lined the side of the court, and with every possession there was excitement. When Rashaun Freeman,UMass' premier big man, would turn the ball over, slow, monotonous shouts of "Rashaun" would ring well into the next possession. Anytime head coach Steve Lappas would step on the floor, hands would go up in unison, grasping for a technical foul.

The Minutemen looked frazzled. The students sitting closest to the UMass bench started yelling, "Big Dell? Big Smelly!" towards freshman center Jeff Salovski. Salovski looked over to teammate Stephane Lasme, mouthed, "Big Smelly?" and shook his head.

The home team was feeding off it. They were overmatched and undermanned against this team from Massachusetts, yet were able to keep it close. The Bonnies brought the Minutemen to two overtimes, but eventually folded, sucking the life out of the 3,581 Reilly Rowdies who had been relentless for almost three hours.

I was stunned to hear St. Bonaventure head coach Anthony Solomon say that he gave the crowd a "B" after the game. It was the most intense college crowd I had seen outside of Amherst, yet he was upset that there were empty seats.

Walking into this environment, very few would guess that this crowd was pulling for a team that was merely 1-15. Even as their team walked off the court, the students lined the exit and clapped for the effort. Then they all filed out and started talking about the next game.

In college athletics, I think that's something called loyalty.

On Dec. 9, the Minutemen reaped the benefits of this passion. UMass played UConn in front of a rowdy 9,037 people at the Mullins Center and fed of their energy to pull off one of the largest upsets in college basketball this season.

The center of the court was flooded, and for the first time in years, it looked like UMass was truly a basketball school.

Yet, only a few weeks later, the Mullins Center was silent. The hangover from the UConn win slowly started to subside, and winter session took a large bite out of the student section. The crowds began to mirror those of the past few years, when this team was trying to rebuild.

Now the Minutemen are 10-7, tied for third place in the Atlantic 10 and are poised for its first postseason run in recent memory. This, plus the fact that school is back in session, makes tomorrow's game against A-10 rival Richmond very interesting.

At St. Bonaventure, a 10-7 team would mean a sold out crowd every night, especially for conference games. There would be talk of the NIT and the distant possibility of the coveted NCAA tournament. It would look like a real college basketball environment; there would be that special energy in the air that is the very essence of home court advantage.

But what could happen tomorrow?

It seems people have gotten too caught up in the lore of UMass basketball and don't want to care if it's bad. There is the thought that the mid-90s are the benchmark, and any middle ground isn't worth watching.

This ideal is puzzling to me because, as I've watched sports fans interact around this school for four years, the one thing I've noticed is the degree of passion.

This university is flooded with Boston and New York fans who know what it's like to watch a team suffer. Yet, as they come into UMass, they lose interest in their college's team before they can even get interested.

Now, the Minutemen have 10 games left, five of which are at home, and they are pushing hard to take this team to the next level.

Maybe it's time to check them out.

Bob McGovern is a Collegian Columnist.

UMass escapes with win against St. Bonaventure

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

After narrowly escaping the frigid depths of Western New York with a hard-fought, double-overtime victory over Atlantic 10 punching bag St. Bonaventure on Wednesday night, coach Steve Lappas and the Massachusetts men's basketball team will return to the William Mullins Center tomorrow having won three of their last four games, and looking to improve on that success when they take on Richmond at noon.

UMass (10-7 4-3 A-10) currently sits in third place in the A-10 East Division, tied with Fordham and two games behind both Temple and Saint Joseph's.

Having skipped out of Olean on the first available flight after 1-16 SBU gave UMass every ounce of light the tiny Franciscan campus could muster, the Minutemen now appear to be in as good a position as any for a late-season run in the A-10.

UMass' remaining schedule features only three teams with winning records, and the Minutemen will play three separate teams in Rhode Island, La Salle and Duquesne, that have a mere five conferences wins between them.

However, Wednesday night's game served as a stark reminder that the Maroon and White will receive no freebies from here on out and must continue to execute if it hopes to find success.

"I tell the guys that we have to play our game from the minute we step on the court, or teams are going to get us," Lappas said. "We came out against [SBU] and let ourselves get taken out of the game. We have to be able to play our style and run what we

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KAREN WINGERT/COLLEGIAN

Art Bowers and the Minutemen are set to do battle with the Richmond Spiders tomorrow at noon.

UMass Weekend Schedule

Friday, Jan. 28

Sport	Opp./Event	Time
Women's Basketball	at St. Bonaventure	12:00 p.m.
Men's Track	at Reggie Lewis Center	4:00 p.m.
Women's Track	at Northeastern	4:00 p.m.
Hockey	at Boston College	7:00 p.m

Saturday, Jan. 29

Sport	Opp./Event	Time
Men's Basketball	vs. Richmond	12:00 p.m.
Men's Swimming	at Fordham	1:00 p.m.
Women's Swimming	at Fordham	1:00 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 30

Sport	Opp./Event	Time
Women's Basketball	at Fordham	2:00 p.m.

Pair of dazzling guards should highlight today's matchup

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

Guards Katie Nelson and Stefanie Collins have more in common than you think.

Not only are they two of the Atlantic 10's elite players, excellent three-point shooters, and dead-on from the free throw line, but there's something else similar between the two that makes this afternoon's matchup between the Massachusetts Minutewomen (11-7, 4-3 Atlantic 10) and the St. Bonaventure Bonnies (6-12, 1-6 A-10) all the more intriguing.

It has to do with that all-important Anterior Cruciate Ligament.

Early in October of 2002, Collins was going through practice in the preseason for the Bonnies when she tore the ACL in her left knee. This, coming on the heels of an A-10 Rookie of the Year campaign in the 2001-2002 season, left the team devastated, as the Bonnies struggled to make ends meet with the redshirted Collins inactive for the entire season.

Three months later, in a crucial conference matchup against Dayton and leading 12-2, Nelson sent UMass into panic mode when she succumbed to a knee injury of her own, this time a tear in the ACL on her right knee.

The Minutewomen were 11-6 at the time of the injury, but without Nelson at the point the Flyers bounced back from the deficit and won that game. And despite having All-America center and WNBA star Jen Butler in the post, they were lost without Nelson, going 3-8 over the remainder of the season to finish 02-03 at exactly .500.

Without Collins in 02-03, the Bonnies went 6-22. Without Nelson in 03-04, the Minutewomen went 6-22. Eerie, isn't it?

Collins' comeback campaign was a remarkable one, earning second team All-A-10 honors after ranking 14th in the conference in scoring (16 points per game), and third nationally in three-point percentage (46.6%).

The redshirt-junior Nelson has been looking close to the Nelson of old—the awe-inspiring pre-injury frosh sensation lately, dishing out a team-high 74 assists and shooting nearly 30% from beyond the arc. More importantly, it has been the leadership of the 5-7 guard out of Ellicott City, Md., that is keeping the Minutewomen from faltering in close games.

Trailing by four with under two minutes to go last Monday against St. Joseph's, for instance, Nelson went on a fast break, setting up forward Brooke Campbell for an easy lay-up to close the gap to two. She then went to the line for two with 22 seconds to go, and made one of

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KAREN WINGERT/COLLEGIAN

The Minutewomen travel to Olean, NY today to take on the St. Bonaventure Bonnies in search of their 12th win of the season.



'Women in Jazz' grace Bezanson stage

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Minutemen fall to Richmond

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UMass Police Department maintains that Tasers are safe

By Dan O'Brien
Collegian Staff

Despite criticism by student leaders that Tasers — a non-lethal type of weapon to be purchased by the University of Massachusetts Police Department — are unsafe, Det. Lt. Robert Thrasher of the UMass Police Department maintains the weapons are not dangerous and will help keep police officers safe during potentially life-threatening situations.

Thrasher described the Tasers as a "very humane tool."

"The Tasers give us a tool to add to [our arsenal] that's much more humane," Thrasher said.

A Taser, also known as a "stun-gun" is a weapon that shoots small electrical currents at a person, which incapacitates him or her for a few seconds.

Thrasher said those few seconds allow officers an appropriate amount of time to take a suspect into custody in most cases.

UMPD has not yet purchased the Tasers, but officials have indicated the department intends to purchase them in the near future. Four officers, including Thrasher, have gone through training to become certified instructors of Taser training.

Recent media reports have said the four officers must receive four more hours of training before the department can purchase them. However, UMPD Deputy Chief Patrick Archbald said state officials might make the officers train an additional eight hours before the department's purchase.

"The company that provides the training is offering 12 hours of instructor training, while Massachusetts law mandates 16 hours of training," Archbald said. "We're trying to reconcile the situation with the company and the state."

Thrasher explained that a Taser has two needles, which are deployed when the trigger is pulled. He said the needles — described as filament wire — can penetrate the skin and get tied up in someone's clothing. But he explained the shock from the device only lasts about five seconds.

According to a Web site by a Taser manufacturer, Taser International said the weapon can fire at a target between 16 and 21 feet away. The wires deliver a 50,000-volt charge at 1.36 joules of electricity. By comparison, a heart defibrillator is 300 joules, Thrasher said.

Thrasher experienced the effects of the Taser firsthand while he was in training. He described the pain as being immediate and intense.

"Someone pulls the trigger and your body immediately tenses," he said. "You're in pain for about five seconds and it's over... That's all the time we need to put handcuffs on someone."

Student leaders, including Student Government Association President Eduardo Bustamante, trustee Matt Murphy and SGA Attorney General Craig Goldsmith have all expressed strong opposition to the idea of Tasers on campus. Murphy expressed concern over the safety of the devices, while Bustamante expressed fear of civil rights violations.

"If somebody gets 'tasered' the procedure to rejuvenate them means that nobody can touch them," Murphy said adding that in the confusion of the situation someone who might be trying to help the person who was struck by the weapon could accidentally get shocked.

"This isn't a city, it's a university and we're all here to study," Bustamante said while questioning the need for such weapons.

When asked why the university needs Tasers, Thrasher responded by saying he understands Bustmante's point, but points out the number of people who converge onto campus from other areas.

"With the number of violent altercations my officers deal with in a year, it's not an uncommon to address seriously violent subjects," he said. "The other option is to seriously beat them with a baton."

Thrasher also said commonly used "pepper spray" does not work on all subjects.

UMass Police Chief Barbara O'Connor said she wants her officers to have all the best tools for their disposal.

"I believe in giving my officers as many possible options," O'Connor said to the Springfield Republican in a Jan. 23 article.

Murphy expressed concern that medical conditions, such as heart conditions could arise if someone is shocked by a Taser.

"If somebody gets 'tased'... they have to be taken to the hospital almost immediately," Murphy said.

Thrasher said Murphy's statement is not accurate. He said a paramedic might be called if the needles become stuck in the skin, but in that case the electric shock should have ceased.

The Tasers will not be in the hands of the UMPD in time for the Superbowl football game on Sunday, but Murphy questioned the timing the department decided to announce their plans for purchasing the weapons.

UMPD is the only police department in the state that has submitted a Taser training proposal to the Executive Office of Public Safety, the state organization that authorizes the use of Tasers for police departments.

Greenfield's police department has already purchased Tasers, but has not trained officers to use them. Other departments looking into the use of the weapon are Springfield, Holyoke, Monson and Belchertown.

Each Taser costs about $800. UMPD plans on purchasing three.

National Chapter shuts down Delta Zeta Sorority residence

By Dan O'Brien
Collegian Staff

Leaders of the national chapter of the Delta Zeta sorority are scheduled to meet with sorority members of the University of Massachusetts chapter today after their house was closed down by the national chapter due to an unspecified drug violation.

The meeting is expected to take place behind closed doors to discuss the future of the sorority located at 11 Phillips St. Details surrounding the alleged violations have been unclear, but one published report said the sorority was shut down after a maintenance worker took a photograph of what he believed to have been a marijuana pipe. The worker then allegedly sent the picture to the national chapter in Ohio.

Amherst Police Det. Ronald Young said his department is in no way involved in the investigation of the sorority. However, national chapter members gave what was described as a "courtesy call" to APD, informing them of the situation.

The closing of the chapter forced 15 students who live at the house to move out by yesterday.

A security guard was seen on patrol outside the house Sunday. The women who lived in the house also reported their phone was disconnected and they had no access to the Internet since late last week.



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Delta Zeta's Greek letters

Sorority members say they are afraid of the scar the sorority may have to bare now that news of the closure has spread around campus.

"I was always proud to wear my letters around campus, but now I'm afraid to," Lea Marshiano, a Delta Zeta member told the Daily Hampshire Gazette.

Michael Wiseman, director of the Office of Fraternities and Sororities said it's too early to say whether any charges will be filed against the students under the university's Code of Student Conduct. He also said the university is working to help the students find other housing.

Wiseman explained to the Hampshire Gazette that sororities often have stricter standards than fraternities.

"All of the sorority houses are supposed to be substance free, and a lot of them don't allow men in the sleeping quarters," he said. "The sororities tend to be more structured and more closely monitored. They're more quick to take action if there are violations."

Delta Zeta members pay $500 a year in dues, on top of paying $4,500 to live in the house.

According to Wiseman, the closure of Delta Zeta is the first time a UMass sorority has been shut down for violations of the national organization's policies in his 12 years as director of the Office of Fraternities and Sororities.

Iraqis embrace elections despite heavy turmoil and violence

By Sally Buzbee
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqis embraced democracy in large numbers Sunday, standing in long lines to vote in defiance of mortar attacks, suicide bombers and boycott calls. Pushed in wheelchairs or carts if they couldn't walk, the elderly, the young and women in veils cast ballots in Iraq's first free election in a half-century.

"We broke a barrier of fear," said Mijm Towirish, an election official said.

Uncertain Sunni turnout, a string of insurgent attacks that killed 44 and the crash of a British military plane drove home that chaos in Iraq isn't over yet.

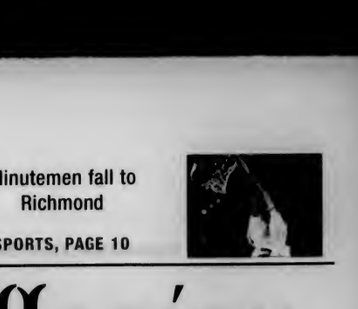
Yet the mere fact the vote went off seemed to ricochet instantly around a world hoping for Arab democracy and fearing Islamic extremism.

"I am doing this because I love my country, and I love the sons of my nation," said Shamal Hekeib, 53, who walked with his wife 20 minutes to a polling station near his Baghdad home.

"We are Arabs, we are not scared and we are not cowards," Hekeib said.

With helicopters flying low and gunfire close by, at least 200 voters stood calmly in line at midday outside one polling station in the heart of Baghdad. Inside, the tight security included at least four body searches, and a ban on lighters, cell phone batteries, cigarette packs and even pens.

The feeling was sometimes festive. One election volunteer escorted a blind man back to his home after he cast his vote. A woman too frail to walk by herself arrived on a cart pushed by a young relative. Entire families showed up in their finest clothes.



COURTESY CNN

Thousands of ballots were cast yesterday during Iraq elections

But for the country's minority Sunni Arabs, who held a privileged position under Saddam Hussein, the day was not as welcome.

No more than 400 people voted in Saddam's hometown of Tikrit, and in the heavily Sunni northern Baghdad neighborhood of Azamiyah, where Saddam made his last known public appearance in early April 2003, the four polling places never even opened.

Iraqi election officials said it might take 10 days to determine the vote's winner and said they had no firm estimate of turnout among the 14 million eligible voters. The ticket endorsed by the Shiite Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani was the pre-voting favorite. Interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's slate was also considered strong.

"The world is hearing the voice of freedom from the center of the Middle East," said President Bush, who called the election a success. He promised the United States would continue training Iraqi soldiers, hoping they can soon secure a country America invaded nearly two years ago to topple Saddam.

Iraqis, the U.S. president said, had "firmly rejected the anti-democratic ideology" of terrorists.

The vote to elect a 275-National Assembly and 18 provincial legislatures was only the first step on Iraq's road to self-rule and stability. Once results are in, it could take weeks of backroom deals before a prime minister and government are picked by the new assembly.

If that government proves successful by drawing in the minority Sunni Arabs who partly shunned the election, the country could stabilize, hastening the day when 150,000 U.S. troops can go home.

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UMass aiding young students

By Matthew Reid
Collegian Staff

The School Psychology Program at the University of Massachusetts, a part of the university's School of Education, is working with elementary school teachers and administrators across the state to improve reading levels for early elementary school students.

The program, which has been running for nearly ten years, seeks to increase early literacy among children from kindergarten through third grade by constantly monitoring reading abilities.

Professors in the School Psychology Program work closely with the schools to ensure the needs of students are being met and that each student is given what he or she needs to improve in terms of reading ability and comprehension.

The UMass professors involved in the program are chairman Gary Stoner, William J. Matthews and John M. Hintze. Several graduate students are also involved in the program.

The School Psychology Program works in conjunction with Reading First, a federal initiative that aims to improve reading scores of students at underperforming schools.

According to the United States Department of Education Website, Reading First, which was established as a part of President Bush's No Child Left Behind Act of 2002, "provides funds to help underperforming school districts eliminate the reading deficit by establishing high-quality, comprehensive reading."

Once a school is deemed "underperforming" based on MCAS results, they are eligible to submit a grant proposal for Reading First funds.

The School Psychology Program has teamed up with their colleagues from IDEAL Consulting Services to help in the assessment process. Data will be collected on the schools and interventions to address problems in early literacy development will be designed.

The literacy assessments judge the reading proficiency of students, from letter recognition, sound blending and wording decoding (for kindergarten students) and reading fluency (for students in grades one through three).

The data is then presented to the schools, and teachers and administrators will work with members of the School Psychology Program to monitor and improve the reading proficiency of the school's students.

The program stretches from cities as far west as North Adams to as far east as New Bedford.

Matthews acknowledges that it's important to improve the classroom management and behavior of children, but it is equally as important to improve a student's academic performance.

"As psychologists, we deal with behaviors," says Matthews, "and we look at reading as a behavior. We help children improve their reading behaviors based on the specific weaknesses we find from the assessments."

The key, according to Matthews, is getting to children as early as possible. The program stresses that assessing potential reading problems early on is an important step to ensuring strong future reading ability.

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UMass Professor developing polymer material for cell research



COURTESY UMASS EDU

Professor Surita Bhatia

By Jonathan Vega
Collegian Correspondent

University of Massachusetts researchers are once again on the cutting edge of polymer research.

Professor Surita Bhatia's research team is developing new polymer materials that can encapsulate and deliver various types of organ cells and tissues for transfer into the human body.

The process, which may provide people with alternatives to risky organ transplants such as liver thyroid, pancreas and cartilage procedures, is well underway at the University of Massachusetts. Today, many people wait for a disproportionately low number of organs and many risk not surviving to receive an organ transplant.

Bhatia, who is the recent winner of the National Science Foundation's prestigious Career Award, is quick to point out that.

"The project is really collaborative, while we all are working on different aspects of it what we are really trying to do is address the field of tissue engineering," she said.

For the past four years, Bhatia has been collaborating with Susan Roberts of the Chemical Engineering department and Gregory Tew of the Polymer Science and Engineering department. Traditionally, tissue engineering has been in the realm of medical and biological science however the strength of polymer research at UMass has brought innovative and original ideas to medical science.

"What we are trying to do that is a little different is to focus on materials where we can control structure and mechanical properties," Bhatia said.

Professor Bhatia said she hopes the resources of the Chemical Engineering department can be applied to tissue engineering. The challenge for Bhatia is providing the encapsulated cells or tissues with the oxygen necessary for cell survival and replication. Bhatia explained that other researchers have engineered materials that encourage blood vessel growth, which in turn provides the encapsulated cell with the oxygen necessary for survival.

However, Bhatia and her colleagues are approaching the problem of oxygen transport a different way.

"What we wanted to do is use a material that has a high solubility for oxygen," Bhatia said. "Just like we have liquids that can dissolve carbon dioxide, like soda, we have liquids that can dissolve oxygen."

Though water has relatively low oxygen solubility some liquids, like those

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School Psychology program helps kids

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"The older a child gets, the harder it is to correct improper reading habits," said Matthews.

While the program does not specifically prepare students to perform on the MCAS exams, Matthews believes that the preventative approach taken by school psychology professors will accurately predict a student's likelihood of passing the literary portion of the statewide examination.

"We can tell how close a student is to 'high risk levels for reading failure,' and we can then determine how to best correct their academic disadvantages."

Frequent monitoring is a key to the program's success. By constantly keeping an eye on the performance (and ideally the improvement) of the students, the professors are better able to assess the effectiveness of their methods.

Matthews compared the frequent monitoring of the program to the stock market, in that constant updates are crucial to success. "Stock market tickers need to show minute-to-minute updates, or else the information is useless. we prefer week-to-week updates on how the students are doing. It would do us no good to test children in September, and not test them again until June, as it would be to late to make improvements for that child."

Bhatia working on cutting-edge polymer research project

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used for cell encapsulation, have an incredibly high ability to hold oxygen.

When properly engineered, the gel will protect the developing cell but more importantly it will provide the cell with the oxygen necessary for life.

"Liver and pancreatic tissues in particular have a high demand for oxygen," Bhatia said. "If you don't supply enough oxygen, like the body would do with its blood supply, the organ cells might either die or not function properly."

It is vital that the polymers, which Bhatia's team has developed, are accepted by the human body. Therefore, Bhatia's team used polymers that have been approved by the FDA.

"Most of the materials that we are looking at are bio-degradable," she said.

Cartilage replacement and production has proven to be a challenge and Bhatia's research has attracted the attention of companies looking for the patents.

Cartilage replacement could help victims of car accidents or fires who have been left disfigured. Bhatia is focused on customizing gels that mimic the elastic or shock absorbing characteristics of cartilage in knees, elbows, shoulders and various other joints where cartilage may be damaged or nissing.

Arthritis and spinal disc complications are the leading cause of disability in the United States and treatment costs exceed $65 billion. Each year in the United States 1 million people undergo cartilage reconstructive surgery.

"What we want to do is develop general delivery devices that you could use with multiple kinds of cells," Bhatia said.

"Problems like this are never solved by one research team, usually you have one small piece of the puzzle," she said.

Professor Bhatia has recently applied for a NIH grant to continue her polymer research for an additional five years and is optimistic of the potential cell encapsulation applications and treatments.

Thousands of Iraqis vote

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Many Iraqis appear emotional as they vote in their first ever free election. Many waited in long lines for several hours to vote.

On Sunday, coalition soldiers raced through Baghdad's streets in Humvees and tried to coax people to vote with loudspeakers in Ramadi, a Sunni city where anti-U.S. attacks are frequent. Iraqi police served as guards at most polling stations and U.S. troops had strict orders to stay away unless Iraqi security forces called for help.

At the Louisiana National Guard headquarters near Baghdad, nervous U.S. officers paced the halls, muttering, "So far, so good," after the first 30 minutes of polling passed without attacks.

But the violence soon broke out.

While a driving ban seemed to discourage car bombs, the insurgents improvised, strapping on belts of explosives to launch their suicide missions.

At least 44 died in the suicide and mortar attacks on polling stations, including nine suicide bombers. The al-Qaida affiliate led by Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi claimed responsibility for at least four attacks.

Most attacks were in Baghdad, but one of the deadliest came in Hillah to the south, when a bomber got onto a minibus carrying voters and detonated his explosives, killing himself and at least four others.

In another reminder of the dangers that persist in Iraq, a British C-130 Hercules transport plane crashed north of Baghdad. The wreckage was strewn over a large area. British Prime Minister Tony Blair said there were British deaths but did not give the number or the cause. Elsewhere, one U.S. serviceman died in fighting in the Sunni stronghold of Anbar province west of Baghdad.

Despite the string of attacks and mortars that boomed first in the morning and then after dark, a people steeled to violence by years of war, sanctions, the brutality of Saddam's regime and U.S. military occupation were not deterred from the polls.

Deadly bus crash under investigation

By John Wawrow
Associated Press

WINDSOR, Ontario — Investigators on Sunday sought to determine why a bus chartered for a Canadian hockey team swerved and rammed a parked tractor-trailer so hard that the bus split in half lengthwise, killing four people and injuring 19.

Visibility at the time of the Saturday afternoon wreck in western New York was good, and the highway was dry and clear, state police Maj. Steven White said.

White said the bus driver, Ryan Comfort of Ontario, told police that he hit something in the road before the crash, but investigators had not yet verified that.

White said Comfort, being treated at a hospital in Rochester, N.Y., was being watched by a state trooper to ensure that he does not leave the United States.

No charges had been filed. "However, that doesn't mean (the driver) is not a person of interest," Livingston County District Attorney Thomas Moran told the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

The National Transportation Safety Board sent a three-member team to investigate, NTSB spokesman Paul Schlamm said.

The Coach Canada bus was chartered by the Windsor Wildcats, a club hockey team of women ages 18 to 21. After a morning game in Rochester, it was taking some of the players, as well as family members and coaches, to a ski center when it struck the truck on Interstate 390, 27 miles south of Rochester.

The driver of the tractor-trailer, owned by Xtra Lease Inc. of Mechanicsburg, Pa., had parked it on the shoulder and was outside the cab when the bus rear-ended the rig, police said.

The truck driver, Ernest Dale Zeiset, 42, of Womelsdorf, Pa., and three bus passengers were killed. The bus passengers were identified as the team's coach Richard Edwards, 46, and his 13-year-old son Brian, from LaSalle, Ontario, and Catherine Roach, 50, of Windsor, Ontario, the mother of a player.

Friends described Edwards as a well-known figure in the community who loved coaching hockey and baseball. His wife, Sheila, was the team trainer and manager. His 21-year-old daughter, Kelly, was the goalie on the team. Both survived the crash.

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Sergeant and Mass. native dies in Iraq

WEYMOUTH, Mass. (AP) — Marine Sgt. Andrew K. Farrar Jr., who re-enlisted after the 9-11 terrorist attacks, died Friday on his 31st birthday while on patrol in Iraq, his father said Sunday.

The Weymouth native, scheduled to return home to his wife and two young sons in three weeks, was electrocuted when he ran into a high-voltage wire on patrol in Anbar province in western Iraq, said Andrew Farrar Sr. Farrar nearly returned to civilian life in 2001 and took the police civil service exam to prepare for a career in law enforcement.

Then came Sept. 11.

"He was scheduled to discharge a month later," his father said. "He re-enlisted after 9-11 to serve because he knew others wouldn't be able to serve. His whole approach was selfless."

The family planned to travel to Camp Lejeune in North Carolina on Monday for a military funeral. A service in Weymouth was being planned for later this week.

Farrar's wife, Melissa, was his high school sweetheart at Weymouth High School. They married in 1996 and he joined the Marines a year later. They have two sons, Tyler, 6, and Liam, 2.

Farrar was on his second tour of duty in Iraq. He led his squad of young Marines during fierce fighting in Fallujah last year.

"He was profoundly patriotic," his father said. "We're proud of him and we're proud of all service men and women."

Farrar, who was the oldest of four children, is the third Massachusetts native killed in Iraq this month, and at least the 26th overall since April 2003.

Last week, Marine 1st Lt. Travis J. Fuller, 26, of Granville, was among 30 Marines and a Navy sailor killed when the helicopter they were riding in crashed in Iraq.

-Associated Press

Officials agree on security plan in West Bank

By Mohammed Daraghmeh
Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Palestinian police commanders began preparations Sunday to take control of four West Bank towns by midweek, after top Israeli and Palestinian officials agreed on a security plan for the West Bank.

Transfer of the towns' control would be the first large-scale Israeli move on the ground to acknowledge that violence has decreased significantly since Palestinians elected Mahmoud Abbas to replace the late Yasser Arafat as their leader Jan. 9.

If the calm holds, Israel promises to move all its troops back to positions they held before the latest Palestinian uprising began in September 2000, turning the populated areas of the West Bank back to Palestinian control and making a major step toward resuming peace talks.

In another significant move, an Israeli official said amnesty would be granted for fugitive Palestinians in the West Bank, ending Israel's relentless search for dozens of extremists suspected in attacks on Israelis. In more than four years of conflict, dozens of militants have been killed in Israeli raids and many more have been arrested.

The amnesty would allow Abbas to fulfill a key campaign pledge that fugitives would be allowed to reintegrate into Palestinian society with no fear of Israeli reprisal.

Meanwhile, more than 100,000 Jewish settlers and their backers demonstrated Sunday night in Jerusalem against Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to evacuate all 21 Gaza settlements and four West Bank outposts this summer.

The protesters demanded a referendum on the plan, but Sharon has rejected that as a delaying tactic, and he appears to have the political muscle to push the plan through. In all, 8,500 settlers stand to be displaced.

"Ariel Sharon, you have no mandate to expel Jews," said Effie Eitam, a pro-settler lawmaker who spoke to the crowd. The demonstrators pledged to go to Gaza to block the pullout.

Palestinian leader since 2000, when Arafat sat down with then-Prime Minister Ehud Barak.



Officials say that Palestinian's are making preparations to take over four new areas in the West Bank.

Jury selection begins today for Jackson molestation trial

By Linda Deutsch
Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — The child molestation case against Michael Jackson is finally ready for a trial that promises to be like no other.

Jury selection begins Monday, with Jackson expected to appear, in a case that has become a symbol of the American obsession with celebrity.

Early Sunday, Jackson issued a court-approved video statement on his Web site, calling recent media leaks in the case "disgusting and false" and predicting he would be acquitted.

"Please keep an open mind and let me have my day in court," Jackson said, looking directly into the camera. "I deserve a fair trial like every other American citizen. I will be acquitted and vindicated when the truth is told."

The uphill task of finding jurors who haven't prejudged the case is a mere prelude to a courtroom contest that will include testimony from the boy who accuses the pop icon of molesting him.

On the defense side of court sits a glittering superstar who appears in makeup and theatrical outfits and has millions of fans worldwide who don't believe he could be a pedophile. Jackson, 46, is charged with molesting the cancer patient - then age 13, now 15 - after plying him with alcohol.

On the prosecution side is Jackson's longtime nemesis, a balding, mustachioed Santa Barbara County district attorney. For more than a decade Tom Sneddon has pursued Jackson and what happens at his Neverland Ranch. Jackson has derided him in song as a "cold man" with a vendetta and likened the case to persecution.

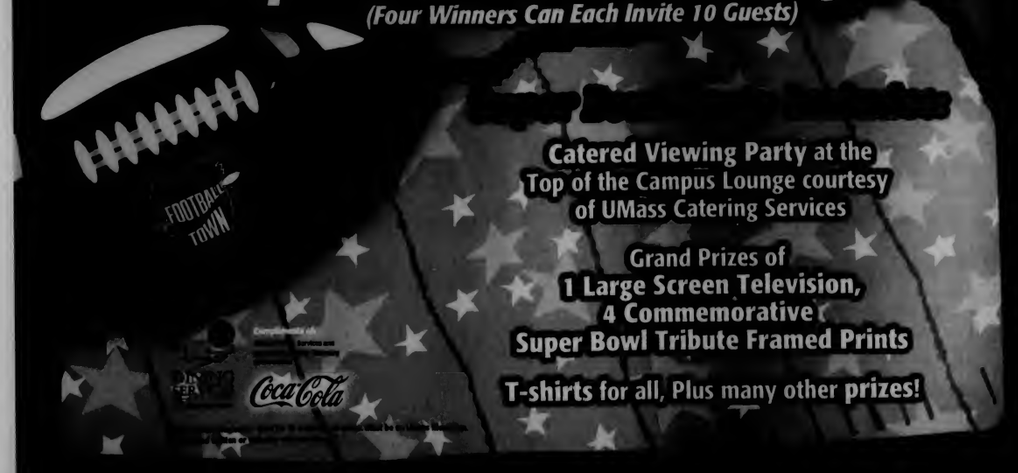
Sneddon, 61, recently asked the judge to stop attacks on his motives. If the defense continues to call the case a crude attempt to "take down a major celebrity," the prosecution wrote, Sneddon will reveal "everything he knows about this defendant."

Prosecutors have complained that defense lawyer Thomas Mesereau Jr. uses courtroom invective not only to hammer his opponents but also to brand the child witnesses - the accuser and his brother - as liars manipulated by their greedy mother. Mesereau is a tall, imposing man with a mane of white hair, known for winning seemingly hopeless death penalty cases in the South.

The referee is Superior Court Judge Rodney Melville, 63, a veteran of the bench who has refused to tolerate tardiness or even, in one case, a bathroom break for the defendant.

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it" -Voltaire

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Absolute proof needed

Chris Eckel

Mitt Romney, the governor of Massachusetts, lives down the street from me. We are both proud Belmontians. Thus, whenever he does something unpopular, I suffer by association, with friends busting my chops over it. This, of course, has happened more often than I would like in his brief gubernatorial career. Romney has not always come across as the most even-minded leader. Some accuse him of the George W. Bush syndrome: taking one side and ignoring the other viewpoint. Now that he has chosen to tackle one of this country's hottest potatoes, the death penalty, with new proposed legislation, I'm surely headed for more jokes and snide comments, right?

I am not an advocate for capital punishment, but I am willing to accept the democratic ideal. If a majority of Americans are in favor of such a system, then it should be used. However, even the most enthusiastic supporters of the death penalty must concede that the system, as currently implemented, is tremendously flawed. It takes little effort to find evidence of this disturbing reality. Almost monthly, it seems, people are released from death row because they were wrongly convicted. More rarely, people have been exonerated after their deaths because of new evidence.

It is commonly estimated that the odds of two people having the same 'genetic fingerprints' is 1 in 1,000,000,000. The odds are better that one could sit down at the World Series of Poker and throw down a Royal Flush twice in a row.

In most cases, the change in finding is due to DNA testing of evidence collected at the crime scene. New technology is leading to more accurate trials, but too often it is not utilized until it is too late. This has led to tremendous skepticism about the true fairness of the death penalty when absolute proof cannot be gathered. The wave of uncertainty has impacted Illinois governor George Ryan, who proclaimed a temporary moratorium on executions in his state in January 2000. Ryan supports the death penalty, but became distressed when during his tenure as governor, more than half of the death row inmates were found to be innocent. Ryan later emptied death row by commuting all the death sentences to a term of life without parole. Ryan stated, "I cannot support a system which, in its administration, has proven so fraught with error and has come so close to the ultimate nightmare, the state's taking of innocent life."

The taking of innocent life is where Mitt Romney's plan comes into play. The proposed legislation essentially has two goals. The first is to up the standard for how severe a crime must be to warrant consideration of capital punishment. Only terrorists, cop killers, murderers who used torture and those who killed witnesses to other crimes would be considered for capital punishment.

The second goal of Romney's plan is to upgrade the burden of proof on the state in order to get a death penalty ruling. In the past, anybody who was convicted of a serious enough crime, regardless of the circumstances, was eligible for the death penalty. Romney's plan "suggests doing away with the legal standard of guilt 'beyond a reasonable doubt' in a death penalty case, and replacing it with a finding of 'no doubt'."

The only way to prove beyond any doubt that a hypothetical scenario actually took place is DNA testing. This is because DNA is so unique. It is commonly estimated that the odds of two people having the same 'genetic fingerprint' is 1 in 1,000,000,000. The odds are better that one could sit down at the World Series of Poker and throw down a Royal Flush twice in a row. If one's DNA is found at the scene of a crime, such overwhelming odds are the next best thing to absolute certainty that the person in question was involved in the incident being investigated. False positives simply are an almost impossible occurrence.

Setting such a high standard for burden of proof is the best possible move Romney can make. Proponents of the death penalty can take comfort in the fact that the system is no longer as arbitrary. Those who rally against the death penalty being enacted in their state can take some solace in the fact that innocent people are not being sentenced to execution. There will never be a satisfactory solution to the death penalty debate. With that being said, it seems that Romney's plan, which was formed around feedback from a panel he appointed to comprehensively study the death penalty, is fundamentally solid. In Massachusetts, of course, the death penalty is not currently used. In the most recent vote for it in the House, it failed 80-73. However, such a narrow margin clearly indicates it is a subject that will be revisited by the state government in the near future. How Romney's plan plays out will make for fascinating theater. Let's just hope my friends don't force me to play the role of the beleaguered sidekick to the governor from Belmont.

Chris Eckel is a Collegian columnist.

This space for sale



Allison Edles

There's nothing quite like buying into American propaganda. After all, why else would we feel the need to buy eight different bags of various shapes and sizes that all serve the same exact function if we didn't honestly believe in the bottom of our hearts, even just a little bit, that buying those eight bags would make us exactly like the people in the commercials and, therefore, better than those around us?

It's a fact well acknowledged that advertisers are way too good at what they do. And they know it. Who else can make us want to buy something that gives us nothing in return, like paying $4.00 for a cup of coffee that contains very little actual coffee? I mean really, you're paying more for the Sweet 'N Low than you are for the coffee. Regardless, just when we couldn't think advertisers could do their job any better, they one-up us once again.

Rather than solely utilizing billboards, commercials and magazines, now those savvy slick-talkers have found a new outlet for their clients' messages: the human body. Thirty-one year-old Joe Tamargo, who runs a website called LivingAdSpace.com, is offering his body as available ad space. That's right; clients are now free to venture into previously unexplored territory by permanently tattooing their products and businesses on Tamargo's body.

Now, to the cynical reader, this may seem like nothing new. After all, how much of a difference is there from wearing a Tommy Hilfiger logo tattooed on your arm as opposed to wearing one of his t-shirts? Let's face it, you can't even buy a standard black t-shirt without having the designer's name stapled to it somewhere. Perhaps Tamargo is just giving in to the inevitable.

However, what I find eerily disturbing, more so than the obvious, is the fact that tattooing an ad on your arm pays less than if you were to advertise in a professional magazine or on a billboard. For having two ads tattooed on his right arm, Tamargo earned a little over

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$1,000. Leave it to advertisers to price out the worth of permanently disfiguring human flesh at around $500. And, sad to say, I have a sneaking suspicion that the unsuspecting Tamargo set the price a lot higher and was talked down by the piranhas of the ad world. Such is the way of things.

Having gotten past the initial shock of it all, we can now move on to the specific ads that have been permanently affixed on Tamargo's right arm. Now, taking into consideration the everlasting factor of these ads, it leaves one to question, what it is exactly that he is now an advertisement for.

The answer: websites. Tamargo has two ads on his arm, one for a pharmaceutical company in California called pilldaddy.com and the other is SaveMartha.com, a site launched in lieu of Martha Stewart's recent imprisonment. So, in exchange for $1,000, Tamargo has become what we all hate. That's right, he's now a walking pop-up.

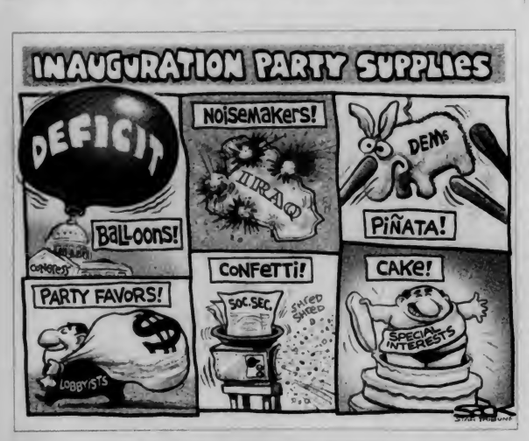
But where does it go from here? In a recent cnn.com article, the Madison Avenue advertising guru Jerry DellaFemina commented on Tamargo's situation, saying, "I don't even want to ask where he might want to place an ad for Viagra." While it's easy to jest at the situation, the underlying threat is much more serious.

We have become a nation that relies and functions, not only on the products being advertised, but on the ads themselves. Take, for example, the upcoming Super Bowl. While the actual game is very exciting (and because a good portion of those viewing don't watch football games otherwise), it is not solely the game that is the reason for its entertainment and appeal. Those who don't normally watch football watch the Super Bowl for two reasons. First, because it is just another reason to throw a party and second, the advertisements are impeccable.

Rarely is there another occasion where you can sit back with your bowl of chips and cold beer in hand and realize that the 30 seconds of commercial you're watching just cost that particular company $2 million. That's right, while both your brain and arteries are functioning at decreased levels, you can still count on that comfort of knowing that Budweiser will always be $2 million dollars poorer for making you laugh so hard you spill your beer.

I fear that what we have to look forward to are days when magazines will be filled with articles and not ads; days where the only things that constitute commercials are public services announcements and local broadcasting network tests. But, we can continue to rest easy knowing that in the future, there will be a group of people who will not be afraid to finally tattoo things on their bodies like "Eat at Hooters!" and "Atlantic City is your calling!"

Allison Edles is a Collegian editor.



Relief imbalanced

Matthew Reid

The tsunami crisis that has affected Southeast Asia is a great tragedy. The death and destruction that it caused certainly makes it one of the deadliest natural disasters in centuries.

The relief efforts have been staggering, and the outpouring of sentiment has been remarkable, reminiscent of the all-too-unnatural disaster that took place on American soil over three years ago.

There are two main sources of relief. First, you have the actual aid itself, in the form of food, medical supplies, and equipment to help rebuild the areas hit by the disaster (including water purification tools). These supplies will certainly not go to waste.

Then, there's the financial aid that is being provided, which in total has will surpass 10 billion U.S. dollars worldwide. The United States has given $350 million in relief funds so far, not including the millions of private donations. While one should never criticize the act of giving to those less fortunate, one must question the motives behind the generosity.

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The United States government never fails to come to the rescue of the latest nation or nations hit by tragedy, and the same can be said for many other governments around the world. Coming to the aid of a country that has suddenly been thrown into tragedy makes America look good (President Bush even said it will "improve our image").

While it may be insensitive to say that the tsunami relief is a political "flavor of the month," when there are so many countries around the world being decimated by war and poverty that receive little-to-no aid whatsoever, it does seems that way.

Take, for example, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where the current crisis is viewed as being as grim as any other place on Earth. A recent study by the International Rescue Committee (based in New York) says that 3.8 million people in eastern Congo have died since 1998, which is an average of almost 15,000 people a day.

So how much aid has been given to the Congo? The IRC report claims that $188 million was given in "worldwide humanitarian aid" to the African nation in 2004. That figure, which represents all of the aid given to the Congo by the entire rest of the world over a period of an entire year, is just over half of what the United States alone has given to tsunami relief so far.

And that $188 million figure is dwarfed by what Japan has pledged in tsunami relief, which totals over half a billion U.S. dollars.

Some would argue that the Congo comparison is unfair, as weakened governments in several African nations make it impossible for aid to reach the proper authorities. This provides a good excuse not to send aid their way. In reality, the government of Indonesia, the nation most affected by the tragedy and the nation receiving the most aid, is not much better.

Indonesia has been a nation torn by political and financial corruption for years. The president, Abdullah Puteh, told the AFP news agency that the indecency of the Indonesian economy makes it the "laughing stock of the Asian market."

In a nation where governors are routinely jailed for embezzlement schemes, former general and president Mohamed Suharto stands alone. According to World Bank estimates, during Suharto reign (from 1967 to 1998), twenty to thirty percent of Indonesia's development budget was embezzled.

Then there's India, another nation affected by the tsunami. India has the second highest population in the world, and only a fraction of their population percentage was immediately harmed in the disaster. Still, millions of dollars in aid has been pledged. It is questioned whether or not private American donations, made out to "Eastern Asian countries affected by the tsunami," will in fact go to India.

The stance of the Indian government is that all of this aid is not necessary. The country's Finance Minister, Palanniappan Chidambaram, has said that India should not try to prove its might and resilience by refusing aid, but that attempting to rebuild internally will be best for the country in the long run.

"India has been accused of adopting an isolationist stand by not accepting foreign aid, but this is not true," Chidambaram told reporters last week. "We simply believe we are a large enough country to provide relief to our country."

India has also provided aid to smaller countries in Southwest Asia that are incapable of rebuilding on their own, such as like Sri Lanka and the Maldives.

It's true that in the long run, the efforts to rebuild certain parts of Southeast Asia are going to be enormous undertakings, and the United States should help out.

But are we sending this aid because we suddenly feel sorry for a country and want to use the tragedy to our advantage? Consider one last figure ... $40 million. That's how much the Republican Party spent on festivities during President Bush's upcoming inauguration party.

This money will be privately raised, but regardless, the money is there. Millions more in government funds will be spent constructing the "set" for the inauguration at the Capital, paying police for overtime, and ensuring the highest degree of military security.

If we can spend $40 million making us "look good" at home, it makes sense that we would spend $350 million making us "look good" internationally. At least the tsunami aid is for a good cause... too bad the same can't be said for the inauguration.

Matthew Reid is a Collegian columnist.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

TOO MUCH FREE SPEECH?

In our world a festering belief that all people are entitled to a viewpoint, regardless of how it contradicts to our own, makes it difficult to candidly declare an argument to be wrong. Elizabeth Carter and her editorial that ran in Wednesday's edition of "The Daily Collegian," has helped to allay this problem. Because she is expressing her individual opinion, I would be remiss in criticizing her hackneyed libels of the Bush administration, her pleas for bilateralism sopping with unilateral bias. I cannot, nor should I, mock her sophomoric attempt at the grand pursuit of journalism. However, in literature exists a great equalizer, a magnificent invention forged in the fires of the ages. Prince or pauper, republican or democrat, or, borrowing from Ms. Carter's words, "good" or "less good," everyone who enters the fray of the written language is bound by the educations of this sovereign deity.

"A Grammatical Institute of the English Language" is an innovation detailing the proper use of the great language of this great nation, written in 1783 by Noah Webster. This revolutionary book, used even by Benjamin Franklin to educate his granddaughter, was eclipsed by Webster's magnum opus "A Compendious Dictionary of the English Language." From these splendid texts emerged countless others, each one a comprehensive guide to properly spelling and utilizing the words that shape our language. It took Mr. Webster 27 years to record over 70,000 words in his dictionary. In the 5 minutes it took Elizabeth Carter to excrete her sloppy bastardization of our language, I suppose it never occurred to her to reference any one of the countless embodiments of Mr. Webster's legacy.

In her ranting Ms. Carter asks, "how ironic is telling the free that they are enemies of freedom by exercising their right to be free? Now if that sentence didn't sound like a paradox to you, then what does?" After piecing together what she is trying to say, the answer comes quickly to mind. A paradox, Ms. Carter, is the very last sentence printed in the article: "Elizabeth Carter is a Collegian columnist". For you are hardly an individual worthy of being called a collegian, and quite frankly do not deserve to be a columnist for a newspaper of such a name.

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By Chris Gazzara
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Jazz is often overlooked as a modern music form. Even more frequently, it is thought of by many as a male-dominated genre. Thanks to UMass graduate students Dominique Gagne and Dia Silverstein, a University concert venue will focus on jazz as written and performed by women.

According to Silverstein, as cited in a press release about the event, the two women saw their experience as students in an advanced music degree program focusing on jazz as a way to realize their goal to bring attention to women in jazz.

"We have stepped out of our roles as students to oversee nearly all of the parts of this event. We have booked the soloists, arranged for use of Bezanson Recital Hall, rounded up the female performers in our Department, attracted support and started to promote the concert," Silverstein said in the press release.

The hard work of Gagne and Silverstein won them extra funding, and they found themselves able to feature not only local talent, as originally planned, but three talented guest performers as well.

Allison Miller, a New York City based jazz drummer and composer signed on to the project first. An instrumentalist from the age of ten, she moved on to graduate Summa Cum Laude from West Virginia University where she began her career as a freelance drummer.

Miller's style has been described by the Los Angeles Times as "brawny and swinging where high-voltage propulsion was the appropriate choice, infinitely subtle with accents and timbres where sound and texture were demanded."

Jazz Vocalist Anita Wardell, one of Britain's finest vocalists and friend of UMass professor Catherine Jensen-Hole will be in the area for another Jazz festival in Washington, DC. Due to this lucky coincidence, she will be able to perform in the Women in Jazz Festival as well.

Boston-based singer/songwriter Manisha Shahane will join the festival as well. A good friend of Gagne's, the two worked together on Shanane's debut album, "Peace in Progress" is an eclectic album incorporating many different traditions like folk, jazz and Indian traditions. Northeast Performer Magazine said that her songs contain "complex rythms and well constructed melody lines...with unexpected harmonic twists...and [a] flair for meaningful lyrics."

These three diverse and interesting artists will share the stage with other local talents Thursday, February 10 at 8 p.m. in Bezanson. In attendance will be Vocal Jazz Professor Catherine Jenson-Hole. Dia Silverstein (alto and soprano saxes, flute) and Dominique Gagne (piano, flute) will also perform.

Fellow graduate Students Lena Bloch (tenor and soprano saxes, flute) and Carol Daggs (piano, voice) will also play. Alumni performers include Genevieve Rose (bass) and Melissa Motew (trumpet).

An idea born here on campus and brought to life by UMass' very own students, the Women in Jazz Festival is a concept both simple and important at the same time. Gagne and Silverstein are going to bring their small idea to a reality on stage at UMass.

The UMass Amherst Department of Music & Dance, the Fine Arts Center and the Women's Studies Program have stepped up to sponsor the festival.

'Hide and Seek' another in line of child thrillers

By Jeffrey Horowitz
Collegian Staff

Creepy children are a good basis for horror movies. Some of the best horror movies of all time use adorable faces and innocent little tots as their pathway to horror.

Children represent innocence, and even a sense of harmlessness. For a child to incarnate evil is not only frightening, it's dehumanizing. "The Exorcist" and "The Omen" exceed marvelously on such levels. Hide and Seek, however, falls more in the category of the film "The Good Son." It has the kind of material that could construct a fearsome psychology study, but instead of going for the mature route though, it turns into a typical horror movie. Little girls wander into dark caves, ominous signs appear at the most convenient times, and the whodunit mystery overwhelms an audience fascinated more by the case study than the killer.

Dr. David Callaway (Robert De Niro), a renowned psychologist is trapped in a miserable marriage. His wife (Amy Irving), although close with their daughter, despises her life. Early on, David discovers her suicide late at night in front of their daughter, Emily (Dakotah Fanning). Emily is traumatized and David decides to move them away, to a dark, isolated, wooded area, because it would deprive her of the dark memories. Perhaps he thought the emptiness would cheer her up.

As all horror movie characters must, she strays into the wrong places, always unsupervised. Silences linger for far too long, and the little girl walks around gazing blankly at absolutely nothing. Somebody keeps breaking into their house and leaving messages on their shower curtain complete with candles and bubbles. Cliché?

The only mildly interesting scenes occur with troubling realism when Emily displays some seriously disturbing behavior. She draws grotesque and violent pictures. She disappears and reappears. She makes ambiguous threats and violently dismembers her dolls.

Emily's clothes are too black and her skin is too white. Most curious is her friendship with an absent character who calls himself Charlie. The movie completely abandons the girl and starts concerning itself with Charlie. Who is he? Where is he? Does he even exist? He lingers above the moods of each scene suggesting different notions and endings and so the movie traps itself in a corner.

Dakotah Fanning glides through this material with ingenious presence. She is truly eerie. This is a masterful performance. She will be a name to look for in the future.

De Niro is pretty good as well, as the concerned father, unwisely acting as her psychiatrist. As she strays into deeper levels of psychosis, he's helpless

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'Hide and Seek'
Directed by John Polson
Starring Dakota Fanning, Robert Deniro
Twentieth Century Fox
Rated R
100 mins.
Grade C



While the acting in "Hide in Seek" was applauded by critics, many have said that the film had a thinly veiled plot that did not leave much for the viewer to guess.

Singer-songwriter L.P. envisions long-playing career in her near future

By Chuck Myers
Knight Ridder

ARLINGTON, Va. — The artist known as L.P. has an off-the-hook singing voice.

She can also wield a Telecaster guitar pretty well, too.

Pretense and flash are decidedly not in L.P.'s character. Whether you catch her at a live performance or perhaps bump into her after a show, her down-to-earth temperament and disarmingly good nature belie the sense of alienation, despondency and loss she conveys on her latest album, 2004's "Suburban Sprawl and Alcohol" (Light Switch).

L.P. has already tracked a musical course correction in the space of her two albums, from a Southern flavor on her debut record, 2001's "Heart Shaped Scar," to a solid pop-rock charge on her recent sophomore effort.

"I think this record ('Suburban Sprawl and Alcohol') is much more poppy," explained the 28-year-old artist. "I write with outside writers and myself, and we're just starting to, like, write together. We're more into the pop thing. 'Heart Shaped Scar' had more of a Southern thing to it. I felt like my first band was more of an acoustic kind of thing."

While she won't reveal what L.P. stands for, there's no mystery about her music. "Suburban Sprawl and Alcohol" sizzles with melodic vehemence. On the album's title track, L.P. flexes her vocal dexterity with aria-style lift, while on "Nowhere," she shifts to a more vulnerable tone, waxing about reaching a crossroads moment. The strongest link to her previous album lies with the country accent on the final track, "Cadillac."

"There will always be a little bit of that (country) in there," noted L.P. "People will say you sound bluesy and have like a little bit of a country twang in your voice. I guess I do. I feel sometimes you get into your environment. ... It depends on what's going down around you."

Some observers draw parallels between L.P.'s voice and that of other strong pop vocalists, such as Pat Benatar and Cyndi Lauper. She's even been compared to Janis Joplin, although that may more to do with the energy she brings on stage. L.P. doesn't mind the comparisons, just as long as Gwen Stefani is left out of the mix.

"It's been like comparison central," she said. "I mean, I feel everybody gets compared ... My one thing, my one problem with it is, I hate the Gwen Stefani comparison."

Raised outside New York City, L.P. caught the rock music bug in high school. She studied with an opera voice specialist, which helped her develop a strong vocal range. But to become a durable pop-rock singer, she knew she'd need something more – namely stamina. For that, she turned to a rock coach.

"I want to sing a certain way," she said. "I didn't take them to get better. I took them because I'm so loud and I push so hard ... Blowing out, it's so easy to do."

When out on tour, L.P. takes great care to keep her voice fresh and conditioned. Before hitting the stage, she spends 30-35 minutes warming up with meticulous voice exercises. After the gig, she practices a similar routine with a sequence of cool downs.

Where the lesson, dedicated prep and talent will take L.P. remains an open question. But she stays sanguine about her course and future.

"I don't know how big or how underground I'm going to be. But I feel like I'll be somewhere. I want to be that person that you come see because their voice just keeps getting sicker and sicker. That's like my goal, sort of, for myself."



Though recording artist, LP has drawn many comparisons to like artists, she claims that she indeed is very original and that her style is quite eclectic, drawing from country and rock and roll roots.

What is real this week on the Tube



Reality Craze

Mike Busack

I didn't want to do this, but I no longer have a choice. Reality television is here to stay.

When the whole trend of real people watching real people became the television standard, I was the first to say that this was just a fad, a short-lasting glimpse into a slowly degenerating American sophistication. Today, I have been slowly convinced by trends, as well as my peers, that reality television, though at times disgusting, isn't going anywhere. It shows striking similarities with a car accident. You know it is there, and though you know it might hurt if you look, but you have to anyways. It's bordering phenomena.

It is with this in mind that I am excercising what I believe is my obligation as an Arts Editor to cover the events that are relevant to contemporary pop culture. I will, for the upcoming semester, be writing a weekly column about the current status of the reality TV world and it's cheers, jeers, trends, and flat out naughty bits. With that being said, here is what is going on this week in the world of reality on the picture box.

What many consider to be one of the founding programs of modern American reality television, The Real World, a creation of the Late Mary-Ellis Bunim of Bunim-Murray fame, has given keys to their newest residents. Yes, they are back again, and this time ready to throwdown, hook-up, and get crunked in Austin, Texas. The 16th season is sure to spark some talk around campus about who is hooking up with who, who is gay or straight, and of course, why can't I have an apartment like that?

As many of you also may have learned already in the past couple of weeks, American Idol is back for a fourth season. Many critics have claimed, and the hosts have boasted that this shall prove to be the best season yet. Honestly, the American people are intelligent enough to know that this is a marketing ploy, but then again, will we tune in? I'm sure the answer for many of you is yes.

In the past, American Idol has been no stranger to controversial subjects. Contestant Frenchie Davis was kicked out last season after it was exposed that she had done pornography, and many have said in the past that idol voting has been squewed due to racism.

Today, we see a new kind of controversy. A contestant who was showcased on an audition episode last week, has now been arrested and jailed. Although Leroy Wells did not get pass the judges, he was given his own lengthy segment that made a mockery of his audition tape, showing him dancing for the judges and mumbling incoherently. It appears that today, Mr. Wells is being jailed in an Alabama detention center for allegedly shooting a man in the hip following an arguement. Did the judges get this one wrong? Maybe he could have been America's next sweetheart, the next Justin Guarini. Hah!

Finally, topping this weeks reality buzz, is the return to Paris... Hilton that is. Yes, the Simple Life divas are back with a third season, and they are now interns.

The first episode of the Simple Life Interns premiered this past Wednesday to an audience of 13.3 million viewers. This season the girls attack many different positions in various arenas including airlines, plastic surgery rooms, and as we saw in the first episode, local auto mechanic shops. Paris Hilton will also be hosting Saturday Night Life in promotion of the new season this Saturday.

Well that is the biggest news in the "real" world this week. Stay tuned.

Michael Busack is a Collegian Editor.

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Men catching up in age gap

By Robert S. Boyd
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Women, take care: After more than a century of living longer than men, your advantage is starting to shrink. Men are gaining on you.

That's the conclusion of scientists who study the puzzling question of why females generally outlive males in the United States and other advanced nations.

"Women live longer than men for reasons that are still not completely understood," said Richard Hodes, director of the National Institute on Aging in Washington.

But it's certainly changing: A female born in 1975 could expect to live 7.8 years longer than a male. Now the gender gap is down to 5.4 years, smaller than at any time since 1950.

The main reason is that women are "smoking more and dying earlier as a result," said Fred Pampel, a demographer at the University of Colorado in Boulder. Until the 1960s, far more men than women smoked.

There also are other causes – biological, social and behavioral – for the difference in male and female life spans, experts say.

For example, women have two X chromosomes in their DNA, while men have one X and one Y. If one of a woman's X chromosomes is damaged by radiation or toxic chemicals, the other one can take its place. Men have no such safety net and thus are more susceptible to certain diseases.

Men tend to collect fat around their bellies, increasing the danger of a heart attack. Women put their extra pounds on their thighs, which distresses but doesn't kill them.

The female hormone estrogen also may reduce the risk of heart disease in women, said Robert Hummer, the director of the Population Research Center at the University of Texas in Austin.

The male hormone testosterone drives boys and men to "higher rates of vigorous physical activity and physical aggressiveness, which contribute to their higher rates of injury mortality," said Ingrid Waldron, a biologist at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

"The gender gap in mortality is probably due more to behavioral and social factors than to strictly biological factors," Hummer said in an e-mail.

"Women tend to behave in more healthy ways than men," he said. "Women tend to smoke less, drink less, use fewer dangerous drugs, use their seat belts more often, drive less recklessly and use less violence than men."

Statistics show that men are more likely than women to be employed in dangerous occupations, such as construction and mining, Waldron said. Gun use is more common among males, leading to higher mortality for gun accidents, suicide and homicide.

"Men die more often from destroying themselves with cigarettes, drugs, alcohol, driving fast," said Royda Crose, the author of a 1997 book titled "Why Women Live Longer Than Men."

"We teach our boys to be strong, independent, never admit you need help, and then they suffer throughout life," Crose, a retired psychologist at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., said in a telephone interview.

As a result, men are almost five times as likely as women to commit suicide. "Women attempt suicide more often," she said, "but it's usually a cry for help and not lethal. Men just decide to end their life."

Crose said women generally take better care of their health than men, who often put off going to doctors or hospitals when they're sick or depressed.

Men often go downhill when they retire and lose their positions of power, Crose said. "Also, when they lose a spouse, they're really lost. They don't have the same social skills as women or a circle of intimate friends."

Nevertheless, "the single most important behavioral cause of men's higher mortality has been men's higher rates of cigarette smoking," Waldron said.

As a result, the average boy born in 2002, the latest year for which statistics are available, will live for 74.5 years, but the average girl for 79.9 years, according to the National Center for Health Statistics in Hyattsville, Md.

A typical 65-year-old man can expect another 16.4 years of life – a woman 19.4 more years. "The number of elderly women is 50 percent larger than the number of elderly men," Waldron said.

In recent decades, the gender gap has been shrinking. "After widening for nearly 100 years, the sex differential in mortality has over the last decade or two begun to narrow," Pampel said.

"In the 1960s, men's smoking started to fall and women's to increase – they kind of converged," Pampel said. The effects started to show up in the 1980s, when lung cancer started killing women nearly as often as men.

Pampel cautioned, however, that women's advantage in longevity may expand again soon because more women are quitting smoking or never starting.

"The likely decline of smoking among women in the future implies that the recent narrowing of the differential will reverse," he said.

The gender gap used to be much smaller. In 1900, life expectancy at birth was only two years longer for females – who frequently died in childbirth – than for males: 48.3 years versus 46.3 years. Women's lead peaked at almost eight years in the 1970s.

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Few scares in Deniro film

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and frustrated. He wants to find Charlie and he's getting increasingly worried that he may be more then an imaginary friend.

As the movie progresses it has in its possession fascinating characters and pondering through our minds is Charlie and which character the script will choose for him.

Since they're in a wooded area and there are five characters in the whole movie with any significance, it doesn't take long to figure out. When all is said and done, it's a cheap horror movie that takes a turn for the worst and then depends on a shocker ending for redemption. Redemption that turns out to be your first guess.s



Young actress Dakota Fanning is a shining light in the the film "Hide and Seek." Many critics say Fanning is sure to be a future star.

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Anderson out for the season

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

Tough times have fallen upon the Massachusetts hockey team of late. The Minutemen haven't won a game in over a month, and haven't won a Hockey East contest in nearly two.

And now it looks like they have lost Matt Anderson for the remainder of the season.

Anderson, who was the team's leading point-scorer before breaking his right ankle against New Hampshire on Dec. 9, said after UMass' 6-0 loss to Boston College on Friday night that the broken bone hasn't recovered according to plan.

"I'll be getting my cast off sometime this week, hopefully, depending on how my bone is healing," Anderson said. "It's not healing properly at the time. I'll be in an air cast for another two weeks after [getting my hard cast off], and I'm going to be starting my rehab in about another three weeks.

"It doesn't look like I'll return at the end of the season. It looks like it's going to be a long shot at this point in time. There's not much I can really do about it. I drank my milk and tried my hardest, but it's just not coming along as expected."

Originally, the best-case scenario for his recovery time was eight weeks, which would have brought him back on Feb. 11, fittingly enough, at the Whittemore Center in Durham.

But with only about five weeks left in the regular season, time isn't on Anderson's side, especially with the setback.

Anderson was an integral part of the Mass Attack's offense, scoring seven goals and dishing out 13 assists, during his return to the lineup after missing all of last year with a shoulder injury.



Courtesy UMass Media Relations

Sophomore foward Matt Anderson has seven goals and 13 assists on the season. Anderson will miss the rest of the season with a leg injury.

Fresh Faces

The freshman class hasn't disappointed this season. Coming off their best postseason run since joining Hockey East, the Minutemen were going to really need contributions from their newcomers after losing Thomas Pock, Nick Kuiper and Greg Mauldin to the NHL.

Forwards P.J. Fenton (10 goals-nine assists-19 points), Matt Burto (5-3-8) and Dan Gordon (0-4-4) along with defenseman David Leaderer (4-7-11) have all shown great potential as the future of Minuteman hockey, and there is another one waiting in the wings.

Goaltender Jamie Gilbert made his second career appearance in net against Boston College on Friday night at Kelley Rink.

He relieved Tim Warner at the start of the third period and made four saves while letting up one goal.

"Other than the first goal, I thought he hung in there and battled and made a couple of good saves," UMass coach Don Cahoon said. "I think that is a good baptism for him."

Gilbert's collegiate debut came on Nov. 5 during UMass' 8-2 victory over Merrimack at the Mullins Center. He made two saves in 4:47 of work that night.

First Line of Defense

Marvin Degon is having another stellar year as UMass' top defenseman.

The All-America and Hockey East Defenseman of the Year candidate is near the top of a couple national statistical categories.

His eight goals and six power play goals rank him second in the nation among defensemen.

It's Miller time against UMass

With the game well in hand for the Eagles on Friday night, the Conte Forum crowd began chanting for no apparent cause.

It was 6-0 halfway through the third period, and nothing unusual seemed to be happening, making the crowd chants completely impossible to understand.

But during a timeout to prepare for a faceoff, senior goalie Robbie Miller skated onto the ice to replace Matti Kaltiainen, and the crowd erupted with a clearer chant of "Robbie!"

Miller has been on the roster for four years, but he has never started a game. In fact, Friday night's 6:54 cameo marked just his third career appearance, and ironically, they have all come at Conte Forum during BC victories over the Minutemen.

He made four saves on Jan. 31, 2003, one save on Feb. 14, 2004, and three saves on Friday night.

Miller has never given up a goal in his collegiate career, but his playing days might be over, as the Minutemen aren't scheduled to return to Conte Forum for the rest of the year.

UMass fans need to suck it up and watch

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championship? An NIT run certainly looks feasible, ditto A-10 tourney.

So seriously, what is it that you want before you'll finally quit pissing and moaning, shut up and support the school – YOUR school - that needs loyalty in any way shape or form it can get? The hell with the fact that you don't like the coach, you don't think the players are playing hard or whatever ridiculous, jaded and bitter reason you come up with you justify your non-support. The Minutemen played a crucial game with Richmond over the weekend, and after my colleague at this paper called out the fan base to show up in support, no one did. The student sections were empty, the sparse crowd made no noise and on the same day, Rutgers drew 8,000 fans to the RAC to watch them fall to 1-6 in conference play. Awesome.

But hey, just do what you do and keep on keepin' on. Whine, cry, complain, threaten to stop contributing to the alumni fund, stay as far away from the Mullins Center as possible, write letters to John McCutcheon calling for a new coach, post this article online and call me a "hack" or just yearn for the good old days when it wasn't so hard and emotional and time consuming to be a UMass fan, I don't care. In the end, you are letting your school down, and you should be ashamed of that, regardless of any circumstances you may create in your mind to justify it.

There are eight games left in the season, and it looks like the Minutemen will once again be forced to go forward without the support they deserve – 15 players and six coaches against the world. But in the end I know of two Collegian boys who are planning on loving every last game for the simple, direct and honest reason that the team playing wears UMASS on its chest – a reason that's always been good enough for me.

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B.C. topples UMass

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the right shoulder of Warner to make it 2-0.

The backhander has gone the way of the dinosaurs," York said. "For him to do that, it just shot me back on the bench. You just don't see it. [Having] the skill level to do that, that's roofing a backhander. Wow."

The Eagles earned a three-goal advantage when Pat Gannon scored his first career goal. With heavy traffic in front of the net, Chris Collins sent a shot towards the goal that was deflected in front of Warner. As Warner scrambled to position himself, Gannon was able to knock the puck past the diving UMass goaltender at the 9:41 mark in the second period.

UMass wasn't able to recover from that goal, and just 42 seconds later, Ryan Murphy centered a pass to Eaves, who flaunted his scoring ability again by sniping a 40-footer over Warner's shoulder, making the score 4-0 and virtually ending the contest.

"It seems like when we get behind by a few goals, we become very disorganized, and that is our biggest struggle right now," Cahoon said.

Stephen Gionta added his fifth goal of the season to give the Eagles a five-goal advantage in the second period, and the five goals was the most BC has scored through 40 minutes all season.

The Minutemen will take the ice next at Northeastern on Thursday night at 7:00 p.m.

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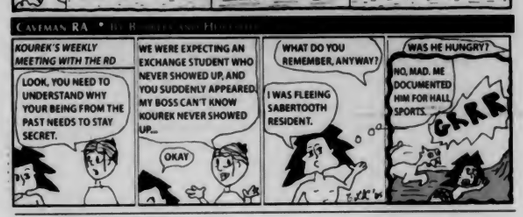
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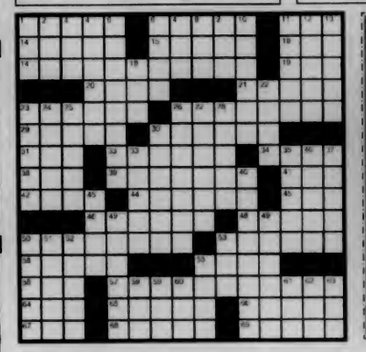
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Minutemen fall short to Spiders

UMass folds in clutch situation

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts men's basketball (10-8, 4-4 A-10) team had seen this all before.

With under a minute left on Saturday afternoon, the Minutemen trailed visiting Atlantic 10 rival Richmond (9-9, 4-3 A-10) 65-63 and were given several chances to either tie or win the game. However, ineptitude from the line, a missed layup, and a blown play thwarted any comeback. UMass ended up losing the game 67-63.

Richmond	67
UMass	63

"That was the first time we found ourselves in that position and didn't come through," UMass coach Steve Lappas said. "We couldn't get a defensive stop when we needed one, and a couple of plays in the last minute made the difference."

The loss was the first time the Maroon and White dropped a game within five points all season. Previous to Saturday, UMass had gone 7-0 in close games but against Richmond, everything fell apart at the wrong time.

With 42.2 seconds remaining in the game and the Spiders leading 65-63, senior guard Anthony Anderson was fouled on a three-point attempt. Anderson, who is 76.2 from the line this year, proceeded to miss all three shots. Maurice Maxwell, who scored a team-high 18 points in the contest, grabbed an offensive rebound but missed the ensuing layup.

The Minutemen were able to stop Richmond's next offensive possession, but lacked a timeout to slow the pace and call a play. Sophomore swingman Artic Bowers received the ball, drove to within five feet of the three-point line, and jacked up a prayer with 10 seconds on the clock. The shot bounced harmlessly off the left side of the rim, where it was rebounded by Spider forward Jermaine Brucknor, who was immediately fouled.

Brucknor missed the first of a one-and-one attempt, but the rebound was tipped and Richmond point guard Daon Merritt reeled in the ball and was fouled. Merritt made both of his free throws, putting the game just out of reach with a mere five seconds to go.

"My first thought was, why did I ever attempt to do this for a living. You have no control over anything in your life," Richmond coach Jerry Wainwright said. "The big play for us was the tip-out. It ran time and gave us a chance to get up by four."

From the get-go, it appeared that UMass had complete control over the game. Right after a quick defensive stop, Rashaun Freeman caught a lob pass and jammed home the first points of the game. For the next 10 minutes, the Minutemen controlled the tempo, fueled by their inside force.

UMass jumped out to a quick 14-4 lead with Freeman netting all eight points he would have in the game. However, in the midst of the run, Freeman picked up two fouls that caused Lappas to bench him for the rest of the half.



Sophomore foward Rashaun Freeman dunks the first points of the game against Richmond on Saturday. Freeman scored eight of the Minutemen's 14 first points, his only eight points of the game.

Maxwell hit a three with 10:07 left in the half, putting the Minutemen up 22-11, but this shot would be the last offensive spark UMass would see until senior point guard Chris Chadwick hit a layup with 2:32 left in the half.

During this scoring hiatus, the Spiders went on a 19-0 scoring spree and capitalized on the absence of Freeman's inside presence.

"He's (Freeman) is very difficult to guard, we usually double-team him," Wainwright said. "It helped us get back in the game when he got his second foul, it gave us a little bit of a better match up."

The Spiders would jump out to 33-26 lead at the half.

In the second half, Richmond extended he lead to 12 before UMass started chipping away. With 8:34 left in the game Maxwell went coast-to-coast and delivered an explosive dunk to bring the Minutemen within four.

UMass could not complete the comeback as Jamaal Scott paced the Richmond offense with 19 points while grabbing seven boards.

Notes: The Minutemen added transfer Dante Milligan from the University of Pittsburgh on Saturday. Milligan is a 6'8 forward from New York, N.Y. and sat on the bench with the Maroon and White during Saturday's game.

Fan base needs a reality check



Mike Marzelli

As a sports writer for this fine publication, I've covered Massachusetts men's basketball for two seasons now and have enjoyed every second of it. I've seen good games and bad games, monumental wins and soul-sucking losses and everything you could possibly imagine in between.

My current beat partner and I have left for Washington D.C. at 3 A.M., returned from Olean, N.Y. at 6 A.M., flew to Miami without sleeping and split the cost of the entire trip out of our own pockets each time. Why? Because in the end we are fans of the game, enjoy the team and its coach and ultimately, above all else, love our school. So with that in mind, I've decided it's time for an agonizing reappraisal of this UMass basketball situation.

I'm exposed to rampant criticism of the current state of the Minutemen almost every day. Whether it's coming from another media outlet, a fellow student, a disgruntled alum or an anonymous no-name on a fan message board, the message is always loud and clear: "UMass basketball sucks!" or "fire Steve Lappas!"

So now, I'm here to turn the tables and to set the record straight. The Minutemen do not suck and, believe it or not, neither does Steve Lappas. Those who suck are the so-called "fans and supporters" who wouldn't know maroon and white from orange and purple, and couldn't find their way to the Mullins Center if it was connected to their living room. Every single one of you should be ashamed of yourselves, and there is no doubt in my mind that you know who you are. You have truly evolved into the fellowship of the miserable, and it's never been more clear that UMass would be better off without you.

To be quite honest, there is just no excuse for the blatant fair-weather fans that infest this university. You might as well become Yankees fans, but in reality you probably already are. For the last two seasons the Minutemen haven't given you, the card-carrying members of the so-called "UMass fanbase" a reason to watch them, and I will not dispute that.

But from the very outset, this season has been different, and in the end it still hasn't made a difference. You wanted a winning team? Well, you got one. You wanted good players? You got a bunch of them, including the potential Atlantic 10 Player of the Year. A marquee win? You were probably there, trying to get on television, so you saw it. A chance at postseason and a shot at the A-10

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Eagles crush Minutemen

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

CHESTNUT HILL – The difference between the two teams was obvious. On paper, there weren't many similarities between the Massachusetts hockey team and No. 1 Boston College Eagles.

The Minutemen (10-15-2, 4-10-2 Hockey East) entered the contest riding a five-game winless streak, and they hadn't won a Hockey East game since their Dec. 3 3-2 victory over Providence.

B.C.	6
UMass	0

The Eagles (17-3-4, 11-1-4 HEA) rolled into Kelley Rink on Friday without a loss of any kind since a 3-2 defeat from the hands of cross-town rival Boston University on Dec. 3, and were flying high after their 5-2 win in Amherst the night before.

So when the 60 minutes of hockey were over, and Boston College sent the Minutemen back across the state as 6-0 losers, it didn't seem to be much of a surprise.

"We didn't play as well tonight as we did [Thursday] night," UMass coach Don Cahoon said. "We got a little bit disorganized as a result of their pressure and as a result of falling behind."

Still, there were a couple positive reasons of optimism for the Minutemen before the puck was dropped.

Ryan Shannon, the Eagles' second-leading scorer, was out of the lineup after injuring his right ankle during the first period of the game on Thursday, and Matti Kaltiainen, the only Boston College netminder with a loss this season, would start in goal instead of Cory Schneider, who registered the win at the Mullins Center.



Obi Aduba has a goal and an assist this year for the Minutemen. Aduba and the Minutemen lost 6-0 to Boston College on Friday.

But Kaltiainen, a 2001 fourth-round Boston Bruins draft pick, picked up where Schneider left off and made 19 saves in just over 53 minutes of work before being relieved by crowd-favorite Robbie Miller.

That summed up the night in a nutshell.

BC won with a complete team effort that was held in tact by a flurry of individual talent. The Eagles showcased that they can score at anytime, from anywhere and however they want.

"We've been playing well all year, but tonight the puck went in," a humble Boston College coach Jerry York said. "Earlier in the season, we had 50 shots and a 3-3 tie. I think this time, we just had some puck luck."

The scoring started when Patrick Eaves brought the puck from behind the Massachusetts net and centered it to Dave Spina, who beat goalie Tim Warner by knocking the puck home in the top-right corner of the net at 16:28 of the first period.

After the competitive opening frame, though, the Eagles broke the game wide open in the second by scoring four goals on only 11 shots.

None of those goals were more impressive – in the game and perhaps the entire season – than when Eaves skated with the puck across the blue line down the left side and backhanded a tough-angle shot past

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Tough trip for UMass

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

Be it poor shooting from the field or tough crowds the Massachusetts women's basketball team traveled to the ends of the state of New York and came up empty-handed.

Despite coming away with nearly nothing to show for their seemingly endless hours on the road—and now falling below .500 in the Atlantic 10 East division—the Minutewomen (11-9, 4-5 A-10) certainly haven't fallen apart. Although they sport a losing record in their conference, the Maroon and White are still in second place in the A-10 East. However, their chances of catching Temple (17-3, 9-0 A-10) in the East are slim.

SBU	49
UMass	35

The dreaded turnover statistic came back to haunt UMass this weekend, as they committed a total of 50 turnovers over the two-game span. Together, St. Bonaventure and Fordham have a combined record of 14-27, yet the Minutewomen were out-scored by a combined 93-79. That, coupled with the fact that they shot a mere 29 percent from the field over the two outings, made for a rough weekend altogether for the Minutewomen.

But how they dealt with the ball within the confines of the court wasn't the only concern, at least in last Friday's affair, as the Minutewomen were part of yet another game with a "Field Trip Day" billing, this one taking place in Olean, N.Y.

One has to throw out the record books when in in Olean, home to some of the noisiest fans in the northeast. Friday's matchup against the St. Bonaventure Bonnies (8-12, 3-6 A-10) was no exception.

The shrills of the schoolchildren in the stands helped the Reilly Center reach a new attendance record for a women's basketball game at 1,741. While it may be debated what impact the crowd had on how well the teams performed, what cannot be argued is the offensive performance of the Minutewomen—they had their lowest point total since 2001.

Hot-handed guard Stefanie Collins caught fire from beyond the arc, nine of her 11 points coming from three-point land, in the Bonnies' 49-35 upset of the Minutewomen.

Forward Tory Vyborny presented problems for UMass down low, achieving a double-double with a game-high 17 points and 11 rebounds. Tamara Tatham led the Minutewomen with 11 points.

Fordham	54
UMass	44

UMass tied a season-low for points scored in one half when they headed into the half trailing 20-14. While the Minutewomen had overcome larger deficits this season, they were unable to bounce back in the second half. The Bonnies went on a 13-2 run over the first three minutes of the second, putting them ahead 33-16, and never looked back following the stretch.

Whatever skills the Minutewomen used in their successful win over Fordham two weeks ago weren't enough to complete the season sweep of the Rams (6-15, 2-6 A-10) on their home court yesterday, as they fell victim to yet another double-digit loss, a 54-44 loss to the Rams.

Monica Mack led the scoring on the day with 15 points, including eight of ten from the free throw line. Jada Jefferson (14 points) and Jade Leitao (11) rounded out the double-digit scoring for Fordham, while Katie Nelson led the Minutewomen with 10.

The Rams got after UMass early, embarking on a 19-0 run midway through the first half to put the score at 23-5.



Point guard Monique Govan had a steal and a rebound against Fordham last night. UMass dropped two in New York over the weekend.


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UMass student reflects on living with a seeing-eye dog

BY KIMBERLY SEYMOUR
COLLEGIAN STAFF

With curly blonde hair, clear blue eyes and standing 5-feet 4-inches, Kristina Constant is what some might call an all-American girl. A 22-year-old junior attending the University of Massachusetts, she awakes each morning to another day full of classes and assignments. The only difference being when Kristina opens her eyes, she cannot distinguish the numbers on her alarm clock or glance around to see where she tossed her keys the night before.

At the age of eight, doctors diagnosed Kristina with retinitis pigmentosa, a degenerative eye disease. The disorder is more commonly known as rod-cone dystrophy, because it more accurately describes what is happening in the early stages of the disease. Most people affected with rod-cone dystrophy are night blind by age nine and legally blind by the age of 15. The disorder is a symptom of a larger illness known as Laurence-Moon Bardet-Biedl Syndrome. The disease involves many other problems, some of which Kristina is personally dealing with each day.

One of the associated troubles with Laurence-Moon Bardet-Biedl Syndrome involves an irregular kidney contour, which is a consequence of the failure of the fetal kidney to develop normally. Right now, Constant is being monitored, in the future she may need a kidney transplant. Also, one of the ways doctors combat rod-cone dystrophy is with Vitamin A. Unfortunately, too much Vitamin A in the system can create severe liver problems, even lead to liver failure.

"I had to choose between my liver and my eye sight and I chose to lose my vision," Kristina said.

Having come from a close family, she found a lot of support within her home. Kristina is from South Hadley, where she lives with her mother Carol, father Rick and younger sister Virginia. 14. Carol, 49, works at the Wistariahurst Museum in Holyoke while 58-year-old Rick is a building contractor and chairman of the Board of Selectmen for their town.



Sarah Swords of Princeton walks with her seeing-eye dog last fall. A blind UMass student, Kristina Constant, also relies on a seeing-eye dog to get around campus.

Rick Constant said like any parent, upon discovering Kristina's disability, he and Carol worried about whether or not she would be able to adapt to both the physical and social changes that lay ahead.

"She's had her tough times," said Rick. "I mean, it was hard for her to begin using her cane because she just wanted to be like everyone else. She would trip and things haven't always been easy. In high school she would drop a pencil and have trouble finding it, with kids making jokes saying "it's over there" while just pointing, knowing she couldn't see where."

Looking back at her life before coming to college, she said the most difficult time she has had was at South Hadley High School.

"I could see more, but [actually] high school was probably the worst years of my life," she said. "Most people wouldn't talk to me. I basically had very few friends because I was blind."

In most ways, Kristina is like anyone else. Expertly knowing the interior of her house, she can freely walk without her cane just as well as someone with their vision. Her sister Virginia is particularly helpful. If Kristina can't find a shoe or needs something to be read aloud to her, she is always accommodating.

Kristina also had an older sister named Kelly who carried Laurence-Moon Bardet-Biedl Syndrome. Tragically, at the age of 10, Kelly went into surgery for an unrelated problem and was given the wrong dosage of medication, going into cardiac arrest and passing away. At the time of her death, she already had kidney disease and a much more serious case of the syndrome than Kristina does today. Kristina was only seven at the time.

When Kristina was 18, her family discovered something was seriously wrong beyond her current diagnoses.

"It took me three hours one day to read one chapter of a book," she said. "My parents took me to an eye doctor and he did all of these tests, we found out I had less than five degrees of peripheral vision, so I couldn't even see a whole word at one time."

At that time, Kristina began doing what many would consider unthinkable, she began preparing to go blind. At the young age of eight, after the discovery of retinitis pigmentosa, she began to learn Braille, knowing she would lose all of her vision in the future. At 18, she applied for a guide dog from Fidelco, a seeing-eye dog school located in Bloomfield, Connecticut. The only guide school in New England, Fidelco is a non-profit organization that raises and trains German Shepard guide dogs to assist blind men and women. Originally founded in 1960, it started as the Fidelco Breeder's Foundation, donating dogs to other guide schools. In 1981, the owners began to train the dogs as well.

The school is known for having created its own breed of German Shepards, who are particularly suited by physical structure and temperament for the work that they do. Fidelco is a pioneer organization in the way they train the dogs, using a home-based training program. This means that instead of training the dogs at Fidelco, and then giving them to the new owner, the dogs are brought to the location where they will live and be working in the future and taught on site. Ultimately, the dog's work is incredibly important because the owner's lives are in their hands when critical day to day decisions, like crossing a street, need to be made. No dog is placed with an owner until the trainer trusts the dog to guide them while blindfolded on location.

After the training is complete, the dogs are then placed with a foster family for about six months. The family will teach them to be sociable and to deal with all environmental situations. At the conclusion of the training, the dog is then returned to Fidelco to work with a guide dog trainer at the facility for another three weeks before being placed with a new owner.

Kristina attended UMass, living on campus and using a cane, for three months before she was assigned her first dog. Liam, a German Shepard, became Kristina's eyes. Unfortunately after six months, he was diagnosed with stress related colitis and could no longer function working at a place like the university. He was reassigned to assist an elderly gentleman back in Connecticut.

See KRISTINA on page 3

UMass says male birth control pill underway

BY MARK JEWELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON – A Norwegian company seeking to develop a male birth control pill has signed a licensing agreement with the University of Massachusetts Medical School covering research that could lead to a drug to block sperm's ability to swim and fertilize an egg.

The method that led to the long-term deal announced Monday could expand the decades-long search for a male pill by targeting a protein found only in sperm cells.

Researchers at UMass in Worcester and elsewhere say that approach carries far less risk of side effects than manipulating a man's hormones, the avenue that has attracted the most research aimed at finding alternatives to condoms and vasectomies.

"You wouldn't think there would be side effects because there is no other place in the body where these specific proteins are formed," said Dr. Louis De Paolo, associate chief of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, an arm of the National Institutes of Health that has funded male contraception research. "They could make very useful targets for regulating fertility."

Terms of the deal with Oslo-based SpermaTech AS aimed at developing a drug based on the UMass-patented contraception approach were not disclosed.

"We are all very excited about this effort, because the contraceptive pills now available are based on hormones, which float around in the body and have significant side effects elsewhere," said Bjorn Steen Skalhegg, who helped found the Norwegian company in 2001.

Risks from hormone therapy include harming the prostate gland and permanently reversing sperm production.

SpermaTech said it is searching for a molecular compound to block the so-called Cs protein, and is meeting with large drug companies to find a development partner.

Such a drug potentially could take the form of a pill, implant, patch or gel, and take as long as a decade to develop, De Paolo said.

"The challenge will be to come up with

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Philosophy gets outstanding marks

BY JEN GORSON
COLLEGIAN CORRESPONDENT

The Graduate Philosophy program at University of Massachusetts recently received outstanding marks on an influential survey of graduate philosophy programs.

The Philosophy Gourmet Report, similar to a US News and World Report based exclusively on Philosophy, gave the graduate philosophy program at UMass a spot among universities such as Stanford, Harvard and Yale.

The Gourmet Report is an important service for students considering a graduate program in philosophy. The report not only gives general rankings, but also breaks down the quality of specific fields.

When prospective graduate students are weighing their options, high ratings in a certain area could lead them to choose one program over another school with an overall higher ranking.

The Gourmet Report publishes a survey every two years of the graduate philosophy programs throughout the English-speaking world. The names of philosophy faculty are first sent out in a list. Eminent professional philosophers are then asked to rank the faculty members on a five-point scale, without knowing which university they are affiliated with. The faculty rankings determine the survey's rank of each program. This year, 266 distinguished philosophers completed the survey. UMass professors often participate in the evaluations.

Phillip Bricker, head of the department at UMass, admits the survey's methodology is a "mixed bag." When faculty are ranking their colleagues at universities frequently across the country, sometimes they go on hearsay rather than on their judgment of the philosopher's work.

"Reputations are being recorded, and they tend to reinforce impressions," Bricker said. "However, it's a small enough profession where most people know of one another."

Brian Leiter, editor of the Gourmet Report, seems to agree. "Students should not hesitate to ask departments they are considering to provide detailed and comprehensive information," he said on the survey's Web site. "As a prospective student, about to embark upon a multi-year investment, you are entitled to detailed information."

Nevertheless, the Gourmet Report is a decisive resource for philosophy students, and to be sure no one at UMass is complaining, the philosophy department ranked 27th out of 66 Ph.D. programs in the United States and 33rd out of 105 ranked programs in the English-speaking world. The report also placed UMass in the top ten to fifteen internationally in three specialty fields: metaphysics, epistemology and the history of early modern philosophy.

The high rankings are especially notable because the department has a remarkably small faculty relative to other schools; 12 philosophers in comparison to the usual twenty or more. Although, flying colors is nothing new for philosophy at UMass. "It's just a step or two up in the rankings from the last time they did it," said Bricker.

So what's the secret to the philosophy department's success? Bricker notes that the philosophy behind the philosophy program at UMass is to be selective.

"We tend to focus on core areas in analytic philosophy, such as metaphysics. Though we might offer a broad range of philosophy courses for undergrads, we don't employ a specialist for every field," Bricker said.

The philosophy department is currently hiring and hopes to continue to grow in both rankings and numbers in the coming years.

Bricker adds that another strength of the graduate program is that "we give a lot

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Prosecutors rest their case against priest

BY DENISE LAVOIE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAMBRIDGE, Mass – Prosecutors rested their child rape case against Paul Shanley on Monday after a former classmate of his accuser testified that the former priest and the boy left Sunday school classes together on several occasions.

Prosecutors have said Shanley, one of the most notorious figures in the clergy sex abuse scandal, would pull the boy from catechism classes at St. Jean's parish in Newton in order to rape him in the church confessional, pews, rectory and bathroom.

Brendan Moriarty, who attended CCD classes with Shanley's accuser in the 1980s, said several boys were frequently sent out of the classroom when they became rowdy, including Shanley's accuser. He said he recalled seeing Shanley and his accuser leaving the classroom together.

After prosecutors called their final witness, Judge Stephen Neel threw out one of the three child rape charges at the request of Shanley's attorney. That leaves him facing two counts of raping a child and two counts of indecent assault and battery on a child. The maximum sentence would be life in prison.

Shanley's lawyer, Frank Mondano, will begin presenting his case on Wednesday or Thursday. The judge said Mondano only plans to call one witness, Elizabeth Loftus, a well-known psychologist who has challenged the reliability of recovered memory.

Shanley's accuser, now a 27-year-old firefighter, says he remembered in early 2002 that he'd been repeatedly raped and molested by the former priest from 1983 to 1989 at St. Jean's. He says he recovered his memory after talking with Greg Ford, a close friend who also accused Shanley of raping him at St. Jean's in the 1980s.

Ford and two other alleged victims were dropped from the case by prosecutors before it went to trial, leaving just the one accuser to testify against the former priest.

Earlier Monday, a psychologist testified that it's "not common, but it's not at all rare," for adults who suffer trauma as children to repress memories of the experience.



Former Catholic priest Paul Shanley sits in court Nov. 2003 at a hearing for the investigation into child sex abuse charges against him.

Dr. James Chu, an associate professor at Harvard Medical School, said repressed memory is more common among people who suffered repeated trauma as children than in those who suffered a single traumatic event.

"It really is more this repeated trauma that tends to be forgotten by some mechanism," Chu said.

Under cross-examination by Shanley's lawyer, Frank Mondano, Chu acknowledged that there is an intense debate within the psychiatric community about the validity of repressed memories. He also conceded that false memories can be implanted in a person's mind through repeated suggestions by someone they trust.

Menino discusses Super Bowl plans

BOSTON (AP) — Mayor Tom Menino warned the city's colleges on Monday that the rowdiness that marred recent sports celebrations won't be tolerated on Super Bowl Sunday.

Menino met with representatives from 27 colleges and universities — including the presidents of Boston University, Northeastern University, Emerson College and Suffolk University. He urged them to clamp down on drinking and take swift action against students who cause trouble.

"We're giving them a strong message: zero tolerance," he said. "If they don't want to take consequences against their students, we'll find ways we can take consequences against the students."

Menino declined to say what action he would take. He's also sending letters to liquor stores, warning them against selling large quantities of alcohol to students.

Police Commissioner Kathleen M. O'Toole said officers will be out in force and coordinating with the Department of Corrections in case there are mass arrests. She said the security plan will be similar to one used during the final game of the World Series.

One weapon police won't be carrying is the pepper pellet gun that caused the death of 21-year-old Emerson student Victoria Snelgrove after the Red Sox's American League pennant victory against the New York Yankees.

O'Toole said police will have other options, including pepper spray or gas canisters.

"We certainly don't want to leave officers with guns only or sticks only," she said. "We always look to use the least force available to us."

John McLaughlin, chief of police at Fisher College in downtown Boston, said the school is planning extra patrols. Northeastern and Boston universities are hosting alcohol-free game-night parties, raffling off electronics and other prizes to deter rowdiness.

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Boston Judge says newspaper erred

By Tiffeo Emery
Associated Press

BOSTON – A judge suing the Boston Herald for libel testified Monday that he never said that a 14-year-old statutory rape victim must "get over it," and that he feared for his family's safety as the paper continued to publish articles.

Judge Ernest B. Murphy, 61, said in his testimony that the quote, attributed to him in a series of Herald stories in 2002, was "absolutely preposterous." The stories led to hate mail and death threats against his family.

Murphy, in his first extensive public remarks since suing the Herald and four of its reporters, denied that he said the girl was raped and explained that the statutory rape charge arose from sexual relations between the girl and her brother's older friend.

The disputed remarks took place in a closed-door meeting. Most of the brief meeting, he said, concerned a charge that would have resulted in the 17-year-old suspect being sent to prison for a minimum of five years; something Murphy objected to in the meeting and again publicly when he sentenced the teenager to probation instead.

Murphy testified that he was not callous toward the victim during the meeting, but rather expressed concern for her welfare and said it was a "terrible shame" that no counseling was available for her. He said there was nothing confrontational about the meeting.

The Herald attributed the quote to Murphy in a series portraying the judge as lenient toward defendants. The full quote – "She can't go through life as a victim. She's 14. She got raped. Tell her to get over it." – was widely reported across the country. David Wedge, the lead reporter on the story, discussed it on Fox News' "The O'Reilly Factor."

The newspaper has stood by its reporting.

Murphy said he was shocked and angered by the initial story in the Herald, saying "I didn't recognize myself" in the paper's description of him as lenient.

Murphy also angrily denied that he derided a 79-year-old robbery victim in an unrelated case, saying the comments he made – also in a private conference with lawyers – were "ripped from context" when they later appeared in the Herald. The trial judge, Charles Johnson, struck those words from the record after an objection from the Herald's lawyer.

When Murphy went on a Caribbean vacation with his wife and youngest daughters, he got word of more articles and a Howie Carr column blasting Murphy. The column prompted a posting in a Herald chat room suggesting that Murphy deserved to have his daughters raped.

Firefighters working at risk

BOSTON (AP) – Most firefighters who died fighting fires in recent years were working under substandard conditions - arriving too late and without enough help or resources, according to a Boston Globe analysis published Monday.

And most were entering burning buildings where there was no one inside to save.

The newspaper examined federal investigative reports from 52 fires around the country that killed 80 firefighters between 1997 and 2004.

The Globe found that in just 35 of the 52 fires, departments were able to get one firefighter to the scene within 6 minutes.

In 27 of the fires, four firefighters were able to get to the scene within 6 minutes, the minimum force recommended by the National Fire Protection Association.

The manpower standard for safe and effective work at a building fire - 15 firefighters arriving within 10 minutes - was met in only 18 of the fires.

In 14 of the 52 fires, there was a suspicion that someone might be inside the burning buildings. In only six of fires was there actually anyone inside.

The deaths studied did not include those from heart attacks or motor vehicle accidents. The incidents involved a mix of volunteer and career fire departments in cities like New York and Memphis, as well as small towns.

Some fire chiefs questioned whether they should stop sending firefighters into burning buildings if they can't there soon enough and with enough people to do the job safely.

"We're a can-do organization. We give it the old college try," said Chief Ronald J. Siarnicki, former chief in Prince George's County, Md., who keeps count of line-of-duty deaths as executive director of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

"But maybe we need to stop accepting a five-person crew to cover an entire town. Maybe we need to say, 'We don't have the resources to do this job.' We're losing firefighters, and there are so many near misses," he told the Globe.

The number of fires in the United States has declined sharply, but the number of firefighter deaths are steady at about 100 per year, not including Sept. 11. More than half of those deaths were from heart attacks and motor vehicle accidents.

Each death is unique, but delays and low staffing add to the risk, said Vincent Dunn, a retired New York City deputy fire chief who examined the Globe's findings.

"The more firefighters you have, the faster you can put out the fire," he said. "Chances of a firefighter's death increase the longer a fire burns."

In Massachusetts, the firefighters' union estimates the state has lost about 1,000 out of 13,000 firefighters since 1981. That's when a state law took effect known as Proposition 2 1/2, which limits property tax increases.

During that time, the population has increased and departments have taken on added duties such as ambulance calls.

The number of full-time firefighters nationwide is essentially unchanged, but the volume of emergency calls has doubled.

Other hazards identified by the Globe include shortages of equipment, such as self-contained breathing apparatus, and use of risky tactics beyond the capacity of small departments.



Courtesy Ilja Kaplunt

Firefighters enter into a training exercise in France last year.

Dept. gets high marks

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of attention to our students. We mentor them, and we have an excellent placement record."

Overall, this is promising news not only for the department, but for the reputation of the university as a whole.

"This recognition speaks highly of the university's commitment to supporting top-quality faculty and scholarship in philosophy," Bricker said. "We're very pleased to be ranked among the top philosophy programs in the country."

Iraq counting election ballots

By Jason Keyser
Associated Press

BAGHDAD – Iraq's interim leader called on his countrymen to set aside their differences Monday, while polling stations finished the first-phase count of millions of ballots from the weekend election that many Iraqis hope will usher in democracy and hasten the departure of 150,000 American troops.

From the counts by individual stations, local centers will prepare tally sheets and send them to Baghdad, where vote totals will be compiled, election Commission official Adel al-Lami said. Final results could take up to 10 days.

With turnout in the vote still unknown, concern was focused on participation by Iraq's Sunni Arab minority, amid fears that the group that drives the insurgency could grow ever more alienated. Electoral commission officials said turnout in hardline Sunni areas was better than some expected, though they cited no numbers. A U.S. diplomat warned that Sunni participation appeared "considerably lower" than that of other groups.

Guerrillas claimed to have shot down a British military C-130 Hercules transport plane that crashed north of Baghdad just after polls closed Sunday. Al-Jazeera aired an insurgent video showing a missile being fired and flaming wreckage purported to be that of the plane. No missile impact was shown, and the footage's authenticity could not be confirmed.

All 10 military personnel on the flight were missing and presumed dead – which would be Britain's heaviest single loss of life of the war – Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon said.

The video came from the "Green Brigade," a previously unknown arm of the the National Islamic Resistance in Iraq. Another group, Ansar al-Islam, issued a competing claim of responsibility. The British government would not comment on the insurgents' claims, saying the cause of the crash was still being

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Iraqi police celebrate in Basra on Monday, a day after the country's elections, which occured successfully at most polling locations.

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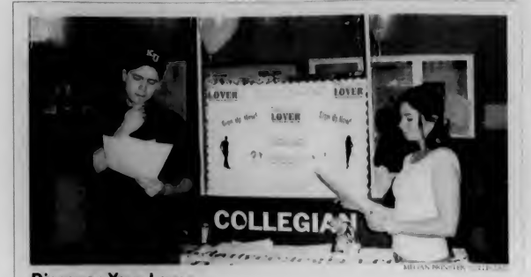
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Discover Your Lover

Michael Meekin and Rachel Bruno of the Daily Collegian watch over the paper's "Discover Your Lover" table in the Campus Center Concourse yesterday. Three men and three women who sign up for the contest will be chosen for a free date by Collegian readers on Feb. 8.

Election results on the way

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investigated.

In his first news conference since the elections, Iraqi interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi called on Iraqis to join together to build a society shattered by decades of war, tyranny, economic sanctions and military occupation.

"The terrorists now know that they cannot win," he said. "We are entering a new era of our history and all Iraqis – whether they voted or not – should stand side by side to build their future." He promised to work to ensure that "the voice of all Iraqis is present in the coming government."

Three U.S. Marines were killed in fighting south of Baghdad on Monday, after two Marines were killed on election day. At least 44 people were killed in violence Sunday, when there were nine suicide attacks, most near polling sites in Baghdad.

The country was already focusing on goals almost as challenging as the election itself: forming a new governing coalition once the vote is known, then writing a constitution and winning trust.

The main Shiite clerical-backed faction in the race was already claiming a strong showing in the election. Officials of the United Iraqi Alliance said they expected to win at least 45 percent of seats in the 275-member National Assembly. Local officials of the parties within the alliance said the list swept some southern cities, winning 90 percent of the votes in Najaf and 80 percent in Basra.

The claims could not be confirmed, and the Alliance had been expected to run strong in the Shiite heartland. Going into the vote, the list headed by Allawi was also considered a main contender.

A powerful showing for the Alliance, which was endorsed by the Shiite Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, could make Sunnis even more reluctant to accept the results of the election – particularly if Sunni participation turns out to have been low.

Although turnout figures were unavailable, a U.S. diplomat briefing reporters on condition of anonymity said "good anecdotal information" indicated that "Sunni participation was considerably lower than participation by the other groups, especially in areas which have seen a great deal of violence."

In the heavily Sunni town of Tikrit, Saddam Hussein's hometown, 48-year-old history teacher Qais Youssif said no member of his family had voted.

"The so-called elections were held in the way that America and the occupation forces wanted," Youssif said. "They want to marginalize the role of the Sunnis. They and the media talk about the Sunnis as a minority. I do not think they are a minority."

The Iraqi Islamic Party, a leading Sunni faction, feels the vote was not inclusive "because an important segment of the Sunni Muslim community didn't take part," said party official Naser Ayel al-Ani. Large, heavily Sunni sections of the country were unable to cast ballots, and in some places lack of security forced polling places to open late or not at all, officials said.

In neighboring Jordan, King Abdullah said in an interview with CNN on Monday that Sunni participation was "a lot lower than any of us hoped."

On Sunday, the electoral commission said it believed that turnout overall among the estimated 14 million eligible Iraqi voters appeared higher than the 57 percent, or roughly 8 million, that had been predicted before the vote. Organizers said 93 percent of the 280,000 Iraqis who registered abroad turned out to vote.

Dog helping blind student

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Consequently, Kristina received another dog, Star, who has been with her for three years now. Star is a five-year-old German Shepard from the Fidelco training facility.

"It's a very close relationship. It's sort of like a child," she said. "At least that's how I felt when I lost Liam."

Kristina is the primary caregiver for Star. She makes sure Star is fed and takes her out to use the bathroom when necessary. During the day, Star wears a coat that asks people not to pet her because she is working, but when Kristina and she go home to her dorm, Star is treated like any other pet.

"When the harness is off she's a pet, but when the harness is on she's working," Kristina said.

Kristina remembered a time when she went to Washington D.C. with Star to do legislative work for the National Federation of the Blind. She tapped once on her hotel door saying the word "home" so Star would remember where the door was. When Kristina and Star returned to the hotel later that day, she said "home" again and Star knew exactly where to take her. This is just one example of the level of intelligence that seeing-eye dogs are capable of.

Kristina is not the only one who loves Star. Her father said he feels at ease knowing his daughter has a companion with her at all times.

"I like the idea of Star," Rick said. "He's a very gentle German Shepard, but it would give pause to someone with bad intentions because of the reputation of the breed. People love dogs. They see Star and want to ask about him. It's a great way for her to meet people and for them to see Star more than [Kristina's] disability."

Last year, at the age of 21, specialists diagnosed Kristina yet again with another vision disorder, this time macular degeneration. In other words, at the same time that retinitis pigmentosa deteriorates the retina from outward toward the inside of the eye, macular degeneration weakens the retina from the inside working its way outward. It seemed as though the two working together were taking her vision away quickly.

Although Kristina will lose her vision completely over time, as of now she can see shapes and colors in good light. This is extremely helpful in maneuvering around a large campus like UMass Amherst. The summer before her freshman year, her parents took her to the campus and brought her around for a day with her cane to become acclimated with the general set up of the buildings.

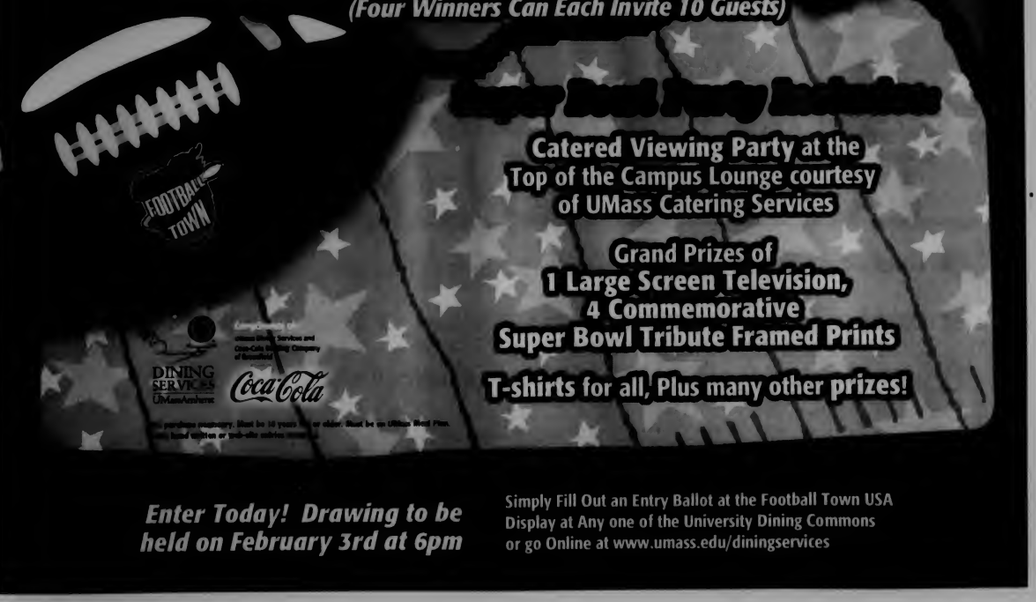
When she first received Star, Kristina worked on campus with her before the school year began to help show Star where to walk. Some of the commands are left, right, find outside, find inside, come to heel and come around. Guide dogs are taught what is called intelligent disobedience.

"She takes all of her directions from me," Kristina said. "If I'm walking and I have to cross a street, we'll stop at the curb and listen to see when the cars stop. If I say forward and a car is coming, Star won't go forward to protect me."

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U.N. critical of Sudan leaders

By Daniel Balint-Kurti
Associated Press

ABUJA, Nigeria – Sudan said Monday that U.N. investigators concluded that genocide was not committed in the country's western Darfur region during a nearly two-year crisis, and the government and rebels committed to reopening peace talks within weeks.

At U.N. headquarters in New York, diplomats confirmed that the report did not find that Sudan committed genocide, but they said it was very critical of Sudanese government actions. The report was expected to be circulated in New York on Tuesday.

The United States has accused Sudan's government of directing militia fighters who attack civilians in what Washington calls a genocidal campaign in Darfur, where a nearly two-year crisis has left tens of thousands of civilians dead.

U.N. investigators have written a report on the allegations, which Sudan's Foreign Minister Mustafa Osman Ismail said undermines the U.S. genocide claims.

"We have a copy of that report and they didn't say that there is a genocide," Osman said on the sidelines of an African Union summit in the Nigerian capital, Abuja.

Diplomats at the U.N. headquarters in New York confirmed the report did not find that Sudan had committed genocide, but they said the conclusions were very critical of the Sudanese actions.



U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan delivers a report to the United Nations at a conference last November.

The diplomats spoke on condition of anonymity.

But a top negotiator for the rebel Sudanese Liberation Army said Monday: "If genocide means killing systematically people in one area, then there is genocide.

"For us, there is a genocide. Nobody can argue about it," Abakar Mohamed Abu el-Bashar said by telephone from London.

Meanwhile, the Sudanese government and Darfur insurgents said they will relaunch peace talks in Abuja in February, raising hopes for a negotiated end to the conflict that three earlier peace conferences and a cease-fire agreement have failed to calm.

Sudan's Darfur tumbled into war when rebels took up arms in February 2003.

The most recent Darfur peace conference began Dec. 11 in Abuja, but rebels boycotted meetings with government delegates two days later, alleging a new government offensive. The talks broke down entirely within weeks.

Darfur's smaller insurgent group, the Justice and Equality Movement, said Monday it would attend the talks if AU negotiators it says have treated them unfairly are "serious and objective," said Khalil Ibrahim Mohammed, a top rebel official.

Mohammed also said the insurgents' leadership wanted other intermediaries to join the talks, which have previously been held by the AU.

UMass studys male contraceptive

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a compound that blocks the protein in the sperm without blocking other proteins in the body," said Dr. John K. Amory, an assistant professor of medicine at the University of Washington with expertise in male contraceptive development.

In addition to potentially carrying few if any side effects, such a drug would be faster-acting than hormone therapy, which requires two to three months to affect male fertility because sperm cells require 72 days to fully mature, Amory said.

A 1998 research paper by Dr George Witman, a UMass professor of cell biology, described the discovery in rat sperm of the Cs protein within sperm cells. After sperm cells form in the testes, the protein is inactivated as the cells travel through a coiled tube in a man's body called the epididymis.

The protein causes sperm cells' tails to undulate, enabling them to potentially reach the female egg.

Witman and a UMass colleague, Dr. Juvenal San Agustin, eventually found that a protein nearly identical to the one in rat sperm also is found in human and mouse sperm.

A team from the University of Chapel Hill is conducting research similar to the UMass team that also involves targeting protein specific to sperm cells. That protein is a different form than the one targeted in the UMass research.

Student thankful for K-9

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Kristina has been a very active student since coming to UMass and during her freshman year, when she played in the drumline pit of the marching band. Unfortunately, when she returned for her sophomore year, she found she could no longer read the music and she did not want to continue playing if she could not fully participate. That did not, however, stop her from surrounding herself with music and she is currently a member of the UMass choir.

When decision time came for choosing colleges she wanted to attend, her parents thought it would be best for her to go to a location with a small campus. She applied to five colleges: Roger Williams, Merrimack, Smith, Mt. Holyoke, and the University of Massachusetts. Although accepted to several of them, she found UMass had the best disability services program and the administration officials were encouraging and willing to help her.

"We looked at several small colleges but when it came down to it, UMass had all of the necessary resources on hand," Rick said. "They had Ginger, who's blind, on staff. They were fully equipped to make resources available. It outweighed our concerns [about the campus size]."

With a major in history and a minor in education, Kristina hopes to become a rehab councilor for the blind.

"A lot of councilors for the blind that aren't blind themselves don't encourage blind people to fulfill their dreams. I want to help," she said.

While she works towards her goals, she is busy spending her time living as any other college student does. She is aware life is more difficult for her than for many of her peers, but she keeps a positive attitude and does not take anything for granted. She takes buses into town, goes on dates to the movies and does her own grocery shopping.

"If I go to a store I usually have someone come with me to tell me what I'm looking at," she said. "In the dining halls, I try to figure out what the food is, and if I can't, I'll either ask someone working there or just get a sandwich or pasta because those are the easiest to find."

Kristina has a special software program, JAWS for Windows, to help her with her computer work. The program reads everything on the screen out loud, which is how she retrieves her e-mail and writes papers. She also has a Braille writer, which looks and works very similar as a type writer.

For taking notes in class, Kristina uses a similar device that will record her notes for her in Braille. For hand outs in classes that are not Braille or read aloud, she has a scanner attached to her computer where she can scan the paper and the JAWS program will read it to her. Many appliances are now made for people who are visually impaired, including talking alarm clocks and wristwatches.

A typical day for Kristina begins fairly early. She wakes up and feeds Star before taking her out to get some air. She typically has two classes a day and uses the Franklin dining hall for meals. In her spare time, she enjoys listening to books on tape and reading Braille. In the past, she has attended classes spreading from one end of campus to the other, including in the Fine Arts Center, Bartlett Hall, Hills South and Boyden Gymnasium. She frequently makes trips to the library and the student center and said it usually takes her about 15 to 20 minutes in good weather from her dorm to her classes.

She has a single in the Brooks Hall, located in the Central Residential Area. Entering the room, the first thing you notice is Star, lying on the floor peacefully sleeping. A closet stands immediately on your right, with the bed further against the wall. Straight ahead is a table holding an alarm clock, the Braille writer, and papers. The whole left wall is mainly a long desk, with the expected desktop computer, scanner and books. There is one window, directly ahead, dressed with a colorful curtain.

Every other Saturday, Kristina volunteers as a mentor for the Partners for Youth with Disabilities program. The group, made up of 20 to 30 children with disabilities, meets at the Greek Cultural Center for three hours. The day typically consists of a guest speaker and a recreational activity. The children who attend have a variety of disabilities, three of whom have visual impairments like Kristina.

Over the course of her life, she has volunteered with a number of organizations for the disabled and for the blind, bravely facing her obstacles head on by trying to help people in similar situations overcome their own barriers.

Kristina had only received her first dog shortly before she was to attend a conference on retinitis pigmentosa in Minnesota, and had to change flights half way through her trip, a daunting task for any traveler.

"She's a very good kid," her father said. "We worry about her sometimes, with her going on trips to Springfield and even places as far as Minnesota on her own; it takes a lot of energy."

Throughout all of her obstacles, Kristina is determined to live her life as any other young adult would and her family is determined to help her achieve her dreams. And like any other 22-year-old dealing with coming into their own and discovering what they want from life, she knows if she ever needs anything, not to hesitate to ask.

"It's the small things we have to remember," said Rick. "We don't leave things out in the middle of the floor, like the vacuum, or if we do, we tell her about it. We can't leave cabinet doors open because she might poke an eye out. But none of this is an inconvenience, it's just part of being a family."

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it" -Voltaire

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"Not another SGA movie"

Zach Oelschlegel

Knowing Hollywood's love for drama, I'm going to begin writing fewer editorials and start writing screenplays. My first picture will be based on the University of Massachusetts Student Government Association (SGA), something I'm sure Hollywood (or at least Springer) would love to get its hands on. The characters have been developed, and I will give them real names when casting occurs. I hope you enjoy the sneak peek of this potential blockbuster.

The movie begins inside a Registered Student Organization (RSO) office at the University of Massachusetts Student Union. Huddled around what appears to be a card table, the potentially racist speaker and the corrupt school official discuss something that seems to be extremely secretive. A tape recorder lies beside them, the red light on, making a recording of everything that is said inside the RSO office.

The potentially racist speaker and corrupt school official look at each other and smile.

"Recording and making copies of this conspiracy will be the smartest thing we've ever done," says the potentially racist speaker, chuckling to himself.

"Agreed," replies the corrupt school official. "And they'll never get the whole story, as we'll answer every question with a well put 'No Comment.'"

The camera shifts from atop the RSO office to the probing minority, who stands outside the RSO office with his ear against the door, struggling to make out what's going on behind the doors. All of a sudden, his eyes bulge out, and he yelps, "Oh no! I've got to alert the Office of Angry Minorities!"

He runs out the door, trying to recall where the Corrupt School Official told the potentially racist speaker he could make tapes of the conspiracy. The lights fade out and come back to a campus in uproar. There are shots of students at the dining halls arguing with one another, while others laugh at the newspaper headline that reads "SGA to remove appointed angry minority seats from completely useless task force."

The next scene begins the following day on the steps of the Student Union, as the office of angry minorities and the angry minorities caucus hold a rally. Here, the outspoken Latina, disgruntled minority professor, and token white protestor make their first appearances. While the latter two have minor roles, the Outspoken Latina is the main player here, and surfaces later in the movie after everyone thinks she is gone. She correctly incriminates the corrupt school official and potentially racist speaker at the rally, to then rail against every white senator in the SGA.

The movie continues later that night at the weekly SGA meeting. Here, the potentially racist speaker calls for order, only to receive a vicious volley of ad homonym insults from the angry minorities caucus. From the ashes of this debacle the outspoken Latina rises and demands for the resignation of every white person in the room, calling them racists. Next, the overly charismatic president makes his first appearance holding a ham sandwich, and makes a rule that only people with the ham sandwich in hand are allowed to speak.

In a moment of comic relief, the ultra-conservative senator also appears here, and is the first one to speak holding the ham sandwich, only to forget the rules by taking a bite out of it after he is done talking.

Meanwhile, the corrupt school official calls a press conference to clear up any confusion. However, when asked his involvement with the situation, he answers "No comment, next question please."

This answer stays with him for the rest of the press conference, to assure more ambiguity to his involvement with the conspiracy, and to waste everyone's time.

The next few minutes of the film are shots of the campus stewing. Among the students that care about the controversy can be heard arguments regarding whether or not the potentially racist speaker is really a racist. Among the other 90 percent of students can be heard conversations on the chances of the Red Sox re-obtaining via trade shortstop Nomar Garciaparra.

The climax of the movie occurs at the next SGA meeting. Here, the overly charismatic president drops a bombshell. He provides footage of the potentially racist speaker at the ultra-conservative senator's house playing beer pong and making racist jokes regarding the Venezuelan olympic team. How this footage was obtained becomes another matter, but the potentially racist speaker denies all involvement and claims: "It was some other guy my height and weight wearing the same clothes and red hat that I was at the party."

The meeting adjourns with a vote of no confidence in the potentially racist speaker, and more characters pointing fingers and calling each other racists.

My idea for an ending is still unclear. A lot of questions persist regarding the outcome that the movie couldn't really answer itself.

For instance, will there ever be a speaker that isn't potentially racist? Will the outspoken Latina make a triumphant comeback into the wild world of the SGA? Will the office of angry minorities ever be happy? Will the corrupt school official be involved in yet another action against the office of angry minorities, and continue to make dubious answers regarding his participation? Will there be an SGA meeting where the word racist is not mentioned?

I'm hoping that I can come up with a happy ending. Odds are, however, that my conclusion will be as ugly as the rest of the story and I'll be stuck writing a sequel entitled "Not Another SGA Movie: Part Deux," which unfortunately would probably have the same plot. Figures.

Zach Oelschlegel is a Collegian columnist.

Paved with good intentions?

Mike Sances

The Jan. 18 installment of The Washington Post's "White House Briefing" directs us toward several news articles analyzing President Bush's plans for Social Security, all of them negative. Yet while he is either lying or simply flat-out wrong about a Social Security crisis, the authors go on to guess that what's actually driving the plan is the President's benevolent goodwill.

In the words of two Time Magazine reporters quoted in the piece, "Just as Bush believes democracy has the power to transform places like Iraq, so too is he convinced that privatization of Social Security could recharge America's future."

Notice that the President doesn't even need to bother justifying his own mistakes anymore—the press will do it for him. While the line about "transforming the Middle East" as the goal of the Iraq war had to be suggested to them, it was only after the other reasons for the war fell apart.

Not that intent really counts for anything—it doesn't, and any discussion on Social Security or any other policy should avoid wasting ink on whether the agent of that policy "means well" or not.

The same must be said for the war in Iraq. Whether Bush lied or not before the war is really a minor point, and indeed wasn't much of an issue before it began. The war is an atrocity, and the President, as the chief cause of the war, must be judged accordingly. The line between first and second-degree murder is thin, shrinking so much as to vanish completely when replicated on a scale as large as what we've been doing in Iraq.

With regards to Social Security, the crime has not yet been committed, rendering intent even less of an issue. To be sure, when a killer lunges at you with a knife, you waste no time contemplating whether he may be divinely inspired. You do whatever you can to avoid the blow.

If intent is irrelevant, why are there many who spend their time trying to explain the motivations behind Islamic terrorism?

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Good question. Arguing over whether the Sept. 11 hijackers were inspired by hatred of freedom, want of liberty or American policy towards Israel, may indeed be nothing but a diversion away from real issues and their potential solutions. Regardless of why terrorist attacks are carried out, no one has ever argued against the perpetrators being brought to justice.

That's not to say that a successful anti-terrorism policy can afford to ignore the causes of terrorism, but these causes do not excuse terrorist acts any more than a president's hidden benevolence would excuse a war.

It just sometimes happens that the terrorists' given justifications for committing acts of mass murder strike a chord with the American public—which is probably why those in power try so hard to conceal them, blithely insisting that they hate our freedoms instead.

In case the reader is unaware, the three main reasons given for the Sept. 11 attacks were American military bases in Saudi Arabia, UN sanctions against Iraq, and American support for Israel's occupation of the Palestinian territories. It would be wrong to deny these policies our attention simply because of their source. Indeed, we should have been opposing them for years, and there were in fact many who did so independent of any dead Americans.

Bringing these policies up invites cries of appeasement, which is curious, because after all, it is we who are the aggressors. It is also a fact that our bases in Saudi Arabia were quietly removed back in 2003. Where were the cries of appeasement then?

Nothing can ever justify what was done to this country on Sept. 11, 2001, but Americans would do well to think on what could possibly justify our behavior toward the rest of the world, the Middle East in particular. As just one example, the sanctions against Iraq in the 90's resulted in the deaths of tens of thousands of innocent children. Regardless of our intent, regardless of how some would exploit this fact to promote their own ends. Was it the right thing to do?

Mike Sances is a Collegian columnist.

Different leader, same struggle



Yousef Munayyer

There is a fine line between having hope and being naïve.

Who ever believes that the recent election of Mahmoud Abbass will make a significant difference on the so called "peace process" undoubtedly falls on the naïve side of that line.

Many believe the "peace process" — which should be called the "piece process" since it has only entailed the incremental confiscation of greater portions of Palestinian lands — has suddenly been revitalized. A miracle of sorts was bestowed on the peace loving hawks of the Israeli government now that the roadblock on their mythical road map, Yasser Arafat, has passed. A new age is upon us, they claim; an age of democracy. This seems to be the theme of the year. Election under occupation, which is being force fed down the throats and into the minds of countless people, is the newly adopted perverse definition of democracy.

The situation for Palestinians has never been a struggle for democracy. Rather there has been an undoubted consensus among Palestinians; they were handed from one colonizer to the next, from the Ottomans to the British to the most recent Zionist oppressor and the only goal is national liberation. For Palestinians, the age of decolonization, which reached the rest of the Middle East, has passed them over like a dark angel over a bloodstained door.

Mahmood Abbass, Yasser Arafat or any other individual will not change the identity of the Palestinian. This is why Yasser Arafat was marginalized and also why Abbass will likely follow the same fate. Both leaders are in a difficult position. The fact that Arafat has died does not change the aspirations of the Palestinian people. They are not willing to give any more and the other side also has no new concessions to make.

Abbass, also known as Abu Mazen, is stuck between a rock and hard heads. The rock being the determination of hardened Palestinians, made callous and angry by their displacement in 1948 and 1967 and the ongoing illegal occupation. The hard heads being the leaders in Tel Aviv who want "peace" but are willing to give nothing for it, they are just willing to take less.

Pause to think of that for a moment. Say I take everything that belongs to you and then offer 22 percent of it back so that you will leave me alone. Would that satisfy you? Would 50 percent satisfy you? Not if you had dignity, not if you had an identity and not if you had any connection with what you have lost. Israel's attempt to silence Palestinians with their bogus "offer" only further fuels the fire of resistance. The failure to make any serious concessions only further prolongs the conflict and does an injustice to the human beings on both sides.

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Israel is stuck with a tremendous problem. It is changing demographically. Half the people under the control of Israel do not have rights as citizens. Israel has to make a move but it knows it can not make an offer the Palestinians can accept and even worse, it can not make an offer its own people can accept. This Sunday, thousands of protesters took to the streets of Jerusalem to protest the removal of Zionist colonies in the West Bank and Gaza. These protesters prove two things: one, there exists a place on the Israeli political spectrum to the right of its current prime minister and two, and they could never live under Palestinian government. If the colonies are going to remain, Palestinian land in the prospective "two-state solution" would be smaller in area and further divided.

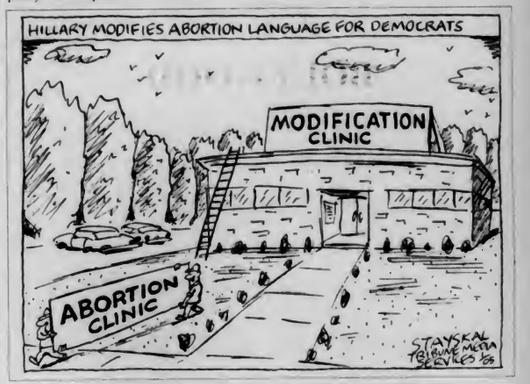
Still there remains no answer for Jerusalem and no answer for the right of return. Both of these are questions that have never been answered and cannot be answered so long as the status quo continues. Abu Mazen can not answer them. In fact Abu Mazen can contribute little if anything new to the peace process. What will most likely evolve in the coming months is the continued agitation by Israel of the Palestinian population for the same strategic purposes as it had last summer when it carried out illegal assassinations to provoke a response. At that point Abu Mazen, much like his predecessor, will step aside because there is no room for politicians in armed struggle.

To me it seems Israel prefers armed struggle; it keeps working towards it, holds greater weapons and has only gained land from it in the past. The continued derailment of the "peace process" results in the "piece process", the goal of which is the elimination of Palestinian nationalism. Abu Mazen is a middle man whose constituents want what the Israelis refuse to offer.

An Israeli member of parliament spoke at UMass this past fall and said that Israel always held three things dear: one, democracy two, its Jewish character and three, the Occupied Territories as part of Israel. He then told the audience that the last part had to change if there would be a solution.

His analysis is flawed. With over 80 percent of the population living on less than 20 percent of the land, a bi-national state is the only solution which can end struggle. The question for Israel now is how much more of its "democratic" character is it willing to loose to a culture of oppression and apartheid before it realizes that its ethnocentric character is at the center of the problem?

Yousef Munayyer is a Collegian editor.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A CALL TO ALL SOUTHWEST RESIDENTS, PART II

After spending the long winter break away from campus, many students are looking forward to catching up with friends and having a good time as the spring semester unfolds. Of course, the beginning of spring semester also marks the winding down of football season.

This Sunday, many UMass Amherst students will be hanging out with friends and having a good time as they sit down to watch the Super Bowl. In Southwest, it is likely that each great play made by the Pats will solicit those familiar tower-rockin' cheers that remind all Southwest residents what it means to have 5,500 neighbors.

We, the executive board of Southwest Area Government, your elected representatives, will also be enjoying the game and cheering on the Pats. We encourage all Southwest residents to forget stressing over homework for one night and enjoy the game as well. Furthermore, we encourage you, as we did in the days before the onset of the World Series, to enjoy the game in a safe, celebratory and nondestructive manner.

As we continue working diligently to plan what may be the best Southwest Week yet (for updates on Southwest Week check www.swagumass.com), Southwest Area Government is committed to representing you, our constituents, in the best light to the rest of campus and to the university administration. We can do this most successfully when we show the enormous amount of intelligence, talent and skill that our constituents embody.

For this reason, we implore all Southwest residents to be responsible and exercise good judgment as you and your friends celebrate this upcoming weekend and the remainder of the semester. Together, we can use our actions to demonstrate that the Southwest Residential Area is a great living area and an exciting, engaging community to be a part of. If you have any comments or concerns, please e-mail us at swag@stuaf.umass.edu.

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TASERS: A SAFETY ISSUE

UMass police officer Robert Thrasher maintains that taser guns are "not dangerous" and a "very humane tool" (Daily Collegian, Jan. 31). This is an irresponsible misrepresentation of the state of knowledge about the safety of tasers, which warrants immediate action.

An Amnesty International report on tasers from two months ago (Nov. 30, 2004) notes that there have not been enough studies about the medical effects of taser shocks to conclude that they are not lethal.

According to the report, tasers have been found by coroners to be one of the causes of death in at least five cases in the U.S. and Canada, and a possible cause of death in at least seven others.

The potential lethality of tasers has led Amnesty to repeatedly urge the suspension of their use unless further studies can demonstrate their safety, despite their acknowledged usefulness as an alternative to lethal force.

This brings up a second concern: tasers are touted as less lethal alternatives to deadly force, but this is not how they are actually used. The Amnesty report documents the widespread abuse of tasers in situations that do not call for use of lethal force. Thrasher presents tasers as an alternative to batons, which is not their intended use. This widespread abuse has had the effect of raising the threshold of what is considered acceptable and routine use of force, weakening compliance with codes of police conduct.

A third concern is the handling of the decision to acquire tasers. There was no public discussion in the UMass community about the appropriateness of the purchase before the decision was made, nor were student governments consulted in the process. This approach to decision making, always a problem at UMass, takes on special urgency in this life-and-death matter.

The same can be said for misrepresentations by UMass officials: they are common enough, but they're especially serious in this case. Officer Thrasher should be immediately removed from the police force, not only because of his irresponsible remarks, but also to ensure that potentially lethal weapons are not operated by people who are unaware of the consequences of their use.

Uri Strauss
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UMASS ARTISTS RAISE MONEY FOR STUDENT UNION GALLERY

By Rebecca Watkinson
Collegian Correspondent

"And those who were seen dancing were thought to be insane by those who could not hear the music."

This quote is one of the many quotes that will be displayed alongside some of the amazing artwork at the Student Union Art Gallery this week.

For those students who are artists, or enjoy perusing through art galleries, or even just want to support a worthy cause on campus, the Student Union Art Gallery is hosting their first annual auction and raffle all of this week from Jan. 31 to Feb. 4.

Headed by the Director of the Gallery, Graduate Student Liz Unterman, this event will raise money in order to directly benefit the art gallery.

Established in 1997 the Student Union Art Gallery is the oldest art gallery on campus. It is also the only nonprofit art gallery, said Unterman.

The artists contributing to the gallery are local, including many Liddell Students. J.C. Tibbo, a Graduate Teaching Faculty student, Chase Carlisle, and Laura Gallegos, Art Education Majors, have contributed to the gallery, as well as a Hampshire College graduate.

One artist, Julius Lester, is a former professor from UMass. Lester taught classes in Afro American Studies, Judaic Studies, Political Science and History here for 30 years before he retired.

Many different types of art will be displayed incorporating various different mediums that include photography, woodwork, clay, printmaking, paint, acrylic and oil, and watercolor.

The art gallery will be running a silent auction on pieces all week. All possible buyers must do is check the number next to the piece of art that sparks an interest, and put the name and amount of the bid in the auction binder. Also, there will be a series of raffle lotteries. Visitors can purchase tickets for $1 or they also can buy 6 raffle tickets for $5. The art gallery will also be accepting all cash donations.

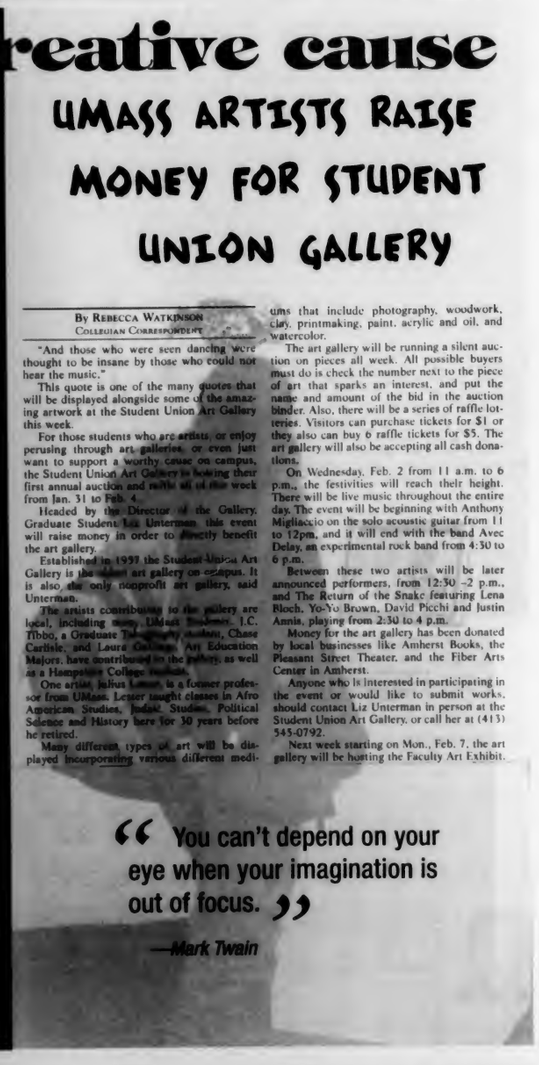
On Wednesday, Feb. 2 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., the festivities will reach their height. There will be live music throughout the entire day. The event will be beginning with Anthony Migliaccio on the solo acoustic guitar from 11 to 12pm, and it will end with the band Avec Delay, an experimental rock band from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Between these two artists will be later announced performers, from 12:30 –2 p.m., and The Return of the Snake featuring Lena Bloch, Yo-Yo Brown, David Picchi and Justin Annis, playing from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Money for the art gallery has been donated by local businesses like Amherst Books, the Pleasant Street Theater, and the Fiber Arts Center in Amherst.

Anyone who is interested in participating in the event or would like to submit works, should contact Liz Unterman in person at the Student Union Art Gallery, or call her at (413) 545-0792.

Next week starting on Mon., Feb. 7, the art gallery will be hosting the Faculty Art Exhibit.



"You can't depend on your eye when your imagination is out of focus."

—Mark Twain



MASTERS OF FAST FOOD DISGUISE

America's golden arches 'fess up about trans fat

By Laura Beil
The Dallas Morning News

Two years after McDonald's own deadline for reducing trans fats, the french fry has thus far snatched defeat from the jaws of victory.

The heavyweight among fast food chains had announced with fanfare that the amount of trans fats in its cooking oil would be cut almost in half by February 2003. After that, a more ambitious goal: McDonald's planned to eliminate this form of disease-causing grease, right down to the last McNugget.

Today, however, an order of fries remains as trans-laden as ever, leaving consumer advocates with a supersized disbelief.

"It's astonishing," says Michael Jacobson of the Center for Science in the Public Interest. He and many other nutrition experts now feel burned for their accolades in September 2002, when McDonald's announced its intention. "If a big company holds a press conference, you'd think they would have planned things out."

They thought they had, says company spokesman Walt Riker. Despite the best intentions, McDonald's found that an oil change wasn't so easy, he says. "We realized we needed additional testing."

One of the main problems was that the oil formulated in 2002 appeared to alter the taste of McDonald's fries. The popular fries are a company hallmark, with a taste and crispness on an almost sacred plane. The fries are such a state secret, Riker won't even discuss the components of the oil they're fried in.

The news is better for chicken lovers. McNuggets and other chicken products are now fried in an oil that is about 15 percent lower in trans fat.

Riker won't say when trans fats will be phased out. "It's still a work in progress, so I don't want to get into any specifics."

McDonald's has been using trans fats since 1990. At the time it turned trans, the company was looking for a way to reduce the saturated fat and cholesterol coming out of its fryers. Trans fats are, before a chemical transformation, vegetable oil. The hope was that the trans fats would be no harder on a customer's health than canola or corn oil.

But the evidence against trans fat was already gathering, and it has now become one of the major controversies in the American food industry. The new U.S. Dietary Guidelines, released just this month, urge Americans to keep their trans-fat consumption as close to zero as possible.

The problem is that trans fats have a singular ability to harm the heart and blood vessels.

"It's not something we were evolved to encounter," says Dr. Meir Stampfer from the Harvard School of Public Health. "It's something new for our metabolism."

Unlike most other forms of fat, the vast majority of trans fats are artificially made. They form when a liquid vegetable oil gets bombarded with hydrogen. The liquid becomes solid, giving baked goods a full, buttery feel in the mouth.

The discovery has been a boon to the food industry. Partially hydrogenated oils, as trans fats are called, can extend the shelf life of manufactured goods. In the fast food industry, hydrogenated oils mean fryers don't have to be changed out as frequently.

These traits would all be easy to swallow if trans fats didn't also increase the odds of a heart attack. Both saturated fat and trans fat raise the level of LDL, the form of cholesterol that contributes to heart disease. But trans fat also lowers the level of HDL, which protects against heart disease.

"It's doing two bad things," Stampfer says. Plus, he says, some research suggests that trans fats also raise the level of triglycerides, a form of fat in the blood. Maybe three bad things.

Researchers began to suspect the danger of trans fat more than two decades ago. One landmark study in 1997 from Stampfer and his colleagues found that women who consumed the highest levels of trans fat had a risk of heart disease about 30 percent higher than those who ate the lowest levels. By 1999, the federal Food and Drug Administration voted to require trans fats to be listed on food labels, a measure that will take effect next year. An analysis from the Office of Management and Budget has estimated that 10 years after the new labels appearr, by discouraging trans fat use, they will yearly spare 7,600 to more than 17,000 people from heart disease.

With disclosure looming, the food industry has begun scaling back on trans fats. Plano-based Frito-Lay has now removed trans fats from all its products, as have many other major food manufacturers. But few companies have the social and business weight of McDonald's. In 2002, experts were overjoyed that the world's largest restaurant chain had become an ally in the trans fat war.

"It was consistent with McDonald's being a leader in many areas," says CSPI's

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Jackson faces potential jurors

By Linda Deutsch
Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Calif.— Dressed in a bright white suit and a jewel-trimmed vest and belt, Michael Jackson on Monday stood before the first group of prospective jurors who could decide his fate on charges he molested a teenage cancer patient and plied the boy with alcohol at his Neverland Ranch.

The pop superstar, accompanied by four defense lawyers, stood and smiled as he faced prospective jurors for the start of jury selection in what could become the most sensational celebrity trial the world has ever seen. He greeted the clerk with a handshake at the courthouse in this small coastal city in central California.

Outside, fans from around the world pressed up against a chain-link fence and shouted words of encouragement, holding up signs that read, "Dear God, Please Give Michael Justice" and "France Supports and Loves MJ."

Fans danced and sang a Jackson song attacking the district attorney and booed a woman who held a sign backing the accuser.

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Tom Sneddon, whom Jackson has derided in a song as a "cold man" with a vendetta, did not come to court. A deputy represented the prosecution.

Jackson, 46, is charged with molesting a teenage boy, then 13, now 15, and plying him with alcohol.

On Sunday, Jackson issued a court-approved video statement on his Web site, predicting he would be acquitted. His parents also spoke out in his defense Monday, saying the young accuser was after his money.

"I know my son, and this is ridiculous," his mother, Katherine Jackson, said in an interview broadcast on CBS' "The Early Show." She said people who believe her son is guilty "don't know him."

Judge Rodney Melville told the first group of 150 prospective jurors that they might have to serve for about six months, but that it was an important duty.

"Most of us have relatives who have fought and died to protect this service," Melville said. "Freedom is not free. Jury duty is part of the cost of freedom."

The first group was predominantly white. About a quarter appeared to be Hispanic. There were only three blacks.

Sixty-six members of the first group asked to be excused, but during questioning by the judge two changed their minds. A woman who said she was eight months pregnant was excused from the case.

Five hundred more prospective jurors were to be processed later Monday and on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Those not excused will fill out questionnaires, and then will be questioned individually by the attorneys. The judge wants 12 jurors in addition to eight alternates.

The small-town feel of the jury pool was apparent during questioning. One woman ran a pet shop, while another was in local real estate. One woman said she could get a medical excuse from her doctor across the street. A few said they have friends who work at Jackson's Neverland ranch.

Prospective jurors were addressed with nine-digit numbers in court.

One woman said she worked at an elementary school where she dealt with "people that need counseling for molestation."

Other prospective jurors said they had to care for sick relatives or had too many job responsibilities. One woman said that at 75, she was "just too old."

"You don't look a day over 60," the judge replied.

The woman said she was willing to serve if she had to, but noted she had "a multitude of illnesses."

When another woman said she had to be home every night to care for her mother, the judge told her that she would be home every night.

"Don't they lock juries up, too?" the prospect asked, inquiring if the judge could guarantee she would get home.

"Oh yeah, I'm going home every night," said Melville, who intends to end each day of trial by 2:30 p.m.

One man said he couldn't serve because his employer wouldn't pay him while he was on jury duty.

"Your employer doesn't pay jury service?" asked Melville.

"He's an attorney, no sir," the man said.

Associated Press Writer Tim Molloy contributed to this report.



Jackson dominated popular music charts throughout most of the past three decades, earning him the honorary title of "the King of Pop", despite much controversy over his fascination with children.

Online shopper? Ask an Attorney



Ask the Attorney

Michele L. Leaf

Q: I found a web site for the purchase of gifts with great prices, but I never heard of the company before. Is it safe for me to buy online?

A. The first thing you should do is make sure that there is a street address and telephone number for the company listed on the internet site. Some web sites make it very easy to place an order, but give no information about return policies or customer service. If you can determine where the company is located you can check with the Better Business Bureau or the state's attorney general's office to see if there is any history of complaints.

A legitimate business has nothing to fear in giving information about the business location. One problem for consumers is that it may be impossible to return items or get refunds if the business is not located in the U.S. One common problem with internet purchases is delay in filling orders. Many internet merchants are able to keep prices low because they do not have warehouses or actually stock merchandise. As a result there may be an unanticipated problem in obtaining goods from suppliers. By law, retailers are required to ship an order within the time stated on the web site. If a company does not promise a time it must ship the order within 30 days. If this is not possible, the customer can consent to the delay or cancel the order for an immediate full refund.

Although a business practice may not be against the law, it may amount to poor customer service. Having a good legal remedy is of little consolation when the merchant doesn't deliver a gift as promised.

Whenever you make an internet purchase, it is important to make sure that your credit card information is protected. Before paying, confirm that the server is secure so that your credit card number will be encrypted and inaccessible to third parties. In order to further guard against fraud, it is recommended to obtain an additional credit card for exclusive use on the internet. Since the card will not be used for regular purchases disruption can be minimized, and any fraud will be more quickly noticed.

Although your credit card is protected from fraud by the credit card issuer, and you can't be held responsible for unauthorized charges, this protection often will not apply to charges made in other countries. If this is a consideration, check with the card issuer before making the purchase. Happy shopping!

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Keep your eyes on the fries, trans fat still hides in the food

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Michael Iacobson. But February 2003 came and went with only a brief news release announcing an extension in the deadline. Months passed.

Finally, in September 2004, Iacobson's group grew restless from two years of waiting. The organization bought full-page ads in The New York Times with the headline "A Broken McPromise." They skewered that restaurant chain over others. Iacobson says, because "McDonald's made the mistake of saying they were going to do the right thing, and then not doing it."

The company nonetheless has not relegated the effort to the back burner, Riker says. "We're going to work until we get it right." And he points out that McDonald's has recently taken other steps to make menus healthier, such as offering apple slices and salads, and reining in portion sizes.

Dr. Dean Ornish, for one, believes these are more than just claims for public relations. For almost 30 years, the Ornish has touted the benefits of a diet very low in fat. In 2002, the devoted vegetarian was one of the many experts who praised McDonald's for abandoning trans fats. He's now consulting with the company on ways to make its food better for the 23 million Americans who eat it each day.

"I think they remain committed to achieving the trans fatty acid goal," says Ornish, who runs the Preventive Medicine Research Institute in Sausalito, Calif. "The truth is that it was easier to reduce it in some products than others."

A trans-fat deflation on the chicken products didn't affect the taste, he says, but not so with the potatoes. And he says he understands why the company can't compromise the taste of its famous fries. "It's their signature item."

But there are other complicating issues as well, Ornish says. McDonald's has to make sure that an oil formulation has enough farmers to fill the supply. Once apples made it to the menu, McDonald's suddenly became the largest purchaser of apples worldwide, Ornish says.

So the company can't just fry its food in a different oil, which would be a natural way to reduce trans fat. Frito-Lay, for example, switched to cottonseed and corn oil. Canola oil would also work. However, Ornish says, there's not enough canola oil in the world to meet McDonald's' demand.

Agricultural researchers are scrambling to help McDonald's and other industries find ways to wean themselves of trans fats, says Robert Reeves, president of the Institute of Shortening and Edible Oils. (Citing proprietary information, oil supplier Cargill Inc. would not discuss its collaboration with McDonald's in the trans-fat reduction.)

Some manufacturers, Reeves says, have moved to oils already available. Others are tinkering with ways to hydrogenate their oils without creating quite so much trans fat in the final product, or altering oils through other means. Plant researchers are also trying to develop varieties of oil seeds that produce more stable oils without need for hydrogenation.

What will work for each company, he says, depends on what kind of food they sell. "It's preserving the attributes that consumers have wanted and in fact demanded," Reeves says. And it's not just a question of taste: hydrogenated oils also improve texture. "If you had a french fry that was rather limp, it would not look good to the consumer."

What remains, then, is McDonald's' french-fry challenge: pleasing the palate along with the arteries. Customers can only hope the final product will be truly golden.



Statistics show that there is not enough Canola or Cotton Seed oil in the world to service the McDonald's Corporation's needs.

Small size big at exposition

By Stanley Miller II
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

LAS VEGAS — The artists who design our high-tech toys are making the next generation of gadgets smaller, lighter, with more storage capacity and better battery life.

There might not have been "one big thing" that dominated this month's 2005 International Consumer Electronics Show. That would be difficult with thousands of exhibitors, more than 130,000 attendees and more than 1 million square feet of show space.

But despite the lack of any revolutionary inventions, there is a lot to look forward to this year if the devices on display keep the promises of their spec sheets and product managers.

The consumer electronics industry is trying to catch up with the success of Apple Computer and its popular iPod, which has become a default term for digital music player.

There were dozens of competing players and for good reasons: according to the Consumer Electronics Association, sales of digital music players doubled in 2004 to nearly 7 million units.

No one was willing to boldly predict that their player would supplant the iPod, but everyone wants a piece of the action.

For example, iRiver launched a promising new digital music player at the show called the H10. The name might not rival the iPod, but its features, design and price might.

The H10, which will be available at the end of the month for $280, weighs 3.4 ounces and measures 3.8 inches long by 2.2 inches wide by 0.6 inches deep. It has five gigabytes of storage, a bright color screen for viewing digital images and a built-in FM tuner.

The device works with Windows Media Player 10 and can synchronize music, photos and playlists with a PC over a USB 2.0 connection. The H10 is compatible with several digital download services, including MSN Music, Musicmatch, MusicNow, Napster and Wal-Mart Music.

Most impressive is its promised battery life: up to 150 hours of playtime.

For people who need more storage space, Sony announced the latest addition to its line of Network Walkman digital music players called the NW-HD3.



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Though not as recognizable as a name brand, many consumers say that the H10 may potentially overshadow the success of the iPod.

Again, the name isn't very inspiring, but the combination of a 20-gigabyte hard drive, up to 30 hours of battery life and a choice of five colors is promising.

The Network Walkman player is compatible with Sony's Connect music service, but it also works with basic MP3 music files, which can be transferred over a USB 2.0 connection.

And for active (or careless) users, the new players have Sony's shock protection technology called G-Protection in case they're dropped and to prevent skipping if they're being jostled around. The players are scheduled to go on sale next month for $350.

A digital video camcorder adds a new dimension to vacations, family gatherings and other special events. And Sony's new DCR-PC55 Mini DV Handycam is small enough to conveniently tag along for more casual occasions, with a profile that is slightly larger than a deck of cards.

Despite its small size, the DCR-PC55 still uses the popular mini digital videocassettes. The camera also has a 10x zoom and a 3-inch liquid crystal display for lining up shots and reviewing footage.

This camcorder, one of six models Sony announced at the Consumer Electronics Show, is compatible with a desktop cradle called a Handycam Station, which charges the cameras and connects them to a computer or TV.

The cradle-camcorder combination is an attempt to better integrate the camera into a home computing setup. Often, camcorders sit on a shelf or in their travel bags until needed, but the Handycam Station can change that.

The DCR-PC55 will come in silver, black, red and white when it ships next month for $800.

Another eye-catching digital camera was a water-resistant model from Pentax called the OptioWP.

It's a 5-megapixel camera that the company says can take high-quality pictures under 3 feet of water without any additional underwater housing.

Pentax says every seam in the camera is protected with rubber sealant, and it's interlocking designed resists dust, pressure and moisture. Even the camera's 3x zoom lens is sealed within the body of the camera.

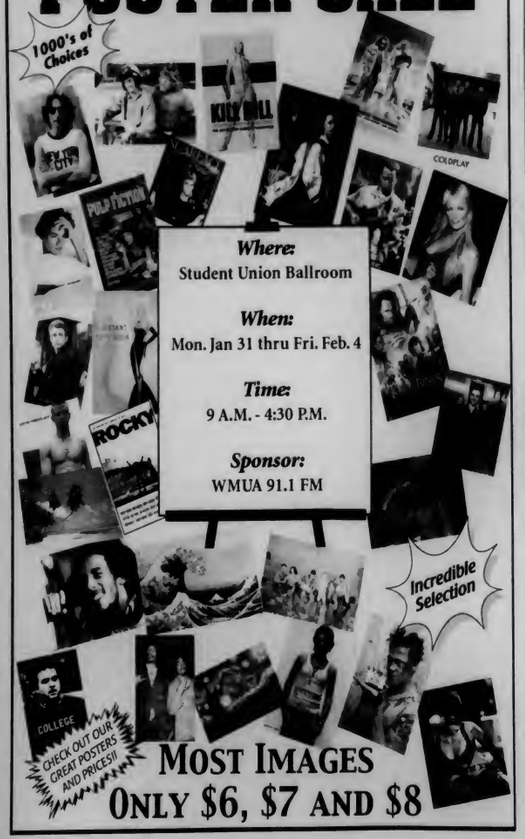
The OptioWP shouldn't burden active outdoors enthusiasts or travelers, measuring 4 inches by 2 inches by 0.9 inches and weighing 4.2 ounces. In addition to 10 megabytes of internal memory, the camera accommodates a Secure Digital card to store images. The camera is scheduled to ship in April for $400.

The Casio QV-R62: A 6-megapixel digital camera with a 3x optical zoom, a 2-inch LCD and Casio's proprietary Exilim technology for quick picture taking. Available this month for $400.

Wireless carriers are gearing up for video-on-demand services and the companies that make mobile phones showed off several models that can handle downloading and displaying that kind of content.

Sanyo showed off its MM-7400, which can stream audio and video at up to 15 frames per second as well as take still images and record 30-second video clips.

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Harrison talks down on Mitchell

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Even without the pads on, New England safety Rodney Harrison delivered quite a blow.

Asked whether he will say anything to Eagles wide receiver Freddie Mitchell, who dissed the Patriots' secondary last week, Harrison took his shot.

"What would I say?" he said. "It's Freddie Mitchell."

And with that, Super Bowl week was on.

The Eagles and Patriots, two teams with very little history or animosity between them, opened America's big football celebration with a nice bit of trash talking Sunday at the first of the dozen or so news conferences that will take place during the week.

This was Harrison's first chance on the Super Bowl stage to respond to Mitchell. Last week, the Eagles receiver said he couldn't name any of the Patriots defensive backs except for Harrison, about whom he said, "I've got something for him."

Harrison, who has spent much of his 11-year career playing the us-against-the-world card to anyone who would listen, found his perfect foil in Mitchell, who let political correctness take a back seat and greased the wheels for this Super Feud.

"You're always going to find one jerk out of the bunch. Just like Vanderjerk. Mike Vanderjerk," Harrison said, referring to Colts kicker Mike Vanderjagt, who earlier in the postseason suggested the Patriots were ripe for a loss. "You're always going to find one guy like that who wants some attention and wants to do something to try and stir up the emotions of the game."

Not surprisingly, Mitchell was unavailable at the Eagles' media opportunity Sunday. Also not surprisingly, coach Andy Reid tried to sidestep the inevitable questions about how he reacted when he heard what Mitchell said.

"That's between Freddie and I," Reid said.

Meanwhile, Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb understandably took his teammate's side in the fray, framing Mitchell's comments as meaningless blather made during the tedious bye week.

"Freddie didn't mean anything by them. It's sad that people have to blow them up to make them into a story," McNabb said. "Freddie apologized. If someone needs those comments to get up for a game like this, they don't need to be here. This is the Super Bowl, this is the ultimate."

The Mitchell-Harrison imbroglio took at least a temporary bite out of the other main "football" stories of the week: whether the Eagles will get lost in the hoopla of playing in their first Super Bowl since 1981 (Reid said he'll give the players their freedom, treat them like adults); whether the Patriots, seeking their third title in four years, are on the verge of a dynasty (Coach Bill Belichick insists the past has nothing to do with this week); and, most notably, whether Eagles star receiver Terrell Owens will deem his injured ankle sturdy enough to play.

Owens, who tore up the ankle Dec. 19 and has missed the last four games, has not received clearance to play from the surgeon who operated on his ankle.

Nevertheless, the receiver hasn't ruled himself out of the game and his status has become the overarching theme of the buildup to the big game.

"It seems like everyone talks about the Patriots, then when they talk about the Eagles, it's what T.O. will do," McNabb said. "If he plays, you'll talk about him. If he doesn't play, you'll talk about him anyway."

Reid said Owens has been steadily increasing his work and will try to "do a few things" at a light practice Monday, but his availability won't be determined until much later in the week.

And while there will almost certainly be an entire week to speculate on Owens, it's hard to know how long the Mitchell mess will last.

Even if it was only for a fleeting day, it was good stuff.

"When he says something like that, he's disrespecting our whole defense," Patriots linebacker Willie McGinest said. "Not only Rodney, but me, and Teddy Bruschi and Mike Vrabel and all the rest of us."

But especially Harrison.

"Maybe he was drinking before he started talking," he said. "That was clearly a mistake, because no one in this league would attack somebody a week before the Super Bowl."

Owens close to playing in Super Bowl

By Rob Maaddi
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — T.O. is almost a go.

Terrell Owens, the Philadelphia Eagles' All-Pro receiver, practiced Monday for the first time since injuring his ankle last month, moving closer toward returning for the Super Bowl.

"I won't say anything outside of He looks great. He looks great. He looks great," Eagles safety Michael Lewis said.

Owens took part in less than one-third of the team's 30 plays, getting a pass each time he ran a route. Just last week, Dr. Mark Myerson, the surgeon who operated on Owens' right ankle in December, said he would not clear him to suit up against the New England Patriots on Sunday.

"We limited what he did, but he did it well, and he did it with the team," Eagles coach Andy Reid said. "He moved around pretty well. I'll have to see how he does before we decide whether he'll play."

Owens hasn't played since he severely sprained his ankle and broke his leg in a game against Dallas on Dec. 19. He's expected to be on the field when the Eagles resume practice on Wednesday.

In his first season with the Eagles after eight years in San Francisco, Owens led Philadelphia with 77 catches for 1,200 yards and 14 TDs.

"It's always a lift when you can get anyone out there, an added weapon," quarterback Donovan McNabb said. "He did make some big plays for us. He did an excellent job of coming in and presenting a different type of feel for our passing attack."

Myerson inserted two screws in Owens' ankle and a plate on the outside of the ankle three days after he was injured. Owens was told after surgery that he had only an outside chance of returning for the Super Bowl, which was 6 1/2 weeks away at the time. But he rehabbed vigorously, hoping to help Philadelphia win its first NFL championship since 1960.

After a check-up last week in Baltimore, Myerson said that while he's pleased with Owens' recuperation, the operation requires a recovery period of eight to 10 weeks. Myerson added that any attempt to accelerate the rehabilitation process poses the same risk for injury.

The final decision on Owens' status will come down to the player, Reid and the team's medical staff.

"Could the same injury occur? Yes," Reid said. "But he won't damage it any further than he already has."

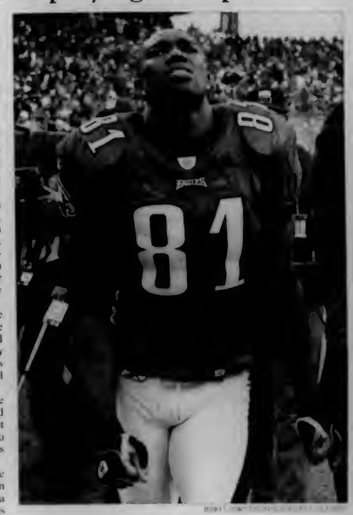
Owens wasn't available for comment. He's supposed to take part in Tuesday's interview sessions.

"He looked pretty smooth out there," tight end L.J. Smith said. "He's not trying to push it. He's getting his timing down and he caught a couple balls."

The injury to Owens was a devastating blow for a team that dominated the NFC and clinched the No. 1 seed in the conference after just 14 games. Owens invigorated the Eagles with his attitude, enthusiasm and stellar performance, adding a swagger to a team that desperately needed a personality.

With him, the offense was extremely potent, averaging 25.4 points in 14 games. After Owens was injured, the Eagles lost the last two regular-season games in which most starters hardly played and others were rested.

But the Eagles are 2-0 without Owens in games that matter. While the offense hasn't been dominant without Owens, they've scored 27 points in each of their playoff games against Minnesota and Atlanta.



Terrell Owens was injured on Dec. 19, in a game against the Cowboys. Owens is expected to return for the Super Bowl.

Boston gives zero-tolerance to rioters

By Steve LeBlanc
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Mayor Tom Menino warned the city's colleges on Monday that the rowdiness that marred recent sports celebrations won't be tolerated on Super Bowl Sunday.

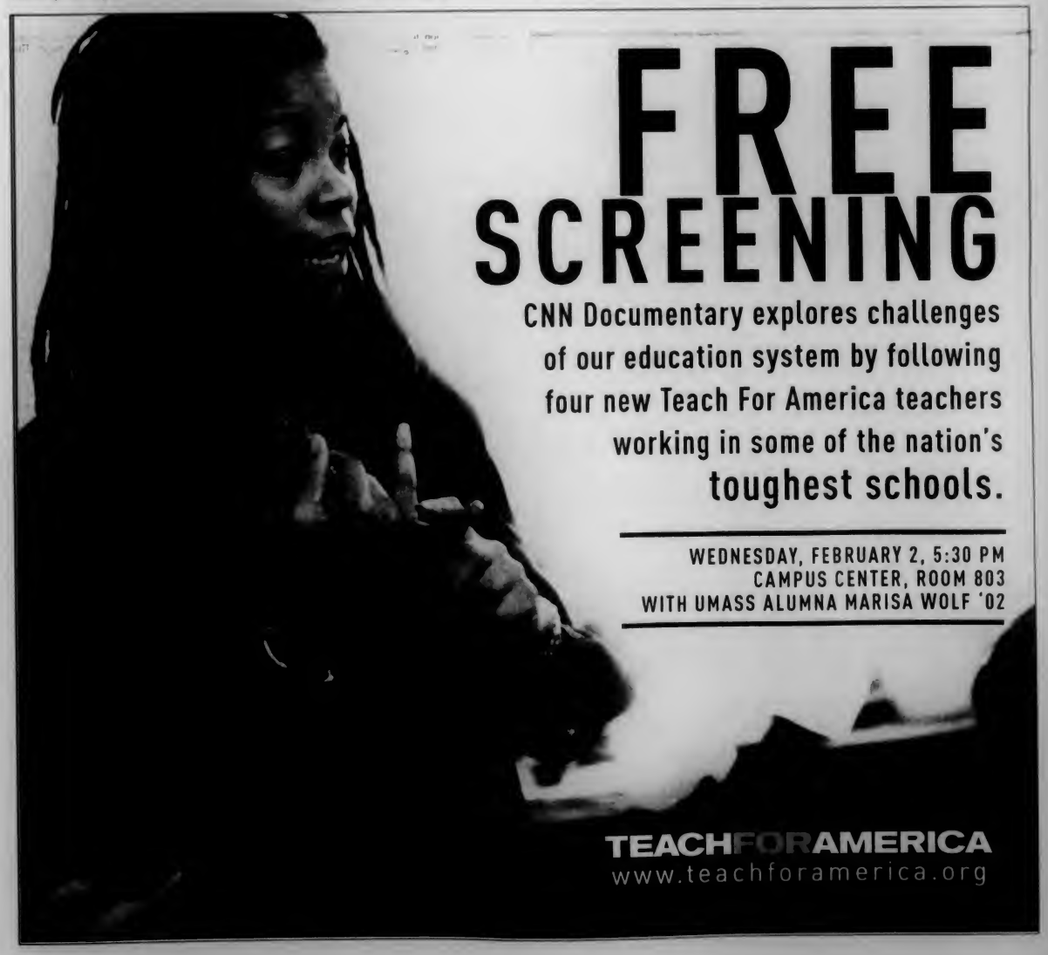
Menino met with representatives from 27 colleges and universities — including the presidents of Boston University, Northeastern University, Emerson College and Suffolk University. He urged them to clamp down on drinking and take swift action against students who cause trouble.

"We're giving them a strong message: zero tolerance," he said. "If they don't want to take consequences against their students, we'll find ways we can take consequences against the students."

Menino declined to say what action he would take. He's also sending letters to liquor stores, warning them against selling large quantities of alcohol to students.

Police Commissioner Kathleen M. O'Toole said officers will be out in force and coordinating with the Department of Corrections in case there are mass arrests. She said the security plan will be similar to one used during the final game of the World Series.

One weapon police won't be carrying is the pepper pellet gun that caused the death of 21-year-old Emerson student Victoria Snelgrove after the Red Sox's American League pennant victory against the New York Yankees.



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Brown brings in D-1 talent for 2005 season

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[illegible] 49ers quarterback Ken Dorsey. Humphrey comes from a long line of outstanding signal callers in Mississippi, including Dorsey and Tennessee Titans wide receiver Drew Bennett.

Meggett, a 6-foot-1, 205-pound defensive back and the nephew of former New England Patriots and New York Giants running back Dave Meggett, left after three years remaining and is taking an assistant job at West Virginia in his hometown of Morgantown. A highly touted receiver coming out of high school, Meggett was ranked as one of the top 150 players in the country by Prep Star Magazine as a senior and was the only player in New York to make Prep [illegible].

Dawson, a 6-0, 200-pound defensive lineman, redshirted for Coach Mills' first year with more than a year remaining at UMass. A local product out of Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School, Taylor wrestled and played football for six seasons, beginning in seventh grade, and won three league championships on the mat before eventually settling on football.

UMass finished 2004 at 6-5 in its first season under new head coach Don Brown. The Minutemen return their top two players at all 11 positions on defense, and lose only two starters on offense as they look to earn their second Atlantic 10 title in three seasons.

The Maroon and White's 2005 season is tentatively scheduled to kick off with a conference battle at Richmond on Thursday night Sept. 1, followed by the home opener at Warren P. McGuirk Alumni Stadium against Albany. Dates and times of these games have yet to be announced.

Bonnies are no slouch

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[illegible] would extend their winning streak to a school record 21 games.

BONNIES PICKING UP STEAM

"No. [illegible] surprise. The [illegible] is that it's St. Bonaventure's University is [illegible] of two-time winning streaks. They are winners of four of their last seven, and [illegible] 10-2 in conference play. Co-third in the A-10 East with a 3-6 conference record (8-12 overall).

At home, Olean, N.Y. [illegible] one of the toughest places to play in the A-10, [illegible] outside the Weber County news [illegible] attendance record for a women's game that was set last Friday against Massachusetts.

The defensively-sound Minutewomen had an unusually tough time dealing with the outside shooting of point guard Stefanie Collins, who went three of six from beyond the arc.

Although the former A-10 Rookie of the Year proved to be a menace, it was the inside skill of forward Tory Vyborny (17 points, 11 rebounds) that helped the Bonnies to a victory that on paper looked more like a high-scoring football game than a low-scoring basketball affair.

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Swim team has huge regular season finale

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

Perfect, seamless, flawless. These are all adjectives that describe the Massachusetts men's swimming and diving season as it capped off an undefeated regular season with a win over Fordham last Saturday. The Minutemen outscored Fordham 175-120 on their way to the ninth undefeated season ever posted by a men's UMass swimming and diving team.

For a team that has revolved around being in first place, UMass proved once again why it won the last four Atlantic-10 championships. The team was led by senior Dylan Smith, who was a force, placing first overall in three individual trials (1000-yard freestyle, 200-yard butterfly, 500-yard freestyle) and accounting for 27 points. This marks the fourth time this season that Smith has placed first overall in the 200-yard butterfly.

Help also came from sophomore Jake Hogue and senior Justin Zeimetz. Hogue won two individual events (100-yard breaststroke, 200-yard breaststroke) and came in second in another (200-yard individual medley). Zeimetz was a part of a first place 200-yard medley relay, and came in first in the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard freestyle. The 200-yard medley relay was also made up of senior Matt Woodward, sophomore Mike Cordes and sophomore Evan Swisher, who won it with a time of 1:36.96. Individually, Swisher placed first in the 200-yard backstroke and finished second in the 100-yard backstroke. In the diving portion of the meet, freshman Reuben Rappe placed first in the three-meter event and second in the one-meter diving.

On the women's side, UMass came up short to Fordham, losing 123-175. Regardless of the loss, strong performances turned up from Sophomore Nicole LeBarge and Senior Colleen Wasson. As she had in five previous meets, LeBarge placed first in the 50-yard freestyle and second in the 100-yard freestyle. Wasson was consistent in placing second in the 200-yard breaststroke, 100-yard breaststroke and 200-yard individual medley. The diving segment included two wins by Melissa Pond and Mary Jenkins in the three-meter diving event.

Women's head coach Bob Newcomb is hopeful that their hard work will payoff in the long run.

"This team has attitude as far as training goes," coach Newcomb said. "One attribute is that they are very team oriented and that is very important if you want to succeed in this sport especially."

Both teams will have a break this weekend as they prepare for the Atlantic-10 championships on February 16-19 in Buffalo, NY. The men have won the past four championships and are looking to complete their "drive for five," as the women hope to add a second the program. The men and women's swimming and diving teams completed one of the best seasons in the history of the program.



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The UMass swim team celebrates defeating Boston College on Jan. 22. The Maroon and White finished its season strong in the Bronx on Saturday.

Iasiello dominates right under the radar

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attend.

"I wanted to go to a big school in a quiet town, and not be too far from home," she said.

After a visit to Amherst, meeting the team and sitting down with Coach Orlando, Jennifer decided that come the Fall of 2001, she would attended the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

"I wanted to be a key player", Jennifer said, "and UMass gave me that opportunity".

Being a freshman in college can be quite a difficult time in the life of a student. Balancing education, social time, and everything else can be overwhelming. Yet the life of an athlete means that there's even less free time for you.The very mention of freshman year brings a smile to Iasiello's face, almost as if she is recalled the entire experience in a quick flash.

"When I came here I wanted to please everyone, and prove myself to the team," she mentioned.

Jennifer had to fill into an unusual role for her, being second best on the team.

"When I came here there was another girl from Rhode Island here, Christina Bizon, and she was the champion in the Hammer Throw at both indoor and outdoor, so I fell into a secondary role," said Iasiello said.

Yet soon enough, Jennifer would have the forum to prove herself. Freshman year Iasiello did a phenomenal job in her secondary role. Once again her achievements piled sky high: 4th place in the hammer throw at the A-10 Outdoor Championship (147'5"), 6th in the weight throw at the A-10 Indoor Championship (45'1"), 15th in the weight throw at the New England Indoor Championship (46'3") and 10th in the hammer throw in the New England Outdoor Championship (151'0").

Yet the following year Jennifer's friend Christina would transfer to conference rival URI, and her role would become more vital to the team.

"When she transferred there a lot of my teammates were like ' There goes ten points, because Crissy is on our rivals team', so I felt I needed to step it up for my teammates," said Iasiello.

The opportunity to step up confronted Iasiello in the Atlantic 10 Outdoor Championship on Early May of 2002. It was there that Iasiello was marked an underdog in the hammer throw and face to face in competition with her former teammate, friend, and defending champion Christina Bizon. Iasiello admits that her teammates seemed to already had conceded victory to their former teammate, but Jennifer had no plans on going out without a fight. Going into the final throw Jennifer was in 3rd place till another competator on their final throw knocked her back to 4th.

Iasiello credits that for lighting her competitive fire.

"For some odd reason, after that I became really determined, and I said to myself, 'I' am not losing this competition," she mentioned.

She still recalls turning to a male teammate right before she began to warm up to throw and saying to "I'm going to win this now". What pursued was a throw of 154 feet and 2 inches (or for a football fan 51 yards), a throw that any punter would be happy to kick, a personal record for Iasiello, an accomplishment that would win her the Atlantic 10 Outdoor Championship in the Hammer Throw.

"I just remember hearing my name being announced as Atlantic 10 Champion and throwing up the number 1, and 225 pound Coach O jumping around in excitement," she smiles at the memory of her day in the sun. "It's a feeling I still reflect on to this day."

When asked about what she wants to achieve this year, Iasiello says, "I want to go out on top. I want to do the best I can. I don't know what the competition is like this year, and I really don't care. I just want to beat my best."

"The best part about Jen is I never have to worry about her", said Coach O. "I know she's always prepared mentally, and it's nice to know that she is a big time performer, the bigger the event, the better the throw."

It's with this attitude that Jen will embark on her senior year of Track and Field.

"Hopefully we can get her to beat the school record," Coach O said. "That would be special."

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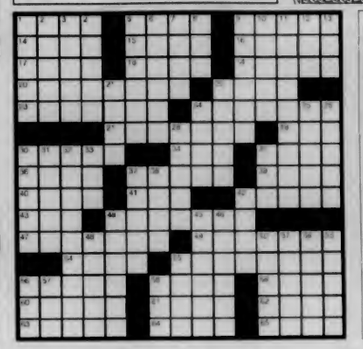
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Behind the scene dominance

By Dan Hillman
Collegian Staff

There's a place out behind Rudd Field that is not on any campus map. As a matter of fact, the place doesn't exist unless you are told it is there.

It is a stretch of open field that in the autumn lies lazily under the quickly balding changing trees of the season, alone and silent, in the summer it's undetected, and in the deep winter lies untouched. It has thick, leveled grass, and is mostly used by locals and their dogs. On the far corner of the field there is a rust cage that is slouched over by years of being deprived, and in front of that elderly cage there is an imperfect concrete platform, one which was made just a few years ago by throwing Coach Bob Otrando, because there was none. It is here that you can find a normal girl, with an extraordinary ability and her coach six days a week striving hard to be the best at what she does.

Jen Iasellio is much like any of the 20,000 undergraduate students at UMass. She is a senior, she lives off campus with some friends, and is an Exercise Science major. She has little to no clue about what next year will bring for her. Yet there is one thing that Jen is fairly certain of, her desire to be the best at the Hammer Throw.

"I want to go out on top," Jen says with a determined look on her face.

In a large University where the alumni and students attention tends to be paid mostly toward a rebuilding basketball program and a football team stuck like so many other collegiate football programs, in the purgatory of Division I-AA, our University boasts one of the premier individual col-



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Senior thrower Jennifer Iasiello

lege athletes in New England. Jennifer Iasellio grew up in Barrington, Rhode Island, a small New England town, much like any other. According to Jennifer the only highlight in Barrington is the Dunkin' Donuts.

"It's the kind of town that everyone knows each other, and is a nice place to grow up," she says as she protects her eyes from the sun.

It was there that her mother, Susan, and her father, Anthony, raised Jennifer. Jennifer first sport was softball, she use to catch in middle school and early on in high school, and it was there that she gained her competitive drive. Yet, her desires to be part of a competitive team lead her to trying out Track and Field. Initially she joined the indoor track team in the winter, yet by the time the trees began to blossom and the birds began to chirp it was decision time for Iasiello.

"My Track coach asked me to stick around for the spring season and try it out, and from that point on, Track won out," she said.

It was in High School that Jennifer went under the tutelage of Bob Gorley. A man Jennifer credits for teaching her the art of the Hammer Throw.

"He kept things positive and taught me what I needed to know. My mother was a gymnast and my father was a swimmer, so they didn't know anything about it," she mentioned.

Jennifer also gives credit to Bob for opening her eyes to the fact that her abilities could take her elsewhere. "Colleges look for this," she recalls her coach saying in a conversation with her back in High School, "If you can do it well they will offer you a scholarship", and with that in mind, Jennifer began to pledge all her efforts to being the best.

After four years of High School at Barrington High, Iasiello left her imprint on the track and field program. Throwing the discus, the shotput, and the hammer thuckily for Iasiello Rhode Island is one of the few states in the nation in which the High School Athletic Committees recognize the event), Jennifer left the school with a laundry list of achievements. Four year letter winner, school record in the hammer throw (151' 7") and weight throw (47'), All Division, All Class from 1998 to 2001, All State in 99 and Senior Captain, just to name a few of her many achievements.

Jennifer gained the attention of most major schools in the country, as she was national ranked.

"Before I became serious about Track, the only schools I was looking into were small local Rhode Island schools, but once Track took off, letters started pouring in from everywhere, and coaches were calling asking me to visit and telling me they would give me scholarships, it was crazy," Iasiello said.

Yet Jennifer had an idea of where she wanted to

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Brown reels in talented bunch

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

Massachusetts football coach Don Brown announced on Monday that seven players have been added to the team's roster for the start of spring practice. Six of the players are transfers, with five coming from Division I-A schools.

Offensive linemen Brent Caldwell (Syracuse) and Jon Carnes (Rutgers), quarterback Taylor Humphrey (Hawaii), defensive back Michael Meggett (West Virginia) and defensive lineman Lateef Taylor (Cincinnati) will be eligible to begin practicing with the team immediately and can participate in the 2005 season per NCAA transfer rules, which state that a player does not lose a year of eligibility if he transfers from down a division, from Division I-A to Division I-AA.

Tailback Shawnn Gyles (Northeastern) follows Brown from Brookline, and will sit out the 2005 season for the Minutemen. Gyles will then have two years of eligibility remaining when he returns in the spring of 2006. He will be remembered by Huskies fans for having one of the most spectacular debuts in college football history after carrying five times for 172 yards and four touchdowns in his first collegiate game against Stonehill College.

Wide receiver Victor Cruz (Patterson, N.J.) was recruited by UMass out of high school, but chose instead to attend prep school at Bridgton Academy. He will enter the program with four years of eligibility, and is the only player of the seven who is eligible to be redshirted.

Cruz shares a hometown with new Minuteman teammate Cesar Rosario, and also played AAU basketball with UMass sophomore guard Art Bowers in New Jersey.

"Obviously this groups increases our depth at all positions," Brown said. "Competition breeds success and all of these players will have chances to earn playing time in their careers at UMass."



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UMass head football coach Don Brown goes over plays at practice with Steve Costello. Brown added seven players to his roster yesterday.

Caldwell, a 6-foot-3 299-pound lineman played in six games for the Orangemen in 2003 and has one year of eligibility remaining, while the 6-foot-4 279-pound Carnes can play three seasons at UMass after seeing no action over two years at Rutgers. Both were named Offensive Lineman of the Year at the high school level, while also starting three seasons apiece for their respective high schools.

Humphrey, a 6-foot 205-pound quarterback who redshirted behind Timmy Chang, the NCAA's all-time leading passer, for the Rainbow Warriors, has four years of eligibility left after a stellar prep career at Miramonte High School in California, where he owns the career passing record once held by current San

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Lappas inks transfer from Pitt

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

As the Massachusetts men's basketball team went through its warm-up routine on Saturday afternoon, before it fell 67-63 to Atlantic 10 rival Richmond, there was an extra person on the bench in street clothes and a bandaged hand.

His name is Dante Milligan, a transfer swing-forward from the University of Pittsburg and the first new player to commit to the Minutemen for the 2005-'06 season.

Milligan stands at 6-foot-8 and weighs in at 200 pounds, yet his size is a bit deceiving. Milligan is a shooter and is poised to add a sizable small forward to an already forward-laden UMass squad. However, due to NCAA rules, Milligan can not play for the Minutemen until the end of the 2005 fall semester.

While at Pittsburg, Milligan has seen limited time and actually redshirted his freshman year, but traveled with the Panthers during their Sweet 16 run. This season, Milligan has been plagued with an injured thumb and has only played in five games. Over those contests, he has averaged 1.4 points and 1.2 rebounds in a combined 23 minutes of play. The last time he played for the Panthers was on Dec. 18, in a 73-42 route of Coppin State.

Milligan was a highly touted recruit out of Trinity-Pawling High School in Pawling, N.Y. Coming out of high school Milligan was ranked as a top-100 recruit. He was ranked No. 28 by HoopScoop, a recruiting journal and was listed at No. 100 by The Sporting News/Rivals.com website. He was also listed as a three-star (out of five) recruit by this same site.

"We are very excited to have Dante as a member of our program," Lappas said to UMass media relations. "He was a top-100 recruit coming out of high school and we are looking forward to getting him back on the basketball court with our team at UMass."

Milligan earned two varsity basketball letters from Trinity-Pawling and put together two solid seasons. As a junior he averaged 17 points per game (ppg) and 10 rebounds per game. His stats took a bit of a dip his senior year, but his 16 ppg and seven boards per game were still good enough to lead his team to a Founders League and a Tri-State League title.

After his senior season Milligan earned several accolades including: being named All-New England, All-Founders League, and Tri-state All League. He was also an honorable mention for the 2003 McDonald's All-American team.

Milligan also has experience outside the high school realm as he was a member of the Long Island Panthers AAU team. The Panthers, led by head coach Gary Charles, are one of the premiere AAU squads in the nation. He won the Las Vegas Big Time tournament in 2001 with the Panthers.

He garnered more tournament experience before college as he played in the Wendy's Big Apple Game in Chicago and the Pittsburg Hoops Classic. He also attended the Adidas ABCD camp and participated in the Three Stripes Tournament.

Pittsburg media relations mentioned that Milligan also was a camp counselor at the New York Knicks basketball camp.

Not to be confused as a one-dimensional athlete, Milligan also lettered in track and field and cross country in high school.

Temple dominating the A-10

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

Can anybody stop the Temple Owls?

As of February 1, 2005, the answer looks to be no, at least within the Atlantic 10 Conference.

Boasting a perfect 9-0 record (17-3 overall), a No. 24 ranking in the polls, a remarkable coach in Dawn Staley, two outstanding forwards in Kamesha Hairston and Atlantic 10 Player of the Year candidate Candice Dupree, and winners of 14 straight games (and 16 of their last 18), the Owls are clearly the dominant breed of the A-10.

Following last Sunday's affair, TU looks to be in the driver's seat for the top seed in next month's A-10 tourney, and it couldn't have come on the heels of a more exciting game than the one that went down this past Sunday.

Coming into Philadelphia's Liacouras Center, the Xavier Musketeers and Temple were the only two teams in the A-10 that remained unbeaten, and both stood at the top of their respective East and West divisions.

With the waning seconds of the game winding down and both teams caught in a 62-62 deadlock, the fans began to chant "Kamesha," and Hairston delivered. The scorer of a career-high 31 points and five steals on the day, it was the final two that allowed the Owls to escape victorious.

After a key Dupree block with five seconds to go, Hairston caught a Hail Mary of a pass from Ari Moore, and nailed the ensuing layup as time expired.

Hairston's last-second heroic efforts earned her Big Five Player of the Week honors.

With rematches against Massachusetts and St. Bonaventure, two teams they manhandled in the first meeting, left on their schedule, along with Dayton, Duquesne, Rhode Island and two against St. Joseph's, the Owls could very well go undefeated through the rest of the A-10 season. If so, they

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Hockey East: the best of the best



Jeff Howe

There has never been much of a debate as to which conference is at the head of the class in NCAA Division I hockey.

Hockey East, a breeding ground for professional talent, diehard fans, Hall-of-Fame coaches and conference depth from top to bottom, is at it yet again.

The top four teams — Boston College, Boston University, Maine and New Hampshire — are separated by four total points as the final month winds down.

There are few things that hold true during New England winters: the snow falls, the temperature drops and Hockey East action heats up.

Call it cliché, but the regularity of intense competition bet-ween these schools is as cliché as it gets.

But is there anything else more fun to watch?

The rivalries that carry on year after year, built on respect but mostly hatred, are ringing true again.

New Hampshire still hates Maine, BU still hates BC — although, everyone pretty much hates BC — UMass and Maine have developed a rivalry over the past few years, Northeastern still feels like the unwanted middle child of the three Boston-based schools, and Lowell is showing the league not to forget about them, either.

Just take a look at the last week of league-action.

UNH and Boston College squared off Tuesday, putting a pair of unbeaten streaks on the line at Conte Forum.

Neither team broke as they played to a 2-2 tie, improving the Wildcats' Hockey East unbeaten streak to 10 games and the Eagles' overall unbeaten streak to 11 games.

BC won another two games over UMass to improve its streak to 13 games, but UNH lost its momentum during Friday night's visit to Lowell's Tsongas Arena.

The River Hawks were unfriendly hosts as they made a huge statement to all the doubters who didn't give much credibility to their own 14-game unbeaten streak.

Danny O'Brien power the River Hawks' attack by scoring a pair of goals and notching a couple assists during the 7-0 drubbing.

But as the scene shifted from Lowell to Durham on Saturday night, the Wildcats flexed their muscle in front of a raucous crowd of 6,501 at the Whittemore Center and bombarded Lowell with five third period goals to break a 3-3 tie and blow the Hawks out of the arena as 8-3 losers.

The team everyone should be nervous about, though, is Maine. The Black Bears haven't lost a Hockey East contest since Nov. 12 at Northeastern, a streak that is currently at a league-best 11 games.

With a relentless forecheck and a suffocating zone trap, the Bears have been one of the toughest teams to score on for some time now, and Jimmy Howard is one of the most reliable playoff goalies in the nation right now.

Last season's 1-0 triple-overtime shutout victory over the Minutemen in the Hockey East championship will validate that.

So as the regular season winds down, the usual suspects should once again host opening round playoff games at their respective arenas, but more than ever, the top seeds won't have an easy go of it due to the hot play of the bottom tier of teams.

Lowell will likely be the fifth seed, as its rocky start dug them too far into a hole to crawl out of this late in the schedule.

And with Northeastern having its best year since 2001-02, the Huskies are trying to lock up the six-seed, which would currently pair them with Maine during the first round. Maine coach Tim Whitehead admitted earlier that he is concerned with how tough NU plays his club.

With the top of the standings too tight to make any forecasts at this point, one thing can still be certain: when the FleetCenter ice is cleared after the Hockey East champion is crowned on March 19, that team will have an inside track to Columbus for the Frozen Four.

Jeff Howe is a Collegian columnist.



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David Leaderer has four goals this year for UMass. UMass plays in the Hockey East, arguably the best conference in college hockey.

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MassPIRG hosts 'RipOff 101' to reveal the high cost of university textbooks

By Dan Terk
Collegian Staff

Yesterday the Massachusetts Students Public Interest Resource Group released the second edition of "RipOff 101," a survey to study the most widely purchased textbooks at dozens of colleges and universities nation wide.

The survey is an extension of the original study released in January 2004. The first part of the report surveyed popular textbooks at 10 West Coast colleges and universities. This second edition is "the most comprehensive study of college textbooks to date," according to Marcin Wolynski, an intern with MassPIRG.

The study found that due to rising costs, textbooks now contribute to one-fifth of the total price of public institutions at an average of about $900 a year. This limits the number of low and middle-income students from attending the public universities that they are suppose to be able to attend.

The statistics put forth by the study "confirm what all students know," Wolynski said. The price of textbooks has increased four times over the rate of inflation since 1994. New editions of books cost 45 percent more than old editions, and are often printed unnecessarily by publishers. According to MassPIRG's data, one of the most "egregious examples" is "Calculus: Early Transcendental, 5th edition" published by Thomson Learning. A new copy of the 5th edition (used in many University of Massachusetts classes) costs $132.26; a used copy of the fourth edition can cost anywhere from $11-$100 at many online sources, yet 76 percent of mathematics professors feel "that the new editions are justified half the time or less."



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Marcin Wolynski of MassPIRG holds a copy of "RipOff 101: Second Edition."

Adding insult to injury, this same book can be purchased by a student in Britain, Africa or the Middle East for only $62. It is this type of artificial price increase that MassPIRG is fighting against. "Thompson apparently does not like American students," says Wolynski.

In addition to arbitrary price increases and unjustified new editions, many publishers take part in bundling. As the report stated: "bundling costs a bundle," and many textbook are only available in a bundle that often includes CDs, study guides and other resources that at first glance may seem helpful. These extra materials are only used by 24 percent of professors while 65 percent say that they are "never" or "rarely" used. These textbooks would have a 10 percent price reduction if sold alone, yet they are rarely available alone.

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New picketing code stirs controversy

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

Recent revisions to the University of Massachusetts' picketing code have rallied students and faculty after top administrators implemented the updated code despite extreme opposition.

Eduardo Bustamante, President of the Student Government Association, has vehemently opposed the updated code, claiming that it is a "violation of [a] student's rights." The new clause indicates that students may not picket or protest inside an academic building claiming that non-peaceful picketing is disruptive to university workers.

According to Bustamante the proposed plan was discussed in a meeting, comprised of a committee that has campus-wide representation and the updated code was unanimously rejected.

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Michael Gargano and Chancellor John V. Lombardi implemented the code Jan. 21, stating that, "any demonstration within a campus building is inherently disruptive." As of Feb. 1, that particular clause was dropped from the code, according to News Office Director Ed Blagdeszuski. Now all violent picketing is not tolerable.

Gargano and Bustamante have not been in contact since the plan was implemented, but in an open letter from Bustamante to Gargano, he expressed his disgust with the code and that it is a severe violation of university policy.

Gargano issued a statement to the Massachusetts Daily Collegian via e-mail encouraging students to voice their opinions, but to have respect while doing it.

"Freedom to protest does not constitute freedom to disrupt," he said. "The change to the picketing code prohibits disruptive demonstrations inside buildings."

According to Gargano and university policy, any student who chooses to disregard the rule will face the Dean of Students and possible expulsion — a sanction that Bustamante disagrees with all together.

In an open letter to Gargano, Bustamante criticized his lack of commitment to the university, specifically the students. "I got the impression that you used our talents to advance your own agenda," he wrote. "I witnessed your attempts to silence the student voice on some occasions."

Bustamante said he feels that this code is sending the wrong idea to students. "Students are supposed to come here and voice their opinions actively," he said, "now this is like telling them to act passively ... these are not the kind of people we want to produce for the real world."

Gargano said in the e-mail that these new regulations are "intended to bring civility to demonstrations." Additionally he mentioned that previous demonstrations have

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UMass Waste Management enters Recycle Mania contest

By Dan Terk
Collegian Staff

The Office of Waste Management at the University of Massachusetts has entered Recycle Mania, a friendly recycling competition that 50 other colleges and universities nationwide are also taking part in.

UMass choose to participate in Recycle Mania in order to improve its already notable recycling program. The competition is designed to "inspire students through school pride" and provoke them to be more conscious as to what they recycle and what they throw out said John Pepi the General Manager of the office of Waste Management.

"It is difficult," he said, "to motivate students to recycle." It is because of this fact that Recycle Mania was started by Ohio and Maine universities four years ago. Similar competitions between residence hall have been sponsored by the University's own Office of Waste Management in past years. These programs however did not show a great increase in the quantity of recycling.



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Hundreds of pounds of cans and other aluminum products get packed and baled in the UMass recycling process, from bin to market.

The winning school receives a Recycle Mania trophy and a form of "bragging rights." All of the schools that do not win must take out an ad in their universities newspaper promoting the winning school. This is one of the major incentives for students to help in the recycling effort.

The competition has two categories: pounds recycled per student and pounds recycled per total pounds of trash generated. Pepi is not sure if we will be able to win the first category but he thinks he have a good chance in the later.

UMass currently recycles 54 percent of all waste, which ranks the campus as one of the top ten in the nation. Yet only 10 percent of the waste from residence halls is recycled, a number Pepi hopes to be increased to 20 percent. Even worse is that one-third of all the trash thrown out in the residence halls could actually be recycled.

At times students have complained about the recycling on the campus, yet Pepi believes this is simply due to a miscommunication. The trucks that pick up recyclables and trash look the same, therefore many students think that recyclables are actually being thrown out, but this is not true. Also there have been instances that custodians have been seen throwing out recyclables, yet this is not the policy of the Office of Waste Management. If any students want to report any discrepancies about the recycling infrastructure on campus they should feel free to contact the Office of Waste Management.

A campus wide promotion is planned including radio and TV spots, signs, banners, and support from Resident Assistants. "My goal," according to Pepi, "is to take another step forward in recycling and waste management with the students help."

Weekly standings of all the schools as well as more information can be viewed at www.RecycleMania.org.

Career Development Institute director stands trial for fraud

By Adam Goldick
Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — When Gretchen Ortiz was being kicked out of her apartment and needed a new place to live with her two children, it was Gerald Phillips who helped her out.

The director of the city-run Massachusetts Career Development Institute got her a new apartment in a building owned by his brother, paid her rent and utility bills and got her a job wrapping muffins at the bakery operated at the job training center he ran.

But Ortiz's testimony Tuesday in the federal corruption trial against Phillips also portrayed her one-time boss as a controlling figure who threatened to stop supporting her unless she stopped seeing men who were interested in her.

Phillips is on trial with three other former MCDI employees for allegedly bilking about $50,000 from the agency. Prosecutors say Phillips gave Ortiz a no-show job, money, furniture from MCDI and pressured her for sex.

Ortiz acknowledged the help she received from Phillips, and said she sold an MCDI computer that Phillips gave her. She told jurors that she and Phillips would joke about having sex, but she turned down several of his advances.

She said they had sex twice — first in a motel, then several months later at her apartment on her birthday.

"It was quick," Ortiz said through a Spanish interpreter when asked about going to the motel with Phillips, who has not been charged with any sex crimes.

Although the two didn't have an ongoing romance, Ortiz said Phillips was upset when she dated a man named Ricardo.

"He said he didn't want Ricardo to come by because he didn't help me in any way," Ortiz said. She said Phillips threatened to stop paying her bills if she continued seeing Ricardo.

When questioned by Phillips' attorney, David House, Ortiz said Ricardo had pushed her and Phillips later saw to it that she got a restraining order against Ricardo.

But Ortiz said her relationship with Phillips soon became strained, despite his almost daily visits to her apartment when he would help take care of her children.

In order to avoid him, she said she once hid in a closet, then returned to her home in Puerto Rico in late 2000.

Shortly after coming back to Springfield in 2002, Ortiz said she called the FBI when the father of her children told her Phillips was looking for her. At the time, federal officials were investigating Phillips as part of a citywide corruption probe.

Bush's health secretary accuses some states of mismanagement

By Laurie Kellman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush's new health secretary accused some states yesterday of mismanaging their Medicaid programs and cheating the federal government and taxpayers of as much as $40 billion over a decade.

"We need to have a very uncomfortable but, frankly, necessary conversation with our funding partners, the states," said Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt. "State officials have resorted to what I would refer to as a variety of loopholes and in some cases accounting gimmicks that shift the cost that they claim to pay to the taxpayers of other states."

He said that if the federal government doesn't persuade states to close those loopholes, they will shift as much as $40 billion in what officials describe as a shell game in which the federal government repays states for supposedly spent money.



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President Bush's health secretary accused states of cheating the federal government up to $40 billion in the last decade.

The tough talk previewed Bush's budget proposal, due next Monday, in which he has said he will look to control popular benefit programs to save money. Programs like Medicaid are among the biggest and fastest-growing parts of the budget but are also widely popular and difficult for politicians to cut.

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The Pope remains hospitalized because of shortness of breath

By Victor Simpson
Associated Press

ROME — Pope John Paul II was rushed to the hospital urgently Tuesday night after he suffered inflammation of the throat and had difficulty breathing while battling the flu, the Vatican said.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said Pope John Paul II was hospitalized "mainly as a precaution."

"The flu which the Holy Father was suffering for three days this evening became complicated by an acute laryngeal tracheitis and larynx spasm crisis," a Vatican statement said Tuesday. "For this reason urgent admission to Gemelli Polyclinic, which occurred at 10:50 p.m. today was decided."

Tracheitis, an inflammation of the trachea, requires hospitalization and usually a breathing tube to keep the airway clear. The spasms are likely a complication from the respiratory illness he's had.

It's possible his Parkinson's disease has made his condition more serious and his breathing more labored.

A Vatican official told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity that the pontiff, who has had the flu since Sunday, had apparently suffered a "breathing crisis."

A close member of the pope's staff, American Archbishop James Harvey, said the pope had congestion and a slight fever during the day.

A State Department official, who asked not to be identified, said the pope would be held overnight for observation but there was no indication he was gravely ill.

Cars with Vatican license plates were speeding toward the Catholic hospital, where the pope had been taken, according to an AP correspondent at the scene.

It was the same Rome Catholic teaching hospital he was taken to when he was shot in the abdomen in 1981 and at which he has undergone several operations.

Navarro-Valls told the Italian news agency ANSA that the pope was in his room in an apartment set aside for him at the hospital, which is near the Vatican.

The frail pontiff has Parkinson's disease, which makes his speech difficult, as well as chronic hip and knee problems.

He was last seen in public on Sunday, when he made his regular noontime appearance at his window overlooking St. Peter's Square and released a dove in a sign of peace. He appeared remarkably lively, but his words were barely audible.



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Pope John Paul II remains hospitalized after being rushed to the emergency room experiencing flu-like symptoms Monday afternoon.

Rev. Shanley back in Mass. as trial closes

By Denise Lavoie
Associated Press

BOSTON — At the height of the clergy sex abuse scandal, Paul Shanley was brought back to Massachusetts in handcuffs, accused of raping four boys while he was a priest at a suburban church in the 1980s.

The former "street priest," known for his long hair and ministry to troubled youth, became the poster boy for abusive priests as dozens of people filed civil lawsuits saying Shanley had also molested them.

But as Shanley's criminal trial winds down this week, there is only one accuser left, and prosecutors are fighting to convince a jury the man's repressed memories are real.

"It all hinges on the credibility of this one victim," said Michael Cassidy, an associate professor at Boston College Law School.

The trial is one of a handful of criminal cases that prosecutors have been able to bring against priests accused of molesting young parishioners decades ago.

Most of the priests accused in lawsuits avoided criminal prosecution because the alleged crimes were committed long ago, so charges were barred by the statute of limitations. But Shanley moved away from Massachusetts, stopping the clock and allowing authorities to arrest him in California in May 2002.

Archdiocese personnel records showed that church officials knew Shanley advocated sex between men and boys, yet continued to transfer him from parish to parish. He was defrocked by the Vatican last year.

The case started out with four accusers who made nearly identical claims of abuse.

They all said Shanley molested them between 1979 and 1989 at St. Jean's parish in Newton, telling similar stories of being taken from religious classes under the ruse of being "disciplined."

But all four men also said they'd repressed memories of the abuse and recovered them only after the clergy sex abuse scandal broke in Boston in January 2002.

In July, prosecutors dropped charges related to two alleged victims. Then, on the day jury selection began, they dropped charges related to a third victim, leaving only one man to testify against Shanley.

Lombardi and Gargano stand by unpopular code

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been disruptive and prevented university workers from doing their jobs.

Both Gargano and Blagezueski agree that noisy demonstrations are uncalled for and unnecessary in a working environment. Bladegzeuski, however, added that peaceful picketing is welcomed anywhere on campus.

"The attempt always was to get at the disruptive demonstrating," Bladezeugski said, "and [some behavior] disrupted university business that concerned staff and workers."

Gargano added that certain picketing behavior will not be tolerated. Increasingly, campus demonstrations, particularly those in the Whitmore Administration Building, have become highly disruptive and intimidating to the staff trying to do their work," Gargano said. "There were more instances of banging on doors, pounding on windows and yelling and screaming in a menacing manner, all of which resulted in creating a very threatening environment. Freedom to protest does not constitute freedom to disrupt."

Bustamante and Graduate Student Senate President Uri Strauss wrote an open letter to Lombardi expressing extreme opposition for the code and expressed anger about his inefficiency to listen to the student body.

"In sum, these changes are draconian in nature and will only further diminish the respect students have for those who are responsible for the management of this school," they wrote. "Your attempt to unilaterally impose an unconstitutional requirement in the code of student conduct does nothing to further our mission at the university."



ANDY TARCZYNSKA/COLLEGIAN

The new picketing code states that violent protests "will not be tolerated" inside campus buildings because of faculty members being disrupted.

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Clinton named head of Tsunami relief

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan selected former President Clinton on Tuesday to be the U.N. point man for tsunami reconstruction, saying no one could better ensure that the world doesn't forget the needs of the countries devastated by the Dec. 26 disaster.

Clinton said in a statement that he looked forward to serving as Annan's special envoy starting next month.

Soon after the disaster, President Bush named Clinton and his father, President George H.W. Bush, to head a nationwide private fund-raising effort to help the 11 countries affected by the tsunamis. The disaster killed more than 157,000 people and displaced millions of others.

Clinton said he will continue to focus on his work with Bush "to urge people to contribute to this cause, and the two of us hope to visit the region together later this month."



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Former President Bill Clinton named head of Tsunami relief.

U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said Annan wanted to appoint a special envoy not only to focus on the cleanup and reconstruction but to help resolve conflicts with rebels in the two worst-hit countries — Indonesia and Sri Lanka.

This would give Clinton a chance to use his political skills to tackle longstanding conflicts with rebels in Indonesia's Aceh province.

—Associated Press

Faculty distraught over book prices

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"This is a class issue," Professor Tony Guglielmi, the Director of the Undergraduate Economics department said.

The increased textbook prices are following a general trend of the increase in public education. According to Guglielmi "public education is in jeopardy in this state." Guglielmi vehemently encouraged other professors and faculty use old editions and nonstandard books to both lower the costs of books for their students and to set an example to the publishers. He also added that most of the textbooks are "not worth the paper they are printed on."

Barak Sered, the Secretary of University Policy of the Student Government Association, also spoke about the need for faculty help. The SGA hopes to have the proposed textbook rental system partially implemented by the Fall 2005 semester. Sered conveyed that if the "faculty were a true ally [the rental system] could get off to a secure start." The current plan is to start with general education classes and then work from there. A book would have to be used for six semesters in order for the program to be successful.

Both Sered and Gugliemi made it clear that faculty cooperation is essential. The rental system could save students 75 percent of textbook costs.

To view the entire report or to see what you as a student can do to help this cause visit www.MakeTextbooksAffordable.org.

Thousands couldn't vote in Iraqi election

By Sally Buzbee
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's interim president said Tuesday that tens of thousands of people may have been unable to vote in the country's historic weekend election because some polling places — including those in Sunni Arab areas — ran out of ballots.

As clerks pounded vote-count tallies into computers to compile final results, President Ghazi al-Yawer also said chaos and a power vacuum in Iraq mean U.S. forces need to stay for now, even though a new government will be formed after the results are known.

If true, the allegation that many voters were turned away could further alienate minority Sunnis, who already are complaining they have been left out of the political process.

"Tens of thousands were unable to cast their votes because of the lack of ballots in Basra, Baghdad and Najaf," al-Yawer, himself a Sunni Arab, said at a news conference. Najaf is a mostly Shiite city but Basra and Baghdad have substantial Sunni populations.

Elections officials acknowledged that irregularities kept people away — including in the volatile northern and heavily Sunni city of Mosul — and they called the fact unfortunate. Security worries in Sunni areas were partly to blame for the fact that some polls did not open and ballots were too few, they said.



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Thousands of Iraqi's were unable to vote in Sunday's election because as certain areas ran out of ballots.

"The elections took place under difficult conditions and this undoubtedly deprived a number of citizens in a number of areas from voting," said Abdul-Hussein al-Hendawi, who heads the Iraqi electoral commission.

At his news conference, al-Yawer was asked whether the presence of foreign troops might be fueling the country's Sunni-led insurgency by encouraging rebel attacks.

"It's only complete nonsense to ask the troops to leave in this chaos and this vacuum of power," al-Yawer said.

He said foreign troops should leave altogether only after Iraq's security forces are built up, the country's security situation has improved and some pockets of terrorists are eliminated.

"At the end of this year, we will witness the beginning of the decrease of forces and not their withdrawal," al-Yawer said. The president has been a strong critic of some aspects of the U.S. military's performance in Iraq, including the three-week Marine siege of the former Sunni rebel stronghold of Fallujah in April.

Sunday's election, which occurred without catastrophic rebel attacks, raised hopes that a new Iraqi government would be able to assume greater responsibility for security, hastening the day when the 170,000 U.S. and other foreign troops can go home.

The first visible reduction could come as soon as March, when thousands of U.S. troops whose tours were extended prior to the election are due to go home. If commanders allow the full rotation out and others are not brought it, it would shrink the overall force to about 138,000.





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Come dance the night away with a festival of West Indian music: reggae, calypso, and soca. Student Union Ballroom, 9pm. $8 UMass Amherst students/ $12 general public

February 6:
Sunday Night Movies:
The Grudge
Eve's Bayou
Campus Center, Rooms 163C & 174-76, 8pm. FREE

February 7:
Stonewall Center Reception for LBGT People of Color
A chance to network and build an LBGT ALANA group. Stonewall Center, Crampton House, 7pm.

February 8:
Jazz History
A live jazz performance by the Department of Music and Dance. Cape Cod Lounge, Student Union. 11:15am - 1pm. FREE

Student Businesses are open for the semester!
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No rush to computerize patient medical records

It is truly a wonder that, in the times we live in, computerized medical records are not a common practice among doctors and hospitals. President Bush recently announced on Thursday that healthcare professionals are behind the times, saying "we've got fantastic new pharmaceuticals that help save lives, but we've got docs still writing records by hand" in an article that appeared on cnn.com. One goal of the Bush Administration this term is to aid in the "computerization of health records".

While moving ahead with technology at light speed may sound like a great idea, there are too many things that need special consideration that computerization may not be the right solution for.

There are many aspects in the healthcare world that have been made easier and more accessible through hooking up to computers and the internet. For health insurance companies, patients are now able to check the status of claims online. For dental offices, patients can be given a burned CD to take home detailing the steps and actions required for certain procedures previously recommended to them by their doctors. Although these are all minor perks that come with modern-times, it is very difficult to see how this would be played out in a clinic or hospital given strict patient confidentiality laws.

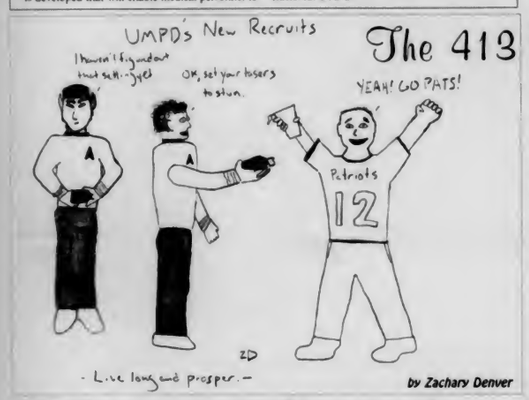
As it stands now, medical records are private and highly confidential. No one has authorization to look at them unless clearance is given by the patient. If these records are placed online, there is an extremely high risk that an unauthorized person may gain access to them. Once the technology is developed that will enable medical personnel to put patients' records online and still be compatible with other medical networks, the concern is raised to develop further technology to ensure privacy and appropriate security measures.

In cases where a medical emergency arises, on-call medical information is essential to the patient's health. Granted, having all their information, including medications, past medical history and advanced directives available with a click of a button to come up on a screen is very helpful. However, this technology already exists and is used in more appropriate ways than just at a hospital or doctor's office.

For example, one device called MyVoiceID is essentially a portable personal medical directory. It is pre-programmed by the patient and with the push of a button, reveals everything emergency medical personnel would need to know in order help the patient. This is one of many devices that all offer the same services, which the patient carries on them at all times. Therefore, there is minimal risk of security issues arising and pretty much ensures that the appropriate people will be hearing the information at all times.

In theory, while the wide-scale computerization of patient medical information is a very good idea, there is too much to take into account that may hinder the patients' rights. This is something that should definitely be pursued, but at a much slower pace than the Bush Administration is currently pushing for.

Unsigned editorials represent the majority opinion of The Massachusetts Daily Collegian Editorial Board.



by Zachary Denver

End of the 'Gay Best Friend'

Thomas Naughton

When you get stuck with a job that you don't want, the best thing to do is quit. This is my two-weeks notice to straight girls everywhere: I am closing up shop. I will no longer be offering my services as Thomas Patrick Naughton, Gay Best Friend (GBF). Do not be mistaken; I am not hetero-phobic.

I do not have a secret vendetta against women; I used to fool around with them. My female friends need not worry; I'm not jettisoning you from my life in favor of only being surrounded exclusively by gay men (there aren't enough bottles of Advil Liquigels in the world to survive those living conditions).

My female friends will not be affected by my resignation as GBF because they are not crass and vapid idiots who would expect such a service from me. To all of my friends, regardless of sex, I am TPN, GBF (Great Best Friend). Too many acronyms?

As gay culture emerged in the 80's, burgeoning in all its glory, straight women were faced with a new reality: there are men out there they can't have, and what's more, these men are after other men. Most straight women are intelligent and were not in the least bit concerned when facing their new reality. Reason being, these men who wanted other men were not men that they were attracted to because they were not attracted to women.

Straight men might think women are stupid, but this is the ultimate proof that women are very smart creatures; they know not to go guns-a-blazin' into a losing battle. The smart women just took it with a grain of salt, decided to dress cuter and hope for the best. All's fair in love and sex.

The other girls, the ones who were subconsciously threatened by a man they couldn't have, did what American people do when they can't have something they want: they take it anyway. Enter the Gay Best Friend.

Who is the GBF? "He's like, totally my dream come true," the crass vapid horrible girls will say. "I've so totally always wanted a Gay Best Friend to go shopping with! Oh my god!"

The rumors are true. When gay men wake up in the morning, they think only of taking young straight women shopping so they can comment on their new outfits. They think of getting pedicures, highlights and facials all in the company of apt young blonde women who will pout and talk smack about their own boyfriends while downplaying any mention of their Gay Best Friend's love interest (being gay is also a phase so their relationships aren't valid anyway). They look at their favorite Paris Hilton photo and mimic her tilted-head stare of vacancy in the mirror and try on super cute dresses because all gay men dress in drag. After all, all gay men want to be women.

Straight men might think women are stupid, but this is the ultimate proof that women are very smart creatures; they know not to go guns-a-blazin' into a losing battle.

Gay men are women, right? They just have penises and are all so gorgeous and are really into following around straight girls so they can suggest great summer lipstick shades.

What a pile of crap. If that is what a gay man is supposed to be, then I must be something other than gay. When I wake up in the morning, I think about going running, washing my face and taking my Zoloft. Nothing pink ever enters the picture. Zoloft tablets are peach; that's as close as I'm going to get.

My best friend, Airline, is a drag queen and even he doesn't do any of the above when he wakes up. Whenever I wake him up, he usually looks around for something; he winces and squints while fumbling for something near his bed. He's never looking for a pink cell phone to call his Best Girlfriend to go over to Forever 21 so they can buy dresses and talk about how shocked they are about Brad and Jen. He's never looking for a makeup case or a nail file. Actually, that's a lie; he sometimes looks for a nail file so he can dig my heart out for waking him up, but most of the time he is just looking for something to throw at me so I'll come back in 20 minutes.

I'll concede something here: its not all the straight girl's fault. Television has ushered in this image of gay men like Will and Jack from "Will and Grace," who are two of the stupidest characters in the history of television. Then reality T.V. has given us "Queer Eye For The Straight Guy" with Carson Kressley, who is a fabulous guy, but he, like Will and Jack, is an individual not necessarily indicative of the entire gay community. Flip a few channels and you find Steven Cojocaru, who masquerades as a gay male, but he's really an alien.

What are women supposed to think? More importantly, what are gay males supposed to think? If you ask me, both groups have been duped into thinking that they need to act this way with each other or for each other. What if I went around trying to get black males to befriend me on the basis that "I so totally want a friend that is good at basketball"? That doesn't serve anyone. As for me, I was never any good at being a Gay Best Friend anyway.

For those of you future GBF's out there, I say this: Start charging. When these girls have to start paying for the dress and the conversation, they'll run back to their girlfriends, girlfriend.

Thomas Naughton is a Collegian columnist.

Open your eyes to the world

Colin Jones

We all do it. It's kind of hard not too, really. We live our lives going about our own business, conducting ourselves in the manner we have learned to as a result of our experience. We're reluctant to break out of our shells and we resist change of any kind. Change represents the unknown, something that we're all afraid of. But it is through interactions with the unknown, doing things we haven't done before, extending our personal boundaries and opening our minds to new ideas that we learn about life.

The world isn't a big place; it's actually shocking just how small it is. I was fortunate enough to live fur a semester in Ireland and go on a two-week tour of Europe. For the most part, day-to-day life in Ireland was boring. The classes were very easy and undemanding. All of the international students were grouped together, so many of the people around me didn't speak English as their first language and were very introverted. But I lucked out. I had great roommates and some of the best times I had were just hanging around with my roommates doing nothing but talking.

Even if you've got nothing else, having people who truly and genuinely are your friends is enough.

I learned more than I ever have during those five months. All that time gave me a chance to take a step back and think about things. I learned what was important. Even if you've got nothing else, having people who truly and genuinely are your friends is enough. The satisfaction that you get from the relationships you have with people, your friends and your family, is worth far more than any level of wealth or status you could ever hope to achieve.

We're all different, but we're all the same. One of my roommates, a Frenchman from Lyon, came to visit me recently. Although we did go to Boston and New Hampshire, as well as a party or two, for the most part we just sat around shootin' the bull, like always. Over the course of our conversations, I was surprised to find that he was wrestling with the same things as I was, many of the same things that I suspect all of us are. What's coming up next? Where are we headed and what are we going to do? Is there life after college? Thinking about the future creates feelings of both excitement and apprehension.

Ultimately, no matter where you go, people are the same. The vibe of a place can change. The culturally imposed ins and outs of social conduct can vary. I can attest to this personally, having been born in Texas, and having lived in Illinois, California and Massachusetts. People may carry themselves differently, but they want the same things that all of us do. To find their place in the world and to know that it's better for having them in it; to find love, and happiness, and to one day have a family of their own.

What we've got to do is stay true to ourselves, and have faith that things will work out for the best. What you put in is what you'll get out. We're all here to help each other; we just don't know how we do it. There is no way for us to know how our actions, no matter how small they seem, can have profound impacts in ways we can't imagine. Give up your seat on the bus for the old lady. Hand the guy in front of you the piece of paper he dropped. Fate is a strange thing. Good actions tend to snowball, creating a ripple effect.

It's weird the way it works. A friend of mine arrived in Ireland the day before I did. When he was going into his building, he spoke to a guy standing outside smoking a cigarette. They started talking, and the next day he introduced us. I found out that the kid had an empty room in his apartment, so I took it. Now I have a friend in France who I can visit whenever I want. If it weren't for the simple kindness of sharing a cigarette, I wouldn't be where I am today.

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U.S. propaganda at its finest

Andrew Freeman

Karen Ryan is a busy woman — on television news she's been seen announcing on the dangers of SUVs, the benefits of drugs like Excedrin and the importance of not smoking while pregnant.

Especially notable are her highly favorable pieces on President Bush's No Child Left Behind Law and recent Medicare Prescription drug law. There's only one problem with the telegenic Ms. Ryan — she's not a real reporter.

President of the Karen Ryan Group, a former television reporter, now produces "video news releases" — essentially advertisements that are made to appear as actual news footage, for whoever contracts her. These videos are sent to television news programs, which will occasionally use them for broadcast. Her clients include businesses, interest groups and the federal government, which under Bush has spent taxpayer money on promoting his policies.

The federal bureaucracy is not supposed to be politically active, as its duty is to the country, not to the president. Yet government agencies have, in recent years, crossed the line. In March 2004, at the start of the presidential race, the Treasury Department calculated the cost of John Kerry's tax proposal, declaiming that "hard-working individuals and married couples" would face a tax increase of $477 billion. Former Treasury official Pamela Olson explained the rationale behind this politically biased report to The Wall Street Journal: "The obligation at the Treasury Department is to advance the President's legislative agenda."

The Treasury Department's website lists its duties and responsibilities as producing currency, regulating banks, collecting taxes and handling bonds and the debt — nowhere is the President's legislative agenda mentioned. Yet this doctrine (the bureaucracy must do everything it can to advance the President's goals) is at work throughout the Bush government. The most flagrant expression of this is the production of propaganda.

In May 2004, Congress' investigative agency, the General Accounting Office, ruled that the Bush Administration had violated laws against "covert propaganda." The Department of Health and Human Services had hired a public relations firm to produce VNRs promoting Bush's prescription drug bill — two of the three videos starred Karen Ryan. The videos were broadcast by at least 40 stations in 33 markets, according to The New York Times, and with no mention of the source of the report on the tapes, many viewers would conclude they were real journalism.

Other examples abound. The Office of the National Drug Control Policy in early 2004 distributed VNRs, which were used by over 500 stations, warning about the dangers of marijuana and other drugs. The Census Bureau last March released a VNR about Women's History Month, narrated by none other than Karen Ryan. And The Washington Post reports that up until October, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had been sending out a VNR about the flu vaccine.

The incident that has gotten the most press, however, has been the bribing of Armstrong Williams, a conservative columnist and commentator, who was given over $240,000 by the Education Department. In exchange for this sum, Williams promoted the President's education policy, specifically the NCLB law.

According to USA Today, Williams was required to "regularly comment on NCLB during the course of his broadcasts." His conflict of interest was never disclosed during the broadcasts, and Ketchum, the public relations company that hired him, was also producing VNRs for the Department of Education. Although some people believe columnists should not be held to high journalistic standards, readers still ought to know, at the least, whether the columnists' opinions are being bought and paid for.

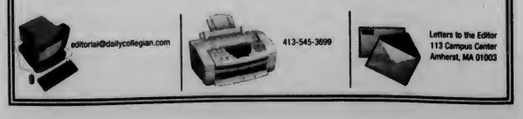
The Bush Administration's willingness to propagandize, indeed engaging in any behavior that promotes their goals, extends much further than VNRs. Donald Rumsfeld proposed an Office of Strategic Influence to spread disinformation among foreign journalists to aid the War on Terror. The invasion of Iraq was predicated on intelligence reports of weapons of mass destruction that had actually been "sexed up" and misrepresented to create the faulty impression of an active nuclear weapons program; the Administration stood by while its accomplices in the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth slandered John Kerry, a documented war hero.

Democratic governments are not supposed to propagandize — the American public ought to be able to judge a law on its merits, without the bureaucracy covertly producing favorable journalism for it. VNRs and other propaganda methods utilized by the government are expensive and unethical. Worse, they indicate an insidious ideology in the current administration — that it is acceptable to do anything, including mislead the American public, to accomplish their goals.

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Raising their voice

South African choir brings gospel to the FAC

By Matt O'Rourke
Collegian Staff

Directly following an appearance on the stage of the famed Carnegie Hall in New York City, the Soweto Gospel Choir is preparing to grace the University of Massachusetts Fine Arts Center stage with their vocal power, compelling stage presence, and spiritual energy.

Hailing from the Soweto township in South Africa, the gospel choir has drawn comparisons by critics to some of the most acclaimed choral groups, such as Ladysmith Black Mambazo, who were featured on Paul Simon's "Graceland" album.

The Soweto Gospel Choir recently had the opportunity to share a stage with such musical notables as Peter Gabriel, Bono, and Jimmy Cliff at the 46664 Concert in Capetown, South Africa, organized by Nelson Mandela. They have also recently received the American Gospel Music Award's "Best Gospel Choir" bid in 2005.

Though the Soweto choir finds their music mostly rooted in gospel, the musical phenomenon also performs such familiar songs as "Amazing Grace" and Cliff's "Many Rivers to Cross."

Fusing a wide variety of inspirational material with traditional dancing, the choir provides a rich cultural experience that people stretching across a variety of ages have the ability to enjoy.

The band also introduces diversity in language into their fast paced act. The momentum of the band is consistent throughout the show, providing a high-energy tone to the event.

The choir will perform at the Fine Arts Center Concert Hall on Monday, Feb. 7. This UMass performance coincides with the release of the group's debut American album titled, "Voices From Heaven" released on Shanachie Entertainment.

"Voices From Heaven" delivers a vast range of musical expression from traditional African a cappella, called Mbube, to church hymns. Highlights also include heavily percussive tracks, with members performing solos that are rounded out by the bright overtones of the choir. As can be expected, the most powerful instrument is that of the human voice, which is beautifully explored throughout the album.

Soweto is a post-apartheid economically deprived region. The Soweto Gospel Choir made use of joyful and uplifting music, allowing the choir to achieve success in the region, as well as to attain international acclaim.

The choir also recently created their own charity to help organizations that provide AIDS orphans establishments with funding that otherwise they would not receive. The charity, named Nkosi's Haven/Vakini, which is named for Nkosi Johnson, an 11 year-old boy who addressed the United Nations in an AIDS conference that was televised worldwide. Johnson subsequently succumbed in his battle with AIDS in 2001, at the age of 12.

The Soweto Gospel Choir will also perform at 10 a.m. on Monday Feb. 7 for children ranging from grades three to 12.

Information from sowetogospelchoir.com was used to compile this report.





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'Voices from Heaven'

The men and women of the Soweto Gospel Choir have set out on a world tour. Some of their proceeds will be donated to their charity, Nkosi's Haven/ Vakini. The charity was founded in memory of Nkosi Johnson, a 12 year-old victim of AIDS.

COURTESY ISA/J ARTISTS (2)

Mixed reviews for Barlow's 'Emoh'

Dinosaur Jr. bassist releases first full-length solo project

By Nick Romanow
Collegian Staff

Lou Barlow has been a lot of things in the past twenty years. From his beginnings as bassist for alt-rock heroes Dinosaur Jr. to the large output of his acclaimed, influential indie-rock outfit Sebadoh to his experimental group The Folk Implosion (who had mainstream success with the song "Natural One" in the mid-90s) to his lo-fi solo albums both under his own name and the name Sentridoh. However, on his list of accolades hi-fi singer/songwriter had never made the cut — until now.

Lou Barlow
'Emoh'
Merge

On "Emoh," which is being marketed as Barlow's first "real" solo album, the indie-rock talent gets a bit poppier than before and sounds a whole lot better then most of his fans are used to; however he hasn't sold out to go the way of the MTV singer/songwriter. Nor, as the title wryly suggests, has he decided to follow the irritating, beaten path of Dashboard Confessional. Barlow has his stamp all across the album, even though it sounds unlike most of his best-known material. The electric guitar is all but gone and the entirety of the album is focused on Barlow's voice and acoustic guitar, with other instruments and sounds brought out only as accents to the stripped-down tracks.

It is very clear that "Emoh" is a real album and not just a batch of songs, as Barlow's previous solo efforts have a tendency to be. Barlow keeps the downbeat and beaten-down attitude and lyrics that his fans have become so accustomed to. The fact that the music feels so naked makes the lyrics all the more vulnerable. Barlow could be singing about going to get a hamburger and, with this musical background and his delivery, it would probably sound very depressing. Luckily Barlow doesn't try that idea and keeps his lyrics earnest in the best of ways.

So does this new tact and approach make for an album that rivals Barlow's classic work? In a word, no.

But that is not a fair or complete assessment. Is the album a failure? No. Is it a success? Probably. "Legend" builds into a particularly soaring song, the cover of Ratt's "Round & Round" is really, really, really good (and not ironically) and "If I Could" definitely belongs aside Barlow's best tracks from his career. The album as a whole, however, is simply not dynamic enough to really grab and retain a listener's attention. There aren't any tracks on "Emoh" that stand out as bad, or even sub-par, but there are only a few that stand out as superb tracks. "Emoh" is without a doubt "mood music," the type of thing to put on for a lazy Sunday afternoon, but it doesn't have much to offer outside of its designated setting.

Of course even that isn't quite a fair argument. Barlow may be headed into folksy singer/songwriter territory but he is still an indie-rocker and an artist. Barlow shouldn't feel that he has to make music for everyone; his prior work hasn't been made for everyone and has ranged from being loved by all to loved by a few. "Emoh" is a very successful album given what it set out to accomplish and is due to be loved by a good amount of Barlow's fans. Of course a good amount of Barlow's fans probably will hate it, and a good amount will probably be indifferent to it and Barlow probably won't care what people think at all.

This is definitely unique and original music, which will surely be loved by some of Barlow's old fans while earning him some new fans as well. The album maintains Barlow's core principles, integrity and talent. It's always great to see a respected and loved artist experiment and try out new things, but you wouldn't want Barlow to continue sounding "Emoh" for the rest of his career.



COURTESY MATADOR

Some critics have said that many of the tracks on Barlow's solo debut "Emoh" have a naked, more vulnerable tone.

Actress Mary Lynn Rajskub finds time in fast-paced '24'- hour day



Rajskub, formerly of "The Larry Sanders Show," plays Chloe on "24".

By Maureen Ryan
Chicago Tribune

With its chirping phones, chronic inter-office sniping and dozens of stressed-out, computer-bound workers, "24's" Counter Terrorism Unit sometimes comes across as a high-tech version of the British cubicle comedy "The Office."

Right there in the thick of all the sniping and the technobabble is computer whiz Chloe O'Brian, who's not quite as clueless as "The Office's" David Brent, but then again, she's certainly not overly concerned with buttering up her colleagues.

"Usually when I talk to the press, people are like, 'Chloe is so annoying!'" says Mary Lynn Rajskub, who plays the curt but somehow likable O'Brian on Fox's "24," which now occupies its new 9 p.m. Monday time slot after a four-hour premiere last week.

Rajskub's defense of the unsuave and misunderstood O'Brian is that the tech-savvy O'Brian is way too smart to waste time on fools or brown-nosers (and, like most workplaces, CTU has plenty of both).

"You try to be in her super-genius brain," says Rajskub, laughing.

"A lot of people think that she's so annoying, but she's usually right. And nobody listens to her." Rajskub says of her character, who ended up being arrested at the end of episode four for clandestinely using CTU's computers and satellites to help Jack Bauer (Kiefer Sutherland), who himself is a wanted man himself as episode five begins.

Rajskub, a native of the Detroit suburb of Fenton, Mich., got into performing after a stint in art school, and she says she almost didn't take the job when the "24" gig came up a couple of years ago.

Producers of the show had noticed her in the film "Punch Drunk Love," and wanted her for the role of computer whiz O'Brian. But the first scenes Rajskub read, which had fairly minimal dialogue, didn't do much for her.

But her agent talked Rajskub into going to the audition, where, she says, producers said her role would be beefed up, and she's happy to say, it was. Trouble really struck, however, the first time she tried to reel off the complicated techno-speak that's often found in "24" scripts.

"My very first day, I didn't have that much to do (at first), just two or three lines, and we got it in a couple of takes," Rajskub recalls.

Later that day, however, the lines she was supposed to say in more complicated scenes about data storage "just disappeared from my mind."

"I felt like I was 10 years old, and I broke out in a sweat," Rajskub says. "Kiefer (Sutherland), who plays Bauer, came over later and said, 'Sometimes we don't know what we're saying, we just rush through that stuff.'"

What was difficult this year was adjusting to the fact that her character is so far the only holdover from last season's CTU office staff (Carlos Bernard, who played key staffer Tony Almeida in past seasons, is reportedly returning in episodes that will air starting in February).

"It was hard. And the show has had a lot of the same crew (since it began), so it was tough for them after having worked with all those people for so many years," she notes.

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Physicians prove link between high metabolism and weight loss

By Cheryl Powell
Knight Ridder Newspapers

AKRON, Ohio — You know those people who can eat anything they want and seemingly not gain an ounce?

They probably have their resting metabolic rate to thank.

Resting metabolic rate represents the calories your body needs to maintain vital functions, such as heart rate, breathing and brain function. The higher the number, the more you can eat without packing on the pounds.

Thanks to technology, dietitians are increasingly using hand-held calorimeters that came onto the market several years ago to measure people's resting metabolic rate and develop individualized diet and exercise plans.

"It gives people a more accurate picture of what their calorie needs actually are and how much activity they need to do," said Mary McArthur, community nutrition educator and dietitian at Medina (Ohio) General Hospital.

After all, experts estimate that resting metabolic rate accounts for about 75 percent of all the calories you use each day.

Medina General is among the hospitals offering resting metabolic rate measurements with a machine known as MedGem.

The cost for a measurement varies, depending on where it's done and what services are included. But patients usually pay from $30 to $100 for a measurement and, in some cases, comprehensive nutrition counseling.

To find out their resting metabolic rate using MedGem, people plug their noses and breath through the machine's mouthpiece for five minutes to 10 minutes while they rest.

The machine measures the amount of oxygen consumed, which it uses to determine resting metabolic rate.

To ensure an accurate reading, you must avoid eating, drinking, exercising, caffeine and decongestants for at least four hours before testing.

Once the machine gives a reading, a dietitian uses a formula based on how active you are to determine the total amount of calories used each day.

"In order to lose weight, it all goes back to calories in and calories out," said Maxine Smith, clinical dietitian for Summa Health System in Akron, which uses MedGem.

To lose a pound a week, for example, you need to shed 500 calories a day. Want to lose two pounds a week? Then you need to cut calories by 1,000 a day.

CRASH-DIET WOES

But be warned: nutrition experts say it's difficult to meet nutritional needs if daily calories dip below 1,200.

People who go on crash diets and slash too many calories too soon are ultimately setting themselves up for failure, McArthur said.

When calorie intake dips below the amount needed to maintain vital body functions, survival mode kicks in. Your body adapts and learns to make do with less energy.

Ultimately, your resting metabolic rate drops. And when you quit that hard-to-maintain crash diet, guess what? You'll now gain weight even faster if you return to eating the same foods you did before the diet made your resting metabolic rate lower.

"When you find out what your resting metabolic rate is, I tell people that's a number you should never go below," McArthur said. "You may be working against yourself if you go lower than that number."

ADJUSTING

Another problem: People who lose weight too quickly also tend to lose muscle mass, said Dr. Troy M. Smurawa, a sports medicine physician at Akron Children's Hospital.

"The faster you lose it also means you're going to lose more lean body mass," he said. "If you lose lean mass, your resting metabolic rate will drop and, therefore, your overall metabolic rate will drop."

Joyce Lagios knows firsthand the ups and downs of dieting.

"There isn't one I haven't tried," the Fairlawn woman said.

Nothing seemed to work until last year, she said, when she got involved with a program at Summa geared to make sure women have healthy hearts.

As part of the program, she met with Summa's Smith, who tracked her resting metabolic rate to help her adjust her diet and exercise plans.

"I never knew they could gauge what I should be doing by something like that," she said.

After noticing Lagios' resting metabolic rate dropped while she dieted, Smith recommended she increase her exercise routine from once to three times a week.

Lagios said she's lost 62 pounds in the past year and plans to lose 50 more.

Though it's possible to find formulas on the Internet that use age, weight and height to determine resting metabolic rate, people should beware that these tools are accurate for only about 20 percent of the population, Smith said.

Many factors influence metabolic rate, including age, amount of fat and muscle mass, hormones and genetics, Smith said.

Some things are out of your control. As you age, your metabolism usually slows by about 2 percent per decade. Men tend to have faster metabolisms than women.

But there are some things you can do to boost your resting metabolic rate.

For starters, include strength training exercises that build muscle mass in your weight-loss plans, said Karen Bangert, a personal trainor at the Akron General Lifestyles Health and Wellness Center.

The reason: Muscles burn up more calories than fatty tissue, even when the body is resting.

"Muscle is metabolic tissue," she said. "There is not a whole lot of value to fatty tissue. If you can increase your lean muscle mass and decrease the fatty tissue on your body, you are then going to be able to boost the resting metabolic rate."

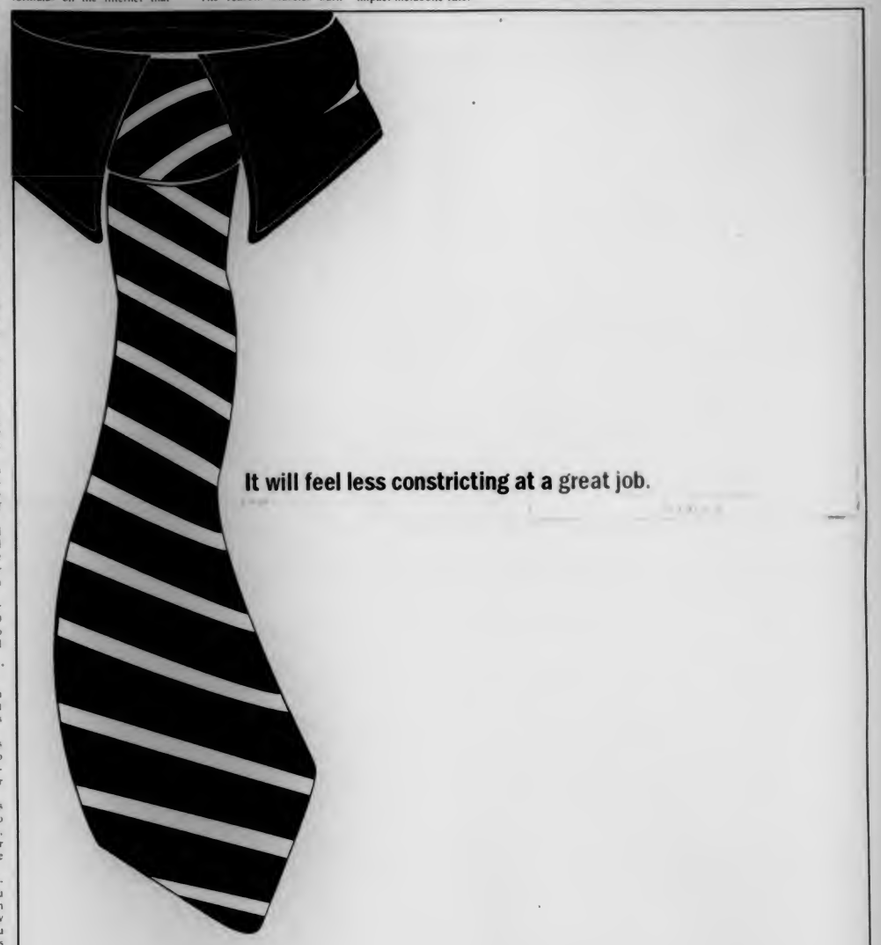
Another way to improve your resting metabolic rate is to eat smaller, balanced meals more frequently rather than a couple of big meals, Bangert said.

"In order to make sure we have a good maintenance of resting metabolic rate, we want to make sure people have good food frequency, so they're eating every three hours," she said. "You don't want to go long periods of time without food because this, again, does impact metabolic rate."



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The Patriots downplayed the possibility of Owens' return.

"We've got to prepare for all the players," coach Bill Belichick said. "We expect everybody to be at their best for this game. That's the only way the ever think about it. We never expect anything less from our opponents."

After a checkup last week in Baltimore, Myerson said that while he's pleased with Owens' recuperation, the operation requires a recovery period of eight to 10 weeks. Myerson added that any attempt to accelerate the rehabilitation process poses the same risk for injury.

But it's telling that to Owens, who insisted on testing his leg during this Super Bowl week.

"We limited what he did, but he did it well, and he did it with the team," Eagles coach Andy Reid said. "He moved around pretty well. I'll have to see how he does before we decide whether he'll play."

The final decision on Owens' status will come down to the player, Reid and the team's medical staff.

"Could the same injury occur? Yes," Reid said. "But he won't damage it any further than he already has."



Terrell Owens runs past Cowboys safety Roy Williams to the endzone on Nov. 15 in Dallas.

It's time to stop all the talk and just let T.O. play football

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receiver, but in private, if Philly's captain isn't begging Owens to take the field in four days, it will be the biggest Super Bowl overnight since CBS' preparation for Janet Jackson's halftime peepshow.

Besides, what other offensive threat will the Eagles have?

Brian Westbrook won't be a factor. Bill Belichick will do the same number on him as he did to the even-more-dangerous Marshall Faulk just three short years ago.

That makes their two healthiest weapons Todd Pinkston, who is as effective in the middle of the field as Terry Glenn, and Freddie Mitchell, whose bow ties, suspenders, top hats and self-proclaimed "Trohawk" have earned him nothing more than 15 minutes of shameful fame.

When did a receiver who caught as many touchdown passes (two) as Patriots linebacker Mike Vrabel have the right to call out the most punishing defense in the league?

So that leaves Terrell Owens — who three times has caught more balls in one season than Freddie Mitchell has caught in his entire career (90) — to clean up the mess that is the Eagles' offense.

If you don't want to call him noble for playing, call him selfish for trying.

Who knows? Maybe he is doing this for himself. Maybe he isn't looking out for Philadelphia's best interest.

But once again, who cares?

That is who Terrell Owens is. Love him or hate him, that is what makes T.O. the flashy, self-absorbed character who puts his team on the national stage for three hours every week.

He is playing in what could potentially turn out to be a Hall-of-Fame career, and if he wants to jeopardize that, then it's his decision, not the decision of Andy Reid, the fans, Stephen A. Smith or any medical experts who feel like dropping their respective opinions at packed press conferences or the private confines of a training room.

Once again, he has put himself in the spotlight, as the center of attention, all without playing a single down in a month-and-a-half.

It's time for T.O. — and now everyone else — to shut up and let him play.

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Jacksonville fights its bad rap

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Civic leaders cringed when the Philadelphia Eagles' Lito Sheppard was asked about his hometown of Jacksonville, the site of Sunday's Super Bowl XXXIX.

"There's not much to talk about," he said.

Washington Post sports-writer and ESPN personality Tom Kornheiser went further, devoting a column last week to trashing the city. "How did Jacksonville get the Super Bowl?" he wondered. "What, Tuscaloosa was booked?"

It is that kind of thinking that city leaders and Chamber of Commerce types are hoping to change with this weekend's festivities. For years, they have been working to erase Jacksonville's image as a smelly, redneck, Bible Belt backwater.

Outsiders "think we're all a little bit backward," said Trish McCranie, 39, selling drinks outside a seafood restaurant. "We're going to show them how Jacksonville really is."

The Super Bowl will draw more than 100,000 visitors to the city, including thousands of out-of-town media representatives, and the worldwide television audience could reach 1 billion.

—*Associated Press*

Atlantic 10 is tight at the top with Bonnies stuck at bottom

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RAM TOUGH

After losing eight of their first 12 games, the Rams have been one of he hottest teams in the A-10 since Jan. 8, when they defeated Richmond 79-56. Fordham went on to win three of its next five games with impressive victories over Xavier (Jan. 16, 76-74), Rhode Island (Jan. 22, 63-59), and Temple (Jan. 26, 54-47).

The two losses were against, oddly enough, Temple, who blew the Rams out of the building 77-45 on Jan 22. Their next loss came at the hands of the Massachusetts men's basketball team, who defeated Fordham 76-63, on Jan. 19 at the Mullins Center.

The Rams are looking towards a bright future as their leading scorer, and spark-plug for the season, has been freshman Bryant Dunston who is averaging 14.4 points per game, good for seventh in the league.

FLYING HIGH

Although Fordham had a respectable run during January, no team capitalized on the last month as much as St. Joseph's. The Hawks have won six out of their last eight games en route to a 6-1 record in the A-10.

The bread and butter of St. Joseph's has been the play of sharp-shooting, senior forward, Pat Carroll. Carroll, who was the third option on last year's Elite Eight squad, has emerged as an offensive weapon from beyond the arch. His 54 three-pointers lead the A-10, with George Washington's T.J. Thompson in second with 51. Thompson, however, has played in 18 games while Carroll has participated in 16.

Carroll dominated the stat line last week and was named the A-10 Player of the Week. Over the week Carroll averaged 23 ppg and five rebounds in two games against Penn-sylvania (a 67-59 loss on Jan. 25) and Xavier (a 67-59 victory on Jan. 29).

BUMBLING BONNIES

On the other side of the spectrum, the St. Bonaventure Bonnies have easily had the worst January in the conference. The Bonnies came out of December with its first victory of the year (a 80-66 victory over Alcorn St. on Dec. 29), but went on to lose seven straight, all to A-10 opponents.

The Bonnies have been ranked as one of the top five worst teams in the NCAA by ESPN.com for all but the last week of January. St. Bonaventure jumped up to the sixth worst after a 82-78 double-overtime loss to UMass on Jan. 26.

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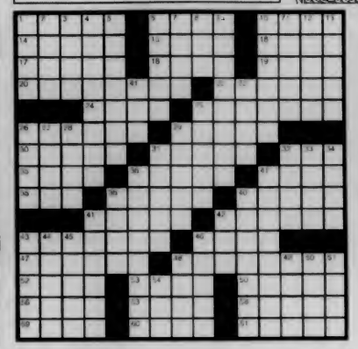
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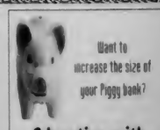
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Owens soap opera continues

Stop the talk, and let him walk



Jeff Howe

Let him play.

Why not?

If Terrell Owens wants to play in the Super Bowl against doctor's orders to help his team try to win the biggest game the franchise has seen in the last quarter-century, who can even blame him?

And when it really comes down to it, when has Terrell Owens ever not had his way?

He had his way in San Francisco when he chased Steve Mariucci out of town due to a clashing of philosophies that put the team before the almighty power of T.O.

He had his way during his brief vacation in Baltimore when he refused to play for offensive-minded coach Brian Billick.

And he'll have his way now, as he'll risk permanent injury to his sprained right ankle when he takes the field on Sunday night in Jacksonville.

But once again, this is the Super Bowl.

There are no guarantees that he or the Eagles will ever make it back to the biggest sports stage on the entire planet.

Dan Marino knows that. Steve McNair is finding it out and if Peyton Manning could exorcise the demons from his statistically inflated head, he would understand exactly how rare and precious a Super Bowl appearance is.

Owens could turn out to be a hero. Is it likely? Doubtful.

But he could. Just ask Curt Schilling.

No, Schilling didn't have to play in the most violent professional sport in America with a sprained ankle and broken leg, but he did have to navigate his way through, historically, the most clutch lineup in baseball and then shut down the best offense of the year just days after undergoing surgery.

T.O. may just end up being a non-factor, seeing only a handful of plays and running out-routes to stay away from the Patriots' hard-hitting linebackers and safeties.

But in the grand scheme of things, everyone knows how unreliable Philadelphia's wide receivers are, especially Owens.

Donovan McNabb can tell the media he thinks the Eagles — his Eagles — can win without their stud

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Terrell Owens has been making headlines for the last week because of his sprained right ankle and broken leg. He has decided to play in the Super Bowl against the favored Patriots despite the team doctor's advice.

Atlantic 10 tight

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

You can throw all predictions out the window about the Atlantic 10 this year. Every team has played at least six conference games, yet there is only one squad (St. Bonaventure, 1-17, 0-7 A-10), that is mathematically out of the race for a high tournament seed.

St. Joseph's (9-8, 6-1 A-10) leads the East Division, while the Dayton Flyers (12-6, 5-2 A-10) lead the way in the West Division. The Hawks have three teams within three games of them (Temple, Fordham and UMass respectively) and Dayton has two (George Washington and Richmond respectively).

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Looking for a repeat

By Mark Long
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Mike Vrabel has the football neatly displayed back home in Ohio. He carries the memory with him everywhere.

The New England linebacker caught a touchdown pass late in the fourth quarter that helped the Patriots beat Carolina in the Super Bowl last year. Vrabel also had six tackles, two sacks and a forced fumble — playing the game of his life on sports' biggest stage.

Now he wants a repeat performance.

"If I was lucky enough to go in there and get another one and help us win, then that would top it," Vrabel said Monday.

It could happen. Vrabel has two touchdown catches this season, including one in the regular-season finale against San Francisco.

Although receiver-turned-cornerback Troy Brown gets more attention for playing both ways, Vrabel might still be the team's most versatile player. After all, he makes tackles, covers receivers, rushes quarterbacks and lines up as a tight end in goal-line situations.

"He is very adaptable," coach Bill Belichick said.

A defensive end in college at Ohio State who moved to linebacker in the NFL, Vrabel is making plans for another transition.

He returned to college last summer to complete his degree in exercise physiology. He finished school because he wants to become a coach after his playing days are over.

"It's tough to recruit kids to come play for you and talk to their parents and say, 'I'm going to make sure your son goes to class and I'm going to make sure he graduates' when you don't have a degree yourself," Vrabel said. "It's tough to tell kids to go to class when they're looking at a coach who hasn't graduated."

Vrabel, who began college as a premed student but switched majors because of the demands of football, graduated in June after completing a Biochemistry course.

"I was in there with a bunch of nursing students," he said. "There were like 12 girls and me, which wasn't bad. Don't get me wrong. I didn't have to take a whole lot of notes."

Vrabel said his former classmates still keep in touch, writing letters and watching most of his games. They have high expectations for the Super Bowl, and so does Vrabel.

That's a big change from earlier in his career.

He spent four years as a backup with Pittsburgh because the team had so much depth at linebacker. Stuck behind Jason Gildon, Levon Kirkland, Greg Lloyd and Joey Porter, Vrabel appeared in 51 games with no starts from 1997 to 2000.

But everything changed after he signed with the Pats. Under the direction of Belichick, Vrabel has developed into one of New England's most productive players.

He had a career-high 76 tackles and 5 1/2 sacks this season. He has 279 tackles and 22 1/2 sacks in four years in New England, much more production that he had in four years in Pittsburgh, where he had 43 tackles and seven sacks.

"Mike has been very consistent for us for the last four years," Belichick said. "He does everything well that you want an outside linebacker to do. He's strong. He's physical in the running game. He can rush the passer. He pursues well. He's smart."



Mike Vrabel forced Jake Delhomme to fumble the ball in last year's Super Bowl. He also caught a touchdown pass during the Patriots' victory over the Panthers. Vrabel is looking for a repeat performance this year.

T.O. is making perfect practice

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — T.O.'s timeout is over.

Brushing aside his doctor's advice and — some might say — common sense, Terrell Owens returned to the practice field Monday, determined to pull off the most improbable play of his career by making it to the Super Bowl.

He ran the required routes. He made the necessary cuts. And — is this a sign of what's to come Sunday against the defending champion New England Patriots? — he caught the passes that were thrown his way.

Not bad for a guy who went down 43 days earlier with a grotesque injury to his right leg, apparently done until next season.

"I will play on Sunday," Owens said Tuesday. "I know the type person I am. I have a lot of faith in my ability. I feel great. I'm proving a lot of people wrong. The sky is the limit for me. There are no limitations."

C'mon, this shouldn't be all that surprising (though maybe it's a bit appalling to any parent who wouldn't dare let their kid go out to play with a skinned-up knee). And it's something Owens promised his teammates moments after he was injured.

"I told the guys in the locker room 'You guys just get us into the Super Bowl and I'll be there,'" he said. "They've done their job. Now it's time to do my job."

Owens' teammates were happy to hear the receiver's plans.

"That's great. He's another piece of the puzzle," defensive tackle Corey Simon said. "He's not the whole puzzle. And if he wasn't out there, he'd be on the sidelines cheering for us, but we're glad to have him."

The greatest showman in football was certainly meant for the grandest stage. The guy who pulled out a Sharpie after a touchdown and gawked at Nicollette Sheridan for a pregame spoof had to at least give it a shot.

"It's always a lift when you can get anyone out there, an added weapon," Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb said. "He did make some big plays for us. He did an excellent job of coming in and presenting a different type of feel for our passing attack."

Just last week, Dr. Mark Myerson, the surgeon who operated on Owens' right ankle in December, said he would not clear the All-Pro receiver to suit up against the Patriots.

But there he was Monday, in uniform at the University of North Florida. While Owens took part in less than one-third of the team's 30 plays, he got a pass each time he ran a route.

"It's shocking when you see the injury he had and how far he's come," Pro Bowl safety Michael Lewis said.

In his first season with the Eagles after eight years in San Francisco, Owens led Philadelphia with 77 catches for 1,200 yards and 14 TDs.

Then came that horrific December day, when Owens severely sprained his ankle and broke his leg in a game against Dallas.

Myerson inserted two screws in Owens' ankle and a plate on the outside of the ankle three days after he was injured. Owens was told after surgery that he had only an outside chance of returning for the Super Bowl, which was 6 1/2 weeks away at the time. But he rehabbed vigorously, hoping to help Philadelphia win

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Fan goes to extreme for tickets

By Michael Rubinkam
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Kevin P. O'Donoghue is going to the Super Bowl. When he gets back, he'll worry about the house he mortgaged to watch his beloved Eagles.

He's not alone. Some championship-deprived Philadelphians are so desperate to get down to Jacksonville for the big game that they're borrowing against their homes to pay for the tickets.

O'Donoghue, who was 11 the last time his team made it to the Super Bowl, promised himself he'd be there if they ever made it again — no matter what it took.

After the Eagles advanced to their first Super Bowl in 24 years, O'Donoghue told his wife: "I don't care if we have to mortgage our house, I'm going."

She replied, "Wait a minute, maybe that's a good idea."

So O'Donoghue sunk $4,000 on a Super Bowl package that includes round-trip airfare, a four-night hotel stay and one ticket to Sunday's game. To pay for it, he applied for a home-equity line of credit, a way of borrowing money that required him to put up his house as collateral.

"Sometimes the cards are maxed out and you gotta do what you gotta do," said O'Donoghue, 36, an account executive from Glen Mills.

Mortgage bankers in Philadelphia and southern New Jersey say that Eagles fans have been inquiring about refinancing mortgages, or taking out home equity loans or home equity credit lines, to pay for what O'Donoghue calls "the chance of a lifetime."

Eric Reeber, a mortgage banker in Mount Laurel, N.J., said his office has gotten at least a dozen calls from Eagles fans looking for some quick cash. He said two couples have already been approved and were scheduled to close on their loans. He said they were too embarrassed to talk publicly about their borrowing.

"Some people don't care if it costs them $100 more a month," said Reeber, of Northern States Funding Group. "But I'll stand by it, if they want it."



Female gestures honored in short films

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Dining services makes Super Bowl bet with UPenn

By Jonathan Vega
Collegian Staff

Ken Toong, the University of Massachusetts food service director, should not be nervous about placing a friendly wager on Sunday's Super Bowl match up. The "destination dynasty" New England Patriots are scheduled to meet the Philadelphia Eagles in Jacksonville, Fla. this Super Bowl Sunday.

Toong's confidence stems from his 2-0 winning record from previous Super Bowl wagers. The UMass tradition of placing friendly bets against rival universities began in 2001 when Toong won his first bet against Washington University in St. Louis and was repeated in 2003 when Toong won a bet against Duke University.

"Really it's all for fun. There is rarely an opportunity to go to the Super Bowl, let alone three times in four years," said Toong.

This year, Toong's friendly wager is against the University of Pennsylvania and Penn State University. If New England wins the Super Bowl, Matt Smith, director of operations of dining services for the University of Pennsylvania and Barry Scerbo, Penn State's food service director, will be ready to send UMass plenty of Philly cheese steak grinders, pork rolls, soft pretzels and tasty cakes.

If that wasn't enough, Penn State's executive chef, Bill Lavelhut is so confident of an Eagle's victory that he is willing to visit UMass and prepare traditional Amish chicken corn chowder, oak lettuce salad with baby greens, venison loin steak and Philadelphia style cheesecake for Toong.

If the Eagles come up with a win, however unlikely, Toong is prepared to send ample quantities of New England staple foods to the Pennsylvania campuses. The baskets will include lobsters, clam chowder, baked beans, brown bread and a Boston cream pie.Furthermore, Willie Sng, the executive chef at UMass is willing to be photographed in an Eagles T-shirt and cap while preparing food for Eagles fans.

Toong hopes this year's Super Bowl festivities show a commitment to student activities at UMass. The UMass food service community is the nation's fifth largest and Toong points out that national rankings are dependent on, "population not revenue." The large student body at UMass presents challenges that Toong has always welcomed.

"[Since Tuesday] we've changed the Philly cheese steaks on the menu, to 'Pats' cheese steaks at all dining commons on campus," explained Toong. Additionally, dining commons on campus will be serving New England clam chowder, baked beans and brown bread from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Super Bowl Sunday. Grab 'n' Go grinders and pizza will be available to all students who would rather eat while watching the big game with friends at the dorms.

"When the students eat their food, we want them to have some fun as well. That's really important to us," said Toong. "There will also be door prizes [for students wearing] Pat's gear."

"From our experience most students will come in and leave as soon as possible to watch the game with their friends," said Toong. "We're trying to cater to the students."

According to Toong, since 2001, crowds have increased on Super Bowl Sundays. Toong points out that in years past, "we did something [for the Super Bowl], but it was small. Now we know the crowds and we know what they want."

Four lucky students will also have a chance to win a fully catered party at the Top of the Campus restaurant and lounge. Grand prizes include a large-screen television and four commemorative Super Bowl tribute framed prints.

You can enter the raffle at any dining common or through a link at www.umass.edu/dineingservices/index.php. However, you must have a campus meal plan to be eligible for prizes.

For the record, Toong said his Super Bowl prediction is Patriots 17, Eagles 10.



UMass Dining Services Director Ken Toong has bet the dining services director of Penn State that the New England Patriots will triumph over the Philadelphia Eagles this Sunday.

Morrison may take Speaker position

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

The Student Government Association announced big changes are going to be implemented this spring, including possible executive changes and fulfillment of student requests.

Newly appointed Associate Speaker Mark Morrison assumed duties of the Speaker position at the SGA meeting last night, as rumors floated around the Senate that current Speaker Seamus Brennan is planning to submit his resignation.

"Seamus is planning on resigning," Morrison said, "however, he couldn't be here because of an academic commitment."

According to SGA President Eduardo Bustamante, Brennan must submit a resignation in writing in order for the process to be complete, and although the resignation is still speculation, Bustamante expressed his gratitude toward Morrison.

"First of all, thank you Mark," Bustamante said. "This is a thanks in advance. I know that you will [do the job] a million times better."

Morrison was appointed during the last meeting of last year after the SGA met nearly the

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Worcester reporter taking heat for allegedly plagiarizing

By Jay Lindsay
Associated Press

BOSTON — The Telegram & Gazette of Worcester called home its New England Patriots beat writer from the Super Bowl in Jacksonville after he allegedly plagiarized parts of his Sunday column from a Sports Illustrated writer.

The newspaper published a correction Wednesday, saying "Substantial portions of a column originally written by Peter King and published Jan. 24 on the Sports Illustrated Web site were printed Jan. 30 in the Sunday Telegram under the byline of Ken Powers."

The newspaper also said that it was conducting a full investigation into the matter.

"We apologize to our readers and to Sports Illustrated," the newspaper said.

Questions arose about the column after a reader tipped off the paper to similarities between Powers' and King's columns. Both columns were about the success of the New England Patriots and Philadelphia Eagles, who play in Sunday's Super Bowl, after both lost their first games of the 2003 season.

Among the questionable passages:

In the second paragraph of his column, Powers wrote, "Each team was 0-1, and each had fallen to 0-1 in rather humiliating fashion. The Patriots had been shut out in Buffalo, 31-0, just four days after releasing very popular defensive captain Lawyer Milloy because he refused to take a substantial pay cut."

King wrote: "Each team was 0-1, and each had fallen to 0-1 in rather humiliating fashion. The Patriots got shut out in Buffalo 31-0, just four days after whacking very popular defensive captain Lawyer Milloy because he wouldn't take a major pay cut."

Another passage in Powers' column referring to ESPN analyst Tom Jackson's comment that Patriots players hated head coach Bill Belichick read: "Whatever has been said since that day about Patriots players just shrugging their shoulders over Jackson's statement is a bunch of bull. Many in the organization were surprised, and Belichick was stunned."

King's column read: Whatever has been said in the intervening time



about the New England players just shrugging their shoulders over Jackson's statement is a bunch of bunk. Many in the organization were stunned, and Belichick was really surprised.

Near the end of the column, Powers wrote: "The Patriots will try to pound Corey Dillon. McNabb will move Brian Westbrook everywhere and try to get him to make plays in the open field. But the New England defense is as disciplined as a unit can be. Philly's defense is second in that category.

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A message left at a Millbury listing for Ken Powers with a man who identified himself as Powers' father was not immediately returned. A request for comment to his work e-mail was not immediately returned. A Worcester listing for Kenneth Powers was disconnected.

Efforts to reach King in Jacksonville were unsuccessful. Allison Keane, a Sports Illustrated spokeswoman, said the magazine would not comment, citing the ongoing investigation.

Harry T. Whitin, editor of the Telegram & Gazette, did not immediately return a call from The Associated Press seeking comment.

The Telegram & Gazette, purchased by the New York Times Co. in 2000, is the third-largest daily newspaper in New England.

Sri Lankan pair begs for return of baby

By Dilip Ganguly
Associated Press

KALMUNAI, Sri Lanka — "Give us our baby!" a distraught Sri Lankan mother cried Wednesday after a judge kept her from the 4-month-old boy she says was torn from her arms in Asia's tsunami.

In the disaster zone's most heart-wrenching custody case, a court ordered Jenita Jeyarajah and her husband to undergo a DNA test to prove they are the parents of the child known as "Baby 81," triggering a melee at a hospital that led to the would-be parents' arrests.

The couple had hoped to take custody of the child at Wednesday's hearing, and became inconsolable when told the baby would be put back into hospital care until at least April 20 — the next available date on the court calendar when the judge will hear the DNA results.

Jenita Jeyarajah beat her chest and shouted she couldn't be away from her child that long. Then, accompanied by dozens of relatives and friends, she and her husband, Murugupillai, marched a half-mile to the hospital where the baby has been kept since the Dec. 26 disaster and forced their way into the pediatric ward.

"Here is my baby — look, look!" the 25-year-old woman screamed. "Please give us our baby!" she pleaded before dropping to her knees at the feet of the head nurse. She begged to take the child home.

The couple and two supporters were arrested and briefly held by police, then released and ordered to appear at a hearing on Thursday.

Besides the Jeyarajahs, eight other women have stepped forward to claim the boy, called Baby 81 because he was the 81st admission to the hospital the day the tsunami hit. The Jeyarajahs, however, are the only couple to file a formal custody claim. They say records proving they are the parents of the child were lost in the tsunami.

The couple and the baby will have to travel eight hours to the capital, Colombo, for the DNA test. Results will be available in less than a day.

Harendra de Silva, head of the government's National Child Protection Authority, said the authority was willing to conduct the tests — which could cost as much as $100 — for free. UNICEF has also offered to pay for the test.

In ordering the test Wednesday, Judge M.P. Mohaideen said "thousands of babies have died and maybe hundreds of them are missing. It's only after a DNA test that we can be sure that we are correct."

He said any one else who claims to be the child's parents should report to police and have DNA samples taken. "This is very important in case the DNA test does not match this couple," he said.

The Jeyarajahs say the child's real name is Abilass and he was born Oct. 19. A court ordered the hospital on Jan. 12 to give them temporary custody of the boy until his parentage could be determined, but the hospital refused, arguing he still required medical attention.

At the hospital after Wednesday's ruling, Jenita Jeyarajah, surrounded by her supporters, picked up the crying baby and held him in her arms before a nurse took him away.

Her husband, Murugupillai, threat-

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A time to reflect

Students walk by the Old Chapel at noon yesterday while bells rang, observing a moment of silence for the victims of the tsunami.

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Snowboarders create snow park on garage roof

Wednesday January 26

1:00 a.m. Following a traffic stop at the Southwest Mall, Enos Henry, 24, of Amherst, was arrested for operating a vehicle with a revoked license.

5:55 p.m. A person reported that someone was attempting to sell counterfeit coupons in John Adams Hall.

9:43 p.m. A person reported that a subject urinated outside of McNamara Hall in front of several students. An officer took a statement from the subject.

Thursday January 27

3:45 p.m. A person stated that their vehicle was backed into in the parking lot in front of Worcester Dining Hall.

4:41 p.m. A person reported that their vehicle was broken into in the Campus Center parking garage.

7:38 p.m. A person stated that their parked vehicle was hit by another vehicle in the parking lot across the street from Southwest.

Friday January 28

12:26 a.m. After a report of an intoxicated subject who refused to leave Brown Hall, an officer arrested the subject, who had an active default warrant, Henry O'Neal, 21, of Amherst, was arrested.

11:22 a.m. A person reported their vehicle's rear taillight was smashed out in the parking lot behind the Mullins Center.

Saturday January 29

1:48 a.m. After responding to a report of an accident near the Hagis Mall, an officer noticed the vehicle was stolen. Omyra River, 18, of Springfield, was arrested for receiving a stolen vehicle, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, destruction of property, speeding, and reckless operation of a motor vehicle.

9:24 p.m. Following a traffic stop, Zachary McCann, 20, of Dedham, was arrested for, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

10:25 p.m. A party detected an odor of marijuana in Baker Hall. A search warrant was issued and executed and Paul Caira, 19, of Waltham was arrested for possession of a class D substance and possession of a class C substance.

Sunday January 30

2:28 a.m. A person reported a door wide open in Pierpont Hall and a marijuana pipe and a bong were in plain view. An officer spoke with the residents and the items were disposed of.

3:27 p.m. A person stated that their vehicle's rear windows were broken in the parking lot across the street from the Hagis Mall.

Monday January 30

4:26 p.m. A person stated that a subject was throwing snowballs at vehicles driving on Massachusetts Avenue.

5:28 p.m. A person stated that snow boarders erected a slope with jumps off of the University Apartments' Garage. The physical plant was contacted to remove the slope and the jumps.

11:25 p.m. A person stated that a fire extinguisher had been stolen from Cashin Hall.

Tuesday February 1

2:20 a.m. Following a traffic stop, Ryan Murray, 19, of Stoughton, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

—*Compiled by Brendan Heck*

Schieffer to temporarily replace Rather

NEW YORK (AP) — Dan Rather will be temporarily replaced with veteran "Face the Nation" host Bob Schieffer when Rather steps down next month as "CBS Evening News" anchor, the network said Wednesday.

Schieffer will serve "for a short transition period" until the broadcast gets a new format, CBS News President Andrew Heyward said.

CBS chief Leslie Moonves said last month that he was probably going to install a multi-anchor format for the "CBS Evening News," which has been a distant third in the ratings behind NBC and ABC.

The Schieffer announcement confirms that new format won't be ready in time for Rather's exit March 9 — the 24th anniversary of when he took over from Walter Cronkite.

Schieffer, who joined CBS News in 1969 and has been chief Washington correspondent since 1982, will continue with "Face the Nation" during this period. He will anchor the evening news from CBS' New York studio.

-Associated Press



Bob Schieffer from 'Face the Nation' will temporarily replace CBS news anchor Dan Rather.

Bus driver kills four in charter bus crash

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — The driver of a charter bus that swerved off a highway and rammed a parked tractor-trailer, killing four people, was accused Wednesday of lying about the hours he worked in the days before the crash.

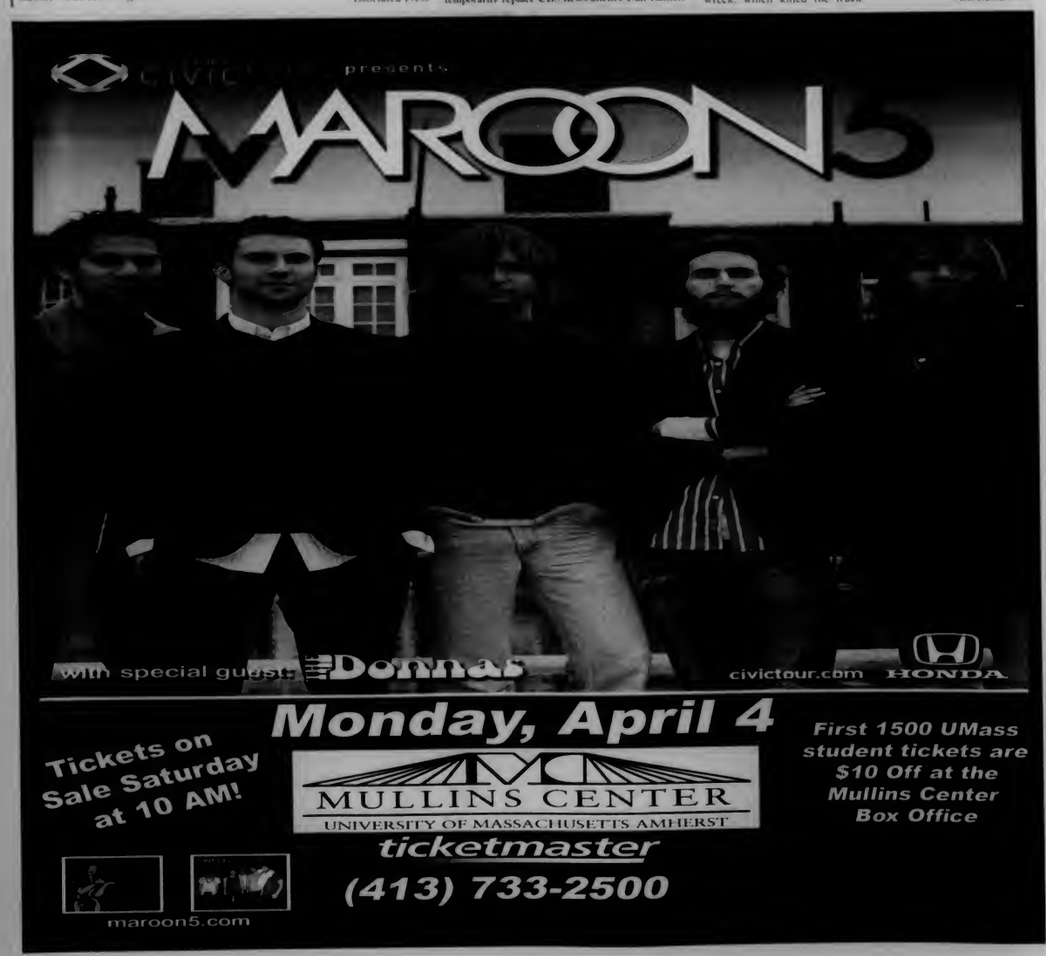
Ryan Comfort, 24, insisted he veered off Interstate 390 in rural western New York after striking something on the road, a claim supported by the bus company.

But state police said they didn't recover any object, and think driver fatigue might have contributed to the weekend wreck, which killed the truck driver and three bus passengers.

Another 19 people on the bus, which was chartered by a Canadian women's youth hockey team, were injured. After a morning game in Rochester, players, family and coaches were traveling to a ski resort Saturday when the crash occurred 27 miles south of Rochester.

Comfort was charged with misdemeanor violations of state transportation laws as well as failing to stay in the proper lane moments before the crash. He was ordered held on $25,000 bail.

—*Associated Press*



SGA is hopeful for changes this spring

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entire semester without an Associate Speaker. Senators were confident that Brennan would either resign or be impeached and Morrison had a possibility of resuming as speaker.

Morrison encouraged the senators to speak more at the meetings and to voice their opinions and ideas frequently.

"We can make the ideals real," he said. "We just have to work hard enough."

He told Senators that this semester is a time to make things happen, and noted that last semester there were not many motions passed that benefited students.

"We only passed like four motions," he said. "We worked hard for six months, all we got back was a bullet list [from the administration]. Lets make [administrators] start doing stuff."

Morrison also spoke about the newly revised picketing code and the Tasers that the University of Massachusetts Police Department recently began training to use.

"This is not about giving police all these non-lethal options. It's about the students being electrocuted. We are not cows, lets not be treated that way," Morrison said.

Executive cabinet member Barak Sared also reiterated how important it is for Senators to act out against the picketing code. As of Feb. 1, the new code stated that violent demonstrations will not be tolerated in any university building. Sared argued that the wording was too vague and using expulsion as a sanction for punishment was not constitutional.

"This is a pattern of militarization [at UMass]," he said. "First Tasers, the hiring extra cops for the Super Bowl and now the picketing code."

He also mentioned that he expects legal action to occur on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union. Take Back UMass will hold a press conference today about the picketing code at 2:30 p.m. in the Graduate Student Lounge. Representatives from the ACLU will also be present.

Attorney General Craig Goldschmidt and Senator Erin Lemkey wrote a motion on the agenda that passed unanimously to back the ACLU as it will become the plaintiff in a civil suit brought against the university for unconstitutionally implementing the picketing code.

Goldschmidt additionally expressed his anger with the administration and its attempt to be proactive about sporting event celebration, specifically this Sunday's Super Bowl game.

He attempted to meet with members of the Student Activities Office and present a list of alternate ways to celebrate, however, he was denied, and instead shown a list of activities that will take place the week before the Super Bowl.



Megan Brinster/Collegian

Recently appointed Associate Speaker to the SGA, Mark Morrison assumed Speaker duties during last night's meeting.

"The University basically dropped the ball in making a proactive plan," he said. "Why aren't we doing something about this? We want to encourage students to go out and have a good time, be safe and have fun. I went to [the administration] last month and they said that they weren't even sure if the Patriots were going the Super Bowl, but then I found out they hired extra cops for that weekend."

Goldschmidt produced a list of options that might encourage students to celebrate rather than riot, like having a huge projection screen of the post game show. However, he said that none of those things were going to happen.

"I wanted to have an M.C. or a D.J., someone to focus chants or to tell students 'hey, there is an ambulance over there if you need help', or 'hey the police are coming'. If they have a friendly voice instead."

Fraud complaint filed against A.G. Edwards

By Mark Jewell
Associated Press

BOSTON — Massachusetts regulators on Wednesday filed a complaint against A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc., accusing the financial services firm of defrauding mutual fund shareholders by allowing market-timed trades by a now-suspended Boston broker involving billions of dollars.

The administrative complaint by Massachusetts Secretary of State William Galvin claims A.G. Edwards directed its representatives to get an indemnity agreement from favored clients who then were allowed to trade in and out of mutual funds "to the disadvantage of other shareholders."

"They knew it was wrong and they sought to avoid the consequences," Galvin said in a news release.

Market timing is the use of quick, in-and-out trades that skim profits from long-term shareholders and benefit favored short-term investors.

The secretary of state, Massachusetts' regulator of the financial industry, is seeking "fair compensation" for any losses incurred by mutual fund share holders, as well as an unspecified administrative fine.

The civil complaint triggers a process in which a state administrative hearing officer will review possible violations of state securities laws, in a hearing similar to a judicial proceeding. A.G. Edwards could seek court review of any judgment against it, which could include financial penalties.

A spokeswoman for St. Louis-based A.G. Edwards did not immediately return a call for comment.

The complaint alleges an A.G. Edwards representative at the firm's office in Boston's Back Bay section, Charles A. Sacco, engaged in illegal market timing for two offshore hedge fund customers, Headstart Asset Management and Atlantique Capital, between 2001 and 2003. Of the 35,000 trades executed in that office between Jan. 2, 2001, and Oct. 24, 2003, about 31,000 were mutual fund timing trades, Galvin said. The trades involved hundreds of mutual funds.

As a result of the alleged trading practices in the Boston office, market-timing activity in one London-based hedge fund alone was almost $2 billion, Galvin said.

Phone messages seeking comment were left at A.G. Edwards' Back Bay office and at Sacco's home.

The National Association of Securities Dealers ordered a one-year suspension of Sacco's brokerage license on Sept. 20 because of market-timing allegations, according to a list of disciplinary actions on the industry organization's Web site.

'Baby 81' a symbol of loss for tsunami victims

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ened to commit suicide before two men stopped him from swallowing some white powder.

Authorities shut the hospital's gates and called police, fearing the group would try to take the child away. Police came and told the crowd to leave the hospital, which they did peacefully — without the baby.

The hospital's 200 staff then went on a brief strike, claiming two employees had been assaulted by the crowd. They resumed their duties when police promised to investigate, then arrested the Jeyarajahs and two supporters.

The battle over Baby 81 has become a symbol of the anguish of thousands of families who lost children in the disaster.

"This baby has suffered terrible losses — loss of familiar faces, familiar sounds and familiar smells," said Anula Nikapota, a child specialist who lives in London and has come to Kalmunai to help children recover from the trauma of the tsunami.

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Officials say aid not reaching many victims

By Sumal Senanayake
Associated Press

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — Bureaucratic bungling has blocked food, medicine and other necessities from reaching 70 percent of the 1 million Sri Lankans left destitute by the Asian tsunami disaster, a government official said Wednesday, as hungry and homeless survivors protested the lack of help.

Thilak Ranaviraja, chief of Sri Lanka's presidential task force coordinating relief, said the situation was "not satisfactory" and President Chandrika Kumaratunga "directed me to see that all families, or at least 70 percent to 75 percent of them, get relief by this weekend."

The Dec. 26 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami killed more than 30,000 in Sri Lanka, while another 960,000 people lost family members or their homes. Ranaviraja's figures excluded areas in the north and east under the control of Tamil Tiger rebels.

Hundreds of people protested outside the U.N. World Food Program office Wednesday in Colombo, complaining they had not received food rations. Demonstrators from the southern coastal town of Matara submitted a petition seeking U.N. intervention.

This was not the first sign of trouble with Sri Lanka's aid effort. On Tuesday, the government began investigating complaints that food aid intended for tsunami victims in eastern Batticaloa had disappeared and some of the homeless living in camps were being fed rotten supplies.

The WFP said it had donated some 10,000 tons of rice, lentils and sugar and had delivered the supplies to government stores island-wide.

"Food has already been sent. We can't understand why the people aren't getting it," WFP spokeswoman Selvi Sachithanandam said.

The World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and Japan's Bank for International Co-operation said Sri Lanka would need $1.5 billion to recover from the disaster. The government had estimated it needed $3.5 billion.

The cumulative death toll from 11 nations stood at between 158,000 and 178,000 Wednesday, with estimates of another 142,000 people missing.

The disaster has left many residents of the region jittery. A moderate earthquake of magnitude 5.2 Wednesday caused panic among residents and cracked some buildings on Indonesia's main island of Java. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

In a case that has captured the attention of Sri Lanka and the world, a judge ruled Wednesday that a couple must undergo a DNA test to prove they are the parents of the 4-month-old tsunami survivor known as "Baby #1," because he was the 81st admission to the hospital here on Dec. 26.

The couple, upset at the ruling, burst into the hospital where the baby was being held and pleaded with doctors to release the infant. They were arrested for assault and criminal trespassing but later were released on bail.



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A mother who gave birth prematurely in the Indian jungle after fleeing her home on India's Hut Bay Island, holds her baby last month. She was originally due to give birth on Jan. 15.

Pope to remain in hospital care longer

By Victor L. Simpson
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II's doctors were on guard for complications Wednesday, a day after the frail, 84-year-old pontiff was hospitalized with the flu and breathing trouble.

Pneumonia remained a potentially deadly threat, but the Holy See insisted there was "no cause for alarm." Roman Catholics from Poland to the Philippines prayed for his recovery.

The pope will be hospitalized for a few more days to afford "many means to stay ready for any complications," said Cardinal Javier Lozano Barragan, head of the Vatican's health care office.

The slumping pontiff also suffers from Parkinson's disease and crippling hip and knee ailments, and his inability to hold his back up straight has left his lungs and diaphragm in a crushed position, Barragan told Associated Press Television News.

Tests showed the pope's heart and respiration were normal, and he felt well enough to participate from his bed in a Mass celebrated by his secretary, said papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls.

He said John Paul was running a slight fever and would spend "a few more days" for treatment of respiratory problems at Rome's Gemelli Polyclinic, where he was taken by ambulance Tuesday night.

"There is no cause for alarm," Navarro-Valls said.

Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the Vatican secretary of state, also played down the severity of the illness Wednesday evening. The pope was "recovering well," Sodano told private Italian TV Canale 5, adding that he expected the situation to improve in a few days.

Still, American experts said a case like the pontiff's could lead to life-threatening pneumonia. "That's the complication of influenza that most frequently by far, carries people off," said Dr. William Schaffner, an infectious diseases expert at Vanderbilt University.

"I'm sure every physician (following news reports of the pope's case) is already worried that pneumonia might develop," Schaffner said.

Elderly men with long-standing, debilitating chronic disease like Parkinson's often die of pneumonia, which comes as "the final straw" in a long assault by disease on the body, said geriatrics specialist Dr. William Hall of the University of Rochester.

The pope's slumped posture would not only impede his breathing but also make it harder for him to cough normally, a reaction that in healthy people helps keep pneumonia bacteria from entering the lungs, Hall said.

Pneumonia is "often very difficult to treat because you have introduced bacteria that don't belong in the lungs," said Dr. Michael Freedman, head of geriatrics at New York University Medical Center.

"You usually need multiple antibiotics programs," he said. "The big danger is that if you are having trouble getting air into you, you can just tire out and you just can't keep up with it."

In St. Peter's Square, in John Paul's native Poland and in many of the 129 countries the pope has visited over a 26-year papacy, the faithful paused to pray for the spiritual leader of the world's 1 billion Catholics.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Americans' "thoughts and prayers are with the Holy Father," and in Rome, chief rabbi Riccarco Di Segni offered prayers for a quick recovery.

Maria Pasnik, 46, a housewife in the pope's hometown of Wadowice, Poland, expressed a simple, anguished wish: "I pray that we can see or hear him again."

In Mexico City, the Basilica of Guadalupe remained open during the night for anyone who wished to offer prayers. It was here, in 2002, that the pope canonized Indian saint Juan Diego during a fifth visit to the country, where he remains immensely popular.

"May he recover rapidly, because we need him," said Isabel Chavez, who attended Mass at the basilica.

Navarro-Valls insisted that John Paul did not lose consciousness or require the insertion of a tube into his windpipe to help him breathe — a procedure known as a tracheotomy — and he characterized the hospitalization as "mainly precautionary."

At one point, trying to appear reassuring, Navarro-Valls even joked that John Paul was taken by ambulance to a special papal suite on the 10th floor of the hospital because "the subway doesn't go that far."

But with the pope's advanced age and his health in steady decline for years, "this is just one of those warning signs that everybody's got to prepare for the inevitable," said the Rev. Thomas Reese, editor of the Jesuit magazine America.

"As Christians, death is not something we fear," he said. "It's a new beginning. But it's always disturbing."

Navarro-Valls, who has a medical degree, said the pope was suffering from flu and acute laryngeal tracheitis — inflammation of the windpipe — which created a "certain difficulty in breathing."

In a separate statement, the Vatican said the pope also had experienced a "larynx spasm crisis." Experts said it was possible his Parkinson's disease, which makes muscle control difficult, made it harder for him to breathe.



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The Pope prays for victims of the Asian tsunami last month.

Prime minister says insurgents to be defeated

By Robert H. Reid
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's interim prime minister declared Wednesday that the success of the national elections had dealt a major blow to the insurgents — who have not carried out a major attack since the balloting — and he predicted they will be defeated within months.

But a major Sunni clerical group declared that Sunday's elections "lack legitimacy" because many Sunni Arabs did not participate, and said the new government would have no mandate to guide the nation's future.

That suggested problems remain in reconciling with the Sunni Arabs, who comprise about 20 percent of Iraq's 26 million people, but form the core of the insurgency.

Nevertheless, both Prime Minister Ayad Allawi and his major Shiite Muslim rivals reached out to the Sunnis, promising them a major role in drafting the new constitution even though many shunned the ballot — either out of fear of rebel attack or opposition to the electoral process.

"Definitely the Sunni Muslims will take part in the government and will have a role in the drafting of constitution," Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, head of the main Shiite political faction, told The Associated Press.

Allawi, a secular Shiite backed by the Americans, told Iraqi television that the elections, which drew large turnouts except in Sunni insurgent strongholds, constituted a "major blow to all forces of terrorism."

He noted that attacks by Sunni insurgents had fallen dramatically since the elections but it was unclear whether the drop was the start of a trend. Insurgent activity also slowed after the transfer of sovereignty to the Iraqis in June, but picked up weeks later.

"They might be reorganizing themselves and changing their plans," Allawi said of the insurgents. "The coming days and weeks will show whether this trend will continue ... But the final outcome will be failure. They will continue for months but this (insurgency) will end."



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Prime Minister Ayad Allawi believes elections were a success.

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire
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What exactly is Black history?

Black history is the history of the people of African origins and their interactions with other people of the world. Black history is the Diaspora of African people who were forcibly sold into slavery to build the, "New World," which includes North, South, Central and South America as well as the Caribbean. Contrary to popular beliefs, black history begins in Africa, and thus the foundation of black history is African history.

Black history begins with the origins of humankind, which emerged from Africa millions of years ago. Dr. Louis Leakey found the remains of our human ancestors in Olduvia Gorge in Tanzania, East Africa in 1959. If Africa is indeed the cradle of humankind, it is also the birthplace of human culture.

Black history is the history of a people who built great civilizations along the Nile, the most prominent of which was in Egypt. The Egyptian Pharaohs were the world's first absolute monarchs with unlimited power. They founded the first bureaucracy. They also invented Hieroglyphic writing, one of the ancestors of the modern Latin alphabet. Furthermore, the Egyptians invented decimal numbers so they could make counting easier, as well as the calendar to keep track of the time and seasons. Lastly, Egyptian culture profoundly influenced Greco-Roman culture from which Western culture developed.

Black history is the history of a people who, through a Muslim caliphate, ruled Spain for 800 years. It is ironic that the Spanish King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella defeated the last Moorish stronghold of Grenada in 1492, the same year Columbus landed in the Americas.

Black history is the history of the great Western African empires of Ghana, Mali and Songhay. Timbuktu became the educational center for Mali and under the Songhay Empire, education continued to flourish. The great Moslem University of Sankore attracted scholars from North Africa, Egypt and Europe.

Black history is the history of a people who migrated to Asia and the Americas before Marco Polo and Columbus. Runoko Rashidi, a cultural historian, recorded that an African people known as the Khmers, built the kingdom of Funan in Southeast Asia in the countries that are now known as Burma, Thailand, Kampuchea, Malaysia, Vietnam and Laos. Furthermore, it has been documented that Africans traded with Asia before Europeans encountered Asia and Africa. The camel was introduced to Africa from Asia in 100 A.D. Also, fruits such as bananas, plantains, sugar cane and coconuts were introduced into Africa from Asia during the ancient trade period.

In addition, Ivan Van Sertima, an anthropologist at Rutgers University, documented the early presence of Africans in Central and South America before the coming of Europeans in his book, "They Came Before Columbus."

Black history is the history of a white woman, Margaret Douglas of Norfolk, VA, who served a month in jail in 1854 for teaching slaves how to read. Black history is the history of those whites that used their homes as way stations as part of the Underground Railroad to assist blacks in their escape from slavery to freedom. Black history is the history of a white woman, Viola Liuzio, of Detroit, MI, who was killed in the deep South in the 1960's while helping blacks register to vote.

Black history is the history of Presidents Abraham Lincoln and Lyndon B. Johnson, both of whom signed significant legislation that changed living conditions for black people across the nation. The Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 knocked down the legal barriers of equality.

Black history is not only American history, but it is also world history. There are common threads that run through the diverse experiences of arriving, inhabiting, building and shaping of American culture. One of the common threads is that of early arrivals; the adventurer, the colonists, the slaves and later the immigrants that came by boat. America is a nation of people who arrived on boats seeking freedom. The adventurer wanted to be free to explore and search for prosperity. The colonist wanted to be free of religious and political persecution. The slaves wanted physical, political and economic freedom, and the immigrants wanted economic and political freedom.

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Simplicity scores points

Ben Feder

It's finally the spring semester; a time when we can begin our academic quest with fresh insight. You can smell the renewal in the air. New classes, new friends, and new opportunities provide a completely different campus environment. Even the SGA has declared a mulligan and hit the proverbial reset button.

You've returned from your first winter break. You've reconnected with your high school friends and told of your collegiate exploits long into the night. You've hooked-up with your ex and are now ready to resume your path to upperclassman-hood. So what is there to look forward too next?

Valentine's Day!

That's right. It's approaching and everyone hates it. For us lucky single folk, it's just another day in the week. However, for you attached fools, you at least need to recognize it. Even though she says she doesn't want anything, she really does, and even though you have no idea what to get him, he still wants a token of appreciation.

You may be asking yourself, what do I do and who made me such an authority? Well, I was recently been in the company of four women in their living room, and I did some reporting on their thoughts on relationships and love as we watched "The Divine Secrets of the Ya Ya Sisterhood" (please don't judge; it was either that or "Pretty Woman"), and to my surprise, women, plus pajamas, plus emotional movie about womanhood, plus Oreo cookies, equals a whole lot of juicy info. So here it goes.

First, if you have a hook-up friend, don't give them anything. Why throw more confusion into your already bizarre relationship with this person? Giving a V-day gift will make the other person question whether you two are just friends with benefits, or something more. Unless that's the desired effect, don't waste your money or energy.

Even a pack of new socks is acceptable and in most ways, the best gift a man can receive. Men always need new socks, always.

Now, when for shopping for women, you have a couple of options. Avoid the cliché dozen roses and chocolate. Women find this tacky and overdone and apparently they know what we buy them at the 7-11 on the way to their house or dorm anyway. They do however find a single rose, preferably one in their favorite color, very endearing.

You can also spend some time with her doing something you both enjoy. It's a lot cheaper and you'll look better for it. Cook a meal together, work on a puzzle, or anything else that will earn you "quality time together" points. You could even watch some episodes of "Sex in the City" together. Just don't make any comments about it, laugh when she laughs, and try not to point out the audacity that what's-her-face is a sex columnist for the New Yorker. If that's the case, then I'm a sports writer for National Geographic.

If you have to buy her a gift, make it a practical one. If she likes building things, buy her a new drill. If she plays soccer, maybe she could use some new cleats. If painting is her thing, replenish her brush and paint supply. The point is to make it small, something that suits her and shows that you pay attention.

For the fellas, we are a simple people. If your guy is a Red Sox fan, buy him the "Faith Rewarded" DVD or any other Red Sox paraphernalia because yes, we are still not over the fact that they won. Otherwise, get the "Family Guy" DVDs. You can never go wrong with those. Even a pack of new socks is acceptable and in most ways, the best gift a man can receive. Men always need new socks, always.

Other than that, the same rules apply. Make it a small gesture and something practical. Even a card will do because, simply put, men hate Valentine's Day. We don't understand it. A small gesture takes the burden off our minds, and also makes the $200 diamond bracelet we bought look far better. So I hope this has helped some of you hapless love-struck kids in your search for the perfect Valentine's gift for that special someone. If you follow the "avoid the gaudy and stick to the simple," mantra, you'll be fine. If all else fails, you should try to convince your valentine to boycott Valentine's Day. It's a useless holiday really, and it'll save you from watching "Sex in the City" reruns.

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Going beyond the classroom

Aaron Wodin-Schwartz

If you think about it, abstract concepts are ridiculous. Dedicating all of our time and energy to something that we can only assume mirrors a reality that we may experience one day, seems to be a bizarre choice of lifestyle. Can we really learn and grow under such circumstances or is knowledge more profoundly and effectively acquired as a full sensory process? How does our removal from the subjects of our discourse affect our solutions and allow us to move away from what is really important? Though a longtime advocate of alternative pedagogy and hands-on, personal learning, I would have paid little regard to these two very important questions, until recently.

I am a senior now and have buried my nose in the books, for the past two years or so, dedicating almost all of my life and my focus to scholarly pursuits. The progress I have made and the pains I have gone through has assured that my academic growth was qualitatively better than other forms of learning.

"My friends that chose to enrich their lives in other ways must not be growing as I am," I reasoned. Sure, they were growing, but without the sort of effort and dedication I was putting in at school, how far could they possibly have gotten?

I was recently reminded of a little something that I once knew, but forgot: the classroom is worth nothing. We may impose value upon it if we decide to use it as a tool for something real, but otherwise we are likely to be whisked away into the academy and out of the real world. I have spent much of the past two years learning to speak and plan confidently about things that I've never seen and really know very little about. The politics of far away places, the pompous selection of an ideology, and the casual discussion of poverty alleviation vs. International credit ratings in LDCs are all important topics that I am versed in.

My recent travels have helped me realize that until you go stay in a neighborhood where children play in open sewage, and the freeways are horse-trodden dirt roads, you don't know anything about poverty. Until you live amongst people whose way of life hangs in the balance of an election, you really don't have much to offer in a political debate. Until you personally understand the culture of a place you may not discuss its political or marketable character.

That university bears such little resemblance to the real world and emphasizes so rarely the importance of praxis makes it one of the most destructive places in the world.

I mean not only that you shouldn't. You can't. Aside from our responsibility to know about something before we open our big traps, it is very difficult to educate a room full of kids about something that is not there. That is why higher education lacks practicality. Four years of hard studying and barely a useful quality attained outside of the classroom. Not only that, but information conveyed is much more rarely learned than you might think. Learning is a full-sensory experience and is inefficient in the absence of physical or erotic stimulation and the simultaneous mobilization of other types of thinking. Sitting at small plastic desks inside a plain, white room cuts out the personal experience that makes events important in our lives on an animalistic level. It is not conducive to acquiring individual pieces of information, much less any sort of passion for pursuing them. University education is a much more effective tool for organizing ideas than for acquiring them.

That university bears such little resemblance to the real world and emphasizes so rarely the importance of praxis makes it one of the most destructive places in the world. After all, it was here that I had forgotten the value of humanity. Life must come before all else, and therefore the discussion on social betterment programs in poor nations versus business-led growth is a ridiculous debate to have.

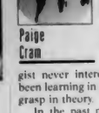
I used to argue that you must be pragmatic and work with what the international community offers you to bring about slow positive change, but have learned, or re-learned that this is an absurd proposition and that the poor cannot wait. If you've ever been to an area that is in need, you will agree with me. As the intellectual future of the world, we must be careful to always apply our lessons back to the real world and consider the effects of what we say on the people involved. Anybody can sound intelligent in their work, but we must be careful to keep it real and not get carried away by academic trends.

My point here is not to disqualify higher education; rather, I have qualified it as the important theoretical side of a praxis to live happily, respectively and constructively in the broader world. Do not suspend your moral values and your physical experiences while inside the classroom, simply use academia to augment your chances for effecting positive change in the world and to assemble into a workable scheme the diverse experiences that you must pursue beyond the classroom.

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I'm slowing down in Italy

World Perspectives



Paige Cram

About forty years ago, a man named Edward Lorenz began developing a theory to aid in his ability to predict weather patterns. His idea was that he could find an underlying order even in seemingly random data, and it later developed into what many scientists now refer to as "chaos theory." I've never been one for scientific concepts, so the ideas of an old meteorologist never interested me much, but lately I've been learning in practice what I was never able to grasp in theory.

In the past month I've had to make lots of adjustments, the hardest of which was learning to let go of my expectation that everything should follow standard rules of organization. Italy is known for its food, its beauty, and its romance, but certainly not for its ability to operate in a calm and rational manner.

Here the society is structured in such a way that even the foreigners who are obsessed with schedules are forced to let go, forced to live life one minute at a time.

Since I left the States, my life has seemed nothing but pure and utter chaos. Italians don't feel the need to explain their actions or their motives, and since my program is run entirely by native Italians, I have found myself in a constant state of confusion and bewilderment. We're generally not informed of plans or itineraries until minutes before we need to know them, and I still don't know the address of the apartment into which I'll be moving in just a few days. Museums and churches are sporadically closed, which often ends up throwing off our tour schedules, and store hours are about as easy to figure out as the Rubix cube (which I have never been able to solve).

For someone like me who functions best with a plan, the lack of information is maddening. It's nearly impossible to prepare for anything, and there seems to be no rhyme or reason to the mayhem. Why live in such chaos, when the rest of the world has figured out such a well-structured system for a functioning society?

The answer is that they simply don't care. Italians don't care about the rest of the world because they function in their own way, and while it is extremely difficult to get used to, you eventually discover that there is a method to the madness.

Shops open much later here, close for approximately three hours in the early afternoon, and reopen until dinnertime, which is around nine. Everything is closed on Sunday, and many places are also closed on Monday morning. Most of us are accustomed to using those hours to accomplish something, but here, that is not even an option.

Forced relaxation is a beautiful thing. At first it feels inconvenient and strange to do nothing with the middle of your day and half of your weekend, but after some observation, a leisurely lunch, an afternoon coffee and a stroll seem like excellent uses of time. The Italians really know how to enjoy and appreciate their days, and in a country this beautiful, with food this incredible, who can blame them?

I have yet to discover why public places shut down randomly or why my program directors insist on denying me the right to know what lies immediately in my future, but I'm beginning to appreciate my ignorance. Having days that start out completely unscheduled is truly blissful. If the church you wanted to visit is suddenly being restored (although it may have been open the day before), you simply find something else to do which usually turns out to be an even more incredible experience.

In the States, we focus so much on getting things done and fitting things into our schedules, that, too often, we don't even enjoy our own activities. Here, the society is structured in such a way that even the foreigners who are obsessed with schedules are forced to let go, forced to live life one minute at a time.

For those of us who are struggling to learn a new language and new customs, the chaos is a lot to handle at first. But Lorenz was right: as the days slip by, our vocabulary grows, our minds expand and our eyes can slowly begin to decipher a beautiful pattern beneath the mayhem in which we now live.

Is life chaotic here? Most definitely. Does it always make sense? Not necessarily. But I've learned to relax, take things as they come and appreciate everything as a new experience. Every day after school, I sit overlooking the Tuscan hills, sipping a cappuccino and wondering what will happen next, and for now, that's all the plan I need.

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FEMALE ART COMES TO LIFE AT WILLIAMS



'Liza Johnson: If Then Maybe'
Williams College Museum of Art
Williamstown

Still frames like the photo above, were used in "Liza Johnson: If Then Maybe." These short films are based on the gestures of real life women.

By Michael Busack
Collegian Staff

Pretty women are a must for most modern films. Williams College Professor, Liza Johnson examines the mannerisms of the Hollywood woman in her new piece titled "Liza Johnson: If Then Maybe."

Williams College Museum of Art (WCMA) is currently playing host to an exhibit created by their own resident professor, Liza Johnson. Her project, "Liza Johnson: If Then Maybe," is a multi-channel video installation that was created for the WCMA's rotunda gallery.

The film features five different video loops played on suspended screens. It also includes a group of photographs that are located in a related gallery. The amazing footage in the display examines the many gestures of a woman, especially those which are used a great deal in modern cinema.

The shots will move from the rosy cheeks of a blush, to shy glances. It is shot with such precision and in such diverse and eloquent landscapes that it allows the film to flow quite vividly. It is a powerful piece of media, despite the lack of storylines. Each film loop is very quick and perfectly mastered.

The museums curator, Lisa Dorin said in a press release that Johnson's work "beautifully and seductively addresses issues of gender, psychology, and film and art history. The piece makes us look at bad feelings in a constructive way."

Johnson chooses not to travel the typical route of feminist art. Rather than showing her women in roles of power and pride, she chooses to show the subjects at their very weakest moments. The images have a way of drawing the viewer in to gestures you may have never even noticed.

Liza Johnson is also an accomplished filmmaker. She was able to have her work shown at several different international recognized venues, including the Berlin and Rotterdam film festivals, New York Video Festival, as well as numerous gay and lesbian film festivals.

Also, her art has been displayed in different museums and galleries across the United States including Artists Space in New York and the Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art. Her other films include "(Good Sister/Bad Sister" (1996), "Fernweh/The Opposite of Homesick" (2000), and "Falling" (2003).

In 1999, Johnson received the DAAD Berlin Kunstler program Fellowship and Residency in Film. Today, she is in the process of creating her newest piece of cinema that has been slated for release, titled "Desert Hot Springs."

The creation of the video installation has been sponsored by the Williams College Center for Technology in the Arts and Humanities (CTAH). This exhibition was organized by Lisa Dorin, Assistant Curator, along with the artist.

The Williams College Museum of Art is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free and the museum is wheelchair accessible.

Domestic queen signs on with Trump for her own 'Apprentice'

By Derrik J. Lang
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Martha Stewart, you're hired.

The masterminds behind "The Apprentice" Donald Trump and Mark Burnett and NBC announced Wednesday that Stewart will host "The Apprentice: Martha Stewart."

"Mark and I have always admired her," Trump said. "She's a very brave woman. She's built a multimillion-dollar empire. It was an easy decision. We think this will be an absolutely tremendous success."

Burnett didn't reveal many details about the new version of the business-themed reality show, such as whether there will be a boardroom or when the show would begin taping.

But Stewart's take on "Apprentice" should be distinct, Burnett said. "Martha has her own empire, which has a different look and feel," he said.

Her show will film in either New York or Connecticut, where the Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc. empire is located. Sixteen to 18 contestants will vie for a one-year job with her company and $250,000 salary.

Casting has already begun. Producers currently seeking applicants for the fourth edition of Trump's "Apprentice" will also search for Martha wannabes. And a graphic with Stewart's face touting "Apply now to be Martha Stewart's Apprentice!" has already sprung up on NBC's Web site.

Since Stewart is not allowed to conduct business while in prison, Burnett made it clear his deal with Stewart was completed before the domestic mogul entered prison, although he's made monthly visits to her.

She was convicted last year of lying about why she unloaded shares of ImClone Systems Inc. stock in 2001, just before the price plunged. Stewart began serving her five-month sentence in October, and is scheduled for release in early March from a prison in Alderson, W.Va.

"Since the last four months, Martha's been incarcerated and has given no input," said Burnett.

Wednesday's announcement means Stewart will have two shows. On Dec. 8 it was announced that she will revive her daily homemaking show next September, this time with a live audience, celebrity guests and with Burnett's help.

Filming on her "Apprentice" could begin as early as March when Stewart goes from prison to house arrest. Under her probation, she'll be allowed to work outside of her home, which Burnett said may include shooting the show.

Other moguls have attempted to walk in Trump's reality TV show shoes such as Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban and Virgin owner Richard Branson, who starred in "Apprentice"-like shows. But both garnered low ratings.

Trump, who will stay in the boardroom for "Apprentice" seasons four and five, is ready to guide Stewart to success.

"With Branson and Cuban, I wanted them to fail," said Trump. "Fortunately, they did. Martha and I are teammates."

But just how far will the team mentality go?

Will Trump appear on her show or vice versa? Maybe, he said.

And will Stewart recite Trump's infamous phrase "you're fired" before eliminating contestants?

"She's probably going to use a different expression," said Trump.



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Although still in jail, America's favorite professional home-maker, Martha Stewart, has arranged for her own version of "The Apprentice." Filming most likely will not begin until she on house arrest.

Eve goes out, turns him down



Original Sin
Eve

Every year on Christmas eve, one of the largest night clubs in Boston opens its doors to resident Jews, hence why the night is titled "Matzah Ball". This year, I was invited. As I stood among the throng of old friends, new friends, and dozens of others gathered for the same reason, I noticed the scene was more like a matchmaking ball than it was a club, but then I realized she was still around in theory.

"Hi. Would you like to dance?"

I turned around to see a very good-looking man in an expensive suit staring directly at me.

"No thanks," I said.

I had come to have a good time, and no time is a good time looking for a quick fix.

"Oh, come on. I'll be nice, please?"

His eyebrows raised in a hopeful plea. I paused for a moment, trying to overlook his slight desperation, and replied, "You know what, I really want to spend some time with my friends. How about another time?"

I gave him a friendly pat on the back and slowly made my way to the other side of the room.

A few days later he called me and I had absolutely no idea how he was able to because I purposely failed to leave him my number, but any effort is appreciated, right?

"Hi, um, I don't know if you remember me, but, um, I was wondering if you wanted to go out, maybe next week sometime?" He was so shy, so harmless, and so adorable.

"Sure," I say, "why not? Give me a call next week." and it was set.

It was the first real date I had had in a very long time, and I'd never been more ready. I rummaged through my closet and found exactly what I was looking for; my only pair of very expensive black dress pants, and an only-on-very-special-occasions-sexy-black top, both folded perfectly on top of each other, both anxiously waiting for the perfect evening to come out of the closet. I was going on a date with a man, a real man who had a job, a salary, and a man who came to pick me up right on time.

"Hello," he said.

"Here let me get that for you."

He pulled open the door to the passenger side and I climbed in. As he shut the door behind me, I couldn't help but notice an overpowering stench that singed my nostrils. He sat down and began driving toward his chosen surprise destination.

"You look great," he exclaimed. The smell was unbearable. It was his breath, stale old-man breath that had the ability to absorb into my clothing, hair, and skin for a very long time.

"Hey, can I open a window? I'm so hot for some reason."

It was below zero outside. He smiled and said, "Actually, I'm really cold, can you just wait until we get there?"

I slid down into my seat and turned away from his mouth. At this unfortunate moment I noticed he was driving under the speed limit, and I am claustrophobic.

"You know, you can speed up, the roads aren't that icy," I said in a desperate attempt to keep myself from gagging.

"Oh, I prefer to drive extra carefully when I have a girl in the car. I take very safe precautions as if you were my own family," he said.

I felt a sudden urge to leap out of his car and never look back, but it was too late.

"Well, here we are," he announced. I looked up in horror. He had brought me to the Foggy Goggle, one of the trashiest bars in all of Boston. This bar mixes Coyote Ugly, Girls Gone Wild and Spring break all in one dirty STD infested room with cheesey music.

"Um, I'm sorry, do you mind going somewhere else? I dressed too nicely for a place like this and it's just really not my type of fun."

I was on the verge of tears. How could this night have gone so wrong? He looked confused for a moment then answered. "Come on, it'll be fun, I promise. If you hate it, we'll leave, ok? Just give it a chance."

He pulled me toward the door and I gave in. As we entered, two of the bartenders were on top of the bar performing their weekly wet t-shirt contests while drunken older men laughed out in delight. Beer was being thrown in every direction, and I noticed that in every corner of the room, retired men held their twenty-something girlfriends comfortably as if it were acceptable.

I needed a drink. After ordering for the both of us, I asked for the bill.

"After this drink I would like to go, ok," I said, pleading with him.

He nodded and realized that might be a good idea. He then looked at the bill and neglected to reach for his wallet. I was shocked. I pulled out my wallet hastily and turned to him.

"You know what? This is the worst date I have ever been on! Thanks a lot for being so generous. I am leaving now."

I took a last sip of my drink and walked out. Moments later, he caught up with me.

"At least let me drive you home. I didn't pay because I thought you were the type of girl that wants to take care of yourself."

I couldn't believe he said such a ridiculous thing. "Fine," I replied.

As he pulled up slowly to my house, I felt guilty for being so rude. He didn't know what to do, and for some reason I sympathized with him.

"Well, here we are," I said. "Thanks for the ride."

As I leaned over to give him a friendly hug, he pushed me away nervously.

"Wait, wait, I have to do something first," he cried.

He reached into his glove compartment and shuffled his hands around until he found what he was looking for.

"Tic-Tacs! I like to keep up with dental hygiene."

He put one in his mouth, swished it around for fifteen seconds, and cleared his throat.

"Ok, I'm ready!"

My mouth dropped open, and I was speechless. Was he serious? I looked at his face, distorted and posing for a kiss he was never going to get. Yes, I think he was very serious. I opened the door and said goodbye. I never answered his calls again.

Eve is a Collegian columnist.

FCC cracking down after Jackson Super Bowl drama

By Gail Pennington
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

When Justin Timberlake tore open Janet Jackson's blouse during the Super Bowl halftime show, exposing her right breast, broadcast television shivered. And now, almost a year later, TV producers are still feeling the chill.

"I don't think today we could launch or sell 'NYPD Blue' in the form that it launched 12 years ago," said Steven Bocheo, creator of the landmark police drama.

"It's kind of a tightrope," said Seth MacFarlane, whose cartoon "Family Guy" engages in "an ongoing conversation with Standards and Practices" at Fox. "All networks are under enormous pressure from the FCC, and we deal with that every day."

In the post-"Nipplegate" crackdown, the FCC fined CBS and its owned-and-operated stations a total of $550,000, even though the network protested that it was blindsided by the incident. Then, in October, the agency levied an even bigger fine, a total of almost $1.2 million, against Fox and all its affiliates over a scene in the reality series "Married by America."

Both networks are protesting the fines, and a coalition of broadcasters has asked the FCC to clarify its rules on content.

"Obviously, we're still very upset about the FCC's treatment of us on Janet Jackson," CBS chairman Les Moonves told TV critics meeting in Los Angeles earlier this month. "We're refusing to pay that fine, and we're going much further with it."

The end result will probably be a legal proceeding that could wind up before the Supreme Court, the first time the high court has taken up the matter of TV indecency since the George Carlin "seven dirty words" case in 1978. That case gave the FCC the right to regulate obscenity on television, citing a need to protect children.

Meanwhile, confusion reigns in TV land. Nobody would argue that broadcast television has



Jackson and Timberlake catalyzed a slew of changes in television programming after their infamous "wardrobe malfunction".

shrunk from pushing the content envelope; on the top-rated new series of the season, ABC's darkly comic "Desperate Housewives," a wife carried on an affair with the teenage gardener while a husband paid for masochistic sex play. On CBS "CSI," the most-watched series on television, one plot turned on do-it-yourself transgender surgery, with one scene graphically showing the gory aftermath.

But Fox recently opted to hide the bare bottom of animated baby Stewie in a "Family Guy" repeat PBS blurred a picture of a naked man in the documentary "Auschwitz: Inside the Nazi State" after editing expletives from the British drama "Prime Suspect" and the play "Cop Shop." NBC's long-running "ER" opted to blur the breasts of an elderly female patient being administered CPR. Actors on Fox's "Arrested Development" were told to conceal their mouths when uttering curse words designed to be bleeped for comic effects.

"You do find yourself making decisions, second-guessing," said PBS president Pat Mitchell. "That's how you wind up with the 'Saving Private Ryan' situation," she added, referring to the decision by some ABC stations not to air an expletive-undeleted version of the war movie.

More confusion surrounds the fact that the FCC reversed its own decision on an expletive uttered by U2 singer Bono at the 2003 Golden Globe Awards, first ruling that his excited comment wasn't obscene, then deciding it was. What's more, the scene in

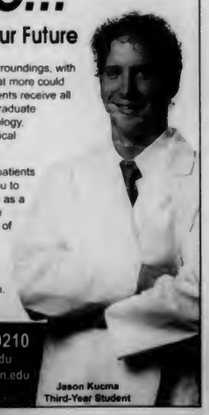
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It's Super Bowl trivia time

Get to know Jacksonville

By Michael Precker
The Dallas Morning News





It's not enough to stand around the water cooler and discuss whether Philadelphia can stop New England from winning its third Super Bowl in four years. You ought to know a little about where the game is being played.

This year, for reasons nobody can figure out, that means Jacksonville, Fla., famous the world around as a good place to stop for gas when you're driving from New York to Miami.

Aw, we're just jealous because we won't be hosting or playing in Super Bowls for the foreseeable future. If you don't think of Jacksonville as a big city, you're wrong. The population is about 800,000, but the 1968 merger of Jacksonville and Duval County created the largest city, 841 square miles, in America.

To honor Jacksonville's big event, here's a trivia quiz to help you appreciate America's football capital for a day, and then put it out of your mind again.

For answers to trivia questions visit www.dailycollegian.com.

1. Originally known as Cowford, the town was renamed in 1822 for General (and later President) Andrew Jackson, although he:

A) Sunburned easily

B) Never set foot there

C) Hated the beach

2. The St. Johns River running through Jacksonville is one of the very few U.S. rivers that flows:

A) Different directions in summer and winter

B) Whichever way the City Flowmaster decides

C) South to north

3. During the Civil War, Union troops burned down most of the city:

A) Once

B) Twice

C) Three times

4. In 1954 Jacksonville bartender Ricardo Gracia made history by inventing:

A) The hose that spouts many soft drinks from a single nozzle

B) The Pina Colada

C) The Heimlich maneuver

5. Jacksonville hosts an annual meaningless college football classic called the:

A) Freedom Bowl

B) Atlantic Bowl

C) Gator Bowl

FCC still involved

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the reality series "Married by America" for which the FCC fined Fox, involving strippers at a bachelor party, had been blurred, a practice that was previously acceptable.

The FCC's guidelines "are not clear, and we need clarity," Berman said. "We don't want to be irresponsible, but it is difficult, and we are attempting to do our best to find our way in this very complicated issue and very complicated landscape."

NBC Universal president Jeff Zucker also asked the FCC to "bring some common sense and some uniformity to the issues of indecency that just have not had any semblance of uniformity."

"Everything has been dealt with so indiscriminately and differently in each case," Zucker complained. "If everybody understood what the rules were, that would be a step in the right direction."

The resignation of Michael Powell as FCC chairman "gives us hope that there can actually be a new agenda" at the agency, Zucker told TV critics.

At this point, it's uncertain how much the networks are leaning on producers to clean up their act and how much the producers themselves are reacting self-protectively.

"Is there some chilling effect? I don't think we've seen it," WB chairman Garth Ancier said. "But we've always been a pretty conservative network."

Now, "we look at everything a little more closely, but we've always been very, very careful and very respectful, I think," said Dawn Ostroff, chief programmer for UPN.

"It's not having a chilling effect on our shows," CBS boss Moonves said. "What we're saying to our producers is, guys, let's not be stupid about this. Clearly, there's a change in how the FCC is looking at us. We're not changing our content. But by the same token, we have to be aware of what the world is out there."

"I don't want anyone angry, and I'm not sure we're looking to be naughty," said the WB's David Janollari. But "we're looking to continue to do kind of provocative, quality dramas ... I don't feel that we need to be naughty or risque in any way to attract an audience."

"We haven't really changed anything we're doing," said ABC Entertainment president Steve McPherson. "We have adhered to the same standards ... regardless of what the climate is. Obviously, there's a little bit more chatter about it, and maybe people get a little bit more worked up about it. But in terms of the way we do our business and the way we talk to our producers, nothing has changed."

But Bochco, whose "NYPD Blue" is wrapping up its 12th and final season on ABC, said the Super Bowl incident "certainly was a tipping point for what we were used to doing and, really, can no longer do."

"NYPD Blue" shook up broadcast television in 1992 by telling police stories with realistic violence and strong language. It quickly became famous, however, for featuring the most nudity ever seen in prime time, frequently showing its actors unclothed from the back or in bed scenes. Last season, a character played by Charlotte Ross was shown completely naked, covering herself only with strategically placed hands and arms.

Post-"Nipplegate," however, the show dropped what would have been the first sex scene and backside shot for Gordon Clapp, a 12-season regular as Detective Greg Medavoy. Both Clapp and Bochco laughed that decision off, but Bochco said, "We have fought with ABC broadcast standards in the past year over things we hadn't fought about for 10-plus years."

At issue, primarily, was nudity, he said.

"You know, scenes that were modified after the fact, and then at some point you're told you just can't do certain scenes the way you used to do them. So you stop doing them."

He had hoped, "and I think probably everyone in television had hoped, that 'NYPD Blue' would pave the way for a more open approach to programming, a more adult ... kind of programming," Bochco said. "But there's no question in my mind that ... the medium has become increasingly conservative."

Asked about Bochco's contention that "NYPD Blue" couldn't get on the air today, ABC's McPherson said, "I hope that's not true."

Responded Bochco: "I'll call Steve and I'll go pitch him something next week with a lot of (bare backsides) and things, and we'll see."

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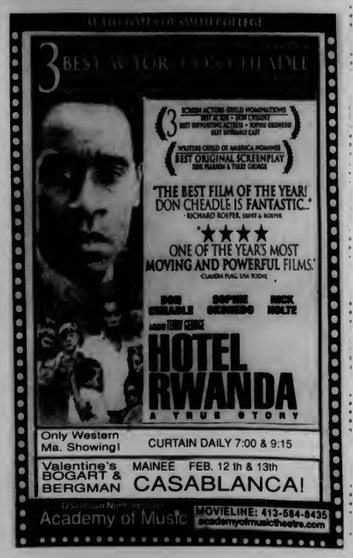
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Looking for a larger victory

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ously. He had 10 turnovers, so that's something we have to keep thinking about."

After the Minutemen came home with the victory, there was much criticism from the UMass fan base.

People were puzzled with how a team that could beat UConn, George Washington and Xavier could let St. Bonaventure give them such a game.

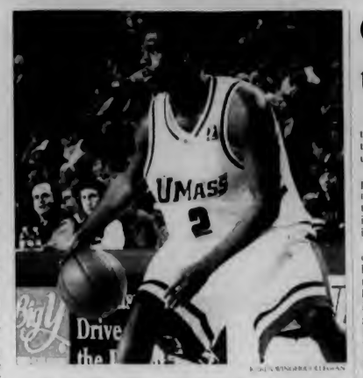
Lappas was not entirely pleased with the way his team played that day but believes that the final score should garner more weight than the spread.

"I just think it's important to win, you know what I mean?" Lappas said. "It's like saying, 'What difference would it make if we beat UConn by two or by 20?' The object of the game is to win."

One concern going into Saturday's game is the status of Artie Bowers' right thumb. During Tuesday's practice, Bowers sprained his thumb and had it wrapped up on Wednesday.

The Minutemen have listed him as day-to-day and he could potentially make an appearance in Saturday's contest.

Bowers had eight points and four rebounds against the Bonnies last time, including going two-for-five from behind the arc.



Chris Chadwick and the Minutemen will try sweeping St. Bonaventure this season when they do battle tomorrow at noon.

Cahoon looking for team consistency

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that regard. We're kind of lax in that area, and we need to tighten it up."

The Minutemen will put these philosophies to work against a much-improved Northeastern team that is having its best season in four years and sits in sixth place in Hockey East.

The Huskies have been led on offense by Jason Guerrero, who has scored 11 goals and notched a team-high 21 assists for a team-leading 32 points, and Mike Morris, who has a team-high 12 goals alongside 12 assists for 24 points. Their hottest player sits in net though, as Keni Gibson was just named Hockey East Defensive Player of the Week on Jan. 31, for the third time this season. Gibson stopped 57 of 60 shots during a pair of games against Maine over the weekend.

Cahoon acknowledged that Northeastern has already gone through the same growing pains that his team is currently battling.

"I'm sure that some of the things that we're talking about with our team right now, they've already gone through," Cahoon said. "They've made some assessments along those lines, and this has been a process for us; probably a good thing in some ways with the nature of injuries and everything that has happened. It just made us more aware what our needs are going to be."

The Minutemen split their early-season series with Merrimack, featuring an 8-2 victory over the Warriors at the Mullins Center on Nov. 5, and a 5-2 loss at Lawler Arena the following night.

UMass aims to stay perfect

By Eric Athas
Daily Collegian

Put yourself in the place of the Massachusetts men's swimming and diving team.

You've won the last four Atlantic 10 championships and seven in the past nine years.

You've competed in six dual meets this season and won them all.

You're nationally ranked. Your coach, Russ Yarworth, has been named Atlantic-10 Coach of the Year six times, with a record of 214-63.

With all of that piled on your shoulders, your focus is sharp and your goal is singular: win the 2005 Atlantic 10 championship.

"Even though we won every duel meet this season, our main focus is the championship," senior Justin Zeimetz said. "It's important to prepare mentally and to have confidence."

Despite its success, UMass had to first undergo a busy and strenuous schedule up to this point.

The bulk of the work came shortly after the holiday season when the team ventured to San Juan, Puerto Rico for a training session.

After arriving back from Puerto Rico, the Maroon and White attended meets over the course of three consecutive weekends, with virtually no time to rest in between.

Following their final meet of the regular season, a 175-120 win over Fordham, they finally were given some resting time to prep for the pivotal point of the season.

"They really have no rest after the holiday season," Yarworth said. "It is important to give them enough rest during this taper period so they're ready for the championships."

Preparation is not only physical for the swimmers, but also mental.

And while the upperclassmen on the team have experienced this portion of the season several times now, the freshmen have yet to be aquainted with the much-anticipated Atlantic 10 Championships.

"I've been thinking about the A-10's for a couple of weeks now," Derek Castellana said. "I'm really excited for it, and I know I have to get into the right mindset."

The motto for the team this season is "drive for five" in hope of that fifth championship. Although Castellana lacks experience in the Atlantic 10 Championships, he understands the magnitude of this meet and the legacy of the UMass swim team.

While the rookies have a lot on their mind, the veterans have even more to dwell on as they compete in their very last Atlantic 10 Championship meet. The seven seniors who are the leaders of the team are a close-knit bunch who view themselves as a family.

"The last four years went by really fast," Yarworth said. "I've been really lucky to get such good kids that buy into the UMass philosophy. These guys are really psyched and ready to attack when the time comes."

Yarworth, who is in his 26th season, is responsible for 15 titles and is in the midst of a possible 16th. As of now, however, he is focused on the task at hand and relies on his veterans to keep the newcomers ready.

"We really try to make sure that the freshmen take it seriously," Zeimetz said. "I haven't been on this team for all four years, but I still feel like these guys are like my brothers."

As the days count down to the big meet, anxiety is only matched by the amount of excitement that all of the swimmers are feeling.

"It's pretty exciting knowing that you're on a championship team," Castellana said. "Discipline and hard work are two things that are important at this time of the year."

The life of a Division I swimmer is a fast-paced one, with little time to stop or rest. In fact, after the Atlantic 10 championship last year, Yarworth gathered his swimmers together to tell them something.

"Now we need to start training for another championship next year," Yarworth said.

And so the "drive for five" began.



Jad Vonderheid helped UMass go undefeated this season. The Minutemen will try winning their fifth A-10 championship in a row.

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Minutemen ink 14 recruits on signing day

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CHRIS DIJAK
Defensive End/Offensive Line — Born April 23, 1987

Dijak started for three seasons on the defensive line at Lunenburg High School, while also starting two seasons of offensive tackle for coach Dale Diamantopoulos. Capable of playing on both lines in college, he made 104 tackles and nine sacks on defense as well.

BRIAN FREDERICK
Tight End — Born May 8, 1987

A Lowell Sun All-Star as a junior, and an All-Conference selection during his junior and senior seasons, Frederick caught 38 passes for 650 yards and six touchdowns this season. Another Shriners Game participant, he received the All-Scholastic Award as a senior, and also played hockey and track for three seasons at Dracut High School.

MICHAEL HANSON
Linebacker — Born November 5, 1986

Second Team All-New Jersey and a Bergen Country All Star at linebacker for Teaneck High School (N.J.), Hanson led his team in tackles with 103, including 70 solo stops. A three-time unanimous All-League choice, he played in the New York/New Jersey Governor's Bowl last season.

JOSH JENNINGS
Linebacker — Born January 7, 1987

Jennings had a solid season at Bridgton Academy (Maine), posting 11 sacks and two forced fumbles from his linebacker position. The 2003 Connecticut Defensive Player of the Year at New Britain High School (Conn.), he is the all-time state record holder in career sacks with 64 while also holding the record for sacks in a single season (27) and sacks in a single game (five).

TONY NELSON
Running Back — Born August 24, 1987

In leading Northwest High School to a Maryland State Championship in 2004, Nelson ran for 1,692 yards and 18 touchdowns on 213 carries as a senior. A top 44 recruit in Maryland, he recorded 33 touchdowns over his final two seasons in helping Northwest to a 32-6 record over his three seasons on the squad.

THELUXON PIERRE
Defensive End — Born October 13, 1986

Pierre was an All-Massachusetts selection as a senior at Everett High School, and was named as an All-Scholastic by the Boston Globe and Boston Herald after making 70 tackles and 12 sacks as a senior. He led Everett to a 36-1 record over his three seasons, and was named an EMass All Star in addition to playing in the Shriners Game.

MATT SILVER
Tight End — Born February 7, 1987

An All-Western New York selection who was chosen to play in the New York/New Jersey Governor's Cup, Silver had 25 receptions for 459 yards and 10 touchdowns as a senior, while making 64 tackles and 10 sacks on defense.

SEAN SMALLS
Defensive Back — Born April 20, 1987

An All-Dominion District, All-Central Region and All-Metro selection as a senior at Huguenot High School (Va.), Smalls recorded 16 career interceptions and set a national record with a 109-yard interception return for a touchdown. Also returned five kickoffs for 207 yards and a touchdown.

SCOTT WOODWARD
Quarterback — Born November 2, 1986

Woodward started three seasons under center for Mahar Regional, leading the Senators to consecutive Division III Super Bowl titles. A first-team All-State selection as a senior, he threw for more than 4,000 yards and 46 touchdowns in his career, while interceptiong 26 passes on defense and posting a 40-yard average as a punter.

CHRIS ZARDAS
Running Back — Born December 23, 1986

A four-year starter in the backfield at St. John's Prep in Danvers, Zardas ran for over 4,000 career yards and scoring 48 touchdowns leading D-I in scores in his last two seasons.

UM returns to court after a week off

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hopefully that will be a positive."

Dacko doesn't plan on making any dramatic changes to the line-up to try to jump-start the offense. She may look to some different players for more offensive contributions, but is more focused on getting consistent production on a daily basis.

One player Dacko said could add a lift to the offense is Ashley Sharpton. The junior guard is capable of scoring from the outside and Dacko may look to Sharpton for an offensive spark.

"I think we've really got to give Ashley Sharpton a good, hard look," Dacko said. "She's someone that can really shoot the three, and she's been practicing very well."

It's been a revolving door for us this year. I'd rather have seven or eight players to focus on, but we don't have that luxury. Whoever stands out is going to get the minutes."

Shooting woes hurt UMass

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

You don't need a Ph.D. to figure out what's been hurting the Massachusetts women's basketball team lately.

It doesn't take a whole lot to figure out why, in two crucial Atlantic 10 Conference games against two teams they stood more than a chance against last weekend, they have been dropped by double digits in each of their last two games.

All you need is a stat sheet, an opposable thumb and some common sense.

Last Friday at the Reilly Center in Olean, N.Y., the visiting Minutewomen shot a mere 27.3 percent from the field against the St. Bonaventure Bonnies, including a dreadful 6-for-19 (20.7 percent) effort from the floor in the first half that tied their season-low 14 points heading into the half.

Their second-half toils were a tad more respectable. They shot 34.6 percent, but it still amounted to just 35 points total, their lowest offensive scoring effort since throwing down a meager 35 against Rhode Island in 2001. The Bonnies and their notoriously noisy crowd took it to the women in maroon and white by two touchdowns.

Sunday's affair in the Bronx against Fordham — a team they owned in their first meeting — wasn't much better. This time, the Maroon and White had a 30.8 percent day from the field, but it was a 5-for-24, 12-point first-half effort — this time the lowest all season — that did them in, falling by ten to the Rams.

"When you look at our percentage right now, the kids have not been good, so we really have to reach deep down in our pockets and step up to the plate," coach Marnie Dacko said.

Overall, the Minutewomen shot just over 28 percent from the floor, a number that needs to improve vastly.

"You can't win ball games when you hold the team to 55 points, and you can't put up that much," Dacko said. "We've got to score."

And so it is that Dacko has adopted a new approach to coaching up the women on their shots. It shouldn't be grueling, she says, but a lot of fun. In practice Wednesday, she told her women to "lighten up" about their low-scoring efforts, and that it's "not the end of the world."

"I think what I'm trying to do is lighten the kids up a little bit, so that there's not so much emphasis on the ball going in the basket, but just that they're caught up with being able to catch passes," Dacko said. "I'm more concerned with our lack of execution on the offense, and not turning the ball over. So, if we can cut down on our turnovers, and get better attempts, get better looks, more looks, then we'll be better."



Brooke Campbell will try to lead UMass past the Bonnies on Sunday.

Which brings us to a certain demon the Minutewomen exorcised earlier in the season, but has come back to haunt them as of late. That demon, of course, is the dreaded turnover column.

The Minutewomen committed a whopping 30 turnovers (27 on Friday, 23 on Sunday), a number that obviously needs some serious downsizing if they are to stay in the hunt for a No. 5 seed in the Atlantic 10 tournament next month.

On Sunday, UMass will get its rematch with the Bonnies at the Mullins Center, where they are 5-2 in 2004-05.

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Fourteen officially commit to UMass

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

After adding seven players to its roster from the college and prep school ranks on Monday, head coach Don Brown officially announced the Massachusetts football team's 2005 recruiting class yesterday.

Fourteen players officially committed to UMass on National Letter of Intent Day, including six offensive players, six defensive players, one two-way player and one special teams player.

Six of the 14 players hail from Massachusetts while two come from New York and one apiece from Connecticut, New Jersey, Ohio, Florida, Virginia and Maryland.

The following is a breakdown of the 2005 recruiting class:

Stephen Babinski
Offensive Line
Born September 6, 1985

An All-New England first team selection after a stellar season as team captain at St. Thomas More (Conn.), Babinski was named team co-MVP after not allowing a sack during his senior season. Also a defensive end, he made 43 tackles and nine sacks while also scoring a touchdown on a blocked punt.

George Byrd
Linebacker
Born November 7, 1987

Ranked as the fourth-best linebacker committed to a I-AA school by Rivals.com after being honored as a two-time First Team All-County selection at Naples High School (Fla.), Byrd made 102 tackles and 10.5 sacks last season, while causing three fumbles and forcing 16 quarterback hurries.

Brandon Collier
Defensive End
Born September 27, 1985

A Second Team All-Ohio selection after a tremendous senior season that saw him post 107 tackles, including 75 unassisted. Collier was also selected to the county all-star team by the Cleveland Plain Dealer, and recorded 10 sacks and 19 tackles for a loss while playing at Western Reserve Academy (Ohio).

Armando Cuko
Kicker/Punter
Born May 2, 1987

A native of Albania and a team captain at Beverly High School, Cuko was a three-time all conference selection and was named Special Teams Player of the Week 12 times during his three-year career. He made five-of-six field goals, 16-of-17 extra points, posted a 38-yard average as a punter and has a career-long field goal of 40 yards.

2005 Recruiting Class
Massachusetts Minutemen

Name	Pos.	Height	Weight	Hometown
Stephen Babinski	OL	6-4	300	Southampton, N.Y.
George Byrd	LB	6-1	215	Naples, Fla.
Brandon Collier	DE	6-1	250	Hudson, Ohio
Armando Cuko	K/P	5-10	185	Beverly, Mass.
Christopher Dijak	DE/OL	6-4	255	Lunenburg, Mass.
Brian Frederick	TE	6-4	240	Dracut, Mass.
Michael Henson	LB	6-2	230	Teaneck, N.J.
Josh Jennings	LB	5-11	210	Windsor, Conn.
Tony Nelson	RB	5-10	210	Germantown, Md.
Theluson Pierre	DE	6-2	230	Everett, Mass.
Matt Silver	TE	6-4	235	Victor, N.Y.
Sean Smalls	DB	6-1	190	Richmond, Va.
Scott Woodward	QB	6-3	190	Wendell, Mass.
Chris Zardas	RB	6-1	215	Wakefield, Mass.

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Minutemen looking for more convincing win in rematch

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

In most college basketball circles, a conference win is seen as a positive.

However, when a team beats an under matched and undermanned team by four points in double overtime, some would say it's almost as bad as a loss.

This very instance occurred in Olean, N.Y., on Jan. 26, when the Massachusetts men's basketball team squeaked by St. Bonaventure 82-78, in a double overtime thriller.

The Minutemen take on the Bonnies again Saturday at 12 p.m. under much different circumstances. This time, St. Bonaventure must travel seven hours through the plains of western New York and into the farmland of western Massachusetts for a rematch that, on paper, appears to be in the Minutemen's favor.

However, there is one major intangible that UMass coach Steve Lappas sees as a definitive advantage: the comfort of the home court.

"Being home makes a big difference," Lappas said. "I know it's a lot easier being here than kind of being by yourself on the road out in Olean, and I think it will make a big difference."

In its last trip to Olean, UMass got a real ear full. The student section in the Reilly Center was packed and the Minutemen were never able to get past the noise and into an easy rhythm.

Aside from the crowd noise, the Minutemen were also very passive with their perimeter defense, letting St. Bonaventure's two premiere players, Wade Dunston and Patrick Lottin have open shots for the majority of regulation.

After the first five minutes of the game, it became increasingly obvious that UMass was not going to give the Bonnies any open shots from 3-point land. Sophomore Maurice Maxwell kept an eye on Dunston, and Lottin was pressured no matter where he was on the court.

St. Bonaventure coach Anthony Solomon saw the defense and made a quick adjustment that let the Bonnies go on a bit of a roll. Soloman told his team to penetrate and dish, a system that left bodies unguarded and let 3-pointers fall.

"I think we really need to step it up a notch defensively, that's what I want," Lappas said. "We really need to step it up a notch to stop their dribble penetration. I think they got to the basket on us a lot and they made a lot of those threes. They drove and they kicked."



Anthony Anderson and the Minutemen had a tough time with the Bonnies their first time around.

Dunston put together his best offensive game against the Minutemen and mentioned afterwards that it may have been the best game of his career. Dunston dropped 28 points that night, including going three-for-six behind the arc.

However, aside from his shooting prowess, Dunston felt the pressure of the stymieing UMass defense. After showcasing the fact that he had a touch, the Minutemen pestered him wherever he went on the court, eventually forcing him to make a game-high 10 turnovers.

"We knew he made three or four threes against Rhode Island. We knew that he was going to be a dangerous guy to play against," Lappas said. "Our pressure bothered him, obvi-

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Former UMass QB Krohn signs with NFL's Steelers

Former Massachusetts quarterback Jeff Krohn has reunited with his former head coach Mark Whipple, signing a free agent contract with the Pittsburgh Steelers of the National Football League. The terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Krohn, who transferred to UMass from Arizona State and played two seasons under Whipple from 2002-03, was one of 14 players signed by the Steelers yesterday, and will play in NFL Europe this summer.

An All-Atlantic 10 performer who led the Minutemen to a share of the A-10 championship in 2003, Krohn threw for 4,994 yards and 44 touchdowns over the two seasons while completing 53 percent of his passes.

Prior to his time under Whipple, Krohn started two seasons for the Sun Devils, completing 240-of-467 passes for 3,693 yards and 31 touchdowns with 13 interceptions while leading the Pacific 10 Conference in passing efficiency in 2001 with a quarterback rating of 153.4.

Krohn, a native of Winnipeg, Manitoba, originally entered the Canadian Football League upon leaving Amherst, but eventually decided to pursue other ventures before finding his first NFL home in Pittsburgh. His father Jim was a four-year letterwinner as quarterback for the University of Arizona, where he captained the Wildcats' 1979 Fiesta Bowl team.

-Mike Marzelli

Another shot at SBU

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts women's basketball team returns to the hardwood this weekend after a week-long break between games. This Sunday at 2 p.m. the Minutewomen will host Atlantic 10 foe St. Bonaventure.

UMass will look to snap a two-game losing streak and exact some revenge on the Bonnies in the process. This current mini-slide for the Minutewomen began at St. Bonaventure on Friday when the Bonnies handed UMass a 49-35 defeat. UMass then fell at Fordham, 54-44 on Sunday.

The earlier meeting between UMass and St. Bonaventure resulted in record-setting performances for both teams. St. Bonaventure, which was ranked No. 11 in the A-10 in points-per-game-allowed at the time, held the Minutewomen to the fewest points it had ever allowed in an A-10 game. The offensive futility wasn't an all-time low for the Minutewomen, but it was the lowest point total during coach Marnie Dacko's two-year tenure. The 35 points were the fewest for the Minutewomen since Jan. 31, 2001, when they registered 35 in a loss to Rhode Island.

"I'm mostly concerned with our execution," Dacko said. "Our inconsistencies with shooting will happen. Our main concern is our lack of efficiency on offense."

Dacko's concerns are certainly warranted. UMass turned the ball over 27 times at St. Bonaventure and had 23 turnovers in the loss to Fordham.

"We're just throwing the ball away, unforced," Dacko said. "St. Bonaventure and Fordham didn't beat us. They got the wins, but they didn't beat us, we beat ourselves. It's much easier for a coach to accept the fact that we got beat. But we didn't get beat, we defeated ourselves."

The Minutewomen (11-9, 4-5 A-10) have completed just over half of their conference schedule and currently are in second place in the A-10 East Division. Sunday's game begins the final leg of the season for the Minutewomen as they will play seven games in the next four weeks, all against conference opponents.

Despite struggling through stretches this season, St. Bonaventure seems to be hitting its stride at the right time. The Bonnies come to Amherst riding the momentum of two consecutive wins against A-10 opponents.

The matchup with St. Bonaventure (8-12, 3-6 A-10) has added importance because the Bonnies have closed to within one game of UMass in the league standings.

Although St. Bonaventure is drawing nearer to UMass in the standings, Dacko is not ready to start checking the rearview mirror. "If we play our game, the standings will fall into place for us," she said.

Dacko believes that UMass is close is to turning the corner and is thankful to be returning to the friendly confines of the Mullins Center this weekend.

"It's great to be back here," Dacko said. "It's also great that the kids have started school. We got to a point where we were always on the road, and now there's a change in their day-to-day activities and

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Katie Nelson will try to help the Minutewomen end their two-game losing streak when they take the court on Sunday against St. Bonaventure, their first game after a week-long layoff.

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Mass Attack just looks for consistency

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

The month of January wasn't very kind to Massachusetts.

Mother Nature dropped over two feet of snow in most areas throughout the Bay State, causing a state of emergency in many cities and towns and closing down schools for days.

The Massachusetts hockey team (10-15-2, 4-10-2 Hockey East) didn't have a kind month, either.

But after going winless in its six games (0-5-1),



KAREN WINGERT/COLLEGIAN

UMass will be without Mike Kostka due to his injured ankle tonight against Northeastern.

UMass is moving into a new month with a chance to garner some momentum heading into the Hockey East tournament.

That will all start tonight when the Minutemen travel to Matthews Arena to take on the Northeastern Huskies (9-13-4, 5-8-3 HEA) at 7 p.m. for the first time this season. UMass will then travel to North Andover to do battle with Merrimack (8-19-2, 1-15-1 HEA) on Saturday night at 7 p.m.

Northeastern won the last two meetings between the teams last year and has played the Minutemen tough during their games in Boston recently.

As the season winds down though, and conference games become increasingly important, UMass coach Don Cahoon has a more simplistic goal: to create some consistency and to keep the team moving in the right direction for next year.

"Every game in our league, from start to finish, counts for two points. When you get down to the end and there are only so many games left, each two points seems like they're a little bit bigger, and in the standings they probably are," Cahoon admitted.

"Our concern, though, more than points, is playing well. We haven't played well, consistently, throughout the year. We've had some good games, and then we've had some games that aren't so good.

"In order for us to walk away from this at the end of the year feeling like we're moving in the right direction, we need to create some consistency, so that's a bigger motivation than the points."

Noting that the team breaks down fundamentally when they fall behind, Cahoon has stressed individual accountability to get his players back to playing better, more organized, hockey.

"It's beyond [getting back to] basics," Cahoon said. "We're trying to create a scenario where there is more accountability so that everybody is aware of what they're supposed to be doing and that people are taking the responsibility to make other people accountable. We're leaning on the kids to police themselves in

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UMass tightening security Sunday

By Nathan Chomsky-Higgins
Collegian Correspondent

With the distinct possibility of a Super Bowl victory on Sunday, and the memory of the Red Sox riots still fresh in people's minds, the University of Massachusetts administration is taking several steps to protect students and property to hopefully prevent a repeat of the previous championship celebrations.

Residence Life is taking a much more aggressive stance this time around, with many fliers and other information posted across campus. A door hanger, distributed to RAs to put on their floors, highlights exactly what can happen to a student who decides to participate in large celebrations is one example of these.

Resident Assistants in all the buildings will be kept at half staff and duty will be extended to avoid problems in the buildings. Extra money has also been set aside for Super Bowl-related programming in the residence halls to give students an alternate, safer way to celebrate and enjoy the game.

There is also going to be a much stricter guest policy implemented in every residence hall on campus. According to an e-mail sent to all students by Michael Gilbert, Director of Housing Services, "Beginning at 6:00 p.m., only UMass Amherst students with a valid ID will be allowed to register as guests in any of the residence halls on campus."

Jo-Anne Vanin, Dean of Students, does not anticipate any problems following the game.

"I think after what happened with the Red Sox-Yankees series that students have gotten the message," Vanin said.

During the several riots that occurred during the baseball playoffs, 85 students were arrested on various charges. One was expelled from school, 13 were suspended, and the other 71 received deferred suspensions, pending completion of their trials in court. There were also damages to campus property in excess of $100,000.

Police presence is expected to be comparable to what was seen at the Red Sox riots. Barbara O'Connor, Chief of the UMass Police Department has high hopes that the night will go over smoothly.

"Its important to emphasize that students can celebrate safely. What we get worried about is dangerous behaviors, the body surfing, the fireworks, bottles being thrown at the police... Most students come out to celebrate peacefully. It's the agitators who ruin it for everyone" she says.

Vanin is also very certain in the UMass Police Department.

"I am confident in their ability to assess the situation and respond appropriately" she said, adding that "It's not about stopping [the students'] celebrations, it's about protecting them and UMass property."

Many other university groups, including the Student Government Association, have stepped forward to denounce the rioting and other dangerous behaviors and their effects on the campus. They cite the costs to the campus, and therefore the students, and also the damage to the university's image across the country.

The university has stated that it will not tolerate any more rioting or disturbances on campus, and any students arrested at them will be punished severely, which may include expulsion under the university's Code of Student Conduct.

Sorority members searching for answers

Drug allegations help evict Delta Zeta members

By Dan O'Brien
Collegian Staff

Left with few answers, 15 residents of the University of Massachusetts chapter of the Delta Zeta sorority are looking for new housing after being abruptly evicted from their house.

The residence on 11 Phillips St. is currently under investigation by the national chapter of Delta Zeta after "unspecific drug allegations" surfaced, according to the national chapter's executive director, Cindy Mingas.

The national chapter sent a letter to Delta Zeta residents on Friday, Jan. 25 — one day before residents were expected to move back into the house — stating they had to move off the premises by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29.

Some members of the UMass Delta Zeta chapter have said they are extremely upset with the national organization's decision to remove them from their house, while others some are questioning the legality of evicting residents without 30-days notice.

A Delta Zeta member who was evicted from the sorority's house spoke with the Daily Collegian on the condition of anonymity. She alleges that the president of the national chapter, Debra Rossiano, phoned the parents of the members saying the drug allegations stemmed from cocaine trafficking, something several of the sorority members have vehemently denied.

"I've never seen coke in my life," the anonymous member said. "[The national chapter] had parents doubting their own children ... [The parents] thought their kids were lying."

Several media reports have said allegations of illegal drug use at Delta Zeta surfaced when a maintenance worker took a photograph of a marijuana pipe in a member's bedroom. The photograph was allegedly sent to the national chapter.

Sorority members who the Collegian spoke with said they could not confirm if the worker had mailed the picture, but did say it was clear someone had gone through their personal belongings over the winter break. One member identified the worker identified as "Handyman Hank."

A junior who lived at Delta Zeta, Abby Marsh said nobody she spoke with from the sorority knows who was in possession of the alleged marijuana pipe.

"It's kind of sad because this has made people doubt their friends," Marsh said, adding that the allegations were "very surprising" to everyone.

The national chapter members flew into Massachusetts from Ohio Tuesday for a closed door meeting with UMass Delta Zeta members to discuss the current situation. The members told the Collegian that not much new information came out of the meeting.

"They told us they are shutting down the house and they're taking our charter away," said the anonymous source, who added that Delta Zeta officials will allow members to be given alumni status and be left with good standing.

The Office of UMass Amherst Fraternities and Sororities, Michael Wiseman said his office and the office of the Dean of Students has been helping several of the displaced residents to find new housing on campus.

"Every member had an option to move back and a few took advantage of that," Wiseman said.

Since the eviction notice was handed down, the national office issued a security guard to stand watch over the house. One was seen sitting in a car outside the house yesterday afternoon.



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Delta Zeta sorority, shown above, remains vacated after the sorority's national chapter order members out last week.

Assunta DiMuro, a sophomore who lived at Delta Zeta, believed that the sorority was shut down because the national chapter was afraid of the reputation it would receive due to the allegations.

"I think that just knowledge of a fact — whether true or not — gives them good enough reason to take those actions," DiMuro said. "In our eyes, we think they should have proof."

Marsh claims that sorority members have been subject to harassment around campus since the allegations surfaced. In one instance, she claimed a group of males parked their cars outside the Delta Zeta house and began yelling obscenities and phrases such as, "coke heads!" while a security guard looked on, doing nothing to stop them.

DiMuro says this experience is not going to end the friendships the sisters have already made.

"It's sad that they did this because we all really did get along," DiMuro said. "We're all sticking together through this ordeal."

Marsh, who plans on filing a lawsuit against Delta Zeta, says this incident is sad because of all the good the sorority has done for the UMass Amherst community.

"It's unfortunate that something like this had to happen because of all the things our sorority has done for the community, such as philanthropy wise," Marsh said. "We stand by the university and support what is right. We're sorry that the proper due process was not followed in this case."

Pittsfield man fined after shooting eagle

By Adam Gorlick
Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — A 79-year-old World War II veteran was fined $5,000 and ordered not to hunt for two years Thursday after admitting he shot down a bald eagle.

Joseph Donohue of Pittsfield was sentenced Thursday in U.S. District Court for killing the federally-protected bird in October 2003. He pleaded guilty to shooting the eagle, which environmental officials say was younger than five years old.

Officials say it's only the third eagle to be shot down in Massachusetts during the past 20 years.

"I have to admit I made a mistake," Donohue told U.S. District Court Judge Michael Ponsor. "I know I would never in any way shoot at a bird I thought was an eagle."

Donohue, an ex-Navy pilot who spent four decades working for General Electric after WWII, shot the eagle while hunting in Cheshire. Donohue's lawyer, Mark Brennan, said his client caught a glimpse of the bird's shadow and mistook it for something other than an eagle. Brennan said Donohue heard other gunshots as the bird was flying by, and then fired his own shotgun at it.

Brennan said the killing has cost Donohue "many sleepless nights."

But Ponsor admonished Donohue for not taking better aim, a precaution he said his father instilled in him as a boy during hunting trips.

"He always told me that you don't shoot unless you know what you're shooting at," Ponsor said. "You don't shoot at a shadow."

Donohue faced up to a year in jail and $115,000 in fines, but prosecutors recommended fining him only $3,000 and having him stop hunting for two years. But Ponsor, calling the eagle shooting "a serious crime" that "needs to be dealt with seriously," imposed a $5,000 fine along with the hunting prohibition.

President Bush speaks to the nation

By David Espo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — At the dawn of a second term, President Bush is campaigning again, this time for changes in Social Security that would combine reduced government benefits for younger workers with "a chance to build a nest egg" through personal accounts.

"We must make Social Security permanently sound, not leave that task for another day," Bush told Congress Wednesday night in a State of the Union address that elicited applause from Republicans and audible grumbles from Democrats in the audience.

With success in Congress far from assured, the president chose to follow up the prime time televised speech with trips over two days to four states. Each is represented in the Senate by at least one Democrat the administration hopes to sway on Social Security.

Bush's first stop was North Dakota, which he won heavily in last fall's election. Even so, early indications were not so positive this time.

"He's saying we've got to take more money out of Social Security to start private accounts and borrow the money," said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., a target of Bush's travels. "I just think it's very unwise."

Other Democrats said Bush's program could reduce guaranteed government benefits for younger Americans by 40 percent.

Bush offered no information on that point Wednesday night as he outlined his plans in broad strokes. Aides said that by leaving many key details vague, he intended to give GOP congressional leaders room to piece together legislation that can command a majority.

He laid down a few markers, though, saying he will not agree to increase payroll taxes and wants provisions to keep lower-income Americans above the poverty line during retirement.

"We must guarantee that there is no change" in current or promised benefits for anyone age 55 and older, he said in a move to neutralize opposition from older Americans.



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President Bush addresses the nation Wednesday night in his State of the Union address from the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

In a 53-minute speech, Bush also blended the conservative with the compassionate, and gave no ground on his policy on the war in Iraq in which more than 1,400 American forces have died.

He renewed his call for a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage, and announced an increase in the use of DNA evidence to prevent wrongful convictions. "Soon I will send Congress a proposal to fund special training for defense counsel in capital cases," he added.

In an echo of his inaugural address pledge to promote freedom overseas, he called on the government of Iran to "end its support for terror. And to the Iranian people, I say tonight: As you stand for your own liberty, America stands with you."

The longest applause was

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Insurgents strike back after elections

By Jason Keyser
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Insurgents struck back with a vengeance following a post-election lull, killing at least 26 Iraqis and two Marines in new attacks, and the first partial election results released Thursday showed the Shiite cleric-endorsed ticket running strong as expected.

The partial results came from 1.6 million votes counted so far in Baghdad and five others of Iraq's 18 provinces. The United Iraqi Alliance, which is backed by the country's most influential Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, had 1.1 million votes, and the list led by interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's list was second with more than 360,500 votes.

The figures showed the alliance leading over Allawi in all six provinces but were too small to indicate a national trend. The results came from 25 percent of the votes cast in Baghdad and partial counts from five Shiite-dominated provinces, where the Alliance had been expected to do well.

The commission has said it could take up to seven to 10 days from Sunday's election to produce full official results. So far, tallies from 10 percent of the country's polling stations have been counted, it said.

Seats in the 275-member National Assembly will be allocated by the percentage of the nationwide vote that each faction wins. Around 14 million Iraqis were eligible in the election, but turnout is still not known, so it was not known what percentage of the total vote 1.6 million ballots would be.

Iraqi election officials said Thursday they sent a team to Mosul to look into allegations of voting irregularities in Ninevah province, a largely Sunni region. Complaints have included polling stations running short of ballots, confusion over the poll locations and ongoing military operations. It was not clear how many voters were affected.

Shiites turned out in large numbers in Sunday's balloting, eager to turn their majority into political power.

Many in the Sunni Arab minority stayed away, raising fears the outcome could further

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Former priest's fate in jurors' hands

By Denise Lavoie
Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — A jury briefly deliberated the fate of defrocked priest Paul Shanley on Thursday after hearing lawyers in the case clash over the validity of the repressed memories his accuser said came to him decades after the sexual abuse allegedly took place.

The jury deliberated for all of 30 minutes when the judge sent them home for the day. They were to return to Middlesex Superior Court on Friday to resume deliberations.

Earlier Thursday, Shanley's attorney in closing arguments contended the accusers allegations were orchestrated by personal injury lawyers, while a prosecutor argued the man's memories of the alleged rape and molestation were too agonizing to be lies.

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Campus Perspectives

By Matthew Reid

What are you doing for the Super Bowl, and what are your predictions?



sophomore
Computer Science major

"I have to work, so I can't watch. Besides, the commercials are the best part anyway."

Gabby Joseph



junior
English major

"I'm not a football fan, but I watch anyway. I have no prediction."

Karl Peters



sophomore
Psychology major

"Watching the game with my friends. The Patriots will win."

Lindsay Miller



senior
Accounting major

"I am going up to N.H. for a family Super Bowl party. I predict the Pats are going to win, 13-10."

Joshua Parker



junior
English and Art major

"Working security. My prediction is that half of the people in the dorms will forget they aren't allowed to bring guests in after the game, and then swear drunkenly at me. Oh ... and the Pats will win of course."

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Pope's health improving

By William J. Kole
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Easing fears about Pope John Paul II's latest health crisis, the Vatican said Thursday he was improving and breathing more easily, but hinted the frail 84-year-old pontiff may have to spend up to a week in the hospital to fully recover.

Prayers and good wishes poured in from around the globe, including a hand-scribbled note from the imprisoned Turk who tried to assassinate the pope on St. Peter's Square in 1981.

John Paul has not suffered from any more throat spasms and spent a second restful night at Rome's Gemelli Polyclinic hospital, where a team of doctors was watching him carefully for any sign of complications from his flu.

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Iraq seeing increased attacks

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Damage from an insurgent attack can be seen on this car in Baghdad. Insurgents have been on the offensive since the elections.

alienate them and continue to fuel the Sunni-led insurgency.

Insurgents had eased up on attacks following the elections, when American and Iraqi forces imposed sweeping security measures. But starting Wednesday night, guerrillas launched a string of dramatic attacks.

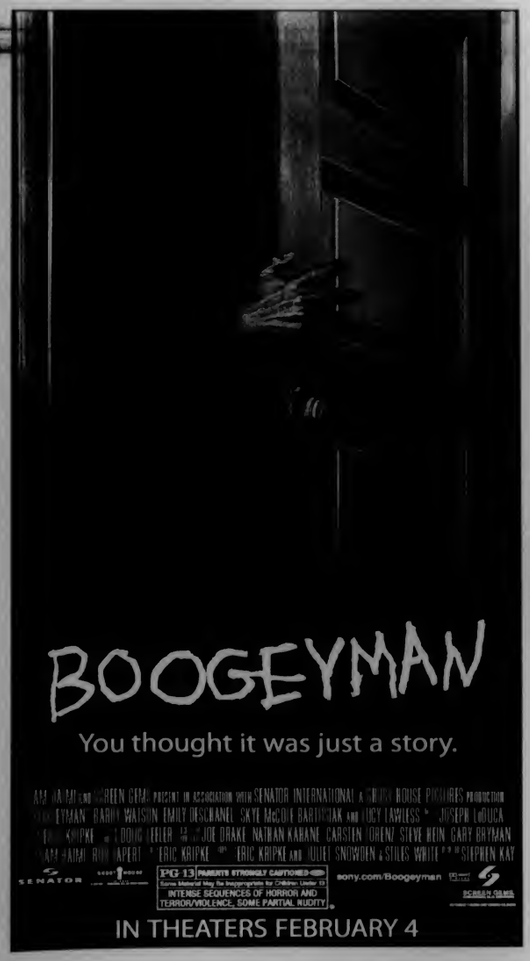
In the deadliest incident, insurgents stopped a minibus south of Kirkuk, ordered army recruits off the vehicle and gunned down 12 of them, said Maj. Gen. Anwar Mohammed Amin. Two soldiers were allowed to go free, ordered by the rebels to warn others against joining Iraq's U.S.-backed security forces, he said.

The assailants identified themselves as members of Takfir wa Hijra, the name of an Islamic group that emerged in the 1960s in Egypt, rejecting society as corrupt and seeking to establish a utopian Islamic community.

Elsewhere, gunmen fired on a vehicle carrying Iraqi contractors Thursday to jobs at a U.S. military base in Baqouba north of the capital, killing two people, officials said.

A suicide car bomber struck a foreign convoy escorted by military Humvees on Baghdad's dangerous airport road Thursday, destroying several vehicles and damaging a house, Iraqi police said. Helicopters were seen evacuating some casualties, witnesses said. There was no immediate comment from the U.S. military.

Insurgents ambushed another convoy in the area, killing five Iraqi policemen and an Iraqi National Guard major, police said.









Jurors deliberating in trial of former priest

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Shanley's lawyer said the alleged victim's 20-year-old memories of being raped by Shanley as a young boy were planted by a friend, who also had accused Shanley of abuse, and then exploited by attorneys who filed a lawsuit for him.

"The core facts in this case are just not true," said attorney Frank Mondano.

The man, now a 27-year-old firefighter in a Boston suburb, testified Shanley began raping him while he was in the second grade, taking him out of religious education classes for discipline and raping him in the confessional.

But Mondano pointed to the testimony of two of the man's Catholic religion instructors, who said they didn't recall Shanley ever pulling students from class, and that students didn't go to confession until fourth grade.

Mondano said the man contacted personal injury lawyers soon after he recovered his memories in February 2002. The attorneys filed a suit on his behalf three months later. The man received $500,000 in a settlement with the Boston Archdiocese in May 2004.

But prosecutor Lynn Rooney said the man received his civil settlement almost a year ago and had no reason to lie, particularly since he was required to endure three days of intense questioning on the witness stand.

"Is this all a lie - for what?" Rooney said.

School photographs of the accuser as a little boy were put on display as Rooney told jurors: "Remember what happened to him on Rising Sunday mornings."

"He told you he was taken out of class - he left the class - and he was raped by Paul Shanley," she said.

Rooney said the emotion the man displayed when he testified about the abuse showed he wasn't fabricating his claims. The man spent more than 10 hours on the witness stand and broke down and sobbed several times as he described the alleged abuse by Shanley.

"The emotions were raw. They were real. They were reflective of the pain he experienced," she said.

The jury of seven men and five women began deliberating around 3:30 p.m. The trial began last week, and the defense ended up putting just one witness on the stand - a psychologist who questioned the accuracy and validity of repressed memories.

Dr. Elizabeth Loftus, a psychologist from the University of California at Irvine, testified Thursday that her research shows implanted ideas or suggestions can end up being believed as real by people.

"Many people who have false memories have a lot of confidence and have a lot of detail about their memories," Loftus testified Thursday in Middlesex Superior Court in the trial against defrocked priest Paul Shanley. "False memories can be held with a lot of emotion."

The trial is one of a handful of criminal cases that prosecutors have been able to bring against priests accused of molesting young parishioners decades ago.

Most of the priests accused in lawsuits avoided criminal prosecution because the alleged crimes were committed long ago, so charges were barred by the statute of limitations. But Shanley moved away from Massachusetts, stopping the clock and allowing authorities to arrest him in California in May 2002.

Bush gives State of the Union

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Congress sits in the chambers of the Capitol Building as President Bush gives his fifth State of the Union Address Wednesday night.

when Bush recognized Janet and Bill Norwood, the parents Marine Sgt. Byron Norwood of Pflugerville, Texas, who was killed in the assault of Fallujah. In an emotional and symbolic moment, Mrs. Norwood and Safia Taleb al-Suhail, leader of the Iraqi Women's Political Council, held each other in a long embrace. The Iraqi woman had evoked her own protracted applause earlier when she stood and saluted Congress with an ink-stained finger and V-for-victory sign after the president had introduced her as a symbol of millions of Iraqis who voted in a free election for the first time last Sunday.

Social Security was the centerpiece of the speech, and Bush called for far-reaching changes in a program that was established in 1935 and remains one of the enduring legacies of Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal.

Republicans and Democrats in Congress must "strengthen and save" the program, Bush said, warning that without action, it was headed for bankruptcy. Official estimates predict that benefits will exceed tax receipts beginning in 2018. In 2042, these estimates predict the trust funds will be exhausted, and benefits will have to be cut to 73 percent of current levels.

The president noted that a variety of solutions have been proposed over the years — such as limiting benefits for wealthy retirees, raising the retirement age, indexing benefits to prices rather than wages, discouraging early collection of Social Security benefits and changing the ways benefits are calculated — and said all are "on the table."

"I know that none of these reforms would be easy. But we have to move ahead with courage and honesty because our children's retirement security is more important than partisan politics," Bush said.

"He made it clear to the American people why we must strengthen the Social Security system, and gave the American people a realistic plan for how to do it," Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said.

"Before the president's opponents get too worked up solely to scare seniors and play politics, I would hope both parties take the details of tonight's speech to heart," added Rep. Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.

Democrats, who argue that Bush is depicting the problems as grimmer than they are, attacked as soon as he finished speaking.

"There's a lot we can do to improve Americans' retirement security, but it's wrong to replace the guaranteed benefit that Americans have earned with a guaranteed benefit cut of 40 percent or more," said Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid, who delivered his party's formal response along with House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi.

Pelosi, referring to Bush's travels over the next few days, said that "When the president goes out there to beat the drum for his privatization to undermine Social Security, I think he will be greeted throughout the country by people who are affected by it every day of their lives."

Pope's health getting better

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Pope John Paul II holds his head during mass Saturday. Doctors now say the pope is recovering from a flu he suffered this week.

the Vatican said in a medical bulletin.

"The Holy Father's general and respiratory conditions show a positive evolution," it read. "The Holy Father spent a restful night."

Papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls suggested the pope might spend up to a week at the clinic's heavily guarded papal suite, telling reporters: "When I've had the flu, it lasts seven days."

Italy's ANSA news agency, citing medical sources at the hospital, said the pope had a few sips of water Thursday, which would suggest his throat was more comfortable.

Vatican officials said they were considering setting up an audio hookup Sunday so the pope can make his weekly address from the hospital, rather than from his usual perch at a window overlooking St. Peter's Square.

The pope, who suffers from Parkinson's disease as well as crippling hip and knee ailments, has been in weak health for many years. But the Vatican took pains to play down the latest crisis.

"All he's got is the flu, which has become dangerous because of the Parkinson's," Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re, who heads the Vatican's Congregation of Bishops, told the newspaper Corriere della Sera. "But now the danger is over."

Newspaper found 'not libel'

BOSTON (AP) — A jury found The Boston Globe did not libel a man when it reported in 1999 that he used political connections to qualify for a free-labor homebuilding program operated by a vocational high school.

Stephen H. Columbus, a lawyer from Stoneham, had claimed the story by Walter V. Robinson, now editor of the newspaper's Spotlight Team, made false statements about him, causing him to lose business and suffer depression.

The Middlesex Superior Court jury, which deliberated about four hours, also found on Wednesday that Robinson and the newspaper were not responsible for Columbus's emotional distress.

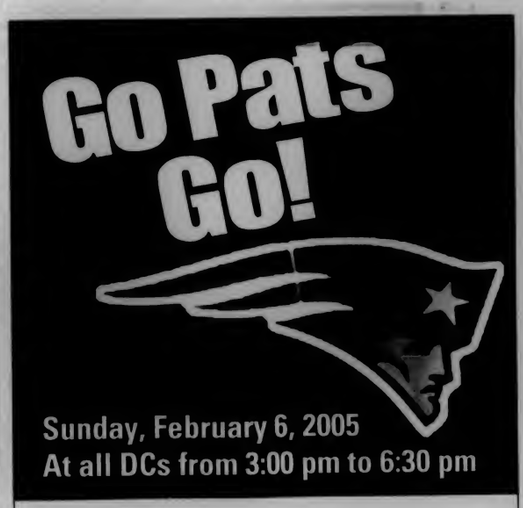
"We're certainly pleased with the outcome," said Jonathan M. Albano, the Globe's lawyer. "From our perspective, the article always was about the local government process and flaws with that process. We never believed it was an attack on Stephen Columbus."

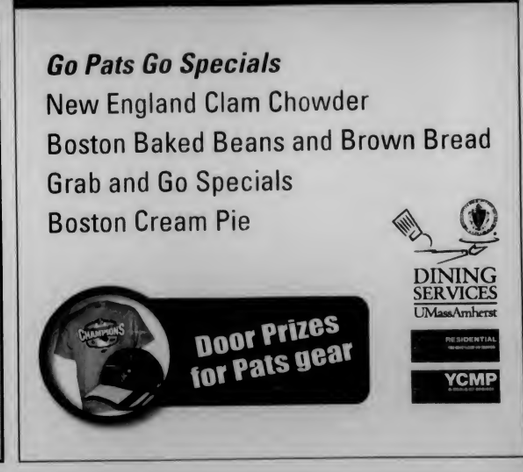
Columbus' lawyer, Jeffrey A. Gorlick, said he is considering an appeal.

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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Lofty goals surface in State of the Union

President Bush addressed the nation Wednesday evening in the annual State of the Union Address in which he outlined his intentions for his coming term. The speech drew applause, and at times jeers, from a divided crowd. Scenes of a nearly evenly divided room were abundant on all the major networks which covered the speech.

Little has changed after an extremely close election last fall in which the nation was split in two, as the line of division was clearly marked by the aisle at the center of the congressional hall. Issues like Social Security and the war in Iraq drew mixed reactions while other less frequent moments hinted at bi-partisanship and cooperation.

Also, for the first time in the post-9/11 era, the speech was centered on a domestic issue — that being Social Security. Bush's contention, which was welcomed by many members and affiliates of his party, is that there is an urgent need for Social Security reform. While many Republicans agree with this, there is some disagreement about how to go about this reform.

Central to the President's outlined and ideological proposal is the creation of private accounts, which would put taxpayer money into the money market of private corporations. Republican's have argued that such a proposal would create a possibility of higher growth whereas Democrats have argued that the principle of placing public money in private hands is dangerous.

Still, the Social Security issue is far more complex. Some Republicans disagree on the issue of benefits and where they would fall into the plan. In the near future, when the Administration outlines a clear plan for reform, we will have a more refined idea of where representatives will fall. Democrats have voiced direct opposition, for the most part, claiming that there is no emergency when it comes to Social Security and that the crisis is being exaggerated for political motives.

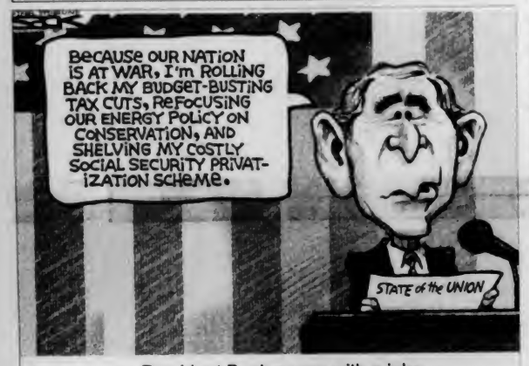
Security was the dominant theme of the President's speech. Aside from Social Security, the President spoke of national security and the mission in Iraq. He clearly sent a message to Iran's government as well as its citizens and reiterated the importance of the dismantlement of Iran's alleged weapons programs. He also targeted Syria and urged congressman to pursue the Syria Accountability Act. Bush also shared his vision of free and democratic states of Israel and Palestine coexisting side by side.

Calling the recent Iraqi elections historic, the President voiced a message of freedom and recognized the men and women who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. He also made it clear that the United States would not leave Iraq until it accomplished its goal of creating a democratic nation at peace with its neighbors, capable of defending itself.

The President has shown a trend of setting lofty goals for the country. Echoing his inauguration speech, he repeated the idea of freedom as a force, which would bring down the evil of despotism and global terror. He also pledged to work for educational grants, permanent tax cuts, social security reform estimated in trillions of dollars, in addition to providing adequate materials for the defense of the nation, increasing the efforts to rid the world of aids and finally eliminating the deficit.

While the issue of Iraq will stretch into the future, the debate over economic policies is here and now, and great questions remain about where all the money to achieve these lofty goals will come from.

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President Bush opens with a joke....

Cheney's wardrobe disgrace

Erin McNamee

Last week, Vice President Dick Cheney attended the service commemorating the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, the Nazi death camp. This would have been a noble gesture on Cheney's part, had he not been dressed like the ceremony interrupted his ski holiday.

In case you didn't catch any news coverage of Cheney's "Wardrobe Malfunction Debacle," let me paint you a picture, starting at the bottom. Cheney's feet were clad in rugged brown hiking boots. Moving up, he wore a puffy green parka with a fur-lined hood. Oh, the hood also had his name embroidered on it. And to add insult to injury, he wore a woolen ski cap with "Staff 2001" inexplicably inscribed on the front.

Some of you may be saying to yourselves, "What's wrong with that? It was in Poland for Pete's sake and was probably freezing cold and snowing! Of course he would want to dress warmly." Well, my friends, let me paint you another picture: the other dignitaries in attendance, including French President Jacques Chirac and Russian President Vladimir Putin, were dressed in respectable dark formal overcoats and tasteful dress hats. Can you now see why Cheney stuck out like a sore thumb and suffered ridicule from the world's media?

Hmm. Could it be that Cheney, when presented with the idea of attending a cold outdoor ceremony in Krakow not to be held in the Bush Administration's honor, protested so strongly that he had to be tricked into thinking he was being flown to the Swiss Alps for a ski holiday? After all, we know how much President Bush and co. love their vacations.

Or perhaps Cheney's formal coat was still at the cleaner's after the inauguration? I saw him during the swearing in ceremony and he was dressed in a respectable manner. As Washington Post writer Robin Givhan points out, "Would he have dared to take the oath of office with a ski cap on? People would have justifiably considered that an insult to the office, the day, the country." So why didn't the remembrance of the end of the world's biggest human tragedy deserve as much, if not more, respect than the Administration's excessive celebration of itself?

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For anyone who still doesn't get it, this isn't a matter of clothes or fashion, it's a matter of representing our country to the rest of the world in a way that shows respect and decorum for the world's people. With foreign affairs in a dire state, it would seem a no-brainer for Cheney to at least put a little effort into his appearance. Did he not know why he was at the ceremony? Did he not know of the suffering that the prisoners of Auschwitz endured during Poland's cold winters with little or no clothing to speak of?

I think another reason Cheney's attire ignited such an uproar is because the Bush Administration hadn't even made it through the first week of its second term and already they managed to screw up a valuable foreign relations opportunity. The rest of the world is as apprehensive and dubious of Bush's second term as many Americans are, so shouldn't the Bush Administration do something to reach out, to make a wholehearted effort to mend foreign ties? Because of Cheney's snafu, the Bush Administration is once again the subject of ridicule and it can't afford that kind of negative attention at such a crucial time as the beginning of a new term.

After all the harsh criticism it drew over the inauguration week's tasteless excess in a time of war, it would seem natural for the Bush Administration to strive extra hard to present itself and America in a favorable light. The rest of the world really is watching, and sometimes it appears that President Bush and co. either don't realize just how critical this is or simply choose to ignore it altogether as some kind of juvenile act of defiance.

To some, this may seem like just another opportunity for the media to pounce on scandal and milk it for all it's worth, but in this case it's not. In any other situation, it would certainly be an overreaction, but considering that the Bush Administration is skating on thin ice already, it's only natural to lambaste them for yet another gross breach of dignity. As a country, we deserve more respect than that and we have the right to demand that respect. But if the souls of the Jewish Holocaust cannot be granted that respect, then who can?

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Free speech needs aid

Mike Anmuth

In a recent poll by the University of Connecticut of more than 100,000 high school students, most students didn't care about the First Amendment or knew very little about it, according to the Associated Press. These students were quoted as saying that the first amendment goes "too far" in protecting free speech, but by contrast they incorrectly identified the government as having the power to censor material on the Internet. Perhaps the portion of "too far" to which these students were referring was burning the flag; the students identified it as illegal when it is protected by First Amendment rights.

The problem is both that these students are not only incorrectly identifying what can and cannot be controlled by government in terms of speech, but they do not have a fundamental basis of their own in terms of how they can express themselves based in the Constitution. As young people reach adulthood, the rights established in the Bill of Rights are more important than ever before. Many rights that we take for granted on this campus alone, such as free speech and freedom to assemble, are things that these high school students surveyed might not know even exist.

If these intrinsic rights are not respected, known and used, they might well disappear. I think I can arguably say that the majority of people would not enjoy living in a world where they are censored and cannot express themselves, cannot gather freely for assembly or cannot protest. On this very campus alone, we protest for and against many things, but the high school students who will soon be in colleges all around the country, including this one, are identifying that the freedoms we enjoy are going "too far."

Too far for what, I ask? Too far to protect our student media outlets from demise? The same article by the AP cites that, "More than one in five schools offer no student media opportunities." This is easily conceivable seeing that students may not know that newspapers are protected under first amendment rights. School newspapers follow a different set of rules.

Teachers and principals surveyed both cited close to 100 percent agreement with the statement that people should be allowed to express unpopular opinions, while the same teachers and principals only agreed 39 percent and 25 percent respectively that students should be able to publish stories in their student newspapers without approval of school authorities. For the record, the AP surveyed nearly 8,000 teachers and more than 500 administrators for the results.

As we live in contemporary society that has opinions for everything, it is important that our high school students and even younger are aware that they are given the rights to have those opinions and express them due to the first amendment.

It would be a very one-sided presentation to say that this is a plaguing problem and that's all there is to it. This is definitely a plaguing problem and the only way to solve it is by teaching high school students about the first amendment, and the rest of the amendments for that matter.

As we nationally teach towards achievement tests due to the No Child Left Behind Act, we are losing sight of the basic tenets of society that need to be passed from generation to generation. I remember learning about the Constitution in high school, and the Bill of Rights, and what it meant to me as an American.

These are unalienable rights that this columnist would not want to compromise, not only because this column directly reflects the freedom of speech and freedom of the press but because as a free citizen of the United States, it is important to me to retain those freedoms.

If a history or government teacher is pressed for time (as we all are these days in every facet of life), then some material must be skipped or just glazed over in class. The problem is figuring out what to leave out, but the Bill of Rights should not be included in that list that gets a precursory glance and is left just on the pages of a history book. As we live in a contemporary society that has opinions for and against virtually everything by different interest groups, it is important that our high school students and even younger are aware that they are given the rights to have those opinions and express them due to the first amendment.

The students surveyed by the AP gave the first amendment a "second-rate" status in their knowledge and in their caring. These students are the college students and adults of tomorrow, and there are 100,000 of them armed with this opinion. I don't know about you, but I believe that 100,000 students who don't care or don't know about the first amendment is 100,000 students too many.

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Id, ego and Cookie Monster

Amelia Sabadini

My all-time favorite Sesame Street skit features Cookie Monster (hereby dubbed CM) in pajamas and a nightcap staring out the window looking up at the moon in adoration. As CM gazes at the moon, he begins to sing a song with the refrain "If moon were cookie." In the song, CM fantasizes that the moon is a cookie made specifically for him and he flies up to it in a rocket and commences chowing down with his usual endearing abandon. However, amidst the imagined flurry of cosmic crumbs, CM suddenly realizes that if he eats the moon, he'll be all alone at night. He thinks of how much he'll miss the moon, how dark and scary it will be. CM reconsiders his fantasy and decides that it's best not to eat the moon.

Dearest CM has never had much shame about heeding the call of the id. He has just barely developed an ego and has only the most tentative preliminary traces of a superego. His arrested development is part of his appeal because CM's relatively simple psyche lets us view the demands of the primal life force without any obstructions from complex ego defenses. Of course I know CM isn't real; he's a character created by someone, but aren't creations reflections of their creators? Isn't the id basically the same in all of us? Doesn't everyone have the drive to feel absolutely and constantly secure, sated and pleased? CM's unabashed expression of his id allows us an opportunity to examine the true contents of our own unacknowledged desires.

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I believe CM's dalliance with the moon illustrates an agenda of the id that is especially significant. In this particular skit, CM is entertaining thoughts of treating a companion (CM starts out referring to the moon as his friend) as food. Disturbing as this impulse may be, it seems to be rooted in the natural predisposition of all mammalian infants to seek nourishment from their mothers. Regardless of whether a human infant is breastfed or bottle-fed, they are born with the rooting and the sucking reflexes. The goal of these reflexes is to help the infant find latch onto its mother's breast.

Also, pioneering child psychoanalyst Melanie Klein stated in her paper "A Study of Envy and Gratitude" 1956 "... the first object to be envied is the feeding breast, for the infant feels that it possesses everything that he desires ..." Given this, the idea that people may have unacknowledged propensities for treating each other like consumable resources doesn't seem so far fetched. In fact, the existence of such propensities would explain many of our sins against each other from obsessive love to thoughtless exploitation to outright premeditated oppression. In all of these crimes, the perpetrators are behaving as though their victims are sources of sustenance to which they're entitled.

Arguably, all the various forms of oppression, from military conquest to domestic violence, from impeding people with stereotypes to actual enslavement, could be considered acts of a sort of social cannibalism.

It's of special note that this proposed social cannibalism originates from our very first relationship with another human and that this human is, for most people, a woman. Is it any wonder that the female body is treated like a controlled substance? Only certain people are allowed to make money with it. Anyone who has one is considered suspect and subject to scrutiny.

The oppression of women has been nearly unicultural for all known time. Even today here in America, feminism, the movement which advocates for equality of the sexes, is openly vilified and ridiculed. Yet the motives of those who slander feminism are seldom examined in the public forum. When justifications are given they're often contradictory, i.e. "girls are innately nurturing," "girls are innately mean."

I believe the real reason that the oppression of women has been so widespread and enduring is this social cannibalism. Misogyny is the fundamental manifestation of our ids' drive to consume the other.

Incidentally, this also goes along way toward explaining the unfortunate minority of women who salivate at the prospect of knocking down other women. The id isn't shameful in and of itself. It's quite like fire in that it can either serve or destroy, which one it does depends on how well we control it.

However, when we deny it, we reduce our chances of being able to achieve and exert control over it. More over, so long as people continue to unthinkingly indulge their id's primal hungers via the oppression of women in any way, there will always be a ready foundation for all forms of oppression against any and all people. After all once you've devalued people who're probably living in your home with you, it's going to be even easier to devalue strangers.

If you let your id keep rolling like this, eventually you'll feel like you're the only real person on the planet. CM took time out from his high carb fantasy to consider the repercussions of his plan; specifically he thought about how he had a need for companionship that would no longer be met if he went ahead and gluttonously destroyed the moon. I think CM showed us that the temperance we so desperately need in this world can be found not through a denial of our needs but rather through a fuller and more conscientious appreciation of them.

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Austrian artist Heimo Wallner has catalyzed much dialogue amongst the UMass community in regards to his provocative and shocking mural in the lobby of the Hampden Gallery's located in Southwest.

The current mural consists of figures that Wallner refers to as the "everyman." The figures do not have pupils, and are naked in order to represent the humanity as whole, rather than focusing on a particular individual or specific group.

The entire mural is drawn with one medium, a black magic marker. Each figure is a contour drawing, consisting simply of a series of lines. Through the numerous positions, actions and expressions of the figures, Heimo Wallner creates what he refers to as "a vocabulary of emotions." The mural is done in a very linear fashion.

According to a statement from the artist, he says, "the important aspect of my art is drawing imagery away, banning it into wallpaper."

"My work is better when I'm drawing faster than I can think," Wallner said, noting that the entire piece is improvisational. He has been drawing in this manner for the last fifteen years.

The composition of the mural is meant to reflect the artist's own internal feelings and processes, as well as to encompass some of the world's external circumstances. Wallner grew up influenced by American pop music and movies. However, he says, there are still issues and cultural differences that the artist has problems coming to terms with. His art is a way he can express these internal and external conflicts.

Wallner was born in Salzburg, Austria in 1961. He attended the Vienna Academy of Art, where he studied sculpture. His work has been show in Mexico, Italy, Croatia, and throughout the United States. This is not Wallner's first experience in an academic setting either. He has also shown his work at Columbia University in New York City.

Wallner was brought to UMass by Line Bruntse and Steve Buddington, two junior faculty members of the Art Department's Foundations program. Bruntse, a native of Denmark, has traveled around the world, participating in different art residencies. It was on one of her residences, that she met Heimo Wallner. Bruntse and Buddington later agreed that

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Organ and drums duo refuses to conform to a label

By Bradley Farberman
Collegian Staff

Labels make us feel safe. It's not very dangerous to tuck yourself away behind words like white, male, or heterosexual.

Likewise, labels can be weapons. Slapping people with words like slut or any number of racial slurs can prove detrimental to one's image, inside and out.

So where does it end? Must everything and everyone be tagged and titled? Is there nothing that can stand on its own, without labels?

How about music?

The answer, of course, is yes, music needs no label, no title, no nametag, but ask any marketing exec or record company CEO and you'll get a different story.

John Coltrane is jazz. The Sex Pistols are punk. Bjork is... okay, bad example, but there are lots of bad examples, and the Benevento/Russo Duo are no exception.

Check them out tonight, at the Iron Horse, and you'll see what is meant. What do you call a band that tosses out tunes by Thelonious Monk and The White Stripes in any given performance? And are they even a band (does a band consist of two dudes, or more than two dudes)?

Oh yeah, and they don't sing. Brooklyn, NY ne'er-do-wells Marco Benevento and Joe Russo get their rocks off on organ and drums, respectively, and they don't use a bass player. Marco handles the low end with his left hand.

And they rock. So what are they? Jazz (does instrumental music constitute jazz)? Rock (does one's ability to rock make them a rock artist)? Polka? Well, they're definitely not polka, that's for sure. In short, they're two musicians making music, and take it or leave it, they're two of the best cats out there, and they've taken the national club/theatre scene by storm.

In just under five years they've toured with live music luminaries like Charlie Hunter, The Slip, Robert Walter's 20th Congress, and most recently, they knocked out four dates as a trio with Phish's Mike Gordon on bass. They'll be gettin' their trio on again this summer, at the fourth annual Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival, in Manchester, TN.

So what's next for these guys? For starters, they'll be traveling to Japan later this month for four dates in support of New Orleans stalwarts The Dirty Dozen Brass Band, and as if that weren't cool enough, they'll be releasing "Best Reason to Buy the Sun," their debut album for Ropeadope Records, on April, 5. The disc engineered by former Beck drummer Joey Waronker and MMW cohort Danny Blume, features guest spots by Skerik and Mike Dillon of Critters Buggin, and guitarist Smokey Hormel).

In the meantime, however, they'll be dropping jaws at Northampton's comfy Iron Horse Music Hall tonight, at 10 p.m. following the Sonya Kitchell Trio and NYC guitar phenom Kaki King. So get there early, stay late, and don't label the Benevento/Russo Duo. Just enjoy their big, funky sound, and think about how incredible it is that two musicians can make such a ruckus.



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The duo of Benevento and Russo have an eclectic style that is able to strech the gamut of popular music, but despite comparisons to many other groups, the band would rather critics not to label their style.

Politically charged art poses questions

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Wallner would be a great artist to expose to the UMass community.

Anne Tapscott, the Hampden Gallery director, refers to the lobby where the art is displayed as the "incubator." She says the artwork that is housed in the lobby is there to break down the barrier between the formality of the gallery, and the informality of the lobby. The artwork creates dialogue and invites viewers to talk and interact with the art in front of them.

As many already know, this piece has caused some controversy due to its provocative manner. A complaint has been made, and representatives of the gallery have said they do not wish to offend anyone. Since then, a corridor has been installed, creating a hallway for students who want to get to the convenience store without fully seeing the mural.

Director Anne Tapscott said that for students who plan on seeing Wallner's mural, and to those who are trying to avoid it, it is very important to know that "it is not promoting, just presenting." The artist has backed up this statement by saying "I don't consider myself a missionary."

Heimo Wallner emphasized if the viewer is willing to go into a dialogue. It is always possible to explain to your point of departure." He understands the discussion will not necessarily end in agreement. Dialogue between the viewer and the artist will promote a more profound understanding of the [illegible] intentions and motives [illegible] explain the process of making the mural. Wallner carried on dialogue with passerbys who wanted to know more about it. Wallner said he willingly responded to the inquiries, as well as received input from the bystanders.

The figure depicted in the mural personifies the sexuality and violence that the artist sees in this world. It is true that the images can be seen as disturbing, but no less disturbing than those seen on the daily news and the front pages of the newspaper.

Art is about expression, as well as inspiring. Heimo Wallner's mural has done just this. Through the use of just a black marker, the artist has transformed the empty walls of the lobby into a work of art.



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The work of artist Heimo Wallner has been created in various different countries, as well as for campuses across the United States. His recent piece, "SAU AUS USA" adorns the walls of the Hampden Gallery.



The 'Godfather' of video game releases

Press Start to Play

Reid Davenport

Gaming giant Electronic Arts announced that they will be putting one of the most popular mob movies into video game form. "The Godfather" is set to come to home consoles in the fall of this year.

The game will be based on both the book, written by Mario Puzo, as well as the 1972 film that has remained popular for over three decades. Gamers will create their own mob character to put themselves within action-packed moments and projecting themselves into memorable moments from the films.

Set in 1945-1955 New York City, the game starts the players off by creating their own mobster. Your character will start off doing petty jobs and small time thefts until you become accepted as a member of the Corleone family. From there you will begin taking orders from the Don, doing large scale bank heists, sorting out issues between mob families using a blunt object, and earning the respect of the Corleone family by giving them complete rule over New York City.

Begin a mobster-based game, there will be no shortage of bloodshed for the bloodthirsty gamer, but you will be expected to sort out some problems without violence such as problems between the Corleone family and an allied mob family. You may be put into situations where you have to intimidate a street thug for information or bribe someone to come to your side.

Details about the game are not going to be released to the public until February 10 in New York City, but EA appears to be firm about making gamers feel like they are in the movie's setting. There is no detailed information on exactly how the game will look, what sort of missions will be involved, or what weapons you will have at your arsenal, but expect "The Godfather" to be EA's big hit this fall.

"Godfather" fans will also be pleased to find characters from the movie will be found within the game. Actors James Caan and Robert Duval will be voicing their characters. Sonny Corleone and consigliere Tom Hagan, which they played in the films. Also appearing will be the voice of actor Marlon Brando, who granted EA the rights to use his voice as Don Vito Corleone before his passing.

"We are thrilled to partner with Electronic Arts to bring the exceptional content into the interactive world," said Saadi Isaacs, Vice President of Interactive from Nickelodeon & Viacom Consumer Products to eagames.com. "The Godfather is a crown jewel of Paramount Pictures. We are confident this game will deliver the depth of the experience expected by The Godfather movie fans around the world."

The Godfather is being developed by EA Redwood Shores, where such hit franchises as Lord of the Rings, James Bond, and Tiger Woods PGA TOUR games are made. The game has not yet been rated by the ESRB.

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Surfer dude rocks Iron Horse

By Dan Terk
Collegian Staff

'Donovan Frankenreiter with State Radio'
Iron Horse
Northampton
Feb. 7

A former pro-surfer and long-time musician, Donovan Frankenreiter has just found himself and is ready to share his unique, mellow sound with the world.

Born in Downey, CA, Frankenreiter got his first sponsor, Billabong, at the age of 13 as a free surfer, someone who is paid to ride the waves and does not have to compete. It was two years later that Donovan got his first guitar. He never really took music seriously until he was 18 when he formed a band in high school called "Peanut Butter and Jam."

"The surfing keeps me alive," said Donovan on his website, "and the music keeps me grounded."

Frankenreiter signed with Jack Johnson's label, Brushfire records in 2003. He released his self-titled debut album in May of last year. Teaming up with Jack Johnson and Mario Caldito Jr., the album was recorded at The Mango Tree studio in Hawaii.

The album is wonderful in its simplicity. The first line of the first song titled "It Don't Matter" really sets the mood for what is to come. Frankenreiter sings, "Everyday people like you and me, just want to live naturally." This music is for everyone, it's light and natural sound rushes over you like a calming wave.

"Free" featuring Jack Johnson is another song on the album that encapsulates Frankenreiter's style. He is free when he is riding a wave and free when he writes his music. While listening to the album, you might as well be sitting with friends around a campfire on the beach feeling like you don't have a care in the world.

Frankenreiter said on his website that making the album "was one of the most memorable experiences of [his] life." He now lives in Laguna Beach, California with his wife and son.

Frankenreiter will be making his Northampton debut at the Iron Horse this Monday. His live shows have been critically acclaimed as welcoming, comedic, and full of great music. You can learn more about Donovan Frankenreiter, hear his music, and buy apparel at www.Donovanf.com.

Opening for Donovan Frankenreiter will be State Radio, a band whose front man is Chad from Dispatch. State Radio, formally Flag of the Shiners, released there first album, Flag of the Shiners II last April. The politically driven lyrics hope to encourage activism and an awareness of social issues with songs like "State Inspector" that deals with deinstitutionalization of the 1970s.

Information from www.thatradio.com and www.donovanf.com were used in this report.



Former surfer, turned acoustic singer/songwriter musician Donovan Frankenreiter has recieved great critical acclaim for his first release.

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Sports staff calls the game

PREDICTIONS from page 10

Belichick's tenure in New England will go down as one of the greatest stretches by a coach in NFL history.

Eric Athas, Sports Staff
Patriots 24 - Eagles 17

Look for this Super Bowl to be similar to the previous two the Patriots played in, with the game being relativily close. Special teams will be a big factor, with Adam Vinatieri coming up big, but kick returner/wide receiver Bethel Johnson could be the X-Factor that gives New England the edge.

Dan Hillman, Sports Staff
Patriots 21 - Eagles 10

It's as simple as this: if Michael Westbrook can gain over 100 all-purpose yards, the Eagles have a good chance of winning this game. The problem is Belichick and Co. will do everything in their power to cut down Westbrook's touches and by doing so will leave McNabb with little-to-no weapons. T.O. will be near a non-factor, and look for Corey Dillion to get the MVP.

Rob Greenfield, Sports Staff
Patriots 24 - Eagles 17

After watching Terrell Owens run his mouth all season and hearing Freddie Mitchell bash the Patriots' secondary, I just want someone to put them in their place, and the Patriots are the team to do it. It is hard to bet against these guys after beating the best offensive team and the best defensive team on their way to Jacksonville. I believe that it is safe to say that if the Eagles had to go through the Colts and the Steelers to get to the Super Bowl, they never would have made it. In the Super Bowl the Patriots like to keep things close, and after two heart stoppers, I don't see things being much different. The Eagles will pose some new challenges for them — as every team does — but in the end the Patriots always seem to find a way.

Ian Kilpatrick, Sports Staff
Patriots 23 - Eagles 20

The Pats will win again this year by three but not on a last-minute drive commanded by Brady or on another clutch field goal by Vinetieri. It will be an ugly game highlighted by just a few big plays that will make the difference, the biggest coming on the Eagles' last drive when someone will step up for the pats D and secure a spot in NFL history as a dynasty.

Mitchell not making any friends

By Jim Litke
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Old-timers argue that running your mouth was a lot more dangerous back in the day.

As if the bumps and bruised egos hurt any less today.

"Freddie Mitchell doesn't know how hard he would have gotten hit if he said that in the '60s," tough guy and former Bears coach Mike Ditka said Wednesday. "He'd still be looking for his head."

We'll get to exactly what Mitchell said in a moment. But first, a reminder for anyone who thinks speech is free and football can't be educational: The most famous spelling lesson in American history took place at the Super Bowl.

That was in 1979, when Cowboys linebacker and confirmed party animal Thomas "Hollywood" Henderson said Steelers quarterback Terry Bradshaw was so dumb, "he couldn't spell cat if you spotted him the 'c' and the 't.'"

Bradshaw wound up throwing for 318 yards and four touchdowns in a 35-31 win, forcing Henderson to scramble to cover his tracks.



MICHAEL PEREZ/THE ALLENTOWN MORNING CALL

Freddie Mitchell was swarmed by a group of Vikings' defenders. He may want to get used to it.

"I didn't say he couldn't play," Henderson said afterward, squirming all the while, "just that he couldn't spell."

Talking smack is usually a waste of good breath, but rarely so much as during the run-up to the Super Bowl. Keep that in mind Sunday, when the pregame shows keep hyping the skirmish that broke out last week between Mitchell, the Eagles' receiver, and Patriots safety Rodney Harrison.

It began innocently enough, with Mitchell admitting during an interview that he couldn't name any of the players in the Patriots' secondary, except for Harrison, and that he had "something" planned for him. Harrison responded by labeling Mitchell a "jerk," then ratcheted up the war of words the other day.

"I think any time you send a message, sometimes people listen and sometimes they don't. It just depends on how hard you send the message," said Harrison, already the most-fined player in the NFL.

Get off a good quote at the expense of an opponent just before the Super Bowl and immortality — but more likely, notoriety — won't be far behind.

"That's the thing about this week," Bradshaw said. "You say something in week two, and it doesn't even hardly get in the paper. But say it in the week of the Super Bowl and suddenly, 'It's lookee here.'

"This," he added, "is not the time to shoot your mouth off."

Everyone remembers a cocky young quarterback named Joe Namath guaranteeing a victory over the Colts, 17 1/2-point favorites at the time, then pulling it off and never getting stuck with a bar tab for the rest of his life. What most people forget is for every Namath, there's been a handful of Hendersons.

The very first Super Bowl in 1967 featured Chiefs cornerback and B-movie action star Fred "The Hammer" Williamson promising to drop so many forearm shivers on the Packers that they'd "go back to the huddle with their heads ringing." Instead, it was Williamson who wound up being carried off the field in the fourth quarter of Green Bay's 33-10 win.

"I laid him out like a bear rug, too," a Packer official would recall more than three decades later. "Some hammer."

A half-dozen years ago, Atlanta cornerback Ray Buchanan began the week guaranteeing a win over Denver, then got personal with Broncos receiver Shannon Sharpe.

"You can't tell me," Buchanan said, "that he doesn't look like Mr. Ed."



JERRY LUDEK/COURTESY PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Freddy Mitchell has used his 15 minutes of fame for many self-promotions, including his "frohawk".

"Tell Ray to put the eyeliner, the lipstick and the high heels away," Sharpe sniped back. "I'm not saying he's a cross-dresser; that's just what I heard."

Buchanan's reputation and his ego were smudged in the Broncos' 34-19 win, but he was otherwise unharmed.

Considering the run the Patriots are on — two Super Bowl victories in the last three years — Mitchell will count himself lucky to get away as cleanly.

"We don't play tennis. This is football, and I'm not going to back down from anything. Like I said earlier, it started off as just being funny," he said, "and it's still funny to me."

Small wonder. Mitchell's teammates have been following him around with video cameras all week, joking and playing at being reporters. They keep asking him if he's worried because of the things he said.

"But they're also telling me," Mitchell said, " 'We don't care what you said. We've got your back.'"

They'd better.

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Marvin Degon and the Minutemen will take the ice again on Saturday night against Merrimack.

Huskies defeat Minutemen during Hockey East clash

By Andrew Merritt
Collegian Staff

BOSTON —It wasn't quite a shutout, but nevertheless, the Massachusetts hockey team struggled to score once again last night.

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Northeastern took care of every goal — that's every goal— as the Huskies beat the Minutemen 2-1 in front of 2,228 at Matthews Arena.

The lone goal for UMass (10-16-2, 4-11-2 Hockey East) came off of a Northeastern defender in a fluky play by the NU goal. Otherwise, the Huskies (10-13-4, 6-8-3 Hockey East) took care of business on the offensive end, and goaltender Keni Gibson was excellent, making 28 saves.

The only "shot" that got past Gibson was the first goal of the game, at the 4:03 mark of the second period. NU defenseman Donny Grover tried to advance the puck from behind the Northeastern net, but instead banked it off teammate Brian Deeth's leg, and when Grover retried his clear, he accidentally swiped it past Gibson, giving UMass an unexpected 1-0 lead.

It didn't last long though, as the Huskies bounced back with two goals in the second and held off the Minutemen, who travel to Merrimack Saturday night (7 p.m.).

"It was a pretty good hockey game," UMass coach Don Cahoon said. "We had a lot of high quality chances. Gibson was very good, and I think we just have to start praying to the hockey gods."

The Huskies, who exited the ice to chants of "we want the Beanpot" coming from the Dog Pound fan section, created a little more of a cushion in the Hockey East standings, bumping their advantage over seventh-place UMass to five points. In what might be a sign of the times, NU coach Bruce Crowder wasn't paying much attention to the lead after the game.

"We're worried about the guys ahead of us," Crowder said.

After a goalless, penalty-free first period, things got a little more interesting in the second. Though Grover's own-goal put the Huskies behind, they scored again just 1:14 later, this time on the right net.

Jared Mudryk fired a shot toward Winer's net, and the goaltender stopped it, but Jason Guerriero was on the spot to bang the rebound home and tie the game at one.

"It totally erases [Grover's] goal," said Gibson, who had an unfortunately perfect view of the mistake. "There's nothing bigger than that. We just kept going from there. I thought we played really well."

The Huskies seemed to officially get over their early miscue with 33 seconds to go, when Mike Morris redirected Guerriero's cross from the left wing past Winer to take a 2-1 lead.

Guerriero's goal held on as the game winner, but not until after Gibson made his mark in the third.

The senior netminder made the finest two of his 28 stops late in the third period, starting with a stunning save on UMass' Tim Vitek. Vitek played a quick game of catch with Stephen Werner across the low crease, and on the return pass looked to have plenty of net. Gibson covered the area quickly, though, and stoned Vitek with 4:24 to go.

Gibson repeated the feat just over a minute later, when Dan Gordon went in alone on him, and he made a slightly less spectacular save, but one that was just as important.

"Keni was a lot of the difference tonight," Crowder said.

Breaking down the two teams

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problems with punt coverage.

Bethel Johnson had the Patriots' only kickoff return for a score; the Eagles had none.

INTANGIBLES

Philadelphia has been trying oh so hard to get here. Now that the Eagles are in the Super Bowl, will they be satisfied with the trip, or will they be loose and confident and play their best football?

Andy Reid has turned around this franchise and the Eagles have been the NFC's best in this decade — until late January, or course. They are over that hump because Reid never panicked, never wavered from his approach. Players appreciate and respond to that.

An Eagles victory would be their first in a Super Bowl and Philly's first NFL title since 1960. New England has a slightly different resume.

The Patriots seek their third Super Bowl championship in four years, something only Dallas of the early 1990s managed. Such a feat would measure up with the greatest in sports because of the difficulty of keeping a roster together in the current NFL.

Bill Belichick is a mastermind, and even with a string of injuries to his defense, he's never backed off. The subs simply come in and play well, as he expects.

Belichick is losing offensive coordinator Charlie Weis to Notre Dame and probably will see defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel get the head coaching job in Cleveland, where Belichick himself once was head man. Will the Patriots give them a championship send-off?

Dynasty term will last awhile

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press room or the coolest team with the kids playing street ball.

The Patriots are role models, and role models succeed in the long run. Charles Barkley didn't want to be a role model, and he could never get over the hump that was known as Michael Jordan.

They were a long-term team at the beginning of the season, as the common pick to repeat as Super Bowl champs, and they are the long-term team now, as they are being tabbed as the newest dynasty in professional sports. They were not a short-term team, as they didn't stand a chance against the Colts or Steelers. In fact, they weren't even supposed to beat the Jets in Week 16.

So whether everyone is at it again, as the consensus favorite over the last 12 days has been for the Pats, or we are once again being fooled (remember, today is Friday, the first day of final predictions), still remains to be seen.

They have put together another spectacular season, set ironically with short-term goals, and by taking thing step-by-step.

So as the Patriots try to knock off the Eagles on Sunday night amidst whatever predictions, setbacks, short-comings, disrespect, Freddie Mitchell's magic, little "somethings" they have coming for them, or however "ripe for the picking" they are, they can, in just a short time, become one of the few dynastys in NFL history.

And in the long run, that doesn't sound all that bad.

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The sports staff picks the NFL's champion

MIKE MARZELLI, MANAGING EDITOR
Patriots 30 - Eagles 17

The game itself won't be quite this close, as the Iggles will answer the Pats last touchdown — caught by Mike Vrabel, of course — by getting T.O. in the end-zone with under a minute remaining. However there will be none of Owens' trademark celebrating this time; instead of pulling a Sharpie out of his sock, he'll need both hands to help pull Rodney Harrison's head out of Freddie Mitchell's sternum 20 yards behind the play. Corey Dillon will run hard and gain 80-plus yards against an underrrated Philly front seven, and while David Givens and Deion Branch will undoubtedly make plays, old reliables Troy Brown and David Patten will play more of a role in the offense than you might expect. In the end, however, it will once again be the Tom Brady show, as "Glory Days" will be blaring from the shores of Cape Cod to the northern woods of Maine and half of the UMass campus will journey to Boston on Tuesday for a third victory parade in four years.

BOB MCGOVERN, SPORTS EDITOR
Eagles 3 - Patriots 2

Game? What game? Oh that's right my two least favorite teams in football are playing eachother on Sunday. Well I think David Akers will kick the initial three points of the game after T.O. catches a 80 yard pass from McNabb. However, before blowing the gates open with a touchdown he'll start doing the Macarena three yards before the endzone and halfway through the routine Rodney Harrison will gently push him out of bounds. The Eagles will be forced to settle for the field goal, much to the chagrin of every disgusting Philadelphia fan this side of the Mason-Dixon line. The Patriots will try to return a deep kick, take it three yards out, and Bethel Johnson will run it back 98 yards before he fumbles the ball on the one yard line. Akers will pick up the fumble, run into the endzone and kneel the ball, causing the safety. After this play everyone leaves the stadium and asks for their money back. HENCE, they cancel the rest of the game giving the championship to the Eagles. Go Giants!

JEFF HOWE, ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR
Patriots 31 - Eagles 10

I can see the next Chunky Soup ad now. Mrs. McNabb is in the trainer's room soothing Terrell Owens with his broken leg alongside Freddie Mitchell, who incidentally mistook his helmet for a top hat right before his all-too-fortunate run-in with a herd of New England linebackers accompanied by Rodney Harrison during Philadelphia's opening drive. Tom Brady will throw a pair of touchdown passes on his way to winning his third Super Bowl MVP trophy, and the game will be an afterthought midway through the third quarter. Congrats to the Pats, who know that you can't spell "dynasty" without the letters. "N-A-S-T-Y."

ANDREW MERRITT, SPORTS STAFF
Patriots 16 - Eagles 13

This one won't shock anybody. One touchdown for each team, and the Pats win it via the field-goal battle. Vinatieri three, Akers two, with the defending champs happy to win their third Super Bowl in four years in a defensive battle. Terrell Owens makes an appearance, catching two passes before leaving the game. Freddie Mitchell refuses to go across the middle on the first try, and after getting up the courage to do it in the second half, falls down before catching the ball because he sees Rodney Harrison coming. Hail to the champs!

BRENDAN HALL, SPORTS STAFF
Patriots 41 - Eagles 17

Freddie Mitchell gets knocked stupid by Rodney Harrison in the first quarter, causing him to have a memory lapse on the next series and pull a Jim "Wrong Way" Marshall. Eagles fans will still shimmy down Broad Street like they just won the powerball.

DAN DUGAN, SPORTS STAFF
Patriots 27 - Eagles 10

Don't expect any late-game heroics from Tom Brady or Adam Vinatieri this time around. The key to the game won't be stopping Donovan McNabb because it's more likely that Belichick and Co. will scheme to shutdown his weapons. The Pats' linebacking corps will limit the production of the tight ends and Brian Westbrook. If T.O. even ends up playing, he'll be a non-factor. And I guarantee that Rodney Harrison will "have something" for Freddie Mitchell. The bottom line is that by the time Sunday night's game is over, Brady will have secured his spot in the pantheon of all-time great quarterbacks and

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Breaking down the two title contenders

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

How the New England Patriots (16-2) and the Philadelphia Eagles (15-3) match up in the Super Bowl:

WHEN THE PATRIOTS HAVE THE BALL

Unlike in their previous two Super Bowl wins this decade, the Patriots have a stud running back, Corey Dillon. Although the Eagles easily handled Atlanta's top-ranked rushing attack in the NFC title game, they'll be hard-pressed to hold Dillon in check because of what QB Tom Brady can do as a complement.

Not that Brady, the MVP of the last two Super Bowls and 8-0 in the postseason, can be considered anything but a star. But New England will seek to minimize Philadelphia's superb secondary by regularly shoving Dillon at the defense. If Dillon forces All-Pro safety Brian Dawkins and the other DBs to crowd the line, then Brady will turn to the deepest receiving corps in the league: Troy Brown, Deion Branch, David Givens, David Patten and speedster Bethel Johnson.

As they proved against Pittsburgh for the AFC championship, the Pats can dismantle even the best defenses. Philadelphia needs the kind of brilliant performance from middle linebacker Jeremiah Trotter that it got the last two weeks, plus a steady pass rush. Jevon Kearse has been dominant in spurts and must be more consistent. Hollis Thomas, Derrick Burgess and Corey Simon all have taken turns being the main guy up front.

Philly had 47 sacks in the regular season, but the Patriots yielded only 26. If there is no pressure on Brady, thanks to that unheralded offensive line, New England should score plenty of points.

WHEN THE EAGLES HAVE THE BALL

Unless All-Pro WR Terrell Owens makes a miraculous recovery from his ankle and leg injuries, his role in the game will be mostly cheerleading. That hasn't put a crimp in Philadelphia's offense so far in the playoffs — but they haven't played the Patriots yet.

Donovan McNabb has matured into one of the league's best quarterbacks and leaders. He hurt the Eagles with some bad decisions in big games in the past, but not this season. McNabb has been dynamic in every facet.

Now, though, he faces the mysteries of the New England defense, where anyone can pop up anywhere at any time. Just ask Peyton Manning and Ben Roethlisberger.

While All-Pro DT Richard Seymour might not be a factor, he's hardly been missed. LBs Tedy Bruschi, Ted Johnson, Mike Vrabel and Roseveli Colvin, linemen Willie McGinest and Ty Warren, and safeties Rodney Harrison and Eugene Wilson lead the big-play defense that has more looks than even a veteran like McNabb can imagine.

Unlike against NFC opponents, RB Brian Westbrook will not be a matchup problem as a receiver. He should, however, find some running room behind OT Tra Thomas and center Hank Fraley.

Philadelphia's ordinary group of supporting receivers for T.O. has played well in the postseason, particularly Freddie Mitchell and the emerging Greg Lewis, a deep threat. The loss of TE Chad Lewis will hurt, meaning second-year player L.J. Smith must step in.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The biggest edge is at PK, but only because Adam Vinatieri has made so many pressure-packed kicks, including two to win Super Bowls. His range is not much longer than David Akers for Philadelphia, but All-Pro Vinatieri simply doesn't miss important kicks.

New England's Josh Miller and Philly's Dirk Johnson are middle-of-the-road punters.

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CARY B. GREEN/ORLANDO SENTINEL

Andy Reid has a large task at hand when it comes to knocking off the favored Patriots.



GARY B. GREEN/ORLANDO SENTINEL

The Patriots biggest intangible is Bill Belichick, who has two weeks to prepare for Sunday.

UMass athletes stay loyal to their teams

Taking a break for their normal routine of practice after practice with games hidden in the middle, the student/athletes at the University of Massachusetts can unite the way the rest of the world will on Sunday: watch the Super Bowl with a group of friend or teammates.

Well, maybe "unite" isn't the appropriate word, especially looking at Zech Klann and Tim Warner's responses.

But nonetheless, they get a break from action to once again become fans, just like they were before sport became a serious, everyday duty.

It wasn't too surprising to see each athlete stick to the team they have been raised to root for. This is what they have to say:

STEVE LAPPAS, MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH, JETS FAN/EAGLES SUPPORTER

"My son is a big Eagles fan, but I'm a big New York Jets fan ... I am rooting for the Eagles this weekend only because my son, who is insane right now. He grew up in Philly and spent his early years there, so that's all he cares about. He has an Eagles everything: McNabb this, T.O. that, so I've got to go with the Eagles.

"I think the Eagles are going to win, I really do. I don't know why I would go against Bill Belichick, who will be like Vince Lombardi if he wins this one. I just have a feeling the Eagles will end up on top. I'm going to go with 24-17."

TIM COLLINS, MEN'S BASKETBALL, SENIOR, PATRIOTS FAN

"I'm kind of nervous because the Pats are always he underdogs. I've got to go with the Patriots, I've been a Patriots fan my whole life. It kind of scares me because I don't like them going in as such a big favorite, but I still think they'll win in the end."

ZECH KLANN, HOCKEY, FORWARD, FRESHMAN, EAGLES FAN

"I think the Eagles are going to take it. I think it's the best thing to happen to Philly since Rocky Balboa beat Apollo Creed in Rocky II. Eagles by seven."

TIM WARNER, HOCKEY, GOALIE, SENIOR, PATRIOTS FAN

"The Pats are going to win. Obviously, they're building a dynasty. There is no better team, and that is the key word — team.

That's why they are going to beat the Eagles. They've got Owens running his mouth, and we're just going to have Rodney Harrison step and drill him and put him back on the bench. I don't have a score, but I say [the Patriots] are going to win by 17."

Best Patriots' memory: "My freshman year, we were on our way back from UNH. We got beat pretty bad up there. It was during the Raiders game, the snow game. We had about 20 guys in the back of the bus huddling around this little radio, and Vinatieri made that kick in the snow when he couldn't even see. The whole bus just erupted. That was just the best moment."

Message to Klann: "He better hide because he is going to be pretty embarrassed after the game on Sunday."

DON CANOON, HOCKEY, COACH, PATRIOTS FAN

"I'm a big-time Patriots fan. I used to watch the Patriots play at Fenway Park in 1965 so I love the Patriots. I like the Eagles, too, but I love the Patriots."

EORIS BAILEY, WOMEN'S BASKETBALL, FORWARD, SENIOR, PATRIOTS FAN

"Of course [I want the Patriots to win]. I hope so."

PAM ROSANIO, WOMEN'S BASKETBALL, SHOOTING GUARD, FRESHMAN, EAGLES FAN

"I think it's better [that the Eagles are underdogs]. I want them to win more than anything. Of course, they're going to win. I'm just flat out saying it; they are going to win."

JUSTIN ZEIMETZ, SWIMMING AND DIVING, SENIOR, PATRIOTS FAN

"There's a few Eagles fans on the team that like to talk trash about the Patriots, but most of us know that the Patriots will win."

COLLEEN WASSON, SWIMMING AND DIVING, SENIOR, EAGLES FAN

"I am from Philadelphia, so I'm going there this weekend and watching the game

Pats aren't the favorites on gamedays



Jeff Howe

The New England Patriots have been successful over the years by keeping things simple and boring. Their coaches, players, practices and media sessions trudge along in a monotonous fashion; everyone knows their role.

Things are just always, well, plain and simple.

Just as the Patriots have patterns, though, so do many members of the national media. It's been pretty routine; for the better part of the last four years, Mondays have consisted of the usual hype. "The Patriots are the best team in football," the media crowd would agree, and so on and so on and so on.

The week would continue predictably, as always. The Patriots are the best franchise in sports Mondays through Thursdays, and if they are lucky, sometimes on Fridays.

Things change when the weekend nears, though. The experts' short-term memories would kick in and, suddenly, the Patriots weren't that good anymore. It would be as if Drew Bledsoe had replaced Tom Brady in the starting lineup, and Bill Belichick decided to let Pete Carroll fill in just for kicks.

But those things don't happen, so why must we constantly listen to these hypocritical media hounds bash a team they once loved just hours ealier? It's been a neverending cycle, except now, it has ended.

These types of bandwagoners are about as sports savvy as the Red Sox faithful who have free-loaded off the team's recent succes. They are along for the dynasty ride. They want their place in history.

Just ask Sean Salisbury, who kicked the Pats around during the week leading up to the notorious Colts' game that was supposed to be Peyton Manning's Hall-of-Fame enshrinement party. He at least manned up to admit he was wrong, and he has also stated that he will never pick against the defending champs again.

The Patriots are a long-term team. They aren't the best team on paper, the flashiest team in the

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Controversial director Spike Lee coming to UMass

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Patriots land Eagles; take home Super Bowl

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Doing the dynasty dance



ANDREW TAM/COLLEGIAN

Students in Southwest Residential Area celebrate the victory of the New England Patriots over the Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl XXXIX last night. Students threw flaming rolls of toilet paper and set off fire works. There were no known injuries at press time.

Super Bowl Champs

Pats rank among the all-time greats

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Dynasties don't have to be perfect or pretty. They just have to win — like the New England Patriots.

The Patriots won their third Super Bowl in four years with a dominant second half Sunday night, wearing down the Philadelphia Eagles 24-21.

It wasn't overpowering, and at times it was downright ugly. But it was more than enough to match the Dallas Cowboys' run of the 1990s and certify the Patriots of Bill Belichick and Tom Brady as the NFL's latest dynasty.

"To me this trophy belongs to these players," Belichick said. "They met all comers this year, a very challenging year. We're thrilled to win. These players played great all year, their best in the big games and they deserve it, they really deserve it."

With MVP Deion Branch tying a Super Bowl record for receptions with 11, Brady efficiently running the offense and Rodney Harrison sparking a smothering defense, the Patriots (17-2) won their ninth successive postseason game. That ties the record of Vince Lombardi's Packers of the 1960s, and there's hardly any better company a team can keep.

The difference once again was an Adam Vinatieri field goal, this one a 22-yarder with 8:40 to go. New England won its other two Super Bowls by the margin of Vinatieri's last-second kicks.

This time, the Patriots sealed it with a stop.

Philadelphia (15-4) got the ball back at its 4 with 46 seconds remaining. It was hardly enough time and far too much territory to cover against such a formidable foe.

Harrison got his second interception with 9 seconds remaining to end it.

Playing before a sea of mostly green jerseys in the crowd of 78,125, the Patriots made sure Philadelphia would not get its first pro sports title since 1983. Indeed, it's been 45 years since the Eagles won the NFL crown. And even though they made it to the Super Bowl for the first time in 24 seasons — after three straight conference championship flops — their season still

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Commission hears campus concerns with diversity issues

By Casey Novak
Collegian Staff

Various members of the University of Massachusetts community gave their personal recommendations to the Commission on Campus Diversity at a public forum last Thursday.

The forum, which was held in the Campus Center Auditorium, was held for those who could not attend a Dec. 9 forum.

Many topics were brought up at the forum, including the recent decision to purchase tasers, or the new picketing code, which no longer allows protests inside a University building if it is considered disruptive.

However, many speakers went far beyond that.

As Andres Gomez, from the student group Take Back UMass, stood before the Commission, he ripped his nametag, saying that who he is does not matter.

"I stand before you blindfolded and gagged with my hands tied behind my back. You are my blindfold and this microphone is my gag," he said.

"We do not need a commission of outside experts to tell us what the problems of our University are. We know, but we are not being heard. When [the University] says they are color-blind in the admission process it is true — they only care who can pay and who can pay the most," he said.

Erin Naomi Lemkey, also of Take Back UMass, asked the commission to think about the two words quality and agency and what they have to do with this University.

"What you see here is university administration with a long-term plan to unhinge itself from its community in its statewide obligations to provide affordable, accessible and supportive education to poor and working class students of all races," she said. "UMass is stuffing this campus to the gills with as many out-of-state and full fee paying students as possible. It is no secret they are acting more like consumers than clients."

Lemkey requested that the Commission formulate a document to be signed by the Board of Trustees, the president, and every chancellor. The document, she said, would commit them to the protection and continuous funding of all cultural agencies.

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Explicit Hampden Gallery mural creates campus buzz

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

University of Massachusetts students have found themselves stopping in at the Hampden Gallery to view a mural that has the campus talking. The mural, which stands at 1,100 square feet, was drawn in black marker by Austrian artist Heimo Wallner, who was given a $1,200 grant from the UMass Arts Council to express his artistic insight.

Since arriving at UMass, Wallner worked everyday for numerous hours to create this 8-foot mural that has caught the eyes of the UMass community and has created a buzz all around campus.

"There are certain things I have heard about since being here. Student troubles, student conflict," Wallner said. "[The mural represents] life. Life in general, life in the United States and life in UMass."

The mural depicts drawings of characters that are involved in several violent, coarse, and sexual activities, with the genitalia of these characters represented in detail. The people illustrated on the mural have a deranged, monstrous look to them as they are engaged in several actions that represent smoking, drinking, hunting and other controversial acts. Many believe that it represents the existence of humans in today's modern world, or the problems that America is faced with everyday.

Due to the explicit material, large dividers were set out in front of the mural shortly after it was put on exhibit so those who wish not to see the drawings. A few formal complaints have been issued. Overall, the feedback has been mostly fascination, with a little bit of shock.

When asked about the controversial material that some may find offensive, Wallner was open to any discussion.

"When I realized how many sore spots I hit, I was really amazed," Wallner said. "First thing I would say is talk to me, speak to me, enter a dialogue, we might not leave the dialogue as friends, but not as enemies."

If not for a friendly connection, Wallner would most likely not have ended up at UMass. Professor of Art Line Bruntse met Wallner while living in Boston. After visiting Austria and working on a few projects with Wallner, Bruntse decided to contact Wallner in hopes that he would be willing to add his own personal insight to UMass.

"I thought he would be the perfect person to come in to work with my students and having his work out in this scale is really impressive," Bruntse said. "And probably it thought would spark a discussion of awareness of things that people don't normally talk about."

With Wallner in the United States at the time, Bruntse, along with colleague Steve Buddington, worked on a grant that would enable him to come to UMass. The two art professors also have their own artwork in the gallery, which has an overriding theme that displays the contrast of materials and demonstrates a certain unbalanced feeling.

"It's the beginning to question things. Question whether the structure or images is a contradiction of materials. There's an element of fun, but also seriousness, and there are other implications as well

The portrayal of "life" was constructed using Wallner's artistic abilities, which he attributes to everything he does.

"It's how I process the world, how I digest external and internal process," Wallner said. "My insight I carry with me, my emotions, my fears, obsession, all that."

Following his time spent at UMass, Wallner left campus last Friday and returned to his home country of St. Lorenzenbei Scheifling, Austria, where he works as a curator. He plans to finish a project over the next month in Austria and travel to Japan.



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A UMass student observes the controversial 8-foot mural by Austrian artist Heimo Wallner. The mural depicts violence, sexual activities, and vivid genitalia of gruesome characters.



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Characters engage in disturbing activities in Wallner's mural.

Professor and student study evaluates new pedometer

By Katie Huston
Collegian Correspondent

Doctor Patty Freedson, a University of Massachusetts exercise science professor, is currently conducting a study with three UMass students to evaluate a new pedometer.

The study's goal is to determine the accuracy of a new type of pedometer manufactured in Japan. Although some initial tests on the product were done in Japan, this is the first study that has been conducted in the United States.

Pedometers are small devices worn on the hip and measure how many steps a person takes. They also estimate how many calories are burned. According to Freedson, they are helpful for people trying to increase their exercise and set goals.



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Professor Patty Freedson

"It's an objective way that people can get an idea of how active or inactive they are, in the same way that you might get on a scale or take your blood pressure," said Freedson. "When you see those numbers, it gives you a handle of [whether] you're in a good range or an unhealthy range."

The new pedometer is being tested against the Yamax Digiwalker, a more established model. The Japanese pedometer has advantages over the Digiwalker and other models currently on the market, including more advanced technology for measuring steps. The Japanese model counts regular steps, aerobic steps, calories, and the distance a person walks. It can also store information for longer periods of time.

Graduate student Rebecca Hasson and undergraduate exercise science majors Jaylynn Lawerdure and Amanda Dahlberg are working with Freedson on the project. Dahlberg is also using the project as the basis for her senior honors thesis.

In addition to testing the pedometer's accuracy, Dahlberg is focusing on the difference in accuracy between short and tall people. "People in Japan tend to be shorter, so [the pedometer] could be more inaccurate for taller people," Dahlberg said.

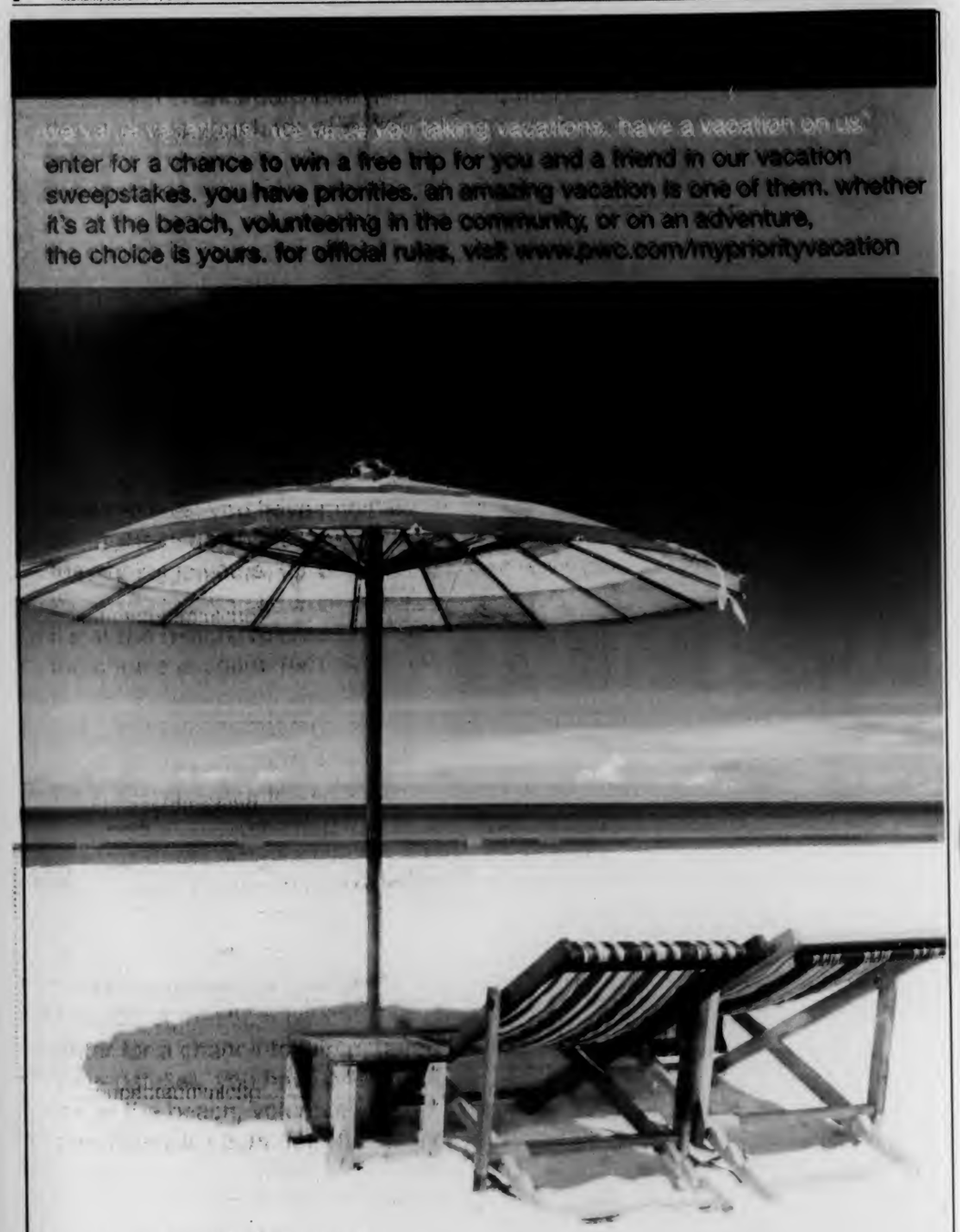
Freedson cited the current media emphasis on exercise to highlight the importance of a properly working pedometer.

"Everybody's talking about the concept of 10,000 steps a day. That's what you need to do exercise-wise for health," she said.

The study is being conducted on a diverse group of 50 subjects, including many UMass students. Freedson believes participation in the study has been a valuable learning experience because students got to see firsthand how studies are conducted.

"Traditionally, students go into classes and take exams and take notes, and this is another type of learning experience that's beneficial to students — real life experience," Freedson said.

The study began in October and will finish in March.



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Speakers say efforts for diversity on campus poor

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President of SEIU, Thomas Coish, expressed his dissatisfaction with how the University functions.

"It seems that sometimes the University has to be dragged kicking and screaming to do the right thing during situations far too often," he said.

Coish also said that the Stonewall budget has been slashed by 40 percent.

"There is an administration here that is not only anti-students of color, but also anti-youth."

Jaminah Whitney, who has a disability that affects her mobility, brought up handicap accessibility.

She said that due to construction around the W.E.B. DuBois library, construction trailers have blocked off the handicap accessibility to the building.

Whitney also said that 100 percent of the computers on this campus that are intended for public use could not be used by someone with hand tremors or arthritis.

"If these problems don't affect you or someone around you, then you probably have not noticed," she said. "I've been roundly treated as if my needs are bazaar and completely unreasonable."

"As a community, do we need to educate ourselves more on diversity issues?" Whitney asked the Commission. "Yes, because the University does a very poor job of self-monitoring."



Megan Bronster/Collegian

Speakers address the Diversity Commission in the Campus Center Auditorium last Weds. on issues such as the new picketing code and the University Police Department's acquisition of tasers.

Joanne Levenson spoke on behalf of the student family population at this University, saying that although a small population, they are a significant one.

"There are approximately 600 of these students on campus, and about 450 meet the rank of so-called high priority needs. And we believe out of that population around 40 to 60 percent are also members of ALANA," she said.

Although Levenson said she did not think this is typical treatment of a student parent, she told the story of one young mother who came to her after she had been living in her car with her two year old.

"Her apartment with family housing wouldn't be ready for a month so she was told to get a hotel until they had room. We figured out that getting a hotel would cost approximately $1,000 for a month," she said. "This should not happen."

Levenson said that if this was an undergraduate without a child that came to the school, housing would have been found for her. She added that many of the young women and men who are parents are on welfare and have to work 20 hours a week in order to preserve that stipend as well as take a full course load.

"This is a huge burden on our students. I hope that [the commission] recognize the position of these students."

Nora Ritchie, a SGA senator, told the commission that students are what make this University possible. She asked them to demand that the University live up to it's past promises and current obligation.

"We need to be in this for the long haul. This is critical for the success of the university."

At the close of the forum, Commission Chair Orlando Taylor said a public statement will be made on March 1.



Shall we dance?

Students waltz during the UMass Ballroom Dance Team tryouts last Weds. night in Totman Gym. The team participates in an average of four competitions per semester and is coached by the Ballroom Fever Dance Studio.

Thousands to be hired for clean-up

By Christopher Boeren

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — Tens of thousands of Indonesian workers will be hired for $4-a-day jobs cleaning up the disaster's debris, the United Nations' chief relief official said Sunday, as income to people whose livelihoods were swept away along with their homes.

The relief operation struck a snag on the other side of the tsunami zone, however, where the Sri Lankan government suspended three village officials in charge of aid deliveries for abusing their positions, and said it was investigating 10 other cases of possible misappropriation.

Governments and international and private aid groups were reassessing their operations to help more than 1 million people left in need by the Dec. 26 earthquake and tsunami as the U.S. military began scaling down its emergency relief effort, and other nations' forces prepared to follow suit.

President Bush on Friday announced he is sending a second delegation to visit the Indian Ocean region, this one made up of two former presidents, his father and former President Clinton. The pair will visit tsunami-affected countries Feb. 19-21.

George H.W. Bush and Clinton are to stop in the hardest-hit nations, including Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand and the Maldives, the White House said. Clinton also has been designated by the United Nations as a special envoy to help promote reconstruction and oversee cleanup in the affected areas.

In a previous delegation, Bush sent his brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, to survey the region alongside then-Secretary of State Colin Powell.

The confirmed death toll across 11 tsunami-struck countries edged higher — to between 159,976 and 178,115 — after Indonesia's National Disaster Relief Coordinating Board said its workers had found and buried 1,108 more bodies in Aceh province on Sumatra island.

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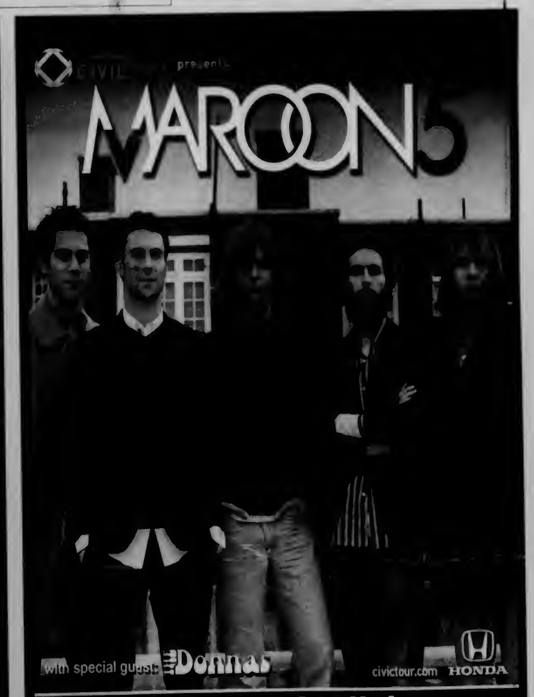
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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it" -Voltaire

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Drafting via education

S.J. Port

There is a form of draft in effect in the United States of America today. There is, of course, no literal draft. The government got too smart for that. Instead of forcing men and women to serve, they began a system of benefits if you served — more specifically, a shot at higher education.

The college degree is fast becoming what the high school degree once was. A bachelor's degree has become a standard requirement, especially in the Northeast region, to gain employment with benefits and pay enough to (hopefully) live on. As the level of specialization has increased in the workplace, the cost of education has increased. As this happened, the government wisely realized where to find their next generation of soldiers: wannabe college students without the dough to cover tuition.

The government promises to pay a portion of your tuition in exchange for your service. This is not a literal draft but a way to secure troops for the military while creating the image of a generous government dedicated to education. But why not just give larger financial aid packages to those students that need it?

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The answer: you can't get something for nothing. But why does that "something" (money for school) have to be in exchange for military service? Where are the bills that support financial aid in exchange for teaching in disadvantaged school systems, or working as a public defender or as an engineer for the state?

ROTC and other military sponsorships of educationally-based service programs are in essence indentured servitude. The government has the right to ask something of students in exchange for financial assistance, but what they are asking for is limited and offensive in its short sightedness.

It is, perhaps, a misleadingly idealistic liberal agenda to think that a government that endorses education sanctions only freedom and liberty. The reality is that there is a dearth of teachers, public defenders and civil service people, as well as other socially imperative professions. Legislation to enlarge — or in some areas establish — programs equivalent to ROTC that create a force of these types of needed professionals would not only help students, the majority of whom cannot afford higher education public or private, but in very few years supply need to the most critically in need areas of our own communities — not those over seas.

Alas, instead we spend close to a billion dollars a week on war, while education falls under the wheels of the government's military machine.

A military machine that even often turns over costs of "security" to the student. International students on the University of Massachusetts campus were shocked when they were asked to pay a $65 fee, so much so that they overturned the fee. That fee was put in place to cover the costs of the Homeland Security Act's SEVIS program, a system that logs all data on international students studying in the United States. When international students didn't want to pay for SEVIS, the University added the fee into everyone's student fees; so now all students pay a part of it (admittedly a small part since it is so well spread out).

To put the nail in the coffin, consider this: during this, President Bush's Administration's students, also referred to as cadets, at West Point have received three pay raises. Currently the average senior at West Point receives a sum of about $500 a month for miscellaneous expenses, in addition to their free education in exchange for service post graduation — because in addition to being students, they are on "active duty for the military."

Yet in the same time frame, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has been unable to come through on the raises promised in contracts for members of the higher educational community — such as any and all employees of the University of Massachusetts, from employed student tutors at the Writing Center to tenured professors. The Commonwealth has also cut programs that supply scholarships to students who promise to teach in poor Massachusetts' public schools following graduation.

You can argue the funding originates from different budget line items - but it doesn't matter where the money comes from, it matters how we dole it out and we've definitely made our priorities clear: there is money for war, but not for education — unless you want to serve in our military in exchange for your education.

As one popular bumper sticker aptly asks: "why is there always money for war, but not for education?" And why do we allow our government to focus their efforts on exchanging financial aid for military service instead of for civil service?

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Operation: Metrosexual

Zach Oelschlegel

I'll be honest with you, UMass. I choked.

Big time.

In the article I used to kick start my journalistic endeavors for the year, I lamented to you all regarding my inability to bench press more than my little sister can, which ultimately led to further demise with the women I was attracted to. Thus, the goal for last semester was to work my way up to merely being able to pick up the 25-pound dumbbell at the gym, and therefore the thinking would conclude with me being be able to carry at least a couple of a girl's books, who I presumably would have been walking to class.

Alas, I blew it.

Not only did I fail to make it to the gym more than once last semester, but also the one time I did show up, I was the only person there to work out. I also had the privilege of all the beefed-up trainers watching my every move, laughing amongst themselves as I opted for the seven-pound dumbbells to work my lats.

I've come to the conclusion that I can't make a muscle. Often times, women will ask men to make a muscle, and some meathead whose intelligence is equivalent to a box of Cracker Jack will pull up his sleeve and flash all the women his biceps. As they ooh and ah I think to myself about making a hilarious joke regarding this man's brainpower, and ditch the idea remembering he could beat me senseless using only his index finger if he felt like it.

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Normal people make muscles. I make fats. I've even found a way to congeal my stomach fats into looking like a six-pack. Un-fortunately, I'm still trying to find someone who thinks that's attractive.

So, I must turn to plan B. I will always be one of those guys who can make heads turn by simply taking off his shirt, but it will be due to a lack of muscle instead of an abundance of it.

I think I'll have to go with the "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" method and make my jubilant return to UMass this semester as a metrosexual. After careful analysis of my other options, I think that's the only one that could work.

For instance, I could go the other route and try and go for the things "on the inside of a person" that women like, such as honesty and humor. Unfortunately, my speaking abilities are terrible, as I tend to mumble just about all of my words, meaning a situation could arise where I'd make a side-splitting joke on par with something Jerry Seinfeld would say. A woman would slap me for thinking I told her she needed a nose job.

Naturally, there's also the time and a place factor for good humor, as this column is from the same guy who decided to lighten the mood during his prom by asking his date "why Rhode Island was neither a road nor an island." I'm still wondering why Cecilia isn't returning my calls.

The honesty method would eventually screw me over, too. I can already envision myself trying to buy a girl a drink at the Monkey Bar.

"Hi, my name is Zach. I still live with my parents. I don't have a job, and I recently began showering regularly at the age of 18. I'm also handy when it comes to making Rhode Island jokes."

It would never work. The metrosexual route is clearly my only option due to a total lack of other options. Unfortunately, you tend to eliminate about a third of all available women; women who think that metrosexuals aren't real men, but you're still able to attract the rest of the female species who appreciate a sense of style.

There are a few caveats to this whole operation. There is the money factor, as this mission to dress like a stud will hit me hard in the wallet. There's also the part about me tripping over myself, to the point where I could potentially destroy my clothes by trying to walk up steps. Finally, my Bud Light drinking, NASCAR watching uncle might disown me for not being a real man in his eyes. Sadly, sacrifices need to be made, as desperate times do call for desperate measures.

It'll take a while to get this whole mess figured out. It's not exactly an overnight process where someone just becomes a metrosexual. So in the mean time, have you ladies heard the one about the Rhode Island policeman who ran over the Chihuahua?

Zach Oelschlegel is a Collegian columnist.

Volunteering in dire need

Becky Martins

Volunteerism may be becoming as old fashioned as chivalry, but is it possible to reverse this growing trend?

Helping others is one of the most unselfish acts a person can take part in. Whether it comes in the form of donating money and belongings, sharing our free time or spreading love and compassion to fellow human beings, any type of generosity can be appreciated. Some people live life too self-obsessed and with an extreme lack of concern for others. Taking the time to aid our peers can prove to be both a humbling and rewarding experience.

In high school, many volunteered their time without the incentive of a paycheck. But were our intentions genuine? For some, spending time at local soup kitchens, senior centers, etc. may have been for heartfelt reasons. But personally, I did not put in numerous hours during my junior and senior years just for fun. Instead, and sadly enough, volunteering had stood for a requirement or obligation. If I wanted to get into college or stay in my high school's National Honor Society, a specific amount of hours needed to be completed. Though I was not getting paid for my work, my intentions were not solely in helping others either.

Bettering society should rank high on the list of things we aim to accomplish with our lives. Oftentimes, however, our busy lives cause us to put less emphasis on the important things than is deserved.

In my post-graduation years, I look back and wish my high school volunteerism had been more sincere. Had my tutees learned anything from the help I provided in math and Spanish? Did the World War II Veterans I awarded high school diplomas to for my senior project appreciate their long-awaited certificates? The work I took part in may have been enjoyable and hopefully the efforts had some effect on others, but sometimes our priorities are not what they should be. Bettering society should rank high on the list of things we aim to accomplish with our lives. Oftentimes, however, our busy lives cause us to put less emphasis on the important things than is deserved.

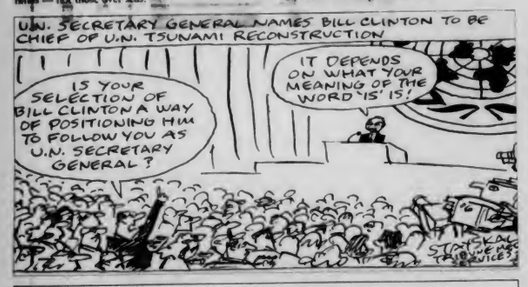
Today, there is more reason than ever to volunteer. Earlier this month, the world experienced one of the worse calamities it had ever seen when Asia was hit by multiple earthquakes and tsunamis. Countless people lost their lives. Survivors lost loved ones, their homes and belongings, and any sense of security they had ever felt in the past. Filled with so much despair, those affected turned to others to get them through the difficult times. Westerners and many individuals around the world suddenly found themselves being asked to help.

In the case of the Tsunami relief, there is a myriad of things people can do to lend a hand. The easiest way to help is to send donations through organizations like the Red Cross, such as money, clothing or any other non-perishable item that could prove useful. Since individuals lost all possession during the disaster, very little would go unappreciated. If people really wish to make a difference, the option even exists to adopt orphans from the affected areas.

As for UMass Amherst, we could run our own supply and fund drive and send contributions. By doing so, the campus could come together under a common cause, as well as help do our part in light of the tragedy. Whatever individuals decide to do, helping in whatever way possible is better than ignoring the situation overseas. The damage may be thousands of miles away, but this does not put us above the situation.

In the future, and in a perfect world, we would have successful careers, loving families, and still have time to give back to society. As good as that looks on paper, however, reality often proves differently. For this reason, people should volunteer their time in whatever way possible. Some may put in countless hours helping peers, while others may not do more than donate money or belongings to a specific cause. Either way, we as people need to start remembering our fellow human beings and become active in others' lives. It should not take an enormous tragedy to remind us of our duties within our communities, this nation and in the world as a whole. For without conscious effort, no differences will be made.

Becky Martins is a Collegian columnist.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ISRAEL STANDS FOR PEACE

It is quite an outrageous claim that Yousef Munayyer makes in his column "Different Leader, Same Struggle." He writes as though Israel takes pleasure in this atrocious situation. He could not be more wrong. Israel is a nation dedicated to the peace process, and it may be the only one striving for peaceful resolution to this conflict.

As can be read on CNN.com, "An Israeli Cabinet committee on Thursday approved the release of at least 500 Palestinian prisoners, a military withdrawal from five West Bank cities — and an end to targeted killings of suspected Palestinian militants." Israel is moving forward in its attempt to resolve the conflict, with or without a partner, and as proven so repeatedly, Munayyer believes that Israel has failed to make any serious concessions. But let's be straight, Israel is indeed making significant concessions and what have the Palestinians offered? Israel has asked for only one thing — a cease-fire. The Palestinians can't even handle that.

Munayyer continues with his accusations, saying Israel "prefers" armed struggle and that it has "only gained land from it in the past."

He must be referring to the many times Israel was attacked by its Arab neighbors with provocation. This first occurred in 1948, the day after declaring its independence, when six Arab nations simultaneously attacked Israel. Israel did gain land from these attacks, but I would venture the guess that Israel would have preferred not being attacked at all and sticking with their original land mass.

Or perhaps Munayyer is talking about the time Egypt called for a war of complete destruction of Israel in 1967. Once again, Israel was resilient, even after Jordan and Syria attacked. As the outcome of this war, Israel gained control of much land from its aggressive neighbors. Since this time, Israel has returned nearly 90 percent of this land in return for peace. This is like the United States returning the land it acquired in the U.S. - Mexican War. Can you imagine the U.S. giving California, New Mexico and Texas back to Mexico?

Both the Israeli government and the majority of the Israeli people are invested in making great strides, and great sacrifices, for peace. It is unjust to ignore these intentions and to accuse Israel of enjoying the situation. Israel wants to protect its citizens and to stop the mass murder of Israelis via bombings and attacks. Israel wants to end the years of fighting and create a lasting peace. Now it's up to the Palestinians. I sincerely hope that unlike Munayyer's assertion, they are willing to give "more" to achieve a peaceful resolution.

Talya Mazor
UMass student

STEREOTYPING KILLS 'GAY BEST FRIEND' MESSAGE

In regards to the editorial, "End of the 'Gay Best Friend'," I have to ask Thomas Naughton how he dares to complain about any stereotypes women or straight men have about gay men and then proceed to stereotype women as vapid creatures, his girlfriends excepted of course, and straight men as ignorant jerks?

But, maybe I have no right to complain; I'm not one of the smart girls. My response to any men thinking women are stupid is not along the lines of "dressing cuter" as Naughton suggests. Of course, I'm not even sure where Naughton gets the assumption that "straight men may think women are stupid." Yes, some men may, but the majority that I've met have very different thoughts and I'm sure they don't appreciate being lumped in a stereotype.

As for Naughton's stereotyping of women as shopaholics, desperate for a gay best friend to tell her how good she looks, I have to say I'm very offended. Does Naughton seriously believe that we women wake up in the morning any differently than he and his friend, Airline? My first thoughts aren't really along the lines of "oh gee, when will my gay best friend call? I desperately need to go shopping." Does he really think that women value their friends solely on their advice on what summer lipstick shade looks the best? Does he really think that so many women even care about summer lipstick shades?

I'm sure that Naughton didn't mean to say that all women are the shallow morons he is portraying here. I'm also sure that there are women who wish they lived a life like Grace on "Will and Grace" and had all sorts of gay men to befriend them and tell them how fabulous they are, but those women are in the minority. Don't write about them as if they are indicative of the rest of us. Words must be weighed. Naughton may have been trying to get across a point, but I'm afraid it got lost in the sea of stereotypes.

Megan Daley
UMass student

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Talking history

Spike Lee speaks to UMass

By Matthew M. Burke
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February is Black History month. Its importance in terms of freedom can never be overlooked as it is celebrated all over the nation in February to remember those courageous enough to stand up and stare down oppression in its worst form. UMass and the surrounding areas have put together an exciting lineup of jazz music and guest speakers for this month of somber celebration. It will be capped off when filmmaker Spike Lee visits on the 17th to celebrate Black History with us.

There are many heros from the civil rights movement. Members of the S.N.C.C. (Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee) dealt with Klu Klux Klan reprisals while registering blacks to vote in the South. The typical black family - in the south and in other parts of the country, as well - had to deal with the everyday hardships associated with racism and discrimination. These members of the black movement passed on a long and rich living legacy that still reverberates across this country today.

The civil rights movement of the sixties may have ended, but many visionaries continue on today in the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, Thurgood Marshall, Kwame Ture, and other leaders whose sole purpose was stomping out inequality and poverty. Their job is still not done.

Love him or hate him, actor/director Spike Lee operates in the spirit of that legacy. His films "Do the Right Thing," "Malcolm X," and "Bamboozled" have struck a chord in the African American community and serve as an excellent learning tool for

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Lee has created many successful films in his storied career. He will be speaking to UMass students on Feb. 17.

Spike Lee
Curry Hicks Cage
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Got the 'Blues'

Miles Davis collection hits stores

By Michael Busack
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A legend in many respects, Miles Davis was a true music revolutionary.

With the new release "Kind of Blue" on Columbia records, Davis' style, a manner that included a tireless approach to jazz music, is on display at it's best. Many college students may not understand the significance of Miles Davis, but to many, Davis helped to shape popular music

"Kind of Blue" is what many jazz fans consider to be one of the best executed sessions ever completed. Today, Columbia records has set to established the record as a classic, by re-releasing it in the Columbia/Legacy Jazz Masterpiece series as a dual disc. The 20-bit digital remastered and remixed version of Davis' 1959 album speaks volumes of the musical accomplishment that the artist was able to achieve before his passing in 1991.

The disc is still in the same format it was 46 years ago. It has perhaps one of Davis' more mainstream classics "So What," along with the great jazz sessions that brought us "Freedie Freeloader," "Blue in Green," and "All Blues."

The CD does, however, include one sincere deviation from the original. Though the original has the epitomy of Miles Davis-esque tunes, "Flamenco Sketches," we see that the new disc has

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Many of the original songs that jazz legend Miles Davis created are showcased on "Kind of Blue".

Miles Davis
'Kind of Blue'
Columbia

'The Making of America'

By Janice Rhoshalle Littlejohn
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The names Colonel Tye, Robert Smalls and Harriet Jacobs aren't as familiar as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Betsy Ross, but they, too, are the forefathers and foremothers of America.

They also were slaves.

So were Denmark Vesey, Mum Bett, Emmanuel and Frances Driggus, and millions of other black pioneers instrumental in building a barely charted territory into one of the strongest and richest countries in the world.

Yet their stories have been largely ignored in U.S. history.

"The reason we don't know what we ought to know about them isn't because these people haven't been telling their stories," says George Washington University historian James Horton.

He's among 25 scholars who provide an unparalleled look at slavery and the remarkable stories of individual slaves in "Slavery and the Making of America," airing on PBS Feb. 9 and 16 at 9 p.m. EST.

"The diaries, the novels, the letters that we are finding now have been there for a couple hundred years. How come we didn't find them before?" Horton questions. "Part of the reason has to do with what we thought worthy of looking for."

Narrated by actor Morgan Freeman, the unique, four-hour series is told through a collage of filmed re-enactments, providing a detailed visual history of American slavery.

From the early 17th century when English settlers in Virginia purchased Africans from Dutch traders, and through the next two centuries with the Civil War and Reconstruction, the documentary explores slavery as more than just an institution of evil and persecution.

Rather, the film shows how slavery became the central economic base for the entire country's development _ a base that was dependent on the labor and know-how of generations of black Americans.

"This is not African American history, it's American history. It's the history of all of us," notes executive producer William R. Grant, director of science, natural history and feature programs for WNET in New York, which produced the series.

And while the documentary ends in late 1876, Grant contends that the story of slavery is extremely relevant today.

"President Bush said recently that Americans do not like to look in the rearview mirror, that we are a forward-looking _ not backward-looking _ people," Grant says of the president's inaugural address.

"However, as Peter Wood, one of the historians from Duke University, said in the show, 'Slavery is ground zero for race relations in America.' If you don't understand that, it's hard to get a grip on what's going on today. Or as Jim Horton said, 'Slavery wasn't the sideshow in America, it was the main event in American history.'"

Grant and his team of historians and production people spent two painstaking years piecing together the documentary _ defining the thematic elements for each hour and finding the stories to support them based on newly uncovered historical data.

The project also "brought out an enormous amount of emotion," Grant said in a telephone interview.

"The actors who played people like Harriet Jacobs found it extremely emotional," he explained. "All of us on the production team found an emotional connection with our past, whether we were white or black. And, secondly, it's just such a huge, huge story."

So enormous that Horton along with his wife, historian Lois E. Horton, penned the companion book featuring additional details and narrative stories.

"I hope people can look at this project in a holistic context and keep going back to it," said series producer Dante J. James.

"African Americans have the right and, armed with the necessary knowledge, can take pride in the way that enslaved people maintained, as best they could, their families, their spirituality, developed a new culture, brought new technology to this country and were an essential element in this nation becoming the economic and culture power that it is today."

Curry Hicks hosts Spike Lee

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the white community. Like Bill Cosby, Spike Lee has angered some blacks who see him as too critical when it comes to social issues. Even basketball superstar Reggie Miller has engaged in Spike bashing (in response to Spike's critical comments on the Pacers). He has spoken out against "Gangsta Rap" and the values behind the music, which he calls counterproductive.

Spike told Well Rounded Entertainment in 2000 that television sitcoms are today's "21st century mistrel show" for the way blacks are portrayed. He is seen, to some whites, as a racist due to inflammatory comments made about NASCAR, country music, and a range of other cultural institutions. Spike has cultivated critics of all races and classes.

Whatever one believes about Spike Lee and his films, there is no denying that he has tried to educate people about racism and the struggle for freedom. He has, at the very least, raised awareness. For this reason, the Student Activities Center, Students Affairs, and Campus Life are proud to present Spike Lee, one night only.

Spike Lee was born in 1957 in Atlanta. He briefly lived in Chicago until his family moved to Brooklyn, New York, where he attended high school. Upon graduation, Lee showed much promise and attended Morehouse College, where he developed a passion for film.

Two years after he lost his mother to cancer, Spike graduated with a degree in Communications and received a prestigious internship at Columbia Pictures. He received his master's in Film from NYU in 1982. His career took off soon after. In 1986 he released the critically acclaimed "She's Gotta Have It." Spike Lee was now a star.

His celebrated Nike commercials and a growing popularity, however, could not stop Lee from speaking his mind and being passionate about the struggle for equality.

He has called the Screen Actors Guild racist and criticized popular, mainstream movies like "Back to the Future" and "Forrest Gump" for being racist, as well.

Some think Lee looks for racism. People logging on to Internet Movie Data Base website (www.imdb.com) have been debating this issue. One individual said "This guy couldn't stub his toe without blaming the white power establishment." A typical rebuttal said "Until people like you change, the things Mr. Lee talks about will not change." These statements are perfect examples of the way that Lee is still able to stir polarizing opinions.

It is not clear how Lee will approach the evening, but it promises to be informative, entertaining and maybe even a little bit controversial as we celebrate the struggle for freedom and equality in a time when these values are more important than ever.



COURTESY WARNER BROTHERS

Denzel Washington played the title role in Lee's "Malcom X".

'Blue' disc remembers Davis

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the song with an alternate take. This is legend to be the only alternate take every made during these sessions.

Columbia really does a great job at keeping the original product, and making an improvement without taking away from Davis' intended work. Miles Davis fans will note that the cover art is the same as the original, however, New York Times chief pop critic Robert Palmer has added a set of commissioned liner notes, but yet again, for those old souls, there remains pianist Bill Evans' original notes from the 1959 release.

"Kind of Blue" is historic in the same sense that any crossover disc has been a historic album for many recording artists. It has happened many times — music attracting fans from different genres — but until Miles Davis, it was unheard of for mainstream kids to be listening to jazz. He, along with the album "Kind of Blue" helped to introduce jazz to a new market, earning himself a place in jazz history, and rightfully so.

Another gigantic selling point to this disc is the all-star lineup. There are few people that most jazz fans can agree are jazz legends. This album, however, consists of all greats that could earn the title of legend including: Cannonball Adderley on alto saxophone, John Coltrane on tenor saxophone, Paul Chambers on bass, Jimmy Cobb playing drums, and of course, Bill Evans tickling the ivories. Evans had quit the group but returned for these sessions.

A Columbia records press release discusses the longtime controversy of the disc. For years many musicians tried to play along with the recording, and were amazed with the ability of the artists to play the first three tracks. Apparently, the recording session used a slow 3-track tape machine during the recording sessions. "This tape, when remixed and played at the correct speed, pitched the music sharp on the first three tunes which comprised side one of the LP," reads the release.

Though the album had it's original record flaws, Columbia has helped to restore the first three tracks to what they have dubbed "real life."

Whether you are a jazz fan or just a fan of music itself, this album is worth looking in to. The sounds make great thinking music, inspirational to all scholars, as well as great background music. It is a good way to study for a test, but an even better way to enjoy an afternoon stuck in your dormroom during a Massachusetts winter.

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Men's track team places fourth despite individual achievements

By Daniel Hillman
Collegian Staff

Facing a tough field on Saturday in Kingston, Rhode Island, the Massachusetts men's track team finished fourth overall at the "Rhody Mega Meet" and boasted several big performances from many members of the team.

Once again Senior Captain, Joe McCormack impressed the competition. He finished 1st place, and notched his fastest time of the season in the 55 Meter Dash with a time of 6.46.

"He continues to lead by example," Coach O'Brien said after the meet. "For McCormack this is another 1st place finish and impressive run so far in 2005.

"He's picked up right where he left off last spring." O'Brien mentioned. McCormack beat out Eric Huskes (6.51) and Eric Grece (6.58).

Also finishing in 1st place was John Korhonen. Korhonen placed 1st in the 3,000 Meter Run, with a time of 8:24.00.

"John basically sat on the shoulders of the pack for the first mile and a quarter and then he was ready to run," O'Brien said.

Korhonen, who's run in several different long distance events this season, beat out 2nd place finisher Anthony Traux of UNH, by more then six seconds.

The Minutemen also got strong performances from members of their team who are beginning to hit their stride late in the indoor track season. Performing in his first college meet of the year, freshman Sean Callicchio impressed the field. His throw of 15.24 meters was good enough for 4th place in the Shot-put competition. Andre Reed of URI finished 1st with a throw of 17.40 meters.

Corey Draffen also had a day worth attention. Draffen, who had been away from competition for a year going into this season, finished 11th in the priliminaries of the highly competitive 55 Meter Dash, only .03 seconds away from qualifying for the finals.

Draffen also notched the fastest time in the 4x400 relay, helping the Minutemen's place 3rd in that event. The Minutemen were beat out in the 4x400 relay by URI, who finished first, and Southern Connecticut State, second.

Another key performance came from Wes Jones. Wes placed 4th in the 500, and O'Brien sees him improving week by week.

"He's really beginning to hit his stride," O'Brien said.

When the day of competition was over, The University of Rhode Island had once again outshined the competition. It scored 214 points, and finished the Regular Season at a very impressive 28-0. Finishing 2nd was Southern Connecticut State, with 131 points and New Hampshire rounded out the top three with 102 points. UMass finished fourth with 82 points.

Overall the Minutemen had a successful day out in Kingston. "I felt like 75 to 80 percent of the team had good days out there," O'Brien said. "We'll take that, but we'd like the other quarter of the team up to par".

The next meet for the Minutemen track team is the FastTrack Invitational on Saturday, February 12th, in Boston. There the Minutemen will hope to continue their progress and prepare for the Atlantic 10 Championships the following week.

Minutemen outlast Warriors

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"It was just one of those things where you just to try extend for something, and [you get hurt].

Cahoon simply called the injury "a pull" and didn't specify how much, if any, time his goalie may miss.

"It's frustrating any time you get hurt. You want to try to finish the game and you want to see if I can push off and stay in there, but I knew if I tried to stay in there, I'd just end up hurting the team."

Warner was happy to welcome the challenge to get past his rough night against Boston College on Friday night when he let up five goals in just two periods.

"I was really excited, actually," Warner said. "I really wanted to get a chance to play after the last game against BC. I didn't play well, I guess is all I can say. I really wanted a chance to get back [in net], and I didn't know if I was going to because the playoff stretch, every game is so important, so obviously Gabe was going to get into all of those games."

It took six minutes for the Warriors to crack Warner when they worked the puck from Brent Gough to Steve Crusco to Rob LaLonde, who snuck his redirection past Warner to tie the game at one.

With their backs against the wall on the road, the Minutemen shook off any tightness that they had admittedly played with in similar situations during their winless streak and answered the Merrimack goal at the 18:05 mark of the second period.

With heavy traffic in front of MC goalie Jim Healey, UMass had several chances to knock the puck home and converted when Tim Vitek was able to do just that.

They upped their lead to 3-1 just 28 seconds into the third period the same way they scored to end the second period.

With the puck bouncing around in front of Healey, Matt Burto was able to collect the rebound from Craig MacDonald's shot and just flipped the puck into an open net.

With the two-goal advantage, Warner contributed his best relief work, making equally tough saves that Winer was making earlier to close out the win.

With Merrimack on the power play, LaLonde shot the puck from just inside the blue line that was tipped and found its way to Warner's glove.

"LaLonde's shot was really weird. It wasn't that hard of a shot, and then it changed directions," Warner said.


COURTESY KARIN WINEGAR

Kevin Jarman had an assist for UMass on Saturday against Merrimack. The Minutemen won the game 3-1.

World Series ball coming to UMass

According to popular Boston Red Sox fan website Boston Dirt Dogs, the now-infamous baseball that was used to record the final out of the 2004 World Series will be making a stop at the University of Massachusetts on February 23.

The ball, which for now is the property of New York Mets and former Sox first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz, has been loaned to the team for one year by Mientkiewicz for the purpose of allowing it to go on tour along with the World Series trophy. The schedule for the tour is posted on the Dirt Dogs website, and lists Amherst as the February 23 stop.

Created and run by a Red Sox fan, Boston Dirt Dogs was recently purchased and is now run by the Boston Globe. The site has been credited with breaking numerous baseball-related stories over the past year, and is considered a reliable source for Red Sox-related news.

UMass media relations director Jason Yellin did confirm that the trophy will be on campus on the 23rd – the night the Massachusetts men's basketball team hosts Rhode Island – but could not confirm whether or not the ball will accompany the hardware.

While the trophy has been on tour since the Sox won the World Series on Oct. 27, the ball has been a recent addition to the traveling exhibit. Team officials obtained the ball for the first team earlier this week, and Dirt Dogs lists UMass as one of only three stops on the ball's tour that are open to the public.

The ball is scheduled to hit the road on Feb. 9, and return to Fenway Park following its last stop on April 24. For a full listing of all the stops, visit www.bostondirtdogs.com.

—Mike Marzelli


COURTESY KNIGHT-RIDDER PHOTOS

The ball that Doug Mientkiewicz caught to end the 2004 World Series is supposedly making its way to the University of Massachusetts on Feb. 23. UMass is one of only a handful of stops for the ball.

Minutewomen down the Bonnies

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

Finally.

Twenty-one games into the 2004-2005 season, the Massachusetts women's basketball team didn't just put themselves in good standing within the Atlantic 10 with a 69-58 win over the St. Bonaventure Bonnies (8-13, 3-7 Atlantic 10) — as well as find an answer to hot-handed guard Stefanie Collins — but the Minutewomen (12-9, 5-5 A-10) look to have finally found a solid starting rotation.

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Case in point: the starting five of Katie Nelson, Pam Rosanio, Brooke Campbell, Kate Mills and Tamara Tatham all notched double figures in scoring and accounted for all 69 of the Minutewomen's points yesterday at the Mullins Center.

"I tell my assistants that we've tried the open door policy and that hasn't worked and I want to go with some continuity, make the kids earn their playing time," coach Marnie Dacko said. "Not that they didn't earlier, but it was a crapshoot as far as who I was going to start in the fifth position, it was another crapshoot as far as who was coming in and when.

"I just want people coming in a little more hungry. They worked really hard this week [in practice], and they made it through some tough competition today."

Mills (11 points, six rebounds) was as dazzling as she was poised in her first career start at center, providing a physical presence down low — in one of the most physical games of the year — that kept forward Tory Vyborny from sneaking around with another lights-out performance.

While the stat line for Stefanie Collins (13 points, three assists) read almost identical to the numbers she put up against the Minutewomen a week ago, she didn't receive nearly as much support from the inside game of Vyborny (nine points, four rebounds) this time around.

"I think last game we played pretty well against her in the first half, but in the second half we weren't really going with our game plan," Nelson said. "Our game plan is to just trail her and not let her get a shot open instead of getting caught on three's.

"We knew we had to do that the whole game this time, and I think we did a pretty good job of it. She had a few open shots, but for the most part I think we were pretty successful."

Very early on it looked as if UMass was going to continue their recent slump. They committed three turnovers on their first three possessions, allowing the Bonnies to get off two quick treys. But as soon as the Bonnies abandoned their full-court press and slid back to a wide zone, the Minutewomen shifted gears and blazed out a 19-7 run. After Rosanio (15 points) laid in a long pass from Nelson (15 points, 5 assists) to make it 19-13, St. Bona coach Jim Crowley called his girls over.

But the bleeding continued, as Nelson nailed two three pointers en route to a 7-0 run.

Collins and Priscilla Edwards (13 points) worked the Bonnies into a halftime tie, contributing to an 11-5 run, but once again the second half belonged to UMass.

The Bonnies struck first again in the second, the third of Collins' three treys on the day, but a 10-3 run by the Minutewomen put them in the lead for good. Rosanio sealed the lead with a three-point play that put them up 41-37.

UMass hung on despite a heap of foul trouble. The Minutewomen worked themselves into the bonus by the halfway point of the second half (eight fouls in seven minutes, to St. Bona's two), but none of the Maroon and White players fouled out. Campbell (13 points, six rebounds) and double-doubler Tamara Tatham (15 points, ten rebounds) tinkered at four fouls, but stayed calm.

The Maroon and White were also able to hang tough despite a St. Bona squad that was absolutely dead-on with foul shots, as they went 90.5 percen from the line (19-for-21), compared with UMass's 64.5 percent (18-of-28).

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Minutemen crush Bonnies

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

This time around, the Massachusetts men's basketball team got what it expected out of a matchup with Iowa St. Bonaventure. No nail biting, no heart attacks and no double overtime – just a win.

In a game that featured no lead changes or ties, the Minutemen surged out to a 14-point halftime lead, pushed the lead to as many as 28 in the second half and overcame some sloppy play over the final seven minutes to blow out the Bonnies 74-58 before 3,733 at the Mullins Center.

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The Minutemen returns to action on Wednesday night, when they will hit the road in A-10 play and head to Kingston, R.I. to face Rhode Island. Tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m. at the Ryan Center.

Senior captain Anthony Anderson led UMass (11-8 5-4 Atlantic 10) with 15 points and nine rebounds, while sophomore forward Rashaun Freeman added 14 points and nine rebounds.

Sophomore Maurice Maxwell chipped in with 10 points and five assists as well, while classmate Stephane Lasme posted six points, nine rebounds and four blocks.

Ahmad Smith led the Bonnies (1-19 0-9 A-10) with a game-high 16 points, and Brian Gibbs and Kern Carter tossed in 11 apiece.

"This win felt good," Anderson said. "I was asking the guys all year, 'when are we going to finally blow somebody out? When are we going to be comfortable with ten minutes left in the game knowing that we are going to win?' We finally got one, and now we are looking to build on that.

"I just told the guys let's go. The game is forty minutes long. We always preach about playing forty minutes in the locker room and in the huddle and there was still three minutes left to go in the game. I was just trying to tell the guys that forty minutes were not up yet."

"I was getting headaches from all those two-point games," Freeman said. "It was nice to look up in the second half and see that we were in control ... we came out looking to play our game and take over, and we did that by moving the ball around and executing our game plan."

Leading 36-33 at the 12:43 mark of the second half, the Maroon and White put together a dominant 22-5 run and took their largest lead of the game when an Art Bowers' layup pushed the score to 64-36 with 7:22 to play. St. Bonnies then cut the lead to 25 with just under six minutes to play, before embarking on an 11-0 run of its own to close the gap to 68-54 just before the two-minute mark. SBU got as close as 13 just seconds later, before eventually running out of gas.

"I applaud our guys for going out there and competing every day, regardless of our situation," St. Bona. Coach Anthony Solomon said. "They fight hard and play with passion every time they are out there, and I'm proud of them for that.

UMass coach Steve Lappas was also pleased with his team's effort, despite some careless play over the final stretch.

"I thought that our guys did a very good job, especially coming off a week layoff," Lappas said. "I thought that we were focused on both ends of the court. I was pleased with our overall effort as well as our effort on the glass. I wasn't pleased with the last seven minutes of the game, but at that point ...we had Deli (Jeff Salovski) out there with Lawrence Carrier for a significant amount of time. That helps them get the experience that they need because they're a big part of what we're doing."

"We talked about making more passes per possession in practice, and we did that today. I thought we took all good shots, the only negative is the turnovers. We're shooting 45% in the league as a team. Instead of 20 turnovers we should have 12. Those eight extra shots are eight to 10 points that we need. We've got to take care of the ball."

The Minutemen were able to erase the memories of a difficult trip to Olean, N.Y. right off the bat, as they jumped out to an early advantage on the strength of a 17-4 run to open the game.

The lead grew to as many as 18 in the first half, before the Bonnies were able to cut into it and narrow the gap to 14 at the break.

Currently sitting with a winning record and in third place in the A-10 East, the Minutemen now must take care of business over the season's final month if they hope to earn their first post-season bid under Lappas – something the veteran head coach is keenly aware of.

"Last year, I told our guys I just wanted them to get better in each game, because we were out of contention at this point," Lappas said. "Now, I want them to keep getting better still, but we also have to be aware of the fact that we're fighting for a spot in the postseason, and we have to be aiming for that with each game."

GAME NOTES: Junior forward Jeff Viggiano left the game in the first half after coming down awkwardly on his injured ankle. Lappas said after the game that the team doctor said Viggiano had "tweaked" the ankle, but that it wasn't in the same spot as the previous injury and the extent of the injury is unknown at this point ... The win was UMass' 11th on the season; one more than it had all of last year ... This is the first time since 2000-01 that the Minutemen have swept an A-10 team in a two-game series during the regular season ... UMass is now 8-0 this season when it scores 70 points, and 25-9 under Lappas when scoring 70-plus ... First-year walk-on Nana Ampim saw his first collegiate action, playing the final 12 seconds of the contest. Fellow walk-on Drew Rossi also saw the floor for the final 59 seconds, and did record a shot clock violation.



Sophomore forward Rashaun Freeman dunks during the Minutemen's 74-58 victory over St. Bonaventure on Saturday.

UMass topples over Merrimack on road

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

NORTH ANDOVER — It had been awhile for the Massachusetts hockey team.

The Minutemen (11-16-2, 5-11-2 Hockey East) had been losers of five straight and winless in seven before their 3-1 triumph over Merrimack (8-20-2, 1-16-1 HEA) at J. Thom Lawler Arena on Saturday night.

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They hadn't won a Hockey East game since their 3-2 victory over Providence on Dec. 3, a stretch of nine conference games.

And it was, for the first time all season, a victory on foreign ice.

"We're happy to get our first road win of the year," UMass coach Don Cahoon said. "It's been a long time coming. Obviously, it lifts everybody's spirits up."

Nothing had been coming easy for the team for two months now, and that did not change last night.

Clutching to a tight 1-0 lead just 6:50 into the second period, Massachusetts goalie Gabe Winer left the game with an apparent right leg injury.

Winer had been playing very well, making 15 saves during his short appearance in net, just two minutes before the injury, he made a tough glove save to stop Matt Byrnes' breakaway opportunity, and right before Winer left the ice, he made a couplet of acrobatic saves to diffuse another Merrimack scoring attack.

During a whistle for Brent Gough's tripping penalty, backup Tim Warner replaced Winer, who skated off the ice favoring his right leg.

"I didn't have [anyone come in] contact with me," Winer said.

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P.J. Fenton was one of the three stars of the game in the Minutemen's 3-1 victory over Merrimack on Saturday. Fenton had two assists.



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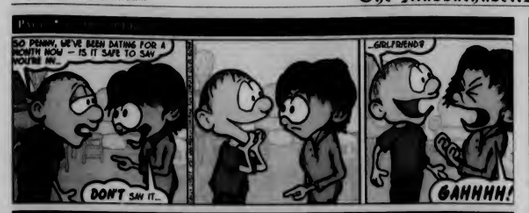
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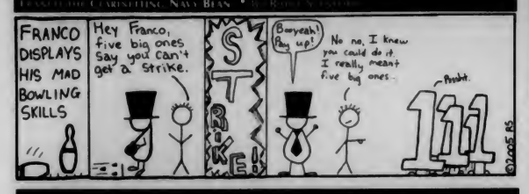
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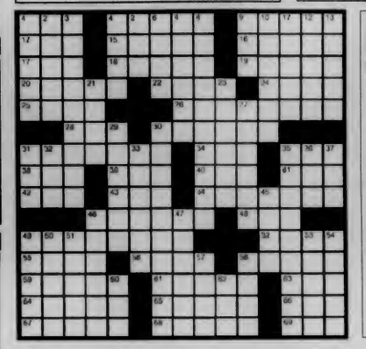
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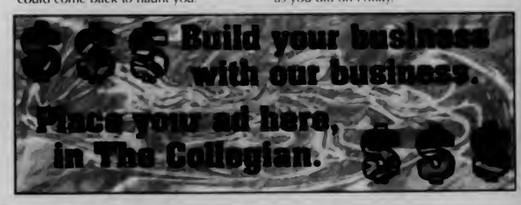
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TEAM OF THE MILLENNIUM



Clockwise: Tom Brady, David Givens, Deion Branch, and head coach Bill Belichick were all important cogs in the New England Patriots' 24-21 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles. The win gave New England its third Super Bowl in four years, all were won under Belichick and with the arm of Tom Brady. Brady had two touchdowns on the game and connected with Super Bowl MVP Branch a record-tying 11 times.

Patriots outlast Eagles and win their third Super Bowl

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ended in disappointment.

Corey Dillon, a newcomer to the championship game, scored the go-ahead points on a 2-yard run early in the fourth period. And when Branch wasn't running free and catching passes, the Patriots flaunted their versatility by again using linebacker Mike Vrabel to find the end zone.

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Vrabel has caught TD passes in two straight Super Bowls and has five TDs in as many career catches, not bad for a linebacker — or anyone else.

Brady wasn't as fluid as he was when he won the MVP awards in the 2002 and 2004 games, but he was on-target much of the time, finishing 23-for-33 for 236 yards and two TDs.

When the offense bogged down or turned over the ball, Harrison and his mates forced four turnovers, including a goal-line interception by the veteran safety. The Patriots also had four sacks, making Donovan McNabb look ordinary, even skittish at times.

And while Terrell Owens' return from a seven-week injury layoff was an individual success — he had nine catches for 122 yards — it was not nearly the star turn that Branch made.

Branch's 11 catches covered 133 yards as he victimized one of the league's best secondaries. He was most instrumental on the opening drive of the second half, which set the tone for New England's 57th victory in its last 74 games.

While New England handled frequent blitzes, Branch caught four passes for 71 yards on the series that ended with Vrabel's TD.

"We did a great job of adjusting during the game," Branch said. "It was physical; a lot of guys were bumped and bruised."

The Eagles showed resilience by responding with a 74-yard drive on which Brian Westbrook accounted for 39 yards, including the 10-yard score. McNabb whipped a pass over the middle between two defenders for the TD.

Still, as winners always do, the Patriots reasserted themselves, effectively using screen passes against a tiring defense. Even when Eagles defenders shouted to each other to watch for the screen, New England made it work, particularly on Kevin Faulk's 14-yarder that preceded Dillon's 2-yard run to make it 21-14.

Vinatieri hit his chip shot to make it 24-14. When the Eagles came back on Greg Lewis' 30-yard TD reception with 1:48 remaining, things got tight.

Not that it bothered the Patriots. Not that anything ever bothers these Patriots, who will lose offensive coordinator Charlie Weis to Notre Dame and expect defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel to become Cleveland's coach.



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Tom Brady and Corey Dillon celebrate after Dillon scored a touchdown in the Super Bowl last night.

Fans rejoice as New England becomes pro football capital

By Theo Emery
Associated Press

BOSTON — It didn't look quite as easy as a lot of the other games the New England Patriots put in the win column this season, but their fans didn't mind.

Stumbling through penalties and missed opportunities, the Patriots still managed to come away with a Super Bowl win — their third in four years — by beating the Philadelphia Eagles 24-21. And fans yet again found themselves celebrating a team that has managed to win without much flash or bravado.

"Pats did it again, did it again! I love to be a part of the New England Patriots," said Nillou Tabibi, a 24 year old pharmacy student, who watched the game from a bar in Boston's Kenmore Square.

Her companion, Tom Ambrose, also a 24 year old pharmacy student, said the Patriots deserved the win.

"There was a little bit of doubt there. There were a lot of turnovers they went through," he said. "But they kept it together and they pulled through."

The Patriots lost just two games in the regular season but kept plowing through the playoffs with ease. This time, the Eagles put up a fight and made it a squeaker.

Still, Patriots fans were anything but bored by yet another win that made New Englanders marvel at a possible dynasty in the making.

"It never gets old," said Josh Canning, 29, a Charlton resident who hosted about 20 friends to watch the game on his 55-inch high-definition television. "You come up with new things — it's back to back, or dynasty, or best team ever, something to pull for."

Canning has been a Patriots fan since the "Squish the Fish" days, a reference to the 1985 playoff victory over the Miami Dolphins. The Chicago Bears beat New England 46-10 that season in the Patriots' first Super Bowl, when current Patriots quarterback Tom Brady was all of 8 years old.

Now, it's different. The Patriots were favored to win Sunday and their fans were confident going into it, probably never imagining what a nail biter it turned out to be.

For the less subdued, Boston police had a plan of their own: 1,000 officers were on city streets to keep the peace. In western Massachusetts, at the flagship campus of the University of Massachusetts, students blasted "We are the Champions" from dorm windows but were mostly muted in their celebration.

"The end was very stressful but we worked through it," said Brian Kiesman, a freshman from Hopedale.



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Rodney Harrison (37), Asante Samuel (22) and Mike Vrabel of the Patriots celebrate after beating the Eagles 24-21 in the Super Bowl.



Motley Crue comes back with mediocre album

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Freshman Kate Mills dominates in the post

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Take Back UMass angry with code

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

Members of the University of Massachusetts remain enraged about the actions that the top administrators have taken regarding the legality and the vagueness of the picketing code.

Members from the proactive student group Take Back UMass, Student Government Association, distinguished faculty members and a representative from the American Civil Liberties Union all expressed anger and frustration with the administration's inability to prioritize student's rights.

Recently, top administrators at UMass changed the student code of conduct after a committee of student and faculty representation unanimously rejected the change last January. Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Michael Gargano and Chancellor John V. Lombardi implemented the plan despite the opposition. The initial change stated that students were not allowed to picket inside any university building, citing that it would be disruptive to faculty. After campus-wide controversy began to rise, Gargano and Lombardi revised the newly written code on Feb. 2. Although changes were made that stated only disruptive picketing was a violation of the code, the ambiguity of the code has left students and faculty questioning the administration.

Bill Newman, the representative from the ACLU, emotionally expressed his negative thoughts on not only the code, but also the administration.

"This is the kind of regulation that has an enormous, it chills your rights as members of this community, particularly to see at a public educational institution," Newman said, "as students you have to say, 'don't impose thosechilling effects, don't take aways our First Amendment Rights."

Newman also spoke about the discrepancies and ambiguity of the revised code. "There are inconsistent sentences, this is still a significant issue, its isn'treally about the picketing — it arguably applies but, mostly it applies to demonstrations and rallies."

He also attempted to dissect the newly written code. "There

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Celebration results in four arrests

The University of Massachusetts campus stayed fairly quiet Sunday night, despite a crowd of approximately 300 students that gathered in the Southwest residential area to celebrate the New England Patriots' victory over the Philadelphia Eagles in the Super Bowl.

Cheers of "Dynasty" could be heard as students threw burning rolls of toilet paper. Several rounds of fireworks were set off.

Only four arrests were made, according to Sgt. Michael Ross of the University Police Department. No injuries were reported. He said UMass police had no problems clearing students from the area. The crowd was dispersed by about 10:45 p.m.

"People basically were there for the moment and left on their own," said Ross. "It was just a peaceful celebration for the most part."

During the Patriot's Super Bowl victory last year, over 2,500 students crowded into Southwest to celebrate, resulting in four arrests. Police dispersed the crowd with several rounds of pepper balls.

—*Erika Lovley*



Silent Night

Relaxed UMass police officers gear up for a potential disturbance in Southwest Residential Area after the Patriots' Super Bowl victory Sunday night. Police arrested four students out of approximately 300.

Suicide car bombing kills 30 outside main police headquarters in Baghdad

By Mariam Fam
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Insurgents struck at Iraqi police with a suicide bomb, a car bomb and mortars in the cities of Mosul and Baqouba on Monday, killing at least 30 people as they pressed their campaign to undermine the fledgling security forces.

The deadliest attack came in Baqouba, where a car bomb exploded outside the gates of a provincial police headquarters, killing 15 people and wounding 17, police Col. Mudhahar al-Iubouri said. Many victims were there to seek jobs as policemen, al-Iubouri said.

In the northern city of Mosul, a suicide bomber blew himself up inside the compound of Jumhouri Teaching Hospital, killing 12 policemen guarding the site and injuring four others, hospital officials said.

The bomb went off outside the hospital building, hospital Director Tahseen Ali Mahmoud al-Obeidi said. Witnesses said the bomber called the police officers over to him and then blew up among the crowd.

"I heard an explosion. When I went to check, I saw bodies everywhere," al-Obeidi said.

The ground was soaked with blood. Nurses collected body parts, putting them in bags.

In a posting on a Web site, the al-Qaida in Iraq group, led by

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Iraqis flee from chaos caused by a car bomb that killed 30 people. Yesterday's attack was one of Baghdad's deadliest.

Bromery appointed to science committee

By Jonathan Vega
Collegian Staff

President George W. Bush recently reappointed Randolph W. Bromery, who was once chancellor and Commonwealth Professor Emeritus of geophysics at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, to a three-year term on the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science. Bromery had originally been appointed to the 12-member panel to complete the remainder of an unexpired term in 2003.

Established in 1959 as a presidential award, the National Medal of Science has recognized the scientific contributions of 386 American scientists and engineers since its inception. Potential medal recipients are evaluated based on the total impact of their work in respect to the present state of physical, chemical, biological, mathematical, engineering, behavioral or social sciences.

According to the web site, the mission of the National Science & Technology Medals Foundation is, "to increase public awareness that [American] economic strength, competitiveness, and high standard of living depend on our nation's ability to lead the world in scientific discovery and technological development."

"What the [White House] tries to do is pick people in scientific disciplines that cover a fairly broad range of natural science and mathematics," Bromery explained. "I represent geology and geophysics." The 12-member panel includes biologists, computer scientists, mathematicians and astrophysicists who all must be approved by the White House.

Bromery's has worked in the field of geophysics for 56 years and served as chancellor of UMass from 1972 to 1979. Bromery also served as president of Westfield State College, Springfield College and Roxbury Community College from 1988 to 2003, respectively. Additionally, Bromery is the recipient of nine honorary degrees from colleges and universities around the world; including John Hopkins University where he received his Ph.D. in geology and continues to serve as a trustee emeritus on the Board of Trustees.

Potential medal laureates are not directly selected by the committee, rather they are nominated by their respective university or scientific institution. Bromers is quick to point out that, "the Nobel Prize is very restrictive because it only covers chemistry and a couple other disciplines, we cover all the scientific disciplines." In the United States, the National Medal of Science is the highest possible distinction for

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Defrocked priest guilty of molestation

By Denise Lavoie
Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE — Defrocked priest Paul Shanley, the most notorious figure in the sex scandal that rocked the Boston Archdiocese, was found guilty Monday of repeatedly molesting a boy at his church during the 1980s.

The conviction on all four charges gives prosecutors a high-profile victory in their effort to bring pedophile priests to justice for decades of abuse at Roman Catholic parishes around the country.

The victim, now 27, put his head down and sobbed as the verdicts were announced after a trial that turned on the reliability of what he claimed were recovered memories of the long-ago abuse.



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Paul Shanley was found guilty of child molestation yesterday.

The jury of seven men and five women deliberated about 13 hours over five days before reaching its verdict. Shanley showed no emotion as he stood next to his attorneys.

Shanley, 74, faces up to life in prison for two counts each of child rape and indecent assault and battery on a child. He is to be sentenced Feb. 15. Judge Stephen Neel immediately revoked Shanley's $300,000 bail.

After Shanley was led away from the courtroom, his niece, Teresa Shanley, told reporters: "There are no winners today. There are only losers. We're no closer to finding out the truth about this scandal or finding out what happened."

During the trial, the accuser broke down on the stand as he testified in graphic detail that Shanley pulled him out of Sunday morning catechism classes and raped and groped him in the church bathroom, the rectory, the confessional and the pews starting when he was 6.

The man, now a firefighter in suburban Boston, said that he repressed his memories of the abuse but that they came flooding back three years ago, triggered by news coverage of the scandal that began in Boston and soon engulfed the church worldwide.

"It felt awful," he testified. "He told me nobody would ever believe me if I told anybody."

The defense called just one witness, a psychologist who said that so-called recovered memories can be false, even if the accuser ardently believes they are true. Shanley's lawyer argued that the man who accused Shanley was either mistaken or concocted the story with the help of personal injury lawyers to cash in on a multimillion-dollar settlement resulting from the sex scandal.

The lone accuser in the crimi-

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Journalists killed after reporting in Pakistan

By Paul Haven
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Gunmen fired into a small bus filled with journalists on their way back from covering the surrender of a suspected militant in a lawless tribal region Monday, killing two reporters and wounding two others, security officials said.

The journalists were on a road near Wana, the main town in South Waziristan, when their bus was overtaken by the assailants about 7:30 p.m., said Brig. Mahmood Shah, chief of security for Pakistan's tribal areas along the frontier with Afghanistan. The gunmen sprayed the bus with AK-47 assault rifles, then fled, he said.

Killed were Mir Nawab, a freelance journalist who worked as a cameraman for Associated Press Television News and as a reporter for a local newspaper, and Allah Noor, a reporter for The Nation, an English-language Pakistani newspaper.

The wounded journalists were identified as Anwar Shakir, who works for Agence France-Presse, and Zardad Khan, a freelancer. Both were taken to a hospital in Wana, where Shakir was reported in stable condition with a back wound. Khan was less seriously injured.

Malik Hassan, another journalist, said there were at least two attackers. He said the bus stopped when the shooting started and its occupants took shelter by a wall next to the road. The two slain journalists apparently died instantly on the bus, he said.

"They were shooting at us from just a yard away and they were trying to kill us. We were very scared," Hassan told The Associated Press.

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NATO sifts through remains of crash site

By Amir Shah
Associated Press

CHINARI, Afghanistan — Security forces Monday turned back relatives trying to get to a freezing mountain where NATO soldiers found human remains but no survivors in the wreckage of an Afghan airliner four days after it struck a snowbound peak with 104 people on board.

NATO helicopters spotted parts of the wreckage some 11,000 feet up Chaperi Mountain on Saturday, but freezing fog, low clouds and up to 8 feet of snow had prevented teams from reaching the site.

Clear weather Monday allowed a Spanish Cougar helicopter to drop five Slovenian mountain troops onto the mountain top 20 miles east of Kabul, where they toiled through the deep snow to inspect several pieces of fuselage.

"They did find human remains," NATO spokeswoman Maj. Karen Tissot Van Patot said. It was impossible to say how many bodies the remains belonged to, she said. The troops were lifted out again as visibility deteriorated.

A team of 100 Afghan soldiers who go within 150 yards of the crash site were going to spend Monday night there ahead of medical teams that

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Bromery reappointed

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Courtesy UMass Rec.

Randolph W. Bromery

scientists who might not qualify for the Nobel Prize. "If you are a geologist or a geophysicist you probably won't get the Nobel Prize because there is no area in the Nobel Prize for that [field]."

In his next term Bromery is pushing for the recognition of recent advancements in the field of geophysics. Ocean plate tectonic theory is generating lots of interest after the recent tsunami disaster in Southeast Asia that has killed at least 240,000 people. "Almost every geologist in the world could have predicted that [the tsunami disaster] was going to happen, we didn't know when, but it was going to happen," says Bromery.

However, "The committee always disagrees," says Bromery, "the biologists want to get their folks in, I want to get my people in. I have a dozen people I'd like to see get [the award] but I'm sure the biologists have got a dozen." In a given year ten medals may be awarded to individuals who began in an initial pool of fifty or more potential medal recipients.

"The president has sent a mandate down that pushes for minorities and women to be represented. He wants them to have comparable merit but he wants to make sure we open up the net and let them in," says Bromery. The medal ceremonies usually take place in March and consist of a black tie dinner at the White House, concluded by a presidential ceremony where the National Medal of Science is awarded to laureates.

No survivors found after airline crash

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hope to reach it Tuesday to collect bodies, Defense Ministry spokesman Gen. Mohammed Zaher Azimi said.

"A hand might be here and a foot somewhere else, so it will very difficult," Azimi said. "As well as the cold and the snow, there could be mines up there. It will take weeks to complete our job."

Down below, Afghan soldiers and police manned checkpoints to stop family members and media from approaching the area — to the fury of dozens of men eager to observe Muslim custom by quickly burying their dead.

Relatives fretted that wolves and vultures could feed on the victims and rumors spread of looters answering calls made to their mobile phones. One man brandished a tattered Kam Air ticket he said he found in a nearby village.

Some evaded the checkpoints but returned disheartened as even their sport utility vehicles proved no match for the deep snow.

"How can I look at this white mountain, where part of my heart lies?" said a man named Azizi, whose uncle, Shafa, took the doomed plane on the way back from a business trip to Iran. "I have to move, I have to try."

The Boeing 737-200, flown by Kam Air, Afghanistan's first post-Taliban private airline, vanished Thursday as it approached Kabul airport in a snowstorm from the western city of Herat. There were 96 passengers and eight crew aboard.

Bush proposes $2.57 budget

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush sent Congress a $2.57 trillion budget plan Monday that would boost spending on the military and homeland security but seeks spending cuts across a wide swath of other government programs. Bush's budget would reduce subsidies paid to farmers, cut health programs for poor people and veterans and trim spending on the environment and education.

"It is a budget that sets priorities," Bush said after a meeting with his Cabinet. "It's a budget that reduces and eliminates redundancy. It's a budget that's a lean budget."

Bush acknowledged that it would be difficult to eliminate popular programs but he said programs must prove their worth. "I look forward to explaining to the American people why we made some of the requests that we made in our budget," the president told reporters.

Joshua Bolten, Bush's budget director, said, "Are we going to get everything we asked for? No." But he predicted Congress would likely accept the administration's broad priorities. He said he entered the upcoming congressional budget battle with a "happy spirit."

Democrats immediately branded the budget a "hoax" because it left out the huge future costs for the war in Iraq and Afghanistan and did not include the billions of dollars that will be needed for Bush's No. 1 domestic priority, overhauling Social Security.

Bolten said the administration would soon be coming forward with a supplemental request for an additional $81 billion for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. He said that request was reflected in the overall spending projections in Bush's budget for the current year and into 2006.

But he said including further additional spending for Iraq and Afghanistan "wouldn't be responsible" because it would represent guesses on what will be needed. Bolten also said that even if transition costs for Social Security had been included, the president would still be able to meet his goal of cutting the deficit in half by 2009 as a percentage of the total economy.

The budget — the most austere of Bush's presidency — would eliminate or vastly scale back 150 government programs. It will spark months of contentious debate in Congress, where lawmakers will fight to protect their favored programs.



Courtesy CNN.com

House Budget Committee Chairman Jim Ryun stands outside the White House after President Bush made his budget plan.

Shanley found guilty of rape

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nal trial was one of at least two dozen men who claimed they had been molested by Shanley, who was a parish priest in Newton, a suburb about 10 miles west of Boston. The archdiocese's own personnel records showed that church officials knew Shanley publicly advocated sex between men and boys, yet continued to transfer him from parish to parish.

Prosecutors said the accuser had no financial motivation in accusing Shanley of rape in the criminal case because he received his $500,000 settlement with the archdiocese nearly a year ago. They also cited his three days on stand, during which he sobbed and begged the judge not to force him to continue testifying.

"The emotions were raw. They were real," prosecutor Lynn Rooney said in closing arguments.

The verdict brought relief to victim advocates, who have spent the past several years exposing the habit of church officials to transfer priests accused of sexual misconduct from parish to parish.

"This shows that when survivors find the strength to speak up, sometimes, sometimes, kids are protected, and justice can happen," said David Clohessy, the national director of the Survivors Network of Those Abuse by Priests. "When survivors stay silent, nothing changes.

"We're very grateful for and proud of all the Shanley victims, because they all played a role here."

Shanley, once a long-haired, jeans-wearing "street priest" who worked with Boston's troubled youth and was considered a cool guy, sat stoically for most of the trial, listening to his accuser's testimony with the help of a hearing aid.

Shanley is one of the few priests prosecutors have been able bring charges against. Most of the priests accused in lawsuits avoided prosecution because the alleged crimes were committed so long ago that the statute of limitations had run out. But shortly after leaving the Newton parish in 1989, Shanley moved out of state, effectively stopping the clock.

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Panel criticizes Gargano

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Matthew Bright/Collegian

Members of Take Back UMass speak at a press conference about their frustration with the administration's decision to change the picketing code.

are inconsistent sentences. All students have the right to demonstrate on university premisses."

All panelists agreed that there is no definitive term for what disruptive behavior is. "[The students] lend themselves to the discretion of the administration. [Disruptive behavior] could be a button, a pin or a sign — any of these can be demonstrations."

Barak Sared, a member of the SGA's executive cabinet, said that he feels that this decision is a step to create "increased militarization on this campus. It goes beyond this one issue," he said, "we have yet to see any proactive steps to a peaceful aftermath."

Jeff Napolitano, Secretary of Public Policy and Relations for the SGA called his statements about the code as ironic. He said that it was ironic how he would be commenting on an issue by Gargano, "the same man who runs the Student Affairs Office, which the voice of the student body, overwhelmingly voted no confidence' in...In the words of a professor who recently testified at the Diversity Commission, it is a black mark on this University that this man still has a job here."

Professor of Germanic Languages and Literature's Sara Lennox also released a statement on behalf of the panel alluding that the new policies have some questioning whether this may be the new "University Patriot Act."

"Some have called this new policy the UMass Patriot Act, and it is indeed difficult not to connect these policies and procedures on the part of the University with what seem to be related threats to democracy at the national level."

In closing, Lennox wrote that this policy should raise questions and concern that need to be voiced. "The University of Massachusetts has a long and proud tradition of allegiance to the principles of liberalism. We call upon the University administration to reconfirm its commitment to the principles for which the University has always stood."

Gargano announced that these policies are strictly to enhance the educational mission of the University. He and Lombardi maintain that this is an academic institution and disruption of faculty, workers and students will not be tolerated.

One of the deadliest insurgent attacks kills 30 in Baghdad

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Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, said "a lion from the Martyrs Brigade" wearing an explosives belt managed to get inside a police post at the Mosul hospital. The claim could not be verified.

There was no claim for the Baquuba attack.

Also Monday, insurgents shelled a police station in Mosul with more than a dozen mortar rounds, killing three civilians, a police official said.

The violence and kidnappings raise new concerns about security following a brief downturn in violence after the Jan. 30 elections, when Iraqis chose a new National Assembly in the first nationwide balloting since the fall of Saddam Hussein in April 2003.

A final tally was expected by Thursday, but initial returns point to a landslide by Shiite Muslim candidates endorsed by their clerics. Shiites are believed to comprise about 60 percent of Iraq's 26 million people.

Many Sunni Arabs are believed to have stayed home, either out of fear of rebel reprisal or because of a boycott call by Sunni clerics.

In the Mosul area, 15,188 were unable to vote because of irregularities, Iraqi election commission officials said Monday. Gunmen looted some polling places, stealing ballot papers, commission official Izzedine al-Mahmoudi said.

Officials also said first returns showed that Sunnis stayed away from the polls in Salahedin province, a mostly Sunni area north of Baghdad that contains Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit.

With results in from 80 percent of the province's polling stations, the largely Shiite United Iraqi Alliance had the most votes with 27,645.

Pope John Paul II remains hospitalized

ROME (AP)— From inmates in prisons he has visited to diplomats from one the few countries he hasn't, get-well messages and gifts have been pouring in for Pope John Paul II, who the Vatican said Monday will stay longer in the hospital as a precaution.

Papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls told reporters that the pope continued to get better a week after his emergency admission to the Gemelli Polyclinic with breathing problems that developed with the flu, but that "his doctors have advised him to stay a few more days."

Navarro-Valls refused to be pinned down on a discharge date for the 84-year-old pope, who is also weakened by Parkinson's disease. "Doctors have suggested several more days," he said.

The next medical bulletin from the Vatican is scheduled for Thursday.

The good wishes started flooding in at Gemelli last Wednesday, when pilgrims from John Paul's native Poland brought red and white flowers in the colors of their flag.

Hard to miss was a nearly 6-foot-high arrangement of roses in yellow and white, the official colors of the Vatican, sent last week by the Libyan Embassy. Libya is one of the few nations that the pope hasn't toured in his papal globe-trotting, which has taken him to 104 countries.

Hospital staff quickly dispatched overflow floral arrangements to Rome churches. Flowers from the governments of Libya and Qatar decorated the hospital chapel.

The tributes were testimony to the special regard much of the world holds for the pope, among both Catholics and non-Catholics, as well as to the widespread concern for his health.

— *Associated Press*

Gunman opened fire on journalists

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He said he did not know who might have been behind the attack.

Nawab was not sent by APTN to cover the surrender ceremony, but he had worked extensively with the TV news agency covering an 18-month crackdown by Pakistan's military in the region, which is considered a likely hiding spot for al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden and his top aides.

Shah said militant tribesmen were believed responsible for the attack and authorities would question elders from the tribe in whose territory the attack was carried out.

"This was an act of sabotage. These are elements that don't want peace in South Waziristan and the tribal regions," Shah said.

The journalists were coming back from a ceremony in Sararogha village, about 50 miles northeast of Wana, that was held to formalize a promise by militant leader Baitullah Mehsud to surrender and lay down his weapons in return for government amnesty.

Mehsud had been on the run since October after he was accused of being behind attacks on security forces and leading a band of local and foreign extremists in South Waziristan.

Standing before more than 2,000 tribesmen, Mehsud and about 35 supporters shook hands with senior government administrators to make peace, local cleric Maulana Ainullah said.

Lawyers suing Herald

BOSTON — Lawyers for a judge suing the Boston Herald for libel rested their case against the newspaper on Monday after a morning of emotional testimony by the judge's 17-year-old daughter.

Jessica Murphy, the daughter of Judge Ernest B. Murphy, broke down several times while testifying about the aftermath of the articles that depicted her father as lenient, and resulted in death threats and a chatroom posting that suggested that Murphy's daughters should be raped.

She said that after her parents warned that she and her then-10-year-old sister might be in danger in the wake of Herald stories, she had nightmares and believed that someone was breaking into their house.

"I was dreaming a man was sitting on my chest and not allowing me to wake up," she said.

The Herald has stood by its reporting.

Because he is a public figure, Murphy's attorney must prove the Herald maliciously reported material its reporters knew was false; a higher standard than the requirement a nonpublic figure must meet to win a libel case.

After Jessica Murphy's testimony, the defense asked Judge Charles R. Johnson for a "directed verdict" dismissing all or some of the charges against the newspaper and four of its writers. They argued that Judge Murphy's lawyers, among other things, failed to prove the paper acted with malice.

The judge said he will announce his ruling on the defense motion Tuesday morning.

Elizabeth A. Ritvo, one of the Herald's four lawyers, focused on Murphy's allegation that the paper relied on biased information from the Bristol County District Attorney's office to verify that Murphy told attorneys to tell a 14-year-old statutory rape victim "to get over it."

—*Associated Press*



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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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Student behavior following Super Bowl commendable

Following the New England Patriots' victory over the Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl XXXIX on Sunday, celebration was not at a loss throughout New England. However, as opposed to last October's World Series riots following the Red Sox's win, the atmosphere, particularly around campus, was a lot more toned down.

The University of Massachusetts student body showed maturity evolving from good sportsmanship on Sunday night. By celebrating in an appropriate manner, students proved that they were able to show the administration, as well as parents and authorities, that they were capable of acting like proper functioning members of the UMass community.

For the Patriots', the Super Bowl marked their second win in row, their third in the past four years. When the Red Sox won the World Series, it was their first time in 86 years. The importance of the two games varied greatly. The Red Sox win meant a whole lot more to Boston's adoring fans. It carried more clout. Consequently, when students all over New England felt the need to incite riots, the behavior was not condoned in any way, but the reasons behind them were more understandable.

This Super Bowl win, given the Patriots' previous winning record over the past four years, didn't hold as much weight. The head coach of the Patriots, Bill Belichick, is considered by many to be one of the greatest coaches of all time. He also has been the coach for New England for the past five years.

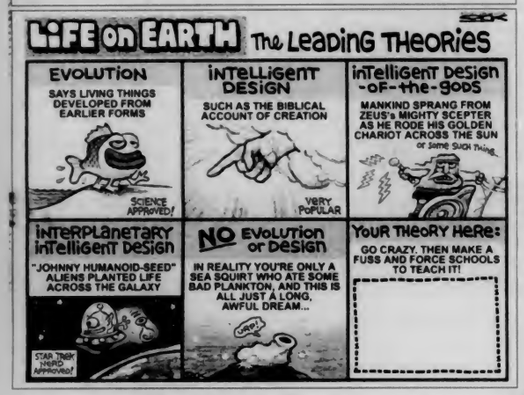
Terry Francona, the coach that led the Red Sox to victory, has only been coaching the team for one year — the year that they won the World Series. The two victories New England shared are measured on two different levels, which explains the differences in the level of celebrations for each.

Something that may have added to the decrease in destructive celebration following the Super Bowl was the UMass Police Department's recent announcement of Tasers being added to their department equipment. While the police department does not currently possess Tasers and won't be expecting them until the fall of 2005, students appeared to take no chances this time around.

In lieu of the Red Sox victory prompting riotous celebration, we cannot forget Victoria Snelgrove, the Emerson College student who died in the game's aftermath as a result of being hit in the head by a non-lethal weapon fired by a Boston police officer. Snelgrove's death may have also been a contributing factor in the comparatively peaceful celebrations following the Super Bowl.

The UMass student body, as a whole, chose to celebrate wisely after the Super Bowl. Hopefully, the conduct that the students demonstrated that night will speak volumes to the administration and to the UMass Police Department. Perhaps this will now allow room for the decisions regarding non-lethal weapons being purchased by college campus police to be reconsidered, given the potential students have to remain civil.

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Convenience is a vice

Stacy Kasdin

The other day, I pulled into a parking lot in town and there were no available spaces. There was also a line of people waiting to park, blocking any hope I had of backing out of the lot. Thus, everyone had to go to the end of the row and make a three-point-turn.

People sat leaning on their horns. I decided the best course of action was to let the guy in front of me turn around and pull out before I tried to go. He was driving a large SUV and having another car taking up space would have probably made his attempt to turn around far more difficult. Unfortunately, my kindness was in vain, because the driver of the car behind me took it upon himself to pull around me and block the SUV into its spot.

His impatience ended up making the whole situation substantially more difficult for everyone. Had he waited, it would have taken the SUV 30 seconds to turn around and then I would have followed. Instead, the SUV had to maneuver around the car, which took at least an extra minute. It seems to me that our society is losing patience by the second.

People can't seem to afford a little common courtesy if it means inconveniencing themselves in the slightest way. I think a lot of this impatience can be attributed to our technology, and our privilege of being able to get what we want when we want it most of the time.

Recently, I was discussing research papers with a friend and we began to think back to the papers we wrote in elementary and middle school. Hard to believe as it was, we actually had to go to the library and read encyclopedias and reference books to research our paper topics. Now, thanks to the Internet, there is a lonely set of red "'New' World Book Encyclopedias" gathering dust in my basement.

The Internet has brought forth instant gratification of more kinds than seem imaginable. You can find information on any subject you might want to research. Weather reports, stock and sports updates are available and regularly revised. You can purchase nearly any item fathomable from a first edition book to a plane ticket to a new pet to a new wife on the Internet.

The downfall of this plethora of information and shopping is that you need to sit down at a computer in order to take advantage of it. Thanks to Verizon Wireless, this is no longer the case. With Verizon's new V CAST, one can not only sign on to the Internet from their cell phone, but also watch live video of news, sports, music videos, weather and entertainment news. Fox is creating a spin-off of their series "24" with action-packed five minute episodes just for these phones. There's even Sesame Street for the kids! They call these "Next generation" phones.

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We can also see our pictures without developing them thanks to digital cameras, and record and watch our favorite shows without VCRs thanks to Tivo and other similar products. We can listen to the latest music without ever buying a CD again now that we have Napster and iTunes. If people wanted to, they would really never have to leave their houses again.

Groceries and medication can be ordered online and delivered to one's home. Students of elementary age through college age can complete coursework on the Internet. Plenty of companies offer positions working from home now that it's so easy to stay in touch, send files, etc. No more waiting for that pesky SUV to turn around in the parking lot. No more need for cars at all.

I figure it won't be too much longer before we can get little satellite dishes implanted in our bodies that come with little remote controls. We'll be able to press a button and the latest sports scores will be reported directly into our ears. We'll blink our eyes to a take a picture. The stock updates will scroll across the palm of our hands and the latest music video dance moves will be shot down to our feet.

The sad part is that even then we won't be happy. We will want to figure out a way to make it work without pressing the buttons. We will want to create a system that can read our very thoughts. We will turn ourselves into robots. Convenience is nice, but there is such a thing as too much convenience and we are getting dangerously close to it.

Stacy Kasdin is a Collegian columnist.

Appreciating our troops

Dan McDonnell

It's time for me to admit something about myself that a lot of people don't know. I am 20 years old and I still watch professional wrestling on a semi-regular basis. I admit it. I am guilty. Make fun of me all you want, I don't really care.

I fully understand that wrestling is fake; it's something that 12-year-olds watch, etc. Say whatever you want about it. It will not change the fact that I am still a wrestling fan.

Around Christmas time of 2003, Vince McMahon, the owner of World Wrestling Entertainment had the idea of visiting our American troops over in Iraq and putting on a show for their entertainment. It was a way of thanking the troops for what they are doing for our nation and the entire world.

The WWE wrestlers were given the option of attending and performing, or staying home. Every member of the company jumped at the chance to make the trip overseas to show their support and gratitude for the work of our soldiers. They understood that they would be in the middle of a war with high chances of an enemy attack. But regardless, everyone was thrilled about the opportunity to visit our troops and put on a show for them.

The trip in 2003 was so successful and well received that they did the exact same thing in 2004. The wrestlers spent a few days visiting troops, signing autographs, taking pictures, etc. They visited bases in 16 different locations via Blackhawk helicopters to raise the troops' spirits.

During one afternoon lunch, the mess hall actually had a threat of attack. A loud explosion was heard coming from a rocket that was fired by insurgents causing troops to leave lunch and wrestlers to scurry for safety. This shows just how dangerous the trip to Iraq was for the WWE.

On their final day in Iraq, they put on the show in an old broken down soccer stadium just north of Tikrit, the hometown of Saddam Hussein. The show went on with no problems, and was a complete success in all manners of speaking. The wrestlers had a great time entertaining the soldiers, and the soldiers had a great time cheering on their favorite wrestlers.

The biggest thing that came out of this trip actually came from an interview with WWE owner, Vince McMahon, which appeared on the WWE's website last Christmas. He said that the trip was intended to raise the spirits of the troops, but it instead "raised our spirits." He said that the morale of soldiers is surprisingly very positive.

The general belief in America seems to be that the troops are completely miserable and want no part of this war. The media has focused on only the negative aspects of the situation in Iraq, causing U.S. citizens to show their disapproval for both the war and our government as a whole.

This is a time where we need to drop the titles of 'Democrat' and 'Republican' and all unite under the titie of 'American.'

According to McMahon, many soldiers that he spoke with actually take exception to the media's portrayal of the conflict in Iraq. They feel that they are doing a great job in their efforts and the media is not giving them the credit they deserve.

I understand that many people disagree with the War in Iraq, and disagree with everything George W. Bush does as our leader. You are entitled to your opinion and I respect that fully.

But whether or not you agree or disagree with this war, you should support our soldiers for what they do for every one of us. They risk their lives to ensure our safety. As evidenced by the trip to Iraq by the WWE, they are proud of what they do, and we should be even more proud of them.

I went to high school with a few soldiers that are currently in Iraq. Occasionally I get the chance to speak with them either online or during a visit home. They have called Iraq a "hell hole" and these soldiers are happy to be over in Iraq making a difference in the world. And last time I checked, there's no draft in effect right now, so these soldiers are all volunteering their services to our nation and the world.

I understand that many differences in opinion occur because half of us support the Democratic beliefs and half support Republican beliefs. This is a time where we need to drop the titles of "Democrat" and "Republican" and all unite under the title of "American." Even John Kerry said this exact thing during his congratulatory speech to George W. Bush after losing the election.

It's not easy for our soldiers to be away from home in the middle of a war. The last thing they need is for our media to focus on only the negative aspects of their work. Focus on the positives. Show the progress that they have made since Operation: Iraqi Freedom began. Let's show our appreciation for our troops on a regular basis rather than question why our government has sent them to Iraq to fight.

Let's all show our gratitude, just like Vince McMahon and the WWE did on Christmas. Let's show that we are proud of the work that our soldiers do and that we support them through thick and thin. The WWE not only made me proud to be a wrestling fan, but it made me even more proud to be an American.

Dan McDonnell is a Collegian columnist.

Israel's culture of racism



Yousef Munayyer

Buried under a story about Israeli naturalization and Ethiopian Jews in last weeks New York Times was a four-sentence blurb. The first sentence: "An 11 year-old Palestinian girl was killed Monday by a gunshot to the face while she stood outside her school in the southern Gaza Strip."

Four sentences. The reader does not even get to know the girl's name. I will share her name; Ghadir Mukhaimar. May she rest in peace.

This is a sample of the brutal occupation. Every day it continues and the signs of hope, which are boasted, get shot down on a school yard's step. Ghadir's story can bring anger to the most peaceful of men, yet it was the story above her empty blurb that inspired this column.

The State of Israel has decided to expedite the naturalization process for certain Ethiopian Jews. Since its inception, the State of Israel hoped to be a home for all Jews.

At some point in history, these Ethiopian Jews had converted from Judaism to other religions. Now, back to their Jewish ways, they are seeking refuge in Israel. Initially Israel was skeptical about the authenticity of the "Jewishness" in question. Most recently, however, they have come to a decision to make the process easier.

The theme here is "anyone but the Palestinians". Israel has been engaged in a campaign to take as much land as possible from the Palestinians who have been living on it for centuries.

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The lax immigration laws for non-Palestinians are not the only instance. Several months ago, when I arrived in Ben Gurion Airport in Lod, I noticed something different. Next to the word "welcome", written in English, Hebrew and Arabic, it was also written in Russian. The population of Russians in Israel totals near one million, many of which falsify their "Jewishness" for entry to Israel.

The local experts, surprisingly enough, are gravediggers. Christian Arabs who remained in Israel during the expulsion in 1948 have their own cemeteries because non-Jews cannot be buried in Jewish cemeteries. (Inequality in Israel continues even beyond death.) The Arab Orthodox cemeteries, which used to be less active, are beginning to fill up with Orthodox Christian Russians.

The Russians also introduce a more dangerous element. Many supporters of Israel will be quick to tell you about how western the "only democracy in the Middle East is" but recent human rights reports show appalling contradictions. Just last week, news surfaced about possible U.S. sanctions against Israel for human rights abuses. Not for shooting at schoolgirls, but for trafficking women!

Amnesty International reported, "in many instances, women trafficked from [Former Soviet Union] countries are literally bought and sold for large sums of money, often in auctions where they are purchased by the highest bidder." The horrifying report also states that in Israel "slavery and the buying and selling of persons are not criminal offences."

It was also recently exposed that Israel had been using a 55 year-old law to steal land in East Jerusalem. The law provides that any land from which the owner is absent becomes property of the state's custodian. Arabs in the West Bank, whose livelihood is brought to a stand still by the racist apartheid wall, cannot get to their farmlands. Israel would then declare them absent and confiscate the land. Fortunately, this secret policy has recently been exposed and this practice was supposed to cease in East Jerusalem, but it has not stopped everywhere.

On my last trip to Israel, I met a remarkable old man, Abu George is a devout Arab living in Israel. He used to reside in a village in the Galilee, near the Lebanese boarder, and travel to work his fields a few miles south. Now, because of the absentee law, he has moved to a shack on his farmland so Israel will not declare him absent.

Yet this is just a sample of the racist policies which exist in Israel. A shockwave was sent through Israel recently when the Attorney General changed policy regarding the Jewish National Fund. The function of this organization is to manage land in Israel and sell it to Jews only. It is the principle force behind the systematic eth-nic cleansing which Israel has legalized and embraced since its inception. Land which the JNF obtains can only be sold to Jews. Attorney General Meni Mazuz recently said that this policy was illegal and against the democratic ideal.

Though this seemed like a step in the right direction, he also added that land, which the JNF ends up selling to non-Jews, would be compensated for with other land. So the JNF will continue its goal of wiping Arabs out of their lands completely.

Israel's policies are saying "anything but Palestinians" in an effort to change the demographic catastrophe it is facing. They are willing to permit human rights abuses, accept quasi-Jews and confiscate Palestinian land so they can put off a reality that any educated person can understand: racism can not coexist with peace.

Ghadir was trying to get an education. At 11 years old, she too could have understood that simple human principle.

Why can't Israel?

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Return of the Crüe

By Michael Busack
Collegian Staff

After all of the drugs, glam, girls, drama, and restraining orders, the Crue is back and with a little bit of patriotism, with their new release "Red, White and Crue."

Six years ago, the band Motley Crue decided to call it quits for good when an argument between lead singer Vince Neill and drummer Tommy Lee resulted in fisticuffs.

Today, after several failing solo careers and the stench of washed up rockers filling the air, Motley Crue has decided to stage a comeback, world tour and all. The action will begin on Feb. 17 with a show at the Office Depot Center in Ft. Lauderdale FL.

In order to pump up for all of the excitement, the band thought the best idea would be to also release a action-packed greatest hits disc as well. Included on this piece of hair band memorabilia are 20 crispy Crue classics including "Girls, Girls, Girls," and "Don't Go Away Mad (Just Go Away)." It even includes the love ballad "Kickstart my heart," and the newly revamped remix "Too Young to Fall in Love." Altogether, it is truly great listening material if you are preparing for a class reunion or a cruise in your El Camino.

In 1984 Motley Crue opened for the legendary Ozzy Osbourne. Now Osbourne is starring in yet another season of his family-friendly reality show on MTV, and Vince Neil is spending his days on a VH1 plastic surgery special titled "Remaking Vince Neil". Not exactly like the old days. The new material is not so appealing. Everything on this Earth has a time and a place, and Motley Crue had a time, that time was called the '80s.

"Red, White, and Crue," the second disc is quite watered down. None of the members sound as sharp as they once did. Vince Neil sounds as if he has almost completely lost any ability to sing. Although, I guess a reality show can makeover your face, but not your voice.

The tour however, may be worth some laughs at least. Shows, brought to you by VH1 and VH1 Classic, will be titled "Motley Crue: Red, White, and Crue Tour 2005... Better Live than Dead."

Although Vince Neil, Tommy Lee, Nikki Sixx, and Mick Mars have a combined 9 divorces between them, they all claim that they are happily tied up in their current relationships and this tour will be void of any groupie shannigans. Yeah, and Michael said no to plastic surgery.

A feature film is also in the making for the Crue. Based on their successful biography titled "The Dirt." Meanwhile Tommy Lee is riding the success of his autobiography in which he spilled dirt about fellow band members, including calling bandmate Vince Neill ugly and bloated.

Luckily, UMass fans can catch them at the end of this month at the Hartford Civic Center in for an entertaining show, to say the least.

Discover the Bachelors of U.Mass



Silk Johnson

Bachelor #1: Silk Johnson, aka "The Nice Guy with 14 Cats"
Major: Communications
Age: 21
Year: Senior

Personality Type:
Silk describes himself as a hopeless romantic, "I've always been waiting for that special someone," he says.

Relationship Experience:
Silk has had two previous relationships, both serious. Unfortunately, his last girlfriend broke his heart. "I don't mind being single, really. It's just that I love to cuddle up and be committed to one woman."

What he looks for in a girl:
"I don't really discriminate," says Silk, "but I like a woman to be physically fit, confident, trustworthy, open-minded and non-judgmental." Good job being indiscriminant!

Biggest Turn-ons:
"I like nice calves," he says, "[I like] women who are into me and are natural looking."

Biggest Turn-offs:
"I hate moustaches, women who spit, liars and ignorance."

His Flaws:
According to Silk, he can do some "immature things" once in a while.

Favorite Alcoholic Drink:
Silk prefers not to drink. "I know it sounds funny, but I prefer water," he says.

Hobbies:
Silk works with the Not Ready For Bedtime Players, a sex education theater troupe and the University of Massachusetts football team. And don't forget his ferret, talking teddy bear and his 14 cats.

What type of animal he would be:
Silk says he would be a cheetah. "I just want to run full speed to my potential across the lands of an open country and feel the wind rush by my ears."

The Bottom Line:
There you have it, girls. This man is definitely a unique find among the many at UMass. He is undeniably compassionate, sweet and romantic. Maybe he will set aside his talking bear for the night?



Tom Harwood

Bachelor #2: Tom Harwood aka "The Typical College Guy with Nice Eyes"
Major: School of Management
Age: 21
Year: "I'm kind of a junior"

Personality Type:
Tom seems emotionless, insensitive but really quite funny ... if you have his humor.

Relationship Experience:
He once dated a girl for three months but then got bored. "I haven't been on a date in years," he says. "I guess I'm cheap."

What he looks for in a girl:
"I like lively, outgoing, simple, flirty girls. It's easier that way."

Biggest Turn-ons:
Tom likes high maintenance women with nice eyes, nice legs and good teeth.

Biggest Turn-offs:
"I dislike slobs, messy girls, body hair and she has to have both hands with ten fingers. I can't stand girls when the toe next to their big toe is longer, either."

Flaws:
Tom says he's really shy and terrible at answering questions.

Favorite Alcoholic Drink:
Jack and a splash of water.

Hobbies:
"Um...I dunno."

What type of animal he would be:
An ape. "So I know where I came from." Maybe his date can help him with that!

The bottom line:
This guy can easily drive a woman mad ... but that might not be such a bad thing! He is screaming for a woman to sensitize him and shake things up!

But what does he think? "Don't save her, she don't wanna be saved." With such words of wisdom could he be right?

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Jarret Marcoux

Bachelor #3: Jarret Marcoux aka "The Strictly Business Man"
Major: Chemical Engineering and Economics
Age: 23
Year: Super senior

Personality Type:
Jarret is a straight-shooter. "I say what's on my mind," he says. "I work hard, I play hard. What's so hard to understand? I am not cocky, but I know I am quite smart — smarter than most people I meet. I have a lot of energy and I like to have a good time." This guy has too much energy! Is there a girl that can keep up?

Relationship Experience:
"I have yet to break the two month threshold. I just get bored quickly," says the energetic bachelor. "Plus, women don't seem to get my ambition."

What he looks for in a girl:
"I like an aggressive woman that loves to surprise me."

Biggest Turn-ons:
He likes a woman with goals, ambitions and a great work ethic. (Perhaps he's looking for a female Jarret?) He also likes girls who are hygienic.

Biggest Turn-offs:
Punctuality is key. "I can't stand tardiness. It drives me crazy." He adds, "I also hate smoking, laziness, lying and pushovers. But the most annoying thing is when women put their hands over their mouth while they are eating and continue to talk. Do they really think their hand hides the fact that they have no manners?"

Flaws:
"I guess I can say I am competitive and I always think I'm right."

Favorite Alcoholic Drink:
"I am the king of girly drinks and I'm not afraid to admit it."

Hobbies:
The usual breed of 'Frat Boy,' he belongs to Sig Ep. Enough said.

What type of animal he would be:
A bear. "Go watch 'Swingers' for an explanation," he says.

The Bottom Line:
Well, this man sure is entertaining. He seems cocky and arrogant but once you get past it, he's quite a character. He has stated his intentions clearly: "I don't mind high maintenance girls, as long as she's high performance." Can there be such a woman for Jarret?

Paris and Anna return to reality



Reality TV

Mike Busack

It has been another slice of reality pie this week.

First, Martha Stewart is the only celebrity on Earth that can be imprisoned, yet still be prospering more than ever. Mogul turned television star, Donald Trump announced this week that Stewart has signed on to host the next apprentice.

The new show titled "The Apprentice: Martha Stewart" will be filmed during a portion of Martha's house arrest. Producers claim that even though Stewart will be technically under prison supervision, she is grantted the right to make a living. Is this a little freaky to anyone else?

Fresh off of a Trim Spa binge, Anna Nicole will be returning to the E! network with a second season of the heavily-medicated reality/comedy "The Anna Nicole Show." The network has taken a daring plunge by letting the loose cannon air her first episode of the second season completely live. I think Anna Nicole needs to take some advice from Geraldo, and learn that going live doesn't exactly work for some people.

It wasn't shocking that American Idol had amazing ratings this week, what was shocking however was that on Wednesday night, the President's State of the Union Address had a significantly lower rating than an episode of the fourth season of American Idol. You draw your own cultural conclusions.

A petty theft case brought up against Simple Life star Paris Hilton has been dropped. The television diva allegedly stole a copy of her very own sex tape off a newsstand. The case was reportedly dropped due to a lack of evidence.

Media little guy Bravo is experiencing some big time success with their series "Project Runway." Lauren Zalaznick, President of Bravo announced that the show will run a special episode due to the high ratings and demand for previous episodes of the show. Supermodel Heid Klum is both the host and Executive Producer for the show. Project Runway is hall competition, half documentary on the ins and outs of the most elite business in entertainment, the fashion business. This is truly a pearl in a sea of outrageous reality television oysters. Next week's episode will announce the shows winner with New York's Fall Fashion Week.

Finally, in maybe the most odd report of the week, according to the Philadelphia Inquirer, MTV's Real World Philadelphia is endorsing a more gay friendly Philly. Staff writer, Michael Klein says that if "the city is not the gay capital, it's at least a welcoming outpost on the gay travel scene, and it wants the world to know. The city tourism campaign's spring-summer advertising blitz uses the catchy slogan "Come to Philadelphia — get your history straight, and your nightlife gay."

Klein attributes some of this new found gay pride to the fact that gay themes "permeate this newest version of the MTV series which, in a first, has two gay members in the seven-person household."

It has been another interesting week in the reality TV land. Stay tuned.

Michael Busack is a Collegian Editor

Watson's 'Boogeyman': so bad, it's scary

By Ryan Aubert
Collegian Staff

Towards the middle of the film "Boogeyman" the main character played by Barry Watson turns to one of his imaginary apparitions and says, "When you get scared, just count from one to five." The ghost of a girl responds, "But what happens when you get to six?" With the same quizzical look that he holds throughout the movie, Watson shrugs his shoulders.

Most viewers would probably count to five in hopes that this horrible and conventional film might soon end. They might even just shrug one's shoulders because the film is too puzzling and begs the question during the end credits — "did that make sense?"

Riding on a wave of similar films containing scary monster-like beings and small children, "Boogeyman" attempts to win over scary movie viewers around the country. Relatively new director Stephen Kay is probably best known for "Get Carter," a flick that is rather telling of his body of work because who remembers that movie? In the future, nobody will remember "Boogeyman" either.

Barry Watson stars as Tim Jenson, a 20-something magazine editor who was terrified by a monster when he was younger. This monster, or "Boogeyman," emerges from under his bed and closet. Most everybody has their own scary memories provided by their imaginations running wild when they were children. Jenson's imagination is different though, and his monster is real. So real, in fact, that the thing from the closet devoured Jenson's father while he looked on as a child.

This event leaves Jenson understandably horrified by the sight of closets.

The swamp of a story becomes muddled though as the line between Jenson's craziness versus reality is blurred. Normally, this would be scary and frightening. In "Boogeyman" though, the problematic plot overshadows the moments of fright. Shrugging and shaking one's head becomes a repetitive action. At the end of the film, Jenson is so crazy that he walks through a closet that leads to the space beneath a bed a few miles away. These and other reality defying feats cheapen the film and become laughable. Given no context, events in this film don't make sense.

"Boogeyman's" main problem lies in the fact that it is too conventional. Nothing is original about the film. In fact, instead of improving upon the formula of a scary movie, it makes it worse. Most of the movie is spent watching a closet door, or an open dark closet. The tension then rises with the music, and then cuts to Watson's look of terror. Then something else happens (a noise, usually) and everybody jumps. Watson realizes it is his imagination. Then wash, rinse and repeat. Quite literally, the majority of the movie is spent like this. Add these features to the usual weird looking house and lighting storm, and a recipe for deja-vu is ready.

Barry Watson is one of those actors that seems like he would be good in another film, but is misplaced in this role. The potential is there but unfortunately it is squandered throughout the mess. He seems to be overacting and is overly emotional. There is no drive to overcome the "Boogeyman" nor is there any courage within the character. Craziness and insanity reign instead.

Much like it's title, the film "Boogeyman" is difficult to take seriously. The contents of this boring story amount to nothing. Thankfully, the monster from the closet isn't real… too bad the movie on the screen is.

'Boogeyman'
Directed by Stephen Kay
Starring Barry Watson, Emily Deschanel
Sony
Rated PG-13
89 mins.
Grade D-



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Watson's flick "Boogeyman" is typical in the sense that it uses small children and invented demons for cheap scares. The film runs in the same vein as recent movies like "The Ring" and "The Grudge".

Hit Factory closes after years of success

Industry reps say old school out, digital in

By Rivka Bukowsky and Tracy Connor
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — The Hit Factory, the famed Manhattan music studio where John Lennon spent his last hours, Bruce Springsteen laid down tracks for "Born in the U.S.A.," and Whitney Houston hit her highest notes, is shutting its doors.

Doomed by the digital revolution, the rock 'n' roll temple's owners said on Thursday that they will move their West 54th Street headquarters to a smaller facility in Miami within a month.

The news saddened industry veterans and employees of The Hit Factory, which for three decades has been home to music royalty from Barbra Streisand to Beyonce.

"Every major artist has worked here," studio tech Luis Ghigliotty, 52, said outside the building, where the hallways are lined with platinum records.

Music producer Jerry Ragovoy opened the studio on West 48th Street in 1968, initially as a place in the city where his own artists could record.

Pretty soon, other musicians were clamoring to work there, and Ragovoy began renting the room to the likes of Roberta Flack and Iron Butterfly.

"The studio was a Who's Who of rock 'n' roll," Ragovoy said. "Before you knew it, the calls were coming in all day long, and I found it difficult to book time myself."

In 1975, he sold the place to Ed Germano, who eventually moved it six blocks uptown to a plush 100,000-square-foot facility with seven recording rooms and five mastering suites.

Under Germano's ownership, the studio lived up to its name.

Stevie Wonder, his first customer, recorded some of "Songs in the Key of Life" there. Springsteen, Eric Clapton, Paul Simon, Madonna and David Bowie were regulars.

Lennon and Yoko Ono set up shop at The Hit Factory when they recorded "Double Fantasy." The ex-Beatle was on his way home from the studio when he was murdered in 1980.

In 1994, The Hit Factory made musical history when it collected 41 Grammy nominations for songs recorded, mastered or mixed there, including Houston's soundtrack for "The Bodyguard."

Germano believed the key to his success was his willingness to cater to any artist, unknowns and superstars alike.

He would fly equipment across the Atlantic on a day's notice or rip up a carpet if a singer didn't like the color. He once put 40 bales of hay in a studio to make a country singer feel comfortable.

The Hit Factory's streak was hottest in the 1970s and 1980s, but it remained one of the top studios in the hip-hop era even becoming a battlefield in the rap wars when 50 Cent was stabbed outside in 2000.

Germano, who died in 2003, also expanded to Miami, merging with Criteria Studios, which will be the company's new base.

Big-name studios like The Hit Factory once had a lock on the recording industry, but technological advances have made it cheaper and easier for stars to build their own state-of-the-art facilities, often in their homes.

In a statement, The Hit Factory acknowledged the industry is moving away from large-scale studios to "destination" locations like Miami that offer sunny weather and a hot nightlife.



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John Lennon was one of many artists to record at the Hit Factory. He was shot and killed after leaving the recording studio in 1980.

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Pats will face challenges of change next season

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Deion Branch needed just five little words to explain why the New England Patriots have won three of the last four Super Bowls.

Asked Monday if he had any thoughts of leaving the team when he becomes a restricted free agent, the Super Bowl MVP replied: "My home is in Foxboro."

Then, referring to team owner Robert Kraft, Branch added: "I'm proud of the family that Mr. Kraft has built."

An emphasis on winning over money is what drives the Patriots to success in an era when free agency and the salary cap force major turnover at most teams each season.

Next season's Patriots certainly will be different than this season's. The biggest losses are not players but coaches: Offensive coordinator Charlie Weis is the new head coach at Notre Dame, and defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel accepted the Cleveland Browns' head coaching job immediately after Sunday night's game.

Crennel's move, which gives the NFL a record six black head coaches, was hardly a secret. As the Patriots' 24-21 win over Philadelphia was ending, coach Bill Belichick put his arms around his two top aides in a gesture of affection and appreciation.

They will be hard to replace.

"Romeo and Charlie have done a great job. A lot of the success we've had should go to them," Belichick said Monday. "I've been with them both a long time. I go back to 1981 with Romeo and I'll miss both of them a lot."

The Patriots might, too.

Next season, they will be seeking to become the first team to win three straight Super Bowls and the first to win four in five seasons.

The San Francisco 49ers came closest to three NFL titles in a row, winning the 1989 and 1990 Super Bowls, then losing the next NFC championship game on a last-second field goal by the New York Giants' Matt Bahr.

That New York team, which went on to beat Buffalo in the 1991 Super Bowl, had a coaching staff headed by Bill Parcells and including Belichick, Crennel and Weis, along with future NFL head coaches Tom Coughlin, Al Groh and Ray Handley. Two of the players on that team are also coaches and are reportedly on Crennel's wish list for his staff with the Browns: Pepper Johnson, New England's defensive line coach, and Maurice Carthon, the offensive coordinator in Dallas under Parcells.

Belichick's first order of business, therefore, is rebuilding his coaching staff, although he will take at least a week off, traveling to California for the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Most of the core players, however, should be back, although some are getting up there in age, notably linebacker Willie McGinest and safety Rodney Harrison, both of whom have played major roles in the team's success. Harrison, who had two interceptions in Sunday's game, will turn 33 next December, when McGinest will turn 34.

One member of the Patriots unlikely to return is cornerback Ty Law, who missed the second half of the season with a broken foot after quarreling with the team over his contract in training camp.

And while Belichick indicated that the team will spend the next few weeks renegotiating contracts for salary-cap purposes, Law's deal is unlikely to be among them. With rookie Randall Gay and second-year player Asante Samuel at cornerback, the Patriots obviously did well without him; after Eugene Wilson left the Super Bowl just before halftime with an arm injury, they played the second half with Harrison as the only regular starter in the secondary.

Terrell Owens exhibits humble attitude in loss

By George Diaz
Knight Ridder Newspapers

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — A man sometimes viewed as an egotistical, insufferable lout stepped onto the biggest sports stage in America and praised an unlikely source of inspiration: God.

"I just want to thank God for this opportunity," Owens said after a superb game in Super Bowl XXXIX, his first action in six weeks. "He allowed me to come back and play this game when nobody in the world gave me a chance. He put me on the biggest platform ever. I tried to tell a lot of people from Day One that I was going to be able to come back."

Besieged by negative chatter speculating he would not play, Owens caught nine passes for 122 yards in a 24-21 loss to the New England Patriots. Owens' recuperative powers had been the subject of much conjecture during Super Bowl week. Owens had not played since suffering a severe high ankle sprain and fractured fibula Dec. 19 against the Dallas Cowboys. At the time of the injury, Owens had 77 receptions and an NFL-leading 14 touchdowns.

The T.O. factor was significant moments after kickoff.

Donovan McNabb broke out of the pocket, scrambling to his left before throwing his first pass to Owens, but it was out of bounds.

Set on the far left against corner Randall Gay, Owens went into motion and caught his first pass for 5 yards. He then caught a 9-yard reception during Philadelphia's second possession.

In the fourth quarter, Owens caught a 10-yard slant route, cut up the field and gained 36 yards. But on the next play, Ted Bruschi intercepted a McNabb pass, effectively ending any comeback hopes for the Eagles.

"We came up short," Owens said. "Obviously we had a lot of turnovers against a good defense. My hat goes off to the New England Patriots."

Although he participated in only light drills in practices, Owens missed Saturday's walk-through. Normally not a big deal-he was kept out for precautionary reasons-it raised the rabble-rabble level again.

Dr. Mark Myerson, the surgeon who operated on Owens' right ankle in December, did not give him clearance to play.

Owens would have none of that, insisting he was going to suit up, assuming he felt no significant physical limitations.

"The doctor-I give him all the respect in the world," Owens said. "You guys believed what he said that I couldn't play. A lot of people in the world didn't believe I could play, but my faith all alone-the power of prayer and the power of faith carried me all the way. Nothing is impossible when God is one your side."

Although the Eagles offense averaged 25.4 points in 14 games with Owens in the offense, they scored 27 points in their two playoff victories without Owens.

The Patriots would not be nearly as accommodating defensively, but Owens pushed on despite gaining even more attention when wide receiver Todd Pinkston went out because of leg cramps in the third quarter.

"You have to tip your hat off for a guy with that kind of toughness," teammate Lito Sheppard said of Owens. "He made the plays when we went to him."

Miller running the show for U.S. skiing

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skiing's five disciplines. He won combined and giant slalom gold medals two years ago in St. Moritz, Switzerland, to go with his super-G and downhill titles in Bormio.

Fans felt a mix of horror and amusement upon learning the 27-year-old lost his gold medal for the combined from the 2003 worlds after using it to hold up the toilet seat at his apartment in Patsch, Austria.

Hours after winning the super-G gold in Bormio, he lost that one, too. The medal was in the pocket of his jacket, which apparently was taken while he was celebrating his victory at USA House - where American team members go for recreation and publicity events. The medal was returned to the bar staff there, but his jacket is still missing.

"I think in some ways Bode's in a lot of people's heads because he operates a little differently," said U.S. men's speed coach John McBride. "He's not your standard person or athlete. He operates in his own way, and his view on things is a lot different. It's skewed a little differently."

Miller again was the center of attention when he and Rahlves played up their Super Bowl rivalry, with the New Englander cheering on the Patriots and Californian Rahlves supporting the Eagles, and USA House was the place to be in Bormio early Monday morning.

With a red baseball cap perched on his head and a beer in his hand, Miller sat up front, oblivious to the hundreds of people crammed inside. The game didn't start until after midnight.

"Yeah, I was there until the end, and then a little more. I was out pretty late," Miller said.

Miller likened his ability to perform under pressure to that of Patriots quarterback Tom Brady.

"You can't see that he has good focus, good intensity, he's good at executing and he's one of the guys you'd like to take the pressure," Miller said. "He wants the responsibility of deciding whether his team wins or loses, but at the end of the day he's really doing it for himself, too. He's trying to lead his team.

"That's sort of what I was talking about with Darun and myself," Miller said. "We're probably two guys you would pick to take that pressure and execute."



BOB JORDAN/SUN VALLEY WORLD CUP SKIING

Bode Miller, America's top skiier, is tryng to do what no American has done since 1983, win the World Cup of skiing. Miller already leads in the standing and most recently won gold in the slalom event.

Dillon finally silences his critics

By Fred Goodall
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.— Selfish. Malcontent. Troublemaker.

Corey Dillon has heard all the critical words used to describe him during seven productive, but mostly unfulfilling years in Cincinnati.

After one season with the New England Patriots, he's added a more appealing moniker.

"They can call me whatever they want to. Right now I am a Super Bowl champion," Dillon said after Sunday night's 24-21 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles.

Labeled a bad teammate with the Bengals, Dillon proved his critics wrong this season by being a perfect fit for a New England team that has thrived on unselfishness while becoming the second franchise to win three Super Bowl in four years.

Many questioned the wisdom of trading for Dillon during the offseason, however the eight-year pro never considered the possibility he and the Patriots might not be a good match.

Dillon set out quietly to repair his reputation, and wound up posting a Patriots record and career-high 1,635 yards rushing. He did his part against the Eagles, too, gaining 75 yards on 18 carries and scoring on a 2-yard run.

The seven-time 1,000-yard rusher also had three receptions for 31 yards.

"This is what I came here for," Dillon said, struggling to find the words to describe his feelings.

"It really hasn't hit me yet. Maybe in a couple of days. ... It has been a long, long time since I felt like this. I have been in a lot of championship games from Pop Warner to junior college to high school, and never won the big game. Tonight, we won the big one."

Dillon rushed for over 100 yards in nine of 15 regular season games he played. He averaged 4.2 yards per carry against the Eagles, combining with backup Kevin Faulk (eight carries, 38 yards) to give the Patriots just enough of a running attack to take some of the pressure off quarterback Tom Brady.

"I'm so happy for him," said Patriots safety Rodney Harrison, who sealed the victory with an interception.

Dillon earned the nickname "Clock-Killin' Dillon" when he ran for 144 yards in New England's second-round playoff victory over Indianapolis. He didn't dominate the Super Bowl, however his TD finished a long drive that snapped a 14-14 tie less than 2 minutes into the fourth quarter.

"I was thinking we need some more points. They (Philadelphia) are a threat to score at any time. The only thing that was on my mind was trying to get the points to help the team win," said Dillon, who had never appeared in a playoff game before this season.

The 30-year-old said all he needed was the right situation to bring out the best in him.

"God put me in a good place and surrounded me with good people. This whole thing has been a true blessing. ... This is what it is all about," Dillon said.

"I had fun. For the first time in my career, I enjoyed every minute of the season. To actually come here and be the Super Bowl champions is awesome."

Somebody asked where he was a year ago, when the Patriots were winning the second of their three titles and he had just finished one of the most frustrating seasons of his career.

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Mills works her way to start

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made sure I was ready to play and I think that showed in how we came out today."

Mills hard work in practice obviously was recognized by Dacko, but it also did not go unnoticed by her teammates.

"Kate's been working really hard lately," guard Katie Nelson said. "She definitely earned her spot in the starting lineup."

While Sunday's game may have cemented Mills' role on the team, it is not as if she hasn't been contributing all season. She has logged substantial minutes in a number of games and has been a consistent scoring threat off the bench.

"It's something I took on," she said of her role as a bench player. "Everyone coming off the bench is just as important as the starting five. I'm just lucky I could contribute today and in previous games."

On Jan. 4 Mills was named the A-10 Rookie of the Week for her play during two league games. Mills scored a career-high 14 points in a loss to Temple and contributed six points in a win over LaSalle.

"She's come off the bench in some big games and given us some points and some rebounds and toughness," Nelson said. "She's a hard worker and I'm glad to have her on the team this year."

Mills acknowledged the difference from being a reserve and a starter, but said she embraces either role as long as the team is winning.

"There's definitely a difference," Mills said of being a starter. "When you're on the bench you get to see how the game's going. When you start you have to get the game going. It's definitely a different mentality. I'm just happy we're winning. As long as that continues that's all that matters to me."

It took Mills 21 games to break into the starting lineup, but her track record indicates that she is likely there to stay.

Mills joined UMass after an outstanding high school career at Ursuline (Del.) Academy. During her senior year, Mills was named the Delaware Gatorade Player of the Year and received honorable mention as a McDonald's All-American. With a resume like that it was clear that Mills would become a key component of the UMass squad. That day seems to have arrived, and now that she has assumed a larger role, Dacko doesn't expect her to relinquish it.

"I expect a lot from her," Dacko said. "Recruiting her she was one of the players I wanted on this team and in the program. She's got a nose for the game and she's a competitor."



Freshman Kate Mills braces for a layup against St. Bonaventure on Sunday. Mills, who has been a contributer off the bench, had her first start.

Miller dominates skiing world

By Erica Bulman
Associated Press

BORMIO, Italy — Bode Miller has turned the Alpine Skiing World Championships into his personal playground.

Hailed by Italian newspapers as the "Cowboy of the Snow," he already has two golds and the chance for more medals in the next few days. In the only event he failed to win, he lost a ski - and then thrilled fans by sliding down the course on just one ski.

"Bode, we're crazy for you," proclaim banners draped on homes here.

Miller came into the world championships leading the World Cup standings, vying to become the first American since Phil Mahre in 1983 to win the overall title. And his dominance in Alpine skiing has grown during the past 1 1/2 weeks in Bormio.

Miller shocked the powerful Austrian team by winning gold in the super-giant slalom to open the world championships. And he won the downhill this weekend, with U.S. teammate Daron Rahlves second.

"Obviously I'd love to have as many medals as events I'm skiing in," Miller said. "I know myself. When it comes to the big day I don't mess it up. If I do mess it up, it's because I was going for it."

Even when he messes up, Miller is still the story.

In Thursday's combined event, he lost a ski just 15 seconds into the morning's downhill leg, but turned catastrophe into comedy, stealing the spotlight with a rollicking one-legged descent. The following day, European papers ran full-sequence photo spreads of his stunt.

"This is great for the sport. Bode is exciting, dominant, good-looking," said former downhill racer Ken Read, a Canadian who won five World Cup events. "He's the best skier in the world and for all of us on that side of the ocean it's nice to see that."

If Miller can add Saturday's slalom title, he would become the first skier to win a world title in each of

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MacArthur finishes record-setting sail

By Krystyna Rudzki
Associated Press

LONDON — Ellen MacArthur has endured stormy seas, 65 mph winds, a broken sail, burns, bruises and exhaustion - even a close encounter with a whale. The payoff: a solo around-the-world sailing record.

The 28-year-old Englishwoman completed the 26,000-mile circumnavigation at 5:29 p.m. EST on Monday by crossing an imaginary finish line between Ushant, France, and the Lizard peninsula in Cornwall on the south coast of England.

Her final time was 71 days, 14 hours, 18 minutes and 33 seconds, her control team said.

Her 75-foot trimaran B&Q broke the record set by Francis Joyon, who set the mark of 72 days, 22 hours, 54 minutes and 22 seconds, in February 2004.

MacArthur, who planned to come ashore in Falmouth later, where a large media group was waiting, told supporters she was physically and mentally exhausted.

"I can't wait to get in. It's been a very, very long trip and an exceptionally hard one," she wrote on her Web site early Monday. "I'll be glad to be crossing that finish line and finally feeling a little bit of relief."

When she was done, MacArthur was congratulated by Prince Charles and British sailing great Sir Robin Knox-Johnston.

"We have all watched your progress with the greatest possible excitement over the last 71 days ... the whole of the United Kingdom is, I know, delighted by your success," the prince said in a statement.

"Ellen has done superbly, it is an outstanding effort," said 65-year-old Knox-Johnston, who made history in 1969 when he became the first person to sail single-handedly around the world nonstop in 312 days.

"When Francis Joyon beat the record last year he took three weeks off the old time and that was mammoth. Then I thought that record would stand for years and now Ellen has come in and broken it," Knox-Johnston said.

MacArthur's journey began Nov. 28. Since then, she has slept an average of 30 minutes at a time and four hours in any day. She has reheated freeze-dried meals on a single burner stove while living area measuring 5 feet by 6 1/2 feet. Her water supply is desalinated from the sea.

She spent Christmas Day in a storm, but after crossing the halfway mark at Cape Horn on New Year's Eve she built a four-day lead on the pace set by rival Francis Joyon. A week later, during the worst storms of MacArthur's career, she badly burned her arm on a generator. MacArthur twice had to climb the 98-foot mast to repair mainsail damage.

"What I have done wrong to deserve this?" she wrote in an e-mail Jan. 20. "Everything we worked so hard for we are losing. It is so unfair. It has never been so hard."

Struggling in bad weather, MacArthur fell a day behind Joyon. By late January, she was back in contention after crossing the equator. Her 75-foot boat hit a large fish and nearly struck a whale, and then light winds threatened. A storm helped push her back in the lead.

The around-the-world record has been attempted only five times in a multihull, the fastest and most extreme class of boats on the ocean. Only one person has been successful - Joyon, who set the mark of 72 days, 22 hours, 54 minutes and 22 seconds, in February 2004.

Joyon, a Frenchman, set his record in a 90-feet trimaran, IDEC. He broke the record of 93 days, 3 hours and 57 minutes set by Michel Desjoyeaux in the 2000-01 around-the-world Vendee Globe race, which is contested by 60-foot monohulls.

MacArthur grew up in landlocked Derbyshire in northern England. Her love of the sea began when she went sailing with her aunt in a dinghy at age 4. She then spent years reading about sailing while saving money from her school lunches to buy her own dinghy at 13. By 18, MacArthur had sailed solo around Britain, the stepping-stone to competitive sailing.

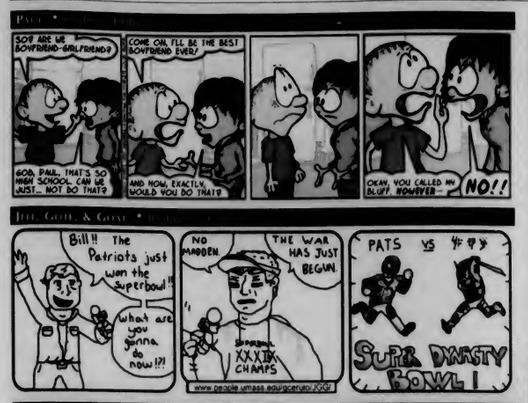
In February 2001, MacArthur became the fastest woman and youngest person to sail alone around the world. She finished second in the Vendee Globe race, taking just more than 94 days.

She was greeted in France by 35,000 people lining the coast. British Prime Minister Tony Blair called to congratulate her and she finished second to English soccer star David Beckham in a sports personality of the year award.

In 2003 MacArthur failed in a bid to set the fastest nonstop circumnavigation of the globe when her mast broke in the Indian Ocean. Last June, shortly before embarking on her latest venture, MacArthur fell 75 minutes short of a solo trans-Atlantic record.

Now a record of a different sort belongs to her.





Quote of the Day

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—Jean-Luc Godard

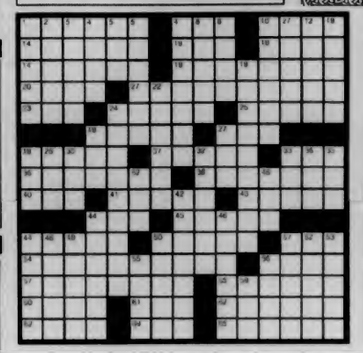


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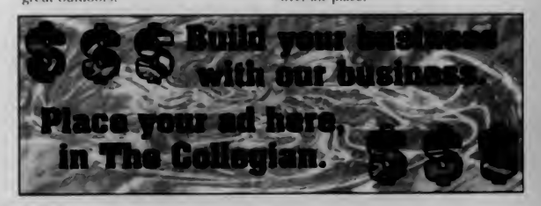
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A fresh look in the post

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

Talk about making the most of an opportunity.

Freshman Kate Mills got her first career start for the Massachusetts women's basketball team on Sunday and made an immediate impact in a 69-58 win over St. Bonaventure.

Mills was among the five starters in double figures for the Minutewomen, tallying 11 points while manning the low post for UMass. Mills played 33 minutes, the most she has all season, and delivered a solid all-around performance. Along with the 11 points, Mills registered six rebounds, three steals, three assists, and a block.

Mills' playing time has varied game-to-game so far this year, but UMass coach Marnie Dacko believes moving Mills into the starting lineup gives UMass (12-9, 5-5 Atlantic-10) its best starting five.

"I think she did an admirable job inside (against St. Bonaventure)," Dacko said. "She's got a great post presence, she can finish inside, and she can finish outside. She's done a great job at practice everyday. She's very coachable and she's just going to get better everyday."

If Mills continues to perform as she did on Sunday she can expect to continue to see expanded playing time.

"I think it has to," Dacko said when asked if Mills will continue to see an increase in playing time. "Early on she didn't get the minutes because she wasn't in physical shape. Now as she plays more she's in better physical shape and that's why she warrants the minutes."

Mills got her break by working hard in practice, which is something she will continue to do as she looks to secure her spot in the starting lineup.

"Everyone's been practicing really hard," Mills said. "We had a great week of practice so anybody could have stepped up in that spot. I was just privileged to get in there. All my teammates supported me and

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Freshman forward Kate Mills tries to make an entry pass during the Minutewomen's 69-58 victory over St. Bonaventure on Sunday afternoon. Mills had 11 points and six rebounds in her first start for UMass.

Rudy signs on two of nation's best recruits

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

There's no doubt that last season's recruiting class was going to be a tough act to follow for Massachusetts women's soccer.

UMass women's soccer Class of 2008 has everything. It's got some of the fastest legs in the Atlantic 10 (Britt Canfield), a hard-nosed and gritty defender (Tina Rodriguez), a sniper of a midfielder (Jenny Roehrig), plus a score of potential in the backfield (Kaelyn Caldwell, Caitlin Footit, Christina Nunes, Vanessa Lima). Moreover, they've got plenty of time to not only mesh as a unit, but alot of room to improve their already-stellar skills.

Nonetheless, the Class of 2009 will surely be bringing more firepower to a squad that is returning ten of its starters.

Coach Jim Rudy continued to bring in the cream of the crop last February 2, signing two nationally-heralded elites to National Letters of Intent.

"I feel we've brough in blue chip material with this recruiting class," Rudy said.

And it'd be tough to argue against, considering the prestige these two athletes carry with them. On one there is Vanessa Patry, an All-American and member of the Olympic development team; on the other is Melissa Toulouse, captain of the No. 1 high-school team in the nation.

A native of Delmar, N.Y., Patry is a versatile forward/midfielder that can play anywhere—literally. When she was moved from forward to center midfield her senior year at Bethlehem High School, Patry responded with an amazing 15 goal, 21 assist season. A National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA)/Adidas All-American, and the Troy Record's Offensive Player of the Year, Patry is a member of the Region I U.S. Olympic Development team—as a defender.

A five-year member of the team's varsity, Patry also leaves Bethlehem as the all-time leader in points, goals and assists. She was also a member of the Capital United, a club team.

Standing at 5-foot-9, she is a great player in the air, something UMass was missing in 2004.

"Looking back at the goals we gave up this year, there was an inordinate amount scored from crosses and balls that weren't cleared," Rudy said. "Vanessa's a versatile player, we like her as a frontrunner. She's a good-sized kid, I found her to be an excellent target player, and she is very good in the air."

As captain of the Bishop O'Connell High School Lady Knights, the top-ranked team in the nation, defender and Arlington, VA. native is a hard tackler, and brings alot of intensity to a defense that showed waves of fury in 2004.

"Melissa reminds me alot of T-Rod [Tina Rodriguez]," Rudy said. "They're similar in the way they attack the ball. She's got size, fighting power, tenacity, and quickness. She's got a bit of a bite to her."

A four-year letterwinner at Bishop O'Connell, the gritty defender was also a member of the Braddock Road Attack, a club team that was state champion in 2004 and Director's National Cup Champion. Like Patry, Toulouse is yet another tremendous air player.

While Rudy will be looking for Patry to help fill the shoes of departing senior Lindsay "Stormy" Fairweather, Toulouse adds depth to a defense that gained alot of experience as a young core in 2004.

So what brought such nationally-acclaimed talent to an up-and-coming program like UMass?

With local schools such as Richmond and American looking into her, there was something Toulouse loved about UMass.

"It was a perfect fit for me," Toulouse said. "The coach is a great guy, my hosts on my official visit [Roehrig and Rodriguez] made me feel really welcome, and it's a larger school, something I wanted.

"I read about the players, about the team, all the amazing players...Rudy is a great coach, they've had a few setbacks but they've got alot of potential, and I want to be a part of that."

Ski team off to hot start

By Eric Athas
Daily Collegian

As the heart of the winter season descends upon New England, the Massachusetts Men's skiing team is involved in one of its own. With a team built primarily of underclassmen, UMass looks to add to the success already accomplished up to this point in the season. Although skiing is not the primary focus on most peoples sports list, the team's talent and success speaks for itself.

The season began on January 14 when the team took part in the UMass and Smith Carnival, in which they placed first out of a total of ten teams.

Sophomore Rush Hawkins led the team by placing first with a time of 1:55.03. Following Hawkins was Patrick Bachant (1:59.08) and Marc Epstein (1:59.09) who pulled in at ninth and tenth place.

Between sixteenth and twenty-seventh place fell four UMass skiers who added a stable consistency to the meet. Those four skiers consisted of Jason Small (1:40.13; 16), Patrick Hofer (1:41.50; 19), James Green (1:42.60; 22) and Kevin Collins (1:43.90; 27).

The following week the team traveled to Waterville Valley in New Hampshire to participate in the Plymouth Carnival. Although the team did not match its first place finish the week before, they did manage to place second overall behind Plymouth State and ahead of Colby/Sawyer, Boston College and Babson. Once again it was Rush Hawkins who finished first with a time of 1:28.17 and finished ahead of sixty-five other skiers.

After Hawkins, Jason Small, Patrick Bachant and Patrick Hofer put in a respectable finish at 11th, twelfth and fifteenth. Kevin Collins finished at sixteenth place and James Green rounded out the top twenty. UMass came away with seven points, just one point behind Plymouth State.

The team is guided by three seniors, John Gray, Collins and Hofer, but is made up of five freshman, two sophomores, three juniors and three seniors. Hawkins has finished first overall three times this season and is the anchor of the team. With consistency and dependability following him, the team looks to have a respectable season. Former Maroon and White skier Ken Thoman leads this pack in his second season and hopes that he can keep his squad on their same path of success that they have experienced so far.

Thoman is currently in the midst of completing his bachelor's degree in exercise science at UMass and was an all-conference selection as a skier when he attended UMass as an undergraduate.

Next up, UMass heads to Ascutney, Vermont on February 12 to take on a number of schools at the Boston College Carnival. Last year, the team came away with a third-place finish at the USCSA National competition.

Women's track finishes fourth

By Ian Kilpatrick
Collegian Correspondent

The Massachusetts women's track team bounced back from a sub-par performance at last week's meet with a strong team effort this past Saturday in Kingston, RI.

The Minutewomen placed fourth with a score of 98.9 and despite a fading chance at the conference title, it is clear that the team is headed in the right direction. Both the University of Rhode Island's men's and women's team defended their home track by coming in first place overall, the women's team winning by the slim margin of 2.5 points over in-state rival, Brown University. Coach Julie LaFreniere offered her optimistic words following the meet.

"I felt the team really turned things around and hey were much more competitive and much more willing to work as a team on Saturday," LaFreniere said. "I thought they all performed very well, which is good because that [Kingston] is where A-10 conference meet is going to be in two weeks."

Along with a satisfying team outcome there were many individual performances that stood out and gave LaFreniere good reason to stay positive. The individual accomplishments were highlighted by Christina Huff and Christina DeRosa.

Not only did Huff, a senior, come in first place in the 55 meter dash, but she qualified for the area's most elite post season tournament, the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championships (ECAC) with a season's best 7.24 second sprint. Huff scored a team high 16.5 points for the minutewomen. DeRosa, a freshman, ran away with an inpressive win in the 3000 meter event, while beating her career best by almost a full 5 seconds with a time of 10 minutes and 25 seconds.

The 3000 meter race was by far the teams strongest event as four in the maroon and white placed in the top five.

Another ECAC qualifier on Saturday was freshman Kristen Bakanowski who vaulted 3.60 meters, which was good enough for second place. Bakanowski tied the school's record earlier this season vaulting a stunning 12 feet. After being disappointed with her team's display last week LaFreniere expressed her satisfaction with the women's promising turnaround.

"I was pleased with the overall attitudes, the overall performances, and their hard work," LaFreniere mentioned.

The Minutewomen will have to continue with their hard work with the biggest meets of the year coming up in just a few weeks. Next week will be the last chance for individuals to qualify for the All-New England tournament held in Boston on Feb. 25 and 26, and the ECAC championship also in Boston on March 5 and 6.

Although not completely appeased with the results of the season so far, Coach LaFreniere maintains her upbeat outlook on the rest of the season and the years to come.



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Freshman pole vaulter Kristen Bakanowski has been huge for UMass this year. Bakanowski has already tied the school vaulting record at 12 feet.

Boston set for Super Bowl parade today

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

FOXBORO — The New England Patriots will be welcomed back in Boston after their third Super Bowl title in four years with a "rolling rally" fashioned after a similar parade last fall for the World Series champion Boston Red Sox.

As the Patriots returned to suburban Foxboro and Gillette Stadium, Boston Mayor Tom Menino announced plans to parade Patriots players and coaches through city streets on Tuesday.

The victors in Sunday's Super Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla., will be on board a dozen World War II-era amphibious "Duck Boat" vehicles normally used to haul tourists around Boston. But with the Charles River [illegible] the parade route and [illegible] the streets and will run [illegible] the water-borne route that the Red Sox enjoyed after their [illegible] win.

"We can't use [illegible] at the Ducks," Menino said.

And, unlike the parades that followed the Patriots' Super Bowl victories last year and in 2002, the celebration of the Patriots' 24-21 victory [illegible] Philadelphia Eagles will not conclude with a stationary rally in City Hall Plaza.

The "rolling rally" concept that Menino described gives the public closer access to the players than a stationary rally the mayor said.

The [illegible] will begin in Boston's Back Bay section at the Hynes Convention Center. It will continue eastward along Boylston and Tremont streets before concluding near City Hall in downtown.

Audio equipment will be synchronized so that individual players can speak to the crowd from the parading vehicles, with that player's voice amplified from speakers on each duck boat.

The event is expected to last about two hours. The mayor did not offer a projection of the crowd size.

"We'll have a great celebration in the city of champions," Menino said.

The projected $100,000 cost to the city from security and other parade-related costs is expected to be defrayed in part by corporate sponsorships that city officials were lining up Monday, Menino said.

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Author to speak about time with Grateful Dead

By Katherine Sullivan
Collegian Correspondent

He is the man behind the music ... actually he is the man in front of the music. Or, better yet, he is the man who pushes the band in front of the music. Either way, Dennis McNally spent 11 years pushing around the likes of Jerry Garcia and he has a thing or two to say about beatniks, the Grateful Dead, LSD and history.

The best-selling author and publicist for the Grateful Dead has tracked the radical subculture known as the "beat generation" from its beginnings in 1950's San Francisco to its unofficial end in a rehabilitation clinic with the death of Dead front man Garcia in 1995.

McNally will be visiting the University of Massachusetts, his alma mater, on tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall where he plans to discuss "Why Write History for the Public?"

With a Ph.D. in American History, McNally stands out from many of his colleagues in that he records history for the public, rather than comprising volume upon volume of history solely for other academics. This is evident in the New York Times Best-selling success of his second biography, "A Long Strange Trip: The Inside History of the Grateful Dead in 2002." Twenty three years earlier, McNally, published Desolate Angel chronicling the life of beatnik forefather and poet Jack Kerouac.

He has linked the poetic stature of Kerouac and the psychedelic era of the Grateful Dead, to compose a two volume history documenting the journey of Post WWII bohemian culture in America.

Young people of the early 1950s waded in the desperation left by WWII in which, according to John Cellon in his 1952 article "This is the Beat Generation," "the peace they inherited was only as secure as the next headline." What emerged from this feeling of being "beat" was a bright, exploratory cultural group called the Beatniks, who challenged established social constructions in their quest for a more spiritually intense experience.

McNally feels that studying his generation is more important now than ever in our culture marked by an "entire wave of oppression...that is similar to the fifties."

McNally says that you know you are a beatnik if "your library is bigger than your bank account" and "your annual clothing bill is somewhere around fifty bucks" yet "you do know how to drink red wine." More seriously, he said he believes that people live the beatnik mentality when "you decide that your life is about living and growing rather than getting money and spending money."

He set out to capture the essence and history of this generation using the life of Kerouac and The Dead to exemplify the culture of the time.

Newman Center continues to undergo massive renovations and improvements

By Allison Edles
Collegian Staff

The Newman Catholic Center began undergoing renovations three weeks ago to improve its facility, which will include a complete revamping of their cafeteria, installing an elevator and making the building more easily accessible for people with disabilities.

The Newman Center has served as a staple in the Roman Catholic Community at the University of Massachusetts and the town of Amherst for the past 40 years.

One main focus of the renovations is bringing the building up to code. "The building, which currently has 40-year old transformers, will be receiving an entirely new electrical system," said David Rondina, the Center's Business/Property Manager.

In addition to the electrical system, Rondina went on to add that "[the Center] will be receiving new boilers for heating. We recently got rid of those 45-year old monsters and received three new electronically-controlled boilers. It's a big capital improvement."

The renovations also include installing a new lighting system and setting up wireless Internet for the entire building. Fire doors, emergency lighting and new fire alarms will furthermore be set up in another attempt to help bring the building up to code.

The new features designed to help those members of the community with disabilities are also much-needed effects that the new building will have. "These days, we need good visual and audible systems for those with disabilities. Plus, we're adding a handicapped bathroom downstairs," said Rondina.

The renovations are estimated to cost around $1.3 million and will be highly funded by the Diocese of Springfield and private donors to the foundation of the Newman Center. The planning, funding and design for the restorations on the building have been under consideration for three and a half years.

"We encountered standard delays in acquiring a permit," said Rondina. "The Amherst Fire Department needed everything spelled out very intricately with regards to the electric plans and the designs of the hoods for cooking.

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Construction work in and around the Newman Center is nearing completion. The revamped Center will feature an entirely new electrical system and cafe for visitors and students.



The Newman Center plans to re-open an improved Snack Bar.

Campaign for Amherst sets goals

By Brian Castro
Collegian Staff

The University of Massachusetts at Amherst has launched its largest private fundraising campaign to in response to years of budget cuts from Beacon Hill.

Over the past several years UMass, lost over 100 professors and raised tuition in order to cover the budget shortfall.

The Campaign for Amherst, as it's called, aims to raise $350 million in seven years. The campus is still significantly below the level of state funding from where it was before the series of budget cuts that took place through last year.

While increases in student fees helped cover some of the loss of state dollars, the University also reduced spending by $20 million in order to balance its budget.

"Our budget is now balanced, but to maintain and enhance quality, we must increase our support from all sources, especially private gifts," Chancellor John Lombardi said.

Currently, UMass raises $25 to $30 million a year. The campaign hopes to double that amount. There will be a lot of priorities in the campaign, such as building the integrated science building, and new arts building and renovate the school of nursing. Those are being planned and a lot of support for that is going to be raised through the campaign.

The campaign is in its third year. Along with the campaign, Lombardi formed The University of Massachusetts Amherst Foundation, a private board of administrators faculty, alumni and donors who will advise and guide campaign efforts. Many of its members are all people who have made significant contributions to the campus which include Eugene Isenberg. The campaign for Amherst is raising money only for the UMass Amherst campus and not the rest of the UMass system.

"We want people to know that it's only for our campus. We're the flagship campus. We want to make sure that everybody is associating the campaign with us," said Jospeh Bartolomeo an English professor.

The campaign hasn't officially started yet. The Campaign for Amherst is in its "quiet phase," when there's mostly planning and larger donations. The public phase will start when more than half of the fundraising goal is met. In the public phase, the University will solicit smaller gifts and endowments from a larger group of donors. Part of the campaign will look to get more support from Alumni.

"We have a very good participation rate in alumni contributions but we just haven't asked them for money," said Bartolomeo.

"It's going to take a while to get to level of places like Michigan, California, and Virginia. We're not going to get there right away but it was certainly boost the University's profile," said Bartolomeo.

This is UMass' second major campaign. Former Chancellor David K. Scott led a previous campaign that raised about $130 million.

"The last campaign was successful. The problem was is that there wasn't any follow-up," said Bartolomeo.

UMass is getting into this business of private fundraising late. Most public universities have been doing this for decades and as a result, have endowments measured in the hundreds of millions and even a few billion dollars.

"No state is funding its public education the way states did 20 years ago. In every state there are unmet needs from public funding," said John Armstrong, UMass trustee. "They get a

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UMass team gets grant to improve computers

By Sheyene Desiluer
Collegian Correspondent

A University of Massachusetts research team is working to improve the use of computers in secondary school learning environments through a $1.2 million grant from the National Science Foundation.

The educators are working on computer programming that will mimic learning through experience to provide an enriching educational experience for high school students. The team consists of computer science professors Beverly Woolf, Andrew Barto, Sridhar Mahadevan and Ivon Arroyo, along with the mechanical and industrial engineering department's Don Fisher. The research team has prior experience in developing intelligent tutors and also in artificial intelligence theory.

The basis for the programming mounts on the idea that the principal advantage of a human teacher is the ability to learn from past interactions with a student. A human teacher also is able to adapt to a learning style with the complementary methods and be responsive to a challenged student, the team points out. In order to make new virtual tutors more effective, the software benefits from concepts of artificial intelligence and machine learning.

The main goal is to develop computer sophistication that identifies student learning habits and responds with personalized individual lesson plans for each student. Woolf feels this feature will improve students attitudes towards studying. "Students will be more active and engaged if tutors can customize their responses to the student's learning needs."

In similar research, the National Science Foundation also funded Wayang Outpost, which prepares high school students for the SAT using a video gaming style of animation.

The project is lead by the psychology department's Carole Beal, who has worked on similar computer programs

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Mideast leaders talk face-to-face

By Lara Sukhtian
Associated Press

SHARM EL-SHEIK, Egypt — With a verbal cease-fire deal in hand, Israeli and Palestinian leaders met at a Mideast summit Tuesday for face-to-face talks and goodwill gestures aimed at ending four years of violence and entering a new era of peace talks.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas went into a brief meeting about two hours after the summit began — their first since Abbas succeeded Yasser Arafat after his November death.

An invitation to both sides to meet separately with President Bush at the White House this spring added momentum on the summit's eve.

"Israel is willing to go very far and we're going to introduce today a package of confidence-building measures, incentives, to the Palestinians so that they could start this long journey on the road to peace, " said Ranaan

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COURTESY CNN.COM

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas shake hands yesterday after a brief meeting after the Mideast summit began.

Karl Rove promoted to deputy chief of staff

By Deb Deichmann
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Karl Rove, the senior political strategist who orchestrated President Bush's re-election campaign, has been promoted to deputy chief of staff, a job that will involve him in most White House policy and not just politics.

Rove will retain his title as senior adviser and will continue to oversee strategy to advance the president's agenda. In addition, he will continue to oversee the offices of intergovernmental affairs, political affairs and strategic initiatives.

But he will add to his portfolio the oversight of all White House policy development and coordination of the Domestic Policy Council, the National Economic Council, the National Security Council and the Homeland Security Council, White House press secretary Scott McClellan said.

The promotion has rankled a few Democrats.

"Empowering Rove in this way shows that Bush cares more about political positioning than honest policy discussions," said Terry McAuliffe, chairman of the Democratic National Committee. "Bush knows that Rove is neither an economic nor a national security expert. He is simply an ideological strategist. ... Clearly, Bush thinks political manipulation matters more than keeping the president honestly informed about the state of the country."

The White House also announced that deputy chief of staff Joe Hagin, the other right hand man of White House chief of staff Andy Card, is taking on more responsibilities.

In addition to his duties overseeing administrative and logistical matters, McClellan said Hagin would represent Card at meetings on intelligence, counterterrorism, proliferation, counter-proliferation, the Defense Department and Homeland Security Council.

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Four arrested in Southwest after Super Bowl

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10:27 a.m. Vandalism was reported to a vehicle parked behind Sylvan.

ThursdayFebruary3

4:46 a.m. A person stated that a subject entered their room in Pierpont Hall and destroyed property. The subject was identified and a summons was issued for breaking and entering, assault and battery and destruction of property.

8:53 p.m. Alexander Baker, 18, of Westford, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol in the parking lot behind Sylvan.

9:59 p.m. Brendan Smith, 18, of Springfield, Vt., was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol in the parking lot behind Sylvan.

FridayFebruary4

12:02 a.m. A party stated that two subjects were fighting in the parking lot in front of the Worcester Dining Commons. One subject, Misty McCartney, 20, of Amherst, was arrested for Assault and Battery.

1:17 a.m. Vandalism to a vehicle was reported in the parking lot next to Alumni Stadium. The damage was a bent antennae cause by an intoxicated subject falling on it.

8:09 p.m. Travis Dixon, 20, of Dedham, was arrested in John Quincy Adams Hall for being a minor in possession of alcohol.

9:02 p.m. Joseph Kolodziej, 19, of Peabody, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol in the parking lot across the street from Southwest.

9:45 p.m. Evan T. O'Connell, 19, of Reading, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol.

9:54 p.m. William Ortiz, 18, of Framingham, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol in the Southwest Circle.

SaturdayFebruary5

12:41 a.m. Jeremy Richard, 22, of Westport, was arrested for possession of a class D substance in the parking lot across the street from Southwest.

3:10 a.m. A party reported a subject was spraying shaving cream on their door and writing obscenities in marking in John Quincy Adams Hall. A summons will be issued for destruction of property.

6:43 p.m. Following a traffic stop, Sean Page, 19, of Woburn, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol.

8:20 p.m. Jamie Steinberg, 19, of Randolph, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol on John Adams Road.

8:55 p.m. John Boisoneau, 19, of Clinton, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol, and Tyler Hamilton, 18, of Clinton, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol, in the parking lot across the street from Southwest.

9:41 p.m. Kristian Guzman, 20, of Revere, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol in the parking lot across the street from Southwest.

9:47 p.m. Following a traffic stop, Peter Gatto, 19, of North Andover, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol in the parking lot across the street from Southwest.

10:26 p.m. Ryan Resendes, 19, of Taunton, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol on John Adams Road.

SundayFebruary6

2:44 a.m. An officer reported that a subject jumped onto the hood of his vehicle on Eastman Lane. Justin Iaworski, 20, of South Hadley, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

3:35 p.m. A party stated that a door in John Adams Hall had been vandalized. An officer stated that the lower and middle hinges were pulled away from the frame and that the damage was over $500.00.

5:14 p.m. Stephen Spang, 18, of Amherst, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol, and Justin Zuckerman, of Chester, N.Y., was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol and unlawfully transporting alcohol on Moore Road.

6:58 p.m. Following the Super Bowl a crowd of approximately 200 people gathered in the Southwest Mall. Subjects inciting the crowd were arrested. After the arrests the crowd dispersed. Joseph Murphy, 19, of Holliston, Jose Oller, 18, of San Juan, PR, Brian Robinson, 21, of Vineyard Haven, and Jesse Blumenthal, 19, of Beaconsfield, PQ, were all arrested for disorderly conduct.

— *Brendan Heck*

Changes for Center

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They needed everything signed off on before the permit could be granted. It was a lot of busy work." Perhaps the most exciting change to the Center for the student body will be the alterations made to the cafeteria. The old cafeteria, which was formerly located in the basement of the Center and had to be renovated due to an asbestos abatement, will receive a whole new layout, including a new counter, cooking equipment, floors, ceiling and lighting.

The improvements being made to the cafeteria are much welcomed by the Center's frequent patrons. "I think it is wonderful that the Newman Center is improving the facility. I am anxious to see the enhancements later this year," said sophomore Breton Abbondanzio.

While the Newman Center will be under construction, the cafeteria has been temporarily relocated to the Father Quigley Room, located on the first floor. During the renovations, the room has been transformed into a snack bar, offering many of the same services the old cafeteria did.

According to Mary Glenn, the Newman Center's kitchen manager, "We offer light breakfast and lunch foods to everyone here in the snack bar."

The Newman Center's Snack Bar is currently open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Sundays. Once construction is finished, the Center's cafeteria will be open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. The building itself will be open until 10:30 p.m.

Grant will provide computer education for young students

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targeting young pupils. The software focuses on specific math skills and helps students learn by clues, problem explanations, and prompting a player through a problem. Stored student profiles help the tutor chose corresponding suggestions based on different characteristics such as spatial ability or gender. Evidently, gender can play a part in how a student reacts to a problem.

In an online profile, Arroyo said that he is, "very interested in the social impact of Intelligent Tutors. I have studied how the two genders can interact differently with Intelligent Tutors." Wayang Outpost is an example of an intelligent tutor that guides students through the learning process by using retained data about the child. The capacity to be continually improving is what will set the new technology apart from intelligent tutors like Wayang Outpost.

Presently, computer tutors do not understand the difference between a new student and one with experience. The research aims to help a computer differentiate the behavior of a student with prior knowledge and one that is new to the material.

Developing a computer program that has the ability to understand different skill levels and able to make decisions based on variables of speed and response is the objective of the research. The initiative is also working on how to evaluate the level of mastery of the student. All of this will make a computer more skillful over time.

This computer software will result in an improvement to the learning system and focuses on educating the children in a more effective way than previous programs. In the long term, high school students will measure the effectiveness of smarter computers on a student's competence. Research will also determine whether the use of this computer programming affects how children feel about the various subjects explored by the tutors, such as math, science, and engineering. Other worthy studies can pursue how differences in gender and lifestyle manifest in educational success.

Lombardi sets seven year goal for UMass

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very large substantial portion of their operating funds from that endowment."

The University of Virginia and the University of California at Berkeley have endowments of $1.8 billion, and Texas A&M University has the nation's largest university endowment at $3.5 billion. UMass has an endowment of $70 million according to the Boston Globe.

Several steps have been taken to ensure the campaign is a success and increased its fundraising staff by 40 percent from 67 to 94 people.

"Ours is considerably smaller than other universities, but about the right size for the amount of money we raise," said Lombardi.

Another part of the campaign's efforts will be to get support from Alumni. Lombardi will host several leadership briefings where the chancellor will discuss UMass' campus' programs and opportunities over dinner with small groups of powerful alumni and friends of the university.

As part of an initiative by the UMass President's Office, the office will open an alumni club next year on State Street in Boston, in the same location as the new offices of the President.

"The University has done a very good job in the last three years of locating and in knowing where all the alumni are and strengthening the programs of the alumni association so that there's a lot of contact between alumni and the University," says Armstrong.

Faculties are going to play a role in the canipaign as well. According to Bartolomeo the university will put up on the Web site about the campaign's priorities and in the spring, individual meetings by college will take place to discuss faculty involvement.

When former UMass President William Bulger took office, he was more successful at getting additional state funds, a task which became increasingly harder due to the worsening economy. However, the campaign won't negatively affect state funding. In fact, the state will match $0.50 for every dollar received for endowment or capital.

"The truth is that we can't rely on state money, because we see now how that can change. From a faculty point of view I have seen too many early retirements," says Bartolomeo.

"It's a necessary condition in order to have the University that we want. There really is no alternative," said Armstrong.

Mideast top leaders share peace talks

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Gissin, a top Sharon adviser. "But there's one thing that must be made very clear ... there will be no flexibility whatsoever, no compromise whatsoever on fighting terrorism."

The cease-fire agreement to be announced later Tuesday will not be a formal written document, but instead a verbal declaration by each side to halt violence, said Gideon Meir, a senior official in the Israeli Foreign Ministry. An Egyptian official familiar with the deal confirmed that.

Abbas will declare an end to violence against Israelis, and Sharon will declare an end to Israeli military operations, Meir said.

In addition, Meir said that Israel will accept that in the short term the Palestinian Authority will not actively crack down on militant groups.

UMass signs Coca-Cola for five more years despite rumors of worker abuse

By Matt Pilon
Collegian Correspondent

According to campus opponents of Coca-Cola, the company has retained pouring rights to the University of Massachusetts campus for five more years, through a process that keeps student involvement to a minimum. Recently, opponents claim, the company has battled allegations of worker abuse and murder abroad.

Coca-Cola denies the charges of abuse and murder. Under its renewed UMass contract the company will have exclusive beverage sales rights everywhere on campus with few exceptions.

Emma Lang, a member of the Radical Student Union who opposed Coke's UMass contract and helped to organize the "Stop Killer Coke" campaign to end what it claimed were worker rights violations in Coca-Cola plants in Africa and South America, said "We are all completely appalled by this. By signing this contract, UMass is saying that it is still ok to support such a company."

In a letter sent in June to Chancellor John V. Lombardi, Coca-Cola denied involvement in several violent acts, including the murder of union leader Isidro Segundo Gil in 1996 at a Coca-Cola bottling plant in Carepa, Colombia. Paramilitary forces fired 10 shots at Gil outside of the plant, according to eyewitness accounts in a July 2001 civil lawsuit in Miami. The lawsuit was brought by the bottling union Sinaltrainal, the International Labor Rights Fund (ILRF) and the United Steelworkers of America. The plaintiffs filed suit under the Alien Tort Claims Act of 1789 that allows foreigners to sue in U.S. courts for violations of fundamental human rights.

According to the lawsuit, Coke bottlers "contracted with or otherwise directed paramilitary security forces that utilized extreme violence and murdered, tortured, unlawfully detained or otherwise silenced trade union leaders."

According to Coca-Cola's website, www.cokefacts.org, the corporation was dismissed from the lawsuit "because the plaintiff failed to offer factual or legal basis for the allegations against the company."

Coca-Cola blamed the violence on political unrest in Colombia, where eight Coca-Cola unionists have been murdered since 1989.

According to the "Killer Coke" campaign, however, Coke's denials of guilt are misleading.

"Though [Coca-Cola] claims that they are not involved in these militant unionist murders, all of the union leaders who were killed were in Coca-Cola plants, as opposed to other plants," Lang said.

Coca-Cola's letter to Lombardi claims that Coke has "independently investigated the claims regarding human rights abuses in Colombia and have found no evidence to support them."

The allegations alone were not enough to tip the UMass contract to Polar Beverages of Worcester, the only other company to submit a bid. Polar offered $40,000 per year to UMass in return for the UMass contracts, according to John Martin, director of procurement, the office that handles all university contracts.

"Polar wasn't able to offer the full range of benefits that the Coca-Cola package was able to offer," Martin said.

In 1997, under the previous contract, Coca-Cola offered less: $250,000 yearly, with $220,000 in one-time contributions, and $85,100 in royalties. 18 percent of the total donations, double the royalty percentage of the new contract, were designated for student programming in the previous contract. The price per gallon of Coca-Cola has also gone up by a dollar since 1997, to $2.99, which helps account for the price hike this year in 20oz. sodas.

Campus vending machine prices under the new contract rose from last year's $1.10 for a 20 oz. Coca-Cola product to $1.25. Coca-Cola gives 46 percent of their vending profits to the school. The revenue the campus collects from the vending percentage (minus expenses related to the vending operation) goes to the Student Affairs Cultural Enrichment, according to director of Administration and Finance Budget and Operations, Ruth Yanka. The company is not required to state their own profit margins, Yanka said. She noted that what is important is the benefit to the school.

Martin said a request for bid went out this summer and representatives from interested companies then toured the campus. Interested parties sent in offers shortly after, and a committee consisting of representatives from the units of the school that will benefit (FAC, Mullins Center, etc.) reviewed. According to Martin, students had a representative at the meeting, but the Radical Student Union doesn't believe that it was enough of a voice to represent the students who are being made into "marketing targets."

"There isn't enough student involvement in the process," Lang commented. "It's just the way the bidding system is set up."

Student businesses such as People's Market choose not to carry Coca-Cola products. "It's a conscious choice," said employee Dolph Paulsen. Another employee at People's Market, Dalyah Assil said, "We try to keep it on as fair grounds as possible, and we don't believe that Coca-Cola keeps the playing field level." People's Market carries a variety of organic juices and sodas, many produced by companies smaller than Coca-Cola.



UMass has just signed another five year contract with Coca-Cola despite allegations of worker abuse within the corporation.

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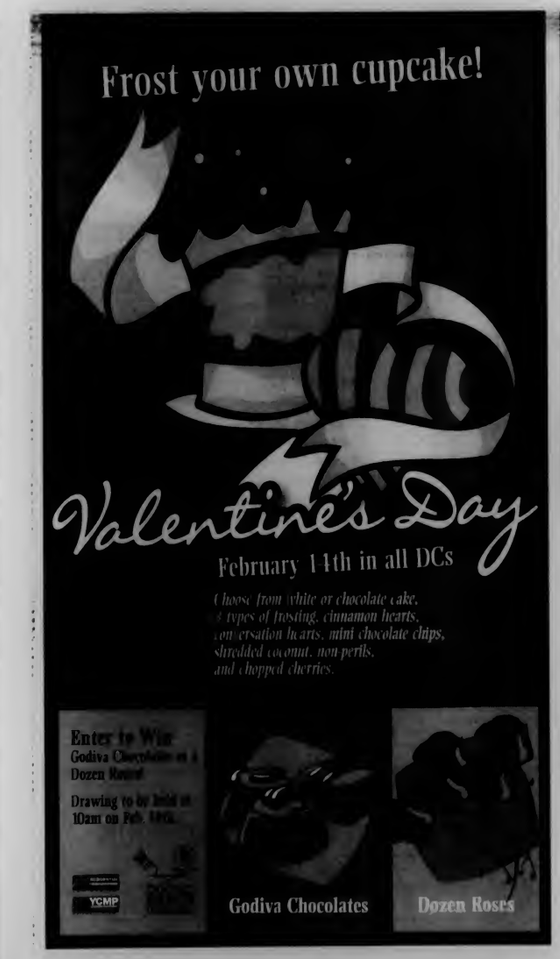
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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it" -Voltaire

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Changes to picketing code detrimental to students

The new University of Massachusetts picketing code and the controversies surrounding it have been causing a stir among the student population. The large perpetrator of discontent among the student body, it seems, is the ambiguity and flip-flopping tendencies that have been seen from the administration regarding the code. There are many problems with the code as it stands now. The chief among them, perhaps, is the hindrance it places on a student's right to freedom of speech.

Under the protection of the First Amendment, all Americans have a right to express themselves in any way they see fit, short of threatening or inflicting physical pain on others. The newly-adapted picketing code allows for that right, except where it may disrupt faculty members, students or classes.

Throughout history, it has been clearly evident that in order to get voices heard, there needs to be a disruption. If nothing is changed, or at least acknowledged, as a result of a demonstration, then it served no point. The intent is to get people to stop what they're doing; to notice what is being said.

The issue of "no disruptive picketing" is an extremely hazy one for two reasons. First of all, what exactly constitutes disruptive picketing? Elevated voices can be disruptive, but that is an essential part in relaying a group's message to others. Second, the term "disruptive" is extremely subjective and seems to be functioning as a way for the administration to give the students what they want, but without the power or the clout.

Prior to the announcement of the change in the picketing code on Feb. 2, the vast majority of students may not have even been aware that such a code existed. Now that the new code and the administration are under the spotlight, the sudden change made by Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Michael Gargano and Chancellor John Lombardi has sparked more interest in the matter.

Last semester, given the many recent demonstrations by student activist groups, it is certainly no surprise why the administration feels the way it does in regards to picketing. However, it is a right of the people of the United States to voice their opinions. If students feel that picketing would be the best way for their voices to be heard, then it is acceptable. Not only that, it is protected by the Constitution of the United States.

This issue at hand is not one of disruptive behavior, but one of "the administration's inability to prioritize student's rights," as The Daily Collegian reported on Feb. 8. In the wake of Sunday night's Super Bowl celebrations, the majority of the UMass student body successfully proved to the administration and the authorities that they have the capabilities of conducting themselves in a respectable, mature manner. The picketing code, which has been changed and adapted to suit the administration's wants and desires rather than the students they work for, should adhere to that maturity.

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The army of SWORDS

Andrew Freeman

The small robot has tank treads, four cameras, the ability to climb stairs and can be operated by joystick from up to a mile away. It can even right itself after a fall. But this technological breakthrough, which Time Magazine named one of 2004's most amazing inventions, is not on its way to a toy store near you. Instead, it's headed to Iraq.

Eighteen of these SWORDS robots have been deployed to fight in Iraq. The name is an acronym for Special Weapons Observation Reconnaissance Detection Systems, which is an extremely long way of saying a robot with multiple cameras and a machine gun. These machines, manufactured by Waltham-based Foster-Miller, cost around $230,000, and are armed versions of TALON robots. TALONs have been used for the past four years in everything from disposing of explosives in Bosnia to searching for survivors at Ground Zero.

There is every indication that the SWORDS will be superior fighters to current soldiers. In combat it won't be affected by emotion, let alone sleep deprivation or lack of food, and at three feet it is a smaller and probably faster target than a human; additionally it can be equipped with sensors that work in infrared or night-vision. It is constrained by the amount of ammunition, the duration of its lithium ion batteries and the range of communication with the operator, but otherwise the robot is capable of ceaseless combat. SWORDS that were wounded would not require the extensive treatment that a wounded soldier would, let alone receive a pension after retirement. Best of all for the Bush administration, there would be no human cost for a lost robot.

But therein lays the problem — if there is no cost other than economic to sending a robot to war, why not send an entire army of them? Hook the robots up to satellites or figure out how to automate them so that each unit would not need its own operator, and the number of soldiers you deploy could be insignificant. Instead of the approximately 140,000 troops we keep in Iraq, a future conflict could have 10,000 operators or engineers to service hundreds of thousands of SWORDS or other advanced robot warriors. We could have

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14 casualties instead of over 1400. If the human cost of war is minimal, even nonexistent, then there would be no restraints to invading all the countries that threaten us. Iran, North Korea, Syria: all could be conquered with relative ease — but there would still be many civilian casualties. We would suffer less, while the people of other countries would suffer more.

Moreover, any robotic army is not going to be able to engage in the attempted nation-building that is becoming a norm of American foreign policy. Robots would not be able to establish connections with a community and assist in the formation of democratic institutions, in the way that trained soldiers could, were they properly trained and arrayed in suitable numbers. The fight against Islamic terrorism is more about ideas and tactics than munitions and technology — and if we cannot provide an alternative to the ideologies that are creating terrorists, then we will make no progress against them.

If the prospect of an automated army seems far-fetched at the moment, realize that the SWORDS project is just one manifestation. Predator drone aircraft, unmanned and remotely controlled, fly over the skies in Iraq and Afghanistan, doing surveillance as well as attacking targets. The Future Combat Systems is propelling major research among defense contractors to produce robotic vehicles to replace the bulky tanks now used.

I wonder if the creators of these projects read much science fiction. With the growth of automated weaponry, a logical next step will be making it smarter — developing artificial intelligence to direct these machines and limits the number of operators. The dangers of that path are obvious, having been exposed in countless films and novels — robots rise up against us. A more likely danger would be that we become accustomed to waging war without consideration of the casualties we inflict, since we take few in the process.

Andrew Freeman is a Collegian columnist.

We are a generation of liars

Sanam Hakim

Everybody in the world tells lies. Sometimes the lies are big and sometimes they are small, but they are always there nonetheless. We are generations of liars raised by generations of liars. It's what we're trained to do, so how can we change it, and should we even try to change it?

The answer, in my opinion, lies in the purity of our children.

If you wear a terrible shirt and ask a child if he or she likes it, you will get a short, honest answer in response. Some children will tell you they like the buttons because they are shiny, some children will tell you they like the color, but most children will just say "no" if they honestly don't like the shirt.

If you wear the same shirt and ask an adult if he or she likes it, you will get completely mixed responses. Few people will be honest and say "no," some will tell you that you look great or come up with a charming response like, "it really brings out your beautiful figure," but most will just say "yes."

Unfortunately, we are constantly raising our children to turn away from complete honesty and to become comfortable with telling little lies pretty much all the time. A child will get his wrist slapped for lying about his math test, but will also get his wrist slapped again if he tells his aunt, honestly, that he ate a candy bar before her home-made dinner. Children are raised to decipher when it is socially acceptable to be honest and when it is not.

These lies, while they may bring instant gratification, are actually doing more harm than good to our society as a whole. They are demeaning friendships, destroying relationships, and harvesting the actual ability to lie within children at a young age.

By definition, a friend is, "A person whom one knows, likes, and trusts." Knowing and liking are the easy part: it is trust that keeps friendships strong and differentiates a friend from an acquaintance. Why is it then that almost everyone has lied to a friend at one point or another, usually about something small and insignificant? A true friend will tell you that you look great if you really don't at all. A true friend will always tell you that

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you are right, even if you are terribly wrong. A true friend will lie to you and tell you whatever you want, as long as it makes you happy.

The problem with this logic is that instead of focusing on self-improvement, people begin to dive into shallow friendships and get stuck in them. Instead of a friend telling you that you look bad and helping you look better, a "friend" will tell you that you look terrific and watch you walk around all day looking terrible. Instead of a friend telling you that you were wrong and helping you make everything right again, the issue will remain unresolved and you will become arrogant, never accepting the possibility of being wrong. Instead of a friend telling you the truth, you will have your own pre-programmed robot who will always say only what you want them to say.

Similarly, relationships rely on communication. It is lying that shatters this communication on several levels, and it is lying, which has significantly increased divorce rates and cheating rates in relationships. If two people are in a relationship, the idea is to tell each other everything. However, if avoiding a topic will prevent an argument, why not lie? "Are you OK?" can very simply be answered with a simple, "yes." There are even some lie-responses, which become almost automatic. "Do you think she's prettier than me?" No. "Are there going to be guys there?" No. Eventually, however, these little lies add up and turn into big lies. The honesty in relationships deteriorates to the point where it doesn't even matter anymore. Relationships become superficial, based on lies. After a while, you break up or get divorced and never really think twice about it.

It is sad to me that this is how we raise our children: lie to make others happy, lie to avoid conflict, and lie to keep yourself out of trouble. To me, it just seems like an easy way out, a way to never advance as an individual and a way to keep others down. Maybe that's a part of our childhood we should keep. Maybe if honesty was back in our society, we can redefine the human relationships that are slowly fading away, as the divorce rate gets higher and higher and trust becomes a rare commodity. Maybe someday, there will exist a generation of honest people. Until then, I guess my answer is "yes," your shirt looks great on you today.

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Birth control access necessary

Joseph St. John

More and more pharmacists are refusing to fill their patients prescriptions based on moral reasons. Pharmacists at Kmart, Eckerd's and CVS have refused to give women birth control or morning-after pills to prevent pregnancies. According to USA Today, a thirty-three year old woman who went to CVS every month to fill her prescription was turned down one day because that particular pharmacist didn't believe in birth control. She missed taking her pill that day, and had to go somewhere else to get her birth control pills.

Another pharmacist in Wisconsin did the same thing, but also refused to refer the customer to a different pharmacist afterwards. These occurrences threaten women who were raped or had unprotected sex and need morning-after pills immediately.

Emergency contraception (morning-after pills) is 89 percent effective and usually works only within the first 72 hours after sex. After the first twenty-four hours, its success rate decreases dramatically.

Pharmacists who object to birth control or emergency contraception should not deprive women of that option because of their own personal beliefs. That would be like a vegetarian working at a supermarket refusing to ring up meat products. If someone believes so strongly about something, there are other ways of protesting the product, but by using your job as a way to obstruct someone's access to a certain product is simply unethical.

In that sense it is wrong to put up obstacles meant to prevent women from getting proper health care. In most states, if a woman or girl is raped, or has unprotected sex, she must see her doctor to get a prescription for emergency contraception, and then go to a pharmacy to get it filled. Getting a prescription from a doctor is an unnecessary step that makes preventing an unwanted pregnancy that much harder.

That is why many communities have decided to make Emergency Contraception an over the counter drug. In Alaska, Washington, California, Hawaii, New Mexico and many European countries, emergency contraception can be bought without a prescription. Canada is also considering making it more accessible, because they see that by doing so, a bad experience can be made easier.

Opponents to the morning-after pill say that the easy access to this drug increases the risk of STDs because people would rely on this pill to prevent pregnancy, but the pill does not protect against any STDs.

However, the morning-after pill is not meant to be used as a replacement for other contraception. In fact, repeated use is bad for you and sometimes causes undesirable side effects, including but not limited to, nausea, vomiting, and abdominal pains. It should be used only in emergencies when all other options are gone. When people understand this, it makes sense to sell it over the counter, because, if that condom breaks, you don't want to waste time scheduling and appointment with your doctor, or going through the trials of talking to your parents.

Most opponents are not concerned about the STDs or the unfavorable side effects that women must deal with who take it, they object to it on moral or religious reasons. They consider it another type of abortion, because they believe life begins at the moment the egg is fertilized.

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Others worry that increased availability of contraceptives would encourage more teen sex, and more promiscuity overall. These are the people trying to control other people's lives by making decisions for them, by taking decisions away from them.

This year, the FDA rejected a proposal to sell morning-after pills without prescriptions, even though the FDA advisors confirmed that it would benefit women's health. Since then, women's groups have accused the FDA and the bush administration for putting politics before science.

Planned Parenthood estimates that non-prescription morning-after birth control could prevent half of the three million unwanted pregnancies that occur every year.

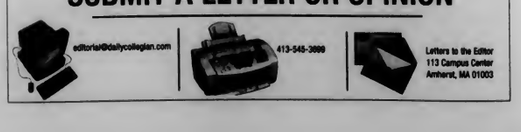
Every woman should have the right to decide whether the day-after pill is necessary for her, and should not need the approval of her doctor to use it. Clear instructions could easily explain how and when to use the day-after pill, and warn when not to use it too.

When pharmacists refuse to sell these pills, women's rights are immediately infringed upon. Right now, there are ten states proposing laws that would allow pharmacists to refuse to sell emergency contraception if they were morally opposed to it, and in Mississippi, South Dakota and Arkansas they can do this already.

Where is this country going? It seems like in many states the government is covertly restricting access to needed contraception. Three million unwanted pregnancies a year is three million too many, and there is no reason why these women should not have full access to the medical support they need.

Joseph St. John is a Collegian columnist.

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Girls and the big game

Katelyn Harding

"Ok, so I bought boxes for both teams, each box is for two numbers, I have 9 and 9, if the last digit of the score...."

This is my friend trying to explain to me how she bought boxes and is betting on the Super Bowl. My head is spinning, because she might as well be speaking Spanish. I might even have understood her better. We are sitting next to each other at a friend's house, getting ready to watch the big game. As she is trying to explain this enigma of a concept to me, I begin to think. I may seem to exemplify the type of girl that most guys think of when they think of girls and sports, the idea that girls know nothing about the subject. I may not know everything, but I know enough to be able to enjoy the game. And that's all that really matters.

Spend ten minutes talking to my friend, and she will impress you with her knowledge of the game. She can sit and talk statistics and plays with guys and keep up with them. Although I don't possess these sport lingo skills, does that mean I don't understand sports? I don't think so. I may not be very suave with my sport jargon like my friends, but I do know my way around the sports fields. Besides, if I ever have any doubts, Bill Simmons helps me straighten myself out. And yes, I know it's a male journalist I am referring to, but Simmons has a way of writing that can relate to everyone, including sports fans such as myself.

Throughout my middle school and high school years, I had been a very active athlete. I have been on numerous sports teams, including basketball, softball, swimming and track teams. Sometimes I've been on two of these at the same time. Yes, I might not know how many sacks Tedy Bruschi has had, but does that mean I can't celebrate just the same when he makes a tremendous one in the Super Bowl? I know that Rodney Harrison is a strong safety, but I can't differentiate the two types. Does that mean I can't recognize when he makes a good play? Just because I don't seem to know the statistics of the players present and past, doesn't mean I can't enjoy watching the game along side my numbers-friendly buddies.

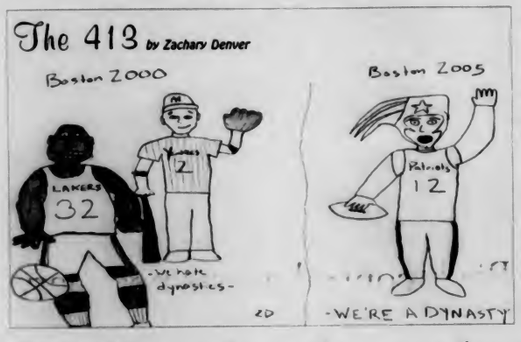
I will admit, there is nothing worse than watching a sporting event with someone, whether it be a guy or girl, that has absolutely no idea what is going on. Sometimes you just want to sit, relax, and watch a game in peace. You don't want 50,000 questions being thrown at you, when you know the answer but you don't want to take your eyes off the screen to answer. On the other end of the spectrum, when I am watching a game with friends, I don't really like getting a pop-quiz. "Oh so what position does this guy play?" "Do you know how many assists he has?" "You don't know what 'cover the spread' means?"

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My answers: no, no, and no. But, if you explain the situation to me, I will understand it. I'm not a moron. Just because I am a girl does not mean I am incapable of understanding sports terminology. I would like to think of myself as in the middle of this spectrum, although I don't know everything, I know enough to understand what's happening on my own.

It's getting to be a little too cliché to say that girls know nothing about sports. My friend, along with many other girls, can tell you differently. Besides, the Red Sox beat the "Evil Empire" in the ALCS, along with the Cardinals in the World Series, and the Patriots have the same number of rings that Jennifer Lopez has from three different men. This is a time to come together and celebrate. Yes, the Patriots played an incredible game, anyone can see that. Could I tell you, numbers-wise how good they did? No. But I can still revel in the win, and be proud to say that it is a great time to be a Boston sports fan, girls and guys alike.

Katelyn Harding is a UMass Student.



This is Oxford, UMass style

S.J. Port

1. Heat oven to summer.
2. Gather 40 American students from a 30,000-person campus in a five-college area.
3. Add dash of students from various other educational institutions.
4. Place ingredients together in an internationally renowned hub of learning.
5. Stir with several Oxford dons, a garrulous barkeep and several cases of Pimms.

Serves: infinite guests.

Unfortunately, the result of this recipe is nothing like the University of Massachusetts' Oxford Summer Seminar, which cannot be recreated or copied. We, the seminar's 2004 class, have been trying ever since we landed back in the States. It can't be done. You'll just have to go and experience it for yourself.

The program at Trinity College of Oxford University presents the ultimate abroad experience for UMass students. As students at Massachusetts' foremost and largest public institution of higher education, who for the most part have always attended public schools, we often wonder what our degrees will be worth; how we'll stack up against the private school students; and where the great opportunities can be found at this burdened and fiscally beleaguered yet great university. One answer lies in the Oxford Summer Seminar program; it is a chance to enter a private world of ideas, history, and privilege.

Inside the Trinity gate is a place to become less burdened by the world and more in tune with the footsteps that have laid the path of academia.

Consisting of 39 individual colleges, Oxford University is located in its namesake city an hour northwest of London. The oldest English speaking university in the world, its educational reputation dates back to the eleventh century.

When Oxford was almost 1,000 years old, Ernest H. Hofer, then a professor of English at UMass, came to the university. Hofer would begin the very first exchange program relationship between any American university and Oxford University.

Beneath its famous spires, down cobbled streets, young Oxford scholars hurry beside erudite graying tenured relics as colleagues pedal past on well-greased handlebar bicycles with bells and baskets carrying manifolds and concordances. The town, overwhelmed by the University, is aesthetically mesmerizing: you'll shudder to see drab Whitmore upon return. On Broad Street, just a hundred yards down from the Bodleian library and Blackwell's famous book store, parallel to High Street and within walking distance of the Eagle and Child pub in which Lewis Carroll, C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien discussed the plots of their respective tales, is the centrally located Trinity College, founded in 1555: it dwells in the history absent from our own campus, country and culture. Wander down Broad Street to the Covered Market for a grotesquely rich, warm and gooey cookie from Ben's before you head to your early afternoon class: a seminar of six students led by Oxford Don.

Courses on literature, political science, history, and other subjects are taught in the Oxford seminar style — not the UMass lecture style — meeting twice a week for several hours of discussion. Professors also become accessible at dinners for each class, after which Dons and their students usually retire to the Trinity College beer cellar below the dining hall for intense discussion and drinking. Lectures occur weekly by prominent scholars. Fieldtrips take students to theatre productions, historical sites, London, and around the countryside.

If you complain regularly about the lack of elite intellectual opportunity among the masses here at UMass, or if you're someone interested in adding a few credits and seeing Europe in the process, grab your passport and apply to the Oxford Summer Seminar: www.umass.edu/oxford. How many people can say they had the opportunity to study at Oxford?

Because the University runs the exchange program, credits from the program translate directly to your UMass degree and GPA. It is possible to receive between four and eight credits during the six weeks, offering the opportunity to lesson a course load during the regular school year, or possibly graduate earlier than expected.

As you approach Trinity you'll notice two entrances: the first is a large elaborate wrought iron gate. Tourists and passer-bys regularly stop and peer through its bars to see the elaborately manicured gardens and ornate buildings. The second gate is a small, two-sided wooden door in the stonewall, which runs the entire border of the college's grounds. The right side of this door is open for college staff and students — affiliates of the college recognizable to the porters at the gate's lodge. As part of the UMass Summer Seminar you'll become an affiliate of Trinity, and Mark, the porter, will nod and wave you inside ahead of the visitors left standing at the gate awaiting their tours. People pay to see the lawns of Oxford University's colleges, like Trinity: students of the seminar lounge freely and live in residential suite's designed by Sir Christopher Wren for Trinity in 17th century.

Inside the Trinity gate is a place to become less burdened by the world and more in tune with the footsteps that have laid the path of academia. It is an experience not to be missed for pecuniary worry, and one that we as a University should strive to support and save. Professors in all departments should encourage enrollment, and students must spread the word to friends at UMass and other institutions.

In its 39th year, the Oxford Summer Seminar is a respected and well-known program. However, it has been doubly hit by the weakening of the dollar and increased tuition costs at home universities. The Seminar is struggling to attract and enroll students, which in turn is creating financial woes for the program.

American students are not eager to travel abroad right now. Many question the popularity and safety of Americans off homeland and out of protected waters. However, the fact remains that Great Britain remains a safe and accepting place for anybody to travel through. And while the Seminar may seem like an expensive program, it is actually one of the cheapest, if not the cheapest program, a way to stay and study at any of the Oxford colleges for six weeks. It is worth every penny — American or British. As one alumna of the program said, "There are experiences that are once in a lifetime. They may come at a higher price than you are willing to pay in the beginning; however, when you look back it really is worth it. The Oxford Seminar offers you more than eight credits or travel abroad, it is an encompassing experience of friendship and growth."

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Social Security reform and my plan to take over the world

Thomas Naughton

When I heard that George W. Bush was planning to reform and privatize social security, I rejoiced — and I mean rejoiced in every sense of the word. I went to church and sang full-voice along with the hymns, smiling and joining hands with everyone in my pew. When the collection plate came my way, I smiled, took some change out of it and shouted "Social Security — Halleluiah!" and then convulsed on the floor and screamed "Praise Jesus, I am saved!" until my legs got tired and I had a sufficient bump on my head.

My fellow churchgoers were not pleased. They all wanted to know why I had stolen from the collection plate. I explained to them that God's chosen leader, our president, had great plans for the future of social security and that if we wanted to be apart of that future and not be homeless elderly vagrants who eat pickled pigs feet straight from the jar, we better save our pennies and save our dimes. They still didn't get why I would steal from the plate instead of just not giving, but they seemed to understand more when I said "But this is God's money, and God's president would want me to have God's money." I'm not allowed back at that church, but I'm $1.55 closer to real security, the security that God intended.

As I walked away from the church, I turned to wave to the priest who gave me the finger and spat in my general direction. I looked at his middle finger and realized that it was a sign: not only is it true that only I can prevent forest fires, but also I was overwhelmed with the image of "one." One finger, one person, one future, one God, one leg if my other gets shot off or eaten by coyotes, one bank account, one drink because I'm a light weight, one chance at greatness and world domination. I realized that I am the one, the one who will help George W. Bush (and therefore God) to reform social security.

I will be the only 22 year old receiving Social Security benefits on top of having a job and all my previous assets. With this money, I will buy a large corporation like Halliburton or Enron.

My reform would be the ultimate experiment for the validity of social programs. Instead of giving me money when I retire and I'm ugly and more useless than I am now, I propose that my country gives me what was promised to me when I'm old and wrinkled, a nice big check. What better way to enjoy my country's altruism than by striking while the iron (and myself) is hot?

My plan is this: I will be the only 22 year old receiving Social Security benefits on top of having a job and all my previous assets. With this money, I will buy a large corporation like Halliburton or Enron. Then I will receive an enormous tax break, which will give me monetary freedom to do what I really want: Buy a celebrity. I'll buy Paris Hilton and feed her Krispy Kremes until she's so rotund that I have to push her around in a wheelbarrow. The advent of reality television will make her new life as a fat hermit a primetime success and advertisers will pay millions of dollars to me to have their spots run during the hit show "Paris Hilton: Fat's Hot." With my wealth and power, I will have the political sway to buy elections, like the Presidency, a position I will immediately hand over to Dolly Parton, whether she's dead or not.

Then at the age of sixty-five, or whenever we're supposed to retire, I will promptly shoot myself in the backyard, terminating the flow of money from Social Security to me. I will give the remaining money I have acquired to the Christian Coalition so that they can fully brainwash the country like they always wanted to, electing Pat Robertson's frozen head as our president for all time. If I'm going to be dead, I may as well leave the world in the worst state possible.

However, before I die, I will make a pact with the Devil for a large sum of money and disclosure of the true identity of the person Carly Simon was talking about in the song "You're So Vain." In return for this payment, the Devil will allow me to haunt houses and bus stops so that people will fear God and the President and never question the path that our country has taken. I will also haunt the people who couldn't afford to put their money in private social security funds by making their pickled pigs feet dance in the light of the trashcan fire that they are huddled around. They will know that God hates the poor and that he was just joking in the Bible when he said to "give to the poor without hesitation."

The world will be as it should be. God will be fearful, the rich will be well taken care of, the poor will gag on cold pigs feet, I'll be haunting the city bus stop or spying on church officials or politicians who have assignations in cheap motels. This is real capitalism at work, something God would be proud of, just ask George Bush.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THANKS FOR THE HELP

At the end of last semester there were students standing in the Campus Center energetically requesting donations to buy holiday toys for local needy families. Those fellow students were cadets of the University of Massachusetts Army and Air Force ROTC programs who were trying to raise money for the annual Amherst Family Outreach toy drive. For almost three weeks these cadets volunteered their time to stand along the Campus Center Concourse, actively requesting donations of any amount to help local children have a happier holiday. This letter is to offer the UMASS community a sincere thank-you from the cadets for your generous donations and patient endurance of our consistent pleas "to help the children." With your help we were able to raise over $2,300 to contribute to the drive. Thank-you again for this remarkable outcome and please remember us when you see us again next holiday season.

David Pease
UMass ROTC

DON'T GO METRO

To the column "Operation: Metrosexual" — Zach, for god's sake do not go metro. If you went metro, it'd be fake. You would know it, other girls would know it.

They'd know it because they would see that it's not the real you. Keep in mind I'm trying to help. I'd have to say that your failure at the gym is your own fault. I've gone from lifting under 100 pounds to over 180 and that's even before I had a girlfriend. For all of high school I didn't have one, and I'm very lucky to have the one I do now, but it wasn't because of my muscle increase.

It was because of me. Zach, there will always be people much stronger and much weaker than you. If you want muscle, it's a commitment. It takes at least an hour for four to five days a week, depending. There are plenty of good workout schedules online. I'd be happy to give you mine, although you should change yours every four to six weeks. Trust me; this is a much more rewarding route. It will save you money, you'll feel better about yourself, and even if you don't get girls right away you can still flaunt. Your comments about guys who can make a muscle but don't have any intelligence bothered me. I'm not 'huge' by any means.

I would say I'm moderate to above average in size in comparison to other guys without being conceited, and I'm a computer science major. I think it takes a fair amount of intelligence to make it in this major (not to say other majors don't). What I'm trying to say is you can have the best of both worlds with a little bit (actually a lot) of effort. The same applies for a person with the opposite problem. In fact, you're probably in a good position. I've worked out for a few years, and now progress is hard. In your position, people who start working out make a lot of progress in their first few months. If you did actually work out for 4-5 days a week for two months you would definitely start to see a difference. The semester is early; get to a gym. If you live near a wellness center all you have to pay is $45 a semester like in Southwest; it's definitely worth it. They're much less crowded. Don't be afraid to ask for a spot either; we're all there for the same reason.

Matt Thompson
UMass Student

ANY RIOT IS UNACCEPTABLE

"Doing the dynasty dance," I read inquisitively as I stared at the color photo of young people lighting toilet paper on fire as others look on. Please correct me if I'm mistaken, but to the Daily Collegian, is it an acceptable form of celebration for students to throw "flaming rolls of toilet paper" and "set off fire works" if the local NFL team wins the Super Bowl ... as long as there are "no known injured at press time"? Perhaps I am being presumptuous, however, the fact remains that the Collegian is certainly not condemning these acts that it portrayed in color and on the front page of Monday's edition. Is this the kind of message that the Collegian wants to invest its resources in? Is this the kind of message that the Collegian wants to impress upon its readers, undergraduate or not?

Perhaps the most pathetic aspect of this display is that people seem to have forgot that the travesties that have occurred less than a year ago. I apologize in advance for rubbing salt into any wounds, however, does everyone remember Victoria Snelgrove? I wish I could say I could remember her better; I went to East Bridgewater High School with Tori; she graduated just before I did but I sadly did not know her very well. And please allow me to disclaim, I am not trying to open this can of worms. Rather, it just makes my bowels churn that after the events related to this tragedy and others that happened on this campus related to "victory celebrations," that the Collegian would blithely encourage, or at least not denigrate the activities that have led to such tragedies.

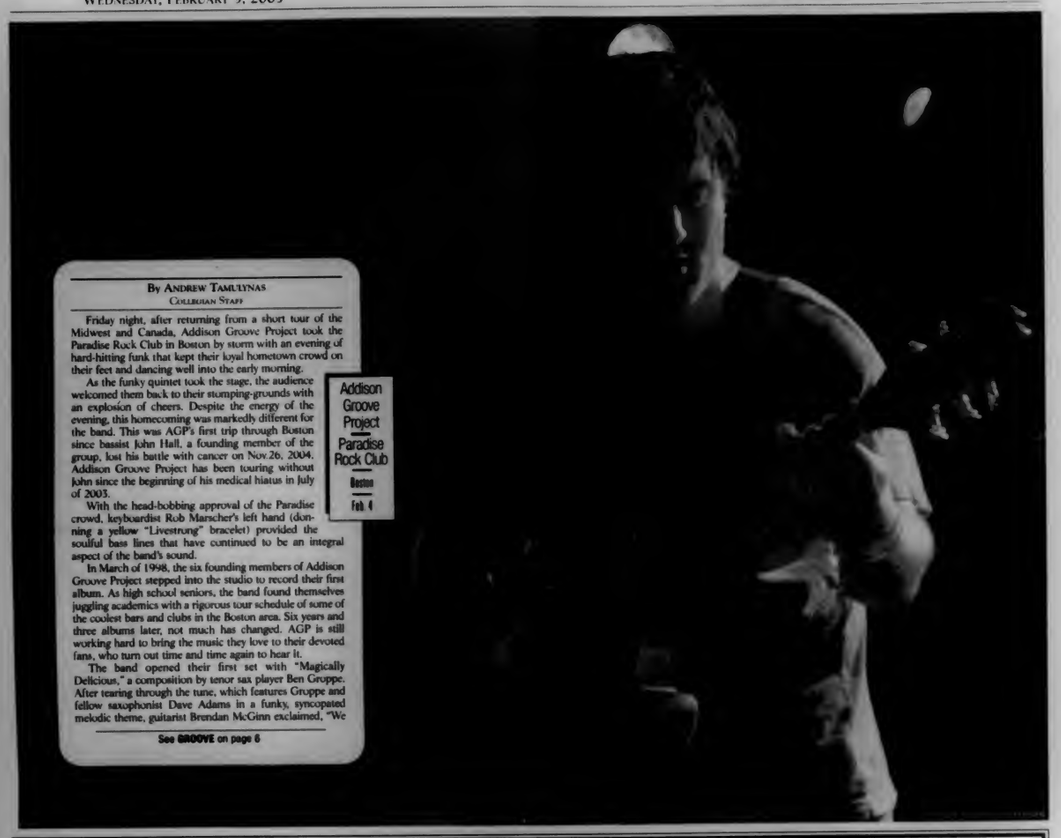
Perhaps you think that I'm making a connection that does not exist, or that I am exaggerating, and it may be possible that I am. After all, why shouldn't loyal fans (which is a diminutive form of the word, "fanatic,") be allowed to celebrate for the team that they've been investing so much hope and energy into? In fact, I readily encourage all people to express their emotions, positive and negative, verbally and physically. However, neither the Constitution of the United States nor the Declaration of the Rights of Man afford you perform illegal acts in the name of celebration, hedonism, or personal growth: especially not when it puts into jeopardy what so many before you and still do this day do with their nose to the grindstone so that you're education will be that much better. If you have a problem with anything that I have just said or implied, I encourage you to state you're logically, sociologically or psychologically sound justification to my face.

Alexander DeSerpa
UMass student

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Addison Groove Project — Paradise Rock Club — Boston — Feb 4

By Andrew Tamulynas
Collegian Staff

Friday night, after returning from a short tour of the Midwest and Canada, Addison Groove Project took the Paradise Rock Club in Boston by storm with an evening of hard-hitting funk that kept their loyal hometown crowd on their feet and dancing well into the early morning.

As the funky quintet took the stage, the audience welcomed them back to their stomping-grounds with an explosion of cheers. Despite the energy of the evening, this homecoming was markedly different for the band. This was AGP's first trip through Boston since bassist John Hall, a founding member of the group, lost his battle with cancer on Nov.26, 2004. Addison Groove Project has been touring without John since the beginning of his medical hiatus in July of 2003.

With the head-bobbing approval of the Paradise crowd, keyboardist Rob Marscher's left hand (donning a yellow "Livestrung" bracelet) provided the soulful bass lines that have continued to be an integral aspect of the band's sound.

In March of 1998, the six founding members of Addison Groove Project stepped into the studio to record their first album. As high school seniors, the band found themselves juggling academics with a rigorous tour schedule of some of the coolest bars and clubs in the Boston area. Six years and three albums later, not much has changed. AGP is still working hard to bring the music they love to their devoted fans, who turn out time and time again to hear it.

The band opened their first set with "Magically Delicious," a composition by tenor sax player Ben Gruppe. After tearing through the tune, which features Gruppe and fellow saxophonist Dave Adams in a funky, syncopated melodic theme, guitarist Brendan McGinn exclaimed, "We

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Discover the Bachelorettes of UMass



Tina Chung

BACHELORETTE #3: Tina Chung aka "The girl who got hypnotized by the X-rated Hypnotist"
MAJOR: Communications
AGE: 21
YEAR: Junior

PERSONALITY TYPE:
Tina is a caring, outgoing, loud and spontaneous person.

RELATIONSHIP EXPERIENCE:
Two long-term relationships.

LOOKS FOR IN A GUY:
She says that she looks for guys who are open-minded and down to earth.

TURN ON:
Tina wants a guy that can make her laugh.

TURN OFF:
There is nothing worse than a guy who is "conceded and talks a lot about himself," says Tina.

FAVORITE DRINK:
Jack and Diet Coke, "the first drink I every had."

BIGGEST FLAW:
"I'm too honest," says Tina, she just blurts out whatever she is thinking.

SPECIAL HOBBY/TALENT:
Being from California she has been surfing for most of her life.

IF SHE COULD BE ANY ANIMAL:
"A kitty cat because they are soft, sweet and cuddly"

A TIP FOR THE GUYS:
Tina thinks confidence is sexy, and you better have some because the only thing sexier is "her butt."

THE BOTTOM LINE:
Tina has no problem making conversation, yet one topic that she likes to avoid is her very embarrassing antics at the X-rated hypnotist. She is on domestic exchange from California and a member of the National Student Exchange Club. "I will definitely have a good time no matter what," she says, "I will make the best of any situation."

Her dream job is to make six-figures but still have plenty of time to spend with her family. Try to keep this in mind before a date with Tina: she thinks confidence is sexy, and you better have some because the only thing sexier is "her butt."



Jenny Lynch

BACHELORETTE #2: Jenny Lynch aka "The girl that always seems to get toilet paper stuck to her shoe."
MAJOR: Psychology
AGE: 21
YEAR: Junior

PERSONALITY TYPE:
Jenny says, "Once I warm up to people I am very outgoing ... sociable and I go into situations with an open mind."

RELATIONSHIP EXPERIENCE:
One long-term relationship that she now looks back on poorly

LOOKS FOR IN A GUY:
"I look for a guy with a funny sense of humor, confidence, laid back personality, intelligence," says Jenny, as well as "someone who is easy to talk to, and athletic."

TURN ON:
Jenny likes a guy who plays a little hard to get, has a good smile and sports his Tims' and sweatpants.

TURN OFF:
This girl wants nothing to do with any guys that are cocky, have a better fashion sense than her or are bad kissers.

FAVORITE DRINK:
"Any type of white wine. I always have a box of wine in my fridge."

BIGGEST FLAW:
Jenny is a self-proclaimed worrywart: "I worry a lot even when there is no need too"

SPECIAL HOBBY/TALENT:
Jenny used to play soccer at Assumption College. In her prime she was able to jungle a soccer ball over 100 times. She can also recite every line from "Dumb and Dumber."

IF SHE COULD BE ANY ANIMAL:
"A hyena because I laugh a lot."

A TIP FOR THE GUYS:
When you show up for a date with Jenny you better show up with your game face on because she thinks confidence is sexy, but don't be late because keeping your word is sexier.

THE BOTTOM LINE:
Jennifer knows that she is silly and goofy, but that does not stop her from having a great time. "No matter who I go on a date with," she says, "I know I will have a good time."

Jennifer is not ashamed to admit that she still sleeps with the remains of a blanket she has had since she was a baby. She also says she is prone to getting toilet paper stuck to her. Her favorite quote: "Dream as if you will live forever and live as if you will die today." - James Dean.



Alexis Davison

BACHELORETTE #1: Alexis Davison, aka "The girl with all the jewelry she makes herself."
MAJOR: Pre-Med
AGE: 21
YEAR: Senior

PERSONALITY TYPE:
Alexis knows that she is a "dominant" person, she is also "very, very honest."

RELATIONSHIP EXPERIENCE:
2 long-term relationships.

LOOKS FOR IN A GUY:
Alexis does not want any old guy, he has to be intelligent, health conscious, have career goals and have faith too.

TURN ON:
Honesty is extremely important to Alexis, as well as being a good conversationalist and knowledgeable about other cultures.

TURN OFF:
There is nothing that she hates more than cockiness.

FAVORITE DRINK:
Alexis says that she does not drink that often, but when she does she enjoys a martini or a gin and tonic.

BIGGEST FLAW:
"I'm a big nerd," says Alexis.

SPECIAL HOBBY/TALENT:
Alexis danced with the NYC ballet as well as performed neurosurgery on rats for her honors thesis.

IF SHE COULD BE ANY ANIMAL:
"A puma because they are sleek and they make great shoes."

A TIP FOR THE GUYS:
Alexis thinks that a 1971 Barracuda is sexy. Don't have one? That's ok; she thinks nice cologne is even sexier.

THE BOTTOM LINE:
Alexis says that she has been here for four years and she is ready to meet someone new, but not just anyone. For her to like a guy he better have some goals; he better know where he is going in life. Even though she admits that she is often the dominant person in a relationship, Alexis is also very honest and is great at communication. "I'm not shy," she says, "I like to talk." She will chat with a guy all night long.

Alexis is planning on going to med-school and marrying at some point after that. When you first see her one of the things you will notice is her totally original jewelry; that's because she makes all of it herself.

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Addison jams in Beantown

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haven't played that one in a long time."

To the excitement of the Paradise crowd, the band spent much of the evening dabbling in their older material. The first set wrapped up with crowd a favorite, "The Eleven Headed." Though the tune is off their first album, it remains to be one of AGP's best, and a trademark of the band's live performances.

Also essential to Addison Groove's live performances is their masterful and downright fun use of cover songs. In past performances, the band has been known to bring out covers such as Pink Floyd's "Have a Cigar" and "Cross the Tracks" by Maceo by becoming an advocate for comprehensive sex ed in her hometown.

"I was 15, and in my high school I could see it was an issue that was affecting my contemporaries," says Knox, now a first-year sophomore political science major at the University of Texas in Austin. She has her eyes set on Georgetown law school, is interested in getting into politics and says she'd love to live in New York.

"The people around me were getting sexually transmitted diseases," she says. "Young girls were getting pregnant. I heard all the myths about the different ways you can get pregnant, and I realized that was no education."

She was also called a baby killer when she volunteered for Planned Parenthood. "These protesters thought I was going to abort my child or something," she recalls. "I've never had sex, but they thought I was going to abort my child."

Many people told her she was going to hell. She went through the difficult, soul-searching process of questioning her beliefs. But she's not merely still standing. She's thriving.

"The Education of Shelby Knox" chronicles a teenager's path to adulthood, consciousness and political awakening. It's the story of a family that remains very close and mutually supportive despite vast political and ideological differences. Most of all, it's a story about becoming your own person, even when that means going against everything you've been taught. Or, in this case, everything you weren't taught.

"Education," which will kick off the new season of the PBS doc series "POV" on June 21, begins with a series of bracing facts. Lubbock has one of the highest teen-pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease rates in the nation. Teenage gonorrhea rates are twice the national average.

"Lubbock is known for three things," says Knox. "Buddy Holly, the Dixie Chicks and STDs." (There's also Texas Tech, but you get her drift.)

This reputation is what got Knox interested in the sex education issue, first as a member of the Lubbock Youth Council, which works with city government, and then on her own. It's also what drew the attention of New York-based filmmakers Marion Lipschutz and Rose Rosenblatt, who were looking for a sex education story for their next film. They didn't go to Lubbock looking for Shelby, but once they found her, they knew they had an ideal protagonist.

"She's outspoken, and she's a terrific public speaker," says Lipschutz. "She's really dedicated to the issue that we were working on. She was a conservative Southern Baptist who had pledged abstinence until marriage, and she was involved in a fight for comprehensive sex ed, which is generally perceived as a liberal cause."

So how did a nice Southern Baptist girl turn into a sex-ed crusader?

"As I came to see the world outside of Lubbock, I realized that my beliefs were more liberal than my parents'," she says. "I didn't make these decisions because I wanted to be the opposite of my parents. I made them because I read about the issues and figured out which side I wanted to be on."

Knox is still onboard with abstinence. "Kids must be taught that to be completely safe from STDs and teen pregnancy, the only way to do that is to abstain," she says. "However, kids know they can make that decision, and they need to make informed decisions. If they are going to have sex, they need to know the consequences. And they need to know how to protect themselves."

That's not how the Lubbock Independent School District sees it. The district receives federal funding for it's abstinence-only program, which has been in effect since 1995, and school officials would like to see the money continue to flow.

But the abstinence-only policy is not about cash. As depicted in the film, Lubbock is a proudly conservative and Christian city, with many residents and public officials who equate sex education with sexual provocation. The party line is that sex should be saved for marriage. Judging by the STD and pregnancy figures, that doesn't seem to be happening. The abstinence-only policy remains in place.

Among the abstinence-only advocates is Lubbock youth pastor Ed Ainsworth, who conducts "true love waits" abstinence pledge ceremonies with local teens. Knox took the pledge as a sophomore, but she now says Ainsworth uses "scare tactics." In the film, we see Ainsworth warning a room full of teens that STDs can be contracted through shaking hands.

"I talk to teenagers about sexual purity, specifically about abstinence," says Ainsworth in the film. "The reason I do it is that I'm sick and tired of seeing kids mess up their lives physically, mentally, spiritually, emotionally and financially."

Ainsworth, who estimates that he spreads the abstinence message at 200 schools and speaks to 250,000 students every year, has no ax to grind with Knox.

"She's a good kid," he says by phone. "I disagree with her philosophically and with where she's coming from. But it's America, and that's why we all live here."

However, Ainsworth, who has yet to see the film, adds that he's disappointed with the filmmakers' decision to make Knox the protagonist. He recalls that they came to Lubbock to make a film about the issue of comprehensive sex education vs. abstinence, before deciding to focus on Knox.

"I'm not angry, and I'm not upset with Shelby," he says. "I'm just disappointed."

On a personal level, the sex-ed issue is just one sign of Knox's political transformation. She's straight, and she strongly supports gay rights, a stance that hastened her resignation from the Youth Council when she felt the organization wasn't reaching out to gay students. Her favorite course at UT is called "Women, Gender and Politics." She writes for a collegiate feminist magazine called The F Word. Her parents say she has always rooted for the underdog, and she can't deny it.

And she remains a proud Christian.

"Christians in general are not like what the religious right portrays," she says. "That is just a very vocal side of it. I believe most Christians are loving, caring and tolerant. They believe in civil liberties and civil rights. It's very sad and detrimental to the Christian faith that some people have decided to use it for political advantage.

"I accept everyone. I don't think there's one right answer."

'Education' tracks student's fight for sex ed

By Chris Vognar
The Dallas Morning News

PARK CITY, Utah — Shelby Knox is tired. The 18-year-old Lubbock native just got into Park City for the world premiere of the documentary "The Education of Shelby Knox" at the Sundance Film Festival. Her hotel room was a bit chilly on her first night, the interviews are starting to pile up, and the sleep deprivation has her seeking a catnap in her publicist's suite.

But she should be able to handle the grind ahead. Her personal journey of the last few years, chronicled in "Education," has steeled her for almost anything.

Just three years ago she was a sophomore and conservative Southern Baptist at Lubbock's Coronado High School, in a district with a strict abstinence-only sex education policy. Now she's a self-described liberal Christian who underwent a baptism of fire



COURTESY ERICH SCHLEGL

"The Education of Shelby Knox," screened at the Sundance Film Festival, chronicles changes in the beliefs of many of the natives of Lubbock, TX. Knox is a member of the Lubbock Youth Council.

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UMass Amherst Student Activities Center
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Student Union, Cape Cod Lounge
11am -1pm Free

International Movie Series:
Monsieur Abraham with Omar Sharif
Two unlikely characters begin a friendship in a 1960's working class Parisian neighborhood.
Campus Center Room 163C
8pm Free

February 10
Mix It Up Dance Series: A Night of Swing
Put on your zoot suits for a night of high flying swing dancing. Lessons from the Ballroom Dance Team. No partners needed!
Student Union Ballroom
7pm - 11pm Free

February 11-16
Fraternity & Sorority Recruitment
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February 12
Children's AIDS Awareness:
Date Auction sponsored by UVC-TV 19
Campus Center Auditorium
7:00pm Free

February 15
Jazz History: The Jon Bean Ensemble
Standards and original music played by undergraduate students.
Student Union, Cape Cod Lounge
11:15am - 12:30pm Free

Naked I: Monologues from Beyond the Binary
Monologues exploring the bodies and experiences of transgendered and intersexed people.
Student Union Ballroom
7pm Free

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UMass will need to stop Hazelton

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Maxwell, who is the tallest of the guards at 6-foot-5, is still significantly shorter than Hazelton.

"We really don't have much of an alternative, (Viggiano) is not healthy. We do not have anybody else to play at the perimeter," Lappas said. "It's going to be Chadwick, Anderson, Maxwell and Bowers. We don't have anybody else. That's the way it is."

UMass is coming off its most dominating win of the season, a 74-58 shellacking of St. Bonaventure at the Mullins Center on Saturday, and is looking to gain momentum going into the final seven games of the season. The Minutemen have had trouble going on winning streaks this season and have only mustered one legitimate three-game winning streak.

Lappas, however, does not see the lopsided victory over the Bonnies as any fuel to the fire.

"It could, but I don't really foresee that. In other words I think that we would come out and play with the same kind of emotion against Rhode Island no matter what," Lappas said. "Obviously, though, it's better coming off a win. Once you throw that ball up, whatever happened in the last game doesn't really matter."

NOTE: Artie Bowers, who sprained his right thumb last Tuesday during practice, played against St. Bonaventure with the hand wrapped. Lappas mentioned that during Monday's practice, Bowers came out with the hand wrapped, but removed the tape during practice.

UM travels to hostile court

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splitting fashion.

So therein lies the problem for Steve Lappas' Minutemen, once again. Despite having finally proven that it can win on the road, UMass is in for a formidable challenge when it takes the court against Jim Baron's injury depleted URI squad tonight.

The Minutemen have overcome hostile environments at almost every turn this season — with a 59-52 setback at Saint Joseph's being the lone exception, and can even claim success in the Ryan Center itself after pulling a surprising upset of the NIT-bound Rams last season.

But as every A-10 coach will attest to, there is no such thing as an easy conference win on the road, and to fully establish themselves as road warriors and viable postseason contenders, Lappas and the Minutemen must continue to assert their road success and further what has been a growing trend of solid performances away from Amherst.

"I would put us in the category that we can win on the road. Forget about last year and the year before," Lappas said. "This team is completely different than last year, you have to talk about this year. We played Gonzaga on the road and played well, we beat GW on the road, we beat St. Bonnies on the road ... which are all tough places to play."

Several Patriots looking at the Hall

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appropriate now that Belichick has won his third championship.

The biggest argument for Parcells is that he has turned around four struggling franchises, but he has become something of a hired gun. He comes into town and shakes things up, but within a few years he burns out and moves on.

Belichick, on the other hand, seems intent on making New England the final stop of his coaching career. Rather than a quick remodeling job, he has crafted a team capable of winning over the long haul.

There are two other members of the Patriots who are almost guaranteed to feature busts in Canton when their careers are done. Both Tom Brady and Adam Vinatieri have been involved in the most dramatic moments of the Patriots' championship run.

Vinatieri is the most clutch kicker ever, as he has kicked two last-second, game-winning Super Bowl field goals. Obviously the Super Bowl kicks were significant, but Vinatieri's greatest kicks were the two he kicked in the 2001 Division round against Oakland in blizzard-like conditions.

Brady is the Patriot who gets the most credit for his part in the team's success, but he still has to deal with people saying he only manages the game and that his only role is to not lose games.

Brady might not have Peyton Manning's record 49 touchdown passes, but he has the biggest numbers in the most important categories. Brady is 57-14 as a starter, 9-0 in the playoffs and has two Super Bowl MVPs.

Whether or not he is on par with Joe Montana right now may prove to be a moot discussion. Brady is only 27 years old and has amazing durability. There seems to be no end in sight to this Patriots' dynasty, and Brady very well could end up atop the mountain of great quarterbacks.

There are four other Patriots on the fringe, who all could make a case for being Hall of Famers if they continue their level of production. Rodney Harrison, Corey Dillon, Ty Law and Richard Seymour have all been to numerous Pro Bowls and are among the best at their positions.

Harrison and Dillon seem likely to draw the most consideration when their time is up. Both have aided their causes by coming to an established winner and blending in seamlessly while taking the team to another level. Harrison has only been to two Pro Bowls, but that has more to do with his reputation as a dirty player than with his performance. For the past 11 seasons he has been the most feared, if not the best, safety in the league.

Dillon managed to make three Pro Bowl squads while wasting away in Cincinnati, and now his career has been revitalized. If the 30-year-old Dillon can put together a few more seasons like this year's, his numbers will stand up when compared to the best backs ever to play the game.

Law is a borderline selection, and Seymour is headed down the road towards the Hall. It's surprising to see that Law has only been a Pro Bowler three times during his 10-year career because he has been one of the top cornerbacks in the league for much of his career.

The best decision Law can make if he plans on becoming a Hall of Famer is to take a pay cut to stay in New England and return to his dominating form during another championship season or two.

It may be early to think about Seymour's Hall-of-Fame prospects, but he has begun to assert himself as one of the premier defensive linemen in the game. He has made the last three Pro Bowls, and if he continues to rake in those honors, it will be impossible for him to be overlooked when his career is over.

The debates about where this Patriots team stands in relation to all of the other great teams in NFL history will rage on for years to come. But while the Patriots place in history among the all-time best is unsettled, there is no disputing that this team reached such greatness as a result of incredible players more consumed with winning than personal glory.

The personal glory will come later when these players' achievements are looked back on and appreciated for how amazing they were.



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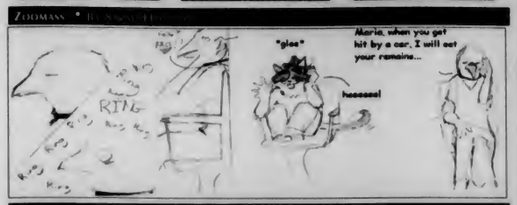
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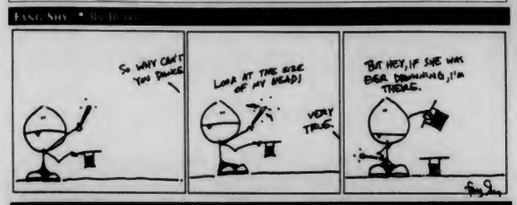
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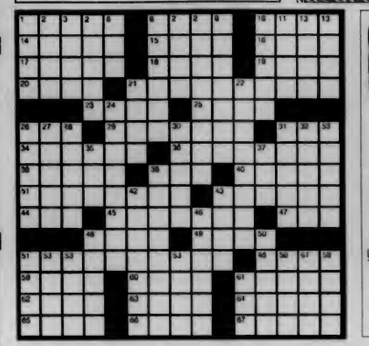
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UMass set to clash with Rams

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

It's amazing how much can change in a year.

On Jan. 31, 2004, the Massachusetts men's basketball team was just about down and out. It's record stood at 7-11 overall and conference play wasn't much better, as UMass struggled to 3-5 in the Atlantic 10. It was about time to pack in the season as any hopes of a post season bid began to drift away hand-in-hand with another gray Massachusetts winter.

The Minutemen were poised to play the University of Rhode Island that night, a team that had high hopes to make the NCAA tournament, and was almost a sure shot at the NIT tournament. It was almost certain that UMass was about to receive another dose of the same old.

The Maroon and White won its biggest game of the year that night, by a score of 67-63, stunning the Rams and the 6,705 in attendance at the Ryan Center. UMass would only win two more games out of its last 10, leaving the victory over URI as its final shining moment.

Now, a little more than a year later, the Maroon and White (11-8, 5-4 A-10) are traveling back to Kingston tonight for a 7:30 tip-off, to face a very different team under a completely opposite scenario.

The Rams (4-15, 2-6 A-10) have had a rough season thus far and are currently in second-to-last place in the Atlantic 10 Eastern Division, only two games ahead of St. Bonaventure (1-19, 0-9 A-10).

The Rams have lost several players this season, including preseason first-team Atlantic 10 pick Dawan Robinson with a stress fracture in his left foot, and Jamaal Wise who is nursing a stress fracture in his left leg. Robinson was the fourth leading scorer for the Rams last year, averaging 11.2 points per game, while Wise was a backup forward, averaging just over four points per contest.

Even though Rhode Island has been hit hard by injuries, and is currently in the midst of a four-game losing streak (all to Atlantic 10 opponents), UMass coach Steve Lappas is not taking this team lightly.

"They've had a lot of hard luck this year, no doubt. But when you go on the road, like we're going, you know, you're not looking to have any mercy for anybody," Lappas said. "We've just got to go out there and concentrate on what we're doing and try to do it to the best of our ability."



UMass freshman Lawrence Carrier will play in his first game against the Rhode Island Rams tonight. It will mark the 123rd meeting between the two teams, making this the longest rivalry in UMass history.

One of the main focuses for the Minutemen will have to be the Rams leading scorer, Scott Hazelton.

Hazelton is a transfer from the University of Connecticut, who was plagued with injuries and limited playing time while in Storrs. Since coming to URI, he has shined, averaging 16.4 ppg. and 7.1 rebounds, leading the Rams in both categories.

Hazelton stands at 6-foot-8, but plays much different than most players of his size. Hazelton frequents the three-guard position, which tends to create a mismatch around the perimeter. Standing sometimes six inches taller than his defender, Hazelton has hit 17 3-pointers this year, good for third on the team.

This presents an interesting match-up issue for the Minutemen, as their most versatile perimeter defender, Jeff Viggiano, is questionable for tonight's game. Viggiano had been seeing a good deal of playing time over the last two games, but may have tweaked an already tender ankle in practice on Monday.

Because of the uncertainty of Viggiano's status, Lappas will have to use the undersized guard quartet of Anthony Anderson, Maurice Maxwell, Chris Chadwick and Artie Bowers to defend Hazelton when he plays out on the perimeter.

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Minutemen visiting a hostile court

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

In a conference full of antiquated, high school-style gyms that lack 21st century appeal but never hesitate to rock-and-roll when given the slightest provocation, the Thomas M. Ryan Center on the campus of the University of Rhode Island was built to be different — but not too different.

When the 54-million dollar arena first opened its doors in June of 2002, it marked a significant improvement over Keaney Gymnasium; Rhody's own 3,000-plus seat bandbox that had been home to men's and women's basketball on the South Kingstown campus for 49 years.

It gave the Rams a newfound appeal and credibility in the recruiting battles they had been losing to east coast schools with better facilities and the chance to capitalize on the newfound lust for big time basketball in South County brought on by a stirring run to the Elite Eight in 1998.

However, despite a state-of-the-art video scoreboard and acoustic system, eight luxury suites, brand new locker rooms and athletic facilities and 7,657 cushioned, chair-back seats, the Ryan Center is anything but a plush arena filled with corporate alums and local families of four.

Instead, as the members of the Massachusetts men's basketball team and any other squad in the Atlantic 10 surely know, those who step onto the court with the wood-grained Ram amidst a sea of sky blue are in for 40 minutes of hell that rival any A-10 venue, from Hawk Hill to the Reilly Center.

From the 700 seats reserved for blue-clad URI students — 50 of which are strategically placed behind the visitor's bench — to the three tiers of stands that hang over the court and put each and every fan no further than 74 feet from the action, the Ryan Center was created with the intention of making fans a significant part of the game, and those same fans have responded in kind by turning out in hordes to support the Rams in earlier years.

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McCutcheon appointed to NCAA Football Committee

Massachusetts Athletic Director John McCutcheon has been chosen to serve on the NCAA Division I-AA Football Committee.

His four-year tenure on the committee will officially begin on Sept. 1, and will come to a close on the same date in 2009.

The eight-person committee will oversee Division I-AA's East Region.

"I am glad to be able to represent the conference on the Division I-AA Football Committee," McCutcheon told UMass Media Relations. "Anytime you have the opportunity to represent your institution and conference on a national level, it is a privilege."

Along with a list of assigned duties, perhaps his most important as a member of the committee will be to assist with the selection of playoff teams and develop the I-AA playoff bracket.

McCutcheon has represented the UMass athletic department for a year now, as he became the sixth permanent athletic director at UMass since 1911 when he was hired on Feb. 4, 2004.

He replaced Ian McCaw, who departed to Baylor after only holding the job for a year.

The other four athletic directors before McCutcheon's arrival in Amherst were Curry Starr Hicks from 1911-1948, Warren P. McGuirk from 1948-1971, Frank McInerney from 1972-1992 and Bob Marcum from 1993-2002.

McCutcheon served as the athletic director at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo from 1992-2004.

Before his trip out west, he was involved with the Boston College athletic department from 1980-1992, and served as the assistant athletic manager at the University of Maine from 1977-1980.

He has been a member of the National Associated of College Directors of Athletics since 1992 and has served on the NCAA Management Council, the Division I-AA Athletic Directors Association Executive Com-mittee and the Big West Conference Executive Committee.

— Jeff Howe

Crennel changes his colors

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Romeo Crennel's long wait is over. An assistant coach for 35 years, he's finally in charge.

Fresh from winning a third Super Bowl title as New England's defensive coordinator, Crennel was introduced yesterday as coach of the Cleveland Browns, a team with far more imperfections than the one he left.

"I've been somewhat successful as a position coach. Now being able to take the reins of a team and try to run a whole team, that's special," Crennel said at a news conference.

"I'm excited about it. I want to be successful, and I want to win and that's what I want to try to bring to Cleveland, a winning football team."

The 57-year-old Crennel is the 11th full-time coach in Browns history and the team's first black coach. He's the NFL's sixth minority coach, but the only one with a Super Bowl ring for each finger of one hand.

Crennel received a five-year, $11 million contract from the Browns, who are coming off a disastrous 4-12 season that was scuttled by major injuries and highlighted by the resignation of Butch Davis on Nov. 30.

In hiring Crennel, the Browns, who are just 30-66 with one playoff appearance since returning to the league in 1999, selected an older, more experienced coach instead of going for an up-and-coming college candidate, as they did in 2001 when they plucked Davis from the University of Miami.

Crennel joins Tony Dungy of Indianapolis, Marvin Lewis of Cincinnati, Dennis Green of Arizona, Herman Edwards of the New York Jets and Lovie Smith of Chicago among the league's black head coaches.

As Crennel was being introduced by the Browns, the Patriots were being paraded through the streets of Boston. But Crennel knew he was in the right place.

"Considering the alternative, this is a good one to be at," said Crennel, who was joined at the news conference by his wife, Rosemary, and two of his three daughters.

Crennel, who began his pro coaching career with the New York Giants in 1981, was passed over for head coaching jobs in the past. Last year, he interviewed with several teams, including Buffalo, Oakland and Chicago. The year before, he spoke with San Francisco about the job that eventually went to Dennis Erickson.

But after the Browns interviewed him on Jan. 7, they knew Crennel was their guy. Except for a small window during the Patriots' postseason bye week, league rules prohibited the Browns from having any discussions with Crennel while New England was still playing.

The secret was out, though, and if the Browns were having any doubts about Crennel as their choice, he reassured them by devising defensive schemes that stopped Indianapolis and Pittsburgh in the AFC playoffs.

Hall-of-Fame talent joins to form a championship team

Dan Duggan

They've been labeled as a collection of unsung heroes. They've been branded as "team players" so often that this phrase has begun to seem demeaning to the players' individual abilities. Now that the New England Patriots have recorded their third Super Bowl win in four years, this band of no-names must be recognized for what they are: a group of supremely talented, unselfish individuals willing to sacrifice personal statistics and big money in order to contribute to a championship team.

The time has come to recognize that the role players on this roster are integral to the success of the Patriots and would be standouts on lesser teams. And for all the talk of the lack of Hall of Famers on this squad, a few players are quietly building resumes worthy of earning a spot in Canton when their playing days are done.

Contrary to what most television analysts have harped on for the past two years, there are at least six potential Hall of Fame players on the roster as well as the coach who is a lock.

Bill Belichick has the best winning percentage in postseason history with a 10-1 mark. The past two years have vaulted him into the all-time great discussion as he has led the Pats to a 34-4 record and the longest winning streak in NFL history with 21 straight victories spanning from last year to Week 7 of this season.

In the process, Belichick has constructed the model franchise for all of professional sports. The comparisons to Bill Parcells don't seem

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Adam Vinatieri kicked the game-winning field goal in last year's Super Bowl to beat the Panthers.

LaSalle ends 23-year drought

By Brendian Hall
Collegian Staff

It took a few decades, but the LaSalle Lady Explorers finally pulled it off.

For the first time since December of 1981, the Explorers (10-11, 4-6 Atlantic 10) were on the winning end of a basketball game against the George Washington Colonials (14-7, 7-3 A-10), as they notched a 65-53 upset of GW last Saturday to snap a 23-game losing streak against the Colonials.

The Explorers caught GW on an unusually poor day of offensive production, as the Colonials committed 16 turnovers and shot a measly 29.4 percent from the floor. All-America candidate Anna Montana still threw down a double-double with a 20-point, 11-rebound effort, but she shot just 33 percent on the day.

Meghan Wilkinson received A-10 Co-Player of the Week honors following her 14-point, 12-rebound performance against George Washington. Nine of the senior's 14 points came from 3-point land. Sophomore Crista Ricketts was the point leader on the day, nearly pulling off her own double-double with 25 points and nine rebounds.

The Explorers followed up their upset with 77-48 thrashing of the Fordham Rams on Sunday, to go on their second two-game winning streak of the season.

Musketeers 'X'ed again

Following their heartbreaking loss to No. 22 Temple last week, the Xavier Musketeers regrouped and came out strong for a Friday evening matchup in Pittsburgh, Pa., with Tara Boothe nailing a then-season-high 28 points in an 88-68 thumping of the Duquesne Dukes.

Like their match against Temple, Sunday's game against Richmond had crucial A-10 implications standing behind it. And once again, the Muskies faltered in the spotlight.

Despite a career-high 34-point, 10-rebound effort by Boothe — her 22nd career double-double — XU (14-7, 8-2 A-10) came up shortchanged yet again, this time dropping a 72-65 decision to the Spiders (17-4, 8-2 A-10).

After letting the Musketeers take a 36-32 lead early in the second half, the Spiders went on a tear, embarking on a 22-6 run over the next six minutes. All-America candidate Kate Flavin scored 11 of her 27 points on the run.

Following the win, the A-10 West now looks very tightly knit at the top. Richmond has worked its way into a tie for first place with Xavier following their win, with both teams standing at 8-2 in the conference. Both teams, however, still have to go through George Washington later this month.

Xavier served up a huge 57-42 defeat of the Colonials on Jan. 16, while GW cruised by Richmond three days later, winning that affair 69-57.

Ringing their bell

As if winning three gold medals, being a WNBA All-Star and turning around a basketball program that was, until recently, so-so isn't enough, Temple women's basketball coach Dawn Staley was given the honor of ringing the opening bell at America's first stock exchange Friday.

The event marked the fourth bell ringing ceremony in a yearlong series of special openings at PHLX. Staley was also promoting "Go Red for Women," a nationwide initiative that urges women to prioritize their heart health.

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Brennan out; Morrison in as new SGA Speaker

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

Members of the Student Government announced big plans last night to institutionalize the "Back to the People" meetings that would enforce mandatory Senator attendance. Additionally, acting Speaker Mark Morrison was officially sworn in as Speaker of the SGA upon the resignation of Seamus Brennan.

After the brief announcement of Brennan's letter of resignation, the Associate Chief Justice swore in Morrison as the new Speaker of the SGA. Morrison was elected as the Assistant Speaker late last semester after the SGA held its meetings without an associate for a better part of the semester.

"I am glad to see a new speaker," said Eduardo Bustamante, President of the SGA.

Over the past week, Morrison has also been interviewing potential candidates for the Associate Speaker position.

"Maxine Dubeaux, will be our next associate speaker candidate," Morrison said. "I think that we would be in great hands – it's time to get business done."

Members of the Executive Cabinet have been conducting and attending monthly meetings at rotating dining commons to receive student input about qualms with the university. Last night, the Senate voted to institutionalize these meetings, making it mandatory for all Senators to attend.

Senator Sean Bliss, who has been attending these meeting since Fall semester, encouraged other Senators that this motion is essential in constituent communication.

"We are building communication here, that is what is important," Bliss said. "If we institutionalize [these meetings], then it will be positive."

These meetings, dubbed "Back to the People," are an effort by the SGA to grasp what students are looking for to better their educational experience. If the requests are overwhelming and feasible, the SGA begins the implementation process to complete the requests.

According to Bliss and Bustamante, these meetings have been extremely successful already.

"Thirty four out of thirty five people we asked in Franklin Dining Common asked for paper towels in the bathrooms," Bliss said. "Now, we are currently working on getting that for them, and it will happen."

Additionally, Bustamante said that several students were complaining about noisy construction near their dorms in the early morning. After Bustamante met with the construction workers, an agreement was reached for the workers to begin construction later in the morning.

"[Back to the People meetings] are to solicit student feedback," Bustamante said. "Also it is a chance for them to ask how to get involved."

Bustamante was also pleased to announce the progress of the textbook rental system and that an answer may be reached by the end of the month.

"Textbook consultants sent a report and they seemed to think that students are happy with the current system, which

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Mark Morrison is sworn in as the SGA Speaker at last night's meeting.

UMass increases tuition

By Matt Elder
Collegian Staff

The University of Massachusetts' finance committee proposed increasing tuition and fees at the University's four campuses, including a total $598 increase for in-state residents who live on the Amherst campus.

If the proposition is passed at the Board of Trustees meeting on Feb. 16, it would be the fourth year in a row that the cost of attending the University has increased.

"Fees on occasion are increased," said Ed Blaguszewski, the Director of News and Information at UMass. "My understanding is that it's pretty much at or below the cost of living."

Across all four campuses, the increase in fees averages out to about $266 per student, and the increase in room and board will average out to about $330.

The increase, which will not affect tuition, will average at about 3.2 percent, making UMass $15,795 for an in-state resident. Out-of-state students will pay $24,586. With the increase, UMass will be the 9th most expensive state school in the United States. In public schools like UMass, tuition goes to the state and fees go to the university.

"It is our desire to keep costs as low as possible, while at the same time generating the funds that are needed to provide the academic opportunities that our students deserve and that our knowledge-based economy demands," said University President Jack M. Wilson in a press release.

Wilson recommended the increase.

"I'm disappointed. It's expected though," said Eduardo Bustamante, Student Government Association President.

Bustamante said that he was upset at the continued increases. He said that he thinks the school is moving away from a local commitment, adding that he thought the school was focusing its attention on upper-class students, rather than middle and lower-class.

"They're going to privatize a public school," Bustamante said.

Despite all the increases, Bustamante said that he doesn't think the student's quality of life is getting any better. He said the money is "absolutely not" affecting students in a positive way.

"The administration keeps growing, class availability is worse. There's a number of problems," Bustamante said.

Blaguszewski said that the University is spending its money wisely, and that each student's quality of life is a case-by-case basis.

"We think the University is putting money into the quality of education," he said.

The increase, which is expected to pass at the meeting, is meant to keep up with inflation, which was estimated at 3.5 percent, as measured by the consumer price index for the Northeast Urban Region.

Blaguszewski said that the University will use the money for many things, including maintain-

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Arlene Avakian, director of Women's Studies at UMass questions the social use of a male birth control pill.



Shown above, the UMass Medical Center in Worcester, in conjunction with a Norwegian company, is the center of a study on first ever male birth control pills.

A male alternative

New male birth control pill could be the wave of the future

By Matt Belliveau
Collegian Correspondent

"Don't worry, I'm on the pill."

One day, that could be a man speaking.

And with the new agreement between the Norwegian-based company Spermatech AS, and the University of Massachusetts Medical School, that day may come sooner than you think.

Spermatech researchers are in the planning stages of creating a drug that could possibly block sperm's ability to swim as well as its ability to fertilize an egg.

This would not be the first attempt in creating birth control for men, but it would be the first to avoid tinkering with male hormones.

Previously, researchers have found that it is extremely difficult to suppress sperm production while maintaining normal male hormone levels.

A drop in a man's hormone levels would likely cause a lowered muscle mass, a loss of sexual drive, and other testosterone-related effects.

This new drug would instead affect a specific protein in the production of sperm that would inhibit their movement while forgoing the hormonal side effects that women currently experience in taking the pill.

Male students at UMass seemed to be split in their first reactions to the idea of a male birth control pill.

"I think it's great that we'll be given a chance to contribute in the act of birth control," said Dirk Barron, a junior at UMass. "A birth control pill could act as a back-up to condoms, which might break during sex."

However, Barron admitted he thinks the new pill might not be 100 percent safe.

"I love the idea of having another option, but I just have a hard time believing that there won't be any harmful side effects, physically as well as sexually," said Barron.

Today, American men are left with only two realistic methods of birth control: condoms and vasectomies. Both however, have drawbacks.

"For one thing, condoms aren't cheap, and a lot of guys dislike them because they decrease sensation and can spoil the mood," said Barron. "Vasectomies, on the other hand, would guarantee infertility, but I'm way to young for a vasectomy."

While the majority of the public may see this future development as a gift to American men, the creation of a male birth control pill may act as an even larger reward to women and the women's movement.

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Rice threatens Iran with U.N. sanctions

By Anne Geran
Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice warned Iran on Wednesday that it risks U.N. action if negotiations with Europe over its nuclear program don't progress.

Nearing the end of a fence-mending tour of European allies, Rice also said she encountered "a kind of coming together of common purpose" on another troubled front: Iraq. Several countries committed to help train Iraqi forces and participate in an upcoming NATO training mission.

"I heard devotion to helping more on the reconstruction side

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Longtime journalist dies at the age of 83

By Hannah Drake
Collegian Staff

Carroll Robbins, a former executive editor of the Union News, now known as The Republican of Springfield, passed away Sunday, Jan. 23 of prostate cancer and other illnesses. He was 83.

The late Carroll Robbins' love for the world grew from his love for literature, said his son Paul Robbins of Wilbraham. Robbins, who graduated in 1948 from the University of Massachusetts Amherst was a Daily Collegian editor while he pursued his English degree. He became a journalism connoisseur in the Springfield area, racking up more than half a century's worth of experience during his career.

"He was very proud to be involved with the Collegian," said Paul Robbins. "It really helped start his career."

As an editor for The Union-News, Carroll Robbins was especially helpful to young journalists. Both son Paul Robbins and daughter Carolyn Robbins-Chipkin, of Springfield, commented on their father's aptitude for teaching.

"He felt he could make an impression, give [young journalists] direction," Paul Robbins said.

"My dad had great respect and admiration for budding journalists," wrote Carolyn Robbins in a fax correspondence.

"He enjoyed sharing his love of the craft with young people. Despite his many promotions to various editing jobs at the old Daily News and his appointment as the first executive editor of the Union News, he firmly believed that the best job at the newspaper was being a reporter. He loved politics and was a student of municipal government," she said.

"He never accepted anything at face value. He was insistent that reporters give readers the background needed to understand the significance of a story," Carolyn Robbins wrote.

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Volunteer fair held at UMass

By Jessica Zolotorofe
Collegian Correspondent

From working with animals at a shelter, to raising money for cancer research, there are a wide array of ways to volunteer in the University of Massachusetts Amherst community.

A bi-annual community service fair was held yesterday by the University of Massachusetts Community Service Organization in the Student Union Ballroom. Over 55 non-profit organizations displayed methods of getting involved and helping their particular causes.

Organization members spoke about ways to get academic credits for community service projects, such as independent studies, community service learning courses and practicums, as well as ways to get other clubs and organizations involved in volunteer work.

Angela Tipton of the Dakin Animal Shelter in Leverett explained the flexibility of participating in community service.

"Depending on what kind of time you have, volunteering can be very flexible. Dakin is willing to accommodate you," Tipton said.

Tipton shared her experience as an intern last semester, explaining her service working with animals didn't take much effort.

"You can take anywhere from one to three credits. One credit is only thirty hours of work over the entire semester," Tipton said. "It makes me happy to place homeless animals and we have a spaying program for stray cats, which is very rewarding."

For the many students who feel their lives are too busy for community service, programs such as "Dinner On Us" offer ways to get involved with a minimal time commitment. Anaar Desai, a UMass student, was browsing booths at the fair and signed up for the program, which allows students interact with young children.

"I saw that it only takes eight hours of community service," Desai said. "I'm in a community health class and I need community service for a requirement. I also like working with young children, so that caught my attention."



Megan Brinster/Collegian

Students approach tables at the UMass Community Service Fair held yesterday in the Student Union Ballroom.

Some students feel that community service may cut into their social lives, but with fun activities such as participating in a bowl or ski-a-thon, running in the "Relay for Life" to raise money for cancer research, or helping make props or costumes for the Rainbow Players group, which is an open arms production group for developmentally disabled people, you can have fun while you give back to the community.

"The theater's really a way for people to come above their labels and disabilities and see that they have gifts," said Ezzell Floranina, of the Rainbow Players group.

The Rainbow group performed in Ireland last year and they have been invited back. The group is looking for people to help fundraise so they can return to Ireland this year.

Nicole Lohr, a volunteer for the American Cancer Society spoke about the "Relay for Life" and why she chose to get involved in this cause.

"In my personal life I've been affected by cancer as many people have, whether it be personally or a family member or friend," Lohr said. "I decided to get involved so I can make a change and bring this issue into the light for college students."

"This is my last semester and UMass offers so many great opportunities that I wanted to take advantage of while I was still here," said John Bruyere, a senior a UMass, "So I came to the fair to learn how to get involved in the community. Some of these programs are just unbelievable."

Bruyere said he was especially interested in "Project Sunshine" because as a premed student, he was drawn to the cause. Project Sunshine is a student-formed organization that brings students to children's hospitals to interact with the ill children; playing games with them, listening to music, or just talking.

Tracy Squires of the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Community Center for Youth was recruiting volunteers 23 to 25-years-old to tutor, advise, and work with gay, bi-sexual, lesbian, and transgender children ages 13 to 21.

"It is a great place," said Squires. "It's empowering that youths have power to make decisions as to the direction of the center."

If you would like more information about any of these organizations or other community projects, please contact the Office of Community Service Learning at (413)-545-2015, or by email at servelearn@acad.umass.edu.

Student group is looking for members

By Matt Hoffman
Collegian Correspondent

The University of Massachusetts chapter of the Massachusetts Students Public Interest Resource Group , a public interest research group dealing with public concerns across the state, will be having an informational meeting in an attempt to recruit students interested in the group's agenda, tonight at 7 p.m. in campus center room 168. However, if classes are canceled due to snow, the meeting will be rescheduled for Monday at the same time and place.

The meeting will allow those interested in becoming involved with MassPIRG to learn about opportunities available to them through the organization. Students will also be able to learn about the various issues that MassPIRG is researching and dealing with.

The issue that MassPIRG has been most focusing on lately is the "Energy Efficiency Campaign."

"We are wasting a ton of energy through the use of inefficient appliances," said Tim Austin, the campus organizer for MassPIRG.

In the past legislative year, a commonwealth-wide bill on the matter almost passed, as there was a majority for the proposed law in both the State House and Senate.

The Energy Efficiency Standards Bill would require that producers of a list of 17 appliances, such as emergency exit signs and street lights, adhere to a requirement for energy efficiency.

However, the Energy Committee, under pressure from special interest groups, and the leaders in the State House did not allow the bill to be voted on, according to Austin. Meanwhile, groups such as the coin-operated laundry industry complained about the higher cost of appliances that they would have to buy when their old appliances needed to be replaced.

Yet, MassPIRG says that calculating the cost-benefit of buying the more efficient appliances would take about one and a half years.

Austin said the purpose of MassPIRG's launch of their campaign this year is to increase the profile of the energy issue and put pressure on those in congress.

UMass physics professor Mark Tuminen points out the energy crisis of the 1970's to explain why he thinks this issue is of such importance.

"Petroleum production peaked in the U.S. back in the 1970's. Current data indicates that world petroleum production is most probably at a peak right now," Tuminen said. "Energy consumption in the U.S. far exceeds that of any other country in the world. Energy efficiency and conservation must become a priority as we move beyond the age of petroleum. It's both a matter of economics and survival."

According to Austin, the state of Massachusetts has poor air quality compared to many states. Due to this condition, asthma rates have soared in the commonwealth in the past 20 years.

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and, most importantly, to helping with the training of the security forces inside of Iraq, outside of Iraq, in the NATO training mission," the secretary said.

Rice said the United States had set no deadline on the Iran talks, but that they cannot go on forever. She added the Bush administration had not changed its view that the United Nations should step in to get tougher on Iran.

In Washington, President Bush said the Iranians needed to know that the free world was working together to send a clear message: don't develop a nuclear weapon.

"And the reason we're sending that message is because Iran with a nuclear weapon would be a very destabilizing force in the world," Bush said.

New type of male birth control

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"The women's movement is all about the freedom to choose, and I see the male birth control pill as one more option for everyone," said Breitta Jones, a UMass student.

For nearly 40 years, women who wanted to take birth control have been forced to deal with the side effects that come with taking the pill.

"Many people, men specifically, do not realize the medical risks and side effects that may occur in taking birth control. They are low in occurrence, but it is still a drug, and as such should be treated with the same respect," said Jones. "Women who take it are not just taking reproductive responsibility, they are also taking on all the medical risks associated with the drug such as nausea, blood clots, and high blood pressure."

There is also some concern of how a male birth control pill would be received in today's political climate. As of today, the Federal Drug Association has legislation pending that would give pharmacists the ability to refuse filling a woman birth control prescriptions if it violates his or her moral standards.

Amanda Collings, Community Health and Patient Educator in University Health Services at UMass, feels that a form of male birth control is long overdue.

"We can put a man on the moon, and yet we have such a limited amount of options when it comes to controlling our fertility. It's amazing to me that we don't have better methods of contraception available when you consider how much money is poured into the pharmaceutical industry."

Arlene Avakian, director of the Women's Studies program at UMass, is uncertain just how much success a male birth control pill will have in the American public and whether or not men can be trusted to take the pill habitually.

"I think it's terrific, that men would have to take responsibility for birth control. And also, taking some burden of the risk, because all of this is risky," said Avakian. "But on the other hand, I wonder whether women can trust that men will really take the pill. Men aren't the ones who will become pregnant. They are not the ones, necessarily, who will have to suffer the consequences, or the joys of pregnancy."

"Until you have more of a egalitarian relationship between women and men structurally, that will always be the question," said Avakian. "But I think in a long term relationship, where there was a lot of trust and egalitarianism you could trust this, but if it were me, I'm not sure that I would trust it."

Alicia Desjardians, a UMass student, agrees that while some men may forget to take the pill, it isn't going to effect her opinion on male birth control.

"If the guy is really serious about the pill, then he should take the responsibility to remember to take it," said Desjardians. "Even girls forget once in a while, and it is expected that guys will too, but I still support this."

In between the entire debate, Breitta Jones is still able to give her ultimate summary of what she feels is the reward of this new development, the reward of another choice.

"Birth control is all about choice, and the more choices the better. With the addition of a male counterpart to female birth control there will be a level playing field, and whether men or their partners choose to take advantage of it, at least they will have the option.

Locally known journalist dies

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Within Carroll Robbins's first six months as the executive editor of the Union-News, according to Carolyn Robbins he had the large task of merging the afternoon and the daily newspaper into a single publication.

"In his work life he demonstrated curiosity, persistence, determination — some might say stubbornness — in trying to get to the truth. He approached his job with a sense of idealism — a belief that the newspaper can make a difference in improving the life of citizens in a community. He was a model of courage and was a source of inspiration to us all," she wrote.

"People knew him as a journalist, we knew him as an adventurer," Paul Robbins said.

"He loved traveling and drinking in new experiences of the world. He really had the mind of a 20-year-old. He started painting when he retired, went to Australia with me, Italy with my sister, and visited the Panama Canal by himself," he added.

A veteran of World War II, serving in the Philippines, Carroll Robbins graduated from UMass under the G.I. Bill. In addition to working for the Collegian, Robbins was active in UMass's literary magazine. Daughter Carolyn Robbins wrote that he spoke fondly of his days at the Collegian, and followed the football and basketball teams until he died.

Robbins spent more than 50 years as a political writer, columnist, and editor in the Springfield area. He served as president of the New England Society of Newspaper Editors and was president of the Valley Press Club.

At his funeral, which was held on Wednesday, January 26, Paul Robbins gave the eulogy. According to The Republican, prior to his death Robbins asked his father what he believed was the meaning of life.

Reportedly, without blinking, his father answered, "to have fun." He is survived by wife Jean Vivian, four children, Christine Robbins-Hamilton, Jo Anne O'Neil, Paul J. Robbins, and Carolyn Robbins-Chipkin—who currently writes editorial columns for The Republican—and ten grandchildren.

His first wife, Rose B. Robbins, died in 2001.

Students face tuition increase

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ing and renovating the buildings on campus, and "rebuilding the faculty." Blaguszewski said that last year's disturbances in the Southwest Residential Area did not affect any of the increases.

Wilson told the Associated Press that the University will try to give more financial aid to students who have trouble keeping up with the growing costs.

"We're investing the funds in improving the quality of education," he said, adding that the state does not give the University as much money as it needs.

In 1996, the average fees for an in-state undergraduate student was $4,919, but decreased in 2001 to $4,681. After the 2001 year, fees started rising, including a $2,491 hike from 2003 to 2004.

UMass Amherst out-of-state undergraduate students will receive the highest increase, a rise in $864. Out-of-state graduate student fees will be increased by $853.

More church sex abuse cases pending

By Denise Lavoie
Associated Press

BOSTON — Despite the conviction of defrocked priest Paul Shanley on child molestation charges, the sex abuse scandal in the Roman Catholic Church is far from over, with dozens of civil lawsuits pending in the Boston Archdiocese alone.

There is only one known upcoming criminal case against a priest in the Boston Archdiocese, but there are more than 100 civil lawsuits accusing church officials of sexually abusing children. In California, there are more than 800 civil cases.

"I firmly believe there are victims from the '90s who we have not yet heard from," said Phil Saviano, who founded the New England chapter of Survivors [illegible] those Abused by [illegible] were [illegible] then when [illegible] they

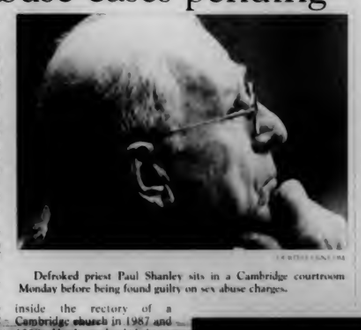
had free rein and could act without consequences."

Shanley, 74, was one of the most notorious priests in the scandal. He was convicted Monday of repeatedly raping and fondling a boy at a parish outside Boston in the 1980s.

He was one of fewer than a dozen priests who have been prosecuted in the Boston area. Most priests accused of wrongdoing escaped prosecution because the statute of limitations ran out long ago. But Shanley had moved out of state, stopping the clock.

Another central figure in the scandal, defrocked priest John Geoghan, was convicted of groping a 10-year-old boy. Geoghan was beaten and strangled in prison in 2003.

The Rev. Paul Hurley is awaiting trial after being charged in 2003 with repeatedly [illegible] by raping a teenage boy for sex inside the rectory of a Cambridge church in 1987 and 1988. He has pleaded innocent.


Matthew Cavanaugh/AP

Defrocked priest Paul Shanley sits in a Cambridge courtroom Monday before being found guilty on sex abuse charges.

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I totally disagree with," he said. "Hopefully sometime this month we will know the fate [of the textbook rental system.]"

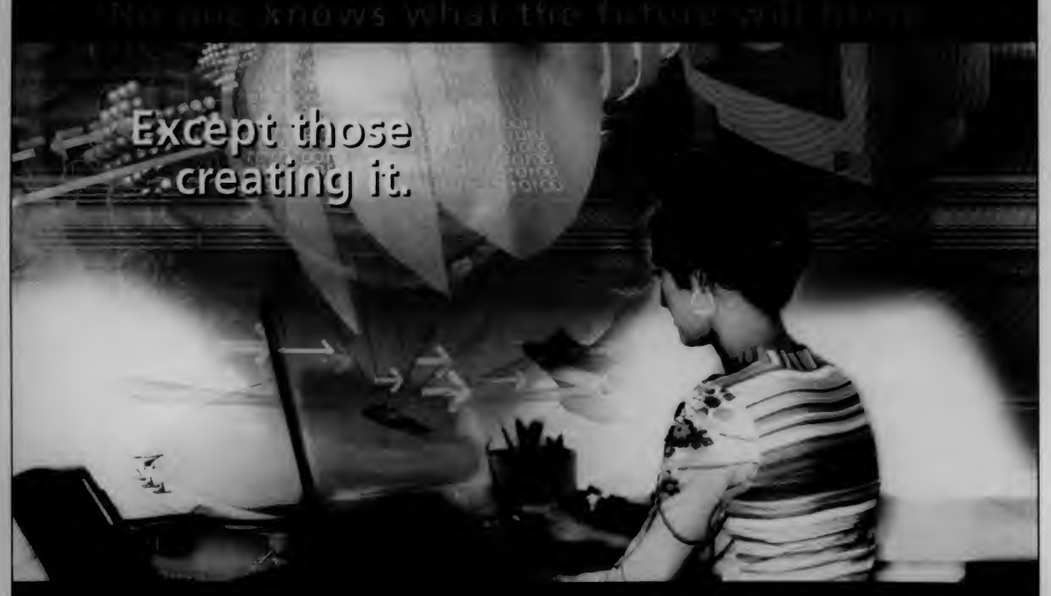
Senator members voted on several important items including electing a Chancellor of Elections and Election Commissioners. The duty of the Chancellor is to oversee the presidential elections that will be held this upcoming April, and the Elections Commissioners will man the voting places.

Ambreen Rafiq was appointed to the Chancellor position, and Dhruv K. Bhasin, Hemshankar Sanlal, Caitlin Burbidge and Albert Dennis were appointed to be elections commissioners.

Governor Talardeau of Southwest also announced last night the plans for Southwest Week, which will be running the first week of May. The finalized plans include an outdoor carnival, an open-mic night, the annual Battle of the Bands contest and a band that will play on the horseshoe that has yet to be determined.

Plans also include proactive contests and games including a safe sex campaign and "Hoops against Hate," where students will participate in a three-on-three basketball tournament with their pledge to be committed to spreading social justices. Each player will receive a ribbon that will decorate the basketball court fence.

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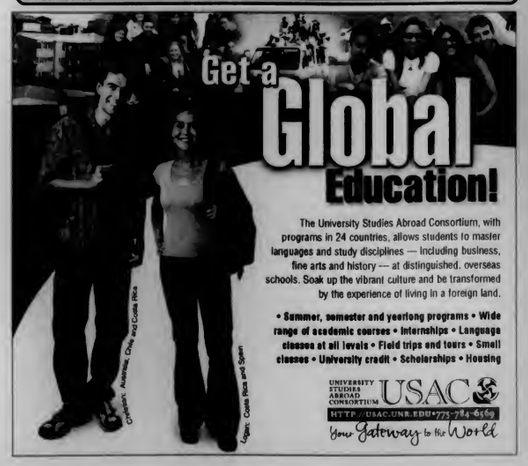
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Wal-Mart closing Canadian store after union dispute

By Adam Geller
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said Wednesday it will close a Canadian store whose workers are on the verge of becoming the first ever to win a union contract from the world's biggest retailer.

Wal-Mart said it was shuttering the store in Jonquiere, Quebec, in response to unreasonable demands from union negotiators, that would make it impossible for the store to sustain its business. The United Food & Commercial Workers Canada last week asked Quebec labor officials to appoint a mediator, saying that negotiations had reached an impasse.

"We were hoping it wouldn't come to this," said Andrew Pelletier, a spokesman for Wal-Mart Canada. "Despite nine days of meetings over three months, we've been unable to reach an agreement with the union that in our view will allow the store to operate efficiently and profitably."

Pelletier said the store will close in May. The retailer had first discussed closing the Jonquiere store last October, saying that the store was losing money.

A spokesman for the UFCW said Wednesday the union had not yet seen the retailer's statement, and that leaders were traveling and not immediately available for comment.

Some employees at the store said they believed the store was closing because of their agreement to join the union and several cried as they left the store. They told Radio-Canada TV that an announcement had been made and they were not allowed to ask questions.

The store in Jonquiere, about 240 miles northeast of Montreal, became the first unionized Wal-Mart store in North America last September, after the bargaining unit was certified by provincial labor officials. Since then, workers at a second Quebec store have also been granted union status. Neither had reached a contract.

The union efforts at both stores are part of a larger chess game labor organizers are waging with Wal-Mart at stores across Canada. The campaign, financed by UFCW money from both Canada and the United States, is also geared to captured the attention of workers in Wal-Mart's home country.

The closest a U.S. union has ever come to winning a battle with Wal-Mart was in 2000, at a store in Jacksonville, Texas. In that store, 11 workers, all members of the store's meatpacking department, voted to join and be represented by the UFCW.

Drive for members

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Besides the environmental benefit, MassPIRG believes that this energy conservation would save the state $1 billion over the next 15 years.

Constituents around the country are attempting to pass legislation through state legislatures, rather than in the national congress, because the current legislative body has had a bad record on the environment, according to the coordinator of the energy campaign, Alyza Weiner.

"The current congress and administration has the worst record on environmental policies ever," Weiner said. "It is highly unlikely that the current congress will pass any positive environmental legislation."

Weiner stated that it is unfair that the special interest group's concerns are met, while "the health of citizens all over Massachusetts are overlooked."

Bush plans to expand school testing

By Ben Feller
Associated Press



COURTESY LONGVIEW

President Bush gives a speech to international leaders in November. His new education plan is facing a fight in Congress.

WASHINGTON — President Bush's plan to expand high school testing is facing a fight from some of the same leaders in Congress who pushed through his first-term school agenda.

Bush wants Congress to require yearly reading and math tests in grades nine through 11, extending a greater federal role in education. The No Child Left Behind law Bush championed requires tests yearly in grades three to eight, and once during high school.

Congressional education leaders are wary, if not opposed, to the way Bush wants to change high school, as outlined in his new budget proposal. He wants to spend $1.2 billion on high school "interventions," for example, but erase about as much from vocational education.

That trade-off drew resistance from Rep. Mike Castle, chairman of the House Education and the Workforce's subcommittee on education reform. "It does not look likely" that Bush's testing plan will go forward in Congress, said Castle, R-Del.

"Personally, I believe in it. I think everybody would like to see us do more at the high school level, but there may be certain members of Congress who don't think Congress should be involved," Castle said at an education forum. "I can't give its chances as being very high at this time, but I've seen stranger things happen. So hopefully something can be worked out."

Rep. John Boehner, chairman of the full committee and a stalwart defender of the No Child Left Behind law, has been noticeably noncommittal about Bush's idea. Boehner, R-Ohio, praised Bush for a proposal that he said would "spark a healthy debate" in Congress.

Much of the lobbying effort will fall to new Education Secretary Margaret Spellings, a White House veteran who has good relations with lawmakers of both parties. She wants to build national momentum, drawing particularly on support from governors, for the president's effort.

"As with all major policy initiatives, there will be negotiations with the legislative branch," Spellings said. "We look forward to working with Chairman Castle, as well as all the other members of the House and Senate. ... This is the beginning of the process."

Castle, a moderate, said many conservative members of his party oppose the proposed testing expansions as an intrusion on local school control.

The No Child Left Behind law requires schools to show yearly progress among all major groups of students, with the goal of getting all children up to grade level in reading and math.

U.S. dissatisfied with U.N. agency

By George Jahn
Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — The United States is lobbying allies in a bid to oust the head of the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency, perhaps as early as the end of the month, diplomats and officials told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Anticipating that present European diplomatic efforts on Iran will fail, the diplomats and officials also told AP that Washington plans to increase pressure on Tehran over its nuclear program when the International Atomic Energy Agency meets Feb. 28.

In Tehran, Iranian President Mohammad Khatami told foreign diplomats that no Iranian government would ever abandon the progress the country has made in developing peaceful nuclear technology.

Washington, which accuses Iran of making nuclear weapons and wants it brought before the U.N. Security Council for possible sanctions, considers IAEA head Mohammed ElBaradei too soft on the Tehran leadership.

No U.S. comment was available on Washington's strategy for the upcoming IAEA board of governors meeting.

But several diplomats and government officials from IAEA member countries dismissed recent reports that the United States had given up attempts to unseat ElBaradei because of lack of support from other countries.

They've been lobbying, and close friends have given them a good reception," said one of the officials familiar with the issue, who, like the others, spoke on condition of anonymity.

Iraqi officials must recount 300 ballots

By Robert H. Reid
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqi officials said Wednesday they must recount votes from about 300 ballot boxes because of various discrepancies, delaying final results from the landmark national elections. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of other ballots were declared invalid because of alleged tampering.

Post-election violence mounted, raising fears that the Jan. 30 balloting had done little to ease the country's grave security crisis.

An American soldier was killed Wednesday and another wounded in an ambush north of the capital, the U.S. military said. Two other American soldiers died earlier in the week, the command said Wednesday.

Gunmen ambushed a convoy of Kurdish party officials in Baghdad, killing one and wounding four. And in the southern city of Basra, gunmen killed an Iraqi journalist working for a U.S.-funded TV station and his 3-year-old son as they left their home.

Officials had promised final results from the elections by Thursday, the end of the Iraqi work week. On Wednesday, however, election commission spokesman Farid Ayar said the deadline would not be met because of the recount.

"We don't know when this will finish," he said. "This will lead to a little postponement in announcing the results."

No partial tallies have been released since Monday in the contests for the 275-member National Assembly, 18 provincial councils and a regional parliament for the Kurdish self-governing region in the north.

The most recent figures showed a coalition of Kurdish parties in second place behind a Shiite-dominated ticket endorsed by Iraq's most revered Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani. The ticket of interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, a secular Shiite, was a distant third.

Allegations of voting irregularities, especially around the tense northern city of Mosul, have complicated the count. Some leading Sunni Arab and Christian politicians alleged that thousands of their supporters were denied the right to vote.

Election officials blamed the problems in the Mosul area on security, which prevented fewer than a third of the planned 330 polling centers from opening. Gunmen seized some ballot boxes, officials said.

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it" -Voltaire

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In search of the right group

Kenny Mulligan

What a wonderful age this is! No longer do we need to think, and consider our own personal beliefs for ourselves. Others have taken that liberty, and developed some very well-customized systems of political and economical ideologies, and laid them out in a convenient menu. Do you want to be a republican? A democrat? A reformist? A roofer? The only limit is yourself.

Of course, like picking out an item from any menu, there is the chance of thinking too hastily, and ending up with a club sandwich, when you realize you would have been so much happier with a bacon cheeseburger. You're probably wondering what I'm getting at here.

I am a journalism student at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and I do not have a specific subscription to any system of views and/or opinions. I'm not a liberal, conservative, libertarian, or a reformist, nor am I any other kind of anemic sissy-boy hippy, which makes me fit in about as much as a conservative would on this campus.

I need some kind of group to give me a series of views and ethics, so that when I am informed of a newly revealed hot topic in the media, I will then know what kind of reaction I am allowed to have. If I can manage to continue writing opinionated editorials for the Collegian, I may someday become a talking head political analyst and attain a level of greatness on par with the greatest human being ever: Bill O'Reilly. Hell, I'd even settle for the Sean Hannity.

But which group should I choose? I think I should find a group that will allow me a large enough number of people to hate, even when I'm not even sure what those particular people believe in.

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"No, I suppose I don't know what a liberal is. All's I know is that hate them," says almost every conservative I've ever met. In all fairness, the words "conservative" and "liberal" can be interchanged and that sentence is still true.

I would like to find a group in which I am amongst people who feel oppressed in some way. This would help me stay nice and angry, which would make me look much more informed, and in the end, I'd have something to do. Then again, I was born with the unfortunate handicap of being a white male in middle-class suburbia.

Perhaps I could be some type of hardcore activist. I've heard great things about these digital revolutionaries known as "hacktivists." It's all futuristic and stuff, like that movie "Johnny Mnemonic." I can become part of a revolution against big businesses by utilizing technology that was probably developed by them in the first place.

I want to be part of a group that acknowledges that we, as middle-class Americans, do not live in the real world. I want a group that stresses the idea that we live in a gated community shut off from the rest of the world's problems, thus making our land the not real world. I find something intriguing about the mentality that the reality of a place is defined by how much it sucks to live there. The more dead bodies there are, the more real the place is.

Whenever I find myself entering a heated and heavy-handed political debate with an individual of limited understanding outside of his or her own political affiliation, my main platform will be the act of pulling a large, blunt, metal object from my pocket and bashing it across my own head, thus knocking myself completely unconscious.

And when people ask me about what revolution I'm fighting for, I'll say, "I'm fighting to revolutionize all over your face!" Then I'll laugh oafishly and accept the many high fives that would be offered to me by people standing nearby.

There are so many different groups from which I may choose, even if most of them have the same opinions. If I decide I want to go with a liberal group, I'll have to be a pot-smoking hippy who hates God and loves killing babies. If I decide I want to go conservative, I'll have to be a heartless big business supporter, who wants to eradicate all minorities by further broadening the already staggering social gap. If I decide I want to go reformist, then I'll just be wasting my life. And if I decide to go roofer, I'll have to work outside in situations of extreme hot or cold, and also run the risk of falling off the roof and hurting myself.

This has me greatly vexed. How will I ever come up with personal opinions without the owner's manual that comes with every political label? Perhaps the "Kenny rocks uber hard" coalition will receive sufficient enough funding without me having to allow membership to anyone else. It's unlikely though.

Oh well, I guess I'll just take the easy way out and become an engineering major.

Kenny Mulligan is a UMass Student.

Facing the true moral issue

Aaron Wodin-Schwartz

With all the recent touting of moral values in this country, it seems that we have missed the boat. It is ironic that the Bush Administration should be elected upon precisely this foundation, when it presents what is probably the most narrowly defined conception of moral values this side of Riyadh. Yet for some reason, the majority of the U.S. electorate has been led to believe that any moral value outside of opposition to abortion, gay marriage, and stem cell research is negligible. Ironic indeed, since these issues are little more than bourgeois quarrels compared to the true crimes against humanity that remained unreferenced once again by the most important political event in the world.

I speak here mainly of the scourge that is poverty and the insurmountable need for its immediate elimination. On Saturday, the seven wealthiest nations on the planet formally agreed, for the first time, to pursue a 100percent write-off in the $70 billion debt which poor nations owe to big institutions like the World Bank. With Great Britain leading the way, the G7 believes that relieving states of significant portions of their foreign debt will allow them to pursue social and infrastructural projects that directly benefit the population and help ease the sting of poverty.

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In an equally ambitious move, Great Britain also proposed plans over the weekend to raise an extra $50 billion a year in aid to lift African nations in particular out of poverty. They are expected to present a formal plan in July when the heads of state of the G7 countries meet along with Vladimir Putin of Russia in Scotland. The British hosts want the meeting to endorse a plan to relieve African poverty with the same broad sweep and effectiveness as the Marshall Plan after World War II.

The future of both initiatives will undoubtedly depend upon mutual will on both sides of the Atlantic and a certain level of altruistic economic cooperation. Unfortunately for the world, the fate of this much needed and long overdue program requires the consent of George W. Bush and his backwards cronies at the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue.

In a poor omen for the plan's future, the United States Treasury Undersecretary John Taylor paid lip service to the idea, offering that the Bush Administration has long supported a 100percent write-off, but rejecting out-of-hand all three proposals for doing so without providing a single concrete reason.

Implying that our government once again lacks the political will, he further noted that U.S. proposals for total and immediate cancellation of poor countries' multilateral debt had not won unanimous approval here and that unspecified domestic law would not allow Bush to take part in the most popular of the British funding schemes.

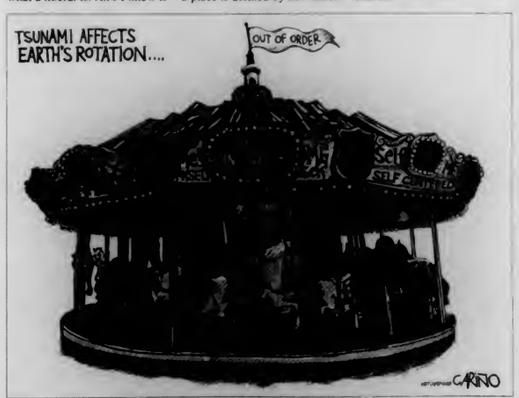
The track record of the Democratic Party may be little better in terms of debt-relief initiatives, but it would probably fare better in following the British leadership. In what may prove to be a reflection of the growing world sentiment, former vice-presidential candidate John Edwards told Democrats in New Hampshire on Saturday that poverty is "one of the great moral issues of our time," and pledged to fight it here in the US. While his comparison of the task to that of landing on the moon, conquering polio, or inventing the microchip reveals that his words are of largely rhetorical value, they nevertheless demonstrate the political will that Washington lacks at this crucial moment and reflect the spirit of the G7 proposals.

Such talk is not limited to high-profile democrats; religious organizations around the country are also peeved about the mobilization of morality for Bush's own political ends, and are banding together to work for the elimination of world poverty. The National Council of Churches, an association of liberal denominations that represents more than 100,000 congregations, sponsored an international summit on the annihilation of global poverty last week, in which they were joined by enthusiastic Catholic and Evangelical groups.

More and more Christian seminaries and universities are making organized urban help and reduction of poverty abroad a priority, and they should be commended for this. Dr. David Frenchak, president of the Seminary Consortium for Urban Pastoral Education, notes that if we were to cut out of one Bible all of the verses that address poverty and out of another every verse about abortion and gay marriage, the former Bible would be in tatters while the latter would remain largely intact. Not only that, but the strong statistical correlation between poverty and abortion rates suggest that by addressing one we would no longer have much of a problem with the other.

The point is that we should laugh when the ultra-right in Washington lectures us on the supposed moral values of our country and when false television pundits corroborate such an incomplete view of morality. We must realize that poverty is the ultimate pro-life issue, and instead of defending the illusion we have now, we should work towards a just and moral society.

Aaron Wodin-Schwartz is a Collegian columnist.



To the Student Government

Ben Feder

Dear SGA,

It is my opinion that your organization is useless. Maybe useless is too strong a word. How about naive? The reason I say this is not to offend, but because I'm honest and I think you have a right to know.

Simply put, I have been on this campus for five years as an undergrad, and every year I watch as the SGA slips further into the disingenuous black hole. Instead of serving the campus as you once did, you spend your time bickering and shifting blame as your leadership adds to the barrier they have built between them and the administration.

Guess who is suffering? Us, the campus, the student body that sincerely, desperately, and hopefully requests your assistance and wants to know exactly what your function here is. We simply don't know. And you seem to not want to give us answers. That is what has brought this letter on. Maybe it was the power you now have, with 1.9 million dollars at your disposal? Maybe it was that adrenaline rush you received when you told the Vice Chancellor you're cutting him out of your plans.

Either way, SGA doesn't look that impressive on a resume. You're like a negligent father who hasn't paid any child support. Well guess what? It's time you paid the piper.

But all is not lost. It's a new semester and you can change. You can put aside your differences with the administration, or ALANA, or Higgins or whomever you're angry at this week. So with that being said, allow me the chance to voice my suggestions. Take them or leave them, just please do something different.

I think it would nice if you published your agenda. Maybe at the end of every month you could add an insert in the Collegian detailing everything you did to benefit the campus, the students, and our general way of life. Keep us updated on events that are affecting you. You could list where you are allocating your funds. In all fairness, it's only proper we see where the money is going and to whom. I'm sure the organizations you support would love to know how they are being funded in the grand scheme of things. If you open up to us, we'll open up to you.

Stop fighting with the Administration and work with them. If Bustamante hates Gargano, that's fine. But that doesn't mean that anyone else in the SGA can't go to his office.

Stop fighting with the administration and work with them. If Eddie hates Gargano, that's fine. But that doesn't mean that anyone else in the SGA can't go to his office.

Gargano, that's fine, but that doesn't mean that anyone else in the SGA can't go to his office. Believe it or not, he does keep his door open. I know that your higher-ups keep you down by saying he never responds to their e-mails or didn't return their phone calls. I wonder how many of those e-mails and phone calls are real? Instead, go to his office and talk with him. Voice your concerns. I've walked in there many a time and he has clarified all my questions. Surprise, surprise.

That's what that whole Picketing Code revision is all about. You can still civilly demonstrate and go into the Chancellor's and Vice Chancellor's offices and talk. If you think he revised the code poorly and ambiguously, help him rewrite it so it's clarified and reasonable. You don't even have to agree with them if you don't want to. Demonstrating means getting your voice heard, not storming a building, slamming everything, scaring the secretaries, and getting me shut out of the Financial Aid office because they don't want your rally spilling into their office. They're locking us out because of your squabbling.

I was talking with my SGA buddy about this and I recommended that he go to Gargano's office, and he didn't even know where it was. That shocks me and shows the miscommunication that you seem to thrive upon. If you're going to vote "no confidence" on someone, at least know where he or she works. So I will even offer my help. Come to the info desk on the concourse and I'll point out Whitmore and anywhere else you care to go.

Let me ask you another question. Can you or anyone else even name Gargano's predecessor? Does anyone know what he or she did for the students? I sure can't. If you can, write the response in the margin of this column, bring it to the Collegian and I'll pick it up and offer you a formal apology and demonstrate my disbelief because you must have supernatural powers.

The truth is, is this campus is changing. For the better or worse, I really couldn't tell you, but from the way the SGA, administration, and student bodies are working together now, it's not good enough. It's not going to work and it'll send this campus to its ruin.

So I implore you, as a humble student in this collective mass of voices, to branch out, and reconnect with us. We miss you. Stop the finger pointing. Stop the criticism. Stop the endless controversies. Put the past behind you and look forward, because that's where we are waiting for you.

Ben Feder is a Collegian columnist.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MUNAYYER'S ANALYSIS QUESTIONABLE

In response to Yousef Munayyer's "Israel's Culture of Racism," I would like to begin by briefly explaining my background and political orientation. My father was born in Ireland, and my mother is Jewish. I consider myself a centrist. No matter what the issue may be I try to analyze all the facts and come to a balanced decision. I try not to let my emotions bias my thoughts and assumptions.

Now, it seems to me that when I read an article about the Israeli/Palestinian problem, the discussion is completely driven by emotion. Instead of this, we should try to have a meaningful discussion about the issues and consider possible solutions. When I open up the Collegian and see an editorial entitled, "Israel's culture of racism," I know that I will be reading a highly emotional piece that has some truths, but is harshly biased by strong emotions. Please, let's stop talking as if all Palestinians are terrorists, and all Israelis are land-grabbing settlers. Life is so much more complicated than that. We must recognize that both sides have their religious extremists, and both sides have their faults.

Instead of yelling about the past, we must look to the future. I welcome articles that talk about a return to the 1967 borders. I welcome talk about two states living side by side in peace. However, I do not welcome talk that seeks to label all Israelis (by which I mean Jews) as bloodthirsty racists. This simply is not the truth.

Palestinians have the right to protest, but I think it's about time to make this protest non-violent. By doing this they will prove to Israel and the rest of the world they can accept the existence of a Jewish nation-state. If, after converting the struggle to the non-violent sphere, Israel continues with its policies, the Palestinians will only gain leverage from the United States and the international community.

As we have read many times, there are basically four possible scenarios which can result from this conflict. One: two states living in peace, side by side. Two: a bi-national state. Three: only Israel, all Arabs deported. Four: only Palestine, all Jews deported.

I hope we can all agree that options three and four are unacceptable. If we do, then the discussion is centered on one and two. I think we can also agree that two is unacceptable to Israel, as this would automatically make Jews the minority. So the only possible or acceptable solution is option is number one. Let us have an open discussion about how this goal can be reached. Let us not be overwhelmed by our emotions. If we cannot do this, it means the extremists on both sides have won and the world will not know peace.

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Eve questions her friends commitment

My favorite hair stylist and I always end up discussing the men in our lives. This is nothing new, however, yesterday, her story seemed slightly more devastating than usual.

"My husband and I separated recently," she said matter-of-factly. "It's for the best. I wouldn't have been happy growing old with him."

I watched her as she cut the years of damage and devastation off my non-virgin locks. I tried to show compassion, but I was secretly happy for her.

She is my age, extremely talented, and absolutely gorgeous. In other words, she is too young and has too much potential to have settled into marriage. As I listened to her speak of unhappy circumstances and the pains of commitment, I couldn't help but think "Is anyone really happy with their partner?"

My closest childhood girlfriend has finally succumbed to a committed relationship. Under any other circumstance, I would find this information upsetting, but she has spent enough time being single for her decision to be justified. This might seem harsh, but I disapprove of my friends falling into relationships that are less than they expect, or even worse, because they are lonely.

Apparently she really loves this guy, and she is happy most of the time. That is all I would ever want for her, but there is always a "but." One day she loves him, the next day she questions love. Sometimes she is content, and other times she forgets about her satisfaction. So I can't help but wonder "If this guy was good for her, shouldn't she be slightly more stable with her feelings?"

I noticed this indecisiveness among my girlfriends is more common than not. I have yet to understand why they must settle for a guy who leaves them with one part satisfaction and one part disappointment.

My other close girlfriend shares similar annoyances and uncertainties. For approximately three years she has come to me with questions.

"Why do all of my relationships always turn out this way? Do you think I choose the wrong guys?" She looks at me, expecting I have the answer. All I can say is, "I can't believe you lasted this long."

Even though she has always listened intently to the advice I dispense, her actions are always slightly delayed upon hearing it. She meets a man. She falls in love. She falls out of love, and something is always wrong with him. She, hopeful and optimistic, hangs on for dear life until the great realization is softly spoken in my direction. She sighs, shakes her head, shrugs, and admits. "I have settled. He is not the one. You were right."

Is this supposed to make me feel better? Probably not, but at least she realized the relationship would not work if there were too many question marks.

As for me, I am just as guilty. I can't remember the last time a guy left me feeling satisfied. Is it because I demand a lot? Or is it because I don't demand enough? Maybe I too choose the wrong guys for fulfilling my needs. Is that why I refuse to commit?

I still don't know, but I am haunted by a need for an answer. I have too much experience, too many choices, and not one guy to show for it. When the numbers were small and I was young, a relationship was simple. It was a positive idea, and a wonderful occurrence. My expectations were low, I didn't know enough to want more, and I was happy with who I loved.

Maybe it is better to marry young. Maybe experience makes everything messier. If this is true, then why is my hairdresser divorced at age twenty-two? It is possible that there aren't any answers. It is also possible that there aren't any reasons. Maybe everyone settles in the end. Should we all just accept this possibility or should we keep searching? When did love get so complicated?

Eve is a Collegian columnist.

Pull out the needles and yarn balls, boys

Knitting has become a newly masculine pastime

By Lisa Black
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — As he walked into his first "For Boys Only" knitting class, Will Conrad joked about showing his feminine side, but within minutes the Northbrook, Ill., teenager was intently watching how to "cast on," or loop the yarn onto the needle.

They are guys, they knit and they defy ridicule.

"It's just knitting. It's not like I've killed someone," said Conrad, 15, a swim team member who doesn't care what classmates think. "It's the new fad."

The craft has enjoyed a soaring resurgence over the last few years, and not just among a younger generation of women. Boys increasingly are knitting, from an Evanston, Ill., fourth grader working on a scarf for himself, to a college student in Oak Park, Ill., who skillfully knits toy-like stuffed monsters, to raw beginners like Conrad.

Long typecast as the afternoon pastime of elderly women, knitting has become hip as celebrities such as Russell Crowe and Laurence Fishburne go public with their hobby. Knitting clubs for girls and boys have cropped up in schools across the nation. And new books and shows such as DIY Network's hit "Knitty Gritty" have made it cool to knit guy-friendly items such as guitar straps and iPod covers.

Although women still outnumber men in yarn store aisles, and no one can be sure how many boys knit, professionals say more boys are going public with their needles and balls of yarn.

"I have heard several boys say it's a wonderful chick magnet," said Mary Colucci, executive director of the Craft Yarn Council of America, based in Gastonia, N.C. "I've heard teachers say that the boys are more challenged by some of the intricate patterns."

But unless they have the size and stature of, say, ex-football pro Rosie Grier, a confirmed knitter, it could be awkward for some guys to announce their new passion to friends.

"In the beginning you don't want to tell people," said Louis Levin, 9, a fourth grader from Northbrook. "I've had it happen once where someone said, 'Oh, only girls do that.'"

Still, he said, "it makes me feel good I'm standing out in the crowd."

On a recent Saturday at the Three Bags Full store in Northbrook, Corey Gilbert, 15, is the instructor for the "Boys Only" class. Already a knitting veteran, the high school sophomore helped Conrad and two other boys get started, showing them how to wrap the yarn around the needle and make those first crucial stitches.

One of them, Louis, arrived with some patterns to choose from and a scarf he had already started. He is knitting a teddy bear for his teacher's baby, due in March.

Like the other young knitters, Louis is proud that he can give his finished product to people as gifts.

Nearby, tubs of supplies with labels such as "Yorkshire Tweed Chunky" and "Biggy Print" hinted at the many possibilities that loom.

Jim Flanagin, 11, of Northbrook stopped working his needles long enough to make a phone call.

"I'm knitting your hat right now," he told a friend on the line. "Do you have your measurements?"

Gilbert's mother, storeowner Lynette Swanson, whispered to him that he could use his own head size for comparison.

Then she reminded Conrad to breathe, much like an aerobics instructor might tell her class, as the teenager sat, frozen, afraid that he had made a mistake.

"Oooooh," Conrad groaned. "How do those old women work so fast?"

In Evanston, a similar scene unraveled recently at an elementary school library, where 15 pupils showed up for the knitting club's first meeting of the school year. Among them were five boys, including

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Young men all over the country have caught on to the new fad of knitting. Though typically thought of as a female craft, the boys assure that the hobby is definitely gender neutral.

Forget costly gym memberships, salsa is the new Nordic Track

By Cleora Hughes
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS — With apologies to the Postman's Creed, neither rain, nor snow, nor recent single-digit temperatures will keep hard-core salsa dancers from making a weekly trek to their favorite clubs.

There, in the midst of writhing bodies, clouds of smoke and pounding rhythms, partners schooled in various Latin dances show off their expertise and one-upsmanship before an appreciative crowd.

And we're speaking of the real thing here, where couples actually touch each other and get up close and personal. And therein lies its appeal. Small wonder that salsa, merengue, bachata and cha-cha are being touted as great forms of exercise, especially for women who have forsaken gyms, sweat suits and sneakers for tight jeans, bustiers and stiletto heels.

Just about anybody can learn most of these dances, but salsa, with its intricacies and variations in steps, takes weeks, months, even years to perfect. The current rage, it contains eight beats. You dance to six and the other two are pauses, all on the ball of the foot.

"This is a male-initiated dance, because he is the one directing the turn patterns," explained St. Louis-area instructor Carmen Guynn, who has shed 40 pounds over the past few years. "I like to think of the man as the matador and the female as his cape. The dancers are a mirror of each other. The lady steps back on her right as the man steps forward on his left. It's necessary to keep the same distance between the leader and the follower to maintain a fluidity of moment.

"The second thing you learn is how to turn right for the lady and left for the man," she continued. "From there, it's a left turn for the lady and a right turn for the man."

These are the basic steps, and they sound simple enough while you are learning, but when the steps are set to live band music, everything goes haywire. That is why the dance floor is not conducive to getting the hang of it all.

In their studios, instructors can slow down or speed up recorded music, allowing students to pick up the steps at the rate best for them.

"It is such an intense dance, full of such passion and emotion that it makes you want to move whether you are a dance person or not," said Guynn. "The strongest dancers can carry on for five minutes or more, but it takes time to work up to that speed. Basic steps and turn patterns are mastered in about six weeks, but it takes six months to do the fancy stuff and to understand the music. I've been dancing salsa for eight years, and I'm still learning."

The men especially love to turn their partners at a dizzying rate. That is where "spotting" comes in.

When you are being turned, it's important to focus somewhere on your partner's face or neck. The female half of the couple must make sure that when she turns around, she is looking in exactly the same spot when she faces her male partner again. This will eliminate the dizziness that is inherent in the many turns and twists of the dance.

Another instructor, Kelly Barrett Brown, sees salsa as a magical triangle between you, your partner and the music.

"If these connections are given their due," he said, "something incredible, which is probably best called synergy, arises. It's nothing less than a life force, and demands expression of the self. Too often, the triangle is thrown out of whack by self-consciousness, a timidness or an over-reserve to the dance. This kind of self-regard damages the connection with either the partner, the music, or both.

"My belief is that dance is about joy and that an energetic, creative peace comes from listening, touch and physical expression. It changes lives."

Those who teach this dance say they have found their students eager to learn, showing up faithfully week after week to count from 1 to 8 out loud until the experience becomes part of their being. They also show up at the clubs to observe and applaud dancers whose deceptively simple footwork is something to behold.

And no one receives more applause than Cesar Cardona, a Colombia native who has been dancing for seven years. His many partners are turned, twirled and suddenly flipped within a few inches of the floor. But he never misses a beat.

"I mostly go every week," he said fervently. "It is not just a hobby, it is part of my life and my entertainment."

Cardona, like many salsa aficionados, has attended congresses in Los Angeles, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia and Houston. At these events, they join more than 6,000 people and 120 dance companies from all over the world who come to hone their skills with the best bands on the scene: Oscar De Leon, Ray Barretto, Jimmy Bosch and Sonora Carruseles.

While most instructors have day jobs, Roxanne McKenney of University City, Mo., devotes herself body and soul to the dance. After more than two decades in the field, she has seen it all.

"Although I feel that dance is fun and great exercise for the body, it is also exercise for the mind," she said. "It is stimulating and rewarding, and in my 20 years, I have yet to have a student who was unable to dance. Also, partner dancing is about being in harmony, and that is the goal. Watching people work at harmony is refreshing and vital in this world in which we live. That this dance is so exciting and entertaining is a bonus.

"I have learned to let my students see my mistakes and my recoveries. I laugh at myself and it makes everything I learn relatively easy. We all come up with something clever and just a little bit different once in a while. If I keep my eyes open, I inevitably learn a new move here and there."

The best thing about the Latin dance clubs is that you meet people of all cultural diversities, ages and economic levels, practitioners say, but the main ingredient is still the music. It defies you to keep still.



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Barton goes bi on hit TV show 'the O.C.'

By Kate O'Hare
Zapzit.com

On last Thursday's episode of Fox's soaper "The O.C.," fans got a hint of things to come, when Newport Beach high-schooler (and former exclusive heterosexual) Marissa Cooper (Mischa Barton) got all hand-holdy with her new best pal, bisexual bartender Alex Kelly (Olivia Wilde).

Alex's most recent Orange County squeeze was Marissa's old neighbor and classmate, Seth Cohen (Adam Brody). Also on last week's episode, Alex made peace with Seth, who is still pining for his ex-girlfriend, Summer (Rachel Bilson) acknowledging that they were each other's "in-between" person.

Those awaiting the big kiss anticipated since series creator Josh Schwartz revealed the lesbian storyline may not have to wait very much longer with February sweeps having begun. But they have been waiting, for many episodes, which is unusual for a series known for burning through story with the speed of a Malibu brush fire.

"What's interesting," Wilde says, "is watching people's reactions as all this unfolds. People might have expected 'Girls Gone Wild,' kiss-in-the-hot-tub type of thing, but what's going to be interesting is when people realize that's not what we did.

"I hope they don't want that and expect that. 'Oh, I want some crazy, hot lesbian scene.' It's not like that. It's much more about Marissa discovering these feelings, and Alex tentatively welcoming her into this, and then what happens after is even more interesting."

One has to assume the affair doesn't last, because neither does Alex's storyline on "The O.C.," which ends with the March 17 episode.

"Right," Wilde says. "Who knows who she goes to next, but I'm gone after episode 16."

Over the season-and-a-half of "The O.C.," Marissa has gone through a few boyfriends, including a painfully up-and-down relationship with Chino expatriate Ryan Atwood (Ben McKenzie). She has also had huge issues with the adults in her life, through her parents' divorce, the subsequent marriage of her mother, Julie (Melinda Clarke), to Seth's grandfather, developer Caleb Nichol (Alan Dale), and the recent departure of her father, Jimmy (Tate Donovan).

Marissa has been a heavy drinker and attempted suicide in Mexico. Overall, she has spent very little time being happy, but some of that time has been during her thus-far platonic adventures with the free-spirited Alex.

"It's true," says Wilde. "So many people have said that to me, that what they really like about Alex is what she brings out in Marissa, and what this situation brings out in her, a hint of happiness and another side to her character. I think that's great.

"We work really well with each other, too, and a lot of people have commented on the chemistry. I was worried, because neither of us is actually bisexual or gay, how do we make the chemistry seem real, not just real enough to make out, but really powerful enough to make people go beyond what they would normally expect or want to watch. That was the challenge.

"I feel like we did that, just because she's a professional, and she knows what she's doing. We agreed on what we were doing there, and we took it really seriously."

Wilde sees the relationship as part of Schwartz's larger plan for the entire cast. "He really was eager to show other sides of his characters. To do that, he had to put them in other situations. You'll see that with every single one of them, from Caleb and Julie, to Summer and Seth. This season is about showing a softer side for some, and a harder side for others.

"Already we've seen a harder side of Seth, with continuing to defy his parents. And Ryan's become the sensible one, but what's interesting is you'll see later on this season that it's still very delicate. Ryan's created this world for himself, and something could destroy it if he isn't careful."

Asked if the love scenes with Barton pushed her beyond her comfort zone, Wilde says, "No, no. It was definitely something I had never done, it was definitely a challenge, but it wasn't something that ever made me feel uncomfortable. I got pushed, but in a good way, in a direction that made me try something new."

As to the ultimate resolution of the storyline, Wilde says, "I'm really satisfied with the way they handled the whole Marissa/Alex thing. The way it ended, it's very heart wrenching. People will feel emotionally attached to them by the end."



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Mischa Barton, star of the O.C., tries her hand with the same sex in a new plotline that involves Olivia Wilde, Barton's bi-sexual best friend on the show. Wilde portrays an outgoing bartender.

Boys learn to knit

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Terron Wint, 10, a fourth grader who had never knit before.

He carefully touched the bright balls of yarn stacked in baskets, choosing black, gray and dark blue for his scarf.

"Last year my younger brother was in knitting club, and he was so good at knitting that I thought I would try it," Terron said. "I might bring it to recess because there's nothing to do, or if there's free time, I can just take out my needles and yarn."

Dylan Blanchard, 10, started needlework three years ago, taught by his mother Jane Grover, one of several parents who lead knitting clubs at Evanston-area schools.

"It makes me feel like I'm exercising ... because my fingers are working," said Dylan, who says he often knits before going to bed. "It makes me feel happy. I know I'm doing something and not just sitting around."

Grover was pleased to see many of last year's pupils return, projects and knitting needles in hand.

When she first started the club, she said, she worried about "arming them with needles."

"It hasn't been a problem," she said. "There were about 35 kids, and all of them used the needles for knitting."

While boys are slowly discovering the joys of knitting, enough stigma remains that Vickie Howell, the Austin, Texas-based hostess of "Knitty Gritty," could not persuade a young man in his 20s to talk to a reporter.

"He didn't want it to be out there, that he was knitting," Howell said. "I'm trying to work toward getting knitting and crafting seen as an art form."

That's not a problem for Michael Greischar, 22, who works at the Tangled Web Fibers store in Oak Park while studying filmmaking at Loyola University Chicago.

During his free time, he knits monsters that he said resemble "little stuffed animals but are scary-looking."

As a high school student at St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago, Greischar learned that knitting was a good way to attract girls, although he said he sometimes felt self-conscious when other guys were around.

"If you're sitting in the library at high school and you're knitting with a bunch of girls, it's not such a normal thing," Greischar said. "But I did it."

The younger boys like Louis also are coming around, as evidenced by a recent conversation he had with a friend as they sat in the back of a car.

They were jabbering about their most embarrassing moments when Louis blurted out: "Oh, and another thing," he said, looking to his friend for reaction. "I knit."

The boy smiled and, without missing a beat, said, "That's OK, I cook."

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Eagles understand the weight of a loss in the Super Bowl

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said an AFC pro personnel director. "But he's not someone you give big money to. He's not a difference-maker."

Maybe not, but he does happen to be the best of an otherwise mediocre group of free-agent defensive tackles that also includes Houston's Seth Payne, the New York Jets' Jason Ferguson, Cincinnati's Tony Williams, Buffalo's Pat Williams and Minnesota's underachieving Chris Hovan.

There had been organizational talk last year of franchising Simon if it couldn't sign him. His play this season, including his one-tackle performance Sunday against the Patriots, probably has made that unlikely, though the Eagles certainly have the cap space to pay him the $5.134 million cost of franchising him if they really think they can't live without him.

Burgess' situation is interesting. After missing almost all of the last two years because of foot injuries, he started 15 games this season and played very well, especially in the last two playoff games when he was switched back to his natural left-end spot.

The Eagles want him back, but it remains to be seen how much they will be willing to offer him. You've got to assume that they still believe Jerome McDougle can live up to his first-round expectations. And they also have 2003 starter N.D. Kalu coming back after missing all of '04 with an injury.

"All the guys that are up are going to want to come back," Heckert said. "Whether they will, who knows right now? Last year, even with Bobby (Taylor) and Troy (Vincent), there was a little bit of, 'Well, if they don't want me, fine. I'll go someplace else and play.' It wasn't that we didn't want them. We just didn't want to pay them the amount of money they wanted. Especially with Lito (Sheppard) and Sheldon (Brown) being ready to play.

"That attitude has changed, and I think it helped our football team this year. We had very little animosity at all during the year. There was no lingering talk about Bobby and Troy leaving, about Duce (Staley) leaving. Once they left, that was it. Everybody looked ahead. That helps in the locker room."

As Heckert pointed out, there are areas the Eagles will try to upgrade, though they'll try to do most of that in the draft. The poor play of their offensive line against the Patriots, and earlier this season against the Steelers, has to be a little bit alarming to Reid and Heckert. With the exception of a meaningless, 22-yard, end-of-the half run when the Patriots had eight players back in coverage, running back Brian Westbrook had nowhere to run most of the night. Gained just 22 yards on his 14 other carries.

Center Hank Fraley took a pounding from the Patriots' rotating nose tackles, Keith Traylor and Vince Wilfork, and the only time right tackle Jon Runyan had any success moving people backward usually was after the play was dead.

Right guard Jermane Mayberry probably won't be re-signed because of his susceptibility to injuries the last couple of years. But he'll be replaced by '04 first-round pick Shawn Andrews, who was the season-opening starter at right guard before breaking his leg in Week 1.

They could move Andrews over to Runyan's spot, which they might have done if he had stayed healthy and played a full season. But they're not likely to do that now, although Runyan's $6.5 million cap number in 2005 makes it tempting.

What the Eagles definitely need to add in the offseason is another running back to team with Westbrook, preferably a bigger, change-of-pace guy. Heckert said they will "try" to re-sign Correll Buckhalter, who has missed two of the last three seasons with knee injuries. But they probably won't try very hard.

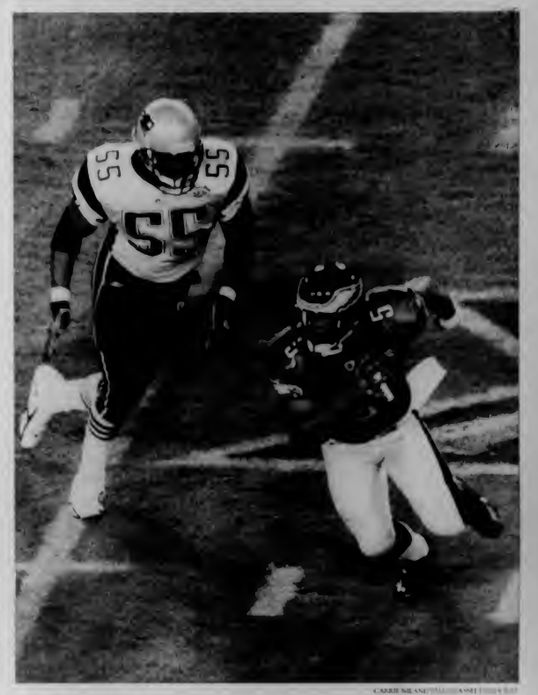
The Jets' 230-pound free agent-to-be, LaMont Jordan, who averaged 5.2 yards per carry on 93 attempts this season, would be a nice fit. But the Eagles seem to be leaning toward addressing that need early in the draft with one of the three picks they have in the first two rounds.

"There are a lot of good running backs coming out," Heckert said.

The Eagles are expected to have 10 picks in the '05 draft, including compensatory selections they'll receive next month for the '04 free-agent losses of Vincent, Taylor and Staley.

"We can really help ourselves in this draft," Heckert said. "Assuming we do a good job, we can solidify ourselves for the foreseeable future."

And maybe even get back to the Super Bowl.



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Donovan McNabb tried to elude New England defenders like Willie McGinnest throughout the entire Super Bowl on Sunday night. The Eagles will try to avoid a disastrous post-Super Bowl season next year.

New changes at Pebble Beach have made course different

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Tim Herron walked back to the sixth tee Wednesday morning at Pebble Beach and took in a spectacular view of the 513-yard hole, which stretches out toward the Pacific Ocean, rising along the rugged cliffs on the right side of the fairway.

Something didn't look right.

"Wow," Herron said. "Look at those cliffs."

Then it dawned on him. He never could see the cliffs so clearly because of a large cypress tree. But that tree is no longer there, wiped out by holiday storms. It should make the par 5 play easier, because any tee shot that strayed too far to the right was blocked by the tree. Players either had to go over or around it.

"You can see the whole cliff now, and it's pretty cool," Herron said. "But it changes everything, especially on the second shot. That tree played with your head."

The Pebble Beach National Pro-Am will have a slightly different look when it gets under way Thursday.

Rain that deluged California six weeks ago also washed out a small section of the 18th fairway about 280 yards from the tee, making the landing area a little tighter. Plus, the two cypress trees replaced in the middle of the fairway were planted about 20 yards farther out than they were.

"I hit a drive where I used to, and it was 15 yards from the water not 25," Jim Furyk said.

But there are some things about Pebble Beach that rarely change.

One of them is the weather, and that's the good news. A tournament that developed a reputation for "Crosby weather" — cold, rain, wind, rain, fog, rain — looks as if it will be basking in sunshine for the fifth straight year.

And the field is eclectic as ever.

Because the three courses have room for 180 pro-am teams, the pros range from defending champion Vijay Singh and Phil Mickelson to players like Steve Stricker, Garrett Willis and Tom Scherrer, whose only status on the PGA Tour is having won a tournament once upon a time.

Amateurs range from Hollywood stars (Bill Murray, Kevin Costner) to comedians (George Lopez) to athletes (Patriots coach Bill Belicheck, Emmitt Smith, Jerry Rice) to CEOs from Fortune 500 companies.

Another Pebble tradition over the last two decades is the type of name on the crystal trophy. Only three of the last 21 winners of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am have not won a major.

No other regular PGA Tour event has such a major list of winners over the last two decades. The next best is The Players Championship — the fifth major — with 16 of the last 21 champions having also won majors.

So many major winners at Pebble is no fluke.

"It's going to be a slow process of putting yourself in position and never really shooting yourself out of the tournament," said Mark O'Meara, a Masters and British Open champion who has won five times at Pebble. "Then when the final round is played at Pebble, it's not like somebody is going out and shooting super, super low. A lot has to do with the fact the golf course can be a little intimidating at times."

Furyk cited the quality of the courses — especially Pebble and Spyglass — and the size of the greens that require precision iron shots.

He was reminded of that during his practice round Wednesday with former Pittsburgh Steelers receiver Lynn Swann. After negotiating a blind tee shot on No. 8, then an approach over a corner of the ocean, the green is about half the size as most he sees on the PGA Tour.

"It amazes me still how small these greens are," said Furyk, the 2003 U.S. Open champion. "But it's a good golf course. And it definitely requires a lot of patience. I'd like to add my name to that list."

It's an impressive list.

Davis Love III has won twice in the last four years. Mickelson won the longest Pebble Beach National Pro-Am in tournament history, in 1998, when it started in February and ended in August because of rain. Payne Stewart won in 1999, the last time rain cut the tournament to 54 holes. Tiger Woods staged his seven-shot comeback a year later.

Singh made it look easy last year.

Tied with Arron Oberholser going into the final round, Singh missed the first three fairways and made birdie each time, the cruised to a three-shot victory. It proved to be the start of an incredible year — nine wins, nearly $11 million in earnings, and ending Woods' five-year reign atop the world ranking.

"It was just a good platform," Singh said. "I just played really relaxed from there on and just played great. I think that was a key victory to my great season because it kind of relaxed everything."

And that might be the biggest key of all.



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The changes at Pebble Beach will definitely cause problems for Tiger Woods and the rest of the field for this weekend's tournament.



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Canseco's book may be good for the game

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That, however, was Canseco's explanation — he alleged a few years ago that 80 percent of major leaguers had taken steroids — and he's sticking to it. Without confirming any of the details, he told The New York Times, "I will give a huge press conference, internationally and worldwide, when the book comes out. I'll answer any questions then."

If anybody else posted the numbers Canseco did — 462 home runs in a big league career from 1985-2001 — promised to tell all, the hysteria would be more real than imagined. But because Canseco's past words and deeds outside the white lines have inspired so little credibility, this latest salvo is easy to shrug off. The incidents he will describe likely will be specific enough to ring true, but Canseco is the worst kind of messenger. On top of that, nobody likes a stoolie.

Spring training camps open in a few days, guaranteeing some uncomfortable moments for the players and club executives who will have to answer some tough questions. But it's high time for them to confront the same questions the game's fans have been wrestling with for a while.

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NHL season may be done this weekend

By Ira Podell
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NHL told the players' association Wednesday that a deal must be made by this weekend to save the hockey season, a source close to the negotiations said.

The players' association rejected what was described as a compromise proposal during a secret meeting Wednesday in Toronto, the source told The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity.

The sides agreed to continue talking through Thursday, but if an agreement is not reached in principle by this weekend then the league doesn't believe games can be played this season.

A union spokesman did not immediately return phone calls Thursday.

The lockout reached its 147th day Wednesday and has forced the cancellation of 807 of the 1,230 regular-season games as well as this weekend's scheduled All-Star game.

It was believed that there was no contact between the sides since last Friday when talks broke off after three straight days of meetings.

The bulk of the negotiations since mid-December were conducted mostly by NHL chief legal officer Bill Daly and players' association senior director Ted Saskin.

Commissioner Gary Bettman and players' association executive director Bob Goodenow were invited by the union back to the table last week for two days of talks following the players' association rejection of the league's previous salary-cap proposal.

It is that issue that has put the NHL on the brink of losing the entire season.

Bettman scheduled a news briefing for later Wednesday night.

The NHL has been intent on making a deal that provides a link between league revenues and player costs. The players' association has steadfastly refused to accept a salary cap as a solution to the stalemate.



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Canada's Mike Richards (left) and Russia's Alexei Emelin collided at the World Junior Ice Hockey Championships on Jan. 4. The NHL and its players have collided in their negotiations for months.

Branch only blames himself

By John Smallwood
Knight Ridder Newspapers

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Deion Branch had blown it.

As a high school senior in Albany, Ga., Branch had played well enough to catch the attention of then-Florida coach Steve Spurrier and receive a scholarship offer to join the Gators.

Then suddenly, it was all taken away. His SAT scores were OK, but his grades in his high school core course weren't good enough.

The scholarship offer to Florida was rescinded, and Branch knew just who to blame and why it had happened.

"It was on me," said Branch, who accepted a Cadillac XLR as the Most Valuable Player of Super Bowl XXXIX. "I think I got a big head, that's what it was. I was committed to Florida. I got so excited that I just stopped going to school. Everything went downhill from there.

"I had to go to junior college, and I think it was a great example for me. I think I learned that had to happen to me for me to learn some things. And I'm glad that happened to me early because if not, something else would have happened to me later on."

Branch doesn't get a big head anymore, not even after tying a Super Bowl record by catching 11 passes in the New England Patriots' 24-21 victory over the Eagles on Sunday night.

"I've already learned," said Branch, who attended Jones County College in Ellisville, Miss., before transferring to Louisville in 2000. "The Super Bowl MVP, hey, I'm thankful. It's a great honor to be alongside all those great guys who have won this award.

"But don't worry about me getting a big head. My mother already got on me about that, so that's not going to happen."

Branch's head might not get larger, but his wallet soon might. The third-year receiver, selected in the second round of the 2002 draft, is about to become a restricted free agent.

Adding the 133 receiving yards he had against the Birds to the totals he had against Carolina in Super Bowl XXXVIII, Branch caught 21 passes for 276 yards in the last two NFL title games.



Deion Branch has caught 21 passes in the last two Super Bowls, but his big-game reputation will garner some attention as a free agent.

"My home is in Foxboro," Branch said. "I am proud to be a part of this organization. I'm proud to be a part of this family. I know for sure that when that time comes we will work out something for sure that both of us will be proud of."

Maybe, but we'll see what happens on March 2, when the free-agency period begins. Among the Patriots who can become unrestricted free agents, the most important are clutch placekicker Adam Vinatieri and offensive lineman Joe Andruzzi.

Free agency, more than anything, could be the reason New England's newly minted dynasty could crumble after three Super Bowl titles in four years. With that many rings on their fingers, free agents who in the past have stayed with the Patriots for less money might not be as willing to short-change themselves.

Change is the only inevitable fact of life in the NFL; when a team has been as successful as the Patriots, change definitely will happen if for no other reason than teams will come after your guys in an effort to build their own winning program.

The Patriots have lost offensive coordinator Charlie Weis to Notre Dame, and moments after Sunday's victory, offensive coordinator Romeo Crennel accepted an offer to become the head coach of the Cleveland Browns.

Losing two coordinators and a few key players to free agency could be a lot to ask New England to overcome as it tries to become the first team to win three consecutive Super Bowls.

"The coaching-staff issue will be a change for us," head coach Bill Belichick said. "But there are changes every year on every team. There's no team that stays the same one year to the next in the NFL.

"Romeo and Charlie have done a great job. Their record speaks for itself, and certainly a great share of the credit for the success we have had goes to them.

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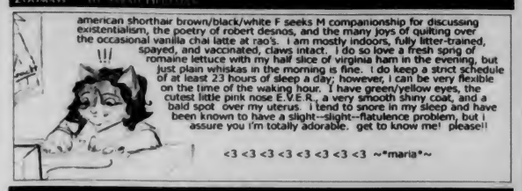
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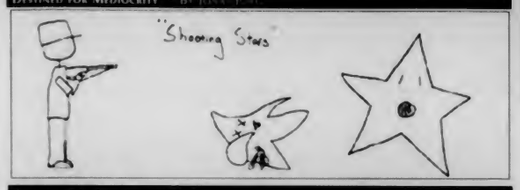
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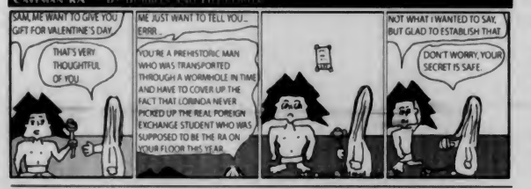
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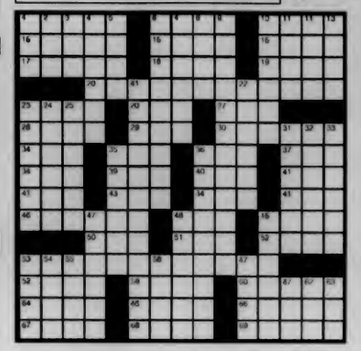
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UMass stays Ram tough

The Minutemen knocked off Rhode Island 49-42 last night with the help of 14 points from Maurice Maxwell and 10 from Rashaun Freeman. UMass improved its record to 12-8 and 6-4 in the Atlantic 10.

Eagles understand the weight of a defeat in the Super Bowl

By Paul Domowitch
Knight Ridder

PHILADELPHIA — History hasn't been very kind to Super Bowl losers since the advent of free agency and the salary cap in 1994. Six of 11 runners-up failed to qualify for the playoffs the following year, seven didn't win their division, and none, I repeat, none, managed to make it back to the conference championship game, let alone Roman numeral day.

As the coach and chief cook of the latest Super Bowl loser, the Eagles' Andy Reid is very aware of those troubling statistics.

"I do understand the history of that," he said. "I know (getting back) is a tough thing. Obviously, you have to have some breaks go your way. I know some of those teams had a lot of tough injuries (the next season). Like with any season, whether you went to the Super Bowl or not, you've got to try to stay as healthy as you can to get into the playoffs."

With the 2005 season opener still seven months away, there's plenty of time for a rash of torn ACLs, ruptured Achilles' tendons, fractured fifth metatarsals and other types of apocalyptic misfortune.

But right here, right now, Reid and the rest of the Eagles organization have every reason to believe they are sufficiently armed to make it back to the Super Bowl, and win it, next year.

"We're right there," Reid said. "(If) we eliminate those (four) turnovers, then we become the best team in football. And we've got the players right here to do that."

A year ago, after the Eagles' disappointing, 14-3 loss to the Carolina Panthers in the NFC Championship Game, Reid wasn't nearly as sure of that as he is now. He knew he needed to upgrade his receiving corps, knew he needed to find a difference-making pass rusher. Enter Terrell Owens. Enter Jevon Kearse.

If you're looking for another blockbuster free-agent signing to wash away the bad taste from Sunday's defeat in Jacksonville, forget about it. Not gonna happen. And it doesn't need to happen.

"I think we're a better football team right now than we were last year at this time," said Tom Heckert, the club's vice president of player personnel. "I do think there are a few positions that we can upgrade, and we're going to try to do that. But as far as (needing to sign) a big-time guy, that's probably not going to happen."

"You don't know, as free agency hits, what's going to happen," Reid said. "You want to think there will be subtle changes. But you don't know how this thing works."

The extent of that subtlety primarily will depend on what happens with the Eagles' own free agents-to-be. Reid, Heckert and cap master Joe Banner already have a pretty good idea of how many of their 12 unrestricted free agents they want to try to re-sign and how much they will be willing to spend on each to accomplish that.

In order of importance, their top unrestricted free agent re-signing priorities are expected to be middle linebacker Jeremiah Trotter, defensive tackle Corey Simon, defensive end Derrick Burgess, linebackers Ike Reese and Keith Adams and fullback Jon Ritchie.

The Eagles want Trotter back and he wants to come back. Right now, he is the third-rated inside linebacker on most teams' free-agent board, behind Pittsburgh's Kendrell Bell and Baltimore's Ed Hartwell and ahead of Washington's Antonio Pierce, Atlanta's Jamie Duncan and Indianapolis' Rob Morris. What that means is that Trotter will have suitors.

Unless the Eagles want to consider putting Mark Simoneau back in the middle, which they don't, they don't have a viable on-site replacement for Trotter. As long as he is reasonable and they are fair, a deal likely will get done.

Simon will be a difficult re-signing. Right now, he's coming from the same place Trotter was three years ago. He feels he's one of the top players at his position in the league and wants to be paid accordingly. After watching his inconsistent play this season, most NFL scouts disagree with Simon's high opinion of himself.

"He's a solid NFL starter,"

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Wolverine charged with felonies

By Maryanne George
Knight Ridder

DETROIT — Katie Karlson remembers that hot August night on her porch near the University of Michigan campus.

For the second time in six days a large man was approaching her house with his pants down, masturbating.

The first time he had covered his face with a T-shirt. But this time she could see his face, and he was standing much closer at the end of her driveway, about 10 feet from the porch.

"I said to my friends, 'Oh my God, he's here again,'" said Karlson, a 21-year-old Michigan senior from Ortonville, recalling the night of Aug. 28. "This went from gross to threatening. We didn't know if he was coming after us."

Larry Harrison Jr., a Michigan sophomore and a 6-foot-3, 300-pound football player, has been charged with four felonies in connection with the incident at Karlson's house and three similar cases of indecent exposure near the campus.

Harrison, 20, who is scheduled for a preliminary examination Wednesday in 15th District Court in Ann Arbor, said he is innocent and continues to attend classes at Michigan, according to court and university records.

But police and the victims want Harrison suspended from school or placed on an electronic tether until the cases are decided.

Harrison, who has been suspended from the football team, is free on a $500 bond.

He has been ordered to be off campus by 8 p.m. and at home by 10 p.m., according to court records. His father must also stay at Harrison's Ann Arbor apartment or the student must spend the night at his parents' Detroit home.

The case has pitted the rights of the victims, who say they fear retaliation from Harrison, with Harrison's rights to a fair trial and an education. Victims say Harrison's status as a U-M football player makes it harder to accuse him.

Anthony Chambers, Harrison's attorney, said his client is innocent and is complying with the bond conditions.

"We believe the statements of the victims are based on fear, not facts," Chambers said. "He has not approached any of the victims or tried to intimidate them."

But Karlson said there is no way to monitor Harrison's compliance with the bond order.

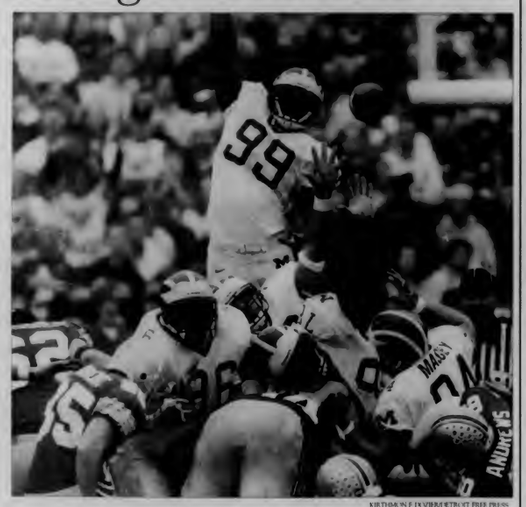
"It's so ridiculous," Karlson said. "He doesn't follow the rules. This guy goes up on front porches when he knew he had a lot to lose. I don't want to pass him in Mason Hall," a classroom building on campus. "U-M should get him out of here or at least put him on a tether."

U-M officials say they cannot comment on the case because of federal educational privacy laws, said U-M spokeswoman Julie Peterson. But she said officials balance the rights of accused students with the safety of the campus and have removed students in the past.

She said students victimized by crimes are offered services through the Office of Student Affairs.

But Karlson said she feels the university isn't doing enough to help her and the other victims, who must testify against Harrison in open court.

"I got a voice mail from the Office of Student Conflict Resolution, and they said he was enrolled," Karlson said. "They said if I feel uncomfortable to call them."



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Larry Harrison Jr. (96), a Michigan sophomore has been charged with four felonies for indecent exposure charges around the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor. He has been suspended by the team.

Keith Elkin, executive director of OSCR, said the victims or a member of the faculty or U-M staff must file a complaint to initiate a code hearing. To date, no one has filed a complaint against Harrison, he said.

A father of one of the victims said his daughter is afraid to file a complaint.

When Harrison allegedly appeared at his daughter's house, he moved from the sidewalk to a spot close to the front door, according to police.

"My daughter was offered counseling, but to pursue any request to remove him from campus she needed to bring a formal charge in her own name and she said forget it," said the father, who spoke on the condition that he not be identified because he feared for his daughter's safety. "I don't want her to be singled out and face him and then get a midnight visit."

Ann Arbor Police Chief Dan Oates said he understands it is difficult for U-M to balance Harrison's rights with the rights of the victims, but added, "It is our posture that this guy is a predator and he has terrorized a lot of people in Ann Arbor. I would feel better if he was on a tether."

Ann Arbor Detective Chris Fitzpatrick said Harrison is a suspect in 12 other cases of indecent exposure in campus neighborhoods between August and December of last year. As the weather grew colder, the suspect, whose description matches Harrison's, moved from sidewalks and driveways to standing on porches.

He always targeted houses where groups of women lived alone and in five cases went to the houses twice.

Police organized teams of undercover surveillance officers after six incidents and observed Harrison's car in the neighborhoods where the incidents occurred, according to police.

Police say four officers caught him masturbating outside a home in the 700 block of Division Street on Dec. 7 and charged him with a misdemeanor after his arrest.

Last month, the charges were increased to four felonies of being a sexually delinquent person after the victims, including Karlson, identified him in a line up. If convicted, he faces from one day to life in prison.

Corinn Cunningham has identified Harrison as the man she saw masturbating near her front porch on McKinley Avenue in August.

She said the fact that he is a football player intimidates her.

"I wouldn't like to run into him, especially with the whole football team behind him," said Cunningham, 22, from Grosse Pointe Farms, who graduated from U-M in December. "If it were any other student he would be off campus."

Canseco's book may be good for game

By Jim Litke
Associated Press

Every word in Jose Canseco's book could be true. Or only a few.

Either way, it's exactly what baseball deserves. Just about everybody else involved in the game tripped over themselves trying to blur the lines between fair and foul for the last 15 years or so. By default, that makes even a convicted criminal and shameless publicity hound like Canseco as reliable a source as any other. It's what happens when honest men keep quiet.

"If this is all made up, he'll suffer some serious damages," ex-A's pitcher and one-time teammate Dave Stewart told the San Francisco Chronicle. "But if you're an admitted steroid user, believe me, you'd know who uses them."

Canseco is one of four stars from the game's supersized era who have either publicly acknowledged using juice or, according to reports, testified to that effect before a grand jury. One of the four, Ken Caminiti, is dead. A second, Gary Sheffield, said he took them unwittingly. The third, Jason Giambi, has yet to confirm any of the sordid details that made the newspapers when his testimony in the BALCO investigation was leaked.

Canseco, on the other hand, is more than eager to talk and apparently he's naming names. The buzz surrounding his version of events is so considerable that his publisher, HarperCollins, has moved the book's release date up a week, from Feb. 21 to next Monday, and the CBS program "60 Minutes," which planned to air a segment on Canseco on Feb. 20, will now broadcast it on Sunday. But they're not the only ones launching preemptive strikes.

No excerpts have surfaced yet, but accounts in The Daily News of New York claim Canseco writes that he injected Mark McGwire with steroids when they were teammates in Oakland and that he taught Ivan Rodriguez, Juan Gonzalez and Rafael Palmeiro how to use muscle-building drugs after he moved his operation to Texas in 1992.

All three of his former Rangers teammates quickly refuted the allegations, and McGwire has repeatedly denied using steroids. Then again, even after Associated Press columnist Steve Wilstein discovered androstenedione sitting in the open on the top shelf of McGwire's locker in 1998 — before baseball banned the steroid precursor — the St. Louis slugger kept insisting that somebody "stuck their nose in my locker." That's not what happened.

What did happen, though, was this: McGwire publicly acknowledged taking androstenedione the day after a club official was asked for comment. But a day earlier, this was what that club official said: "Use the stuff? He didn't even know how to spell it."

That kind of disinformation has clouded the issue ever since baseballs began flying out of ballparks across the land in alarming numbers. The suits in charge and too many ballplayers, managers and trainers who knew better said the baseballs were wound too tight, the bats were too hard, the new ballparks were too small — just about every explanation was trotted out except the most obvious one. That the ballplayers had become too big.

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Story addresses owed pay and fee increases

By Casey Novak
Collegian Staff

Representative Ellen Story (D-Amherst), addressed the Faculty Senate on Thursday with what she called "interesting news" on the retroactive pay owed to union workers and a tuition increase to in-state students at the University of Massachusetts, among other topics at the 637th Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate.

After admitting that she was very hesitant to call it "good news," Story said she has received a lot of e-mails from union members about their retroactive pay.

In fall 2001, contracts promising pay raises to higher education union workers were negotiated for 13,000 higher education employees. The contracts were passed as part of the 2002 budget in both the Massachusetts House of Representative and the State Senate.

When it came time for acting Governor Jane Swift to decide on funding the contract, she vetoed them in July of 2002.

After a major lobbying effort, the Legislature finally passed a funding bill, which brought salaries to where they were supposed to be in January 2004.

However, the retroactive portion (from July 2001 through December 2003) was not paid. The legislative leadership promised that at least one-third of it would be voted by July 2004, the remainder coming later on. This vote, however, did not occur until late fall, and Governor Mitt Romney vetoed the legislation.

"This was an unprecedented situation," said Story. "It was signed, sealed and delivered. We didn't even try to override the veto because it was at the end of the session. We agreed that in this next session we would resume and Governor Romney has filed a supplemental budget a couple of weeks ago. Do you think $37 million for retroactive pay was in it? No it was not."

Story said that the two chairs of the House of Ways and Means, one of who has never even served on the committee before, are taking a look at this.

"What I think may happen is that the Senate President, House Speaker and Chair of Ways and Means agree to add this $37 million into the supplemental budget," Story said. "That is what I hope is going to happen."

Although Story said she was asking for 100 percent of the retroactive pay, she did not think that would happen. Even if it did, she said that the governor would veto it and it would be hard to get the two-thirds majority needed to override the veto.

"But I do think you will see this money," Story said. "There was a commitment made in front of many witnesses, so we hope this will happen sooner rather than later."

Also addressed by Story was the Wednesday meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees, who decided to increase fees 3.2 percent and room and board 5 percent for instate students attending UMass.

"For instate students the cost is now $15,800," she said. "That is much higher than I wish it were, "but it is still much less than the cost for private schools."

The issue of legalized gambling in the state was brought up by one Faculty Senate member as he asked Story if it would ever be possible to bring a certain amount of the money made from gambling to public higher education.

"Casino gambling will keep coming up until we do something definitive about it and probably until we decide to okay it because there is so much money involved," Story answered.

She said that she has noticed a shift in the way legislation is starting to talk about it now, and that she was sure it will come up during this two-year session.

"The only way, I think that a lot of people would vote for it is if revenues were dedicated to something like higher education - something that everybody agrees with, something not controver-

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Rep. Ellen Story (D-Amherst) spoke about worker retro pay and student fee increases at the UMass Faculty Senate meeting yesterday.

Grateful Dead biographer speaks

By Kathryn Sullivan
Collegian Correspondent

Thirty years after receding from the stark world of academia to pursue a seemingly more exciting avenue of history, Dennis McNally, the authorized biographer of the band The Grateful Dead, returned to the University of Massachusetts to defend his work in a lecture at Memorial Hall on Wednesday.

In front of a room full of deadheads, faculty and students, McNally reflected on his academic roots and his uniquely personal journey to discover history for himself. He graduated from the University of Massachusetts in 1979 with a Ph.D. in American History. He reflects on his education fondly. Worthy and fascinating teachers and long nights buried in books marked his years here.

Yet, he feels that the jargon-filled formal style of history writing he was taught, made it inaccessible to the public. When choosing a subject for his dissertation, McNally took a "sharp left turn" from his predecessors in the field when he became an author.

"Writing cannot be exclusively intellectual," he said to the audience. He urged historians to write history like a story in order to "produce more elegantly expressed history".

He reminds history writers which he researched while touring with the popular psychedelic band of the 1960s, 70s, and 80s, as their publicist for over twenty years. His very uncommon pursuit of history continues to challenge the established system.

Respect was a concept that lingered heavily in the air of Memorial Hall last night. Delicately constructed statements protected the thick cloud of respect that no one wanted to disrupt. McNally looked hopefully at the history department faculty, from which he originated as he explained the rock-and-roll research-filled years that have defined him as a historian.

Similar to the qualities he admired in Jack Kerouac, McNally seemed to be searching for some sort of redemption and respect from his peers as he simultaneously challenged everything they know about writing history.

McNally punctuated his subject matter with jokes as he discussed the importance of writing history for the public.

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He reminds history writers

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Senate approves new lawsuit measure

By Jesse J. Holland
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate approved a measure Thursday to help shield businesses from major class action lawsuits like the ones that have been brought against tobacco companies, giving President Bush the first legislative victory of his second term.

Under the legislation, long sought by big business, large multistate class action lawsuits could no longer be heard in small state courts. Such courts have handed out multimillion-dollar verdicts.

Instead, the cases would be heard by federal judges, who have not proven as open to those type of lawsuits.

The Senate passed the bill 72-26, and it now goes to the House.

Bush called the bill a strong step forward.

"Our country depends on a fair legal system that protects people who have been harmed without encouraging junk lawsuits that undermine confidence in our courts while hurting our economy," Bush said in a statement released in Pennsylvania where he was promoting his Social Security proposals.

Thomas Donohue, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said, "Now it's time for the House to finish the job and take back our civil justice system from plaintiffs' lawyers seeking jackpot justice."

But Todd A. Smith, president of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, said, "Every American's legal rights are diminished by this anti-consumer legislation." The association said insurance, tobacco, drug, chemical and other companies had financed the push to get the legislation through the Senate.

Bush and other bill supporters - who have pushed for the legislation for almost six years - say it is needed because greedy lawyers have taken advantage of the state system by filing frivolous lawsuits in state courts where they know they can get big verdicts.

Senators who back the bill say that lawyers make more money from such cases than do the actual victims, and that lawyers sometimes threaten companies with class action lawsuits just to get quick financial settlements. Regular people, they assure, will not lose their day in court.

Opponents say Bush and other bill supporters are trying to help businesses escape proper judgments for their wrongdoing - and also to hurt the trial lawyers who litigate the cases, some of whom are big Democratic contributors.

"Are there bad lawyers that bring meritless cases? Sure there are, and we should crack down on them," said Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada, a former trial lawyer. "But this bill is not about punishing bad lawyers. It is about hurting consumers and helping corporations avoid liability for misconduct."



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President Bush addresses the issue of major lawsuits at his State of the Union Address in Washington, D.C. last week.

Eight Democrats were sponsors of the bill, leaving the rest with no way to block it.

The bill's aim "is to make sure when companies are called on the carpet, when they are involved in a class action litigation, they're in a court, in a courthouse with a judge where the companies have a fair shake, where the odds, the decks aren't stacked against them," said Sen. Tom Carper, D-Del.

Changing the legal system - including class action lawsuits, medical malpractice lawsuits and asbestos injury lawsuits - has been a priority of Bush and the business community.

"The reason why this bill is the highest priority of the Bush administration and the Republican leadership in Congress is because of one simple fact: Class action suits moved from state courts to federal court are less likely to go forward, to be tried, and they are less likely to reach a verdict where someone wins or loses," said Senate Democratic Whip Richard Durbin, D-Ill. And if the plaintiffs win, businesses are "less likely to pay a reasonable amount of money in federal court than in state court."

The GOP-controlled Senate struck a deal with the House saying if senators passed the bill unchanged, representatives would approve the bill as-is and send it to the White House to be signed into law.

Scientists thinking twice about projects

By Randolph E. Schmid
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Some scientists are thinking twice about doing or reporting on certain research, reacting to political and social controversy in addition to legal restrictions.

"It appears that controversy shapes what scientists choose to study and how they choose to study it, and we need to look a little bit more closely at the effects it might be having," said Joanne Kempner, a researcher at the University of Michigan.

Kempner and co-authors from Brown University and the University of Pennsylvania conducted in-depth interviews with 41 scientists engaged in a variety of studies. They found that half felt constrained by formal limits, but even more said they were affected by informal or unspoken rules on what and how studies can be done. Their findings are reported in Thursday's issue of the journal Science, in a paper entitled "Forbidden Knowledge."

Formal limits include such things as the ban on federal funding for most research on embryonic stem cells and restrictions on research involving humans.

In many cases scientific journals have their own rules, such as refusing to publish material they think might be detrimental to national security.

There also are fears about the ire of interest groups, such as opponents of animal testing, or about how a project would be perceived by the public.

While formal and informal restrictions on research are not unusual, Deborah G. Johnson of the University of Virginia said they are not necessarily all bad.

"On the one hand, you want a profession to have norms and to have some standards and some self-regulation. On the other hand, you don't want there to be an environment of fear of repercussions if they do something which they think is legitimate," said Johnson, who has studied similar issues but was not part of Kempner's group.

One researcher, commenting on avoiding controversial work, told Kempner's team: "I would like to lunatic-proof my life as much as possible."

Another reported deciding not to do a study involving offering food vouchers to drug addicts who tested clean.

"That was something that thought they couldn't do," Kempner said in a telephone interview. "One researcher said, 'Can you imagine that as a headline on the front page of the newspaper, that we're paying cocaine addicts to stay clean?'"

Kempner said, "A lot of

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Winter Wonderland

A student braves the elements outside McNamara Hall yesterday as the region was dumped with rain and snow. The University made no announcement to close campus due to weather as of press time.

Doctor convicted of fraud

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — An Iraqi-born doctor was convicted Thursday of operating a charity that violated a former U.S. embargo and defrauding donors who gave $5 million to help his native country.

The federal jury convicted Dr. Rafil Dhafir of conspiring to violate the embargo, money laundering, tax evasion and Medicare fraud after a trial that lasted more than three months. Dhafir, an oncologist, was acquitted on one of the 11 counts of money laundering.

Defense attorney Deveraux Cannick said Dhafir was the victim of post-Sept. 11 anti-Muslim sentiment. "If he were not a Muslim, he never would have been charged or brought to trial," the attorney said.

Dhafir founded Help The Needy in 1995 and solicited donations to help starving and oppressed Iraqis. The charity was never properly licensed, and the government says only about $160,000 made it to Iraq.

The government says the charity transferred nearly $4 million from its U.S. bank accounts to a bank in Jordan under the name of Maher Zagha, one of the Help the Needy members charged with Dhafir. Zagha remains a fugitive.

The government said Dhafir defrauded donors by using $544,000 for his own purposes, including buying two coin-operated laundries, and he evaded taxes by writing off the charity's donations.

His defense attorneys argued that Dhafir believed humanitarian aid to Iraq was legal, and that while he mixed charity money with his own, he never used donations for personal expenses.

The attorneys also said Dhafir got caught up in difficult rules governing Medicare and his mistakes were not crimes.

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Campus Perspectives

by Jamie Lau

How do you feel about the rising tuition fees at UMass?



freshman
Education major

"It's hard to pay for the tuition when you have to pay for books too."

Thuy Tran



freshman
Exercise Science major

"I think that it is an unfortunate situation, and it will definitely make things difficult for students. Nonetheless, it is unavoidable as UMass tries to offer more for the campus and the students."

Kelly Gazzano



senior
English major

"I feel that the tuition has risen somewhat unfairly over the past four years. To increase tuition every successive year is difficult for students to cope with."

Michael Moran



sophmore
Food Science major

"It's really too bad, because I have a hard enough time paying to be here, and if it gets too high, I'll have to start looking at other schools."

Edward Ryan



grad school
Animal Science major

"The fees are very high in comparison to other schools. Tuition is fine, but the mandatory fees are totally unacceptable."

Anuj Malik



freshman
Dance major

"I can't even afford the tuition right now..."

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'Perfect Storm' brother rescued

GLOUCESTER (AP) — The U.S. Coast Guard rescued three fishermen whose boat sank at sea, including the brother of one of the fishermen lost in the 1991 sinking of the Andrea Gail portrayed in the book and film, "The Perfect Storm."

The 45-foot gillnetter that sank Wednesday about 45 miles east of Gloucester sent a mayday call that was detected by a Coast Guard jet. The plane's crew spotted the men, who had climbed aboard a life raft as their boat, the Hollywood, went down, the Coast Guard said.

A Coast Guard helicopter arrived to lift the three men one-by-one from the 39-degree water.

Two of the three men had been wearing survival suits, and all three declined medical attention.

The crew members were identified as skipper Richard Shatford, Lewis Mitchell and Mitchell's son Brian Clancy, all from Gloucester.

Shatford's brother, Bobby, was one of six fishermen who died in the sinking of the Andrea Gail.

"I already lost one son," said Richard Shatford, father of Bobby Shatford. "It just scares me."

"They were real lucky," he said.

The crew had left port Tuesday and was returning from a fishing trip when the boat began taking on water.

Crew members reported they did not know why the boat was taking on water, Coast Guard spokesman Scott Carr said. The Coast Guard was investigating.

Associated Press

Man with major memory loss found

BOSTON (AP) — An amnesia victim who says his nickname is "Tee" but knows nothing else about his identity has uncovered few clues in the mystery a month after he suffered head trauma that apparently triggered his memory loss.

The man, who appears to be in his late teens, was found dazed in a dirty snowbank on a street corner in the city's Mattapan section on Jan. 12 and brought to a hospital for treatment of his head injury.

"The last thing I remember is being thrown out of a car by three people. I woke up on the street and there was a lady over me," the man told the Boston Herald in a voice tinged with an accent suggesting a childhood in the Caribbean.

"I just want to have my memory back. I hope someone is looking for me," he said.

The man said he had a vague recollection of a woman calling him "Tee."

Police detectives who were alerted to the case by a social worker fingerprinted and photographed the man to see if he was wanted for a crime and checked for a missing persons report. He has never been arrested anywhere in the country, and no one was looking for him locally, police spokesman Lt. Kevin Foley said.

"At this point it becomes difficult to investigate if he does not know who he is, where the assault took place, or whether it was even in Boston," Foley said.

Caritas Carney Hospital discharged the man Monday to a Dorchester homeless center run by the Pilgrim Church. He left the hospital in the jeans, tan T-shirt and black jacket he wore when he arrived there. His wallet was empty, but there was $80 tucked into one of his sneakers.

The man said he robbed of the cash within hours of arriving at the shelter. So he returned to the hospital, but was told they had no place for him.

"We did everything we could for him medically," hospital spokeswoman Diane Lupo said.

During the weeks he spent in the psychiatric unit there, the man befriended another patient, Kelly Rust, 24, and called her for help.

Rust called her sister, Stacy Maceachern, who invited the man to stay at her Weymouth home until his memory returns or his loved ones come forward.

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Author speaks to students

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to view their subjects as people who "lived, breathed and cried" and not as "puppets for theories."

On the subject of objectivity he said, "fairness is all we can expect."

Although he shared close relationships with the Grateful Dead, he did not let it effect what he wrote about their lives, he said.

"You pursue fairness because you pursue quality," he said.

McNally said that revisiting his roots at UMass has reinvigorated him to work on his next book, a historical look at the culture, music and literature surrounding the Mississippi River.

McNally was pleased to rejoin the academic community, even if only for one night. Upon leaving the podium he remarked, "Thomas Wolffe was wrong, you can go home again."



Dennis McNally, the authorized biographer for the band "Grateful Dead" and a UMass alumnus gives a talk at Memorial Hall.

House votes on driver license issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hoping to keep drivers licenses out of the hands of terrorists, the House voted Thursday make states verify that applicants are U.S. citizens or legal immigrants.

Republicans pushed the measure through on a 261-161 vote despite protests from governors and state motor vehicle departments that it would be too costly and would require them to take on the role of immigration officers.

The bill also would make it easier for judges to deport immigrants seeking political asylum if they think they might be terrorists.

"Common sense says we should not allow suspected terrorists to be able to stay inside our borders if they could harm us," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert.

The measure was rejected by Congress and the White House in December as part of a bill reorganizing intelligence agencies in response to flaws found after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorism attacks. It was revived with newly won support from the Bush administration.

"Today there are over 350 valid drivers license designs issued by the 50 states. We all know it's very difficult for security officials at airports to tell the real ID cards from the counterfeit ones," said the bill's sponsor, House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner.

Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., said the new features that states would have to include on drivers licenses would prevent terrorists from using them as IDs to board planes like the Sept. 11 hijackers did.

Governors, state legislators and motor vehicle departments have all argued that requiring verification of background information such as Social Security numbers and whether a person is in the United States legally would be burdensome.

Story speaks with Senate

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sial," Story said.

On the topic of revenues, the State Representative said one of the things she would like to happen is to stop Governor Romney's idea that personal income taxes should be reduced to 5 percent.

"Four years ago it was at 5.95 percent," Story said. "Right now it is frozen at 5. 2 percent. What I talk about is restoring the tax rate - restore it to 5. 65 percent or maybe 5.95 percent."

According to her, that increase would bring in a billion dollars.

"We need to meet the basic needs of our constituents and the only way to do this is by increasing the personal income tax," Story said.

Even though Story found it hard to deliver very much good news, she did say that she thinks we are headed for much better times.

"I am much more optimistic I have been in the last eight years and I think things are going to be infinitely better."

Rice says North Korea should disarm

BY ANNE GERAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LUXEMBOURG— Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Thursday that North Korea should return to disarmament talks and avoid a path toward further international isolation. "The world has given them a way out and we hope they will take that way out," she said.

Rice's comments came after North Korea stated explicitly that it has nuclear weapons and said that it needs them as protection against an increasingly hostile United States.

"The North Koreans have been told by the president of the United States that the United States has no intention of attacking or invading North Korea," Rice said during a news conference here with European Union leaders.

"There is a path for the North Koreans that would put them in a more reasonable relationship with the rest of the world," she said, referring to an international disarmament effort that includes the United States.

Giving up nuclear weapons would offer hope for a better life to that country's people, Rice said. North Korea is desperately poor, and people are fleeing the country to avoid starvation.

The North Korean statement may be a bluff meant to put the United States back on its heels before the regime finally does return to the disarmament table. North Korea told a visiting U.S. congressional delegation last month that it would return to those six-nation talks.

Asked to analyze the thinking in Pyongyang, Rice was almost dismissive.

"I'm not sure anyone ever gets very far by trying to second-guess the motivation of the North Korean regime," she said.

"The fact is that we have for some time taken account of the capacity of the North Koreans to perhaps have a few nuclear weapons," Rice said. "There's no definitive - I can't go into the intelligence here - but there's no definitive answers of how many, but this has been since the mid-90s that the United States has assumed that the North Koreans could make such steps.

Traveling with President Bush to North Carolina Thursday, White House press secretary Scott McClellan told reporters, "It's rhetoric we've heard before. We remain committed to the six-party talks. We remain committed to a peaceful diplomatic resolution to the nuclear issue with regards to North Korea."

Talking to reporters en route to Ireland for a refueling stop, Rice noted that she previously had scheduled a meeting in Washington next Monday with South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-Moon and also said that she and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld will see their Japanese counterparts soon and will discuss the North Korean situation.



Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice speaks out against North Korea's intention to make nuclear weapons at a conference Thursday.

"Let's see what the North Koreans do down the road. Everybody is urging them to get back to the talks," she told reporters. "I cannot judge the motivation of the North Korean government, nobody can judge." Rice had characterized North Korea as an "outpost of tyranny" during her confirmation hearings.

"I can't judge the North Korean leadership's motivation," she said Thursday. "I told the truth and I think the chief diplomat (Rice) ought to tell the truth."

"We are ready to return to the six-party talks," she said. "The North Koreans should be too."

Rice said earlier that the United States isn't treating North Korea differently from Iran, another nation in President Bush's famous rhetorical axis of evil.

"The message is clear: give up these aspirations for nuclear weapons and you know life can be different," Rice said. She also said that is the same message that Libya understood in renouncing its own nuclear ambitions.

Unlike Iran, North Korea had not been a frequent topic during Rice's breakneck tour of eight European countries and Israel over the past week. She also visited the West Bank and the Vatican.

Rice used the trip to reach out to Europe, and Europe reached back.

It is too soon to measure success, but Rice seemed pleased as she neared the end of the breakneck tour.

Highway renamed after Emmett Till

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Stretches of Mississippi highways in three counties would be renamed for victims of the nation's most infamous civil rights killings under a bill approved Thursday by the state Senate.

A stretch of Mississippi 19 near Philadelphia, believed to be the site of the murders of James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner, would be renamed for the three civil rights workers ambushed and killed by the Ku Klux Klan in 1964. A reputed former Klansman, Edgar Ray Killen, was recently indicted in the case.

The bill would also rename a portion of U.S. 49 East in Leflore and Tallahatchie counties the Emmett Till Memorial Highway, after the black 14-year-old who was beaten to death in 1955, supposedly for whistling at a white woman. That case has also recently been reopened by prosecutors.

If the bill is passed in the House and signed by Republican Gov. Haley Barbour, it will be the first state-sponsored memorial for Goodman, Chaney and Schwerner, said Sen. Gloria Williamson, a Democrat from Philadelphia.

Two killed in Iraq; precautions underway

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A car bomb detonated by remote control exploded in a crowded central Baghdad square Thursday moments after an American military convoy passed, killing at least two Iraqis and wounding two others, the U.S. Army said. There were no U.S. casualties.

South of the capital, the bodies of 20 Iraqi truck drivers who had been shot were found dumped on a road, their hands bound behind their backs, police Capt. Ahmed Ismail said. Some of the trucks were owned by the government, Ismail said.

With violence on the rise after the Jan. 30 election, Iraqi authorities announced the country's borders would be sealed for five days this month around the time of a major Shiite religious holiday. Last year during the holiday, about 180 people were killed in suicide attacks at Shiite shrines.

Most of the latest attacks have been against Iraq's security forces in a bid to undermine public confidence after police and soldiers managed to prevent catastrophic attacks during the elections. Gunmen fired on an Iraqi police patrol Thursday in Baqouba, north of Baghdad, setting off a gunbattle that killed a civilian bystander and wounded two police officers, a security official said. Assailants also gunned down a police lieutenant in Baqouba, the official said.

Five bodies in Iraqi National Guard uniforms were found Thursday in the insurgent stronghold of Ramadi, west of Baghdad. Hospital director Ala al Ani said residents reported that the slain men were among 13 guardsmen who went missing recently.

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Scientists rethink controversial projects

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researchers that we spoke to were risk-averse in terms of avoiding controversy," She added, "There were plenty of people who said controversy is a good thing, because it opens up topics to public debate."

Militant animal rights groups were a concern for many, who worried about organizations that have invaded laboratories to set animals loose and destroy research.

Kempner recalled one of her interviews.

"All of a sudden he said, 'How do I know you're not from an animal rights organization collecting information to storm the place?'"

Sometimes commercial interests can get in the way of research, Kempner added, saying there are cases when the pharmaceutical industry will ask a researcher not to publish a particular finding.



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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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Social security reform needs more discussion

Several decades ago, a president took to the floor of Congress many social reforms that were intended to provide economic security for the individual American who had been suffering through the Great Depression. The current President is now pushing for yet more social security reforms for what he claims is the same purpose, the economic security of the individual American.

George W. Bush is certainly no Franklin Delano Roosevelt, but the strategy is similar, the approach is similar, yet there is one glaring difference; FDR was responding to a severe crisis and the Bush administration has failed to prove the same. In fact, many law makers on the other side of the isle claim that the Bush administration is grossly exaggerating the crisis. They are also accusing the administration of politicizing the issue.

President Bush, however, is quite convinced of the need for reforms. For the first time in several years, he devoted a significant part of his state of the union speech to a domestic issue. This taking primacy, when placed in the context of the ongoing war in Iraq, shows that the President has decided to make it a central issue for his impending term.

There are several objections to the proposed reforms. Perhaps the most glaring among these objections is the objection to the creation of private funds to which part of the social security tax would go. Many liberals have argued that public money does not belong in private hands, but perhaps even more alarming is the possibility that this money, tied to the stock market, can never be truly secure. Security is the underlying theme and to place a portion of the money in what could be a volatile market presents the grounds for skepticism.

The willingness of the Bush administration to do this highlights their confidence in the American economy. Social security, which was established because of an economic crisis, was meant to keep funds out of the danger that the market ultimately presents. The division over Social Security runs between those who want to privatize and those who want to keep public money out of private hands. Also, however, that division runs through those who are confident about the future of the American economy and those who are skeptical.

The Bush administration has given that later group plenty of ammunition for their argument. Aside from the recent devaluation of the dollar and growing global investment in European markets, skeptics of the future of the American economy are concerned about the ever-growing deficit. The plan to overhaul social security itself would be a costly one and, when considering the already large deficit, the ongoing war and necessity for supplies and the intentions of the administration to make tax relief permanent, there is no doubt that questions about paying back the debt are certainly grounded in dangerous realities.

Still, with all the concerns that have been raised on both sides, the younger generations of Americans, namely those between the ages of 18 and 25, have been extremely quiet on the issue. As this is a matter that will affect the youth of today in the years of tomorrow, more debate needs to surface or an older generation will undoubtedly affect the retirement of a generation to come.

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Support needed for UMass sports

Mike Anmuth

I'm a big fan of the theory that UMass athletics in general are underappreciated, but the big ones like men's basketball, football and hockey get pretty good press when they're in season.

The smaller sports get pushed to the side in terms of fans showing up and the amount of attention being paid to them, despite the fact that these athletes practice and play as hard as any of the other athletes on campus.

I can say for a fact that this semester, I will be at as many athletic events as possible, whether they're big or small, prominent or not, simply because I love UMass and the athletic program here.

That being said, my friend John and I have tried to go to the UMass women's hockey home games since we have been back from winter break. While we haven't made it to all of them, we have attended the majority of the games and it's been a fantastic time. Not only do you get to sit extremely close to the ice in the Mullins Center practice rink, where women's hockey games are held, but also you feel as though you're definitely a part of the experience.

While men's hockey is awesome to watch and I would never give that up, women's hockey is a whole different ball game because it's a club sport rather than a varsity sport, and the team is responsible for renting the ice, getting the referees, scheduling games and all other administrative matters.

To not only go out there and play your heart out, but to also handle the administrative side of things is really impressive, and our women's hockey team is just that — impressive. As we sat on the side of the ice and watched them quite literally crush Mt. Holyoke with a score of 12-0, we were impressed by the skill of the team members in working together, in their offense and defense and how they showed a neighboring school that UMass is a powerful force.

To not only go out there and play your heart out, but to also handle the administrative side of things is really impressive, and our women's hockey team is just that - impressive.

Each game we've attended has been of the same caliber, the same excitement and the same cheering and clapping whenever our team scores a goal. While there may not be as many fans present as men's hockey, there are definitely dedicated fans that are there for the home games and cheer on the team to victory whenever possible.

Each time we've been there, the same group of students consistently attends and cheers a friend of theirs on the team, and the team in general. Slamming against the boards from the stands whenever a goal is scored, and yelling continuously for a win is the same spirit that should be present not just at women's hockey but at every UMass sporting event.

This is where I encourage you. I'm encouraging you this week to get out and go to the games, the events, the programs, to cheer on our teams in every sport that they play. If hockey doesn't tickle your fancy, we have so many more diverse athletics here on campus that appeal to different audiences. While I'm out there cheering on women's hockey, men's hockey, men's and women's basketball, softball and baseball, swimming and diving, tennis and any other events that I can fit into my schedule this semester, you should be on the sidelines with me.

Our athletics are comprised of students who do the same academic work that you do, but practice hard and practice often, compete and then practice more, so they deserve our appreciation. Show them that appreciation by being a part of the athletics fan base, joining the athletics fan club, the Maroon Platoon and/or encouraging your friends to go to events as well.

In order for a university of this size to thrive, we need school spirit and a lot of it, to help ourselves feel connected to the place that we spend the better part of our year attending. I know that after the win over UConn for men's basketball, I was never more proud to be attending the University of Massachusetts. We can create and increase that feeling every day by attending athletic events and showing our support in as many ways possible. I know I will. The only thing left to say here is what I've been saying all along and I will continue to say, particularly when I have my large foam #1 hand at events: Go Minutemen and, of course, Go Minutewomen!

Mike Anmuth is a Collegian columnist.

Time to change the box

Ben Duffy

One of my favorite idioms from this decade has been "think outside the box." It's a perfectly phrased invitation to think in dimensions that our brains haven't been conditioned to understand. I admit that I think inside of a box. It's called socialization, and the only ones who haven't been exposed to it are newborn infants. In time, they will grow and learn. They will experience the world they live in, internalize norms, adopt "isms" and craft dogmatic matrixes of thought. It happens to all of us, no exceptions.

So here I am at the esteemed University of Massachusetts, where I find myself in the political minority. Prevailing political currents on campus challenge the "box" in which I think; that is to say my own "isms", assumptions and beliefs. My liberal friends have suggested that I should be grateful that UMass is providing me with such an opportunity to think outside of the box. Challenging assumptions is an integral part of a good liberal arts education, they argue.

A young liberal might come here for freshman orientation with certain philosophies, and graduate four years later with every assumption fortified.

I couldn't agree more, and that's why I want to return the favor. I wouldn't want my liberal friends to leave UMass with a substandard education. It's been my experience that the student body here leans to the left. It would be patently unfair to deprive these students of the same quality of education that I receive, by allowing them to continue to think inside of the box.

By reinforcing predominantly left-wing assumptions, it allows the "box" in which they think to constrict further and further. A young liberal might come here for freshman orientation with certain philosophies, and graduate four years later with every assumption fortified. I wouldn't want my liberal friends to be ripped off like that.

For example, I find so many students who adhere to the great Marxist idea that all of history is the history of class struggle. Whether they're aware of the ideas Marxist associations or not, they nonetheless approach history with a "follow the money" approach. Every war we've ever fought was actually a covert ploy to make the rich richer and the poor poorer.

I'd be an idiot to think that money doesn't make the world go round, but I can't believe that so many people believe that there is a single theme that can explain of all history. Sorry, but history isn't that simple, and the idea can become a very small box if you allow it. After a year at UMass, I've decided that this idea is an inviolable precept of campus leftism, and so the box gets smaller.

I advocate hiring more conservative faculty members, not wishy-washy conservatives like Rush Limbaugh either. I'm talking about hardline right-wingers who are every bit as dedicated as our very own Professor Sut Jhally.

I have the perfect candidate in mind. His name is Dr. Michael Savage, and you can hear him every evening from 7:00pm until 10:00pm on WHYN AM 560. Dr. Savage's program, "The Savage Nation" is by far the most passionate right wing radio show on the dial.

Staunchly independent, Michael calls it like he sees it. Even I'm offended from time to time, though that's entirely irrelevant. Dr. Savage wouldn't come for my sake. He'd come to help the poor liberals who are getting shortchanged. Through Dr. Savage's lectures, he could help dogmatic leftists to expand their horizons and really get their money's worth from their tuition. His views on homosexuality, immigration, war, terrorism and race could really spice things up here on a campus where nearly everyone agrees with everyone else.

Don't doubt Dr. Savage's intelligence or qualifications either. Author of 18 books, having earned two master's degrees and a PhD, Dr. Savage is indeed a very bright guy. Unfortunately, Savage's education isn't in poli-sci or history, but rather in epidermology and nutrition. That's okay though, we can pull a classic stunt that the lefties have been pulling for years. We can sneak him in to teach a nutrition class, which the good doctor can exploit as his political pulpit.

According to a Wall Street Journal survey of 50 universities, half of all students "...said that their professors 'frequently comment on politics in class even though it has nothing to do with the course' or use the classroom to present their personal political views."

Michael Sugarman of the UMass Anthropology Department spent an entire lecture on Nov. 3 talking about Bush being the worst president there ever was and how his reelection was going to usher in the Apocalypse. German instructor Melissa Gazzo tried to slip a one-sided lesson on multiculturalism into my German class last year. If Professor Sugarman doesn't have to teach anthropology, and Ms. Gazzo doesn't have to teach German, then I guess Michael Savage doesn't have to teach nutrition.

Of course, I fully expect that his lectures will cause cardiac arrests here at liberal UMass. The first time he said that "liberalism is a mental disorder," that homosexuality is unnatural, or that we really need to flatten Iraqi cities that refuse to flush out insurgents, there would probably be mass riots in the classroom. That's okay though. If I can sit through lectures that make my blood boil, they can too. It's all part of a well-rounded education. You can thank me later.

Ben Duffy is a Collegian columnist.

Smiles make all the difference

Elizabeth Carter

As I waited alone for my cheese-steak sub at the Marketplace Cafe, I looked amidst the crowd of faces that seemed to be etched of stone, blank and searching looks, some with a subtle masked sorrow, others a bored malaise, and others still foreign with a certain doleful longing for more familiar surroundings. Yet in each of these faces, there was a bereft sense of loneliness hidden behind the mirror like eyes existed tangibly enough for me to see.

The man behind the counter cooked feverishly, cracking eggs and frying bacon with a type of machine precision I both respected and lamented upon. Yet there were no smiles. No, not one amidst this crowd was crinkling their eyes and baring their teeth in a show of elated emotion that seems so rare in public, especially a public room full of strangers. And I wondered to myself why? Why is it that no one ever smiles at each other? A room full of people all attempting to pretend that the rest of the people who happened to be joining them simply did not exist. How very sad. How very cold. How very lonesome.

I wondered was it the pressing weight of stress the new semester has brought with it? Or maybe it is the bitter cold that has been chilling our cheer and chilling each of us to the bone whilst we scurry outside the warm enclaves we all run to for shelter? Or possibly the air of detachment our ever dangerous society encourages and promotes, selling the idea that strangers are enemies to be hidden from and reviled?

Possibly something deeper and more personal what lies within the heavy heart of each attendee of the Marketplace today?

Then, of course, there is the creeping fear at what should happen if one were to smile and extend unneeded kindness to others whom we do not know. First there is the risk of the smile not being returned. For some, that may be a chance of rejection that is not worthy of wasting on a stranger. Then there is the concern that another may take the quiet compassion exchanged in a subtle upward turn of the lips as an overfriendly invitation in conjunction with a simple lack of desire to make new acquaintances for a myriad of personal reasons.

I truley wish we would all turn in our glass masks, melt the surface and reveal the flesh underneath by simply cracking an unashamed smile at a complete stranger.

While these are not the best outlooks, they do make sense in an odd manner.

So we look blankly at one another, hiding our humanity away behind a mask of unacknowledging indifference. How very gloomy a way that is for all of us to live. In my mind's eye, all those around me turned to cold hard steel, their movements jerkish and exactly alike in their robotic symmetry with their expressionless faces. Dancing to a music no one could hear yet each was exactly in step — never noticing that anyone else was in the room at all. Faces of glass that pretended to be stone yet truly are glass to those who look to see the person hidden behind the emotionless veneer.

I truly wish we would all turn in our glass masks, melt the surface and reveal the flesh underneath by simply cracking an unashamed smile at a complete stranger, a smile that simply gives, does not ask, and does not desire to receive anything back, a smile that grants its happiness, and understands the fearful responses it may incur from the frozen glass faces around it. Glass faces that twist their masks to contorted looks of confusion because they cannot comprehend unassuming happiness that simply bestows itself without expectation. Yet as I said this is a smile that understands and therefore takes no offense at rebuffs and only hopes that some day each and every mask is discarded, and that someday we all stop being afraid to feel.

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Taking flight...

New England Winds soar at Bezanson

By Joe Piedrafite
Collegian Staff

This past Tuesday, about 50 music fans filled Bezanson Recital Hall in the Fine Arts Center, eager to hear the evening's performance from the New England Winds, a quintet from the larger Air Force Band of Liberty. The quintet, based out of Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford, MA, consisted of Master Sgt. Katherine Cooper on Flute, Staff Sgt. Amanda Dell on clarinet, Bassoonist Airman 1st Class Christopher Stahl, Senior Airman Craig Matta and Airman 1st Class, Kate Nettles on horn and oboe, respectively.

Music Department Professor Michael Sussman welcomed the audience and introduced the Quintet. Their program was entitled "From Salzburg to Manhattan," which referred to the diversity of their musical program for the evening, playing works of various writers across the globe.

Staff Sgt. Amanda Dell introduced the group and their first piece, "Quintet" from August Klughardt's Opus No. 79. A piece in four movements, it lasted almost 25 minutes.

Bassoonist Airman 1st Class Christopher Stahl introduced their next piece, a deviation from the program, entitled "Suite for Woodwind Quintet" by a French composer. It also was a piece in three movements, and the five incredibly talented musicians produced enough sound to flesh out an entire orchestra.

After a short break, the Quintet came back and fielded questions from the audience during a short question-and-answer session. When asked how many performances they do a year, Master Sgt. Cooper and Airman 1st Class Stahl said that they perform "about 300-400 times a year." They went on to explain that The New England Winds was a group of the much larger Air Force Band of Liberty, which has approximately 70 members. In addition to the New England Winds, there are other groups within the larger ensemble, a Brass quintet, Jazz Band, a Pop Combo, and other various small ensembles. The ensemble practices Monday thru Friday for about four hours a day.

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After the question-and-answer session, the group continued their program, and the second half focused on more upbeat, peppy music than the first half had. Their repertoire for the second part of their program included "A Frolic in Be-Bop Major" from a larger piece called "Gone with the Woodwinds". They continued with a beautiful rendition of Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World," which easily got the loudest response of the evening.

"Freskita Serenade" was next, a light, jazzy and up tempo piece, and they closed the evening with Stephen Foster Collins' "American Folk Suite". Senior Airman Matta joked, "Collins was America's first pop star! He found success at an early age, had a troubled marriage, and died tragically young with only 38 cents in his pocket!" The New England Winds ended their concert on an extremely high note, and showed how talented they were.

The New England Winds was presented as part of an ongoing series the Music Department presents throughout the year, showcasing small ensembles and visiting musicians in the beautifully restored Bezanson Recital Hall.



Wolfe explores life for college students in latest novel

By Alex Lange
The Maneater

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Many people probably think the chances of a 72-year-old man writing a successful, or even accurate, novel centered on modern college life are slim. In his latest novel, author Tom Wolfe proves age has not impaired his ability to research a subject and synthesize those findings into a poignant story.

"I Am Charlotte Simmons" is a graphic reproduction of the American college in the new millennium. It has neither political agendas nor religious themes; the book is a sensational day in the life of the modern university. When Wolfe makes reference to "Sprewell rims" and the movie "Old School," adults might get lost, but details like this appeal to college readers.

At the prestigious and fictional Dupont University, a nationally recognized sports program battles for glory with Ivy League academians while the general student population tries to establish itself in undergraduate societies.

Three well-developed student characters, a somewhat deplorable but charming fraternity member, an NCAA basketball superstar and a Rhodes Scholar hopeful, find their lives growing in complexity as they become involved in different ways with Charlotte Simmons, a naive freshmen girl from Allegheny County in North Carolina's Blue Ridge Mountains.

"I Am Charlotte Simmons" is not what typical Wolfe readers might expect. For the first time, Wolfe uses a female main character, and, unlike previous novels in which he spreads action across a big city, 90 percent takes place at the small, gothic Dupont University.

Wolfe is the father of two college students. In interviews, Wolfe has pointed to his daughters as original sources for interest in this latest novel. He indicated a fascination with the changes in university life he witnessed during his time as a student, particularly regarding coed dorms. He also redefines the student part of student-athlete, as his readers are allowed to intimately follow sports superstars around campus.

The politics of university sports are just part of the color Wolfe uses to paint Dupont University. He vividly takes the reader through fraternity formals, campus protests, underage club-going and even debates among the intellectual elite.

To research his book, Wolfe observed student life at some well-known universities, including Stanford University, the University of Michigan, the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and the University of Florida.

Wolfe supplies enough detail to depict campus architecture and also the intricacies of his characters' physical appearances. Words such as "latissimi dorsi" and "trapezius" appear next to "loamy lions" as he describes students at the recreational facilities.

When reading Wolfe, it is important to note each character is a composite. This is why his story sells.

Wolfe is often credited for a journalistic approach to writing, but the story is fiction, and his characters, as realistic as they might be, exist only on the pages of the book. Nevertheless, the novel is a true gem of modern American culture and an accurate portrait of campus life.

"I am Charlotte Simmons"
Tom Wolfe
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Despite the fact that he is 72 years-old, many critics have claimed that the author Tom Wolfe accurately illustrates the college experience in his newest book titled "I am Charlotte Simmons".

New PlayStation may be racing to success

By Stanley Miller II
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

LAS VEGAS — I've seen the future of mobile entertainment, and it's the PlayStation Portable.

When Sony said it was going to challenge Nintendo in the portable gaming market last year, analysts were guarded about how well it would do against a company whose Game Boy franchise has dominated hand-held gaming for more than a decade.

While Sony's PSP possessed impressive features and technical specifications including the ability to play digital music and video the prevailing opinion was that runaway success would depend on the games that developers and publishers created for it.

During the 2005 International Consumer Electronics Show last week, Electronic Arts showed off early versions of several games that will be available when the PSP goes on sale in the United States in late March.

After trying out a handful of launch titles, my attitude toward the PSP surged from optimistic to foaming-at-the-mouth excited. If other publishers release games matching the style and quality I saw from Electronic Arts, the PSP will be the hottest high-tech toy of 2005.

The launch lineup for PSP games from Electronic Arts includes "Need for Speed Underground Rivals," "NBA Street," "FIFA Soccer," "NFL Street," "MVP Baseball" and "Tiger Woods PGA Tour."



COURTESY SONY

At the 2005 International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Sony showed off their latest gaming device. Some critics argue the Playstation Portable is one of the best innovations since Nintendo's Gameboy.

It's hard to imagine you could have a cinematic experience on a 4.3-inch screen. But in "Need For Speed Underground Rivals," the street racing game takes advantage of the PSP's high-resolution, 16:9 widescreen liquid crystal display to create something that looks like a tiny version of the movie "The Fast and the Furious."

The visuals in "Need For Speed" looked amazingly sharp and colorful, and the engrossing illusion of velocity the game generates as you blaze down city streets is completely convincing.

Game designers from Electronic Arts were quick to stress that "Need For Speed" and their other PSP games with similar titles already available for PlayStation 2 are not just ports of old games to the new platform.

In addition to new content such as the racing venues in "Need for Speed" the PSP games from Electronic Arts have several new game modes that take advantage of the portable nature of the device.

For example, "Need for Speed," "NFL Street" and other games offer a mode called party play, where up to four people can pass around a PSP, play one of the games, and the system will automatically track the scores and crown a winner.

The PSP's controls are similar to its PlayStation predecessors, so PSP games are intuitive for anyone who has played one of the older systems.

All of the games Electronic Arts showed at the Consumer Electronics Show also let two players compete head-to-head wirelessly using the PSP's built-in Wi-Fi technology.

To fuel competition on the PSP, games such as "Need For Speed" and "NBA Street" feature an "owns list." When one player defeats another in a game with an owns list, the result of the contest is digitally branded into the PSP profile of both the winner and loser. The winner "owns" the loser a badge of honor until the loser wins a match.

Other game modes are designed to give players a quick fix for situations when they might only have a few minutes to play.

Instead of running a complete circuit race in "Need for Speed," for example, a game mode called "drift" allows players to try to quickly navigate an obstacle course by taking sharp turns yet avoid skidding into pillars spread throughout the track.

Another notable feature for Electronic Arts' coming PSP games is a system called EA Pocket Trax, which lets players listen to music or watch videos linked to the games they are playing. In "Need For Speed," for instance, you can watch music videos for bands that provided music for that game. You also can just listen to 40 or so songs in soundtrack without playing the game.

Sony has not announced a price for the system in the United States, but it now costs about $190 in JapanSince the PSP became available in Japan on Dec. 2, more than 510,000 of the devices were sold before the end of 2004, Kaz Hirai, president and CEO of Sony Computer Entertainment, said last week at the Consumer Electronics Show.

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Mixtape Volume 1: 'The Dark Side'



The Mix Tape
Matt O'Rourke

Starting today, and on every Friday for the rest of the semester, a column titled "The Mixtape" will run featuring a 30-minute side of reviewed tracks from albums both new and old. Each mixtape aims to create a list of tracks that either all fall under the same category of music, fit a certain mood, or a combination of the two. For reader feedback, please e-mail Matt at arts@dailycollegian.com

1. "Out of Time" – Blur (3:52)

For the inaugural mixtape session, I felt the need to present some tracks that have a dark tone to them. To begin this session, I decided on Blur's "Out of Time" from their latest album "Think Tank". Turning up the volume on this track reveals darker tones with a near-screaming choir of ghostly proportions in stark contrast to the jazzy foreground. When combined with Damon Albarn's lyrical singing, a bridging effect between the two is created. Appears on: "Think Tank" (Virgin, 2003)

2. "Good Vibrations" – Brian Wilson (4:36)

"Good Vibrations", or what I liked to call "Good Vibrations (as it was meant to be)" from Brian Wilson's long awaited album, "SMiLE", is perhaps the epitome of dark tones vs. light. Perhaps it's the vocals pitted against the strings and percussion, but somehow this song manages to generate a solid (albeit cliche) "good" feeling. If you haven't heard the new version of this song, find the album, and listen to it immediately. Appears on: "SMiLE" (Nonesuch, 2004)

3. "Anthems for a Seventeen Year-Old Girl" – Broken Social Scene (4:35)

Broken Social Scene covers track 3 with their underground-indie hit, "Anthems for a Seventeen Year-Old Girl". Once again, a song that will elicit a solid good feeling inside of the listener, but also a dark feeling (perhaps caused by the vocal effects once more). Its simple repetition brilliantly covers the feelings of a stereotypical seventeen year-old girl. Fair warning, the song is catchy, and some will be tempted to replay it several hundred times. Appears on: "You Forgot it in People" (Arts & Crafts, 2003)

4. "Careful Where You Stand" – Coldplay (4:44)

"Careful Where You Stand," a Coldplay b-side from the time of "Parachutes" and "The Blue Room EP," is next. The song pushes a high-yet-light falsetto from Chris Martin against the slight echoes of electric guitar. Like much of Coldplay's earlier material, a dark ambience fills the background, and hence, this song makes the cut. Appears on: "Parachutes" (UK Bonus CD) (EMI, 2000)

5. "The Last Broadcast" – Doves (3:22)

"The Last Broadcast" draws upon some of same methods used by Coldplay and Blur while adding a driving rhythm in the drums. The guitar in this track can also be stylistically compared to Johnny Greenwood of Radiohead and creates a wonderful atmosphere. Definitely a track meant to be played for late night work sessions. Appears on: "The Last Broadcast" (Heavenly / Capitol, 2002)

6. "How to be Dead" – Snow Patrol (3:23)

With Snow Patrol, this side of the tape begins to "lighten up," albeit slightly. "How to Be Dead" is about inner-conflict, arguing, and ultimately giving up. The brilliant line of "Dr. Jekyl is wrestling Hyde, for my pride" is pop-ish, but also gives the listener something to remember the song by. The last few seconds will resonate in your head for days to come. The mixing of the track is wonderful, providing layers of sound, which adds greatly to its replayablity factor. Appears on: "Final Straw" (A&M / Polydor, 2004)

7. "Watching the Sun Come Up" – Ed Harcourt (5:45)

The "Dark Side" ends with "Watching the Sun Come Up," an amazing song by Ed Harcourt, which should be tried doing what the title suggests. The song, in fact, cannot be listened to, but rather, experienced. I realized this song's full potential last year by accident after pulling an all-nighter with some friends. The piano is both dark and bright in tone, against the rest of the band that is usually pushing the rhythm and driving heavy chords. The lyrics are also masterfully crafted, especially with Harcourt's voice singing "my hands, they are a'shakin" accompanied by his wavering voice. An amazing track, and a perfect end to the "Dark Side." Appears on: "From Every Sphere" (Heavenly / Capitol, 2000)

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UMass tries to reverse road woes

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36 points), Sean Collins (12-24-36) and Brett Hemingway (16-16-32) leading the charge.

To no surprise, those three were major contributors on the Dec. 9 matchup too. Collins led the way with two goals and an assist while Callander was able to tally a goal and an assist, and Hemingway pitched in with a pair of helpers.

The Wildcat defense has been steady in front of the goaltending tandem of freshman Kevin Regan, who was just named Superskills Rookie of the Week for the third time this season, and Jeff Pietrasiak, who made 17 saves during the shutout in the two team's only meeting this season.

Cahoon said his team's best opportunity to win will be by capitalizing on the Wildcats' mistakes.

"We need to get more offensive opportunities," Cahoon said. "We played a pretty solid game up there [on Dec. 9], but the result wasn't what we wanted it to be. We've got to take advantage of the opportunites they give us because they're going to give us [some], and we've got to work on scoring some goals."

Until last Friday against hated rival Maine, UNH hadn't lost a game at the Whitt all season, and currently sitts at 14-1-0 on their home sheet, which could cause some problems for the road-wary Minutemen.

UMass will at least be carrying some of that North Andover momentum all the way up to Durham tonight.

"We certainly can look at last Saturday night in a positive light, and the kids can have some fun after the game, and it makes it easier going to practice the next week," Cahoon said. "We're going up [to UNH] feeling better about ourselves for sure but knowing that it's going to be a real challenge."

NOTES: Junior defenseman Marvin Degon was named one of 15 semifinalists for the Walter Brown Award on Monday. The award is given to the best American-born college hockey player in New England. UNH's Sean Collins was also named a semifinalist...The Whittemore Center was unkind to the Minutemen more than just on the scoreboard during their last visit. It was their that then-leading scorer Matt Anderson was checked long the left boards by Mike Radja and suffered a broken right ankle.



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Freshman forward Matt Burto goes after the puck during the Minutemen's 2-1 loss against Northeasten on Feb. 3.

Giambi says sorry to the fans

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK - Jason Giambi repeatedly apologized to fans, the New York Yankees and his teammates on Thursday but refused to say why - or discuss whether he used steroids.

Giambi came to Yankee Stadium to make his first public comments since it was reported in December that he'd told a federal grand jury in 2003 that he took steroids for at least three seasons.

"There's been a lot of distraction, definitely, over the last year, and I'm sorry for that. I really am," Giambi said. "I feel I let down the fans. I feel I let down the media. I feel I let down the Yankees, not only the Yankees, but my teammates.

"I accept full responsibility for that," he went on. "I'm sorry, but I'm trying to go forward now. Most of all, to the fans, I'm sorry. I know it's going to be hard, and I understand how they feel."

With general manager Brian Cashman, manager Joe Torre and agent Arn Tellem at his side, Giambi refused to say what he specifically was apologizing for.

"I'm sorry I can't be more candid with you guys about everything because of the ongoing legal matters," he said.

Giambi said he had not read the San Francisco Chronicle story, which cited transcripts of his grand jury testimony, and he would not say whether the newspaper's report was accurate.

"When I went into that grand jury, I told the truth," he said.

Giambi twiddled his thumbs, crossed his legs and held a knee as he spoke.

The former AL MVP was bothered by a parasite and a benign tumor last year, and slumped to .208 with 12 homers and 40 RBIs. The Yankees dropped him from their postseason roster.

"I think we're all curious to see how he's going to rebound from everything he went through last year," Torre said. "He certainly looks better than he did."

One of the few topics Giambi addressed specifically was Jose Canseco's upcoming book, which is being released next week. The New York Daily News reported Sunday that Canseco says in the book that he, Giambi and Mark McGwire shot steroids together.

"I think it's sad. I think it's delusional," Giambi said. "It's just so far-fetched. It's not even fantasy."

The 2000 AL MVP with Oakland, Giambi came to the Yankees for the 2002 season. His production decreased in the second half of the 2003 season, when he played with an injured knee.

Chow may be first D-1 Asian coach

By Steve Wilstein
Associated Press

The NFL's gain is college football's loss and further evidence that the two are going in different directions on minority hiring.

Norm Chow, the architect of the offense that propelled Southern California to two straight national titles, hoped to become college football's first Asian-American head coach.

He waited 32 years, mentoring Heisman Trophy and Hall of Fame quarterbacks, going from BYU to North Carolina State to USC, designing high-scoring offenses everywhere he went.

He earned a national reputation. His phone number wasn't a secret. But precious few calls for head coaching jobs ever came.

On Wednesday, he stopped waiting, got out of the college ranks for at least a while, and signed on as offensive coordinator for the Tennessee Titans.

The dream to be a head coach hasn't faded. Chow called the Titans job "an opportunity for me and my family to get to the highest level of football." He downplayed reports of friction with USC coach Pete Carroll and spoke of his excitement of being in the NFL.

You'd think athletic directors would have been knocking each other over to hire a man like Chow. He worked with Heisman winner Ty Detmer, recently elected Hall of Famer Steve Young, Jim McMahon, Marc Wilson and Robbie Bosco during 27 years at Brigham Young. He guided standout quarterback Philip Rivers for a year at North Carolina State, then Heisman winners Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart at USC.

You'd think a man with that kind of record of success would have had his pick of schools to be a head coach.

You'd be wrong.

College football is still largely run the way it's always been run, hirings made through the good old boy network. There aren't many minorities among athletic directors and presidents, and they don't hire many minority coaches.

"College football is going in the exact opposite direction as the NFL," said sports sociologist Richard Lapchick, who monitors race and gender issues at Central Florida's Institute of Diversity and Ethics in Sports.

In the NFL, the number of minority head coaches has tripled to six since the "Rooney Rule" was adopted two years ago. During the same span, the number of minority head football coaches at the 117 NCAA Division I-A schools dropped from five to three.

"It was absolutely shocking to me," Lapchick said, "that at the end of this year, after two consecutive national championships and everybody saying how great a coach he was, that Norm Chow didn't get offered a college head coaching job. It was very disheartening."

The day before Chow took the Titans' job, New England Patriots defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel saw his long wait to be a head coach end when he was named to lead the Cleveland Browns.

On the pro level, Crennel's credentials were every bit as impressive as Chow's in colleges. Crennel, a year younger at 57, earned two Super Bowl rings with Bill Parcells in New York and three with Bill Belichick in New England but never had the chance to run his own program until now.

In becoming Cleveland's first full-time black coach, Crennel is more proof that the league's diversity policy is working.

That policy is all about opportunities, not quotas. It's about opening doors, not shutting people out. It's about giving qualified candidates a chance to succeed or fail on their own merits.

"My skin color is black, but I am a head coach," Crennel said. "I hope that I possess the qualities that are in a head coach with the leadership, organization, and the prioritizing. In many cases, I have been the only African-American on a staff or in the neighborhood. The best thing I can do for other minority candidates is be successful and a role model."

Newly elected Hall of Famer Fritz Pollard was the NFL's first black coach in the early 1920s. There wasn't another until Art Shell took over the Raiders in 1989. Two years ago, the only black coaches were the Indianapolis Colts' Tony Dungy and the New York Jets' Herman Edwards.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue, responding to pressures inside and outside the game to hire more minorities, appointed a committee headed by Pittsburgh owner Dan Rooney. The panel recommended a policy requiring all teams with coaching vacancies to interview at least one minority candidate.

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until four days after that.

Curt Schilling appeared at a Boston nightclub where the team received the Sports Illustrated Sportsman of the Year award then spent most of the offseason at his Arizona home, recovering from ankle surgery.

"Red Sox fans make it a point to come up to me," he said.

Even the bloody sock he wore in his victories in Game 6 of the AL championship series and Game 2 of the World Series drew attention. A replica of it was sent to writers with the proof of a book on the Red Sox-Yankees rivalry called "Blood Feud."

Publishers scrambled to hit the market while the Red Sox were hot. Authors as diverse as horror-master Stephen King and flaky retired Red Sox pitcher Bill Lee put out books.

Other former Red Sox worked at the fantasy camp in Fort Myers where the club increased its usual number of participants from 120 to 130. Each paid $3,600 for a week of games at the team's minor-league complex.

"I got so many phone calls, I wanted to throw the phone through the wall. I could have taken 180 people," said Ken Nigro, who ran the camp. "Had I known we were going to win the Series beforehand, I'd have run two camps."

He also supervised a week-long Caribbean cruise on which nearly 200 fans - "We ran out of cabins so we couldn't take more," Nigro said - mingled with pitchers Bronson Arroyo and Lenny DiNardo, bench coach Brad Mills and television announcer Don Orsillo.

Three young women whose flight was delayed paid for hotels before they could join the cruise three days after it began.

"I wound up giving them some money out of my pocket," Nigro said. "They spent a small fortune in addition to the money they spent going on the cruise just to be with the group. You're talking about diehards here."

Plenty of fans already have shelled out big bucks for Red Sox spring training tickets. Although the most expensive seat rose from $21 to $44, highest in the majors, the entire home spring training schedule sold out earlier than ever before.

The first home game for spring training is March 3 against Minnesota. Four days later, the Yankees come to town on the anniversary of their first visit to Fort Myers after Alex Rodriguez joined them last offseason.

The Yankees won that game 11-7 in front of a sign-waving sellout crowd. Commemorative pins for the game sold for $5.67 and lines outside the ballpark were long hours before game-time.

"They're fun," Rodriguez said then of games between the rivals. "We look forward to an unbelievable summer."

That it was.

The Red Sox battled the Yankees for first place in the AL East and held second from June 1 to the end of the season. Boston then swept Anaheim in the AL division series before losing three straight to the Yankees in the ALCS.

The Red Sox didn't lose again, winning four against the Yankees and another four against the St. Louis Cardinals to win the World Series for the first time since 1918.



COURTESY GETTY IMAGES

Terry Francona, the coach of the 2004 World Series champion Boston Red Sox, has been a fan favorite ever since the championship.

Fleet Center gives name away for a day

BOSTON (AP) - The owner of FleetCenter is offering egomaniacs a shot at fleeting fame: a chance to buy personal naming rights to the sports arena for just a single day.

The rotating, day-to-day opportunity is being offered through an eBay auction while the arena's owners continue seeking a long-term naming rights deal to replace the FleetCenter name, now rendered obsolete by Bank of America's $48 billion acquisition last year of the former FleetBoston Financial Corp.

There are actually a little more than a dozen separate auctions taking place on eBay, with bidding starting at $25 for the right to name the center for 24-hour naming rights later this month.

Proceeds from the deals will be going to a charity supported by the arena's owner, Delaware North Cos.

The bidding kicked off at 6:15 a.m. Thursday, and one particular date - Feb. 16 - had already reached $3,150 by noon - with more than four days to go until the auction closes. On that day, the Boston Celtics are hosting the Memphis Grizzlies.

Single-day names for the home of the Celtics and the NHL's Boston Bruins could carry the names of the bidder, a loved one, or a business.

As an example, Richard Krezwick, president and chief executive of Delaware North, offered his own suggestion: The Rollie Krezwick Center, in honor of the executive's dog, a wheaten terrier.

"He's a big sports fan," Krezwick said. "He watches hockey religiously."

Bidders will not be required to include "Center" in the building name, and the arena will approve all names provided they're "rated G," Krezwick said.

Winning bidders won't get to change the arena's large exterior signs, but will be able to see their chosen names on the FleetCenter's Web site, its Jumbotron video screen, and a message for callers to the automated phone system, which will say "Thank you for calling the YourCenter."

They also will get four luxury seat tickets to the day's game or show, a framed photo collage and a certificate, and a "special surprise gift package."

Aspiring bidders can also submit offers by logging onto the FleetCenter's Web site, www.fleetcenter.com.

An assortment of sports enthusiasts, publicity hounds and others are already latching onto the idea.

FleetCenter executives have been negotiating with a handful of sponsors to buy single-day deals before the 24-hour naming rights go to eBay bidders starting Feb. 16. Local Fox television station WXFT station and a Chicago-based sports marketing publication are among the initial potential sponsors.

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Rematch in the Bronx

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10 Eastern Division standings at the time.

Tomorrow's game against Fordham has a little more on the line than an average conference game. If Fordham defeats UMass it will move up and tie the Minutemen for third place in the A-10 East.

Lappas is wary of taking any team lightly this year, and is hoping that the Minutemen can utilize the same weapons they did last time against Fordham. One main weapon is the presence of Rashaun Freeman in the post, and the general inside game that has been UMass' bread and butter this season.

"I think the last time we played Fordham we got him (Freeman) the ball a lot. We try to get him the ball and I think we do a good job getting him the ball," Lappas said. "Against URI Rashaun scored 10 points, but Deli scored and Stephane Lasme scored too. So I think we're happy with the way we've been getting the ball inside. I think we've done a good job all year and we're just going to keep pounding it in there."



Senior point guard Chris Chadwick dishes off a pass against URI on Wednesday night. Chadwick had four points and three rebounds.

The last time these teams met, Freeman had a career caute, putting up 26 points while reeling in seven boards. Also contributing that night was senior captain Anthony Anderson, who was fresh off a position change from point guard to shooting guard. Anderson had a season-high 23 points, going 5-for-10 from behind the arch.

Freeman has been the main focus of opposing teams throughout the season, which has left players like Anderson and Maurice Maxwell open for more looks. Anderson has maintained his consistency as a reliable scoring option, while Maxwell has exploded and is currently second on the the team in scoring, dropping 11.7 ppg.

With the emergence of Maxwell, it would appear that Freeman would get more open looks in the post, but over the last few games teams have been choking the paint with guards and forwards alike.

Lappas isn't convinced that Maxwell will help Freeman's personal statistics, or after how many touches he will get a game. He is convinced that Freeman remains a dominant post player, and that the addition of Maxwell is just icing on the cake.

"He's the fourth highest scorer in the league, he's averaging almost 15 points per game. He's not going to score 25 every game, he's not going to do that no matter how open he gets," Lappas said. "All that does is add to our balance. "

Francona: a household name

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

BOSTON - Strangers handed Terry Francona cell phones so he could talk to their relatives. Restaurant workers on a tiny Caribbean island asked Theo Epstein to sign their Boston caps as he dined during what he thought would be a brief vacation from business.

Middle-aged wannabes were turned away from the oversubscribed Red Sox fantasy baseball camp, publishers churned out books about the team and players got more pats on the back and less privacy.

Just some offseason sacrifices timostly welcome ones for winning the team's first World Series in 86 years.

"I'm recognized pretty much everywhere," said Francona, a champion in his first year as Boston's manager. "It's a very small price to pay."

Francona's bald head is a giveaway, but his general manager, Epstein, gets noticed even though his casual style of dress and occasional beard blend into a crowd of 30-somethings.

"I was out of the (Boston) region and a guy came up to talk to me," he said. "It was really cold and I had a winter jacket and scarf on. You could barely see me. All he could see was my eyes and my nose."

It was a very busy few months for Epstein: Red Sox duties occupied all but "a handful of days," he said, and he added several free agents, including David Wells and Edgar Renteria.

His players had their own memorable moments.

Johnny Damon got married but didn't lop off his long mane. Kevin Millar sighed with relief when Epstein decided to keep him and trade fellow first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz to the New York Mets. Players had opportunities to make money on speaking engagements.

Trot Nixon, though, preferred to relax.

"I wanted to spend time with my family," the right-fielder said.

Now he's already working out at the Red Sox camp even though the reporting date for pitchers and catchers is next Thursday and position players aren't due in

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UMass looks for success on the road

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Lappas is confident the Minutemen will be prepared to win.

"We've done well on the road, regardless of who we've played. You want to go on the road and win game and we need to go and do it again,' Lappas said. "There's no doubt that we did a lot of good things the first time we played them, things we want to try and do again."

As Lappas knows, the Minutemen have been there and done that with these types of games all season, regardless of crowd, opponent or venue, and the Minutemen once again realize they will be in up to their collective necks tomorrow in what shakes down as one of the more important, under-the-radar games of this season.

So if UMass can linally do as the Red Sox did and break its own version of a Bronx curse, Lappas and Co. could be headed back up I-95 not just with a win, but with the mindset of a team knowing it just may be starting to rall.

"If we can get on a little bit of a rull with a win on Saturday, that would really help us for Tuesday [against Florida State]," Lappas said. "I think the confidence in this team is starting to grow. It remains to be seen where that is going to take us, but I think we're headed in the right direction."

Minutewomen hit Buckeye state

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rent scoring leader, freshman sensation Pam Rosanio (11 ppg).

A defensive-minded team like the Minutewomen, the similarities between the two teams don't end there. While Marnie Dacko has doubled UMass's winning total from last year with seven games still to go, UD head coach Jim Jabir has been met with the task of turning a team that won just three games in 2003-2004 into an A-10 West contender.

Although the Flyers currently sit at one game below .500 and fourth in their division, statistics certainly don't measure the magnitude of Jabir's will and determination.

Before the season could even start, Jabir was diagnosed with cardiac arrythmia, a condition that affects a person's heart rate. He took a medical leave of absence on Nov. 3, was fitted with an artificial defibrillator to moniter to condition, and remained hospitalized until opening night, when UD thumped Akron 66-56.

He finally returned to the sidelines on Dec. 7, and has been line for the most part since.

"I've known Jim for years, so all coaches have had their adversities to come over," Dacko said. "But this is good for him, good for his family...I think all coaches are role models."

If the Minutewomen don't find their physical match against Dayton tonight, they certainly will on Sunday, when they travel to the Cintas Center in Cincinnati to take Tara Boothe and the Xavier Musketeers head-on.

Last season, the junior forward was held to no points, three rebounds, two assists and committed four turnovers in XU's 53-43 win over an injury-plagued UM squad.

But Boothe has since improved her game enough to garner her a pre-season All-America Honorable Mention from Street and Smith's.



Senior forward Brooke Campbell goes up for a layup against St. Bonaventure on Sunday night.

Through 04-05, the Kentucky native leads the Muskies in field goal percentage (52.5), rebounds (7.6 per game), blocks (12) and points (19.2 per game).

Of the five starters, she's committed the least amount of turnovers (33). Not only that, but Boothe has an improved, if not deadly, outside-shooting game this season.

"Last year she didn't have any points against us, but this year she has broadened her game," Dacko said. "We really have to be able to pressure her on the perimeter."

Now or never for the NHL

By Ira Podell
Associated Press

By this weekend, the NHL will either have a surprising deal that saves the hockey season or a dubious place in history.

The long-awaited deadline is set. If the league and the union can't hammer out a new collective bargaining agreement in this last round of talks that started secretly in Toronto on Wednesday, commissioner Gary Bettman will pull the plug.

The NHL would then have the distinction of being the first North American sports league to lose an entire season to a labor dispute. Bettman would rather not have that mark on his record but cautioned that the right deal is necessary for the NHL to survive.

"This has just been a very difficult, frustrating process and again we're sorry we have to go through it," he said. "But we had no choice."

Bettman and Bill Daly, the NHL's chief legal officer, had dinner late Wednesday night with players' association executive director Bob Goodenow and senior director Ted Saskin but there were no formal discussions, a source close to the negotiations told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

The group met again at the league's office in Toronto on Thursday morning.

The lockout reached its 148th day Thursday. If a deal is reached, Bettman said, there would be a 28-game regular season and the 16-team playoff structure would be preserved.

"It is clear to me that if we're not working on a written document by this weekend, I don't see how we can play any semblance of a season," Bettman said. "Obviously we will listen to everything the union has to say, but we've given all we can give and gone as far as we can go."

Bettman and Daly visited the players' association office in Toronto. The union made it clear that it wasn't going to initiate new talks this week, so the league took a new offer to the players.

It wasn't received well.

"It's really not whether there's a better deal or a worse deal - it's the right deal, it's the fair deal," Goodenow said. "We've always been focused on those principles."

The NHL handed over what it called "a compromise proposal."

It presented the idea that a new deal be made using the players' association's proposal from Dec. 9 that included a luxury-tax system and a 24 percent salary rollback on existing contracts.

But if any one of four financial conditions set forth by the league were exceeded, then the NHL's salary-cap offer from last week would go into effect the following season. Teams would then be forced to spend at least $32 million on player costs but no more than $42 million, including benefits.

"The NHL delivered a one-page concept to us which they tried to suggest represented a compromise," Goodenow said. "The league's proposal was a transparent attempt to impose on our Dec. 9 proposal the effects of their twice-rejected Feb. 2 triple-cap proposal."

Goodenow said that one of the four limits would immediately be exceeded if this deal was put in place, and others could be easily reached.

The union asked Bettman and Daly to stay in Toronto through Thursday for negotiating sessions.

Goodenow said they would try to figure out new ways to get over the main stumbling block of a salary cap, but added that the players' association won't hand over a new proposal Thursday.

"We'll have conversations about these difficult areas and see if we can't come up with an idea, a framework or a mechanism for some common ground," Goodenow said. "The prospect that we'd be able to conclude an agreement by the end of the weekend is very daunting.

"It is possible, but I don't want to discuss the levels of probability."

The lockout has wiped out 824 of the 1,230 regular-season games through Thursday, as well as this weekend's scheduled All-Star game. If the season is canceled, there is no telling when there will be NHL hockey again.

"The deal can only get worse, from a technical matter and as an economic matter, the longer we go without a new deal," Bettman said. "That's not a threat, that's simply the reality of where we find ourselves."

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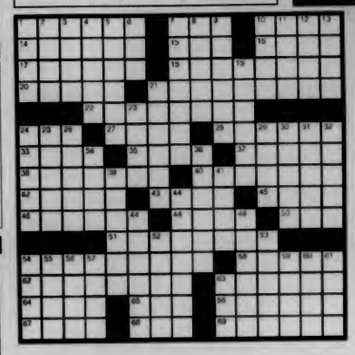

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Minutemen ready to rumble in Rose Hill

UMass looks to sweep Fordham

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

Over the past few games, the Massachusetts men's basketball (12-8, 9-5 A-10) team has shown it can play overpowering offense and stifling defense. The only issue has been whether or not it can do both at the same time.

After dominating St. Bonaventure on Saturday 74-58, the Minutemen traveled to Kingston, R.I. and gave the scorer's table a night off. UMass defeated the Rams 49-44, in a game highlighted by defensive stands and shot-clock violations.

So now, in the midst of its fourth two-game winning streak, the Maroon and White travel to the Bronx, N.Y. tomorrow to play the Fordham Rams (9-12, 5-5 A-10).

UMass coach Steve Lappas was upset with the offensive output by the Minutemen on Wednesday night, but does not feel his team is truly inconsistent as a whole.

"I'm not concerned with our defensive consistency and that's part of consistency. In basketball you look around the country and offensively teams have peaks and valleys throughout the whole year, everybody," Lappas said. "I'm really looking for defensive consistency, and I think we've had that since the beginning of this year."

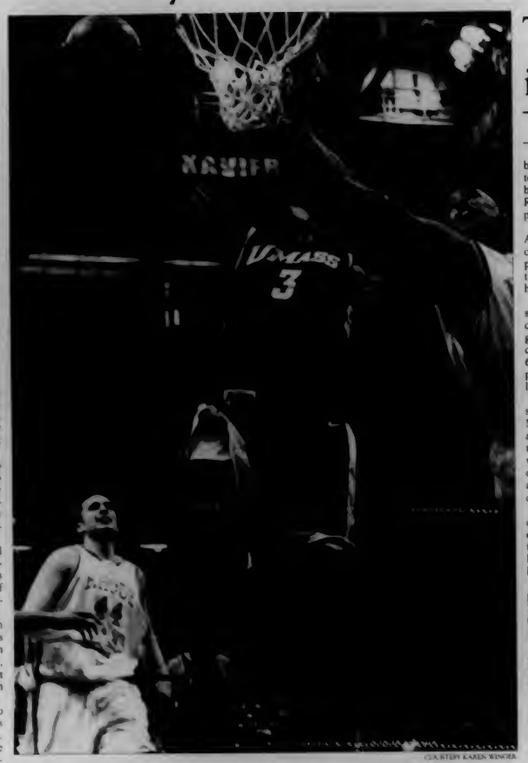
As it has for most of the season, UMass has done a sufficient job of slowing down the game's tempo. The Minutemen, however, are currently ranked seventh in the A-10 in scoring defense, letting up 66.6 points per game (ppg) despite only allowing five points per game more than conference leader Saint Joseph's (61.1 ppg).

The last time the Maroon and White played Fordham, the Minutemen were firing on all cylinders and beat the Rams 76-63 at the Mullins Center on Jan. 19. However, the ensuing week of basketball saw each team spiral in a different direction.

UMass came out of the lopsided victory with three games that raised questions in regards to its ability to respond to a big win. The Minutemen went on to get crushed by Saint Joseph's on Jan. 22, 73-54, and were then taken into double overtime at St. Bonaventure before squeaking out a 82-78 win before losing to Richmond 67-63 on Jan. 29.

Fordham, however, appeared to use the loss to the the Minutemen as fuel for the fire. The Rams went on to defeat URI 63-49 in Kingston on Jan. 26 then, only four days later they took down the Temple Owls at home, who were on top of the A-

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COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Sophomore swing-guard Maurice Maxwell goes up for a layup against Rhode Island on Wednesday night. The Minutemen won the game 49-44. Maxwell led all scorers with 14 points on the evening.

Tough history in the Bronx

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

Forgive Steve Lappas and the Massachusetts men's basketball team for not necessarily looking forward to tomorrow's clash with Fordham in the Bronx, N.Y., because for the Minutemen, recent trips to historic Rose Hill Gymnasium haven't exactly gone as planned.

Two years ago, the Maroon and White opened Atlantic 10 play at Rose Hill, fresh off a stunning win over No. 24 North Carolina State just three days prior. The result? An 80-67 loss to a 2-10 Ram team that had previously lost nine in a row and was 0-6 at home entering play.

Last season, UMass traveled to Fordham looking to snap a three-game losing streak, and caught the Rams on a day that they would be without starting point guard Jermaine Anderson. Nonetheless, Fordham controlled play throughout the game, cruising to a 75-61 win that snapped a nine-game skid and was the program's first win in the month of February in nearly three years.

However, as those in and around UMass basketball surely know, the past has had little effect on the Minutemen of 2004-05 – a fact those in Storrs, Conn. and Washington D.C. will surely not dispute. So when the Minutemen take the floor of Division 1's oldest venue at 1 p.m. tomorrow, Lappas believes they will do so with the same mindset they have taken into each and every contest – that of playing to win, regardless of all else.

"We approach every game the same way. Same type of energy goes into the game plan, same type of strategy goes into a game plan and that's the same with this one," Lappas said. "This is an important game, but no more important than the last one, the last one isn't important anymore because we won."

One fact that cannot be ignored as well is the disparity in talent between the Rams that will show up at Rose Hill tomorrow, compared to the bottom-feeding teams year's past. Having graduated old nemeses Michael Haynes and Mark Jarrell-Wright, Fordham brings an almost entirely new group into this matchup – a group the Minutemen familiarized themselves with during a 76-63 win on Jan. 19 in Amherst, but undoubtedly boasts a solid core of talent.

Therefore regardless of past failures, tomorrow's contest may still be UMass' most difficult, and certainly most important, in the Bronx in some time now.

But after already experiencing success against this Fordham group and having proved that it can not only win on the road, but in hostile road environments,

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New-look Minutewomen head to Ohio

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

Slowly but steadily, it appears the pieces of the puzzle are coming together for the Massachusetts women's basketball team as it prepares for a stretch run In Ohio.

Last Sunday, coach Marnie Dacko switched the roles of center Patrycja Gulak and freshman forward Kate Mills, and It worked wonders. In Mills' debut at the center position, she racked up 11 points, six rebounds, three assists and three steals and provided terrific pressure on the post as the Minutewomen cruised to a 69-38 defeat of the St. Bonaventure Bonnies.

The game also marked the first time since March 3, 1996 that all five starters accounted for all of the team's points in the game.

Although Mills has had better games on paper from the bench—she had 14 points in a game last month against Temple—it is clear that Mills provides a consistent inside game for the Minutewomen (12-9 5-5 Atlantic 10) that has gone missing at times this season.

And while Gulak will be coming off the bench for a second consecutive game tonight when UMass visits the Dayton Flyers at the University of Dayton Arena, Dacko is hopeful that the 6-foot-4 Polish transfer can maximize her potential in a lesser role.

"I'm looking at [the switch] as a positive that I'm taking pressure off her," Dacko said. "I think she puts too much pressure on herself, she knows she puts too much pressure on herself If lightening the load means she's going to be more efficient, then that's what I'll stick with."

Having worked heavily on their inside game in practice this week, the Minutewomen head to Ohio for two games this weekend, expecting a physical game against two A-10 foes. They will certainly get it tonight when they take on the Flyers (10-11 4-6 A-10) and their dynamic duo of guards Emily Williams and Cara Wright.

Like the Minutewomen, the Flyers only feature one scorer in double figures in Wright. The 6-foot Ohio native is putting up 10.3 points per game, only slightly less than UMass's cur-

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COURTESY KAREN WINGER

UMass head coach Marnie Dacko goes over a play with her team during the Minutewomen's game against St. Bonaventure on Sunday. UMass heads to Ohio this weekend to play Dayton (Friday) and Xavier (Sunday).

UMass squeaks by URI

KINGSTON, R.I. - Maurice Maxwell scored 14 points and Rashaun Freeman added 10 points, but it was stifling defense that propelled the Massachusetts men's basketball team to its third consecutive road victory, 49-44 over Rhode Island before a sparse crowd at the Thomas Ryan Center Wednesday night.

The Minutemen (12-8 6-4 Atlantic 10) played their best defensive game of the season, holding the Rams to 30.5 percent shooting from the floor, including 15.4 from 3-point range. Additionally, the 37 points allowed was the lowest total scored by an opponent since the 1999-'00 season.

UMass returns to action tomorrow, when it travels to the Bronx, N.Y. to face A-10 East rival Fordham at Rose Hill Gymnasium. Tip-off is slated for 1 p.m.

Maxwell's 14 points marked the seventh consecutive game that the he has scored in double figures, and the sophomore swingman has averaged 14.9 points per game over that stretch.

Stephane Lasme and Anthony Anderson also chipped in with eight points apiece, with the latter also posting four steals in 38 minutes.

A 7-0 run early in the second half pushed UMass out to a 38-26 lead with 8:33 to play, before Rhode Island cut the lead to six in the final minutes.

The Maroon and White had opened up a 20-14 lead at halftime after holding URI scoreless over the final 7:41 of the half.

— Mike Marzelli

Hockey faces worthy foe in UNH

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

After Saturday night's 3-1 victory over Merrimack, there was one thing very certain about the Massachusetts hockey team: the weight that was the 11-game road winless streak (0-10-1) had vanished from their shoulders.

But there was still one thing that seemed uncertain about the Minutemen (11-16-2, 5-11-2 Hockey East): the status of their starting goalie, Gabe Winer, who had left the game in the second period due to an apparent right leg injury that was best-described by coach Don Cahoon as simply, "a pull."

Winer appeared to injure himself while sprawling across the crease to stop a hectic flury of shots by the Warriors, and he took the early part of the week off to rest his injury before getting back on the ice during Wednesday's practice.

"There is no sense in putting him out there too early," Cahoon said. "I've got to be cautious. It's not like he hasn't seen enough pucks this year or doesn't get enough practice time, so an extra day or two off the ice wasn't going to really take him off his game."

Whether Winer will see any action during this weekend's series with No. 8 New Hampshire (18-7-3, 11-3-2 Hockey East), remains to be seen and will most likely be a gameday decision in both cases.

The two teams will meet in Durham tonight at 7 p.m. and then back in Amherst tomorrow night at 7 p.m.

Regardless, the Minutemen will have their hands full against the powerful scoring attack that UNH boasts. The Wildcats beat UMass 4-0 at the Whittemore Center on Dec 9, and all their goals were scored In the final 20:23 of play. UNH boasts the fourth-ranked scoring offense in the nation with 3.89 goals per game and also showcase the nation's best power play, scoring 24.8 percent of the time.

Six Wildcats have tallied at least 20 points this season with Preston Callander (17 goals-19 assists-

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Junior foward James Solon has two goals and five assists this year for the Minutemen.

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Student group helping tsunami victims

By Jonathan Vega
Collegian Staff

Members of the University of Massachusetts' Art of Living Club are leading a campus initiative to raise funds for thousands of children orphaned by the tsunami that devastated regions of South Asia.

Akshaye Sikland and Georgi Georgiev are both graduate students at UMass Amherst and active members of the Art of Living Club and Pranava, a Hindu student association on campus.

"The UMass Art of Living Club is associated with the Art of Living Foundation which is a global non-profit humanitarian and educational foundation," says Georgiev. "It has two main activities: one is a humanitarian service component and the other focuses on personal development."

Georgiev explains that the AOLF's unique mental health courses have been implemented to assist more than 3,500 people overcome post-traumatic stress disorders in Tsunami-effected areas of Southeast Asia. The Art of Living Course combines the powerful Sudarshan Kriya breathing techniques with ancient wisdom, yoga and pranayama to produce effective stress elimination and elevated mental, physical and emotional states.

According to Sikland and Georgiev, 440 tons of relief supplies with an estimated worth of $33 million has been collected and distributed by volunteers of the AOLF and the International Association for Human Values. Additionally, the AOLF and the IAHV have established camps for 5,000 potentially orphaned children in remote areas of Sri Lanka.

The IAHV has entered disaster zones, according to Sikland, "when everyone else, including the United Nations, was leaving." The organization has also provided humanitarian assistance for Afghanistan, Jakarta, Kosovo, New York and Washington DC (during the September 11th terrorist attacks), the Gujarat earthquake and Orissa Cyclone.

"[In India] the AOLF has adopted about 1,000 orphans in a particular slum town that was near a beach and was completely destroyed," Georgiev said.

The UMass Art of Living Club is raising money to build an orphanage in Srinivaspuram for these 1,000 displaced and orphaned children. Donations are being accepted at the Tsunami relief informational booth in the campus center concourse. The informational booth will be in the Campus Center until this Friday, Feb. 18.

"These orphans will be matched with families who lost their children in the disaster," said Sikland. "Volunteers like us from all over the world have come together and we decided that we needed to take up [funding the orphanage] as a UMass project."

Georgiev and Sikland hope to collect $30,000 for construction of a orphanage for the 1,000 children adopted by the AOLF.

Sikland pointed out that if every person on campus donated one dollar the monetary target would be reached.

"After converting American dollars to Indian rupees it only takes one dollar a day to pay for a child's education, food and shelter," Georgiev said.

"A lot of people have donated funds for general purpose support," said Georgiev. "But none of them really know where the money is going."

Furthermore, Georgiev insists that, "it's an unspoken fact that some of the largest humanitarian organizations have an overhead of over 60 percent." The AOLF has an overhead of six percent, he said. Therefore, 94 cents of every dollar reach the people who need it most.

Money is the most efficient way of helping those in need of Tsunami aid, according to Georgiev, because donated materials are often left in warehouses and often produce logistical challenges that require additional funds.

"There are cultural differences and people just may not need the types of things that are coming from [the United States], most people don't have houses anymore so where do they keep the [donated] food."

You can make a difference in the lives of those affected by the Tsunami disaster. Donations are being accepted in the main offices of a number of academic departments throughout campus, as well as several local businesses. You can also make an online donation at the International Association for Human Values Web site, www.iahv.org. For information regarding Art of Living courses visit the Art of Living Foundation on the Web at www.artoflivingma.org or www.artofliving.org.



COURTESY THAILAND-PATTON SET

Victims of the Southeast Asia tsunami examine the immediate aftermath in December 2004. A UMass student group is raising funds to help orphaned children of the disaster.

New fees set for O.I.T. classrooms

By Brian Castro
Collegian Staff

The University of Massachusetts Office of Infor-mation Technologies launched a new Pay-for-Print service Jan. 25 in its classrooms around campus in response to increased student usage of its printers.

"My budget was getting exhausted and I had to figure out what to do," said Copper Giloth, OIT's Director of Academic Computing and art professor.

OIT started the service in response to rising print costs from an increase of students using OIT classrooms for print jobs. As a result, students using a printer in one of the OIT's 11 classrooms will now have to pay five cents per page. However, students will have a limited number of free printouts.

Each student will receive a $5.00 credit, or 100 free pages, on his or her U-Card account towards printing per semester. Once that money is gone, additional print jobs are deducted from the U-Card account.

Once a student prints a document, they are prompted to enter their OIT user account name and password. The student then heads to a print release station, swipes the U-Card, enters his or her user name and selects the documents they want to print out.

The reason OIT has started charging for printouts was due to a shift in how students were getting the material for their courses, said Giloth. Typically, professors assign course packets to students for additional reading. But now more professors assign course notes through online electronic reserves. Instead of buying more course packs, students print off their materials from the Internet.

"The purpose for these classes is to have a place where students could print their original work for classes," said Giloth. "That was fine five of six years ago, but now students are printing online resources."

According to Giloth, OIT had a small crisis when she took over OIT's classrooms in Sept. 2003. A professor with 500 students assigned 500 pages worth of readings online and told students they could print from OIT's classrooms. That's a total of 250,000 pages or 25 percent of the one million pages that OIT estimates it prints every year. OIT's $50,000 yearly print budget only covers one million printouts.

Giloth also found out that recycle bins became full of reprints because students would print out their papers as much as three times because of mistakes.

OIT set restrictions last year that allowed students only to print out their own original work for classes, but many students were not happy with these restrictions.

According to Giloth, students sent complaints regarding the restrictions and in other cases students would act very hostile towards the student consultants who worked in these classrooms.

To lift the restrictions, OIT looked at colleges that charge printing, which includes Amherst College, Hampshire College and Smith College, before decided to implement a pay-for-print system. OIT started testing the system in Spring 2004 and student testing began last December.

Although Giloth hasn't received any formal student complaints, student opinions have had different opinions.

Amin Islam, an Accounting and Economics Major, has mixed feelings towards the policy.

"It's nice they started you off with $5 but I think most people will run out before the end or even midway thought the semester. I don't think they should charge people to print stuff. It should be free...it should be public," he said.

Marine recruiters running into problems

By Don Babwin
Associated Press

ALGONQUIN, Ill. — On a recruiting visit to a school in this Chicago suburb, Marine Staff Sgt. Jody Van Doorenmaalen asked a sophomore what popped into his parents' heads when they thought about him joining the Marines.

"The only thing they think (is) I'm going to go to war and die," 16-year-old Nick Ambroziak replied.

The exchange illustrates the difficulty these days for recruiters like Van Doorenmaalen as they visit high schools, community colleges and shopping malls trying to sell the Marine Corps to young people while the country is at war in Iraq.

Earlier this month, the Marine Corps announced it had fallen short of its monthly recruiting goal in January for the first time in nearly a decade.

While the Marines say they remain on track to meet their recruiting target for the year, they also acknowledge their task is harder because of the war and its mounting death toll from roadside bombings, helicopter crashes and suicide attacks.

"I'd say it has made it more challenging on a number of fronts," said Capt. Timothy O'Rourke, executive officer of the Marine Recruiting Station Chicago.

One of the first students to stop at his information table in the cafeteria at Algonquin's Harry D. Jacobs High School was Jeff Gold, an 18-year-old senior.

With his military-style haircut and dream of becoming a police officer, Gold would seem the ideal candidate. But Gold is pretty sure what would happen if he did join.

"I probably will get deployed," he said after talking to Van Doorenmaalen. "And I'll probably die."

Among the biggest obstacles today between recruiters like Van Doorenmaalen and recruits are parents. When the country wasn't at war, parents often stayed in the background while their sons or daughters decided whether to enlist, but today they pepper recruiters with questions and concerns.

"Recruiters are spending a lot of time going to parents' houses making sure they clearly understand the responsibilities their son or daughter will face as a Marine," O'Rourke said.

Recruiters also are butting up against research that shows young people today are more tied to their parents than young people in years past.



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Marine recruiters at a mall outside Flint, Mich. approach teenagers to enlist them in the military. Recruiters around the country report their job is harder now as more people are reluctant to enlist.

No hugging allowed for some prisoners

WEST BOYLSTON (AP) — There's a long list of things that you can't do when you're behind bars, but for inmates at the Worcester County Jail and House of Correction, the list is getting a little longer.

Sheriff Guy W. Glodis has ordered an end to the face-to-face sessions in most sections of the Worcester County Jail and House of Correction, saying that contact between prisoners and visitors are to blame for most of the drugs and weapons entering the county lockups.

That means an end to the brief hug that prisoners are allowed to receive at the end of a visit, as well as any other direct contact with visitors. Kissing has been banned for several years.

"There has to be some kind of disincentive to go to jail," Glodis told the Telegram & Gazette of Worcester. "This shouldn't be a place to be coddled, hugged or given contact. This is a penal facility in which you lose many rights. That's why it's a jail."

Contact visits between inmates and family members and friends will end April 1, and the last remaining open meeting area will be converted to a no-contact room, with prisoners and visitors separated by Plexiglas windows and talking by phone or through a mesh steel screen.

Glodis said the policy is part of a new approach linking prisoners' privileges, such as television and canteen services, to their willingness to participate in rehabilitation and education programs.

Contact visits will still be allowed in the minimum-security wing of the jail.

Civil liberties activists and prisoners' advocates said the change is unneeded and will hinder prisoner rehabilitation.

Russell S. Chernin, a Worcester lawyer and board member of the Worcester chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, questioned the tie between contact visits and contraband and said jail officials should improve security and monitoring efforts.

—Associated Press

Local marines welcomed home

CHICOPEE (AP) — The arrival home Saturday after seven months in Iraq couldn't have come any sooner for Marine Lance Cpl. Anthony D'Amato, Jr., whose pregnant wife, Heidi, greeted him at Westover Air Reserve Base.

"Now my job can be to be with my family, instead of being over there," said D'Amato, 23, a computer specialist whose wife is eight months pregnant. "It's amazing. There are no words that can describe how I feel right now."

D'Amato was among 50 Marines from Wing Support Squadron, 472 Detachment Bravo, which arrived home after a seven-month deployment supporting aircraft at an air base in the Al-Anbar province. About 100 family members and friends greeted them in Chicopee.

Family members carries signs that read "welcome home" and "we love you." Another 100 members of the detachment remain in Iraq and are due to return in a few weeks.

There were no deaths from this detachment, said Sgt. Sherry Haetinger.

The Marines returned to the U.S. on Wednesday in Pennsylvania, and had a police escort for their bus trip Saturday. Members of the detachment are from Massachusetts, Connecti-cut and New York.

—Associated Press

New H.I.V. strain discovered

BOSTON (AP) — Massachusetts doctors have treated several HIV patients with a resistance to some of the most commonly prescribed treatments, raising further concerns about a possible new, drug-resistant strain of the virus.

The patients' resistance to drug treatment is similar to a New York City case that has sparked widespread concern among public health experts, the Boston Herald reported.

Dr. Gregory Robbins, an infectious-disease expert at Massachusetts General Hospital, said doctors there have treated several HIV patients in recent years with early resistance to two of the four drugs most commonly prescribed to treat infection

"There is global concern that there may be an increasing amount of patients who have a resistant virus," Robbins said.

In the New York case, an unidentified man in his mid-40s was diagnosed with a rare strain of HIV in December. He showed an immediate resistance to three classes of HIV drugs, and his infection progressed to AIDS within three months.

Drug resistance is increasingly common among HIV-positive people, but not with such a fast progression to AIDS, said Ron Valdiserri of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He said public health officials have not confirmed any other similar cases.

—Associated Press

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Attorney General changes position on gay marriage

BOSTON (AP) — Attorney General Thomas Reilly, who played a key role in state efforts to fight the legalization of gay marriage a year ago, now says he favors same-sex marriage and will oppose any efforts to ban it.

Reilly, an unannounced Democratic candidate for governor, told The Boston Globe he was "moved" by the same-sex marriages that took place after gay marriage was legalized on May 17.

Reilly said he would vote against a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage if reached the 2006 state ballot.

"Once rights are given, they should not be taken away," Reilly said.

Reilly said he still personally believes marriage is between a man and woman. He also declined to take a position on whether a proposed constitutional amendment banning gay marriage should go before voters, saying that's up to legislators.

Reilly is the state's top lawyer and in that role fought gay marriage supporters in the Goodrich case, which that led the Supreme Judicial Court to legalize gay marriage.

He also joined with Republican Gov. Mitt Romney in enforcing a 1913 law that barred out-of-state same-sex couples from marrying in Massachusetts.

His legal brief in the SJC case questioned whether gay and lesbian parents are as good parents as heterosexual parents, language he removed after gay marriage supporters protested. He also criticized the SJC ruling, saying a momentous change in social policy should be left to the Legislature.

Reilly told the Globe he has been consistent since March in saying he would not favor taking away marriage rights once they were granted.

"This is not a change in my beliefs. I have been consistent," he said. "What has changed is that May 17 came and went, and people entered into marriage. ... No one has been hurt."

He added, "You couldn't help but be moved by the commitments and marriages that people have entered into."

Tim O'Brien, the executive director of the state Republican Party, said Reilly has "completely flip-flopped" on the issue because he needs to answer to a special-interest group within the Democratic Party.

Arline Isaacson, cochairwoman of the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, said it was disturbing that Reilly would not oppose efforts to place what she says is a civil rights issue on the ballot.

"If he is now saying that he doesn't believe our rights should be taken away, we welcome that, but we need someone who would play a leadership role in this debate and stand up and say ... that a civil rights question should not be placed on the ballot," she said.

Susan Ryan-Vollmar, editor of Bay Windows, New England's largest gay and lesbian newspaper, said members of the state's gay and lesbian communities remain "furious" with Reilly.



Mass. Attorney General Tom Reilly now supports gay marriage.

"When the subject comes up of Reilly running for governor, it runs from, 'Over my dead body' to 'He is going to have to really grovel,'" she said.

Reilly is seeking to meet with gay and lesbian leaders as he prepares his campaign for next year's governor's race.

Former Democratic National Committee chairman, Steve Grossman, is trying to set up meetings between Reilly and gay and lesbian leaders at his Newton home.

"I have an enormous respect for Tom Reilly that he is willing to move to a new position on this issue and others," Grossman said.

"I don't want a governor who will dig in and say, 'I will never change.'"

—*Associated Press*

Bags of cash allegedly paid to war contractors

By Larry Margasak
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials in postwar Iraq paid a contractor by stuffing $2 million worth of crisp bills into his gunnysack and routinely made cash payments around Baghdad from a pickup truck, a former official with the U.S. occupation government says.

Because the country lacked a functioning banking system, contractors and Iraqi ministry officials were paid with bills taken from a basement vault in one of Saddam Hussein's palaces that served as headquarters for the Coalition Provisional Authority, former CPA official Frank Willis said.

Officials from the CPA, which ruled Iraq from June 2003 to June 2004, would count the money when it left the vault, but nobody kept track of the cash after that, Willis said.

"In sum: inexperienced officials, fear of decision-making, lack of communications, minimal security, no banks, and lots of money to spread around. This chaos I have referred to as a 'Wild West,'" Willis said in testimony he prepared to give Monday before a panel of Democratic senators who want to spotlight the waste of U.S. funds in Iraq.

A senior official in the 1980s at the State and Transportation departments under then-President Ronald Reagan, Willis provided The Associated Press with a copy of his testimony and answered questions in an interview.

James Mitchell, spokesman for the special inspector general for Iraq reconstruction, told the AP that cash payments in Iraq were a problem when the occupation authority ran the country and they continue during the massive U.S.-funded reconstruction.

"There are no capabilities to electronically transfer funds," Mitchell said. "This complicates the financial management of reconstruction projects and complicates our ability to follow the money."

The Pentagon, which had oversight of the CPA, did not immediately comment in response to requests Friday and over the weekend. But the administrator of the former U.S. occupation agency, L. Paul Bremer III, in response to a recent federal audit criticizing the CPA, strongly defended the agency's financial practices.

Bremer said auditors mistakenly assumed that "Western-style budgeting and accounting procedures could be immediately and fully implemented in the midst of a war."

When the authority took over the country in 2003, Bremer said, there was no functioning Iraqi government and services were primitive or nonexistent. He said the U.S. strategy was "to transfer to the Iraqis as much responsibility as possible as quickly as possible, including responsibility for the Iraqi budget."

Iraq's economy was "dead in the water" and the priority "was to get the economy going," Bremer said.

Also in response to that audit, Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman had said, "We simply disagree with the audit's conclusion that the CPA provided less than adequate controls."

Willis served as a senior adviser on aviation and communications matters for the CPA during the last half of 2003 and said he was responsible for the operation of Baghdad's airport.

Describing the transfer of $2 million to one contractor's gunnysack, Willis said: "It was time for payment. We told them to come in and bring a bag." He said the money went to Custer Battles of Middletown, R.I., for providing airport security in Baghdad for civilian passengers.

Willis said a coalition driver would go around the Iraqi capital and disburse money from the a pickup truck formerly belonging to the grounded Iraqi Airways airline. The reason is because officials "wanted to meld into the environment," he said.

Willis' allegations follow by two weeks an inspector general's report that concluded the occupying authority transferred nearly $9 billion to Iraqi government ministries without any financial controls.

Scientists say it's 'unlikely' lobsters feel pain when boiled

By Clarke Canfield
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — A new study out of Norway concludes that it's "unlikely" lobsters feel pain, stirring up a long-simmering debate over whether Maine's most valuable seafood suffers when it's being cooked.

Animal activists have claimed for years that lobsters feel excruciating agony when they are cooked, and that dropping one in a pot of boiling water is tantamount to torture.

But the study, which was funded by the Norwegian government and written by a scientist at the University of Oslo, suggests that lobsters and other invertebrates probably don't suffer — even if lobsters do tend to thrash in boiling water.

The report was aimed at determining if invertebrates such as insects, crustaceans, worms and mollusks should be subject to animal welfare legislation as Norway revises its animal welfare law.

It summarized the scientific literature dealing with feelings and pain among those creatures without backbones.

The study concluded that most invertebrates — including lobsters, crabs, worms, snails, slugs and clams — probably don't have the capacity to feel pain.

Lobster biologists in Maine have maintained for years that the lobster's primitive nervous system and underdeveloped brain are similar to that of an insect.

While lobsters react to different stimuli, such as boiling water, the reactions are escape mechanisms, not a conscious response or an indication of pain, they say.

The Norwegian report backs up what the state's lobster industry and researchers have always said, according to Bob Bayer, executive director of the Lobster Institute, a research and education organization based in Orono.



According to a Norwegian study, it is unlikely that lobsters feel pain when they are boiled alive in order to be cooked.

"We've maintained all along that the lobster doesn't have the ability to process pain," Bayer said.

But the Norwegian study also cautioned that more research is needed.

There is a scarcity of scientific knowledge on the subject, which is why further testing will be done.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, an animal rights organization based in Norfolk, Va., has made lobster pain part of its Fish Empathy Project, putting out stickers and pamphlets with slogans like "Being Boiled Hurts. Let Lobsters Live."

The organization regularly demonstrates at the Maine Lobster Festival in Rockland, and 10 years ago placed a full-page ad in a Rockland newspaper featuring an open letter from actress Mary Tyler Moore urging festival-goers to forego lobster.

PETA's Karin Robertson called the Norwegian study biased, saying the government doesn't want to hurt the country's fishing industry.

"This is exactly like the tobacco industry claiming that smoking doesn't cause cancer," she said.

Robertson said many scientists believe lobsters do indeed feel pain.

For instance, a zoologist with The Humane Society of the United States made a written declaration that lobsters can feel pain after a chef dismembered and sauteed a live lobster while preparing lobster fra diavolo on NBC's "Today" show in 1994.

But Mike Loughlin, who studied the boiling of lobsters as a University of Maine graduate student, said lobsters simply lack the brain capacity to feel pain.

"It's a semantic thing: No brain, no pain," said Loughlin, now a biologist at the Maine Atlantic Salmon Commission.

Whether lobsters feel pain or not, many consumers will always hesitate at placing lobsters in boiling pots of water.

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A lovely holiday or a Hallmark conspiracy?

The search continues



Bob McGovern

I was sitting in my car last Wednesday, when the first wave of this Valentines Day business smacked me right across the face.

When most people are driving and decide to change lanes, they tend to forget about the radio for a few seconds. I am the same. I was in dire need to get around a powder-blue mini van, clad with stickers on how to save every endangered animal, tree, and tofu factory known to man. It was just a typical maneuver on a cloudy Western Massachusetts day.

I went around this person, gave a little look to put a face to the vehicle, and then sped off for no other reason than to prove that I was the victor. The moment was over, but it was just long enough to let my radio guard down and permit the song My Girl to get all the way to its first chorus.

At that point, I was just laughing at myself for making semi-erratic driving maneuvers to a song that Macaulay Culkin got his first on-screen kiss to. Then, I started to listen and realized that the day of manufactured introspection, yes Sir Valentines Day, was right around the corner.

I began to hear the rumblings from my single friends about how Valentines Day sucks and the fact that it's just another Hallmark holiday that ends up making people upset. It's almost a unanimous feeling among those without a significant other as February 14th sheds an overbearing light on who's single and lonely and who's in a relationship and "happy."

I have never really felt this way about today and for the first time in the last few years, I am no longer part of the latter group, but I am part of the former. However, much like everybody else that hasn't settled down into comfortable relations with someone, I'm still searching.

Ah, the search.

We are all constantly going through transitions, but none is more powerful than the changes that occur in your heart. Faces, places, and feelings that have come through this endless search for someone have left marks on us, some a bit larger than others. There are images of that person you thought had everything and fleeting remembrances of the one that got away all mixed up in the abyss of your personal memory.

Some would say that this is the very reason to hate this holiday.

There is this red hue everywhere, as hearts, candy, and flowers have seemingly taken over everything. You can't even go to Cumberland Farms without seeing the cardboard rack of generic Valentine's Day gifts that didn't quite make it to the Hallmark outlet store. It is a hodge-podge of trinkets and off-redness that attacks the very sanity of those who are not in the right state to succumb to their allure.

We are forced to think about our current situation and a lot of the time it's difficult. When you are stuck in that middle ground between today and tomorrow, it's hard to examine the moment. A lot of the time, this ambiguous undertaking leads to apathy and the easy way out... simply saying that Valentine's Day sucks. I, for one, am not going to do that.

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He and I have gone through this entire college process together, and with that have discussed the things that good friends talk about. Right now his girlfriend, who is also one of my best friends, is away in England for his final semester. For myself, well lets just say I've been looking at a pair of blue eyes to the west.

Both of us have talked about today and how it will pretty much be a normal day, just with a reminder that there are people that we would like to see. We are just going to go about the normal distractions of our everyday life that keep us sane and let the day pass.

So here it is again, that blaring red day in the midst of a snowy February. Couples have plans, single people are grumpy, and it's the one day out of the year where the dollar store actually sucks (check it out, I'm serious).

I guess I'm going to just sit back and let my mind wander as I go about my day. Maybe I'll rock out to Sweetest Thing by U2 as I cruise down Rt. 116, belting out every word with complete confidence and conviction.

All the while I'll be thinking of the search and the past, and that damn middle ground that keeps me going.

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Knowing she's worth it

Chris Eckel

One of the worst days of my life came on February 14th, 2003. I was still brittle and raw over my recent breakup with my then-girlfriend, so I sat alone in my room watching some awful movie. Except I wasn't quite alone; my neighbor was with me, or at least her voice. Judging by her tone, she was having sex in her room so loud that it would make Jenna Jameson blush. So now jealousy was going to join my good friend misery and the three of us could hang out. Oh great, life, just twist the knife a little harder. That night lasted longer than the movie "Waterworld."

I've since learned that having a crush you're afraid to act on is no better than being out of love entirely. I've always been a bit of a coward in love.

Think about that guy from "Love Actually" who doesn't tell Keira Knightley that he has a crush on her. She is engaged to his friend, so he knows he has no chance. He tells her that he hid his crush as a form of self-preservation, because he knew if he opened up, he'd end up with a broken heart. And that, in a nutshell, is the approach I've taken with this one particular girl I know. For years, I've been afraid to tell her how I feel because I'm terrified that she'll feel differently. Having a dream that I poured myself into be shattered so suddenly might just turn me into a broken ghost of a man.

So, my affection for this lass has become more of a silent obsession. I have an awesome alert on AIM when she signs online so that I can stare at her info in silent awe. She could quote Barney in her profile and I'd still find it profound.

Whenever we go to the movies in a group, I always take mental notes about what kind of candy she gets so I can someday get her some chocolate to cheer her up. Rest assured, I also know her favorite Antonio's slice and favorite mixed drink for those big nights out on the town.

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Sometimes, while taking notes in class, I sit wondering about what song I'd whisper in her ear if she gave me the chance. Currently, that song is "Marianne" by Coldplay, but I might find new inspiration. Even worse, I sometimes sit in class and imagine some guy who's not good enough for her beating me to the punch and cooing the exact same damned song while wrapping his arms around her. Sitting through "Ordinary Differential Equations and Developments in Dynamical Systems Theory" is a less painful way to spend 50 minutes.

Speaking of pain, I've gone through quite a bit of it for her. I stumbled and slipped my way over to her apartment once in a blizzard to shovel her walkway so she wouldn't have to worry about doing it. As soon as I had lost the feeling in my nose and decided it was a job well done, I walked away, because I thought she'd freak out at my random kindness. Sweet work-reward ratio, Chris! If Kathie Lee Gifford hears I am willing to work for so little, I might just find myself a post-graduation job - that is, if my frostbitten hands are still nimble enough to sew 4,000 sweatshirts a day.

Last summer in Amsterdam, while all my friends were doing the stoned karaoke thing, I sat miserably with my head on the bar because a song that reminded me of her came on. I think everyone just assumed I got a terrible batch of mushrooms, but unrequited love is the ultimate bad trip.

And yet, there's no way I can possibly convince myself this girl isn't worth the pain. Nothing great comes without struggle, right? Someday, I'll tell her how I feel. Someday, she'll become so happy at what a guy tells her that she'll finally realizes he's the one. I can only hope those days end up being the same day and that guy is me. Like today: it's Valentine's Day. It's time to get my answer from my muse, my daydream, my reason to believe in Boyz II Men and "Sleepless in Seattle."

I'm going to track her down sometime today and spill my heart out to her.

To all of you who have equivalent crushes, I suggest you go find that special girl or guy and do the same. Odds are, if he or she likes you, you don't even need to elaborate as hopelessly as I did. Just mention you'd like to get coffee sometime. If you never try, you'll always regret not having known what he/she thought.

All you've got to lose is a front-row seat to your neighbor's porno set. Good luck bringing a little more love into the world.

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Between desire and dignity

Elizabeth Joyce-Brandt

Valentine's Day. These two words strike fear into the heart of many single women all over the country. Many may ask why this holiday can cause a seemingly normal woman to lose her mind in the days before and after.

Of course, these people asking are those who are no longer living the single life. These people have forgotten what it is like to sit home alone on a Friday night wondering when their prince will come, when they will find everlasting love, and more importantly, what time the beautiful Wings delivery guy will finally show up.

These people are also the same people who bother their single friends with annoying questions about what they can buy for their boy/girl friend, where they can go or what they should wear. When faced with these questions, I most likely answer sarcastically, if at all. To be honest, I don't really care where you're going, what you're buying or what you're wearing. My Valentine's Day policy is don't ask, don't tell.

Now don't get me wrong. I can delight in my friend's attached happiness. Whatever makes them happy is good enough for me. It's not their relationships that bother me, but rather the lack of one in my life. You see I am single. And hearing about my best friend's fabulous sex life or super sweet boyfriend only reminds me of what I don't have.

There is something to be said about the single life. The only person I answer to is myself, and I am able to do whatever I please, which pleases me just fine. I don't have to deal with the crap I see some of my friends dealing with. I don't have to explain what I did last night to a guy who lives 300 miles away and barely makes an effort to come and see me. I don't have worry about girls flirting with my boyfriend. I don't have to work my plans around a semi-reliable guy who says he'll be over at 8 and shows up at 9:45.

But maybe just once, I wouldn't hate it. Pathetic? A little bit. Am I the only one who feels this way? Definitely not. I know many other girls who feel the same way that I do. Perfectly normal, terribly single girls.

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It's not that we're freaks, because I swear I'm not. There is no apparent reason why I should be single. I am normal and funny, smart and understanding. I'm not co-dependent on anything besides Sex and the City and diet coke. I'm not clingy or needy or any of those horrible things. And yet, I am single as they come.

Perhaps the real problem is that romance is dead. For our generation, dating has seemed to fallen by the way side along with clear Pepsi and snap bracelets. Perhaps convenience is to blame for our romantic laziness. We no longer have ask a person to dinner, we can simply send an instant message to the object of our affection and make small talk for three and a half hours, all while chatting with others, surfing thefacebook.com, eating a bowl of Mac n' Cheese, and watching the latest episode of Law and Order. Why deal with the awkwardness of the first phone call, when it's easier for both parties to send a text message to their cell?

Maybe it's fear that keeps us from making romance a priority. Guys are afraid that flowers would make too much of a statement to his date, and for this same reason girls are creeped out by the very gesture. It seems that our generation is more comfortable with getting wasted and then making a night of it with the closest person with a full set of teeth.

Are we are afraid of putting ourselves out there? Afraid that we will go on horrible dates and be put in awkward positions of having to let people down, afraid that we will be the ones to be let down? Maybe there are no real answers to why some fabulous girls and guys are still single, maybe we are just waiting to be discovered by that special someone or maybe we are destined to live an amazing single life, different than anything we have ever expected.

As Valentine's Day approaches, I will not be given chocolates or stuffed monkeys that say "I go bananas over you!" I will most likely be doing something not even worth mentioning. All I know is that I will not be trying to finagle a bedroom session out of some drunk, just for the sake of saying that I wasn't alone.

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Every day is Valentine's Day

Eric Marklein

Oh Saint Valentine! A man canonized after being deliciously beheaded by the order of Roman Emperor Claudius II. Legend says it was for marrying people against the Emperor's decree. Claudius believed single men made better soldiers on the battlefield. I bet if he'd seen some of those recent wartime movie classics like Cold Mountain (Union vs. Confederacy), Matrix Revolutions (Man vs. machine/reality/Hugo Weaving), or Windtalkers (Nicholas Cage vs. his acting potential), he'd have noticed something common in all of these films. Aside from being terrible, they all have a married man who will do anything, fight anyone, windtalk anywhere to get back to his woman. The married man had something to die for on the battlefield. Single guys just had a bachelor pad. Hat's off to marriage, baby!

But I'm not here to praise Saint Valentine or Valentine's Day. I'm here to knock it down a peg or more. Preferably six. Let the peg knocking begin.

Here's the first one: Careful! It's piping hot out of the oven! For two consecutive years, the same girl dumped me just as Valentine's Day approached. For the brokenhearted and single on Valentine's Day, it's quite the drag seeing so much love being displayed. In Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind, Jim Carrey's character coldly regards Valentine's Day as "a holiday invented by greeting card companies to make people feel like crap." Do you ever wonder if your love interest could pen the words found in the card given to you? Do you ever feel a little less considering they might not even have the talent to pen them?

As time passed, your hero gathered his wits and moved along. A few months after the second breakup, we met up at one of the local cafes for a chat. I thanked her for saving me 30 bucks on a Valentine's Day gift for two consecutive years.

Here's my favorite Valentine's Day story. My first girlfriend and I conveniently had one of those X-month anniversaries on the 12th of February. So we month anniversaries on the 12th of February. So we month anniversaries on the 12th of February. So we

Lace and fur return in the fashion world for Fashion Week 2005

By Elizabeth Whitescarver
Associate Arts Editor

NEW YORK — Hold on to your crushed velvet. Buy some glen plaid. Stock up on patterned tights. And don't forget pretty skirt at the first of the cold winter nights.

Those are the messages for building a wardrobe in the fall, as the heavy hitters made quite clear in memorable fashion at the mid point of Fall 2005 Fashion Week.

Oscar de la Renta and Marc Jacobs presented collections brimming with fun fur and suede. Betsey Johnson's 80's collection rolled out with plaid and soft fur rounded by velour tights.

Cynthia Steffe finally abandoned her corporate look in favor of more whimsical dresses and tunics made from baby doll dresses and vintage finds pulled from Rosalie Sorrels' attic. B. Michael premiered his collection of classy suits against the backdrop of a live opera performance. And Carolina Herrera offered elegant tweed suits with chunky fur stoles.

Next winter's fashions will be extensions of this fall's looks: lace skirts, brocade jackets, tweed suits, cashmere tops and wrap coats. But instead of using bright pops of color, designers toned it down, showing their hardcourts — rusty, muted yellows, sage greens and navy blues.

The dramatic curve from the fabric, pinafore bottoms and zippers, not from pouffs.

"These collections are better. I like the Victorian feel to them," said Lisa Marrotta, of Philadelphia, after 14th Avenue.

Most fashionable among bags will be laptop-size numbers that can be slung over the shoulder, made from corduroy, crushed velvet and python fringe. Ponytails will be high again. Heels will be too, but open-toed or closed, the shoes must be metallic.

Hold on to that bolero-style sweater you thought you'd use for only one season. And note what these designers envision:

Oscar de la Renta

The de la Renta team started with loosely tailored tweed and brocade suits. Models wore their hair pinned up, and glided down the catwalk to classical music. A soft green-and-brown cashmere skirt and sweater in glen plaid made a smart work outfit. A brown cashmere/angora coat draped the model beautifully.

Crushed-velvet jackets reigned. Brocade coats and dresses dazzled over black satin shoes and, of course, de la Renta had versions of his cinched-waist dresses, this time in black satin and tulle, with poufy skirts.

He trimmed his coats in fur, but not as the focal point of the garment, as was true in years past. Instead, the fur served as a nice detail.

Eveningwear brought an abrupt change in the music and rapt attention from singer Beyonce and her mother, Tina Knowles, who were seated in the front row.

A see-through black organza blouse and tuxedo short was a hot combo, and a wine-colored floral silk taffeta gown was wonderfully wintry. When a sparkling deep-purple gown with mustard-yellow flowers glided by, Beyonce, wearing a soft yellow de la Renta skirt, glued her eyes to the train.

Betsey Johnson

This collection was surprisingly wearable, as Johnson's pieces took a vintage twist. Her skirts were short, the panty hose plaid. She served Guinness and, true to form, did her trademark flip after the show.

The details, such as lace trim and petticoats under the skirts, are what made these garments Johnson wasn't afraid to match a floral and a plaid. A ruby satin tulip-tier dress was beautiful, and a crocheted dress in olive was demure. Johnson added striped scarves and, in some cases, stockings to match her outfits. All and all, the grouping was fun and well thought out, with a nod to creativity and girly oomph.

Reem Acra. This was definitely a going-out collection; 9-to-5ers need not apply. But for all their eccentricities (sequins and a gypsy feel), Acra's pieces were pretty and seasonless. Models wore large colorful beaded necklaces with glittery gold, belted trenchcoats, and snake-print flared charmeuse dresses. A black tulle skirt (yes, tulle) with chiffon camisole and cardigan was fabulous.

BCBG. Max Azria didn't give the shopper any room to experiment in his collection: If you buy one piece, you have to buy the whole ensemble. This was a grouping of strong construction and visually soft pieces, with felts and suedes just begging to be touched.

The look was warm and sexy. An embroidered black wool jacket paired with a soft shift dress combined serious professional with fun. A green silk chiffon dress with navy tights and a cognac studded belt was punkish and lovely at the same time. Burnt oranges and midnight blues were winter shades that popped.

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COURTESY SLAVEN VLASIC

A model wears a design from Narciso Rodriguez during the Olympus Fashion Week at Bryant Park in New York on Feb. 8.

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	Gross	Total	Change
HITCH	34.0 Million	34.0 Million	NEW
Disney's Hefflump Movie	10.0 Million	10.0 Million	NEW
	9.0 Million	31.5 Million	-53%
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Are We There Yet?	7.0 Million	60.5 Million	-29%

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Good film picks for Black History Month

By Chris Jones
Ka Leo O Hawai'i

To celebrate the legacy of Black History Month, Power96 and I present the second list of movies to honor the black actors and actresses who express our history, our achievements, our struggles and our triumphs as Americans. The movies are located in Sinclair Library or can be found at a video store near you.

A new list will be presented every week for the month of February. Take the time to educate yourself in historical Black entertainment.

"Gone With the Wind" (1939)
Drama/War/Romance
Directed by Victor Fleming

The epic story of a woman who can cope with everything in the Civil War, except losing the love of the man she wants to another. It stars Hattie McDaniel as Mammy. McDaniel's unforgettable performance netted her an Academy Award, the first for an African-American actor.

"The Color Purple" (1985)
Drama/Hate/Love
Directed by Steven Spielberg

The life and trials of a young African-American woman, starring Whoopi Goldberg, Oprah Winfrey and Danny Glover. "The Color Purple" is one of the most powerful and meaningful films ever made. To this day it stands out as a classic example of great cinema at its finest. The movie is based on the novel by Alice Walker, who wrote the screenplay with collaborator Menno Meyjes.

"Hollywood Shuffle" (1987)
Comedy
Directed by Robert Townsend and Keenen Ivory Wayans

Bobby Taylor wants to be a respected actor. His strategy is to pick at Hollywood about how they only cast Black actors for stereotypical parts.

"Eyes on the Prize" (1987)
Documentary
Directed by Henry Hampton

A documentary about the American Civil Rights Movement, following its struggles from the 1950s through the early '70s.

"Menace II Society" (1993)
Action/Crime/Drama

Directed by Albert Hughes. A young street hustler attempts to escape the rigors and temptations of the ghetto in a quest for a better life.



COURTESY PBS

One of the suggested films is a classic documentary that was first aired on PBS. The 1987 film chronicles the history of Civil Rights in America.

New brew may help students stay awake

By Jennifer Nedeau
U-WIRE (DC BUREAU)

WASHINGTON — College students bored with the taste and effects of regular beer can put their lips to "B-to-the-E," the newest creation by America's number one selling beer company, Anheuser-Busch. The concept: Beer with caffeine.

"Sounds like it's going to suck. Why do you need an energy drink, for beer? I don't want to be a hyperactive drunk. I want to relax. If I want to get all crazy, I'll take a few shots," said George Washington University junior, Matthew Gillmor.

B-to-the-E, which stands for "beer with something extra," was launched in 55 U.S. test markets in October and is now being sold at bars and stores nationwide. It comes in a 10 oz. can with 6.6 percent alcohol by volume and contains about 54 milligrams of caffeine, comparable to half a cup of coffee.

"Contemporary adults thirst for variety and what's new, and our B-to-the-E delivers a beverage that is true to their lifestyles and range of drinking occasions," said Pat McGauley, senior director of NewProducts and High End Brands, Anheuser-Busch, Inc. "Our new B-to-the-E provides caffeine, guarana, and ginseng in a great tasting beer."

"Well, I'm sure people would be attracted to it because of it's energizing effect, and it actually may be a good idea. It just sounds odd for some reason," said Academy of Art in San Francisco student, Yvannia Perez.

Aimed at "contemporary adults," few college students have heard about the new beer and haven't seen it sold at nearby beverage stores.

"Caffeinated Beer? I've never even heard of it," said Spencer Hagan, a sophomore at University of California, Santa Barbara.

David Clark, a junior at Ohio State, works at a bar when he is at home in Whitehall, Mich. He said that his bar, Racquets, sells a can of B-to-the-E for $3 each.

"Basically, I would drink B-to-the-E if I was getting off work and wanted to have a chill night with a few friends, but I can't spend $25 to get drunk," Clark said.

He said that from a bartender's perspective, right now the most popular alcoholic energy drinks are vodka and Redbull for women or Yaggermeister and Redbull for men.

"Budweiser is really smart to make an energy drink, considering the popularity of these type of drinks right now," Clark said. Clark tried the new B-to-the-E last weekend to see what the buzz was about.

"I drank three and didn't feel drunk, nor did I feel like I had more energy. I need to drink at least eight beers to get a good buzz, but when I drank those it was like drinking three Mountain Dews. I mean can you really sit down and drink a six pack of pop?" Clark said.

At Brickskeller Saloon in Washington, D.C., where about 1200 brews are on sale every day, BE began being sold about six weeks ago. Dave Alexander, the owner, won a place in the Guinness Book of World Records for his collection and said that the new BE is selling fairly well, over a case a week at a price of $3.25 each beer.

"It doesn't taste like coffee or beer to me, nor an energy drink, it's in it's own little niche," Alexander said.

While Alexander said it is "too early to tell" whether or not BE is here to stay, he said he finds the new brew, "unusual and not something created by a brewmaster, but by a marketer."

"I wonder about this type of marketing...to me I think it is kind of disingenuous and false. It almost seems like they are trying to find a way to make underage drinkers, drink alcohol, which bothers me," Alexander said.

Nathaniel Davis, the brewmaster at Anheuser-Busch, Inc, finds things differently in his new beer.

"We created a great new drink that's outside the boundaries of the taste adults would expect from a traditional beer." "I think they should stray away from saying 'caffeinated beer.' It sounds unappealing," Perez from the Academy of Art said.

Other students also think that the marketing scheme is a bit strange. "I guess they are aiming at college students...who want to drink and stay up to do work?" Clark said.





While Anheuser-Busch has developed a beer that includes caffeine, many bars have served alcoholic drinks with the energy drink Red Bull.

Lacy fashion trends

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Azria presented a lot of walking shorts that he paired with opaque tights for cute looks great for the long of leg.

Marc Jacobs. His runways show began after dramatic celebrity entrances by Jay-Z and Beyonce. Uma Thurman, and Drew Barrymore. Jacobs' models were really pale and downright cherubic, and he centered his designs on blousy cuts, smock dresses, and poufy skirts. There was a lot of cashmere and taffeta and crushed velvet, and colors were bright. If not pretty, the collection was well thought out. Yet there were few standout looks, the exceptions being cashmere T-shirts and crepe dresses layered over silk.

Monique Lhuillier. A designer well known for her wedding dresses, Lhuillier presented a collection of ruffles, taffeta and metallics for shimmery day-to-evening outfits. She opened her show with a cute plum metallic-and-tweed polo shirtdress. She sent ruffled skirts down the runway, and a Chantilly lace cocktail dress. Pale models were Morticia-like in her black outfits, but she made up for it with a strikingly beautiful pleated ballerina dress in rust.

Bill Blass. Michael Vollbracht wrote in his liner notes that this year's collection was inspired by the late designer Geoffrey Beane and "Tonight Show" host Johnny Carson. Whatever the inspiration, it worked.

This was a working-girl collection of cashmere, pinstripes and embroidered skirts. A white gazar shirt and black beaded skirt were brilliant, and a pair of pinstriped pants was jazzed up by a gray embroidered jacket.

Vollbracht offered embroidered lace gowns and chiffon tea dresses. And most exciting was his wonderful use of the color pumpkin.



COURTESY SLAVEN VLASIC

A model wears a creation by Calvin Klein at the designer's show during Fashion Week in New York on Feb., 10, 2005.

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Minutewomen get mixed results

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ter for the Minutewomen. UMass jumped all over Dayton in the first half and expanded its lead in the second half.

The 30 points Dayton scored were the fewest UMass has allowed in 30 years. It was also the lowest total the Minutewomen have ever allowed to an Atlantic-10 opponent. UMass held Dayton's leading scorer Cara Wright to only four points.

"Our defense was great," Dacko said. "We took Wright out of the game. Our post players did great."

In typical fashion, the Minutewomen received balanced scoring. Rosanio led the way with 12 points, followed by Nelson with 11, and Mills with nine.

After the game, Rosanio was named the A-10 co-Rookie of the Week, the third time she has received the honor this year. Rosanio's 10.8 ppg leads the team and is second among A-10 freshmen.

Campbell only registered six points in the win, but played a great floor game. The senior forward pulled down 11 rebounds and dished out a career-high seven assists.

The story of the game was the defensive effort turned in by the Maroon and White.

Dayton (10-12, 4-7 A-10) shot a lowly 20 percent from the floor and was never able to mount enough offense to pose a threat to the Minutewomen.



Brooke Campbell had 18 points, nine rebounds, and three blocks in a losing effort against Xavier.

Minutemen fall to Rams

MEN'S BASKETBALL from page 10

on the day, that being a wide open shot from sophomore Artie Bowers with 11 minutes to go in the game.

Trailing by 10 at the half, UMass came out of the locker rooms on a rampage. The first play of the half saw Stephane Lasme back down Dunston, spin around, and forcefully dunked the ball over him. The Minutemen appeared to feed off this momentum and Freeman, Anderson, and Maxwell went to score in succession.

The eight-point run put UMass down by two points, but a thunderous dunk by Dunston, including a foul, killed whatever was fueling the Minutemen. Dunston had a career game against the Maroon and White, scoring 18 points with 11 rebounds and three blocks. 13 of his points came in the second half.

Dunston received a lot of feeds in the post from the Fordham guards, but aggressive play in the post from UMass caused him to only make three field goals on the game. It was this aggressive play, however, that sent him to the line where he went 12-of-15.

In the first half, it was clear that Freeman was due for a big game. Freeman scored 10 of UMass' 19 first half points most while being double teamed in the post. A large part of his efficiency was the combination of Jeff Viggiano playing as a small power forward and Fordham's defensive-minded power forward Mushon Ya'akosi getting two early fouls.

Viggiano drove to the lane as UMass was down 10-6 and looked to be going for a finger-roll. Right before Dunston rejected the shot, Viggiano dished the ball to Freeman for an easy two points. On the next offensive drive, Viggiano drove again. This time, Dunston wouldn't bite and Viggiano took off two steps inside the paint and tomahawk dunked the ball.

NOTE: With 6:12 remaining in the second half coach Lappas questioned points put on the board after a foul. The points were removed, but during the discourse between Lappas and the referee, Fordham coach Dereck Wittenberg began yelling at Lappas. Lappas mentioned, "It was unusual. I've never had an exchange with another coach in my entire career, that's all I'll say about it."... Senior guard Anthony Anderson had four points and went 0-for-4 behind the arch. Lappas mentioned, "He is really hurting, his back is really killing him."



Senior point guard Chris Chadwick had four steals and four points against Fordham on Saturday.

Whittenburg out of line

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then Whittenburg sprang into action.

Without provocation, the Fordham coach left his seat on the bench, approached center court and started yelling expletives at Lappas. While it was unclear what he was saying from my seat across the court, those nearby to the confrontation claimed to have heard numerous unmentionables, including allegedly telling Lappas to, "Get back in the f—— box you mother f—— a——," among other things.

Now let me remind you, Fordham's Rose Hill Gym is the oldest Division I arena in the country, and is currently celebrating its 80th anniversary. It's not the Mullins Center, or even any of the other smallish gyms in the A-10. It is a 3,200-seat glorified high school gym in which fans are literally sitting on the floor, and can hear coaches and players hantering all game long.

From what some of the fans on the Fordham side of the gym were saying after the game, this was not the only instance in which Whittenburg chose to use vulgarity in describing his displeasure over the course of the afternoon, but it was certainly the most egregious.

Even Lappas and his staff had no idea what to do, and as Lappas said after the game, they had never seen or heard anything like it. All the UMass coach could do was turn and walk away with a stunned look on his face, having no idea how to react. After the game, there was no handshake between the two, and despite Lappas' genuine efforts to find and speak with Whittenburg after the game, he coach was nowhere to be found.

In the press conference, Lappas called the incident "unusual" and said that he had "never had an exchange with another coach in his entire career." Whittenburg, meanwhile, scowled angrily when asked to comment in the post game press conference and refused to offer any explanation.

Let me follow this up by saying that I've always held Whittenburg in high regards, both as a player, a coach and a person, and as a funny, intelligent and witty interview over the three separate occasions I've had a chance to associate with him. When he was hired at Fordham, I truly thought they got the right man to replace the decrepit Bob Hill, and to a degree I still believe that today.

As a man, he's accomplished amazing things in the game of basketball. Prior to his NCAA Championship, he played for arguably the most famous and successful coach in the history of American high school basketball, DeMatha (MD) Catholic's Morgan Wootten, and was part of an undefeated 1978 National Championship team.

Following his stint playing at State, Whittenburg returned to Raleigh to coach under Valvano, before eventually spending five years on the staff of famed former Georgia Tech coach Bobby Cremins. He then left to become the head coach at Wagner, where he did amazing things with the Seahawks program in turning around a terrible team and leading them to their first-ever NCAA Tournament bid in 2002-03.

Yet now Dereck Whittenburg should be ashamed of himself, and for his program. To carry on like that in a small gym, with the season's first sell-out crowd on hand, while he is trying to build a name for himself and establish trust with those in and around the Fordham program – which I might add is a Catholic institution – is not representative of the man I always thought Dereck Whittenburg was, and for that I'm disappointed as an Atlantic 10 beat writer, and as a college basketball fan.

So as far as I'm concerned, it is time for Whittenburg to get on the phone, call Amherst and do the right thing: apologize to Lappas. And from there, he should apologize to his own team, his fans and his school for his transgressions – the type of immature actions you might expect from one of the Rams' freshman players, not their veteran coach.

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UMass gets crushed by UNH

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Yandle's pass through Warner's legs.

It took the Wildcats just 55 seconds into the second period to gain a four-goal advantage. Sean Collins notched his first goal of the night, beating Warner after taking a pass from Yandle, who crossed the puck from the right point.

The goal of the night happened six minutes later when Collins took the puck and skated past a UMass defender, making several nice moves inside the blue line before faking out Warner to make the score 5-0.

The Wildcats scored a pair of goals in just 29 seconds, first from Michlikier and next from Justin Aikins, to push the lead to 7-0 when the game was just 28:59 old. Michlikier closed out UNH's scoring in the third period, and Fenton was able to break Regan's shutout in the final frame.

"[UNH's] abilities are pretty well-documented," Cahoon said. "People that put up points for them do it continuously, but in no way does that forgive us for our lack of effort, lack of will, lack of courage; probably one of the most disgraceful performances that I've ever been a part of.

"We could talk about X's and O's all night long.... I could have had [former Detroit Red Wings coach] Scotty Bowman doing the board work between periods, and that wouldn't have solved the lack of interest that seemed to exist out there to get on pucks, to neutralize people and to exert themselves defensively in their own end. All the detail in the world wouldn't have solved the disinterested way in which we performed."

The Minutemen played what was probably their best 20 minutes of hockey of the season during the first period on Saturday night.

They got on the board first when Craig MacDonald sent a shot at Regan that was eventually cleaned up by P.J. Fenton, who scored his second goal in as many nights.

The lead only lasted for about four-and-a-half minutes, as Mike Radja was able to tie the game at one when he scored in traffic in front of Waidlich.

UNH took the lead for good in the second period when Brad Haishins scored his first career goal by sending a wrist shot from the left point that never left the ice but was still out of the reach of Waidlich's right leg.

Just over a minute later, Michlikier stole the puck in the UMass zone and skated past Zech Klann, Marvin Degon and Waidlich, who came flying out of his net in an unsuccessful attempt to steel the puck by diving at Michlikier at the blue line.

The Wildcats closed out their scoring with goals from Hemingway, Michlikier and Josh Ciocco, respectively.

"Obviously, we're just pleased with the outcome of the weekend," UNH coach Dick Umile said. "It's a huge win for us, picking up four points [is important] anytime you can do that in the Hockey East.



Freshman forward Zach Klann had three shots against New Hampshire on Saturday. Klann has two goals and an assist this season.

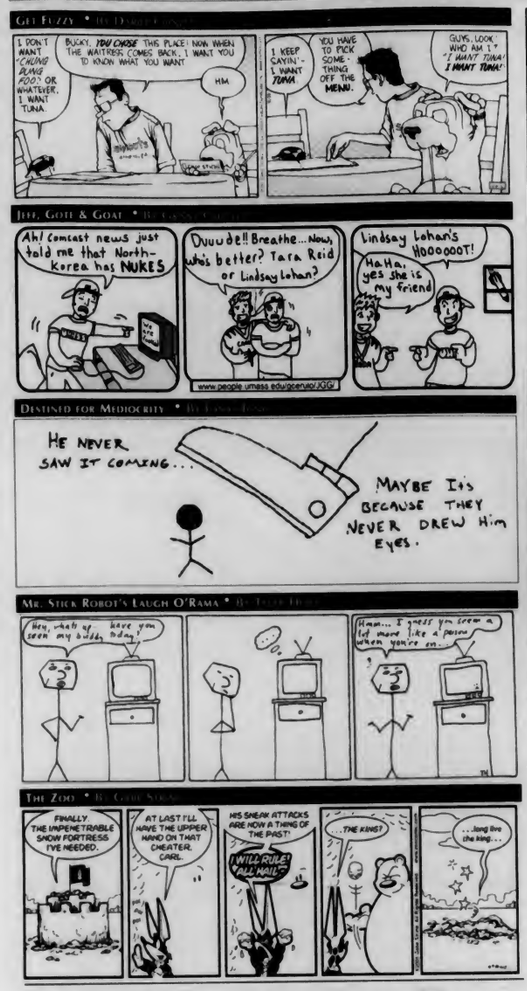
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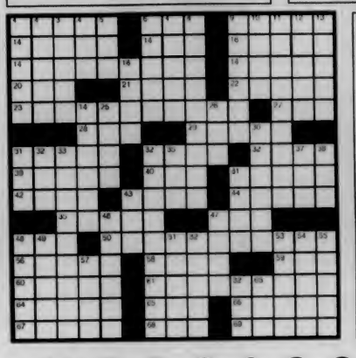
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Fordham outlasts UMass

Freeman scores 27 points in loss

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

NEW YORK - The Massachusetts men's basketball team has shown it can win without its premiere big man, Rashaun Freeman, playing at the top of his game. On Saturday, however, the Minutemen made it very clear that he also can't do it on his own.

Freeman dropped 27 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for UMass, but it wasn't enough to overcome a slow, methodical attack from the Fordham Rams. Fordham won the game 63-56 in front of the first sold out crowd of the year (3,200) at the historic Rose Hill Gymnasium. The win was Fordham's fifth straight at home.

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There was only one lead change in the game and the Maroon and White allowed the Rams (10-12 6-5 Atlantic 10) to jump out to a 29-19 lead. UMass (12-9 6-5 A-10) would never trail by more than 10, but it was never able to go on a long enough run to take the lead.

"We dug ourselves a hole in the first half, which hurt us in terms of our ability to come back and in a tough road game we gave ourselves some opportunities and missed a couple of easy ones," UMass coach Steve Lappas said.

With 1:21 left in the game, the Minutemen were trailing 55-49 and opted to turn on the full-court press. UMass caused confusion on the inbounds and Maurice Maxwell stole the ball before getting fouled. He sunk both free throws and the Minutemen looked to take the last bit of momentum in the game.

Lasme went to the line with 52 seconds left, he hit his first, and bricked the second off the right side of the rim. Fordham's freshman sensation, Bryant Dunston grabbed the rebound and passed the ball of to Jermaine Anderson. Lappas signaled for the intentional foul and Bowers grabbed Anderson, sending him to the line.

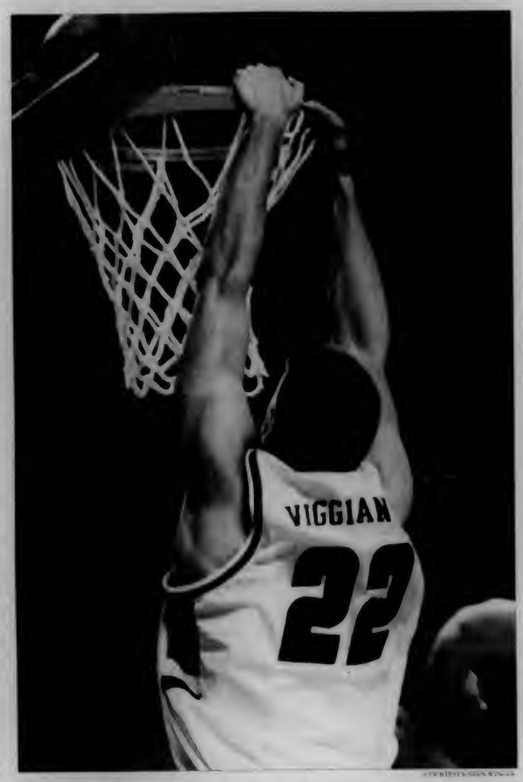
Anderson hit both free throws with 41 seconds left, putting Fordham up 59-54.

There was question to whether fouling with so much time on the clock was a wise decision. Lappas defended the strategy citing the fact that they no longer had time outs and he did not want the game to come down to a three.

"If it was two I was going to not foul in that situation," Lappas said. "When it was three I just didn't want it to come down to where we were down three, possibly with 17 seconds to go and having to shoot the three point shot."

Lappas' desire to sway from the three may have been warranted. The Minutemen hit only one three

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COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Junior forward Jeff Viggiano goes up for a dunk against Davidson on Dec. 20, 2004. Viggiano had another big dunk against Fordham on Saturday and scored three points on the night. UMall lost 63-56.

Whittenburg was out of line



Mike Marzelli

NEW YORK - College basketball fans all know the scene; they've seen it a million times before: North Carolina State tied at 52 with overwhelming favorite Houston and its famed "Phi Slamma Jamma" attack in the 1983 NCAA Championship game at The Pit in Albuquerque, NM.

With less than 10 seconds to play, Thurl Bailey's pass barely eludes the outstretched arms of Benny Anders and finds its way to a guard named Dereck Whittenburg, who then heaves up the most famous air ball in hoops history – right into the hands of teammate Lorenzo Charles, who drops it in the basket in one felt swoop, and pandemonium takes over. Charles goes nuts, Whittenburg goes nuts, and the late, great Jimmy Valvano is still looking for someone to hug; truly a moment for the ages.

I may not have been old enough to watch it live, or even remember it happening, but through the miracles of modern TV and countless replays, that is always how I've remembered Dereck Whittenburg – for an airball, an awesome airball.

Yet on Saturday, how I remember Whittenburg changed significantly. It's not that the aforementioned moment lost any of its luster, because that will not happen as long as college basketball is around, but rather because of an unfortunate event during Massachusetts' game at Fordham, where Whittenburg is now the coach.

It was a moment that gave me a new lens to see him through; a new perspective on a guy I've always thought was pretty OK in my book. A perspective that is both disturbing and alarming.

Whittenburg was hired as the head man in the Bronx prior to last season, and has done yeoman's work in turning around the woeful Rams into contenders this season. A team that struggled to win even the easiest of games over the last several seasons can now add wins over Temple, Xavier and UMass to its resume in 2004-05.

On Saturday, however, I feel as though Whittenburg embarrassed himself, his players, members of the UMass team and coaching staff, the fans at Rose Hill Gymnasium and the basketball program he was hired to rebuild. Maybe I'm over reacting, and it's very possible that I could be in the minority who feel this way, but I was personally angry at Whittenburg for how he carried on.

To set the scene, Fordham was leading UMass 48-43 at the 6:12 mark of the second half when Ram forward Bryant Dunston was fouled on the floor while going to the basket. After continuing to the hoop, Dunston laid the ball in, but the hoop was disallowed because the foul was called previously. Nonetheless, the scoreboard operator posted two points on the Fordham side of the scoreboard, making the score 50-43.

Immediately, UMass coach Steve Lappas moved quickly to center court to talk to the nearby referee and confirm with the official scorer that the basket did not count. Lappas carried on for a little over a minute, and

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Minutemen dominated by UNH

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

To say the least, it was a bad weekend for the Massachusetts hockey team.

The Maroon and White's (11-18-2, 5-13-2 Hockey East) home-and-home series with New Hampshire (20-7-3, 13-3-2 Hockey East) began with an 8-1 debacle at the Whittemore Center which caused UMass coach Don Cahoon to call out his team for showing a complete lack of effort on the ice.

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"What I'm afraid of here is that I've got too many kids in that locker room that have gotten a little bit out of this program in the last couple of years," Cahoun said. "Maybe as much as they could have expected, and that's good enough for them and it's time to move on.

"They're forgetting the whole point of it, the whole point of competition at this level. Our team tonight was an absolute disgrace to Hockey East so that pretty much tells you what my sentiments are, and what I'm talking to these kids about right now.

"New Hampshire is a terrific team, and they make plays. They might have beaten us straight up tonight regardless of how hard we played, and I can live with that. But I can't live with kids who don't want to be out there wearing the UMass shirt and wearing it with pride and playing with intelligence and integrity and passion, the way this game is supposed to be played, and it takes will and courage to do that. If you don't have will and courage to do it, take the shirt off and go home."

Needless to say, the Minutemen came out of the gates flying around the ice on Saturday night at the Mullins Center in front of goalie Michael Waidlich but UMass was unable to quell the powerful UNH offense and lost again, 6-1.



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

UMass captain Stephen Werner had two shots against UNH on Saturday. The Minutemen were swept by the Wildcats this weekend.

New Hampshire coach Dick Umile tied Charlie Holt's school record with 347 career wins after the Saturday night triumph.

The Minutemen debuted a new set of black uniforms on Friday night, but the glamour of them quickly wore off when the Wildcats scored 4:58 into the game. Robbie Barker wristed a shot to the net from just beyond the right point, and Daniel Winnik got his stick on it to tip it over goalie Tim Warner's shoulder.

Seven minutes later, UMass had a chance to even up the score, but P.J. Fenton couldn't convert after James Solon made a great centering pass in front of UNH goalie Sean Regan. The Wildcats quickly took the puck down to the other end of the ice and scored after Preston Callander fed Brett Hemingway with an identical pass from the left point to make it 2-0.

New Hampshire stretched its lead to three before the end of the first period when Jacob Micflikier, who had a hat trick plus an assist Friday, followed by a two-goal performance on Saturday, tipped Brian

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Women's hoops splits weekend

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts women's basketball team traveled to Ohio this weekend and came away with a split. UMass dominated Dayton Friday 52-30, but fell to Xavier 65-55 on Sunday.

The Minutewomen have a secure hold on second place in the Atlantic-10 East division, currently holding a two-game lead. UMass returns home for a three-game homestand which begins Thursday at 12 p.m. with a match-up with Rhode Island.

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Xavier	65
UMass	55

"Obviously we wanted to come away with two wins, but I'm happy that we're playing with more confidence," UMass coach Marnie Dacko said. "I can see it before the game that the team believes they can win any game."

In the Xavier game, UMass gave the Musketeers all they could handle, but came up short. The game featured six ties and 10 lead changes in the second half.

Xavier (16-7, 10-2 A-10) took control on a three-pointer by Suntana Granderson with 1:37 remaining. The three-pointer put Xavier ahead by four and UMass wasn't able to respond.

Xavier went 6-6 from the free throw line in the final minute to put the game away.

"It was a tough game," Dacko said. "We missed nine lay-ups and had 11 turnovers in the first half. If we just made our lay-ups we would have won the game. But I'm really proud of the way the team played. We came back and played good basketball in the second half. I would really like to see that game played on a neutral court."

UMass (13-10, 6-6 A-10) was led by Brooke Campbell, who turned in her second outstanding performance of the weekend. Campbell had 18 points, nine rebounds, seven steals, and three blocks.

"Brooke's really done a tremendous job," Dacko said. "She played great defense and did a good job on the boards. She keeps getting better and better."

Another key contributor for the Minutewomen was freshman Kate Mills, who chipped in 12 points. Mills has provided an offensive spark since being inserted into the starting lineup last Sunday against St. Bonaventure.

Xavier was able to limit the production from the UMass backcourt, holding Katie Nelson and Pam Rosanio to a combined 13 points.

UMass played excellent defense against the best offensive team in the A-10, holding Xavier to 3-17 from three-point range.

While UMass slowed Xavier's perimeter game, the Musketeers were able to pound the ball inside. Forward Tara Booth, a favorite to be named A-10 Player of the Year, poured in 21 points and collected seven rebounds.

The Musketeers also got strong performances from guard Miranda Green and forward Adeola Olanrewaju. Green was second on the team with 15 points and Olanrewaju recorded a game-high 13 rebounds.

Friday's result was much bet-

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COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Sophomore foward Tamara Tatham takes the ball in against Duquesne on Jan. 21. UMass beat Dayton and lost to Xavier this weekend.

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Boston Herald jury begins deliberations

By Theo Emery
Associated Press

BOSTON — The jury in a libel trial against the Boston Herald began deliberating on Monday after closing arguments in a closely watched case that pits the tabloid against the judge that sued over articles about him.

The jury deliberated for about 35 minutes on Monday afternoon after hearing instructions from the trial judge, Charles Johnson. The jury was scheduled to reconvene on Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m.

At issue are articles published in the Herald in 2002 that portrayed Superior Court Judge Ernest B. Murphy as lenient toward defendants and insensitive to victims. The articles by reporter David Wedge and others had quoted Murphy as saying about a 14-year-old rape victim: "Tell her to get over it."

Murphy, who was based in New Bedford Superior Court when the articles appeared, sued the Herald and four of its reporters for libel, claiming they were malicious in their reporting. Murphy, 61, insists he never said the quote attributed to him about the 14-year-old rape victim that was allegedly uttered during a private meeting with attorneys. The newspaper has stood by its reporting.

The Herald's attorney, M. Robert Dushman, told the jury in his closing argument that freedom of the press is a carefully protected right, and that any distress that the Herald articles caused Murphy should not sway their decision.

"This has obviously been a very emotional case for Judge Murphy and his family," Dushman said. "In this case, we ask you as jurors to set aside sympathy and decide the case on the law."

Dushman acknowledged that there were "minor errors" in some of Wedge's reporting, but said the jury that the overall gist of the stories were solid, and that Murphy was a "newsworthy story" that the Herald had an obligation to cover, as other media did.

He also questioned Murphy's memory of some of the events he contested, and described Wedge as a thorough, thoughtful reporter who went further than other reporters, such as when he approached Murphy for comment outside a dining club.

"David Wedge actually made a very thorough investigation here," he said.

Murphy's attorney, Howard M. Cooper, said Wedge's work was shoddy and that he fabricated a "sensationalized, supermarket tabloid story" with the goal of getting public exposure and ultimately selling more papers.

Cooper said that Wedge knew that what he was reporting was wrong, opted not to check his stories with people who could debunk them, and relied on sources in Bristol County District Attorney Paul Walsh's office who had a "vendetta" against Murphy.

"Mr. Wedge and his editors at the Herald disregarded the truth that was staring them in the face," he said.

He said that Murphy was a compassionate man who was devastated by the Herald's reporting, and said the judge's recourse was for the jury to find in his favor.

"A man who loses his wealth loses little. A man who loses his health loses much. A man who loses his reputation loses everything," Cooper told the jury. "Where does a man go to get his reputation back. The answer is, he comes to you."

Because Murphy is a public figure, the jury must be convinced that the Herald maliciously reported material its reporters knew was false, a higher standard than the requirement a nonpublic figure must meet to win a libel case.

UMass students design Olympic park

By Jonathan Vega
Collegian Staff

Ziying Tang and Dong Zhang, two graduate students from the department of landscape architecture at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, have won an international competition with a design proposal for the Olympic Forest Park.

The park will debut to the world in the 2008 Summer Olympics, which are to be held in Beijing, China. Zhang and Tang are married and have been studying in the United States for one and a half years.

Tang and Zhang's design is drawing attention because of its unique integration of an ecological water system within a traditional contemplative Chinese garden. Zhang explains that the design illustrates techniques on how the ancient city of Beijing can nurture it's past while addressing environmental challenges that are pressing Beijing's increasingly modern landscape.

Yao Ying, the vice director of the urban planning commission told People's Daily, a Chinese publication that the park, "[will] cover an area of some 700 hectares, the park will be built into a green belt for Beijing residents' entertainment and recreation, as well as for improving the city's environment."



A pair of UMass graduate students designed the Forest Park Olympic gardens for the 2008 Beijing summer Olympics. The two won an international competition and their design features a unique water system.

The International Federation of Landscape Architects and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization organized the competition, in which Tang and Zhang beat out 160 applicants from all over the world with their "Forest Park" design.

In October the American Society of Landscape Architects held an annual meeting to present Tang and Zhang with a $3,500 award in Salt Lake City, Utah. "Our design reflects the harmony and integration possible in landscape architecture," Zhang said. In the fall of 2004, Tang and Zhang won the National Low Impact Development Design Competition, which was organized by the University of Maryland.

The NLIDD competition challenged students by requiring consideration of groundwater conservation. The graduate students who participated in the competition selected portions of their respective campuses for theoretical redesign that included low-impact development approaches that conserve the environment. However, according to the 2004 ILA Student Design Competition, entries must also consider the theme of "Harmony and Integration in Landscape Architecture."

"[Forest Park] is part of the Olympic Park, and it is located on

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Bomb assassinates former Prime Minister

By Bassem Mroue
Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — A powerful bomb assassinated a former prime minister Monday, carving a 50-foot hole in a street and turning armored cars into burning wrecks — devastation that harked back to Lebanon's violent past and raised fears of new bloodshed in the bitter dispute over Syria, the country's chief power broker.

The blast wounded 100 people and killed 10, including the main target: Rafik Hariri, a billionaire businessman who helped rebuild Lebanon after its civil war, but had recently fallen out with Syria.

The United States called the attack "a terrible reminder" that Lebanon still must shake free of occupation by Syria — the neighbor that keeps 15,000 troops here and influences virtually all key political decisions.

Syria denied any role and condemned the assassination. But opposition leaders in Lebanon said they held both the Lebanese and Syrian governments responsible and demanded Syrian troops withdraw.

A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it was too early in the investigation to know who was responsible, but said any list of suspects "would have to include the Syrians and their surrogates in Lebanon."

Hariri, 60, left office in October but had the wealth and the prominence to maintain some degree of independence from Syria, while never moving toward total defiance.

His shift toward the opposition in recent months had given a boost to calls for the withdrawal of Syrian troops — and his death silenced an influential and moderate voice that could prove hard to replace.

It was unclear if his killing would delay parliamentary elections that had been expected in April and May.

Top government officials met in emergency session, then instructed the army and internal security forces "to take all necessary measures to control the security situation." The Supreme Council for Defense,

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Lawmakers speculate chocolate's origin

By Jim Abrams
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Before you pop that Valentine chocolate in your mouth, consider whether it could have been produced by child slaves, lawmakers said Monday in admonishing the chocolate industry for its pace in monitoring labor practices on West African cocoa farms.

"If we can have our tuna fish dolphin-free, we can have our chocolate slave-free," Rep. Eliot Engel, D-N.Y., said at a news conference where he pledged to abstain from chocolate and refrain from buying Valentine's Day chocolate for his wife and daughter.

A can of tuna fish as the ultimate guilt-free gift for one's valentine?

Engel and Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, who in 2001 helped negotiate an industrywide protocol on child labor practices, said industry representatives told the lawmakers they would miss a July 1 deadline for certification that children were not being exploited on cocoa-growing farms.



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Lawmakers criticize the origin of popular Valentine's Day chocolates, saying that the treats could have been produced by child slaves.

It was a "show of bad faith," Engel said, adding that he and Harkin were considering legislation that could require labeling on chocolate products guaranteeing they were not made with child labor.

The Chocolate Manufacturers Association is "puzzled and surprised" by the charges, and is fully committed to meeting the July 1 deadline, said industry spokeswoman Susan Smith.

She said the industry to date has complied with every deadline in the 2001 agreement, and it has initiated a large-scale test of a cocoa farm labor monitoring program in Ghana and the Ivory Coast, the source of more than 40 percent of the world's cocoa beans.

More than 650 hamlets are included in that pilot program, she said. Progress has been good in Ghana but somewhat slower in the Ivory Coast, where civil strife and lack of roads make it hard to reach many areas.

Students scammed in scholarship fund

By Juliana Leal
Collegian Correspondent

Last year, thousands of college students across the country were invited to join the Outstanding Student Honor Society and the organization promised academic, career and scholarship assistance to those in excellent academic standing, however, the society proved to have no affiliation with the universities; in fact, it never existed.

Invitations were sent via e-mail to thousands of students at institutions in Massachusetts, New York, Virginia, Indiana, North Carolina, and Louisiana. The only requirements were a GPA of 3.0 or above, and a one-time membership fee of $12.

Joanna Krawiecki, a UMass Nursing junior, fell victim to the scam. She received an invitation through her student e-mail account to join the society on Feb. 12, 2004. The lengthy e-mail was personally addressed to Krawiecki, and contained bogus background information about the organization. It stated that OSHS was credited by the Outstanding Student Consortium, which allegedly offered services such as career development resources and shopping discounts, and even scholarships.

As a student in good standing and member of the Lambda Delta National Honor Society, Krawiecki decided this was a worthwhile opportunity and enrolled. She never questioned the authenticity of the organization and wanted to take advantage of the scholarships offered.

"I didn't think much of it at the time, since it seemed legitimate and UMass didn't send any warning e-mails that this was a hoax," she said. "I even e-mailed questions through the website about the scholarship. I got replies from a real person, not an automated message, telling me all the requirements for the scholarship application."

According to Krawiecki, she was able to access her online account on the Web site honorstudent.org from February until September of last year.

In October, she sent via mail her application for a scholarship the society claimed to offer, but the package was returned as undeliverable and the Web site was no longer in service.

"It was then I realized that I was scammed. I also used this society on my resumé for scholarship applications. As a student in good standing, how mortified I would have been if employers looked into this society and saw that it did not exist," Krawiecki said.

On Jan. 18 Krawiecki e-mailed Provost Charlena Seymour regarding the issue. The provost forwarded the message to Vice Chancellor Michael Gargano. He said he would "check with [his] staff relative to alerting the campus community."

Krawiecki's sister, Jill, also received an invitation from the society but decided not to join. One of Joanna's friend, a junior in the School of Management, also received the invitation and joined.

Stories like Krawiecki's are found nationwide. Suspicion arose at Binghamton University when Vice Provost Stephen Straight saw a copy of the e-mail and realized the organization was not affiliated with the school. He ordered an official warning to all students about the hoax. To some, the news came too late; they had

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Palestinian Leader seeing improvement

By Ibrahim Barzak
Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — The Israeli military delivered the bodies of 15 militants to the Palestinians for burial Monday, a handover celebrated in Gaza as the first real achievement of Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, who is trying to prevent fickle militants from straying from a fragile truce.

This latest dividend of improved relations between Israel and the Palestinians came as Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said he would ask the Cabinet next week to formally serve notice of the government's intention to withdraw from Gaza and four West Bank settlements.

The planned pullout has created a politically charged atmosphere in Israel, and prominent Israeli politicians on Monday called for detaining Jewish extremists without trial or charges in response to a wave of threats against government ministers who support the withdrawal.

Tens of thousands of Gazans poured into the streets as 15 ambulances carrying the bodies of the militants rolled into Gaza City's main square, escorted by Palestinian security. Each ambulance had the name of the dead man inside on the windshield.

Dozens of armed men stood in the square, raising the banners of their factions and saluting the bodies. The Palestinian police band played the national anthem in the background.

The militants were killed in attacks on Israeli army outposts in Gaza and other Israeli targets in the past two years. It was not clear why Israel had kept their remains.



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Militants are searched along the Gaza Strip before Mideast peace-talks occured last week.

The bodies were released a day after Israel's Cabinet approved the names of 500 Palestinian prisoners to be freed, and security commanders discussed the handover of the West Bank town of Jericho to Palestinian control. All three measures are part of a package of overtures agreed on last week at a summit where Sharon and Abbas declared a cessation of 4 1/2 years of hostilities.

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Grad students win park design contest

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the axis of Beijing," says Tang, "the Forbidden City is to the north, and Forest Park is actually the gardens of the Olympic Park."

According to Tang and Zhang the groundwater issues that Beijing faces stem from urban landscapes that bypass water from the natural water system; the natural system would allow rain water to seep into the ground or return to the atmosphere to form clouds and rain. However, in Beijing the groundwater levels are at all time lows because of displaced run-off water taken out of the natural system through drainage systems.



The 2008 Olympic Games symbol.

The Forest Park Design incorporates lakes and streams that are central tenants of traditional Chinese garden designs with functional groundwater collection basins, which benefit the ecology and population of Beijing. "We're trying to keep the water in the ground rather than let it go into pipes," Zhang said.

"[Humans] have built layers of concrete between the Earth and the Sky, and we are trying to bring a balance back to the landscape," says Tang. Likewise, Zhang emphasizes the importance of the traditional Chinese garden in their "Forest Park" design.

"In parks of the United States, open is good but in China they like to block out areas. We want you walk into an area and see the details, not give an overview first," says Tang. To overcome this challenge Tang and Zhang have focused on winding streams with snaking gardens that connect to elevated footpaths that hover over wetlands brimming with long grasses.

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already signed up and paid the $32 fee. Others received the warning in time and escaped deception.

Krawiecki said she wonders why UMass did not take the same initiative.

"Who knows how many students received this invitation, regardless of whether or not they joined. The issue here is that UMass did not warn students of this hoax honor society like the other schools caught on," she said.

Vice Chancellor Gargano said he released a general warning on the issue of honor society legitimacy "probably through one of the monthly emails [sent] to students."

"This particular case dates back to over a year ago," said Gargano. "We are in the process of collaborating — myself, [Commonwealth College] Dean Slakey, and the provost — on a letter to students about honor societies. We will advise them to check periodically with the Association of College Honor Societies about the validity of these organizations."

Dubious information on the Web site pointed to the possibility of a scam, though many students failed to realize it. The society Web site claimed OSHS was accredited by the Outstanding Student Consortium agency. Both OSHS and OSC were listed under the same address in Sunnyvale, California. According to an article from Binghamton University, the address is not of an office, but just a mail drop. Aside from OSC, the society was not accredited by any other institution.

By law, the contact information of a website domain's registrar must be publicly available. According to whois.net, the OSHS Web site was created on Feb. 23, 2003, and registered under Simon Chan from California. However, registration information for the Web site has been recently changed and is now under Domains by Proxy, Inc., located in Arizona.

Attorney Charles DiMare from Student Legal Services advises UMass student who are victims of this hoax to contact the office.

"We can represent UMass students in consumer fraud cases. We can help coordinate a potential investigation or prosecution with the attorney general's office," said DiMare. Non-UMass students and UMass students who prefer) can directly contact the Consumer Fraud Division of the Common-wealth of Massachusetts Attorney General's office. DiMare suggests that if multiple students file one joint complaint, they may have a stronger case.

Three officials killed in bombing

By Chris Tomlinson
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A roadside bomb killed three Iraqi National Guard troops Monday and officials said insurgents blew up an oil pipeline near Kirkuk and killed two senior police officers in Baghdad. Political leaders sized up their positions in a new government.

The three troops were killed by a bomb that detonated in Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, as their convoy passed, said Mudafar Al-Juburi of the Dyala police station. Three other soldiers were wounded, he added.

Insurgents near Kirkuk attacked the Al-Dibbis oilfield belonging to the North Oil Co., said Maj. Gen. Anwar Mohammad Amin. The pipeline supplied oil for domestic use and the damage will hamper production, he said.

It will take workers at least three days to extinguish the blaze and repair the pipeline, Amin said. Insurgents have regularly targeted Iraq's oil infrastructure, repeatedly cutting exports and denying the country much-needed reconstruction money.

In Baghdad, gunmen firing from a car killed two high-ranking policemen Sunday night, an Interior Ministry official said. Insurgents also fired six mortars at a police station in central Baghdad, injuring three, police said.

The al-Qaida affiliate in Iraq claimed responsibility for a number of attacks Sunday in statements posted on a militant Web site. But the claims could be independently verified.

The violence came after officials announced the results of Iraq's Jan. 30 elections.

A slate backed by Shiite Muslim clergy won 48 percent of the votes and 140 of the 275 National Assembly seats. A Kurdish ticket got 26 percent and 75 seats, while a secular Shiite party won 40 seats. Nine parties divided the remaining 20 seats.

"This is a new birth for Iraq," election commission spokesman Farid Ayar said, announcing results of the country's first free election in more than 50 years. Iraqi voters "became a legend in their confrontation with terrorists."

An Iraqi translator for Italian troops and his son were shot to death Sunday in the southern city of Nasiriyah, a spokesman for Italy's military said. The spokesman said officials were investigating and so far had no leads. The exact circumstances of the shooting were unclear.

The Iraqi militant group Ansar al-Sunnah Army claimed in an Internet statement Sunday it had kidnapped an Iraqi Christian translator who worked at a U.S. military base.

Former Prime Minister assassinated

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which groups the president, Cabinet ministers and military officials, also declared three days of national mourning.

Later in the day, the army command announced forces were put on maximum alert and that soldiers and officers were being recalled from vacation or leave. It also said troops were setting up checkpoints and patrolling the streets.

The official National News Agency said Hariri's funeral would be Wednesday in a mosque in Beirut.

President Emile Lahoud, a longtime rival of Hariri, called his killing "a dark point in our national history." He promised the assassins would be brought to justice.

There were no credible claims of responsibility. A previously unknown group, Support and Jihad in Syria and Lebanon, said in a video broadcast on Al-Jazeera television that it carried out the bombing, which it termed a suicide operation.

Security authorities raided the west Beirut home of Ahmed Abu Adas, a Palestinian they said appeared in the video but fled during the day. They confiscated computers, tapes and documents, the Interior Ministry said.

The midday blast tore through Hariri's motorcade a block from the famed Mediterranean-side corniche and was so powerful it left the bulletproof vehicles a burning, smoldering wreck. The explosion gouged a crater in the street 30 feet wide and 9 feet deep and shattered windows and twisted metal window frames at a nearby British bank and the landmark Phoenicia Hotel.


The Lebanon bomb killed many, including former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri. The bomb also killed 10 people and injured 100.

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Infamous 'Baby 81' from Tsunami traced to family

By Kristian Francis
Associated Press

KALMUNAI, Sri Lanka — The 4-month-old boy dubbed "Baby 81" now has a name — Abilass — and a birth date — Oct. 19 — and two loving parents who can't wait to get him back.

Sri Lankan court, relying on DNA tests, ruled Monday that the baby recovered from tsunami debris belongs to the couple who launched an agonizing court battle to claim him.

"I am so happy, and I could have to thank God for giving us child back," the boy's [illegible] father, Murugupillai Jeyarajah, said after the ruling. "We've got the results for all our hardships."

"We're happy!" exclaimed the baby's mother, Jemila.

Eight other couples also tried to claim the boy in the days after the devastating Dec. 26 tsunami. Only the Jeyarajahs filed a formal claim, but they couldn't describe all the birth because their [illegible] and other possessions were lost when the killer waves battered Kalmunai. They said their baby was swept from his mother's arms.

Authorities ordered DNA tests on the boy after Sri Lanka's cabinet minister for Muslim affairs, Rauff Hakeem, visited the coastal town.

Kalmunai Judge M.P. Mohamed announced the results Monday and told them at a closed hearing with lawyers and then ordered the Jeyarajahs, hospital officials and the baby to come to court Wednesday so the child can be returned to his parents, said S.T.M. Manarudeen, an attorney for the couple.

The lawyer went to the house where the Jeyarajahs are staying temporarily to break the news, and was embraced by the baby's grieving father.

The couple had a private visit with the boy Monday night. The hospital has allowed them to be with the baby every day.

The Jeyarajahs say their son, named Mulass, was born Oct. 19.

The boy was found amid mud, debris and corpses after the waters receded, and was named Baby 81" because he was the 81st admission at the hospital the day the tsunami hit.

It has been a wrenching seven weeks for the Jeyarajahs. At one point, they barged into the Kalmunai hospital to try to reach the baby and were briefly detained after a scuffle with the staff. Then the father threatened to commit suicide unless the baby was given to them.

The court had originally ordered the hospital to give the couple temporary custody until the boy's parentage could be determined, but doctors refused, arguing he still required medical attention.

"If we were rich and of a higher social caste, the treatment would've been different," said Murugupillai Jeyarajah, a barber. But he quickly added: "At the same time, if it hadn't been for the doctors, we wouldn't have seen the baby alive."

The story of "Baby 81" was a rare bright spot in a catastrophe that killed at least 167,000 people in a dozen nations. 31,000 of them in Sri Lanka. Tens of thousands more are listed as missing.


The infamous baby known as "Baby 81" will reunite with his family Wednesday after a couple launched a widespread search for him. He was identified thanks to specific DNA testing in Sri Lanka.

Japanese student kills teacher

By Audrey McAvoy
Associated Press

TOKYO — A 17-year-old boy armed with a sashimi knife stabbed a teacher to death and wounded two other adults Monday at his former elementary school, then stood in the faculty lounge and smoked a cigarette with the bloody blade still in his hand.

No students were injured in the midafternoon attack, the latest in a series of rampages in Japan involving knives and children.

Police said the teen, who refused to talk after his arrest, used the 8-inch knife usually reserved for cutting raw fish. Such blades are extremely sharp and are normally only accessible to trained chefs.

Terrified teachers watched the boy from the edges of the faculty room where he was found, as he held the knife in one hand and a cigarette in the other, said a police spokesman, Isao Noda.

The attack panicked the 600 students and 30 teachers at the public school in Neyagawa City just outside Osaka in western Japan. TV video showed small children, guided by adults, running from school buildings.

"I couldn't believe it," principal Hirokazu Sakane said at a news conference. "It is unforgivable. It is especially mortifying that a staff member lost his life."

Police did not release the boy's name because he is a minor, but Hirokazu Kashiyama, an official with the local board of education, said he was a graduate of the school.

Mitsuaki Kamozaki, a 52-year-old teacher, was fatally stabbed in the back. A 57-year-old female instructor had deep knife wounds in her stomach and a 45-year-old school nutritionist was also treated for serious injuries.

Television station FBS reported that the boy, when younger, had written that his dream was to become a video game creator or game magazine editor when he grew up.

Japanese media reported that he started skipping class in elementary school and had dropped out by junior high. Local board of education officials did not have information on his attendance record.

Though violent crime is relatively rare in Japan, juvenile delinquency is on the rise, according to police statistics. In 2002, the government lowered the age for which juveniles can be prosecuted as criminals to 14 from 16.

Last June, an 11-year-old schoolgirl stunned the country when she murdered her sixth-grade classmate by slashing her with a box-cutter at lunchtime. The girl later said a spat over the Internet provoked her to kill her 12-year-old friend.

The stabbings Monday took place just a few towns away from the scene of Japan's most deadly classroom attack in recent memory, when a man with a history of mental illness burst into an elementary school near Osaka and began slashing children in 2001.

The killer, Mamoru Takuma, was executed in September.

That attack, which killed eight children and injured more than a dozen others, led to calls for better school security.

U.S. Education Secretary urges universities to adopt Bush's law

By Justin Pope
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Colleges should better measure and report their students' progress, Education Secretary Margaret Spellings said Monday, urging university presidents to adopt the spirit of President Bush's No Child Left Behind law regarding elementary and high school students.

Spellings did not suggest that a higher education equivalent of the controversial 2001 law is in the offing — a prospect that would alarm college officials.

But in her first speech on higher education since joining Bush's Cabinet, she told the American Council on Education that the federal government provides one-third of higher education revenues — compared to one-tenth for the K-12 system — and said taxpayers are entitled to the kind of accountability NCLB had provided for primary education funding.

She called on states and universities to use NCLB "as a model as you work to close your own achievement gap" in her address to the American Council on Education's annual meeting.

That gap was illustrated by the release Monday of ACT's annual report on minorities, which showed minority enrollment had grown by 1.3 million students, or 52 percent, between 1991 and 2001. The participation rates of blacks (40 percent) and Hispanics (34 percent) still trail that of whites (45 percent).

NCLB, which requires annual testing in grades three through eight in reading and math, has helped give educators data they need to identify students in danger of falling through the cracks, Spellings said. Better data could do the same for higher ed, she said.

Higher education leaders said they were confident Spellings understood that K-12 and higher education face different challenges that require different solutions.

"I think to the degree she wants accountability, it would be done in a much more nuanced way," said David Ward, president of ACE.

Still, the prospect of more aggressive federal oversight is an difficult subject for college leaders, who have complained at the conference here that scarce federal funds for research and financial aid are increasingly coming with strings attached.

They are also concerned about President Bush's budget proposal, a subject that comprised a major portion of Spellings' remarks. The proposal calls for an increase in the maximum Pell Grant award of $100 each of the next five years, to a total of $4,550, but also cuts other federal student support programs.

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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A person's right to smoke

Matthew Reid

Let me start off by saying how opposed I am to smoking. I hate the smell. I hate how the smell gets on your clothes, and I hate the whole concept of smoking in general. It's baffling to me how much money people will spend on cigarettes.

With that said, I think that people have every right to smoke in the privacy of their own homes.

Howard Weyers, President of Weyco Inc., feels differently. The medical-benefits administration company in Okemos, Mich. went smoke-free last month, requiring all employees to take breathalyzer tests to ensure that they weren't lighting up. Four employees refused the test, and were promptly fired.

The company said that it has the best interest of the employees in mind.

Forgive me, but I fail to see how firing someone is in their best interest.

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The company also says that it is trying to lower health care costs by not employing smokers. Does this mean the company can fire people for having lousy diets? What about people who participate in extreme sports? Fatty foods and skydiving may not kill as many people as tobacco, but where do you draw the line, and who should be allowed to draw the line in the first place?

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State Sen. Virg Bernero (D-Mich.) is working on a bill that would prevent Michigan employers from using anti-smoking policies to fire or fail to hire workers who smoke. Sen. Bernero is not an advocate of smoking, but is an advocate or a person's right to privacy. The term "equal opportunity employer" applies to gender, sexual orientation, race, age, religion, disability and nationality, and "doing things in your own home that are your own business" should be on the list as well.

The exception would be if smoking deters from a person's ability to do their job. A few years ago a police officer in Fall River was fired when his boss learned he was a smoker (state law prohibits police officers from using tobacco products, whether they are on duty or not, due to the detrimental effects of smoking on physical ability). I agree with a law banning cops from smoking. However, as much as I may be opposed to the act itself, smoking is still legal, even for workers of a Michigan medical-benefits administration.

I am reminded of a conversation that repeatedly comes up between two people I work with back home. My hometown is currently in a debate over the smoking rights of individuals in certain "private establishments." These establishments are not business offices, but rather places where people go to socialize.

One of my coworkers, who happens to be a non-smoker, feels that smoking should be allowed, because the people who frequent the clubs pay membership dues and have a right to do what they want inside of the club's walls. A fellow co-worker disagrees, saying that smoking is harmful not only to the smoker, but to the other people in the room as well (this person happens to be a smoker).

I realize that the situation doesn't exactly parallel the situation at Weyco, but it does bring up an interesting and important point — this is not about smoking. The fact that a smoker thinks smoking at the clubs should be banned, and a non-smoker feels smoking should be allowed, proves that this issue goes beyond how someone feels about smoking. The issue is one of privacy and discrimination. I'm not saying discrimination against smokers is anything like other more blatant types of discrimination, but it is discrimination nonetheless.

Weyers, in a column he wrote for USA Today defending his company's position, said that people against his policy are not "facing the dangerous realities of smoking." He goes on to say that his plan is "not about what people do at home ... it's about the acceptance of personal responsibility by people we choose to employ." It doesn't seem like a "personal" responsibility to me. If a boss is monitoring someone's every move and punishing people for not meeting their own expectations.

The headline of Weyers' USA Today column was, "Smoking is not a civil right." Excuse me, Mr. Weyers, but not smoking isn't exactly a person's civic responsibility, like you seem to think it is. The truth is, many smokers may very well "face the dangerous realities of smoking," as you put it, and still choose to smoke. It's their decision.

I don't like smoking any more than Mr. Weyers does, but it's not illegal and employers can't pretend as though it is. I would love to see the government prohibit smoking completely, but that's never going to happen, not as long as Big Tobacco keeps profiting from its global empire. Maybe some day the right system will be in place for smoking to stop completely, but that day is not now. Weyco Inc. would argue that they are doing their small part in the fight against smoking, and that's all well and good, but people, even smokers, have rights to privacy.

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The boundaries of free speech

Zach Oelschlegel

Last spring, I wrote a column entitled "Having a Right to Racism," making the point that the right of free speech applies not only to what the comics on IBO can say, but also to the Klan member down the street. For instance, I've found that often times, people will cry foul over their First Amendment rights and at the same time praise Germany for making hate speech illegal, which doesn't make much sense.

Here at UMass, the topic of free speech has made a comeback yet again, as Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Michael Gargano and Chancellor John Lombardi made significant changes to the university picketing code. The new rule states that "disruptive picketing" is in violation of the code, with the possibility of expulsion as the penalty. The student group Take Back UMass, the SGA and the American Civil Liberties Union aren't happy — with good reason.

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The entire matter comes down to where the line on free speech must be drawn. Our two chancellors dropped the ball in how incredibly vague the language of the code is in what a protestor can or cannot do. The new code does not allow for something inside buildings that is disruptive. Bill Newman, an ACLU representative, was dead on when he said disruptive behavior could be viewed as "a button, a pin or a sign — any of these can be demonstrations."

However unlikely the possibility of the administration actually punishing a student for something so trivial isn't the point, but the fact that the administration could, technically speaking, choose to do so is particularly bothersome. The language of the whole code must be changed to ensure students know what they are allowed to do under the code.

However, after that point was made, Newman went on to say that "all students have the right to demonstrate on university premises," which, if he truly believes that, must make him one of Massachusetts' worst lawyers. Others have tried to paint the picture that because UMass is a state organization (making it public property), it allows the right for students to do essentially as they please on those properties. The idea is completely ludicrous, and here's why.

Being an out-of-state student, my tuition costs for the entire year total more than $24,000. The reason I am here is to learn, so in essence I am paying about $50 an hour to attend class. Therefore, when 50 students with an agenda come into my class, all of which are on the same "university premises" Newman spoke of, and make it their business to ensure I know Michael Gargano is the Antichrist, they are stealing from me. By disrupting my class and preventing my professor from teaching me something, they have completely robbed me of my tuition money.

The ACLU doesn't mean to tell me that students are free to pilfer my money and disrupt my class because it is held on university premises, does it? If the ACLU really feels that way, I'd invite them to see how far they'd get trying to demonstrate inside a state owned police station.

A right to free speech does not entitle one to be a jackass. You have the right to free speech to the point where it does not infringe on someone else's right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The freedom of my fist to swing stops just short of where your nose begins. The argument that you are allowed to be disruptive because then it will get everyone's attention is extremely flawed.

Thankfully, from who I've talked to, it seems the SGA gets this, and will work to make sure when the picketing code is revised again, classrooms will be off limits. Other parameters that must be set are what students should be allowed to do once inside Whitmore. Should students have the right to stop members of the administration from getting their jobs done, or are those employees at the will of the student body, since it is the students they are working for? Do students really have the right to be as loud and demonstrative as they want to once inside Whitmore? There is a lot of gray area here that is up to discretion.

Realistically speaking, both sides need to find some sort of compromise. Originally, the new code said that you were not allowed to even enter a UMass building if picketing was your agenda, and that was changed due to it blatantly infringing on a student's rights. The ACLU was actually correct that time. Students should be allowed to peaceably assemble, which is what this code has allowed, but they must accept the fact that First Amendment rights are not rights to idiocy. I'm glad that I have people standing up for my rights, but sometimes all I want to do is just go to class.

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Torture and the American way

Mike Sances

The story of Maher Arar is one that rightfully inspires terror in us all. A Canadian citizen, Arar was detained and questioned by American authorities while changing planes at New York's John F. Kennedy Airport back in September of 2002. Two weeks later, Arar was hooded, shackled and shipped to Syria in a private jet, where he was subsequently tortured and starved for several months, treatment that continued long after he confessed to training at al Qaeda camps in Afghanistan.

But as it turned out, the authorities had made a mistake: he wasn't a terrorist after all. A year later, Arar was released and cleared of all wrongdoing; he is now suing the U.S. government. Yet Arar's story is only one of many. In fact, according to Jane Mayer, writing in the Feb. 14 edition of the New Yorker, the practice of "extraordinary rendition" — or "outsourcing torture" as Mayer's title bluntly de-euphemizes the phrase — has long been tacit U.S. policy, even before Sept. 11. Since 2001, according to several intelligence officials quoted in Mayer's piece, the Bush administration has allowed rendition to get "out of control."

Besides the obvious, one major problem with the runaway policy is that it leaves the government with the question of what to do with the "rendered" suspects once they have outlived their intelligence value. They can't release them, or try them in court, because the revelations of systematic abuse would be too much of an embarrassment. They can't simply kill them, either. You torture it, you bought it.

Perhaps that's why, as the Washington Post reported back in January, the Pentagon is set to construct a global network of Guantanamo-style camps, to be situated in the homes of "friendly" human rights violators strewn across the Middle East, and where the exhausted prisoners will be housed until the Global War on Terrorism has been terminated.

Well, as you might expect, I happen to have a better solution. build the detention centers here in the United States. While it might not solve the torture halve of the equation, it will ensure economic growth and thousands, perhaps even millions of new jobs by setting up such camps here at home the government. There is no reason we should be closing torture chambers here at home and opening them in the Middle East.

If some of you are still under the impression that torture is not the American way, then you've obviously failed to adjust to the new era we're living in.

Every student at this school is scared to death of the increasingly tight job market in this country. At the same time, the wave of volunteerism and generosity left over from Sept. 11 remains largely unsatisfied. Our generation wants employment, and we want to make a difference. What better way to solve both of these problems then by enlisting to light on the intelligence front of the War on Terrorism, especially since the Sept. 11 Commission so recently informed us that information will be the key factor in winning this fight. And peaceniks rejoice! Such a bold and extensive interrogation system may very well reduce the need for conventional warfare.

If you're the squeamish type, fear not; not everyone employed at these hypothetical camps would actually be engaging in torture. The facilities would need an entire infrastructure — guards, desk clerks, janitors, technicians and even psychologists — that would in fact provide the bulk of the employment opportunities.

If some of you are still under the impression that torture is not the American way, then you've obviously failed to adjust to the new era we're living in. Having torture camps in your own backyards, perhaps even working in them yourselves, should ease this transition for you. After all, as the vice president put it shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks, the Global War on Terror is "a mean, nasty, dangerous, dirty business. We have to operate in that arena."

Furthermore, by openly embracing a policy of torture, we will have eliminated the contradiction and indeed hypocrisy inherent in the image we project toward the rest of the world. As an Arab League spokesman said in the wake of the Abu Ghraib scandal, torture under Hussein was expected; the fact that Americans would engage in torture while giving lip service to freedom and democracy was "an irony that to my taste is very sickening." (After all, even if you hate murderous tyrants like Hussein, at least you know where they stand.) Here's our chance to rid ourselves of this sickening irony once and for all.

It is inconceivable that the U.S. government will be halting its policy of rendition any time soon. As one of the author's of the famous "torture memos" has been putting it in recent weeks, "the public has had its referendum." Torture isn't going anywhere; the best we can hope for as students is to accommodate ourselves to this new reality as honestly as we can.

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Disarmament through diplomacy



Yousef Munayyer

A superpower, which is exercising its influence all over the world, supports a client state in another hemisphere where it is not welcome. Small, but bothersome, that client state, armed with nuclear weapons, poses a threat to all other states in the region. When it becomes apparent that other powers in the region are armed with nuclear weapons as well, tensions increase and the situation is elevated to a crisis.

If this sounds familiar, it is probably because I just described the beginnings of the Cuban missile crisis of the early '60s. Yet, that is not what I am referring to. This is a description of a modern day developing crisis; a nuclear Iran.

Perhaps some are confused by the comparison. In 1959 a revolution in Cuba brought Fidel Castro to power presenting the first serious Marxist presence in the Western hemisphere since the onset of the Cold War. After an unsuccessful American-backed Bay of Pigs operation Castro moved into the Soviet sphere of influence for good.

So how does Cuba, an island in the Caribbean, have anything at all to do with Iran? The answer lies in the Negev desert at a location secured by several military perimeters where Israel makes its weapons of mass destruction.

By 1962 American U-2 spy plans had photographed evidence of Soviet military build-up on Cuban soil and the speculation of a nuclear Cuba sent shockwaves into security policy circles. Only 90 miles from the American coast, soviet medium range ballistic missiles where now capable of reaching many major American cities in very short periods of time.

The possibility of placing missiles in Cuba made the soviets salivate. American nuclear weapons, located in eastern Turkey facing the soviet "soft underbelly", had been in range to hit the U.S.S.R.'s largest cities. Oct. 1962 would prove to be the most nerve-wrecking month in modern American history.

So how does Cuba, an island in the Caribbean, have anything at all to do with Iran? The answer lies in the Negev desert at a location secured by several military perimeters where Israel makes its weapons of mass destruction.

Israel, like any nation with a guilty conscience, understood the necessity to acquire nuclear weapons for its protection. In fact, the development of Israel's nuclear facility was being monitored by the Eisenhower administration, at a period in American foreign policy when special interest and lobbyists did not supersede national security issues as much as they do today.

The Kennedy administration did not follow up, to say the least. It wouldn't be until years later, in the '80s, when the world would truly hear of Israel's nuclear capabilities. Mordechai Vanunu, a former technician at the Dimona nuclear facility in the Negev desert, blew the whistle and informed the public about the real weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East. For this he served a lengthy prison sentence, much of which in solitary confinement, and the world is indebted to him for having enough of a conscience to expose Israel's nuclear secret.

Technology has now made aerial photographs of Israel's nuclear facilities available for everyone to see on the Internet. While aerial photographs of Iraq, Iran and North Korea are as sharp as they can be, aerial photographs of Israel in such high resolution are not available. The reason for this is actually U.S. law.

The Kyl-Bingaman amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act prohibits the publication of aerial photographs of Israel that are of a higher resolution then what is routinely commercially available in the world market. Israel is the only country which receives such protection under U.S. law.

Israel has also displayed a history of preemptive attacks when it feels threatened both in the war of 1967 and in the bombing of an Iraqi nuclear facility in 1981. It is with these facts in mind that Iran seeks nuclear weapons. The threats to Iran are not coming from neighboring Pakistan nor are they coming from the former Soviet Union. Iran perceives a threat, in the same way the United States did in 1962, when nuclear weapons were in a Soviet client state next door.

There is a diplomatic way to make sure Iran does not turn nuclear. It would entail enforcing the United Nations resolution which established the cease fire in the first gulf war. U.N. Security Council resolution 687 calls for making the Middle East a zone free of weapons of mass destruction. Yet this cannot be done until Israel is forced to give up its nuclear weapons.

The U.S. removed its missiles from Turkey as part of the deal that ended the Cuban Missile Crisis and now it has a chance to use its diplomatic sway on Israel so that Iran would have no reason to be paranoid. The only question now is if the United States is willing to do so. Then again that would entail Israel being a client state of the U.S.A. and not the other way around.

****In my column last week I incorrectly identified a victim of the Israel occupation mentioned in the New York Times as Ghadir Mukhaimar. The victims name was Nuran Deeb. Both were 10 year-old schoolgirls shot in Gaza only months apart. May they both rest in peace.****

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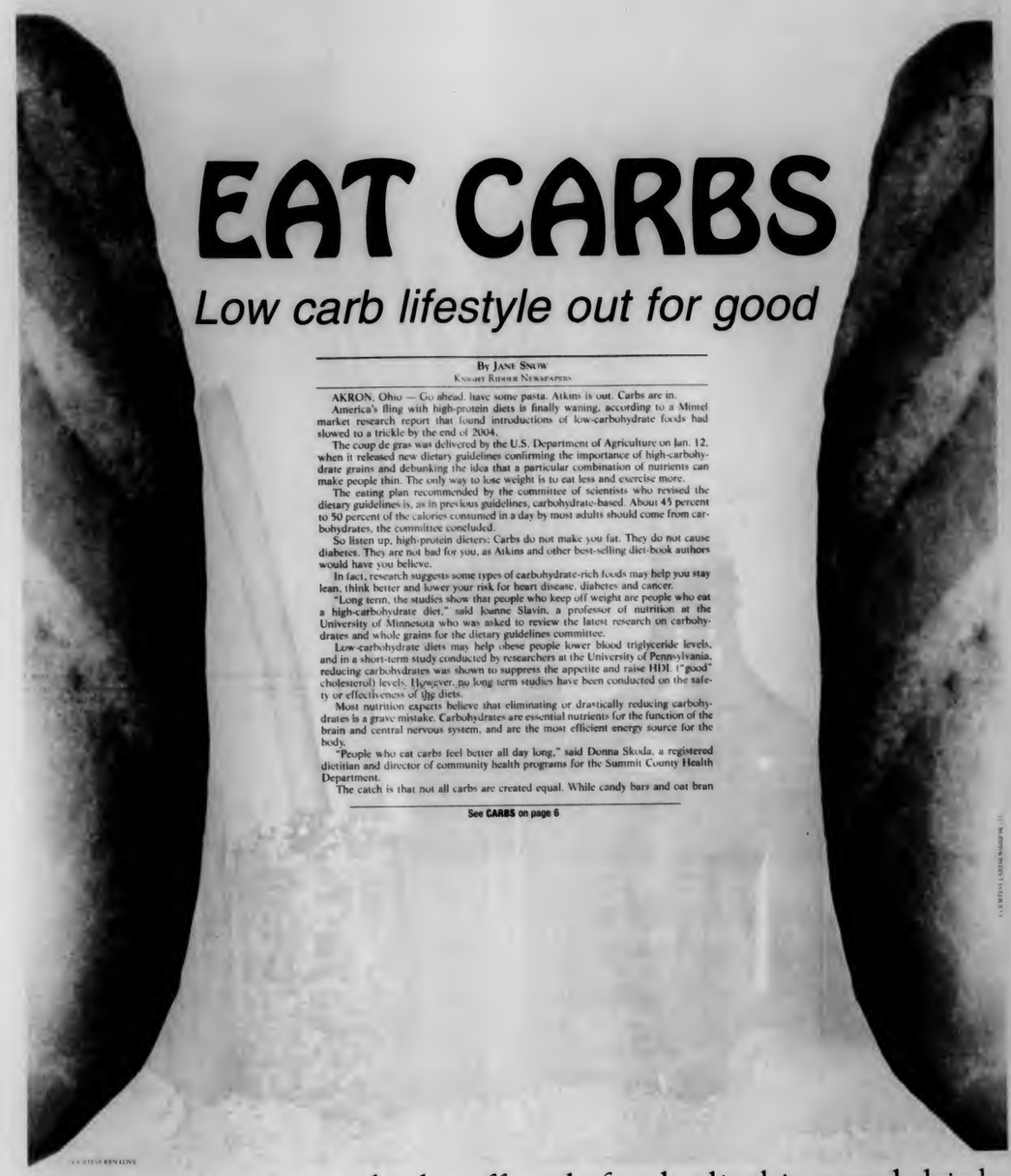
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EAT CARBS

Low carb lifestyle out for good

By Jane Snow
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AKRON, Ohio — Go ahead, have some pasta. Atkins is out. Carbs are in.

America's fling with high-protein diets is finally waning, according to a Mintel market research report that found introductions of low-carbohydrate foods had slowed to a trickle by the end of 2004.

The coup de gras was delivered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on Jan. 12, when it released new dietary guidelines confirming the importance of high-carbohydrate grains and debunking the idea that a particular combination of nutrients can make people thin. The only way to lose weight is to eat less and exercise more.

The eating plan recommended by the committee of scientists who revised the dietary guidelines is, as in previous guidelines, carbohydrate-based. About 45 percent to 50 percent of the calories consumed in a day by most adults should come from carbohydrates, the committee concluded.

So listen up, high-protein dieters: Carbs do not make you fat. They do not cause diabetes. They are not bad for you, as Atkins and other best-selling diet-book authors would have you believe.

In fact, research suggests some types of carbohydrate-rich foods may help you stay lean, think better and lower your risk for heart disease, diabetes and cancer.

"Long term, the studies show that people who keep off weight are people who eat a high-carbohydrate diet," said Joanne Slavin, a professor of nutrition at the University of Minnesota who was asked to review the latest research on carbohydrates and whole grains for the dietary guidelines committee.

Low-carbohydrate diets may help obese people lower blood triglyceride levels, and in a short-term study conducted by researchers at the University of Pennsylvania, reducing carbohydrates was shown to suppress the appetite and raise HDL ("good" cholesterol) levels. However, no long-term studies have been conducted on the safety or effectiveness of the diets.

Most nutrition experts believe that eliminating or drastically reducing carbohydrates is a grave mistake. Carbohydrates are essential nutrients for the function of the brain and central nervous system, and are the most efficient energy source for the body.

"People who eat carbs feel better all day long," said Donna Skoda, a registered dietitian and director of community health programs for the Summit County Health Department.

The catch is that not all carbs are created equal. While candy bars and oat bran

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Discover Your Lover kicks off with food, climbing and drinks

By Hannah Drake
Collegian Staff

Tonight two University of Massachusetts singles will have the wining, dining and climbing blind date experience of a lifetime, as Discover Your Lover, the Massachusetts Daily Collegian's dating game, officially kicks off.

The two strangers, paired online by Collegian readers, will be rock climbing, getting a bite to eat and going out for drinks as part of the first of three Discover Your Lover blind dates. The three males and three females, chosen from a pool of applicants who signed up in the Campus Center to participate, were photographed and profiled in last week's issues of the Collegian and readers were then asked to vote online and decide who should date whom.

The first stop on Date Number 1 will be climbing on Northampton Athletic Club's 40-foot textured climbing wall, with boasts 23 climbing stations and a cave.

Rock wall manager and climbing enthusiast Pete Ward said that it's a "little more daring" than the typical first date.

"It's an unbelievable, shockingly cool thing to do," Ward said.

"The whole point [of rock climbing] is to learn something new about yourself. It's challenging and sometimes scary for people. It puts you out of your comfort zone, and people don't always want to learn new things about themselves on a first date," he explained, which can make it a risky first date idea.

Northampton Athletic Club, located at 306 King Street in Northampton and accessible via the PVTA bus line, was voted the Valley's Best Health and Fitness Center in 2004. With 2200 members, it offers yoga, massage, tanning, basketball, free-weight and cardio equipment, aerobic classes, childcare and fitness assessments. The club also has top-rated personal trainers, sauna and steam rooms, and a juice bar and café.

"We get a lot of college kids. It's super social and great if you want to be active, but you don't want to be trudging around in the cold," Ward said.

After working up a sweat during the hour-long climb, the two will be taken to their homes to shower before part two of their three-part date. Later that night, the date gets more romantic as they head to Amherst's La Cucina di Pinocchio (located at 30 Boltwood Walk) for some New American cuisine.

Bartender and manager Kerry Valentine recommends either the shrimp artichoke scampi or the portabella mushroom for an appetizer. The entrée?

"The best meal, and our most popular meal, is the lobster fettuccini," said Valentine.

For dessert, Valentine recommends either the creme Brule, the tiramisu or the cannolis.

"They're all home made. They're all really good," she said.

"We have great food and great

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Rock climbing at the Northampton Athletic Club is one of the activities that are slated for the three dates that are featured in the Daily Collegian's Discover Your Lover dating game contest.

A nation of reality television junkies



Reality TV

Michael Busack

Though this may be the first time anyone has ever admitted it, Ashford and Simpson were right. "Ain't nothing like the real thing baby."

Yes, my mind has been made up: reality television producers have crossed the line with their recent plans to create a television show dedicated to find the next Janis Ioplin. Correct me if I am wrong, but the appeal of the legendary Joplin was found in her originality. In soothe, this is a disgrace to the legacy of Ms. Joplin.

However, this marks a new trend in television, movies, and music: an absolute lack of originality. Where are our generation's cultural leaders? Reality television shows with a contest concept are a perfect example of just how packaged Ameri-cans are willing to accept our culture.

People are starting to all together lose their sense of "reality" because of these shows. Ironic isn't it? A bus driver in Buena Vista, Pa., in a sheer moment of utter brilliance, asked the young students on her bus to throw things and jump around the vehicle last week. Why you might ask? The woman was videotaping the raucous, so that she could submit an audition tape to be considered for the hit reality television show "Survivor".

The woman, Maureen Monaghan, has been charged with recklessly endangering children. She is lucky their isn't a law that reprimands people for being incredibly stupid. I'm afraid they would throw away the key for this genius.

Thousands of young businessmen and women also lined up to audition for the new seasons of "The Apprentice". While there will be two "Apprentice" shows this time around, Donald Trump is not going to be the only egotistical business guru. Martha Stewart, queen of pastry, master of the thread count and prisoner #10919445, will also be hosting a version of the show. It promises a stiff business sense and a great apple-rhubarb pie with a honey cinnamon glazed crust.

So, this is America. We have come to expect celebrities to defy our every prediction, and Martha Stewart is not an exception. What I do think is crazy, however, is that fact that a small number of people get selected for this show, out of thousands of applicants. The problem I have with this is that this means that thousands of business men and woman are actually taking the day off from work to try out for a television show that will most likely humiliate them in front of the entire nation. Do other cultures waste their time with this?

Don't worry though, if you think America has got it all wrong, you won't believe what England has been up to. The famed controversial channel 4 broadcasted in England, is planning on broadcasting their first ever exorcism, Anglican priest and all. The planned de-devilling has allegedly caused a stir in the U.K.. The young man who is the focus of the show, says he feels possessed. I smell a spin off. Here is what you do: take the possessed one, put him on the "Surreal Life," bring back Tammy Faye Baker and she can show him what is up. Honestly, would anyone be that shocked?

What ever happened to the days when you could think of "60 Minutes" as a reality show? I know, there is a distinct difference between a news show and "Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire," but that's the thing: it hasn't always been that way. With the introduction of more and more of these reality shows, with such ridiculous plots, we are starting to lose a sense of American television culture.

I love shows like "American Idol", I do, and there are many other great reality shows out there that I think are perfectly reasonable, but what happened to the American sitcom? If you look back 10 years ago, to the days of "Friends", "Seinfeld" and "Frasier", the American sitcom was highly regarded, innovative and funny. It was a breeding ground for the actors of the future.

Today we still have many great sitcoms, but they are fighting a losing battle against the overwhelming amount of reality crap. I sincerely hope that 20 years from now, our kids don't look back at our generation and wonder, as I do, what makes people tune in to "Extreme Makeover" and not "Everybody Loves Raymond."

That's enough rant for this week. Stay tuned.

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Most successful fad diet in history may soon fade to make way for carbohydrates

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are both high-carbohydrate foods, they are not equally nutritious. Figuring out which carbs to eat and which to pass up can be confusing.

A theory popularized by some diet books is that eliminating carbohydrates that have a high glycemic rating will help curb hunger and help people lose weight.

The glycemic index rates carbohydrate-rich foods on how quickly they raise blood sugar levels. When blood sugar spikes, the pancreas releases insulin to corral the glucose and store it in the cells, where it eventually becomes fat if more calories are consumed than are expended.

The glycemic index may be a valuable tool for diabetics, but research is still in the early stages, Slavin said. There is no evidence that eating high-glycemic foods causes people to gain weight, she said. Any food eaten in excess, whether it's a steak or a bowl of pasta, will be stored in the body as fat.

"People want a way to evaluate carbohydrates, which is why the glycemic index diet is popular," Slavin said. "Do not use the glycemic index to improve your diet, because you're not going to improve it."

Slavin pointed out that Frosted Flakes have a lower glycemic score than regular corn flakes, but that doesn't mean they're more nutritious.

High-glycemic foods do not cause adult-onset diabetes, either, as some diet books claim. Obesity, not carbohydrates, causes adult-onset diabetes, Skoda said.

If the glycemic index is no help in sorting out carbohydrates, what about the standard categories of simple and complex carbohydrates? These categories can help untangle some of the confusion but not all of it.

Simple carbohydrates are found in candy, cakes, soda pop and other sugary foods. These carbohydrates are made up of just two or three molecules, and are easily converted to glucose by the body. Glucose is what the muscles use for energy.

Most complex carbohydrates take longer for the body to convert to glucose, so they make you feel full longer. They are found in such foods as bread, pasta, potatoes and beans.

Not all simple carbs are bad, though, nor are all complex carbs good. Such nutritious foods as fruits, some vegetables and milk technically are simple carbohydrates. And white bread is a complex carbohydrate, although it provides a fraction of the nutrition of whole-grain bread.

A better way to choose carbohydrates is by whether the foods are whole or processed, Slavin suggested. People should go for whole-grain breads, brown rice, whole-grain cereals, fresh or frozen vegetables and whole fruits. These foods are high in fiber, vitamins and minerals.

The new dietary guidelines recommend that at least 3 ounces of grains, or half of a day's recommended intake of six to 11 servings, be whole grains. A slice of bread is about one ounce.

Whole-grain foods have significantly more fiber than refined grains. A one-half cup serving of brown rice has 3.4 grams of fiber compared to 0.1 gram in a serving of white rice, for example. A high-fiber diet may help prevent heart disease, diabetes and certain cancers.

"The risk of coronary artery disease has been shown to be reduced by about 26 percent with regular consumption of whole grains," Skoda said.

Researchers also have evidence that a high-fiber diet can help prevent breast and colon cancers, and possibly cancer of the pancreas, stomach, rectum, uterus, mouth, throat, liver and thyroid, Skoda said.

To reap the health benefits, the National Cancer Institute recommends consuming 20 to 30 grams or more of fiber a day. Meat, the mainstay of high-protein diets, contains no fiber.

Shoppers will soon have an easier time identifying whole-grain foods in stores. Beginning this week, products rich in whole grains will be allowed to carry a whole-grain stamp designed by Oldways Preservation Trust in partnership with grain-food manufacturers. Oldways, a nonprofit Boston food issues think tank, campaigned for a prominent stamp for whole grains in the new dietary guidelines, Oldways president Dun Gifford said.

The stamps will designate whether a product contains 100 percent whole grains, is an excellent source of whole grains (16 grams per serving) or a good source (8 grams).

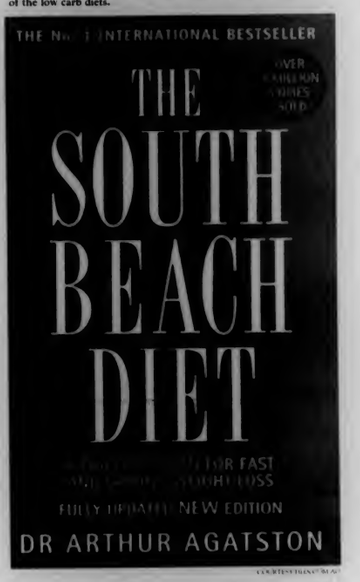
Gifford predicts that a flood of new whole-grain products will hit the market in the wake of the new dietary guidelines.

"There will be double or triple the number of products on the shelves that are whole grain," Gifford said.

Eating healthfully is about to get a whole lot easier.



Doctor Robert Atkins, shown above, is famous for bringing the low carb diet to the forefront of American health and fitness. The South Beach Diet, shown below, was made famous by cardiologist Arthur Agatson. It uses the glycemic index to create another version of the low carb diets.





Lovers unite under rock wall

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drinks. It's absolutely date-friendly," said Valentine.

"It's a pretty relaxing atmosphere. You can come in and just drink. We make great martinis. I'm a little bias though, because I make them," Valentine added.

Following dinner, the couple will go to The Moan and Dove, (at 460 West Street) in South Amherst, for drinks.

A patron review on pubcrawler.com described the Moan and Dove as "small in size, but big in selection and quality," and "the only serious beer bar in western Mass."

According to Ward, a friend of the owner, it's "ridiculously classy."

"It's like the ultimate beer snob joint in the world," Ward explained. "If you have any interest in learning about beer, the people who work there are absolute beer experts. They're stunningly knowledgeable about it," he added.

Northampton Athletic Club is open weekdays from 4:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Students get a 10 percent discount. College Climbing Night is from five to 10 p.m. on the first and third Monday of every month, with prices at almost 50 percent off the normal charge. Information is available at nohoac.com.

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NHL too boring to last

By Jim Litke
Associated Press

It wasn't as if the NHL was having such a great season to begin with.

So there's that consolation if league boss Gary Bettman pulls the plug on this one, expected to happen Wednesday barring any last-minute settlement.

Think about it: If the commissioner hadn't come up with that nifty lockout maneuver when he did, and the season went ahead as usual, chances are the three biggest stories at this juncture would have all been public-relations disasters. They would have played out in courtrooms and offices instead of ice rinks, and dragged the attention of most casual fans along with them.

Those stories, in rough chronological order, would have been: Former St. Louis goon Mike Danton being sentenced last November to 7 1/2 years in prison for trying to have his agent killed; Vancouver thug Todd Bertuzzi petitioning Bettman last month for reinstatement after he viciously blindsided Colorado forward Steve Moore; and Atlanta's Dany Heatley being sentenced last week to three years' probation after pleading guilty to second-degree vehicular homicide in the death of teammate Dan Snyder.

That's the problem with the NHL. Pro hockey can be exhilarating, but hasn't been for a while, and the only time it makes the front of the sports pages anymore is when someone or something goes terribly awry.

Now some people will argue that even bad press is better than being ignored, which is essentially where the pro game finds itself at the moment. But there's no convincing Bettman of that, probably because nearly all the press during his 12-year reign has been bad.

Bettman took the job pledging to put hockey on equal footing with the other major team sports, and he widened the NHL's footprint from 21 franchises to 30, made inroads into nontraditional hockey meccas like Arizona, Florida, Tennessee and Texas, grew revenues from $400 million to almost $2 billion, and brought big-time U.S. broadcasters into the league's TV fold.

But running with the big boys carries a steep price tag and all that expansion accomplished was to put more teams in a deeper financial hole. A league-sponsored report last February put losses from the previous season at $273 million, and there are only two ways to get rid of a deficit like that: one is to bring in more money, the other is to cut costs.

Unfortunately, Bettman failed to get "cost certainty" the first time he locked the players out and lost nearly half the 1994-95 season. This time around, he's willing to call off the whole deal and risk driving away even more fans to get his way.

Any idea that stupid is rarely the work of one man, and that's certainly the case here. Players are taking home three-quarters of what the teams are taking in the average salary has grown to $1.8 million last season from $558,000 in Bettman's first season. And while their union has shown some willingness to compromise in the few bargaining sessions that have taken place, they're drawing the line at a salary cap.

The NFL and NBA have them in place, baseball still does not. Bettman and his owners have gone on record guaranteeing the players an annual income of $1.3 million under their latest proposal — cap included. But as NBA star Latrell Sprewell said so plaintively earlier this season, players have families to feed, too. That's their rationale for letting this season slip away, and like Bettman, they're foolishly sticking to it.

Some of the resulting developments would be funny if they weren't so painful.

A nine-man group called the Atlanta Spirit bought the NHL Thrashers, the NBA Hawks and Philips Arena operating rights last year, and part of its payback was supposed to come Sunday, with a chance to host hockey's All-Star game. Instead, with the arena dark, a member of the ownership group said he might go sit in the stands "and pretend like I'm watching a game."

"It's been a disappointment," Michael Gearon Jr., told his hometown newspaper. "we haven't seen a hockey game, really, since we became owners."

Gordon needs to mature

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"I enjoyed working with Robby, he was not a problem at all," Childress said. "I wish him good luck with his own team, because I personally don't think it can work in today's NASCAR.

"Look, Robby has the talent to be a champion. There's no doubt in my mind, he could win a championship at this level if he just concentrated on driving and left everything else alone."

Gordon realized he needed to make changes while doing one of the extracurricular activities Childress frowned upon.

Competing last month in the Dakar Rally, Gordon became the first American to win a stage when he took the opening leg. But he wrecked on Day 6 and spent the final 10 days as a support vehicle for his teammates.

It meant Gordon had to pull over along roadsides in Africa and wait for his teammates to arrive. Then, he'd take the broken parts off their cars and replace them with the good parts from his car. They would continue on, while Gordon would wait for his own car to again be repaired.

At night, he slept alone in a sleeping bag in his tent in the Mojave Desert with nothing to interrupt his self-analysis.

"It gave me 10 days to mature," he said. "Not that 10 days is going to fix me, but it gave me a lot of time to think.

"You know the old saying your parents taught you? Think before you open your mouth? I couldn't get that down and it has taken me a long time to get there. I am still not 100 percent there. But at 36, I am thinking about it now before I pop off and say something."

His career may depend on it. Some of his sponsorship agreements carry clauses in them to protect the companies from being embarassed by Gordon.

Jim Beam, new to NASCAR this season, doesn't want a repeat of last September when Gordon retaliated against Greg Biffle by intentionally wrecking him, and collecting two championship-contending cars at the same time.

"I didn't feel bad about that at the time," Gordon said. "But I do now and I'm impressed that we've been able to recover and still end up with great partners because some of the sponsors definitely questioned me."

Mickelson rocks the golf world

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Two weeks, two wins for Phil Mickelson.

And these aren't ordinary victories.

Mickelson is usually a thrill-a-minute, a guy who keeps everyone entertained by trying to hit clutch shots along the back nine with the tournament at stake. He birdied five of his last seven holes to win the Masters last year. He once hit a tee shot into the canyon during a playoff at Torrey Pines and still managed to win with a double bogey.

That's what makes these last two weeks on the PGA Tour so alarming.

One week after winning in Phoenix by a career-high five strokes, Mickelson went wire-to-wire in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am to win by four strokes over Mike Weir.

"He's obviously doing something right," Weir said.

Mickelson has won his last two tournaments by nine shots. Going into this year, he had won his previous eight PGA Tour titles by a combined nine shots.

"After working on the right things now for a year, after getting back my distance off the tee and being able to utilize my wedge play, I feel like I'm able to make a lot more birdies," Mickelson said. "It just seems like ... I don't want to say the game is easier, but it just feels a little bit easier."

There wasn't much heavy lifting Sunday, for sure.

Mickelson closed with a 1-over 73, the first time he has ever won with a final round over par. About the only thing he didn't get was the 72-hole record. He missed a 15-foot birdie putt on the final hole and finished at 19-under 269, one shot short of the record set seven years ago by Mark O'Meara.

"I really don't think about records like that, individual tournament records," Mickelson said. "I just really wanted to win this tournament."

That was never in doubt from the time Mickelson opened with a course-record 62 at Spyglass Hill, regarded as one of the toughest tests in northern California.

Weir tried to make it interesting.

The former Masters champion from Canada birdied three of his first four holes — the exception was a bogey when he missed the third green — and then made the only birdie of the final round on the 430-yard ninth hole, which plays along the cliffs and into a wet wind. Weir hit 3-wood into 6 feet.

When he birdied the 11th hole to get to 14 under, Mickelson's lead was down to four.

Mickelson, who had bogeys on Nos. 9 and 10 to give the Canadian fleeting hope, was never worried. He knew the outward 10 holes at Pebble Beach were the toughest, and he only needed to get through them with limited damage.

When he got to the 11th, he smoked a drive down the middle of the fairway, hit a wedge into 18 feet and hit the purest putt of his final round for a birdie that pushed his lead back up to five.

Both players spent the rest of the day missing putts by the tiniest margin — Weir burned the edge on his next six holes, and his chip for eagle on the 18th just turned away. Mickelson followed his birdie at No. 11 by missing putts from 6, 4 and 8 feet, then he missed three more inside 18 feet.

But all that affected was the final score.

This is new territory for Mickelson, winning by such a large margin, and it might take some getting used to.

"It was weird," he said. "I didn't feel the normal intensity, the normal stress. It was a very enjoyable round."

Which type of victory does he prefer?

"I enjoy the stress-free day at Pebble Beach, playing with friends," he said, alluding to Ford president Steve Lyons, with whom Mickelson has an endorsement deal. "But I also enjoy that intensity and nervousness and the excitement of having to pull off clutch shots to win."



Phil Mickelson watches his tee shot during the 2005 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am in Pebble Beach, Calif., on Sunday.



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UMass plays ACC foe

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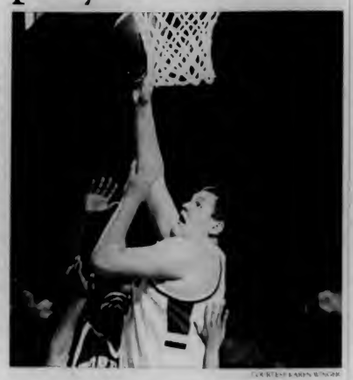
uncertain status of senior captain Anthony Anderson's back. Anderson has had discomfort in his back, but according to Lappas, it flared u a bit during the Fordham game. Anderson currently leads the team in three (46) and three-point percentage (.393).

Lappas knows that in order to be successful against FSU the Minutemen need to play a more consistent inside-out game. However, he is also pleased that UMass is no longer taking as many forced three-pointers as it has in the past.

"Our perimeter shooting has been the biggest Achilles heel of this team the whole year. If we shoot the ball well, we are a much better basketball team. I think we're taking very good shots; we just need to start making them," Lappas said. "The good thing is that we're cutting down on the number of threes we're taking, but we still need to make a couple of them."

If FSU wants to take the Minutemen out of their game they will try to turn up the ball court defense. Over the course of this season, the Seminoles have exhibited an athletic approach to their defense, which including letting the opposing cross the ball court line before attacking.

Lappas is a bit concerned about catching this team in the midst of a losing streak, especially after a demoralizing loss. He sees this team as one of the most talented UMass has seen this year to date.



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Jeff 'Big Deli' Salovski goes up for a layup against Fordham on Jan. 19. The Minutemen have gone 3-3 since that game.

"This is a good team. They're very talented and very athletic, and this is as talented a team to come in here this year," Lappas said. "I'm not telling you they're as talented as Boston College, who's having a great year, but this team has talent all over the place. It's a tough game, a tough match up."

NOTE: UMass is 3-0 against ACC teams when they come to play at the Mullins Center. The Minutemen defeated N.C. State 69-62 on Jan. 2, 2003; the historic 1995 Wake Forest team 60-46; and Florida State 62-58 on Feb. 3, 1984... today's game will be the second time in Florida State history that its basketball team has played in Massachusetts, the first was the aforementioned loss to UMass in 1984.

Canseco calls out several stars

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denial.

"The relationship that these allegations portray couldn't be further from the truth," McGwire's statement said. "I also worry how these false allegations will taint the accomplishments of the Oakland Athletics' coaches, players and executives who worked so hard to achieve success during the era in question, along with the other players and organizations affected by this book.

"Most concerning to me is the negative effect that sensationalizing steroids will have on impressionable youngsters who dream of one day becoming professional athletes. Once and for all I did not use steroids or any other illegal substance."

McGwire was not available for interviews.

In the book, Canseco is an unabashed advocate of performance-enhancing drugs.

"By the time my 8-year-old daughter, Josie, has graduated from high school, a majority of all professional athletes — in all sports — will be taking steroids. And believe it or not, that's good news," he writes. "I have no doubt whatsoever that intelligent, informed use of steroids, combined with Human Growth Hormone, will one day be so accepted that everybody will be doing it. Steroid use will be more common than Botox is now. Every baseball player and pro athlete will be using at least low levels of steroids. As a result, baseball and other sports will be more exciting and more entertaining."

Canseco calls himself the "godfather of steroids in baseball," saying "I single-handedly changed the game of baseball by introducing them into the game."

He says both baseball management and the union tried to ignore steroid use.

"Are players the only ones to blame when Donald Fehr and the other bosses of the Major League Baseball Players Association fought for years to make sure players wouldn't be tested for steroids?" he wrote, adding: "Fehr had to know the truth."

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig said last week that the sport's leadership was unaware of possible steroid use until 1998. Fehr declined comment Monday.

Canseco expr-esses resentment at the way he was treated by management and the media.

"There was a huge double standard in baseball, and white athletes like Mark McGwire, Cal Ripken Jr. and Brady And-erson were protected and coddled in a way that an outspoken Latino like me never would be," he wrote. "Canseco the Cuban was left out in the cold, where racism and double standards rule."

Canseco specifically took aim at Jason Giambi, a former Oakland teammate.

"Giambi had the most obvious steroid physique I've ever seen in my life," Canseco wrote. "He was so bloated, it was unbelievable. There was no definition to his body at all. You could see the retention of liquids, especially in his neck and face."



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Former baseball player Jose Canseco has called out several stars, including Jason Giambi, in his book.

Robby Gordon looks to start new team

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Alone in his tent in the African desert, Robby Gordon realized he had a lot of growing up to do.

"Sometimes I make dumb decisions because I still have that pre-schooler mentality: If you push me, I'll push you back," Gordon said. "I've realized that's something I internally have to work on."

The time is now for Gordon to stop acting like a child because he's launching a risky venture this season in trying to field his own race team. The driver-owner combination has not been very successful at NASCAR's highest-level. Ricky Rudd called it quits in 1999, Bill Elliott closed his operation in 2000 and Brett Bodine did the same in 2003.

Since then, no driver has been bold enough to put his own money on the line against the heavily funded super teams - organizations with as many as four Nextel Cup entries and a slew of engineers, accountants and sponsor-seekers.

But Gordon has always been a risk-taker. When someone tells him he can't do it, the first thing he does is try to prove them wrong. Only this decision is already showing signs of backfiring. Gordon is in danger of not making the season-opening Daytona 500, considered NASCAR's biggest race of the year.

His No. 7 Chevrolet showed up at Daytona last weekend with an illegal engine part that NASCAR quickly confiscated and will penalize him for. It put Gordon behind in qualifying preparations, and he was forced to borrow an engine from Dale Earnhardt Inc. to use Sunday.

But the DEI engines were uncharacteristically short on horsepower, and Gordon ended up 38th on the speed chart.

Because new qualifying procedures guarantee a starting spot to any team in the top 35 in points last season - and Gordon is considered a new team with no points — he must now race his way into the Daytona 500 in one of Thursday's two qualifying events.

He'll be one of 18 drivers battling for the final four spots in the field.

"Obviously we have a huge obstacle in front of us right now," Gordon said. "But we know we can be competitive once we battle through the new-team blues."

Why would Gordon even try this?

After all, he did it once before and failed, folding his personally owned team midway through the 2000 season. He was considered lucky when car owner Richard Childress picked him up for the final 10 races of the 2001 season.

It was a tryout of sorts, and Gordon passed by scoring his first career Cup victory in the 2001 finale by brashly bumping Jeff Gordon out of the way for a win. Childress rewarded him with a three-year contract that produced another two wins and 22 top-10 finishes.

But Gordon likes to be his own boss. So he and Childress parted ways last season, and Gordon formed Robby Gordon Motorsports.

Contrary to popular opinion, Childress said the three seasons together were not unpleasant despite Gordon's clashes with RCR golden-boy Kevin Harvick and the intentional wreck Gordon caused last September that ended Tony Stewart and Jeremy Mayfield's championship hopes.

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Weis ready to hit trenches at Notre Dame

By Tom Coyne
Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Charlie Weis got an early start Monday on his first full day of work as Notre Dame's coach, telling more than 200 students it is essential to raise expectations so the Irish can become a football power again.

"I've never been in a program that's lost," Weis told the students, who gathered at the Joyce Center at 6 a.m. to hear from the new coach. "I'm 48 years old, I've never been in a program that's lost. Every where I've been, we've won. It hasn't been because of me. But I've been part of the reason we've won."

Weis said it's his job to persuade both students and players to change their outlook.

"Right now I don't even have the players convinced that what I'm selling is going to end up working," he said.

Weis had been working as the offensive coordinator of the Patriots through New England's latest Super Bowl victory. He still doesn't know all the Irish players even though he was hired two months ago and is using a picture chart to link names and faces.

He didn't give any guarantees about how long it will take to turn around the Irish program, which hasn't won a national championship since 1988, but said, "It's not going to take as long as some other people think."

"We're not going to be a 6-6 team here very long," he added. "I don't know if it's going to be done in one year. I don't know if it's going to be done in three years. But I can tell you one thing, every week we're going to be competitive."

Weis told the crowd, made up primarily of male students, that he learned his coaching style from Patriots coach Bill Belichick and Dallas Cowboys coach Bill Parcells.

"I've kind of tried to take the best of both their personalities. They have two totally different personalities, and mine is different than those as well," he said. "I've been groomed by those guys over the years to the point where I think I have a clue of knowing how to run a program."

Weis drew laughter and applause from the students when he said that USC coach Pete Carroll was a friend of his, "but he's never really done great against me."

But Weis said the two-time defending national champion Trojans, who have beaten Notre Dame by 31 points for three straight seasons, clearly are a much better team than the Irish right now.

"That's the problem," he said. "Notre Dame has got to get to the point where that's the ability of players we have here."

Weis said he doesn't accept the reasons some people use to explain why Notre Dame hasn't been an elite team in recent years. Those reasons include rigorous academics, a difficult schedule and trouble persuading recruits to come to Notre Dame.

"You don't sit there and make a whole bunch of excuses," he said. "Walking in the door, there's too many excuses."

Weis also told the students that Notre Dame is where he wants to be. He said the Miami Dolphins were interested in hiring him. He added that an unidentified NFL team called him the night he flew in to accept the Notre Dame job and told him they wanted to hire him. But he said he wanted to return to his alma mater.

"I intend to be here a long time. I'm not three-and-out," he said. "My goal is to be able to leave this campus on my own terms about a decade from now with everyone saying, 'God, I'm glad we hired that guy.'"



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Charlie Weis, former assistant coach for the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots, is now the head coach for Notre Dame.

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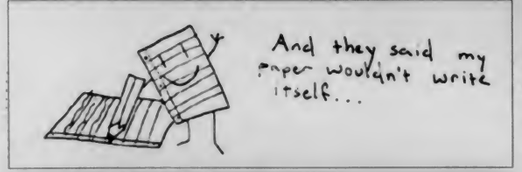
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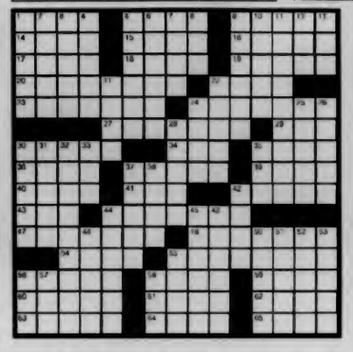
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UMass takes on FSU

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

In the midst of an up and down Atlantic 10 conference schedule, the Massachusetts men's basketball team (12-9, 6-5 A-10) is faced with a legitimate challenge from the always-powerful Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) this evening.

Tonight at the Mullins Center, the Minutemen are hosting Florida State (11-13, 3-8 ACC) for a 7 p.m. tip-off. The game will be the last non-conference game for both squads as they gear up for their respective conference tournaments.

The Seminoles are best known this year for their improbable 91-83 victory over then No. 3 Wake Forest on Jan. 18. The game was only FSU's second conference game of the season, with its first being a 64-63 loss to the University of Miami four days earlier.

Some would say that the victory was the last positive for the Seminoles this season as they went on to lose five of their next six games, including an embarrassing 87-48 loss in a rematch against Wake Forest on Saturday.

UMass coach Steve Lappas has heard talk about Florida State's problems over the past few weeks, but is quick to cast off any doubts about this team. He understands that a team that struggles in the ACC is a little different than a floundering team in a lesser mid-major conference.

"The writer from the St. Petersburg paper said to me this morning 'well you're playing a struggling team' and I said 'whoa, (Florida State) is a struggling team that struggled against Maryland, Duke, North Carolina and Georgia Tech ... that's a little different."

Leading the way for FSU has been the offense of sophomore guard Van Wafer. Wafer had led the Seminoles in scoring in eight of of their last 10 games. He also has the highest scoring output on the team, putting up a solid 14.4 points per game (ppg.).

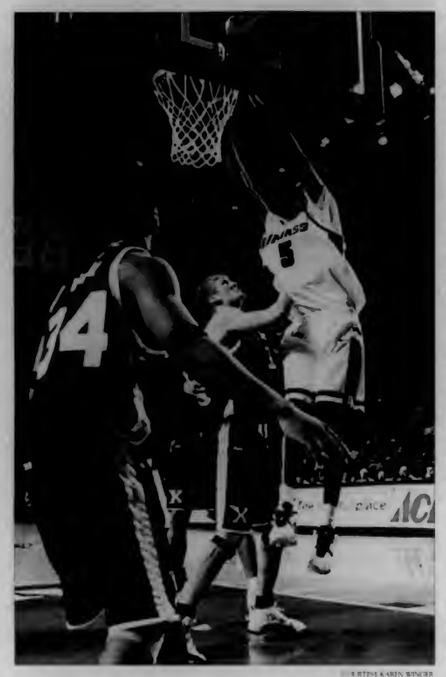
Wafer's best weapon has been his proficiency from behind the arch, over the course of this season he has hit 61 threes shooting an extraordinary .442 from behind the arch. Lappas, whose team has struggled at times against strong perimeter games, is well-educated in Wafer's shooting prowess.

"The kid Von Wafer is a tremendous player, one of the best shooters in the country believe it or not. He made seven threes against Wake Forest, he's a great 3-point shooter," Lappas said.

Conversely, the Minutemen have been going through a bit of a dry spell from three-point land. UMass hit only one three pointer in Saturday's 63-56 loss to Fordham and have shot a mere .319 percent on the season.

Putting a further damper on this statistic is the

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COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Sophomore forward Stephane Lasme goes up for a dunk against Xavier on Jan. 8. Lasme and the Minutemen face off against Florida State at home tonight at 7 p.m.

Putting the game together

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

Originally, tonight's game between the Massachusetts men's basketball team and Atlantic Coast Conference foe Florida State wasn't even supposed to happen. Now, it is a crucial non-conference litmus test for UMass, and it's up to the Minutemen to make it happen. When head coach Steve Lappas and his staff sat down prior to the season and began compiling non-conference games for the 2004-05 season, annual foes like Connecticut and Boston College were the first to be added, along with Dec. 4's Battle in Seattle against Gonzaga.

From there, Lappas added the usual array of mid-majors; local schools such as Boston University and Northeastern, along with credible out-of-towners Davidson and Birmingham Southern before filling in the final pieces here and there with the likes of Rider and Yale.

ACC newcomer Miami was one of the final pieces, and when the Hurricanes signed on the dotted line to agree to play UMass in a home-and-home set over this season and next, there was one last remaining hole in the schedule.

"We were scrambling for our last game and wanted to play somebody of a decent caliber," Lappas said. "We were going to play St. John's or Georgetown, but both of them bailed on us at the last second."

Left without a final game with hardly any time to spare before the schedule needed to be finalized, Lappas called on an old friend to see if he could set something up.

"We were calling around like crazy, and I called Leonard Hamilton," Lappas said. "I knew him from our Big East days when he was at Miami and I was at Villanova, and we got lucky when we found out [he needed a game.

"I said we'd like to play in February, and they had their week off from the ACC this week, so it worked out perfect."

While the scheduling of the game worked out perfectly, scouting an ACC team isn't necessarily as simple. As Lappas explains, ACC coaches adhere to an unwritten edict of not divulging information on other conferences teams outside of the league.

"ACC guys are not allowed to give information on other ACC schools," Lappas said. "[Georgia Tech coach] Paul Hewitt is one of my best friends, and I would call him first, but I don't want to put him on the spot. We really did not speak with anyone in particular about Florida State."

Nonetheless, Lappas was able to obtain numerous tapes of the Seminoles, and can rely on his prior knowledge of Hamilton's style in preparing for the game — a game the Minutemen could sorely use in their quest to finish strong and secure a postseason bid.

"They're easy to prepare for because they've played a ton of games on TV, so we have all their tapes," Lappas said. "We've seen their last 10 games on tape and I know Leonard Hamilton, so I think we have a pretty good idea what they do.

"It's mostly just about us going out there and making some shots, because this is a game that would really help us to win and gain momentum from."

The game is also a rarity in that it is a non-conference matchup smack dab in the middle of A-10 play, as the Minutemen played Fordham this past weekend and will return to conference action this Saturday at La Salle.

Yet Lappas feels as if it is a well-placed game in his team's schedule, and will not only provide a good break from the rigors of conference play, but prevented UMass from having to endure an extremely difficult stretch earlier in the season.

"For us, I like the idea of playing one of these games in February, otherwise you end up playing UConn, BC, Gonzaga, Miami and Florida State all within a three week period in December," Lappas said. "I'd much prefer to play one of those games later in the year. I think it's better for us."

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STEM program aims to recruit students

By David Fonseca
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With a $500,000 grant from the National Science Foundation, the University of Massachusetts STEM Bridge Program is recruiting students from UMass and surrounding community colleges for math and science teaching careers.

The University of Massachusetts Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Bridge Program, a collaboration between the STEM Institute and the School of Education, will use the $500,000 it received from the National Science Foundation Robert Noyce Scholars Program toward 52 yearly scholarships averaging $8,000.

The scholarships are available to UMass juniors and seniors who are interested in becoming math or science majors. Students must also be enrolled in the secondary education teacher program by their senior year to remain eligible for the scholarship.

In addition, for every year that a student receives a scholarship, they must commit to working two years in a school district which the National Science Foundation defines as high need. The National Science Foundation defines a district as high need if it meets any one of the following criteria; 50 percent of the students are on subsidized lunch programs, 34 percent of the teachers do not have an academic major or minor in the subject they teach a majority of their classes, the school's teacher attrition rate has been over 15 percent for the last three years.

The grant comes at a time when the need for math and science teachers is high. "There's a shortage of qualified math and science teachers," said Morton Sternheim, director of the Institute. "The financial assistance is substantial."

The UMass School of Education produces about 30 teachers a year. "We're actually one of the largest programs in the state. Which also gives you and idea of what the problem is in terms of the production of math and science teachers. There's a greater need then there is a supply.

Especially in the math and physical science area," said Allan Feldman, a professor of education at UMass and the associate direc-

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UMass TV raises money for UNICEF

By Matt Pilon
Collegian Correspondent

The University of Massachusetts TV-19 station launched a dating campaign this weekend that half of the proceeds will be donated to Children's AIDS Awareness.

Union Video Center TV-19 raised and gave half of $926.30 to UNICEF on Saturday night during its Children's AIDS Awareness Dating Auction at the Campus Center Auditorium.

Twenty-two contestants from all over the university population, ranging from resident assistants to members from the AIANA community were sold off to the highest bidders for a date, according to organizer, UVC-TV president, Communications major Ayana Crichton. Locally donated prizes encouraged bidders, ranging from restaurant gift certificates to an all-expenses-paid weekend trip to New York City complete with a complimentary helicopter ride awarded for the event's highest bid, which turned out to be $120, Crichton said.

Even with another dating auction happening close by in Herter at the same time, possibly drawing others away from the UVC TV event, organizers were "shocked by how much money was made at the end of the night.

"Crichton recounted. "It really just started picking up and everyone was getting into it."

Co-organizer and UVC-TV underwriter David Snowdon reached out to local businesses for donations. "At first I was a little nervous but everything really gelled together well at the end," he remembered. According to Snowdon, 11 local businesses donated prizes. "The restaurants in town are extremely supportive," Crichton said appreciatively, so supportive in fact, that they will all be allowing UVC-TV to film the various dates at their respective businesses to air at a later date. Snowdon said UVC-TV hopes to eventually upgrade



Students from the UMass community participate in the Children's AIDS Awareness Dating Auction Saturday. Half of the proceeds made will be donated to UNICEF to help spread AIDS awareness.

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Judge sentences Shanley to prison

By Denise Lavoie
Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE— A judge sentenced Paul Shanley Tuesday to 12 to 15 years in prison for child rape, condemning the defrocked priest for using his revered status to prey on a vulnerable little boy.

Shanley, one of the most notorious figures in the Boston Archdiocese's clergy sex abuse scandal, was convicted last week of repeatedly raping and fondling the boy at suburban parish in the 1980s, beginning when he was 6 years old.

The sentencing was seen as an important milestone by victims who packed the courtroom to watch the once-popular priest receive his punishment. As a wobly Shanley was led from the courtroom in handcuffs, many in the audience burst into applause and one man called out " Goodbye."

Judge Stephen Neel said Shanley used his position as a priest to gain the trust of his victim.

"It is difficult to imagine a more egregious misuse of trust and authority," he said.

Shanley, 74, once known for a being a hip "street priest" who reached out to troubled children and homosexuals, will be eligible for parole after eight years. He was also sentenced to 10 years' probation.

"He used his collar and he used his worshipped status in that community," said prosecutor Lynn Rooney, who asked for a life sentence. "There has been no remorse shown on the part of this defendant. There has been no acceptance of responsibility."

Shanley's lawyer, Frank Mondano, said the prosecution's case was built on "vilification, half-truths and lies."

"This process ... is one that has been profoundly distorted by emotion," said Mondano, who did not make a specific sentencing recommendation.

Shanley's accuser, now a 27-year-old firefighter in suburban Boston, said the former priest would pull him from Sunday morning catechism classes and rape and fondle him at St. Jean's parish in Newton.

The case hinged on the reliability of the victim's memories of the abuse, which he said he recovered several years ago as the clergy set abuse scandal unfolded in the media.

"I want him to die in prison, whether it's of natural causes or otherwise. However he dies. I hope it's slow and painful," the man said in a victim impact statement read in court by Rooney.

His father told Shanley: "You robbed my little boy of his innocence. You destroyed his understanding of good and bad and right and wrong."

District Attorney Martha Coakley said afterward that the victim was disappointed with the sentence. "I think he very much wanted to hear the word 'life,'" Coakley said.

But Coakley said the man also understands that given Shanley's age, "as a practical matter, the sentence imposed today will be life."

She said if Shanley is released on parole, prosecutors would seek to have him civilly committed for the rest of his life under the state's sexually dangerous persons law.

During the trial, the victim man broke down and sobbed on the witness stand as he described in graphic detail being abused by Shanley in the church bathroom, rectory, confessional and pews.

"He told me nobody would ever believe me if I told anybody," he testified.

Mondano asked Neel to allow Shanley to serve his sentence in the less-violent county lockup, rather than in state prison, but the judge turned down the request.

Another notorious pedophile priest, John Geoghan, was killed in a state prison, allegedly by a fellow inmate.

Victims of abusive priests and their advocates were happy with the sentence.

"The important thing is that he's off the streets," said David Clohessey, national director of the Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests. "We're relieved and grateful and believe Massachusetts is a safer place because of this decision."

Shanley worked with Boston's troubled youth in the 1960s and '70s. Even then, allegations began surfacing about sexual contact with some of the young boys he was supposed to be helping.

He was one of the few priests among

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State Supreme Court endorses eduction plan

By Karen Testa
Associated Press

BOSTON — The state's highest court gave a resounding endorsement on Tuesday to the state's ongoing efforts at education reform, rejecting a lawsuit from students in low-income districts that claimed Massachusetts was shortchanging their schooling.

For months, the governor and lawmakers had been bracing for a decision that would force the Legislature to come up with millions of dollars more to fund court-mandated reforms. But the Supreme Judicial Court ruled that the state, which has funneled $30 billion into its schools since 1993, already is moving in the right direction.

"No one, including the defendants, disputes that serious inadequacies in public education remain," Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Margaret Marshall wrote in the 5-2 decision. Still, she said the state "is moving systematically to address those deficiencies and continues to make education reform a fiscal priority."

The court dismissed the case, leaving no avenue for further appeal.

Brockton High School junior Julie Hancock, 16, the lead plaintiff, said students are suffering while waiting for the fruits of the state's reform efforts. Classrooms in her school are still overcrowded and there aren't enough computers to go around, she said.

"I'm surprised that the court wants us to be patient and give more time," she said.

The lawsuit was brought by students in 19 school districts — led by Springfield, Brockton, Winchendon and Lowell — who said the state had neglected its constitutional duty. They cited overcrowded classrooms, run-down facilities and inexperienced teachers in those four districts as being emblematic of problems statewide.

State attorneys said problems were limited to certain districts, and that a troubleshooting process was under way.

Superior Court Judge Margot Botsford, who prepared a 350-page report for the high court last year, agreed with the students that the state underfunds poorer districts. She recommended that the high court order a cost study and implement whatever funding and administrative changes are needed.

That raised the possibility that lawmakers would have had to rewrite the state's landmark 1993 Education Reform law, passed in response to an earlier an SJC ruling.

But the highest court found the state had made education reform a fiscal priority and said it was not the role of the court to intervene as reforms are being enacted.

"The court recognized it is not the court's job to run our schools, and in fact it does not work when they do," said Attorney General Tom Reilly, whose office argued the state's case.

Still, all sides acknowledged there are unacceptable achievement gaps that need to be addressed. Reilly said the responsibility for fixing those is now rightly in the hands of the governor and the Legislature.

"We need to make sure we don't confuse our happiness in victory in court with a belief that the job is anywhere close to being done," said James A. Peyser, chairman of the state's Board of Education.

Korhonen shines in IC4A

By Daniel Hillman
Collegian Staff

Saturday, two individuals, as well as two relay teams, qualified for the IC4A Championship, as the UMass Men's track team competed in the Boston University Valentine Invitational.

UMass Senior, Jon Korhonen, was one of the Minutemen to qualify for the IC4A Championships on Saturday with his performance in the Mile Run. He finished 10th overall at a time of 4:08.50. Korhonen continued to show his versatility to the team on Saturday. A week ago at the "Rhody Mega Meet", Korhonen placed 1st in the 3,000 meter run.

Junior, James Godinho also qualified for the IC4A Championships by finishing second in the 500 meter. His time of 1:03.31 was good enough to land him in second place.

His performance on Saturday was a personal best. Finishing ahead of Godinho, was Boston University's Lucjan Zaborowski. (1:02.77). Prince Anderson of Coppin State rounded out the top three with a time of 1:04.34

The UMass relay teams also exhibited great effort and in return gained success. The 4x4 Relay team clocked in at 3:18.64, a time that landed them at 12th place in a very competitive field. Their effort on Saturday will also be sending them to the IC4A Championships as well.

The last to qualify for the elite invitation competition was the 4x8 relay team. Their time of 7:45.55 earned them first place in the relay. They beat out tough performances from Elizabethtown College (7:47.54) and Southern Connecticut State (7:49.70).

The IC4A Championships will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Mar. 5 and 6 in Boston. Should any of the qualifiers for this invitational do well enough, they will be invited to travel to Sacramento, Calif. the following week for the NCAA Championships.

In addition to the great performances on the track, Minutemen impressed in other individual events as well. Senior Henry Smith once again impressed as he took 8th place in the Triple Jump with a leap of 45 feet and 10.75 inches. Smith's leap Saturday was his best of the season.

The Minutemen also showed great performance in the shot put event. There, the tandem of freshmen, Ryan Logan and Sean Calicchio dazzled the competition. Logan finished in eighth place with a throw of 49 feet 11.2 inches. While Calicchio finished close behind him in 10th place, with a throw of 48 feet 8.25 inches. The two freshmen shot-putters continue to improve which each throw, as they close out their freshmen year.

Next on tap for the Men's Track Team is the Atlantic 10 Championships. One of the more important meets of the season will begin at 10 a.m. in Kingston, R.I.

Anderson may sit with hurt back

Senior captain Anthony Anderson may not play in the Massachusetts men's basketball team's 7 P.M. game with Florida State at the Mullins Center, according to head coach Steve Lappas.

Anderson has been battling a back injury for much of the season, an injury Lappas said flared up in the days leading up to and during Saturday's loss at Fordham. He will be a game-time decision.

"We don't know if Anthony is going to be playing, so obviously that's something that is a concern," Lappas said. "His back [was] bothering him [yesterday]. We're going to make a game day decision on him, but we're going to assume now that he's not going to be playing."

A four-year starter for the Minutemen, Anderson is currently averaging 11 points and 4.6 rebounds per game. With him out of the lineup, it will be up to senior Chris Chadwick and Sophomore Maurice Maxwell to fill in at the point and run the offense. From there, the onus will be on UMass' younger players to step up and help fill the void in a depleted rotation that already includes a less-than-healthy Jeff Viggiano.

"[Chadwick's] role doesn't change at all. Maurice Maxwell's does because now he has to play some point," Lappas said. "Artie Bowers needs to obviously start playing some more minutes again, and Jeff Viggiano has to play more around the perimeter. That changes the food chain with Lawrence Carrier and Big Deli in there too.

Nonetheless Lappas feels as if his team is confident in its ability to win even without Anderson.



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Senior captain Anthony Anderson

"I don't doubt that our guys will be fine and know they can win without him, that's not even an issue," Lappas said. "It just obviously hurts our depth, and it's about winning with one less guy, especially a perimeter guy."

— *Mike Marzelli*



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Job Hunting

Stockbridge student Steven Rejniak and MJS Landscape Olex Beck speak to Matt Siano, a representative for the Career Fair yesterday. The annual fair is being held this week in the Campus Center Auditorium.

New Homeland Secretary confirmed by U.S. Senate

By Lara Jakes Jordan
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate confirmed federal judge Michael Chertoff as the nation's second Homeland Security secretary on Tuesday, placing the tough-on-terrorism former prosecutor in charge of a bureaucracy prone to infighting and turf wars.

Chertoff, 51, has promised to balance protecting the country with preserving civil liberties, as head of the sprawling agency that was created as a result of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

The 98-0 vote came nearly two weeks after Chertoff faced pointed questioning from Democrats about his role in developing the U.S. investigation immediately after the attacks.

Chertoff headed the Justice Department's criminal division when hundreds of foreigners were swept up on relatively minor charges and held for an average of 80 days. Some detainees were denied their right to see an attorney, were not told of the charges against them, or were physically abused.

At the Feb. 2 hearing before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, Chertoff defended the investigation strategy but conceded it "had not always been executed perfectly."

Few expected Chertoff to face widespread opposition in the Senate. But his confirmation was delayed by Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., to protest being denied Justice Department information about the treatment of terror suspects at Guantanamo Bay.

Levin unsuccessfully sought an unedited copy of a May 2004 secret FBI memo that discussed interrogation techniques to see if it mentioned or involved Chertoff. The department denied Levin's request but said the memo did not refer to Chertoff "by name or otherwise."

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Bakanowski vaults to success

By Ian Kilpatrick
Collegian Correspondent

The Massachusetts women's track and field team traveled to Boston University this past weekend to compete in what Coach Julie LaFreniere referred to as a "tune-up" for the fast approaching post-season.

For the Minutewomen the 2005 Boston University St. Valentine Invitational was highlighted by another record tying performance by pole vaulter Kristen Bakanowski. The freshman's 12 foot jump was good enough for second place in the event. Boston College's Saki Sugano came in first, clearing 12 feet as well, but in fewer attempts.

Bakanowski's feat earned her a second Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week honor and the UMass Athletics/Dinn Brothers Athlete of the week award this Monday. It was also in Boston when Kristen first tied the School's record and earned the prominent honor of Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Athlete of the Week.

Many members of the team have good reason to feel confident going into the Atlantic 10 Indoor Championships next weekend in Kingston, Rhode Island due to their continued improvement.

Several of UMass's women set season best marks including Christina Huff in the 200-meters (25.48 feet,) and Rebecca Rufo and Katelyn O'Toole in the high jump (both 5-feet 2.25 inches.) Huff finished third in her section, while Rufo and O'Toole tied for 15th in their respective events. In Huff's best event, the 55-meter dash, she placed 10th overall out of 53 with a time of 7.33 seconds.

As a believer in team chemistry, LaFreniere was slightly concerned before the meet since the team was forced to split up over the weekend as half of the events took place on Friday and the other half on Saturday, but the Minutewomen were more than able to carry over their strong team effort of last week to this past weekend by coming in first overall among 20 teams in the 4x400 relay with a time of 3 hours 47.25 seconds. After dominating the competition last week in the Distance Medley, the team placed fourth out of 10 with a time of 12 minutes 17.19 seconds.

This being the final check point before the most important part of the season, LaFreniere hadsbeen pushing her team to fight through any fatigue and really put forth the hard work and effort needed to achieve personal and team goals. Little hope is left for an A-10 Championship this year, but the Maroon and White have made promising progress as a team and many athletes still have great chance to make their mark in upcoming tournaments.

Canseco's book is turning heads



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Jose Canseco just released the book, "Juiced: Wild Times, Rampant 'Roids, and How Baseball got Big."

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jose Canseco's autobiography accusing several top players of steroid use and charging that baseball long ignored peformance-enhancing drugs appeared to be a hit on its first day in bookstores.

Amazon.com listed "Juiced: Wild Times, Rampant 'Roids, Smash Hits, and How Baseball Got Big" as third on its best seller list Monday.

The book had an initial printing of 150,000 copies and Regan Books does not disclose sales figures, spokeswoman Jennifer Suitor said.

"I don't think it's a good thing, obviously, because it's bringing a bad light to the game," New York Yankees captain Derek Jeter said Monday. "This is a time, obviously, baseball is in a negative light and Jose is not helping out. In terms of his accusations, the only people that know are him and whoever he is accusing. The unfortunate thing is, if it's not true, you're looking at guys having to defend themselves over something they haven't done."

Mark McGwire, one of the former teammates Canseco accused of using steroids, issued a written

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8:20 a.m. Following a traffic stop, David Lewis, 25, of Cambridge, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

WednesdayFebruary9

2:50 p.m. Two vehicles were reported to have been scratched by keys in the parking lot behind the Mullins Center. The cars were towed from the lot and photos of the damage were taken.

5:19 p.m. A large quantity of copper wire was reported stolen from the Morrill Science Center. The wire was valued between $500 and $1000.

ThursdayFebruary10

1:22 a.m. A vehicle was reported leaving after it had struck another vehicle in the parking lot in front of Kennedy Hall. The vehicle had damage to the wheel well and pieces of the vehicle had fallen off of it. A suspect could not be located.

7:26 p.m. Hubcaps were reported stolen off a vehicle in the parking lot behind Sylvan. The value of the hubcaps was estimated at $80.

10:48 p.m. Two people, Kevin Devine, 19, of Hingham and Michael Barry, 18, of Newburyport, were arrested for being minors in possession of alcohol.

FridayFebruary11

7:57 p.m. After being asked for date of birth confirmations, Joseph Contois, 20, of Auburn, and Matthew Herron, 20, of Auburn, were arrested for being minors in possession of alcohol in the parking lot across the street from Southwest.

9:41 p.m. Matthew McGonigle, 20, of Tewksbury, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol.

SaturdayFebruary12

1:51 a.m. Following a traffic stop and a Field Sobriety Test, Matthew Philos-Jenson, 19, of Barnstable, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, possession of an open container and being a minor in possession of alcohol in a motor vehicle.

7:58 a.m. Four hubcaps were reported stolen off a vehicle in the parking lot behind Sylvan. An officer stated that the hubcaps were found in the woods.

2:57 p.m. An ice skater was reported to be hit while on the ice. An ambulance transported the skater to the hospital.

6:48 p.m. Sean Connolly, 19, of Cohasset, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol, and possession of a false identification and Robert Powers, 19, of Milton, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol. These arrests took place in the parking lot across the street from Southwest.

9:27 p.m. Following a requested date of birth confirmation in the parking lot across the street from Southwest, Alexander Smith, 18, of Newton, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol and possession of a false identification.

9:48 p.m. Mark Bortz, 18, of Franklin Lake, N.J., was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol in the Southwest Circle.

11:18 p.m. Following a traffic stop, Ryan Leblanc, 19, of Fiskdale, was arrested for Operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, and being a minor in possession of alcohol.

SundayFebruary13

1:38 a.m. A police officer stated that subjects in the parking lot behind Sylvan were running, following a car alarm going off.

Police officers investigated and found several damaged vehicles. The vehicles had broken windows with stereos stolen from them. One subject, Robert Fournier, 17, of East Hampton, was arrested for breaking and entering, larceny over $250, and destruction of property.

6:11 a.m. Four hubcaps were reported stolen off a vehicle. The hubcaps were valued at $30.00.

1:34 p.m. A mirror was reported broken off a vehicle on Thatcher Way. The damage was estimated at $100.00.

MondayFebruary14

1:18 a.m. A vehicle was found on the sidewalk appearing to have hit a street sign. A field sobriety test was given, and Patrick Higgins, 21, of Milton, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

9:09 a.m. Following a traffic stop, Keith Kelley, 21, of Framingham, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

1:28 p.m. A person stated that graffiti was written on their ceiling and walls with glow in the dark ink in Dickinson Hall.

— Brendan Heck

Aide to Springfield Mayor found dead

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — An aide to Mayor Charles Ryan was found dead in his home Tuesday, the apparent victim of a shooting, police and the mayor's office said.

Stephen C. Pegram, 32, a neighborhood liaison for the mayor's office, was found inside his home on Dunmoreland Street about 2 p.m., authorities said. Police were investigating.

Juan Gerena, the city's community development director, told The Republican newspaper that Pegram had not reported to work on Tuesday and had not checked in by telephone.

Ryan went to the scene with his son, Timothy J. Ryan, who chairs the city police commission.

Prior to joining Ryan's staff, Pegram had been a software consultant for the city schools.

—Associated Press

Program aims to recruit students

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tor of the STEM Institute.

STEM Institute points to undergraduates' considering teaching as an option later in their academic careers as one of the main reasons for the lack of math and science teachers. "How do you find potential teachers when you don't know who they are, and they don't even know who they are," Sternheim said.

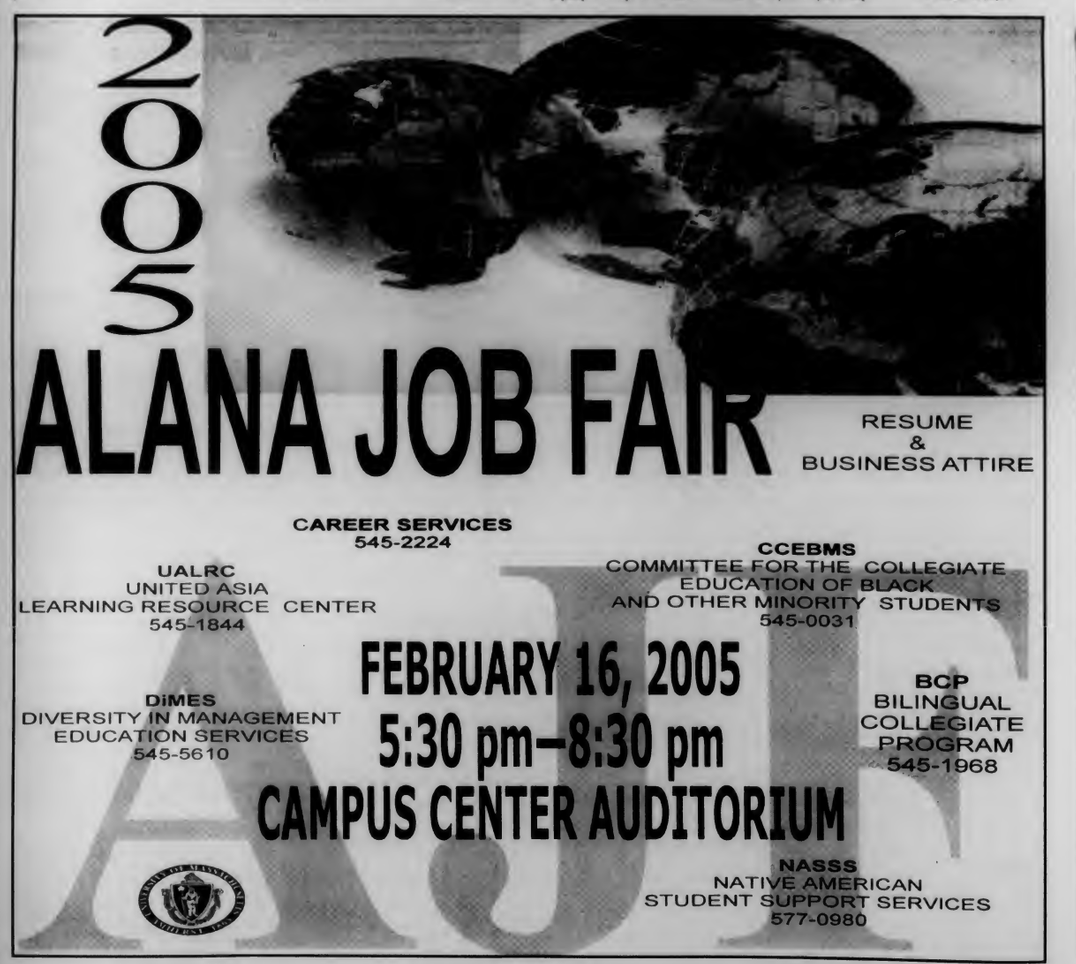
"It's partly due to the nature of secondary school teaching, because we have a lot of undergraduates in the elementary and early childhood programs saying, 'I'm going to college to become a teacher.' While you have people who are majoring in math and the sciences who go to college and major in a subject because they are interested in the subject," Feldman said.

To get students thinking about teaching earlier, part of the STEM Institute's function involves altering the way math and science courses are presented to freshman. "We work to reform freshman courses to try and put student's on the path. We want to make the classroom more interactive and fun, and so far we've had some success," Sternheim said. "We're not trying to change minds. But if you're open to suggestion, we'd like to talk to you about teaching. These scholarships make that financially viable."

The program is also pushing to recruit non-traditional and minority students from surrounding community colleges as well as the University Without Walls at UMass. "We've done a ton of recruiting at the community colleges," he said. "We've also done a lot of advertising on our campus, putting posters on buses and mass e-mails are about be sent out."

"We're working very closely with the community colleges in

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Angry mob attacks Syrian workers

By Sam F. Ghattas
Associated Press



Bodies of those who were wounded and killed are carried out of the wreckage left from a bomb that went of in Lebanon on Sunday. The blast killed Lebanon's former Prime Minister.

BEIRUT, Lebanon — An angry mob attacked Syrian workers in southern Lebanon Tuesday, blaming Damascus for the assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, and the interior minister suggested the killing may have been carried out by a suicide bomber.

Syria has denied any involvement in Hariri's assassination, which raised fears that Lebanon might revert to the political violence of the 1970s and '80s, and the U.S. Embassy in Beirut warned Americans in the Lebanese capital to exercise extreme caution.

Condemnation and expressions of shock came from around the Arab world and beyond. In Washington, White House spokesman Scott McClellan on Tuesday called Syria's presence a "destabilizing force," and said Lebanon must shake free of occupation by Syria, which maintains 15,000 troops here since the civil war ended in 1990 and has the final say in internal Lebanese politics.

Before his assassination, Hariri had positioned himself in opposition to a faction more solidly backed by Syria.

French Foreign Ministry spokesman Herve Ladsous said the U.N. Security Council was working on a declaration demanding that the Lebanese government bring to justice those responsible for the assassination and could adopt it later Tuesday.

"For us, it is very important that the text can effectively express today and without waiting the unanimity of the international community in condemning this criminal and odious act," Ladsous said.

Interior Minister Sul-

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UVC TV-19 raises funds, donates money for AIDS

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the electronics in the station with the other half of the proceeds, he explained.

With the AIDS epidemic as a worldwide problem and news of a recently discovered drug resistant strain of HIV, UVC-TV's timing could not be more crucial.

The proceeds given to UNICEF went specifically to the Jamaican branch, a decision that was made in part by Crichton, who has worked in Jamaica and has family there. "AIDS is a really big deal down there," she said.

"Ten million children are orphaned by AIDS [worldwide]. A huge chunk of them are from the Caribbean," she continued.

According to UNICEF reports, 1.6 people in a thousand have HIV/AIDS in Jamaica as opposed to .193 people per thousand in the U.S. Of the afflicted, 8 percent are children, most of whom have grim prospects for the future. UNICEF estimates that just fewer than 500 Jamaican children had HIV/AIDS in 2003 as well as that four fifths of infected children live in poor households, and that one out of four will be abandoned.

UVC-TV has future plans to further the cause.

"We're hoping to make this an annual event," Crichton said. Next on UVC-TV's list of events is an Alumni Fair to be held at Pasta Y Basta "right around Spring break," said Snowdon.

Crichton said that the Children's AIDS Awareness Dating Auction will air on UVC-TV 19 at 9 p.m.

UVC TV-19 symbol.

15-year-old blames Zoloft drug for murdering his grandparents

By Bruce Smith
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. — A 15-year-old boy who claimed the anti-depressant Zoloft drove him to kill his grandparents and burn their house down was found guilty of murder Tuesday and sentenced to 30 years in prison.

The jury took six hours to reject Christopher Pittman's claim that he was "involuntarily intoxicated" by the drug and could not be held responsible for the crime.

The trial was the first case in the United States in which it was argued that the antidepressant led a youngster to kill, Pittman's lawyer said. It came at a time of heightened government attention to the use of antidepressants by children and growing evidence that the drugs can lead to suicidal impulses.

Pittman was 12 in 2001 when he killed his grandparents, Joe Pittman, 66, and Joy Pittman, 62, with a pump-action shotgun as they slept in their rural home, then torched their house and drove off in their car. He was charged as an adult.

Pittman hung his head as the verdict was read. "I know it's in the hands of God. Whatever he decides on, that's what it's going to be," he said quietly, just before Judge Danny Pieper handed down the minimum sentence. The boy could have gotten life in prison.

About a month before the slayings, Pittman was hospitalized after threatening to kill himself. He was prescribed the antidepressant Paxil and was later put on Zoloft.

A psychiatrist testified for the defense that the Zoloft was to blame for the killings, and a former Food and Drug Administration official testified that the crime was an angry, rash, manic act "that was chemically induced."

Pittman's lawyers urged the jury to send a message to the nation by blaming Zoloft. They said the negative effects of Zoloft are more pronounced in youngsters, and the drug affected Pittman so he did not know right from wrong.

"We do not convict children for murder when they have been ambushed by chemicals that destroy their ability to reason," attorney Paul Waldner said.

But prosecutors called the Zoloft defense a smokescreen, saying the boy knew exactly what he was doing. Prosecutor Barney Giese said the real motivation for the crime was the boy's anger at his grandparents for disciplining him for choking a younger student on a school bus.

And he reminded jurors how the boy carried out the killings — shooting his grandfather in the mouth and his grandmother in her head while both lay sleeping.

"I don't care how old he is. That is as malicious a killing — a murder — as you are ever going to find," the prosecutor said. He pointed to Pittman's statement to police in which he said his grandparents "deserved it."

'McLibel' case ruled unfair

By Jan Sluva
Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Two vegetarian activists convicted of libeling fast-food giant McDonald's Corp. did not receive a fair trial in Britain, the European Court of Human Rights ruled Tuesday.

The Strasbourg, France-based court said David Morris and Helen Steel should have received legal aid from the British government when they were tried in what became widely known as the "McLibel" case, the longest in English history.

The two activists passed out flyers in 1984 that claimed the U.S.-based company was selling unhealthy food, was to blame for starvation in the Third World, and was destroying rainforests.

The European Court threw out a British court's 1987 guilty verdict, also saying English law unfairly had put the burden of proof on the defendants to justify every word in the leaflets they distributed but didn't write. The court awarded Morris and Steel damages of $25,934 and $19,451, respectively.

The British government has three months to appeal.



Activists against McDonald's were recently granted a new trial.

In London, Morris and Steel said in a statement they hoped the European court's ruling would "result in greater public scrutiny and criticism of power-ful organizations whose practices have a detrimental effect on society and the environment."

"The McLibel campaign has already proved that determined and widespread grass-roots protest and defiance can undermine those who try to silence their critics, and also render oppressive laws unworkable," the statement said.

Morris, 50, and Steel, 39, later went back to the spot outside a McDonald's branch in central London where they first handed out the flyers, setting up a banner that read "Celebrate 20 years of global resistance to McWorld."

"Obviously we are elated. It is a total victory in terms of the ruling," Morris told a crowd of supporters, photographers and journalists.

McDonald's U.K. office said the case related to a claim made against the British government, and it was therefore "inappropriate" for the company to comment on the case or its outcome.

New grant helps STEM program

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terms of recruiting transfer students, especially Springfield Technical Community College, Holyoke, Greenfield, and also University Without Walls. So, by non-traditional students we mean people who have not gone from high school directly into college. Among the non traditional students you are more likely to find minority students and people who have fewer resources," Feldman said.

The STEM Institute is also working to recruit minority students from within the UMass campus by working with multi-cultural groups such as the ALANA.

"We have a committee that works on scholarship recruitment, and we have representatives from each of those organizations on that committee," Feldman added. "The number of minority students in the math and sciences is very low. It's a real challenge to produce minority teachers in those areas because the students aren't even enrolled in those majors to begin with. That's one of the reasons we need to go outside the university and recruit elsewhere."

This is not the first time the STEM Institute has received a large grant. The Science, Mathematics, Engineering, and Technology Teacher Education Collaborative has received approximately $6.3 million in the last eight years. STEM connections, a program designed to put graduate students in middle school classrooms, has received $1.5 million over the last three years.

The deadline for scholarship applications is April 2005, however, applications received after that date will still be considered if funds are still available. Applications can be found on line at the STEM Bridge For Novice Scholars Web site, www.umassk12.net/bridge/.

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Study shows benefits of coffee

By Randolph E. Schmid
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — That hot cup of coffee may do more than just provide a tasty energy boost. It also may help prevent the most common type of liver cancer.

A study of more than 90,000 Japanese found that people who drank coffee daily or nearly every day had half the liver cancer risk of those who never drank coffee.

The American Cancer Society estimates that 18,920 new cases of liver cancer were diagnosed in the United States last year and some 14,270 people died of the illness. Causes include hepatitis, cirrhosis, excess alcohol consumption and diseases causing chronic inflammation of the liver.

Animal studies have suggested a protective association of coffee with liver cancer, so the research team led by Monami Inoue of the National Cancer Center in Tokyo analyzed a 10-year public health study to determine coffee use by people diagnosed with liver cancer and people who did not have cancer.

They found the likely occurrence of liver cancer in people who never or almost never drank coffee was 547.2 cases per 100,000 people over 10 years.

But for people who drank coffee daily the risk was 214.6 cases per 100,000, the researchers report in this week's issue of the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

They found that the protective effect occurred in people who drank one to two cups of coffee a day and increased at three to four cups. They were unable to compare the effect of regular and decaffeinated coffee, however, because decaf is rarely consumed in Japan.

It's the caffeine in coffee that makes some people nervous and it has been shown in other studies to prompt mental alertness in many people. Some studies have suggested caffeine aggravates symptoms of menopause or intensifies the side effects of some antibiotics. Heavy caffeine use has been linked to miscarriage. But studies have also shown that a skin cream spiked with caffeine lowers the risk of skin cancer in mice.

"It's an excellent, interesting and provocative study and their conclusions seem justified," commented Dr. R. Palmer Beasley of the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

"It will provoke a lot of new work here," said Beasley, who was not part of the research group.

While the study found a statistically significant relationship between drinking coffee and having less liver cancer, the authors note that it needs to be repeated in other groups.

And the reason for the reduction remains unclear.

However, Inoue's team noted that coffee contains large amounts of antioxidants and several animal studies have indicated those compounds have the potential to inhibit cancer in the liver.

In their study, the team also looked at green tea, which contains different antioxidants, and they found no association between drinking the tea and liver cancer rates.

"Other unidentified substances may also be responsible" for the reduction in cancers, they said.

A separate study reported in the same issue of the journal reported no relationship between drinking caffeinated coffee or tea and the rates of colon or rectal cancer.

However, that analysis did find a 52 percent decline in rectal cancer among people who regularly drank two or more cups of decaffeinated coffee.



ANDREW TAMI/DAILY COLLEGIAN

Coffee may not be as harmful as you think; it could be beneficial.

U.S. Senate confirms Chertoff as new Homeland Secretary

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Known as a fiery, wiry workhorse, Chertoff had previously been confirmed three times — as a 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals judge, Justice Department assistant attorney general and U.S. attorney in New Jersey.

He takes over the 180,000-employee Homeland Security Department in the wake of new regulations replacing salaries based on workers' seniority with a merit pay system. The regulations are being challenged in federal court by four labor unions who represent the agency's employees.

Chertoff replaces Tom Ridge, who stepped down Feb. 1.



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President Bush stands along side Michael Chertoff, a former prosecutor who was confirmed yesterday as Homeland Security Secretary.

Mob scenes erupt after bombing

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eiman Franjieh suggested that, based on the crater in the middle of the road and preliminary reports, the attack may have been carried out by a suicide bomber who rammed Hariri's motorcade with a vehicle laden with explosives.

Although most suspicion has fallen on Syria or its supporters in Lebanon, it was clear the possibilities also might include rogue Syrian intelligence operatives, or even factions among the country's myriad religious groups. Claims of responsibility by Islamic militants also raised the possibility that Hariri had been targeted because of his close ties to Saudi Arabia.

Justice Minister Adnan Addoum played down that possibility, and Hariri's political allies openly accused Syria and its Lebanese allies of being to blame.

In Hariri's hometown of Sidon on southern Lebanon's Mediterranean coast, dozens of demonstrators attacked Syrian workers Tuesday, slightly wounding five before police intervened. Hundreds of others marched in the streets. Black banners and pictures of the slain leader covered the streets as the country began three days of official mourning.

On Monday night, a mob attacked the offices of the Lebanese chapter of Syria's ruling Baath Party in Beirut with stones and set fire to shacks used to exchange money and sell cigarettes in front of it.

Police said the toll from the bombing was 14 dead and about 120 injured. A claim of responsibility by a previously unknown Islamic militant group — Support and Jihad in Syria and Lebanon — was not considered credible, with Addoum warning it could be an attempt "to mislead the investigation."

At the site of the bombing, cordoned off by troops, experts combed rooftops and the street for evidence. Residents swept debris from their balconies; at the HSBC bank, workers cleared glass shards and blinds from shattered windows, throwing them down to the street.

Hariri's political allies are openly accusing Syria and its Lebanese government allies for the bombing, and Hariri's family on Tuesday also hinted at their possible role.

Asked by reporters the reason for the assassination, Hariri's son, Saaddeddine, replied in his first public comment: "It's obvious. Isn't it?"

He did not elaborate, but on Monday evening he had sat next to a group of opposition politicians who held a symbolic meeting at Hariri's Beirut mansion, then came out with a statement blaming Syria and the Lebanese government for the assassination.

Saaddeddine Hariri told reporters at the bombing scene Tuesday that he hoped justice will be served. "My father served Lebanon all his life, and we will keep serving Lebanon also, like him."

Syria is the main power broker in Lebanon, and Hariri, who was Lebanon's prime minister for 10 of the last 14 years, began moving in recent months closer to the opposition, which has waged an unprecedented political campaign to pressure Damascus into withdrawing its army.

Hariri, who resigned in October but whose party was competing in upcoming elections, had the wealth and prominence to maintain a degree of independence from Syria. His death at age 60 deprives the political scene of an influential voice of moderation and skillful builder of coalitions.

Defrocked priest sentenced

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hundreds implicated in the scandal to face criminal charges. Most others escaped prosecution because the statute of limitations ran out long ago. But in Shanley's case, the clock stopped when he moved out of Massachusetts.

He was arrested in California in May 2002 and charged with raping four boys at St. Ann's. All four claimed they recovered memories of the abuse after the scandal broke.

But the case ran into numerous problems. In July, prosecutors dropped two accusers in what they said was a move to strengthen their case. Then, on the day jury selection began, they dropped a third accuser because he disappeared after a traumatic experience on the witness stand at a pretrial hearing last fall.

The clergy abuse scandal began in early 2002 when Cardinal Bernard Law acknowledged he shuffled Geoghan from parish to parish despite evidence the priest had molested children.

It intensified later in 2002 when the church released Shanley's 800-page personnel file. He argued for acceptance of homosexuality and pushed for gay rights — a violation of church teachings. He called himself a "sexual expert" and advertised his counseling services in the alternative press.

He resigned from parish work in 1989 and moved to California. At the time, Law, who resigned as archbishop in December 2002 at the height of the scandal, praised his "impressive record." Boston church officials recommended him for a job in the Diocese of San Bernardino as a priest in "good standing."

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UP TO THE MINUTE

February 16
Music Injection Wednesdays
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Student Union, Cape Cod Lounge
11am -1pm Free

February 17
Spike Lee
in the Cage!
8 pm Free



February 18
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A feature-length drama invoking the glory days of the Harlem Renaissance. Winner of the 2004 Special Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival.
Campus Center, Room 174-76
9pm Free

Something Every Friday:
Bridget Jones, The Edge of Reason with Renee Zellweger
Campus Center, Room 163C
9pm Free

February 19
Dance the night away at the
Harlem Renaissance Ball
Featuring the Jeff Holmes Big Band, Hors d'Oeuvres and Cash Bar
Campus Center Auditorium, 7:30 pm
Tickets are available at Tix in the Student Union
$5 – UMass Amherst Students $10 – UMass Amherst Faculty and Staff

February 20
Sunday Night Movie:
Bridget Jones, The Edge of Reason with Renee Zellweger
Campus Center, Room 163C
8pm Free

February 22
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Listen to a variety of period and contemporary works for the big band.
Student Union, Cape Cod Lounge
2:30pm - 4:00pm Free

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2005 "I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire EDITORIAL@DAILYCOLLEGIAN.COM

TASERs may prove deadly for UMass students

The need for certain innovations certainly pushes forward the advance of technology. Weapons, particularly in war time, are a solid example of this. Tools developed to deal with a particular situation that confronts us in the field. The stun gun, also known as a TASER, is precisely the same thing.

Though it is not classified as a lethal weapon, such as combat weaponry or even the standard police issued handgun, the TASER is responsible for its share of physical pain and many also claim death.

The TASER's practical purpose is beneficial to the job of the police officer. In fact, in situations where an officer may be dealing with a lethal encounter that involves weapons such as blunt objects or knives, the officer that has the alternative of reaching for the stun gun to disable the attacker instead of having to use a handgun, can avoid permanently injuring, disfiguring or killing the target.

Still the opposition to the TASER is quite clear. Many skeptics do not believe the "it's good for you" rhetoric which the TASER is marketed with. Certainly those skeptics would prefer that the "less than lethal" weapon is not used at all and argue against police even carrying such weaponry.

A CBS report from last October estimated that over 70 people have died after being shocked by stun guns. The makers of the stun guns refute any accusations, claiming that their product does not kill. Skeptics scoff at the very nature of the term "less than lethal." When the issue of TASERs was raised at UMass, after a report on the purchase of TASERs by the UMass Police Department, student groups reacted in opposition.

The Chicago Tribune reported that just last week a 14-year-old boy was put into cardiac arrest after an officer used a stun gun to restrain him. The boy had lunged at a police sergeant prompting the officer to put him down. There is no report of the boy using any weapon of any sort and this raises questions of the possible alternatives an officer can use to restrain violence. Amnesty International has condemned the use of stun guns on children, calling it an "excessive and cruel use of force," unless it is in response to an immediate threat.

Still the latest victim of the stun gun was a boy of 14 years, and though this incident raises many questions about the nature of the stun gun and the willingness of officers to use it, it does not parallel to the situation at the University of Massachusetts where the targets of stun guns would be older, legal adults over the age of 18.

This however does not provide sufficient cause or need for the use of the stun gun. Though officers at the university have dealt with riotous behavior in the past, other methods have been used to deal with crowd control and those tactics on their own have caused heated debate on the issue of police brutality and excessive force. Before the student body had an opportunity to fully address the issue of pepper ball guns, they are now confronted with a seemingly more dangerous, yet euphemistically less than lethal weapon.

Though the stun gun has not been found to be a direct cause of death, it has caused injury, and in the cases where victims have died after being jolted other factors have been in play namely drugs or alcohol. The presence of these substances change heart rates in the body and can cause dehydration making the effect of the stun gun much more potent and in many cases deadly.

It does not take a doctor, however, to recognize that riotous behavior at UMass is catalyzed by the consumption of alcoholic beverages. This fact alone should raise serious doubt about the use of the stun gun on UMass students.

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WHAT SAY WE ROUND OFF THE SHORTFALL TO A JILLION KILLION SQUILLION DILLY-DILLION? IT SOUNDS BETTER.



UMass Amherst Inc.

Andrew Freeman

Every year brings more fee increases at the University of Massachusetts — the latest is $598 for in-state students. This complicated and thorny problem can be reduced to a single statement: we don't get enough money from the state to pay for expenses, so students must fork over the difference.

Some people are being priced out of their educations, while others must carry heavy debts into the working world. Of course, the obvious solution of raising state income taxes is grossly unfair, since the good people of Massachusetts cannot stand to pay more. However, after much soul-searching, and not a little inspiration from our esteemed president, I have come up with the answer: privatize.

To prepare UMass for years of glorious expansion, we need to fundamentally remake the campus, starting with the basic philosophy. Too many state colleges prize abstract qualities, like education, or providing valuable life skills, while refusing to acknowledge their true obligations: to ensure a profit to their shareholders. The first step, then, is to launch an IPO for UMass Amherst Inc. to get shareholders the nation and world over. With this influx of capital, we can begin the ambitious project of creating a profitable institution.

With a cabal of greedy investors at our back, it is important to take some further philosophical and legal measures. As a full-fledged corporation, UMass Amherst Inc. should rename all of its denizens "associates," rather than continuing with the archaic descriptor of "students." This way our "associates" will realize they are only loosely tied to the company, and as such can be eliminated at any time. Furthermore, we should require all prospective associates to sign legal release forms eliminating the company's liability, for reasons discussed below.

With these reforms complete, it's time to increase revenue. First, all associates should be required to come from outside of the state — since such individuals would have to pay approximately $9,000 more than those within Massachusetts. This would be a mere enhancement of the UMass Amherst Master Financial Plan, which hopes to add 1,500 students, primarily from other states, to the campus.

As a full-fledged corporation, UMass Amherst Inc. should rename all of its denizens "associates," rather than continuing with the archaic descriptor of "students."

Following these changes, we must take advantage of our most valuable resource — the associates themselves. Many are engaged in activities that, while fun and perhaps educational, do nothing to enhance UMass Amherst's revenue. Therefore, I propose the establishment of the UMass Slave Study Program, in which all associates are required to enroll. This program would be modeled in part on the current Work Study program, except that It would, whenever possible, ignore state and federal labor laws, to minimize expenses.

Our new Slave Study Program could attract important industries, as well as provide associates valuable work experience for future jobs in the slavery sector. A potential model of this would be the Fang Lin schoolhouse in China, where students produced fireworks until 2001, when an accidental explosion killed over 40 people.

Since these industries might endanger the associates' lives, not only is the legal waiver absolutely necessary, but also UMass Amherst Inc. should take out life insurance on all its associates. Utilizing policies called Corporate Owned Life Insurance, a company can make money off the deaths of their employees, so by creating an unsafe and unhealthy environment, the campus stands to prosper.

Sources of further revenue abound. Throw out Efollet, and create a store that directly conspires with publishers — the minimum price for each book should be $100, providing both the textbook makers and UMass Amherst Inc. with gargantuan profits. Convert the Old Chapel into a nightclub. Require the SGA and all RSOs to pay taxes. Move Health Services to Holyoke so they don't have to treat any associates who live on campus. Sell alcohol and drugs to associates, and then charge them for rehab services. And don't get me started with faculty cuts. Once you add a profit motive and shed your scruples, the possibilities for exploitation are endless.

Now, maybe the education wouldn't be so good, but that's not the point, is it? The point is that, thanks to privatization, we avoided raising taxes. Because after all, what's more important — having a quality university, or having low taxes?

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End of War on Terror

Todd Hanaburgh

On Sept. 11, 2001, thousands of lives were lost to terrorism. But the Bush administration's response was as if it was the first time it had ever happened. From a global perspective the idea that any nation, no matter how powerful, could stamp out terrorism is ridiculously arrogant. Yet, this is precisely what George W. Bush was proclaiming he would do.

The War on Terror, like the War on Drugs, is ultimately unable to be won on its own terms, matching violence and provocation with more violence and provocation. The War on Drugs was fundamentally flawed by the criminalization of drugs, alienating users from the state/federally-sponsored institutions, health or treatment programs and law-enforcement officials who previously could've had some hand in steering the crisis to manageable levels.

In kind, it is fairly obvious that our own War on Terror has and will continue to create more terrorists. By simply parading down Nationalist Avenue, the United States will snowball resentment into full-fledged hatred aimed at us by our neighbors abroad. We have already seen deep divisions forming between current US policy and that of even our staunchest allies.

Europeans have a saying that goes like this: "In America, sex is an obsession. Everywhere else, it's a fact."

Now the same is true for terror, except in this case here at home, it is also a paradox. George W. Bush penned the following definition of terrorism himself (or at least we should hope) in an Executive Order on Sept. 24, 2001: (a) the term "person" means an individual or entity; (b) the term "entity" means a partnership, association, corporation, or other organization, group, or subgroup; (c) the term "United States person" means any United States citizen, permanent resident alien, entity organized under the laws of the United States (including foreign branches), or any person in the United States; and (d) the term "terrorism" means an activity that — (i) involves a violent act or an act dangerous to human life, property, or infrastructure; and (ii) appears to be intended — (A) to intimidate or coerce a civilian population; (B) to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or (C) to affect the conduct of a government by mass destruction, assassination, kidnapping, or hostage-taking."

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The rest of the world has lived with terrorism on their soil for decades. In some cases, the United States has participated in this, directly or indirectly, often using the CIA. This is an easily verifiable fact. Go to the CIA's own web site, www.cia.gov, and look at unclassified documents made available through the Freedom of Information Act, especially those related to Honduras, Chile, Ba'athist Iraq, Iran, Indonesia and Afghanistan, to name a few. Under Bush's own definition of terrorism, the United States' pre- and post-invasion actions in Iraq could be considered terrorism.

Yet, in places like Germany and Japan, where there are actually war crimes charges pending against Bush, Cheney and Rumsfeld, the diplomatic approach is to dub these actions "aggression," which defined loosely, is an unprovoked or unjustified military attack on a nation or people. These war crimes charges also include flagrant violation of the guidelines set by the Geneva Convention for the treatment of Prisoners of War.

However, it seems to be the US government's policy to ignore the rest of the world and even International Law, which our representatives helped to draft and pass by democratic means in the United Nations.

In 1997, Dick Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld, along with a now globally infamous host of others, created The Project for the New American Century, a radical-right wing forum for "opinion leaders" to disseminate information and discuss global issues. It is here that the notion of invading Iraq was discussed ad nauseam — from PNAC's inception until the invasion actually happened. Visit their web site, www.newamericancentury.org, and explore.

Start with PNAC's Statement of Principles, take note of its signatures at the end and proceed to the Defense and National Security section and read Rebuilding America's Defenses, principal author, Thomas Donnelly. The document is 80-90 pages long, so be prepared to invest some time. Try to keep in mind, for the purposes of perspective, that it was drafted in Sept. 2000.

Some readers, if they've continued this far, may take offense to this column. However, I am addressing these issues because I love my nation. It is my home and has been my family's home for 13 generations. I firmly believe in freedom and democracy, but neither hypocrisy nor apathy. This is our nation, and it is up to us to guide it. Ours is a government not only for the people, but also by the people. But that's just my opinion.

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Be yourself and no one else

Colin Jones

The list of metaphors and allegories that attempt to define or explain life in some way are seemingly endless. Some say that it's a game in which some people are better players than others. Others say that it's a series of moments, or a box of chocolates. Personally, I like to think of it as a journey. Quest isn't the right word, but it's the first word that comes to mind. The thing about it is that there isn't a set destination. You never know where you're goin' until you get there. As time passes, if you're willing to let yourself have the necessary depth, you might find that you have questions you never knew you had. Who are you? What do you want?

In contemporary society, and in particular the microcosm known as higher education that we are all a part of, adolescence has been delayed until the mid-to-late-20s. Because of the fact that our generation doesn't really have a cultural movement for us to grab on to, or a struggle such as a war, famine or depression to teach us just how valuable and precious life is, many of us are in an identity crisis. We are the products of a mind-controlling media that has blurred the lines between entertainment and news to the point where they cannot be distinguished from one another, and we are bombarded with images of icons telling us who we are supposed to be.

With so many things left up in the air, and so much pressure to look and act a certain way, a lot of us behave in ways that are not reflective of who we really are.

Although women have been pressured by the media to be thin and beautiful for some time now, the degree to which this pressure is pervasive in television, movies and magazines is almost frightening. And now even men feel that they are supposed to look a certain way, evidence that can be seen in the metrosexual movement, the male response to this same pressure. Our grandparents had the Great Depression and World War II. Our parents had Vietnam and Woodstock. What are we left with? Reality TV. Britney Spears. "Newlyweds." And they wonder why suburban drug use is so popular.

There is a harsh reality that, sometimes, we're our own worst enemies. With so many things left up in the air, and so much pressure to look and act a certain way, a lot of us behave in ways that are not reflective of who we really are. A guy who is kind and sensitive at heart might act like an immature jerk. A girl who is actually intelligent and thoughtful might act superficial and conceited.

Jim Morrison, famed American poet and philosopher, once said, "The most important kind of freedom is to be who you really are. You trade in your reality for a role. You give up your ability to feel, and in exchange, put on a mask." Some of the biggest barriers that we come across on the road to happiness are the ones we put there ourselves.

So what can we do? If we stay positive, we'll figure things out. Time will tell us what we need to know if we keep our minds and hearts open. In many ways, college is just an extension of high school; a fantasy in which responsibilities are low and priorities are out of line. I don't know exactly when I personally began the transition from being someone I didn't like to being the person I wanted to be, but I know that it has something to do with the fact that the real world isn't that far away. Pretty soon, no one is going to care what I did last weekend or even what grade I got on my last test. And I know that I still have a lot to learn, but I have recognized several things that I feel are particularly important, and not just for myself but for all of us.

We should stay focused on our goals, but be humble about achieving them. We should try to help someone else if we can, and swallow our pride enough to ask for help when we need it. We should give others the benefit of the doubt until they give us a reason not to. We should apologize wholeheartedly for our wrongdoings and accept the earnest apologies of those who have wronged us. Who knows ... if we can let the goodness within us out, just seeing it might be all someone else needs.

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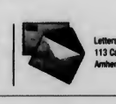
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Education: a tool of oppression

Amelia Sabadini

I was 12 years old in 1982, and the infamous proposition had just decimated the public schools of Massachusetts. I sat quiet and still in the back of my seventh grade class as Mr. Osborne explained how, due to the sudden loss of funds, there wouldn't be any field trips this year, not even for the advanced placement division seated before him. That's when a wave of indignation rose up over his humble exposition and broke in angry pubescent tones where the delusions of indemnity had shattered.

Osborne tried to stem the tides of "no way" and "not fair" with patient reasoning about the expenses of admissions and transportation. "There's also the cost of gas for the buses we'd take." He pleaded for a rational consideration of the facts with his arms stretched out wide, making himself an easy target.

From the middle of the room one of the kids launched another proposition like a spitball. "Why don't we let the normal kids push the bus?" The class erupted with laughter. I said nothing that day. I had already applied for a transfer out, to be normal again. Most of the gifted children of Quincy were sanguinary, while I was already anemic.

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Those words and their warm reception still haunt me to this day. Those words echoed a sentiment that is still prevalent, ringing out just as loudly now as it did back then, if not louder. It's an amendment to Machiavellian thought. The ominous "might makes right" doctrine has become "academic might makes right". This adaptation is no less fearsome than the original.

We live in a world where whether or not a person is treated as though they deserve to make a living wage is dependant upon their education level. If you don't have a college degree and you don't have formal training in a skilled trade (which is not as easy to come by as some might think, and don't forget about getting into a union) your best shot at being able to make enough money to pay the rent on an apartment is to try like hell to get a job that most people with a choice in the matter wouldn't do.

Maybe, if you're lucky, you could work in the post office and have your joints and disks crushed. Maybe you could work in sanitation and be subjected to evidence supporting the claim that people are pigs. Or maybe you could work in a hospital and endure spine crushing work loads and liberated bodily fluids. For all your efforts you'll just barely be able to get by. People with better jobs (more education) than you will at best, be dismissive, but more often they will be trying to figure out how to get you to do more work for less money. Their jobs will usually be to make you more efficient, more machine-like, better at pushing buses. That's what you're here for, normie.

Every human alive has a certain inclination towards oppressing others. The problem is that instead of acknowledging this and striving to temper it, most people look for ways to exonerate themselves for trespassing against others. Children find out quickly that certain groups of people can be regarded with contempt and subsequently treated like machines and exploited. One of the places kids find this out the fastest is at school.

Our educational system doesn't just dole out hand stamps for access to ever increasing tiers in an oppressive hierarchy; it plays a crucial role in forging and maintaining this hierarchy. I don't say this as an indictment of everyone working within the educational system. Most educators are well intentioned, indeed some of the most altruistic people I've ever met are educators, but ultimately we're all influenced by our social context.

For the most part, in our culture, any seeming lack of knowledge is grounds for derision. Not all teachers are willing to question themselves. If someone doesn't understand something that you've just explained it's less of a threat to your self esteem to think the limiting factor is their capacity for comprehension rather than your ability for expression. Inquiry, the attempt to acquire knowledge, is simultaneously an admission that we either lack knowledge or doubt the validity of what we already know. Yet when knowledge has become a commodity to be hoarded, people are less apt to risk inquiry. It's tantamount to admitting to poverty or deflating the value of what you have.

Learning without questioning is what the revolutionary educator and philosopher Paulo Freire describes as "the banking concept of education" in his work "The Pedagogy of the Oppressed." Freire contends that this sort of passive learning in the classroom primes people for a passive existence in the world and that the traditional methods of education make it a tool of oppression. Is it any wonder that the conservative right is seeking to increase its presence in higher education?

If education is currently a tool of oppression, then it can't serve to truly liberate and enlighten anyone, regardless of what the political leanings of the highest ivory towers are. A tool of oppression makes an oppressor out of whoever wields it. It corrupts and calls out to its master. Sounds like the one ring to rule them all? Same difference, the educational system as it stands is doing a great deal of harm and if the conservative right comes to dominate it once again ... the world probably will be plunged into darkness.

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Slammy Awards: Bad artists and why I hate them

Thomas Naughton

Watching the Grammy Awards has proven to be a perennial disappointment of monumental proportions. Nothing seems to change. The same crappy so-called "artists" are awarded for the same crappy regurgitations of less-than-passable music, while most legitimate artists who are doing breakthrough work are overlooked.

To put icing on this cake of crap is the red carpet shenanigans of Star Jones, who is the biggest idiot to ever emerge in the media. Alongside Jones is the ever vigilant "Z-Lister" Kathy Griffin who asks stupid questions to musicians on the red carpet to seem "spontaneous" or "out of control." Oh, that Kathy Griffin, she's out of control with her short legs and her red hair and asking people about deli products! What will they think of next?!

You know you're a failure when your audience would choose Joan and Melissa Rivers over you. At least Joan Rivers gave us something to contemplate: the mathematical force of tension exerted on her hairline by her numerous facelifts and the actual volume of alcohol she consumed before beginning her red-carpet coverage that night.

Although some "artists" are left out of the running for the Grammy's, somehow being shut out of a category doesn't seem to send the message that I think needs to be made plainly clear to these bands, namely that they are terrible. And what of the terrible artists that are somehow nominated due to the idiotic populace's adherence to blind idolatry? I now present a solution, The Slammy Awards, a different kind of award ceremony.

There's no red-carpet banter, no sugar-coating and fake worship of crappy musicians: The Slammy Awards are dedicated to making it clear to bad musicians, Grammy winners or not, TRL heavy-hitters or not, that they should no longer play music. What will this illustrious Award ceremony offer? A roster of bands/artists who need to retire immediately and the reasons why they are terrible, awful, bad, horrible, unbearable and unmusical. Who decides which musicians/artists are Slammable? Me, because not only am I always right, but also because I am never wrong.

Bands/ "Artists" who need to go away or stop recording if they haven't already:

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Linkin Park.

Why: Rap-rock is so 1999. I'm glad that they can write lyrics that speak to mallrats, but what about the rest of us? When I trash this band, people always snap at me "those songs are, like, exactly what I'm feeling". Of course, usually the people who are snapping at me are 12-years-old or have no personality.

What this band should do instead: Work at a mall kiosk, that way they can be in touch with their fan-base without bothering the rest of the population who have ears. And leave my beloved Jay-Z alone.

Christina Milian.

Why: Her one hit, "Dip it Low" where she instructs young ladies to "Popta, popta, pop that thing" sounds like a commercial for an acne treatment and her voice sounds like a cartoon cat that has smoked a lot of pot.

What she should do instead: Pro-Activ commercials. Together with Jessica Simpson and Vanessa Williams, Milian could sing some kind of theme song for Pro-Activ complete with a music video where they wear mud masks and do the Roger Rabbit.

The White Stripes, The Killers, The Sounds, The Vines, The Hives, Franz Ferdinand and The Strokes.

Why: We're cleaning out the garage, people, because we've all had enough. These bands need to come to grips with the fact that they are one-trick ponies, all riding the garage-rock wave of pop-fickleness. Remember when ska was popular? I rest my case.

What they should do instead: Work at clothing stores at the same mall as Linkin Park so that they will all have something to do on the weekends.

Ashlee Simpson.

Why: Because she is terrible.

What she should do instead: Nothing. She should have a million babies in the Midwest and get amazingly obese and then become the minister of a church with her children as its congregation. I can't wait for that "Where Are They Now?"

Gretchen Wilson.

Why: I'm glad that you're a "redneck" and everything, but I'm missing the part where you are supposed to be proud of that. I think I missed that memo when President Heehaw got elected for the second time.

What she should do instead: I don't really know, pray for a tornado-free summer?

John Mayer, Dave Matthews, Five for Fighting, Gavin DeGraw, Jason Mraz, Maroon 5.

Why: This is the "My voice sounds like an old woman being strangled" crew. I don't want to hear about your triumph over your high school, crashing into women, being some kind of bird, where you stick your fingers, or you being "yourself" because frankly, I don't like you.

What they should do instead: Work at the record store in the mall where Linkin Park and the Garage Rock kids work so that they can talk about how "intense" the new Tom Petty record is and start a Phish cover band together.

We now conclude this year's Slammy Awards. As with most award shows, we were unable to showcase every instance of horrendous musical activity in the recording industry. Unfortunately for the listening population, there are just too many bad acts to follow and way too many award shows giving them props. Until one day when artists like Three Doors Down, Hillary Duff and I-Kwon are tarred and feathered in the streets for making terrible music, I remain your faithful servant and decipherer of all that is crap in pop culture.

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UMass social scene limiting

Becky Martins

Given the once infamous reputation of UMass' social scene, it is hard to believe oftentimes there is little to do on weekends. But with each passing year, this university comes closer to losing its title of 'The Zoo.'

Upon arriving at UMass freshman year, almost every student can attest to having a few crazy experiences. Suddenly, we found ourselves surrounded by thousands of our peers with little supervision. For many, this marked our first time away from the watchful eyes our parents. It was also a delicious first taste of independence. In the beginning, whether we left campus or not, it made no difference. In most cases, very few factors were needed to create a 'Zoomass' worthy night.

But like any new thing, the lifestyle of dorm room parties, fraternities, etc. soon got familiar and lost some of its initial appeal. No longer was it exciting to simply drink in the room down the hall. Frat parties became synonymous with beer-soaked clothes, ill-mannered guys and girls behaving with little self-respect. Essentially, or at least in my experience, a change of scenery became completely necessary.

I then realized the difficulty of my situation: was there much to do for the age group too young to drink legally, but over the scene we experienced as freshmen?

Upon returning to UMass this year, I wondered what my weekends would entail. Greek life proved dissatisfying. A new residential area did bring a scenery change, but I found it offered little more to do than my old dorm had. Even the University seemed to offer few options for students looking to try something different. I then realized the difficulty of my situation: was there much to do for the age group too young to drink legally, but over the scene we experienced as freshmen?

Over winter break, I visited a friend who went to school in West Virginia. Though I only spent a weekend there, I left feeling completely satisfied that my trip had gone well. There was always something to do, whether it was a school function, party, or a 19-plus club/bar that actually remained open beyond 1:00 a.m. While in West Virginia, I found myself wishing my college experience was similar to the one I was currently experiencing. But I knew upon returning to UMass, I would find myself bored with the same weekend routines everyone seemed to follow.

Personally, I believe the social aspect of UMass has gone downhill. I do not condone more drinking or substance abuse on campus. Personally, I don't need alcohol to have fun, and I certainly don't appreciate being kept awake by drunken students at 4:00 a.m. But I believe both UMass and local businesses need to realize who their entire 'cliental' is. Not everyone just turned 18 and is new to going out. Not every person is 21-plus either, or able to illegally use a fake ID.

If local clubs/bars, such as those in Amherst or even Springfield, took notice of all of their potential customers, they could certainly increase their profits. I suggest making more establishments 19-plus, yet 21-plus to drink, thus ensuring the crowd will be more mature, yet more representative of a college campus. Students in their sophomore and junior years would actually have somewhere to go, legally. Lowering the age of such businesses could even decrease the use of fake IDs and possibly underage drinking. Not every person's night centers around alcohol. There are people who simply like to go out, yet in this area, they find their options limited.

I also believe it would be beneficial to have more cultural events on campus. Personally, I enjoy going to club sponsored events, such as those thrown by the Black Mass Communication Project. Such affairs encourage cultural awareness, tolerance and promote the idea of diversity. As made evident this fall, UMass still has many problems regarding such issues. Such a positive environment for all to share could certainly help alleviate some of these concerns.

No longer am I a naive freshman, but I do feel the consequences of being under 21. I also know I am not the only person who wonders what's going on each weekend. If our local area became more aware of its residents, I believe many could benefit. Not everything should center on alcohol. Our nights also shouldn't have to end at 1:00 a.m., just because there is little else to do. But I believe more should be done to cater to a larger portion of the UMass and local college community. People do say college should be some of the best years of our lives. I just wish more opportunities existed to make it so.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PALESTINIAN ARGUMENTS ONE-SIDED

Recently, articles by Yousef Munayyer have appeared that all but call for the destruction of the State of Israel. Munayyer sees to it that the Palestinian cause is well spoken for, something I happen to agree with. I agree that the time has come for the Palestinians to have a country of their own.

However, Munayyer's judgments and arguments have been so one-sided and anti-Israel, you'd almost think that he's ready to blow himself up in Jerusalem for his beliefs. Yousef, it's time to open your mind just a little bit and see that all of Israel, namely Jews, aren't the evil child murderers you portray them to be. How many innocent children have Palestinian terrorists blown up on a public bus driving down the street?

You don't see Israeli citizens walking down the street of Jericho or Gaza City with a bomb under his jacket, waiting for the moment to kill as many people as possible. Please, take a step back, leave your emotions behind you for ten minutes and give us fair and balanced articles, articles all of the students of this university deserve to read.

Marc Lerman
UMass student

SCHOOLGIRL'S DEATH HOLDS DISCREPANCIES

Yousef, it was very nice of you to apologize for your mistake in Tuesday's article. I hope you're prepared to apologize again for yet another of your mistakes targeted at Israel. Nuran Dib, the girl whom you wrote about, was a 10 year-old schoolgirl allegedly shot by the Israel Defense Forces. However, Reuters reported that Israeli soldiers were 600 meters away and could not have possibly shot her. In fact, according to the Jerusalem Post, the Palestinian Authority has arrested a Palestinian man for her death. I am deeply saddened at her unfortunate death, but do not pin this on the Israeli Army.

Talya Mazor
UMass student

POOR CHOICE IN ROLE MODEL

I am writing in response to the recent editorial "Time to Change the Box," wherein Ben Duffy calls for the university to hire conservative faculty in order to expand student horizons and offer an education "outside the box."

It is not with this proposition that I find fault, but rather in his candidate. Duffy proposes Dr. Michael Savage as the epitome of conservatism and seems convinced that Savage would open our minds and further our intellects. However, he makes no mention of Dr. Savage's very public history of vicious homophobia.

Some time ago, Dr. Savage hosted an MSNBC show "Savage Nation," which he used to publicly assault homosexuals. He questioned a caller one night, asking if he was "one of those sodomists." Once the caller affirmed this, Savage told him "to get AIDS and die, you pig." He also publicly referenced the Million Mom March as the "Million Dyke March" in May of 2000. This sort of prejudiced and bigoted behavior from a professor is hardly going to enhance our education or "expand horizons."

So the question arises, must a staunch conservative also be hateful to appease the conservative element of our campus? In light of Savage's incendiary history, how likely is it that our GLBT and allied students would feel comfortable in such a hostile classroom environment? We are all for diversity on campus, political as well as otherwise, but how is hiring an open bigot going to facilitate diversity?

Michael Tsapatsaris
UMass student

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Soloist takes center stage

By Marina Solovyov
Collegian Correspondent

It's not often that you get to see a child prodigy.

Julie Albers began studying the violin at the age of two. She later decided to switch to the cello at the eager age of four. Since her transition to cello, Albers' has become a ruthless and masterful cello player.

Although born with a gift for playing music, Albers has worked diligently to prepare for her success, and has also made a great deal of sacrifices to get to where she is today.

Julie Albers
Thur. Feb. 17
Bowker Auditorium
UMass
$10, $7

Originally raised in Longmont, Col., Albers made a career-oriented decision early during her junior year of high school. Albers said goodbye to family and friends and moved to Ohio to study with the Young Artists Program at the Clevlaend Institute of Music.

Albers' talents were quickly recognized. At only seventeen, she made her debut with the Cleveland Orchestra. Since her debut, Albers has begun touring internationally. She has been invited to play at New Zealand's Dunedin Sinfonia and Auckland Philharmonia, Germany's Philharmonisches Orchester Ausburg and Osnabrucher Symphonieorchester. She even has done a tour of France with the Orchestre Symphonique de Douai.

In 2002, Albers won a second prize from Munich's Internationalen Musikwettbewerbes der ARD and in 2001 was appreciated with the Wilhelm-Weichsler-Musikpreis der Stadt Osnabruck award. It is no wonder then why Albers' talents have been highlighted from one concert to the next and her name has gained a lot of attention.

In 1998, the Roanoke Times was one of the first critics to observe Albers potential stating, "Albers is destined to be one of the most acclaimed and beloved American artists of the 21st century." In 1999, Evansville Courier & Press said "Albers musicality, dramatic flair, brilliant style, and control establish her as a world class virtuoso." Albers' critics have only words of praise and awe for tactful and mature playing that improved even more with time.

Tomorrow night, at 7:30 p.m. in the Bowker Auditorium, don't miss a stunning and invigorating performance given by this rare and entrancing player. Albers will deliver her signature cello playing made up of a colorful tone and gorgeous vibrato. Albers, 24, will be accompanied by pianist Angela Jia Kim in a program that features Beethoven's Variations in E-Flat major on "Bei Mannern" and Sonata No.3 in a Major for Cello and Piano, Op. 70 and Massenet's meditation" from Thais.

If you can't wait until tomorrow night to see Albers, you can catch her today. Prior to the show, Albers will be giving a lecture and demonstration at the Forest Park Middle School in Springfield from 10:00-11:00 a.m. and also at 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Bezanson Recital Hall.

'Woolf' shows its teeth

Edward Albee's 1962 classic sizzles in pre-Broadway tryout at Boston's Wilbur Theater

By Joe Pietrafette
Collegian Staff

BOSTON — You are cordially invited to George and Martha's house for fun and games. Here, the liquor flows like rain and the insults flow almost as freely. Nick and Honey, a young couple new to the college town "Who's Afraid of Virgina Woolf" is set in, are the unknowing guests caught in the middle of George and Martha's darkly comic and often sadistic night of exhausting mind games.

Such is the premise for the revival of Edward Albee's groundbreaking 1962 drama "Who's Afraid of Virgina Woolf?" When "Woolf" originally opened in the fall of 1962, it was greeted with wild acclaim, and catapulted Albee into the stratosphere with the likes of such great modern playwrights as Tugene O'Neill, Tennessee Williams and Arthur Miller. With the recent passing of Miller, it leaves only Albee as one of the greatest living American dramatists.

Uta Hagen and Arthur Hill played Martha and George in that initial run, and during its over 600 performance run, it swept the 1963 Tony Awards winning five awards, including Best Play. In 1966, a then unknown Mike Nichols tackled "Virginia Woolf" for the big screen, and it was greeted with the same acclaim it found on the stage. Filling the shoes of George and Martha on the big screen were Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor respectively. The film was nominated for 13 Academy Awards, including Best Picture, and won five, including a Best Supporting Actress statue for Sandy Dennis who played Honey and Best Actress for Elizabeth Taylor, for her ferocious portrayal of Martha.

'Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf'
Until March 6
Wilbur Theater
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$25-$85

Now, over 40 years after its explosive debut, "Virgina Woolf" is back and packs an impressive punch. The sultry and husky voiced Kathleen Turner, who makes a triumphant return to Boston after her sellout run in "The Graduate" in 2002, stars as vicious Martha, and theater clown Bill Irwin stars as the impish yet extremely sharp George. Relative theater newcomers David Harbour and Mirelle Enos star as the unsuspecting young couple, Nick and Honey, who are lured into the psychotic web of George and Martha.

The cast is tight and intimate, only having four players, and they all give outstanding performances. Irwin's portrayal of George is a revelation and Turner is sensational as the beastly Martha. Harbour and Enos don't seem quite as connected to the material as Irwin and Turner, but that will no doubt be tuned during previews, and by the time "Virgina Woolf" opens in New York next month, they will be up to par.

Under the skillful direction of Tony Award winner and frequent Albee collaborator Anthony Page, "Virginia Woolf" (which clocks in at just over three hours) keeps a fairly brisk pace, but does falter in some areas. During Act II, which is about 75 minutes, there are quite a few lulls that, again, once it opens in New York, should be ironed out.

The design team is also top notch. Costuming legend and 14-time Tony Award nominee Jane Greenwood outfits the cast quite nicely, and accentuates Ms. Turner's curves. Set designer John Lee Beatty has given George and Martha a tastefully appointed house in which to destroy each other and Tony Award winner Peter Kaczorowski's subtle yet important lighting design is perfect.

"Virgina Woolf" deals with themes and issues that were considered taboo when it premiered in the early 60s and have lost a little of their luster in today's "anything goes" society. Most theatergoers however, will still find the play to resonate just as loud today as it did when it originally shocked America. Many of the domestic taboos and relationship issues "Woolf" tests are still in the forefront of society today. Expect quite a few rave reviews come opening night, and a slew of 2005 Tony Award nominations to follow, especially one for Mr. Irwin's stunning portrayal of George and for designers Mr. Beatty and Mr. Kaczorowski's stunning work. Make a date to spend an evening with George, Martha, Nick and Honey before they pack up and leave for the Big Apple in this tantalizing new production. Now, who's up for a game of get the guests? Hump the hostess?

Tickets for this pre-Broadway engagement, currently playing at the wonderfully intimate Wilbur Theatre, are priced from $85 to $35. Tickets are available via the Wilbur Theatre Box Office www.ticketmaster.com or by calling (617)-931-2787. "Virginia Woolf" will also participate in Broadway in Boston's $25 student rush program. $25 tickets an hour before curtain.



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Some critics have called Edward Albee one of the great American playwrights of the twentieth century.

Hip-hop artists build bridges between divided generations

By Paul H. Johnson
The Record

PASSAIC, N.J. — Tru/Fam rocks back and forth quietly on the black carpet of the Passaic recording studio, spitting out their lines while the engineer fires up the computer to load the music.

"Girl move your body like oh!" The words flow from Young Shai's mouth. "Make me want to say oh!" chants the teen whose real name is Shareef Nealy.

To some, the lyrics from the song "Dip Low" may make no sense, but to Nealy and his friends in the group Tru/Fam, the song is a party anthem, a call to get on the dance floor.

"Excuse me miss, I ain't twisted, but I can make your body twist," raps Just I. Shareef Nealy's twin brother Tyreef.

Tru/Fam, which stands for True Family, is acutely aware that many people think hip-hop is just a collection of booty-shaking, vulgarity-filled songs.

"Some people think hip-hop is the devil's music," said Anthony Davis, a 17-year-old high school senior in Paterson, N.J., who goes by the name Murk.

But Tru/Fam wants to be different, to be suggestive and fun without being obscene or profane. "We're trying to let people know all hip-hop is not like that," Davis said.

It's been 30 years since rap hit the scene at the block parties of the South Bronx, where teens would rap over blaring music, and 25 years since the first hit rap record blew up. The genre is now an established phenomenon that allows young people to record their thoughts and dreams.

Hip-hop is the biggest-selling genre of music in the United States. According to Nielsen SoundScan, 61 percent of the top 100 hits of 2004 were rap or hip-hop-influenced R&B records, up from 53 percent in 2003. But the music has created a generation gap between those who grew up with the blaring beats and rhymes and those who still see hip-hop as some sort of musical felony.

Even rappers like Tru/Fam believe that sometimes rap goes too far and distance themselves from the misogyny and violence that often populate the lyrics.

"We're not doing profanity and we're not degrading women," said Melvin Little, 17, who goes by the name I Flow in Tru/Fam.

Jeff Chang, author of "Can't Stop Won't Stop: A History of the Hip-Hop Generation," said hip-hop artists write what they see and hear. It's a reflection of the culture they inhabit.

"It's definitely in the tradition of going all the way back to Africa of wordplay and storytelling," Chang said. "In a lot of ways, hip-hop has not changed that much. What has changed is the context."

Hip-hop is more than music. It's a culture. It's more than telling stories. It's the flashy clothes and cars, the bling. It's movement, like break-dancing, and street art, like graffiti. And all have drawn strong reactions.

The emergence of graffiti and the loud block parties that occasionally broke into fights in the late 1970s and early 1980s drew the first negative attention to hip-hop.

"Graffiti is sort of the loudest announcement that this generation is here," Chang said.

It also drew the sharpest counteraction. States passed tough anti-graffiti laws. In New Jersey, minors can have their driver's licenses revoked for being convicted of graffiti crimes, and spray paint is sold from behind locked cages.

It wasn't until the appearance of gangsta rap, which grew out of the rhymes of teens from Watts and South Central Los Angeles, in the late 1980s and early 1990s that a broad schism between young African-Americans and their elders became apparent. The music celebrated gang life and told tales of violence and retribution.

"There's no dignity in this rap," C. DeLores Tucker, head of the National Council of Negro Women, told CBS in 1993. Tucker had marched with the Rev. Martin Luther King in the 1960s and couldn't bear to listen to the music produced by the offspring of the civil rights movement. "We were marching to stop those who were using speech against us. They were calling us all kinds of names, the very same names that these rappers are using."

Tucker, along with then-U.S. Education Secretary William Bennett, launched a campaign to force corporations to divest themselves of hip-hop companies. The pair successfully persuaded Time Warner to drop its support of Death Row Records.

The violent imagery in much of gangsta rap came to life in September 1996 when rapper Tupac Shakur was murdered in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas. His counterpart Christopher Wallace, aka Biggie Smalls, was killed seven months later.

The deaths sparked a movement to tame hip-hop's association with violence. Calls questioning rap's connection with violence only grew after the 2003 murder of Jason Mizell of Queens; as Jam Master Jay, Mizell was part of the pioneering rap group Run DMC. Now, members of the hip-hop generation are trying to connect with their elders.

Last June, members of the hip-hop community joined with their elders at the first annual hip-hop political convention in Newark. The gathering was an attempt to find common ground between the civil rights activists of the '60s and the generations of the '80s and '90s.

"It was a priority for the folks at the convention to make intergenerational dialogue happen," said Chang, an organizer of the event. "It was something that everyone talked about very deeply."

Hip-hop mogul Russell Simmons started a campaign to repeal harsh 1970s drug-sentencing laws in New York City and led protests to improve public school education in New York City. Sean "P. Diddy" Combs tried to get more young people to vote and started a "Vote or Die" effort during the 2004 presidential election.

Hip-hop was political. Rappers tried to show that their lyrics and concerns weren't trivial. They were hoping that mainstream America, which had embraced their clothes and rhymes, would now stand up for their causes.

For years, hip-hop artists have been documenting the struggles of the black community, poverty, guns and drugs. It's a similar call to action made by their predecessors in the civil rights movement, the same people the hip-hop community often took to task.

"What happened? You were supposed to have a revolution and save us and instead it's gotten worse," Chang said.

The members of Tru/Fam think the tide is changing and that violent and disrespectful rap will be eclipsed by lighter fare, like the music they produce.

"Right now, it's getting better," Anthony Davis said.

Shareef Nealy said in the end, people just want music to dance to, and that's what Tru/Fam hopes to deliver.

"We just want to bring back the fun part of hip-hop, the part I remember," he said.



Twins Shareef Nealy, left, and Tyreef Nealy of Tru/Fam rehearse in a Passaic, New Jersey recording studio. The group hopes to be suggestive and fun without being obscene or profane.

Artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude unveil 'Gates' in NYC

By Miriam Hill
Knight Ridder Newspapers

NEW YORK — To create their huge works of art, the wrapping of Berlin's Reichstag building, the surrounding of 11 islands in Florida's Biscayne Bay with swaths of pink polypropylene, the artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude must marshal squadrons of workers, run experiments in wind tunnels, and battle bureaucracy, often for decades.

So it is perhaps no surprise that their project in Central Park that opened Saturday, 7,500 16-foot gates draped in saffron fabric covering 23 miles of paths, tempts the pair to assert control over every detail.

Before an interview, Jeanne-Claude, Christo's wife, requires that reporters read a section labeled "common errors" on their Web site. During the phone interview, she interrupted to say: "You know you must say you are talking to Christo and Jeanne-Claude." The reporter mentioned that this required his presence.

Jeanne-Claude directed her assistant to put her husband on the phone.

"Hello, Philadelphia Inquirer," said a male voice, laced with the accent of Christo's native Bulgaria. "I am good but very busy. We have a few days and a hundred things to be done."

Christo is busy finishing drawings for The Gates, some of which will be sold to defray the $20-million-plus cost of the project, all of it financed by the couple.

No grants. No Medici-style patronage. No city funds.

The Gates, which will be unfurled at 8 a.m. Saturday and be up only through Feb. 27, is expected to draw millions of visitors to New York.

The project has been a long time coming.

Christo and Jeanne-Claude, who have been doing public projects since 1961, first proposed The Gates in 1979. They also dreamed of wrapping the Museum of Modern Art or a Times Square building in fabric. But the city and building owners weren't biting. At the time, Central Park was in ruins. Christo and Jeanne-Claude's original proposal for The Gates called for digging holes, raising fears of damage to grass and tree roots.

Christo and Jeanne-Claude, however, are paragons of patience. They pestered city officials.

"The Christos have a wonderful racket, but we don't need them here," Henry J. Stern, then parks and recreation commissioner, told the New York Times in 1999. "If they want public attention, why not try wrapping Trump Tower."

Christo and Jeanne-Claude persisted with other projects that gained worldwide attention, including Running Fence, a 24.5-mile fence of nylon fabric erected in Northern California in 1976. The 1995 wrapping of the Reichstag brought more than five million people to Berlin and transformed the seat of the German parliament into a shimmering evening gown of a building.

The Gates became a reality after Michael Bloomberg was elected New York's mayor in 2001.

Bloomberg had collected the couple's work and promoted the project. Christo and Jeanne-Claude also figured out how to avoid the holes. A deal was struck.

"Impressive and imaginative works of art have enhanced New York City's public spaces throughout history and have greatly contributed to the city's status as the cultural capital of the world," Bloomberg said in a letter introducing The Gates. "It is in this grand tradition of public art in New York City that the internationally acclaimed artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude will present The Gates."

This week, Central Park is beginning to look like a giant slalom course. On Monday, about 600 paid volunteers began erecting the 16-foot vinyl poles, topped with a horizontal pole that holds the fabric, which is currently rolled up.

The artists' chief engineer, Vince Davenport, conducted tests to make sure the project would withstand strong winds, Jeanne-Claude said. In 1991, the artists constructed 3,100 28-foot-wide umbrellas in Japan and the United States. A freak storm caused one umbrella to break loose and hit a viewer, who fell and died after hitting her head on a rock.

The couple's Web site, christojeanneclaude.net describes The Gates as "a golden river appearing and disappearing through the bare branches of the trees and will highlight the shape of the footpaths."

The size and unusual nature of their projects prompt people to ask: "Is it art?"

Such questions arise from a stodgy view of what art is, said Arthur Danto, the art critic for The Nation and a friend of the couple.

"There is sometimes beauty in astonishment," he said. "We think of the wrapping of the Reichstag. That was so audacious. It made me think of the Reichstag in a way I wouldn't have thought of it before."

The temporary nature of their work adds to its beauty, Danto said.

"It's like an aesthetic party of some kind," he said, "and parties don't just go on. For a period of time, you participate in a performance and you're relating to the park in a way you've never related to it before."



Displayed along 23 miles of paved paths throughout Central Park, 'Gates' is the largest public art display in New York City history.



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Discover Your Lover: Round Two

Boxing, fine gourmet dining and karaoke



By Sheyene Desillier
Collegian Correspondent

AMHERST — Discover Your Lover's second date package brings the couples to Northampton for boxing at Pioneer Valley Boxing Center, dining at Brasserie 40-A, and into Sunderland for singing and drinking at Seven O's.

Northampton's Pioneer Valley Boxing Center, located at 518 Pleasant St. suite 102, is where the couple will head first for a joint lesson in boxing. The two will work together, learning about each other as they realize strengths of their own in boxing. The Pioneer Valley Boxing Center is well known for its approach to the sport, introducing people of all levels in easy step-by-step instruction, guiding the student towards mastery.

Owner Djata Bumpus comes highly praised as a former professional heavyweight and is serious about his role as an educator. He issues a syllabus to his pupils, an element of study that many college students are familiar with. Classes are given on three levels, considering a student's comfort and skills. On average, each level can be completed within four weeks by meeting three times a week for a lesson. Each lesson is provided at times convenient for the student. The web site, www.westernmassboxing.com, contains many testimonials to his teaching success by past students. In an open letter to the curious student, Bumpus admits that people often harbor various feelings when it comes to boxing, and he urges people to understand the benefits of training in the sport. It is a road toward self-discovery as students are coached into unknown abilities. Training in boxing offers the benefits of physically tuning the body, sharpening the mind, and strengthening self-reliance.

After a shower, the date resumes at restaurant Brasserie 40-A of 41 Strong Ave. in Northampton. Housed on the first floor of the Baystate Hotel, the restaurant offers a variety of foods on its international menu and boasts of a beer list of over 50 beers as well as an enticing array of wines with the option of ordering by the glass or bottle. The emphasis on excellent food and service shows as his mission is stated on the web site. "Our goal is to provide the highest quality of food, at great prices with professional and attentive service." Upon contrasting against dark brown wood inside the interior of the restaurant an orange glow. Hanging glass fixtures above the bar is an example of the warm lighting to the eye-pleasing decor. Lower ceilings do not come since the restaurant seems to have limit on customers.

Seven O's at 330 Amherst Road in Sunderland is the final stop. Here the couple will unwind in the form of karaoke, one of the most popular Thursday events occurring on Sunderland strip. Wednesday, the annual anniversary of Seven O's is commemorated. Drinks, pool tables and television are provided for recreation. The crowd is a good mix of locals and college students. Seating at the bar is three to four people deep. Eight pool tables are available for use. Eight year round bartenders serve drinks that could be ordered at the bar. Discussing the atmosphere, the couple are friendly. The bartenders will know your drink.

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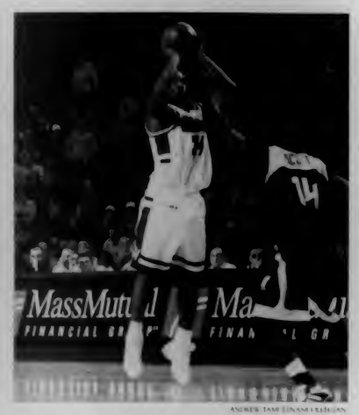
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[illegible] had a good plan and had the guys ready to play us," Florida State coach Leonard Hamilton said. "They took it to us on both ends, and we weren't able to respond to [illegible]."

Florida State was holding a four-point edge with just under 14 minutes remaining when the Maroon and White took hold of the game's first swing of momentum with a 13-2 run.

Back-to-back lay-ups by Freeman pushed UMass out in front by three, before the Minutemen's depleted backcourt took center stage with two of the game's more impressive hoops.

First it was Bowers who extended the lead to three when he knifed under the basket from the wing and flipped a reverse lay-up off the glass for two.



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Sophomore Art Bowers chipped in with 12 points on 4-of-9 shooting. Bowers also dished out a season-high seven assists on the evening.

Then it was Maxwell who one-upped his backcourt partner, taking a laser-beam pass from Jeff Viggiano and connecting on a reverse lay-up of his own while being fouled. After adding the free throw, UMass' lead was six, at 48-42.

The Minutemen then went to their big man to finish off the run, getting a pair of free throws from Jeff Salovski and a Lasme lay-up off another feed from Viggiano to give UMass its largest lead of the game at 52-42.

However, after being held quiet for the first three-quarters of the game, Wafer then finally made his presence felt to get the Seminoles back into the contest.

Scoring 10 consecutive points on his own, including his first two treys of the night, the sophomore guard was personally responsible for a 10-3 FSU run that cut the UMass lead to 55-52 at the 6:47 mark.

Yet in the end, the Minutemen were not to be denied. Utilizing an aggressive offense and arguably their best interior defense of the season, UMass regained control with a 10-3 run of its own.

Stymieing FSU inside with a flurry of blocks on possession after possession, UMass carried that intensity into the offensive end and got aggressive hoops on nearly every trip.

After Freeman began the run with an easy hoop down low, Viggiano went to the hoop himself and tossed in a lay-up before Maxwell picked up a loose ball off an FSU turnover and cruised in for an uncontested hoop that solidified UMass' edge at 61-53.

Wafer added a free throw for the 'Noles on their next possession, but Viggiano responded immediately with another strong lay-up, and Maxwell beat the shot clock with a last-second 3-point heave to keep UMass in front at 68-56 with 1:27 left in the game.

The Maroon and White shot 5-of-7 from the foul line down the stretch and hung on easily to collect its 15th win of the season.

"This was a huge game for us," said Viggiano, whose 26-minute effort Lappas deemed "terrific" and "unbelievable."

"To show that we can play together gives us the confidence we need as a team heading back into conference play."

Both teams came out firing in the first half, with the Seminoles using a 9-3 run to grab an early 11-7 lead and eventually pushing the edge to as many as six.

The Minutemen were able to hang tough and keep the score close throughout the half, using good perimeter shooting by Art Bowers and Lawrence Carrier and solid defense on Wafer, who was held to 2-of-5 from the floor and 0-of-3 from 3-point range in the frame.

Tied at 27, UMass was able to hold for the last shot of the half but Bowers dribbled into traffic and threw the ball out of bounds.

Todd Galloway then took the inbounds pass with under three seconds on the clock and dribbled up court before nailing a running 3-pointer just before the halftime buzzer to send the 'Noles into halftime leading 30-27.

Minutemen able to win without captain

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UMass coach Steve Lappas has noticed the trend but sees it as more as a coincidence than anything else.

"Anthony is such a good team player that he hits in well the way we're trying to do things," Lappas said. "I think that there is some coincidence, but there are probably some guys — Lawrence Carrier, Artie Bowers — that know they are going to play more and relax a little bit more, who knows."

If anything, Bowers has reaped the benefits of Anderson's absence. In the four games that Anderson didn't dress, Bowers has averaged 15.3 points per game, as opposed to the 7.5 ppg he has averaged to date.

Bowers has been efficient in other aspects of the game as well. He grabbed five rebounds on top of 13 points against Davidson, and dished out seven assists last night.

The Minutemen had five players in double figures last night, showing a type of cohesion that has not been the norm this season. Adding to this balanced scoring attack was the aggressive play of junior Jeff Viggiano.

In Anderson's absence, Viggiano was the most experienced player on the floor, with three years of playing time under coach Lappas. He had 11 points, three assists and two rebounds on the night, showing that his previously injured ankle is recovering as planned.

Viggiano was quick to mention how helpful Anderson was on the sidelines. In the character of a true captain, Anderson was a vocal member of the team.

"When we were in the huddle and we were in the time-out huddles, he was just trying to keep us motivated," Viggiano said. "When the game got close he was telling us not to worry. I think he would make a great coach because he thinks just like Coach Lappas."

Another player who picked up his game with Anderson on the bench was sophomore Maurice Maxwell. Maxwell had a career game against the Seminoles, dropping 19 points, with five rebounds and six steals.

Before the warmups, and well before game time, Anderson took Maxwell aside and told him what he needed to do.

"He talked to me before the game and told me I had to step up and not to pass up open shots," Maxwell said. "He told me to keep up the energy and keep everybody up. When you have a player like him, it's impossible to take it for granted. I know we need him."

Although the Minutemen have had an unusual amount of success with their captain on the bench, it is clear where they stand. No one questions how valuable Anderson is when he's available, or whether or not they are a better team with him.

Quite the contrary, actually. It seems that the Maroon and White takes it upon itself to pick up the slack and mirror the intensity of its fallen leader, whenever he isn't on the court.

"We all knew with Anthony being out, our leader and our go-to guy, that our offense would have to step up," Viggiano said. "Of course you want Ant [Anderson], but there is nothing we can do to change that, we just had to step up and give a little more."

Atlantic 10 tournament finals next on tap for Massachusetts swim teams

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classmen to guide the team. Sophomore Nicole LeBarge (first overall, seven times) and junior Kelly Hoffrage (seven first or second place finishes) helped UMass pull out several victories. Rookies Samantha Dempty and Susan Allen give the program a bright future, while junior Aimee Bourassa was very effective in both the individual competitions as well as the team medleys, and sophomore diver Mary Jenkins made an impact all season long.

Although excitement engulfs the entire team, there is an element of emptiness as the seniors compete in their fourth and final A-10 championship. Senior captain Lynette Sweeney put in a strong four years at UMass and has been preparing for this final A-10 championship for months.

"It's something that we've been working for all year, and for my whole career," Sweeney said. "It is very exciting. I've worked so hard my whole life, and now it's coming to an end."

Sweeney was consistent and effective, swimming multiple events including the 1650-yard freestyle, 200-yard individual medley, 400-yard individual medley and the 100- and 200-yard backstroke. Sweeney was also part of several medley relays. Fellow captain Colleen Wasson had an impressive season in such events as the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke as well as several medley relays.

"I'm exited to be done, I've been doing this since I was seven," Wasson said. "I feel like it's my last chance to show what I can do, so it's kind of nerve-racking and exciting at the same time."

The third leg to the tripod of captains is Jay Yankowski, who was most effective swimming in the 200-yard freestyle and throughout the season, but also gave UMass an advantage in the 1000-yard freestyle.

"It's kind of sad that my senior swim season is almost over," Yankowski said. "Swimming took up a good portion of our lives, and I have made many close friends that I can trust."

As one of three senior captains, Yankowski knows how anxious the younger swimmers may be before the A-10 championship, but she tries to ease that nervousness through example.

"As seniors, we need to show that we're relaxed," Yankowski said. "We need to encourage the younger swimmers and make sure they're not too nervous."

While the seniors will be sad to be finished, Newcomb has seen a senior class leave the program 20 times before.

"I never like to lose seniors; you watch them grow up. Most of the time when they come here, they're goofy little 18-year-old women," Newcomb said. "But by the time they leave they've matured, they have a goal in life; they have real focus in what they want to do."

Winning the A-10 would end the team's championship dry streak of four years since winning the A-10 in 2001.

On the men's side, they will look to make it five A-10 championships in a row. Led by six-time A-10 coach of the year Russ Yarworth, the team finished the season without losing a single duel meet and placing first in every invitational.

"While it feels good to win, our main focus is the championship," senior Justin Zeimetz said. "It is important to prepare mentally and to also be confident."

Zeimetz has been instrumental in the team's success this season, placing first in his individual events 11 times. The achievements are universal on the UMass team, with Jake Hogue, Evan Swisher (placed first in the 200-yard backstroke eight times in a row), Greg Chartier, Ryan Mathews and Reuben Rappe making huge impacts all season long.

Co-captains Dylan Smith and Owen Scollan have been winners both in the pool and out, showing the underclassmen the ropes.

"All of these guys are psyched and ready to attack," Yarworth said. "They all have that championship attitude, and the seniors lead both verbally and by example."

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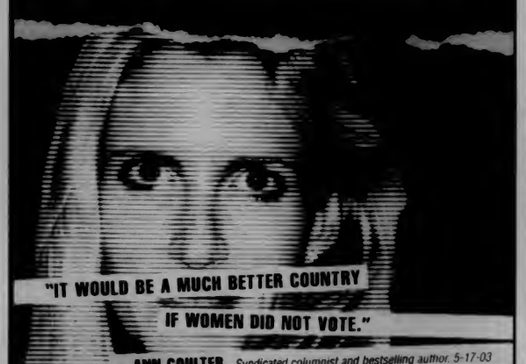
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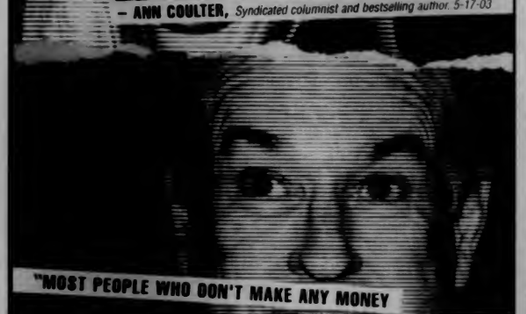
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Trot Nixon starts the Sox-Yanks feud early

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Trot Nixon wasted no time in hueing the Red Sox-Yankees rivalry, criticizing Alex Rodriguez on Tuesday.

Two days before the official opening of Boston's training camp, the Red Sox outfielder praised Rodriguez's playing ability but said the third baseman wasn't the "Yankee type."

"I don't look at him as that. He might be in a lot of people's eyes," Nixon said.

"He's done some great things on the field. He's one of the [best] baseball players in the game and probably will be when it's all said and done.

"But when people ask me about the Yankees, I tell them about (Derek) Jeter and Bernie Williams and (Jorge) Posada. I don't tell them about Rodriguez.

"He can't stand up to Jeter in my book or Bernie Williams or Posada."

He also criticized Rodriguez for slapping the ball away from Red Sox pitcher Bronson Arroyo along the first-base line during Game 6 of the American League Championship Series.

Boston became the first major league team to overcome a 3-0 postseason deficit and beat the Yankees for the AL pennant.

The Red Sox then went on to sweep the St. Louis Cardinals for their first World Series title since 1918, ending an 86-year drought.

Nixon also criticized A-Rod for bragging about his workout regimen, among other things:

"Like Rodriguez says, you know, he's running stairs at 6 in the morning while I'm sleeping and taking my kids to school. I'm like, well I'm not a dead-beat dad, Alex."

Rodriguez's spokesman, Steve Fortunato, did not respond to an E-mail or telephone message seeking comment. Yankees position players report Sunday and start workouts Feb. 22.

NHLPA says it will accept a salary cap

By Ira Podell
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In what could be a last-second breakthrough, both sides of the NHL lockout have given significant ground: The players' association will accept a salary cap, and the league has backed off its demand for a link between revenues and player costs.

Now they just have to figure out the money, and time has all but run out.

Even while the negotiations were going on, NHL commissioner Gary Bettman already had planned to announce the cancellation of the season Wednesday, a source close to the negotiations told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Monday.

Bettman was slated to speak Wednesday in New York, but the NHL declined to give details beyond the time and location.

The NHL offered to give in on linkage, a "significant move in the players' direction" the union said early Tuesday following a meeting in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

But when the players offered to accept a cap at $52 million in return — the first time they came off their opposition to a ceiling on salaries — the offer was rejected by the NHL. The league insisted on a salary cap that topped out at $40 million per team.

"It is indeed unfortunate that with the major steps taken by both sides we were unable to build enough momentum to reach an agreement," players' association senior director Ted Saskin said.

The NHL had no comment Tuesday on the union's statement.

No new talks were immediately scheduled, but with the philosophical differences now bridged, there appeared to be room for the sides to negotiate dollar figures.

"We probably could've gotten this thing done in the summertime," Chicago forward Matthew Barnaby said. "Am I mad, no? I want to get back to work. But at the same time, I'm just a little disappointed that it went this far to play poker and to have someone call your bluff."

The 24 percent rollback on all existing contracts, originally offered by the union on Dec. 9, as well as more aggressive luxury tax rates and thresholds, were included in the players' counteroffer.

Buffalo Sabres player representative Jay McKee was surprised Tuesday when he heard the union would accept a cap.

"If that's where we were going, I wonder why now," he said.

With the major stumbling blocks now out of the way, the sides are only $12 million apart on what each team's cap should be. With the salary rollback, only eight of the 30 teams would be above $40 million.

Until now, Bettman insisted that the 30 teams know what their costs will be each season. The only way, he said, that could be achieved was to tie to the amount of player costs to a percentage of league revenues.

That was a solution the players' association refused.

NHL chief legal officer Bill Daly was the only other person involved in the meeting that wrapped up early Tuesday. The NHL reported that no progress was made, but didn't reveal any details of what was discussed.

If a deal is not reached quickly, the NHL would become the first major professional league in North America to lose an entire season because of a labor dispute. The Stanley Cup has been awarded every year since 1919, when a flu epidemic canceled the finals.

But more than two-thirds of the season and the All-Star game already have been lost to a lockout that started Sept. 16.

Bettman said the sides needed to start putting a deal on paper by last weekend if the NHL was going to hold a 28-game season and a full 16-team playoff. The regular season normally is 82 games.

Even a session with a federal mediator Sunday in Washington couldn't produce an agreement. But it did lead to the breakthrough in talks Monday.

Bettman had said teams needed to have cost certainty to survive and the only way he could guarantee that was with a salary cap that linked league revenues to player costs. Now that position has changed for the first time since the NHL started gearing up for the lockout in 1998.

The league has said teams lost $273 million in 2002-03 and $224 million last season, and an economic study commissioned by the NHL found that players get 75 percent of league revenues. The union has challenged those figures.

A cap had been an automatic deal-breaker for the union even though it agreed that the financial landscape was flawed. The players' association contended that there are many other ways to fix it.

"There is no question the system has to change," said New Jersey Devils president Lou Lamoriello, who took part in earlier negotiating sessions. "We just have to keep working to find a solution. It's unfortunate we have to come this.

"If the season does end, we can't stop. We have to continue working at this and get it rectified as soon as we possibly can."

Monday, the 152nd day of the lockout, was to have been the last day of the All-Star break; the festivities in Atlanta were called off months earlier. Through Monday, 824 of the 1,230 regular-season games have been lost.

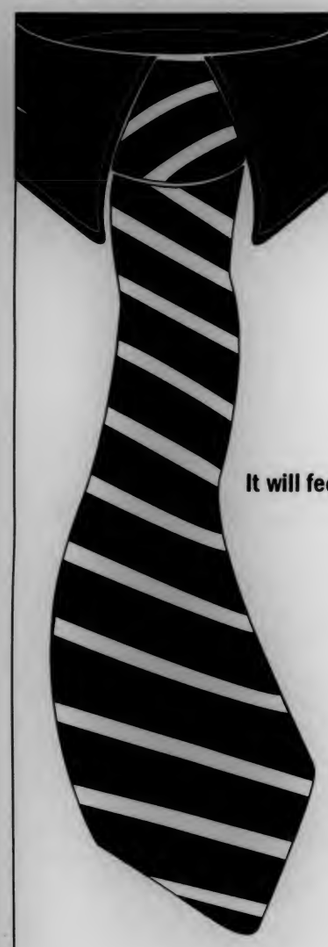
"Everybody has to take responsibility," Lamoriello said.

The sides have traded proposals throughout the lockout, but the salary cap had always been the sticking point. Other issues such as arbitration, revenue-sharing, and rookie caps never reached the true negotiating stage because the sides couldn't agree on the big issue.

In recent days, the union and league seemed adamant that they wouldn't budge.

"We're done," Saskin said Thursday after talks broke off.

On Sunday, Daly said: "We will not be reaching out to them."



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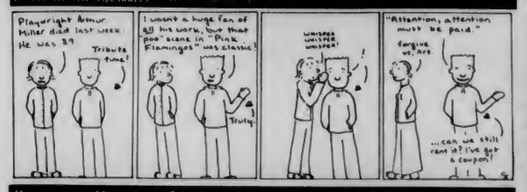
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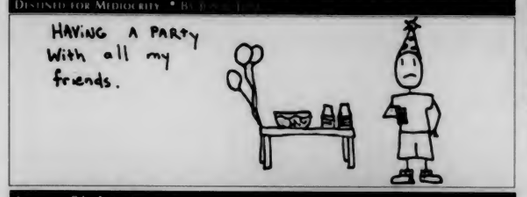
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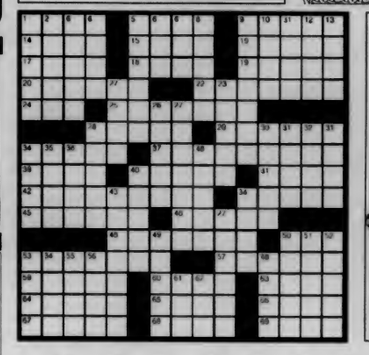
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UMass chops down FSU

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

Just when they make you think they're fading, just when they make you think they're coming apart and just when they make you think they're ready to be counted out, the members of the Massachusetts men's basketball team have consistently found a way to remind you of something.

They're not.

Playing without senior captain and point guard Anthony Anderson and coming off a disappointing loss at Fordham, the Minutemen came together and produced their most balanced offensive attack of the season, breaking open a close game in the second half to storm past Atlantic Coast Conference rival Florida State 78-68 before 4,690 at the William Mullins Center.

UMass	78
Florida State	68

UMass (13-9, 6-5 Atlantic 10) returns to action on Saturday when it will resume conference play at La Salle in Philadelphia. Tip-off is set for 4 p.m. at Tom Gola Arena.

"We played a terrific basketball game," UMass coach Steve Lappas said. "We've been preaching the same thing all year: we're going to get better as the year goes on ... the guys are fitting in and starting to understand things now.

"I knew we'd be good, but I also knew we'd be a work in progress. We're not a finished product yet and we may not be great right now, but we're certainly good."

Running the point for significant minutes with Anderson out, sophomore guard Maurice Maxwell produced game-highs in points with 19 and steals with six to lead UMass on both ends of the court.

Classmates Rashaun Freeman (13 points) and Art Bowers (12 points) joined Maxwell in double figures, along with junior Jeff Viggiano and freshman Lawrence Carrier who chipped in with 11 points apiece.

"I thought we did a great job on the offensive end, and our half court offense was as good as it's been all year," Steve Lappas said. "I thought our guys moved the ball as well as they have all year. We took great shots and had great looks and ... we were making five or six passes per possession. For us, more passes equal more points."

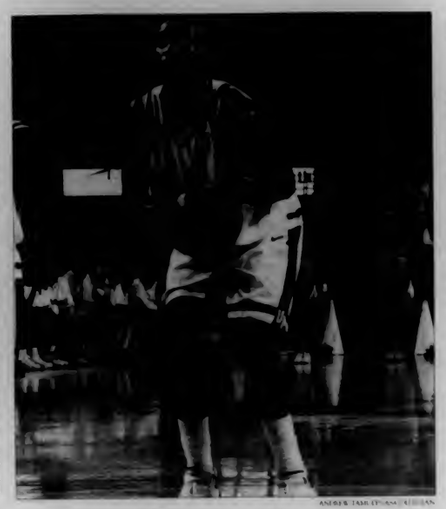
The Minutemen lost the battle of the boards to the Seminoles 33-24, but asserted themselves physically in the lane with strong shot blocking from Stephane Lasme and outscored Leonard Hamilton's club 34-24 in the paint — something Lappas views as evidence of his team's tenacity.

"Our guys were really tough tonight," Lappas said. "Even though we didn't rebound the ball particularly well by numbers, I thought we were very game and I thought we fought hard and we didn't give them an inch. It says something about the tenacity of our guys."

FSU (11-14, 3-8 ACC) star guard Von Wafer bounced back from a slow start to lead his team with 16 points, and point guard Todd Galloway added 11 points and six assists.

"[Lappas] deserves a lot of credit

See MEN'S HOOPS on page 10



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Sophomore forward Rashaun Freeman's 13 points were part of a balanced offensive attack that produced the Maroon and White's highest scoring output of the season.

Playing for Anderson on the court

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

Before every game, the Massachusetts men's basketball team huddles up with senior captain Anthony Anderson in the middle. They jump, holler and go through a three-beat chant before they break off and hit the trenches.

Last night was slightly different.

Anderson was still in the middle of this pre-game ritual, but this time he was in street clothes. Ailing with back injuries that flared up during UMass' 63-56 loss to Fordham on Saturday, Anderson sat and watched as his teammates picked up the slack and downed visiting Florida State 78-68.

Yesterday is a further illustration of the fact that the Minutemen don't need their ideal starting five to win. However, it has shed light on a rather peculiar trend.

In all games that Anderson has not dressed, the Maroon and White have gone 4-0. During Anderson's midseason suspension, the Minutemen went on to win three straight games over Davidson (Dec. 19), Rider (Dec. 23) and Boston University (Dec. 28). The three-game win streak was also sandwiched between two losses, both with Anderson starting.

See ANDERSON on page 10

Terriers take home Beanpot

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

Ho hum.

The winner of the annual Terrier — eh hem, Beanpot — Tournament was once again Boston University, which outlasted Northeastern 3-2 in overtime on Monday night at the FleetCenter in front of an announced crowd of 17,565.

Fittingly enough, Chris Bourque, the son of legendary Boston Bruin, Ray, scored the game-winner 14:10 into the extra frame to give Boston University its 26th Beanpot crown in the tournament's 53-year history.

Bryan Miller took the puck down the left side of the ice and put a shot on the Northeastern net that hit the left post twice before gliding across the crease straight to a streaking Bourque, who was able to knock home the goal past a diving Keni Gibson.

BU capitalized twice on some rare sloppy play by the Huskies in the first period. With Northeastern on a power play, Miller stole the puck before skating most of the ice with a BU defender in his hip pocket and put a tough shot that deflected off Gibson's left shoulder and rolled into the net.

The Huskies rallied back from a two-goal deficit and finally tied the score with 2:05 left in regulation. Tim Judy fired a slap shot on net that Terrier goalie John Curry couldn't find, and lared Mudryk put the finishing touches on the goal to ultimately send the game into overtime.

Bourque was named the tournament MVP.

Serino stands ground on protecting goalies

Boston University goaltender John Curry picked up the win in the Beanpot in his first hockey action since injuring his shoulder on Jan. 27, against Merrimack.

Curry was run over behind the net at Agganis Arena by Merrimack senior Jeremy Wilson, who was chasing a loose puck. He was given a game disqualification among two five-minute majors at 17:24 of the second period.

The hit sparked a fracas that saw 10 penalties, including four players from each team receiving 10-minute misconducts.

Wilson was given the mandatory one-game suspension by the NCAA, but when he and MC coach Chris Serino looked at the play together on the game film, they agreed that he could have done more to refrain from such a heavy hit on Curry, and Serino suspended his player for an extra game. Serino said after UMass' 3-1 over the Warriors on Feb. 5.

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It wasn't the first time that Serino saw a goaltender go down with an injury, as former Warriors' goalie Joe Exter collided with Boston College's Patrick Eaves during the first game of their Hockey East playoff series on March 7, 2003.

He suffered a fractured skull and a severe concussion and spent considerable time in a Boston hospital recovering from the hit.

Halfway to Hobey

Monday was the midway point of the preliminary voting for the Hobey Baker Award, which is given to college hockey's most outstanding player.

Two Hockey East players, both from Northeastern, were in the top-10 at the time.

Senior goalie Keni Gibson was in third place and senior forward Jason Guerriero was right behind him in fourth.

Gibson has been the Hockey East Defensive Player of the Week four times, and he is 12-13-4 on the season with one shutout, a .921 save percentage and only allows an average of 2.36 goals per game.

Guerriero has tallied 13 goals and 23 assists for 36 points on the season.

Colonials freshman nearing assist record

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

When all is said and done, Kimberly Beck may just have one of the most spectacular rookie seasons of any Atlantic 10 player in recent years.

George Washington University's freshman sensation racked up A-10 Co-Rookie of the Week honors this week after averaging 9.5 points, 7.5 assists, 3.5 rebounds and three steals in two victories over Dayton and Duquesne.

It is the fifth time this year Beck has garnered the award, more than any other freshman in the A-10 this year, and ties former GW players Ugo Oha and Elisa Aguilar for the most in a season since 1996-97.

Needless to say, she has become as much of a staple in the Colonials' (16-7, 9-3 A-10) offense as fellow All-America candidate Anna Montanana.

The A-10 assist leader tallied a career-high nine assists in Thursday's game against the Dukes, and is currently one assist shy of the GW freshman record for assists in a season with 121 so far.

With four games left to go in the season, the chances of that record being broken are a sure thing. However, if she keeps her current pace (5.3 assists per game), she won't just break it — she will shatter it.

The 5-foot-8 guard out of Fairburn, Ga. shares this week's honors with another stellar rookie guard in Massachusetts' own Pam Rosanio.

The 5-foot-10 Rosanio has been making quite a name for herself not just within UMass (13-10, 6-6 A-10), as this is her third such award this season. In two games against St. Bonaventure and Dayton, Rosanio averaged 13.5 points per game, 3.5 rebounds and two assists per game while shooting 45 percent from the floor.

A-10 East all nested up

While the race to capture the West division crown of the A-10 may come down to the last game of the season (Xavier is 10-2, GW and Richmond are each 9-3), the Temple Owls are already gearing up for a post-season first round bye.

Following an easy 70-56 defeat of the Rhode Island Rams (5-18, 3-9 A-10) on February 13, the Owls moved to a perfect 12-0 conference record, 20-3 overall, to clinch the A-10 East division for a second straight year and third in four years.

The downing of URI also extends TU's winning streak to a school record 17 games, the second longest in the nation, and also has them looking at a No. 1 seed in the A-10 Tournament next month in Washington, D.C.

Temple is miles ahead of the rest of its in-division competition, its closest competitors in the standings being second place UMass (6-6), Fordham and St. Joseph's (t-3rd, 4-8).

The division was clinched thanks to an incredibly-balanced offensive attack by the Owls' starting five. All five starters reached double figures on the afternoon, the highest a 16-point, three-rebound, two-steal effort by senior guard Cynthia Jordan — including a perfect six-for-six from the free throw line. Kameisha Hairston (nine rebounds) and Jennifer Owens tallied 12 points each, while Candice Dupree (five rebounds, three blocks) and Ari Moore (six rebounds) chipped in with 10 points apiece.

Despite having the edge on field goal percentage (44.9 percent), it was the all-too-familiar turnover factor that ultimately did the Rams in at TU's Liacouras Center. URI committed a total of 25 turnovers in the game, 17 of them coming off of steals. Moore led the way with five steals, followed by Dupree and Hairston with four each.

UM swimmers set for A-10's

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

After months of preparation, practices and meets, the Massachusetts men's and women's swimming and diving team's seasons are boiled down to four days. Four days in which UMass will look to stand at the top of the Atlantic10 conference.

Tonight, the Maroon and White travel to Buffalo, N.Y. to compete in the A-10 championship meet. Both the men and the women have been anticipating this week all season and hope that their hard work will payoff.

"It doesn't matter what anybody did leading up to this meet, what matters is what happens during those three-and-a-half days," UMass coach Bob Newcomb said. "They have worked so hard and the volume of work that they put in is pretty impressive. They really don't get much time to allow their bodies to recover."

The Minutewomen finished the regular season by winning three out of seven duel meets while placing second at the Rhode Island Invitational, but Newcomb stressed that success during the regular season does not reflect what happens in the championship meets.

Throughout the season, the team depended both on the senior veterans as well as the under-

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KAREN WINGER/COLLEGIAN

Massachusetts swimmer Dylan Smith and the rest of the Maroon and White will look to put the finishing touch on their season by winning their fifth consecutive Atlantic 10 championship.

UMass ski team fairing well after an impressive start

By Rob Greenfield
Collegian Correspondent

The Massachusetts men's skiing team — coming off an impressive start — placed fourth in last weekend's meet in Loon Mountain, N.H.

It was the Minutemen's fourth meet of the season, and their only finish outside the top three so far.

In their previous three meets this season, the team has posted solid performances. In the UMass/Smith Carnival at Berkshire East on Jan. 14, UMass finished in first with the help of a first-place finish by Rush Hawkins (1:35.03 in the giant slalom and 1:00.83 in the slalom) and solid performances by Marc Epstein, finishing 10th in the giant slalom (1:39.09) and 19th in the slalom (1:05.71).

On Jan. 22, in the UMass/Plymouth Carnival in Water Valley, N.H., the team tied for first in the slalom and finished second in the giant slalom. Hawkins finished first in the slalom with a two-run time of 1:28.17, and Jason Small finished in fifth with a two-run time of 1:29.80.

Last weekend at Loon Mountain, Rush Hawkins led the Minutemen with a two-run time of 1:22.44 in the slalom event, followed by teammate Jason Small finishing second with a two-run time of 1:24.80. Marc Epstein finished 16th with a two-run time of 1:31.18, while James Green and James Burke placed 26th and 50th to round out the Minuteman lineup.

While UMass did well in the slalom event, the giant slalom is where the team lost some ground. Hawkins finished first in the giant slalom with a two-run time of 1:46.93 and was the only skier to place in the top-20 for the Minutemen.

Rush Hawkins, after being awarded the honor of All-American at last year's national finals, has lit up the competition, finishing first in five of six events this year along with one second-place finish.

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UMass Board of Trustees vote to increase fees

By Matt Elder
Collegian Staff

The University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees voted to increase the fees of all four University campuses yesterday during a meeting at the UMass Lowell campus.

The increase would be an average of $596, with $266 going to increasing mandatory student fees and $330 going to increase room and board rates.

Overall, the Amherst campus will be hit slightly harder by the increase. In-state undergraduate students can expect to pay $598 more, which would raise the total cost to $15,795. Out-of-state undergraduates can expect an extra $864, for a total of $24,586. Out-of-state graduate student fees will be increased by $853.

Out of the four campuses, out-of-state undergraduates at the Lowell campus receive the highest rise, $942.

Last week, the University's finance committee proposed the increase, but it needed to be voted on by the full Board of Trustees before it became finalized.

The increase averages out to about 3.2 percent, which is slightly under the rate of inflation last year. Inflation for the past year was estimated at 3.5 percent, as measured by the consumer price index for the Northeast Urban Region.

The lowest fees have been in recent years was in 2001, when in-state undergraduates paid $4,681. After that, fees started to increase, including a $2,491 jump from 2003 to 2004.

The recent increase means that next year will be the fourth in a row that the cost to attend the University has risen.

Spokesman Robert Connolly told the Associated Press that he was confident that students wouldn't be forced to pay for any more funding gaps.

"We feel comfortable that we can run the ship with this amount of fee revenue," he said.

At public universities like the University of Massachusetts, tuition goes to the state and fees go to the school. Tuition itself will not go up.

Comparatively, UMass will now be the eighth most expensive state school. Connecticut residents pay $14,600 to attend the University of Connecticut.

"We don't expect to be any higher than eighth place after next year's planned increases," Connolly said.

Last week, Student Government Association President Eduardo Bustamante expressed his disappointment in the decision. Bustamante said that he thinks the University is moving its focus to upper class students so the school can get wealthier alumni. "They're going to privatize a public school," he said.

University President Jack Wilson, who recommended the increase, told the AP that the school will try to give more financial aid to students who have a hard time with the continued increases.

"It's disappointing," UMass student Dan O'Brien said to the AP. "UMass should be a place where lower-to-middle-income people can get a quality education. The cost of that now is astronomical."

A $32 increase was also issued to the University's Medical School in Worcester.



ALEXANDRA DILAZARO/COLLEGIAN

The fee increase for the University of Massachusetts students will average about 3.2 percent.

Former SGA speaker Higgins arrested for DUI

According to the University of Massachusetts Police Department, former Speaker of the Student Government Association, Patrick Higgins was arrested for drunk driving charges in the early morning hours on Monday, Feb. 14.

Higgins, who resigned from the SGA Speaker position last September due to the now infamous "KKK-Nine" scandal, was officially charged with operating under the influence of liquor and marked lanes violations. Police allegedly found Higgins' vehicle crashed into a street sign on a Fearing St. sidewalk at 1:18 a.m. He was arrested after he allegedly failed a field sobriety test.

Higgins' previous actions as SGA Speaker made local headlines in November after it was found that he had been secretly corresponding through e-mail to Vice Chancellor Michael Gargano in an effort to remove at least one member of the Office of African Latino Asian Native American Affairs. The e-mail correspondence took place between June and Sept. 2004.

In September 2004, Higgins was accused of being insensitive, among other accusations, after an ALANA member discovered photographs of the speaker and eight members of the SGA and the Student Center for Educational Research and Advocacy drinking alcohol in the SCERA office. The photograph showed the nine students drinking in front of a marker board where a caricature of the Ku Klux Klan was drawn with the words "I love ALANA," shown floating in a voice bubble above.

Higgins resigned as SGA Speaker just two weeks after the photographs surfaced. In his resignation letter, he said the photographs represented an "an irresponsibility and insensitivity that is unbecoming of a student representative."

Higgins could not be reached for comment at press time.

-Dan O'Brien



COURTESY PORTSTUDIO

Dave Madsen is an anchorman for ABC40 in Springfield and is a journalism professor at UMass.



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Dave Madsen teaches his broadcast journalism class in Bartlett Hall yesterday. He was stalked over a period of seven years by a crazed viewer.

A journalist's worst nightmare

Reporter Dave Madsen was attacked by fan

By Matt Elder
Collegian Staff

Every journalist's worst fear was lived out by University of Massachusetts professor Dave Madsen, in a chilling tale that spanned over seven years, multiple court appearances, and culminated with a baseball bat and a hunting knife.

It all started near the end of 1996. Madsen, who also works as a news anchor at ABC40 in Springfield, got calls at the television station from a man who said that the anchors were talking about him on the air. The disturbed man would call after the telecasts, swear at whoever answered, and for some reason focused his anger on Madsen.

"Somehow or another, I got his attention," Madsen said. Eventually, the calls escalated from an annoyance to violence. One night, after Madsen left, the caller phoned the station and threatened Madsen's life.

The UMass professor and ABC40 anchorman called the police and filed harassment charges, but nothing happened because the police didn't think that the caller posed any real threat. Madsen said he got the impression that the caller wasn't mobile.

Fast forward to July 7, 1997. Several TV station employees, excluding Madsen, were standing inside a garage at the station, watching a thunderstorm. At around 9:30 p.m., a car pulled up into the station. The driver asked for Madsen.

"Someone let this guy into the station," a still frustrated Madsen remembers. "I was thinking 'you got to be kidding me!'"

Eventually, the caller met up with Madsen in the building. He was no longer a voice on the phone, but a deranged stalker, who was merely feet away.

The man behind the voice

Stanley Taylor is now 57. A former Greenfield resident, Taylor has a history of mental problems, including schizo-affective disorder of the bipolar type. He is also an alcoholic who refuses to take his medication for his illnesses.

For one reason or another, Taylor believes that television personalities are talking directly to him and about him. According to Madsen, Taylor even videotaped the telecasts for proof. Months later, when police entered Taylor's apartment, they found the residence filled waist-high with trash, including over 1600 beer bottles. Taylor had to stay in hotels because of the poor sanitary conditions.

He was also convinced that Madsen, who has worked at ABC40 for 13 years, was talking to him during his telecasts.

"Mr. Taylor has a long-standing belief that newscasters and television personalities refer to him on television periodically, speak to him from the television and periodically use his words in their own broadcasts," said Doctor

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Murphy feels tasers will not come to campus

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

Matt Murphy, Student Trustee for the Student Government Association announced last night that he feels confident that the highly controversial tasers will not be brought to the University of Massachusetts next fall.

Murphy and President of the SGA Eduardo Bustamante attended the Board of Trustees meeting yesterday in Boston, where they met with high-ranking legislators and lawmakers.

Murphy, who was able to speak to the Chair of the Board of Trustees in Executive Session found that they were not all in favor of UMass attaining the rights to purchase and use the non-lethal weapon. The sudden implementation of taser training has led to controversy amidst the UMass campus and severe opposition, especially from members of the SGA who said they feel that this is leading to "militarization on this campus."

Murphy said that he "feels fairly confident that tasers will not be used [on this campus]."

He also referenced the front-page article on USAToday that talked about the death that can be associated from any kind of stun gun. "[The Chair of the Board] told me that he wasn't even happy that university police have guns," Murphy said.

Murphy felt quite confident that it will be decided at the next Board of Trustees meeting, which is at the end of the academic semester, that tasers will not be used on this campus.

"My impression is that it increases the militarization on this campus," Murphy said, "and I think that a motion to ban tasers on all campuses will be approved."

In addition to Murphy's report, there were a number of orders of business that SGA members discussed and passed. Speaker Mark Morrison appointed his Associate Speaker, Maxine Dube, and told the Senate that he felt confident in his decision.

"I interviewed five candidates," Morrison said. "I looked for several things, mostly how long they were going to be around, leadership experience, knowledge, initiation and drive."

Dube, a junior, Biology major said that she also feels that she can do the associate job efficiently. She mentioned that she has been involved in positions with the Every Woman's Center as well as various volunteer positions.

She additionally said that she would feel ready to assume the Speaker position if Morrison could no longer fulfill his duties.

"I can definitely handle it," Dube said. "Otherwise, I would not be here."

After Dube was appointed, Morrison spoke to the Senators about his need to work with all the vice chancellors including Michael Gargano.

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Anchorman was attacked by mentally ill viewer

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Debra Pinales, director of forensic evaluation at UMass Medical Center in Worcester in a recent court appearance.

Taylor is a Vietnam War veteran who has experienced mental problems since the war. Madsen said that he isn't sure where he was stationed, but he said he thought that Taylor, who has a 30-year history of mental illness, was stationed somewhere on a ship.

"For some reason, he saw me as the cause of all his problems," Madsen said.

"He started pounding on the back of my head."

Now, during a thunderstorm and before a broadcast, Taylor was standing right across from Madsen in the ABC40 studios.

"I told him that I wanted him to get out of the building right now," Madsen said of the encounter with Taylor. Taylor refused, and attacked Madsen. Eventually, people in the studio separated the two, and Madsen called the police.

However, since Taylor was let into the building, the police could not arrest him for trespassing and therefore let him go. If Madsen wanted to, he could pressed charges for assault.

Soon after, Taylor was admitted into a hospital at Northampton, where he was held for a month. Madsen said that the police filed assault and battery charges, which would be dropped if Taylor stayed away from Madsen.

"I thought that was the last I would hear of this guy," Madsen said.

In the fall of 2001, Taylor was back at it, making hundreds of phone calls to various television stations about their on-air personalities talking about him.

On July 7, 2004, exactly seven years since the thunderstorm incident, Madsen was outside landscaping when a car pulled up to his house. Madsen said he didn't recognize the driver, until the man started talking.

"He just said 'stop talking about me'. I thought 'you've got to be kidding me,'" Madsen said. Again, as he did at the ABC40 studios seven years earlier, Madsen told Taylor to leave.

However, Taylor again refused and attacked the journalist. The two men wrestled briefly.

"[At] one time he got on top of me and started pounding the back of my head." Madsen said.

Eventually, a man who was helping Madsen build a patio in his backyard came to his aid and separated the two. Neither Madsen's wife, nor his two older sons, were home. Madsen said that he didn't want Taylor going anywhere.

"I wanted to keep him there for the cops to come," Madsen said. Once again, Madsen called the police and filed a report.

The two soon went to court. Madsen said he didn't think that Taylor, who showed up to court in a golf shirt and a pair of shorts, knew the severity of what had happened.

"I think that he thought he would go home from there," Madsen said, adding that the assistant district attorney said, "this guy is dangerous."



Anchorman Dave Madsen laughs during an ABC40 broadcast. Madsen has worked in broadcast news in Springfield for the past 13 years.

Legal Issues

Eventually, the two ended up back in court last year on Dec. 4. The Superior Court ruled that Taylor was not guilty by reason of insanity.

"He knew what he did was wrong," Madsen said.

Taylor was admitted to Worcester State Hospital for a period of 40 days. Court testimony revealed that Taylor punched a patient at the hospital, and that many of the people who treated him are afraid of him.

Madsen said that Taylor's own psychiatrist was afraid of him.

"He's severely mentally ill," he said.

Court documents showed that Taylor kept a hunting knife and a baseball bat in his car, and Madsen believed that Taylor would have used the knife on him.

"I believe that given the opportunity, he would have used the knife," Madsen said.

Taylor was ordered by the courts to be held for six months at Worcester State Hospital for observation. He could be forced to take his medicine, and might be released into a halfway house.

Madsen doesn't think that the latter will happen.

During court sessions, Taylor was handcuffed and shackled, and Madsen had a police officer next to him the whole time. He said that Taylor got agitated anytime anyone mentioned his name, as well as when the doctors were talking about him.

Looking back, the UMass professor said that he has a new-found appreciation for the court system and victims, although he does not think that he is in fact a victim in the whole situation.

Madsen said he was extremely impressed at the way many of the police and the district attorneys helped him in the situation. The news station he works for never covered the case, because they were afraid that Taylor would really be upset if they actually did talk about him.

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Oldest known human remains date 195,000 years

By Malcolm Ritter
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bones discovered nearly 40 years ago in Ethiopia now appear to be the oldest known fossils of modern-looking humans, says an analysis that suggests they come from around the dawn of the species.

Researchers determined that the specimens are around 195,000 years old. Previously, the oldest known fossils of Homo sapiens were Ethiopian skulls dated to about 160,000 years ago.

Genetic studies estimate that Homo sapiens arose about 200,000 years ago, so the new research brings the fossil record more in line with that, said John Fleagle of Stony Brook University in New York, an author of the study.

The fossils were found in 1967 near the Omo River in southwestern Ethiopia. One location yielded Omo I, which includes part of a skull plus skeletal bones. Another site produced Omo II, which has more of a skull but no skeletal bones. Neither specimen has a complete face.

Although Omo II shows more primitive characteristics than Omo I, scientists called both specimens Homo sapiens and assigned a tentative age of 130,000 years.

Now, after visiting the discovery sites, analyzing their geology and testing rock samples with more modern dating techniques, Fleagle and colleagues report in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature that both specimens are 195,000 years old, give or take 5,000 years.

He did the work with geologist Frank Brown of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City and Ian McDougall of the Australian National University in Canberra.

Fleagle said the more primitive traits of Omo II may mean the two specimens came from different but overlapping Homo sapiens populations, or that they just represent natural variation within a single population.

To find the age of the skulls, the researchers determined that volcanic rock lying just below the sediment that contained the fossils was about 196,000 years old. They then found evidence that the fossil-bearing sediment was deposited soon after that time.

Paul Renne, director of the Berkeley Geochronology Center, which specializes in dating rocks, said the researchers made "a reasonably good argument" to support their dating of the fossils.

"It's more likely than not," he said, calling the work "very exciting and important."

Rick Potts, director of the Human Origins Program at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History, said he considered the case for the new fossil ages "very strong." The work suggests that "we're right on the cusp of where the genetic evidence says the origin of modern humans ... should be," he said.

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Thousands mourn slain former Prime Minister

By Bassem Mroue
Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Mourners holding banners saying "Syria Out!" crowded around the flag-draped coffin of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, and his family warned the pro-Damascus government to stay away Wednesday as hundreds of thousands of people turned his funeral into a spontaneous rally against Syria.

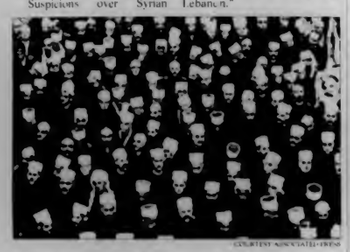
Along the funeral route through downtown Beirut, the Lebanese flag was hung from balconies and pictures were posted of Hariri, who was assassinated Monday by a massive car bomb that also killed 16 others.

Angry mourners shouted insults at Syrian President Bashar Assad to "remove your dogs from Beirut" — a reference to Syrian intelligence agents, part of an overall contingent of 15,000 troops deployed here since 1976.

Suspicions over Syrian involvement in Hariri's death further charged the atmosphere, and pressure mounted from abroad to find his killers, with Washington recalling its ambassador from Syria and the U.N. Security Council demanding justice.

William Burns, an assistant secretary of state for Middle East affairs who attended the funeral, renewed a call for Syria to withdraw its troops.

"Mr. Hariri's death should give — in fact it must give — renewed impetus to achieving a free, independent and sovereign Lebanon," Burns said after a meeting later in the day with Lebanese Foreign Minister Mahmoud Hammud. "And what that means is the immediate and complete implementation of the U.N. security resolution 1559, and what that means is the complete and immediate withdrawal by Syria of all of its forces in Lebanon."



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Hundreds of thousands of mourners fill the streets of Beirut to mourn the death of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

Morrison says focus should be on students

SGA from page 1

Last November, the Senate voted 'no-confidence' in Gargano after he refused to release specific information requested by the SGA. The Senate found Gargano to be lackluster in his ability to serve the UMass campus, as well as his commitment to diversity.

"We should be doing much more for our students," Morrison said. "I am working with Vice Chancellor Gargano from now on; he controls our budget and too our space allocation. He can take it all away."

Morrison also said that Bustamante is continuing to do great things for the SGA and the student body, but he reiterated that the Senate must work with the vice chancellors.

"It's not easy to represent a minority," he said, "but we need to represent to the students."

During the bulk of the meeting, the UMass Outing Club members came to the SGA and gave a formal presentation about why they had requested and emergency funding from the SGA.

UMOC, one of the largest student clubs at UMass had spent their yearly allocated budget and asked for an additional $8,300 for necessary equipment like canoes, kayaks, helmets, life preservers and various other tools.

After a lengthy factual presentation and video, Senate members voted unanimously to award UMOC the money.

Members of the club presented the Senate with examples of their old equipment that was broken, had holes or was not suitable for today's safety requirements.

Senator Sean Bliss was pleased to see that the SGA was able to represent the students in such a positive way.

"This is a great opportunity for Senate to do something good for the students," he said.



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Student Trustee Matt Murphy speaks at the Student Government Association meeting last night.

Tsunami 'Baby 81' reunited with parents

KALMUNAI, Sri Lanka (AP) — "Baby 81," the infant claimed by nine couples after he miraculously survived the tsunami, was reunited with his parents Wednesday in the joyous conclusion to an agonizing custody battle that captured hearts around the world.

Smiling with relief, Jenita Jeyarajah took the baby, dressed in blue, from a doctor's arms in a courtroom packed with onlookers after the judge said DNA tests confirmed the baby is her 4-month-old son Abilass.

"Look how happy he is! He knows the scent of his parents!" gushed the father, Murugupillai Jeyarajah. "After returning to us, he still hasn't cried."

The couple went straight from the court to a Hindu temple to give thanks for their son's return and smash a coconut in ritual fulfillment of a vow. Relatives joined them, chanting prayers and raising their hands in worship as the father carried the child around the shrine.

It was just the first of many temples the couple planned to visit Wednesday.

The relieved parents also paid a brief visit to the rubble of their home, where the raging waters snatched the boy from his mother's arms on Dec. 26.

He was later found on a beach among bodies and debris and taken to the Kalmunai hospital.

Baby 81, so-called because he was the day's 81st admission, was quickly claimed by nine couples, including the Jeyarajahs, symbolizing the anguish of thousands of families who lost children in the disaster.

Associated Press

Boy places hundreds of prank 911 calls on stolen cell phone

By Jim Suhr
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — A teenager has been accused of using a stolen cell phone to swamp dispatchers with hundreds of bogus 911 calls over a matter of weeks, at times talking of killing some of the responding officers he could see.

The 15-year-old boy sometimes was such a nuisance he called in new emergencies at the same address where officers already were standing, St. Louis County Police spokesman Mason Keller said Wednesday.

Such was the case Sunday, when the young culprit was tracked down only after dispatchers fielded 25 bogus calls within 75 minutes to the same area where the officer already had arrived, Keller said.

The boy has been referred to St. Louis County Family Court, where information on possible charges was not immediately available Wednesday. He was not identified because he is charged as a juvenile.

Despite all of the bogus reports, emergency officials only responded three times, given the ability of dispatchers to either recognize the voice of the prankster or the calls came so quickly in succession, involving the same address or neighborhood, Keller said.

Authorities say such abuses could slow dispatches to real emergencies or put responders at risk when emergency crews needlessly rush to what turn out to be bogus calls, Keller said.

"Any time the 911 system is abused, it takes valuable time away from actual emergencies," Keller said.

Keller said the teen used a stolen cell phone that despite being deactivated could still call 911. Dispatchers can track the location of 911 calls from landline phones but not from wireless ones.



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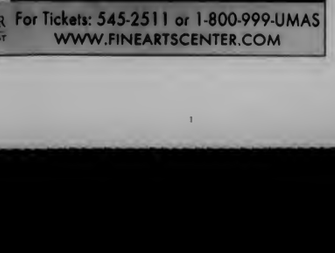


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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it" Voltaire

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Fee increases cause battle of public versus private

With the University of Massachusetts once again raising its fees, the UMass Finance Committee has presented students with a very difficult situation. Being the fourth year in a row that fees were increased, it is very complicated for the students to try and step outside themselves for a moment and attempt to see the necessity of the increases.

Oftentimes, the terms "tuition" and "fees" are lumped together incorrectly. When they are used in this way, almost interchangeably, the student body is bound to have misconceptions. The money the University students pay towards tuition doesn't actually go to the University itself, but to the state of Massachusetts. The money paid towards fees is what goes directly to the University. The difference is subtle but very distinct.

Regardless of the technicalities surrounding the terminology, the increase, no doubt, will anger many students; especially since it may seem like right now that this is all the Administration is doing. In order to understand the reasoning behind it, one must look at the bigger picture.

The University of Massachusetts is a state-run higher education facility in Massachusetts. However, in recent years, it seems that the reputation of the University is dwindling. Granted, the recent budget cuts haven't helped the situation. The budget cuts have removed the amount of state funding for the University and have shifted many costs from state to student. Consequently, the increase in fees is an attempt to regain some of that money lost in order to keep the University up to its current standards.

However, for out-of-state students, UMass' reputation is a lot more credible and appealing than it is for in-state students. As with any state university, in-state students usually take it for granted that it's there. Consequently, the state school becomes a safety school, or a safe choice to fall back on if no other school will accept them.

These fee increases are an attempt to better the University as a whole. The idea is to better the reputation and prestige of UMass (all four campuses included) in comparison to other schools across the country. There is very heavy competition in the business of higher education and UMass is just trying to get back in the game.

The effects of the increases may not be felt immediately. It will take time to work out a game plan and time to get past the frustration of everyone negatively affected the University's current actions. However, if in the long run the prestige of the University is raised, students' education will be worth more. Employers will come to see the University of Massachusetts as a school with credit and a good reputation, which will speak highly of the graduate before them.

The issue at hand, aside from the increases, is public vs. private. UMass is a public University and, as such, is responsible for accepting a certain amount of in-state students, in addition to making sure there is a level of affordability for them since their taxes go to the school. One stigma that public schools also carry with them, unfortunately, is the previously mentioned lower standing in the grand scheme of things. Compared to private universities, UMass lacks in reputation. The fee increases are intended to better the image of the University so that students and employers alike can step back and know that their University can stand its own with the best of them.

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The paradox of moral killing

Joseph St. John

Oh Mitt, what are you thinking? How can you possibly consider bringing the death penalty back to Massachusetts?

After my representative from Northampton, Bill Nagle fought so hard against a similar proposal in 1988, and defeated it by one solitary vote, why do you want to undo years of social growth? You say you can create a bill that is safe from condemning innocents to death row, through the use of DNA testing, and rewording of the law from "beyond a reasonable doubt" to "no doubt", still, these are steps backwards.

Massachusetts is one of 12 states that has a punishment system unlike medieval Europe. Most of the world abolished capital punishment this century. Not only did we not, but our government is one of only eight to have executed people under eighteen years old since 1990, and we executed the most.

Calling for DNA testing and "no doubt" verdicts is a good start for the other forty states in the Union that still use capital punishment, but it would be a step backwards for Massachusetts. In this Land of the Free, one hundred and sixteen people have been cleared from death row, sometimes hours before their executions, since 1973. Who knows how many innocent people were not so fortunate?

Some proponents of the death penalty argue that if capital punishment deters other criminals from murder, then potential lives are saved.

Capital punishment has never been proven to deter criminals from violent crime, and studies show that in states like Texas where capital punishment is used more frequently, there are sometimes higher rates of murder. Too much money is spent on court costs and not enough on real detective work to find the actual criminals.

Since Mitt Romney is such a moralist, and worries about the souls of microscopic stem cells in petri dishes, it seems he should be concerned for the souls of fully developed human beings too, whether they be criminals or non-criminals. He should therefore look into programs that actually reduce crime, such as education. This would protect victims from murderers, and protect innocent people charged with murder from wrongful punishment.

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Although Romney says his new death penalty bill would be flawless, and have the most safeguards out of any other legislation, there really is no way to be 100 percent sure with any case. The system could easily be abused. Evidence can be tampered with, falsified, and destroyed, and the verdict is decided by people who are capable of making mistakes. Every human measurement has some error in it, and there is no way for a jury to be completely impartial and sure that all the facts and all the pieces of evidence are accounted for.

Racism is a huge flaw in the US justice system. Amnesty International reported that "Of the 624 people executed between 1977 and April 2000, more than 82 percent were convicted of the murder of a white person — even though the number of blacks and whites murdered each year was almost equal."

It is not ethical to put people's lives in the hands of biased juries. To deny that modern juries are not biased is to reject reality.

Another argument against the death penalty is that it costs more to execute someone than it does to keep them confined to life in prison. The cost of the appeal process and court fees is ridiculous. We should not execute or save people on an economic basis, but why spend tax dollars on state sponsored killing when effective programs could be put in place to actually reduce violent crimes? Why advocate an archaic system proven to have no effect on crime rates whatsoever?

Capital punishment is not about achieving justice, it is about getting revenge on anybody to make oneself feel better about the pain of losing a loved one. It is a way for victims' friends and families to move on, to put a face to their feelings of hatred, and then see that face suffer. This may sound harsh, but killing is not the answer to killing, no matter what.

In elementary school we were taught that two wrongs don't make a right. Mitt Romney must have missed that lesson somewhere along the line. Someone has to tell him that we do not want the death penalty back in Massachusetts, and that violence does not end violence.

Joseph St. John is a Collegian columnist.

Trying to stave off 'The Lorax'

Aaron Wodin Schwartz

The Kyoto Protocol came into force on Wednesday, a full seven years after it was initially negotiated to reverse climate change and global warming trends. Signatories must reduce greenhouse gas emissions, principally carbon dioxide, to below the levels they were at in 1990 (different regions and countries have different targets) between the years 2008 and 2012. The pact is widely acknowledged by both supporters and detractors to be vastly insufficient to truly curb rising atmospheric levels of these destructive gasses, but is nevertheless an important start.

The most fascinating and promising aspect of the Kyoto agreement is its application of neo-classical economics to a global environmental problem. Given the lack of effective political cooperation or framework for environmental governance, any global solution must be incentive-based and easily enforceable. Thus, the authors of the protocol applied market principles to the pollution reduction measures by building in a carbon credits trading system. Companies are awarded credits based upon 1990 or more recent carbon dioxide emission levels (one credit is worth one metric ton of carbon dioxide) that they trade after accounting for all of their emissions. By contrast, companies that do not have enough credits to cover their carbon dioxide production must purchase the lacking credits from selling companies. After the government assigns carbon credits, their trade is dictated by the market, with the price rising in colder, drier months when carbon emissions are higher for electricity production.

The most developed signatories of the treaty have more prestigious targets (the top 39 countries all must cut emissions by at least 5.2 percent by 2012) than developing countries and least developed countries in order to maintain the relative fairness of trade. This means that a great number of the Kyoto accession states will actually be doing very little to limit their own emissions levels. As these countries develop, however, they will be expected to meet reduction criteria in the next stage of Kyoto that begins in 2013. By that time, India and China will account for more than 20 percent of world carbon dioxide levels and must step up and hold their industry responsible for upgrading equipment and reducing greenhouse gas emission.

The agreement's greatest deficiency is the absence of the United States. While Kyoto's 140 signatories account for some 62 percent of world carbon dioxide levels, the United States alone produces 25 percent more. In fact, the US ranked 45th in the 2005 index of environmental sustainability prepared by researchers at Yale and Columbia Universities, which is based upon 75 different measures including the rate at which children die from respiratory diseases, fertility rates, water quality, overfishing, emission of heat-trapping gases and the export of sodium dioxide, a crucial component of acid rain. Ahead of the US were countries such as Japan, Botswana, the tiny Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan, and most of Western Europe.

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Since atmospheric pollution is a global problem, the efforts by Kyoto states will be of little value to them if there is a lack of a comprehensive worldwide struggle. Being far behind Europe in terms of clean technology, the United States sees little cost incentive in joining the Kyoto Protocol and forcing both costly industry reform and the purchase of foreign carbon credits. The US will instead "free ride" the agreement and thereby gain a competitive advantage over their European counterparts by maintaining lower production costs for the same product.

Of course, in the Bush White House the story is always more complicated and corrupt than simple financial calculations. It is no secret that Bush is little more than a puppet for powerful American industries, especially when it comes to issues of energy and the environment. He has headed a string of industry-friendly legislation that has made its way through Congress and actually increased the rate of carbon dioxide emissions, amongst other things. Most recently, Bush has thrown his support behind Republican lawmakers in the Senate formulating more environmentally damaging legislation.

The Clear Skies Act of 2005 proposed by Senator James M. Inhofe of Oklahoma, Republican and chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee, as an amendment to the woeful Clean Air Act, is a Senate-led assault on proper environmental legislation. While the bill attempts to establish an emissions trading system similar to that of Kyoto, it targets only sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and mercury – three human health hazards that are already on the out in most places. It refuses to set caps on carbon dioxide, which continues to deny US responsibility in addressing global warming, and allows companies to announce their environmentally-friendly reforms without actually making any significant alterations. Not wishing to anger his favorite lobbyists in the coal industry, Mr. Inhofe has openly opposed any sort of carbon dioxide cap, calling global warming "the greatest hoax ever perpetrated on the American people."

Aaron Wodin-Schwartz is a Collegian columnist.

Dynamite resolutions, gosh!

Matt Brochu

Welcome to February, quite possibly the worst month ever. Let's just say that if February were a jellybean, it'd be a licorice one that someone dropped on the dorm shower floor. It's still freezing outside, half the nation is forced to be romantic for a 24-hour span (while the other half eats Ben and Jerry's and watches "Waiting to Exhale"), and on top of that, our three-week grace period has come to an end and we finally have to take the plastic wrap off our textbooks. At least we don't have to worry about getting a detention if our grocery-bag-book-cover falls off in our backpacks.

As pointless as this month may be, February has become infamous for one thing (well two, if you count the silent "r" that no one pronounces): and that's forgotten New Year's resolutions. We've all been there. You get inspired by the upcoming year as midnight approaches (or you just get really drunk) and before you know it, you've butchered the words to "Auld Lang Syne", downed a whole bottle of Andre (the first horrible decision of the year, and it's only been like 5 minutes), and made a year-long promise of abstinence that would make Gandhi say, "Damn."

And that's why I'm here today - to serve as a reminder of the good intentions that paved your way to those resolutions in the first place, all with the help of this week's co-columnist Napoleon Dynamite (and I'll put everything Napoleon says in quotes, just to show you exactly how little I actually had to write). So what am I going to write this week? What ever I feel like writing, GOSH.

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1) WEIGHT LOSS – "I see you're drinking 1% milk. Is that 'cause you think you're fat?" 'Cause you are fat. It's weird what going out four nights a week and sitting around all day watching MADE reruns will do to you. Sure, you try to cut carbs by drinking Michelob Ultras, but guess what? It does nothing if you suck down ten of them in three hours. Let's face it. Even though the dining hall food sucks, everyone gets fat in college. But no one's going to want to hang out with you if "you go around ruining everyone's lives and eating all their steak". So when a friend calls you up and says, "Tina, you fat lard, come get some dinner!" just politely decline and "go make yourself a dang quesadilla," because tater tots clearly aren't an option for you anymore.

2) MAKE NEW FRIENDS – Connecting with your hall mates isn't easy when you spend most of your days "training to be a cage fighter". Believe me, I know from experience. Sure, you've got friends at home, but you need to stop reliving your high school football memories and get out of the past. Let's be honest. If your coach had put you in fourth quarter, you wouldn't have won state. You probably would've gotten your ass kicked. This is why you need a few buddies, to have your back and stuff. So why don't you have friends? Take a look around. You're the only guy on your floor who has a mustache.

The solution? You need to hit up the mall.

Step 1) Start off with a haircut and a shave at the Cut n' Corral.

Step 2) Suck up and splurge on a new wardrobe. You think you can make a good impression dressed like Peter Pan? Forget about it.

Step 3) Pay Glamour Shots a visit to build some confidence.

Step 4) Toss the football around in your hallway and film yourself in the process. If you haven't assembled an entourage by then, even a magical liger couldn't help you out.

3) DRINK LESS – You might have better luck trying to make it "summer all year round."

4) FINDING A GIRLFRIEND - Ok, so maybe you already have the ideal body, a sweet bike, and some trendy boondoggle key chains to match ("a must-have for this season's fashion"), but you need a little more than that to find a girl who will investigate pointless fights and have sex with you on a regular basis. What else do you need? Skills, my man, and lots of them. "Girls only want boyfriends who have great skills. You know, like nunchuck skills, bow hunting skills, computer hacking skills." Stuff like that.

You see, right now you're going about it all wrong. Maybe you like this one girl, and maybe you two chat on AIM for like two hours every day. "So you'd say things are getting pretty serious, but you're really just kinda TO'd because she hasn't even posted a full body shot" on Facebook yet. But here's a head's up. No one's "jealous because you chat online with babes all day." So here's a hint. Meet her in person. Tell her you like her hangs. "Build her a cake. Draw a picture of her or something." And if you get the shading on her upper lip just right, maybe, just maybe, she'll be yours, always and forever.

So what was my New Year's Resolution? To find a second job so I can make myself some sweet moolah and pay off my damn credit card bill. Have I already given up on it? Heck yes I have. But even though I'm a hypocrite, keep reading my columns anyway, because if you do, "all of your wildest dreams will come true."

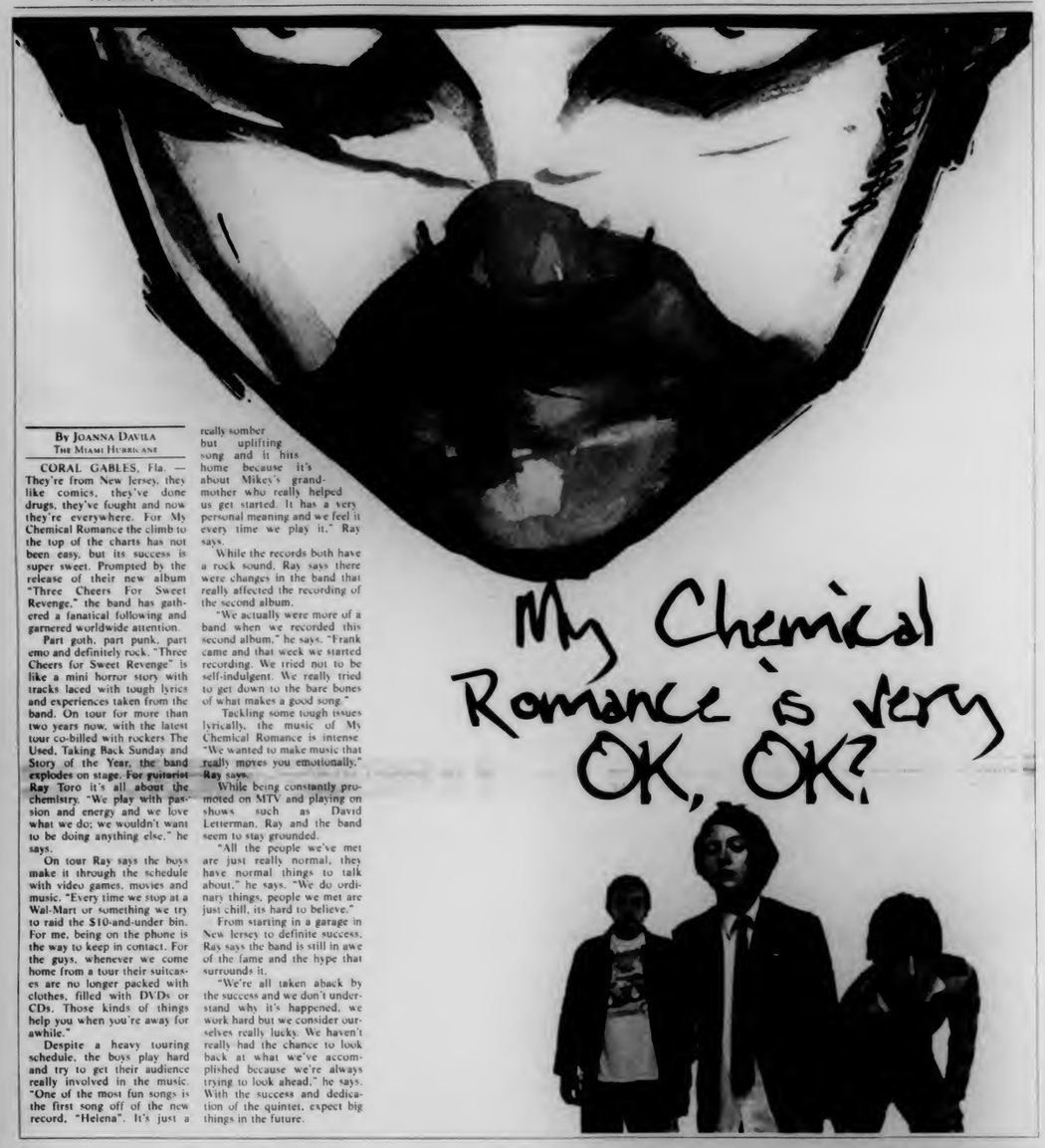
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My Chemical Romance is very OK, OK?

By Joanna Davila
The Miami Hurricane

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — They're from New Jersey, they like comics, they've done drugs, they've fought and now they're everywhere. For My Chemical Romance the climb to the top of the charts has not been easy, but its success is super sweet. Prompted by the release of their new album "Three Cheers For Sweet Revenge," the band has gathered a fanatical following and garnered worldwide attention.

Part goth, part punk, part emo and definitely rock, "Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge" is like a mini horror story with tracks laced with tough lyrics and experiences taken from the band. On tour for more than two years now, with the latest tour co-billed with rockers The Used, Taking Back Sunday and Story of the Year, the band explodes on stage. For guitarist Ray Toro it's all about the chemistry. "We play with passion and energy and we love what we do; we wouldn't want to be doing anything else," he says.

On tour Ray says the boys make it through the schedule with video games, movies and music. "Every time we stop at a Wal-Mart or something we try to raid the $10-and-under bin. For me, being on the phone is the way to keep in contact. For the guys, whenever we come home from a tour their suitcases are no longer packed with clothes, filled with DVDs or CDs. Those kinds of things help you when you're away for awhile."

Despite a heavy touring schedule, the boys play hard and try to get their audience really involved in the music. "One of the most fun songs is the first song off of the new record, "Helena". It's just a really somber but uplifting song and it hits home because it's about Mikey's grandmother who really helped us get started. It has a very personal meaning and we feel it every time we play it," Ray says.

While the records both have a rock sound, Ray says there were changes in the band that really affected the recording of the second album.

"We actually were more of a band when we recorded this second album," he says. "Frank came and that week we started recording. We tried not to be self-indulgent. We really tried to get down to the bare bones of what makes a good song."

Tackling some tough issues lyrically, the music of My Chemical Romance is intense. "We wanted to make music that really moves you emotionally," Ray says.

While being constantly promoted on MTV and playing on shows such as David Letterman, Ray and the band seem to stay grounded.

"All the people we've met are just really normal, they have normal things to talk about," he says. "We do ordinary things, people we met are just chill, its hard to believe."

From starting in a garage in New Jersey to definite success, Ray says the band is still in awe of the fame and the hype that surrounds it.

"We're all taken aback by the success and we don't understand why it's happened, we work hard but we consider ourselves really lucky. We haven't really had the chance to look back at what we've accomplished because we're always trying to look ahead," he says. With the success and dedication of the quintet, expect big things in the future.

Cosmo editors look to sex it up with new Kama Sutra book

By Sara Eads
The Maneater

COLUMBIA, Mo. — The Kama Sutra, an ancient Indian sex guide, has been used for centuries as a guide to sexual enjoyment and sensual pleasures. The editors of Cosmopolitan magazine have put a new twist on an old manual in their latest offering, "The Cosmo Kama Sutra: 77 Mind-Blowing Sex Positions."

The "Cosmo Kama Sutra" includes 77 sexual positions that are "Cosmo's" twists on the original Kama Sutra poses and 12 "Lust Lessons." The 77 sexual positions are mostly variations of the classic positions — guy on top, woman on top and from behind. There are two full pages devoted to each position. On one page is a diagram that can be very helpful for visual learners. The second page consists of "Erotic Instructions," "Why You'll Love It," "Cosmo Hint" and the "Carnal Challenge" rating. "Erotic Instructions" are explicit and clear.

In some positions, bodies are entangled, and it can often be difficult to determine whose foot and arm is whose in the illustrations. The instructions also do a nice step-by-step job of guiding the couple into the correct positions, though it can be confusing at times. "Why You'll Love It" emphasizes the goal of the sex position from G-spot orgasms in the position "G-Spot Iggy," to the guy enjoying carnal control in "Side Wind-her."

"Cosmo Hint" focuses on how to enjoy the sexual position. Although "Erotic Instructions" is a technical guide to the sex positions, "Cosmo Hint" encourages such things as self-stimulation and varied thrusting. The "Carnal Challenge" rating ranges from two to five flames. The more flames a position has, the harder it is but the bigger the payoff. The bigger and better payoff does not really seem to hold true, but the positions garnering a five-flame rating usually require one or both partners to have a background in gymnastics.

"Arc de Triomph" requires the male participant to be able to sit and put his face almost to his knees and for the female partner to have her legs almost flat behind her back. Unlikely. Several of the sex positions have comment boxes in the diagram that highlight the purpose or reward of the position.

"Hang Ten," a from-behind position with both partners standing, is deemed the perfect quickie position and "Tight Squeeze," a reverse missionary position with the woman on her stomach and the guy on top entering from behind, is perfect for extra-long lust sessions.

Besides offering 77 sexual positions, the "Cosmo" guide includes 12 "Lust Lessons" interspersed throughout the handbook. The lessons range from finding your G-Spot to the low-down on using the right lube. Especially interesting is "Lust Lesson #8," a sizzling mock menu that includes sexual appetizers, the main course and dessert and a guide to moving from position to position within one sex session.

Many of the positions offered in the book appear to be the same thing, but the slight differences can change the sensations. At the very least, this book is fun to look through and will get you talking with your partner or your friends.



The editors of Cosmopolitan Magazine have recently released a new book that finds a unique approach to the age old teachings of the Kama Sutra. The book shares 77 different sexual positions.



Lucky lovers get pampered with day spa, dinner and drinks

By Cameron Methner
Collegian Correspondent

The "Discover your Lover" campaign, sponsored by The Daily Collegian, has chosen three single men and three single women out of all those UMass students who were interviewed, who have agreed to go on a blind date. UMass students have been able to vote online for which two singles they think should go out with each other on this blind date.

After the couples are decided they will each go on a date that includes three different places in the area that are giving complimentary services specifically for the date. Each date includes an activity first, dinner, and then drinks at a pub or bar. A writer, photographer and video camera will follow the couple during their date.

The third date package contains three different places for the couple to go. The first is the Ochoa Day Spa located in South Hadley, which has been open since 1995. The spa has 12 private rooms that offer full day spa treatments. These treatments include such services as facials, massages, hydrotherapy, pedicures, manicures, waxing, body wraps, and much more.

Ryan Ochoa, the marketing manager, says that, "The Ochoa Day Spa is about nurturing you inside and out; we have friendly staff and personalized services that will make you want to come back week after week and month after month."

The couple will receive a complementary "Siddha Body Detox" where pouches of herbs are swept across the body. The detoxifying process is used to remove toxins from the body and can be compared to an exfoliate. This type of detoxifier, using pouches of herbs, is an ancient Indian technique. After the couple's detoxifying, each will enjoy a "Steam" which is like a sauna, but does not use dry heat or rocks. Moisture is used along with aromatherapy.

The last and final service the Ochoa Day Spa includes in the package is a "Hydrotherapy Tub" service; the couple will be in individual tubs and will have the chance to relax. The tub will have seaweed and other herbs along with jets to calm and soothe.

After their spa treatment the couple will travel to Main St. and Pleasant for dinner at Spoleto's Restaurant. The couple will enjoy the vibrant and lively atmosphere at this fine restaurant. Spoleto's has been open in the same location for almost 17 years and still has had the same head chef since their opening. The restaurant has a large Italian menu and specializes in their pasta dishes. The margaritas are made from scratch and there is always a welcoming feeling with a large local customer base to make a more familiar appeal to the restaurant.

Jenny Kipp, a manager at Spoleto's, quotes a popular slogan there, "We love what we do and it shows," she says, "It is a lively and fun place to be."

The couple will be given a complementary appetizer, entrée, and dessert. Along with dinner the couple can have two cocktails or a bottle of wine under $30.

When dinner is done the couple will be welcomed at the Amherst Brewing Company, (ABC), A pub and restaurant, ABC boasts a wide range of drinks and brew their own beer. There is often jazz or blues playing live downstairs giving a different atmosphere than most bars, while upstairs the pool tables and dartboard provide a place to relax and play.

Dean Sulia, the general manager, says, "ABC's atmosphere is a pub scene without the smoke, it's an up-scale place to be."

The couple will spend some time downstairs with live music to entertain them and complimentary ABC draft drinks. Then the couple will have a reserved pool table waiting for them upstairs. Here they will end the date package.

Hopefully magic will happen between the two, but if not, they still have a great date in store for them.



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Eve loses necklace, joins the party, and gets in an accident



Original Sin

Eve

Imagine relying on a necklace to maintain tranquility in life. I never thought I would until the events of last weekend took place. The necklace was a gift from an old friend who told me, "This is for luck, always wear it, and only great things will happen to you." So I decided to put it on and give superstition a chance.

It is a black, round, shiny chunk of some unknown material, hung by a simple black leather string that barley ties properly. I wouldn't say that it is of the highest quality for a piece of jewelry, but it quickly grew on me.

Last weekend, I took it off for the first time in months, and slowly watched my luck fade away due to circumstance.

I have a close group of guy friends who all happen to be roommates in a decent-sized house off-campus. Saturday night was the night that one of them had finally turned twenty-one, and of course, we threw a party in his name. However, this wasn't just a party; this was a combination of many kegs, many people, and a few DJ's with two turn-tables and four very nice speakers. We were just asking for trouble.

I believe it took only a few hours before the Amherst Police interrupted our little get-together, but it was enough time to be fully liquored up. Everyone left quickly, all scrambling for their jackets, wallets, and taking last sips of their drinks. Everyone was leaving to avoid arrest, but why would anyone get arrested for having fun?

I suppose that is why I chose to stay, until I realized the severity of the situation.

"Put your hands behind your back and stop talking." I heard the clasp tighten and shut around three out of the four roommate's wrists and there was nothing I could do about it. "You are under arrest for noise and town bylaw violations; we are taking you down to the station."

I watched as they escorted my friends out the door and into the police car. Moments later, one of them slipped me his wallet and whispered in my ear, "Take my bank card and bail us out, here's my password."

I agreed, the door slammed shut and they were gone. I looked at his wallet, then at my surroundings. I scanned the barren parking lot for any sign of life, but all I could see were parked cars and snow. Suddenly, I saw them, two of my closest friends and the remaining roommate that had escaped just in time. I couldn't have been more relieved.

"Hey, guys. Let's bail them out together, and then maybe you all want to get some pizza?"

The process took much longer than we had all anticipated. Three long, painful hours later our friends were free and we were all exhausted and agitated by the conclusion of our night. I dropped them all at home and offered one of them a ride to his house somewhere far outside the Amherst area. I don't know why, but I guess I was feeling helpful that evening.

We all said our solemn goodbyes to our friends, and left toward our next destination. I looked over and smiled at the guy sitting next to me. He is a good friend, with great humor, a wonderful heart, a beautiful face, and a girlfriend, but there is nothing wrong with enjoying his company, right?

We drove for miles, talking comfortably about nothing, and fully enjoying the countryside together. I didn't notice the length of the drive, the numerous trees, the lack of streetlights, or the icy roads.

"Be careful," he said. "I totaled my car here yesterday." I nodded in response and kept driving.

"Turn here," he directed as he pointed to a steep driveway that sloped downward toward his home. I turned in and descended slowly toward his front door.

We hugged goodbye, and I turned the car around to make my way back home, but I didn't get that far.

My car failed to get up past the middle of the driveway. The more I accelerated, the faster my car slipped backward down the road. I pulled the handbrake and accidentally swerved the tail end of my car off the road by a wooded area.

Why? I thought. I was stuck in the middle of nowhere, in the woods, in the freezing cold, in the snow, with high-heels, and no necklace. It was just my luck.

I had no choice but to call him, but of course, there was no reception. So I walked with my heels in knee-deep snow all the way back to his house and begged for his help. We spent an hour trying to dislodge my car and put it back on its natural course. We shoveled, we pushed, we burned lots of rubber, and absolutely nothing made any difference.

The only other option was AAA. We sat in my car and waited, both sharing our life stories, and both trying hard to enjoy each agonizing minute together in the cold. I would say the situation was romantic, but I was slightly too numb to feel.

The sun was rising when AAA finally arrived. They managed to pull my car out, despite the fact that they did not have four-wheel-drive and they were still wearing braces. It was now time for bed.

I gave my friend a warm embrace and finally made my way home. My empty gas light clicked on. I had twenty miles to drive, I couldn't feel my feet, and I still didn't have my necklace, but somehow I managed to make it back all in one piece.

Eve is a Collegian columnist.

Tourism down, Disney upset

By Brad Foss
Associated Press

Mickey Mouse has a bone to pick with Uncle Sam.

Some U.S. travel executives, including those who run Disneyland and Walt Disney World, think the government needs to do more to improve the country's image with foreign tourists who increasingly are choosing other places for their vacations.

Tourism officials ascribe the decline partly to anti-Americanism that arose after the country launched military action in Afghanistan and Iraq and to the "hassle factor" associated with new visa application and airport security procedures.

Aggressive campaigns by other countries to lure tourists have had an impact, too.

"It's more than just an image decline," said Jay Rasulo, president of Walt Disney Parks & Resorts, a Lake Buena Vista, Fla.-based unit of The Walt Disney Co. "I think other countries are out there competing for tourists and we have not been."

Rasulo and other travel executives said tourism to the United States, while rising again after several down years, is not as robust as it should be, with an estimated 10 percent fewer international visitors in 2004 than in 2000. Although the weak dollar has brought more visitors in recent months, the overall trend is still disappointing to the industry.

The stakes involved are huge. Visitors from abroad accounted for about $93.5 billion in spending and economic activity in the United States in 2004, according to Commerce Department estimates. That's slightly larger than U.S. exports of automobiles, engines and parts.

Homeland Security Department spokesman Dennis Murphy said the new procedures are intended to correct vulnerabilities exploited by the Sept. 11 terrorists, without impeding trade or travel. "We can't allow our system to be abused again," he said.

"Because the system was not enforced rigorously in the past, any change to enforcement postures become significant changes in the minds of people who used it before," he added.

Tourism officials emphasized that they aren't opposed to the Bush administration's homeland security objectives; what concerns them is the manner in which policies are implemented.

"We have developed an image in many countries as fortress America," said Betsy O'Rourke, senior vice president for marketing at the Travel Industry Association of America, a Washington-based trade group. O'Rourke said tourists should be greeted as "customers," not potential "invaders."

Alan Chick of Brighton, England, has traveled to the United States once a year, on average, for the past 18 years and said that while there is some truth to the perceived hassle factor, the problem has been vastly overblown and shouldn't deter foreign tourists.

"Unfortunately, the Americans don't do very much to dispel these things," said Chick. "They don't really do anything to say 'Hey, it's really not that bad.'"

The commission that investigated the Sept. 11 attacks said the nation's beefed-up border screening system needs to become more efficient and friendly, and it noted that visa applications in 2003 were down 32 percent compared with 2001.

"There is evidence that the present system is disrupting travel to the United States," the commission said.

Meanwhile, a November poll of 8,000 consumers from eight industrialized nations found that 55 percent of respondents had an increasingly negative perception of that United States, according to Seattle-based market research firm GMI Inc.

That rankles some travel officials.

The image problem aside, the U.S. tourism industry is already losing global market share as borders in many parts of the world have become easier and cheaper to cross, and as countries from Spain to Singapore outspend the United States in tourism marketing and advertising.

"I don't know if it's naiveté or arrogance that we feel people know the U.S. so well that we don't need to invite them," said Marilyn Carlson Nelson, CEO of Carlson Companies Inc., the Minnetonka, Minn.-based owner of travel agencies, hotels and restaurants.

Either way, Nelson said it is critical for the U.S. government to market its national parks and other attractions more forcefully, lest it concede more tourism business to other countries and allow "the perception that foreigners might not be welcome" to fester.

Thirty-nine state governments spent about $20 million in 2003 on international advertising and other promotions, according to a nationwide survey. This was down 11 percent from the year before, but still more than twice as much as the federal government has allocated for 2005.

Officials likened the U.S. tourism industry's woes to the recent experience of American universities, which have seen declining applications from foreign graduate students since 2001. Education officials attribute the drop-off to the same three factors cited by travel executives: tighter U.S. immigration policies, negative attitudes toward the United States and increasing competition from other countries.

Angela Aggeler, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Bureau of Consular Affairs, a division of the State Department, said the agency has added staffing and improved technology at consulates around the world in order to streamline visa-application procedures and make one message clear: "The welcome mat is out."

She conceded that requiring face-to-face interviews, digital fingerprints and other personal data as part of the visa application process may have sent the opposite message. "But how do you address those perceptions?" she said.

Disney's Rasulo said the U.S. government needs to spend more money on marketing and advertising. "If the source of that image is the nightly news, I don't think that paints a particularly good picture of the United States as a tourist destination," he said.



Disney and many other American tourist destinations are complaining about the lack of visitors since the War on Terror began.

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UMass and URI to collide in Amherst

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UMass is not the numbers she puts up in the scoring column. Her main role is to do the dirty work on defense and under the boards for the Minutewomen.

Campbell has excelled in this role as she is fourth in the conference in both rebounds (8.4 pg) and steals (2.5 pg). Not coincidentally, Campbell's improved play has coincided with the Minutewomen's recent surge.

Both Campbell and Dacko hope UMass can continue to build some momentum in the last two weeks before postseason play begins.

"We're really trying to fight to get that bye," Campbell said. "We want to keep playing the way we've been playing."

"We're coming off a good weekend of basketball," Dacko said. "We executed fairly well in Dayton, but at the same time, against Xavier we needed to execute down the stretch in the final three minutes, and we weren't able to do that.

"So we've got to be able to execute. Our kids are playing with more and more confidence. We've just got to make the bunnies when we're wide open."



Karen Wingard/Collegian

Monique Gowan and the Minutewomen will be playing in front of 1,000 screaming kids today at the Mullins Center for Field Trip Day.

Field Trip Day will work in UM's favor

FIELD TRIP from page 12

other, know what plays [Dacko] called. Everybody was on the same page. It was a better atmosphere."

Two weeks ago, when they traveled to Olean, N.Y. to take on the Bonnies, the atmosphere was still loud, just not as intense. The Reilly Center set a new attendance record for a women's basketball game, but it was unusual for a notoriously hostile crowd that last season didn't hesitate to tell Govan to "lay off the steroids" and call the team "a bunch of men", as they did last season.

"I think bringing the kids in definitely helped calm the usual people who say stuff down. They wouldn't be saying the same stuff in front of kids that they normally would," Nelson said. Whether or not the screams of the 1,700-plus fans had any effect on their playing is debatable; what's not is their poor shooting. They lost 49-35 to the Bonnies on a 29 percent day from the floor.

When the Minutewomen come to the Mullins today, the 1,000 or so youths will be on their side, a welcoming change.

"I'm really happy," Dacko said. "Any time we can get people to come and see our teams play locally, I think it's important. I think our kids are great role models to younger, adolescent kids, and I think they can find a lot of fun, joy and excitement in watching our team play basketball."

Bettman nixes rest of season without deal

NHL from page 12

Before Monday, the idea of a salary cap was a deal-breaker for the players' association but the union gave in and said it would accept one when the NHL dropped its insistence that there be a link between revenues and player costs.

That still wasn't enough to end the lockout that started on Sept. 16 and ultimately wiped out the entire 1,230-game schedule that was to begin in October and run through the Stanley Cup finals in June.

And now those concessions are off the table.

"By necessity we have to go back to linkage since no one knows what the damage to the sport will be," Bettman said.

The NHL's last game came in June, when the Tampa Bay Lightning beat Calgary 2-1 in Game 7 to win the Stanley Cup.

Since then, a lot of stars have moved on, going overseas to play. Jaromir Jagr, Vincent Lecavalier, Teemu Selanne, Joe Thornton and Saku Koivu are among the over 300 of the league's 700-plus players who spent part of this season playing in Europe.

Whenever a deal is reached, there won't be a clear-cut way to determine the draft order. Washington had the No. 1 selection last year and grabbed Russian sensation Alexander Ovechkin. No doubt the lowly Capitals would love to go first again to pick Crosby.

Shortly after Bettman took over as commissioner, a lockout cut the 1994-95 regular season to 48 games, still more than half the schedule.

The NHL began preparing for the possibility of another lockout in 1998 when each team contributed $10 million toward a $300 million war chest. The collective bargaining agreement, which expired on Sept. 15, was extended twice after it was originally signed in 1995. That allowed for the NHL to complete its expansion plans without interrupting play.

"We lived through a decade of a collective bargaining agreement that didn't work," Bettman said. "It doesn't matter whose fault it was."

A year ago, there were those who said at least one season was sure to be lost and that two was not out of the question. With the former now the reality and the latter a distinct possibility, both sides are regrouping for a longer fight.

"When emotions are high, things are said, things are done," Wayne Gretzky, now a managing partner with the Phoenix Coyotes, said on ESPN. "Ultimately, these players want to play. I know too many of them love the game too much, and I just can't imagine these players not playing in the National Hockey League for two years. To me, I hope that doesn't happen because I don't know how we would recover."

Stores suffering without hockey

By Sylvia Lee Wingfield
Associated Press

BOSTON — Boston Bruins fans and hockey-dependent businesses who have endured a winter without major league games felt the blow Wednesday when word came down that the NHL season was officially canceled.

"It's huge," said Brian Ducary, kitchen manager of McGann's Pub, half a block from the FleetCenter.

Even though Boston Celtics fans would be filling McGann's and nearby establishments again in a few hours, the news was tough. The loss of hockey games has meant business is down by about half, he said.

"Bruins fans spend a little bit more money than the Celtics fans. The waitresses' tips aren't as good as they were," Ducary said.

Bruins fans Billy and Kathy Mazzone of suburban Needham stopped by the Irish-themed pub as part of a day off in the city.

"I think it's brutal," Billy Mazzone said. "I feel bad for the businesses. I feel bad for the fans. Everybody suffers."

Kathy Mazzone added, "It's too bad that the kids have to see something like this. It shouldn't be about money or salary." They have two sons, 10 and 20 years old.

Billy Mazzone has been been watching college games on TV and has been to an AHL game, where he appreciated the lower ticket prices, but said it's not the same.

"I miss the big boys," he said. "I miss the pros."

In a year when the Red Sox won the World Series and the Patriots took their third Super Bowl title in four seasons, the biggest on-ice moment at the FleetCenter has come from the son of a Bruins great. Boston University freshman Chris Bourque, the son of Hall-of-Fame defenseman Raymond Bourque, scored in overtime Monday night to defeat Northeastern 3-2 in the Beanpot championship.

At an afternoon news conference that followed the league's cancellation announcement, Bruins officials also expressed their disappointment that the team won't be taking the ice anytime soon.

"Tragic is a word that comes to mind," team president Harry Sinden said.

NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman announced the cancellation of the major league season Wednesday after last-minute negotiations failed. The league and players' union traded a flurry of proposals and talks Tuesday night, but could never agree on a core issue.

Sinden said it was unfortunate that some members didn't believe what they were told about the league's current economic situation.

"I think you will see the league and its member clubs go to work to get ready to play next season," Sinden said. "We will come back with a product that works."

Coach Mike Sullivan said he'd been optimistic until Wednesday afternoon that a deal could be reached between the league and the players' union in last-minute meetings over a proposed salary cap. "I'm first and foremost a fan," he said.

The lockout that has hurt nearby businesses has also brought losses to the FleetCenter, said Bruins executive vice president Richard Krezwick, who is also president and CEO of the FleetCenter. He wouldn't disclose figures.

"For this season we've been a one-team building," he said, and Celtics games supplemented by college hockey and other entertainment hardly made up the Bruins gap.

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Mixed bag of feelings for Sammy Sosa fans



JEFFREY BOAN/MIAMI HERALD

Sammy Sosa will no longer be making his homerun swing as a member of the Chicago Cubs, as he was traded to the Baltimore Orioles in the offseason. Fans and writers have mixed feelings of Sosa.

CHICAGO — The e-mail arrived at 2:19 a.m. on Jan. 30, and its subject line read, "Please don't speak for me."

Zak Chesson had not liked my column bidding good riddance to Sammy Sosa, and he especially had not liked the way I had presumed to speak for an entire city. That's why his blood was boiling in the wee hours of a winter night. And as I reread my column, I saw that he was right, that I had made it seem as if everyone in Chicago was happy to see Sosa hit the road.

But that wasn't why his e-mail had been tapping insistently on my shoulder the past two weeks. It was because of something else in that e-mail.

"I'm 28 years old and cried for about 45 minutes when I heard the deal last night," Chesson wrote. "My girlfriend, the mother of my 14-month-old son, came rushing from our bedroom thinking that someone had died. She's from Minnesota, where I live now. I told her that she wouldn't understand. I told her that I've lost something that I've known longer than I've known her. Know what? She got it."

I didn't get it, but I wanted to. I wanted to know how Sosa's move to Baltimore could activate a 28-year-old man's sprinkler system.

"I cried like a baby," he said in a telephone interview Monday from Minneapolis. "The last time I cried was when the Cubs clinched against the Pirates in 2003. This just hurt. I can't explain it. I'm not some crazy stalker-type man. I just thought through thick and thin I've always been with him. I think this is a case of two hard-headed entities that couldn't sit down and hash it out."

If you've read my columns the past four years, you know I'm not a fan of Sosa's. Unless Sosa finds a cure for cancer or brings lasting peace to the Middle East, my opinion is unlikely to change. He is one of the most selfish athletes I've ever come across, and that's saying something.

But no matter how much I might question their eyesight, some people see Sosa as a gift. And I suppose, deep down, I envy their passion, the way they have stitched him into the fabric of their lives. I envy anyone who can get an adrenaline rush without a bungee cord.

"I appreciate him," Chesson said. "I appreciated him running out there like a crazy man before every home game. He was the greatest Cub to me. He messed up, there's no denying that. But he did so many wonderful things. The passion that he played with — I don't know. I thought he was great. I still think he's great."

Chesson grew up in Aurora, has a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin, worked as a preschool teacher for physically and sexually abused children, is a bartender now and took the LSAT last weekend in hopes of going to law school. His girlfriend, Amara, works for American Express, and their son, Sajan, is busy being a handful. Chesson seems to be a normal, well-adjusted man. And yet ...

"I've been having dreams about being at a Cubs game and Sammy not being there and me being very confused as to why Sammy's not at the game," he said. "It's very strange. I love the Cubs. They're my favorite team in all of professional sports. I've loved them since I was a kid.

"But it's even strange to me that I'm having dreams about being at Wrigley. That's a little bit too much, I suppose, a little over the top."

He's so angry about the Sosa trade that he's not sure whether he'll go to Wrigley Field when he comes to town this summer. He stayed away for a few years when the Cubs didn't re-sign Greg Maddux in 1993.

But he knows he and the team eventually will reconcile.

"When I go to Wrigley, my heart still pounds like when I was a kid going to the games with my grandma and my uncle," he said. "It's magic to me. I can't imagine that's going to change. I'm upset now, but I'm always going to want to go."

He doesn't believe Sosa's walkout during the last game of last season was as big a transgression as others did. And until there is concrete evidence, he will not believe Sosa used steroids.

He brought Sajan to a Cubs-Astros game in August and told his son Sosa was going to hit a home run for him. It wasn't exactly Babe Ruth pointing to center field, but Sosa hit a homer on the next pitch. That's why Chesson likes Sammy.

In a September game against Pittsburgh, Sosa struck out two times in an 0-for-4 day but made the game-saving catch with the bases loaded in the eighth inning. That's why Chesson likes Sammy.

He can't understand why the Cubs and Sosa can't see things the way he sees them, with love in his eyes.

"Sammy wanted out of there as badly as the Cubs wanted him out," Chesson said. "To me that's hardheaded. They couldn't sit down. They couldn't get along. They couldn't figure something out. The fact he didn't want to retire a Cub, the fact he was willing to not hit his 600th home run in a Cubs uniform — I'm just shocked. I'm absolutely shocked."

I'm not. I'm not surprised a bit. But, as someone who has seen too many contract squabbles, too many egos and too many labor disputes over the years — as someone who has lost some of his sports religion because of occupational hazards — I wish I had Chesson's zeal.

On Wednesday, Cubs pitchers and catchers report to Mesa, Ariz., for spring training, and Chesson will be busy examining his faith. Help is on the way. His girlfriend ordered him a Sosa Orioles jersey as a Valentine's Day gift.

Rick Morrissey is a Knight Ridder columnist.

Things different for Norm Chow these days

By Tim Kawakami
Knight Ridder



TARIQ ZAINI/SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

Norm Chow has spent the last two years coaching USC quarterback Matt Leinart, who just won this year's Heisman Trophy.

SAN JOSE, Calif. — I felt like a quarterback who just called the wrong audible and now had Norm Chow's voice barking at full decibel-level into my earpiece.

"Hockey?" the new Tennessee Titans offensive coordinator boomed over the phone after I casually mentioned the 11th-hour NHL talks. "Hockey! Yeecch!"

Hey, nobody told me that Chow was funny! So add funny to: self-deprecating, innovative, commanding and groundbreaking for Asians in coaching. . . .

And still somehow Norm Chow is not a head coach, after decades as an elite college assistant, the past four directing USC's powerhouse offenses and producing two Heisman Trophy-winning quarterbacks.

And still, though the 58-year-old Chow wanted the job badly, Walt Harris is the new football coach at Stanford.

"Don't get me started on that," Chow said about Stanford.

I'd heard about Chow's reputation for being slightly dour; I'd heard that administrators simply didn't feel he had a "head-coaching personality," whatever that is.

Then we spoke for the first time, and I thought: This guy is about as dour as Vince Lombardi.

So let's try to figure out why he's not a head coach again.

"Hey, maybe they're not comfortable with me. But I ain't changing who I is," Chow said, dropping into exaggerated slang.

"I'm proud of who I am. Extremely proud, like I'm sure you are. I don't think Asians, for the most part, are football guys. But I talk about it because I think it's important.

"There aren't many Asians in the sportswriting business, either, right? There aren't many in coaching. So I think we're scrutinized a little more .... But maybe after seeing what I do, someone else follow along, and it'll be easier."

Chow, a Chinese-American, grew up in Hawaii, then played at Utah before his 27-season tenure on LaVell Edwards' staff at BYU. There, he tutored Jim McMahon, Steve Young and Ty Detmer, among others.

After being bypassed by BYU once Edwards retired, Chow moved to North Carolina State in 2000, then was brought to USC in 2001 by Pete Carroll at the start of USC's fledgling dynasty.

Chow conceded that he had decent chances to become a head coach at Kentucky and Arizona in recent years but that neither seemed right.

"The last thing you want to do is go somewhere," Chow said, "and get smoked."

But Stanford, after Buddy Teevens was forced out a few months ago?

"That was different," said Chow, who was named as a finalist and interviewed with Athletic Director Ted Leland. "I thought it all fit ...

"I was excited about it. My wife was excited about it. But you know what? Bottom line, we weren't even close to that job. I bet you I finished in 500th place. I was not going to get that job."

It was time to leave USC.

Chow said, because he and the effusive Carroll had been moving apart for years. Carroll wanted to make room for young assistant Lane Kiffin and was encouraging Chow to look for a new challenge.

Several Stanford administrators loved Chow's offensive mind and the fact that he has a BYU doctorate in educational psychology. But when the hire was made, Leland went with his old friend Harris, who was not without his own credentials.

"Maybe it was my Pidgin English," Chow said sardonically — his English, though tweaked with Hawaii slang, is as clear as a bell.

"Maybe I don't interview well. I thought I did. I spent a lot of time with Pete, and he's a master of being interviewed. . . .

"Ted Leland hired a buddy. I'm not going to fight that. That's the way it was going to happen. OK, but why take my time if you know that?"

On Tuesday, a Stanford spokesman said that the school does not comment on past hiring decisions.

Chow denied a report that, before USC's devastation of Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl, he predicted that his offense would demonstrate to Stanford fans precisely what they had passed up.

"That's baloney — before that game, I'm worried about getting one first down and nothing else," Chow said. "But we did get a bunch of first downs, didn't we?"

What happens if he energizes Jeff Fisher's Titans team? Will Chow have his pick of head-coaching slots?

"Hopefully, we don't lay an egg." Chow said with a low chuckle. "I don't want to come across as a dummy here, but I don't know why this is happening.

"Maybe I'm not vocal enough or demonstrative enough, but I can't change who I am. Too much Asian blood, you know?"

I do know about that one. Yao Ming and Ichiro are superstars. The sports world is changing. Some day, there will be an Asian head coach.

And Norm Chow isn't going to change who he is, nor should he have to, when that day comes.

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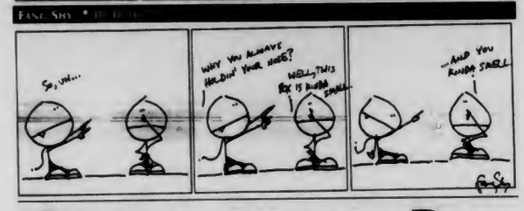
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—Lewis Carroll

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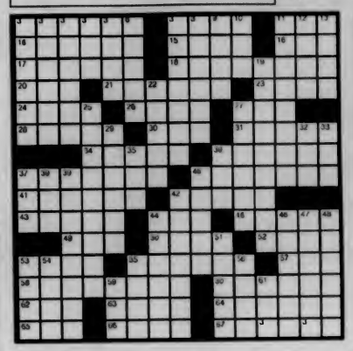
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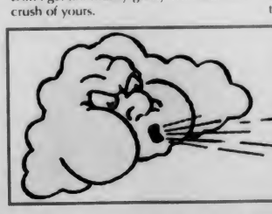
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UMass to take on the Rams

Two teams going in different directions

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

A big crowd is expected for the Massachusetts women's basketball team's matchup with Rhode Island today at noon. Over 1,000 area students will be in attendance as the Minutewomen host the first annual Field Trip Day at the Mullins Center.

The Minutewomen are returning home, where they are 6-2 this season, after splitting a pair of games in Ohio over the weekend. UMass will face the Rams twice in the next 10 days, as the teams meet again in the final game of the regular season on Feb. 27, in Rhode Island.

Rhode Island comes to Amherst with a slightly misleading conference record. The Rams are 3-9 in Atlantic 10 play (5-18 overall), but have dropped five of those games by five points or less. In total, URI has lost nine games by six points or less.

The two teams appear to be going in different directions coming into today's game. UMass (13-10, 6-6) is looking to secure the No. 2 spot in the A-10 East division to clinch a bye in the first round of the conference tournament, while URI is simply looking to snap a five-game losing streak.

This game has all the makings of a trap game for the Minutewomen as they take on Richmond (18-5, 9-3 A-10) this Sunday at home, but UMass coach Marnie Dacko understands that every game at this time of the season is important and doesn't expect a letdown from her troops against URI.

"If we can keep our composure and control the game's tempo, I think the game will be in our favor," Dacko said. "URI is athletic, and they play hard. They can force a scrappy game, but we just need to be able to keep our composure."

Despite the sub-par record, one area the Rams are proficient in is causing turnovers. URI is second in the A-10 in that category, having forced opponents into an average of 21.7 turnovers per game. Seeing that in the scouting report has to cause some concern for Dacko, because turning the ball over has plagued the Minutewomen all season, as they average 19.4 per game.

While Dacko acknowledges URI's ability to create turnovers, she feels it will be important for her team to dictate the pace of the game.

"They throw about three or four different pressures out there," Dacko said. "We need to be able to contain their pressure. At the same time, we want to try to get a running game established. We want to come out and try to extend some pressure on them as well. It could be a really nicely executed game or it could be a severely ugly game."

One player Dacko will rely on to ensure that UMass controls the game is Brooke Campbell. The senior forward is coming off an excellent weekend, as she put up big numbers in both the win at Dayton and the loss to Xavier.

Campbell flies under the radar for the most part, but she proved on Sunday that, when called upon, she is more than capable of carrying the scoring load. Against Xavier, she led the Minutewomen with 18 points, 11 better than her season average.

While the points are a nice bonus, Campbell's true worth to

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KAREN WINCZEWSKI/COLLEGIAN

Katie Nelson will look to lead the Minutewomen past Rhode Island today at noon at the Mullins Center on Field Trip Day.

Field Trip Day will help Minutewomen

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

When the Massachusetts women's basketball team returns home to the Mullins Center today at noon for their 55th matchup with long-standing rival Rhode Island Rams, it will be a relief in more ways than one.

The Minutewomen (13-10, 6-6 Atlantic 10) hold the all-time series lead over the lowly Rams (5-18, 3-9 A-10) and are currently 6-2 at home this year, their only losses coming to Duquesne and No. 22 Boston College, and have won 21 of their last 33 in the Mullins Center.

On top of that, today's battle has a special promotion tied to it. Today's game is officially billed as Field Trip Day, and you know what that means. Oh yeah, there are going to be kids there — lots of fidgety, shrieking little children — and that can only mean one thing: It's going to be a little tougher for the away team to communicate out there.

The Minutewomen sure know what it's like to be the visiting team in a Field Trip Day environment, having experienced it earlier this season at Saint Joseph's and St. Bonaventure.

"There's tons of kids screaming, you can't really hear what's going on, what your coach is calling, the plays," point guard Katie Nelson said. "There's hardly any verbal communication because you can't really hear. It's just hard to communicate what plays you're going to run."

Needless to say, Hawk Hill and the small, sweaty confines of its Alumni Fieldhouse provided a bit of a hostile territory when it hosted the Minutewomen on Jan. 13.

The shrieks of all the little tykes made it very difficult for coach Marnie Dacko to call out plays to her five women on the floor, and in turn, it made things difficult for Nelson and backup point guard Monique Govan to set things up on the court. The result was a lot of unforced turnovers, sloppy ball-handling and difficulty creating baskets. The score at the half was a then season low 17-14, with UMass trailing by three.

But something happened. In the second half, the kids started to leave, back to their schools around the Philadelphia area, and the Maroon and White were able to communicate better. The result? UMass won by a lowly score of 42-33, the least they would allow an opponent to score until last Friday at Dayton.

"It was definitely a little bit of relief, you want to be able to communicate with your teammates," Nelson said. "When they started leaving, we were able to hear each

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Minutemen poised for strong performance at A-10 meet

By Daniel Hillman
Collegian Staff

This Saturday the Massachusetts men's track team will face the rest of the conference in the Atlantic 10 Championships in Kingston, R.I. This meet marks the closure of the indoor track season and a preview for the outdoor track season, which picks up during the spring.

Going into the meet on Saturday the odds-on favorite to win the team competition is Rhode Island. The Rams have gone the entire season undefeated, and are looking to defend the championship they won last season. A win in this year's championship would give the Rams four of the last five A-10 titles. La Salle, the 2003 A-10 champion, is the front-runner to finish in second place.

The rest of the field should be very competitive as St. Joe's, Temple, Fordham, Richmond and UMass all will be fighting to one up each other, and possibly upset the top teams to take home the grand prize.

"The last three or four seasons, the A-10's have finished much of the same way. The rest of the schools and us have battled hard against each other," UMass coach Ken O'Brien said. "It should be very competitive on Saturday."

UMass will be looking for big performances from several athletes.

"We've brought back a core of four or five guys from last season that we're hoping will do well," O'Brien said.

Of those core guys, most of the attention will be focused on the team's co-captains, senior sprinter Joe McCormack and senior jumper Henry Smith.

McCormack has been a standout all season long in the 55-meter dash. Going into Saturday, he will be the favorite to take home first place while Smith will look to defend his title in the triple jump.

In other events, the Minutemen will hope that Jon Korhonen continues to run well in the distance events. Korhonen, who has been versatile in several long distance events, will be running the mile on Saturday. He has run very well in consecutive weeks.

The Minutemen are also looking for strong performances from freshman thrower Sean Calicchio and senior James Godinho. Calicchio, who had his first throw of the season just two weeks ago, is expected to finish well in the shot-put event. The favorite for this event is Rhode Island standout André Reid, who is coming off ECAC and URI Athlete of the Week honors, after an impressive performance at BU when he broke his own school record in the shot-put by two feet.

Godinho, who will compete in the 500-meter run, is coming off a second-place finish at the BU's Valentine's Invitational in the same event.

In addition to individuals, the 4x4 and 4x8 relay teams are expected to do some great things on Saturday. Going into the meet, the teams have been widely touted as one of the best in the Atlantic 10.

Saturday in Kingston is sure to be a big day for the men's track team one way or another. They've worked hard all winter long, and a good performance this weekend will be a boost for the Spring season.

UM women's track team set for Atlantic 10 Championships

By Ian Kilpatrick
Collegian Correspondent

This Saturday, in Kingston, R.I. the Massachusetts women's track team will get one of its last chances to show how hard they've worked and pushed themselves all season when they compete in the 2005 Atlantic 10 Indoor Track and Field Championships.

This time of year is special, especially for UMass' seniors, whose time to achieve goals and show off their hard work is dwindling. For this reason alone, you can expect not only the seniors to bring their highest level of competition to Rhode Island, but the whole team as well.

Massachusetts will have to deal with the dynasty that the URI women's track team is if they want to take home the title for the first time since 1998. The Lady Rams of Rhode Island have captured four out of the last five A-10 titles, including last years.

The year so far for the Minutewomen has been tough and inconsistent, but the team has been gaining confidence and receiving better times as the year has progressed. One of the team's bright spots this season has been the somewhat unexpected success of freshman pole vaulter Kristen Banakowski, who looks forward to her first Atlantic 10 Championship.

"I'm pretty confident going in, and I'm sure other seniors are, too, because it's a big meet for them because it's their last one," Banakowski said. "I'm not too worried about it because a meet's a meet to me, and I just always try to do my best."

Banakowski hasn't always been this confident though, and even failed to clear the bar once in a few meets earlier this season. Still, she is as relaxed as ever going into Saturday's meet.

"I didn't have any confidence in myself, so it's been off and on," the pole vaulter admitted. And when asked where the change in attitude came from she responded, "I think it's getting used to college, and I put too much pressure on myself at the beginning."

Bakanowski's goal is to break the school record of 12 feet, which she tied earlier this season in Boston. If Bakanowski clears 12 feet again this weekend, she will get three chances at conquering 12-feet-6 inches, but in track and field six inches can be a towering mountain to climb.

"Six inches in pole vaulting is a big deal, Bakanowski claims. "I could stay at 12 feet the rest of my life, but I really don't want to."

UMass will face, if not tougher competition, a wider variety of competition than they have faced all year at a Rhode Island track that they are fairly familiar with and have performed well on.

Coach Julie LaFreniere was very pleased two weeks ago when her team had a strong showing at URI, knowing that the A-10's were going to be on the same course just three weeks later. Rhode Island's track is known to be on the slower, less comfortable side, unlike the tracks in Boston where the rest of the post-season takes place, which may add a "home track" advantage to URI's already clear skill advantage.

But for the seniors, that fact is irrelevant and all that matters is that their dedication pays off one last time individually, and as a team.

Bettman ends season

By Ira Podell
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A hockey season on the brink is now a season gone bust.

The NHL canceled what was left of its decimated schedule Wednesday after a round of last-gasp negotiations failed to resolve differences over a salary cap — the flash-point issue that led to a lockout.

It's the first time a major pro sports league in North America lost an entire season to a labor dispute. The resulting damage could be immeasurable to hockey, which already has limited appeal in the United States.

"This is a sad, regrettable day that all of us wish could have been avoided," NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said.

"Every day that this thing continues we don't think it's good for the game," NHLPA executive director Bob Goodenow said in Toronto.

To begin with, all momentum gained in the final days of negotiations has been lost — late offers that appeared to bring the sides close to a deal are now off the table, and there's no telling when the NHL will get back on the ice.

No Stanley Cup champion will be crowned, the first time that's happened since 1919, when the 2-year-old league called off the finals because of a flu epidemic.

Without an agreement, there can be no June draft. The sport's heralded next big thing, Canadian phenom Sidney Crosby, won't pull on his first NHL sweater anytime soon.

Then there is the parade of aging stars — Mario Lemieux (39), Mark Messier (44), Steve Yzerman (39) Brett Hull (40), Ron Francis (41), Dave Andreychuk (41) and Chris Chelios (43) — whose playing days could be ending on someone else's terms.

"This is a tragedy for the players," Bettman said. "Their careers are short and this is money and opportunity they'll never get back," Bettman said.

Despite being the NHL's best-known star, there was never a chance that Pittsburgh's Lemieux, the first owner-player in modern American pro sports history, would side with the players.

"A few years ago, I thought the owners were making a lot of money and were hiding some under the table, but then I got on this side and saw the losses this league was accumulating," he said Wednesday.

Hockey was already a distant fourth on the popularity scale among the nation's major league sports. The NHL lost the first season of its two-year broadcasting agreement with NBC that was supposed to begin this season, a revenue-sharing deal in which the network is not even paying rights fees.

Taking a year off, or more, will only push the league further off the radar screen.

"The scary part now for hockey is do the fans come back? We're not baseball, we're not the national pastime," Nashville forward Jim McKenzie said.

Between shifts of a pickup game at the Denver rink where the Avalanche used to practice, fan Don Cameron called the cancellation "a shame."

"When they come back, it's not going to be as easy to pay for a $90 season ticket," he said.

Not to mention how difficult it will be for all the ushers, trainers, officials, Zamboni drivers and businesses near arenas that will continue to be affected.

"We profoundly regret the suffering this has caused our fans, our business partners and the thousands of people who depend on our industry for their livelihoods," Bettman said.

"If you want to know how I feel, I'll summarize it in one word — terrible," he said.

Bettman said the sides would keep working toward an agreement.

"We're planning to have hockey next season," he said.

Goodenow stressed that the players had already given a lot of ground. "Every offer by the players moved in the owners' direction," he said.

"Keep one thing perfectly clear," Goodenow said. "The players never asked for more money — they just asked for a marketplace."

The league and players' union traded a flurry of proposals and letters Tuesday night, but could never agree on a cap. The players proposed $49 million per team; the owners said $42.5 million. But a series of conditions and fine print in both proposals made the offers further apart than just $6.5 million per team.

"We weren't as close as people were speculating," Bettman said.

Although Bettman was unequivocal in announcing the cancellation, Yzerman held out hope that some kind of a miracle was still possible.

"If you read into what (Bettman) said, it sounds like there is still an opportunity to get things done," the Detroit Red Wings captain said. "The principles are there to make a deal, so I still think something can happen in the next day or two, because we're really not that far apart."

Goodenow was less optimistic.

"I think it's a fresh start and everything is off the table," he said. "It's a totally new environment. That much is for sure.

"As far as anything happening this afternoon, it's not happening."

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JERRY LOUKIS/THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Roman Cechmanek won't be making any sprawling saves on Gary Roberts this season, as the players and owners couldn't end the lockout. Commissioner Gary Bettman cancelled the season yesterday.

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GEO argues against UMass international fees

By Dan Terk
Collegian Staff

LOWELL – The University of Massachusetts Graduate Employee Organization (GEO) presented arguments to the UMass Board Of Trustees Wednesday morning, hoping to persuade the Board to eliminate fees charged to international students who attend UMass campuses, except the Amherst campus.

The fee was abolished at UMass Amherst after GEO won a biding labor arbitration case against the university. The arbitrator found that the fee was a violation of the non-discriminatory clause of GEO's contract and that "the only protection provided to foreign graduate student employees in though their inclusion in the collective bargaining."

Jennifer Turner, the president of GEO, presented the case to the Board of Trustees at the meeting held at UMass Lowell. She argued if the fees were discriminatory in Amherst, then "its discriminatory 100 miles away on our sister campuses."

Other issues were discussed to the Board. In addition to the abolition of the International Student Fee, Turner also spoke about the current protracted bargaining negotiations between GEO and UMass.

"The University has really given us a poor economic package," Turner said. "Only giving us a two percent raise and at the same time they are asking for significant take backs in terms of heath care and child care benefits. By the end of the third year of the contract our members will be in a net deficient. We obviously think this is unacceptable."

GEO member John Donahoe, who was also at the Board of Trustees meeting, was glad the Board got to listen to his group's issues.

"It was good that we went and let them know about our issues," he said.

Donahoe, like many GEO members, would like to see the negotiations end soon since they have been going on for almost a year now.

"It is really a shame that [the University] is going back to the bottom line," he said. Donahoe believes that the administration is more interested in cutting costs than creating a quality education for both graduates and undergraduates.

GEO is planning to start a petition that can be signed by graduate and undergraduate students to show the administration that all the students, from all over the state support the abolition of the International Student fee. It was noted by Turner that these fees greatly undermine the ability of the University to attract and retain graduate students

Turner said the Board of Trustees "did seem at least be open minded to [his] argument "

"In general the faculty is very supportive of our union and our efforts," he said.

Matt Murphy, the Student Trustee of the UMass Amherst Student Government Association is a non-voting member of the Board of Trustees. He felt that the board might have been unaware of the fees situation because in the past it has been dealt with on a campus-to-campus basis.

Murphy also expressed disappointment in the fact that the union representative to the Board of Trustees was not at the meeting to deal with this largely union issue.

"I imagine that if the case went to court it would be found to be discriminatory…I have been committed to working with GEO and I plan to help them on this issue."

UMass Chancellor John Lombardi was asked for comment via e-mail, but deferred to the UMass New Office, which said, "our feeling is that this is a non-Amherst issue."



MATTHEW REECE/COLLEGIAN

Jennifer Turner, president of the Graduate Employee Organization spoke on behalf of the GEO at a meeting with the UMass Board of Trustees Wednesday morning.

Professors study the threats of drinking water

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

While the nation is dealing with such problems as terrorism, drugs and war, Professor David Reckhow is honing in on a slightly different threat: drinking water.

Reckhow, a professor of civil and environmental engineering at the University of Massachusetts, is the head of a project that is researching the effects of chlorine and debris in reservoirs and other drinking water utilities.

Through a $400,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Reckhow, along with colleagues Paula Rees and Klaus Nusselein, will be scouting various reservoirs around the nation over the next two years in hopes of preventing organic matter from entering drinking water sources.

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UMass group wins $4 million in contracts

By Jonathan Vega
Collegian Staff

Four contracts totaling over $4 million have been awarded to the University of Massachusetts' Center for Educational Assessment. The contracts will be used to improve state and federal assessments of students in educational programs throughout the country.

Under the first grant, the CEA is working in conjunction with the Buros Center for Testing at the University of Nebraska in order to comprehensively assess the National Assessment of Educational Progress or NAEP. Professor Steven Sireci, who is a co-director of the CEA, points out that NAEP is often considered 'the nation's report card' by the US Department of Education. The scores are often used to compare state-by-state performance in order to increase academic standards for the country.

"In the past ten years, there has been such an explosion in educational testing," Sireci said. "Now we have 'No Child Left Behind,' which by the way, is one of the few bi-partisan endeavors in any field."

NAEP provides a 'grade' to determine how students are performing in various educational systems over time, rather than providing feedback.

"We analyze the testing programs and try to judge the fairness of the programs to the people being tested," Sireci said. "We are trying to promote fairness among constituents of the test."

The National Assessment of Educational Progress dates back to Kennedy presidential administration and the first national educational assessment tests were administered in 1969. Sireci explains that NAEP was meant to evaluate the progress of an educational system.

"[The evaluations] have provided some useful information regarding where students are strong and weak; it has put pressure on students to achieve more." Sireci said. "Massachusetts always does well on the tests, we're usually in the top ten or so."

The CEA will use its $1 million grant to assess the strengths and limitations of NAEP, which draws $100 million in federal funding per year.

Another contract the Center has been granted will fund quality control assessments of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Examination System (MCAS) examination. The MCAS has become synonymous with educational reform in Massachusetts and the center is gearing up to inspect its framework.

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Certified Iraqi election results announced

By Chris Tomlinson
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A Shiite alliance won a slim majority in Iraq's new National Assembly, according to certified election returns announced Thursday, but it may take weeks to form a government. Meanwhile, interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi cautioned against excluding all Saddam Hussein's supporters.

Because a two-thirds majority in the 275-member parliament, or 182 seats, is required for confirming the top positions in the new government, the United Iraqi Alliance will have to make deals with the other parties. The alliance won 140 seats, while Kurdish parties got 75, secular Shiites took 40 and nine smaller parties shared 20, the final returns of the Jan. 30 elections showed.

Shiite and Kurdish leaders have already agreed that they must reach out to prominent Sunnis to participate in the government if they want it to be considered legitimate among Sunnis and to have any hope of ending the country's largely Sunni-led insurgency.

The Sunni-led Iraqis Party won only five seats in parliament, because many Sunni Arabs avoided the elections — either out of fear of violence or to support a boycott call by radical clerics opposed to the U.S. military.

Allawi told The Associated Press that the alliance must change its platform of purging Sunnis who were members of Saddam's Baath Party from government positions if it wants national unity.

"The alliance talks about de-Baathification. I hope if they get control and they're chosen to be the ones running the country, I sincerely hope that they revisit these issues in their program and rediscuss it with a view of having reconciliation and national unity," Allawi said.

"We cannot afford in this country, for now, to go on a route different to that of national unity," said Allawi, who spoke English in the interview. Otherwise, "it will throw the country into problems, severe problems."

The key challenge for the new government will be ending the insurgency that kills dozens of people every week. Most Iraqis say only negotiations will end the attacks.

A U.S. soldier was killed and three others were wounded in a car bomb attack while on patrol in the northern city of Mosul, the military said Thursday.

In Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, Iraqi police killed two men with suspected links to al-Qaida's affiliate in Iraq and arrested five others during raids, the city's police chief, Major Gen. Adel Molan, said Thursday.

"We found huge amounts of weapons, including mortars, assault rifles, and explosives. We also found computers and CDs which show the beheading of several hostages in addition to letters which they were about to send to Osama bin Laden," Molan said of Tuesday's raids.

In the latest hostage ordeal, a Swedish citizen kidnapped in Iraq appeared in a video with a gun pointed at his head, appealing to the pope and Sweden's king to help win his release from insurgents, Swedish media reported. A group calling itself "Martyr of al-Hawy Brigades" said it kidnapped the Swede of Iraqi descent as he traveled from Mosul to Baghdad this month.

The National Assembly will be in power for only 10 months, and its main job will be to draft a constitution so new elections can be held in December.

But it won't convene until disputes are resolved over who will become prime minister — the top post in the new government.

Wrangling over who will become Allawi's successor may take days or even weeks to resolve, several people close to the talks said after the electoral commission certified the results of the elec-

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KAREN MINASIAN/AP

The Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq announced the nation's certified election results from its headquarters in Baghdad yesterday. The Shiite alliance won the election by a narrow margin.



MATTHEW REECE/COLLEGIAN

Eating to Victory

Dining Services Director Ken Toong takes a bite out of victory after a bet with the UPenn dining services director that the Patriots would win the Super Bowl.

Windfarm debate strikes again

BOSTON (AP) — Massachusetts officials are trying to redefine the state's coastline in a move that could give them more control over a proposed electricity-generating wind farm off the shore of Cape Cod.

State officials said Tuesday that a recently discovered pile of rocks in Nantucket Sound could change the state's offshore border and expand state-controlled water by about 12 square miles. That would push back federal territorial water and could affect a developer's bid to erect the nation's first offshore wind power farm in the sound.

Gov. Mitt Romney, Sen. Edward Kennedy and others oppose the wind farm, which would consist of 130 turbines standing more than 420 feet high in Nantucket Sound. But they have little control over it, since it's planned for federal water.

Opponents say the turbines would harm wildlife, destroy the offshore view and harm the fishing and boating industries.

Changing the state's border to include the rocks appears to extend state water into as much as 10 percent of the proposed wind farm's area, affecting 10 to 13 turbines, state officials said.

States are allowed to count as part of their area any naturally occurring offshore rocks that are exposed at median low tide. State water extends three miles from where officials draw the border.

The U.S. Minerals Management Service is expected to post a notice about the border change in the Federal Registry by the end of the month, said Jon Carlisle, a spokesman for the Executive Office of Transportation, which oversees state boundaries.

"From our review of the landmass, that's the appropriate new border," Carlisle said.

He would not say if Romney pushed for the new borders in order to curtail the wind project.

"Really, one thing has nothing to do with another," he said.

Last July, Romney asked the Army Corps of Engineers to postpone its review of the proposed wind farm, arguing the newly discovered pile of rocks, which is about the size of an SUV, might require changing the state border. He suggested that might force the developer to redraw plans or seek new permits from state agencies.

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The Daily Collegian incorrectly quoted Brietta Costa as "Brietta Jones" in Correspondent Matt Sullivan's article about male birth control Feb. 10. We apologize for this error.

UMass professors studying water

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This project is not focused on one specific area, but rather the entire nation as water treatment centers all over the United States use chlorine to disinfect the diseased water. While this situation is not looked at too often by the public eye, it is beginning to reach the surface. Awais Katzelnik, a junior engineering major at UMass feels that Reckhow and company should absolutely pinpoint this problem and attempt to fix it.

"If they're pretty sure about it, and if it's causing major problems, then I think that it needs attention," Katzelnik said. "Since they're spending a lot of time and money on this, this makes me think that it's a major problem, so I think they should go for it."

The problem that Reckhow's group looks to resolve dates back to the 1960s when chlorine was being used in water treatments plants to reduce certain diseases that were living in the drinking water. While the chlorine was valuable as a decontaminator, it was later discovered by chemist Johannes Rook that in certain incidences, chlorine mixed with organic compounds resulted in the production of carcinogens in the water.



Courtesy UMass.edu

Professor David Reckhow

Drinking water is established when rain passes over the watershed and is then filtered through different aquifers that may contain nontoxic, non-hazardous organic materials. Once this water continues into water treatment centers, the chlorine added to this organic material makes the water potentially dangerous.

Reckhow understands, despite the negative outcomes, that the chlorine is instrumental in preventing many various diseases.

"It's a wonderful, marvelously effective disinfectant that's been responsible for protecting us from all sorts of pathogens," Reckhow said. "We've reveled in its success for a long time."

The problem lies not in the chlorine, but in the organic matter that can cause substantial problems in the drinking water. The past year has consisted of Reckhow accumulating data from various sites in order to figure out a way to resolve the problem of organic matter in the water supply.

Drinking water is a debated topic and has been for decades. Reckhow hopes to make a big step in the reduction of organic matter in reservoirs and water-sources alike. As of now, a few possible solutions include the installation of barrier strips that would take the problematic organic matter and filter it out of the water.

Reckhow, a Tufts University graduate who has been with UMass for 20 years, has been involved in other projects that analyze the problems related to water treatment prior to this one.

FBI informant testifies in court

NEW YORK (AP) — An FBI informant who was set to be the star prosecution witness in a terror trial until he set himself ablaze outside the White House took the stand for the defense Thursday, saying he had sought $5 million for leading prosecutors to a Yemeni sheik he says gave Osama bin Laden money, arms and fighters.

"I deserve that," Mohamed Alanssi said through an Arabic-English interpreter. "After I chase the terrorist and I bring him here to America I deserve even $10 million."

Alanssi quickly laid out some of the government's most serious allegations against Sheik Mohammed Ali Hassan al-Moayad, who is charged with supporting al-Qaida and Hamas, and with conspiring to fund and attempting to fund the terror groups.

"He told me he gave bin Laden more than $20 million" before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, Alanssi told jurors in federal court. "He told me he helps al-Qaida with money and arms and he send mujaheedeen to Chechnya and Afghanistan."

Alanssi was the sole source of some of the government's most dramatic claims about al-Moayad, including that the sheik said he personally handed $20 million to bin Laden.

Alanssi was dropped from the government's witness list after he set his clothing on fire in front of the White House in November to protest what he called the FBI's failure to make good on promises of wealth and U.S. citizenship.

Without Alanssi, who was burned over a third of his body, the government relied more heavily on surveillance tapes and the case began to center almost entirely on the Hamas allegations.

By calling Alannssi as a hostile witness, defense lawyers were taking a gamble. They hoped to damage his credibility and blunt the damage from the tapes, secretly recorded over four days in a Frankfurt, Germany, hotel.

Alanssi allegedly lured al-Moayad and his assistant, co-defendant Mohammed Mohsen Yahya Zayed, to Germany by posing as the fixer for another informant who wanted to donate $2.5 million to Hamas and al-Qaida.

The tapes show al-Moayad and Zayed apparently promising to help the informants donate the money, with a 10 percent commission for the defendants' Yemeni charities. Jurors also saw al-Moayad and Zayed on the tapes discussing code words for ammunition and weapons and condemning Americans and Jews.

Al-Moayad and Zayed were arrested and extradited to the United States.

Al-Moayad could receive a 60-year prison sentence if convicted of all charges. Zayed, accused of conspiring to fund and attempting to fund Hamas and al-Qaida, could serve three decades behind bars if convicted.

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Electoral commission announces results

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tions, clearing the way for the country's first democratic parliament in half a century.

The Kurdish parties have apparently agreed to support the alliance's candidate for prime minister in return for the largely ceremonial presidency, though they have also offered to produce a compromise candidate for prime minister, if needed. Kurdish officials have said they would not accept a theocratic government.

"We will reject, and we won't allow, the establishment of a theocratic state; we want separation between religion and state," said Noshirwan Mustafa, an aide to Jalal Talabani, the Sunni Kurd who is expected to become president.

Ali Hashim al-Youshaa, one of the United Iraqi Alliance's leaders, said the coalition has recruited eight lawmakers from other political parties to join the bloc in parliament, and that talks were under way to recruit many more.

There is no timetable for convening the National Assembly, and the current government will work with incoming lawmakers to set a date to convene. Once the assembly meets, there is also no deadline for appointing the president and two vice presidents, who will in turn name the prime minister.

Most observers don't expect the assembly to appoint the president until there is consensus on who will be prime minister and who will be in the Cabinet. Once the president is appointed, a prime minister must be named within two weeks.

The two leading candidates to be the alliance's nominee for prime minister are interim Vice President Ibrahim al-Jaafari and Iraqi National Congress leader Ahmad Chalabi.

Allawi, whose secular party won 40 seats, insists he is still in the running as a compromise candidate.

Al-Jaafari said Thursday he expects the alliance to agree on a nominee within the next two days, but it wasn't clear if he expected the candidate to have the backing of the 182 lawmakers needed to win, or the support only of the alliance.

"We are having free discussions about who is going to be the prime minister and it probably will take two or three days to announce who is going to be the prime minister," al-Jaafari said following certification of the election results.

Congress tightens lawsuit restrictions

By Jesse J. Holland
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress sent President Bush legislation Thursday aimed at discouraging multimillion-dollar class-action lawsuits by having federal judges take them away from state courts, a victory for conservatives who hope it will lead to other lawsuit limits.

The legislation the House passed, 279-149, is the first of Bush's 2005 legislative priorities to win congressional approval. The Senate voted 72-26 for the bill Feb. 10. The president has described class-action suits as often frivolous, and businesses complain that state judges and juries have been too generous to plaintiffs.

"This bill is an important step forward in our efforts to reform the litigation system and to continue creating jobs and growing our economy," said Bush, who is expected to sign the bill Friday.

But Democrats say the legislation is aimed at protecting GOP business donors and hurting trial lawyers, a traditional part of their base. They also warn that Republican changes to the legal system will only make it harder for people to sue over injuries caused by corporations.

The legislation is "a payback to big business at the expense of consumers," said House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

Changing the legal system — including class-action, medical malpractice and asbestos injury lawsuits — has been a priority of Bush, the GOP and the business community. They have criticized what they see as a litigation crisis that enables lawyers to reap huge profits while businesses and consumers are stuck with the bill.

"This is the beginning of meaningful efforts by the Congress to curb lawsuit abuse," said House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis.

The legislation would ban state courts from hearing large multistate class-action lawsuits. Such courts have been known for issuing multimillion-dollar verdicts like they did against tobacco companies.

When the bill becomes law, cases against corporations and businesses accused of wrongdoing against large groups of people will be heard by federal judges. Critics of the current situation have said federal jurists are not as likely to let multimillion dollar class action lawsuits move forward.

Bush and other Republicans say greedy lawyers have taken advantage of the state class-action lawsuit system by filing frivolous lawsuits in certain states where they know they can win big dollar verdicts. Meanwhile, those lawyers' clients get only small sums or coupons giving them discounts for products of the company they just sued, GOP lawmakers contend.

In response, Republicans said, companies have had to raise prices on products to recoup their costs, Republicans said.

House Majority Whip Roy Blunt, R-Mo., said that moving those cases to federal court will ensure that state judges will no longer "routinely approve settlements in which the lawyers receive large fees and the class members receive virtually nothing."

But Democrats say Republicans just want to protect corporations from taking responsibility for their wrongdoing by keeping them clear of state courts that might issue multimillion-dollar verdicts against them.

Federal courts are expected to allow fewer large class action lawsuits to go forward, which Democrats say means more businesses will get away with wrongdoing and fewer ordinary people will be protected.

"It's the final payback to the tobacco industry, to the asbestos industry, to the oil industry, to the chemical industry at the expense of ordinary families who need to be able go to court to protect their loved ones when their health has been compromised," said Rep. Ed Markey, D-Mass. "And these people are saying that your state isn't smart enough, your jurors aren't smart enough" to hear those cases.

Republicans will try the same thing with other types of lawsuits, Democrats warned.

"Today we will attempt to pre-empt state class action," said Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich. "Next month we will take up a bankruptcy bill that massively tilts the playing field in favor of credit card companies and against ordinary consumers and workers alike. On deck are equally one-sided medical malpractice bills and asbestos bills that both cap damages and eliminate liability to protect some of the most egregious wrongdoing in America."

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Family and friends remember fire victims

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — In the two years since the Station nightclub fire in West Warwick killed 100 people and injured 200 others, the state's fire codes have been tightened, three people have been criminally charged and funds to help the victims have paid out millions of dollars.

But those stronger fire codes have been since been loosened, the criminal trial won't start until next year and some families continue to struggle with financial challenges brought on by crippling injuries or the deaths of their loved ones.

Two years after the Feb. 20, 2003, fire, the survivors and victims' families are still waiting for resolution.

Anne Marie D'Alessio, director of the Rhode Island Victims' Advocacy and Support Center, said that for many people, the second anniversary of the fire is harder than the first.

"Last year, people were still in shock," she said. Now, "reality is setting in more."

Nightclub owners Jeffrey and Michael Derderian, and Daniel Biechele, the former tour manager for the band Great White, pleaded not guilty in December 2003 to 200 counts each of involuntary manslaughter. Their criminal trial isn't expected to begin until January 2006 at the earliest.

The fire was started after the band's pyrotechnics set on fire highly flammable foam that had been placed around the stage as soundproofing.

For those affected by the fire, waiting for that trial is difficult, D'Alessio said.

"While people are still moving forward ... you're kind of held hostage," she said. "There's no closure. That's a myth. But you can close chapters."

Lawsuits against the three men, as well as members of the band, state officials and a host of companies, are on hold while the criminal case goes forward.

While the legal issues have crawled, there are signs of progress.

In September, the largest single source of charitable help for those affected by the fire, The Station Nightclub Fire Relief Fund, stopped providing direct financial assistance. It had distributed about $2.76 million for funerals, housing, emergency travel, food, clothing and a range of social services.

The remaining $510,000 in the fund and all future contributions are earmarked for five more years of case management for survivors and victims' families and to provide services and educational grants for affected children.

Other financial help has come from the state Crime Victims Compensation Fund. Survivors of the fire and victims' families qualified for the fund after the Derderians and Biechele were criminally charged.

—*Associated Press*



Relatives and friends of The Station nightclub fire victims view pictures during a memorial service held one year ago in Providence.

UMass group gets $4 mil. in contracts

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The MCAS assessments will be conducted with Measured Progress, a non-profit test development firm in New Hampshire.

"This is a five year contract," Sireci explained. "Throughout this time we hope to measure changes and provide feedback for those who are creating [MCAS] tests from year to year. We'll see if there are any problems."

Through the years, the MCAS has been a hot topic for debate in Massachusetts. However, Sireci seems optimistic about the future of MCAS testing in public schools.

"As things are unrolling we are seeing that students are doing better, more and more tests scores are rising. The tests seem to be working and Massachusetts took a firm stand that seems to be paying off," said Sireci.

Researchers at the Center will focus on ensuring that procedures used to formulate and administer the MCAS evaluation are maintained and accurate over time. If the MCAS is to be used as a comparative tool for educators, the Center must ensure that a test today is equal to one administered three years ago even if the test questions are structured different.

"This last activity is critical for measuring students' progress as well as the degree to which Massachusetts' educational reform is meeting it's goals," said Sireci.

The Center has also been awarded a contract worth approximately $600,000, to help special needs education through a program that comes from the All Kinds of Minds Institute in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Bush puts on good face for Europeans

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, about to embark on a fence-mending trip overseas, said Thursday that Europeans wrongly believe his only interest is America's security. "We also care deeply about hunger and disease," he said.

A primary objective of next week's trip is to make sure Europeans know that "as we move beyond the differences of the past, that we can work a lot together to achieve big objectives," Bush said.

Bush is very unpopular in Europe, particularly because of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq. Europeans also are upset about other issues, from Bush's opposition to the Kyoto climate treaty to what is widely viewed as a go-it-alone foreign policy. Differences over Iran and China are high on the list, too.

The president will fly to Brussels, Belgium, on Sunday for three days of talks with allies, many of whom believe the United States has ignored their views and is unwilling to listen. French President Jacques Chirac, perhaps Bush's biggest critic, has been invited to dine with the president on Monday evening. Bush also will meet NATO leaders and then visit the headquarters of the 25-nation European Union.

Bush will talk with the leaders about specific steps to support the new government in Iraq, national security adviser Stephen Hadley said. He said the president will ask European nations to follow the U.S. lead in increasing money to help the Palestinian Authority build democratic institutions.

On Tuesday, Bush will meet separately with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi and Ukraine's new president, Viktor Yushchenko. Yushchenko said Thursday that withdrawal of his country's soldiers from Iraq is a priority.

From Brussels, Bush will travel to Mainz, Germany, for talks with Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, and finally to Bratislava, Slovakia to see Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said the United States was troubled by the concentration of power in the Kremlin and the lack of independent media in Russia. But she said that isolating Russia would be a mistake. "It is, after all, only recently emerging from the Soviet Union," she said.

—*Associated Press*

President Bush pursuing free trade, liberalization agreements

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Contending that Americans benefit from free trade, President Bush said Thursday he would keep pursuing liberalization agreements around the world, even as critics say his policies have resulted in record trade deficits and millions of lost jobs.

Bush's pledge came in his annual economic report to Congress, a 438-page document that argued that his economic policies, ranging from making his first-term tax cuts permanent to overhauling Social Security, will lead to greater prosperity.

"I believe that Americans benefit from open markets and free and fair trade and I am working to open up markets around the world and make sure that the playing field is level for our workers, farmers, manufacturers and other job creators," Bush said in his message to Congress.

The administration devoted an entire chapter to extolling the benefits of free trade and seeking to answer critics who contend the country's soaring trade deficits, which last year hit a record of $617.7 billion, were costing millions of jobs.

However, the report did not repeat an argument made last year that critics viewed as endorsing the idea that the "outsourcing" of American jobs to lower-wage countries represented a benefit to the U.S. economy.

This year's report contended that increased trade can affect the composition of jobs in the United States but not the overall total of jobs. It argued for increased retraining assistance for workers in industries that can't compete with overseas factories.

Gregory Mankiw, the head of the president's Council of Economic Advisers, became a target for Democratic critics last year after he defended the handling of trade in the 2004 economic report. He later apologized and said his remarks had been misunderstood.

The White House announced Wednesday that Mankiw was stepping down as the president's top economic adviser to return to his former career as an economics professor at Harvard University, where he gained renown as the author of two widely used college textbooks.

A leading contender to replace Mankiw is Ben Bernanke, a former Princeton economics professor who is currently on the Federal Reserve Board. Bernanke is also viewed as a top candidate to replace Alan Greenspan, who will step down as chairman of the Federal Reserve next Jan. 31.

In December, the administration released the forecast portion of the economic report, which also provides the economic assumptions the administration used in preparing the budget plan Bush submitted to Congress earlier this month.

The administration is forecasting that the overall economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, will grow by 3.5 percent this year and 3.4 percent in 2006, as measured from fourth quarter to fourth quarter. Last year, the econom

Mass. General in life support dispute

BOSTON (AP) — Massachusetts General Hospital said it will take a 79-year-old woman off life support next week — against the wishes of her daughter — and this time a judge has declined to block the move.

Barbara Howe has advanced stage amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, an incurable and degenerative muscle condition. She has been in a hospital bed on a ventilator since 1997. She cannot speak and can barely move, but remains mentally alert, says her daughter, Carol Carvitti.

"Her face lights up when you talk to her," Carvitti said. "I visit her four times a week, and my sister visits her every single day. You can see the eye move back and forth and her mouth starts moving."

The hospital went to court last year to get permission to remove Howe from life support, but probate court judge John M. Smoot ruled in Carvitti's favor, barring the hospital from disconnecting her. But the judge also advised Carvitti to consider what was in her mother's best interest, not what she believed her mother would want.

Dr. Britain Nicholson, Mass. General's chief medical officer, said Wednesday that he ordered Howe taken off life support next week following an evaluation that determined her condition had worsened and she was suffering. He said he informed Carvitti with a phone call and a letter earlier this month.

Carvitti's lawyer, Gary Zalkin, went back to probate court seeking a temporary restraining order to stop the hospital from removing life support but was turned down last week.

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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Textbook prices: too much talk and too little action

Much has been written about the high cost of attending the University of Massachusetts. Whether it is tuition increases, mysterious fees or the cost of room and board, UMass students have a right to complain about the fact that their university is one of the most expensive public institutions of higher learning in the country.

Then there's the issue of textbooks, perhaps the most dreadful of all costs for a student. Just when you think you're done paying for school for the year, you remember that you still have to pay hundreds of dollars for books.

Students across the country deal with the problem: publishers will print unnecessary new editions of textbooks and companies will sell these books at higher prices.

Many suggestions have been made about how to deal with the cost of textbooks. Students have been organizing different types of movements and programs, such as the textbook rental program, in the works from the Student Government Association.

Jeff Napolitano, press secretary of relations for the SGA, was previously quoted in the Daily Collegian as saying that "at the very least, whatever kind of rental system is going to exist in the fall, books will be cheaper for the student population." Another alternative to the annex is "Books for Books," a "for students, by students" program offering a method of trading textbooks at lower costs.

The problem with students taking the textbook issue into their own hands is the inability to sustain interest over an entire semester or year. It seems as though every semester students become outraged at the high prices of books, but after a few weeks they accept the inevitability of the situation and move on, only to have the whole process start up again next semester. Time will tell if the SGA, or other groups on campus, can finally implement a system to counterbalance the fees at the annex.

Another avenue is refusing to deal with the annex all together. Many professors are choosing to deal exclusively with bookshops in the downtown Amherst area, such as the Jeffery Amherst Bookshop, Amherst Books and Food For Thought Books.

Other professors require students to purchase course packets, which are collections of photocopied materials bound into one book. These packets benefit local businesses, and cut down on the costs that come from professors independently photocopying large numbers of course readings.

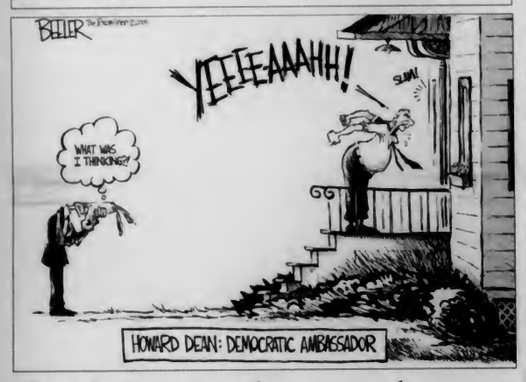
Online resources are also becoming more prevalent. Students can purchase used copies of books online, through sites such as EBay and Amazon, at fractions of the price they would pay at the Textbook Annex.

Take for example, the primary textbook for Biology 100, which runs a student $132 new and $99.25 used at the Textbook Annex. A student could purchase the book on Amazon for under $35. Students are creating other book sites, such as www.Jungalu.com, in an attempt to battle the high cost of books.

In an interview with the Collegian last month, Wayne Chang, one of the students behind Jungalu, described the site as a "localized EBay, all done in real time with no shipping time or charges." The site is essentially a modernized, more efficient and more interactive equivalent to hanging up flyers around campus advertising lost-cost books.

The Internet has been presenting students with real solutions to inflated textbook costs that don't straggle off after the first few weeks of the semester. However, other methods of getting inexpensive textbooks should be available for students, methods that need to be implemented all year round.

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Mockeries of marriage

"I'm getting married!"

Engagement is the new fad like pink is the new orange. Everybody's doing it, and so should you. If you don't, you're clearly a failure at life. God forbid you go to your five-year high school reunion without a blinding rock on your finger or a pretty woman on your arm that you didn't have to pay for. When you're engaged, you can prove to all your old friends and enemies that you're doing something with your life and made progress since the last time they saw you. You will be able to make all your exes jealous that they weren't the ones to tie you down first. Aren't you special?

Lisa McLaughlin

Every week now, I'm hearing new gossip about who else from my not-so-distant past is engaged to be married. And the first thought that comes into my mind isn't, "oh, how nice!" but, "what the hell?!" You might as well tell me that somebody just died. You know why? Because it makes me feel old. I shouldn't feel old at 21. Most of these people are my age, give or take two years.

I feel genuinely sorry for those who get engaged so young, because most of them have absolutely no idea what they're getting themselves into. My sister-in-law is wise when she advises me, "Don't get engaged before the age of 25. You won't believe how much you'll change between now and then." I could become a different person altogether, as I'm still in the process of maturing and gaining life experience. I'm already a different person from who I was when I began college. The once bible-thumping born-again Christian has been transformed into the liberal, pro-choice activist heathen I am today. Who would've thought?

People wonder why the divorce rate is so high. I'm not surprised that two-thirds of marriages end in divorce, because a lot of people become frivolous and stupid when they think they're in love. They believe they're ready to be committed to one person for the rest of their lives when they're not. If you think marriage is going to be as easy as pie, then perhaps you should take a step back and face reality: marriage isn't easy. It's nothing like dating where you can simply break up when things go wrong. Divorce costs a lot of money, pain on both sides and your catholic grandmother will disown you. People must think of these things beforehand if they want a lasting marriage.

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It amuses me when people are trying to prove something other than eternal devotion by getting married. Some of them are trying to prove that a) they're worthy of love, b) they're over an ex-boyfriend/girlfriend, c) they're a normal human being or d) all of the above.

Take my ex-boyfriend, for example. After three years of emotional abuse, a complicated breakup and doing the "just friends" thing, I told him in a very straightforward manner that I didn't want to see or speak with him ever again. Although he was hurt, he heeded my request. Six months later, he called my house out of the blue. I wasn't home, but my dad spoke to him briefly and politely asked how he was doing. When I came home that night, my dad informed me that said ex-boyfriend was engaged. Well whoopdeedoo, what do I care? Did he feel the need to inform me as a way of saying, "If you want to be with me, here's your last chance?" I laughed and contemplated sending his fiancée a sympathy card.

Another example is an old friend I occasionally talk to online. Recently his away message read, "I've lost 33 pounds and I'm getting married so I'm cooler than you!" If I cared I would have replied, "Well, I gained 50 pounds and had an abortion so that makes me automatically cooler than you." I mean, grow up. It's like an elementary school kid making faces and saying, "Na na na na na naaaaa ... I'm getting married and you're nooott!"

I say to these people: get over yourselves. I'm not going to be jealous of you. In fact, your efforts make me want to get married less. Go ahead and ostracize me, because I'm fine with the fact that I don't need to cling to somebody else in order to have a life. To those who get married for good reasons: thanks for "keeping it real." I congratulate you, and wish you the best of luck.

Lisa McLaughlin is a Collegian columnist.

Stigmas with UMass guys

By the time someone is in college they have probably heard the phrase, "you can't judge a book by its cover," millions of times. In fact, if you were to even go near a book with a funny looking cover, you wouldn't think twice because you know not to assume anything by your initial thought or how people look or what you've heard about them. This being the case, I would like to know why UMass guys get such a bad rap in the Five-College area, and get stereotyped as if we are all animals waiting to be released into the wild.

Michael Anmuth

At first I thought maybe it was just my perception of things, the thought that people knew I went to UMass and would therefore treat me differently at functions at the other four colleges. But, the more I looked around, I could definitely tell that I was being observed as if I was some sort of strange phenomenon rather than someone who proudly attended a four-year degree granting institution.

No longer were we two guys in a campus with mostly women; we were a group of UMass students who were identified rather early just by how we looked and interacted, and were ostracized for it.

I know that many people who go to the other colleges in the area think of the University as just another state school. However, being from outside Massachusetts, my perception is that UMass is not just another state school, but a very desirable state school where my degree will be worth more than just the paper on which it's printed.

That being said, I have experienced firsthand the strange looks and gestures given to UMass guys when we show up at the other colleges. I can understand the odd looks we received when a friend of mine and I were the only guys in sight at one of the women's colleges, and its understandable that we would be perceived with some trepidation in that situation. I won't lie to you, two random guys at an all women's school can seem rather sketchy; however, when you have the opportunity to take classes at any of the other five colleges, I am sure that it is a sight that has been seen before.

Okay, so maybe being the only visible guys on a campus full of women was a strange picture, but since my friend and I are male feminists, we were undeterred at the looks and whispers given to us on that trip. What I cannot figure out, however, is when we were at an event at another co-ed school that we were awarded the same questioning reactions. No longer were we two guys in a campus with mostly women, we were a group of UMass students who were identified rather early just by how we looked and interacted, and were ostracized for it.

My friends and I made light of the subject. After all, we found it just a tiny bit amusing that people wouldn't talk to us because we were from the state school down the street. We weren't particularly shocked or annoyed that people saw us as if we had three heads instead of just being a group of guys from another college.

While I cannot figure out how they identified us so quickly and then proceeded to exclude us from their inner circle of co-ed private college antics, I know that we weren't acting any differently than we would have at a coffee shop, or while standing next to the campus pond or in the middle of our beloved Campus Center.

Now I am faced with the conclusion that we were the odd books on the shelf, possibly with the torn covers, and maybe what people saw made them not even want to read any further. I'm speaking metaphorically, of course, but the message was certainly clear enough. "You guys are UMass guys, and we know all about you. Don't you set things on fire and riot when your teams win? Don't you come to other schools just to try to pick up girls and go to our parties, bringing your particular brand of rowdiness with you?"

To this I can only reply that this stereotype of gentlemen here is not only inapplicable to every guy, but I believe many would take offense to it. Yes, we do enjoy celebrating when our teams win and yes, it's often called ZooMass for a reason. To unilaterally apply those views to every single UMass guy, however, is both unfair and unreasonable. After all, we enjoy celebrating life just as much as the next person, whether he or she is in a private school, a state school, or simply showed up just to see if all of the rumors about us were true. To all of these people I say, welcome to the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Michael Anmuth is a Collegian columnist.

In defense of movie lovers

For some people, the most wonderful time of the year is Christmas time, summer time, or March Madness. But for me, it's awards season. I'm not talking about the Grammy's, the MTV Video Music Awards or the Razzes, but rather the show that inspired every awards show in existence: the Oscars.

Erin McNamee

Every year I eagerly anticipate the Oscars and all that falls under its great umbrella of inflated egos and blinding loaner bling, from the gowns to the glamour to the "What did he just say?" acceptance speeches by the foreign film award recipients.

But when I'm in the mood to be completely honest with myself, I concede that award shows are actually pretty boring and more than a tad pretentious. However, it isn't the actual show that interests me but rather all the drama leading up to the awards. Every year I make it my job to see as many potential Oscar-nominated films as time and my wallet will allow.

I do this because I want to be all "in the know" by the time the Oscar nominations are announced; I want to be able to roll with the best of them in terms of debating the "should" win nominees versus the "will" win nominees. Watching the Oscars without seeing any of the movies nominated is as pointless as taking an exam without ever going to class. And besides, it's just plain fun going to see good movies.

For all the fun involved, however, I've noticed that being a movie lover isn't necessarily the most socially acceptable pastime. I find myself constantly having to defend myself to those who just don't understand why I "need" to see certain movies when they're in the theater and before the Oscar ceremony happens. I've been told this hobby of mine is "worthless," "a waste of time," and just plain "stupid."

But over the years I've developed little philosophical nuggets for just these occurrences that I keep simmering on the proverbial backburner in my mind.

These little guys sit there, undetectable yet alert, just waiting to accost the person who dares to question my integrity. For instance, whenever someone calls me silly or shallow for rabidly following Hollywood news, I simply point out that my hobby is no different than, say, that of following sports or music or the changing styles in basket weaving.

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Really, what's the difference between debating two actors' performances and two teams' chances of making it to the Super Bowl? If you think about it, the Super Bowl is to the NFL what the Oscars are to the film industry: they're both the pinnacle of a very long year in their respective industries. So what makes a movie lover inferior to a sports fan?

Well, I'm here to tell you that there's nothing inferior about us movie lovers. So what if we clear our whole schedule on the day of the Oscars so we can watch all the "pre-show" programming on E!, and demand that there be absolute silence during the actual show? I know plenty of die-hard sports fans that refuse to attend Super Bowl parties because they claim they need to "concentrate" on the game.

And so what if my away message on Oscar night reads, "and my Oscar winners are...."? The last time I checked, almost everyday last summer at least one of my friend's away messages read "go Johnny Damon!" so frankly I don't see what's so bad about mine saying, "go Johnny Depp!" Either way, it all comes down to being a hobby. Loving movies is not some weird obsession or delusional way to live vicariously through fictional characters. I'm sure there are people like that somewhere, but they're no different than kids who grow up wanting to be a football player or singer or the next great American novelist.

Essentially hobbies are a form of escape because they're fun and distracting from the "real" world and its real problems. If we didn't have hobbies we'd either be bored stiff or desperately unhappy. So I'll stick with my movie watching and you can stick with your basement Foosball tournaments or Popsicle stick collecting or whatever it is you do. In the meantime, I'll keep my mouth shut over your choice of pastime if you keep your mouth shut about mine.

Erin McNamee is a Collegian columnist.

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'Dances of China' to grace Fine Arts Center stage

By Matt Orr
Collegian Staff

Racing through 5,000 years of history, the "Dances of China" hopes to jumpstart the Lunar Year of the Rooster with a one-night-only performance at the Fine Arts Center.

Produced by the San Francisco Bay Area Performing Arts Association, the show attempts to illustrate as much of the country's culture as can be fit into one night. Founded in 1991, the CPA's mission is to serve the Chinese community in America, promote classical Chinese arts, and bring Peking opera, the CPA's first served as a springboard for many of the country.

Act I, Rainbow of the Land, features traditional dances, such as folk dances. In one dance, titled "The Lantern Festival," the Chinese New Year parade is highlighted with dancers waving a dragon and huge lanterns. "Pyrrus" is a very old Persian tradition that dates back to the ancient Persians. Dancers attempt to leave Mongolia in search of better land. Violence occurs. Courting Dances depicts attempts of four women to win the love of a female character. Here, the men compete for the women's affections in competitions as well as dances.

The act features many more artists, many of whom trained at the acclaimed Beijing Dance Academy. Guest choreographer Master Penwu Zhou has a master's degree in Chinese ethnic dance. Zhou compiled anthropological data in his many years of fieldwork in the Yunnan province, a region that borders Laos, Burma and Vietnam. Through his research, Zhou has incorporated many of the 56 different ethnicities into his routine.

Combining "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"-style acrobatics and martial arts with mythology, Act II, "The Dragon King" is where a great deal of the action begins. "The Dragon King" tells the story of a king, who rises on his birthday to become a celestial dragon to provide rain, easing a drought that has plagued the land for eight years. Fantastic creatures, such as fire fairies, and heavenly forces battle with heroic warriors in swordplay.

The Chinese Performing Artists of America artistic director, Lin Yang Yao, was the winner of the Dance Masterpieces of the Asia Cultural Gold award by Chinese for the "Yellow River Piano," one of the nation's highest cultural honors. His work has appeared on stages worldwide, including many United States and European cities.

The Dances of China" played at three Springfield Area schools: Duda School of Science and Technology, Chestnut Street School and Van Sickle yesterday, in tandem with Chinese language and culture teachers.

The event is sponsored by the UMass Arts and Culture program and will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the stage of the Fine Arts Center Concert Hall.

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Upright Citizens Brigade invades NoHo

By Nick Romanow
Collegian Staff

Those familiar with the name, know that The Upright Citizens Brigade is synonymous with inventive, unique comedy. The UCB has a strong cult of fans based on their too-short-lived sketch series on Comedy Central, but those in touch with the national comedy scene also know about the highly renowned UCB Theatre based out of New York.

The UCB has become home to far more then the four comedians featured on the sketch show, and this Sunday the best of the best will be coming to the Iron Horse for what is sure to be a night filled with comedy the likes of which Northampton doesn't often see. Five of the touring company, Eli Newell, Tara Copeland, Chris Gethard, Chad Carter, and Bobby Moynihan, got on speakerphone in a "hot room" to talk to the Collegian about the show and about being in the UCB.

"I think we've all worked together before," Newell noted when asked about the grouping of the tour company.

"We've all worked together and in other shows," Copeland said, referring to the countless shows that are put on at the UCB theatre, "and most of us have been around UCB for a long time. I've been there for five-and-a-half years." The rest of them have also been there for many years.

"I've made this place approximately a quarter-million dollars," Newell joked about his tenure.

All of the touring company, and essentially everyone that's ever taken the stage at the theatre, started by taking courses there, often working their way up not only to performers but also teachers. Most of the group has similar stories: working their way up from sketch-groups and acting classes in college and discovering the UCB, opening up a whole new world of comedy for them.

Upright Citizens Brigade
Iron Horse
Northampton
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There are countless aspiring and talented comedians at the theatre and when the idea of a touring company came up, the first real tour was only last fall, only the best and the brightest would be considered.

"It's a simple formula: the funniest people with nothing better to do," Newell joked. "It's just who's available. There's lots of great people here who are working on jobs and still like that and couldn't do it right now. All of us are in between things right now."

As for the show itself, the Company promises a good time.

"It's half sketch ... for math

See BRIGADE on page 7



The Upright Citizens Brigade of Comedy Central fame will entertain at the Iron Horse Music Hall on Sunday evening.

So you didn't 'Discover Your Lover' this Valentine's Day



The Mix Tape

Matt O'Rourke

Perhaps your Valentine's Day didn't go quite as you had planned or hoped for. Maybe you're feeling a little down, or perhaps that "first exam of the semester" stress is setting in. Well, look no further than this week's mixtape to express how you're feeling.

"I Am Trying to Break Your Heart" – Wilco (6:58)

What is considered by most to be their best album, Wilco's "Yankee Hotel Foxtrot" opens with this overture of sorts. Although a considerably upbeat track, the lyrics invert on the blend of various bright sounds, leaving the listener with a stark musical contrast. Near the end of the track, Jeff Tweedy can be heard singing "what was I thinking when I let go of you." Closing the track with a sort of pulse-meter, his final words (mixed in from another track off the same album) are "I'm the man that loves you." A great mix of emotions, and perfect for those with Valentine's Day blues. Appears on: "Yankee Hotel Foxtrot" (Nonesuch, 2002)

"You Almost Had It" – The Golden Republic (2:52)

On their tour with singer-songwriter Sondre Lerche last fall, The Golden Republic dedicated this track to the New York Yankees, something Red Sox fans will appreciate in particular. The lyrics here are also key. "You didn't know what you wanted, until it's gone." Simple, clever, and to the point. Not much thinking involved here, but the danceable Franz Ferdinand/glam-rock rhythm may tempt you to get up and jump around. Appears on: "The Golden Republic" (Astralwerks, 2005)

"Fake" – The Frames (3:59)

For a mixtape about love, one could easily use a host of U2 songs. Ironically enough, another Irish band, The Frames, provide the bitterness and regret that some may seek. "Come on the guy's a fake, what do you love him for?" Glen Hansard sings in the chorus. Also simple, but the band adds greatly to the overall effect. A heavy guitar and driving set rhythm combined with rock-violin boosts the track quality significantly. This song won't tempt you to get up and rock out, it will force you to. Appears on: "Burn the Maps" (Anti, 2005)

"Rain" – Patty Griffin (4:08)

For the fourth track of the mixtape, we turn to singer-songwriter Patty Griffin. Country music fans will indeed love her music, as will fans of the folk genre. The analogy Griffin uses to connect love to weather here is brilliant, as is the arrangement of the other musicians. She sings "Strange how hard it rains now/ Rows and rows of big dark clouds/When I'm holding on underneath this shroud/Rain." The track is guaranteed to make the listener feel as if they're sitting by a window on a rainy day and it's a great bridge to get into her music with. Appears on: "1000 Kisses" (ATO Records, 2002)

"Last Goodbye" – Jeff Buckley (4:35)

Considered to be one of the most influential (and also one of the most underappreciated) musicians of the 90s by many critics, Jeff Buckley provides what I consider to be the "perfect" breakup song. Passionate songwriting combined with masterful guitar composition, made Buckley one of the best of his generation. "This is our last goodbye/I hate to feel the love between us die, but its over" Buckley sings solemnly. Appears on: "Grace" (Sony, 1994)

"Everything's Not Lost" Coldplay (7:14)

As "I'm Trying to Break Your Heart" was the opener to Wilco's album, "Everything's Not Lost" is the closer to Coldplay's debut album, "Parachutes." No more Valentine's Day blues, as Coldplay provides the hope in this mixtape. Bright piano melodies, and Chris Martin's soft falsetto convey a positive, enlightening message. Listeners will find themselves singing along with the band's easy, uplifting lyrics. Perhaps these provide the most valuable knowledge of all- although events in life may get you down, realize that "everything's not lost." Appears on: Parachutes (Capitol, 2000)

Total running time: (29:48)

NBC combines Friday dramas

By Kate O'Hare
Zap2it.com



NBC's 'Medical Investigation' and 'Third Watch' will merge tonight to stop an enigmatic disease.



"This is a rarity in network television," says "Third Watch" executive producer Ed Bernero, "in that it's a crossover that actually makes sense."

On this Monday at Paramount Studios in Hollywood, Bernero is sitting on a low wall under a fake tree outside the National Institutes of Health office sets of "Medical Investigation." The freshman medical-mystery drama airs Fridays on NBC after the police/paramedic/firefighter drama "Third Watch," currently in its sixth season.

Friday starting at 9 p.m. ET, the two shows cross over in a storyline that tracks a mystery illness striking New York City, where "Third Watch" is set and filmed.

The story begins on "Third Watch," with "MI" (as it's called on the set) characters Dr. Stephen Connor (Neal McDonough) and Dr. Natalie Durant (Kelli Williams) coming to New York because a captured thief displays symptoms of a fast-spreading contagion, and his also-infected accomplice is still on the run. Musician Wyclef Jean guest-stars.

Then on "Medical Investigation," the symptoms strike "Third Watch" paramedic Carlos Nieto (Anthony Ruivivar), causing concern for his girlfriend, paramedic Holly Levine (Yvonne Jung, Ruivivar's real-life wife).

In the current scene, Levine stares helplessly through a window as Connor and "Third Watch" Detective Faith Yokas (Molly Price) have a disagreement at Ruivivar's bedside. They take their argument out into the hall, only to be interrupted when "MI's" Dr. Miles McCabe rushes in with an announcement.

The scene requires several takes, partly because when Connor asks McCabe if it's certain that a new patient has the same disease, Gorham must spit out a line that includes the tongue-twisting "maculopapular rash."

"Whatever that means," Gorham says. "I have no idea."

At one point, Gorham gets a big laugh by responding to Connor's "They sure?" with, "Yeah, come on."

The crossover storyline isn't a stretch because in "MI," Connor, Durant, McCabe and the other NH team member's travel all over America to probe outbreaks. In fact, the show's pilot was set in New York.

"And we deal with medical stuff," Bernero says. "We have paramedics. We don't have Boston detectives going to Las Vegas."

(That's a sideswipe at NBC's forensic drama "Crossing Jordan," which recently crossed over with "Las Vegas.")

"This makes sense," Bernero continues. "It's going to help both of us. It was easy, just write a script like any other Third Watch' script, and when they would normally call someone else, they just call these Medical Investigation' characters."

The following week McDonough and Williams are set to head East to film segments on the streets in frigid New York, but for right now, Price, Ruivivar and Levine are trying to enjoy their brief stint in sunny Southern California.

"I have the luck of the Irish," Price says. "Our show shoots exteriors, but this show's mostly interiors, so here I am in L.A. but I'm still locked in a cold room."

She's also getting a kick out of being on a studio lot. "The golf carts are cracking me up," she says. "They take you in a golf cart to your dressing room. We schlep eight blocks to the trailer when we go on location. Here, we're five minutes away, and there's golf carts."

Ruivivar, who's planning to take Levine and their 2-year-old son to Disneyland the next day, is padding around the set in slippers, a hospital gown, a robe and some bloody makeup.

"I fell asleep today in the hospital bed," he says. "We have jet lag. I shot on Third Watch last week till Friday, then I [illegible] the redeye to L.A., then I had to work Saturday here. So I'm trying to catch up in my hospital bed."

Originally excited to be part of the crossover, Ruivivar says, "Then I got reports that I was going to be bleeding from every orifice, so I was less excited. I mean the lightest stage now, and I still looked like death warmed over. Then they'll start adding the blood and sweat and other stuff. It'll be fun."

McDonough, a Massachusetts native, is eager to [illegible] the streets of Gotham, no matter how cold it is.

"I'm looking forward to it," McDonough says. "There's still going to be snow but it'll be muddy, nasty-looking snow, which is going to be great. I love it when it's cold outside. Whenever I visit here in California, I'm [illegible]. I can't deal with it."

The "Third Watch" cast has a little skeptical of McDonough's bravado.

"We're shooting their finale in the Navy Yards next week," Bernero says, "so we'll see how much he likes the cold. Two degrees in the Brooklyn Navy Yards."

"I hope he has galoshes and long johns," quips Price. "It's dreadful. You just do it. There's nothing to be done about it. In some ways, it helps makes you tough and gritty and angry, which is predominately what our show's about. There you are, ugly and freezing, nothing you can do about it."

"The blood we pour on our victims freezes," Reviver says. "The IVs are like ice. It's not fun. So this is great, with the sun."

Right now, neither drama has a pickup for fall, so a little cross-promotion couldn't hurt either show's chances.

But, optimism reigns as McDonough says, "Obvious signs point to us coming back for another year. I would be shocked if we weren't coming back for another year."

"I'm always confident," Bernero says of his show. "We've never actually ended a year picked up, so this is no different than any other year. I think this show's going to be on for 15 years. We're like a bad penny. They can't get rid of us."

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Big companies take on laptop travel bags as source of new fashion trend

By Tamara Chuang
The Orange County Register



Brand-name labels such as the Gap have begun to manufacture stylish electronics carrying cases.

SANTA ANA, Calif. — The Performance Messenger bag at the Gap will set you back $34.50 and has room for your laptop computer and maybe a towel to wrap around the delicate machine.

But will you regret skimping on a quality computer bag when the canvas tote accidentally crashes to the ground at an airline's check-in counter?

Laptop bags promise to keep your computer safe, and many are tested to survive a 3-foot drop. Comfort tweaks and pockets of convenience are innovations from the specialty makers, such as leading manufacturer Targus Inc. and rival Mobile Edge, both based in Anaheim, Calif.

But the ergonomic handle, hidden airline-ticket pocket and extra padding are going to cost you. And people are willing to pay it.

"Computer bags are critical to business professionals who are carrying their precious computer with them, which can be $2,000 to $3,000 of equipment," said Peter Cobb, co-founder and senior vice president of eBags.com, an Internet retailer that sells more than 1,000 laptop bags on its site. "It has everything in their life in there ... their spreadsheets, documents. To some people in the population, it's pretty critical to protect their computer." Laptop bags began replacing briefcases in the 1980s as the availability of portable PCs grew. Targus, founded in 1983, was one of the early companies to pounce on this growing niche with its iconic black leather bag.

Laptop computer sales continued to grow, even as desktop PC sales foundered in recent years. Last year, laptop sales were on target to grow 21 percent to $57.3 million this year, according to market researcher International Data Corp.

Computer bags have likewise flourished.

"When you go into a store to buy a bag, it can be very overwhelming with 30 cases to choose from," said Todd Gormick, Targus' global business development manager.

His tips? Start with a bag that fits your personality, from a sporty backpack to the new trend of fashionable cases. Make sure your computer fits. And look inside.

"It's really about digging through the case and seeing the features and functions," he said. "You may look at the $99 price tag as expensive when you could buy a $19.99 bag at Old Navy, but then you see the construction, the quality." On its high-end bags, which top out around $200, Targus has AirTrak wheels, which are air-filled tires that offer a smooth, shock-absorbing ride. Its SafePORT Air Cushion is made up of a layer of foam and rubber and has small holes to allow air to escape when under pressure. Other features include a pullout water-bottle holder, a removable CD sleeve and a retractable ticket holder that slides in and out of its pocket.

As the market has grown, so has competition. I Bags carries some 50 brands of laptop bags, and everyday it adds more laptop-related products, Cobb said.

"In the laptop market, you get what you pay for," Cobb said. "The top brand names are making excellent products. What is interesting in the laptop category is that there is no true leader, and it has opened the market for some niche players, like Mobile Edge and Road Wired." Heavy competition almost persuaded David Cartwright to abandon the business after leaving a 15-year career at Targus. Then he discovered the undertapped market that mixed fashion and quality. His new company, Mobile Edge, sells bags with style, such as the pink suede laptop tote that shares 10 percent of its $200 price with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

"Most of the designer bags that say they fit a computer don't offer the protection," said Cartwright, whose company uses SafetyCell, a heavy egg-crate foam, to protect PCs.

Mobile Edge tests a bag by dropping it on its edge from 3 feet. On its premium messenger bags, it also added features such as gel-cushioned handles, a shock-absorbing bungee strap to alleviate shoulder pressure and a pocket made of zinc that kills wireless signals so a phone can't disturb a meeting.

For products geared toward women, Mobile Edge didn't skimp on materials or features. There's embossed leather, double-stitched handles to prevent thread breakage and special zippers from YKK fastening that won't fall apart.

"We use the same [illegible] material as Kate Spade," Cartwright said.

Brigade to perform at Iron Horse

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people I threw out that term, improv," Newell says about the other half.

Another voice exclaims, "100% amazing!"

"The sketch part," Newell continues, "is kinda fast and furious. I don't know how revolutionary it is but it's really tight and awesome. A lot of people have seen sketch, but what I really like toying with is the improv stuff. Not a lot of people have seen that – the improv style we do."

"A lot of people associate improv with 'Whose Line is it Anyway?'," one member says, referencing the popular TV show. Another immediately jokes, "I—ing bull——."

"What we do is kinda the opposite of that, in a lot of ways," the more diplomatic one says, "for people seeing it for the first time it's really an eye-opening thing. It's enjoyable to get out there and show it to them."

Throughout the interview, all of the performers will state how excited they are to be bringing the show to areas that don't have a local comedy scene, let alone a savior such as the UCB theatre. They will also say multiple times how good the show is. They aren't saying so in a cocky way, however, rather they are clearly professionals who are extremely proud of the show they've made, like a parent talking about their baby.

Coming from a place as reputable as the UCB theatre, you could probably take their word for it, but with a show this funny coming to town, why would you? Comedy lovers of all forms, those that know their way around the national scene, those that have never even seen live comedy, and everyone in between would do best to make it out to the Iron Horse Sunday night to check out what is sure to be one of the best, and funniest, events of the season.

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Soundtrack fails to 'Be Cool'

By Nathan Rothstein
Collegian Correspondent

Be cool. Be innovative. Be Chili Palmer. Be the producers of the "Be Cool" soundtrack and feature Earth Wind and Fire on the first track. Singing from the soul, and creating a "Fantasy," the dynamic soul group starts "Cool" the right way. With a beautiful harmony, and a catchy hook, "Fantasy" takes us back to a different time of music. A place in music that has been frequently sampled upon in the present day of ripping and burning. Puff Daddy, the sampler king (or pimp, whatever suits your style) could use this soundtrack for an album. When Diddy gets a chance to listen, he will jump out of his custom made suit and jump for joy. The next song, "Hollywood Swinging," by Kool & The Gang, made his Christian sidekick, Muse, a rich man. In 1997, Puffy and Muse, took the dramatic first chords, and turned them into a platinum record. A few songs later, James Brown boasts his rule as "The Boss." Again, Nas would sample this song in 2002 for his hit song, "Get Down." If you are interested in hearing the roots, instead of the 90s product, the first half of this album will take you back, before the time of samples.

Another highlight is the Brazilian number with the Neptune clap, "Roda." Before "Milkshake" and "Grindin" there was Latin American soul/jazz/funk music. What begins as a sound STAX would die for, Elis Regina combines a Janis Joplin-like voice with a poignant clapping beat. It is a very fresh sound that could be mistaken as contemporary world music, but its release, dates back to 1966.

The album takes a turn for the worst when it tries to feature artists that recently made music. In "Sexy," Black Eyed Peas say nothing numerous times, and then says a little more, of nothing. The only attribute that keeps the song bearable is a fantastic beat with and Arabian/Latin sound. The producers of the album saved their featured actress, Christina Milian, for the supposed meat of the album. The meat is not so tasty. Her first song, partially written by Alicia Keys, is an imitation of songs off of "Diary of Alicia Keys." It may sound good, but it is a redundant sound. Her next song, a ballad, is even slower, and less accessible.

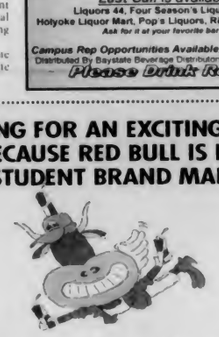
"Be Cool" really slips when it delves into hip-hop. The songs are out of place, out of sync, and not close to as fresh as the 70s soul music that shines on the soundtrack. If it wanted to do hip-hop right, they should have convinced their actor, Andre Benjamin to collaborate. To not include a song from one-half of OutKast was a major mistake, and cost "Be Cool" from being anything special.



John Travolta and Uma Thurman co-star in 'Be Cool' the sequel to 'Get Shorty'.

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Minutewomen drop one late

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the most the Minutewomen have given up in a half since allowing Duquesne to hit 41 in the first half on Jan. 21.

Trailing 6-5 three minutes into the game, Nelson stepped up and nailed her second of three treys, sparking a 21-4 run that saw Nelson and Campbell shell out several swift passes in transition, making the Minutewoman offense look almost foolproof.

But no lead is ever safe, not matter how small or large. Trailing by 10 to open the second half, URI's heavy press finally paid off, slowly, but eventually closing the lead to two with six minutes left before finally taking over a minute later. With 5:28 to go, Katie Stailing was fouled by Patrycja Gulak driving to the hoop and converted the three-point play on the ensuing free throw.

Yesterday's loss makes Sunday's battle at home against the Richmond Spiders (18-5, 9-3 A-10) all the more important. Arguably one of the toughest teams they will have to earn a win against, the Spiders are led by All-America candidate Kate Flavin, one of the premier forwards in the A-10. Flavin currently leads the A-10 in field goal percentage (.575) and ranks second in the conference in scoring (17.6 per game) and rebounding (9.1 per game).

"I think we'll come ready to play," Dacko said. "Richmond is just a better team, and we're usually up for those. We're just not where we need to be right now."



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Alisha Tatham had one assist during UMass' 60-59 loss to URI yesterday. The Minutewomen will play Richmond in Amherst on Sunday.

UM ski team will follow Hawkins

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of Rush Hawkins, who has consistently destroyed the competition on local and national levels.

"He dominates the league. He has won over 50 percent of the races last year and this year."

Hawkins has been nothing short of outstanding over the last two years. As a freshman in 2004, he finished first in seven of 11 events in races with over 60 competitors. He finished first in five of six giant slalom races, consistently beating the field by significant time.

In the USCSA Regional at Waterville Valley (also the site of this year's Regional), Hawkins opened eyes when he took first in the giant slalom and second in the slalom.

In the 2004 USCSA National, Hawkins finished second out of a field of 86 competitors with a two-run time of 2:08.31 in the giant slalom and was named an All-American.

But Hawkins' impact does not lie just with his numbers.

"It's great to be around him. As a younger player, if you know that this kid dominates the league, you can pace yourself after him," Pomeroy said.

The USCSA Regional is coming up on Feb. 26 and 27. The men's team took first in the Regional last year, and when reminded of it, Pomeroy added, "We're hoping to do the same this year."

UMass will play two with BU

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you start to not trust one another as much as you need to," Cahoon, the Hockey East Coach of the Year two seasons ago, said. "So one of those things we're going to try to bring out is a sense of trust in what we do and how we do it, and we're trying to put emphasis on that. We need the people in the locker room to embrace those concepts... as [much as] we can going into the most important part of the season."

Cahoon is no stranger to the Terriers, as he is a 1972 graduate of Boston University and served on Jack Parker's staff for a couple different stints after. He played left wing for the 1971 and 1972 national championship teams.

He won a few other championships during his time in Boston, too, as he was on the first BU team to win three consecutive Beanpots, so he knows a thing or two about playing in a regular season game following one of the greatest college sports traditions in the country.

And he doesn't think the Terriers will suffer from what he called a "Beanpot hangover."

The Minutemen will hope to christen Boston's newest 6,300 seat arena with a win tomorrow night, but they'll have to readjust their eyes when they get off the bus and realize they aren't walking into Walter Brown Arena anymore.

"I think that's a positive [that BU built a new arena]. Walter Brown was getting old. My senior year was the first class that ever played in there, and that's a long time ago," Cahoon said while laughing. "It's going to be a tough place to play, but it's another terrific venue that we get to go to."



UMass freshman Zech Klann fires a shot during the game Saturday night against New Hampshire. The Minutemen will play a home-and-home series with Boston University, beginning tonight at 7 p.m. in Amherst.

Randy Johnson surprised by backlash from Boston fans

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Randy Johnson didn't think that merely by signing with the New York Yankees he'd join Alex Rodriguez as a target of the Boston Red Sox and their fans.

"I haven't done anything to them," he said Thursday.

Not yet, but his job is to lead the Yankees to their first title since 2000 and deny the Red Sox a second straight World Series championship.

"So they'll be mad at me if I pitch well against them? Bring it on then," he said, laughing.

"So I guess I'm a target, but I'm going to go out there and do the best I can," Johnson said. "I'm not going to be firing quotes and stuff like that to make myself more of a target, that's for sure. I'll leave that to other people that can do that better than I probably could."

As Johnson pitched his first bullpen session at Legends Field, former Arizona teammate Curt Schilling reported to Boston's training camp in Fort Myers, and new Red Sox and former Yankee David Wells added his own criticism of Rodriguez.

"I remember reading the press conference or something when he went there," Wells said. "He said: 'When we.' He said a 'we' in his comment about like he's won like three or four rings with them and he hadn't, and that kind of disturbed me.

"He shouldn't put himself in that category," added Wells, who helped New York win two AL pennants and one World Series. "You've got to earn it. It's like he's been there the whole time. But you can't take away what A-Rod has done for the game. He's a great player, and he will continue to be a great player."

During the offseason, Schilling criticized A-Rod, and earlier this week Red Sox outfielder Trot Nixon said of the former AL MVP: "He can't stand up to (Derek) Jeter in my book or Bernie Williams or (Jorge) Posada."

Schilling on Thursday added: "I'm pretty sure that me not liking Alex Rodriguez is not a groundbreaking story. I'm sure there are a lot of guys in the big leagues (who) don't like each other. The comments came about because of play on the field last year. That's the way I see it. I never really thought it was nearly as big a deal as people have made it. I'm pretty sure Alex could care less whether I like him or not."

Nixon also was irritated by Rodriguez's description of his early morning workouts, saying: "I'm not a deadbeat dad, you clown. That's what I said to myself. What's wrong with me taking my kid to school and then going to work out?"

Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein downplayed the comments.

"As a whole our team has been pretty modest in victory and respectful of the opposition, especially the Yankees, and focus on what we're having to do," he said. "If there's anything personal, I'm sure it's just a blip, and it will pass. But I know from knowing our guys that they're very, very respectful of the Yankees and what they've accomplished.

"I like the on-field Yankees-Red Sox rivalry. I've never cared much about the off-field stuff."

Sox doctor hurt from pink slip

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — The doctor who conceived the ankle operation that allowed Curt Schilling to pitch in the World Series is still hurt by his dismissal. Especially now that the athletes he looked after are at spring training and he's back in Boston.

"I never told you it didn't break my heart" that his 18 years tending to Red Sox players had ended, Dr. Bill Morgan said. "As far as I can see, it's business. I'm certainly not going to let it get the best of me."

But he was disappointed that the meeting at which he learned of his dismissal in mid-December lasted just 10 minutes. He said he was surprised when he got the word from Red Sox president Larry Lucchino and general manager Theo Epstein.

"I think I did a good job. I think I did a great job with these (players) and human nature dictates you would like to have some acknowledgment," Morgan said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "All of us, if we feel like we've done the job, a pat on the back and 'nice going' would be nice.

"But we, as consultants, don't make those decisions."

Morgan said he had worked on one-year agreements and "was waiting for the other shoe to drop" ever since John Henry became principal owner before the 2002 season and started changing club personnel.

He thought he was safe after his work with Schilling and Boston's first World Series championship in 86 years. But the Red Sox told him they wanted to go in another direction.

They preferred a broader medical team and, on Wednesday, named Dr. Thomas J. Gill their team physician as part of a group at Massachusetts General Hospital. Morgan is an orthopedic surgeon at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center.

"It's never easy to make a change with an employee who's been a part of the organization for a long time," Epstein said Thursday. "We tried to handle it in as honest, straightforward manner as possible to be fair to him and we did spend an awful lot of time trying to be as thoughtful as possible."

He said the club was making "a philosophical change" by starting a new medical department with broader responsibilities — treating players, researching injury prevention and developing a program that would range from the team's rookie league squads to the majors.

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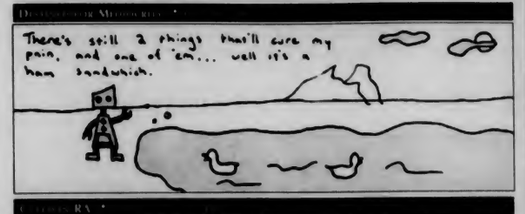
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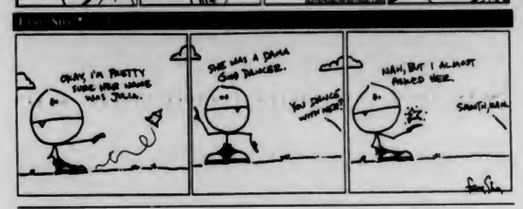
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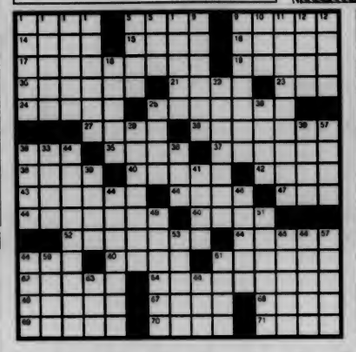
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Downed in final seconds

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

When it comes to rivalries, one has to throw out the record books because anything can happen, and no lead is ever truly safe. Yesterday afternoon was no exception.

Despite careening out to a 14-point lead in the first half in front of a season-high crowd of 1,597 on Field Trip Day, the Massachusetts women's basketball team faltered to the lowly Rhode Island Rams (6-18, 4-9 Atlantic 10) with time winding down after a long two-pointer by Safi Mojidi put them up 60-59 with eight seconds to go.

Rhode Island	60
UMass	59

URI had a history of falling short this season, having previously been 0-8 in 2004-05 in games decided by eight points or less, but they finally crept up on somebody. That somebody just happened to be UMass (13-11, 6-7 A-10), who struggles to maintain the No. 2 spot in the A-10 East. Securing a first-round bye will be made much more difficult with their next two games coming against A-10 powerhouses Richmond and No. 20 Temple.

And they have Mojidi to thank. The quick and agile guard got her game winning shot off before freshman Pam Rosanio could even put her hands up. "I was just trying to play defense. I was trying not to let her go by me," Rosanio said. "I didn't put my hands up in time, and she got it off quick."

Mojidi led all scorers on the afternoon, throwing down 17 points to accompany a five-assist, two-steal day. Rosanio led the Maroon and White in scoring for the 10th time this season, hitting for 16 points on a 5-of-12 day from the field. Brooke Campbell (14 points, nine rebounds), Kate Mills (12 points) and Katie Nelson (12 points) were also double-figure scorers on a day that only saw UMass' bench contribute two points.



Brooke Campbell scored 14 points, grabbed nine rebounds, dished out six assists and tallied a pair of steals during UMass' loss to URI yesterday.

"I'm not happy with my bench play right now," coach Marnie Dacko said. "Our bench is inconsistent. We have some offensive scoring from our bench, some defensive presence from our bench but we don't get the combinations. So, it's hard for me to put the combinations on the floor right now."

The Minutewomen had one last chance to put themselves ahead following Mojidi's timely field goal. Rather than calling a timeout, however point guard Nelson came right at the Rams' full court press, immediately streaming up the near side of the court and dishing the ball off to Rosanio.

As she drove through the right side of the key en route to the basket, Rosanio was questionably hacked by two URI defenders, the ball partially deflected and then rebounded by Mills. "All four hands can't just hit the ball and not me," Rosanio said.

Mills was then blocked by Mojidi, screaming for a foul as time ran out.

Not much can explain the breakdown for the Maroon and White other than poor second-half execution. After shooting 60 percent from the floor in the first half (14-of-23), the Minutewomen went ice cold when they reemerged from the locker room clinging to a 10-point lead. UMass halved their shooting percentage, going just 30 percent on field goals (7-of-23) in the remaining 20 minutes.

The Rams went to work, however, totaling 37 points in the second half.

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Minutewomen lost lead when the assists stopped

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

Yesterday could have gone two ways.

"It could be a really nicely executed game or it could be a severely ugly game," Massachusetts women's basketball coach Marnie Dacko said before Thursday's game against Rhode Island.

Fortunately for Dacko and the Minutewomen, her prediction of a well-executed game was accurate for 13 minutes of yesterday's game. Unfortunately for Dacko, the final 27 minutes of the game would be better classified as ugly for UMass. The end result was a heartbreaking 60-59 loss for the Minutewomen.

In front of a season-high 1,597 fans, the Minutewomen came out on fire. URI (6-18, 4-9 Atlantic-10) didn't begin the game pressing as was expected, and UMass took advantage, picking apart the Rams defense with some crisp passing.

Just over four minutes into the game, URI called a timeout as UMass had taken a 12-6 lead on 5-of-6 shooting from the field.

UMass (13-11, 6-7 A-10) continued to execute sharply after the timeout. With 7:04 remaining in the half, UMass stretched its lead to a game-high 14 points, at 26-12. The most impressive part of the game was how easily UMass dissected URI's defense.

The Minutewomen had 11 assists on their first 11 field goals, with the majority of the baskets coming on lay-ups as a result of good interior passing to open cutters.

The turning point in the game came when URI finally began pressing UMass late in the first half. UMass handled the pressure to some extent, but by halftime its lead had shrunk to 10.

"Early on we were up by 14, and I thought we could have put the game away and we didn't," Dacko said. "Then they put the press on, and Katie (Nelson) didn't handle herself well in the press. We were still up 10 coming into the locker room, but Rhode Island had gotten the momentum going their way."

Nelson had an uncharacteristically poor day handling the pressure, as the point guard turned the ball over six times.

"We had a 14-point lead, and that went away because we just stopped passing," Nelson said. "They put the pressure on a little more, and I made a couple of bad decisions and we turned the ball over too much."

Although the deficit had been cut, the ball movement of UMass was strong in the first half. The Minutewomen had assists on 13 of their 14 field goals, with Brooke Campbell leading the way with five assists.

In the second half, URI utilized its pressure defense, forcing UMass into bad decisions and turnovers.

"We were trying to make long passes, and they were able to score off of that, and that killed us," Dacko said. "We practiced for three days against that pressure, and yet, it came back to haunt us."

The poor ball movement was reflected by the fact that UMass had only five assists after the break. The 18 assists tied the second-best total for the Minutewomen this season, but the inability to handle the pressure from URI in the second half overshadowed the Minutewomen's strong first-half execution.

"I think a little bit of it was fatigue," Dacko said about the Minutewomen's struggles in the second half. "I think Brooke Campbell was fatigued a little bit and Katie Nelson, mentally, didn't lead us."

UMass had been playing well lately, but a loss like this raises serious questions about the team's prospects of making a run in the post season. If the Minutewomen don't find a way to take care of the ball in the last three games of the regular season, their stay in the A-10 Tournament could be a short one.



Down the stretch

Rashaun Freeman has averaged 15.0 points and 7.3 rebounds per game this season, and he will lead the Minutemen (13-9, 6-5 Atlantic 10) into Philadelphia to take on the La Salle Explorers (8-15, 4-8 A-10) tomorrow afternoon at 2 p.m. UMass only has five regular season games remaining.

UMass to play two with BU

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

If the last seven days had any bearing on this weekend's home-and-home series between the Massachusetts hockey team and the Boston University Terriers, White Out Night would be canceled at the Mullins Center. UMass would put its first visit to Agganis Arena on hold and the locker rooms would be dark and empty.

Oh, but the last week of hockey doesn't have any weight on this weekend's games, and Hockey East action will continue as planned.

UMass (11-18-2, 5-13-2 Hockey East) is coming off its worst weekend of the season with a pair of lopsided losses to conference leader UNH, and BU (18-10-3, 12-4-2 HEA) won a road affair with Providence on Friday before finding its true love on Valentine's Day by taking home yet another — its 26th in the tournament's 53-year history — Beanpot championship.

The two teams will square off at the Mullins Center tonight and the month-old Agganis Arena tomorrow night with the puck scheduled to drop at 7 p.m. for both games.

The Minutemen are poised to start doing the smaller things right, as they only have five games left on the ballot before the Hockey East playoffs get underway on March 10.



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UMass captain Stephen Werner will be looking to come up big this weekend during the team's home-and-home series with the Terriers.

"We're definitely trying to get better, and if we could win a few games along the way before the playoffs and try to get something going that would be great," UMass captain Stephen Werner said. "The important thing is that we're playing our best hockey in the first round of the playoffs, and hopefully we can build on that."

There is no hiding the fact that the Minutemen have been mired in their longest slump of the season, only 1-8-1 in their last 10 games, but UMass coach Don Cahoon isn't stressing the physical hockey aspects in the locker room right now; it has been the mentality of the players he is trying to improve.

"Confidence is a big factor when you go into these down cycles, and trying to develop confidence is easier said than done; if

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Hawkins to lead UM ski team

By Rob Greenfield
Collegian Correspondent

After winning the 2004 USCSA regional championship and posting a solid all-around performance in USCSA nationals (third place in the slalom and two crowned All-Americans), the expectations were high for coach Ken Thoman and the Massachusetts men's skiing team.

"We definitely think about it," assistant coach and former UMass skier Dave Pomeroy said about the season's expectations. "We usually get together as a team and talk about improving on stats from the previous year."

Although the Minutemen are young and promising (five freshmen and three sophomores), improving on last year's resume will not be an easy task.

The men's team is littered with young players, and in skiing events where one turn can ruin a race, inexperience could breed inconsistency.

"We definitely have a young team," Pomeroy said. "The older guys — Ken [Thoman] and myself — each have four years experience with races. Between the two of us, we know what it takes to succeed in this league."

Pomeroy mentioned that the adjustment for freshmen from high school meets to college meets has been crucial to the team's success. In high school, where not finishing a race is commonplace, the pressure is there, but relatively mild.

"The freshmen have come from a place where not finishing is okay," Pomeroy said. "College is a totally different world, five out of 10 races count on the day. We mess up once, and we don't qualify for nationals. That's the world of ski racing."

Of the younger skiers, James Green and Jason Small (both freshmen) have proved to be reliable in pressure situations so far this year. Green has been a paradigm of consistency, finishing 22nd, 26th, 20th and 26th in his first four races in 2005.

Jason Small has been steady as well with two top-five finishes already this year. Small placed fifth in the slalom race at Water Valley, N.H., finishing with a two-run time of 1:29.80, a slight 1.63 seconds off the lead, which was held by his sophomore teammate, the impressive Rush Hawkins. The next week Small placed second with a two-run time of 1:24.80 in the slalom event.

"Jason Small has been improving at a fast rate. He certainly has stepped up for us," Pomeroy added.

Despite the up-and-coming talent and the experience at the coaching positions, Pomeroy said there is one factor that impacts this team tremendously.

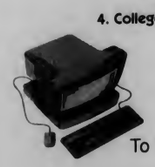
"He impacts the whole division," Pomeroy said

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Sports Weekend Web Poll

Assuming the NHL resumes play at some point, what will your feelings be toward the league?

1. I will never watch a game again.
2. It will take some time, but I'll forgive the NHL and come back eventually.
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4. College hockey is better, anyway.





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Spike Lee addresses a packed crowd

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

Renowned film director Spike Lee spoke to a crowd of roughly 1,000 last Thursday night in the Curry Hicks Cage, urging students to follow their dreams, opening up the last half hour to a barrage of questions.

Sponsored by the Student Government Association, the speech was part of the University's celebration of Black History Month.

Clad in a gray suit with a pink collared shirt, the maker of hit films such as "Do the Right Thing", "Malcolm X" and "He Got Game" entered the stage to a standing ovation. After the applause simmered, Lee opened up the night with a bit of humor.

"One out away," the Brooklyn native muttered, alluding to the 2004 American League Championship series between the Boston Red Sox and his beloved New York Yankees. "Well, it'll be another 86 years before your Red Sox win another World Series."

After making note of Black History Month as "the truest month of the year," Lee got into talking about life as an adolescent in Brooklyn. Growing up, Lee told the audience, he never imagined he would ever pursue a career in film, let alone be successful at it. Although he didn't know what he wanted to do with his life, he knew one thing that was inevitable: college.

"Going to college was expected by my parents, there was no way around that," Lee said, adding that his parents were very supportive of his decision to pursue film after his sophomore year at Morehouse College.



MATTHEW REED — COLLEGIAN

Film maker Spike Lee speaks to the crowd at Curry Hicks Cage Thursday evening. His talk was part of the University's celebration of Black History Month.

Lee first got interested in film in the summer of 1977, when faced with no job he went around New York City with his eight-millimeter camera filming things for fun. When he got the idea that he should make his tapings into a movie, Lee decided film was for him.

"I feel as though I didn't choose film, film chose me," Lee said. "I was forced to find out what I love."

Which brought him to his next and arguably most important point of the night: a person's four years at college are really about finding out what it is they love, not finding a major that yields the most money.

"You don't want to be ten or fifteen years down the road from now and having to drag your ass out of bed every morning to a job you hate," he said.

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UMass club helps tsunami victims

By Bill Donovan
Collegian Staff

Nearly 150 people attended the University of Massachusetts Art of Living Club's Fundraising Dinner for 1,000 tsunami disaster orphans from Srinivaspuram, India Saturday night in the Campus Center.

"We want to thank the UMass community and to all who have donated. Also, all who were here. We'll continue with the service projects, which we consider the most important to people who are in need," said Georgi Georgiev, Ph.d student of Isenberg School of Management and member of Art of Living Club.

The event was put together with the assistance of the Graduate Student Senate. The Hatch, Pranaza, the Hindu Student Association, and Earth Foods. GSS donated funds that helped provide the Indian food served to the large crowd. The Hatch gave the club some of its food items for the dinner also, with Earth Foods lending their kitchen for volunteer workers to prepare the meal.

Art of Living is a non-profit group on campus that offers yoga classes and conducts humanitarian programs. This group supports the International Association of Human Value — a groups which gives out humanitarian aid and is present in 40 countries across the globe. The organization is in special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the UN.

"This event was part of a big effort to relieve a shanty-town in India, which was very close to the beach and 1,000 children have been adopted by both groups, which are non-profit, educational groups," said Georgiev. "These two organizations have made a tremendous effort. This is just on of them, they helped out in Iraq, the war in Kosovo and much more.

These groups are dedicated to service, following the belief, which is Health, Hygiene, Harmony, Diversity, and Human Values. Volunteers go into fairly undeveloped locations and educate and modernize homes, water sup-

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Jhally gives speech about news media

By Matthew Reed
Collegian Staff

NORTHAMPTON — A discussion on the current state of American media took place at Graham Auditorium, on the campus of Smith College last Friday.

The discussion was led by Sut Jhally, founder of the Media Education Foundation and professor of communication at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and Judith Milestone, former senior vice president at CNN and a 1966 Smith graduate.

Jhally spoke on the world of "spin," which he defined as a person giving his or her interpretation of reality. He said that spin is something "inherent to all human beings, and something that you can never get away from."

The "new wave of journalism" in this country, an increased influence and reliance on public relations, is at the heart of the spin phenomenon, Jhally, quoting early public relations practitioner Edward Bernays, described public relations as an "invisible government that controls the government."

Expanding on this idea, Jhally noted that the government put the first full-scale systems of spin in place following the success of several political and cultural movements in the 1960s. The government has now made these systems a permanent fixture in society.

"Media is becoming addicted to the PR method of doing news," said Jhally, "which is evident in the dramatic reliance on video news releases, press releases and so on. Pre-packaged news stories are becoming far too common and accepted in media today."

Examples of video news releases, known as VNRs, were used to emphasize Jhally's point.



MATTHEW REED — COLLEGIAN

UMass communications professor Sut Jhally contributes to a discussion at Smith College on Friday about the role that public relations play in the news media.

These releases are put together by companies, such as certain pharmaceutical corporations, and shown on the local television news broadcasts. They are meant to look like news stories done by the local news channels, when in reality they are funded by the company they are advertising, in an attempt to sell and particular product or idea.

"These stories are simply not news," Jhally said.

Milestone also commented on VNRs, saying that she received large numbers of them when she was working at CNN, but refused to air them based on their content and origin.

According to Jhally, it is up to the journalist to break the habit of PR-controlled media in this country.

"Journalists must seek the truth, not just ask questions to the same, segregated group of people and think they've adequately done their job."

Only through education will journalists be able to "deconstruct the level of spin" that has become so prevalent in our society, Jhally said.

"I strongly believe that if there was availability to the proper education on the topic of PR spin, people would support the right policies

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Med school to hold health career talks

By Dan Tebk
Collegian Staff

Doctor Deborah Harmon Hines, associate vice chancellor for school services at the University of Massachusetts Medical School will visit UMass Amherst tomorrow to inform students about careers in the health care industry.

Hines will have two talks: one is open to the public and all are invited to attend; the other is specifically for disadvantaged students and what programs UMMS has to offer them. Half of Dr. Hines' job is student affairs-like business, but the other half focuses on outreach and getting more students with diverse backgrounds into the health care field. In addition to her vice chancellor position she is also a professor cell biology teaching human of gross anatomy and lectures on multicultural diversity.

Hines grew up in Memphis, Tenn. She started school the same year the Brown vs. The Board of Education was passed yet she attended segregated schools from first through 12th grade.

Hines said that her career choices were limited and that she "did not want to pick cotton" for the rest of her life. Even though



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Doctor Deborah H. Hines

"blacks were discouraged from doing things in science and math," Dr. Hines said, she enjoyed and excelled at those subjects the most.

"All the boys that I knew," she said, "I was helping with their math and science homework."

The adversity pushed her and made her drive to succeed. After attending LeMoyne-Owen College, a historically black college in Memphis, she got her doctorate in Human Anatomy from University of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences. After teaching at

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Big Dig leaks could drive up price tag

By Catherine Tsai
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Hundreds of leaks in the Big Dig tunnel could increase the project's $14.6 billion price tag, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation inspector general.

In the Feb. 16 memo, obtained by the Boston Globe, Inspector General Kenneth M. Mead said he would not authorize release of $81 million in federal funds for the Big Dig until he receives an accounting of how many leaks there are and how much it will cost to repair them.

The memo indicates that three months after the revelations about the tunnel leaks, the top federal overseer of the project remains unconvinced that the problem is under control, and that if the price of the project increases, the difference would be borne entirely by the state.

"Until these unknown are substantially resolved, we do not have a credible basis on which to conclude that the (Big Dig's) Finance Plan contains a cost estimate that is based on all known and reasonably expected costs," Mead's memo states.

Mead's memo went to the Federal Highway Administration, the agency that provides the funds to the states for transportation projects.

In the memo, Mead notes that as of Feb. 5, there were 458 leaks in the Big Dig tunnels, but about 40,000 points in the tunnels still needed to be inspected.

"As a result, it is not known how many leaders there are, their severity, and the associated costs to repair them," Mead said.

The federal government has held up payments to the state before. After cost overruns in 2002, federal officials postponed sending funds to the project for several months until the Turnpike Authority showed it had a plan for covering $400 million in cost increases.

The Massachusetts Turnpike Authority has downplayed the financial costs of the leaks, saying that repairs will be done by contractors.

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Hunter S. Thompson commits suicide

By Catherine Tsai
Associated Press

DENVER — Hunter S. Thompson, the acerbic counterculture writer who popularized a new form of fictional journalism in books like "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas," fatally shot himself Sunday night at his Aspen-area home, his son said. He was 67.

"Hunter prized his privacy and we ask that his friends and admirers respect that privacy as well as that of his family," Juan Thompson said in a statement released to the Aspen Daily News.

Pitkin County Sheriff officials confirmed to The Associated Press that Thompson had died of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. Thompson's wife, Anita, was not home at the time.

Besides the 1972 drug-hazed classic about Thompson's visit to Las Vegas, he also wrote "Fear and Loathing: On the Campaign Trail '72." The central character in those wild, sprawling satires was "Dr. Thompson," a snarling, drug- and alcohol-crazed observer and participant.

Thompson is credited with pioneering New Journalism — or, as he dubbed it, "gonzo journalism" — in which the writer made himself an essential component of the story. Much of his earliest work appeared in Rolling Stone magazine.

"Fiction is based on reality unless you're a fairy-tale artist," Thompson told the AP in 2003. "You have to get your knowledge of life from somewhere. You have to know the material you're writing about before you alter it."



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Hunter S. Thompson, center, stands with Benecio Del Toro, right and Johnny Depp, left at a1998 movie premiere.

An acute observer of the decadence and depravity in American life, Thompson also wrote such collections "Generation of Swine" and "Songs of the Doomed." His first ever novel, "The Rum Diary," written in 1959, was first published in 1998.

Thompson was a counterculture icon at the height of the Watergate era, and once said Richard Nixon represented "that dark, venal, and incurably violent side of the American character."

Thompson also was the model for Garry Trudeau's balding "Uncle Duke" in the comic strip "Doonesbury" and was portrayed on screen by Johnny Depp in a film adaptation of "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas."

Other books include "The Great Shark Hunt," "Hell's Angels" and "The Proud Highway." His most recent effort was "Hey Rube: Blood Sport, the Bush Doctrine, and the Downward Spiral of Dumbness."

"He may have died relatively young but he made up for it in quality if not quantity of years," Paul Krassner, the veteran radical journalist and one of Thompson's former editors, told The Associated Press by phone from his Southern California home.

"It was hard to say sometimes whether he was being provocative for its own sake or if he was just being drunk and stoned and irresponsible," quipped Krassner, founder of the leftist publication The Realist and co-founder of the Youth International (YIPPIE) party.

"But every editor that I know, myself included, was willing to accept a certain prima donna journalism in the demands he would make to cover a particular story," he said. "They were willing to risk all of his irre-

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Art of Living helping in relief efforts

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ply, and health habits."

Many volunteers of the club were impressed by the amount of people who showed up at the event. The group had set up donation tables a week before in the Student Center and various Dining Commons over campus. Spots were set up in addition at the UMass Five-College Credit Union and restaurants like The Black Sheep.

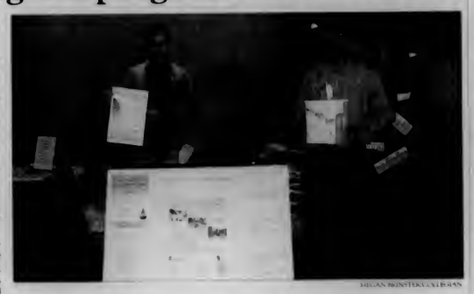
"It was a success because the people are realizing the need of helping the tsunami victims and contributing for a just cause," commented Ashish Sahu, Environmental Engineering graduate student and volunteer for Art of Living.

Faculty members and some of their families members aided in the readying of the Indian cuisine the morning of the dinner, cooking such items as Samosa (potatoes and chick peas), Pakora (vegetables cooked in gravy) and many others.

"We hope this fundraiser will be a good contribution towards the children in need," said Doctor Atul Sheel, associate professor of finance in the Hospitality and Tourism program. "It's nice to see all of the students involved in this."

In addition to Sunday's dinner, Art of Living will be running a Yoga breathing course starting Mar. 2 in room 1634 in Lederle Graduate Research Tower. All funds generated by the class will be given towards the construction of the orphanage.

"This program will transform people into healthier, more calm people," said Georgiev. "Most people don't breathe correctly, using only 35 percent of their lung capacity. The fees collected from the course will be going to humanitarian aid for the tsunami victims."



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Students in the Art of Living Club work a table at the Campus Center last Friday to raise funds for a group of 1,000 children who were orphaned in the tsunami disaster.

Director speaks to packed crowd

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Lee also emphasized that there is no such thing as an overnight success, as he talked about his early struggles after graduating from film school at New York University in 1982. After several failed works, Lee broke through with 1986's "She's Gotta Have It," which had a budget of merely $175,000.

He then went into discussion about the culture of today's African-Americans, claiming that today's African-Americans are ostracized if they are able to speak perfectly well.

"They call you a sellout when you're trying to enlarge your mind," Lee said.

Lee spoke out against gangsta rap music, though he made it aware he is fond of hip-hop. Among other things, he said that any parent who allows their children to watch the hip-hop videos on television today should be criminalized. Lee also questioned the appeal of songs that refer to women as "bitches" or "ho's."

Lee then opened up the remaining half hour of his speech to a variety of questions from students and several adults, where among other things he said his works "Malcolm X" and "Do the Right Thing" were snubbed by the Academy, and announcing he is starting a school of sports journalism at his alma mater.

Professor speaks about public relations

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that truly benefit us all.

Finally noted that spin will never go away, since all people are prone to it, so journalists must use a new, better kind of spin in their reporting.

Milestone spoke on an array of issues facing modern-day journalism.

One of these issues was the increasing concentration of ownership for newspapers across the country. Ownership issues greatly limit the free-flow of diverse discussion in newspapers, which is in stark contrast to a system that was originally built around freedom of the press.

While concentration of ownership is a pressing concern in the media world today, some papers are still independent. "The best papers in the country are still family owned," Milestone said.

News production was another issue Milestone touched upon.

"There is a clear tension between the editorial side of news and the production side of news, and the pendulum is on the side of production," Milestone said.

Inherent in the increase of production-based news is the deterioration of news values, a phenomenon Milestone referred to as "Tostification."

"News as entertainment is cheap, and people love to watch," said Milestone. Examples provided to support this idea were the increase in popularity for reality television, and the around-the-clock news coverage of "celebrity news," such as the coverage of the O.J. Simpson murder case or the Princess Diana tragedy. These cases are very light in terms of actual news content, and favor a more entertainment-oriented approach.

One of the primary reasons for this shift in news values in the new audience news outlets are trying to reach. Advertisers and PR representatives know that the old viewership and readership of the news is dying off, and a younger generation is now being targeted. This is evident by the new concept of news created for the younger audience. News must now be "usable," rather than be simply for the benefit of knowledge.

Shiites to choose party leader

By Maggie Michael
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Ahmad Chalabi, a secular Shiite once known for his ties to Washington, and Ibrahim al-Jaafari, the conservative interim vice president, will face off in a secret ballot Tuesday to determine who will be the Shiite majority's choice for Iraqi prime minister, officials said.

The decision to hold a secret ballot came after the clergy-backed United Iraqi Alliance, which has most of the seats in the 275-member National Assembly, was unable to decide on a nominee - despite days of negotiations.

Chalabi spokesman Haidar al-Moussawi said the most powerful man in predominantly Shiite Iraq, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, met with interim Finance Minister Adil Abdul-Mahdi in the southern city of Najaf and gave his backing for whatever decision the alliance makes.

"Al-Sistani assured that whoever the alliance will choose, he will agree on him," al-Moussawi said.

Although Chalabi and his supporters claim he had the support needed for the nomination, the vote between the two 58-year-old men was anything but a sure thing.

The Supreme Council for Islamic Revolution in Iraq, the main group making up the alliance, had tried to persuade Chalabi to quit the race, some of its senior officials said.

"We had hoped that we would agree on one person without the secret ballot, because we fear that such a vote will cause divisions inside the alliance," said Jawad Mohammed Taqi, a senior member of the group, known as SCIRI.

He added that "Chalabi seems very confident and he believes that when we hold a secret ballot he will get the majority. I believe this is an exaggeration."

Whoever wins the ballot, he will face interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, 59, whose party came in third after a Kurdish coalition and received 40 seats.

"My list nominated me for the prime ministership," Allawi, a secular Shiite, said Monday.

Al-Jaafari, the president of the Islamic Dawa Party, is also Western-oriented but is considered by many to be a cleric in a business suit.

Chalabi is a former exile leader who heavily promoted the idea that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction but later fell out with some key members of the Bush administration over allegations that he passed secrets to Iran.

Chalabi's candidacy could create problems for the alliance because of his vow to rid the government and administration of former members of Saddam's Baath party. Most Baathists are Sunni Arabs, who largely stayed away from the polls either as a boycott or out of fears of being attacked by militants.

Shiite politicians such as al-Jaafari have been quick to reassure Sunnis, who make up about 20 percent of the population but were favored under Saddam, that they will have a role in forming a government and drafting the country's first democratic constitution.

Med School to talk jobs with students

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Meharry Medical College, she was recruited by UMMS in 1989.

"It makes a major statement that this institution would choose some one like me to represent it in these circles," said Dr. Hines. "By teaching in this medical school I put to rest a lot of stereotypes."

One of the major projects at the medical school, which Dr. Hines works closely with, is the Worcester Pipeline Collaborative. Its goal is to promote the health care profession at every level of school, from elementary schools to college campuses. The Pipeline project encourages students to take harder and more challenging science and math class, while at the same time helps teachers present material in a more stimulating, hands-on approach.

A few years back Dr. Hines also helped in the development of the Deborah Harmon Hines Scholarship. The fund is just under $50,000 right now and its goal is $50,000. In addition to donations from others, Dr. Hines often donates some of her own money and honorariums that she receives to the fund. It will be used to help disadvantaged students attend UMMS.

Hines is concerned about the state of our country's health care system. She said that often "your zip code is as important as your genetic code" in health outcomes.

UMMS's mission is "to serve the people of the Commonwealth," she said, and is doing a great deal to help the healthcare situation in Worcester and Central Massachusetts.

She is an active member in the Episcopal Church.

"My paid employment is a way of living out my mission in life, and my mission is to get more people educated," said Hines, "I teach everywhere I go and in everything I do."

Hines also represents the Episcopal Church on the board of the Balm of Gilead, an organization to support HIV/AID awareness and education to the African Diaspora across the country.

Hines plans of informing students on "how they can go about getting hooked up" at UMMS. "I enjoy my visits to the campus," she said, "I always enjoy meeting with the students."

Hines will be visiting UMass on February 23. She will speak to minority students at 2:30 in 319 Morrill and to the general public at 4:30 in 203 Morrill.

Israel releases prisoners

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinians gave a jubilant welcome to 500 prisoners freed Monday by Israel as part of a truce, but many complained that uprising leaders were not among those released. Hamas militants appeared unmasked in a West Bank city, their leader shouting that there can be no peace "as long as there is a single prisoner in Israeli jails."

Suhail Abu Madala, 35, spent four years in prison and had three more years to serve when he was set free Monday.

"I cannot believe that I'm smelling the air of freedom, that I will see my family," he said, choking back tears after being reunited with brothers and sisters and his 12-year-old son, Mohammed, in the West Bank city of Nablus. "Nothing can describe my joy and my feelings."

The decision to release the prisoners led to criticism by some Israelis that the move could re-ignite the bloodshed that has beset the region for more than four years.

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California suffers from mud slides

By Daisy Nguyen
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Mudslides trapped people in their homes Monday and forced others to flee as Southern California was soaked by yet another of the powerful storms that have pounded the region this winter.

At least three deaths were blamed on the weather and part of the area's commuter rail service was halted.

Rescuers pulled three people from about 10 feet of mud that flowed into a town house in Hacienda Heights, a suburb east of Los Angeles. One woman was flown to a hospital while the other two escaped with only minor injuries, said Los Angeles County Fire Capt. Mark Savage.

That same mudslide had forced the evacuation of 30 people from five units at the complex, Savage said.

The latest batch of rain, snow and hail started battering the region Sunday, part of a series of storms that arrived Friday and was expected to continue into Tuesday.

Since Thursday, downtown Los Angeles had gotten more than 6.5 inches of rain. The city's total since July 1, the start of the region's "water year," has reached 31.40 inches, making it already the fifth wettest on record, said weather service forecaster Bruce Rockwell. The record, 38.18 inches, was set in 1883-1884.

In addition to the mudslide victims in Hacienda Heights, mudslides and flooding chased about 30 people from 11 homes in Glendale, north of downtown Los Angeles, officials said. Three homes on an unstable hill were evacuated in nearby Pasadena and up to 10 homes were flooded in Fullerton.

Early Monday, a mudslide killed one man in a house in the city's Woodland Hills area in the San Fernando Valley, coroner's office officials said. In Orange County, a 16-year-old girl was killed by boulders that crashed into her family's apartment in a rural area east of Irvine, said Joseph Luckey, supervising deputy coroner.

In Los Angeles' Sun Valley area, a repair worker was died late Sunday when he fell into a 50-foot-deep sinkhole created by the storm, said Fire Department spokesman Melissa Kelley.

In the coastal community of La Conchita, where a landslide killed 10 people last month, six of the 39 people still living there elected to leave during the night because of the heavy rain and a steady flow of mud on the bluffs behind the town, said Ventura County Sheriff's Capt. Bill Hannigan. Warnings had been issued earlier and the community about 70 miles north of Los Angeles was described as a ghost town Saturday after other residents moved out.



COURTESY BEN TOGNO

Happy New Year!

Uyen Nguyen feeds lettuce to a lion while celebrating the Chinese New Year at the Worcester Dining Common on Thursday evening.

Presidents survey relief efforts

MALE, Maldives (AP) — Wrapping up a tour of tsunami-ravaged nations, former Presidents Bill Clinton and George H.W. Bush sat with child survivors at a temporary shelter in southern Sri Lanka on Monday, and mingled with European tourists at a luxury beach resort in the Maldives.

The children danced, sang and drew pictures of their experiences.

"Some of them are still drawing about the tsunami, and some of them are drawing life as they remember it, and as they want it to be again," Clinton said in the fishing town of Weligama on Sri Lanka's battered southern coast. "There was a lot of emotional damage here that's not visible to the eye. We don't want them to be suffering from this five or 10 years from now."

The U.S.-funded temporary houses, built of cinderblocks and iron sheeting, were replacements for homes washed away in the tsunami, which killed more than 170,000 across the region.

The purpose of the three-day tour, which included stops in Thailand and the devastated Indonesian province of Aceh, was to encourage more donations for a reconstruction process across the Indian Ocean region that is expected to take years.

"We're going to have to stay at this for some time," Clinton said.

President Bush asked his father and Clinton, former political adversaries, to lead the American effort to raise private funds for tsunami relief. The former presidents said they planned to deliver a report to the younger Bush on March 8.

—*Associated Press*

Author commits suicide at age 67

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sponsible behavior in order to share his talent with their readers."

The writer's compound in Woody Creek, not far from Aspen, was almost as legendary as Thompson. He prized peacocks and weapons; in 2000, he accidentally shot and slightly wounded his assistant, Deborah Fuller, trying to chase a bear off his property.

Born July 18, 1937, in Kentucky, Hunter Stocton Thompson served two years in the Air Force, where he was a newspaper sports editor. He later became a proud member of the National Rifle Association and almost was elected sheriff in Aspen in 1970 under the Freak Power Party banner.

Thompson's heyday came in the 1970s, when his larger-than-life persona was gobbled up by magazines. His pieces were of legendary length and so was his appetite for adventure and trouble; his purported fights with Rolling Stone editor Jann Wenner were rumored in many cases to hinge on expense accounts for stories that didn't materialize.

It was the content that raised eyebrows and tempers. His book on the 1972 presidential campaign involving, among others, Edmund Muskie, Hubert Humphrey and Nixon was famous for its scathing opinion.

Working for Muskie, Thompson wrote, "was something like being locked in a rolling box car with a vicious 200-pound water rat." Nixon and his "Barbie doll" family were "America's answer to the monstrous Mr. Hyde. He speaks for the werewolf in us."

Humphrey? Of him, Thompson wrote: "There is no way to grasp what a shallow, contemptible and hopelessly dishonest old hack Hubert Humphrey is until you've followed him around for a while."

The approach won him praise among the masses as well as critical acclaim. Writing in The New York Times in 1973, Christopher Lehmann-Haupt worried Thompson might somedas "lapse into good taste."

"That would be a shame, for while he doesn't see America as Grandma Moses depicted it, or the way they painted it for us in civics class, he does in his own mad way betray a profound democratic concern for the polity," he wrote. "And in its own mad way, it's damned refreshing."

Nightclub fire victims remembered two years later

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Nathan Mattera's summers now include bereavement camp, and his after-school activities have been pared to counseling and playing near home. The 11-year-old stays close to his grandmother, now his legal guardian, and he still occasionally sleeps at the foot of his Grammie's bed rather than curl up in his own.

The young boy's new habits were borne by a fierce fire in West Warwick that ripped through a nightclub, taking the life of his 29-year-old mother and tearing apart his family. He's one of nearly 70 children who lost a parent in the Feb. 20, 2003, Station blaze, which claimed 100 lives. One boy lost both parents in the fire, according to Family Services of Rhode Island.

On the second anniversary of the fire, many of the children left behind still struggle to understand their parents' death and cope with their new realities. About a dozen have moved since the fire. Still others are unsure who a judge will decide they should live with permanently.

The fire, sparked by the pyrotechnics of 1980s rock band Great White, also injured more than 200 people.

"These kids lost so much, too much," says Nathan's grandmother, Diane Mattera. "There's nothing you can do to make them feel better. You try, but they lost everything."

—*Associated Press*

CORRECTION

On Thursday, Feb. 17, the Daily Collegian incorrectly said in a headline former Student Government Association Speaker Patrick Higgins was charged with "Driving Under the Influence" (DUI) by police, when in fact, he was actually charged with "Operating Under the Influence" (OUI.) We apologize for this error.

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." Voltaire

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What is Commonwealth College?

Kelly McGuire

The Honors College, or the Commonwealth College at the University of Massachusetts, is known by many students as the unreachable goal that we all strive for, yet think we cannot achieve.

However, when it is all said and done, Commonwealth College is nothing more than a step in the right direction to gaining academic excellence and knowledge to further your experience at the University.

After speaking to those involved with the Honors College, it seems that anyone offered a spot on the mantle of opportunity to be a part of this community should consider it every chance they get.

With only needing a university cumulative grade point average of a 3.2, the Commonwealth College sets very realistic goals within its standards of good academics. Students can join the Commonwealth College any year they choose because the doors are always open.

Any student interested in joining the College can simply come in and sit down with an advisor, review their grades, and discuss how to take advantage of all the benefits they are opening their selves to.

There are multiple benefits of being part of the Commonwealth College. After speaking to Meredith Lind, the Director of Communication and Program Development for Commonwealth College, I was informed on many levels about all the benefits students receive. Lind works with all the different departments in lining up honors courses for all of their students. The Honors College passes a portion of their funding to all the different academic departments throughout the University. This is done so that the teachers of the different departments can have enough funds to teach smaller, more individualized courses for the Honors students. This arrangement is ideal for students who need more one on one time with their teachers and more individual concentration in their areas of interest.

The only way to graduate from the University with magna and/or summa cum laude is to graduate with in the Commonwealth College and with all the finished courses required. So, if that is a student's goal for graduation and they are not in the Commonwealth College, they should get a move on it.

As there are many courses and projects required in order to complete the full everything needed for the College, one of the most important and essential tasks to fulfill is "Culminating Experience," approved by the faculty senate in 1998. This consists of working closing with specific faculty members, usually producing an honors thesis or a project.

Done usually over two semesters, this Culminating Experience provides a student six credits, and gives them experience with the type of work that will be expected of them in graduate school. If any student wants to take all six credits in one semester, they have to work hard and spend a great deal of time every day on their paper or project. Such classes like the one taught by John Levine, which is a film making class, incorporates all different aspects of film making into one very in dept class in one semester, for six credits.

Another option is for some professors to offer joining classes for students who want to get their Culminating Experience done in one semester. Professors work together with students to incorporate different classes, yet produce one result honors thesis or project. What is so great about all these different approaches to the Culminating Experience is that it gives people of all different academic standings their own special way to approach it.

Commonwealth College accepts incoming freshman as well as any upperclassmen. As far as the incoming freshman go, the Commonwealth College accepts up to 500 students. This is based on the learning community and what is offered at orientation. It has to be limited for freshman only because the College finds it very difficult to be able to handle more than 500 students at a time. However, after the first semester, the Honors College is able to handle a larger number of members because of more flexibility.

What happens if you are in Commonwealth and don't keep your grades up to a 3.2? After being advised by Meredith Lind, Director of Communication and Program Development, she told me that advisors and faculty try to keep up with students. Many times, If a student seems to be falling a bit behind, a letter is sent to the student asking them why their grades aren't up to par.

Lind informed me that the faculty and staff realize that there are many reasons why a student's grades could drop; family problems, life experiences, and changes can all be reasons that people might not have school as their first priority. So, they ask these students to come in and discuss their possible reasons for their academic standing. Whether they need some support from campus or a different work schedule to modify their other life surroundings, the Commonwealth College does not expect unrealistic goals from their students.

Support has been said to be the most important factor that the Commonwealth College will give to their students. Improvements can be made, just one step at a time. Any student who wants to can choose to leave Commonwealth and come back again, but the faculty and staff tries to make sure students make informed decisions so that they aren't closing their doors of opportunity forever.

Although Commonwealth College does require a lot of hard work, time, and dedication, what you get out of it seems to be much more rewarding. Students form good relationships with faculty that better prepares them for graduate school. Faculty members enjoy writing recommendations for Honors students who make an effort to form relationships with them throughout their time at the University. When asked what most people get out of It, Meredith Lind stated, "Growth for yourself and the ability to develop relationships that can help you later in life."

Kelly McGuire is a Collegian staff writer

Pin the tail on the Syrians?

Stacy Kasdin

The explosion was not meant simply to kill him; it was meant to make a statement. The blast that was felt throughout the city of Beirut was not meant to do the job of an assassin's bullet. It was intended to get attention, and it has succeeded; the entire world was drawn to the slaying of Rafik Hariri.

Hariri recently stepped down from his position as Prime Minister, but that was not his only service to Lebanon. Through his investment Lebanon was aided in its recovery from a civil war which tore the nation apart for fifteen years, though he has also been criticized for the growing debt in the country. Once he left the government, which Is influenced by the Syrians, he grew more anti-Syrian in his politics and began working with the largest opposition group in the nation.

Now, with his death coming in such a dramatic fashion, fears of instability have grown in the region and memories of the civil war, which had been repressed in this period of recovery, are lurking back to the surface. Some in Lebanon have reacted to Hariri's death by calling for the immediate withdrawal of Syrian troops which have been in the country since the onset of the civil war.

Though the troops only number 15,000 and are not carrying out a horrific occupation like the Israelis, their presence is nonetheless detested by many. The government in Lebanon is weak and influenced by Damascus, and some Lebanese think that the first step in changing that is getting Syrian troops out. Though U.N. resolutions have called for the end of the occupation, the Syrian-influenced Lebanese government has never demanded this openly to the behest of Lebanese nationalists like Hariri.

A video claiming responsibility surfaced after the assassination. The man in the video, reportedly a Saudi-born Palestinian, claims responsibly as part of a previously unheard of group called "Victory and Struggle for Greater Syria." The reason, it was stated, was Hariri's growing ties with Saudi Arabia.

Any one who has studied the history and politics of the region would be able to see that this is not your typical Middle Eastern assassination. Some-thing just does not add up. Political assassination is not foreign to the region at all. In fact, the word assassination comes from "Hashashin," a hashish-smoking group of swords for hire dating back to the Umayyad dynasty. The Ottomans frequently strangled heirs to the thrown and the Israelis drop large bombs on unsuspecting cars to kill Palestinian leaders. The later is an upgrade from the exploding cell phone.

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The assassination of Rafik Hariri does not make simple sense. In fact, it is hard to find a logical answer to this without venturing into blatant conspiracy theory. Many people seem to agree that they do not believe in the authenticity of the group which claimed responsibility. Some are saying it is just a cover for the Syrian government. I choose not to be so naive.

The name of the group is particularly telling. "Greater Syria" implies a type of politics which has long lost strength in the region. It was not since the days of Antun Sa'ade had such fervor been placed behind the idea.

The group that claimed responsibility is certainly a front, but not for the Syrian government. It simply does not make sense. The very name of the group implicates Syria's involvement. Why would Syria try to hide behind a name that would give it away?

Syria is currently governed by the Ba'ath party, secular Arab socialism, was still shared.

Considering this, and considering the rhetoric coming from the White House towards Syria, the media circus made out of an arms deal with the Russians (because who does not buy weapons from the Russians?) and considering that the Syrian government fears the consequences of its actions, what rational reason is there for them to be behind the assassination of Rafik Hariri? Are they willing to invite a war upon themselves because a Lebanese politician is calling for the withdrawal of 15,000 Syrian troops? It just does not add up.

We will probably never know who is responsible for the assassination of Rafik Hariri, but I can assure you that every actor inside and outside of the region will use the event to their advantage.

The greatest fear is the escalation to war. During the civil war in Lebanon regional actors were involved, including warring factions in Lebanon, Syria, and Israel who occupied southern Lebanon, where thousands of Palestinian refugees were massacred at the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps. If war is to start again the only result will be devastation.

At this point one cannot seriously rule out the possibility of American, Syrian, or Israeli intervention in another Lebanese conflict. Every actor claims to have their interests.

In the end Rafik Hariri's brutal death is a great loss for Lebanon, but that will be amplified if regional actors will use his death for their own political gains and spread armed conflict throughout the region yet again. If you look close you can see it happening already.

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Exploring the Pioneer Valley

Stacy Kasdin

For the past three and a half years I have been in Amherst, spending my weekends hanging out at friend's dorm rooms or apartments, going to activities on campus or sometimes going to dinner or the movies.

I've been to the center of town plenty of times, and to Northampton quite often as well. However, it seems that only now, with less than a semester left of college, I am realizing how much of the Pioneer Valley I have yet to see. Thus, my goal has become to see it all, or as much as possible, before it's too late and I have to move to the first city that offers me a decent job.

My quest began this past weekend. I organized a Sunday afternoon outing with a few friends to the Book Mill in Montague. It's only about 20 minutes away, but it's out in the woods, so I imagine most people discover it by recommendation as I did.

Their slogan is, "Books you don't need in a place you can't find," which is just about as perfect as could be for this mill turned used bookstore on the Sawmill River. It has the feel and smell of a library, and the books are highly discounted.

I saw a first-edition signed copy of a book that was originally $50, not including any added cost for the autograph, being sold for $15.

Complete with comfy couches and armchairs and a cafe serving tea, coffee, beer, wine, snacks and more, I think its a great place to spend the afternoon, whether you feel like coming to do some work or just to poke around.

There are some many ways to spend a weekend than seeing another movie or going to another Frat party... All I have to say to those who have enough time is to spend it wisely.

I imagine the Book Mill Is a popular warm weather destination as well. I think I just might have to go back in the spring and read a book outside overlooking the river, if I'm not too busy visiting the other wonders of the Pioneer Valley.

Quite a few of my visits are going to have to wait until the weather is a little warmer, such as hiking Mt. Tom in Holyoke. I visited the mountain last fall, but I drove to the top. This spring I'm hoping to talk some people into hiking up there, maybe even for a picnic. For anyone especially motivated they also have canoeing, fishing and a great view of the valley. This time of year they have skiing as well, if you trust yourself on skis (unlike myself).

This area is also home to a number of other great hiking destinations. There are more than a dozen state parks in Western Massachusetts alone.

Another outdoor destination I've been trying to get to for years now is Puffer's Pond. I hear it is a short drive away and a great local swimming hole during the warmer seasons.

As a child who grew up swimming in chlorine I am always excited to find some freshwater to swim in. As soon as it's warm enough, that's where I'll be headed.

Then it's off on a trip to a discovery I'm so thankful I learned about my first year here and have been able to take advantage of for so long: Herrell's. Herrell's is an ice cream shop in Northampton that has ice cream in a wide variety of flavors, including Twinkie, and it's all homemade, right down to the whipped cream and chocolate sauce. I can never get enough.

I have begun making a list of all the places in the Valley, and even spreading out to other parts of New England, that I want to visit before my time at UMass is over. At nearly four pages long it's getting a little out of hand.

I suppose what I'm basically trying to say is that there is so much to explore here.

They are so many ways to spend a weekend besides seeing another movie or going to another Frat party. I'm doing my best to cram everything into one semester, but all I can say to those who have enough time is to spend it wisely.

This is a rich area in so many ways: culturally, historically, naturally, etc. We need to take advantage of all it has to offer while we still have so much free time on our hands and so much energy and curiosity to keep our drive strong. Memories are made here.

Go out and make yours.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am disappointed that there has not been any coverage about the recent nomination of John Negroponte for the new post of national intelligence chief. If confirmed by the Senate, the current ambassador to Iraq will oversee 15 intelligence agencies including the CIA. As Ambassador to Honduras from 1981-85, Negroponte was one of the key architects of Reagan's murderous Central American foreign policy that left hundreds of thousands dead in it's wake. During Negroponte's stay, Honduras became the home base for United States operations against the newly formed Sandinista government in Nicaragua.

As U.S. tax-payer dollars were funneled into Honduras, John Negroponte and the CIA were given access and freereign over the Honduran-Nicaraguan border to conduct their affairs. Negroponte was key in sponsoring terrorist mercenary armies, the contras. Ambassador Negroponte oversaw the construction of the El Aguacate air base in Honduras as a training facility for contra soldiers. It was also a torture and detention center where excavators found 185 discarded corpses in 2001. In 1986, the U.S. was convicted by the World Court of war crimes against Nicaragua and was ordered to stop and pay reparations. The U.S. ignored the ruling outright and escalated the war.

As part of the United States' Honduras-based war against Nicaragua, the CIA distributed a manual entitled Psychological Operations in Guerrilla Warfare that instructed the Contras in techniques of political assassination, kidnapping, blowing up public buildings, and violence against civilians. Despite Negroponte's efforts to conceal information about Contra abuses, public outcry raised in the U.S. once information about the pampnlet leaked out led Congressional intelligence committees to hold hearings. Witnesses testified to Congress that the Contras had "raped, tortured and killed unarmed civilians, including children ... groups of civilians, including women and children, were burned, dismembered, blinded and beheaded" (New York Times, 27 December 1984).

John Negroponte is a war criminal. If the Senate is genuinely concerned with human rights abuses and torture more obscene than the Abu-Ghraib variety, they will question Negroponte's bloody past before handing him one of the most powerful positions in the world.

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Been around for ages, beer is here to stay



1. Who invented beer and when?
Historians are not entirely sure when, but it is presumed that beer was created accidentally by early nomadic tribes roughly 10,000 years ago.

2. What is beer made of?
The four primary ingredients are malt, hops, yeast and water.
Malt, which gives beer a sweet taste, is made from barley soaked in water until its husks open and sprout. The sprouts are then dried and ground.
The small flowers of the hops vine are added partly because they taste bitter, helping balance the sweetness of the malt. Hops also serve as a natural preservative, inhibiting the growth of bacteria that can spoil beer.
Yeast is responsible for fermentation, which creates the alcohol and carbonation. Many varieties of yeast are used, each with its own aroma and flavor. Beer makers sometimes use adjuncts, which are additives or substitutes for malt or hops. Adjuncts such as corn or rice can make a beer lighter-bodied or cheaper to produce. Fruit extracts give a beer a fruity taste.


JAMES P. O'DOHERTY
Malted barley, roasted to varying degrees, adds flavor and color to beer.

3. How much beer is produced in the United States annually?
Nearly 200 million barrels are brewed in the United States each year.

4. What is the most popular beer, and who makes it?
Budweiser, made by Anheuser-Busch, Is the best-selling beer in the world. It is distributed in more than 65 countries. No. 2 is Bud Light, also made by Anheuser-Busch.

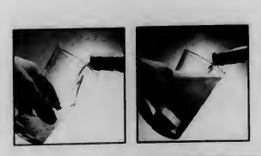
5. Which country drinks the most beer?
The Czech Republic consumes 156 liters of beer per capita, more than any other country, followed by Ireland and Germany.



6. What are some of the different types of beer?
Beer comes in many varieties and flavors based on its ingredients and how it is brewed. Here are a few of the most common beer categories.

7. How much alcohol does beer contain?
Beers range from 2 percent to 6 percent alcohol. Other beverages are more alcoholic. Wine, for example, contains 8 percent to 20 percent alcohol.

8. How do you pour a beer correctly?
1. Always pour beer into a clean glass to preserve flavor and create a proper head.
2. Begin pouring slowly. As the glass begins to fill, keep it tilted to prevent beer from splashing in the bottom.
3. As the glass becomes full, straighten the glass to prevent spilling and give a minimal creamy head.



9. What are the dangers of drinking beer?
Like all alcoholic beverages, beer can impair motor skills and the ability to think clearly. Excessive drinking can also lead to liver damage, high blood pressure, stomach ulcers and other health problems. Women should avoid drinking during pregnancy to avoid harming the fetus.

10. Does beer offer health benefits?
Not only does beer contain a moderate number of vitamins and minerals necessary for health, but it may also help prevent some problems when consumed in moderation. Studies have shown that small amounts of alcohol can reduce the risk of heart disease. Beer also contains selenium, a mineral that promotes bone growth and helps reduce the risk of osteoporosis.

11. Can beer give you a beer belly?
Genes determine how fat is deposited, and no food or drink can create fat deposits in specific areas of the body. As with all foods, the more calories you consume, the more likely they are to be stored as fat and cause weight gain. Beer contains no fat and averages 150 calories per serving.

12. What are common beer myths?
■ **Drinking light beer won't result in a beer belly.** Light beer is only a little less caloric than regular beer. Taking in more calories than your body needs can cause weight gain.
■ **The darker the color, the stronger the beer.** Color is never a good indication of alcoholic content. For example, a Guinness ale is dark and contains less alcohol than most of the lighter lagers on the market.
■ **A cloudy beer is a bad beer.** Not all beers are the same, and some are naturally cloudy. Some wheat beers are naturally cloudy.

13. Can I make beer at home?
Many home-brewing kits are available. Home brewing is legal as long as the beer is for your own consumption and is not sold and you do not produce more beer than you are legally allowed.

14. Is root beer really a beer?
Although root beer contains no alcohol, most common definitions of beer include nonalcoholic beverages containing flavors derived from root extracts. The flavor of root beer is derived from sassafras roots or the sarsaparilla vine.
Other root-flavored beers include birch beer and ginger beer.



15. Does the taste of beer improve with age like that of some wines?
Beer is a food product that will eventually become stale. The amount of time that takes depends on its strength. Beer should be stored in a cool, dark location before consumption.

16. Does beer from a bottle taste better than beer from a can?
Most beer drinkers cannot tell the difference. But the color of a bottle can influence the flavor. Brown bottles block out light that reacts with the hops, which could damage the flavor. Green or clear bottles provide little or no protection from light damage.
Draft beer generally offers the best taste. Beer in kegs does not require pasteurization because of its short shelf life. The result is a fresher-tasting beer.

17. What is a widget?
It's a small plastic ball placed in some draft beer cans or bottles to aid in the release of carbon dioxide when the container is opened and to help create a fuller, creamier head when the beer is poured.

18. What are microbreweries?
They are smaller breweries that produce specialty beers in a limited capacity. Popular throughout the world, they offer the appeal of "homemade beer" with distinctive flavors.

19. Where can I find recipes for cooking with beer?
The unique flavors of beer make it a popular ingredient. It can be used in baking or as a marinade on meats. The Beer Institute offers many recipes on its Web site, **www.beerinstitute.org/recipes.htm**.

20. What are some of the strangest beer flavors?
There are many unusual beer flavors on the market, and many of them are only seasonal. Some of the more unusual beer flavors include chili pepper, banana, turkey, pumpkin, chocolate and candy cane.

Daniel Cooper Fort Worth Star-Telegram

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FACTS AND TRIVIA ABOUT BEER, THE POPULAR MALT BEVERAGE.


More than a beverage, beer can used as an ingredient in dishes such as chili and hamburgers.

Ale
Full-body beer that's often darker with fruity or spiced flavors.

Ice
Beer with a high alcohol content due to the filtering of ice crystals after brewing.

Light
Highly carbonated beer that is light in color and body. Contains fewer calories and lower alcohol content.

Stout
Dark beer with strong malt and caramel flavor. Taste varies depending on variety.

Dry
Crisp, clean beer with a medium-gold color. Leaves little aftertaste.

Lager
Pale golden beer that is made from bottom fermenting yeast. Lagers are carbonated with smooth flavor.

Draft
Fresh-tasting beer that is normally not pasteurized. Some breweries sell bottled draft beer. Lightly carbonated.



Film gives viewers good 'Education'

By Joe Pietrafitt
Collegian Staff

With the current and ongoing scandal in the Catholic Church and the recent conviction of pedophile priest Paul Shanley, there is no doubt a feeling of uneasiness and vulnerability when it comes to the Church. Chalk up Pedro Almodovar's latest foray as another blow for the Church in his unflinching new film "Bad Education."

Set in post-Franco era Spain, "Bad Education" deals with the alleged abuse in the Spanish Catholic church and the fallout that ensues. Almodovar is known for his frank and no holds barred story telling, and "Education" is no exception. His scathing commentary on the Spanish Catholic schools in the 1960's is hard hitting and eye-opening.

Told through a series of flashback and voice-overs, "Bad Education" opens in 1980's Madrid in the offices of a young filmmaker (not unlike Almodovar himself) and his production manager trying to find a suitable film to take on as a new project. Just when it seems like the young film maker (Martinez) is unable to find suitable material, in walks a visitor claiming to be from the directors past (Bernal), with a brilliant idea for a story. Complexity, sex, comedy and deception ensue, making for one exciting ride that can only come from the twisted mind of Almodovar. All the rules of storytelling are broken, nothing is ever as it seems. Ever.

Bernal is at the top of his game in this performance, and he plays a bevy of characters, from the drag queen Zahara to the manipulative Angel. He gives a heart breaking performance as Zahara and is equally as wonderful as Angel. Fele Martinez, an established star in his native Spain, makes quite the debut for American audiences as the unsuspecting and conflicted Enrique. The two men have an unexplainable chemistry on screen that makes for one of the best duo performances in recent memory.

'La Mala Education'
Directed by Pedro Almodovar
Starring
Gael Garcia Bernal
Fele Martinez
Sony Pictures Classics
NC-17
109 mins.
Grade
A

There is also an outstanding supporting cast. Daniel Gimenez Cacho plays the priest, Padre Manolo. He turns an outstanding performance as a priest in love with his students. Javier Camara, a familiar face to Almodovar audiences, who last appeared in 2003's "Talk to Her", has a wonderful supporting turn as Zahara's accomplice drag queen friend. The prison-like settings of the school only add to the despair and heartbreak of the performances.

The real genius however, belongs to none other than the films maverick director, Pedro Almodovar. Considered to be one of the best directors in international cinema, his film delivers on every level imaginable. He coaxes stunning performances from his extremely talented group of actors and has fashioned a script that will keep the audience constantly guessing in the dark until the final moments of the film. He has developed a style for the odd and often outrageous, in such films as is 1999 Oscar winning "All About My Mother" and 2003's award winning "Talk to Her", and there is no lack of audactiy in "Education." Almodovar gets his thrills from shocking the audience, and in "Education", he gets his gasps not by showing the actual abuse, but by implying what happened to the poor students under the tyrannical supervision of the priests. In one particularly moving scene, we see Padre Manolo playing guitar while a young Bernal sings an oddly fitting version of "Moon River". As the camera pans away from them, we hear Bernal yell "No" and run away, only to trip and hit his head on a rock, blemishing his angelic forehead with a stream of dark blood.

Almodovar is nothing short of astonishing with "Education", which is probably his most personal film to date. Why this cinematic gem was not Spain's submission for Best Foreign Language film at this years Academy Awards (they instead chose the Javier Bardem vehicle "The Sea Inside") one will never know. Everything about this film is flawless, and it will no doubt grow even better with repeat viewings.

The motion picture industry needs to take a couple of notes from Almodovar's latest masterpiece. Number one: don't be afraid to push the envelope and give the audience something new and exciting. Make them think, engage them, and you will be rewarded. All too often Hollywood is filled with the bloated action movie or the ridiculous trashy comedy, solely in order to produce a profit for the major studios. Almodovar comes as a welcome breath of fresh air during this bleak winter season.



Academy Award-winning director Almodovar treats viewers to a new and fresh film about the scandals of the Catholic Church in post-Franco Spain.

Think darts, pool and bowling are bar sports? Try ping-pong

By Angela Valdez
Knight Ridder Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA — Around 11 p.m. one recent Sunday, a steady trickle of late-night revelers approached the door of the Russian United Beneficial Association club in Northern Liberties, Pa. Presenting their membership cards, they went inside to join the games.

Not darts, or pool, or bowling, but Ping-Pong.

No longer confined to basements or rec rooms, the game boasts devotees across the city, with long waits for tables and a cast of regular players.

The RUBA, a private club founded in 1913 by Russian immigrants, is the most exclusive of a handful of venues attracting Philadelphia's devoted Ping-Pong underground.

A membership at the RUBA can be purchased on the cheap if club officials like you, but coming with a current member is much easier. For nearly 10 years, a devoted crew of players have come here, many with fast games that scare novices away.

Intimidated visitors, he said, just need to relax and take a minute to appreciate the club's natural rhythm.

"You got to talk to people to play," McGuire said. "You have regulars and you have that kind of culture. (Newcomers) don't realize how things work here."

With a buzz cut and severe features, John Schenk, 52, looks like a pool hustler. More than a regular, he is something of a star on the local Ping-Pong scene. He likes the RUBA because of its exclusivity.

But Schenk can't really play his best game here. Back up too far in one direction, you run into aged Russians at the bar. Go the other way, and you're liable to get skewered with a pool cue.

Schenk said he remembered one time when a man showed up with a fancy $100 paddle. The stranger beat every contender.

"That paddle was like having a pistol in your hand," Schenk said.

Playing with his own paddle an old one with peeling rubber "At a certain point, you have to let your control with your mind go," he said. "If you think too much about it, you have a lousy game."

At Bob & Barbara's Cocktail Lounge in Philadelphia, newcomers receive a slightly warmer welcome than at the RUBA.

Bartender Steve Ferrell brought in an old Ping-Pong table about a year-and-a-half ago. He got Leonard "Butchy" Dwight, a regular, to help run the game. Soon, so many people came that Dwight didn't have time to play.

"It started to become such a real busy thing that it turned into a job," he said.

Now Dwight gets paid to manage two tables every Tuesday from 7 p.m. until 2 a.m. To keep the games sporting, he directs the best players to one table and those less seasoned to another. By midnight, the list for the tables covers a full page, and eager players are clamoring for their turns. If Dwight ever comes late, chaos ensues.

Among the steady customers a group that includes book editors and unemployed cleaning women is Andreas Portocarrero. A retired accountant, Portocarrero stopped playing Ping-Pong 20 years ago, but picked up a paddle again when he went back to school at the Community College of Philadelphia.

Early one evening, Portocarrero played Joanne Gilmore, one of the few female regulars. Portocarrero, who wouldn't give his real age, won out over the 43-year-old.

At the next table, Eric "Boogie" Horner, 25, tried to keep pace with his friend Jason Weinberg, 24. Weinberg, who coaches Ping-Pong for the Maccabi Games, wraps his $130 paddle in cellophane before zipping it inside a protective case. He spritzes the "bat," as he calls it, with cleanser before starting a game with $9 balls.

"If you don't equip yourself well," he said, "you won't be able to compete against advanced players."

Ping-Pong doesn't stop at Bob & Barbara's until the lights flash on and the bartenders herd drinkers out.

While players are committed to the game, there are precious few venues. The Philadelphia Table Tennis Center, which featured athletic play by Asian immigrants and assorted urbanites (and the game was always called "table tennis"), closed earlier this year. And the RUBA is for sale, with no promises that prospective buyers plan to keep the Ping-Pong table.

Nonetheless, the sport's adherents go to great lengths to find new places to play. Several Bob & Barbara's regulars are planning a trek to the Klein Branch of the Jewish Community Center. The branch offers organized games for non-members for $8 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays. Lessons are available for an additional fee.

Back at the RUBA, where the tables are open Sundays from 3 p.m. until 3:30 a.m., many customers don't like to call it quits. Mike Shiroky, a former RUBA president who spends most Sunday evenings on a barstool at the club, loves the players and their devotion to the game.

Shiroky was the one who started the Ping-Pong games at the club years ago. Now patrons treat him like a grandpa, kissing him on the cheek and chatting with him between matches.

"It's the hardest part of the night, to get them out of here," Shiroky said.



Ping-pong is a fast paced paddle game. Competitive pong is becoming an popular activity.



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Scott putts to victory

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He smoked his drive down the middle of the fairway in the playoff, leaving him a 3-wood. Protecting from the perilous left side of the green, Campbell flared his approach to the right. He had to take relief from a muddy puddle, chipped 5 feet past the hole and caught the left edge of the cup with a tricky par putt.

"You never want to get beat in a playoff," he said. "That's never a good feeling."

Scott pulled his tee shot into the rough, then pounded a 3-wood as close to the green as possible. He came up about 80 feet short, and chipped about 4 feet by the hole.

"A win is a win," Scott said with a shrug. "I will be called the champion, but you don't get the benefits of it. That's OK. That's just the way it is."

A dozen other players never got the chance to keep playing.

Darren Clarke and Brian Davis were one shot behind going into the third round, which was supposed to resume at 7:30 a.m. PST. They cleaned out their lockers and left town.

Colin Montgomerie, who has never won on the PGA Tour, was two shots behind and had to settle for a tie for fifth.

The rain also ended any chance for Tiger Woods to return to No. 1 in the world this week. He needed to finish fourth to replace Vijay Singh, and wound up four shots out of the lead in a tie for 13th. Woods likely will have to win the Match Play Championship this week for the third straight year to reclaim No. 1.

Scott moved up to No. 7 in the world. He was awarded 75 percent of the world ranking points at Riviera.

"I can take some confidence out of this week," Scott said. "I think if I won over 72 holes, I would be taking a lot more. I never really played under any pressure this week, apart from that one playoff hole. That's not coming down the stretch, testing every element of your game."

The last 36-hole winner on the PGA Tour was Michael Bradley in the 1996 Buick Challenge at Callaway Gardens, a tournament that no longer exists. He won in a five-way playoff.

Other players to have won after only two rounds on the PGA Tour were Brian Henninger at the 1994 Southern Farm Bureau Classic, and Neal Lancaster at the 1994 Byron Nelson Championship, a victory that was known as the half-Nelson. Those counted in the record books, but the PGA Tour later changed its policy.

Caddies and players huddled from the rain early Monday until the third round was called off. Scott ran into Robert Allenby, a fellow Aussie, in the locker room and jokingly asked for a few tips.

Allenby won the Nissan Open four years ago in a six-man playoff by hitting a 3-wood into 5 feet on the 18th hole under similar conditions - cold, rain, a slight breeze.

"I said, 'Driver, 3-wood and a putt?'" Scott said. "His was about 6 feet, mine was about 86 feet."

Ultimately, he got the trophy — just not a victory in the record books.



Adam Scott took home $864,000 after winning the Nissan Open. Scott won the 36 hole event with a four foot put in a playoff.

A young cast of All-Stars

By Steve Wilstein
Associated Press

DENVER — The NBA found itself caught between hypocrisy and hype at the All-Star game.

As commissioner David Stern pushed his idea of a 20-year-old age minimum for players in the draft, fully one-third of the 24 All-Stars showcased Sunday night were teenagers when they joined the league.

LeBron James, Jermaine O'Neal and Gilbert Arenas on the Eastern Conference team, Kobe Bryant, Kevin Garnett, Rashard Lewis, Tracy McGrady and Amare Stoudemire on the Western Conference team all entered the league before their 20th birthday.

They are the vanguard of the NBA's evolving image and swelling merchandise sales, and they are the strongest argument the players' association could offer in opposing Stern's plan in the new collective bargaining agreement under negotiation.

There was James, Rookie of the Year last year and an MVP candidate this season, looking as comfortable on the court as any of his seniors, scoring 13 points and handing out six assists in the East's 125-115 victory. He teamed with game MVP Allen Iverson on one of the most fan-pleasing plays, a dunk off an alley-oop pass from Iverson in the first quarter.

There was Garnett, the NBA's MVP last season and a teen when he entered the league out of high school a decade ago, looking no worse at 28 for turning pro so young.

Stern is claiming the moral high ground on the age issue, saying he is looking out for the best interests of the game and the many kids whose NBA dreams never materialize. But when push comes to shove in the contract talks, Stern is not likely to win on this one — even if the players themselves are divided on the merits of an age minimum.

"There are so many guys coming in under 20 who have done so well out of high school," said Stoudemire, a first-time All-Star who was drafted at 19. "If that's making the NBA better, why would you cut them off because of their age?

"For guys who come in under 20 or straight out of high school, I think it's cool, as long as they come in mature and eager to learn the game of basketball."

Ray Allen, who stayed in school, playing at Connecticut, took a different view.

"A lot of people look at it as punishment for younger players, but you have to think about the players who fall through the cracks, who aren't as successful and end up not getting a college education or being able to see what that whole experience is like," Allen said. "I don't look at (an age minimum) as a bad thing. I think we're helping out younger guys, not hurting them."

Just as Allen said he would vote for the 20-year-old rule if the union took a poll, so did another college grad, Duke's Grant Hill, a seven-time All-Star now with Orlando.

Hill acknowledged the hypocrisy of the NBA promoting the young players at the same time the league is trying to ban more.

"If you have that kind of special talent and gift then, of course, the league will have to market you," Hill said. "But not everybody is a LeBron, a Dwight Howard.

"There are some guys in this locker room who aren't even 20 who are great players. But I always thought the purpose of a union was to protect its members, not its potential members."

Hill recalled Korleone Young, who came out of high school, played with him in Detroit, then drifted quickly out of the NBA.

"He would have benefited by going to school and developing," Hill said. "I think more of guys like him than I think of a LeBron."

Though it may seem obvious that most players would benefit by staying in school longer, college is not for everyone. Some players have neither the aptitude nor interest in going to class. What would forcing them to stay in school accomplish, other than taking away a scholarship from players who really want an education? Then, too, some players who grow up in poverty and happen to mature faster than others may have no desire to postpone the wealth they can make in the NBA.

Eleven of the All-Stars, including several from overseas, never went to college. Yet they are successful, seemingly satisfied and without regrets.

"Who knows if there's another LeBron James out there?" said Houston's Tracy McGrady, who joined the NBA out of high school in 1997 and was now on his fifth All-Star team. "I would be against the age limit. I think what would be a great idea is the way they do baseball players. If the guy is not ready, the teams ought to be able to sign them, have the rights to them but let them play in a minor league. Send that guy down a level until he's ready to play at this level.

Stern wants to do something exactly like that with an expanding NBA Development League.

That's fine for players who are drafted but not quite up for the NBA. It doesn't solve the problem of what to do with teens who are ready in every way to play among men.



Cleveland's LeBron James is one of a group of All-Stars that entered the league before turning 20

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Minutemen top Explorers

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tant for these kids to know what we want to do here, and that's all it was. It wasn't a big deal."

Senior captain Anthony Anderson did not make the trip with the team, and remains out indefinitely with a back injury.

Stephane Lasme sparked the Minutemen defensively with 13 rebounds and four blocks, while holding LaSalle star Steven Smith, the A-10's leading scorer, to 12 points on 2-of-11 shooting.

"What [Lasme] did defensively in that game was a significant part of the difference," Lappas said. "The job Lasme did on a great player was an incredible defensive job."

Guards Jermaine Thomas and Darnell Harris led all scorers with 18 points apiece for the Explorers.

UMass and LaSalle (8-16 4-9 A-10) battled evenly over the first four minutes of overtime. After UMass grabbed a slim four-point edge, the game then turned into a battle of free throw shooting, and no one stepped up bigger for UMass than left Viggiano.

Making three consecutive trips to the foul line with his team up by two over the final 32 seconds, the Suffield, Conn. native buried 5-of-6 from the foul line to keep the Minutemen out in front and secure the win in the end.

"I started getting in a rhythm towards the end of the game at the line," Viggiano said. "I just wanted to be the guy taking [the foul shots] and I was able to make them."



COURTESY KAREN KINGER

Senior guard Chris Chadwick drives past a Florida State defender on Feb. 15. Chadwick and the Minutemen defeated LaSalle on Saturday.

The Minutemen got six points from Freeman and a trey from Maxwell as part of a 9-0 run late in the second half and took the lead at 38-53 with 1:45 left.

Thomas tied the game on the next LaSalle possession with a three of his own, and each team had a shot to take the lead or win in the waning moment but could not convert.

"Our last three home losses have just been like this - heart-breaking," Explorers coach John Giannini said. "We played very poorly in the first half, and our guys played extremely hard in the second half and overtime."

After UMass took a 32-24 lead into halftime, LaSalle came out firing to begin the second half. The Explorers put together an 18-5 run to take a 42-37 lead with just under 15 minutes left in regulation.

Remembering a writer

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could hardly afford rent. I barged into their reality for a moment, then was sent off to the next house.

All the while I thought of what I was reading. I began to ponder the great ideal of the American Dream, a topic that was the underlying theme in most of Thompson's work. It was a glimpse of shattered dreams blended with the strong ideals of blue-collar Americans, those constantly in search of a foothole to get to the next level.

I couldn't take it, the whole situation made me feel cheap. After a few weeks I had to leave for awhile, so I headed south ... straight to the heart of Las Vegas. The stories of that trip are better left to the depths of my memory, but it was during the drive that I began to realize which way my life's compass was truly facing.

My friend and I drove in his four-cylinder jeep, up and down the mountains of Colorado and Utah, sharing stories while staring blankly at the heartstrings of America. I began to get lost in the yellow lines of the freeway, as I wrote, read and began to look at myself in a far different light.

Thompson didn't find stories, he made them. In each of our lives there are thousands of extras, generic faces and voices that get lost in the static of the here and now. Thompson brought them all into focus and participated in their lives, garnering the stories and experiences that follow all of us.

He became one with the Hell's Angels during a time when seeing one was intimidating in its own right. They beat him up and spit him out, but he had his story and nothing physical could erase that.

I began to realize that there is something more to this journalism thing than simply transcribing statistics into easily digestible paragraphs. I had started to grow apathetic with my major and my life's course, then Thompson showed me that there is always an "Edge," to be looked over and sometimes jump off under the right circumstances.

I changed a lot over that summer and learned that the laudatory approach I was giving college wasn't enough and I needed to do more, to be more.

I began working at the Collegian more than I could



COURTESY HUNTER S. THOMPSON ARCHIVES

Hunter S. Thompson, the father of Gonzo journalism killed himself this weekend, he was 67.

have ever anticipated and I watched as I made my way from assistant sports editor to editor of the section. My writing changed, my approach to stories altered, and all the while I had my small brown book nestled close to my side.

When I woke up yesterday morning there was a message from a friend telling me that Thompson had taken his life. I sat and looked towards my bookcase, which is now laden with Thompson's work, and wondered why.

Maybe there was no reason, as reason was something that Thompson never injected into his personal "Gonzo" journalism. So once again, I read, wrote, but this time thought of where my life has gone since I introduced myself to Mr. Thompson's work.

At this point I can only say thank you to a man that lived outside the confines of reality and hope that my words reach him wherever his essence may be.

Maybe these words will float off the page and get lost somewhere around Barstow, on the edge of the desert.

I'm sure that's where they'll find him.

Bob McGovern is a Collegian Columnist.

Minutewomen bit by Spiders

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UMass picked up its play in the second half, but the first half hole was too deep to dig out of. Richmond extended its lead to as many as 17, but the Minutewomen would not go away without a fight.

UMass cut the lead to 11 numerous times, but was Minutewomen were not able to sustain any offense during the game, as they twice went scoreless for over five minutes.

"It was a tough loss," Tatham said. "We had 13 turnovers in the first half. In the second half we played better and we limited out turnovers, but it just wasn't enough."

UMass shot 43 percent from the field and had only four turnovers after the break.

One of the few bright spots for the Minutewomen was the job they did defensively on All-American candidate Kate Flavin. The senior forward came into the game averaging 17.8 points and 9.2 rebounds. The post players for UMass combined to hold Flavin to 12 points on 4-13 shooting and six rebounds.

While UMass was able to contain Flavin, the same could not be said of Saona Chapman. The junior guard led all scorers with 15 points on an efficient 6-9 shooting performance.

For UMass, freshman Kate Mills chipped in 10 points and senior Brooke Campbell added seven points, five rebounds never able to get within single digits. The , four assists, and four steals.

BU sweeps aside UMass

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he had done something wrong, and I said, 'Hey Pete, when it goes south, it goes south.' So we can't even call a timeout at the right time."

UMass has three games left on the season slate, as they will travel to Niagara on Saturday before wrapping up its conference schedule with a home-and-home with Northeastern on March 4-5.

Minuteman goalie Gabe Winer made his return to the ice Friday night after missing the UNH series with a leg injury he suffered against Merrimack on Feb. 5, but it didn't take the Terriers long to beat him.

Just 76 seconds into the game, Brian McConnell received a pass from Chris Bourque and blasted a slap shot past Winer from just inside the blue line to put BU ahead 1-0.

The Terriers earned a two-goal advantage with under six minutes to play in the second period with the Minutemen on the power play. Bryan Miller grabbed hold of the puck in the BU zone and fed it to McConnell, who took it down the ice before crossing a crisp pass in front of Winer that hit Bourque, who finished the two-on-one by finding the back of the net.

Bourque put the final touches on the scoring in the third period when he took the puck down the left side of the ice and then crossed in front of Winer before backhanding his shot by the UMass goalie.

It marked the third consecutive game that Bourque, son of Bruins legend Ray Bourque, had scored a goal, including the game-winner in overtime to bring the Beanpot championship back to Boston University for the 26th time in the tournament's 53 year history.

BU goalie John Curry, who played in his second game since returning from a shoulder injury, made 29 saves to record his first shutout.

"I felt good," Curry said. "I was a little worried this morning. My shoulder was a little stiff, but the same thing happened in the Northeastern game where I tweaked it in the first period, and it just went numb after that. Once I got that out of my mind, I felt pretty good out there."

"They had some real good chances, and if it wasn't for John Curry, that's a 2-2 or 3-2 UMass lead going into the third period," BU coach Jack Parker said.

After nearly 15 minutes of up-and-down action on Saturday night, UMass forward Obi Aduba made a lazy pass across the UMass zone that was intercepted by Dan Spang, who fired a shot through Winer's 5-hole from the left point to give BU a 1-0 lead.

The Minutemen tied the score just over four minutes later, however, when Kevin Jarman found a way to beat John Curry with a mess of players going after the puck in front of the net.

It marked the first goal for UMass in 125:58 of action that dated back to P.J. Fenton's first period goal against UNH on Feb. 12.

The Terriers quickly took the lead back just 1:46 into the second period when Eric Thomassian passed the puck from behind the net to an open Ken Roche, who one-timed a rocket of a slap shot past Winer from about 20 feet out in the slot to give BU the 2-1 lead that held up until the final buzzer.

"We came out in the second and had our minds set on keeping the puck down low and luckily we had the momentum going, and both the line mates played great and kept it down low," Roche said. "It was just working out of the corner, and Eric [Thomassian] found me in the slot, and I got a good piece of wood on the shot."

But for the Minutemen, it was just another night capped off with frustration.

"I don't have the words that I can put together to explain what my reactions after the game were because I was again pleased with their effort but not pleased with the outcome, and it gets to be a broken record when you tell these guys that they're working hard and too keep pushing and things will get better," Cahoon said. "Although I think we all know that to keep playing hard then things will get better, there is no fun in losing. Losing is a tough thing to deal with, and we've been losing games."

Scott takes home Nissan crown

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Adam Scott has his name on the Nissan Open trophy.

He earned $864,000, which counts just the same if he had played 72 holes, instead of only two rounds followed by a sudden-death playoff Monday morning in the rain against Chad Campbell.

He even was nervous standing over his tee shot in the playoff on the famous 18th hole at Riviera Country Club.

But there was no denying the strange sensation Scott felt after winning the first 36-hole event on the PGA Tour in nine years, a victory that comes with a trophy, a check and an asterisk.

Scott, who made a 20-foot birdie putt a day earlier to finish his second round tied with Campbell at 9-under 133, made short work of the long week by getting up-and-down for par on the first extra hole to win the Nissan Open.

After rolling in the 4-footer, Scott had to remind himself what winners do.

First came an awkward smile, then he gently raised his hand to acknowledge the 200 people watching the bizarre conclusion under gray skies and a colorful array of umbrellas.

"It doesn't feel like we played much golf this week," Scott said. "I don't feel tired and drained like you normally do when it's finally over, and you've been battling with some guy for the last 36 holes. It's been an odd week."

It was weird even after the Nissan Open finally got a winner.

The tournament was cut short to 36 holes because of heavy rain overnight that turned Riviera into the prettiest swamp on Sunset Boulevard.

PGA Tour events have to be at least 54 holes to be considered official. That means Scott still has only three PGA Tour victories. He does not earn a trip to the winners-only Mercedes Championships next year at Kapalua, or any of the other perks that come with winning.

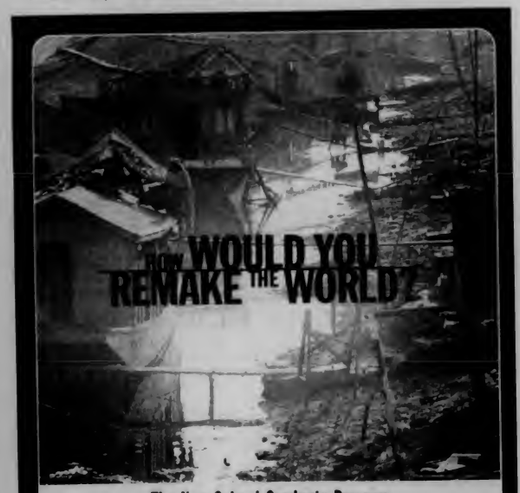
Scott agrees with the policy, but he found plenty of positives.

"I wanted to win just as bad as any other playoff," he said. "But it was a different feeling, for sure."

Campbell also felt the sting of losing.

He was at a slight disadvantage, having not hit a shot since he tapped in for par to complete his second round Friday with a 6-under 65. The range was closed on Saturday. When he arrived at Riviera on Sunday afternoon to start the third round, the siren sounded to halt play.

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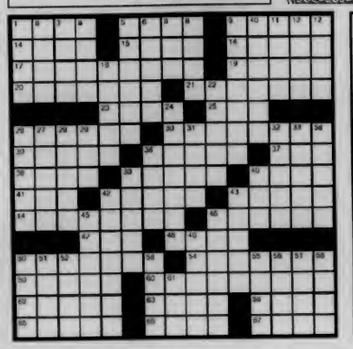
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UMass survives LaSalle

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

PHILADELPHIA – The Massachusetts men's basketball program has not had a winning season in five years and have not been five games over .500 in eight years. But now, as the culmination of an up-and-down, emotional season grows closer, that has all changed.

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Head coach Steve Lappas' Minutemen are officially winners in 2005.

The Maroon and White downed LaSalle 69-66 in overtime before 2,315 at the Tom Gola Arena on Saturday, and the victory guarantees that UMass (14-9 7-5 Atlantic 10) will finish 2004-05 with a winning record for the first time since the 1999-00 campaign.

The Minutemen are now officially qualified for the National Invitation Tournament, and move to five games above .500 for the first time since 1997-98.

UMass returns to action on Wednesday night when Rhode Island will visit the Mullins Center for a 7 p.m. tip-off. The World Series trophy will be on hand as part of Red Sox Fan Appreciation Night.

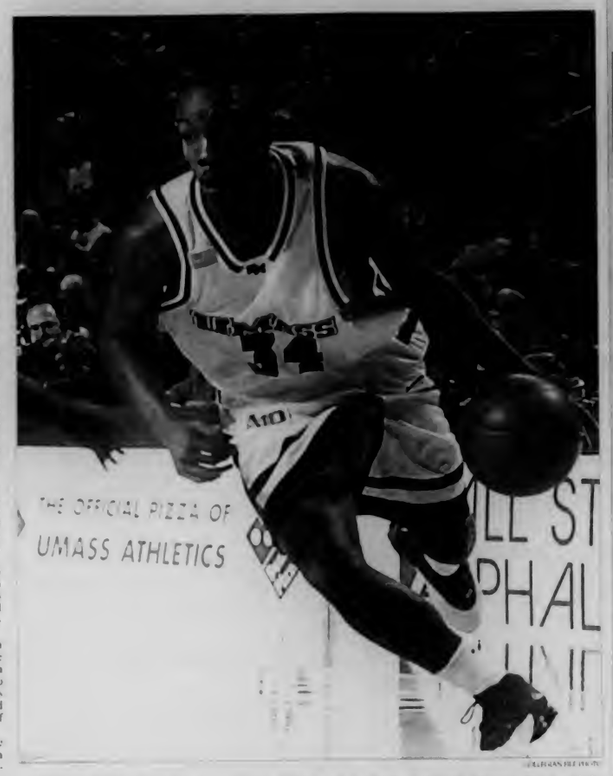
"The biggest thing for me is, I'm happy for these guys," Lappas said. "We talked when we recruited these kids about what we're going to do, and I think they see it coming. It's certainly not there yet, but they see something starting."

Maurice Maxwell, who is from Philadelphia and attended high school near LaSalle, paced UMass with 17 points in another solid effort for the sophomore swingman.

Leading scorer Rashaun Freeman did not start for the Minutemen after being late for a team meeting, but still managed to post 16 points and seven rebounds in 29 minutes. Jeff Salovski earned his first career start in place of Freeman.

"Ray didn't start because he was a couple minutes late for a meeting," Lappas said. "It's impor-

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Sophomore shooting guard Artie Bowers scored 10 points against LaSalle on Saturday afternoon. Bowers and the Minutemen have officially clinched a winning season with Saturday's victory and are currently in third place in the A-10 East.

Saying goodbye to a journalist

"... too crazy to live, too rare to die"
- Hunter S. Thompson



Bob McGovern

After my sophomore year, I needed some time to evaluate myself.

The plan was set in stone; I was driving from Massachusetts to Florida, then out to Colorado where I would spend my summer in Boulder. I knew the trip would be long and hard, but I desperately needed it to figure out exactly who I was and maybe even bring up the question of where I intended to go.

Before I left I walked around a big generic book store in my town and looked for something to pass the time during those summer hours when life seems to stand still. I came across the psycology section and figured I would challenge myself to a good introspective read.

I saw a small brown binding that appeared to stick out from the rest. It turned out that it belonged to the book Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas, a familiar title since it's fame on the silver screen. It was written by a man named Hunter S. Thompson, a name I had only heard in my journalism classes. It was a clear choice so I grabbed it, got in my car, and headed west to a place where I was all but alone.

I have never been the same since.

The people I lived with in Boulder already had their room situation figured out, so I was left with a small baby-blue corner room in the basement. I sat in my room on my first night, cracked the binding, and immediately got lost in Thompson's writing.

I bought into his prose and found myself laughing at his drug-induced lens of reality. Every once in awhile I would look up to the stagnant shadows on my walls and let my mind wander, before jumping back into a world that few people know and even less can illustrate.

The book was no challenge as I went cover-to-cover in only two sittings. There was something different about this man, something far removed from the Associated Press, inverted pyramid, objective reality that is contemporary journalism. He took these ideals and strangled them with his scathing ingenuity, with a confidence I can only pray to attain.

For me, it was like a breath of fresh air. He took me away from the emotionless writing that saturates the media and illustrated that there is always something floating just above the black and white pages that give us the news.

One book wasn't enough for me, so I read five. Everyday I would hunker down in the basement and soak Thompson in.

During the day I was selling windows in the worst neighborhoods of greater Denver, just another pawn on the dirty chess board of American business. I would go from house to house, reading my memorized jargon and pushing windows upon people that

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BU takes apart UMass

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

One goal, one lucky deflection, a helpful bounce, just something.

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The Massachusetts hockey team (11-20-2, 5-15-2 Hockey East) has been trying to catch a break, any break, since the turn of the new year, but once again suffered a pair of losses over the course of the weekend, 3-0 on Friday in Amherst and 2-1 on Saturday in Boston, both at the hands of the Boston University Terriers (20-10-2, 14-4-2 HEA).

Things have gone so badly for the Minutemen, who are 1-10-1 in their last 12 games, that they even called a timeout at the wrong time on Friday night.

"It got so bad that we told Peter Trovato we wanted a timeout there, and we didn't know the TV timeout was going to occur," UMass coach Don Cahoon said. "And Peter Trovato did was we asked him to do: skate over to the referee, never thought to look to the penalty box [to the TV timeout light], and he asked the referee for the timeout, and the [TV timeout] red light turned on. So we took our timeout when the TV timeout occurred. Peter came back and he was all flustered like

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UMass forward P.J. Fenton takes a sprawling shot on Boston University goalkeeper John Curry this past weekend. Curry made the save and allowed the Minutemen to score a mere one goal on the weekend.

Richmond pounds UMass

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts women's basketball team dropped its third consecutive game on Sunday. The Minutewomen lost at home to Richmond 55-43 and are in the midst of a season-long losing streak.

The schedule provides no breaks for the Minutewomen as they host No. 17 Temple on Thursday night and travel to Kingston, Rhode Island for the season finale where they will look to avenge their one-point home loss to the Rams last Thursday.

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Despite its recent slide UMass still holds the No. 2 spot in the Atlantic 10 East division. In order to clinch the spot and get a first round bye in the conference tournament, the Minutewomen will need to find a way to pick up a win in the final two games, as their once secure lead is now down to one game.

After Sunday's game UMass coach Marnie Dacko wasn't thinking about post season play. Instead, Dacko was simply looking for answers about why her team has struggled lately.

"I don't feel like my kids came out of the gates giving everything they had today and that's for me to figure out," Dacko said.

The problem in searching for answers is that there are many problems that must be solved to stop this skid. Obviously offense was an issue on Sunday, but Dacko also feels her team needs to "toughen up" and that the young squad still lacks some maturity. UMass also continues to get minimal production from its bench, as the reserves contributed only three points against Richmond.

One thing is clear though, the Minutewomen are not giving up on this year.

"The coaching staff is not letting up on this team and we're not giving up on this team," Dacko said. "We're not looking to next year. We've got to work things out today."

Sophomore Tamara Tatham, who led UMass with 11 points, echoed her coach's thoughts. "We're not going to give up. We still believe we can beat Temple. We're still going to give all we've got."

UMass (13-12, 6-8 A-10) began Sunday's game by immediately turning the ball over after controlling the opening tip. The early turnover was a sign of things to come as the Maroon and White turned the ball over 13 times in the first half.

The turnovers combined with a poor shooting effort were too much to overcome against a quality opponent like Richmond. The Spiders (20-5, 11-3 A-10) kept a healthy cushion for most of the first half and took a 29-15 lead into the locker room.

"We have to be able to score," Dacko said. "Fifteen points in a half is not going to cut it. We have scorers, but we need to score with consistency. We missed shots, period. And we can't afford to miss open shots."

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Minutewomen forward Brooke Campbell drives to the basket against Richmond on Sunday. UMass lost to the Spiders 55-43.

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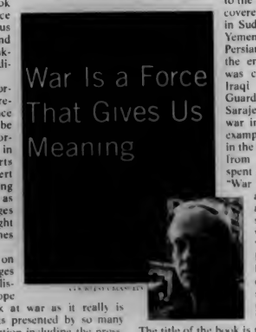
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Dean's Book author set to speak to UMass students

By Dan Terk
Collegian Staff

Author of this semester's Dean's Book, Chris Hedges, will visit University of Massachusetts to deliver a lecture about his book "War is a Force that Gives us Meaning," and spend time speaking to some individual classes.



Hedges, a foreign war correspondent since 1989, will be speaking tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Concert Hall. Describing the lecture as "thick," Hedges tries to highlight the main themes of the book.

"I do that on purpose," Hedges said. "I push listeners to cope with war. Look at war as it really is rather then it is presented by so many powerful institution including the press, entertainment industry, and government."

Writing the book was Hedges way of sharing his experiences, yet like anyone who has experienced combat it can be difficult at times. "I always dread [the lecture]," Hedges said, "afterwards I am quite depressed." Hedges spoke about a feeling of distance and alienation from others, family and friends included, because they do not truly understand what you have seen and been through.

Hedges has been in many war-zones through out his career, starting out in El Salvador and Nicaragua, then moving on to the Middle East. He covered the civil wars in Sudan, Algeria and Yemen as well as the Persian Gulf War, at the end of which he was captured by the Iraqi Republican Guard. He was later in Sarajevo during the war in Kosovo; many examples of war used in the book were taken from Hedges time spent there.

"War has marked my almost 15 years abroad," Hedges said in an interview with PBS's "Religion and Ethics." "I've been in ambushes. I've been strafed by MIGs, pounded by very heavy artillery."

The title of the book is the manifestation of one of the major themes. "What I wanted to do was talk about how people find meaning through war, then ultimately they are betrayed by war," Hedges said.

Yet he knows that war cannot give anyone, including himself, meaning. It is

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Hockey Club finishes second place

By Jonathan Vega
Collegian Staff

The University of Massachusetts women's ice hockey club, which placed second in the Northeast and ninth in the nation, has exploded onto the scene in its first three years as part of the American Collegiate Hockey Association. The hockey club is also affiliated with the Eastern Collegiate Women's Hockey League. The women's hockey club also finished second this past weekend in the ECWHL season championship tournament; their record is now 16-10.

Bill Finn coaches the women's hockey team, with assistance from Phil Bateman.

UMass hosted the ECWHL tournament in the Mullins Center practice rink, which matched the top women's hockey clubs in New England against each other in an exciting series of games that came down to a UMass 5-4 overtime loss to the University of Rhode Island women's ice hockey club that took first place in the tourney. The Bates College Women's Ice Hockey Club took third place with a 4-3 win over Penn State.

"Our recent success is a true accomplishment for a completely student run organization like ourselves," says Samantha Louras, a player and President of the UMass women's ice hockey club. "Becoming a varsity sport on campus is definitely one of our goals."

Louras points out that budget cuts have drastically impacted existing varsity teams leaving some disbanded. "UMass varsity tennis and men's gymnastics have been cut," says Louras, "These teams would have priority when university funding increases, so unfortunately, we don't really have a lot of control over [becoming a varsity team]."

"If we could become a varsity women's team we would attract more of a fan base and players," Louras said. "the university provides us with $10,000 a year but our ice time at the Mullins Center is $18,000 dollars." In the end the players bear the burden of funding their sport through player dues and contributions.

Varsity or not, players are migrating to the club more and more every year, explains Louras. In fact the program has grown so much over the past years that the club has two teams. The B Team has been practicing once a week and has games almost every weekend. "We are trying to attract attention to let people know that UMass can be a great source for women's hockey," Louras said.

According to the club's website, www.people.umass.edu/womhockc, the team is part of a competitive league at a national level, and is starting to look for players who have experience and feel they can contribute in making UMass women's ice hockey one of the best teams in the ACHA.



The UMass women's ice hockey club finished second this weekend in the ECWHL season championship tournament.

Presently there are 32 players in the UMass women's league and according to Louras there is room for more. She adds that the team has a wide variety of ability levels and some players have been playing for years on men's high school teams while, others may have played recreationally; nevertheless, many players on the team have begun their organized hockey career with the club.

The ACHA National Tournament begins March 10 and expects to draw twelve teams from all over the country. "The ACHA tournament is the biggest non-varsity sporting event in the country," Louras said, "[It] is working to create varsity caliber players and tournaments."

Students can support the UMass women's ice hockey club by attending games and spreading the word about the upcoming ACHA National Tournament in March at the Pepsi Center in Buffalo, N.Y. More information about the team is available at their website.

Next step: convincing Follet



A UMass student holds a sign that indicates that he spent over $500 on textbooks this past fall.



Students wait in lengthy lines to purchase high-priced textbooks. The rental system proposed will try to lighten the load.

Administration backs plan for rental system

By Jonathan Vega
Collegian Staff

The Student Government Association has responded to student outcry over exorbitant textbook costs by proposing a pilot textbook rental program. Under the leadership of SGA President Eduardo Bustamante, an ad-Hoc Faculty Senate/Student Government committee has been created to address textbook affordability; the council was borne after a unanimous vote of The Undergraduate Education Council.

According to Textbook Rental Pilot Proposal, unveiled last Wednesday by the committee on textbook affordability, "the average student will spend nearly $900 for textbooks this year." Likewise, student support for the proposed program has soared; "of 2,500 students that voted on a recent campus-wide referendum, 85 percent voted that the school should implement a campus-wide textbook rental program."

"We won by the largest margin in campus history," Bustamante said, "one of the main reason our campaign was so successful was that we ran on a platform for textbook reforms."

The committee on textbook affordability has requested that the administration of the University of Massachusetts seeks a pilot textbook rental program as a condition of upcoming contract renewal talks with Follett Higher Education, the company that presently manages the Textbook Annex here on campus. The upcoming contract negotiations represent the textbook marketing future that UMass and Follett will present students with for the next five years.

"One of the main reasons for this change is that we are dependant on the school for books and we are being exploited," says Bustamante, "it is something that should matter to all of us."

According to the committee's report a textbook rental program could provide three potential advantages to students. First, "Students will be enabled to obtain textbooks with a smaller initial investment." Secondly, "we anticipate that a far grater percentage of students in each class will obtain the textbook." finally, "the university will acquire more leverage over the tim-

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NSF awards faculty member with large grant

By Allison Edles
Collegian Staff

The National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development Program recently awarded a $400,000 grant to Tilman Wolf, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. The grant will be used to help fund Wolf's research on network processing and will be distributed over five years.

The purpose of Wolf's research, a professor at UMass Amherst for the past two and a half years, is to improve the way many networks and routers function today. "Computer networks have traditionally been very simple," said Wolfe. "Networks don't do very much other than forwarding the data." The goal of Wolf's research will be finding a way to allow the networks to, not only forward the data, but process it as well.

"By allowing networks to process the data," Wolf said "network services can provide additional services to their customers." The research Wolf will be conducting, for example, will make it possible for companies to develop applications to access a webpage on a cell phone. "Currently, web pages are not scalable on cell phones because of the limitations of the networks; having them only forward the data. It makes sense to [process] things like that in the network itself, rather than through the server," Wolf said.

The purpose of Wolf's research is not, to create the applications, but rather, the infrastructure for which future applications can be based off of. "There are many problems that arise from the way the network currently operates. Routers can be programmed to do a range of things, like blocking virus propagation, for example. However, such application development is not part of our research," said Wolf.

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UMass in desperate need of faculty members

By Nina Lowy
Collegian Staff

Last Wednesday, Feb. 16, the Massachusetts Society of Professors representatives from Amherst, students, and faculty held a press conference at the State House in Boston to examine the decline of full-time faculty at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

In 1990 the faculty consisted of 1,133 members and today there are only 865- a 24 percent decline, according to a Feb.14 press release. This greatly affects UMass's rank as a top research university. In order to be competitive again UMass needs 200 to 300 more full-time faculty members. The shortage has hurt students who are shut out of courses and need more time to graduate.

Tenured professors are vital to the university's teaching and research.

In November 2004 Chancellor John V. Lombardi stated that UMass Amherst cannot become a top-ranked research university without a research faculty of at least 1,100- for a faculty-student ratio of approximately 1:20, according to the press release.

Town representative Ellen Story (D-Amherst) spoke highly of the students present at the press conference. "Students were extremely eloquent," she said during a telephone interview. "When students need a reference, [from a professor], they don't have one." Story said the reason for shortage of faculty at UMass is in part due to lack of support from the state. She explained that there are separate budgets for operating the university and for maintenance.

Since several of the buildings are old, they need constant upkeep and money goes toward that. Story mentioned how out of state students consider UMass a great school, and that students are drawn to it because of Massachusetts' top schools like Harvard and MIT. Graduate students or adjunct professors instead of tenured professors teach many classes. "I just hope the state will realize the value in an excellent public university." Story commented on her future outlook for UMass and its faculty.

Sociology professor and president of the Massachusetts Society of Professors Dan Clawson expressed similar views. He said the Massachusetts legislature must provide additional resources in order to restore its number in faculty.

It is competitive to apply for a professor position at UMass with two hundred applications for one

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Professor Tilman Wolf, a professor was awarded a $400,00 grant from the National Science Foundation.

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In yesterday's Hunter Thompson article we incorrectly identified Johnny Depp as Benecio Del Toro and vice versa.

Also, the Spike Lee speech was put on by Student Activities, not the Student Government.

Massive quake kills hundreds

By Nasser Karimi
Associated Press



A massive earthquake leaves rubble and severe damage to Iranian villages. The quake is to blame for more than 400 deaths.

SARBAGH, Iran — Under a cold, driving rain, survivors wailed over the bodies of the dead and dug through the ruins of mud-brick houses searching for their loved ones after a powerful earthquake flattened villages in central Iran on Tuesday, killing at least 420 people.

The toll was expected to rise, because rescue teams did not have a final count from the three most isolated villages in the mountainous region. About 30,000 people were affected, many left homeless when some villages were reduced to piles of dirt and stone by the magnitude-6.4 earthquake. The number of injured was estimated at 900.

"Where have you gone? I had a lot of plans for you," Hossein Golestani sang softly as he held the lifeless form of his 7-year-old daughter, Fatima. The body of his 8-year-old daughter, Mariam, lay beside him in the devastated village of Hotkan.

Golestani and his wife were out tending their herd of goats when the quake struck at 5:55 a.m., wrecking their home.

Other survivors slapped their faces in grief as they sat next to the dead, who were wrapped in blankets in hospital morgues or on roadsides.

Some 40 villages were damaged in the quake, which struck a region 150 miles from Bam, site of a devastating earthquake in December 2003 that killed 26,000 people and leveled the historic city.

At dusk, temperatures fell and rain turned to snow in parts of the mountains, and survivors huddled around fires to keep warm, covering themselves in blankets and sipping hot soup. Some 1,500 workers from the Iranian Red Crescent fanned out in teams, bringing tents and tarps.

Heavy rain and bad visibility hampered relief efforts. But Mohammad Javad Fadaei, deputy governor of Kerman province, said the search would continue through the night in Hotkan and two other villages, Sarbagh and Dahoueieh, which emergency crews had had the most difficulty reaching. Rescue efforts were finished in other villages, he told The Associated Press.

The quake was centered on the outskirts of Zarand, a town of 15,000 people in Kerman province about 600 miles southeast of Tehran, Iran's geological authority said.

Though comparable in strength to the 6.6-magnitude Bam quake, Tuesday's temblor hit a more sparsely populated area and was centered far deeper — some 25 miles, compared with six miles for Bam — limiting the damage.

Still, the tiny villages that dot the central mountains — most of them made in fragile mud brick — were hit hard. In Douheieh, every building except a mosque with a golden dome had collapsed. At least 80 percent of the buildings in Sarbagh were leveled.

Fadaei said the death toll stood at 420, with some 900 injured.

Residents of Khanouk village carried bodies to the morgue for washing before burial. Others crowded around lists of the dead posted on the morgue's wall, breaking into cries if they found a relative's name.

"I lost everything. All my life is gone," sobbed Asghar Owkli, 60, his face bandaged. His wife and two children were killed.

Residents dug with bare hands and shovels in the hope of a finding family members alive. Bulldozers moved in later, along with rescue teams and helicopters, but most of those uncovered were already dead.

Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards and Red Crescent teams provided the survivors with bottled water, bread and canned food.

The Iranian Red Crescent told international relief officials it did not need outside aid, said Roy Probert, a spokesman for the Geneva-based International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Fadaei said Iran will not issue a plea for aid, but "if foreign countries volunteer their help, we'll take tents, blankets, cash and earth-moving machinery."

Iranian relief officials said they were benefiting from their experience in the Bam quake, which prompted one of the biggest international relief efforts ever.

"The earthquake in 2003 gave us a very good experience of how to deal with such a natural disaster. Despite the rain, relief operations are going smoothly. Relief teams have reached the villages and are helping the survivors," said Mostafa Soltani, a spokesman for the Kerman government.

Iran is located on seismic fault lines and is prone to earthquakes. It experiences at least one slight earthquake every day on average.

Professor awarded $400,000 grant

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Wolf's research will additionally entail "managing to figure out how to build a run-time environment for network processing," said Wolf. Such an operating system will make it possible for future technologies and applications to be created and utilized.

The grant that Wolf received was given through the CAREER program. The program recognizes and supports the early career development activities of teacher-scholars who are most likely to become the academic leaders of the 21st century, according to NSF.

"This is a very important grant for Professor Wolf to receive," said Professor Seshu Desu, Head of the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department. "The [CAREER] grant is only given to people early in their career, and only one out of about 30 people gets it. It is great because he can push the boundaries of his research," Desu continued.

Through Wolf's research and the grant he received, Desu went on to mention that the "level of prestige increases for the department as well as for his career. His research will help solve the problem of network congestion, which is something students can all relate to."

The level of student interest in the department and the fields it covers will increase as a result of Wolf's research. "Professor Wolf's research will also explore how to improve services within the network. Students will see an improvement as a result of [his] research," said Desu.

During the five years Wolf will be conducting his research, he will have a number of students working with him. "I will be the sole professor, with two PhD students and maybe one part time student," said Wolf. "The amount of time we will be working on our research allows time for the students to develop their own research as well."

According to a press release, as more and more services are added to the Internet, the kind of research Wolf is conducting represents a necessary step in making the Internet work properly while handling mushrooming applications effectively, accurately and securely.

UMass professors declining in number

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position. "People we hire usually have four or five other job offers," Clawson said. Students have to take larger classes and cannot take requirements. When full-time faculty members are replaced with part-time, students cannot get recommendations. "People come to the university because they want not only great teachers but excellent scholars," said Clawson. He articulated an immediate need for first-rate professors.

"If people sit back and just hope we will see a decline," Clawson said on the outlook for UMass. "Parents, faculty, alumni, and board of trustees must be involved. The legislature is not the only factor, but still important." Since 1984 there have been only five separate years in which the number of faculty has risen, according to Clawson.

According to the press release, Provost Charlena Seymour says 40 percent of teachers are not permanent faculty. Twenty years ago full-time faculty taught the majority of students. Even though the number of part-time teachers has increased by 68 percent since 1994, tenured faculty has dramatically decreased.

Bush disputed lifting of arms in China

By Terence Hunt
Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — President Bush and European leaders settled simmering differences about Iraq but plunged into a troublesome new dispute Tuesday over the lifting of an arms embargo against China. Bush warned Congress might retaliate if Europe revokes the 15-year ban.

Bush said lifting the embargo, imposed after the bloody 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown on pro-democracy activists, "would change the balance of relations between China and Taiwan and that's of concern." But French President Jacques Chirac and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said the ban should go. "It will happen," Schroeder said.

The China quarrel was a jarring note on an otherwise upbeat day of reconciliation, handshakes and hopes for better relations.

"First time I've been called charming in a while," Bush said after a NATO summit. He also met with leaders of the 25-nation European Union. "Europe and America have reconnected." EU Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso said afterward, Bush at his side, at a news conference.

In a show of unity after bitter disputes, all 26 countries in NATO pledged money, equipment or personnel to train Iraqi security forces, though many of the pledges were modest.

Estonia said it would send one staff officer to Iraq, and $65,000. France offered one officer to help mission coordination at NATO headquarters, said it would train 1,500 Iraqi military police in Qatar outside NATO's mission.

"The NATO training mission is an important mission, because after all, the success of Iraq depends upon the capacity and the willingness of the Iraqis to defend their own selves against terrorists," Bush said. "Every contribution matters."

The European Union and the United States, meanwhile, agreed to jointly host a conference to rally and coordinate international aid to Iraq.

Consulting with his harshest critics on Iraq, Bush met with Chirac over dinner Monday night, will travel to Germany on Wednesday to visit with Schroeder and meets Russian President Vladimir Putin on Thursday in Slovakia. Chirac said America's attitude is becoming "more realistic ... It is progress."



President Bush disputes with European leaders about lifting arms in China.

Bush's broad unpopularity in Europe because of the U.S.-led invasion was evident in the protests on the streets of Brussels. Police targeted demonstrators with water cannons Tuesday, after protesters, which numbered in the hundreds, threw a fire bomb and glass bottles at them near the European Union headquarters.

UMass faculty backs textbook rentals

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ing of publishers decisions to declare editions 'outdated' and issue new editions."

The proposed textbook rental program would be attempted in four to six representative classes that the committee believes could produce successes. The proposed pilot system would require professors and Follett to collaborate in order to gauge the viability of the rental program on a campus-wide scale. The committee on textbook affordability would provide oversight and receive reports to determine the pilot program's potential for success.

"Last fall we went to the Faculty Senate and asked for their support and said that no matter how they are going to provide savings for students regarding textbooks; one of the fundamental things needed is a two or three year commitment to use the same books," Bustamante said.

In order to sway uncertain faculty members and students, the committee has realized that a six-semester trial of the system is necessary. The Student Center for Educational Research and Advocacy has been commissioned by the committee on textbook affordability "to synthesize survey data from professors and students each semester and compare it with data collected by the administration with regard to Follett's current pricing policies."

Recently, Joyce M. Hatch, the vice chancellor for administration and finance here at UMass, received a report from Campus Bookstore Consulting that runs contrary to the opinions of SGA officials and students. According to the CBC report, "Follett Higher Education offers students prices that are more favorable compared to many university bookstores nationally."

Interestingly enough, the CBC report also mentions the textbook rebate program that is presently implemented by Follett. A five percent rebate is available for students at the end of each semester. However, in fiscal year 2004 students rebate totals were roughly $320,561; amazingly, only $14,536, roughly 5 percent, was ever returned to students last year.

"I've never heard anything about a rebate program," says David Brown, a senior communications major at UMass. Although the rebate program that is in place appears to ease costs; Follett needs to be more proactive in advertising potential savings to the students who would benefit from them.

Additionally the CBC report claims that, "the majority of colleges and universities do not offer," textbook rental programs, "current conditions in the textbook market make it difficult" to impose student participation, in a book rental system that requires unanimous support.

However, Bustamante feels that the CBC report fails to recognize that other universities are experiencing the same exorbitant textbooks costs as the University of Massachusetts, "We are responding because of an indifference to rising textbook costs by the university," Bustamante said.

Hedges, a Dean's Book author, will speak to students

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"like a drug, a very dangerous addiction ... my ultimate meaning does not come with that."

Hedges wrote an article entitled, "On War" for The New York Times Review of Books, discussing two books about the war in Iraqi. He wrote that they "resist the narcissism that often infects such accounts of war." When asked if his book also avoided this pitfall he noted that "journalists will dine out on the myth of war and the myth about themselves as war correspondents." Hedges considers his book to be more of an anti-memoir, "if I bring my self into that book," he said, "it is to illustrate a fault, a personal failing."

Hedges has been criticized for painting Israel in a negative light in the book. He responded to this with a bit of indignation. Many of these claims spawn from a section of the book in which Hedges wrote about Israeli snipers baiting and then murdering Palestinian children. This was one of the more disgusting things that Hedges said he saw; "I think that criticism is unfair" Hedges said, claiming that he was reporting facts; facts that he can prove and facts that he himself was a witness to.

Allusions are prevalent throughout the book, including authors such as Shakespeare, Virgil, Cicero, Homer and Catullus. Hedges used these references flawlessly to illustrate his points and show other examples though history. Homer's "The Iliad," the story about the ten-year-long siege of Troy, could have been written about the war in Bosnia, according to Hedges.

His knowledge about the classics stems from his schooling; Hedges studied Greek while receiving his Master of Divinity from Harvard University.

He immersed himself in Latin texts after the Persian Gulf War before he went to Sarajevo. The ancient writings have helped him cope — in the last pages of the book Hedges wrote that the "words give me a balm to my grief, a momentary solace, a little understanding." in reference to a poem by Catullus.

Hedges lecture is designed for an adult audience, not necessarily students. He does however admonish college students to pay close attention to the war in Iraq because he said that our government is looking to regain control of the areas lost to the rebels.

According to Hedges, the only way to do this is to significantly increase the size of the combat force, and since recruitment is down he does not see any way of accomplishing this without initiating the draft.

Cigarette companies cut youth smoking

By Hilary Rose
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A nationwide ad campaign funded largely by the tobacco industry has helped cut youth smoking rates, a study by a health journal estimates. But anti-smoking advocates say money for such campaigns is drying up.

The American Legacy Foundation's "truth" campaign prevented about 300,000 youths from becoming smokers between 2000 and 2002, according to a study to be released Wednesday in the March edition of the American Journal of Public Health.

That's about 22 percent of the total decline in youth smoking over the period, the study found.

But the foundation, which operates an independent nationwide campaign against youth smoking, is running low on money at the same time state legislatures cut into the amount they spend on anti-smoking campaigns.

Tobacco companies agreed to pay into a fund that contributes to the "truth" campaign as part of the $206 billion settlement reached with 46 states in 1998. But the agreement allowed companies to stop paying after five years if their market share was below 99 percent.

With small manufacturers gaining a foothold in the market, tobacco giants have likely already made their last payment, said foundation president Cheryl Healton.

The public health journal study looked at surveys of 8th, 10th and 12th graders conducted annually between 1997 and 2002, measured their exposure to the campaign and accounted for factors like race, gender and income to determe the effect of the ads, which often feature teens publicly questioning tobacco companies.

The surveys showed 28 percent of teens smoked in 1997, and just 18 percent did in 2002, and the study credits the campaign with 22 percent of that drop. Researchers found the prevalence of teen smoking was falling before the campaign began, but the rate at which it fell increased dramatically after "truth" ads began.

"Those truth campaign ads are the MTV of the public health world. They really get to these kids," said Joseph A. Califano Jr., President Carter's health secretary and chairman of Citizens' Commission to Protect the Truth, a group of former high-level health officials that advocates for programs designed to end youth smoking.

The foundation was not the only group trying to stop kids from lighting up. Some states launched efforts to curb youth smoking in the early 1990s, and



Certain tobacco companies have made efforts to cut youth smoking.

others followed suit with their portions of the 1998 settlement.

However, state lawmakers are increasingly cutting into the money available for anti-smoking programs. Programs in Florida and Massachusetts that were once held up as national models saw their budgets slashed in recent years, and Mississippi's governor wants to use $20 million earmarked for an anti-tobacco group on the state Medicaid program.

Youth smoking is at a 28-year low, but campaign organizers said it might not stay that way without countering tobacco companies' consistent messages. In 2002, tobacco companies spent $12.5 billion to promote their products in the United States alone, Healton said.

By contrast, the foundation spent $58.9 million on the "truth" campaign last year, and gave another $37.8 million in grants.

"It's a David versus Goliath alchemy," Healton said. "In view of that, it's amazing we've had any impact."

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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Administration's supporting textbook solution welcome

Having recently received support from the University of Massachusetts administration, the textbook rental system proposed by the Student Government Association is now one step closer to becoming a reality. Finally, after many months of quibbling over textbook prices, a realistic solution is being presented to the student body, one that will hopefully alleviate the burden of heavy textbook prices.

This has been an issue that has been plaguing the student body, as well as been weighing over the heads of the administration, for a very long time. Additionally, the issue has been tossed around incessantly, but never coming to a viable conclusion that solves the problem. Now, only waiting on eFollet for approval and support, students can look forward to having some peace of mind.

Currently, students have very few options when it comes to purchasing textbooks. Many professors have tried to alleviate the cost somewhat by using smaller, independent book stores to order books through. In doing so, this manages to save the students a few dollars, but not nearly enough.

Many student organizations have tried to do their part to alleviate the pressures of textbook costs on the students or, at least, have attempted to increase awareness of the problem. And because it is such a student-centered issue, it only makes sense for groups such as MassPIRG and the SGA to take such a strong stance behind it. Given the administration's tendency to walk all over the student body, it is very comforting to see that students are finally coming first.

The fact that this is currently being resolved and has not come to a solution meeting all parties' standards earlier is unacceptable. Students have a reputation of being considered on a pretty low rung on the social ladder at UMass. Taking a step back, we have had to pay more money each semester to attend this university.

And, with regards to UMass professors, students have been having less access to a wide range of experienced teachers and mentors as many have been retiring. Consequently, more and more students find themselves being taught by graduate students in classes where a full degree-bearing professor should be lecturing. Also, due to recent budget cuts, some departments, such as the Journalism department, have been forced to merge with others, such as the Communications department, in order to stay afloat. These mergers, also, have no doubt, contributed to the change in available professors. Because of such alterations, many classes, which were once small, intimate discussion classes, have now become huge lectures where the student becomes a number once again.

In light of all these hardships the students have to endure, this is one small, well-earned victory in a sea of disputes with the administration. It is certainly a refreshing sight to see that, for once, students' rights are being placed at the center of the issue, rather than the money we're worth.

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Putting the 'miss' in missile

Andrew Freeman

What costs billions of dollars, sometimes flies and can't hit a thing?

National Missile Defense, the most ludicrous Pentagon idea since the bedbug detector (a long pole with bedbugs in it, deployed in Vietnam to try to detect enemy soldiers). To give an example of how impossible the concept is, consider the following example.

You are in a baseball stadium, standing in the center of the field, with a ball in your hand. A ball is hurled from one side to the other, and in the middle of its arc through the air you throw your ball at it, attempting to hit it. It would be almost impossible. Now substitute these balls for space-bound missiles and the stadium for the planet and you've got a glimpse of our proposed-missile defense shield.

National Missile Defense, or NMD, evolved from the infamous Reagan administration Strategic Defense Initiative, which sought to protect the U.S. by arming satellites with lasers to shoot down nuclear missiles. Apropos, the concept was referred to as "Star Wars," and it went nowhere because the technology was not available to pursue it. After Soviet Russia collapsed and its threat abated, research continued in missile defense, now with the goal of derailing a rogue state's nuclear weapon, or a missile that was accidentally launched, rather than stopping hundreds of them.

The nuclear threat that NMD attempts to handle is the intercontinental

Ballistic Missile, or ICBM, which can carry multiple nuclear warheads and moves at over 10,000 mph. A single ICBM can instantly destroy many targets in nearly any part of the world, reaching its target in tens of minutes. The concern is in particular that North Korea, which declared on Feb. 10 that it possessed nuclear weapons, would fire an ICBM at the United States.

The North Koreans have Taep'o-dong 2 missiles that are already capable of reaching Alaska and Hawaii, not to mention the East Asian capitials of Beijing, Tokyo and Seoul, and they are developing ICBMs with a longer range as well. Estimates among U.S. intelligence agencies on the number of nuclear bombs in North Korea range from three to 15, but whatever the number, they pose a clear threat to the region and world.

While American soldiers are dying in Iraq because the Pentagon failed to purchase enough armor for their vehicles, in fiscal year 2005 $9 billion was appropriated to the National Missile Defense program.

The National Missile Defense program seeks to address this threat by developing interceptor missiles that will hit an ICBM directly and destroy it in the upper atmosphere.

Unfortunately, the system will not work. There have been 10 tests so far, with the most recent test in February failing when the interceptor failed to launch; the five successes are not reliable because of major flaws in the testing program.

The website of the nonprofit Union of Concerned Scientists lists ten problems in the tests' methodology. These include advance knowledge provided to the defending team of every aspect of the test, from the attacking missile's trajectory to the intercept location; and a radar beacon placed on the target that allows it to be easily tracked, among others. Moreover, there are no provisions in the system for dealing with countermeasures North Korea might easily put on ICBMs, such as balloon decoys that accompany the warhead and look the same in space, attracting interceptors while the real warhead is hidden.

Nevertheless, the NMD system is being deployed, months behind schedule, and at the cost of billions of dollars. While American soldiers are dying in Iraq because the Pentagon failed to purchase enough armor for their vehicles, in fiscal year 2005 $9 billion was appropriated to the NMD program, according to the Missile Defense Agency.

While decades from now a NMD system might be able to handle incoming ICBMs, at present it cannot; moreover, North Korea's nuclear arsenal poses other threats. Other rogue nations such as Syria and Iran could purchase North Korean nukes, not to mention terrorist groups like Al Qaeda. A far simpler and sneakier way of attacking the US would be to put a nuclear bomb on a boat and detonate it in any major American port. NMD would have no chance of stopping such an attack, or any terrorist attack.

In the end, North Korea's nuclear threat must be dealt with either through negotiations or armed conflict — it is not possible to neutralize it.

Negotiations are a poor option, having failed repeatedly in the past, but war is far worse — North Korea has an army of over one million men, in addition to its nuclear weaponry, guaranteeing heavy casualties if we attack.

Whatever course we choose to take, NMD will not be able to protect us.

Andrew Freeman is a Collegian columnist.

No yellow ribbons here

Thomas Naughton

Guilt can only weigh on a person's mind for so long before they crave the act of purgation; to get the weighty feelings of shame and responsibility out of the mind — or at least the guilty parties attempt to find some kind of peace if they cannot rid themselves of a screaming conscience that implicates and indicts its possessor.

That said, perhaps some readers will understand why my friends and I rip yellow ribbon "support the troops" magnets off of cars or wherever people have affixed them. By ripping off these ribbons, we find a way to deal with our guilt, as though with each ribbon swiped we take back a life that was taken by this senseless war started by our senseless president and those who support him.

I will never say, "support the troops." I don't believe in the validity of that statement. People say, "I don't support the war, I support the troops" as though you can actually separate the two. You cannot; the troops are a part of the war, they have become the war and there is no valid dissection of the two. Other people shout with glaring eyes that we should give up our politics, give up our political affiliations in favor of "just supporting the troops." I wish everything were that easy.

What they really mean is that we should just give up our will, give up our identities, give up our voices to those in power. Perhaps that's just the way people aligned with the right wing choose to get rid of their guilt: blindness and ignorance.

I listen to talk radio very often. It's important to know who your enemies are. The pundits on the radio are the pinnacles of guiltless, shameless wonders, and I am jealous. It must feel good to believe without question, to benefit from the blind belief of young men and women who chose to join the armed forces, to sit in a radio studio in New York and admonish the public to give in like the troops, to just follow orders, to live as just a number that will soon be etched into a gravestone that no one will ever see.

I look into the cars of people with "support the troops" ribbons as I speed past, trying to find some trace of recognition on their face, recognition of their guilt and the fact that they have given up. I usually see nothing; just a mouth moving robotically, singing the pop hits of today or the contemporary country wine of fake cowboys who share a lot with George Bush: no shame.

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We say, "support the troops" so that we won't feel guilty about saying "no" to war. We reason that if we say that we support the troops, somehow we aren't monsters for not saying a word when the death tolls of U.S. soldiers climbed above 1,000. Those ribbons are yellow for a reason, they are not the mark of armed forces support, they are the mark of cowards.

Pundits on the radio advise their cowardly listeners to approach men and women in army uniforms and say "thank you." I cannot do that. Every time I pass a person in uniform I look long and hard at them and all I can think inside to say is "I'm so sorry." I want to apologize to them, to their families and to their friends. I feel sorry that we, the people, couldn't control our own government at the outset of this conflict when most of us knew deep inside that it was a mistake.

Where are we now? Are we in a better place? Is the world safer for democracy? No, it is not safer and we are not in a better place. In this war that we are fighting to somehow avenge the deaths of the Sept. 11 tragedy, we have amassed a field of body bags, the number of which almost matches the number killed in the terrorist attacks four years ago. Now, we stare at yet another request for barrels of money for this war by President Bush, while people in our own country search fruitlessly for jobs to feed their starving families, while every public school gets left behind, while our elderly are ensured an uncertain future of unpaid medical bills.

I guess we shouldn't think about those things though, right? We should just buy a yellow magnet and slap it on the butt of our car so we can sleep at night and just let our government do whatever they want. That's supporting the troops, right?

Two years ago my friend Eric called me out of the blue after almost five years of silence between us. We were in a band together when we were teenagers and he had joined the army around the time I was graduating from high school. He had to join the army; he had a son to provide for in the grand tradition of many young members of the armed forces. He called me to tell me that he was going back to Iraq, against his will. He was so sad and angry and scared. He didn't say it but I know he was calling to tell me that he might die. I didn't say it to him then, but I felt such overwhelming guilt that I couldn't do anything to keep him from going back.

I haven't heard from him since. I don't know if he's dead, and my guilt is alive and well. I hope that all of our family members in harm's way return alive. Until then, I can really honor their sacrifice by demanding that it finally comes to an end.

Thomas Naughton is a Collegian columnist.

Library etiquette encouraged

S.J. Port

In any hour of any given day of the academic year students flow in and out of the library. It is where we as students find answers, more questions, space from our roommates, silence from our parents and books by our professors.

A good library is the base of a student's academic career, especially at large universities such as the University of Massachusetts. Your classes may be in different buildings each semester, your residence in a different dormitory hall or a frat house, but the resources we seek generally lie in one fixed area: the library.

At each point of entrance the library posts a general sign stating basic rules of etiquette: turn off cell phones and refrain from eating and drinking. Other rules, however, are implied: keep all noise and conversation to a minimum, do not write in, damage or alter materials in any way shape or form and use computers to write papers — not to communicate via instant message programs.

The library is not a playground, a fashion show or social hour. Take your cell phone conversations out of the building. Take your conversations of any kind, especially the non-academic kind, out of the library.

One student who'd been working quietly disturbed an entire floor of peers when she answered her loudly ringing cell phone and proceeded to walk through the floor to the stairwell area while conversing with the caller at a normal decibel level. After spreading the noise across the floor she continued her conversation in a stairwell ... that echoes. Turn your cell phone on silent, or a single beep. If you must take a call then walk outside of the library or to a bathroom area and call the person back. It is rude to disrupt everyone else's studies by sacrificing the library's silent atmosphere for the sake of your supposedly vital socializing.

The library should be a place free from the obnoxious jingle of cellular phones.

Another group of students would take frequent breaks to show one another pictures in their textbooks and giggle about the image's content. The group would then often break into conversation about this or that ... distracting everyone near them. If you want to discuss a group project, the cute girl you hooked up with last Saturday, or how much the fungus in your textbook looks like the one growing between your roommate's toes, find a floor where you won't disturb others or sign into a private study room — ask your local librarian, she'll know what I'm talking about.

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Many students with attention issues find their solace in the library stacks. Hidden away these easily distracted, or privacy-seeking, folks find a place in which to do the primary work of a student: study. Let these fine people do their work. If you see them silently working and know that you will make even the smallest amount of noise: whether it be with your cell-phone, your friends or your crinkling food wrappers and crunching crackers — find another space in which to make your noisy home.

Last spring, upon trekking to the reserve section and renting the necessary tome for the afternoon, I was shocked to recognize a friend and classmate's incorrect penciled-in editorial notations in the article recommended by our professor. Everyone in the class must have gotten a good laugh out of his lame attempt to correct the Nobel Prize winning author's syntax. However, the same fellow's margin comments did help me quickly jump through the dense article to the juicier sections.

Moral of the story: do not write in library books. The chances are your elementary grammatical corrections are incorrect and your comments (obscene or otherwise) are unwanted. Commenting in the margins often distracts future users or, worse, enables people to use your hard work to find the most important sections more quickly.

Finally: take your sexual activity out of the library. We all know some of the literature is either so tedious it inspires chiro-gratification or so inspiring it prompts tawdry interludes, but really, take it outside. If your books make you randy: go home.

A good library brings joy to many students, while to many others it signifies the academic realm they've been suckered into for four years and are struggling to survive in. Either way, it is a holy place of necessity and opportunity. Please, I beg you, whether it be at UMass, Amherst College, Smith, Mount Holyoke or your local library: respect the silence.

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Eroding rights of Americans

Aaron R.S. Lorenz

We live in what I have termed a "judging culture." Society is eager to act as judge when given the opportunity. Turn on the television tonight and you will see "American Idol" or "The Apprentice." Sometimes the American people act as a judge after listening to "qualified judges" comment on the singing ability of contestants. Other times a "business mogul" decides what it takes to be a success in the corporate world as the television audience judges the shrewdness of that decision.

We all want to judge. So, when we see an actual judge — a real life judge who hears the everyday cases — we usually take note of their words. To take it even further, when a sitting judge makes public comments on the very issues that he hears on a daily basis, we are even more intrigued by his words.

On Feb. 16, Judge James Gray of the Superior Court of California, Orange County spoke to my Legal Studies class, Law and Personal Freedom. Judge Gray's topic: the drug laws in the United States. Judge Gray is the author of the 2001 book, "Why Our Drug Laws Have Failed and What We Can Do About It: A Judicial Indictment of the War on Drugs." The book is an impeccably researched piece, which outlines the history of drug laws in the U.S., the impact of such laws on our civil rights and liberties and solutions to the current drug policy.

The current drug laws do not work and Judge Gray explains that in detail ... It is a bold pronouncement by a man who has studied the issues for decades on the fate of those that come before his bench.

Judge Gray's words are bold in print and in person, but as he notes, "not controversial." He speaks to audiences throughout the country when he can get away from the bench and describes both liberal and conservative audiences coming to him with the same issue: why have our drug laws failed?

This is not a political issue, nor should it be. This is a rather simple issue. The evidence is there. The current drug laws do not work and Judge Gray explains that in detail. To hear a sitting judge describe that the very circle that he works within is ineffective and failing, and even further that his colleagues at the state and federal level throughout the country agree, is a refreshing sight. It is a bold pronouncement by a man who has studied the issues for decades and decided on the fate of those that come before his bench.

Judge Gray asks his audience to ponder important questions: How do you categorize drugs? Aren't all drugs — including alcohol, caffeine and cigarettes — mind-altering, addictive and sometimes dangerous? Why do we think we will be in better shape in the future with the current drug policy when the past has shown an increase in drug use/abuse/misuse/addiction?

Why does the U.S. think it can be the first country in the history of civilization without some form of mind-altering or addictive drugs? How can we expect the drug laws to be working when we cannot keep drugs out of prisons? He asks us: where is today's Paul Revere?

Legal Studies students recall the case of State v. Mann (1829) in North Carolina. In it, Judge Ruffin of the State Supreme Court decides a case involving a slave who is loaned to a neighbor to perform work.

The neighbor then physically harms that slave and the local prosecutor charges the neighbor with battery. Judge Ruffin's opinion describes the immorality of slavery and the need for its eradication but finds that since the slave is property and not a person, battery cannot be the charge.

He argues that the judge must recognize the power of the slave master over the slave and defers to the Legislature to make those changes within the confines of the law. Those changes came from changing social mores, the Civil War and subsequent fights for civil rights. They came with little help from the legislature but great effort by the people. Judge Gray has delivered his opinion for us in his 288-page book and continued speaking engagements. He is our Paul Revere. We must not disregard his brazen words.

For all of us so intrigued by this "judging culture" we should listen to this sitting judge tell us who the winners are in the current policy. The big time drug dealers win within the current policy. Tearing down Colombian cartels only means than new ones will germinate within hours. The current policy continues to give politicians political capital. Tough talk does not equal smart talk.

Today, a victory in the war on drugs is defined as slowing the pace of defeat. The result is an acceptance of decreased civil liberties in return of ridding of that marijuana dealer. It means more search warrants are approved and more warrants are executed in the name of the war on drugs. It means we ignore 8,000 aspirin overdoses per year or 70,000 alcohol (non-drunk driving) related deaths per year. Yet, that mother of two who transports a package of drugs for her drug dealer boyfriend is given five years in prison and loses custody of her children – ruining three lives.

Rights are being eroded on a daily basis in this country. If Madison, Jefferson, Franklin and Hamilton were alive today, they would take up arms against their government, as outlined in the Declaration of Independence. I do not call for that, nor does Judge Gray. Instead, he argues that education is the solution since education can bring about a change in social mores.

He notes the words of Abraham Lincoln, "prohibition goes beyond the bounds of reason in that it attempts to control a man's appetite by legislation and makes crimes out of the things that are not crimes. A prohibition law strikes a blow at the very principles upon which our government was founded." We should heed both Lincoln and Gray's warning before these liberties are irretrievable.

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Women's perpetual struggle

Samantha Sharac

Can Virginia Woolf's proclamation, "as a woman I have no country" apply in our contemporary American society? As much as women have gained from the suffrage movement and women's liberation movement, I do believe that women are still considered to be the "other." Women continue to be denied full human rights in the United States and this trend originates from the very beginning of this nation. The Republic of the United States. The denial of women's rights has originated in large part from the Declaration of Independence and biological determinism.

Historically, the ideal American citizen has been of European-American descent, and an upper class male who is also heterosexual, Christian, able-bodied capitalist who will serve and protect the interests of similar citizens. It has taken almost a century from the birth of this nation for black men to be allowed to vote. Women had to wait 144 years since the nation's establishment to be granted the right to vote. But with a right to vote, have women's struggles finally ended?

'Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness' among women are impossible in the United States. The Declaration of Independence forbids it as well as many advocates who rely on biological determinism as the correct guide path of women and men.

The Constitution was ratified with the nineteenth Amendment, yet the Declaration of Independence remains the same. Women now have the legal right to vote but they are not entitled to "certain unalienable rights ... among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." The Declaration of Independence provide these three rights to "all men," with no mention of women. Now, one may argue that women are legally given these rights as citizens of the United States.

If women were granted these three rights, I doubt that there would be a gender gap in wage earnings, violence against women, unsafe abortions and substantially more women than men in poverty; these ugly realities severely undercut women's right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The "rationale" of biological determinism is also responsible for the historic subordination of women. "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" among women are impossible in the United States. The Declaration of Independence forbids it as well as many advocates who rely on biological determinism as the correct guide path of women and men. Because of women reproductive roles, there is still the belief that women's careers should be limited to the home.

Following this logic, why aren't there more public outcries for men to work primarily as fathers? If men are biologically equipped to help create a life, then why are the majority of men working outside of the home?

Why is there a steady increase in deadbeat fathers? Apparently, some fathers are not living up to their biological determinism. If women are biologically inclined to only give birth and raise a family, then why is there a more lenient social opinion in the United States that allows men to be absent and unsupportive of their offspring? Men can fail as fathers but if women consider careers not tied to motherhood, then the biological rhetoric is again postulated.

The common view that women are more emotional and men are more rational has not been substantiated. Society's gender roles encourage females to be more emotional while men are discouraged from any emotional display. Gender role socialization, not biology, plays a part in how we learn to be "masculine" or "feminine." This explanation also applies to men as being more rational.

Traditionally, men have performed well in science and mathematics not because they are biologically endowed to do better in these fields, but rather because they have been encouraged since childhood to be explorers and inventors. For instance, toys such as legos teach the beginning skills of mathematics and science. Women, on the other hand, are traditionally given dolls and dollhouses, which do not introduce skills linked to mathematics and science but promote familiarity with domesticity.

I want to make clear that there is nothing wrong with being domestic. The problem lies when domesticity is socially and culturally enforced to be the only role in the lives of women. There should be a right to choose a career for both men and women.

The absence of women in the Declaration of Independence and the psychological ideology of Freud's "Anatomy is destiny" argue for the concept of biological determinism and create "the natural complementary theory of the sexes." A recent example are the comments made by Harvard University's president Lawrence H. Summers about the innate gender differences between men and women as the major factor that prohibits women from becoming math and science faculty.

The thinking by many people that women are finding it difficult to both care for her family and pursue a career is stereotypical and does not take into account the social, cultural and political gendered differences that still operate. We should better investigate why and to which women we refer.

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TASERs and police brutality

Todd Hanaburgh

The latest in hotly debated topics here at the University of Massachusetts is the UMPD's decision to buy three TASERs for use by police officers. There are many concerns surrounding this issue, by students and faculty alike. Nation-wide, there have been reports of TASERs linked to as many as 70 deaths. Last week in Chicago, a 14 year-old boy suffered a cardiac arrest, as did a man from Indiana, following TASER stuns in separate incidents — both involving the Chicago Police Department. Ronald Hasse of Cedar Lake, Ind. died following his cardiac arrest on Friday.

Law enforcement officers insist they are indispensable in dealing with individuals who are psychotic or under the influence of illicit drugs that inhibit pain sensation. But are TASERs actually safe? Are they necessary?

In answering this question, I conducted a routine Internet search, employing my favorite search engine. It is interesting to note that most results listed informed me of the class-action lawsuit against TASER International for security fraud against its shareholders. But that is neither here nor there.

Independent report links are available at TASER International's very own website, www.taser.com, and have been submitted by various law enforcement agencies, universities and the U.S. Department of Defense. Most supported the company's claim that the electrical impulse emitted by the device did, in fact do as described — no more, no less — in healthy subjects.

One report, submitted by the British Columbia Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner (OPCC file#2474, Sept. 2004), concluded: "The advanced TASER appears from the manufacturer's data file to be a relatively safe device for immobilizing non-violent offenders. However, these subjects are exposed to a number of immediate risks/potentially fatal dangers operating either just before or just after being apprehended with the aid of the TASER. It would be prudent to routinely observe all 'TASERed' offenders for four-six hours in a suitably equipped hospital emergency department."

What are the "... immediate risks/potentially fatal dangers operating ... just after being apprehended ..." by the TASER?

Immediate dangers can be related to the sudden loss of muscle control produced. Subjects who may be running or even standing still fall helplessly to the ground, unable to shield themselves from injury. The potentially fatal factors can also include the behavior of and or restraint procedures employed by the police officer.

The report refers to a "maximal restraint position" otherwise known as "hog-tying," hands and feet bound together behind the back, with the subject on his/her stomach (the "prone position"). This method of restraint is particularly dangerous when compounded by excited delirium, characterized by extreme exertion, rapid breathing and often hyperthermia (excessively high body temperature).

Those who are apprehended after running from or resisting arrest, individuals suffering a psychotic episode, under the influence of stimulants or other drugs may be particularly vulnerable to these conditions. Gunshot wounds and suicides aside, in many cases of in-custody deaths, excited delirium in combination with the maximal restraint position attributed to the cause of death, according to this same report.

As a side note, I had my roommate hog-tie me in preparation for writing this article, and even at rest the position itself causes difficulty breathing. A police officer is likely to apply his or her own body weight on the subject during the binding procedure, making it even more difficult to breathe.

Disturbingly, out of 3,107 reported uses, 1,844 shocks were sustained for five-second intervals or more. Also, out of the same 3,107 uses, officers administered multiple doses on individual subjects a reported 1,007 times.

According to a Nov. 30, 2004 web-article on the Seattle Post-Intelligencer's Web site, several complaints have been filed against the Seattle Police Dept. for allegedly using TASERs on teens, people who have already been handcuffed, pregnant women and the elderly. According to the Post, one out of three suspects stunned by TASERs were jolted two or more times, and three out of four suspects stunned were unarmed.

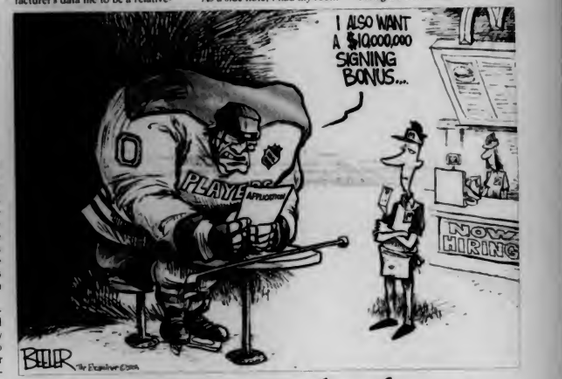
Amnesty International reports that police officers are abusing the use of TASERs nationwide, stunning people repeatedly or unnecessarily. Increasingly, it seems to be the case that the TASERs themselves are not inherently dangerous or life threatening, but the persons operating them.

So when will the UMPD use these non-lethal weapons? Will officers whip out the stun guns at the next Southwest riot? Against partygoers at the Hobart Hoe-Down? Will they be used to subdue a student in the midst of an acid-induced psychosis? Will they know when to stop?

The active question in the debate should be, "Do we trust the UMPD to use TASERs properly, and only when necessary?"

My answer is, "No."

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Cavemen are the future

Kenny Mulligan

Whitney Houston once said "I believe the children are the future." But George Carlin once said, "f*** the children." And I make it an point every day to say, "f*** Whitney Houston." With all this to consider, I find myself carrying the following mentality: The children are not our future; rather it is the cavemen to whom we must look for much needed guidance.

For a while, it was pirates who were the subjects of the public's ever-obtrusive eye. Ninjas then grappling-hooked their way to the top of the latter. I still feel they were a bit overrated.

But, a couple of months ago, my friend suggested that cavemen might be "the next hip thing." I said, "Well, one can only pray, I suppose." And sure enough, we looked at the television and it was playing a Geico commercial. I'm sure you know the one of which I speak, as it featured cavemen. But these weren't the cavemen to which the general masses are accustomed. These cavemen were fed up with the constant propagation of the myth of the simple-minded caveman.

... The main reason why cavemen are the future is simple. Cavemen will outlast all. They can survive anything. When the bombs drop and the new Ice Age commences, it will be the cavemen who are frozen into blocks of ice, only to be unfrozen 3,000 years later.

Hollywood has seen many successful cavemen, and I'm not talking about the Flintstones, nor am I talking about Ringo Starr or Brendan Fraser. They only imitated bigoted stereotypes of cavemen. They were the Amos and Andy of cavemen. I'm talking about the Ultimate Warriors, the Nick Noltes, and the Hillary Swanks. Oh, and there was the deformed guy from that movie, Mask. I think his name was Cher.

But these newer cavemen are different. They fight to usher in a new age of cave thought and cave reasoning. And we must help them. We must cast aside these retrogressive stereotypes and open our arms to our caveman brothers and sisters.

People typically look down on cavemen for their shabby cavemen garbs. But we've got it all wrong. That was thousands of years ago. If you took a modern cavemen to an exhibit at a museum that showed what they wore back then, he would slap himself. He would have the same reaction that people have to pictures of themselves wearing parachute pants. "Oh man, what was Ugg thinking. Ugg was such a tool. Ugg embarrassed." "Don't worry, man," I would say to Ugg. "I once had those shoes with those useless little red lights in the heals." And then Ugg would be all, "Wow! Ugg think you are sad like Wooly Mammoth who fall into tar pit."

This brings up another point. Cavemen are badass. If we get hungry, we eat food that was purchased at a store. Or we go somewhere where it is prepared for us. And, more often than not, we'll even pick up a phone and sit on our butts while the food comes to us. Did cavemen do that? No freaking way was it that easy. They'd all be sitting around their cave after an exhausting and vigorous day of inventing wheels and discovering fire, and one caveman would be all like, "Hey, are you guys hungry?" Obviously, the others would reply positively. "Alright. Let's go kill a mammoth." A freaking mammoth! Can you believe that?! That is insane!

But in the end, the main reason why cavemen are the future is simple. Cavemen will outlast all. They can survive anything. When the bombs drop and the new Ice Age commences, it will be the cavemen who are frozen into blocks of ice, only to be unfrozen 3,000 years later.

They will be like prophets who teach the cyborg-laser-people of man's past mistakes. As a result, they will be hoisted into clergy positions of high spiritual power. All future-cyborg-laser-people will look to them for their wisdom and guidance.

In 3,000 years, the Earth will finally find peace, only following total destruction. The new civilization will be the hyper-neuron-future-cyborg-laser-people. And their leaders will be the cavemen. The cavemen are our future.

Yet, unfortunately, I find my own argument to be slightly imperfect. That imperfection is that cavemen don't exist anymore. However, if they did, many would agree that to be the most awesome thing ever.

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STARS RACE FOR OSCAR

Brilliance

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Will "The Aviator" soar or will "Million Dollar Baby" be a knock-out? Less than a week to go before Hollywood's big night, and the crystal ball is cloudier than years past. Why? There are a plethora of answers, but the most logical answer is that there is no epic this year, a la "Lord of the Rings," "Gladiator" or "Titanic."

It's mostly smaller films that have made the cut this year, and the bigger budget epics have failed to find an audience in Hollywood. That's not to say that the nominated films are sub-par; very much the contrary. The years Oscar race boasts some of the most praised performances in recent memory, making picking a winner all the harder.

Martin Scorsese's "The Aviator" picked up field best 11 nominations, including Best Picture, Actor, Supporting Actress and Director. The boxing drama "Million Dollar Baby" took home seven nominations, including Best Picture, Director and acting nods for its three leads. The fantasy "Finding Neverland" also picked up seven nominations, including Best Picture and a second consecutive nod for Johnny Depp, for his portrayal of J.M. Barrie. The smash bio-pic "Ray" landed six nominations, including Best Picture and one for Jamie Foxx, in the years most talked-about performance. And rounding out the top is the quirky "Sideways," which took home five nominations, including Best Picture, Supporting Actor, Supporting Actress, Director and Adapted Screenplay.

The critics and precursor awards have been all over the place, making a frontrunner for the categories extremely difficult, never mind trying to pick a winner, but here goes:

Best Picture comes down to a three-horse race, "The Aviator," "Million Dollar Baby" and "Sideways." Early in December, the critics nearly fell over themselves for "Sideways," giving it awards left and right. Scorsese's "The Aviator" opened on Christmas, and then it seemed like it was the one to beat. In January "The Aviator" and "Sideways" took the top prizes at the Golden Globes and "The Aviator" was named Best Picture by the PGA. Then Warner Bros. quietly released "Million Dollar Baby" in a few theaters in the last weeks of 2004, and eventually rolled it out across the country in the coming weeks. Clint Eastwood won the DGA for his direction of "Baby ," and it seems to be a film that is resonating not only with critics but also with audiences. "Baby" peaked at just the right time, and now seems unstoppable on its quest for Oscar glory. PREDICTION: "Million Dollar Baby"

Best Actor category is the closest thing to a lock as there is this year. One name has been on Hollywood's lips since last October, and that's Jamie Foxx. While the other nominees give extremely moving performances (Cheadle's and Eastwood especially), they'll unfortunately have to sit this one out. The only actor who could possibly dethrone Foxx (and that's a small possibly) is Eastwood. Eastwood has earned a lot of respect in the Academy and his performance of grizzled boxing trainer Frankie is nothing short of a revelation. Think Adrien Brody's upset in 2002 for "The Pianist" big if this upset happens. But Mr. Foxx, you better get some new material ready for that acceptance speech. If anyone other than Foxx wins, I'll be floored. PREDICTION: Jamie Foxx — "Ray"

The Best Actress is a repeat of 5 years ago, when Swank and Bening battled it out, Swank for her breakout role in "Boys Don't Cry" and Bening for her sadistic housewife in "American Beauty." Swank emerged victorious in that battle, and is poised to do it again for her phenomenal portrayal of Maggie in "Million Dollar Baby." If she does win, she'll join a select few to win double Best Actress statuettes. Bening and Staunton are the only real challengers that could knock her out of the ring. All the actresses in this category are deserving, but Swank edges out the competition, but just barely. PREDICTION: Hilary Swank — "Million Dollar Baby"

Another category where it's down to three men is Best Supporting Actor. Alda and Foxx are out, Alda's performance is a little too small and Foxx's part was a little too big for supporting. That leaves Church, Freeman and Owen. Freeman won the SAG and Owen won the Golden Globe, so it appears to be neck and neck between them, a showdown of old versus new. Clive Owen outshined his bigger stars in "Closer" (Julia Roberts and Jude Law) and that's pretty damn impressive. Often Oscars award acting categories for bodies of work, and if that's the case this year, then the fourth nominee might be the charm for Freeman. PREDICTION: Morgan Freeman — "Million Dollar Baby"

Best Supporting Actress is another tight race and this is a category that often is full of surprises, and likes to reward younger actresses. (Marcia Gay-Harden for "Pollock," anyone? How about Angelina Jolie for "Girl, Interrupted?" Or the biggest shock, Marissa Tomei for "My Cousin Vinny.") Any of the five nominated actresses could conceivably win, but the best guess is that it's down to two, Blanchett and Portman. Linney and Madsen's buzz peaked too early and Okonedo would be an upset if she won. Portman had two exceptional films this year showing her range, "Garden State" and "Closer." But Hollywood loves to reward someone when they're playing one of their own, and Blanchett's performance of the legendary Katharine Hepburn was uncanny. PREDICTION: Cate Blanchett — "The Aviator"

Best Director should be called "The Battle of the War-Horses," as it's down to two, and what a duzy the two are. Eastwood and Scorsese. Both of those names embody Hollywood and the American cinematic landscape, and both of them are justly nominated for their phenomenal work on their respective pictures this year. Scorsese has yet to win an Oscar (shocking, I know) and Eastwood has already won an Oscar for "Unforgiven" in 1992. Sentiment would seem to favor Scorsese, but Eastwood has already picked up the DGA and the Golden Globe for his work on "Baby." And being a 3-time nominee in one year doesn't hurt him either. Unfortunately, Scorsese will probably have to sit this one out again. Sorry Marty, there's always next time...PREDICTION: Clint Eastwood — "Million Dollar Baby"

For Best Original Screenplay, the nominees are "The Aviator ," "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind ," "Hotel Rwanda ," "The Incredibles" and "Vera Drake." Charlie Kaufman should easily take this for his delightful and extremely original "Eternal Sunshine." Best Adapted Screenplay nominees include "Before Sunset," "Finding Neverland," "Million Dollar Baby," "The Motorcycle Diaries" and "Sideway." This should be the one bone the Academy throws to "Sideways," but in a "Million Dollar Baby" sweep, this award could get caught up in the title wave.

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Feeling 'Blue'

'NYPD Blue' ends after 12 years of arresting drama

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Sure, the nudity was startling. But the proof that "NYPD Blue" would be a bold and unsettling new force on TV was police Detective Andy Sipowicz's snarled insult.

"Ipso this, you pissy little —," he told an attorney spouting legalisms at him in the 1993 debut episode, emphasizing the b-word with a crotch-grabbing gesture.

"NYPD Blue" which ends its 12-year run at 10 p.m. on March 1, had no intention of being polite. Building on creator Steven Bochco's "Hill Street Blues," it was an in-your-face saga of cops whose lives were as troubled as the streets they protected.

The new drama went a step, a leap, beyond with frank sexuality that included bare skin and an emotionally raw, adult approach to life's complexities: Alcoholism, racism and more were part of the caseload along with crime.

As the show nears its end, it's clear "NYPD Blue" was able to shift boundary lines but not obliterate them. Another flash of skin, from Miss Super Bowl, Janet Jackson, has networks cowering under threat of federal indecency fines.

"We all thought television would stay shook up" after the success of "NYPD Blue," Bochco said. But in readying the new series "Blind Justice," which debuts March 8, he's become acutely aware it hasn't.

"Same time slot, same genre, same attention to grittiness and detail, and yet the battles I'm fighting with broadcast standards are totally retro, if you will," Bochco told The Associated Press.

While the social impact of "NYPD Blue" may be in question, its legacy as one of TV's outstanding dramas is secure.

With intense co-creator David Milch ("Deadwood") crafting scripts, "NYPD Blue" bored into the men and women of New York's 15th Precinct, especially Sipowicz. He was etched with brutish grace by Dennis Franz as the detective evolved from tortured soul to self-acceptance and became, as Bochco says, the heart of the series.

The flesh and blue language initially frightened off major advertisers and some ABC affiliates, who refused to air it. But viewers decided surprise, surprise, that dramatic excellence counted for something and helped "NYPD Blue" trump timidity.

Landing in Nielsen's top 20 at the end of its first year, the program earned a best-actor Emmy for Franz for the first season and won a best drama series Emmy for the second.

Bochco wanted "to tell adult stories to adults in an adult manner," said Franz. "He wanted more tools to tell them with and asked for those liberties to be given him by ABC. They took a chance on us and it paid off."

With the initial shock worn off, the show settled comfortably into its long run. (Milch left after seven seasons.) For

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ABC's highest rated criminal drama "NYPD Blue" redefined the cop show genre for network television.

Five things to ditch and five things to snag

A student's guide to women's spring fashion trends

By Molly Jane Quinn
Collegian Staff

Ditch: Jelly Totes
Snag: Retro Beach Bags

Ah, the 80s revival, back to haunt me once again. Not content with the successful resurgence of jelly bracelets and sandals, retail designers launched the jelly tote as the perfect solution for the girl who can never get enough of rubberized plastic accessories. Unfortunately, while see-through purses may have practical uses (airport security comes to mind) they don't have any fashionable use. Take a cue from Hilary Duff's latest (albeit photo-shopped) scandal — see through purses, condoms and underage stars make for fantastic tabloid fodder — nothing good will come from a jelly tote.

So this spring, get back to basics with a retro style beach bag. Straw and canvas totes with funky patterns from traditional Hawaiian hibiscus prints to vintage Caribbean maps add an element of whimsy to any outfit. Whether you chose a more conservative purse with leather trim to balance out a wild pattern, a traditional straw cutout handbag, or opt for a daring palm tree print with sequined accents, these bags will carry you from nights out at the bar to lingering days spent at the beach.

Ditch: Rhinestone Aviators
Snag: Lucite Jackie-O's

So what if J-Lo makes it look good? After the collapse of Bennifer, the utter failure of "Gigli", and her creepy reunion with Marc Anthony (am I missing anything?) Jennifer Lopez is a poor excuse for a fashion guru. So it's time to toss your beloved pair of scratched aviators — you know, the ones adorned with those adorable Swarovski crystal hearts? Pitch 'em. Because the truth is, you only succeeded in looking like a sad Charlie's Angels impersonator (I'm talking post-Farrah.)

But it's not too late. Take a cue from an always-reliable fashion icon: Jacquelyn Kennedy Onassis. Score an oversized pair of Lucite frames in bright white, olive green, or classic tortoiseshell to block those UV rays and cover up your bloodshot baby blues on Sunday morning. With gradated lenses, these specs give you shade while allowing friends and foes to see your eyes, avoiding those uncomfortable polarized sunglasses conversations (were you talking to me? I can't tell who you're looking at ...) The best part is, unlike metal frames, it's hard to tell designer plastic frames from the ones you can buy from a street vender, making them a true steal.

Ditch: Ruffled Jersey Minis
Snag: Long Boho Skirts

The tiny, tiny, tiny ruffled skirts that were all the rage last spring/summer illicit a visceral response from even the most jaded fashion mavens: "Burn that rag!" Just FYI ladies, as a general rule: if the total fabric content of a garment cannot adequately cover one of your calves, it's too small for you. Not only is it too small, it isn't actually a garment; it is a rag. And we don't wear rags, now do we?

While there seem to be advantages to the ruffled mini (it feels like a tank top for your bum?) they are greatly outweighed by the negatives. Firstly, when you walk in one of these skirts, the whole world can see all your goodies, as the said ruffles bounce off your rear end while you strut to class. Secondly, I won't go into this too much, but I am deeply concerned for hygienic reasons about the cleanliness of chairs, benches, seats on the PVTA ... it's just not a good scene.

Thank God this season sees the revival of long, loose, ethnic inspired skirts that flatter all figures. With drawstring waists, often accented with tassels, these tie-dye and Indian print skirts look fab with silver leather sandals and a shimmery tank for the evening or paired with simple flip flops and a tee for daytime. Raid your mom's closet for the real deal, or hunt down vintage finds at thrift stores and consignment shops.



This season Hawaiian straw bags are all the rage in ladies' fashion.

Ditch: Kitten Heeled Thongs
Snag: Cork Wedges and Espadrilles

It was an ingenious move when Sigerson Morrison came out with his take on traditional plastic thong sandals three years ago. What could be better than the comfort of your favorite flip flops combined with the flattering angle of a kitten heel? But it's been years since Morrison launched this sandal, and it's time to say sayonara to kitten heeled thongs and let them go roam in that great kitty litter box in the sky.

Instead, try and get a pair of wedge-soled sandals this season. Wedge sandals put less strain on your joints with a gentler angle, making them more feasible for long-term wear. The added height complements the season's long bohemian skirts, incorporating sex appeal into an otherwise earthy look. Espadrilles with ballerina-style ribbon ties lace up to be tied in a demure bow at the calf, juxtaposing with a tempting denim mini.

Bonus points: pair a sassy wedge with winter's higher waist trousers and tuck in a sporty polo top to transition from winter to spring.

Ditch: Terrycloth and Velour Hoodies
Snag: Embellished Cotton Tunics

Snuggly, soft, comfortable and worn-in— these adjectives all work for terrycloth and velour when you're talking about a towel or your grandfather's tracksuit. But when you are swaddling yourself in it head to toe, it's time for an intervention. If you're not careful, you too could find yourself at a quickie wedding thinking it perfectly rational and classy to dress your bridal party in velour sweat suits, a la Britney Spears ("Pimps and Maids" embroidery optional.)

Let's not let it come to that. So do something useful with those old velour hoodies and terrycloth pants: rip them up and use for buffing your car or dusting your nasty dorm floor. And when you're done, trs an embellished cotton tunic for your coverall of choice this spring. These long-sleeved thin cotton tops flatter any body type and, with the deep slit down the front, carry far more sex appeal than a ratty brown velour sweatshirt. Whether you go for a colorful batik or a subdued beaded pattern, these tops will look great with jeans and heels or paired with cropped pants and sandals.

'NYPD Blue' ending after 12 years on top

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its final season, it's ranked 49th in the ratings and is averaging 9.7 million viewers weekly about half of its peak audience.

The buzz it generated through the years (besides conjecture on the rush-of-the-week) involved cast changes: David Caruso bolting to seek elusive movie stardom (and ending up back in another crime drama, "CSI: Miami") and the ensuing parade of partners for Sipowicz.

Jimmy Smits was on board from 1994 to '98, then received a protracted, 24-hanky send-off when his character became fatally ill. (Smits made a recent ghostly comeback to help a troubled Sipowicz).

Two one-time kid actors joined the squad, with Rick Schroder ("Silver Spoons") followed by Mark-Paul Gosselaar ("Saved by the Bell"). "NYPD Blue" was so sturdy it absorbed the oddball casting and gave the newcomers a chance to shine.

Besides Franz, Gordon Clapp was the only other featured cast member on hand from the beginning, providing a welcome sense of continuity as schlubby Detective Greg Medavoy.

Compelling in their blemished individuality, the detectives stood for something larger.

"What I thought we always focused on was fleshing out the men and women who do police work for a living as having vulnerabilities, having flaws, having home lives, having losses, tragedies," Franz said. "I also think we paid respects to the difficulty of police work and the effects the job can have on individuals," he said.

In the season so far, Sipowicz has assessed his life at midpoint and reluctantly made the jump up to sergeant and a desk job.

Is that where his journey, and the show, ends?

Bochco said "NYPD Blue" will conclude without a bang, and he means that literally: A contrived and melodramatic finale was quickly ruled out.

"You don't want a bomb to go off in the building," he said. "What we finally settled on was to try to end this show in a way that implies that the life of the precinct doesn't end. It's just that you don't get to visit it every week."

Franz, 60, is ready to try something new, maybe even a movie comedy. "I spent all my 50s here. I'm the most appreciative guy on earth for this opportunity. It was wonderful, but it's time to move on now."

As for the series' ultimate impact, Bochco suggests it may have helped fuel the backlash against changing cultural standards. The reaction was building, he said, with the 2004 Super Bowl just the tipping point.

"That said, in the long view, you just can't put the genie back in the bottle," he said. "It's not going to happen, notwithstanding the fact that broadcast television in these days has become an extremely conservative and frightened medium."

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A. The landlord will likely make a claim on his homeowner's insurance policy for the damage. These policies contain a clause stating that whenever an insurance company pays a loss, the company may bring an action on behalf of the insured against any parties believed to be responsible for the loss. Legally this is known as the right to subrogation. The insurance company therefore has the right to seek payment from you and your roommates and can sue you for negligence and breach of the lease, even if the landlord does not wish to pursue a claim against you. Since your lease requires at least minimal heat during the winter, you have breached your lease in letting the oil run out and allowing the temperature fall below the minimum required by the lease, negligent. If a court finds that your failure to purchase oil was the cause of the burst pipe then you could be found negligent and held responsible to pay the damages. Often, the insurance company may threaten legal action in an effort to get you to pay, but will not follow through with a lawsuit. This is especially true when the negligent parties have no assets. You have no obligation to make payment until a court order is issued, finding you negligent.

The best course of action for tenants responsible for heating the house is to make sure that there is always an adequate supply of oil and to keep the thermostat above the minimum temperature specified in the lease. In addition, you should enter into an agreement with an oil company for automatic delivery throughout the winter. The oil company then has the responsibility to insure that delivery is frequent enough to keep the oil from running out. If the oil company does not make delivery in accordance with the schedule, or if the oil runs out despite adherence with the schedule, then the oil company is the potential negligent party rather than the tenants.

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Bourque beginning to open eyes around the hockey world

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and I'm like, 'What are you guys, six years old? What are you laughing about?' And they say 'I couldn't believe how bad of a play that was.' They're laughing about how bad the plays they make."

Parker enjoys picking on his freshman star; playfully, though.

Chris was asked how similar he and his father's personalities were, and before he could respond, Parker chimed in joking, "I bet his father doesn't act like he's 12."

"I meant that in a very positive way with Chris because he's so upbeat, and he's having a ball here," Parker said. "There's a couple of freshmen he hangs around with; they're like bosom buddies."

Ray sees the similarities, not in terms of how he plays the game because they play two different positions, but more in the mental aspect.

"He has a passion for the game," Ray said. "His approach is the same way in terms of loving the game and going after it."

And just like everyone else, the elder Bourque couldn't stop talking about that Beanpot goal.

"I was very happy," Ray said. "It just brought memories back. He scored in the same spot on the same kind of goal I scored in '96 in the All Star Game. I was just happy that BU won, and obviously he scored the goal so it was a very big thrill for everybody sitting in our box at that time. It was a great moment, one that probably will last a lot longer as a parent than as a player."

Many ask, and rightfully so, why Chris plays forward and not defense, his father's position. The answer is simple: he didn't like playing defense, he is a scorer.

Through 26 games this year, he has scored nine goals and dished out 11 assists. Five of those goals came on the power play.

He keeps developing, too. He is playing better defense, although according to him, any defense is better than the defense he played in high school.

And he plays smart hockey, which is the biggest reason why freshmen are able to succeed in their transition to the college game.

He is the son of a legend, has the utmost respect from his Hall-of-Fame coach and the Washington Capitols are waiting for him when he leaves Boston University.

Yeah, things are going pretty well for Chris Bourque right now.

URI completes back-to-back

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beating the best of New England, the team will be moving on to the looming outdoor season.

"We're going to use this indoor season as a springboard into outdoor. The people that are not competing this weekend are training but are on a different training," LaFreniere explained. "It's the end of the indoor season, but I feel like for a lot of people on our team needed a longer indoor season, but that doesn't exist for now so we are focusing now on outdoor. Hopefully they're going to get stronger and faster."

The team's lack of depth and versatility is not a lost cause, though, as LaFreniere is confident that the rebuilding process is heading in the right direction and has the right starting point.

"Like I said before, we're rebuilding the program; we don't really have enough people that can score in all the events," LaFreniere said, "The people who did score points had very good performances. I think it's a good start, but it's not where we want to be. We don't have enough depth now, but we are trying to lay the foundation for that."

The foundation LaFreniere has laid down this year has given the program good reason to be optimistic with freshmen like Bakanowski and Derosa exceeding expectations in their first year.

Damon takes shot at A-Rod

(AP) — Johnny Damon and David Ortiz reported to the Boston Red Sox's training camp and took a more lighthearted approach to bashing Alex Rodriguez.

Damon had dubbed his own teammates a bunch of "idiots" last season and, on Monday in Fort Myers, Fla., rattled off one-liners. One was about Rodriguez's early morning training regimen.

"Waking up 6 in the morning?" Damon said after his late-afternoon arrival. "There's been many a nights where I haven't been to bed at 6 in the morning."

Ortiz, another Red Sox clubhouse clown, was too busy to pay attention to all the negative comments made about the New York Yankees' third baseman.

"I only have one tape at home, the Red Sox one," Ortiz said about Boston's championship season video. "I watch it over and over and over and over and I don't even know what's going on here."

Even Trot Nixon, who criticized the Rodriguez for boasting about his workouts, said he was "being stupid and flying off at the mouth" when he made them Feb. 15. Still, he stood by his criticism.

At Tampa, Fla., Jason Giambi made his first appearance at the Yankees' complex and expressed empathy for A-Rod.

"He's definitely got it rough," Giambi said. "I'm definitely here for him as a teammate. I know what it's like to be on the rough side."

Giambi has his own critics to appease after a season wrecked by injury and an offseason filled with steroid allegations, and he wasted no time getting started.

A little more than two hours after arriving at spring training in Tampa, Fla., on Monday, he walked to the outfield end of the New York dugout, stepped onto the field and was greeted with cheers and outstretched pens.

"It's pretty humbling, pretty incredible, to have the support from the fans," Giambi said." It's pretty awesome."

When he returned to the clubhouse, Giambi went down a row of pitchers' lockers and shook hands with Randy Johnson. Giambi decided not to give a group apology.

"What I've started doing is going up to the guys face to face," he said. "To me, that meant more than doing a team meeting or addressing the team."

Yankees bashing spilled over into the Philadelphia Phillies' training camp in Clearwater, Fla., when outfielder Kenny Lofton reported and wasted no time in taking a shot at Joe Torre, his manager last season.

"He didn't want me to play. If he wanted me to play, I would have played," Lofton said. "I liked the situation over there, but I wasn't wanted by the manager. Certain managers you respect. Now, I'm in a more relaxed situation."

A six-time All-Star center fielder, Lofton is coming off his most frustrating season. He hit .275 with seven stolen bases in just 83 games in his only year with the Yankees.

At Peoria, Ariz., Seattle third-baseman Adrian Beltre took his physical and joined his new teammates for a round of batting practice.

Beltre, who signed a $64 million, five-year contract with the Mariners in December, knows the game will be different for him after spending the first seven years of his major league career with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"It's not going to be easy," he said of facing AL pitching for the first time. "It's going to take time to adjust to it. I hope my new teammates are going to help me."

At Surprise, Ariz., second baseman Alfonso Soriano was given permission to increase his running program as he prepared for his second season with the Texas Rangers.

"Everything looks great with Sori," trainer Jamie Reed said. Soriano tore his left hamstring and missed the final two weeks of last season. He did most of his rehab work on a stationary bike after deciding not to have surgery.

"I just started running about two weeks ago," Soriano said. "It's going to take a while to get in shape, but I feel good so far."

At Port St. Lucie, Fla., on the day center fielder Carlos Beltran reported to his first spring with the New York Mets, general manager Omar Minaya met Mike Cameron, who is shifting from center.

"I'm not even thinking about trading Mike Cameron," Minaya said. "Mike Cameron's going to be our right fielder."

Cameron's name has surfaced in trade rumors since the Mets signed Beltran. Cameron reported to camp Monday and said he never indicated he wanted a trade.

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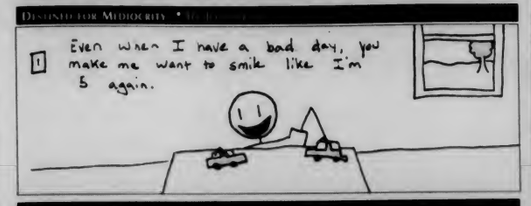
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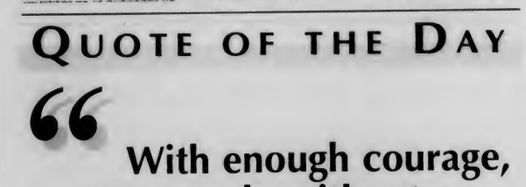
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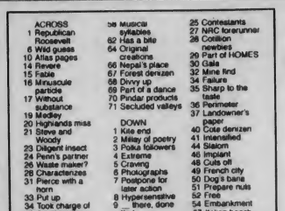
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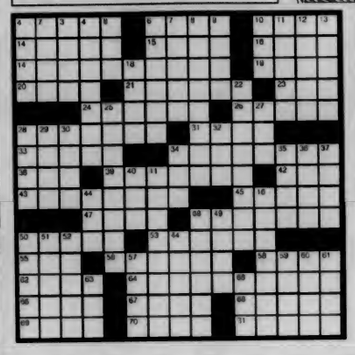
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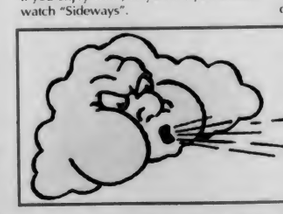
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Minutemen welcome Rams on Red Sox Appreciation Day

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

After defeating La Salle on Saturday, the Massachusetts men's basketball team (14-9, 7-5 Atlantic-10) clinched its first winning season since the 1999-2000 season and a possible spot in the National Invitational Tournament (NIT).

However, since the selection process is not based on the same system used by the NCAA, every one of the Minutemen's four remaining games carries a slightly heavier weight.

Tonight at 7 p.m. the Minutemen will face the Rams of the University of Rhode Island (4-19, 2-10 A-10) at the Mullins Center. UMass defeated URI in their last meeting in a sloppy 49-44 defensive showdown at the Ryan Center in Kingston, R.I. on Feb. 9.

Adding to the emotion of the game will be the inevitable increase in attendance due to the 2004 World Series trophy, which will be shown at half-time. UMass coach Steve Lappas was excited about the energy that the trophy will add to the game.

"I'm fired up, I hope it gets more kids in here," Lappas said.

For the second game in a row, the Minutemen will be without the services of senior captain Anthony Anderson who is suffering from a nagging back injury. However, in the absence of Anderson, the Maroon and White have gone 5-0, including one road win against La Salle.

Lappas is pleased with the way his team has responded to the vacancy left by its captain.

"These guys have shown that they can go out there and without him keep it together and play in a tough situation, play in a close game and get it done," Lappas said. "I think all that can do is help when he does come back."

Lappas mentioned that Anderson is improving and may be available to play in Saturday's game at Temple, but he is wary to use the sharp-shooting guard this close to the tournament.

"We don't want him to play until he's 100 percent because our big concern is what's gong to happen in the conference tournament, where we're hopefully going to play two, three or four days in a row," Lappas said. "If we were playing the league championship tonight, would he play? Probably."

The last time these teams met, the Rams' premiere player, Scott Hazelton, who averages 15.6 points per game and seven rebounds, was taken out of his game early after picking up two quick fouls.



Maurice Maxwell, named UMass co-athlete of the week, will take to the court tonight against URI.

The loss of Hazelton caused the Rams to turn to a guard combination that kept the teams offensive balance off-kilter for most of the evening.

"Obviously it helped," Lappas said. "It helped that he got two fouls and couldn't play most of the first half. That's usually a big factor and, that's something that you can't control."

One concern for the Minutemen has been the ankle of junior forward Jeff Viggiano. In his last game against the Rams, Viggiano scored four points, but played an important role in guarding Hazelton when he was on the court.

"He's not really 100 percent. Everyday he says he feels like an old man because it takes him like a half an hour to get his leg going," Lappas said. "He's definitely not 100 percent, but he's closer."

NOTES: Dante Milligan, a transfer from the University of Pittsburgh, was in practice gear for UMass yesterday. Milligan is not practicing with the team because he is injured with a strained ligament in his thumb. He is, however, able to do one-on-one training and may be able to practice with the team in two weeks.

Chris Bourque steps out of father's shadow

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

Right now, it's good to be Chris Bourque.

The Boston University freshman and the son of NHL Hall of Famer and Boston Bruins legend Ray Bourque is starting to make a name for himself, while standing in the shadows of his father.

And he found the perfect way to do just that.

At the biggest hockey stage in New England, during the most prolific in-season hockey tournament in the country, Bourque scored the game-winning goal in overtime to beat Northeastern and clinch Boston University's 26th Beanpot championship in the tournament's 53-year history, being named the tournament's most valuable player in the process.

The goal was also very similar to his father's game-winner in the All Star Game at the Fleet Center just a few years ago.

Then, as if he really needed to, the younger Bourque notched a pair of goals and tallied an assist in BU's 3-0 win over the UMass on Friday night, marking the third consecutive game in which he scored a goal.

And he found the perfect way to do just that.

He was just named Superskills Rookie of the Week by Hockey East and was also tabbed as the USCHO/ITECH National Offensive Player of the Week, the latter solely because of that one goal in the Beanpot that everyone keeps talking about.

And this kid can play.

He does things on the ice that freshmen shouldn't be doing. Whether he is quarterbacking the power play for Jack Parker's offense or deking defenders out with indescribable toe drags, Bourque has a nose for the net.

Just ask his Terrier teammates, or Cushing Academy, where he scored 91 points last year as a senior, or the U.S. World Junior Team, or the Washington Capitals, who selected him with the 33rd pick in the 2004 NHL Draft before he even played a collegiate game.

His hockey resume is solid for someone who celebrated his 19th birthday less than a month ago, and the name on that resume reads "Chris," not "Ray Bourque's kid," or "Ray Jr.," or any of that.

He knows he isn't his father, and he is trying to prove to the hockey world that he really can be his own person. Maybe someday, kids will think of him for what he has done rather than for what his father has accomplished.

"I'm not really trying to live up to my dad; not too many people can do that," Bourque said. "I'm just trying to make a name for myself. That's what I'm trying to do right now, and hopefully it's working out for me."

How could things not be working out when his legendary coach trusts him enough to run the power play through him, NHL players practice with him and his teammates like him enough to laugh with him after his line makes a poor play that results in a goal?

"They turn the puck over, and there's a goal scored," Parker said. "They come off the ice giggling.



BU freshman Chris Bourque collides with Kevin Jarman along the boards on Saturday night during the Terriers' 2-1 win over UMass.

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UMass men's swim team puts final touches on 'drive for five'

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

As the word "dynasty" is readily becoming a frequent part of every Bostonian's vocabulary, the Massachusetts men's swimming and diving team is working on its own record. On Saturday, the Maroon and White capped off an undefeated season by winning its fifth straight Atlantic 10 Championship.

Accumulating 804 total points, the Minutemen outlasted all seven teams within their conference, with St Bonaventure coming in a distant second place (652.5 points).

The team managed to sustain the lead throughout the entire three-and-a-half-day meet, and UMass coach Russ Yarworth was named Coach of the Year for the seventh time in his career.

"I think [the championship] has been self-perpetuating. We have a group of kids involved in this program, and when the seniors graduate, they pass on that championship attitude," Yarworth said. "They know that we're the champs and have to maintain it."

On route to fulfilling the "drive for five," UMass utilized each and every swimmer, making the win truly a team effort. The meet began on the night of Feb. 16, when St. Bonaventure was favored to win the first two relays. Coming from behind, UMass, anchored by seniors, won the first two medley relays. Two sophomores and two seniors made up the 200-yard team of Evan Swisher, Mike Cordes, Dylan Smith and Justin Zeimetz, who beat St. Bonaventure by six points.

The 800-yard freestyle included Greg Chartier, Derek Castellana and senior captains Owen Scollan and Smith. Swimming in his last A-10 championship, Scollan recorded his lifetime best in this event and helped the relay team come from behind again to beat St. Bonaventure.

"That first night was key," Yarworth said. "It really set the tone for the entire meet and we just started rolling from there. It was great to see everyone getting involved."

Other contributors included freshman diver Rueben Rappe, who placed first in the one-meter dive and second in the three-meter dive. Freshman A.J. Vozella placed first overall in the 100-yard freestyle, and sophomore Mike Herald placed sixth in the 50-yard freestyle. Fresh from their winning relays, Zeimetz, Swisher and Chartier all accumulated points in their individual events with Zeimetz placing first in the 50-yard freestyle.



UMass swimmer Justin Zeimetz was part of the 200-yard relay team that took first place at the Atlantic 10 Championship.

Yarworth attributes the win to the entire team, as every swimmer or diver scored points. In fact, the entire men's swimming and diving team was named the UMass Athletes of the Week. While he will miss the graduating class of Smith, Scollan, Zeimetz, Ryan Matthews, Jed Vonderheid, Matt Woodward and Brian Doane, Yarworth is looking forward to the underclassmen who will keep the streak alive. And since the "drive for five" is completed, the team has a new phrase that they will be following.

"This next season, our slogan is 'who owns it?'" Yarworth said. "Right now, we're getting ready for number six."

On the women's side, both veteran leadership and underclassman poise earned the Minutewomen 365 points and a fourth place finish, which was one place higher than the 2004 A-10 championship. Richmond won the event, accumulating 912 total points.

"I was really impressed with the attitude that these girls had," UMass coach Bob Newcomb said. "We had some first-day jitters but went out the second day and really kicked in."

While the team depended on its swimmers, it was divers Mary Jenkins and Melissa Pond who put forth strong performances, which helped the team cap off a respectable season. Jenkins, a sophomore, placed second in the one-meter and three-meter dive, and Pond, a freshman, placed fifth in the one-meter and fourth in the three meter.

"Mary Jenkins and Melissa Pond were incredible all weekend and deserve kudos for just a great job," Newcomb said. "They were really a solid base for us."

Despite a slow start, the team clicked during the final three days. Competing in her very first A-10 championship meet, freshman Samantha Demty proved that she will be a force in years to come. Demty placed fifth overall in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2:08.96 and seventh in the one-yard butterfly with a time of 59.03.

Demty was also a part of the 400-yard medley relay, which placed fifth overall. On the opposite side of the spectrum, senior captains Jay Yankowski, Colleen Wasson and Lynette Sweeney all competed in their final A-10 meet and were valuable players in the fourth-place finish.

UM falls just short

By Daniel Hillman
Collegian Staff

One point was the difference on Saturday in Kingston, R.I., as the Massachusetts men's track team finished fifth in the Atlantic 10 Championships. The fifth place finish was one point shy of creating a three-way tie for third place with Fordham and Saint Joseph's. Third place was a goal the Minutemen hoped to achieve but just fell short of.

The favorites and host of Saturday's tournament, Rhode Island, continued to be impressive as they finished in first place with 200 points. LaSalle finished in second, as they were expected to, with 143 points. The rest of the field was fighting for third place.

"Obviously we don't feel good missing third place by one point," UMass men's track coach Ken O'Brien said. "But it's impossible to feel real bad about it when you're competing for 770-some odd points, and you're one point shy of your goal."

One of the more powerful individual performances of the day belonged to UMass' John Iacobson, a fifth-year senior who landed in first place in the 800-meters with a time of 1:56.11. His performance on Saturday was a personal best.

Iacobson has battled with several injuries over the past few seasons, and to win the 800-meter on Saturday was an achievement that left his coach and teammates very moved and inspired.

Also landing in first place for the Minutemen was the 4x800 meter relay team. The group of Iacobson, sophomore Zack Przysiecki, freshman Kevin Murphy and senior Jon Korhonen continued to perform on an elite level, as they took home first place with a time of 7:53.57. Finishing right behind them was St. Joe's relay team with a time of 7:53.61. Korhonen, who O'Brien considered not running in the relay earlier in the week due to a flu and calf problem, was a last-minute addition to the relay. His presence paid off as he anchored the team from 20 meters behind to a first-place finish.

In another close race, LaSalle's James Jefferson narrowly defeated UMass senior co-captain Joe McCormick in the 55-meter dash. McCormick finished just .01 seconds behind Iefferson, who clocked in at 6.43. The strong finish gained McCormick Second Team All-Conference honors. In addition to that, McCormick's strong performance earned him an invitation to the IC4A Championship meet in two weeks.

Similar to McCormick, Korhonen finished in second place in the mile and earned himself Second Team All-Conference. Korhonen clocked in at 4:14.5 and was beaten out by St. Joe's Mike DiDio (4:13.24).

Another impressive performance belong to freshman standout Sean Calicchio, who finished in second place in the shotput competition, an impressive performance for an athlete who had his first performance of the season just two weeks prior.

Calicchio's throw of 51 feet, 6 1/2 inches was only outdone by last week's ECAC and URI Performer of the Week André' Reid, who just a week ago broke his own school record in the shotput by two feet. Calicchio's will also be heading to the IC4A Championship meet in two weeks.

Despite the small disappointment on Saturday, O'Brien seemed optimistic about the way the team performed.

"The team is beginning to dig down and find another gear," O'Brien said, "To come away with that is a positive."

Next on tap for the Minutemen is the New England Championship on Friday and Saturday in Boston.

URI wins second straight title

By Ian Kilpatrick
Collegian Correspondent

The Massachusetts women's track team finished in sixth place in Saturday's Atlantic 10 Championship held in Kingston, R.I.

Rhode Island took the title once again with a score of 132.83. The championship was the second in a row and fifth out of the last six years for the Lady Rams.

The Minutewomen continued their indoor season's trend of inconsistency with one of their lowest scores, 58.5 points. The lack of depth cost UMass a chance at the title, as only a select few were able to earn the team any points, even though those who did scored highly.

Once again the Minutewomen were led by senior sprinter Christina Huff, who earned eight points and freshman pole vaulter/sprinter Kristen Bakanowski, who collected a team high 10 points.

Huff, who specializes in the 55-meter dash, made the most of her last A-10 Championship by running a season's fastest 7.19 (55m), which earned her third place behind Melissa Mastrangelo from La Salle (7.07) and Ashley Bell from Richmond (7.13). Huff also contributed points by placing seventh in the 500 meters and helping the 4X400 team finish fifth.

Bakanowski went into the competition feeling confident and once again came out as the winner of the pole vault event with a height of 11 feet 3.75 inches and a reward of 10 points for the team. Although she didn't achieve her goal of beating her personal- and school-record of 12 feet, her jump was enough to outlast some very tough competition by almost a full inch.

Bakanowski's roommate, Sophie Brown, finished seventh but cleared one of her highest heights since coming to UMass. Elisabeth Budd was another one of the few point winning performers, as she was runner-up in the 500 meters.

Coach Julie LaFreniere knew her team's weaknesses going into the meet, and wasn't expecting a championship, but she wasn't completely thrilled with the results either.

"I think it's a mixed bag, we're happy with some of the performances, and you know there were other event areas that we did not do very well in," LaFreniere said, "so it was both, certainly room for improvement in some areas, but very good performances."

While this was the last indoor meet for many, at least five standouts have qualified for the New England meets that take place in Boston this upcoming weekend.

UMass will send Christina Huff (55m, 200m), junior Elisabeth Budd (500), Kristen Bakanowski (pole vault), senior Amanda Dahlberg (5000m) and freshman Christina Derusa (5000).

While the five top performers will be focusing on

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Investigation into fetal remains found in Springfield on-going

By Adam Gorlick
Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — The human fetal remains investigators found last week buried in jars behind a housing complex were less than 20 weeks developed and preserved in formaldehyde, according to a state medical examiner.

Hampden District Attorney William Bennett told The Associated Press on Wednesday that the preliminary examination done by Dr. Joan Richmond indicated the jars contained "two or three human fetal remains."

Other jars that were dug up behind the Riverview Apartment complex contained a cat brain preserved as an anatomical specimen and turtle remains, Bennett said. The DA said the animal remains also were in formaldehyde.

"It's unclear at this point what purpose these things were used for," Bennett said.

He said Richmond's report d id not determine how long ago the fetuses were formed. Bennett said more testing will be done on the fetuses which may be able to answer that question.

"Because they're in formaldehyde, they could be many, many years old," Bennett said.

Bennett said he won't determine whether to pursue a criminal investigation until he gets more information from additional testing.

"We'll wait and see what action, if any, is appropriate to take from our point of view once further examinations are made," Bennett said.

The remains were discovered last Thursday by federal investigators who were following a tip that came from an ongoing federal public corruption probe involving the Springfield Housing Authority, which owns and operates the apartment complex.

The investigation has yielded indictments with more than 100 charges against Raymond Asselin Sr., who headed the housing authority for 34 years, eight of his family members and four business associates.

Asselin and Arthur Sotirion — who oversaw maintenance for the housing authority and is one of those indicted in the probe — have refused to comment on the discovery of the remains.

Both Asselin and Sotirion have pleaded innocent to charges in connection with the public corruption investigation.

FBI supervisory agent Michael O'Reilly declined to comment Wednesday on the medical examiner's report.

Bliss and Goldschmidt state plans to run for SGA President and Trustee

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

Although the official start to the Student Government Association elections does not begin until today, Senator Sean Bliss and Attorney General Craig Goldschmidt announced their candidacy last night for President and Trustee respectively.

During the announcements portion of the meeting, Goldschmidt and Bliss told the Senators that they are looking for student support to run a smooth election.

"I'd like to take this opportunity to announce that I intend to run for Student Trustee," Goldschmidt said. "we are looking forward to a positive campaign and we want to have the opportunity to meet with students."

Last year's elections were held twice because the first election had been deemed unconstitutional and hence repeated. Neither Bliss nor Goldschmidt is anticipating a repeat.

"We hope to have a lot of your support," Bliss said. "We are at a point in the Senate, where we can get things done right."

According to the SGA constitution and bylaws, elections must be held five to eight days after spring break, so Senators are foreseeing elections to be slated for the Thursday and Friday after break. Campaigning will begin two days prior to break.

Current SGA President Eduardo Bustamante has declined to comment on his decision to run for reelection. In a previous interview with the Massachusetts Daily Collegian, Bustamante said that there was a "fifty-fifty percent" chance that he would run again, adding that he was "looking out for the best interests of the SGA."

After SGA Speaker Mark Morrison called an emergency on Monday night, the SGA now has enough elected elections commissioners to run the process. The commissioners are needed to man the polling stations as well as count the ballots and to maintain a smooth electoral process.

The commissioners who will be aiding this process are as follows: Adam Kishpaugh, Aaron Hafey, Marcus Deforest, Maria Fanelli, Ama Beadu and Chaylen Seale.

During his officer report and presentation, Goldschmidt



Senator Sean Bliss, left, and Attorney General Craig Goldschmidt announced their intentions to run for next year's Student Government Association President and Trustee respectively last night.

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Bush, Schroeder relax over Iraq differences

By Terence Hunt
Associated Press

MAINZ, Germany — President Bush and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder agreed Wednesday to turn down the volume on arguments about Iraq and Iran, demanding in unison that Tehran abandon its nuclear ambitions and exploring whether allies should use rewards or punishment to achieve that goal.

Nearing the end of a five-day reconciliation visit to Europe, Bush also prepared for a showdown Thursday with Russia's Vladimir Putin in Bratislava, the snow-covered capital of Slovakia.

Bush said he was concerned about Putin's restrictions on press freedom and other steps amounting to a retreat from democracy. Still, Bush emphasized he did not want to harm "a close relationship with Vladimir."

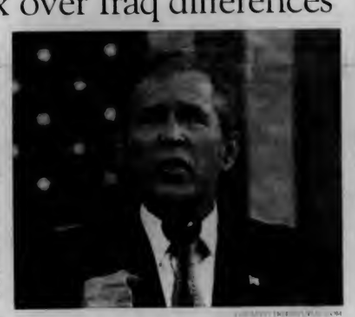
Bush raced through a nine-hour stop in Germany after harmonious discussions with European allies in Brussels, Belgium. Iran was a prominent subject in his talks all along the way.

Stephen Hadley, the president's national security adviser, said at issue was "should there be a mix of carrots and sticks and who should the carrots come from and what should they be."

Bush expressed general support for negotiations by Germany, Britain and France that offer Iran incentives to permanently abandon the uranium enrichment that is at the heart of its suspected nuclear weapons ambitions. "We will work with them to convince the mullahs that they need to give up their nuclear ambitions," he said.

But the United States has resisted taking part in the European diplomacy and has insisted so far that Tehran should not be rewarded. Germany has offered to sell Iran an Airbus aircraft and other nonmilitary items to encourage Tehran to keep negotiating and drop its nuclear program.

Bush has suggested that the best strategy might be to ask the United Nations Security Council to impose sanctions. "They were caught enriching uranium after they had signed a treaty saying they wouldn't enrich uranium," Bush said.



President George W. Bush, along with Gerhard Schroeder, demanded that Tehran discontinue its plans for nuclear weapons.



Bright ideas

Members of MASSPIRG from UMass and Amherst College rally support for the passage of the Energy Efficency Standards Bill at the intersection of North Pleasant Street yesterday. The sign reads "The Energy Efficeny bill will save enough energy to power the entire [city of] Boston."

Brain damage case sparks family debate

By Mitch Stacy
Associated Press

CLEARWATER, Fla. — A judge Wednesday extended a stay keeping brain-damaged Terri Schiavo's feeding tube in place, saying he needed time to decide whether her husband, who wants to let her die, is fit to be her guardian.

Pinellas Circuit Court Judge George Greer extended until Friday an emergency stay that was to expire Wednesday afternoon. He said he also needs more time to determine whether Terri Schiavo needs more medical tests to determine if she has greater mental capabilities than previously thought.

Terri Schiavo's parents have been in a long, bitter struggle with her husband, Michael Schiavo, to keep her alive. She collapsed 15 years ago Friday, when a chemical imbalance possibly triggered by an eating disorder caused her heart to stop beating and cut off oxygen to her brain.

The Florida Department of Children & Families moved to intervene in the case Wednesday, hours after Gov. Jeb Bush told reporters he was seeking a way to keep Terri Schiavo alive.

Details of the agency's involvement in the case were not immediately available. Greer denied a DCF attorney an opportunity to speak at the afternoon hearing.

George Felos, who represents Michael Schiavo, criticized the DCF move, saying it "reeks of the intervention of politics into the case and is an affront to the court."

David Gibbs, the attorney for Schiavo's parents, Robert and Mary Schindler, countered that there are serious allegations of abuse in the case. The Schindlers have accused their son-in-law of mistreating his wife; he has emphatically denied the accusations.

Some doctors have testified that Terri Schiavo is in a persistent vegetative state with no hope for recovery, but the Schindlers have countered with other medical opinions that she might improve with rehabilitation. The 41-year-old woman appears to cry, laugh and react to her family.

Bush said Wednesday he is exploring options to block the removal of the tube but added that there was only so much he could do.

"I can assure you, I will do whatever I can within the means, within the laws, of our state to protect this woman's life," Bush said, adding that he has received thousands of e-mails and telephone calls from the Schindlers' supporters.

"People with deep faith and big hearts are concerned, as I am about the circumstance that Ms. Schiavo is in," the governor said. "I want them to know I will do what I can, but there are limits to what any particular person — irrespective of the title they currently hold — can do."

Recovering Pope still appears frail

By Victor L. Simpson
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II made his longest public appearance Wednesday since leaving the hospital after treatment for breathing problems, greeting pilgrims by video hookup after the Vatican canceled his address from his apartment window when rain and winds lashed Rome.

The frail pontiff, convalescing from a recent illness, appeared somewhat gaunt and wheezed as he spoke. But he read the greetings in six languages, sitting in his studio flanked by two aides.

"I greet with affection all of you gathered for the usual Wednesday meeting," he said.

The audience lasted 30 minutes — the longest time the pope has appeared in public since returning to the Vatican on Feb. 10 after spending 10 days in a Rome hospi-

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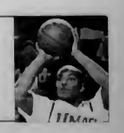


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Two men arrested in JQA dorm on drug charges; $500 banner stolen from Mullins Center during game

Wednesday February 16

12:36 p.m. A wallet containing $60 in cash, a driver's license, a UMass ID, and an ATM card was reported stolen from the Boyden Gymnasium.

Thursday February 17

6:30 a.m. After executing a search warrant in John Quincy Adams Hall, Police Officers arrested two subjects for drug charges. Peter Tramontozzi, 18, of Roxbury, and Thomas McDevitt, 19, of South Boston, were arrested for possession of a class D substance with intent to distribute.
12:46 p.m. Following a traffic stop on Massachusetts Avenue, Regine Cyprien, 19, of Hyde Park, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.
1:33 p.m. A coat containing car keys was reported stolen from the Student Union.
9:53 p.m. A person was reported to be sleeping in a UMass pickup truck parked in front of the Tillson Farm Buildings. A Police Officer investigated, but the person was not found.

Friday February 18

12:33 a.m. Following a traffic stop on Massachusetts Avenue, William Brooks, 20, of Quincy, was arrested for possession of a class D substance with intent to distribute. Brooks was transported to the house of corrections.
9:08 a.m. A complaint was made that someone had been accessing the South College building after the staff had left for the evening. The complaint also stated that for the past three weeks the door to South College had been left open or unlocked, and equipment had been unplugged or moved.
10:05 a.m. Following a traffic stop on Massachusetts Avenue, Michael Duhl, 21, of South Deerfield, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.
8:11 p.m. Following a request for a date of birth confirmation in the parking lot across the street from Southwest, Gregory Panza, 19, of Branford, CT, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol and possession of a false identification.
9:39 p.m. A banner was stolen from the Mullins Center during the intermission of a hockey game. The banner is valued at over $500.00.
11:03 p.m. A person stated that a vehicle went over a curb and hit Kennedy Hall.

Saturday February 19

12:11 a.m. Joshua Basl, 19, of Everett, was arrested for disorderly conduct after he reportedly ran over the top of a vehicle parked in the Southwest Circle.
12:46 a.m. Following a traffic stop and a field sobriety test on Commonwealth Avenue, Ross Clay, 22, of N. Andover, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle, and failure to wear a seatbelt.
9:42 p.m. Following a traffic stop and a K-9 unit request on University Drive, Andrew Jacobs, 22, of Andover, was arrested for possession of a class D substance.
9:49 p.m. Following a request for a date of birth confirmation in the parking lot across the street from Southwest, Jonathan Ackerman, 18, of Bridgeport, CT, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol and possession of a class D substance.
11:35 p.m. After a reported detection of marijuana odor in John Adams Hall, Matthew Fourgere, 19, of Duxbury, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol and possession of a class D substance.
11:41 p.m. A subject was reported running around different floors of Washington Hall, slamming doors of various rooms and being very loud. The subject could not be found.

Sunday February 20

1:11 a.m. Following a traffic stop and a field sobriety test in the parking lot across the street from Southwest, Richard Herman, 27, of Chelsea, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle.
11:04 p.m. A 32-inch television, DVD and a couch were reported stolen from Coolidge Hall. The value of the items was estimated to be $500.00.

Monday February 21

10:11 p.m. A person stated their vehicle was hit while parked in the parking lot behind Sylvan. Damage was reported to the rear bumper and the panel. The estimated damage was between $1,500 and $2,000.

Tuesday February 22

8:48 a.m. A person stated that there was a scorch mark on the inside wall of an elevator in Cashin Hall.

—Compiled by Brendan Heck

Harvard President hopes to repair faculty relations

By Justin Pope
Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE — After meeting again with faculty, Harvard President Lawrence H. Summers said he hoped he was on the road to repairing relations with students and professors disenchanted with his leadership.

Summers spent two hours hearing out critics and supporters Tuesday in a standing-room-only gathering of about 300 in a university lecture hall.

Summers has been criticized for his recent remarks suggesting intrinsic differences may partly explain why fewer women ascend to top academic jobs in science. The controversy sparked opposition at a faculty meeting last week that Summers described as "searing."

This time, he got an earful about his famously blunt management style but the focus was on building better relations for the future.

"People were very polite, very civilized and I really felt the president understood what was going on," said Miri Kubovy, professor of Near Eastern languages and civilizations.

Attendees said there was little if any talk of a no-confidence vote some faculty had indicated they would pursue, though one faculty member said he would put the matter on the agenda for the next faculty meeting March 15.

Faculty rejected a proposal that a three-person committee of administrators and faculty mediate between Summers and university professors, according to attendees and an account by the Harvard Crimson, the student newspaper and the only media outlet allowed inside the meeting.

Afterward, Summers issued a statement calling the discussions "candid and thoughtful" and said he hoped they "will help all of us move forward together in the most collegial ways possible."

Summers maintains the support of the Harvard Corporation, the university's governing body. Any no-confidence vote by faculty would be largely symbolic, and the Faculty of Arts and Sciences is just one of 12 divisions of the university.

The latest controversy over Summers' leadership style dates to his Jan. 14 remarks at a National Bureau of Economic Research conference — remarks he believed were off the record.


Courtesy Harvard Univ.

Harvard President Lawrence H. Summers has been criticized for remarks he made about women in top academic jobs.

Medical examiner done with efforts to identify 9/11 victims

By Sara Kugler
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The city medical examiner's office says it has exhausted all efforts to identify the remains of those killed at the World Trade Center, confirming the heartbreaking truth for the many Sept. 11 families who wanted something, anything, to bury.

In the 3 1/2 years since the attack, forensic scientists have identified the remains of nearly 1,600 of the dead. But the families are now being told that the limits of DNA technology have been reached, leaving more than 1,100 of the victims unidentified.

For many of the families, any hope that their loved ones' remains might be found had all but slipped away long ago.

They buried caskets with photographs and mementos instead of bodies. On holidays, they visit gravestones that mark nothing but a spot in the earth. For many, the trade center site in lower Manhattan, instead of a cemetery, is where they feel a connection to their loved ones.

A year after the attack, Ronald Fazio's family held a wake with a coffin full of keepsakes, knowing his remains might never be found but needing the ritual to move on. Photos of the family dog, sand from the Jersey shore and Fazio's favorite treat, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, were buried in a cemetery near their New Jersey home.

"It might seem like an artificial type of wake, but people there were connected to what was in that coffin as if it was my father," Robert Fazio said.

A mangled credit card was the only trace of Ronald Fazio recovered in the more than 1.5 million tons of trade center rubble that rescue workers excavated for more than nine months. Out of nearly 2,800 victims, fewer than 300 whole bodies were recovered.

Forensic teams worked around the clock after the disaster to identify the dead via DNA from toothbrushes and combs supplied by the victims' families. During the monumental effort, the remains were kept in refrigerated trucks outside the coroner's office.

Nearly 20,000 pieces of bodies were found in the ruins — more than 6,000 small enough to fit in five-inch test tubes. The most matched to one person exceeded 200. More than 800 victims were identified by DNA alone.

Nearly 10,000 unidentified parts have been freeze-dried and vacuum-sealed for preservation in case advances in forensic technology someday enable scientists to identify the remains.



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Man accused of plotting to kill the President appears for hearing

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press


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The man accused of plotting to kill the President appeared in court on Tuesday.

WASHINGTON — A Virginia man accused of plotting with al-Qaida to kill President Bush should be held indefinitely, federal prosecutors said Wednesday in court filings that also rejected his contention that he was tortured while held in Saudi Arabia.

At a court hearing a day earlier in Alexandria, Va., 23-year-old Ahmed Abu Ali offered to display scars on his back as proof that he was tortured by Saudi authorities. In their filing Wednesday, prosecutors said, "There is no credible evidence to support those claims."

Abu Ali never complained about his treatment during several meetings with an American diplomat in Saudi Arabia, according to the filing. Moreover, an American doctor examined him Monday and found "no evidence of physical mistreatment on the defendant's back or any other part of his body."

Edward MacMahon, one of Abu Ali's lawyers, said Wednesday he had not seen the government's motion and declined to comment. But on Tuesday, both MacMahon and defense lawyer Ashraf Nubani said they had seen the scars on his back. Nubani said they looked like whip marks.

Abu Ali would pose "an exceptionally grave danger to the community" if released before his trial, prosecutors said in Wednesday's filing in U.S. District Court in Alexandria. Abu Ali also would be unlikely to show up for his trial, they said.

Until now, the government has had little to say about the arrest and detention of Abu Ali in Saudi Arabia, where he was held for 20 months before being suddenly flown to America on Tuesday.

His lawyers and family allege the Saudis held him at the U.S. government's request and tortured him with the knowledge of American officials. Prior to Abu Ali's return, a lawsuit filed on his family's behalf in U.S. District Court in Washington sought information about his capture and treatment.

The government sought to have the case dismissed, but U.S. District Judge John Bates has declined, saying the family has presented circumstantial evidence to support their claims of torture.

Abu Ali was born in Houston and moved to Falls Church, Va., a Washington suburb. He was valedictorian of the Islamic Saudi Academy in Alexandria, then went to Saudi Arabia to study. He was arrested there in June 2003 but never charged.

Two different federal courts will consider Abu Ali's case Thursday. In Alexandria, he is due for a hearing on whether he should remain in custody until his trial. In Washington, Bates has scheduled a hearing in the civil lawsuit.

Bates wrote in December that there was "at least some circumstantial evidence that Abu Ali has been tortured during interrogations with the knowledge of the United States."

In addition, Abu Ali's family said a U.S. diplomat reported to them that Abu Ali said FBI agents who questioned him threatened to send him to the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Bates wrote.

He noted at the time that the government had not attempted to rebut the family's claims. Since then, however, the Justice Department has filed a classified document seeking to justify its call for the civil case to be dismissed.

Morton Sklar, Abu Ali's lawyer in the civil case, said his client's return to the United States should not end the lawsuit. "Our main concern is that the United States government seems to have done a very effective job of diverting attention from its own responsibility for illegal conduct by focusing attention on the criminal charges," Sklar said.

A Justice Department spokesman said he would have no comment before the hearing in the civil case.

To make its criminal case against Abu Ali, the government could have to disclose details about his detention that it has sought to keep secret

Bag check issue raised

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made aware to the Senators of a newly discussed policy that could be implemented regarding bag searches in the dormitories. Goldschmidt and several other student representatives are on a subcommittee in which this topic was discussed, all of whom were vehemently opposed for multiple reasons.

"A year and half ago, an alcohol task force wanted Student Affairs Judicial Issues Committee to look into alcohol and bag searches [on UMass campuses]," Goldschmidt said, "then [the task force] realized what a huge cost this would be."

Goldschmidt noted that this idea came directly from the office of Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Michael Gargano, a member of the administration who the SGA has refused to work with in the past.


Associated Press

President Bustamante will not confirm or deny if he will seek reelection.

Gargano said that he has not received any report or opinion from SAJC or any of the subcommittees and that this idea is "it its preliminary discussion stages."

"There is no official report," Gargano said, "we just wanted to see it [bag searches] were even a possibility."

Both Gargano and Goldschmidt agreed that there are some serious legal issues with implementing such a policy.

"We have to show if it even makes sense," Gargano said, "who we should consider [to enforce the policy] and under what pretenses because there are some serious legal issues involved."

Goldschmidt told the Senate what exact laws and issues he believes are being violated. He said that the dormitories are the homes of students here, and to search their private and personal belongings is unconstitutional and a violation of an amendment. Even though he said that he is opposed to underage drinking, he maintained that there are alternatives to bag searching.

"[UMPD] is watching distribution in the parking lots," he said, "they are trying to see what is going in and out of the dorms."

Goldschmidt reiterated that he feels the needs to protect the students and that these are not just student rights, but rights of every citizen in the United States.

Gargano also reiterated that this plan is "simply a discussion" and that "we need to consult legal representation before we even consider anything."

Former truck driver expected to plead guilty to beheading

By Michael Kunzelman
Associated Press

BOSTON — Police found the prostitute's dismembered body dumped behind a home for disabled soldiers. Her head and hands turned up three years later on a beach north of the city.

Authorities say they know how the woman's life ended, but her identity remains a mystery more than four years after the grisly slaying.

Former truck driver Eugene McCollom, 40, who has already admitted to killing and beheading a Boston man, is expected to plead guilty Thursday to second-degree murder in Essex Superior Court in the death of the unnamed prostitute. He faces a possible life sentence, but would be eligible for parole after 15 years, said Steve O'Connell, a spokesman for Essex District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett.

In a deal with prosecutors, McCollom pleaded guilty to manslaughter on Feb. 9 in the 2001 decapitation of John "Jackie" Leyden. He's serving a 10- to 12-year sentence for that crime.

After his arrest in August 2001, McCollom gave investigators a chilling account of the night he crossed paths with the prostitute.

He said he picked her up in Boston's Combat Zone section on Nov. 11, 2000, then drove her to his room at the YMCA in Lynn, where they argued over money. He allegedly told police that he strangled her to death and beheaded the corpse, but couldn't explain why he mutilated her body.

"I really have no idea," he said in a written statement to police. "I was just experimenting with the knife."

Two days later, the woman's headless remains were found on the grounds of the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea. A surveillance camera there captured footage of McCollom dumping the body.

Authorities cobbled together a sketchy description of the victim: She was a light-skinned African-American or Hispanic woman between the ages of 16 and 25, with reddish hair and purple toenails. Her height ranged from 5 feet to 5-foot-6, and she weighed between 100 and 130 pounds.

In January 2004, police found the woman's head and hands buried in a container on a beach in the North Shore town of Nahant.

O'Connell said investigators checked out numerous missing persons reports and circulated a drawing of what they believed she looked like.

But none of it yielded any answers about the woman's identity.

"We have done everything we could to try to make an identification," O'Connell said.

Olinka Briceno, an outreach worker who counsels teen prostitutes in Boston, said she isn't surprised police haven't come up with a name or located friends and relatives.

"The population we're working with are very disconnected from family, from their communities," said Briceno, who runs A Way Back, which tracks runaway girls with a history or high risk of prostitution.

Many are plucked from their hometowns and forced to travel from city to city, she said.

McCollom met his other known victim, Leyden, at an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. On the night of the murder, McCollom brought a metal pipe and knife to Leyden's East Boston apartment and, after they drank a few beers together, bludgeoned him with the pipe and cut off his head. McCollom took the head to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and buried it in a park.

Leyden's brother, William, discovered the body two weeks later and was charged with the murder, but he was cleared when McCollom emerged as a suspect.

Pope makes longest apperance since recent health troubles

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tal. Fully alert, he waved and gave his blessing at the end.

Several thousand pilgrims were brought into a Vatican auditorium, where the pope's weekly public audience is held. The crowd applauded when he spoke.

Originally, the pontiff was scheduled to address and bless them from his apartment window overlooking St. Peter's Square.

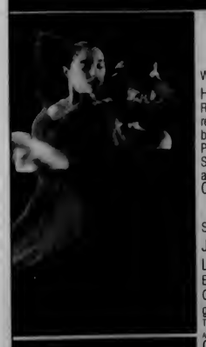
The 84-year-old pope was rushed to the hospital with breathing difficulties Feb 1 after suffering a bout of the flu. Since his return to the Vatican, he has been slowly resuming his activities.

John Paul has a busy schedule ahead of him, but the Vatican was holding off immediate confirmation of the pope's participation, deciding a day at a time.

His planned events include audiences with Israeli and Palestinian tourism ministers Friday and the president of Azerbaijan on Saturday.

On Thursday, he is scheduled to participate in a Vatican meeting to approve candidates for sainthood. John Paul has proclaimed more saints in his 26 years as pope than all his predecessors in the past 500 years combined.

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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A lack of campus activism

Aaron Wodin-Schwartz

A campus is one of the most politically active arenas that most college graduates ever experience. Universities are bastions of young radical thought, illusions of intellectual grandeur, and more political discourse and activism than Pennsylvania Avenue. As such, they are an exciting place to be, and often catch the attention of national and international political networks.

The political culture at state universities is distinct from that of small, private campuses because of the complicated politics of large schools and the public bureaucracy that runs them. A diversified student body also assures far more special interest groups than elsewhere and a continuous flurry of political activity on every level.

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The University of Massachusetts is one of the few places I've been where the population has such direct access to policy makers. The history of activism here on the Amherst campus shows that effective student mobilization for a cause is generally able to make positive gains for the students. Building takeovers, Beacon Hill lobbies, and teach-ins have all graced the rich history of UMass political activity.

There is also a growing sense of apathy within the student body. Whereas a couple of years ago editorials and uninterested students stepped out of line by criticizing the outbreaks of activism in response to an Iraq war, public education cuts, and a heated reproductive rights debate, most new students will now finish their UMass careers without hardly noticing the presence of activist RSOs. Of course, this trend is compounded by Mike Gargano's increasingly fascist policies as Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, which seem to view any attempt at student organization or assembly as childish insubordination and a threat to his "zero tolerance" reign.

We the students beg to differ, Mr. Gargano, and if these policies are left unchecked they will permanently damage the ability of RSOs to work for their causes and will scare away new members and future student leaders. The specifics of this damage, and its undoing, are a discussion for another time and a task that should be left for the SGA and the student body and its organizations to handle.

Yet if we are to strengthen activism, be it conservative or progressive, student organizations need strong leadership and better membership incentives. Two of the main reasons that many students choose not to get involved in political activism around campus is that they either feel little passion for the cause or see little future in dedicating their energies to such an end. Those groups that are the most successful and command the greatest university presence are not the ones with the greatest funding, but the ones with strong leadership that set concrete group goals and have an activist network beyond the campus. For example, the Republican Club receives ten times more funding from the SGA Ways and Means Committee than the UDEMS, which has a greater budget than Democracy Matters or the International Socialist Organization.

Political Research Advocates, a non-partisan political research institute in Somerville, recently commissioned a study of student activism on campuses around the country and came up with some interesting results and recommendations for students hoping to organize and groups seeking to improve their current networks and resources. The author of the study, Pam Chamberlain, will be speaking on her findings from 7-9 p.m. in room 803 of the Campus Center tonight.

Chamberlain's talk, and similar talks that follow, are important in understanding both the evolving political culture of the University and its place within political movements in the country at large, as well as organizational differences between conservative and progressive movements. This is a valuable resource for anyone engaged in campus organizing and political activism.

Aaron Wodin-Schwartz is a Collegian columnist



The decline of UMass

Mathew M. Burke

UMass has been good to a lot of us. Most of us have made friends here that will be with us until the end. Some people even find their future husbands and wives at a basketball game or at the Spring Concert. A lot of the students do not decide on a career until they are here at the University. For the seniors, we've grown with the University, and it is a special place.

I grow silent when I enter the Curry Hicks Cage where Dr. J dunked before the rest of the country learned of his amazing talents and gravity defying gifts. I'll never forget the real Hobart Hoedown (three years ago) before the bungling Amherst police department ruined that with their overanxious "shoot-'em-up-mentality."

I remember the concerts, the parties, the classes, the sporting events, the comedy shows, the bars, the homework, the 20 page papers, before the cops became party vigilantes, and last but not least, the greediness. Some things about UMass and higher education I'll never forget, like the fact that fee and tuition hikes, slashing of pell grants and other aid and the costs of books are slamming the doors of the university to those who need it the most.

I'll never forget the day I realized I wanted to be a journalist. It's an important job in my eyes. We expose injustice, right? This column may be about straight up robbery, or maybe I'm wrong and it is an indictment of our society in general. You decide if this is a problem that can be fixed or not.

The University of Massachusetts used to be a beacon of hope in a cruel world. If you were poor and from Springfield or the other struggling surrounding areas you might have been able to get the financial aid needed to enroll. If you were from Dorchester or Cape Cod, New Bedford or Lynn, UMass was the escape that could save your life. You'd probably owe what would seem like an insurmountable amount of money upon your exit, but it was possible. You could have dreams of a better life, and maybe even reach them. Perhaps your children would be able to enjoy things you never had. Perhaps you wouldn't have to work yourself to death in a factory or on graveyard shifts like your parents did. A college degree in a lot of ways guaranteed a better life. The system was never perfect, but it functioned.

However, I am ashamed that the Board of Trustees, the Chancellor, the Governor and even our state representatives have turned a blind eye to the growing inaccessibility of this university to the poorer classes of potential students in the state.

Most of these people are rich and need a quick dose of reality. Nowadays, if you come from what you would call a middle-class family and you have one parent that works, you may not get enough financial aid to survive. That is the truth. I actually have gone two out of the four years that I've been here without buying books. Somehow, I managed to survive and get decent grades, but I figured food and rent were better than books. This being my second to last semester, I went all out. I spent the $400 on textbooks, new editions of course. If I were poorer, I may have already given up before I got here. I may have ended up another drug dealer.

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I've heard that this will add to the prestige of the University. I know, we'll get rid of the riff-raff and all will be well, right? We'll confine them — those struggling people — to their towns, their ghettos, their streets, denying them the chance to get educated. They can kill themselves off, right? Or they can build our houses, right?

Isn't this an old medieval era practice by the noble establishment? Only now there are poor whites, there are poor Hispanics and blacks, poor Asians, and there are poor Middle Easterners, looking for a better life. Without these people at the University, UMass will be on the same scale as Harvard or the other snobby schools. It'll be great. The blood will wash off your hands Lombardi, Romney, and Board of Trustees. I promise.

This is not UMass. This is not what UMass is or what UMass stands for. It's tainted and tarnished by a few clowns in government here and at the State House that don't care. Their kids will get the best education money can buy. It probably won't even be here. Where is the sense of urgency to fix this problem as fees increase?

Pell grants that have been canceled need to be reinstated and even given more money. The bureaucracy surrounding their distribution needs to be cleaned up as well. The fees need to go down for those in need. I would even ask all the politicians to make sure that more financial aid is given to those in inner cities and troubled areas because I'll bet there isn't enough.

Romney, write a bill, how about some more money for financial aid in general, it's more important than mulling over whether you should run for President in '08. Crime will drop if we get kids in school.

Maybe we could even establish new scholarship funds. Instead of calling alumni and begging for money to make sure the shrubs outside of Whitmore are pruned weekly, we could ask for contributions to aid. Perhaps if we were Division I-A football we could make money like UConn, and could give aid and scholarships from revenue that comes in from that.

These suggestions might not work, but it's a start. Why would we try and fix the system though? We'll just shut people out to improve our image, and like the nerd that tries to be a cool kid, we'll never truly be accepted. We'll just hurt a lot of good people along the way.

One of you will write in saying that I'm wrong and that the system works. Well then, why is it so hard? Why are people struggling and nothing productive is ever done? Answer that.

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Inebriated Neanderthals

Wesley La Rochelle

We were sitting there on the couch, enjoying our drinks and our cushy seclusion from the otherwise packed house. At least 50 people crammed into the living room, hallway, kitchen and line to the bathroom. It was just another party with my best friend, and we joked and laughed like any other night out.

Then, as usual, just another little tidbit was added to make the night slightly more eventful.

My friend, daringly, and playfully, bumped her boot to the butt of the kid standing in front of us. She giggled and I covered my mouth with excited anticipation for his reaction. He turned, hovering high over our positions on the couch. He looked so dark and menacing as he leered at me from under a brimmed cap.

"You kick me?" he said. "No," I exclaimed in an "obviously-not" sort of way. "I did," my friend, in turn, replied.

He turned away. She bumped him again and as she did, I merrily pushed her leg away while the drunken man above turned back toward us. The two of us, dwarfed by this tree, laughed hysterically like two tickled school kids.

"You do it?" he said to me again.

"I did," said my friend, once again bravely taking the blame. But he still looked at me.

"Faggot!" he said.

My friend is the kind of smart, down-to-earth girl any guy would like to have by his side. She's lighthearted, and simply put, a great companion to this gay boy. I, being gay, try to always keep a light attitude and good persona as well. I tell myself I could make friends with anyone, not being one to judge, so long as they like me in return. I love going to parties with my friends and meeting new people, and I never think bad about anyone without reason. But this guy took it upon himself to disregard my friend's mischievous tease and still loomed foreboddingly closer to me.

I laughed at his comment, looked at my friend and yelled as loud as I could, "He called me a faggot!"

"No personality," my friend said forthrightly. I couldn't have cared less that he said that to me. To me, it just demeaned his intelligence and I was not going to let someone with such a character take away my good night.

He turned to his friends. I could see them exchanging a few words, at which time a couple turned look at me. A few seconds later, a second kid stepped closer and looking down at me said, "Faggot. Pussy!" His words were barely audible in the mixture of blasting music and conversations.

Mingling and dancing with friends was all I needed to remind myself that, regardless of how the aggressors acted, they definitely weren't having as great a time as I was. It just reminds me that sometimes the best defense is no defense.

I yelled to my friend and mockingly repeated his words.

"Nobody has personality at this party!" she yelled. "What the hell?"

I smiled and laughed; she couldn't be more right. These guys didn't have any personality, and it was becoming apparent that their idea of a good night out was taking out their aggression on anyone they wished to fight. This wasn't the first time I was the target, so I brushed it aside.

However, these inebriated Neanderthals, as I like to call them, that attend these parties now officially frustrate me. When will they remember that a party is a place to go to have fun and meet people? Why do these ignorant drunkards insist on ruining other people's night time after time, and ruin their own party excursion as well? This example is just a small insight into the world of those that look for trouble and those that have been forced to become the target of it.

Granted, I worried a little that the situation might escalate, but my friend assured me that the many male friends she had at the party would see to it that nothing happened. I went on with the night and honestly, couldn't have had more fun. Mingling and dancing with friends was all I needed to remind myself that, regardless of how the aggressors acted, they definitely weren't having as great a time as I was.

It just reminds me that sometimes the best defense is no defense.

Next time you go out, have a lighthearted attitude. Go with the anticipation of having fun, and keep in mind that others want to do the same. There's no need for name-calling and demeaning another person. It is uncalled for, particularly at college. This isn't middle school anymore. If you see two people laughing it up and perhaps teasing you at the same time, remember, it's all on good terms. Think to yourself, "that's nice that they're having fun."

Then assume that they just want you to be, too.

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A world of second guessers

Nicolle Rosario

It often seems that we spend most of our lives second-guessing ourselves. "Should I do this or that?" Well actually, we wonder what other people will think if we do "this" or "that."

When exactly did rejection become the plague that people are willing to do just about anything to avoid? What about regret? When did regret take a back seat to rejection? In other words, we should be more fearful of regretting not following our hearts, than following our hearts and getting rejected.

Yet this doesn't seem to be the case at all. It seems to me that people, myself included, would rather ensure a "non-rejected" lifestyle, than do anything outside of their bubble. This can be applied to something as simple as dating or something as big as pursuing a career.

Because people fear the rejection of potentially being alone, they are willing to settle for John Doe — a safe haven — rather than pursue John Dreams. Similarly, because pursuing one's dream may seem too risky, people are willing to pursue the safe career choice, even if they're not completely happy with that choice.

Yet, what about lying on your deathbed wishing you had done things differently? Granted, pursuing a job as an actress may leave you poor and never successful, but to me that is far better than spending your entire life in a 9-to-5 job that you hate.

Is it possible that if we stopped playing the game of life and started participating in the rollercoaster reality of it, we'd be better off, less obsessed with image and more focused on what really matters?

Is it possible that if we stopped playing the game of life and started participating in the rollercoaster reality of it, we'd be better off, less obsessed with image and more focused on what really matters? If you're asking "what really matters?", I'd have to say, and forgive me for the over-used yet under-practiced cliche, what really matters is being true to yourself and not to the person others think you should be.

I spent an entire day once wondering if a guy was going to think I was crazy for getting him a small, stupid gift. Would he think I was coming on too strong; would he tell all his friends I was obsessed? In reality, I should have been thinking that if he thinks giving him a gift is crazy, then he thinks I'm crazy, because it was something I wanted to do. It was something uniquely me, and if he didn't like something that made me me, then what's the point?

I wrote this in response to the overwhelming sense of second-guessing that goes on today. It's quite simple and obvious, yet so many people seem to forget that we only live once. Is it really going to matter ten years from now if Bobby what's-his-name thought you were un-cool?

Go out there and get rejected. You'll get over it, but what you won't get over is fifty years from now when you look back and realize you've lost your opportunity to throw caution to the wind. Chances are you'll regret it, and to me regret is far worse than rejection.

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MULLINS GOES COUNTRY

Rascal Flatts come to the Zoo

By Erica Lovley
Collegian Staff

The music industry is more than fast cars and fame. And their road to [illegible] been anything but [illegible]

The heartfelt, soul-searching country twang of Rascal Flatts falls sweet on the ears of country music lovers. However, the attention of contemporary fans has also been captured by the trio's unbeatable harmony, upbeat live performances, and real-life lyrics.

With their rustic cowboy good looks and stirring harmony, the country music group will continue their second headlining tour, "Here's to You," by stopping at the Mullins Center Saturday night. The Coors Light-sponsored tour includes stops at 23 cities, and will end in March.

The trio, which formed five years ago, includes Jay DeMarcus, Gary Levox and Joe Don Rooney. Between their first two albums, Rascal Flatts has sold approximately four million discs and are currently topping charts with the release of their third album "Feels Like Today."

Half of Rascal Flatts' winning demeanor is due to their knack for singing straight to cherished memories and raw human emotion.

With vocals that have been compared to the renowned group Alabama, Rascal Flatts continues to perform sell-out shows to thousands of adoring fans across the country. Their most recent album, "Feels like Today," touches on the losses and gains, love and sorrow, death and rebirth of a lifetime. The album sold 200,000 copies the first week it was released.

"We've been living with that song ('Feels Like Today') for over two years," says Rooney in an interview with Kelly Fabian of About.com. "It's got a different feel and a different message, a way of presenting today as the day to get over that struggle in your life."

Over the course of approximately three years, the trio has gone from the list of "New Faces" at the Country Radio Seminar in Nashville to the top of the "Super Faces" list, which showcases the top musicians in the industry.

The group has basked in the glory of hot hits such as "I Melt," "Mayberry," their biggest single so far, and "I'm Movin' On," which earned them the ACM's "Song of the Year" award. The group was also named "Vocal Group of the Year" by the ACM, ASCAP, and CMA. Their most recent single, "Bless the Broken Road," reached the number one spot on the hot singles chart.

The music video for "I Melt" caused a heated fervor with adoring female fans when Joe Don Rooney's naked bottom appeared during what could arguably be one country music's steamiest videos of the past few years.

"We're beyond blessed," said DeMarcus in an interview on the Rascal Flatts Web site, www.rascalflatts.com. "It keeps getting better and better. It's meant bigger crowds and more people knowing our music."

The band has had four top-10 singles since their premier CD, "Rascal Flatts," went platinum, making the group one of only three debut records to go platinum in the last five years.

Second cousins and close friends, DeMarcus and Levox were raised in Columbus, Ohio, where music and family was a way of life. DeMarcus left first for Nashville in 1992, with his first record deal with East to West, a Christian group. Levox eventually gave up his job in the Ohio Department of Mental Retardation in 1997 to join his friend.

"We started writing together," said DeMarcus. "We'd stay up endless nights writing music and playing together."

Rooney, a native of Picher, Ohio, appeared on the scene when he and DeMarcus both played in Chely Wright's band.

"Definitely going platinum was our biggest goal," said Rooney.

"Now, we want to expand on the foundation we started to build with that first album, and with 'Melt,' I think we've accomplished that."

Aside from the bright lights and a heavy tour schedule, Rascal Flatts are national spokesman for the American Red Cross, and have played for the President and First Lady.

Information from the Rascal Flatts Web site www.rascalflatts.com, as well as About.com was used in this article.

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Unschooled surfers start fashion line

By Katherine Nguyen
The Orange County Register

NEW YORK — The invitation said 5 p.m.

But curious press, buyers and a jet-set crowd of style mongers began gathering an hour before in the foyer of a rustic, 160-year-old mansion, the dramatic backdrop for four Orange County, Calif., surfers to debut their clothing line at New York Fashion Week.

Camera crews lined up for interviews. After a week of dealing with the fashion press, the guys already knew what to say:

"We're four surfers from Newport Beach with no fashion background, but started making clothes out of our dorm room in college."

John Whitledge, Jeff Halmos, Sam Shipley and Josia Lamberto-Egan formed a design collective called Trovata. They just wanted to make clothes that reflected their lifestyle. They chose to live in Orange County to stay away from the trendy influences of New York and Los Angeles, and to be close to the surf in Newport Beach.

Yes, they're surfers, but as they politely clarified, the clothes aren't surfer-ish. Think more along the lines of preppy with a vintage flair. And yes, it's true, none of them went to design or fashion school.

That was the spiel the four found themselves repeating during Fashion Week after nabbing a fashion award that most aspiring designers can only dream about. Their Cinderella story had fashion editors buzzing.

Vogue magazine called them "Four surfers hanging 10 in the fashion waters." GQ magazine hailed them as one of the best up-and-coming designers.

"The media wants to know that we're these happy-go-lucky surfers who unwittingly stumbled into fashion genius," said Lamberto-Egan, Trovata's bearded production director. "They want us to be these surfer guys, but the truth is, yes, we like to surf, but we haven't been because we're really busy working."

However much they may protest the assigned schtick, surfers with zero fashion credentials, they can't deny that it scored the necessary appeal for Trovata. The carefree and winsome line of polos, blazers and T-shirts proved that designer clothes don't have to be a glamorous, glossy production to get noticed in New York, the epicenter of fashion.

For guys who prefer comfy old T-shirts and sneakers to big-name designer clothes, Fashion Week was a strange reality.

Strange for example, to have more than 100 ridiculously good-looking models stroll through their showroom in New York, hoping to be cast in the Trovata show.

Shipley, the 25-year-old art director, was busy putting together the right ensembles for the show but couldn't help getting distracted every time a stunning model nonchalantly stripped down to her skivvies in the showroom to try on a different outfit.

Whitledge got hands-on with the models, tugging on their pants to make sure they sat just right on the hips and tousling hair for the "just-in-bed" effect. He delighted in picking up a pair of polka-dotted socks or strand of pearls to accessorize the outfits and got exeited when he realized the Moroccan-looking shoes he picked up at a flea market in Paris completed the look perfectly.

"Awesome!"

This from a guy who never combs his shaggy, sun-kissed hair and is happiest in a T-shirt, jeans and his worn-in New Balance running shoes.

The guys are quick to say that their clothes are not genius.

"We're not re-inventing the wheel at all," said Lamberto-Egan. "This isn't really fashion. But the details we've all put into the line is what we're really stoked about."

Details such as creating an engaging storyline behind every collection: The guys brainstorm every season to create a fictional character and base the clothes around what they believe would be in the character's wardrobe.

Their most recent collection for example, revolves around the story of the Fitzgilberts, three generations of an old-money family from New England who've watched their fortunes decline and are now gathering at a reunion to restore the family's power and wealth. The theme for their runway presentation: "Pompous and Penniless."

The invitation to their show consisted of a handwritten letter (Lamberto-Egan's scruffy cursive penmanship), and Shipley designed the program with hand sketches of the family members above a box that reads, "In our proud veins run nobility, prosperity and a healthy dose of cognac."

With the help of their savvy team of publicists, the guys selected the historical National Arts Club, located in the 160-year-old Tilden Mansion, as the perfect setting for the Fitzgilberts' story to be introduced.

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The four men of Trovata came together at college over their disdain for surfer fashion. Above, is a still frame from this seasons line.

Eve: is intimacy a basic human need?



Original Sin

Eve

I have noticed most recently that sex causes three predominant difficulties in men and women. Sex may complicate relationships, lessen complications in relationships or make life more complicated for those lacking these intimacies.

Let me explain.

I conducted a secret case study on my girlfriend in order to prove a theory. Can sex disrupt a romantic tie and lead to fighting and higher expectations of each other? I believe it is safe to say yes to this question.

My girlfriend is from Boston, and we grew up together in a similar environment, similar culture, and similar interests. However, when it came to sex, we lay on extremely opposite poles of the spectrum. She was a virgin throughout three serious relationships, and had no intentions of losing her innocence until last summer. She then unexpectedly met someone who she considered perfectly fit for a commitment. She was absolutely correct with her judgment. I have never witnessed such a beautiful connection.

They never fought, they never complained, they never had typical relationship issues, and they never had any expectations. They were content, happy, and caused almost everyone to feel envious of their bond. But, of course, they never had sex.

Then they did. I quietly awaited the repercussions.

"I don't get it," she said. "Why is he suddenly making a big deal out of everything? I feel like every day is a new ridiculous argument. Why is our relationship becoming so complicated?"

I shook my head in annoyance that my theory might make sense.

"Sex is a physical intimacy that leads to expectations, but even if you start fighting, at least you can look forward to make-up sex," I said.

She smiled, but that was all I could say. I then started to notice that sex can cause the exact opposite of what my girlfriend had experienced.

I remember being casually involved with a guy for a full year. We only had sex. We saw other people, we had no expectations, and we denied emotion toward each other. We were equally satisfied with our casual encounters, and used this intimacy to smooth over potential complications. I found our relationship remarkable on many levels.

Somehow we were able to sustain our feelings and remain stable as if our continuing encounters were like our first. We made a no-strings-attached rule from the beginning, and left on the same note. No one got hurt, and no one fought. When I reminisce, I have no idea how that worked. But it did.

My last question, I feel, has a more obvious answer: Do those who lack intimacy for long periods of time change in personality? My best guy friend has lacked emotional comfort and sex for over a year now. He is shy, quiet, and completely inexperienced in the dating world. I have seen a steady decline in his friendliness toward others, and no one has understood why this might be happening. His reactions are aggressive; his intent is uncaring, and he seems extremely frustrated with everything. If I attempt to hug him, he pushes me away. If I am in a good mood, he is quick to put me down.

Instead of getting angry about his behavior, I excuse it with the notion that he is lacking one of his basic human necessities. It is important that men and women remain consistently intimate, and I have seen that those who are involved tend to be happier. The moment sex becomes a major part of intimacy complications seem to arise. So is it better to have sex without intimacy? Or have intimacy without sex? I don't know, but both of these variables together or lack of these variables altogether can only be variably complicated.

New clothing line isn't just for surfers

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They hired sullen-looking models to play the part of spoiled aristocrats dressed in Trovata. Instead of sending the models down the usual runway for a quick, 10-minute show, models played a mock round of croquet in an elaborate garden-like setting and lounged in the dimly lit parlor.

The idea was to allow people to get close to the clothes instead of watching a blur of fashions flit by. Buyers and members of the press walked up to the models to touch the clothing.

"That way, everyone can really see all the details we put in the clothes," said Lamberto-Egan.

The clothes are simple. Classic and preppy with a scruffy, laid-back feel. A way-cooler version of Abercrombie&Fitch, but way more relaxed than Ralph Lauren's Polo collection.

Shirt and jacket buttons are glassy, whimsical. Corduroy pants have a slouchy, comfortable fit with contrasting stitch detail.

Patches telling the season's story are sewn into coat and shirt linings. Funky graphic prints are subtly screened onto button-down shirts.

T-shirts, which sell for about $50, carry fun messages such as "Champagne Taste on a Beer Budget."

In between setting up the presentation, the men stopped to be interviewed by fashion writers.

"I saw their first line at Barney's, bought a jacket and have been a fan since," said Matthew Schneier, a writer for Paper magazine. "It's rare to find menswear that's so wearable."

Whitledge brought the guys all together. When he was 16, he decided he wanted to travel, surf and be creative. After working in a surf and skate shop, he figured it made sense to start his own clothing line and started doing research.

Originally from Florida, Whitledge looks like the typical California surfer boy: shaggy hair, piercing blue eyes and a sunny smile. He met the full-bearded Lamberto-Egan, 27, at Pomona College.

Lamberto-Egan had become somewhat of the dorm tailor, using an old Singer sewing machine passed on to him by his grandmother. He played around with the Singer after splitting his pants one day and taught himself how to hem vintage suits he bought.

Halmos, who went to high school with Whitledge, is the tallest of the bunch and has a head full of white and black peppered hair. Halmos met Shipley while attending the University of Colorado.

It didn't take long for the whole group to meet. They all shared a common interest in clothes, especially vintage and thrift-store digs.

They had also attended prep schools and most had worked in surf and skate shops. Shipley even created his own line of T-shirts in high school.

After Whitledge got everyone on board, they decided to name their clothing line Trovata, which means "to be found" in Italian.

"We didn't really like the stuff at the surf and skate shops and figured we should make clothes that we would wear," said Shipley, who does all the art and graphic work for the line.

They had to learn everything on the go. What's a rivet? Shank? Grommet? What's a showroom?

They scoured countless thrift stores and army-surplus shops to find cool pieces for inspiration. When they didn't know something, they would ship a pair of pants off to a manufacturer to ask, "What's this?"

They shipped their first test collection in 2002, a measly four pieces of simple polo shirts and board shorts with a cowboy theme from their dorm room after wrangling a meeting with buyers from Barney's, who became their first client. Deals with American Rag and Fred Segal would soon follow.

"We figured if we started out at the best stores, we can pretty much go anywhere from there," said Whitledge.

They didn't know at the time that the right way to do it was to have a showroom to invite buyers to check out their line. They just decided to go straight to the buyer.

"We just called them up, told them a little about ourselves and got them to meet with us," said Whitledge. "Our motto became, 'It's always worth a try.'"

After college, they moved to Orange County in 2003.

"We liked that it wasn't L.A. and (was) away from all the trendy hype but close enough to the beach for us to surf," said Whitledge.

They rented a two-bedroom townhome in Huntington Beach. Their kitchen and living room doubled as their office. Their garage served as the DC, or distribution center.

"We would have these huge trucks park on the street to unload all of our shipments all the time," said Whitledge. "Who knows what the landlord thought we were doing?"

They had to be clever when dealing with clients who wanted to meet them at their office.

"We would tell them, 'Um, why don't we take you out for lunch somewhere instead?'" said Whitledge, laughing. "We would eventually realize that we needed things like a laser printer, fax and a phone system, too."

Their first collection sold out at Barney's in two weeks. They finally set up a real office in Newport Beach, in a converted boathouse. Business meetings are conducted across the street at Alta Coffeehouse, over sandwiches and salads at their usual patio table.

Actor Luke Wilson was one of the first celebrities to contact them. Actually, Wilson's people called the Trovata office to request a corduroy blazer. (Wilson didn't pay, of course.)

Actors Orlando Bloom and Jake Gyllenhaal are reported to be fans. Soccer star David Beckham special-ordered a shirt.

They now have showrooms in Europe, Japan and Australia.

But while in New York for Fashion Week, Lamberto-Egan shared a bed with Shipley in a hotel room. The clothing line has certainly turned a decent profit, but still, they insist on staying within budget.

"Just being able to get hotel rooms and putting meals on the company tab feels like we've made it," said Lamberto-Egan.



COURTESY TROVATA

The surfers that created Trovata, a new fashion line, set up shop in Newport Beach, Calif. in order to escape the vices of Hollywood. Even still, celebrities and fashionistas alike have clamored for the clothes.

Citizen Cope shows potential

By Nathan Rothstein
Collegian Correspondent

Hailing from the land of Elvis, Citizen Greenwood is Citizen Cope. On his sophomore effort, the Memphis-born singer, DJ and producer makes an album with a very recycled sound.

But it never hurts to recycle. He is on to something special, but never does quite reach his musical peak. Even though some bits were likely found in the recycle bins of Jack Johnson and Ben Harper, Citizen Cope may have something different to offer. It may not be as evident now, but there is hope for the future.

His album, released in 2004, starts off with a soulful, playful number that can only excite smart music listeners. His voice is raw and sharp, and the sound is fresh. This is expected whenever an artist collaborates with James Poyser.

Poyser, who orchestrated the Neo-Soul movement, has created appealing sounds for Erykah Badu, Talib Kweli, The Roots and many more. Fortunately for the southern singer, Poyser gives Greenwood something dazzling to work with. Greenwood deserves some credit for finding the right musicians, but it would be nice if the rest of the album could match the energy of the songs readily available by the already established artists.

On "Son's Gonna Rise," Greenwood exhibits his strengths while supported by the guitar riffs of Carlos Santana. Between his first song and this track, his voice softens up and the sound dries up. It is easy listening, but it's not something that sticks. Music is supposed to get in the veins and release a feeling, rather than invoke the desire to change tracks.

There is a certain point when his vocals can no longer carry the album, and the upbeat flavor loses its fluff with redundant, overused instrumentals. Those who enjoy Jack Johnson, albeit with a different face, will enjoy a majority of the album. He does a very good job of doing what already has been done, and he can take some well-deserved credit for that achievement.

Greenwood shines when he steps beyond the norm, and delves into a fusion of hip hop/R&B/rock/ and folk. On his single, "Bullet and a Target," Greenwood gets everything right. His style is cool. The sound is harsh, but melodic, and the lyrics are meaningful. To top it off, he has an addictive break down, completed with a rhythm and blues Church-like clap.

Greenwood may have not been able to put everything together smoothly, but he is worth taking the time to know.



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Minutewomen have a tough task in welcoming the Owls

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mistakes and doesn't work hard that Dacko, like all coaches, has trouble dealing with.

Dacko still believes in her young team and thinks the Minutewomen will come out and play Temple tough.

"The team's morale is high," Dacko said. "They're still very young and inexperienced, and sometimes when you look out on the court you realize they haven't played together for very long."

Dacko feels that the team is still working hard, and tonight's game could be the one that snaps them out of this recent funk.

"The kids have been practicing hard," Dacko said. "We need to take care of the ball, and if we do that we'll be fine.

"We look at this game as a great opportunity for us. The bull's-eye on Temple's back keeps getting bigger so hopefully they'll be ripe for the picking."

The Minutewomen would like nothing more than to give their three senior teammates a win in the last home game of their careers. Brooke Campbell, Edris Bailey, and Monique Govan will be honored before the game as part of the Senior Night ceremony.

The key for UMass will be to try to contain Candice Dupree. This task is easier said than done as Dupree is an A-10 Player of the Year candidate.

The junior center is fourth in the league in scoring (16.4) and leads the league in rebounding (9.4) and blocked shots (2.16).

UMass will try to counter with their leading scorer, Pam Rosanio, who has averaged 10.7 points per game.

UMass will also have to try to slow down Dupree's supporting cast. Guard Cynthia Johnson is scoring 13.1 point per game and forward Kamesha Hairston is close behind, averaging 12.8 a game.

"It's going to be a defensive battle," Dacko said.

"We're going to need to box out, take care of the ball, and make open shots."



COURTESY UMASS SIDELINE REPORTER

Freshman Pam Rosanio has scored a team-leading 10.7 points per game this season along with three rebounds and two assists per game.

A-Rod act growing old and killing trees

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Bambino is finito. They won't have to find that piano in the Charles River. Curt Schilling gave all the blood they needed. The new season, the first glorious box score, is less than six weeks away, but the Red Sox can't help themselves. They have darts to throw and A-Rod is in the bull's-eye. They can't stop spouting off about poor A-Rod. (Okay, "poor" might not be the best word.) They can't help themselves. They're just providing material for sports writers like me — not actually me, because I'm up here shoveling snow and they're in Florida shoveling, as my daughter says, shitake mushrooms.

Here's the way it works: Until A-Rod is replaced by a real story, something with a score, for instance, the reporters will keep finding Red Sox and asking them what they think of A-Rod. The Red Sox, who aren't dummies, and not nearly as lovable, will continue to dump all over the well-paid third baseman, who did nothing to them but slap the ball out of a pitcher's glove and didn't get away with it. (Frankly, I was impressed. There aren't many players who can run to first base and think at the same time.)

If this sounds like I'm rooting for A-Rod, maybe I am. When he first joined the Yankees, when he had a million questions thrown at him, he had a million answers. The writers, who needed those answers, were impressed. Yeah, we all know he's slick, but when did slick become a felony? After a game, he's usually the first Yankee in the clubhouse available for conversation. The writers directly in front of him ask their questions first, and they're replaced by the guys too far back to hear the answers. So they ask the same questions, and A-Rod comes through for them. It's rarely startling, or a knee-slapper, or anything you'll find on the back page. But in that clubhouse, where the players come close to making sure every night is silent night, A-Rod's sentences are much appreciated.

On the field, he's nothing short of great. He wasn't the reason the Yankees lost Games 4, 5, 6 and 7. Like the man said, they don't get that close without him. So let me feel sorry for him, and for all this wasted newsprint.

Vic Ziegel is a Knight Rudder columnist.

White working toward NFL Draft

By Brian Davis
Knight Ridder

DALLAS — Preparing for the NFL draft creates some interesting partnerships.

Former Oklahoma quarterback Jason White spends his days throwing to former Southern California receiver Mike Williams as the two train at a facility called Competitive Edge Sports in Duluth, Ga., which is north of Atlanta.

A Sooner throwing to a Trojan?

"That was kind of ironic to me," said CES founder and president Chip Smith.

White probably will throw compliments in USC's direction at Monday night's Davey O'Brien Awards Dinner at the Fort Worth Club. But the humble 24-year-old is actually the main attraction. White will be honored for winning a second straight Davey O'Brien Award for being the nation's best quarterback during the 2004 season.

Archie Manning also will be honored as this year's Legends Award recipient.

White made it abundantly clear last season that he was not chasing individual acclaim. He wanted to help the Sooners win a national championship. Unfortunately, that did not happen as USC defeated OU in the FedEx Orange Bowl, 55-19.

White, who was 27-4 as an OU starter, is now focused on improving all his physical skills for the upcoming NFL scouting combine in Indianapolis. That's why he spends his days at the CES training center with dozens of other athletes, including former OU linebacker Lance Mitchell and receiver Will Peoples, hoping to sign a NFL contract.

White works on three-, five- and seven-step drops with resistance, Smith said, and practices reading defenses. Smith also prepares his clients for the written tests they will take at Indianapolis and sharpens their interviewing skills.

The NFL scouting combine is the job interview White has dreamed about.

"I would love to get an opportunity," White said in December. "There's no risk in those teams letting me try. But if not, I'm not going to be mad, because I've done all I can do. I can look back and honestly say that I worked as hard as I can work to get to this point.

"There's nothing I can go back and do better."

White's biggest problem: He must overcome the stigma of having two reconstructed knees. White must convince NFL scouts that he's 100 percent healthy, that his body won't break down and that he can make all the required throws.

White suffered torn anterior cruciate ligament injuries during the 2001 and 2002 seasons. He bounced back in 2003 to win the Heisman Trophy and the O'Brien Award while leading OU to a 12-2 record and a berth in the Sokia Sugar Bowl.

"You don't win the Heisman Trophy by being a terrible quarterback," Smith said.



Oklahoma quarterback Jason White wowed a lot of people with his numbers in college, but that hasn't stopped the NFL scouts from worrying about his knees.

Moss to be traded to Oakland

By Jon Krawczynski
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Randy Moss' electrifying talent was no longer enough for the Minnesota Vikings to put up with his distracting antics.

Dante DiTrapano, Moss' agent, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that the Vikings and the Oakland Raiders had "come to an agreement on Randy playing for Oakland next year."

Neither the Vikings nor the Raiders would confirm the deal, which was first reported by The St. Paul Pioneer Press.

"We have had discussions with the Oakland Raiders, but there's nothing to announce," Rob Brzezinski, Minnesota's vice president of football operations, told The Associated Press.

Raiders spokesman Mike Taylor declined comment on the trade reports.

DiTrapano said he didn't know the terms of the deal, but the Pioneer Press reported the Vikings would get linebacker Napoleon Harris, along with the seventh overall pick and a late-round pick in the upcoming draft.

The deal cannot become official until March 2, the start of the NFL's fiscal year.

"It's just like any other contract. There's a meeting of the minds between the people who negotiate for the Vikings and the people who negotiate for the Raiders," DiTrapano said. "It just hasn't been reduced to writing and it won't be until March 2."

Moss is due to make $7.25 million next year. Harris is due to make $5.41 million.

Oakland's renegade owner Al Davis has long embraced combustible players and the vertical passing game, so adding Moss seems to be a perfect fit.

The timing of the move comes as a bit of a surprise with the Vikings in the midst of an ownership change. Red McCombs has agreed to sell the team to Arizona businessman Reggie Fowler, a deal that still needs to be approved by the NFL.

A spokeswoman for Fowler said it would be "inappropriate for Reggie to be commenting at this point" because McCombs still owns the team and is making all the decisions.

Trade rumors have surrounded the flamboyant Moss all offseason. He struggled with a hamstring injury, but still finished with 13 touchdown catches last season. He was fined $10,000 for pretending to pull down his pants and moon the Green Bay crowd during Minnesota's playoff win. He also drew criticism for leaving the field with two seconds left in a regular-season loss against Washington.

Team leaders Matt Birk and Daunte Culpepper confronted Moss after he walked off at Washington, and the organization's patience with the receiver seemed to dwindle in the past year or so.

"He's my good friend, but you almost get to thinking that maybe enough is enough," Culpepper said earlier this month at the Pro Bowl. "And maybe the Vikings organization has had enough."

Last year's transgressions were the latest in a long line of headline-grabbing negative behavior for Moss that included bumping a traffic control officer with his car in 2002, verbally abusing corporate sponsors on a team bus in 2001 and squirting an official with a water bottle in 1999.

But when he was focused and healthy on the field, there was no denying his considerable ability.

His 9,142 career receiving yards are the most by any player over his first seven seasons. The Vikings' offensive identity was built around Moss' uncanny ability to leap over smaller defensive backs to catch deep passes.

Moss burst into the league in 1998 and has been a big reason why the Vikings have sold out every game, including preseason, since he arrived. "The Freak" caught 17 TD passes — many of them long, high-arching throws from Randall Cunningham — to help lead the Vikings to the NFC championship game in his rookie season.

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UMass slips past the Rams

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Rhody defense en route to a game-high 24 points and 17 rebounds.

Sophomore guard Art Bowers also stepped up big for the Maroon and White, continuing his solid play of late with 18 points.

Senior captain Anthony Anderson returned to action for the first time in two games, entering the game at the 6:11 mark of the first half and playing six minutes.

Much-maligned senior forward Scott Hazelton was the leading scorer for URI (4-20, 2-11 A-10) with 22 points, while freshman forward John Lucky added 14 points.

"I told the guys, I'm 51 now and I want to make it to 52 in a few weeks," Lappas said. "But at the end of the year, no one is going to look back and see how the game was played, they're only going to notice whether you got the W or not."



COURTESY UMASS MEDIA RELATIONS

Sam the Minuteman takes the time to pose with the Red Sox World Series trophy last night during halftime at the Mullins Center.

Senior point guard Chris Chadwick single-handedly put UMass out in front for good in overtime with a 3-pointer and a pair of free throws on consecutive possessions.

Momplasir and Hazleton added a basket apiece for Rhody over the rest of overtime, but Bowers and Freeman combined to shoot 4-of-5 from the foul line to deliver the victory.

"When it comes down to overtime, we just feel comfortable," Freeman said. "We know when it's on the line we can put it together and get it done, where other teams might not be able to do that. We have the confidence."

Getting consecutive 3-pointers from Tyrese Sullivan and Lucky, the Rams tied the game at 57 with 53 seconds left in the game.

Lasme responded on the ensuing possession when he converted an easy lay-up to put UMass out in front, but that only set the stage for a bizarre final possession in regulation.

Holding for the last shot in regulation and trailing by two, the Rams could not come up with anything and eventually lost the ball out of bounds in front of their own bench, sending head coach Jim Baron into a tirade that saw him pick up the game ball and throw it down the court.

However, UMass turned the ball right back over when Maxwell took the inbound pass in almost the exact same spot in front of the URI bench and could not keep his feet, falling out of bounds to give the Rams possession back with seven seconds to play.

Immediately inbounding the ball to Hazleton, the former Massachusetts High School Player of the Year came up empty on his first shot attempt, but corralled a loose ball off his miss and tossed in a hook shot off the glass with one second left on the clock to send the game to overtime tied at 59.

"I thought our guy got tripped on the first possession, and I just wanted to assert that with the refs," Baron said. "I was upset that we hadn't gotten the call in the first place, but Scott made a nice play and we're able to come back and get the basket we needed on the possession to tie the game."

Freeman sparked an 8-0 burst with six consecutive points, before a Maxwell lay-up gave the Minutemen their largest lead of the first half at 28-19. The teams headed into intermission with UMass leading 28-21.

URI cut its deficit to five early in the second half, but UMass responded with a 9-3 run to help establish an 11-point lead at 39-28 with 15 minutes to play.

Rhode Island did not go away quietly however, as the Rams got points from four different players on 9-3 surge of their own to get back within three at 45-42 with just under seven minutes to play.

The Minutemen extended their advantage back up to eight with two free throws apiece from Freeman and Chadwick and a Bowers 3-pointer, before the Rams cut it back down to four with four straight points from the foul line.



COURTESY UMASS MEDIA RELATIONS

The Minutemen were able to slip past Rhode Island at the Mullins Center last night, holding on for a 70-64 win in overtime.

Match Play Championship to start today

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

CARLSBAD, Calif. — Hours after the announcement that the Match Play Championship would not begin until Thursday because of the saturated course at La Costa, one match already was in the books.

Padraig Harrington outlasted Darren Clarke on the practice range.

Leave it to a pair of Irishmen to ignore the cold rain that fell late Tuesday afternoon, after everyone else had left the course and creeks again spilled over the banks and across the fairways.

Clarke hit chips around the green as swing coach Butch Harmon watched from under an umbrella. The 2000 Match Play champion finally left, pausing only to light his cigar.

Harrington, who arrived Monday from playing in Malaysia, tossed a dozen balls in the muck of a bunker and began blasting out, spraying mud on his pants. Then he returned to the driving range, asked for his 5-iron and continued to beat balls in the gloaming. The third shot was as pure as it gets.

"I should play in the rain more often," Harrington said.

That can be arranged. Just move to California.

The final two legs of the West Coast Swing have turned into the "Wet" Coast Swing. First came the rain at Riviera, leading to the first 36-hole event on the PGA Tour in nine years when Adam Scott won the Nissan Open in a playoff Monday. One day later, Wednesday's start of the Accenture Match Play Championship was pushed back one day.

PGA Tour tournament director Mark Russell said La Costa would be available for practice rounds Wednesday, but the staff did not think the course was suitable for competition.

"It's totally saturated," Russell said. "But based on this weather forecast, it's going to get nothing but better. If we get a day of sunshine and breeze, it will get dramatically better, and we're going to present a better golf course for the players."

That means a full day of golf will be washed out for the second time in as many weeks on tour, and the second time in as many years at La Costa.

The second round was postponed last year, leading to two rounds Friday and Saturday, followed by the 36-hole final on Sunday. Tiger Woods won last year, defeating Davis Love III, for his second straight title at La Costa.

"If you get all the way to the finals, it's a physical grind," Woods said Tuesday morning, before the announcement that the first round had been delayed. "Match play is an emotional roller coaster, because of the momentum switches that can happen in one hole, two holes."

Unlike the NCAA basketball tournament, there is no such thing as an upset at La Costa.

Last year was the first time in the six-year history of this World Golf Championship event that two of the top-four seeds made it to the last match.

Jeff Maggert won the first year as the No. 24 seed, followed by Clarke (No. 19). Steve Stricker (No. 55) and Kevin Sutherland (No. 62). Woods won the last two years as the top seed, although he starts this time at No. 2.

Vijay Singh is the No. 1 seed and will play Shingo Katayama of Japan.

"He's a good player. I don't know how he's playing coming into this event, but I have to treat him very strong," Singh said. "I'm going to go out and see if I can play my game and play the best I can and see if I can finish it off."

Singh is coming off his first missed cut in a year, as defending champion at Pebble Beach. No one misses the cut from the 64-man field at La Costa, although this event has not been kind to the 41-year-old Fijian. He has never advanced out of the second round, even against a watered-down field in Australia four years ago.

So while most players like the idea of match play during a full schedule of stroke play, Singh was indifferent.

"I don't mind it," he said. "I think it depends on how you play. Last year, I didn't play very well. I'm driving the ball much better than I did last year, and I've fixed my irons."

Phil Mickelson lives about 20 miles away in Rancho Santa Fe, and because he didn't play last week in the Nissan Open, he played a couple of practice rounds at La Costa. The No. 3 seed, Lefty is coming off back-to-back wins on the PGA Tour by wide margins, although that won't do him any good this week.

He shot 73 in the first round at Phoenix, then rebounded with a career-low 60. Had that been match play, Mickelson probably wouldn't have advanced out of the first round. A week later, he opened with a course-record 62 at Spyglass, closed with a 73 and still won by four shots.

Right now, all they want to do is play.



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Tiger Woods celebrates after making an eagle during last year's Ryder Cup. He will attempt to defend his Match Play Championship this week.

Bonds asking the questions

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did? For what?

"What did I do?" he asked. "What did I do?"

What he hoped, of course, was that his counterattack, his red herrings, his obvious attempt at intimidation, would stop us in our tracks.

Not quite. We were still firing salvos back when it ended after 35 minutes, but I can't say for sure that Bonds had a scratch on him. It's hard to hit a moving target.

Part of that was the result of the ground rules laid out by the Giants' PR staff: No questions about the BALCO investigation. Pending legal issues, and all that, they explained.

That didn't keep "Denver Post" baseball writer Mike Klis from asking Bonds straight up: "Have you ever, inadvertently or otherwise, used steroids?"

"Why do you keep asking the same questions?" Bonds responded. "I'm not a child, OK? You repeat things to children."

Of course, the questions continue to be repeated because he doesn't answer them.

Bonds didn't really answer much of anything, though he had plenty to say; most of it venom aimed at the reporters who vex him so.

"You guys are like rerunning stories," Bonds said. "This is old stuff. It's like watching 'Sanford and Son'. It's almost comical, basically. ... Are you guys jealous, upset, disappointed, what?"

Probably all of the above, but that's beside the point, which is exactly the position Bonds wanted to take. We're upset, he said, because he hasn't let us into his private world. We're angry, he's told us, because he hasn't told us who he really is.

"I haven't given you guys what you want," he said.

And if it's not that, then it must be because, with 703 home runs, he's about to pass Babe Ruth's 714 on the all-time home run list.

"Because Babe Ruth is one of the greatest baseball players ever, and Babe Ruth ain't black, either," he said. "I'm black. Blacks, we go through a little more. ... I'm not a racist, though, but I live in the real world. I'm line with that."

And why all the fuss about steroids in the first place? Why aren't we worried about alcohol abuse? Or the environment? Or dogs and cats, living together?

"There are worse things going on in the world," he pointed out.

Sure there are, but baseball's biggest worry, especially with Jose Canseco's tell-all book receiving so much attention, is the steroids scandal. Bonds was lingered indirectly by Canseco as a steroids user.

"I don't know Canseco, besides hello and goodbye," Bonds said. "I don't put any weight into what he says.

"I was better than him then, and I've been better than him his whole career. If he wants to go make money, go ahead. ... For somebody who brags about what he did, I don't see any of your records."

Here's a stop-the-presses revelation: Bonds is all for looking ahead, not back.

"It's time to move on. Move forward and let it go," he urged. "Ya'll stop watching Redd Foxx and rerun shows."

Cheat? Who, him?

"I don't know what cheating is," he said. "I don't believe steroids can help your eye-hand coordination, technically hit a baseball. I just don't believe it. That's my opinion."

Technically, he's probably right. And his amazing gain in muscle mass and exploding home run production, much of it after the age of 35?

"Hard work," he shrugged. "That's about it."

Sure, and maybe a little "flaxseed oil" applied in the right places.

If there was a burgeoning use of steroids all around him in baseball during the '90s, why, he never noticed.

"I never paid any attention to it, nor do I really care," Bonds said. "I worry about me, that's it."

Finally, amidst all the flimflam and the diversionary tactics, one small kernel of truth.

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UM working overtime

Freeman's big night sparks Minutemen

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

Consider it symbolic that on a night when the University of Massachusetts welcomed the Boston

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Series trophy inside the William Mullins Center, the Massachusetts men's basketball team responded with an overtime win that puts the Minutemen in position to make a late season run of their own.

Having to persevere through an extra frame after the Rams produced a furious rally to tie the game in the waning moments of regulation, UMass once again hung tough on both ends of the court and picked up a crucial 70-64 win before a crowd of 5,324 – a win that moves it within one game of Temple for second place in the Atlantic 10 East Division with three conference games remaining.

The Minutemen (15-9 8-5 A-10) will square off against the Owls on Saturday in Philadelphia, with tip-off set for 2 p.m. at the Liacouras Center. Hall-of-Fame coach John Chaney will not be on the bench for the Owls, as he has suspended himself for the game following an incident in a loss to Saint Joseph's on Tuesday.

Despite being outrebounded 21-10 on the offensive glass and giving up 70 URI attempts from the field to its 49, the Maroon and White improved to 5-0 in overtime games – one win shy of the NCAA record of six overtime victories.

"This is the biggest February game played here in quite awhile — maybe six years or seven years," UMass head coach Steve Lappas said. "We fought hard out there and did what we needed to do, and this was a huge win for us in what really matters."

UMass was again led by sophomore forward Rashaun Freeman, who worked aggressively in the lane against a physical

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UMass sophomore Art Bowers scored 18 points, grabbed three rebounds and dished out two assists in the team's overtime win over URI.

UMass to face tall task with Temple

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

For the Massachusetts women's basketball team there is bad news and worse news.

The bad news for the Minutewomen is that they are mired in a season-long three-game losing streak. The worse news is that UMass will have to try to break out of its slump against No. 16 Temple.

The Owls will clash with the Minutewomen at the Mullins Center tonight at 7 p.m., and the timing of the visit couldn't be worse for UMass.

The Minutewomen are in need of a win badly, and Temple hasn't been too accommodating to opponents this year in that department.

Temple (22-3, 14-0 Atlantic 10) comes to Amherst riding a 19-game winning streak, including a 59-43 win over UMass on Jan. 4. The Owls haven't lost a game since Dec. 4 at Florida.

UMass, on the other hand, has found a variety of ways to lose games lately. The Minutewomen have had an up-and-down season and were playing good basketball right before the streak started.

The Minutewomen (13-12, 6-8 A-10) had won two games in a row when they arrived in Cincinnati two weeks ago to face Xavier. UMass was playing with a great deal of confidence and battled a tough Xavier team down to the wire, only to fall in the final minutes, 65-55.

UMass then returned to home, where they had played well all year, to face Rhode Island. The Rams came to Amherst losers of five straight and the Minutewomen seemed to be coasting to an easy victory when they opened up a 16-point lead in the first half.

But a funny thing happened on the way to the seventh home win of the season for UMass. URI began to apply more defensive pressure as the game went on and UMass was plagued once again by turnovers. In the end, URI escaped with a 60-59 win.

The most recent setback for UMass was a 55-43 loss on Sunday to Richmond at home. Sunday's loss was not as painful as the URI loss because UMass lost to a better, more experienced team.

That is the type of loss that UMass coach Marnie Dacko had an easier time accepting. It's when her team makes mental

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Sox to get World Series rings in opener at Fenway

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — The Boston Red Sox will get their championship rings at their home opener before a full house of 35,000 fans and their fiercest rivals — the New York Yankees.

The jewelry symbolizing the team's first World Series win in 86 years will be handed out in a pregame ceremony on April 11.

The Red Sox might have been disappointed onlookers had they not rallied from a 3-0 deficit to beat the Yankees in the AL championship series. New York opens the season at home on April 3 against Boston.

The Yankees had no complaints about being at Fenway Park for the ring ceremony and raising of the championship banner.

"The Red Sox won their rings. They earned them," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said in a statement. "They have the right to pick the date at which they present them, and it's not a personal affront to our players."

To accommodate fans who didn't get tickets to opening day, the rings will be displayed at a welcome-home dinner attended by players that night and on display at Fenway Park along with the World Series trophy and the ball first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz caught for the last out of the four-game sweep of St. Louis.

Admission will be charged for the display, which probably will be held on April 12, an off day for Boston, and the dinner with proceeds going to the Red Sox Foundation charity.

"Even though the fans are not getting (a ring) they have to feel like they're receiving one because they all deserve it," David Ortiz said. "They supported us a lot through the years."

Charles Steinberg, Red Sox executive vice president for public affairs, referred to the dinner as a "charity ball." It would cost much less, perhaps $5, for the ring viewing at which "parents can bring children in a casual setting and actually see the rings up close. All you do is take a stroll in the park.

"It seems that everybody wins in that scenario."

The ring issue had simmered for several days and, at one point, principal owner John Henry said it wasn't necessary that the rings be presented on opening day. He wasn't even sure they'd be ready by then.

But Red Sox president Larry Lucchino said Wednesday he expected the final design of the ring to be revealed this week. Players began getting their fingers measured for the rings at spring training on Tuesday.

Damon already has one new ring. He was married late last year and made his wedding band flashier so it wouldn't get lost in the glare of the championship ring.

"The only reason why I put some bling on my wedding ring was because I knew I was going to have that nice ring" on his other hand, Damon said. "I was just going to go with a tattoo or even just a little band, but because we got this (championship ring), this one had to get better."

The decision for the ring celebrations was made late Tuesday afternoon at a meeting with Henry, Lucchino and minority owner Tom Werner.

"This is the kind of quality problem I hope we're going to be able to have with some frequency," Lucchino said, "sit around at spring training and decide just when, oh when, do we give out the World Series championship rings."

Every player who played for the Red Sox last year will get a ring. Lucchino estimated that several hundred would be awarded to managers, coaches, scouts and other employees in the organization.

"They won," Yankees pitcher Mike Mussina said from the team's spring training facility in Tampa. "They can do whatever they want. Hand out 5,000 rings if they want to."

Lucchino said he would like former players, including Pedro Martinez, Derek Lowe and Nomar Garciaparra, to receive their rings directly from a member of the organization rather than have them mailed.

Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter was asked if he had a preference for watching the ceremony or not.

"I'm sure I'm not going to help them hand them out," he said to laughter. "But they deserve it. I'm sure they've been looking forward to this for a long time. So let them do it."

New York manager Joe Torre said he's not bothered by seeing the Red Sox get their rings.

"We're not going to arrange, or rearrange, our routine to either be there or not be there," he said.

Ortiz said the Yankees, winners of 26 championships, might even enjoy the ceremony.

"They must feel good about it because they received a lot (of rings) before," he said. "They know how the feeling is."



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The Yankees watched the Red Sox celebrate their 10-3 victory during Game 7 of the ALCS. Next, they will watch the Sox receive their World Series rings at Fenway.

Barry Bonds faces the media, but still doesn't say anything

By Jim Reeves
Knight Ridder

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — The truth, according to Barry Bonds, is that it's all my fault. Mine and all the other worthless, snooping reporters in the world who keep asking him about steroids.

Don't get cocky. The way Bonds keeps pointing fingers at everyone but himself, he might blame you next.

The way Bonds sees it, the media lies just for the fun of it. We make stuff up. We make a spectacle of the game.

We even — "gasp!" — have the temerity to venture into the sanctity of his "office" and ask him questions.

Would the president of the Bank of America put up with such nonsense? Of course not, so why should Bonds have to endure such torment?

Bonds obviously believes the best defense is a good offense. He arrived at the Giants' spring training headquarters Tuesday and immediately began pimp slapping — figuratively, of course — every sportswriter in sight.

There was no lack of targets, considering there must have been 75 to 100 of us crowded into the back of the press box converted into an interview room to hear Bonds divert every critical question regarding baseball's steroids scandal.

Give him credit for this, at least: Bonds grabbed a whip and a chair and walked into the lions' den without a whimper of fear, putting lie to the rumor that he would merely read a brief statement and decline to take questions.

He took them all right. And he fired them right back.

Apologize, like Jason Giambi

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DOUG DUNCAN/CONTRA COSTA TIMES

Barry Bonds was full of jokes, sarcasm, and a whole lot of questions directed back at the media during his press conference on Tuesday, though he still hasn't answered the questions about his alleged use of steroids.

A-Rod act is tiresome

By Vic Ziegel
Knight Ridder

It's another day and I'm waiting for another five, six, seven, eight, nine stories about Alex Rodriguez, known as A-Rod, until he became A-Tilla the Hun. I've had it. Have you had it? Of course, you have. Everybody's had it but a bunch of guys with press cards sticking out of their hat bands. Do you know anybody who hasn't had it? Might it be the same guy who has a Stone Cold Steve Austin poster in every room of his house? I thought so. Lose his address.

The A-Rod-Red Sox glop has gone over the top. It's the Mount Everest of spring training stories, and somebody new makes the climb every day. The people happiest about it are the headline writers, who haven't dealt out this much pun and punishment since the Eagles were in full flight, soaring, coasting, fluttering, drifting, falling, crashing.

Trees are being cut down to provide the newsprint needed for this A-Rod silliness. Doesn't seem right, does it? The steroid stories are more important — they could lead to baseball's version of failed brakes, and cooked record books — but they're not nearly as much fun as A-Rod. Fun? The first day



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Ever since Joe Torre (left) and Derek Jeter (right) introduced Alex Rodriguez to New York, A-Rod has seen what the rivalry is all about.

might have been close to fun. Now it's "Hollywood Squares" with dreadful answers.

Are you old enough to remember Howdy Doody? Buffalo Bob? Chief Thunder-Thud? Phineas T. Bluster? Howdy and his Doodyville Players — I may have made that up; it was pretty long ago and completely black and white — had the most popular kids show on TV. Good old Howdy Doody, everybody loved him. And it didn't bother anybody that he was worth close to A-Rod money. He had somebody pulling his strings and somebody else speaking for him. He wore the same checkered shirt every day. Didn't make a cent and never asked for a vacation. They sold a ton of Howdy Doody products but he never saw a penny. That's right, he was a dummy. The Red Sox could learn a lot from old Howdy-Do.

Right, they won the World Series thing, the first time since 1918. So the curse is over. At last. No, make that at long last. The

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Doctor says Yoga is better than meds

By Ashish K. Sahu
Collegian Correspondent

"Stress is a worldwide epidemic and we all are affected by stress," said Dr. Richard Brown, MD, an associate clinical professor of psychiatry from Columbia University.

Brown spoke Wednesday evening at the Yoga breathing talk organized by the University of Massachusetts chapter of the Art of Living club.

"Knowing how to turn off stress is very important," he said. He mentioned how many Americans and people around the world suffer from insomnia, anxiety, and depression, which can often be caused by stress.

Brown, co-author of the book "Stop Depression Now" recommends Sudharshan Krita Yoga (SKY) breathing for the above problems to his patients, because he says it is better than medication. SKY slows medium rapid cycles of breath and can be practiced in about 20 minutes.

Brown, a practicing psychyopharmacologist and a member if the American Psychiatric Association, has authored over 70 articles and a book chapter related to pharmacological and clinical studies in psychiatric disorders.



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Dr. Richard Brown of Columbia University talks about Yoga and meditation techniques as methods to dealing with stress at a speech at the UMass Campus Center on Wednesday evening.

SKY has four parts: Ujjai breathing, Bhastrika, or high frequency breathing, SK chanting and meditation. He spoke about the first two aspects in detail and how it affects the human brain.

There has been plenty of research conducted on this technique and it has proven effective on depressed patients, he said. One such study conducted in a hospital for depressed patients in India showed faster recovery among patients than with shock treatment or medication. He adds that SKY is not only for depressed patients but it has also helped a lot of college students.

Over 70 campuses all across United States have been taught the course on SKY and over 60 million people in over 146 countries have benefited from its use. Students have seen improvement in memory, sleeping better, less anxiety, improve self esteem and overcoming social phobia to name a few, Brown said.

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Faculty Senate talks about fundraising

By Casey Novak
Collegian Staff

The Campaign for Amherst, a seven-year fund-raising effort to raise private funds for each department at the University of Massachusetts, was discussed in great detail at the 638th Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate on Thursday.

According to The Campaign for Amherst's Web site, "The University of Massachusetts Amherst...must work constantly to maintain and enhance our internationally and nationally recognized programs. Securing the resources to do so is goal of The Campaign for Amherst."

"The Web site provides the priority structure, a plan for the campaign, each stage it will go through, what the structure of the priority list is and how it was made," Chancellor John V. Lombardi said.

Lombardi also pointed out the difference between a campaign priority and an academic priority.

"People imagine that a campaign priority is what we will actually get," he said. "But actually it is a wish list of all the things we hope to raise money for."

Lombardi said that each department sent a list of requests to the Provost, which accumulated to $1.7 billion.

"This highly exceeded what we anticipated," he said. "So we went through the list and adjusted the dollar targets for each college to a total of $350 million. That is our working total."

The total was arrived at by distributing priorities based on prior fundraising of each college, according to Lombardi.

"What people don't fully recognize is that campaign totals are targets meant to be exceeded. That is the key concept of a campaign," he said. "The goal is the bottom expectation of the achievement."

Joseph Bartolomeo, chair of the University Advancement Council, also addressed the Faculty Senate on Thursday.

"The priorities are preliminary priorities," said Bartolomeo. "Many of the actual initiatives will be in response to the wishes and desires of the donors."

He then raised the question of what would happen if a donor wanted to fund an initiative that is not a priority in the campaign.

"If the desire upon a donor is something the university can do and if it fits in with our mission then it can certainly be accepted," Bartolomeo said. "If it is on the condition of a racehorse or something like that I suspect we might have to think about that kind of request."

The campaign's Web site says that if a donor's interest is not one of the campaign's priorities, consideration will be given to whether the money would be beneficial to the campus mission.

"If so, we will be delighted to accept the gift. In some instances, despite donor's enthusiasm, this will not be the case and the campus will have to respectfully decline the opportunity," the web site said.

Specifically, Lombardi pointed out that sufficient funds are needed to put toward campus construction.

He said that UMass' Capital plan only accounts for about 40 percent of the essential capital needed for repair and renovations needed on campus.

"We've been able to find money for about 40 percent so any money we can raise for capital releases a dollar that can go to the next item on the priority list," he said.

There are also projects that are not on the funded capital list, including athletics, Lombardi added.

"For example, in case of athletics, we're not spending capital expenditures for athletics out of our borrowed fund or our general funds," he said. "But athletics has a lot of capital needs so if [campaign officials] can raise money [the athletic department] can do what they need to do."

Lombardi said that without a campaign about $25 million is given to their annual fund. The campaign hopes to almost double that amount over the next seven years.

For more information on The Campaign for Amherst, visit www.umass.edu/campaign.

Convicted murderer sentenced to life

By Michael Kunzelman
Associated Press

SALEM, Mass. — A confessed murderer said Thursday that he killed and beheaded a Boston man and an unidentified prostitute because he became a "ticking time bomb" when his brother's alleged murderer was acquitted.

Eugene McCollom, 40, was sentenced to life in prison after pleading guilty to second-degree murder in the death of the prostitute, whose headless body was discovered in November 2000 behind a home for disabled veterans. Her head and hands were found more than three years later on a nearby beach.

The life sentence will follow the 10- to 12-year sentence McCollom is already serving after pleading guilty on Feb. 9 to manslaughter in the 2001 decapitation killing of John "Jackie" Leyden.

McCollom will be eligible for parole in about 22 years.

At his sentencing in Essex Superior Court, McCollom told Judge Howard J. Whitehead that his homicidal urges grew from the outrage he felt toward the criminal justice system after his younger brother's alleged killer was acquitted. Patrick McCollom, 27, was stabbed to death at a Revere night club in 1998.

"They let a guilty man walk free," McCollom said, "and I became a ticking time bomb. I was engulfed in bitterness, hatred of our judicial system — I killed two people out of all that anger and bitterness."

Later, as he was being led out of court, he shouted, "No justice, no peace for Patrick McCollom."

"Mr. McCollom's life took a severe turn for the worse when his brother was murdered," said his lawyer, Lawrence McGuire. "He is regretful and remorseful for what he has done."

More than four years after her grisly slaying, the identity of the prostitute he killed remains a mystery. McCollom referred to her in court Thursday as "Lisa from Philadelphia."

He told investigators that he picked her up in Boston's Combat Zone area and drove her to his room at the YMCA in Lynn, where they argued over money. According to court records, he described strangling her and beheading the corpse.

When police asked how he could stand to cut up a body, he replied that "he had just become 'like a robot or a machine,'" according to an affidavit.

Two days later, the woman's headless remains were found wrapped in a blanket on the grounds of the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea. A surveillance camera captured footage of McCollom dumping the body.

Police linked him to the murder by lifting his DNA from a soda bottle he touched in front of a police officer and matching it to semen found on the victim, according to court records.

"After lengthy questioning he did admit to killing the victim," prosecutor Kathe

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Jury selected in Michael Jackson trial

By Tim Molloy
Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — A day after 12 jurors were selected in the Michael Jackson child molestation case, attorneys made progress Thursday toward seating eight alternates.

As potential alternate jurors were quizzed Thursday, defense attorneys rejected three of them and prosecutors dismissed one. Other alternate juror prospects were dismissed Wednesday.

The potential alternate jurors cut by the defense Thursday included a 36-year-old woman whose brother is a police officer and a 52-year-old mechanic who said the media does not know the facts in a court case as well as the people involved. Prosecutors dismissed a 44-year-old woman who sounded weary as she answered questions about her ability to serve.

The defense has now used four of eight challenges it can make without providing a reason during the selection of alternates, while prosecutors have used three. Others were sent away for hardship or other reasons.

Jackson, 46, is accused of molesting a 13-year-old boy, plying him with alcohol, and conspiring to hold him and his family captive.

The job of selecting alternates got under way Wednesday after the regular jurors were seated. The alternates will be called on to serve if there is a problem with any one of the 12 regular jurors.

Jury selection had been expected to last several weeks, but the seating of the main panel took only five court days, which were interrupted by a one-week break because of the death of an attorney's sister and another one-week break because Jackson was hospitalized with flu-like symptoms.

Drawn from Santa Barbara County where Jackson lives, the four men and eight women on the jury range in age from 20 to 79. They include several fans of his

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Michael Jackson arrives at the Santa Maria courthouse Thursday as jury selection wraps up in his trial on child molestation charges.

Bush talks with Russian president

By Terence Hunt
Associated Press

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia — Struggling to repair troubled relations, President Bush prodded Vladimir Putin on Thursday about Moscow's retreat from democracy but the Russian leader bluntly rejected the criticism and insisted there was no backsliding.

"Strong countries are built by developing strong democracies," Bush said he told Putin. "I think Vladimir heard me loud and clear."

"Russia has made its choice in favor of democracy," the Russian leader replied.

Confronting criticism that he is quashing dissent and consolidating power, Putin said Russia chose democracy 14 years ago and "there can be no return to what we used to have before."

Four years after Bush said he had gotten a sense of Putin's soul and found him trustworthy, the two leaders talked for 2 1/2 hours at a hilltop castle in hopes of easing mounting distrust between Moscow and Washington. Bush said he had not changed his opinion of Putin and wanted to remain friends.

"This is the kind of fellow who, when he says 'Yes,' he means yes, and when he says 'No,' he means no," Bush said.

Yet Bush challenged Putin about his government's behavior, saying that democracies reflect a country's customs and culture but must have "a rule of law and protection of minorities, a free

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Pope John Paul II undergoes tracheotomy in the hospital

By Victor L. Simpson
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II underwent a successful operation to insert a tube in his throat to relieve his breathing problems, hours after he was rushed back to the hospital Thursday for the second time in a month with flu-like symptoms of fever and congestion, the Vatican said.

Spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the tracheotomy lasted 30 minutes and the outcome was "positive." The pope had approved the procedure, which the Vatican characterized as elective.

The frail, 84-year-old pontiff, who was taken to the hospital shortly before 11 a.m. in an ambulance, will be spending the night in the hospital, Navarro-Valls said.

But the tracheotomy may require a longer hospital stay and have serious consequences for the pope's abilities to carry out his duties since he will not be able to speak while the breathing tube is in his throat.

Before the tracheotomy, outside medical experts had said John Paul may have pneumonia. But Navarro-Valls' statement made no reference to pneumonia, saying the pope suffered a narrowing of his larynx.

The pope's sudden turn for the worse alarmed the faithful from Nigeria to the Philippines to St. Peter's Square, and raised more doubts about his ability to carry on.

"We have prayed for the pope to live as long as possible so we can still share our joy with him," said Zofia Gebala, a 73-year-old retiree, as she left a church in Wadowice, the pope's birthplace in southern Poland. "We are praying for him every day, for his well-being. But it's all in God's hands now."

John Paul, who suffers from Parkinson's disease, had greeted pilgrims twice at the window of his studio at St. Peter's Square since his release from Gemelli Polyclinic Hospital on Feb. 10. On Wednesday, he made his longest public appearance - 30 minutes - since he fell ill more than three weeks ago.

With each successive appearance, he seemed a little stronger, a little more alert, and his voice rang out with greater clarity.

That made Thursday's reversal all the more shocking for the faithful.

"We are so scared because he has been sick in the past," said Vanessa Animo Bono, 32, a Roman Catholic being treated at Gemelli. "He is one of the few popes who is actually able to listen to people."

Earlier Thursday, Vatican officials said the pope was suffering breathing problems similar to those that sent him to Gemelli on Feb. 1, and Italian news reports said the latest respiratory crisis was more severe than the first.



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UMass grad Stephen Kellogg returns with major-label debut.

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Campus Perspectives

By Jamie Lau

What do you think of the UMass Police Deptartment's plan to purchase Tasers?



senior
Animal Science major

"I'm not really sure if it's a good thing since this is a college campus, not a prison."
Keith Toffling



junior
Mechanical Engineering major

"To be honest, I'm pretty T.O'd right about now."
Justin Finn



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"I feel that UMass should be spending money on more important things like education."
Leola Carey



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"I think it's silly. The problems contolling crowds on campus are never serious enough for Tasers."
Rachel Breton



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"I think it's stupid. It's like we're a bunch of animals or something."
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Write for news

Wal-Mart looking to open store in NYC

By Sam Dolnick
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A real estate developer scrapped plans to build the city's first Wal-Mart store amid intense pressure from residents and union leaders.

The decision, announced by city officials Wednesday, comes as a blow to the retail giant, which has sought for years to move into the lucrative New York City market.

The company had announced Dec. 6 that it would open a new store in the Rego Park neighborhood of Queens.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. spokeswoman Mia Masten said Wednesday the company had never signed a deal with the developer, Vornado Realty Trust, for the 132,000-square-foot space. She said Wal-Mart was still interested in exploring other locations in the city.

Vornado spokeswoman Roann Kulakoss declined to comment Thursday.

Councilwoman Melinda Katz, head of the City Council Land Use Committee, said the deal may have fallen through because of Wal-Mart's track record on labor issues.

"Vornado may very well have a project that could be a good project in the area, and they wanted to go forward based on the substance as opposed to getting caught up in the issues that Wal-Mart seems to bring to the table," she said.

Opponents formed coalitions to block the store immediately after Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, announced plans to expand into New York.

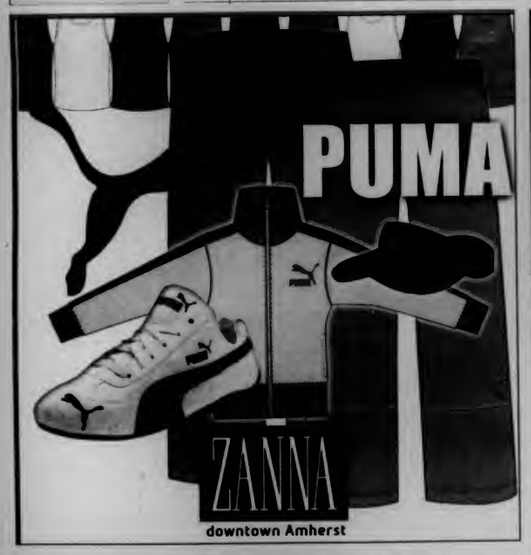
Small businesses feared Wal-Mart would drive many retailers out and residents near the site raised concerns about traffic and parking at the proposed site. Union leaders cited a list of labor offenses against the company, including a recent settlement of allegations that Wal-Mart violated child labor laws and the company's decision to close a Quebec store when workers moved to unionize.

In California, Wal-Mart Chief Executive H. Lee Scott Jr. said Wednesday that the company is renewing efforts to expand its Supercenter stores there. Public outcry had stalled the company's plans there last year.

Scott said that although Wal-Mart's $1 million campaign to gain voter approval for superstore projects in the Los Angeles and San Diego areas failed, it is moving ahead with plans to open 25 new stores in the state this year.

"We're not going to lay down," he said. "We've got nothing to apologize for."

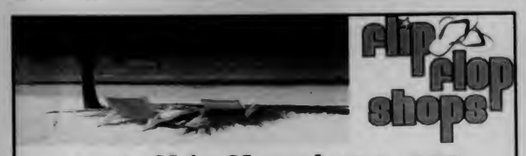
Analysts have said that Bentonville, Ark.-based Wal-Mart needs to tap into the New York City and Southern California markets to make up for slow growth elsewhere in recent years.



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No African-Americans were selected in Jackson trial jury

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music, four parents of young children, a woman whose grandson was convicted of a sexual offense, and a man who visited Jackson's Neverland ranch as a child.

The jury was primarily white and Hispanic and did not appear to include any of the half-dozen blacks who were in the pool of more than 240 prospects.

The court hasn't disclosed the races of jurors, and lawyers and jurors are under a gag order not to discuss the case. Race could be a factor because public opinion polls show blacks are less inclined to believe the charges against Jackson, who is black.

One black man remained in the pool from which the alternate panel was being selected.

Two black women who had been questioned as potential jurors were rejected by prosecutors. The defense objected, and Jackson appeared upset, on both occasions.

The second woman, dismissed Wednesday, said her husband had suffered discrimination while working for the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department and criticized the makeup of the jury pool.

30 killed in a bombing at a police station in Tikrit, Iraq

By Sameer N. Yacoub
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A man wearing a police uniform drove a car bomb into police headquarters in Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit in the largest of a series of attacks on Thursday in Iraq that left a total of 30 people dead, including two U.S. soldiers.

The violence came a day after interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi announced he was forming a coalition to try to hold onto his post in the new government and block the candidate of the dominant Shiite political alliance. Kurdish parties also weighed in with demands for top posts, setting up a possible showdown over the role of religion in a new Iraq.

The U.S. command said two American soldiers were killed and two wounded in bomb attacks Thursday, one northeast of Baghdad in Qaryat, and a second near Samarra, west of Qaryat.

At least five other Iraqi police were killed in separate attacks across the insurgent-wracked country, including another suicide car bomb assault on a police convoy in Iskandariyah, 30 miles south of the capital.

Two roadside bombs in Qaim, near the Syrian border, also killed four Iraqi National Guardsmen, Iraqi Lt. Col. Abid Ajab Al-Salmani said.

In the capital, gunmen opened fire on bakery, killing two people and wounding a third, police said. Several blasts echoed through the city at midday, but their cause was not immediately known.

The blast in Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, 80 miles north of Baghdad, occurred at one of the station's busiest times, when dozens of policemen were arriving to relieve colleagues who'd been working all night, police Col. Saad Daham said. The attack killed 15 police and wounded nearly two dozen others.

"He waited until the shift change, then he exploded the car," Daham said of the attacker, adding the aim was "to kill as many as possible."

Daham said the bomber was able to slip into the station undetected because he was wearing a police lieutenant's uniform. He blamed guards at the station's gates for allowing the assailant to enter without checking his papers or searching his vehicle.

Twenty cars were set ablaze after the massive blast, sending clouds of smoke into the sky. An Associated Press photographer on the scene saw at least 10 charred bodies laying on the ground, which was splattered with pools of blood and bits of human flesh.

Several ambulances raced to the blast site, ferrying casualties to a local hospital. U.S. troops sealed off the area and set up checkpoints and searched vehicles across the city.

Insurgents ambushed a police patrol in the northern city of Kirkuk with a roadside bomb, killing two policemen and injuring three.

In Iskandariyah, a suicide bomber blew himself up in front of an office that serves as the local headquarters of the Shiite Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, killing five people, including three police officers and a child who was walking down the road at the time, the government said.

Police initially said the attack targeted the town's police chief, Col. Salman Ali, who escaped unharmed.

Allawi's call for an inclusive coalition that would attract minority Sunni Arabs who form the core of the insurgency came as support for Ibrahim al-Jaafari, the leading Shiite candidate, began slipping in his United Iraq Alliance.

On Wednesday, just a day after al-Jaafari, 58, was nominated for the post of prime minister by the clergy-backed alliance, a Shiite political group that supports his one-time challenger, Ahmad Chalabi, threatened to withdraw its support.


A policeman walks through the rubble Thursday after a man wearing a police uniform drove a car bomb into a Tikrit police station.

Murderer could get parole in 22 years

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Tuttman said. "He also admitted to dismembering and disposing of her body."

In an affidavit, McCollom said police told him he'd get a short prison sentence "because it was a crime of passion, that in jail I would get the help I needed, including medications."

Authorities cobbled together a sketchy description of the victim: She was a light-skinned African-American or Hispanic woman between the ages of 16 and 25, with reddish hair and purple toenails. Her height ranged from 5 feet to 5-foot-6, and she weighed between 100 and 150 pounds.

McCollom initially told investigators he'd left her head and hands in a trash bin behind the YMCA. But he later changed his story, saying he'd buried the head and hands on a beach in the North Shore town of Nahant, where police found them inside a container in January 2004.

They checked out numerous missing persons reports and circulated a drawing of what they believed she looked like, but never discovered the woman's identity.

Tuttman said Essex County prosecutors opted not to seek a first-degree murder conviction against McCollom because he had cooperated with investigators.

While he was awaiting trial for the woman's murder, McCollom surfaced as a suspect in the murder of Leyden whose decomposed decapitated corpse was discovered in 2001 in his apartment in the East Boston neighborhood.

Leyden's brother, who found the body, was initially charged with the murder, but the charges were dropped after McCollom confessed to bludgeoning Leyden with a pipe and cutting off his head. He took the head to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and buried it in a park, where it was recovered by police.

McCollom has surfaced as a possible suspect in other gruesome killings, including those of Kelly Ford, whose decapitated remains were found on a Cape Cod beach in 2001, and Darlene Toler, a prostitute who was beheaded in Florida in 1995.

Doctor talks Yoga

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UMass Amherst also conducts such courses and many students from five colleges have taken advantage of them. More information about courses and information can be obtained on Brown's Web site.

While questions on side effects were raised during the talk he mentioned, "everything has its pros and cons."

"The biggest side effect on the SKY is, you will be happy and smiling," he said.

After the talk, Brown conducted a small session on Ujjai breathand meditation for about half an hour. At the end of the session Harshal Deshmukh, a public health student at UMass said, "I feel more relaxed and less stressed."

An arts psychotherapist Meghan Shiebl, felt relaxed in her chest felt her mind was less busy after the session. But Tahmina Kongtia-Kantar, a researcher from polymer science department said she did not feel anything different.

The SKY technique was originally founded by Sri Ravi Shankar is taught by the Art of Living organization is across the world, many small programs cater to teens, school children, prisoners, HIV positive patients, mentally ill and representatives.

Bush and Putin hold a talk

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press and a stable political opposition." He said he talked with Putin about his "concerns about Russia's commitment in fulfilling these universal principles" and about Putin's restrictions on the press.

"I'm not the minister of propaganda," Putin said, standing alongside Bush at a news conference.

They also confronted differences over Moscow's arms sales to Syria and Russia's help for Iran's nuclear program. While Bush tried to keep a smile on his face throughout the session with reporters, Putin seemed tense.

It was their first meeting since Bush opened his second term promising to spread democracy and freedom and asserting that relations with all leaders would be predicated on how they treat their people. Bush faced pressure from home from prominent Republicans and Democrats alike — to get tough with Putin, and their talks were seen by some as a test of whether the president would put his inaugural pledges into practice.

For over an hour of their meeting the leaders were alone with only translators, in a private session that was the longest they have had in over four years. The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the discussions were never heated.

In public, Putin compared his move to end direct popular election of regional governors to the American process of electing presidents through the Electoral College rather than by the results of the popular vote. "And it's not considered undemocratic to it?" Putin said.

He suggested that Russians who oppose his actions, such as a campaign against the Yukos oil company and his shutdown of independent media outlets, can sway public opinion because they "are richer than those who are in favor." "We often do not pay the attention to that," Putin said.

Bush was challenged as well by a Russian journalist who asked about "violations of the rights of journalists in the United States" without giving specifics.



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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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Huge onus on SGA to get elections right this year

With spring break only a few weeks away, another thought is looming over the heads of the UMass student body: Student Government Association elections. Given how the elections have been handled in the past, it is vitally important that the SGA has all of their bases covered in order to get it right this time.

Last year, the SGA elections were done twice, and the votes recounted because of the primary election being deemed unconstitutional. This year, in order to make sure such a thing does not happen twice, an emergency meeting was called to ensure there are enough election commissioners to man the polling stations. So far, it seems that the SGA is taking steps to adequately correct its past mistakes; a good move that reaffirms the integrity of the organization to the students.

As a result of the elections last year and the spectacle that was made of them, much of the student body may have lost faith in the SGA to represent it adequately. The disorganization of the elections may have represented the disorganization of the SGA, reaffirming the common stereotypes attributed to college students.

With regards to election officials, previous scandals that emerged last semester also make this election even that much more important. The SGA needs to once again prove to the student body and to the administration that they have merit, clout and the backing of the student population of UMass. The students, if given an appropriate leadership, will look to those officials with respect and admiration, if they truly feel that they can adequately represent them. These are the shoes that the current SGA candidates are going to have to fill.

Up for the new term next semester are Senator Sean Bliss and Attorney General Craig Goldschmidt, running for President and Trustee. Already they seem to have the students' interests in mind, which will be the only way to successfully get the student support behind the SGA. Picking fights with the administration is all well and good, but it evades the immediate issues at hand. Setting up an immediate agenda, one that lets the students know who it is that fighting for them and what the plan of attack is, is the essential element that will make or break the success of the upcoming election.

SGA elections will take place after classes reconvene from spring break. Given the timing of the elections, when students will be finding themselves just getting back into the swing of things and having to deal with midterm exams and papers, the SGA has a large task ahead of them.

So far, it seems the SGA got started off on the right foot. Now, the pressure is on them to make sure they keep it that way. Hopefully, this year they will be able to hold successful elections with candidates that adequately represent the student body's needs and wishes. There is an urgency to get things right this time, and all signs point toward huge improvements being seen in the SGA this semester in comparison to last year.

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In need of an explanation

Ben Duffy

Boxing legend Max Schmeling died at his home in Germany on Feb. 2, 2005. He was 99 years old.

Schmeling is perhaps best known for his two fights against "The Brown Bomber" Joe Louis. The first light, in 1936, ended when Schmeling upset Louis in the twelfth round. Schmeling immediately and inadvertently became Hitler's poster boy for the superiority of the Aryan race. Schmeling's victory over the black man was accepted as proof of eugenics, "the science of human improvement through better breeding." Eugenics was a process that brought about so-called "improvements" to the human race by rooting out "undesirable" genes. "Undesirable" genes included those of the handicapped, the feeble, paupers, the mentally ill, the criminal, and all races other than the Nordic.

In 1938, Louis and Schmeling fought again. This time, Schmeling was quickly defeated in the first round. When it became clear that Schmeling was going to lose the fight, Hitler ordered that the radio transmission be cut off in all German territories. His Aryan superman had been defeated, and the whole concept of eugenics had been dealt a deadly blow.

But Eugenics was not an entirely German science. Noted American eugenicists include Arthur Estabrook, Charles Davenport, and Margaret Sanger. Sanger is better known as the founder of Planned Parenthood, the world's largest provider of abortions and contraception.

Planned Parenthood denies any link between its founder and this creed of white supremacy. Her official Planned Parenthood biography points out that, "Eugenicists, like the Nazis, were opposed to the use of abortion and contraception by healthy and 'fit' women." Indeed, this was one issue where Sanger and the Nazis diverged. The Nazis believed that it was the duty of people possessing desirable genes to spread those genes far and wide. Sanger, on the other hand, believed that "human weeds" should be discouraged from reproducing, segregated, sterilized, and aborted, but did not encourage rampant procreation among "desirables."

Planned Parenthood makes its case for the defense of Sanger at www.plannedparenthood.org. The only concession that Planned Parenthood makes about its founder is that she supported the Supreme Court's 1927 Buck v. Bell decision. The decision permitted states to segregate "illiterates, paupers, unemployables, criminals, prostitutes, and dope-fiends on farms and open spaces as long as necessary for the strengthening and development of moral conduct," and adopting laws to keep diseased and "feeble-minded" immigrants out.

But Planned Parenthood has a lot of explaining to do about the writings and deeds of its founder. For example, they claim that Sanger never promoted abortion because it was illegal and dangerous in her time. Sanger died in 1966, seven years before Roe v. Wade made abortion legal. Sanger denounced abortion, calling the practice "vicious." But while she was denouncing the practice publicly, she was privately raising money for back-alley abortions and referring women to illegal abortionists.

Sadly, the remnants of eugenics didn't die with Max Schmeling. They live on to this day in the slogans and intentions of Planned Parenthood and their ilk.

Today, Planned Parenthood argues in favor of abortion under the specious logic that barring abortions would create a terrible industry of "back-alley abortions," which are so terrible that we must tolerate 35 million unborn children to be slaughtered to avoid such a situation. Unfortunately, their founder disagrees, and thought that back-alley abortions were a suitable alternative to the disgraceful state of motherhood.

They need to explain her remarks of 1937, when she advocated "good breeding" through sterilization. "It makes possible the creation of a new race," she said. "A new generation brought into this world consciously conceived. It makes possible the breeding out of human weeds... [and] the breeding in of clean, strong, and fit instruments to carry on the torch of human destiny." If that doesn't summarize eugenics, I don't know what does.

Planned Parenthood also claims that Sanger had no intentions of targeting specific ethnic groups. She favored birth control to benefit women, not to curb the population growth of any particular race. Oh, really? Well please explain her presence at a 1926 rally of the KKK. And what about the articles that she penned for her own publication "The Birth Control Review" entitled "The Eugenic Value of Birth Control" and "Birth Control and Racial Betterment?" Explain her remarks that Aboriginal Australians were "just a step higher than the chimpanzee in brain development," and complaints of Jews and Italians filling up insane asylums and feeble-minded institutions.

Planned Parenthood must also explain why she favored the sterilization laws that forcibly made 60,000 Americans incapable of reproduction in the earlier half of the 20th century. More than half of the states passed such laws, and in all cases, minorities were disproportionately represented among those sterilized. Among states with sterilization laws were five segregated southern states, with Virginia leading the nation.

Sadly, the remnants of eugenics didn't die with Max Schmeling. They live on to this day in the slogans and intentions of Planned Parenthood and their ilk. "Every child a wanted child," they say. Children shouldn't have to grow up poor, they argue. They contend that abortion is the logical decision when a child is to be born handicapped or deformed, and nearly half of all abortions are performed on black or Hispanic mothers. Hitler's dream lives on to this day.

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A super-snobby sweet sixteen

Katelyn Harding

I can remember my 16th birthday party very well. It was a surprise, involving what I thought to be a routine trip to my best friend's house to hang out. When I arrived, all my friends were there to help me celebrate being old enough to drive a car with one of my parent's in the passenger seat. I might seem like I am downplaying the night, but the effort that went into it, and the people that were there were in their own ways, tremendous.

Since then, I have come to the realization that sweet sixteen birthday parties aren't so sweet anymore.

While watching TV the other day, flipping through channels aimlessly, I had the unfortunate luck to come across a new television show on MTV titled my "Super Sweet 16." The title of the show should be changed to "My Stuck-Up Spoiled 16." (By the way, I thought MTV stood for "Music Television," but that is another story.) The element that compelled me to not change the channel was the outright selfish, arrogant teenager it showcased. I fell victim, and endured this program for 30 shake-my-head-in-disgust minutes.

In the days leading up to her "Super Sweet" 16, the belle of the ball, Ava, suffered many terrible, frustrating events. While in Paris, buying two dresses for her party, she became agitated because some of the stores were not open. I personally get very upset when my mother takes me shopping in Paris and this happens. Oh wait, this has never happened to me before — Shopping in Paris, that is.

Another exasperating event happened on the day of her birthday. Her parents told her she is not going to get the present they promised her, which is a brand new car, because they haven't liked her attitude towards them lately. Maybe if they didn't treat her like a spoiled brat she wouldn't act like one. Naturally, the tears started to flow at the audacity of her parents preventing her from getting something she wants.

Not wanting to bore you with more offensive details about this young girl, I will get to my point. Has our society become so material-obsessed that we continually expect bigger and better? At certain points during this program, my jaw literally dropped open in reaction to how spoiled this girl was. People like Ava are adding to the decay of our society. It makes me nervous for future generations: kids are going to become greedier and their thirst for material belongings will be hard to satiate.

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There is a quote by The Who, which I think relates to over-privileged Ava: "I was born with a plastic spoon in my mouth." This is mocking the quote, "I was born with a silver spoon in my mouth," suggesting that people born with these "so-called" spoons are born into a life surrounded by material wealth. The Who are mocking this idea by saying that being born with plastic spoons, they actually had to work to get where they are. They were not born into greatness, they worked at succeeding.

Girls like Ava, who are born with the silver spoon, should take a step back and realize how lucky they are to be in their situation. Not having to worry about basically anything because Mommy and Daddy will be there, at least financially, to save them. Later on in the program, Ava's tears are dried when she finally got her brand new Range Rover, under the condition that she shows more respect for her parents. It's interesting how she needs to be told this, and that it is not a natural inclination that she feels.

After watching My Super Stuck-Up Spoiled 16, I was left with one last thought. If her parents were willing to lavish upon her such a presentation for turning 16, what is this egotistical girl going to expect for an occasion far more momentous, say, her wedding? I pray for her husband. God Bless him.

Thinking back to my 16th birthday party, it makes me remember with a smile how all my friends had gotten together because they cared about me. Not because I gave them a flashy invitation, promising them the best time of their lives if they came to my really cool party. It was a party that consisted of great friends resulting in great times. I am sad to say that probably most of the people attending Ava's party hardly even knew her; they liked having an excuse to go buy an expensive dress or suit, so that they could be considered cool. Her family, and I'm assuming good friends, were there, but her party lacked the backbone of something that should be essential to everyone: genuine love and affection for the people around you.

I feel bad for Ava, because through her fancy centerpieces and too expensive dresses is a girl that you can only take at face value. Underneath her posh exterior is emptiness, she lacks the capacity to realize how lucky she is.

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A few simple acts of kindness

Mike Anmuth

This time of year is cold, so we're all bundled up in our hats and scarves and heavy coats and other winter apparel. Since we are dressed this way, it's reasonable that we keep our eyes downcast when other people walk by on campus, to avoid freezing our faces. We can hardly see someone's expression when they are hidden by several layers of clothing. Still, this phenomenon only works for the winter, so why do we keep our eyes downcast and lack to acknowledge people even when it's warm outside?

Not just a Massachusetts thing and not just A UMass thing, people all over tend to ignore other people if they are not acquainted with them. I cannot tell you how many colleges that I have toured, located in this area and everywhere else, where people wouldn't give me the time of day. It's not a location thing, we aren't any better or worse than any other college campus in terms of acknowledgment of other people; it's a universal issue that should be addressed.

Mahatma Gandhi said, "Be the change you want to see in the world." It is this reasoning that we should all be more friendly to one-another, that by starting small, we can "be the change" that we want to see both in ourselves and in our environment. If we each are a little friendlier to our fellow person, then the world will inherently become a much friendlier place. By being "the change," we can simply keep our eyes up and bright instead of downcast and avoiding, and while it is a small step, it is certainly an essential one.

Obviously, this does not work for every situation. Clearly, there is no truth that I could issue about this subject that is universal. Sometimes we stare down because we are rushing to get somewhere or it is cold outside, or we are uncomfortable. It's the last issue which ties directly into acknowledgment of other people, and when we are comfortable, we are more likely to enjoy ourselves and be outwardly enjoyable to others who we may not know. After all, how many times have you seen someone who looked like they were enjoying themselves around campus, in any number of facilities? To make our campus a little bit warmer, acknowledgment of our peers is one way to accomplish the goal.

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Though I feel like I'm writing an advice column for kindergarteners, it really is just as simple as a hello. It really can be accomplished by giving a nod or a smile to someone you don't know while wandering around this place. With some 18,000 undergrads, I imagine it might be difficult to know them all personally, so we come in contact with those people who might be potential friends each and every day. The simple act of kindness could be the bright spot in someone's day, or simply an idea that people aren't too focused on where they are going that they cannot stop. Put in the easiest terms, its quick, its easy and it can make an impact.

Obviously you're thinking that this column is very happy-go-lucky and my eternal optimism for greeting people is ignoring the fact that some people probably don't want to be greeted, some people probably don't want to be greeters, and some people really don't care about anyone else. I understand these things, and I can empathize with them at times, but this canipus has been so open to me that I think we are underestimating the student population if we think that we cannot be friendly and receive friendliness in return. Perhaps acknowledgment will not get you a million new friends, but it might, and even if it doesn't, it might make you feel better about yourself in the process.

I won't lie to you, not every day is sunshine and roses, nor should it be. Its winter, its cold, and people are dressed heavily, so even nodding might be difficult. However, the rest of the snow will be melting soon and the sun will be shining, and along with the change in weather should be a change in dealing with random people with whom you come into contact on this campus. Greet others, nod, acknowledge, and if you see me around, let me know how it's working for you — and tell me with a smile.

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Stephen Kellogg comes home

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If Stephen Kellogg seems at home tomorrow night when he takes the stage of the Iron Horse Music Hall in Northampton, it will be with good reason. The Northampton resident, and former UMass student, will make a stop at the cramped venue on his latest tour, supporting his first major label album, the self-titled "Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers."

'Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers'
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Northampton
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It is not simply the fact that Kellogg calls the Pioneer Valley his home base that makes him seems at ease on the stage of the Iron Horse; Kellogg's showmanship and uninhibited talent guarantee the performer will appear at ease on pretty much any stage he and his band mates play.

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It's not a Cinderella story by any stretch of the imagination. This is not the tale of a triumphant underdog. It is not beyond reason, or really even surprising, that Kellogg and his band, keys player Keith Karlson and percussionist Brian Factor, are starting to garner national attention. Anyone familiar with Kellogg's sound knows the singer/songwriter is on to something special.

With the onslaught of homogenous rock bands and the rising population of acoustic guitar guys with cool hair invading the airwaves, Kellogg and the Sixers offer up something slightly different. In truth, trying to place The Sixers into any one genre proves to be no easy feat.

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UMass grad rocks on major-label debut

By Meghan Healy
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About a year and a half ago, Stephen Kellogg took to the studio with his longtime friends/ sometimes bandmates Brian Factor and Keith Karlson to record his fourth full-length album. For some years he had been playing music to modest but loyal audiences in Massachusetts and beyond, releasing his discs independently. Yet, by the time Kellogg finished recording the album that would become "Bulletproof Heart" he was anything but independent. Somewhere in the weeks of recording, somewhere amidst the album's rock inspired pop melodies, Stephen Kellogg the solo artist ceased to exist and Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers were born.

Under the name Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers, the trio released "Bulletproof Heart" in February of 2004. In the months that followed they toured the country, built a following even stronger than the only Kellogg had already earned himself and cemented their identity as a full-fledged band. The change in name was no slight alteration; in this time the three musicians truly became a band.

They headed back to the studio in the fall of 2004 with a new label (Foundations) and a musical chemistry in its prime. The resulting album, the self-titled "Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers," released Feb. 15, is the group's sophomore effort, but the sound is that of a band much older. With seven new tracks and four re-

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One-hit wonders that mattered



The Mix Tape
Matt O'Rourke

This mixtape features what I consider to be some of the most memorable one-hit wonders of the past 15 years. Hopefully you'll find yourself reminiscing about the tracks and where you were in your life.

"Breakfast at Tiffany's" – Deep Blue Something (4:16)

Deep Blue Something remind us all with "Breakfast at Tiffany's" that all a relationship needs is one good thing to get it started. The combination of electric guitar with acoustic isn't always smooth, yet the band manages to pull it off wonderfully. Harmony is a big part of why "Breakfast" was such a success, and an Irish accent never hurt anyone either.
(Interscope, 1995)

"Tubthumper" – Chumbawumba (3:23)

Regardless of whether this song made you want to get up on your feet and sing along, or get up and hit someone, you have to admire the brilliance of a simple message. There seems fantastic success in the music world with large groups of singing people, throughout all generations, and it worked here too. A true feel-good song, the tune may prove familiar to sports fans- this track has the same kind of reaching affect as the "Hey Song" does at hockey games.
(Universal, 1997)

"I'll Be" – Edwin McCain (4:25)

Considered by many fans of popular music to be the ideal prom song, "I'll Be" is the romantic blast from the past. This ballad is an almost sure way to swoon your loved one, and many couples share this track as "their song". The lyrics are catchy, and you may not need know all the lyrics to the separate verses, but "I'll be your crying shoulder...I'll be the greatest fan of your life" is sure to remain in your head.
(Atlantic, 1997)

"Flagpole Sitta" – Harvey Danger (3:38)

The ultimate antithesis to "I'll Be", or one of the best teenage-angst tracks, "Flagpole Sitta" is bright while remaining negative. One of the best new-punk songs to have come out, it's a guaranteed way to forget your worries. It might be ironic that the chorus is just as catchy as "I'll Be," as listeners will find themselves shouting along to "I'm not sick but I'm not well." A great track to be blasting when you're mad at life, your parents, or if you just feel like dancing around.
(Slash Records, 1998)

"Wherever You Will Go"- The Calling (3:28)

Although they may yet have another hit song, The Calling hit pop radio like a tidal wave four years ago, flooding the airwaves with "Wherever You Will Go." A song about unconditional love, the opening 30 seconds builds with acoustic plucking, and a growing wall of sound from the rest of the band. Simply crafted, with a common theme in music, "Wherever You Will Go" will bring most listeners back to their high school days.
(RCA, 2001)

"Save Tonight" – Eagle-Eye Cherry (3:56)

Eagle-Eye Cherry popped up on music charts without warning, and was suddenly on every music station imaginable. He managed to pack a lot of sound and musical elements into roughly four minutes of music. From the well-written pop lyrics, guitar solo, and slight drum feature, Eagle-Eye Cherry painted a scene in the listeners mind, while providing enough musical depth for the harshest of music critics.
(Sony, 1998)

"Closing Time" – Semisonic (4:33)

It may be cliché to say "save the best for last", however its true in the case of Semisonic. Dan Wilson, the lead singer, composed a song with powerful pop lyrics with layers of music. The song begins with a simple guitar and piano duo, and erupts into a ballad that even after listening to it, never quite gets old. Unfortunately, Semisonic wasn't recognized for the brilliance of the rest of "Feeling Strangely Fine", but that seems to be the case for so much wonderful music today. Well placed drum fills, a powerful-yet-not-overdone guitar solo, electronic orchestration, and a brilliant metaphor creates one of the best one-hit wonders of all time.
(MCA, 1998)

Total Running Time - 27:48

Philly artists leave their imprints on the textile world

By Ellis Lotozo
Knight Ridder Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA — In Galbraith & Paul's big window-lined studio in Manayunk, Pa., five artisans work their way along spans of fabric stretched onto tables eight yards long.

They dab textile paint onto carved blocks, carefully position the blocks on the cloth, and press down.

Dab. position. press. Dab, position, press. On they go methodically, until a swath of fabric with designer Liz Galbraith's whimsical "Donuts" or elegant "Ivy Paisley" pattern appears.

"It's like a gigantic rubber stamp," Galbraith says of her method of hand-block printing.

Galbraith, who carves her patterns into dense foam glued to Plexiglas instead of traditional wood blocks, is the only textile designer in the United States producing a large-scale commercial line of fabrics using the ancient technique of hand-blocking. And her efforts have won influential fans in the design world.

"Liz is a tremendous colorist, and the natural quality of the hand-printing just adds so much character to the fabric," says Erik Hughes, co-owner of De Sousa Hughes, a San Francisco showroom and interior-design firm that distributes Galbraith & Paul fabrics to the trade.

"We've got projects with them literally all over the world," Hughes says.

The company, which Galbraith runs with her husband, Ephraim Paul, has seen its custom-printed fabrics, in Galbraith's signature tones of grayed greens and blues, subtle burnt oranges, and muted berry shades, snapped up by interior designers and used for upholstery and drapery in luxury resorts in Costa Rica, the Caribbean and Mexico.

Lighting fixtures and shades produced from the fabric can be found in Starbucks stores, Wolfgang Puck's chain of California Pizza Kitchen restaurants, and in the high-end health-club chain Equinox.

"Pretty much every project I do features a little bit of Galbraith & Paul," says Jay Jeffers, an interior designer with studios in Los Angeles and San Francisco. An apartment makeover by Jeffers that used the textiles as a focal point earned a spread in House Beautiful last year.

"There is just nothing out there that is as transitional," he says. "I can use it in a traditional room or in a modern one."

That's because Galbraith's aesthetic is tough to pigeonhole, with designs ranging from the retro-looking fruit slices of her "Citrus" pattern to the elegantly modern etched lines of "Birch" to the demure sprigs of "Smokebush."

"I like things that kind of bridge the gap between different styles," she says.

Galbraith's work has been likened to the punchy designs of the Finnish company Marimekko, with touches of Arts and Crafts Movement visionary William Morris (famed for his nature-inspired wallpaper designs), and a dash of Fortuny, the legendary Spanish-born artist whose Venice atelier devised new ways of dycing and printing fabrics in the early 1900s.

She acknowledges those influences. "I like simple, bold patterns," she says. "And I love William Morris for the quality of the hand in his work. He prized the process. He was anti-industrial. And Fortuny was process-oriented, too."

A brand-new venture is a line of hand-tufted wool rugs that use Galbraith's patterns. Just introduced on the West Coast, the rug line, which is being produced in Asia, came about after the couple discovered that some of their designs were being knocked off by a rug manufacturer.

They sued for copyright infringement and won. "So we decided to invest the money in our own rug production," says Paul, 42, who handles the business end of Galbraith & Paul.

Galbraith, 43, started out as a painter. "But the painting never felt like the right fit," she says. It was too abstract, she says, for a girl whose mother taught her to sew, quilt and braid rugs.

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Kellogg focused on live performances

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If you want an idea of what you're in for, just take a look at Kellogg's personal top five favorite albums: "Fleetwood Mac, 'Rumors'; Counting Crows, 'August and everything After'; Rolling Stones, 'Exile on Main Street'; Cat Stevens, 'Tea for the Tillerman' and Guns and Roses, "Appetite for Destruction"" he rattles off with no hesitation. It seems that elements of each of these artists make their way into the Sixers' sound.

Nowhere is this concoction of variant styles more evident than in the trio's self-titled major label debut, released just over a week ago. "Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers" is 11 tracks of pure musical contradiction — mellow and frenetic all at once.

"We started recording in mid-July," says Kellogg, via cell phone as he makes his way from the depth of Pennsylvania to DC. "All in all, it took about six weeks to finish up."

The disc marks the second album for Kellogg as a member of a band. The threesome had recorded "Bulletproof Heart" in the fall of 2003. This time around though, "the big difference is that the last album we made kind of bought us together as a band. ['Bulletproof Heart'] made us a band," says Kellogg. "This time it was a more unified vision."

The setting for recording also changed this time around. The Sixers left the serenity of the Commonwealth and headed to Manhattan to record with producer Andy Zulla.

"A lot of people go out to the country and rent a house to record ... For us, living in Western Massachusetts, we needed the opposite," says Kellogg. "We were looking for a different sort of stimulation. I think it added some intensity to the recordings."

The addition of Zulla, best known for his work with Jessica Simpson and Rod Stewart, to the Sixers team was also a welcomed change by Kellogg.

"My good friend Rich Price made a record with [Zulla] and I thought it was a great record," he says. Price introduced Kellogg to the producer at a show shortly before he was due to start recording. According to Kellogg, the partnership was an ideal match for both Zulla and the Sixers. Zulla, he says, was looking to diverge from his pop origins and work with some more rock oriented groups. Kellogg's melodi driven, lyrically powered rock sound seemed the perfect fit.

On the band's end, Zulla's vigor was exactly what they needed. "We were looking for a producer who was more sonic," said Kellogg. "I always thought our records were an accurate documentation of our songs but not their energy. We wanted a producer with a more sonic energy to bring some of that back."

The album Zulla and the Sixers created marks Kellogg's entrance into the mainstream music scene. For an independent artist who has spent the better part of his post-collegiate years stuffed in a van, driving around the country, trying to make a name for himself, a record deal with a major label is huge, right?

"I feel like a lot of stuff comes when you're least expecting it," says Kellogg with a perfect blend of sincerity and humbleness. "[After 'Bulletproof Heart'], we settled in and realized 'if we keep working very hard we could be a really good band.' Our manager kept saying certain [representatives from labels] were coming to the shows, but I kinda stopped caring about that."

Kellogg had, in the time following the Sixers' first release, shifted his focus slightly. "I was just trying to make the shows as good as possible," he says. "I won't say I'd given up because I wasn't sad about it. I just decided I didn't care about being famous or embraced by critics."

As luck would have it, this attitude, won over quite a few record labels and soon Kellogg found himself meeting with their representatives. Many of the execs that Kellogg met with didn't seem to share the same vision for the band as he did. It was a meeting with Universal Records that led the Sixers to sign with the company's grassroots off-shoot, Foundations Records.

For now, Stephen Kellogg seems unconcerned with his rapidly rising stardom. "I don't want to sound un-ambitious," Kellogg says, "but I think we are growing artistically... of course like any business you want to do better to pay your rent and make a living, so you want to grow as a business."

Yet beyond his desire to continue making a living off of his music, Kellogg doesn't worry much about traditional, mainstream success. "It's too overwhelming to think 'I am going to be disappointed if I haven't done this' in 'this' amount of time.' That doesn't seem healthy to me."

Kellogg instead is focusing on having fun playing with Karlson and Factor. "The band has been totally based upon friendships more than music," he says. "I was playing solo and realized that wasn't what I'd dreamt of doing as a little kid. I met Keith and we hit it off ... then I got an email from [Brian Factor] who I'd met at UMass ... Everything worked out in a random cool way."

"When you spend that much time with people you really want to like them," Kellogg says. As a band, and as friends, we make sure we're putting what's important first," says Kellogg.

"Hopefully, I'll have a long life ahead of me and I'm sure we'll all do different things," says Kellogg. "Right now, I am just thankful for each week we are together ... Being in a band with people you care about is really a cool thing."

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Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers will take the Iron Horse stage tomorrow night. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the Virginia Coalition will open the show at 7 p.m. Tickets are $15 in advance and $18 at the door. The Sixers will also appear at For the Record in Amherst tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

New label for 'Sixers'

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recorded tunes, "Stephen Kellogg..." is the perfect blend of Kellogg's sincere and stirring lyrics, Karlson's soulful keys and Factor's solid percussion.

The disc starts off with "Flower in Rain," a new track that does a good job of introducing the listener to what the Sixers are all about: strong vocals, sincere lyrics and melodies that fall somewhere in between pop and rock. Kellogg's voice blends effortlessly with Karlson's keys and yet his vocals somehow stand apart from the band backing them. The song, like the whole of "Stephen Kellogg," is not quite rock, not exactly pop, not really country. The Sixers seem to have mastered the art of borrowing from every genre.

An effortless transition leads into "You've Changed," more on the rock side of this super-sized niche Kellogg and Co. have carved out for themselves. "I walked into my honesty and I saw it to be false/ like an early indication of a failing protocol," laments the frontman over the backdrop a faded electric guitar and tinny drums.

By the time listener's reaches track four, "My Sweet Charade," the urge to compare Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers to anyone from Matchbox 20 to Willie Nelson will be prevalent, but hold off. "Charade" is one of the most simplistic tracks on the album, and thus the most compelling. "Maybe it's love," Kellogg sings of a one-night stand, "how would I know? Every time I get close to it, I let it go." A guy with a fear of commitment is nothing new, yet somehow Kellogg seems to state it with the simplicity and ironic sincerity that only he can pull off.

Tracks like "Blue Jean," "Anthem of Our Discovery," "Vegas" and "Start the Day Early" are the best places to hear the Sixers-sound in full force. Each edged with its own rock inspiration, these tracks reaffirm what Kellogg realized a year and a half ago; these guys have an undeniable chemistry. The tunes may have gone unnoticed had they appeared on a Kellogg solo album, but — given the Sixers treatment — these tracks make for some of the disc's more exciting moments.

If The Sixers' chemistry is best shown on their rock tracks, it is the slower tunes that showcase Kellogg's immense talent. On "Keep Me in You Thoughts" the songwriter's voice is lined with the perfect amount of pain and wistfulness to move any listener.

"Such a Way," a Kellogg classic, is reborn here as something more than just ballad. With Karlson's soulful piano singing melody and Factor's skillfully understated drumming, "Such a Way" is with out question the strongest track on the album. It is on this track that the "earnest, not-so-rock 'n roll rock star" image is realized.

Kellogg's vocals are at their best on this track, saying more with each line than the simplistic lyrics would seem to allow. "I met this girl named Liz in a bar just south of here/ She moved to New York City so that she could disappear," Kellogg recalls with the pained nostalgia of an artist 20 years his senior. "She moves in such a way that people fall in love with her, every single day."

The 11 tracks on the Sixers' self-titled album aren't easily confined to anyone description. A little bit country, a little bit rock 'n roll, a little bit hair metal, a little bit Joan Baez — Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers are a band with somewhat of an identity crisis ... and we wouldn't want them any other way.

Artist uses ancient technique

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"What I did all my life was make things," she says. "That's what I liked."

High school sweethearts back home in Winnetka, Ill., the couple decided to move to Philadelphia after college (Galbraith at Washington University, Paul at Yale). The choice Galbraith says, was arbitrary. They wanted to be on the East Coast and near New York, without New York's crowds and high cost of living. "And Ephraim's grandmother was living here at the time," she says.

She dabbled in painting and waited on tables; he was an aspiring writer who taught English and did graduate work. Then, in 1986, Galbraith rented a studio in Old City previously occupied by artist Isamu Noguchi, who had used the space while he worked on "A Bolt of Lightning," the sculpture that sits at the base of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge.

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Memorial Services for David Graham Du Bois will be held at 2:00 PM, Sunday, February 27, 2005 at the Campus Center Auditorium on the campus of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

David Graham Du Bois, a retired professor, journalist, and a writer who devoted much of his life to preserving the legacy of his stepfather---scholar and black liberationist W.E.B. Du Bois—died January 28 at a Northampton, Mass., hospital. He was 79 and had emphysema.

A longtime visiting professor of Afro-American studies and journalism at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, Du Bois was instrumental in persuading the University to rename its main library for his stepfather, a Massachusetts native who died in his adopted country of Ghana in 1963 when he was 95.

The library is the largest repository of the papers and writings of the civil rights pioneer, who helped found the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in 1909 and edited its journal, Crisis.

Du Bois also established the W.E.B. Du Bois Foundation and dedicated his later years to advancing his stepfathers's dream of an encyclopedia of African history written largely by African scholars. Three of the projected 20 volumes of the Encyclopedia Africana: Dictionary of African Biography had been published since 1977.

David Du Bois attended Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Ohio and served as an officer in the armed forces during World War II before earning a bachelor's degree in sociology from Hunter College in New York City in 1950. He earned a master's degree in history from New York University in 1956. He later studied Chinese for a year at Beijing University.

From China, he took a steamer to Egypt and spent the 1960's and early 1970's in Cairo working as a journalist. "I fell in love with Egypt," he once told the Boston Globe. "I got (there) and discovered that everybody looked like me, and I looked like everybody else.



I was accepted as a human being without any reference to the color of my skin. It was an overwhelming experience. I found myself invisible."

Covering such stories as the construction of the Aswan High Dam, he considered his Cairo period "the most fascinating" time of his life.

He was an editor and reporter for the Arab Observer, the Middle East News and Features Agency, and the Egyptian Gazette. He also was an announcer and writer for Radio Cairo and lectured on American literature at Cairo University.

In 1972, Du Bois returned to the United States and took a teaching position at UC Berkley. He also joined the Black Panther Party and for four years he was its official spokesman and editor of its weekly newspaper.

Critical of the militancy that marked the Panthers' early history, he was a witness to its later forays into mainstream politics, such as Bobby Seale's unsuccessful run for Oakland Mayor.

During this time, Du Bois wrote a novel about African American expatriates during the 1960s called "And Bid Him Sing," which was published in 1975 by Ramparts Press.

He became custodian of his stepfather's legacy after his mother's death in 1977. He was on the board of the Du Bois Memorial Center for Pan-African Culture in Accra, Ghana, which holds some of his stepfather' papers, and became a Ghanaian citizen.

He taught at the University of Massachusetts from 1983-2001, when he retired.

He spent his last years trying to build support for the encyclopedia project, which he believed would correct "the omissions, the distortions and lies that have appeared in most European-Centered scholarship on Africa."

Du Bois, who had long been divorced, had no children.

Minutewomen look strong for the 2005 softball season

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votes in both the NFCA and the ESPN.Com/USA Softball Top 25 Polls.

Here is a positional breakdown of this year's team:

PITCHERS

"It starts with pitching and it ends with pitching," Sortino said. "We have a young pitching staff having lost Kelli Arnold, a third team All-America, who didn't come back as a senior. That readjusted our pitching staff. I think the pitching staff has really stepped it up."

Senior Barb LaFogg and junior Jenna Busa will be called upon to carry the load on the mound.

"I think Barb and Jenna have stepped up formidably to the challenge and they've really increased their repertoire of what they can bring to a batter," Sortino said.

Much will be expected from LaFogg, who went 1-1 with a 3.44 ERA last season in her first year at UMass after transferring from Seton Hall.

Busa was a major contributor to the pitching staff last year, posting a 13-8 record with a 2.34 ERA. Busa turned in seven shutouts last season and tossed her first career no-hitter on March 13 against Virginia Tech.

Rounding out the pitching staff is freshman Maggie Feix. Feix is coming off a dominant high school career at North Kingstown (R.I.) High School where she went 34-17 with a 0.51 ERA.

CATCHERS

Behind the plate for the Minutewomen this year will be a familiar face in a new spot. Junior KJ Kelly will make the move from third base, but Sortino expects the transition to be effortless.

"Moving KJ was a no-brainer," Sortino said. "She's a catcher. We put her at third, so she's already been out of position. Now she's coming back to home, no pun intended."

While Sortino believes Kelly will be strong defensively, it's her offense that draws most of the attention. Kelly set a single-season record with 13 home runs last year and is within five of the of the school record of 26.

Kelly has been an All-Conference selection in each of her first two years and will be a major contributor to what should be an excellent offense.

Kelly will be backed up by freshman Sarah Hurd, who may also see time in the infield.

INFIELD

Sortino said the team returns a pretty seasoned infield, but she doesn't have a set lineup yet. The only player who is assured a starting spot is senior shortstop Hilary Puglia. Puglia was named A-10 Player of the Year last season and is strong with the bat and in the field.

"There isn't a set lineup yet," Sortino said. "Obviously, Hilary has to be in the lineup. She never has a bad practice. Everyday is like the last day as far as the way she's playing. You love to see a senior play like that. She just does a great job.

"Other than that, there's a battle at first. There's a battle for the other middle infield position because depending on who and where we play, Hilary can play either second or short. And third is deep, too."

The battle at first is between sophomores Amanda Morin and Amanda Acampora. Morin was the starter last season, but Acampora is making a push to crack the lineup this year.

Junior Kristi Stefanoni returns at second base, but she will be challenged by a handful of teammates for playing time. In the mix in the middle infield will be Hurd, freshman Stacy Cullington and sophomores Candice Molinari and Jackie Teman. Molinari is making the switch to the infield after starting 45 games in the outfield last year.

There will be a number of players looking to move into Kelly's departed spot at the hot corner. Senior Pant Sulick has the inside track on the job as she is coming off a strong season in which she saw action in 59 games. Hurd and Acampora will also compete for time at third.

OUTFIELD

The outfield lost two starters to graduation and all of the spots are up for grabs. In the fold in the outfield are Molinari, senior Denise Denis, junior Lesley Ferrara, sophomore Michea Holness and freshmen Lauren Proctor, Angela Conforti and Feix.

"The outfield is deep," Sortino said. "We've got four or five players that can potentially play out there. It depends on who's swinging the bat. We're looking for who will bring us the greatest consistency."

Senior Jasmine Edwards will also look to contribute off the bench as a pinch-hitter for the Minutewomen.

Heading into a season with lofty expectations, Sortino feels her team will be aided by great depth and an outstanding offense.

"It's nice to have this kind of dilemma when I'm making out the lineup," Sortino said of her team's depth. "It's better to have it this way than to be wondering who will hit today.

"I know some people probably think I'm maniacal in saying that this is probably one of the best offensive teams we've ever put together. We got shutout in our first game, but I know the way our players can hit the ball and how they have hit the ball over previous years. This is a very potent offense and I think people will see that in due time."

A-10 West stays tight

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

If there were any previous doubts that the Atlantic 10 West crown would come down the final game of the year, there are certainly none now.

As of yesterday, the Xavier Musketeers, Richmond Spiders and George Washington Colonials were engaged in a three-way tie for first place in the talented A-10 West division (all three hold 11-3 in-conference records), making the last three games of the 2004-2005 season that much more critical.

While GW has wrapped up its season series with both the Spiders and Musketeers (beating Richmond twice and splitting two with Xavier), tonight's game between Xavier and Richmond will likely be the straw that breaks the camel's back for the West division.

Whoever wins tonight's match up — be it the revamped inside-out game of XU's Tara Boothe or UR's deadly duo of guard Saona Chapman and forward Kate Flavin — will put itself into a tie for first with GW (18-7). The Colonials' remaining two games of the season are against LaSalle and Duquesne, two teams they crushed in the first meetings of the year and are likely to repeat that feat.

Coming into tonight's match up, the Musketeers (17-8) and the Spiders (20-5) both boast a great presence at the post with All-America candidates in the forward spot. Xavier's Boothe leads the A-10 in scoring with 19.7 per game, while Richmond's Flavin ranks second with 17.5. However, Flavin holds the advantage on the boards, ranking second behind Temple's Candice Dupree with 9.1 per game, to Boothe's 7.8 (sixth).

The X-factor in all of this will be the play of Chapman, one of the premier point guards in the conference. If the junior out of Voluntown, Ct. has another superb game like the one she had last Sunday against Massachusetts (15 points, two assists, one steal), the Spiders just might come away with this game in their pocket.

FANS HEAD TO THE 'BOOTHE' ON PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Prior to the start of the season, the Xavier forward was chosen by Street and Smith's as an Honorable Mention All-America. As the season is winding down and gearing up for next week's A-10 Tournament, it's pretty clear that she's lived up to the hype.

On the A-10 Conference's website, a recent fan poll revealed that as of yesterday, 48 percent of the 2,222 fans believe that Boothe should be named the conference's Player of the Year. Boothe will be contending for Player of the Year honors alongside Dupree, Flavin and GWU's Anna Montanana, all of whom are averaging at least 16 points and seven rebounds per game.

BECK INKS SELF INTO RECORD BOOKS

It was going to happen sooner or later.

On Feb. 17, freshman Kimberly Beck officially put herself into the record books with a seven-assist effort in a win against St. Joseph's. The seven-assist night gives Beck the all-time school record for most assists in a season by a freshman, previously marked at 122. The A-10 assist leader now has 126 on the season with two games still to play.

The effort won her A-10 Rookie of the Week honors this week for the sixth time this year, more than any other rookie in the conference.

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Minutemen renew old rivalry in important Atlantic 10 game

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Chaney issued an apology to St. Joe's and the A-10, and imposed a one-game suspension on himself, to be served Saturday. Assistant coach Dan Leibovitz, who in his ninth season at Chaney's side and is tied for the longest tenure among A-10 assistant coaches, will coach the team.

"It's definitely going to be strange to play against Temple and not see John Chaney over there," Lappas said. "I don't think they're going to change up what they do, though. They're still going to play Temple basketball and stick to what they've always done."

What they've done is consistently frustrated opponents nationwide with Chaney's patented matchup zone defense — one that packs the middle and forces teams to make shots from the perimeter. In a 61-49 loss to the Owls on Jan. 3, Lappas felt like his team got a number of good looks, but simply didn't make enough shots, something the Minutemen will need to do to be successful tomorrow.

Lappas also knows that it will be difficult to get leading scorer Rashaun Freeman involved in the game against the zone. The sophomore forward scored just eight points in the previous meeting, and was frequently frustrated with his play.

On the injury front, senior captain Anthony Anderson will play but not start after seeing 20 minutes of action against Rhode Island on Wednesday night. Junior forward Jeff Viggiano will also play despite an injured ankle, while freshman forward Lawrence Carrier will be a game-time decision after straining his hamstring and not dressing against the Rams.

NOTE: If the Minutemen win tomorrow, they will pull themselves into a tie with Temple for second place in the A-10 East with two games to play in conference. If the teams finish in a tie, the official tiebreakers are as follows: 1. Head-to-head competition 2. Division win-loss record 3. Best record against highest-seeded remaining teams in division 4. Best record against teams in opposite division (beginning with first seed and continuing, if necessary, to the sixth seed) 5. Coin flip.



Jeff Viggiano finds enough space to drive to the basket on Wednesday night against URI. UMass travels to Temple tomorrow.

UMass men's skiers look to Regionals

By Rob Greenfield
Collegian Correspondent

The Massachusetts men's skiing team will race in the 2005 ECSC Regional Final this weekend in Water Valley.

Last year, the men's team finished first in this event in a performance that left the competition stunned. Then-freshman Rush Hawkins finished first of 70 competitors in the giant slalom with two-run time of 1:53.77, and finished second of 73 competitors in the slalom (1:27.89).

The men's team is looking sharp coming into this weekend's races, placing well in the Boston College Carnival on Feb. 12 and 13 and at Mt. Sunapee and Pats Peak the next weekend.

In the Boston College Carnival at Ascutney, Vt., Hawkins won the slalom event with a two-run time of 1:46.37. Freshman Jason Small followed Hawkins in ninth place (1:50.61) with senior Kevin Collins (2:00.65) and freshman James Green (2:01.81) placing 26th and 27th, respectively.

In the giant slalom event, Small and Hawkins tied for second with identical times of 1:33.84. Senior Marc Epstein finished 18th with a two-run time of 1:37.09 while Collins (1:58.70) placed 24th. The Minutemen finished in second overall in the event.

The next weekend on Feb. 18 at Mt. Sunapee, Hawkins placed first in the giant slalom again with a two-run time of 1:58.80. Small came next in 16th (2:03.38) with Epstein (2:05.58), Collins (2:07.83) and Green (2:08.88) all finishing in the top 30.

The next day in the slalom event at Pats Peak, Hawkins won again with a two-run time of 1:26.74, followed again by Small (1:28.03).

With such solid times from the skiers going into the pressure-packed regional final, and considering the team's experience and past success, there should be little concern. But like every athletic competition, there is always room for extra preparation.

"It is an intense pressure situation," assistant coach Dave Pomeroy said. "We train this week and we try to stick to our routine — waxing, prepping skis, working all week."

The men's team won last year's regional final by a slim margin, and with little time to spare, extensive preparations must be made. In an important race like the one at Water Valley this weekend, even the skiers equipment could become the team's achilles heel if overlooked.

"Last year we won Regionals by a tenth of a second. And with that amount of time, you have to ask, did you wax your skis better than the other guy?" Pomeroy added. "It's such a small amount of time, it is crazy to think of the 'ifs' and the 'could of's' .... We spend a lot of time prepping our skis to be the fastest they can be."

Pomeroy emphasized the importance of skiing equipment by citing the extent to which the professionals take care of their skis. He said that racers not only was their skis maniacally to ensure premium performance, but that they have their own technicians for the skis, and they have people who inspect the snow molecules to judge the firmness of the snow. Like any professional sport, professional skiers race at a level unknown to most high school and college teams.

"We try to do the best we can with our budget. Ken [Thoman, the head coach] has been great keeping the skis in shape all season," Pomeroy said.

In skiing, unlike most sports, the difference between first and last could be a few seconds. From the start of the race to the finish there is nothing but pressure. One bad turn could ruin a race, that is why the players need to be capable of handling the tense conditions.

"It's so mental," Pomeroy said, "you are training all season, you are doing all of this work, and you come to a race and in that race you have runs of 60 seconds each and you are not focused, and confident, and mentally prepared, you are not going to do well."

Late-season trip for UMass to Niagara

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Kevin Jarman scored the loan goal for UMass against BU last weekend. The Minutemen will try their luck against Niagara tomorrow.

sistent effort to his team this week.

"We're playing to win, and that's a big cry of mine, that we can't afford not to play to win," he said. "We don't need to spend another week feeling bad for ourselves. We need as much as we can get at the end of the year, a reward for our effort, so we need to work toward that."

The biggest fault line in the Minutemen's two-month slide has been the offense, which has averaged just 1.4 goals in the 12 games since the start of 2005, including a pair of shutouts and only two three-goal games. As a result, practices this week have focused on strengthening the attack before the conference schedule resumes next weekend with a season-ending home-and-home series against Northeastern.

"It goes beyond tactics," Cahoon said. "We've been working on skills, a lot of shooting drills, and getting people around the net, so they understand what they need to improve on. We've been on them about it. I keep a pretty even keel with these kids, but there's always emotion and there's always intensity in that area."

NOTE: Due to the UMass-Temple basketball game, which takes place at the same time tomorrow, the WRNX hockey broadcast will be played following the live basketball broadcast. Ted Baker will fill in for Donnie Moorhouse and Brock Hines behind the microphone.



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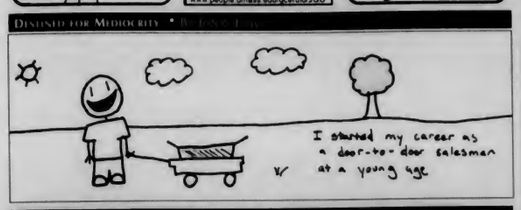
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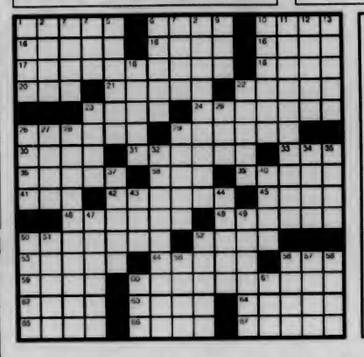


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Jordan downs UMass with a three at buzzer

BY BRENDAN HALL
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On a night when the seniors were honored and their home season came to a close, the Massachusetts women's basketball team almost pulled off the unthinkable: upset the near-perfect No. 16 Temple Owls.

Owls senior Cynthia Jordan had just seven points — all in the second half — but it was her last three that did in the Minutewomen (13-13, 6-8 Atlantic 10), as her buzzer-beating three-pointer allowed the Owls (23-3, 15-0 A-10) to escape with a 66-63 win on senior night at the Mullins Center.

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Temple now extends its winning streak to a school-record 20 games.

"I thought my team came out ready to play," coach Marnie Dacko said. "We looked at this game as an opportunity...outside of some fouls, and outside of some poor decisions on the press, we played a pretty good game of basketball."

With five seconds remaining, TU coach Dawn Staley called a timeout to set up one last play. When the teams reemerged onto the court for the inbound, forward Brooke Campbell was jumping up and down in Kameisha Hairston's face, making it difficult to get the ball into play.

Staley called another timeout, and the Owls came out this time in a different pattern. Hairston was able to get the ball off this time to Jordan, who in turn shot off the game-winner from the right wing as time expired, sealing the last-second victory and delaying UMass' hopes of securing their first winning season since 1998-99.



Katie Nelson was pulled from the starting lineup by coach Marnie Dacko last night, but she came in to score six points in the loss.

In what is now becoming almost routine, freshman Pam Rosario led all scorers on the night with 20 points to go along with three assists and two steals. But of course, Rosario would rather have the win.

"It was good to score all those points, but I'll take a win any day, no matter how many points I score," she said.

Campbell (17 points) and Tatham (10 points) also hit double figures for the Maroon and White. Dupree was Temple's high scorer with 16 to go with eight rebounds, accompanied by double-figure efforts from Hairston (14 points and a career-high nine steals) and Ari Moore (14 points, five rebounds, three steals).

In a surprising move, Dacko replaced forward Kate Mills with Idris Bailey and guard Katie Nelson with Monique Govan to start the game off. The switch worked wonders, as the Minutewomen scored the first eight points of the game to catch the Owls completely asleep.

Following an 11-3 run, the Minutewomen led TU by 10, the first time the Owls have trailed in a game since Jan. 30. The combination of Bailey, Mills and Tamara Tatham gave Dupree and company all they could handle, and UMass led by four going into the break.

When the teams reemerged, Staley switched her girls to a different kind of zone that they had used scarcely in games. The results of the switch, combined with key free throws down the stretch (17 in the second), speak for themselves.

The Minutewomen wrap up the regular season this Sunday, when they hope to maintain their first-round bye against the Rhode Island Rams (7-18, 5-9 A-10).

Minutemen set to play most crucial February game in years

BY MIKE MARZELLI
COLLEGIAN STAFF

It was once one of college basketball's most intense, entertaining and bitter rivalries, pitting the Atlantic 10's premier teams against each other twice a year in matchups that consistently carried significant postseason implications. Yet after nearly a half-decade worth of mediocrity on both ends, it has faded to little more than just another game on the conference schedule.

That will all change tomorrow, however, as the Liacouras Center in Philadelphia will play host to a crucial contest that has been long overdue: a game that will have a major impact on each team's chase for an Atlantic 10 championship and a postseason birth.

Massachusetts versus Temple, the Minutemen and the Owls, Maroon and White against Wild Cherry and Black: to the winner goes ultimate control over second place in the A-10 East. For UMass fans in the Pioneer Valley who have been longing for meaningful college hoop in February for some time now, it just wouldn't be right any other way.

Game on.

"It's definitely big for us," UMass coach Steve Lappas said. "To be able to move up to second place and control where we go for the rest of the way is exactly what we want, and we need to seize hold of the opportunity and take advantage of it.

"We know that we're getting better, and playing better as a team, and we need to continue that over into [tomorrow] to put ourselves in the best position we can."

One aspect of the rivalry that will be missing tomorrow is Owls Hall-of-Fame coach John Chaney. Chaney was involved in an incident Tuesday night in a loss to Saint Joseph's in which he inserted little-used 250-pound forward Nehemiah Ingram, whom he called his "goon," into the game for the sole purpose of roughing up Hawks players who he claimed were setting illegal screens.

Because of the incident,



UMass sophomore Art Bowers scored 18 points in the team's win over URI on Wednesday. The Minutemen will travel to Temple tomorrow.

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Morris to lead UM lacrosse to Hofstra

BY JEFF HOWE
COLLEGIAN STAFF

It snowed only three days ago, students are still walking to class with heavy winter jackets on and the first round of tests of the spring semester are just getting underway.

Of course, that can only mean one thing.

Lacrosse is back.

Perhaps the best collegiate sport that no one knows about and the fastest game on turf kicks off tomorrow for the Massachusetts men's lacrosse team when it travels down to Shuart Stadium in Hempstead, N.Y. to do battle with Hofstra at 1 p.m.

The Minutemen are ranked 15th in the country after a mediocre 7-7 season last year, and the Pride are ranked 25th in the nation following a tough 4-10 campaign in 2004.

UMass appears to be stacked and is certainly full of players who are receiving national recognition.

Four players have been named preseason All-Americans, including junior defenseman Jack Reid (first team), junior attackman Sean Morris (third team), senior midfielder Chris Doyle (honorable mention) and senior defenseman Matt Garcia (honorable mention).

Morris was also named the ECAC Preseason Offensive Player of the Year in a vote done by the league's coaches.

Reid is one of 57 players on the preseason watch list for the Tewaaratan Trophy, which is lacrosse's version of football's Heisman Trophy.

With all of the individual accolades being handed out before a ball has even been picked up, one name was left off the list.

Jeff Zywicki, a redshirt senior attackman, was a Preseason Second Team All-America selection in 2004, but he injured his back during the first half of the first game of the season last year against North Carolina. The injury caused him to miss the entire season. His 41 goals, 21 assists and 62 points all lead the Minutemen in 2003.

The Maroon and White are led by coach Greg Cannella, who is in his 11th season at the coaching helm.

UMass has a 25-25-1 all time in season openers and also leads Hofstra in the teams' all-time series, 15-13, including a win in each of the last three meetings.

Last year, UMass staved off the Pride in Amherst, 6-5. Doyle scored a pair of goals, and goalie Bill Schell, who will start in net for the fourth straight year, held Hofstra scoreless in the fourth quarter and made 13 saves through the course of the game.

Several of the Minutemen, including Cannella, will be playing near their homes in Long Island for this game. Junior Bret Caretsky and his freshman brother P.J., sophomores Mike Gongas, Efosa Guobadia, Brian Iacovina David Von Voight and freshman Brian Danvers all hail from Long Island.

Cannella's father, John, founded the lacrosse program at Lynbrook High School where Greg played and was a All-America selection.

NOTE: Make sure to check out next Friday's Collegian to see the full men's lacrosse season preview, which will highlight Massachusetts' home opener against Yale on the following day at Garber Field.

Late-season trip to Niagara

BY ANDREW MERRITT
COLLEGIAN STAFF

With two weeks to go in the 2004-05 regular season, the Massachusetts hockey team plays somewhat of a scheduling rarity this weekend.

Though non-conference games are usually played early in the season, and almost never after Valentine's Day, the Minutemen travel to Buffalo, N.Y. Saturday to play Niagara (2 p.m., WRNX-1M 100.9 tape-delay).

UMass is 11-20-2 overall (5-15-2 Hockey East) and is on a four-game losing streak. Since the start of 2005, the Minutemen have won just one game, a 3-1 decision at Merrimack on Feb. 5. Other than the victory and a 2-2 tie with Maine at home on Jan. 14, UMass has lost 10 games in 2005, with six of those losses coming at home, where the Minutemen went 10-1 before the start of the new year.



Craig MacDonald and the Minutemen will wrap up their non-conference schedule against Niagara.

Of course, those home losses have little bearing on Saturday's trip, which is the third-longest voyage the Minutemen make this year, behind Alaska to start the season and Denver on Thanksgiving.

Saturday's brief departure from the Hockey East grind means a long road trip, a non-conference foe that UMass has classically fared well against, and just one game instead of the Friday-Saturday combo that the Minutemen have played almost exclusively in 2005.

The Minutemen have won both meetings of the two teams, most recently beating the Purple Eagles 4-0 on Dec. 28, 2001 at the Mullins Center. The two teams have agreed to meet again in two years, and this year's game came mostly to fill a scheduling hole created by an off-week in the conference slate.

"It fills our schedule," UMass coach Don Cahoon said. "It's better for us as a team developing, if we have a game this weekend."

The Purple Eagles (13-16-2, 8-8-2 College Hockey America) are hardly just filler, though, and Cahoon has stressed the importance of a con-

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Sortino's crew looks stacked for new year

BY DAN DEGGAN
COLLEGIAN STAFF

The Massachusetts softball team's season is underway. The Minutewomen have played one game this season, losing 8-0 to No. 23 Texas A&M in the Kajikawa Classic at Arizona State. UMass was scheduled to take on No. 1 California and other top opponents, but rain forced most of the tournament to be cancelled.

The Minutewomen are led by coach Elaine Sortino, who is in her 26th season at the helm in Amherst. Sortino, who is 10th among active Division I coaches with 858 career victories, was inducted into the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Hall of Fame on Dec. 4. She has been named the Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year seven times in her illustrious career.

The Minutewomen continue their challenging early season schedule this weekend as they travel to Columbus, Ga. to participate in the NFCA Classic. The Minutewomen will take on Georgia and Cal State Northridge on today and Nebraska on tomorrow. Bracket play will take place tomorrow and Sunday.

Sortino consistently schedules tough non-conference opponents, and this weekend will be a big test for UMass.

"We're going to play three teams that were in the tournament last year," Sortino said. "So obviously there is no mercy (in the schedule). This is the way we normally schedule at the beginning of our season. Obviously, as an at-large selection to the NCAA Tournament a year ago, our RPI is very important in terms of maintaining a posture nationally as a program. It's going to be tough, but we look forward to it."

The Minutewomen should be up to the challenge as they are coming off a 34-17 season in which they finished first in the A-10 for the 10th consecutive year. UMass was upset in the A-10 tournament, but received an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament.

UMass returns seven starters from last year's squad and is expected to have another strong season. The Minutewomen were picked to finish first in the A-10 in a preseason poll of conference coaches. UMass is also receiving

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Jeff Zywicki will play tomorrow in his first game since injuring his back during last year's season opener against North Carolina.

Sports Weekend Web Poll

Which NBA team benefited the most from its moves before the trading deadline?

1. Boston Celtics - Antoine Walker
2. Philadelphia 76ers - Chris Webber
3. Golden State Warriors - Baron Davis
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Future medical students urged to gain experience caring for all types of people

BY DAN TERK
COLLEGIAN STAFF

Doctor Deborah Harmon Hines had one piece of advice for group of approximately 50 UMass students interested in attending the University of Massachusetts Medical School (UMMS): if you expect to succeed, medicine better be your passion.

As the Associate Vice Chancellor of School services at UMMS, as well a professor and a member of the admissions board, Hines conducts interviews with perspective students and is very well versed in what it takes to get into UMMS.

"Basically I'm an educator," Hines said. "At some point in your life you wake up and realize you have such a passion for something you can't live with out doing it."

Teaching is Hine's passion and she made it quite clear that medicine better be your passion or you will do poorly at medical school if you get in.

Hines stressed that medical schools look to for, "evidence that you have dealt with sick people you are not related too...you have no choice about who you take care of, you will take care of dirty people, smelly people, and people with all types of diseases."

Volunteer work is also a must for medical school, she said.

"Medicine is a service profession," Hines said. She related a story to the group about one applicant whose service activities for the year consisted of "walking for hunger" for three hours. This person was immediately written off. She suggested after that, students who want a shot at medical school try for two to three hours per week.

Hines said that volunteering in a hospital, nursing home or hospice is an excellent way to kill two birds with one stone, completing both your medical experience and service requirement.



Doctor Deborah Harmon Hines of the University of Massachusetts Medical School told interested medical students that they must be prepared to care for all types of patients, from dirty to diseased people.

The academic requirements probably came as no surprise to anyone. Hines spoke about "the eyeball test." If you do not have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, your application is immediately denied. Your major does not matter as long you take to required classes: a full year of biology/zoology, general chemistry, organic chemistry, and physics (a year of calculus is recommended).

Hines also noted that withdrawals and incompletes look bad if there are too many of them. If you cannot handle taking a full course load as an undergraduate, you will not survive in medical school, she said, adding that the workload "has been described as drinking water from a fire hydrant," due to the fact that the volume of work increases 100 percent.

Most of topics touched on by Hines are true for all medical schools, yet some were very specific to UMMS. First off you must be a Massachusetts resident to be accepted, meaning you must have graduated from a high school in Massachusetts or you must be a taxpaying resident for at least five years. Simply attending a college or university in the state is not enough.

The admissions process is not one sided either. Students are strongly encouraged to visit medical schools and see which ones they like, Dr. Hines compared it to buying a suit: you do not just look at the suit and buy it, you try it on to see how it fits and then decide.

The differences between medical schools are not academic; all accredited medical school in the United States and Canada are the same. The differences lie in the "culture" of the school.

Price is also a major factor in deciding what schools to apply to and in the end attend. There are four medical schools in Massachusetts: UMMS Tufts, Boston University, and Harvard. UMMS costs about $14,000 including tuition and fees. The other three are about $50,000. UMMS also will deduct two-thirds of the tuition, about $6,000, if you agree to practice medicine in Massachusetts after graduation. The average debt of a physician graduating from UMMS: $95,000; other schools: $300,000.

Another strong recommendation is that you spend some time doing something else after college and before medical school. According to Hines you need to be in tune with the real world citing the fact that the average age of the UMMS freshman class in 26.

Professionalism is key for the admissions process. Applicants will be interviewed and if they are not able to conduct themselves in a professional setting they will not be considered any further.

Hines suggested that students visit the Association of American Medical College's web site at www.AAMC.org and start looking over the American Medical College Application Service web site at www.AMCAS.org well before they actually plan to apply.

"The main message," Hines said, "is do your homework and be intentional."

Student leaders express concerns over Commission

BY BRIAN CASTRO
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As the Commission on Campus Diversity at the University of Massachusetts is about to release its report to Chancellor John V. Lombardi and UMass community, students are worried the administration won't follow up on the committee's recommendations.

"There are clear inadequacies with the administration dealing with diversity issues on this campus," said Uri Strauss, Graduate Student Senate President and Commission member.

Lombardi formed the 22-person committee in response to a sequence of events since he became Chancellor two and a half years ago.

The most notable incident is the "KKK-9" photos showing members of the Student Government Association posing next to a drawing of a student leader dressed as the grand wizard of the Ku Klux Klan.

The committee will also address minority enrollment at UMass. Currently, minority students make up 17 percent of 18,000 undergraduates.

However, there are criticisms that a commission was not needed because students already had set their demands on diversity issues.

"The fundamental problem is that students know exactly what they want and instead of meeting those demands we being put into this time consuming process (in which) the students' needs are presented into a three to five minute statement at a one time public forum," said Marisha Leiblum, a member of Take Back UMass. "We're jumping though hoops."

Another problem is the make up of the Commission.

"Many of the Commission members are part of the University administration and sit directly under the Vice Chancellor and are evaluating themselves," said Leiblum. "They are evaluating the same offices they work in."

Strauss and SGA President Eduardo Bustamante are the only student representatives on the board.

"Whoever picked the Commission did a good job about picking talented people on it, but I think there should've been more student representation," Strauss said.

Strauss said the Commission has been good at identifying areas, structure and polices in which the University is lacking in diversity issues and has make some solid recommendations.

On the Commission's recommendations, Strauss would only say that the Commission looked at admissions, policies and a broader enrollment policy, which include things like student retention and demographics.

"We considered things like minority faculty rates and retentions, the structure of the University. We got all kinds of suggestions including curriculum including support services that were restructured a few years ago," said Strauss.

Leiblum says the main problem behind the lack of diversity is that the administration has steadily cut funding for student support services that

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Carnival celebrates independence of the Dominican Republic

BY MEGAN DALEY
COLLEGIAN STAFF

More than a century after the Dominican Republic declared its independence from Haiti, about 240 Five College students gathered in the Student Union Ballroom at the University of Massachusetts to eat, dance and learn a little about Dominican history at the 12th annual "El Carnaval" hosted by Casa Dominicana.

Attending students were treated to Dominican cuisine and music. Melissa Estrella, a Smith College student and medical sciences major, who said she was attending the event "to be with my people," thought that the food was "just the way my mom cooks."

Following dinner, Jackie Santos, Casa Dominicana's treasurer, gave a short speech about Dominican independence and encouraged students to always "celebrate the day that celebrates our freedom and desire for progress."

Elvis Menendez, also a member of Casa Dominicana, gave a brief history of El Carnaval, saying that too often people "devalue history" and that to celebrate as true Dominicans, people needed to "embrace history and our culture." Menendez explained that El Carnaval has long been a celebration in Europe, but that Dominicans had made changes to it in order to distinguish themselves from the Haitians from whom they had just gained their freedom.

El Carnaval has grown through the years, for example, said Menendez, and is "no longer an event just for the people." Important figures come from all over the country to celebrate with the masses, symbolizing the Dominicans' unity. The Dominican El Carnaval is a month-long celebration culminating in a parade.

"The festivities," Menendez said, "are a mixture of African customs and European traditions."

Another thing that makes El Carnaval de la Vega, the version of the celebration unique to the Dominican Republic, different is the figures who dance in the Carnaval parade. These figures include "the chicken thief" and "the devils."

Cayena, a Dominican folklore and dance team, did a performance demonstrating similar dances that one might see at El Carnaval parades. A group of women in feathered masks and grass skirts beat drums in time with the music and were soon joined by men in the devil masks to dance through the crowd of attending students.

"Los Diablos," said Estrella, "I feel like I'm back at home."

A skit about the importance of modern Dominicans remembering their history, entitled "The Car Ride," ended the set events for the evening; the rest of the night was devoted to dancing to Dominican music and learning the salsa, merengue and bachata.

Attending students, like Seth Rowell, a civil engineering major, said that "the food is delicious and the music is good."

"It's all pretty interesting."

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State cuts spending on scholarships; Student fees rise up to 75 percent

BOSTON - The state has cut spending on grants and scholarships for college students by more than $20 million over the past five years, while enrollment increased and public colleges raised tuition and fees as much as 75 percent.

As a result, fewer needy students receive state aid, and many grants are smaller than in the past, financial aid administrators told the Boston Sunday Globe.

Spending on grants and scholarships fell 22 percent in five years, from $105 million in 2000 to $82 million this year. State support for Massachusetts' 29 public campuses, which more than 180,000 students attend, declined at a similar rate.

The five-year drop followed a period of growth in the 1990s, when spending on grants for Massachusetts students grew by $32 million, or 44 percent, from 1998 to 2000.

Gov. Mitt Romney has proposed a small increase in funding for state campuses next year, but no separate increase for financial aid. State legislative leaders predict another tight budget in 2006.

As state aid has fallen, tuition and fees have risen as campuses try to offset state budget cuts. Tuition and fees at the University of Massachusetts increased from $4,700 to $8,400 in the last five years, while state college charges grew from $3,000 to $4,600 and community colleges increased rates from $2,000 to about $3,300 per year.

The number of students systemwide at the state's public colleges grew 5 percent from 1998 to 2003, according to the state Board of Higher Education. The increase included a 12 percent rise at community colleges, which tend to serve more poor students.

"Whenever you have an increase in enrollment, you see an increase in financial need," said Clantha McCurdy, director of the state Office of Student Financial Assistance, which administers the grant programs.

State assistance, already a small portion of total financial aid to students in Massachusetts, has shrunk in proportion to other funding sources.

Across the UMass system, for example, 69 percent of all need-based aid to students was federally funded last year, while state aid declined to 12 percent of the total, down from 14 percent the previous year.

The state Board of Higher Education created a new standard for financial aid two years ago requiring the state's nine state colleges and 15 community colleges to meet the financial need of at least 85 percent of students who sought aid and met eligibility guidelines.

The new rule covers only direct costs, such as tuition, fees, and books. The rule doesn't guarantee help with the room-and-board charges, which make up roughly half the cost of college for many resident students.

Higher Education chancellor Judy Gill said the colleges have surpassed the standard, meeting 90 percent of students' direct need. UMass has met student need at similar levels in recent years.

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State aid for students at UMass has declined by 12 percent this year.

Bank of America loses customer data

BY PAUL NOWELL
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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Bank of America Corp. has lost computer data tapes containing personal information on 1.2 million federal employees, including some members of the U.S. Senate.

The lost data includes Social Security numbers and account information that could make customers of a federal government charge card program vulnerable to identity theft.

Sen. Pat Leahy, D-Vt., is among those senators whose personal information is on the missing tapes, spokeswoman Tracy Schmaler said.

"There were some senators' Visa credit card accounts involved," Schmaler said. "We don't know how many, but he was one of them."

The bank issued an apology.

"We deeply regret this unfortunate incident," said Barbara Desoer, who is in charge of technology, service and fulfillment for the Charlotte-based bank. "The privacy of customer information receives the highest priority at Bank of America, and we take our responsibilities for safeguarding it very seriously."

Leahy has been a leader of calls this week for a Senate Judiciary Committee inquiry into whether more regulation of companies that buy and sell personal data is needed.

That came after the disclosure that ChoicePoint Inc., a data warehouser, had learned that as many as 140,000 consumers may have had their personal information compromised.

"I hope this latest incident at least will bring the issue closer to home so Congress will pay better attention to the rapid erosion of privacy rights that ordinary Americans are facing as more and more of their

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Bank customers may have identity stolen

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personal and financial information is collected and sold on databases that too often have too few privacy protections," Leahy said in a statement Friday.

U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said he was told the data backup tapes were likely stolen off of a commercial plane by baggage handlers in December.

"Whether it is identity theft, terrorism, or other theft, in this new complicated world baggage handlers should have background checks and more care should be taken for who is hired for these increasingly sensitive positions," he said.

Bank spokeswoman Eloise Hale called the system of shipping backup tapes "an industry practice and a routine bank practice. As a safety precaution measure, backup tapes are stored in different locations."

She declined to give any more details about where and how the tapes are moved around the country.

The missing tapes include information on federal employees who use Bank of America "smart pay" charge cards for travel and expenses, Hale said Friday.

She said federal law enforcement officials were notified as soon as the tapes were discovered missing.

Hopeful presidential candidates see future



COURTESY PHOTO

Republican Mike Huckabee

WASHINGTON — For governors thinking about running for the White House in 2008, a formal dinner with President Bush at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. provides a glimpse of what the future could hold.

Even for those who dismiss — at least publicly — such talk.

"Presidential talk is way too speculative and way too early," said Republican Mitt Romney of Massachusetts. "Now is the time for policy and progress. Not presidential ambitions."

Presidential pageantry was to be on display Sunday night in the State Dining room as Bush and first lady Laura Bush welcome the governors, who are in town for their annual winter meetings.

Speculation already has started about the next White House race, less than four months after the election that narrowly sent Republican Bush to a second term.

"I'd be disingenuous to say, 'Oh, I don't like that kind of talk,'" said Republican Mike Huckabee of Arkansas, who awoke Sunday to find the newspaper outside his hotel room door mentioning him among possible 2008 candidates. "But I need to concentrate and focus on finishing my term as governor."

"My attitude is grow where you're planted," he said.

Pennsylvania Democrat Ed Rendell, former head of the Democratic National Committee, said he and many other governors cannot really pursue a White House bid if they want to be re-elected.

"If I went to New Hampshire, it would become an issue in my 2006 election," he said.

Other governors — Rendell singled out Democrats Bill Richardson of New Mexico, Tom Vilsack of Iowa and Mark Warner of Virginia — already are being closely examined by political donors because they either are term-limited or are so popular at home their re-election is secure.

—Associated Press

License bill may up surveillance

By Suzanne Gamboa
Associated Press



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A new license bill passed by the House may allow the government to monitor citizens through a chip hidden in their licenses.

WASHINGTON — A proposal to stop potential terrorists from getting a U.S. driver's license may turn the licenses into a national ID card or help the government track gun purchases, opponents fear.

Conservatives, civil libertarians, gun owners and others share such concerns about a House-passed bill that broadly rewrites the rules for licenses and is portrayed as an anti-terrorism tool.

They fear that licenses, like Social Security numbers, could be used for purposes well beyond their original intent.

These opponents say the measure, passed by a 261-161 vote last month and supported by the White House, even could make it possible for the government to monitor people's movements in the country through a chip in a license.

"Supporters of this don't seem to have the ability to look beyond how this system they are putting in place can change. They can't see how it can metamorphose into a national ID card," said Steve Lilienthal, director of the Free Congress Foundation Center for Privacy & Technology.

The House passed the legislation Feb. 10. Supporters promote the bill, which the Senate has yet to consider, as another way to fight terrorism.

Under the measure, states must verify they are giving licenses to U.S. citizens and legal residents. If they fail to do so, federal officers cannot accept licenses from residents of those states as proof of identity to get on an airplane or into a federal building, for example.

Lilienthal, whose think tank says it is politically and culturally conservative, asked what is there to stop the government from eventually requiring information about people's health, criminal backgrounds or gun ownership.

Larry Pratt, executive director of Springfield, Va.-based Gun Owners of America, says the bill "hands an open-ended blank check" to the government to collect information about people.

States can opt out of the requirements, but the bill would withhold money from states for driver's license improvements if they do.

The bill's sponsor, House Judiciary Committee Chairman Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., told colleagues that the minimum standards already are met by most states and are intended to prod those whose lax licensing checks are "a magnet for foreign terrorists, criminals, home grown identity thieves and illegal aliens."

The Sept. 11 commission urged Congress last year to make it harder for people to get a driver's license, noting that some of the Sept. 11 hijackers fraudulently obtained licenses that allowed them to board commercial flights.

Cultural dinner night keeps local Carribean spirit alive

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said Ednei Furtado, a sociology major.

Brenda Ramirez, a Smith College anthropology major, felt that this event was, "a great opportunity to be around and learn about Caribbean culture that is so different from the Latino culture of California, where I'm from. I've really learned a lot."

Juana Baez, the president of Casa Dominicana and a legal studies major, said that she was "just keeping the tradition going," by putting on this event.

"It's good to have a night of cultural dinner, people gathering together and learning about a culture they might not have known about," she said.

Vice-president Valerie Louis says that she feels that with this event Casa Dominicana, "has done a great job at informing the campus community about Dominican culture, while incorporating the Dominican experience with the UMass experience."

Sponsors and supporting organizers of the dance included the Office of Alana Affairs, Coca-Cola, Nelson Acosta, the Vice-chancellor of student affairs, Mario Teron, Jackie Santos, the Persian Student Association, Flava Unit, Pillon Restaurant, Phee Paradise, Chris Dixon, Lambda Alpha Upsilon, Inc. Interest Group, The Architeks, Amy Glynn and Paula Hodecker.

Comission to report tomorrow

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support minorities, such as Committee for the Collegiate Education of Black and Other Minority Students and the Bilingual Collegiate Program.

"You don't see 50 percent cuts in the sciences; you don't see cuts in Commonwealth College or athletic programs," said Leiblum.

Strauss said student support agencies are being dismantled. He anticipates that in the next month another major restructuring of student affairs will further disempower them.

According to SGA senator Pavel Payano, nearly half of Hispanics attending UMass are below 2.0 GPA.

"Before these support programs got started, that was happening among the minority population here. After that you not only had more minorities going to UMass, but they were also staying here and graduating with good grades," said Payano.

The native of Lawrence, Mass. says UMass need to aggressively recruit students from urban communities.

The concern is whether the or not the public statements that have been issued to the commission by the wider UMass community will be adequately heard. The Chancellor made a verbal commitment to follow up on any of the committee's recommendations but that commitment has not been put in writing, according to Leiblum.

"The Chancellor has made an explicit commitment to implement all the recommendations the committee makes and if he does that we're off to a very good start. I'm looking forward to a positive change," said Strauss.

"The Commission has obtained considerable information pertaining to the status of diversity efforts at the University and factors that mitigate in full inclusion of all groups," said Commission Chair Orlando Taylor in a press release. "We will now focus on analysis, conclusions, and recommendations."

The Commission's final report will be presented in a public forum tomorrow.

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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Push for democracy, but be careful not to push too far



Matthew Reid

Last Thursday, United States President George W. Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin met privately for over two hours in Slovakia. The two discussed, among other things, the state of democracy in Russia and the relationship between Washington and Moscow.

The two tried to appear as if they were old friends, smiling and waving to the media and calling each other by their first names. But watching the post-meeting press conference on television, I couldn't help but notice how tense each looked. It was clear that the relationship between two of the Great Eight superpowers was deteriorating.

Bush prodded Putin on Russia's "commitment to democracy," something he vowed to do to all world leaders in his inauguration speech last month. Some newspapers and T.V. news stations have labeled Bush the "Johnny Appleseed of democracy."

While Bush may have been right to question Putin's commitment to the almighty-democratic-way-of-doing-things, he must not let his mission of spreading democracy to all corners of the globe alienate a key G8 ally.

Putin insisted that his country was not backsliding on the subject. Russia has been democratic for well over a decade, and Putin agrees with Bush that things in Russia can never return to the way they once were.

That's all well and good, but Putin's actions would tend to disagree with his words.

For one thing, he is not exactly open to competition. One of the most important obligations of being a G8 member is to have a "commitment to multiparty democracy and openness to competitive forms of government." Meanwhile, Putin is constantly undermining and repressing his opposition, evidenced by his campaign against the privately-owned Yukos oil company, whose owner financed opposition parties.

Another area for concern is Russia's lack of a free press, also a G8 necessity. When Bush raised his concerns at the conference in Slovakia, most of the Russian reporters came to the defense of their president, claiming that the Kremlin's press corps, much like the Washington press corps, commonly criticizes Russia's government.

However, Bush argued that Russian reporters would naturally think their own country has free press. An article in the Feb. 24 New York Times pointed out that the Kremlin press pool is handpicked, comprised of men and women working for the state. They "ask" questions that will surely result in government-friendly responses, and can get their jobs taken away if their questions do not meet government standards.

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Putin wants nothing more than to see his country admitted into the World Trade Organization, much in the same way Boris Yeltsin gained post-Soviet Russia admittance into the G8 alliance in 1998. Yeltsin needed to use words like "freedom" and, of course, "democracy" in order to win over the members of the then G7 alliance. Putin must do the same, and follow WTO standards if is to achieve Russian admittance. However, he has a couple of trumping cards of his own.

As Washington Post editorials pointed out last week, Putin and Bush agree that Iran can not become a nuclear power, yet Russia is in a perfect position to undermine the United States' efforts to prevent this from happening (Russia is currently building a nuclear power plant in Iran).

Russia also sells weapons and information on how to build weapons, to neighboring rogue regimes in numerous countries. For example, they sell arms to the nation of Syria.

Russia's unique position, both politically and geographically, can go a long way if the country chooses to undermine the G8's specific goal of "respecting the sovereignty of neighboring nations."

Putin could even make things more personal with Bush. At the recent meeting, he could have very easily thrown Bush's rhetoric back in his face. Ignoring the Geneva Convention? Locking terror suspects in a Guantánamo Bay prison without a fair trial? A Justice Department that validates torture? Putin could have easily mentioned these things when he had the chance. The fact that he didn't only proves that he is willing to play the game.

This being said, it is critical for Bush to walk a thin line when dealing with Putin. While I personally would want a less hypocritical man to lead the charge in creating friendlier, healthier relations with Russia, at least Bush is doing what he needs to do. Russia cannot be allowed to leave the G8, and certainly cannot be kicked out, as Sen. John McCain suggested yesterday (as a result of the Russia/Iran nuclear weapon situation).

Holding Putin to his commitment to democracy is essential. However, Bush and his contemporaries must not force Putin's square Russian peg into a round democratic hole. Finding middle ground is the key.

Russia is set to hold the G8 summit in 2006. What happens between now and then will go a long way in determining not only the future of American/Russian relations, but the future of the free world as well.

Matthew Reid is a Collegian editor.

Praise the Numa Numa guy



Allison Edles

We've all seen it. In fact, many of us have secretly danced to it in our rooms. Yes, I'm talking about the Numa Numa song, appropriately lip-synched to by a chubby 19-year-old named Gary Brolsma from Saddle Brook, New Jersey. This video, a short clip of Brolsma lip-synching to a Romanian pop song, Dragostea Din Tei, was filmed on his web cam and promptly posted on newgrounds.com back in December of 2004. Since then, it's been a hit and has been made mention of on many national television shows, from Good Morning America to VH1's Best Week Ever.

Now, obviously this is quite embarrassing for any young individual to endure. Dancing like that is only, and I mean only, done in the privacy of your own home in front of a mirror with the door closed and locked. And now, according to a New York Times article, Brolsma is feeling angry and mortifyingly embarrassed, as is understandable, and wants no part in the recent fame that has been coming his way. This is his 15 minutes of fame and he is flat-out rejecting it.

To Brolsma I will say this, bask in the glory that comes from being a temporary celebrity! Currently, he is more popular and has been around longer than many one-hit wonders that have graced the Billboard charts. I say, use this fame and enjoy it. Paris Hilton had a sex tape come out of the internet and look at how she milked that. Now, the Numa Numa video is hardly a sex tape, but it's certainly less shameful and degrading.

This video is beneficial on many levels, more so than just for Brolsma. First of all, it has introduced a new pop song to the masses, one that is catchy and different from what American audiences have been being fed. The group that sings it, O-zone, has no doubt enjoyed the massive broadcasting that their song has been receiving. Because of Brolsma's video, their fan base has no doubt increased, and so will their album sales, if they haven't done so already.

In addition, the video provides America with another self-made American Idol, similar to William Hung. Brolsma is the epitome of what an average American can relate to: lip-synching to songs in their room while dancing: an overweight male with some free time on his hands and being very internet/computer savvy. And while William Hung actually thought he was America's next sensational pop star, Brolsma doesn't. In fact, he seems to have banked on that in actually putting his video up on the internet.

To Brolsma I will say this, bask in the glory that comes from being a temporary celebrity! ... I say, use this fame and enjoy it. Paris Hilton had a sex tape come out of the internet and look at how she milked that.

Also, at least speaking from a college student's perspective (or any person with too much work and too little time), he has given us all a reason to slow down and take a break. Admit it, it's the perfect distraction. Imagine yourself slaving over a paper that you know you should have completed yesterday, which is due bright and early the next morning. The amount of stress is mounting because of the other course work that has been neglected because of this paper.

To help relieve the stress, you go and get a drink from a vending machine, and when you come back, a friend of yours has IMed you the link to this video. You click, watch and enjoy. After you viewed the video, you view it again. You have your laugh, bookmark it and go back to writing.

The process was quick, yet enjoyable. It proved to be the perfect break from the headache that comes from schoolwork overload. It allowed you, for one moment, to completely forget about Beatrice and Benedick's relationship in Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing and realize that you need a laugh every now and then in order to keep you sane.

The fact of the matter is that yes, it's very embarrassing. But Brolsma must know and be comforted in the fact that he is not alone. Sure, the fame may be slightly unwanted in the sense that it came about from an embarrassing act that wasn't originally meant to be seen by anyone more than close friends. However, it's here now. Embrace it. Milk it for all it's worth and move on.

Also, from watching the video clip, it only portrays Brolsma in a pleasant light. Countless people who have seen it and want to meet and even possibly befriend him. A side of his personality comes through in that video clip that is usually only seen once you've known someone for a good length of time. The fact that he can just put it out there is very admirable and is a quality that will serve him well throughout the years.

So, to the Numa Numa guy, I close with this: lap it up, because it could all be gone tomorrow.

Allison Edles is a Collegian editor.

College's seven deadly sins

Duncan Devlin

I have come to a realization concerning the seven deadly sins. You know them, that list of sins that will send us straight to hell and that many movie lovers associate with Brad Pitt and Morgan Freeman. I realized one morning that the point of creating the seven deadly sins was so that any college student can commit himself or herself to hell before even getting out of bed in the morning. Let me show you.

Sloth

Laziness. Have you ever woken up and thought to yourself, "I want to go back to sleep?" If so, then you are guilty of sloth. That is right; in the eyes of the church, you are a useless tub of lard, who has nothing better to do with his time than to lay in bed thinking about not getting up. That's one step down the staircase to hell, and if you are guilty of that one, I bet you hit the snooze button. That makes you guilty of...

Greed

You set that alarm for 8:30 am, and now it is 8:39 am. You are already two steps into hell, so go ahead, hit that button again. There is no need to worry about that shower, or breakfast, or that 9:30 am class. You want all of the sleep that you can get! Hog all of the covers while you're at it, and make sure that you turn off the alarm, if you ever get up. Most likely, you will go back to sleep, grumbling about the professor... oops...

Wrath

That's right. You just expressed that you do not like having an 8:00 am class, or complained about a boring professor, or have had one negative thought (and we are capable of many of these when faced with the unavoidable task of, "getting up.") Even worse is that your roommate is lying there, and he does not have to go to class until noon. Uh oh, that makes you guilty of...

Envy

How dare you be jealous of your roommate for having later, and easier, classes than you do. How dare you be jealous of that girl down the hall who gets a check from her parents every week, who takes 12 credits, is gorgeous, and has ten thousand friends. That laptop on your friend's desk has nothing on your Apple IIe you got on loan from the museum of modern history. Oh well, you have more important things to think about today. What are you going to wear?

Vanity

If you have ever thought that you do not want to look like a vagrant, or that you would like your appearance to project anything other than humility (or carpentry), then you are guilty of vanity. Rolling around in that bed, hitting that snooze button, and hating your professor, you just thought about clothing as anything other than utilitarian. Do they wear clothes in hell? Do they eat there? I wonder what the D.C. is serving for breakfast. I bet you could go for some...

Gluttony

Does food make you happy? Have you ever had a burger and really enjoyed it? Do you eat chocolate? Well, you are a glutton. That means that you will die, or bring hell upon yourself and others, all because you were hoping that they would be serving French Toast Sticks this morning. Now, don't you wish you were raised on dog food just so you could avoid hell? So, what's left?

Lust

Two young lovers wake up in each other's arms, and they have thoughts of hugging, or kissing, or maybe even saying, "I want you." Well, these lustful deviants have sealed their fates, and I imagine that at least one of them will be lining up near hell's little guillotine before this eternity is up.

So, before you go to bed at night, remember you will damn yourself to hell just for being a college student. Enjoy your sleep, and remember to wake up immediately when that alarm cracks your restful slumber. Do not dare press the snooze button. Love your professors and your roommate, dress like a carpenter. Remember that bread and water make a nutritious breakfast, and not answering that call for a sexual proposition may destroy your love life, but it will save your soul.

Duncan Devlin is a UMass student

The Massachusetts Daily Collegian is currently accepting applications for assistant Ed/Op editor.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OUR TROOPS SUPPORT FREEDOM

COLUMNIST'S HYPOCRITICAL ACTIONS

In response to Mr. Naughton's opinion of the war in Iraq, I have to disagree with his opinion. However, guarantee of free speech is provided by the Constitution, so I must respect his ability to voice his opinion. That being said, Naughton has committed the very crime that infringes on his own ability to convey his opinions to the public when he admitted to ripping off the yellow ribbons placed on automobiles.

By doing so, he has become a hypocrite in regards to the freedom of speech. He is allowed to voice his opinion, so why can't people place yellow ribbons on their cars to voice their opinions? Mr. Naughton must respect the rights of free speech, especially since he himself has written for the Collegian on many different occasions.

What I find most amusing, however, is the fact that the Daily Collegian has a quote from Voltaire at the top of the page, yet Naughton's actions contradict that statement.

I was deployed to Iraq for 12 months. I have seen death and destruction, along with the courage of my comrades, and the friendship of the Iraqis. Once the bullets start flying overhead, once the IED's explode next to our Humvees, politics and personal opinions about the war and the administration go right out the window.

Mr. Naughton has admitted that he hasn't heard or spoken to his friend in Iraq since that soldier was deployed. I remember how scared I was the first time I went down there. However, my opinion changed as soon as I saw that I was not alone. I had the support of my very dear battle buddies throughout the war. Mr. Naughton should contact his friend and ask him how he is doing. Who knows what his friend will say? Maybe his opinion has changed.

Furthermore, many people who hang yellow ribbons have loved ones fighting in Iraq right now. Many of them hang the ribbons for lost sons, husbands, daughters, wives, brothers and sisters. The people hanging up those ribbons are merely honoring their loved ones who may have passed on. Would Mr. Naughton be so bold as to spit on a grave or coffin of a dead soldier? Because by tearing off those stickers, not only is he censoring the opinions of fellow Americans, he is slapping the faces of friends and families who have lost loved ones.

Mr. Naughton makes a lot of assumptions in his editorial, which I'll have to respect, since it is his very right to do so. So that being said, what are the first three letters in the word, assume?

Kendrick Lau
UMass student
Sgt. and war veteran of the United States Army.

NO RESPECT FOR OUR TROOPS

I read Thomas Naughton's piece in the Feb. 23 issue of the Collegian and was completely outraged and disgusted, but not surprised. The North East is a breeding ground for elitists who, for some reason, fail to step back and look at the big picture. Instead they are content to stand back and criticize situations and impose their biased views. UMass is no different.

People claim to be educated intellectuals, but day after day of sitting in class and talking to the people here, it is clear that UMass is full of ignorant, hypocritical morons. Naughton is a great example. He enjoys his first amendment right to spout off some hate-filled tirade in the paper but tries to take away others right to freedom of expression by tearing off a yellow ribbon. He says that he cannot bring himself to support the troops but he can hope his friend and families in harms way can return safely. Isn't that, in fact, supporting the troops?

I would like to find out what exactly Naughton stands for. He is against the war, but not doing anything about it except infringing upon others rights. He obviously has no respect for his fellow citizens and their views. He is cars to voice their opinions? Mr. Naughton must respect against supporting the men and women who are doing their job and protecting our nation and our rights. He is against President Bush, probably because it's the popular thing to do and that's what the media told him. Naughton talks about his friend but has made no effort to see how his friend is and to maybe brighten his friend's time in Iraq by writing to him because that would be supporting the war.

People like Naughton are exactly what are wrong with this country. He is an ignorant, close-minded person. I am proud of the service men and women who do their duty and protect our rights, the Iraqi people and us. People like Naughton, however, should be ashamed of themselves and offer an apology to all the troops and all the people who read the garbage that he penned. Be proud of our troops and all of the people who support them and God bless America!

Mark R. McNamara Jr.
UMass student

VIOLATION OF AMERICAN'S RIGHTS

I am writing this in response to Thomas Naughton's Feb. 23 column "No Yellow Ribbons Here," in which he brags about ripping off "Support the Troops" ribbons off of cars or wherever they may be. He excuses his (illegal) actions by claiming they are a way for him and his friends to alleviate the shame they feel over the war. Well Thomas, it does not surprise me that you don't support a war, which is being fought to liberate millions when you don't respect the freedoms of your own fellow citizens.

What you really should be ashamed of is not the war but yourself. Your column was an example of one freedom America holds dear, the freedom of expression. And as you sit in judgment of others, using this freedom to your own benefit, you are directly denying others theirs. I have a right to proudly display a "Support Our Troops" ribbon on my car. By ripping these magnets off and destroying private property you are infringing upon my rights.

Perhaps you think you are making a statement, but the only statement your words and actions are making to me with your immature act of rebellion is not that you should feel guilty over the war, but that you are guilty of violating the rights of others.

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RELEASING YOUR INNER MARTHA

BY ANDREA LORENZ
KANSAS CITY STAR

The craft diva is getting out of jail next week, and her new television shows start soon. We asked local craftspeople to come up with three easy projects, each costing no more than $20 at craft stores. You had your break, now it's time to get creative.



COURTESY MIKE RANDALL

Beaded Hair Ribbon

A simple way to add sass to your wardrobe is to add bead fringe to a scarf or ribbon. Karen Roark and Cindy Dahnke from Urban Arts + Crafts in Kansas City, Mo., (www.urbanart-sandcrafts.com) created a ribbon headband with beads that sway as you saunter. To get started, pick up the supplies below at a craft store. Beading needles are smaller than sewing needles, and bead string is stronger than ordinary thread. Choose the color and bead size you feel comfortable with. Dahnke suggests using smaller "seed beads," with a larger accent bead at the end of each strand. The accent beads will give the strands swingy, sassy weight.

WHAT YOU NEED:

Scissors
Red ribbon (1 1 yards long and 2[inches wide)
Sewing needle
Red thread
Waxed nylon bead string (about 3 yards)
Beading needle (size 10 to 13)
312 red seed beads
24 black accent beads
Ruler
What to do

Cut the ends of the ribbon at a slant. Hem both ends with sewing needle and thread. The hem is not necessary, but Dahnke says it hides the bead string as you add strands of beads across the ends of the ribbon.

Thread about a yard of bead string onto the bead needle. Pull needle through one side of the hem end; the knot should be hidden in the hem.

String 12 red seed beads onto the needle and pull close to the edge of the ribbon. String on one black accent bead and slide it next to the seed beads. Now, string on one more seed bead. This bead will serve as the "anchor." Do not pull it next to the others just yet.

Pull the needle back up through the beads (except the anchor bead), from the accent bead to the first seed bead, so the needle comes out at the edge of the ribbon (see photo). Pull the string tight while holding onto the anchor bead.

Make a small stitch in the ribbon right above the bead strand. Before you pull the stitch tight, knot the needle through the loop to make a slip knot to secure the strand.

Use the ruler to measure \inch along the hem from the first strand. Stick the needle horizontally through the hem to hide the thread and pull through toward the bottom of the hem at the \ inch mark. Begin stringing beads again. Continue making bead strands every \inch until you get to the end of the ribbon. You should end up with 12 strings of fringe. Make two knots above the last strand to secure the thread. Repeat process on the other end of the ribbon. Wear it like a headband with the ends tied at the nape of the neck, so beaded ends swing down the back.

Don't stop here! Add fringe to purses, coasters, napkin rings, placemats, scarves, ribbon necklaces, bookmarks, T-shirts, Capris , curtains, shawls, dresses, pillows, lampshades and anything else that would benefit from a little sass.

Fleece Blanket

Beads and knitting needles scare you? Here's a project you can try, no lessons required. Kids love making these no-sew blankets out of fleece. Give them to new parents as a baby blanket, or throw one on the sofa and snuggle. Once you start, better not put away the scissors. Mary Addadt of Addadi's Fabrics in Overland Park, Kan., warns fleece tie blankets are addictive. She shares how to get started.

WHAT YOU NEED:

2 pieces of fleece (1\ yard each for baby blanket, 11 yard for throw, 2 yards for bedspread)
Sharp scissors
Pins
Ruler
Choose two pieces of fleece in different colors or patterns. Trim the selvage (the edges).

Lay the blankets flat, one on top of the other. Pin the two sides together. If the sides don't line up, cut any excess material.

Cut 4-inch squares from the four corners. (Squares should be 3 inches for a baby blanket.) Measure and cut strips 1 inch wide and 3 to 4 inches long at each corner. Tie adjacent corner strips in a double knot to close the missing square chunks.

Cut strips that are 3 to 4 inches long and 1 inch wide around the edges of the blanket. Double knot each top strip to the strip underneath. Continue cutting and tying until all sides are complete.

If the fabric bunches up, pull slightly on the edges of the blanket to straighten them.

Felted Blanket

Make your knitting creations more modern: Try felting. Turning wool into felt is easy, as long as you have a washing machine or some quarters for the Laundromat. Plus, felting hides small mistakes in your stitches. Start with a knitted purse. Wendy Kim-Luellen, who works at Yarn Barn (www.yarnbarn-ks.com) in Lawrence, Kan., and Cindy Craig, manager of the Studio Knitting and Needlepoint (www.thestudioknc.com) in Kansas City, explain how to turn a knitted purse into a stylish fashion accessory.

WHAT YOU NEED:

A knitted purse
A washing machine
Hand dishwashing soap
What to do

1. Begin by knitting an oversized purse, longer in height than width. Because the purpose of felting is to shrink the wool, knit big with larger gauges and needles. Craig says because of the shape of the stitch, knitted items shrink more vertically than horizontally. Keep this in mind when experimenting with patterns.

2. Squirt a small amount of the dishwashing soap into the washing machine. Wash the garment in hot water in the cycle with the most agitation. If you want to keep the washing machine clean of wool fluff, use a garment bag or pillow case. Follow the hot water wash with a cold water rinse.

3. After the machine stops, take the purse out and look at two things: the stitches and the size. If you can no longer see the stitches, great, it's done. If you can still see the stitches, you might want to put it in for another cycle. First though, check the size. If you are making a garment to wear, try it on. Make sure it is big enough to withstand another round of shrinking.

4. Reshape and dry. To reshape, fill with plastic bags or apply pressure to flatten it while drying. Kim-Luellen likes to use scissors to remove the excess fuzz that gathered on the material, but she says some people like fuzz. If you like fuzz, keep the fuzz.

Don't stop here! Try felting socks, sweaters, blankets, scarves, bags, pillows. Anything you can knit, you can felt. Try knitting embellishments with synthetic novelty yarns in between the wool stitches, as shown on the purse in the photo. The synthetic fibers won't shrink as much as the wool, so the embellishments will stand out from the felt.

X-rated museum showcases controversial steamy art

By Stevenson Swanson
Chicago Tribune

NEW YORK — New York's newest museum is a discreet affair, the architectural equivalent of a plain brown wrapper.

The windows facing Fifth Avenue are opalescent to discourage peepers, and the entrance is around the corner on a side street, so museum visitors can slip in and out without attracting stares.

Tasteful lettering at knee-level reveals that behind these milk-white windows is a place devoted to the birds and bees. But this isn't a natural history museum. It's the Museum of Sex.

"Sex is wonderful, and it's here to stay," purrs a former stripper on the museum's audioguide. "I guarantee it."

Whether the Museum of Sex MoSex, as it has dubbed itself, is also here to stay is another question.

Claiming to be the first American museum devoted to the subject, MoSex is attempting to walk an almost impossibly fine line. It wants to present serious scholarship about what academics call the history of sexuality. That includes not just shifting attitudes about sex but also such related matters as prostitution, birth control, and AIDS, all of which are covered in the museum's first exhibition, which opened last month.

But the museum's narrow galleries also brim with photos and films of naked men and women in a variety of geometrically arresting postures.

"We're clearly an educational institution," said Daniel Gluck, MoSex's founder.

But, "we believe pornography is a form of popular culture, like Levi's or Coca-Cola," he added. "We want to take this material and give it its proper place."

Public opinion may be fiercely divided on what that place is, but the museum's opening exhibit leaves little room for doubt that the right location for a sex museum is New York. Called "NYC Sex: How New York City Transformed Sex in America," the exhibit recounts nearly 200 years of sex and scandal in the Big Apple, from the sensational 1836 ax murder of prostitute Helen Jewett to former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's battles to shut down porn shops in Times Square.

"We tried to show how sexual subcultures formed and how New York became Sodom on the Hudson," said Gluck, 54, a former computer entrepreneur who spent more than four years bringing MoSex to fruition.

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The Museum of Sex was responsible for much controversy in New York City recently. Located on fifth avenue, the museum has grown popular for showcasing a variety of exhibits that have a sexual theme.

Art pays tribute to sexuality

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Shortly after the completion of the Erie Canal in the 1820s made New York the major American port, the city acquired its reputation as Sin City, a place open to all sexual permutations.

One display case features an 1855 guide to New York's bordellos, intended for the city's "sporting gentlemen."

But the city has been more than a setting for the salacious. Important free-speech and women's rights struggles played out in the city's courtrooms and streets.

New York was the home not only of Margaret Sanger, who helped coin the phrase "birth control" and worked to make contraceptives more readily available, but also of her nemesis, Anthony Comstock, head of the New York Society for the Suppression of Vice, who deemed contraceptives obscene because he believed they would lead to promiscuity.

In 33 years of raiding art galleries, newsstands, and other businesses, Comstock compiled a store of obscene material that, as Loyola University Chicago historian Timothy Gilfoyle notes, probably would have been lost otherwise. Some of the items on display at MoSex are from the Comstock lode.

Still, does lust really run more rampant in New York than in other cities? What about San Francisco, home of the Summer of Love in 1967? Or Chicago, whose Everleigh Club was nationally famous as a high-class brothel at the turn of the last century? A Playboy bunny waitress outfit on display at MoSex serves as a reminder that Hugh Hefner's magazine is still published in Chicago.

New York beats them all, argues Gilfoyle, the author of a history of 19th Century prostitution in New York and a member of MoSex's academically heavy advisory board.

"It's in the nature of the city, being the center of so much population movement and the center of the media and entertainment industries, to play the role of changing the way the country thinks about sex," he said. "Examples like Margaret Sanger



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The gift shop in New York City's Museum of Sex sells many different items including the first FDA approved glow-in-the-dark condom.

Gluck's request for non-profit status, saying that his idea made a mockery of the word "museum."

MoSex, which has drawn more than 12,000 visitors since it opened, is housed in a modest five-story building on an undistinguished stretch of Fifth Avenue near Madison Square.

Even before the museum opened, the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, which sided with Giuliani in his battles over displays of art he deemed offensive at the Brooklyn Museum of Art, labeled it the "Museum of Smut," or "MoSmut."

But most of the museum's critics have charged that the exhibition is not racy enough, especially for the hefty $17 admission. "Boring," read one critique in the museum's comment book, predicting that MoSex would be "closed within the year."

Gluck understands the visitors point, but he defends the museum's decision to start with a relatively academic approach to its subject.

"We started with a historic exhibit to show what we mean by a museum of sex," he said. "In our concern not to be perceived as leaning toward the titillating or pornographic side, we erred on the other side. If that means we're not the most exciting place, so be it."

Top ten best records to hit the hip-hop world in 2004

1. "Why?" Jadakiss ft/ Anthony Hamilton

Nothing says power more than the ability to question. Why? Because Jadakiss asks all the right questions. Ranging from "the Terminator." Arnold Schwartzenegger winning the election in California, to the devastating aftermath of crack abuse, Jada leaves nothing unexposed. This is what hip-hop is about-challenging the norm and questioning its ideals. It also does not hurt to have a soulful hook.

2.Never Let Me Down Kanye West ft/ Jay-Z & J-Ivy

When Kanye made 11 to the Izzo, taking the Jackson 5 song "I want you back" and turning it into a rap anthem, Jay-Z became the king of New York. Three years later, Kanye introduced himself as a rapper, and Jay-Z was not going to let him down. The song, which features an unheard of two Jay-Z verses, rocks from beginning to end. The song never lets us down.

3. Ghetto Show Talib Kweli ft/ Common

Lyrically, Common and Talib Kweli have reached a pinnacle. Not only have they written great similes and metaphors, Jay-Z has mentioned them in the lyrics of his song titled "Moment of Clarity." Obviously, ball players and actors are not the only ones to know their lines. In this show, the two rappers create a beautiful picture of broke down palaces where "even whats bad becomes good/ status becomes stood." With a soothing beat and Anthony Hamilton's falsetto hook, "Ghetto Show" is the type of song, Jay-Z and others want to emulate.

4. Sunshine Mos Def

Critics may have had qualms with his first studio album in five years, but this song is masterful. Doctored by Kanye West with a melodic sample, Mos Def makes a song for all the "lovers, the leavers, the doubters, believers, the slayers, the quitters, rebel guerillas, the ghetto civilians." With great comparisons and use of the English language Mos Def may dabble in other genres of music, but the Black Dante can never escape the pleasures of hip-hop. Neither can we when a track like this is made.

5. Guns are Drawn The Roots

With a guitar riff, the tightest reggae band would die for, The Roots have pulled off another addictive song. The fourth track on "The Tipping Point" is a true follow up to "The Seed" for the album "Phrenology." It is lunky, and Black Thought knows exactly how to complement the beat. His verses are not mind-altering, but they are consistent, and what more can we ask for from hip-hop's greatest band.

6. Sunshine Twista ft/ Anthony Hamilton

Not only did Twista acquire 2004's Nate Dogg, he also sampled Bill Withers, and named his song "Sunshine." Reaching for a lovely song, Twista alludes to a day that Ice Cube could only dream about, when he wrote "It was a Good Day." For this track Twista slows down his rapid chatter that was made famous on "Slow Jamz." Everything may not be alright but just for today, Twista and company have found a lovely tune to complement a "loods day."

7. The Grind Date De La Soul

If you are going to be making solid hip-hop albums for fifteen years you have to work hard. And nobody on De La is slacking. In the title song of their seventh album — the first departure from their former label, Tommy Boy — the three elder spokesmen of hip hop go to work. They realize there is no time for Xbox or drug dealing, and all they want to do is reach their potential. With a playful beat, Posdnuous and Dave are able to give the track their best work.

8. Yellow Brick Road Eminem

Ever since Marshall Matthers hugged Elton John on stage, there has never been a better couple. Borrowing from his favorite gay singer, Eminem says goodbye to the yellow brick road. This is a road of racial slurs and violence. Eminem does not want to be misunderstood anymore, and also wants to repent for his sins. Even if you make not be able to take Eminem's actions seriously, you must respect his command of the English language. There is no word that he can't make rhyme, and if you doubt that, you can listen to him say it on the song.

9. Die Trying Cee-Lo Green

The horns are irresistible, the singing is exquisite, and the rapping measures up. Cee-Lo has found the perfect mixture of soul-funk and hip-hop that other rappers hoped they could one day die trying to match. Cee-Lo also identifies his insecurities, but believes he can do better. His albums may not sell well, but he will always try again, and let's hope he does.

10. American Way Nas ft/ Kelis

Hip-Hop's hottest couple shows their ability to talk about more than having sex in public, and they make one of the years' strongest political statements. Nas is angry about the state of his country, and will not let anyone accept what has happened. He attacks everybody in site, including John Kerry and Condoleezza Rice. With a great verse by his wife, Nas hopes America will listen and think about what has happened to the American way.

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UM picks up first win

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Morris scored his third goal of the game with 3:33 left to play in the first half by darting past his defender behind the net, quickly turning around and launching a 10-yard shot past Hofstra goalie Matt Southard to make it a 6-4 game heading into the half.

Zywicki scored his first goal of the new season 1:51 into the second half when Gene Tundo found him from behind the net all alone to the left side of the net to push the lead to 7-4.

Brian Iacovina added his second goal of the game just two-and-a-half minutes later when he scampered around the left side of the net before finding enough room to bounce a shot past Southard to give the Minutemen a four-goal advantage.

UMass capped off its four-goal run just a little over five minutes later when Chris Doyle intercepted a pass on the UMass side of the field and sprinted 50 yards to the cage to beat Southard for his second goal of the contest, putting the Minutemen ahead 9-4.

Hofstra made some noise by scoring two goals in a 58-second span in the fourth quarter to make it a 10-7 game, but the Pride could never make it any closer.

Zywicki put the dagger in the Hofstra hearts when he picked up a ground ball after a hectic scramble for the loose ball took a half-dozen players away from the cage, leaving Zywicki open in front of Southard to easily beat the Hofstra goalie to extend the lead to 11-7 with only 2:20 to play.

Morris added an empty-netter to cap off the day's scoring with 83 seconds to play.

"It was a really hard fought game," Cannella said. "I thought the guys persevered through a lot. We were fortunate to get up and Hofstra made a couple runs at us. It's a testament to our defense and how they played today... We're happy it was a team win, an overall win for us."

Hofstra got on the board with the first goal of the game, but UMass held its opposition scoreless over the next 15:53, while going on a 5-0 run with the help of Morris' first two goals.

The Pride answered with a three-goal run of their own to close the gap to 5-4 before UMass took control.



The Minutemen and Pride combined for 17 goals in Saturday's matchup after scoring only nine total during last season's meeting.

Minutemen manage rare win in 2005 by downing Niagra

By Andrew Merritt
Collegian Staff

When it goes into the record books for posterity, the Massachusetts hockey team's game against Niagara on Saturday will be little other than another result in another year.

Right now, though, the Minutemen will take a win, any win, and especially one that comes on the road.

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That's exactly what they got Saturday, when they beat the Purple Eagles 4-3 at Dwyer Arena in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

UMass improved to 12-20-2 with just its third road win of the season.

Niagara, which fell to 13-17-2, led by a goal midway through the game, but a pair of quick UMass tallies early in the third period provided the edge.

Tim Vitek, Stephen Werner, Zech Klann, and Marvin Degon each had goals for the Minutemen, and Degon added an assist in the team's first win in more than three weeks, a 3-1 victory over Merrimack on Feb. 5.

Degon's goal was the decisive score for the Minutemen, coming 2:55 into the third period off of assists by Kevin Jarman and Stephen Jacobs. Degon's ninth goal of the season came 1:39 after Klann opened the period with a go-ahead tally from Mark Matheson that broke a 2-2 tie.

The Minutemen earned that tie on a shorthanded goal from Werner, who scored unassisted with 1:11 to go in the period. Klann was in the box for hooking, serving one of UMass' eight penalties.

Seven of those penalties set up power plays for Niagara, which scored twice on the man advantage. That included Ryan Gale's goal 9:07 into the second period that gave the Purple Eagles a 2-1 lead, which lasted until Klann's equalizer.

Vitek got the Minutemen on the board early, scoring a goal from

Degon's feed just 38 seconds into the game. The Minutemen have scored first in 12 of their games this season, and are 6-4-2 when they do so.

The Purple Eagles retaliated midway through the first with Andrew

Lackner's game-tying goal, which came on a power play after David Leaderer was sent off for tripping. Gale then added his man-advantage goal to take the lead, before the Minutemen responded.

UMass has two more games left in its regular season schedule, both against Northeastern. The Minutemen, who at 5-15-2 in Hockey East, are in eighth place, two points behind Providence.

Though they have clinched a playoff spot, the Minutemen would have a chance to change their destination for the conference quarterfinals when they play sixth-place Northeastern. If the season were to end today, UMass would visit No. 1 UNH, though just four points separate the Wildcats from fourth-place Maine.

UMass blows lead at Temple

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up, then his two free throws after Temple's Antywane Marshall hit a three-pointer between possessions.

Freeman led all Minutemen scorers with 13 points. Freeman also grabbed seven boards in the contest, but it was not enough to spark an second-half offense against Temple's zone.

After Freeman's second free throw of the half, the wheels seemed to fall off for UMass. The Owls came down the court, set up its offense but could not find the basket. It was this possession, however, that exhibited just how proficient Temple's offensive rebound was.

Temple had eight offensive rebounds as it would go on to miss every one of its shot, including four three-pointers. The Minutemen eventually recovered the ball off Maurice Maxwell rebound, but it was clear that the Owls were in command.

"Eventually you are either going to let people keep getting rebounds or let them get lay-ups after awhile. I thought the game was a very physical game and I don't know why it was allowed to be that way."

The Minutemen would get as close as five points away before the Owls blew the doors open. Temple's Mark Tyndale received a full-court pass from Collins and dunked the ball home. In the ensuing possession Maurice Maxwell missed a three which was reeled in by Robinson.

Temple's freshman sharpshooter, DaShone Kirkendoll, received the ball off of Temple's next offensive set and drilled a three, putting the score at 45-35.

"We want to see kids that are bouncing back from a tough situation in a positive way; hustling and scrapping and I thought they did," Temple's interim coach Dan Leibovitz said.

The first half saw the Minutemen jump out to a 22-11 lead on a three-pointer by senior captain Anthony Anderson with 8:14 left in the half. Anderson had six points on the night on two threes.

The six points were the first Anderson has scored since he scored four in UMass' 63-56 loss to Fordham on Feb. 12. Lappas was pleased with the way Anderson played, but realizes that he is still recovering.

After the shot, the Maroon and White were outscored 15-3 as Temple gained its second and final lead of the game.

NOTES: Chaney was suspended for the rest of the regular season for his actions against Saint Joseph's on Feb. 22. Chaney's only other suspension came in 1994 after he threatened then-UMass coach John Calipari in a press conference. He was suspended for one game... Saturday's game was the first time all season that the entire UMass team dressed.

Softball struggles in early going

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was good. Its hard to get a sense of the defense during practices because grounding a ball indoors is a lot different than doing it outside on the ground."

In the following two games, UMass was outscored nine runs to two in the final games of the weekend, with losses to Nebraska 3-1 and South Carolina 6-1, respectively.

Against ranked Nebraska, Proctor had another impressive showing. Recording the second RBI of her career, Proctor gave the team the only point of the game. While scoring was low, hitting wasn't, with senior Pam Sulick, junior Kristi Stefanoni and sophomore Candice Molinari all singling in the second inning, but none of them were run in.

Defensively, junior Jenna Busa made her debut start in the tournament. She posted three runs, seven hits and three walks, and was able to get out of a jam in the bottom of the first inning with bases loaded.

The second game was a loss to South Carolina in which the first hit came in the top of the sixth inning by Stefanoni, which later led to the only score of the game that Molinari drove in. South Carolina pulled ahead from there, winning 6-1. LaFogg gave up five runs, eight hits and three walks in the Minutemen's third loss of the tournament.

On the final day of play, UMass led San Diego State 5-1, but due to downpours, the game was canceled and consequently, did not count.

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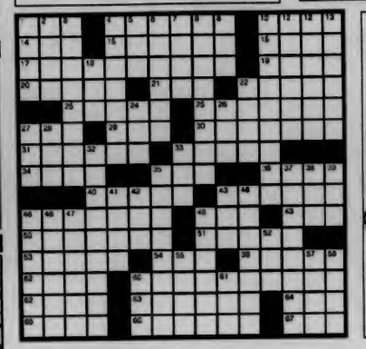
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Minutemen off on the right foot with win over Hofstra

BY JEFF HOWE
COLLEGIAN STAFF

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Following last season, a season mired by injuries and mediocrity, the Massachusetts men's lacrosse team launched its 2005 campaign with a solid effort, knocking down No. 25 Hofstra 12-7 at Shuart Stadium on Saturday.

UMass returns to action during its home opener at Garber Field against Yale this Saturday at 1 p.m.

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With a bitter taste in their mouth and a chip on their shoulder from a 7-7 record last year, the No. 15 Minutemen (1-0) wanted to start the season off with a complete, group effort to take down the rival Pride (0-1).

And that is just what happened in front of 1,170 fans who braved through stretches of snow, occasional sunlight, clouds and strong winds during the day.

The Minutemen played brutal, airtight defense all game, deflecting and altering shots so only a seldom few even made it to goalie Bill Schell, who didn't have to make a save all game due to Hofstra's limited opportunities.

"Our defense played real well," attacker Jeff Zywicki said. "We had a game plan all week, and they pretty much executed it perfectly... Our defense didn't let down. They played tough all the way through, and they played real well."

Zywicki and fellow attacker Sean Morris led the way for the Massachusetts offense that remained steady throughout the day.

Morris charged the attack with a career-high four goals, three of which came in the second quarter, and one assist to tie his career high in points.

"We knew we had to be more physical and outplay them and out scrap them," Morris said. "Fortunately, we did that. We got ground balls, and I was on the tail-end of a couple goals that kids just made good plays on so it was a great team effort, and we earned the win today."

Zywicki scored three goals and added a pair of assists in his first game since Feb. 28, 2004, in UMass' 12-7 loss to North Carolina. The redshirt senior suffered a back injury in the first half of what was the first game of the Maroon and White's season and could never make it back to the field.

"It was awesome," Zywicki said with a gleaming smile on his face. "It felt so good to come back and play. It was a rough 2004, the whole year pretty much not playing anything at all, and it just felt great to be out there with all these guys and especially to get the win."

The Minutemen clearly missed Zywicki's talent on the field last year, as he boasted a team-leading line of 41 goals and 21 assists for 62 points.

"You kind of expect that from Jeff," UMass coach Greg Cannella said. "He had his opportunities and finished them so we're happy to see that. He's an outstanding player."

In a game of goal-scoring runs, the Minutemen started their most important one with a 5-4 advantage in the second quarter.

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NOTICE: Special Collegian feature begins tomorrow

It's the trip they never thought they would make, the game they never thought they would see and a drive unlike any they've ever been on. But in the end not only are they going to do it, they're going to take you, the reader, along with them for the most grueling, ruthless and physically draining road trip in the Atlantic 10 Conference.

As the focus of a two-day Collegian Sports feature on road trips in sports, veteran men's basketball beat reporters Mike Marzelli and Bob McGovern will leave with their photographer for Dayton, Ohio at midnight tonight to cover the Minutemen in their final road game of the 2004-05 regular season; a 7 p.m. tip-off tomorrow at the University of Dayton Arena. Following the game, they will immediately return to Amherst to complete a sleep-deprived, 1,600-mile stretch of 24 driving hours within a 36-hour span.

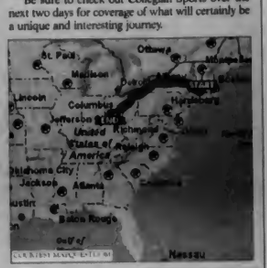
As is the case with any solid, reputable journalists, they will be armed only with the bare essentials: a laptop, a tape recorder, a notebook and pens and, of course, plenty of sports to talk about. Their assignment: to provide you, the readers of the Collegian, with a detailed, running blog of what life on the road as a collegiate sports journalist is truly like during the trip, and what goes through the mind of this campus' foremost UMass basketball experts when there is no escaping the confines of a rental car.

Call it the Collegian's own version of a true-life reality show; an entertaining, scattered, raw and hilarious account of a trip no journalist should ever have to make that will undoubtedly be nothing more than brutally real and painfully honest.

To preface coverage of the trip, the Collegian will feature a special sports section tomorrow dedicated to the road trip, including various staff members' own stories of life behind the wheel, an online reader poll to predict when you think the pair will arrive in Dayton, as well as in-depth profiles and statistics detailing Mike & Bob's illustrious careers and the intense season they've spent together covering Steve Lappas' Minutemen.

Following the game, Mike & Bob's blog, photos from the trip and account of the game will be filed directly from Ohio, and will appear in full color in the Collegian on Wednesday.

Be sure to check out Collegian Sports over the next two days for coverage of what will certainly be a unique and interesting journey.



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COURTESY UMASS MEDIA RELATIONS

Preseason All-American Sean Morris led the Maroon and White with four goals on Saturday.

UMass falls at Temple

BY BOB MCGOVERN
COLLEGIAN STAFF

PHILADELPHIA - Even without their legendary head coach, John Chaney, on the sidelines, the Temple Owls (14-11 10-4 Atlantic 10) were able to shut down the Massachusetts men's basketball team with the very zone that their missing mentor created.

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The Owls were able to survive an early offensive barrage from the Minutemen (15-10 8-6 A-10) and left the Liacouras Center with a 61-48 victory and sole possession of second place in the Atlantic 10 Eastern Division. The Minutemen have been swept by both Saint Joseph's and Temple this season, who are in first and second in the division, respectively.

The Maroon and White return to action tomorrow at 7 p.m. as it travels west to Dayton, Ohio to take on the Dayton Flyers.

The Minutemen were unable to contain the constant offensive attack from Temple's Mardy Collins, who had a game-high 25 points. Collins also had nine rebounds, three assists, and five steals on the evening.

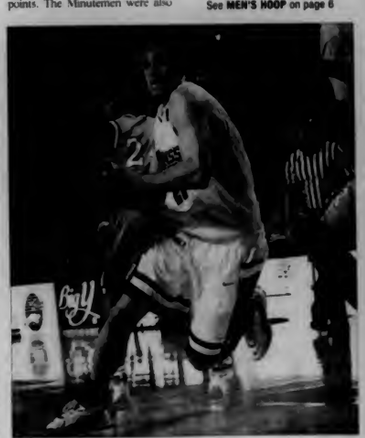
Seven of Collins' nine rebounds were on offense, a facet of the game that the Owls dominated throughout the contest. Temple out rebounded the Minutemen 45-27, including a lopsided 28-7 effort on the offensive glass.

"Pretty easy game to decipher what happened, you don't even have to look at the stat sheet." UMass coach Steve Lappas said. "Obviously the offensive rebounding was ridiculous and that's what happens."

The discrepancy in the rebounding column led to a lopsided 21-4 differential in second-chance points. The Minutemen were also outscored 18-5 on turnovers.

The Owls led 29-25 at the break, but UMass' star power forward, Rashaun Freeman, came cruising out of the gates. He scored the first points of the half on a lay-

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COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Jeff Viggiano and the Minutemen return to action tomorrow night.

Rams close out UM

BY BRENDAN HALL
COLLEGIAN STAFF

KINGSTON, R.I. - Coming into yesterday's season finale, the Massachusetts women's basketball team had thoughts of vengeance on its mind and hopes of crashing the Rhode Island Rams' party. After all, it was senior day, as well as the 30th anniversary of the URI program's birth.

While they did their best in the early on to contain freshman Safi Mojidi, the guard that torched them two weeks ago, it was the stellar play of forward Tanya Rhodes that ultimately sank the Minutewomen (13-14, 6-10 Atlantic 10), as the Rams (18-9, 6-10 A-10) cruised to a 59-53 defeat of the Maroon and White before a crowd of 2,013.

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"Mojidi was a tough one to handle, but ultimately Rhodes did us in," UMass coach Marnie Dacko said. "They [the Rams] just physically manhandled us today."



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Brooke Campbell nearly matched her career high with 13 rebounds yesterday at Rhode Island.

Rhodes had the game-high 18 points to go with seven rebounds. Aussie forward Peta Kneen also chipped in with 11, complemented by five assists and two steals.

Tamara Tatham led UMass in scoring with 17, while freshman Pam Rosanio racked up a career-high nine rebounds to go along with an 11-point day. Brooke Campbell almost matched career-high in the final regular season game of her college career, taking down 13 boards — just one shy of her career high.

With the loss, the Minutewomen will endure their sixth straight losing season, with their last winning season coming in the 1998-99 campaign. They also lose the number two seed in the A-10 East and instead drop to the No. 3 seed in the division. They will face A-10 West No. 6 seed Duquesne this Friday at 2:00 PM in the Atlantic 10 Tournament.

Although it out rebounded the Rams and were physically bigger, the Maroon and White had trouble standing tall against Tom Garrick's press defense. Even though the Rams are notorious for their press, URI made several switches in their zone defense to confuse UMass, yielding some easy baskets.

The Minutewomen had the upper hand early on and throughout a good chunk of the first half, leading by as much as five with 7:27 remaining in the half, courtesy of a handful of foul shots and some inside presence from Kate Mills and Patrycja Gulak, who made her first start at center since she was pulled from the lineup against St. Bonaventure on Feb. 6.

URI then proceeded to go on a tear in the remaining seven minutes of the first half, blazing out a 17-2 run to take the lead for good. Fan favorite Katie Stailings, noted for her selflessness on defense, pleased the crowd with an over-the-table dive and then immediately drawing a charge.

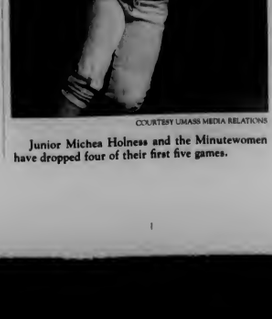
On 3-pointers by Katie Nelson and Rosanio, the Minutewomen closed the gap to four with four minutes to go. A questionable charge call minutes later on Mills, however, gave the ball back to the Rams, and the Maroon and White were again forced to dig deep.

Rosanio and Kneen were both given technical fouls with one minute to go after Kneen dealt a harsh elbow to Rosanio at center court, reeling her backwards. Nelson hit a long 2-point shot to make a two-possession game again with 30 seconds to go, but the Minutewomen were forced into a late-game fouling strategy.

Softball struggles to begin 2005

BY ERIC ATHAS
COLLEGIAN STAFF

Last weekend, the Massachusetts softball team (1-4) faced four teams at the NFCA Leadoff Classic, but managed only one win. The Minutewomen, who faced two nationally ranked teams (No. 16 Georgia and No. 17 Nebraska), traveled to Columbus, Georgia in a tournament that was cut short by rain.



COURTESY UMASS MEDIA RELATIONS

Junior Michea Holness and the Minutewomen have dropped four of their first five games.

The Maroon and White return to action this weekend at the FAU Worth Invitational in Boca Raton, Florida.

"I thought we did real well. I was real pleased with how they played," UMass coach Elaine Sortino said.

The weekend began on Friday against host and nationally recognized Georgia. Against the No. 16 team in the nation, UMass played the game back-and-forth, keeping the game close and losing by one run. At one point during the contest, UMass led 3-1 thanks to the offensive efforts of junior KJ Kelley and senior Hillary Puglia, who both had RBI's.

The second inning featured freshman Lauren Proctor, who locked up her very first hit and RBI for the Minutewomen, driving in junior Lesley Ferrara to tie it up. Sortino was impressed with the play of the newcomers, with Proctor and fellow rookie Sarah Hurd getting their feet wet.

"Without a doubt they both had great weekends," Sortino said. "They're gonna have great futures here."

Coming off its second loss of the season, UMass delivered in the second half of the double-header on Friday, facing Cal State Northridge. Senior pitcher Barb LaFogg had a career day, striking out 14 batters and posting the Minutewomen's first victory of the season. This marks the most batters that LaFogg has ever struck out in a single game, she also allowed four hits and two walks. Offensively, Kelly and Puglia had another big game, both hitting doubles that led to scoring.

"Barb had a tremendous weekend, striking out 14 batters," Sortino said. "I thought our defense

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Food scares may mean poor risk management

By KIM SEYMOUR
COLLEGIAN STAFF

Julie A. Caswell, a University of Massachusetts professor of resource economics, spoke last night at the Mullins Center for the third of four Distinguished Faculty Lectures focusing on food scares and risk assessment in the United States.

Caswell spent the majority of the lecture, titled "A Food-Scare a Day: Why Aren't We Better at Managing Dietary Risks" focusing on the federal government's poor handling of risk management.

"Does the fact that we have food-scares indicate bad risk management?" Caswell asked. "Not necessarily, but in some cases the risk management has been inadequate."

Caswell took the three main components of risk assessment and compared them to different types of vehicles to explain what each one is lacking. The first part is the risk assessment itself, which according to Caswell, is comparable to a Hummer.

"Expensive," she said. "It has a very narrow, very bright light on the risks. We can't manage risks well across the board without knowing about the other risks that aren't being focused on."

The next part is risk management. Caswell emphasized this area needs much improvement, comparing it to a small car from the 1980's that is no longer on the market.

"Under built," she said. "Cheap, could break down at any time. This is questionable protection. It's not up to Hummer standards."

The last component is risk communication, which she compared to a tricycle.

"You would not want to take this on the highway," said Caswell. "There is an imbalance of effort in the three areas."

Caswell spent the majority of the lecture focusing on the 2003 Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) or Mad Cow disease scare in the U.S. She said the government made a "do nothing" decision when it came to the problem.

"They used the do no-thing decision, hoping against hope that those mad cows would not show up," she joked.

It was not until a case of the disease appeared in Canada in 2003 that the U.S. government took any preventative action by closing its borders and by that time, it was basically too late, Caswell said. Within the year, the first case of Mad Cow had made its way into the U.S.

"The entire North American trade closed," she said. "NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) disintegrated. No one did anything to manage the trade risk if mad cow showed up."

Caswell attributes the failure of the

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Chris Hedges speaks to packed crowd

By ANDY PARADIES
COLLEGIAN CORRESPONDENT

Christopher Hedges, war correspondent and award winning author of "War Is a Force That Gives Us Meaning" spoke at the Fine Arts Center on Thursday evening.

A veteran speaker of the college scene, Hedges has spoken at many universities such as Harvard, Yale, Columbia, and NYU. His speech lasted for a little over the course of an hour, and was followed by a question and answer session with the audience. The topic of his speech, as one may have figured from the title of his book, was war.

As many in the audience may have felt, perhaps from all of his time surrounding death, Hedges was somewhat subdued in the delivery of his speech at UMass. His speech, much like his book focused primarily on his personal experiences from his fifteen years covering conflicts ranging from Central America, to the Balkans, and the Middle East. Additionally, he was a part of the team on The New York Times that won the Pulitzer Prize in 2002 for Explanatory Reporting on global terrorism.

Hedges said, "I have spent most of my adult life in war." From his knowledge of literature and personal experience, Hedges discussed both personal and literary examples to describe his theory on the "myths" of war.

According to Hedges, those who wage war have to first create a story of them and us. War can only be fought once the enemy has been dehumanized and "objectified." For this reason, Hedges advocates journalist objectivity, citing that both sides of each conflict need to be reported fairly. He admits that that his own profession propagates war, and said, "In war, the press is always part of the problem."

In his speech, he explained that to an outside audience, war is somewhat incomprehensible. Wars are not fought for the cause, but for the comradeship that develops between the combatants who face death daily.

He spoke against the dichotomy between the reality of war and the perception civilians are given through the media. According to Hedges, the news, while purported to be unbiased, has often already taken sides.

One example he gave was that a reporter being kept safe by the US military is likely to have a pro-US military stance in reporting. The reality of such a statement, while difficult to evaluate, may be true. He also spent a large portion of his speech discussing the role of media in public perception of war. Hedges substantiated that war is not the heroics familiar from film and television, but much more horrific, and much more grotesque.

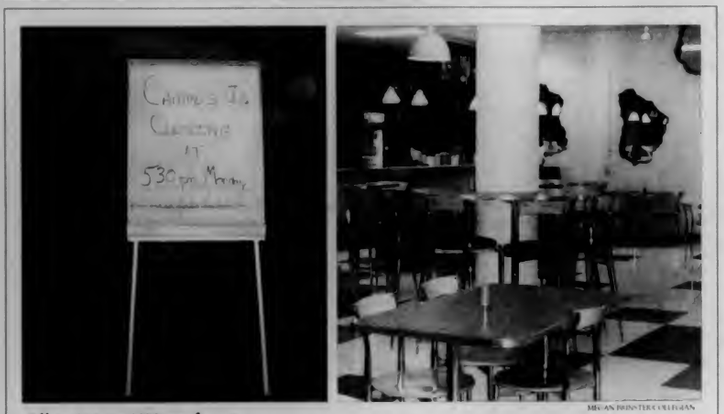
From his use of literary references, one might have guessed, Hedges is a scholar himself. He received his bachelors of arts in English literature from Colgate University, and his master of



Chris Hedges speaks to a crowd at the Fine Arts Center.

divinity from Harvard University where he was a Nieman Fellow.

His speech referenced the literature of combat from the obscure such as Catullus, the Roman lyric poet, to the well known Shakespeare and Erich Maria Remarque, author of "All Quiet On The Western Front." In each case, he chose works that exemplified the role of myths of war within literature dating back to ancient times.



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All quiet on UMass front

With an expected snow storm about to roll in, UMass closes early in anticipation for heavy snowfall. Campus closed at 5:30 p.m. Right, a usually busy Blue Wall is filled with empty seats at dinner time.

Winter storm to blast East Coast

By WAYNE PARRY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEWARK, N.J. — Highway crews spread salt on roads and schools gave students an unplanned holiday Monday as a storm plowed along the East Coast with a threat of more than a foot of blowing snow.

Storm watches and warnings were posted as far north as Maine and snow coated roads as far south as North Carolina and eastern Kentucky.

"No! No, no, no! I'm ready for it to be hot out. I'm tired of the cold already," said Shajuan Carter of Irvington as she waited at Newark's Penn Station for a train into New York City.

Six to 10 inches of snow was likely in the New York City area by the time the storm lets up Tuesday morning, with 14 inches possible in northwestern New Jersey and the Poconos of northeastern Pennsylvania, and up to 2 feet in the mountains of West Virginia, the National Weather Service said. Eight inches was possible in Boston.

Ten inches had fallen by afternoon at North Carolina's Mount Mitchell, and more than 8 inches was on the ground in western Virginia, where police blamed the weather for 100 traffic accidents. "By far, for us, this is the biggest snowstorm we've had," said Chuck Lionberger, a spokesman for the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Afternoon arrivals at Newark Liberty International Airport were delayed up to three hours, although planes were still taking off on time.

Schools were also closed from Kentucky to Pennsylvania because of slippery roads or in anticipation of worsening weather, and others decided to send students home early.

For New Jersey, the storm arrived just five days after one that

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Calogero emphasizes healthy exercising

By JOHN O'NEILL
COLLEGIAN CORRESPONDENT

Rachel Calogero, an exercise psychologist from Syracuse University, held a presentation entitled "Developing a Sane Approach to Exercise" last Thursday in the Campus Center. Her primary focus was the exercise abuse and eating disorders that stem from people's dissatisfactions with themselves and their bodies.

"Abusive mindsets begin with who we take as our role models," said Calogero. "They could be celebrities, models, peers, parents, coaches, or even people at the gym."

The "abusive mindset" she speaks of refers to the fabrications instilled in people through such media outlets as television and magazines. Viewers are immersed in countless depictions of beautiful men and women, hired to sell a product at the expense of its customers' self-esteem. This causes people to set impossibly high standards for themselves.

Suddenly, these celebrities, models, or people at the gym become their goals; they are brainwashed to believe that a person cannot be happy unless they look like these "role models". These misconceptions are the primary causes of unhealthy exercise and eating disorders.

According to Calogero, exercise abuse is defined as "the excessive, rigid, and obsessive use of exercise as a means for weight loss" People suffering from exercise abuse are often malnourished and dehydrated, ignore signs of fatigue, pain, or sickness during their workout, and allow exercising to take precedence over all other experiences in their lives.

Other symptoms include using exercise as a primary method for regulating emotions and stress, and having feelings of guilt, anxiety, or depression if the person misses a workout. Most importantly, they use exercise as a means for losing weight rather than using it the way it is intended: to become fit.

The most common danger of exercise abuse is the development of eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, or binge eating. Other noted hazards include stress fractures, permanent injuries, and osteoporosis. They become obsessed with exercising to the point when they put themselves in isolation from their friends, family, or other pleasurable activities because they foster shame or guilt if they cannot work out. However, as Calogero notes, the

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Ex-police commissioner found guilty

By ADAM GORLICK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD — A former Springfield police commissioner was found guilty Monday of stealing thousands of dollars from a city-run job training school he once directed.

Gerald Phillips, 50, was acquitted of threatening a witness who testified against him.

The verdicts in U.S. District Court came five weeks after prosecutors put Phillips and three other public officials from the Massachusetts Career Development Institute on trial for charges they schemed to steal money from the agency and then sought to cover their tracks.

The jury had deliberated for about 17 hours over three days before reaching the verdict.

The trial's testimony touched on some lurid allegations that Phillips set up no-show jobs for some MCDI students in exchange for sex. But Phillips was never charged with any sex crimes, and the basis of the case was that he and the other defendants conspired to defraud the government of money, largely by submitting phony time sheets.

Three other former MCDI employees — Giuseppe Polimeni, Luisa Cardaropoli and Jamie Dwyer — on trial with Phillips were convicted of pulling off the scam and planning a cover up.

The four defendants faced maximum prison sentences ranging from 50 to 100 years, but federal sentences could be adjusted by a judge who must weigh a variety of factors.

Lawyers for all four defendants said their clients never stole any money from MCDI, which offers job training classes to mostly low-income students.

But prosecutors painted a different picture of four cronies who bilked the agency out of nearly $50,000 and lied about doing anything wrong.

Assistant U.S. Attorney William Welch said Phillips took a shine to Gretchen Ortiz, a young MCDI student with two children and no apartment in 2000. Phillips gave Ortiz a $500 loan from MCDI — which prosecutors say was never fully paid back — and she used that money to rent an apartment in a building owned by Phillips' brother.

Prosecutors say Phillips then gave Ortiz a job as a muffin wrapper in MCDI's bakery division, which sold food through a federally funded program to the Springfield school department. Welch said Phillips soon told Ortiz she didn't have to show up at work, but made sure paychecks were being issued in her name.

However, Phillips intercepted those paychecks and cashed them so he could use the money to pay her rent, utility and grocery bills, Welch said.

In return, Welch said, Phillips received sex from Ortiz.

"Her payroll checks financed his desire for sex at no cost to him," Welch said during his closing arguments.

But Phillips' lawyer, David Hoose, said his client was managing Ortiz's money because she couldn't do it herself. He said the two developed a relationship because Phillips wanted to help Ortiz take care of her children. He said the two only had sex twice.



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The Massachusetts Supreme Court found Gerald Phillips guilty of stealing money yesterday.



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A Syracuse psychologist stresses dangers of exercise

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most overlooked problem is the mental anguish from which these people suffer. They are constantly comparing themselves to everybody, whether they are movie stars, classmates, or co-workers, and these comparisons take a toll on the person's self-esteem and identity. Overall, it reduces the quality of life and limits healthy productivity.

Calogero then drew her focus on athletes with the same problems. "Many athletes assume their identity as an athlete and face direct pressures to change their body type," she said. Many athletes suffer from exercise abuse and eating disorders, but they are most common in sports that require its athletes to maintain a certain weight, such as gymnastics, swimming, wrestling, or lightweight crew. Calogero asserted that since many athletes define themselves by their sports, they attempt to fit its body stereotype. And whether intentional or not, these behaviors are most often encouraged by peers, parents, and coaches.

"Unhealthy behavior can be encouraged by a simple statement as 'You look good. Have you lost weight?'" informs Calogero. "Try to compliment people without referring to their physical qualities."

"Healthy exercise should rejuvenate the body and enrich the mind," said Calogero, "as well as increase mind-body coordination and connection." She advocated the use of weights and strength training as a part of the workout regimen. After specifying that weights will not make a person huge, contrary to popular belief, Calogero recommended using a variety of exercises to become fit, including walking, jumping rope, and yoga.

"Yoga is wonderful," she said. "Stretching, balance, and flexibility are all equally as important as strength in a workout regimen." Before opening up to questions, Calogero encouraged the audience to challenge the "abusive mindset". She reiterated that healthy exercise has nothing to do with weight loss and suggested that people reframe their goals and identify healthier role models. "Perhaps even become your own role model," proposed Calogero, "and in doing so, become the healthy role models of others."

Eastern Coast gets hammered with snow

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dumped nearly 8 inches on parts of the state.

The Taylor Rental Center in Mount Laurel had been getting calls since Saturday checking the availability of backhoes and other snow-removal equipment at a rate of $263 for eight hours, manager Chuck Hudson said.

"Everything else stops when it snows and whenever there's snow on the ground," he said.

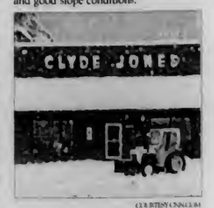
The storm was expected to drop 8 to 12 inches on parts of Vermont, which could be enough to hamper Tuesday's annual town meetings, the staple of local government in the region.

If only a few people are able to show up to conduct a town's business, the moderator and town officials can specify a date to reconvene and then adjourn, said Vermont Secretary of State Deb Markowitz.

The snow was wet and heavy in parts of North Carolina, causing power line breaks that blacked out more than 11,000 customers, utilities said.

But in North Carolina's western mountains, the snowy weather was welcomed.

"This is sort of the winter we haven't been having," said Brad Moretz, general manager of Appalachian Ski Mountain. "March will exceed our expectations. This weekend we'll have good weather and good slope conditions."



A town in North Carolina gets plowed out after the Nor'Easter.

UMass professor speaks third in distinguished series

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U.S. to better assess the situation on three main factors: risk communication being inadequate; fear of a national food-scare; and with the closing of the U.S. borders, the federal government had a false sense of doing something rather than ignoring the problem altogether.

She also touched on Dioxin, a man-made product placed into animal feed. Caswell said there is a concentration of Dioxin in animal fat and the long term risks and effects on humans who consume fatty meat have yet to be discovered.

"How do we offset the risks?" she asked.

Caswell said researchers need to use science to do predictive modeling to find out how the risk is being created and how it's transmitted but also use economists and social scientists to look at the cost.

The last portion of her lecture focused on answering the question of how to be better at managing dietary risks.

"We need to do a better job with risk management so we don't hit a tipping point where regulations are placed on an emergency basis," said Caswell. "There are also everyday risks, like food-borne pathogens and over nutrition (overeating)."

Caswell said one of the ways consumers can lower their own personal risks is to pay attention to dietary and food safety guidelines.

"We do have a pretty safe food supply," Caswell said in closing. "But for us to really feel confident about our food supply in the U.S. we would really require better risk management so we don't have a food scare a day."



Professor Julie A. Caswell

Michael Jackson trial begins

By Linda Deutsch
Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — Michael Jackson's child molestation trial began Monday with a prosecutor saying the pop star repeatedly groped a young cancer patient, and one of his associates threatened to kill the boy's mother if he told anyone.

District Attorney Thomas Sneddon said the 15-year-old accuser will testify about how Jackson showed him sexually explicit material and molested him.

"[He] will describe to you his sexual experiences with Michael Jackson. He will do it here in open court and he will do it with the whole world watching," Sneddon said.

Jackson sat still as a statue with one hand pressed against his cheek as Sneddon outlined a complicated and sometimes bizarre story of a conspiracy in which he claimed several of Jackson's associates participated.

In the front row of the courtroom, Jackson's mother, Katharine, sat beside her son Jermaine. They were the only Jackson family members present.

Jackson, 46, is charged with molesting the then-13-year-old cancer patient at his Neverland ranch in 2003, plying him with alcohol and conspiring to hold him and his family captive.

The defense opening statement was to follow the prosecution's presentation.

The defense has cast Jackson as the target of a money-hungry mother who coached her son to spin stories when it looked like their celebrity benefactor would cut them off. The defense will present evidence that the mother has sued others in the past claiming abuse.

Sneddon told the jury that Jackson had intended to use the boy as part of a comeback attempt by discussing in a television documentary how the singer helped him through his cancer.

Before the interview with documentary maker Martin Bashir in 2002, Jackson privately told the boy what to say when he was in front of the camera, Sneddon said.

But when the February 2003 TV documentary "Living With Michael Jackson," aired, showing the pop star holding hands with the boy and saying he allows children to sleep in his bed, "Jackson's world was rocked," Sneddon said.

He said one of co-conspirators described the airing as "a train wreck" and Jackson's associates began a bid to keep the family from seeing the video and to get their help in a public relations campaign to rebut it.

But the prosecutor said Jackson began molesting the boy a short time later.

Sneddon said Jackson told the boy that masturbation was normal, then reached into the boy's underpants and masturbated the boy and himself. The second event occurred the same way, Sneddon said, but Jackson tried to move the boy's arm toward his own genitals and the boy resisted.



Pop sensation Michael Jackson waves to fans as he enters a California courthouse. Jackson is accused of child molestation.

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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Silenced screams of relativity

Yousef Munayyer

Last week a suicide bomber outside of a nightclub in Tel Aviv killed five people and injured many others. There was no shortage of reporting devoted to this event. In fact in many of the news stories printed in the mainstream papers in the United States we can read about the victims, their families, their lives. The victims are shown in a very human light just as innocents who are killed should be portrayed.

We also here about how this "shocking" event "shattered" a cease fire and broke months of "relative calm" since the last suicide bomb in November. This is the politics meeting print. You see, I was not shocked by this event; I had already considered the cease-fire shattered, and I found no calm at all. What you do not read about, what is not presented by the mainstream media is that during this period, which one newspaper called a "lull," 170 Palestinians were killed. Of these Palestinians there were men, women and children. It is sickening that the death of 170 Palestinians constitutes relative calm but the death of 4 Israelis is shocking. How on Earth is this relative and where is the calm?

For every child that dies, for every unheard scream, we must scream louder and speak out about the atrocities which are not being covered and are consciously ignored as "relative calm."

Perhaps the media looked at the death of Alaa Samara, 14, who was shot last November for throwing stones, and saw calm as the Israeli bullet which hit him in the head left his brains oozing out onto the ground.

Perhaps the media looked at the death of little Burham al-Himouni, 3 years old, and saw calm when a missile fired from and Israeli apache helicopter ended the child's life. Too helpless to scream the child must have died silently, but how can this be calm? For every child that dies, for every unheard scream, we must scream louder and speak out about the atrocities that are not being covered and are consciously being ignored as "relative calm." These theories of relativity are sickening.

Maybe they saw calm in the killing of Salah-id-din Abu Iqab, 13, who was shot in the back while playing in the street. As the blood poured out of his back there could have been a calm look in his eyes, a sign of relief that he had finally escaped the prison of his life. The crime is we will never know because no one wants to write about him, no one cares for the wretched of the earth, they are left to fight alone, they are left to die alone.

I could go on and on with name after name, victim after victim, and I doubt that would even get the point across. The bias in the media is so prevalent that telling the truth becomes and uphill battle.

The deaths are just the beginning. Aside from those who die there are the injured. Many of these civilians will be maimed for life. Could we ever perceive calm being in the heart of a now legless child as he watches his former teammates playing a soccer game in a Gazan street? Does this sound like a lull to anyone? Or is it relatively calm because it has been a while since Israelis have been killed?

The New York Times, The Chicago Sun Times and the Los Angles Times all share the same disease. The all value one peoples' humanity over the other. When four Israelis die it's the shocking end to a relative calm. Yet that period which they call calm brought the death of 170 Palestinians all of which were discarded in the same papers as nameless individuals reported on in blurbs somewhere on the 15th page of the section.

This is not a rare occurrence either, in fact it's a common trend. There was other periods designated by the American press as "relative clam" or "lulls" which in fact where just the opposite. In the fall of 2003 another one of these periods where declared in the papers to be periods of "relative calm". During this times 120 Palestinians where killed.

Omar Muhammad al-Kernawi, 11 years old, may have been calm. On his way to the hospital, suffering from an Israeli bullet, he may have thought the end is near, he may have stopped crying. I wonder sometimes if Palestinians shot by Israeli bullets knew that there screams would not be heard would they scream at all? The pain does not cease and a bullet never fails to shatter calm. Yet if a Palestinian screams, and there are no western ears to hear it, does it really make a sound?

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Author Chris Hedges on war

Mike Sances

I had hoped that Chris Hedges, when he spoke at the Fine Arts Center last Thursday night, would be giving a talk about recent developments in Iraq or American jingoism since his book, "War Is a Force that Gives Us Meaning", was first published two years ago. Instead, he essentially (re)read the book to the audience, at times reciting entire passages word for word.

This fact was easily forgiven, however, if only because of the veteran war correspondent's pathetic, death-haunted demeanor: Hedges gave his talk with all the sincerity of a preacher delivering his own eulogy. Yet the repetition was even more understandable when considering that Mr. Hedges's book is an entirely self-contained, inward looking piece of literature that tells us virtually nothing about our own lives. In fact, I'd argue that even the little that it does tell us is either useless or, worse, counterproductive.

No, I speak not of the allegedly "anti-American" and "anti-Israel" passages that have inspired most of the book's criticism. Indeed, that these are the only controversies the book has touched off speaks I think to War's major weakness, that is its ultimate failure to challenge us to take responsibility for our own actions. Readings Hedges, one can only be left with the impression that all the evils of war are carried out not by individuals, armies, or even states, but are instead the consequence of some ethereal three-letter concept that answers to no one and under which we as human beings are utterly powerless.

We are, according to the fatalistic worldview contained in War Is a Force, forever at the mercy of our nature, from which springs the historically inevitable act of warfare. Coming from a book that sets itself up in opposition to war, the inherent sense of surrender in this attitude is more than a little confusing. It also, once again, implies nothing. Let us assume that war is inevitable — perhaps, even, in our very DNA. Have we then freed ourselves from speaking out against or working to terminate those wars that we oppose?

The question has no bearing on reality; on the contrary, it is like much of the book a kind of propaganda, serving only to entangle our minds in poetic sophistries while immobilizing us from taking action in the real world. This is the same world in which our country has murdered tens of thousands of innocent Iraqis over the past two years, has doubled the numbers of starving children in that country since we invaded, is systematically engaged in the torture and indefinite detention of persons in the name of "fighting terror," and long ago ceased even making the slightest reference to pursuing those actually responsible for the attacks of September 11, 2001. Yes, that world. You remember, don't you?

That we would honestly need someone to remind us that, in essence, "war is bad" is a very ominous sign of the times...

But even granting all of the premises necessary for these criticisms is going too far; the simple act of opening Hedges's book, of engaging in a discussion with the author on "why war is bad," is in itself a sort of crime against humanity. For that war is horrible beyond words should already be a truism for all of us. And so I'm not quite sure who the author could possibly be arguing against — except, perhaps, his own war-ravaged soul.

As an autobiographical account of one man's personal experiences covering war, Hedges's book might then have some value. The problem is that it's widely being read as a definitive psychological diagnosis of the human race as a whole — or even worse, as a form of protest against the war in Iraq.

That we would honestly need someone to remind us that, in essence, "war is bad" is a very ominous sign of the times: but the utter sense of moral irresponsibility carried throughout War's pages, if heeded, will serve only to heighten your sense of foreboding. But if you are so depraved that you need this sort of wakeup call, be advised that little of this book is concerned actually with killings on the battlefield—in fact a sizeable chunk of it deals with social corollaries like drug use, pornography, alienation, and, yes, even the dreaded scourge of lesbianism.

Personally, I would have preferred it were Ward Churchill standing at that podium Thursday night denouncing us all as the moral equivalents of Adolph Eichmann — at least then we might be stirred into thinking critically about our roles in the world. But that's just me.

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A worthy snub on Oscar night

Zach Oelschlegel

Oscar night always has its snubs, losers, and deserving winners. As seemingly the entire "Million Dollar Baby" cast walked away with an award of some kind, many would argue there was one big snub not on hand for the night. The most rabid and obnoxious George Bush hating American, Michael Moore, wasn't nominated for an Oscar despite producing the most successful documentary of all time, "Fahrenheit 9/11."

A lot of people are pretty ticked off at how Moore wasn't nominated for Best Picture, even though he was virtually guaranteed an Oscar if he had entered Fahrenheit 9/11 under a documentary. Moore has had wide acclaim for his movie, as 9/11 won Best Film at the Cannes Film Festival back in May, and last month was the People's Choice for Best Picture.

Michael Moore didn't really swing as many people to his side, as much as solidifying the ones already there.

I finally saw the movie two months ago, and had a blast watching it. There is no doubt Michael Moore is an excellent filmmaker, entertaining audiences for a while now. The Academy was completely correct, however, to deny Moore the opportunity to win the Best Picture award, largely due to the blatantly wrong facts and misleading insinuations characterizing Fahrenheit 9/11. It's difficult to call a film great when its purpose is to "inform" the American people, and fails miserably at giving real evidence for its thesis.

Yet, despite how many Web sites like factcheck.org or spinsanity.com shed light on the real truth of what Michael Moore claims in his films, people are still quick to say Fahrenheit 9/11 was a factual film, almost looking at it like it was straight out of an encyclopedia. Even after giving her some reservations about how I felt towards the film when I first saw it, my aunt said to me, "Zach, Moore only uses facts in his film. You can see for yourself." Really now?

It would be effortless to write a column on how poor Michael Moore has been in his fact checking or journalistic integrity, considering how he doctored film to make Charlton Heston look like an insensitive bastard in "Bowling for Columbine," or how Moore once wrote that the Pentagon had invested $250 billion (yes, billion) on the development of a single airplane. I could go on about the inaccuracies in Fahrenheit 9/11, pointing out how Moore misled the viewer into thinking the bin Laden family flew out of the country before anyone else could, or that none of the bin Ladens were interviewed before they left. Unfortunately, most Michael Moore supporters don't know how awful Moore is at getting at the truth, and the real reason is because they don't want to know.

If you've paid any attention to politics lately, a lot of Americans hate our President, George W. Bush, and the reason they believe what Michael Moore says is because Moore tells them everything they want to hear: Bush sucks, he is evil, he will stop at nothing to stay in power, and was it mentioned that he is evil? It's no coincidence that the Cannes Film Festival, held in a country that could be termed as a bastion for Bush haters, selected 9/11 as the years best film.

Fans of Michael Moore aren't the only ones guilty of this. Conservatives watch Fox News because it's more likely to present pundits with a conservative point of view, and are less likely to show a clip of President Bush embarrassing himself at the podium during a press conference. The media and Moore are both guilty of often giving people what they want to hear and neglecting to mention other important facts. This phenomenon is nothing new, as even the Apostle Paul warned his protégé Timothy 2,000 years ago that "to satisfy their own desires, [some men] will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear."

This is why the vast majority of those who have seen Fahrenheit 9/11 despise George Bush. Liberals thought they would be presented with material that made it even more fashionable to hate George W. Bush, and conservatives knew their opinions would be highly questioned, and thus opted not to go. Michael Moore didn't really swing as many people to his side, as much as solidifying the ones already there.

So when the Academy Awards ended two nights ago, it was deserving that Moore didn't have the chance to sniff the glory that comes with winning an Oscar. Moore provided an extremely entertaining movie, all the while making points and insinuations either going against the facts, or providing no facts at all. That's what you can get away with when the people watching your movie are only there to hear what they want to hear.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

INCREASING DISMAY

I am a graduate student in the School of Education and a former GEO member. I am increasingly dismayed by the rhetoric this union is employing to rally support for its retroactive pay raise. Specifically, I take exception to the union's referring, in a recent email message to members, to full-time graduate students with teaching, research, or project assistantships as "public higher education employees" and "working people who are in many cases living below the poverty line."

A graduate education is a privilege not enjoyed by most "working people" and anyone in the real world, living and raising a family "below the poverty line," should fume at the impudence of GEO's self-serving socio-economic sanctimony. Full-time graduate students are, first and foremost, students, and graduate assistantships are a benefit not available to all grad students — not all programs assign them and not all qualified students find them.

Many of us work off campus at some point and can tell you that it's a rare 10 or 20-hour a week position in the Valley that pays $16 dollars per hour plus full health insurance, not to mention a full tuition and curriculum fee waiver.

When I decided to apply to graduate school, I made a decision to temporarily leave the work-a-day world and I planned on living lean for a couple of years. I did not expect to be in competition with a unionized, yet non-professional, workforce for the University's limited fund of graduate tuition aid.

I say give the University's faculty and professional staff what's in their contracts. But the state should not pass a supplemental spending bill to pay retroactive graduate student aid—which is what graduate assistantships really are—to a limited number of privileged students at the same time that it increases fees for the rest of us.

Michael S. Miller
Graduate student

REQUIEM FOR 'FEAR AND LOATHING'

When Doctor Hunter S. Thomson died last week, I, like many others, was saddened by the loss of such a talented and insightful individual. I have spent the last week trying to ascertain how to express my thoughts so they might be distinct among the bazillion obituaries in the days that followed. Then this weekend, as I was reading Thompson's obituary in Sports Illustrated, the epiphany hit me.

The obituary ends with the phrase "Cigarette smoking in the press box is now officially retired." This statement epitomizes why I appreciated Thompson so much, and why his death is so much of a loss for our world. He didn't give a f*** if people didn't want him to do or say something, he would do it anyway. His affinity for a good smoke when and wherever he felt like one is just a single example. Others include his passion for firearms, free speech, and how he took an assignment from Sports Illustrated and turned it into one of the most well known drug binges in history.

In today's age of stringent political correctness and emphasized "values," not nearly enough people have the cajones to speak and act as Hunter Thompson did. He spoke out against what he thought needed to be addressed, and he wouldn't be afraid to tell society it may be acting stupidly. This past fall, Rolling Stone published a short piece by him titled "Fear and Loathing 2004", and it was the most critical, hilarious, and disturbingly real assessment of George Bush I saw throughout the campaign.

Among several other commentaries by contemporary scholars and authors, Thompson's stood out because he wasn't afraid to say things a lot of people didn't want to hear.

The boldness of spirit Thompson possessed no doubt helped lead him into some of his most noteworthy works, such as the above-mentioned Fear and Loathing, and Hell's Angels. He seemed to stick out so much in modern society only because he wasn't held back by fear of criticism or retaliation for his views. Maybe if our world wasn't so afraid to examine itself and address its most sensitive problems, Hunter Thompson would have only been another creative author and not one of the most insightful voices of his generation. Then again, maybe that would have been an even bigger loss for society than Thompson's passing last week.

As a side note, I think the most flattering portrayal of Hunter S. Thompson isn't by Brad Pitt in Fear and Loathing. It is by Gary Trudeau in Doonesbury. Uncle Duke would never have wasted his time with Ocean's 12.

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A Mammoth Good Time

By Terry Hillig
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST.LOUIS — Students at Principia College in Elsah, MO, don't have to trek hundreds or thousands of miles to participate in one of the country's most significant paleontological digs.

In fact, they don't even have to leave campus. The 17,500-year-olu bones of a woolly mammoth known affectionately as "Benny" (after the man who found him) are being carefully excavated in the middle of the Principia campus, only yards from dormitories and academic buildings.

Principia employee Benny White thought he had found something significant one spring day in 1999 when his backhoe hit a piece of white material while he was excavating for a manhole between two dormitories, Rockham Court and Gehner House.

White was right. Faculty members quickly identified the object as the tooth of a mammoth. Another bone was visible in the pit. The professors knew they had something interesting but they were unsure just how interesting it might be _ whether the objects were an isolated find or part of a larger set of skeletal remains.

But they were sure of one thing. The excavation would be carried out carefully and in a way that involved and educated Principia students in the process. The pit was refilled to protect the remains until that could be arranged.

"We didn't go back to the site until the spring of 2002," said Janis Treworgy, who supervises the mammoth dig and teaches classes that are based on it. She joined the Principia faculty in 2000 after 25 years with the Illinois State Geological Survey.

"I was a new faculty member," she said. "I wasn't ready to start something so novel. I hadn't taught before."

As a geologist, Treworgy was familiar with soils and rock. She enlisted the help of experts in paleontology, the study of ancient plants and animals, and experts on loess (pronounced "luss"), the type of soil that covered Benny.

A course based on the mammoth was developed, and the first class was offered during the spring quarter of 2002.

Since then, students have carefully uncovered about 50 percent of the mammoth's skeleton, including two tusks, the left femur (thigh), the left and right humerus (upper arm), the shoulder blades, vertebrae, ribs, more teeth and several foot bones.

The tusks are still in the ground, attached to the skull. Treworgy doubts that the mandible, or lower jaw, will be found. It may have been inadvertently destroyed in some earlier campus excavation.

Benny seems to be lying on his left side. So far, there are no clues to the cause of his death. Animals that suffer a lingering death are typically found near a water source, but Benny is atop a bluff above the Mississippi River valley on one of the highest points in the immediate area.

The location suggests a sudden death, but Treworgy doubts Benny was killed by another animal or animals.

"If he was a healthy, full-grown male, he could have defended himself from any known predator," she said. Suggestions for the cause of death have included lightning or a prairie fire or even a dust storm.

The experts believe Benny was 39 to 43 years old when he died. Treworgy said Benny was on his sixth and final set of teeth, and the estimate of his age is based on a comparison to modern elephants. A woolly mammoth's normal lifespan was 60 to 70 years. Treworgy said the bones stayed together and were reasonably well-preserved, probably because they were quickly covered by loess, the windborne dust from the river valley below. The loess is 40 to 50 feet thick on the blufftops around Elsah.

Benny lived toward the end of the Pleistocene Epoch, which began about 1.65 million years ago and ended about 10,000 years ago. It was a time when ice sheets periodically covered northern portions of North America and Eurasia.

When Benny died, there were glaciers only about a hundred miles to the north but plenty of grass in the area that is now southern Jersey County. Mammoths consumed about 300 pounds of vegetable matter daily.

As the Ice Age neared its end, the melted water carried a tremendous amount of sediment from the glaciers. But in the winters, the flow decreased and the sediment was exposed to the wind.

"It had to have been a very dusty time," Treworgy said.

Benny almost certainly was not killed by humans. Treworgy said he died 17,500 years ago,. and humans probably did not arrive in this area of North America until about 11,500 years ago.

Woolly mammoths were among the largest land mammals that ever lived in North America. Benny's femur is 4 feet, 2 inches long. He is estimated to have stood nearly 11 feet tall at the shoulders and to have weighed 6 to 8 tons. On average, mammoths were slightly larger than modern African elephants.

The first mammoths originated in North Africa in the early Pleistocene period. From them, two separate mammoth lines evolved, the steppe mammoth and the Columbian mammoth.

Woolly mammoths evolved from steppe mammoths; they probably originated in Eurasia and came to North America via the land bridge that once connected the continent with Asia.

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COURTESY LAND SPOTS

Discover Your Lover unites dates in unexpected ways

By Kierie Van Rooyen
Collegian Correspondent

The outcome of their date was inevitable. Two very ambitious characters had set out for one night on the town to endure one comically devastating evening.

Alexis, a 22-year-old pre-med student, left little room for disappointment. She is academically driven, takes part in various extra-curricular activities, portrays her success as highest priority, and exerts total determination and outstanding confidence in her daily life. Jarret, a 22-year-old chemical engineer, is similarly competent. He enjoys the competitive nature of his field and strives toward success. He is outgoing, bold, and intensely ambitious. Could this be a match made in heaven?

Their first impression was unexpected. They had already met a few times before, so no one felt awkward. They were pleased with their match-up and spoke comfortably with each other along the road toward their chosen destination. Alexis kept the conversation interesting, always asking Jarret new questions in order to avoid uncomfortable silences. Jarret responded respectably until her hometown became the topic of discussion.

"You are from Jersey? I am so sorry!" He laughed at his own sarcastic humor and she took a deep breath in response.

"Yes, I can understand why people always say that. I hear it all the time. But I live in a beautiful area far off from the highway."

She turned away in annoyance, but stayed strong in her attempt to remain oblivious to his hurtful statement. Jarret decided it was time to take initiative in a new discussion. A discussion with common ground: academics.

"So what classes have you taken?" He asked.

She smiled in relief and replied, "Well, I'm sure you know my major is filled with endless science requirements, but I actually like most of them. My favorite was organic chemistry. I just heard it was so hard that I made it a point to do well in it. All of my classes are challenging, so I basically call the library my second home."

He chuckled softly and said, "Yeah, well my classes are pretty demanding, too. I spend all of my time in the chemical engineer room. It's like a secret room only known to those in the major, but I can't believe you like organic! Who says that?" He laughed slightly louder, not failing to add one last remark, "Nerd!" to end a long and nervewracking car ride.

The car pulled up in front of a boxing studio in Northampton. Alexis seemed prepared to use her skills on Jarret, and Jarret seemed fully aware that she was ready.

"Alexis cannot wait to punch me in the face," he said half-jokingly, but he was probably right.

The coach explained the lesson, lightening the mood between the couple. Within moments, they were prepared to begin. Jarret adapted quickly to the idea of boxing. He threw punches perfectly and impressed Alexis with his innate aggression. Alexis seemed slightly more timid. She was new at boxing, but quickly learned upper-cuts and boxing techniques to catch up to Jarret. He was impressed.

"I like a woman who is strong, and who is fit, not muscular or anything, but just able to be active." At the end of the lesson, the couple was sent home for an hour break before dinner.

The Brasserie was the restaurant of choice for the evening. Alexis, who is not a heavy drinker, wanted a glass of wine with her meal.

"Well, why don't we get a bottle of wine?" Jarret exclaimed.

"A whole bottle! I won't be able to finish that!" She cried in astonishment. He shook his head and smiled at her reaction.

"It's really not that much. It's like four glasses! But I don't care, whatever you want." She took the wine list and made her choice.

"Fine, let's try the Shiraz. It's a great wine." He nodded in approval and they ordered.

Dinner lasted three full hours. Alexis felt as though Jarret dominated most of the conversation.

"All he did was talk about himself. Apparently, he has a killer resume, a killer internship, amazing abilities, and people think he is a lot smarter than he really is," She added.

"His arrogance was the only thing that was a killer. The only thing I could do was enjoy the delicious food, regardless of his company."

Jarret, however, felt quite differently. "She was really boring in the car, and okay at the lesson, but dinner was the best part of the night. We both spoke about so many different things. We got along so well. The food wasn't that great, but her company was."

After dinner the couple left to Seven-O's for karaoke night. While Jarret pounded Maduri Sours and Alexis sipped seltzer and lime, the two got into their first argument.

"Jarret, come sing a song with me!" Alexis asked hopefully. Jarret refused because "he doesn't like being told what to do."

Alexis asked again, only to be denied repeatedly.

"Fine, then I'll go up to sing." She walked on stage to choose a song. Suddenly, Jarret noticed his friends arriving at the bar.

"Yo, guys, wouldn't it be funny if we left her here?! She wouldn't notice. She's too drunk and busy with other guys."

They laughed and quickly ran out on Alexis. Meanwhile, Alexis sang her part onstage with the company of other guys who wanted to join in on the fun. The lights turned on and the night was over.

Alexis looked around in search of Jarret and suddenly realized what happened.

"He didn't even have the decency to tell me he was leaving! If he was so against singing karaoke, then he should have told me. There is no excuse for his behavior, who leaves a date at a bar?"

One of the guys from the stage overheard her upset.

"Hey, I'll be your date for the rest of the night."

He smiled sweetly and she shrugged without care. "Sure, you can catch a ride with me. We'll drop you off."

He entered the car ecstatically and they were off for a new adventure.

Reality TV: underage girls and modeling



Reality Craze

Mike Busack

The Bravo Television Network, televisions ultimate little guy, raked in record viewer results for the final episode of their hit reality show, "Project Runway." 2.5 million people tuned in to the show. Jay McCarroll became the first ever winner of the program.

On the flipside of modeling-based television, claims are being made against "America's Next Top Model" diva, Tyra Banks. Adrianne Curry, the first winner of the show, and a star of this seasons "The Surreal Life", says that Banks did not hold her end of the bargain. She claims the executive-producer promised a modeling contract, yet she did not deliver.

"Tyra really didn't help us out and the show didn't put any money into us," Adrianne said in an interview with Steppin' Out Magazine.

Now, to me, Adrianne's first wakeup call should have been when she decided to sign up for this show. If you have what it takes to truly be "America's Top Model," you won't have to find your success through a television show that is hosted by a supermodel. (They aren't exactly known for their educated business sense).

In other reality news, the seemingly never-ending dramafest that is "The Bachelorette" is coming to an end for a third season. Last night the show came to a screeching halt with a three hour finale (not sarcasm).

In all honesty, the star of the show, Jen Schefft, would not have much of a career if it were not for this whole reality television craze. However, the third season will be the last for her Schefft said. Thank God. Maybe with her spare time she can sign up to do "Survivor" on an island with Brigitte Nielsen, Flavor Flav, and the cast of "The Real Gilligan's Island."

The Philadelphia Daily News reported last week that Landon Lueck, the curly haired joke that starred on the Real World Philadelphia, had a relationship with a 17-year-old girl while on the show.

While an episode of the Philadelphia season showed Landon being scolded for making out with a girl that he worked with at the offices of the Philadelphia Soul, the Daily News has said that their sources tell them otherwise. According to the Daily News, the real controversy was over Landon's relationship with the teenage girl. For everyone that says Britney Spears is a bad role-model for children, but religiously watches the Real World with no issues, do me a favor and shut up.

It is shows like the "Real World" and "The Bachelorette," and "America's Next Top Model" that gives young kids a false reality that claims to be true. Kids shouldn't be shown that it is okay to get drunk every night and hit on underage girls. Neither should they be shown that a modeling contract means any more than a big paycheck. These girls are born pretty, that is not a talent. It doesn't make you a better human being (Adrianne Curry can vouch for this).

As for "The Bachelorette," girls should not be taught that "So many men, so little time," is a phrase to live by, as the shows Web site advertises. Life doesn't hand you a line of 25 men waiting to receive a rose. If our goal is to teach people to lead lives as shallow and superficial as Schefft's is, our generation is in trouble. True love will never be found in front of millions of viewers.

Somebody had to say it. Don't be troubled though, there is still good reality T.V. out there. Stay tuned.

Michael Busack is a Collegian editor.

College Mammoth

MAMMOTH from page 4

Although similar in appearance, the smaller mastodon is not closely related to mammoths.

Jeffrey Saunders is curator and chairman of the geology section at the Illinois State Museum in Springfield. One of the world's leading experts on mammoths, he is a key consultant on the Principia dig.

"It ranks up there with the most significant discoveries of mammoths to date," Saunders said. "These discoveries are few and far between."

Saunders does not expect Benny's complete skeletal remains to be recovered, but he said the find was more extensive than most.

Mammoth remains and a few complete skeletons have been found at 56 sites in Illinois, 23 of them involving woolly mammoths, Saunders said. He said the only other current mammoth excavation in the United States is in South Dakota. There are about 13 mammoth sites in Missouri.

One of the good things about the Principia excavation, Saunders said, is its location on a college campus.

"This is unique in these occurrences," Saunders said. "The college is quite happy with it. It's a wonderful opportunity for education and outreach. The Principia students are fantastic."

Principia, a four-year college for Christian Scientists with an enrollment of about 600, has offered teachers workshops and hosted many school groups and organizations at the site. A large amount of information on the mammoth is available on the Internet at www.prin.edu/mammoth. Principia students can take the mammoth course during the college's fall or spring quarters.

Treworgy said that the excavation would continue for at least two or three more years but that the lab work on the bones might continue for much longer.

Treworgy said it was her "goal and dream" to display a recreation of Benny's skeleton in the space now occupied by a lab in the interpretive center that adjoins Principia's new science center. The display would be built from plaster casts of the bones, not the actual bones.

"It has been a great experience," she said. "I have to turn away students. They love the opportunity. It's a lot of dirty work."

Rascal Flatts comes to the Mullins Center, harmonizes and entertains

By Erika Lovley
Collegian Staff

An audience full of cowboy hats, wranglers, and screaming women packed the Mullins Center Saturday night for a show by the country vocal group Rascal Flatts that could arguably be the best performance UMass will see this year.

A dynamic mix of high energy songs by the performers, blended with a healthy dose of sweet southern twang, gave the nearly sold-out center a night that was anything but flat.

The country pop stars were able to bring the entire stadium to their feet with the flawless harmonies of Jay DeMarcus and Joe Don Rooney, led by lead singer Gary LeVox with "Here's to You" and "Prayin' for Daylight."

Between the trio's infectious crowd interaction, armed with a fiddle player that could outplay the devil himself, Rascal Flatts never gave the audience a chance to use their seats — except to dance on.

LeVox's ability to hold incredible pitches while bending and crawling on the catwalk to shake the hands of ecstatic fans during the ballad "Feels like Today" was nothing short of miraculous.

Rascal Flatt's secret talent was their pure modesty. Despite several hit singles, being named country's top vocal group three years in a row, and selling over six million albums, the knights in shining buckles presented a demeanor that could easily come from the guy next door, making it clear that they are still part of the blue collar American spirit they originated from.

Heartthrob and lead guitarist Rooney even took the time to acknowledge fans' signs, asking at one point if there was a preacher in the house.

"I do believe I'm about to be married," he said, peering at a sign asking for his hand in marriage.

Rooney, who appeared naked from behind in the band's steamy music video for "Melt", took no shame in wiggling his well shaped behind at the crowd of overjoyed women.

"An energetic rendition of "Mayberry", one of the group's top singles, had the crowd nearly drowning out the performers with their sing-along, paired with the single "This Everyday Life".

The trio was able to achieve almost flawless harmony through out the entire night — a daunting feat for a live performance in a large venue. However, not all went according to plan.

Near the second third of the concert, LeVox dropped his microphone, and the band seemed lost and off beat. LeVox's choice of costume, a gaudy western shirt with tasseled cowboy pants and Rooney's face-burying bangs were detracting throughout the night.

The trio could have been mistaken for the Backstreet Boys when they made the mistake of pulling a female fan, complete with a cowboy hat on stage to serenade. Not only was it a major turn off to the hundreds of female fans in the audience, but the individual had to complete the gag-worthy scene with an Ashlee Simpson dance move, creating an eyesore out of the song that could have been the best of the night.

The boys made a forgivable recovery with their love song yet, "I Melt". However, the quality that saves Rascal Flatts from being accused of being a twangy version of N' Sync the fact that they actually have instrumental talent. DeMarcus could easily be his own solo act with his gospel call-and-answer cover of "Great Ball of Fire".

First opening act Shelly Fairchild is a little known artist from Mississippi with her first album to be released this spring. The petite Fairchild may be a newcomer on the country scene, but the voice on her new single "Tiny Town" and "Ready to Fall" is set to rival those of Faith Hill and Martina McBride. Blake Shelton gave an average, sometimes snooze-worthy run of the mill performance of sounds like "Good old Boy, Bad old Boyfriend" and "Goodbye Time".

For Rascal Flatts, their finest moment was their last, bursting back on stage with a cover of "Pour Some Sugar on Me" by Def Leppard, and Bon Jovi's "You Give Love A Bad Name".

Both songs had the potential to be a huge embarrassment, but Rascal Flatts transformed into, well, country n' roll stars.

True to their roots, the boys gave a show stopping finale of Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the USA" — ending the night on the motif that country music was raised on — American pride.



Country pop sensation Rascal Flatts serenaded the Mullins Center Saturday night. Winners of the CMA's "Best Vocal Group," they are best known for their good looks and strong harmonies.

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The bare necessities and all you need to know for this trip

NECESSITIES from page 8

While spontaneity is oftentimes a good thing, every good road trip takes some planning. So, first things first: what to bring. Other than the obvious necessities, like clothes and money, there are two things that every person planning a road trip must take with him: lots of music and a camera.

Music is the essential element needed to keep a road trip smooth sailing. Just imagine what it would be like if you were to run out of things to say after a five minute conversation about UMass men's basketball and you didn't have any music. Hence, this would be the perfect time to rock out.

The road trip music collection has to be diverse. After all, if you don't know where the road is going to take you, then why would you bring only one type of music? It might not feel right to be listening to Lil Jon while taking in an amazing view of fields and rolling hills as far as the eye can see. It's good to have some hits on hand for pure entertainment value, but remember to bring some "chill" music for when you want to just sit back and enjoy the scenery.

As mentioned, bringing a camera is a must. It's preferable to bring a digital camera so you can e-mail some crazy sites to your buddies back home, but any camera will do just fine. Bringing a camera is important not only to take pictures of the sites along the way, but also to take pictures of those unexpected occurrences that are bound to happen on any road trip. To put it bluntly, you never know when you're going to run across a crazy Jesus freak, an awesome mullet haircut, or memorable road signs that are going to make you chuckle (i.e. "Satan's Kingdom State Recreation Area," "Speed Limit 14 ? miles per hour," and now entering the town of "Spread Eagle.") Anyone from the northeastern U.S. knows that the signs will probably just get weirder as one travels west. (For a complete list of weird signs, check out hypocrites.com.)

Our sports writers are planning to travel through the cities of Albany, Columbus, Cleveland and Buffalo on their way to Dayton. There are many places in these cities to make stops and make the trip more worthwhile.

Believe it or not, Albany, NY has a number of popular nightspots, which feature live bands almost every night. Some of those clubs include Big House Brewing Company, Tess' Lark Tavern, Bleecker Café and Bayou Café Downtown. The Pepsi Arena is also a prime visitor's spot. Anyone suffering from NHL withdrawal might want to stop by and see an Albany River Rats AHL hockey game. The arena is also home to the Albany Conquest Arena Football team, the Siena College Saints basketball teams and the Division one ECAC Hockey League.

With its location in the vicinity of Niagara Falls, Buffalo, NY is a good picture-taking city. It is also the home of Ralph Wilson Stadium where the NFL's Buffalo Bills play. In addition, one could check out the Buffalo Destroyers arena football team, Buffalo Bandits indoor lacrosse, and major college sports teams from Buffalo State University, Canisus College, Daemen College and the University at Buffalo.

Cleveland, Ohio is most likely going to be the best tourist stop along the road trip route. It is the home to the Rock 'N Roll Hall of Fame, over 300 nightclubs, bars and lounges and a number of professional sports teams, including the NFL's Browns, the MLB's Indians and the NBA's Cavaliers. The House of Blues just opened its doors near downtown, and regularly sees a line of people out the door waiting to experience the relaxed atmosphere of the popular jazz and blues club.

Ohio's state capital of Columbus is a good spot to get acquainted with the material you forgot from U.S. History in high school. The town doesn't have a huge night scene, but it is the home to the state's political elite. It is also the home of Ohio State University and the Buckeyes basketball team.

After watching the Minutemen beat the Flyers, the sports writers might have enough time to take in the history of the town. Dayton is the "birthplace of aviation," according to the city's official Web site. The city was once home to the Wright brothers, Wilbur and Orville. At Carillon Historical Park, the brothers' 1905 "Wright Flyer III," the world's first practical airplane sits on the 65-acre property. Across town are the National Aviation Hall of Fame and the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

As the boys update us on their happenings from the road, it is only then that everyone back in Amherst will hear about their ups and downs of the open road. Perhaps they will get into a couple of adventures along the way. The only way to find out what happens to the Minutemen and the well being of the Collegian sports team is to keep reading. Marzelli and McGovern will be filing updates from the road starting today.

On the road with the Collegian guys

ULTIMATE ROAD TRIP from page 8

of the Western Mass. media making the journey - and our friends think we're just stupid.

We've been informed a million times over the last few weeks as to the dangers of the trip: sleep deprivation, monotony, boredom and a huge hit on the ol' budget. Now add to the mix the treachery of a powerful blizzard sweeping directly across our path, and people are telling us to prepare like we're about to cross Antarctica in a covered wagon.

Please, it's just Ohio. You're talking to the kids who made Olean look like a morning jaunt from Southwest to Thompson. We don't care how ridiculous this whole thing sounds, we're doing it anyways because it's just the type of guys are - check that - the type of journalists we are.

Call it crazy or irresponsible, it's the type of trip that could be deemed both of those things. But to those of us who call UMass basketball our job, it's just the next game on the schedule, and no matter where it is, there are two seats on press row that belong to us.

So where else would we rather be?

Road trip quick *Facts*

Bob		Mike
88,126	Miles on Car:	150,090
12	Other Countries Visited:	1
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Beef Sticks (Teriyaki)	Favorite Road Trip Food:	Bob's Caffeine Candy
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Pearl Jam	Favorite Road Trip Music:	Classic Rock
Punk Rock	Drive or Shotgun?	Drive
Drive	Best Way to Stay Awake:	Open Window
Slap Himself	Worst Place Gotten Lost:	Doesn't Get Lost
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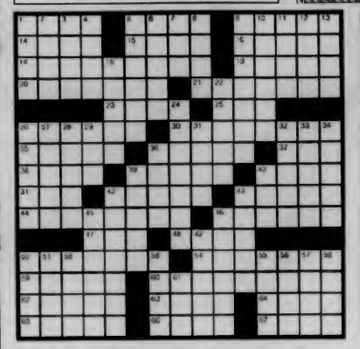
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PRO SPORTS ALLEGIANCES: MARLINS, NEW YORK FOOTBALL GIANTS, KNICKS

It seemed like we were laughing about this trip just yesterday.

We looked up and down the schedule before the first game of the season and figured we could make most of the road games. Miami would be tough, but flights were cheap. The rest of the games, well lets just say the two of us were born with a little interstate in our blood.

Then there was Dayton.

This was a beast far different than any of our other adventures. To fly would be more expensive than to drive and driving would be a monotonous affirmation dipping into the painful reality of the road. We decided to put it off, forget about it, and let the season make our decision for us.

UMass did well, at least well enough to make this trip worthwhile. We found ourselves in distant crevices of the Northeast; from the snowy canvas of St. Bonaventure in Olean, N.Y., to the thriving metropolis of Philadelphia. Both of our Jeeps had been thrown into the flames of the Atlantic 10 and we sat side-by-side, never sure of an outcome, yet positive that we would be courtside.

We were sitting in the car on the way back from the Bronx, N.Y. after a loss to Fordham when we decided that the Dayton trip needed to happen. It would be a necessity to find a rental car, as neither of our Jeeps could withstand a possible 30-hour trip with a three-hour hiatus. The plans were set and we found a photographer willing to make the horrible journey with us.

As time drew closer we began to realize that our professional life as reporters was beginning to overpower our responsibility as students. The three of us are missing a full day of classes and each have a slew of responsibilities once we return.

Between us we have four papers and two tests due on Wednesday afternoon, some within an hour of our arrival. We have two laptops, two reading lights, and enough interstate to maybe just pull this whole thing off. Ah yes, the pure essence of a mind-numbing roadtrip.

The more we sit and think about it, the more easily we come to the realization that there is just no excuse for this trip. None. Our colleagues on the UMass beat think we're crazy - we're the only members

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The *Collaborative* File

UMASS BASKETBALL ROAD TRIPS MADE TOGETHER DURING 2004-05 SEASON: 6*
COLLECTIVE MILES DRIVEN: 5,238
APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PIT STOPS MADE: 27
COMBINED CLASSES MISSED: 11
APPROXIMATE TOTAL MONEY SPENT (INCLUDING GAS, TOLLS, MEALS AND ASSORTED EXTRAS): $886
APPROXIMATE TOTAL COST PER GAME: $148
UMASS' RECORD IN ROAD TRIP GAMES: 4-2
FAVORITE TRIP: George Washington
LEAST FAVORITE TRIP: Fordham
HARDEST TRIP: St. Bonaventure



EASIEST TRIP: Rhode Island
BEST GAME: GW
WORST GAME: Tie - URI/Fordham
BEST GYM: Ryan Center (URI)
WORST GYM: Tom Gola Arena (LaSalle)
BEST ATMOSPHERE: Reilly Center (St. Bona.)
WORST ATMOSPHERE: Tom Gola Arena (LaSalle)
LOUDEST FANS: Smith Center (GW)
QUIETEST FANS: UMass fans wherever they are
BEST PRESS FOOD: Ryan Center
WORST PRESS FOOD: Reilly Center



NICEST CAMPUS: St. Bona.
WORST CAMPUS: LaSalle
COLDEST TEMPERATURE EXPERIENCED: -14 Degrees (St. Bona.)
WARMEST TEMPERATURE EXPERIENCED: It's never been warm
OFFICIAL MIKE&BOB UMASS ROAD TRIP ANTHEM: Damn, It Feels Good to Be a Gangsta – Ghetto Boyz

"Mike and Bob also paid to fly themselves to Coral Gables, Fla. for UMass' Dec. 12 game at Miami. They have chosen not to include that trip because flying is too easy.

Trip *Predictions*

SCHEDULED ARRIVAL TIME IN DAYTON: 2 p.m.
NUMBER OF STOPS: 6
DISTANCE TRAVELED BEFORE FIRST STOP: 200 Miles
NUMBER OF GAS TANKS USED: 2.5
DISTANCE TRAVELED BEFORE FILL-UP: 300 Miles
COST OF GAS: $75
COST OF FOOD AND OTHER NECESSITIES: $35
COST OF TOLLS: $10
MONEY SPENT: $115
NUMBER OF TIMES "DAMN, IT FEELS GOOD TO BE A GANGSTA" IS LISTENED TO: 4
SONG PLAYING WHEN FIRST DAYTON SIGN IS SEEN: She's a Lady
TOTAL NUMBER OF SPORTS CONVERSATIONS: Indefinite

Where we expect to be:

12:00 A.M.	Leaving Amherst
3:00 A.M.	Syracuse, NY
7:00 A.M.	Buffalo, NY
10:00 A.M.	Cleveland, OH
1:00 P.M.	Arriving in Dayton
2:00 P.M.	Transcribing Trip Quotes
6:00 P.M.	Dayton Arena Media Room
7:00 P.M.	Courtside for Tip-Off

All you need to know about this road trip

By Dan O'Brien
Collegian Staff

Imagine yourself stepping into a Ford Taurusknowing you're going to travel into the unknown. You're feeling the same excitement you would have after jumping 20-feet off a bridge into the deep water of the lake below. There's no turning back now.

Despite your personal reservations about trekking through lands you haven't yet conquered, you're reassured by a Collegian sports editor that you're traveling to "the happiest place on Earth," Dayton, Ohio.

No doubt, two of the Collegian's top sports writers, Mike Marzelli and Bob McGovern want to make their road trip a memorable one, even if the Massachusetts Minutemen basketball team doesn't win their game against the University of Dayton's Flyers.

The trip itself is not about who wins or loses the game, it's about how to make the best of a 12-hour-long drive at a time when, as college students, we're young and ready to experience whatever life throws our way.

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Trip at a *Glance*

We're driving a: 2004 FORD TAURUS

TOTAL COST OF RENTAL CAR: $160.00
MILES ALLOTTED IN RENTAL CONTRACT: 1,600
LENGTH OF TRIP: 1,559 Miles
AMOUNT CHARGED PER EXTRA MILE: $.25
STATES TRAVELED THROUGH IN ADDITION TO MA: 5
FEDERAL INTERSTATES USED: 8
STATE ROADS USED: 2
TOTAL NUMBER OF EXITS TAKEN: 18
TIME OF DEPARTURE: 12:00 a.m. this morning
TIP-OFF AT UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON ARENA: 7:00 p.m.
TIME RENTAL CAR MUST BE RETURNED BY: 1 p.m. tomorrow
COMBINED CLASSES MISSED: 7
TIME OF RESPECTIVE MANDATORY CLASSES TOMORROW: 2:30 p.m.

Road Trip Web Poll

Having left Amherst at 12 a.m. this morning, when do you think Bob & Mike will make it to Dayton, OH?

1) Noon

2) 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

3) Shortly before the 7 p.m. tip-off.

4) NEVER



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A group of students enjoy tray-sledding as UMass cancels all classes yesterday due to weather. This fierce snowstorm, despite losing speed and strength since first anticipated on Sunday, still dumped roughly fifteen inches onto the campus.

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Diversity Commission unveils points and ideas

By Matt Elder
Collegian Staff

On it's Web site yesterday, the Commission on Campus Diversity issued a report in which is outlines problems and makes recommendations to the University of Massachusetts.

The report was titled "Diversity and Inclusion at UMass Amherst: A Blueprint for Change."

"Although there is much to digest in this report, the key thrust is that everyone on campus must engage these issues if we are to succeed," Chancellor John Lombardi wrote in an e-mail sent to The Associated Press.

"It is very likely that we will need additional leadership in various places on campus, but until we've had a chance to fully review the report, we won't be able to articulate those changes."

One of the main points of the report was that the University needs an administrator to be in charge of diversity issues on campus.

"[The University should] appoint a senior level administrator with adequate staffing, budget and resources to report directly to the Chancellor to review and coordinate all diversity and inclusion activities at the Amherst campus," the report said.

Lombardi appointed the members of the Commission after various incidents on campus, including the now-infamous "KKK-9" last semester, in which photographs of members of the Student Government Association were leaked, revealing various SGA members drinking in front of Ku Klux Klan caricatures.

Because of these incidents, the Commission has held various public forums to get the student's reactions to campus problems.

"The University of Massachusetts Amherst gratefully thanks Chair Orlando Taylor and the other members of the Commission for their exceptional dedication and commitment that has led to the presentation of their executive summary and report today," Chancellor Lombardi said in a statement.

Lombardi also said in his statement that he just received the report, and he has yet to study it thoroughly. Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life Michael Gargano also said that he can't comment further until he's read the report more thoroughly.

The report also discussed the recent budget cuts that the University has endured, but it said that these cuts are no excuse to cut back on diversity-

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Missing drugs raise suspicions

By Mark Jewell
Associated Press

BOSTON — The withdrawal of a new multiple sclerosis drug has focused scrutiny on millions of dollars in insider stock sales at Biogen Idec Inc. and executive bonuses approved in the days before the company disclosed a death and illness that led to the drug's removal from the market.

The transactions came before Monday's withdrawal of Tysabri wiped out a total $17.8 billion in shareholder equity in a single day for Biogen and Elan Corp., biotechnology partners that had enjoyed surging share prices the past year on high expectations for their jointly developed drug.

Cambridge-based Biogen and Ireland-based Elan are left for now to rely on other medications in their portfolios, including Biogen's Avonex, a nine-year-old MS treatment that accounted for nearly two-thirds of the $2.2 billion in revenue last year at the world's third-largest biotech company.

While Avonex will likely pick up some of the sales lost from Tysabri's withdrawal, the newer drug "was Biogen's growth engine," said Jason Kantor, an analyst with WR Hambrecht & Co. "Now, the prospects for it are zero until we hear otherwise."

The gloomy outlook comes amid scrutiny of stock sales by three Biogen officials within a four-day span before the drug's makers notified the Food and Drug Administration Feb. 18 of illnesses involving two patients who had received intravenous infusions of

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Minors spared from death penalty sentence

By Hope Yen
Associated Press



Lee Boyd Malvo, co-conspirator in the D.C. Sniper shootings, was spared from the death penalty. He was only 17 years old at the time of the terrorism attacks.

WASHINGTON — A closely divided Supreme Court outlawed the death penalty for juvenile criminals on Tuesday, declaring there was a national consensus such executions were unconstitutionally cruel and ending a practice that had brought international condemnation.

The 5-4 decision, which overturns a 1989 high court ruling, throws out the death sentences of 72 murderers who committed their crimes as juveniles and bars states from seeking to execute others. Nineteen states had allowed death sentences for killers who committed their crimes when they were under 18.

The ruling was greeted with enthusiasm by numerous death penalty opponents, here and abroad.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, writing for the majority, said many juveniles lack maturity and intellectual development to understand the ramifications of their actions.

"The age of 18 is the point where society draws the line for many purposes between childhood and adulthood. It is, we conclude, the age at which the line for death eligibility ought to rest," Kennedy said.

The United States has stood almost alone in the world in officially sanctioning juvenile executions, a "stark reality" that can't be ignored, Kennedy wrote.

Juvenile offenders have been put to death in recent years in only a few other countries, including Iran, Pakistan, China and Saudi Arabia.

"It is proper that we acknowledge the overwhelming weight of international opinion against the juvenile death penalty, resting in large part on the understanding that the instability and emotional imbalance of young people may often be a factor in the crime," Kennedy wrote.

In an angry dissent, Justice Antonin Scalia disputed that a "national consensus" exists and said the majority opinion was based on the "flimsiest of grounds." The appropriateness of capital punishment should be determined by individual states, not "the subjective views of five members of this court and like-minded foreigners," he wrote.

The ruling continues the court's practice of narrowing the scope of the death penalty, which it reinstated in 1976. Executions for those 15 and younger when they committed their crimes were outlawed in 1988. Three years ago, justices banned executions of the mentally retarded, citing a "national consensus" against executing a killer who may lack the intelligence to fully understand his crime.

In finding a similar consensus against juvenile executions, the court noted that most states bar them and those that allow them do so infrequently. Only three states — Oklahoma, Texas and Virginia — have executed juveniles in the past 10 years.

Legal experts said the ruling could have widespread ramifications for the future of capital punishment, with courts empowered to strike down the practice on evolving notions of decency.

"The lasting significance of this case is that it opens the door to the abolition of the death penalty judicially," said Jordan Steiker, a death penalty expert at the University of Texas law school. "If a national consensus can emerge without a majority of the death penalty states moving toward abolition, then it suggests that judicial abolition is a genuine prospect."

The impact was immediate. In Prince William County, Va., officials said Tuesday they will not prosecute a murder case against teen sniper Lee Boyd Malvo, who is already serving life

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Mystery Shoppers examine DC food

By Matthew Belliveau
Collegian Staff

As students, we like to get what we want. Unfortunately, we rarely get what we ask for.

Who's listening to us anyway?

Well, Ken Toong is.

Ken Toong, director of Dining Services at the University of Massachusetts, wants his students to get exactly what they ask for. But in order to gain a full understanding of what we want to see on the menu, and maybe more importantly, what we want to see taken off, he needed some help.

"We recognized that there was a need for us to continue to monitor our quality and services at an on-going basis," said Toong. "In the food service as in many businesses, it is important to attain details, and it is the small things that really matter, such as missing cranberry sauce during roast turkey dinner or food that is too cold during a particular meal. And although we conduct a comprehensive survey with 30 questions twice a year with comment cards at each dining commons, we felt that it was not enough. We wanted quick feedback."



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The stir-fry station, found in the Oakroom at the Worcester DC, is one of the many items examined and scrutinized by the mystery shoppers.

That's where the "Mystery Shoppers" come in.

These mystery shoppers are actually 12 student ambassadors hired by Dining Services to properly assess the quality of the food and service at their local dining commons once a week.

"This Mystery shoppers program actually started about three years ago and we were using faculty and staff," said Toong.

"But last semester we extended the program, called the Student Ambassador program, by hiring the students that are actually on the meal plan to assist us."

After each visit, the student ambassador fills out a form with 12 questions to access nearly every aspect of the dining process. The forms are then submitted weekly to the head of the program, Martha Monaghan. Monaghan then reviews the comments, leaving a copy on Mr.Toong's desk and another copy to the DC managers.

"Our managers address any issues through the comment cards posted at each DC," said Toong. "I personally review each comment card and discuss with the managers any reoccurring issues."

Sean Mahan, one of the student ambassadors, was excited at the idea of basically being paid to eat.

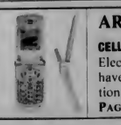
"When I was first asked to join, I was kind of confused. I didn't know what 'student ambassador' meant. I received an email from Martha asking me if I wanted to be an ambassador. And I said 'OK'," said Mahan. "I came in and was filled in on what I would be doing. I was given a schedule of what is supposed to be on the menu each week, a comment sheet, and a



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A student helps himself to the pasta bar in the Oakroom in the Worcester DC.

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Commission report examines problems

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related programs on campus.

In total, the report outlines 12 problems and offered 15 recommendations to the Chancellor.

The first "serious problem" that the report discussed, was the University's lack of dedication to diversity-related problems on the campus.

"Lack of consistent and unequivocal commitment to diversity, inclusion and social justice in the mission statement, practices and structures [is a problem]," the report said. The report went on to say that there is a lack of consistency in the campus when it comes to diversity issues.

The report went on to list other problems, including the members of ALANA (African, Latino, Asian and Native American) being isolated from the rest of the campus. The Commission added that the campus needs to focus its attention on support groups, like ALANA.

"Our minority support systems are pretty splintered," Brian Long, a SGA Senator, told the Associated Press. "They don't work together and they need to have a governing body above them to put them in the right direction."

Included in the report were graphs showing the percentage of students, by race, that attend the University. Five year's ago, 17.8 percent of the undergraduate student population was a minority. This year, the number dropped to 16.5.

Comparatively, 18 percent of the University of Connecticut's undergraduate students are a minority, and 11 percent of the University of Rhode Island's undergraduates are a minority.

A press conference was supposed to be held yesterday, but the severe weather forced the Commission to post it's 86-page summary in it's website. Next, Lombardi will review the report and develop a draft plan, with a budget, that will be published on the website on March 12.

For the full report and other information on the Commission, visit www.umass.edu/campusdiversity/index.html.



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Chancellor John Lombari.

Mystery Shoppers report on real deal in dining commons

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checklist."

Everyday, three times a day, the student ambassadors are asked to eat at the dining common of his or her choice. They assess every aspect of the dining atmosphere, from the serving and the quality of the food, to the friendliness of the staff. Mahan claims that he has yet to meet an "unfriendly" staff member.

"It seems as though they tend to put the more-friendly people out front as greeters," said Mahan. "And I think the less-friendly people become dishwashers."

While the majority of Mahan's assessments have been positive there have been occasions where the services at the dining common were not up to UMass standards.

"There was one particular dining hall that I went to that had a number of problems. So I made a note of all the issues that I came across of and passed it along to Martha," said Mahan.

"The manager of the DC then responded in a letter asking me to explain in further detail some of the problems I ran into. Most of the issues were taken care of within a few days."

"One of the problems that I tend to run into now and then is the lack of silverware. The first thing normally goes is forks, which is understandable," said Mahan.

Another one of the details the ambassadors are keeping especially aware of is the refilling of the drink stations.

"Because Sprite looks like soda water, its difficult for the workers to tell when it needs to be refilled. So there are times when we're left with a glass full of soda water," said Mahan.

"And then there is just a number of little things that we look for, like the cleanliness of the tables and chairs"

While the assessments of Mahan and the other ambassadors influence the general atmosphere of the dining halls, they do not directly influence the menu. That is left to student surveys.

During winter break, 4,000 students were sent surveys to find out what Dining Services could do better and which meals were in demand. And in response to the students' requests the menu has been filled with a number of new dishes: chicken tenders, roasted turkey, chicken Caesar salad, and sushi.

The menu has also been relieved of some of the more unpopular dishes: tuna-noodle casserole, catfish, and chicken a la king.

But the changes go far beyond just introducing new dishes; it's the adjustments of when the dishes are served, and how the meals are cooked.

"I was told that the menu on the weekend is usually weak, so we passed the info onto the menu committee to revise it before the next menu cycle occurred," said Toong.

The meals are healthier now that canola oil has replaced vegetable oil, omelets are made with less oil, an increase in vegetarian dishes, and olive oil is now available as a substitute for butter.

"I think the program works well for all parties involved. Student ambassadors receive a stipend for assisting us and they help us identify outstanding employees and shine a light on some of the things that are most popular with the students," said Toong.

"And not only do they keep us on our toes but they also provide us with insight into some issues that we might not be aware of."

The program even went as far as to consider videotaping some of the student ambassador's visits.

"We tried to provide portable cameras," said Toong, "but this idea did not work because the student ambassador preferred to remain anonymous."

Hidden cameras aside, students can remain certain that the student ambassadors are always watching, and Ken Toong is always listening.

Excessive snowfall raises concerns in Boston

By Theo Emery
Associated Press

BOSTON —When Michael Fedorouk and Darkeem Kelow found out they had a snow day on Tuesday, they couldn't have been happier. In the afternoon, they pulled on their boots, zipped up their parkas, and ran down to the Boston Common, dragging a purple inflatable sled.

But before they plopped the sled onto a snowy hillside, they acknowledged that there's a downside to having had five snow days this year: any more, and they might have to sharpen their pencils for Saturday classes, cut short their April vacation, or go to school into July.

As the snow piles up around the state, so too have the snow days. And as districts reach or approach the maximum number of days they can cancel due to snow, some are looking at whether they must shorten vacations, send students to school on Saturdays, or cancel planned days off.

In Boston, where more than 78 inches of snow has fallen since the start of winter, the district has used up all its allotted snow days with Tuesday's cancellation. As pleased as Michael, 11, and Darkeem, 13, were by prospects of an afternoon spent sledding and skating, neither wanted to have to make it up.

"On Saturdays, we always have games. I don't want to go to school on a Saturday. I might miss my games, and (Darkeem) might miss his football games," said Michael, a 5th grader at the Eliot Elementary School.

Under state law, schools are required to hold 180 days of classes. Schools customarily build three to five extra days for snow or other emergencies. They generally must end school by June 30, under the union contracts between schools and teachers. To hold fewer than 180 days of school, they must get permission from state Commissioner of Education David Driscoll, and to go past June 30, they have to negotiate with the teachers.

But the massive blizzard in January that dumped up to three feet of snow used up many or all of those five days in Eastern Massachusetts cities and towns. Some schools like Boston now face the unsavory task of deciding how to add school days to offset any future cancellations.

Driscoll's spokeswoman, Heidi Perlman, said many school superintendents have discussed seeking waivers for school years shorter than 180 days, but said Driscoll probably wouldn't decide until later in the winter, or in spring.

"His preference would really be that the districts find a way to make up the time, because from his perspective, students really should be in school, and there's a 180-day rule for a reason," she said.

Boston school spokesman Jonathan Palumbo said the school year will now go right up to June 30 — the last day that districts can hold classes. Any more snow days, he said, and the district will have to find ways to make them up, such as holding Saturday classes or asking the state to have fewer than 180 school days.

"I'm sure when the meteorologists tell us the next weather pattern comes into place, we'll convene a meeting at that point," he said.

Tom Scott, executive director of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, said that only a few districts have reached their maximum snow days, though he didn't have an exact number.



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The recent snowfall poses problems all over New England airports with delays and cancellations.

UMassAmherst Student Activities Center
UP TO THE MINUTE

Wednesday, March 2
Music Injection Wednesdays
Bring your lunch and get a healthy dose of live music between classes! Are you interested in performing? Contact Maxine at 577-2643.
Student Union, Cape Cod Lounge
11am-1pm FREE

Thursday, March 3
Mix It Up Dance Series:
Disco Dancing! ***Slap on those platforms and reminisce about when your parents were your age. Prizes for the best outfits and give-aways for all who come!***
Campus Center Auditorium
7pm-11pm FREE

Friday, March 4
Something Every Friday
National Treasure **with Nicholas Cage**
New Location: Cape Cod Lounge
9pm FREE

Sunday, March 6
Sunday Night Movie
National Treasure **with Nicholas Cage**
New Location: Cape Cod Lounge
8pm FREE

Wednesday, March 9
International Movie Series:
Maria Full of Grace
Nominated for Best Actress Oscar, *Maria Full of Grace* examines the difficult choices of a young Colombian woman who wants to break free from poverty and discover the real meaning of grace and virtue.
Campus Center, Room 163C
8pm FREE

Student Union Craft Center daily hours: Monday - Thursday 11am-5pm, Friday 11am-6pm, Saturday 1pm-6pm.

UMass Amherst Calendar of Events: www.umass.edu/studentsfirst

Request for Nomination

The 2004-2005 Gerald F. Scanlon Student Employee of the Year committee is seeking nominations for outstanding student employees.

The intent of the award is to recognize and honor students who have demonstrated exceptional performance by contributing their time and/or skills to help the University achieve its goals and objectives.

Up to 10 awards will be presented at a celebration to be held in May.

Departmental supervisors may nominate any matriculated student who has been employed for six months, or who is a junior or senior. The selection committee comprised of supervisors representing each Vice Chancellor's division will be review the nominations and select award recipients. Selection criteria include: dependability, demonstrated initiative, and original contributions to the workplace. **Nominations are due by March 18, 2005.**

For more nomination information or to obtain a nomination form, please visit the Student Employment website at http://www.umass.edu/umfa/seo/Employer_Information/. For questions or extra information, please contact Anne Peramba in the Student Employment Office at peramba@finaid.umass.edu or 545-2886.

Biogen's actions seen as questionable by many

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Tysabri in combination with Avonex.

One patient later died from a rare and frequently fatal disease of the central nervous system. The other, with a suspected case of the same illness, survived. Monday's withdrawal of Tysabri and suspension of clinical tests came 10 days after the companies notified the FDA.

Biogen's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission show Thomas Bucknum, a Biogen executive vice president and the company's general counsel, sold 89,700 shares on Feb. 18 for a profit of $1.9 million. The gain reflected the rise in the value of company shares since the options were granted starting in 1998.

Bucknum also was awarded new options on 55,000 shares on Feb. 17, the day the company's board approved a committee recommendation granting Biogen executives cash bonuses totaling $4.6 million based on its performance last year.

Biogen's executive chairman, William Rastetter, sold more than 120,000 shares On Feb. 15, yielding a $7.45 million profit, the filings show. The day before that, Biogen director Robert Pangia sold 15,570 shares for a profit of $954,844.

Walter Ricciardi, head of the SEC's Boston office, declined to comment Tuesday, citing agency policy not to discuss what his office may or may not investigate.

Biogen spokesman Jose Juves said the stock transactions were planned before the company learned of the problems that led to Tysabri's withdrawal.

"The company moved very quickly once there was a hint of a potential safety issue with Tysabri," Juves said. "All these trades preceded that quick and decisive action, which was guided exclusively by concern for patient safety and our commitment to the MS community."

When Tysabri was withdrawn Monday, Biogen shares lost more than 42 percent of their value while Elan's stock fell 70 percent.

On Tuesday, both stocks recovered slightly, with Biogen shares rising $2.22, or 5.7 percent, to $40.87 in afternoon trading on Nasdaq Stock Market, and Elan rising 10 cents to $8.10 on the New York Stock Exchange.

BTK serial killer sentenced to life

By David Twiddy
Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — Dennis Rader, the churchgoing family man and Cub Scout leader accused of leading a double life as the BTK serial killer, was charged Tuesday with 10 counts of first-degree murder.

Rader made his first court appearance by videoconference from his jail cell. During the brief hearing, Rader stood behind a podium, his hands folded at times, at others leafing through a copy of the charges against him. He told the judge he is married and was employed with the city of Park City, and said "Thank you, sir" at the end of the hearing.

About a dozen family members of victims were in the courtroom, but they did not speak to reporters. Rader was accompanied by a temporary attorney, and the judge appointed the state's public defender office to represent him.

The BTK killer, whose nickname stands for "Bind, Torture, Kill," was suspected of eight deaths beginning in 1974, but authorities said they had linked two additional victims to the serial killer.

It appears unlikely Rader will face the death penalty. He has yet to be charged with a slaying that occurred after 1994, when Kansas passed its capital punishment law. Additionally, the Kansas Supreme Court ruled that law unconstitutional in December over a provision on how juries weigh evidence for and against execution.

Authorities have declined to say what led them to the 59-year-old Rader, a married father of two, scout leader and active member of a Lutheran church.

However, there were indications a computer disk BTK sent to the television station KSAS provided a key piece of evidence that led police to Rader.



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Dennis Rader, the now convicted BTK serial killer, poses for a mug shot. Rader was charged with ten counts of murder.

Scott Robertson, an assignment editor for the station that produces KSAS' news broadcast, told The Associated Press a package the station received Feb. 16 contained the disk as well jewelry that may have been from one of the victims.

Pastor Michael Clark of Christ Lutheran Church — Rader's church — also said police asked him for a list of people who had access to the church computer. On Friday, he provided 10 or 15 names, including Rader's, he said.

Syria rejoices as its troops withdraw from Lebanon

By Hussein Dakroub
Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Elated at forcing out Lebanon's pro-Damascus government, flag-waving, singing protesters crowded downtown Beirut on Tuesday, as Syrian President Bashar Assad indicated he would withdraw Syria's 15,000 troops from Lebanon "maybe in the next few months."

Russia joined Egypt and Saudi Arabia in trying to persuade Syria to withdraw all its troops, and Assad told Time magazine that the troops would be out "maybe in the next few months. Not after that." The troops were originally deployed during Lebanon's 1975-90 civil war — ostensibly as peacekeepers — and Syria has held sway over Lebanese politics ever since.

The Lebanese opposition called for nightly protests to demand an end to Syrian control and the capture of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri's assassins.

As politicians began searching for a replacement for ousted Prime Minister Omar Karami, opposition leaders planned to meet Wednesday to discuss how far to push their people power campaign and to ensure Damascus does not dominate Lebanon's new Cabinet.

Egypt and Saudi Arabia are trying to persuade Syria to accept a timetable for a complete withdrawal by April, Arab diplomats said on condition of anonymity. Russia, a traditional ally of Syria's, also called for a withdrawal on Tuesday, saying Damascus must respect the U.N. resolution demanding the troops leave.

A withdrawal is a key demand of the Lebanese opposition, the United States and United Nations.

About 2,000 protesters were in Beirut's central Martyrs' Square Tuesday evening, their numbers growing from a few hundred in the morning. With many Lebanese awaiting political developments, protesters numbered far fewer than the 25,000 who demanded — and obtained — Karami's resignation.

"We will continue the sit-in every day until the Syrian army leaves Lebanon and until the truth is determined in Hariri's assassination," said Sami Makhlouf, an 18-year-old student waving Lebanon's red and white flag with the green cedar tree in the middle.

In reaction to the Time report, Syria appeared to back off the comments. A Syrian official, speaking on condition of anonymity in Damascus, questioned whether it could occur within months, saying the Taif Accord was the basis for this matter.

The 1989 accord does not necessarily rule out a full withdrawal within months. It calls for a redeployment to eastern Lebanon near the border, with a full pullout subject to negotiation.

Syria last week said it was committed to withdrawing according to the Taif agreement and Lebanon's defense minister said then a pullback to the border area would come soon. Both governments indicated there would not a full withdrawal for now, but that was before the government buckled in Beirut under popular pressure.

An opposition follow-up committee called on Lebanese to continue their "independence uprising" with peaceful nightly sit-ins at Martyrs' Square. But an opposition meeting Wednesday is to decide whether to continue larger protests or pursue political means.

Troops lifted the cordon they had imposed around the city center Monday and Lebanon reopened after a one-day strike to protest Hariri's Feb. 14 assassination.

In London, U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier renewed calls for Syrian troops and intelligence agents to leave Lebanon.

"The Lebanese people have very courageously expressed their aspiration for freedom, their aspiration for a sovereign Lebanon. The Lebanese want to be masters of their own state," Barnier said.



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Destruction and devastation piles remain in Lebanon after a recent attack. Saudia Arabia, Russia and Egypt are persuading Syria to withdraw all its troops from Lebanon.

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in prison in two of the 10 sniper killings that terrorized the Washington area in 2002.

Prince William County Commonwealth's Attorney Paul Ebert had hoped to get the death penalty for Malvo, who was 17 at the time of the killings, but he said another trial would now be an unnecessary expense.

"Today, the court repudiated the misguided idea that the United States can pledge to kane no child behind while simultaneously killing children to the death chamber," said William F. Schulz, executive director of Amnesty International USA.

Former President Carter, along with several other Nobel Prize winners, filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the case last year. In a statement he said the ruling "acknowledges the profound inconsistency in prohibiting those under 18 years of age from voting, serving in the military or buying cigarettes, while allowing them to be sentenced to the ultimate punishment."

Dianne Clements, president of the Houston-based Justice for All victims advocacy group, criticized the decision and said she hopes that when there is a Supreme Court vacancy a strong death penalty supporter is nominated.

"The Supreme Court has opened the door for more innocent people to suffer by 16- and 17-year-olds," she said. "I can't wait for the Supreme Court to have judges more concerned with American values. American States can pledge to leave no child behind while simultaneously killing children to the death chamber," said William F. Schulz, executive director of Amnesty International USA.

Justices were called on to draw an age line for executions after Missouri's highest court overturned the death sentence given to Christopher Simmons, who was 17 when he kidnapped a neighbor, bogtied her and threw her off a bridge in 1993. Prosecutors say he planned the burglary and killing of Shirley Crook and bragged that he could get away with it because of his age.

The four most liberal Supreme Court justices — John Paul Stevens, David H. Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer — had gone on record in 2002 opposing the death penalty for juveniles, calling it "shameful." Those four, joined by Kennedy, formed Tuesday's decision.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justice Clarence Thomas joined Scalia in seeking to uphold the executions.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor filed a separate dissent, arguing that a blanket rule against juvenile executions was misguided. Case-by-case determinations of a young offenders' maturity is the better approach, she wrote.

"The court's analysis is premised on differences in the aggregate between juveniles and adults, which frequently do not hold true when comparing individuals," she said. "Chronological age is not an unfailing measure of psychological development, and common experience suggests that many 17-year-olds are more mature than the average young adult."

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Juvenile executions smartly ruled unconstitutional

Juveniles now convicted of murder will no longer have to deal with the threat of the death penalty weighing over their heads. The Supreme Court ruled yesterday that the execution for those who were under the age of 18 is unconstitutional. For the majority of the nation, this is already a state law. However, states such as Texas, Virginia and Oklahoma, that have performed juvenile executions in the past, things will now have to change.

In a 5-4 vote, the decision is one that can finally unite the nation in an effort to properly punish criminals, not just kill them. In a New York Times article, the Supreme Court stated that executing juvenile killers violates "the evolving standards of decency that mark the progress of a maturing society." If we are to move forward as a world super power and international sheriff, we need to first portray to the world that we can handle our own criminals in a constitutional manner.

For citizens of the United States that are under the age of 18, different standards are held: they are very limited in their actions and for anything concerning issues of legality, they need parental consent. They cannot legally buy cigarettes, alcohol or vote. For them to be executed for committing a murder when they don't even have a legal say in electing who is sentencing them is absurd.

The logic behind the reasoning follows the lines that, if juveniles cannot be held responsible for their actions when it comes to legal issues, how can they be expected to be punished in that same regard?

The issue raised by the Supreme Court was centered on the terms "cruel and unusual punishment." The issue lies with proper legal representation, and who can speak for the juveniles and their actions. In terms of maturity, a person who commits murder who is 17 and a half years old may not be much different from someone who just turned 18. However, it is not the maturity that is the issue, but the rights and stance that that person maintains in a court of law. The person's maturity level is not in question if they are convicted of murder, but rather their mental health and well-being.

Following that line of reasoning, juveniles are also not the most frequent committers of murder. They make up a very minimal portion of those convicted felons, prior to today's court decision, being found on Death Row. And, at a being at an impressionable age, by both peers and the law, proper punishment would be a better sentence than death. Because of their youth, it is more likely that they will learn from their actions and understand the reasoning behind them, rather than just being killed for committing those murders.

The Supreme Court, having wisely made their decision yesterday, has begun an effort to show the international arena that the United States is capable of reasoning and understanding. This decision will hopefully be one that will take a step toward uniting the nation behind the law.

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In the name of freedom

Todd Hanaburgh

It is important at this point in United States history that we begin to actually be accountable for the things that we have done in the name of freedom.

The actions of our government during the Cold War hurt millions upon millions of innocent people needlessly, by shortsighted action to contain and suppress communism. In fact, I challenge anyone to conclusively show that our covert operations and underhanded meddling in global affairs during the Cold War did not actually cause most of the problems we as a nation are facing today.

For example, the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan in 1979. The CIA responded by arming many militants within Afghanistan and Pakistan, or basically anyone who was willing to fight the Soviet army. In doing so, they supplied sensitive weapons technology and tactical training to randomly hired guns — pay attention here, because this is par for course for the CIA — often times groups and individuals who were already considered dangerous militant fanatics and terrorists. Two notable recruits/trainees of the Reagan Administration's Afghanistan project include Sheik Abdel Rahman, now world famous for his involvement in the first World Trade Center bombing, and our other favorite fall-guy, Osama bin Laden.

The U.S. achieved victory in Afghanistan when the U.S.S.R. withdrew its troops, over one million people were dead, the Taliban regime was gaining vast power and influence controlling most of the country and Afghanistan became the world's largest producer of heroin and other opiates.

The hunt for WMDs in Iraq was not fully unfounded in my mind, as the Reagan Administration provided Iraq with weapons, technology and training during the bloody Iran-Iraq War. In essence, the current Bush Administration was betting that Saddam had some of these weapons and programs left over from when we bestowed them upon him. Much to (not) everyone's surprise, the sanctions were actually working and Saddam Hussein was actually disarming. All other things aside, our government helped to award the Ba'athist Party control of Iraq in a 1963 coup, which led to a subsequent in-party coup that put Saddam Hussein in power.

If it weren't so tragic, it would almost be funny. Think about it:

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we frantically manipulate forces in environments that we don't understand, in attempts to promote the greatest good. Here's the punch line: instead of preventing the spread of tyranny and human suffering, we continuously perpetuate it by our inability to leave well enough alone.

Chile, 1970s: a left leaning presidential candidate named Salvadore Allende gained widespread support and was ultimately elected president. Unfortunately, his policies scared the Nixon Administration, who wanted to avoid the creation of "another Cuba" in the Western Hemisphere. Naturally, the creation of any new communist or Marxist government was a threat to U.S. national security and was to be avoided at all costs. Nixon committed millions of dollars to CIA operations including massive propaganda campaigns as well as training and arming those who would carry out a coup or assassination attempt against this Socialist Allende.

In the CIA report on operations in Chile found at www.cia.gov/cia/reports/chile/index.html, Nixon and his National Security Advisor Henry Kissenger are described as being "... not concerned [about the] risks involved." This of course led to some of the darkest days of post-colonial Chilean history, the Pinochet Era. This dictator, who rose to power due to the U.S. sponsored coup, is easily the most despicable human rights abuser since Suharto of Indonesia (another CIA manipulation gone awry). Nixon said on Pinochet, "He may be a son of a bitch, but he's our son of a bitch."

It is exactly this reckless attitude that has landed the U.S. in innumerable sticky situations. What I am saying is that a step toward the right direction for our nation would be to globally proclaim our natural human fallibility, not arrogantly flaunting our political and economic influence or by employing a military enforcement of some "Pax Americana."

In the July/August 2004 issue of Foreign Affairs Magazine, Eliot Cohen wrote of "The Burdens of Empire" in which he explored our responsibility to police and shape the world. With this great power in our hands, the question is continually, "how and when shall we exercise this power?" Sadly missing from the debate is the question of whether or not we should.

The United States of America is indeed a nation of great power, often deluded or drunken on its own influence or so-called superiority. But perhaps it would be wise, for once, to admit that we don't know what the answers are, that we cannot know the best course of action, that the world may have to grow and develop without our interference. Yes, and to apologize for the horrors that our ignorance and carelessness have caused in the past.

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Religion and politics don't mix

Amelia Sabadini

Ever hear a person likening the existence of reproductive health care clinics to the fulfillment of Adolf Hitler's dreams? You probably have if you've been reading this paper. Ever want to ask them how they can be so monumentally inconsiderate and selfishly intent on pushing their own agenda that they'll just blithely invoke the name of a man who instigated the deaths of millions of people for the sake of dramatically embellishing their argument?

Or why, incidentally, the anti-choice Catholic Church never did get around to excommunicating Hitler? Or maybe I would ask if the real reason that anti-choice proponents seem so eager to say they see Hitler's ghost is because they're trying to divert attention from the actual totalitarian bogeymen that are alive here and now, driving the assault on women's reproductive rights, the Christian Reconstructionists.

Christian Reconstructionists, also called Dominionists, firmly believe that there should be global implementation of biblical law. Such law would entail public executions for homosexuality, adultery, contraception, abortion and juvenile delinquency (just have that unwanted child, wait till they disobey you and then you can actually watch as they're burned alive at the stake, now that's fun for the whole family).

Wait, there's more. You can also face the death penalty for premarital sex if you're a woman, heresy, blasphemy (yes that means saying "God damn") and apostasy (refusal to believe in God — that of course being the God of the Christian Reconstructionists, not Allah or Buddah or whoever or whatever you thought you had a good spiritually fortifying relationship with). They sound pretty scary don't they? No way people with such extreme views could ever get into power right? Wrong.

Reconstructionist Rev. Timothy LaHaye is pals with Bush Jr. and has been credited with playing a major part in getting Bush into office, as has Reconstructionist, millionaire Howard Ahmanson. Bush has been basing his appointments and nominees to various positions and boards on spiritual and political affiliations rather than actual expertise. Rep. Joe Pitts (R - PA), Sen. Sam Brownback (R - KA) and majority leader Tom Delay (R - TX) are all supporters of the Reconstructist movement.

Some claim Bush is a Reconstructionist himself; he makes no secret of his belief in the rapture. There are also the senators and congressmen (including Sen. Zell flip-out-on-The-Daily-Show-live-clip Miller) who are co-sponsors and supporters of the Constitution Restoration Act of 2004, A.K.A. the you-can't-be-judged-if-you-were-acting-in-the-name-of-God act. Nearly every move made by the Bush Administration has been in accord with the ideals of the Reconstructionists and the unmitigated oppression of women isn't the only thing on their agenda.

Misogyny and homophobia provided the Reconstructionists with the opportunities they needed to infect our country's government. These people have gained power in leaps and bounds primarily by exploiting intolerance.

Reconstructionists are also all about global domination, the abolition of all social programs (like welfare and social security) and wanton waste and abuse of the environment and all natural resources. Apparently they figure that God gave humans — excuse me, men — the earth so it doesn't matter if the planet gets trashed. God will fix it as long as the new chosen people (as they like to call themselves) are in control and killing all the gays, misfits and disobedient women and children.

To me, expecting that God should drop everything and clean up after the most technologically advanced species on the planet sounds like a 31-year-old expecting that their mother should tie their shoes for them. Then again, Reconstructionists do believe that women should have the status of slaves. The Bible says a man can sell his daughters into slavery, although apparently there's some debate in Reconstructionist circles about slavery but, by verbatim interpretation of the bible, there's nothing wrong with enslaving people, particularly females you're related to. I guess the whole shoe tying bit would be par for the course.

Misogyny and homophobia provided the Reconstructionists with the opportunities they needed to infect our country's government. These people have gained power in leaps and bounds primarily by exploiting intolerance. Every vote someone casts in spite against their neighbor helps these agents of a vengeful God to further their agenda of absolute tyranny. The Reconstructionists might have started as a shadow in the conservative party but now they've metastasized and their malignancy knows no bounds.

Sure, not all Republicans are Reconstructionists, at least not in name but in deed, most elected Republicans vote for and propose legislation that concurs with Reconstructionist thinking.

Given how easy it would be to get yourself killed in a Reconstructionist/Dominionist theocracy, I would think most anti-choicers and homophobes have to stop and wonder if it's really worth it. Can anyone in their right minds be so hell bent (literally) on having their say in how complete strangers live their lives that they'd be willing to live under religious totalitarianism?

Is doing something like forcing a 42-year-old waitress who just accidentally got pregnant and already has two teenage kids, no husband, no health care and osteoarthritis to carry to term worth sacrificing the safety and freedom of yourself and everyone you know? Do you really have such a need to stop two consenting adults from getting married just because you don't consider their relationship to be legitimate, proper or anything other than something you watch on cable after dark, that you're willing to risk a biblical execution (stoning, burning or hanging) over it? There's just no way to oppress someone without ultimately oppressing yourself as well. You can't have your self-righteous cake and the freedom to eat it in a relatively safe, sane democratic society too.

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Rethinking 'democracy' in Iraq

Ethan Burke

We are told the war in Iraq was not about Weapons of Mass Destruction. After all, it was about bringing "democracy" to Iraq. Mainstream debate has adopted the Bush Administration's new pretext for the war in Iraq: "Should the United States be bringing democracy to Iraq?" Even the so-called "liberal" news columnists like Thomas Friedman, Robert Kuttner, even "liberal" Hollywood actor Tim Robbins, ponder the efficacy of bringing "democracy" to Iraq.

We now know the Bush Administration lied to Congress and the American public. The Bush Administration was not misled, as many supporters of the President would like to believe. True, George Tenet and the CIA did take the fall, but it was Dick Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld who created the Office of Special Plans designed to circumvent the CIA to come of up with new evidence in order to sell the Iraqi threat. It was George Bush who spoke those 16 words in the State of the Union Address after being told they were unfounded by George Tenet.

Condeleeza Rice assured us on the Sunday morning talk show "Meet the Press" that the administration was not lying explaining, "We forgot." The administration "forgot" that the only piece of evidence that Iraq was seeking nuclear weapons was based on poorly forged documents. Apparently they didn't talk to Dick Cheney, who had sent former Ambassador Joseph Wilson to check on the claim. Realizing the documents were fraudulent, Wilson submitted his report to the Vice President long before the State of the Union Address.

Why are we so quick to believe the Bush Administration is concerned about democracy in Iraq? The press seems to take at face value the Bush Administration's commitment to "freedom," "liberty," "democracy" and "human rights" simply because they say so.

We are now in the fifth term of the Reagan Administration with a new figurehead. The historical record during the first 12 years of the Reagan-Bush Administrations show absolute abhorrence for democracy when it conflicts with "US interests."

Paul Wolfowitz, the supposed "idealist," demonstrated his commitment to democracy by supporting the genocidal mass murdering Suharto regime in Indonesia serving as U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia. John Negroponte is now being rewarded with various promotions for his involvement in the massacres in Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador and Nicaragua. Dick Cheney and the Reagan Administration called Nelson Mandela and the African National Congress "terrorists" for opposing the racist apartheid regime and U.S. ally in South Africa.

We must ask how long the Bush Administration has had this vision of "democracy" in Iraq. When Saddam Hussein came to power, he found a U.S. ally eager to supply him with chemical and biological weapons materials in his wars against Iran, and Iraqis who opposed his regime.

In the early 1980's Donald Rumsfeld assured Hussein that the U.S. support would continue despite the use of chemical weapons against Iranian troops and U.S. sales of WMD actually increased after Saddam gassed the Kurds in Halabja in 1988, an event often cited today in denouncing the crimes of Hussein. In 1991, after the first Gulf War, when Iraqis rose up to overthrow the brutal dictator, the U.S. lifted the flight ban in order to allow Hussein to crush the rebellion.

Apparently U.S. support for a coup against democratically elected Haitian President Aristide, two coup attempts against Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez in recent years and the continual support for undemocratic brutal regimes in Colombia, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Egypt, to name a few, cast no doubt upon the "vision."

The Wall Street Journal is quite honest in explaining what is really meant by bringing "democracy" to Iraq. In an article titled, "Iraqis Wrestle with How to Exploit Oil," Chip Cummins tells us that "nationalist feelings about oil are still strong" among Iraqis who see their "national identity closely linked to Iraqi oil might." This would "make the idea of foreign investment harder to sell to the public than expected by some leading politicians."

Cummins assures the business community that the prospects for oil corporations are good, due to "high profile candidates" who are looking to "shake Iraq's state-controlled oil industry" continuing the "moves toward oil industry liberalization over the past two years introduced by the U.S. occupation government."

The Iraqis recently voted for the United Iraqi Alliance on a platform that calls for a "timetable for U.S. withdrawal," and the "use of Iraqi oil wealth for economic development projects." Iraqis must not understand; in a "democracy" these choices are not allowed.

If history is any indication, and the U.S. wins the war in Iraq, "democracy" will be restricted by economic liberalization. This will place Iraqi wealth in the hands of foreign corporations with collaborating Iraqi elite and government officials, who will own the newspapers, own the news stations, run the factories and monopolize the political system. As a result, Iraqis will be given no meaningful role as they vote every few years from a list of candidates who differentiate themselves with issues such as interpreting Islamic law and who is tougher on terrorism. At least there will be elections and we can all cheer for the Bush Administration's "vision of democracy" in Iraq.

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Loving thy neighbors

Thomas Naughton

I am a senior still living on-campus, largely because if I am not directly on school premises I will never go to class and my days will spiral down into a debacle of "Golden Girls" reruns, a slew of Susan Lucci infomercials and hours of shouting back at the idiots on Fox News. Because I have an illustrious relationship with Housing Services which I cherish, I have been able to live alone for all but one of my eight-semester dance in the concrete jungle of UMass.

Without a roommate to love or hate, I have had quite a career of dealing with neighbors of all kinds, providing me with an amazing amalgamation of stories detailing the love, hate, fear, violence, fun, drugs, sex and ultimate insanity that transpires in the halls of our dorms.

Tales from the crypt: Sylvan

As a first year student, my very first dwelling place was Brown Hall, in the Sylvan area. Sylvan is like "The Shining"; you open the door to the hallway outside of your suite and you see ... nothing. Turn the corner, and some chopped up twins will offer you a sip of their Bud Light, but perhaps that was only a figment of your lonely imagination. I was lucky; I lived in the loudest suite in all of Sylvan. My suite included two sophomore engineering majors, two first-year frat pledges, some nice senior and his pretty girlfriend (they had sleepover parties, like, constantly) and two guys who smoked everything but their shoes.

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We were quite a family. The two engineering majors had a lot to prove and tried to escape the fact that they were complete nerds and idiots by drinking themselves into oblivion, trashing the bathroom and puking all over the place. In addition, they set fire to our lounge weekly, threw beer bottles out the window and played their nerdy video games with their sound blaring out of subwoofers — what a pair.

Then there were the two frat pledges: one named Jay and one named Frank, or something, who was the Engineering Twins tagalong. Jay was a princess, and would look around at the trashed suite and rancid bathroom with big eyes and shout at the door of the comatose engineers that he was glad he wasn't going to have to deal with this crap at the frat house next year (ha ha).

The last pair was Justin and his criminal sidekick, Brian. I think Justin's entire body is made of marijuana; a quick handshake could give you a real clean high and a new sense of direction. I love Justin and I still see him on campus today. I love Justin now because I wanted to kill him when we lived together for constantly making me sick with the pungent odor of nasty weed and his competing subwoofers that blasted me into mega-bass overload.

And his roommate, Brian, used to sell drugs and had a gun (I'm not sure if it was a Beebe gun), which I thought was funny. I'd always smile at him while he was doing business in the lounge, or beating someone up in the lounge, or being drunk and high out of his mind in the lounge. I think he got kicked out of school, or dissolved when the wrong chemicals mixed together.

Shaggletooth, the Republicans, a hammer and me: Baker.

Year two found me in Baker among the "chill" residents of Central. I lived in a double single that year, after I threw my most famous fit to date in the midst of a one Mr. Jones at Housing Assignments, who was not impressed in the least by my bratty pyrotechnics. Out of the goodness of their hearts and the fact that they didn't need the space, Mr. Jones and his team overlooked my crazy display and allowed me to stay in my cavernous room.

My hall was populated by a crew of first-year Republican boys who love their George W. Bush and their War on Terror like nobody's business. My neighbor to the left, however, is an entity known today as 'Shaggletooth': the young man suspended in the grunge era of the 90s. He would play terrible music, which should be forgotten, on the highest volume setting and then pluck his bass along with it. That was just the daytime.

At night, he would invite his unwashed masses of friends over for some Brew and Bass, a loud regular affair that would stretch into the wee hours of the morning. To combat the climbing noise when I was trying to sleep, I would simply pull out the hammer that was left by last year's occupants and hammer the wall until they were subdued. It was like the circus, and I was a lion tamer.

Last dance with the ladies who "Fonda": Central as a senior

I have left out my third year where I lived in Sylvan for one more round because it was uneventful in favor of writing about my final hall-mates, the ones who broke through and forced me to love them. When I go back to my room, I'm not a social person. I am usually exhausted when I return home and don't want to talk to anyone. This was easy with my former neighbors whom hated me and whom I wanted to hit with the left-behind hammer, but with my present neighbors, it has become quite a labor.

They were persistent, however, and after I felt guilty about waking them up at all hours of the morning with my broken alarm clock, something changed in my cold disposition and one night we actually hung out. They exercise to Jane Fonda videos and have "white trash" parties. As we got to know each other I kept thinking "if I didn't live next to these girls, we would totally be friends" — and then it hit me. Why am I afraid to have friends where I live?

They were the first neighbors I have ever hung out with and taking this chance has only given me more happiness where I live. Good neighbors are hard to find, and if you stop fighting it for a second, if you let people in, you too can be the belle of the ball at your first "white trash" party.

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Social Security plan faulty

Andrew Freeman

Of all the things you may be planning ahead for — jobs, graduate school, marriage — I doubt that retirement is anywhere near the top of that list. If so, you may view the current firestorm over Social Security with confusion. However, a substantial portion of the population — the so-called "baby boomer" generation of the 50's and '60's — is set to retire within the next several decades, and they are intimately concerned with the fate of Social Security. Most of our parents are part of this generation.

Social Security, created in 1935, was part of the New Deal that Franklin Delano Roosevelt passed during the Great Depression. The system distributes checks to retired workers over the age of 65, as well as providing benefits such as payments to their spouses or minor children. At the time, the program did not affect many, since the average life expectancy was around 60 years, and the amounts paid out were small.

Today, the average life expectancy is 77 years and Social Security is paid to over 40 million people, almost a third of which are not retired. The estimated outlays for Social Security in fiscal year 2004 were in excess of $530 billion, and for 2005 they are more than $555 billion, according to the Social Security Administration.

Social Security is paid for through federal payroll taxes of current workers, deducted from your paycheck automatically. This money does not go into a trust fund and later withdrawn for you, but is spent immediately for Social Security benefits of current retirees. This system — taxing young and middle-aged to pay for the aging — is solvent and will be for the next several decades.

However, the Bush Administration, as part of its "ownership society" drive, has been pushing the creation of private Social Security accounts as a solution to a 'crisis.' There is no crisis. Bush has been pushing the Social Security Administration's estimate that the system will stop running at a surplus in 2042, but that date assumes the worst economic growth rate in the U.S. since the Great Depression — 1.8 percent per year from 2015-2080. Even if that were the case, the program will still be solvent for 30 years, and tax increases could easily be passed around the by time it stumbles.

The idea of a massive borrowing spree to handle a future financial crisis is insane, like running up thousands of dollars in credit card debt because you're worried about paying off a future mortgage.

Worse, the proposed solution of private accounts would do nothing for the finances of Social Security, and it might create fiscal insecurity.

The Administration's proposal calls for massive borrowing of over $1 trillion to create private accounts, which would allow individuals to invest some of their payroll taxes in the stock market, theoretically resulting in higher returns. The idea of a massive borrowing spree to handle a future financial crisis is insane, like running up thousands of dollars in credit card debt because you're worried about paying off a future mortgage.

Moreover, most people do not have the skills, time or knowledge to manage an account full of stocks, meaning many would turn their money over to a mutual fund to invest for them. Unfortunately, the returns one makes from a mutual fund would be reduced by the brokerage fees the fund pays on each transaction it makes — because you're paying a business to invest for you, they take a substantial amount off the top. Even if you invest entirely on your own, the market could crash, or your stocks could fall, and you would lose most of your money.

Like many Bush proposals, the true intent of private accounts is to benefit corporations and the financial elite. Individuals who invest professionally and have significant assets can gamble with their social security accounts, and stand to gain substantially more than those who invest conservatively and lack funds or knowledge. Moreover, the investment banks stand to gain enormous revenue, if millions more people place funds into the market and trade stocks, or buy mutual funds.

Meanwhile, ordinary workers would see their retirement funds crest and fall, or evaporate altogether, and the government would risk even larger deficits. Private accounts would not create fiscal security in society, they would eliminate it, by exposing everyone to the vagaries of the market, which caused the Great Depression and led to Social Security in the first place.

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Shakespeare and synchronicity

Colin Jones

Maybe I seem like a one-trick pony at this point. My columns have been about life and its lessons for some time now, and I can understand why, in this time and place, such subjects might be seen as too deep or heavy. If you happened to meet me randomly, you probably would never think of me as someone who is deeply philosophical. I wear a lot of metal band t-shirts, and frequently utter the words "dude," "man," "cool" and "awesome." I habitually toe the line between being introverted and extroverted.

Writing these columns has given me an opportunity to express myself in a meaningful way, and a chance to try and use such expressions for a greater purpose. The reason why I've been writing about things like taking chances and finding spirituality is largely because I have discovered these things recently for myself, and believe they could be rewarding for everyone. It may seem overly idealistic or cliché, but the truth is that to this day I am still fascinated by life and I like to share that fascination.

Did you ever get the sense that there is an importance and meaning to your actions? That when you look back at the sum total of your collective experiences, every occurrence happened for a reason, and that your actions can have purpose beyond your understanding? There is actually a term for this feeling, coined by the psychologist and philosopher Carl Jung. Synchronicity.

Put simply, synchronicity is finding personal significance in seemingly random events. For example, maybe a song you've heard reminded you of an old friend and prompted you to call them. Or you had a class early in your college career that you took for easy credit, only to find that it fascinated you, leading you to change your major and follow a new dream. These situations do invariably present themselves from time to time, and once in a while the measure of coincidence can be so large that it can cause you to believe that there really are forces at work, acting in ways unknown and unseen.

To quote one of my favorite films, Paul Thomas Anderson's "Magnolia," "There are stories of coincidence and chance, of intersections and strange things told, and which is which and nobody knows, and we generally say that if that was in a movie, we'd never believe it." But the fact is that these things do happen.

In my life, the frequency with which I have encountered such situations has caused me to undergo a fundamental transformation, from being an unquestioning atheist to becoming highly philosophical and spiritual. It's not to say that I have found religion exactly, but rather that I believe intersections and experiences work to weave a tapestry with a design beyond our understanding.

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While there is no way to prove whether or not there is meaning or importance to the nature of existence, if you view things in this way, you'll find that it allows you to see every day as unique and different, filled with opportunities to learn. And if you can view everything as happening for one reason or another, it can remind you that what you put in is what you'll get out, and it's not what you've got, but it's what you give.

Lately the situations that have presented themselves to me in a "synchronized" way have been positive. I have already written about how a day prior to my own arrival in Ireland, a friend of mine on exchange at the same school bummed a cigarette off a fellow American outside the steps to his apartment building. Subsequently, I met the kid, learned that he had an empty room in his apartment, moved in, and developed some of the best friendships I ever have. One of my buddies, a Frenchman from Lyon, actually came to stay with me over the intersession and said that he would return the favor anytime.

I have also experienced a great deal of adversity in my life, and it made me into someone I didn't like being. For a number of years, I felt at a loss about my life. I was miserable and self-defeating. I couldn't understand what was right or what was precious. But gradually I opened my eyes, and realized that coming across such difficulties and overcoming them has allowed me to develop talents and ideas I might not have achieved otherwise.

And though I wish that a number of things had gone differently, the way that I have come to understand creation of personal character is directly related to how well we can overcome the obstacles we face. Da Vinci's Mona Lisa is just a bunch of smears of paint. Michalangelo's David is just thousands of bits with a hammer. All of us are thousands of bits and pieces put together in just the right way. And like these timeless works of art, we too have the ability to touch people, with our strength, our courage and our compassion.

Shakespeare may have had it right when he said that all the world was a stage and that we're all merely players. We all play roles in each others lives; even our smallest interactions can impact the world in ways we can't even imagine. To quote Mr. Jung himself, "As far as we can discern, the sole purpose of human existence is to kindle a light in the darkness of mere being."

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A Red Sox rioter reformed

Brian J. Leibinger

"Stop struggling or you'll make it worse! You're under arrest."

That was the last thing I heard before pepper spray burned and blinded me and I felt the cold, pinching metal on my wrists that could only be handcuffs. Soon after, I found myself squeezed into the back of a paddy wagon with the rest of the would-be rioters. Sitting there, with tears, drool and snot pouring out of my burning face, I probably should have resolved not to go to any more riots. That, however, was not in my thoughts, nor was it my last night that week in jail.

I'm sure I'm not the only person who has done something so stupid that it becomes a landmark in your life. It's the kind of thing you replay in your head over and over and wonder, "My God, what was I thinking?" I'd like to describe one of those things to you, with hopes that it may deter even one person from making my mistake.

What we as students need to try to do is move beyond the juvenile and destructive impulses that drive us to behave this way. Damaging property, lighting fires and hurting each other is not just dismissed as asinine "ZooMass" behavior anymore.

I can't imagine that anyone has forgotten the Red Sox ALCS and World Series victories this past fall. I'm also sure that many of you remember the riots that followed them. You may have been there or heard about them afterwards. Some of you may have even had friends that were arrested or been arrested yourselves. I have the distinguishing characteristic of having been arrested at both riots.

I ask myself, as you may be, "how can anyone be so stupid?" Well, there are a lot of factors, but not very many excuses. I won't bore you with them, because I'm sure everyone who attended the riots had their reasons. The truth is that there is no reason and no circumstance to excuse this kind of behavior.

You may tell yourself, as I did, that you won't do anything stupid, or get in any trouble — you just want to celebrate. I thought that, but the truth is that people who just want to celebrate don't go to riots. Even if your intentions are innocent, you know what they say about the road to hell. I didn't do anything violent to get myself arrested. I didn't overturn cars, light fires or start fights. I was just there, on the front line, shouting and cheering with the best of them. The point is that you can and will get in trouble, and you don't have to do anything extreme for it to happen.

I have witnessed firsthand the consequences resulting from this adolescent and dangerous behavior, and I assure you, it isn't worth it. I have over $600 in court fees and fines. I have over 100 hours of community service. I have one year of probation, random drug screenings and monthly progress reports. I have missed classes to spend the day in court and lost sleep worrying about it. Most of us were suspended for at least one semester. What's more, my penalties are far from the most severe. My roommate spent 10 days in counts jail and another friend is facing very serious felony charges.

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The cost of the actions to our school, our families and each other for one night of alcohol and adrenalin-driven rebellion is much higher than we imagine. The cost to our reputations, not as scholars, but as savages; the cost to the university to control us, translating into higher fees and stricter rules for us; the cost to human life, we all know a story or two.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to the UMass and Amherst Police, for the long hours and dangerous situations we forced on them. All I can say is that I hope my actions and the consequences thereof are something a few of you will consider before next time.

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Cell phone buyers may have to wait for the next big thing

But the consumer has just one question: *what's left?*













By Terry Maxon
The Dallas Morning News

This year, consumers will be able to buy cell phones that snap photos, shoot videos, play music, send and receive messages, keep track of appointments and people, play games, browse the Internet and display live television.

So what do most Americans do with their cell phones? They talk.

Industry analysts are predicting that the rate of growth in cell phone sales will slow down in 2005. A primary reason: Most consumers won't feel compelled to replace their phones with ones offering new bells and improved whistles, at least not yet.

Put another way, nearly everyone who had to have a camera and color screen has bought one, and the Next Big Thing isn't here yet.

A consensus among analysts is that 2004 sales finished with around 630 million to 650 million units worldwide, up more than 20 percent from 2003's sales of about 510 million.

The guess is that 2005 sales will climb over 700 million. Research firm Gartner Inc. pegs 2005 sales at around 720 million phones, while another research firm, IDC, is predicting 703 million.

"We're looking for the market to take a deep breath in 2005," IDC analyst Alex Slawsby said. "Now, growth is still going to occur. I mean, 10 percent growth is still something, but it's nothing like we saw last year with growth of over 130 million units, a real significant change."

Lance Wilson, director of wireless research at ABI Research, said 2005's sales growth globally will depend to a great extent on the speed at which India and China expand their population of potential cell phone users.

"Every year more and more of those people move up into the context of what defines their middle class, and those people will be buying phones," Wilson said.

In much of the industrialized world, growth will be slower because "almost everybody has phones. The penetration rate is very, very high. What you have are people replacing phones with newer phones," Wilson said.

Gartner analyst Hugues de la Vergne agreed. "Mature replacement markets like North America are starting to slow as most consumers have purchased a new mobile device in the past 18 months, and there isn't as much a compelling need to upgrade to newer devices," he said.

Several manufacturers have also warned of slowing growth. Major cell phone maker Motorola Inc. said in January it expects its first-quarter revenue to run $7.5 billion to $7.9 billion, only slightly higher than last year's $7.4 billion in first-quarter revenue. By contrast, Motorola's revenue jumped $1.9 billion, or 27 percent, to $8.8 billion in fourth quarter 2004 compared to a year earlier.

Qualcomm Inc., which provides the technology for a number of wireless phone companies, also gave a discouraging forecast for first-quarter sales.

As the cell phone industry matures in many markets, the number of new customers shrinks. Therefore, it takes something new, a "killer application," to bring in new customers and get existing customers to change phones and pay for added services.

Fred Cohen, a senior director at Texas Instruments Inc., traced the evolution of cell phone design and the introduction of improvements.

"Initially, the market concentrated on size and power, increasing the battery life. Then we moved into basically innovative industrial design," he said.

That was when the cell phone makers introduced "clamshells," the phones that folded closed; "swivels," in which one section of the phone could be turned; and "sliders," where panels would slide out to reveal new functions.

Next, manufacturers put color liquid crystal displays on their phones, and then dual displays, then made the displays bigger.

"The next wave of innovation, which has already started, is multimedia," Cohen said.

To use multi-media to its full advantage, the cell phone industry is rolling out third generation networks and technology, known as 3G. The 3G technology will allow much faster transmission of data than the existing second generation (2G) or 2.5G networks.

At its simplest, it could mean that users wouldn't have to wait long to download a song to their cell phone or send a photo or video to a friend. But it also makes possible a more natural-looking television picture — not the jerky, marginal-quality videolike the images sent by satellite phones from war zones.

While 3G networks are common in Asia and Europe, they are still being deployed in the United States. It probably will be 2006 before all the major cellular phone companies have finished rolling out their 3G versions, some sooner than others.

Verizon Wireless, which has been marketing 3G services aimed more at business customers, launches its consumer-oriented VCAST service Feb. 1, offering downloadable video, games, music and other services.

AT&T Wireless had rolled out a 3G network in six cities before Cingular Wireless closed its purchase of AT&T last October. Cingular, which plans to expand its 3G capabilities in 2005, launched its MobiTV service to customers in January.

Updating its earlier, slower version of 3G, Sprint Corp. is launching a new 3G network this year based on the EV-DO technology also used by Verizon. Nextel

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Magic lacking in latest 'Discover Your Lover'

By Dan Terk
Collegian Staff

It seems like they were destined to be together, or at least be really good friends. The two fun loving people paired on this date we both geared up to have a great time.

Silk, a football player with 14 cats and an original personality climbed into the Escalade a little worried about who he would be going on the date with. Jenny, a girl who loves to be goofy and have fun had already been trying to hunt down the identity of her date and did not seem very surprised to see Silk.

The two were a little cautious around one another but eventually loosened up. Silk brought along pictures of his cats to show Jenny, who seemed to simply love them. After a scenic drive though South Hadley and a quick call to On-Star the couple arrived at Ochoa Day Spa. The beautiful spa gave Silk and Jenny a chance to relax and escape the rigors of college for little while.

Jenny got the Sidda Body Detox treatment along with the hydrotherapy tub treatment and massage. Silk received a self-heating marine mud wrap, the hydrotherapy tub treatment and an aromatherapy steam.

"It smelt like sushi," Silk said. "I felt like a burrito."

Silk either had food or something else on his mind; after there treatment Jenny and Silk met to have tea in their robes. "I guess its porn time," was Silk's first comment. "I feel very relaxed" Jenny said. After the two changed it was back to the car, but Jenny was lucky to have such a nice guy with here because not only did she get a ride home, but also a piggy back ride to the car.

After showering and changing the two were back together heading to Spoleto's in North Hampton for some fine dining. After much deliberation as to what to order the two spent their time talking and getting to know one another. They shared a bottle of wine with a toast to "many more fun times together."

There was much talk about taking the bottle of wine with them but then found out it was against the law. This however did not dampen their spirits as Silk and Jenny headed for The Pub to see The Free Radicals.

In the car Silk decided to call his mother who "voted for [Jenny] like 30 times." This abnormal event did not seem to faze Jenny who "likes talking to parents." Jenny and Silk's mom hit it off just as much as Jenny and Silk did. Some interesting information also came to light; it seems that silk got his name "because he came out smooth as silk."

At The Pub Jenny was not put off by the fact that Silk did not drink. She actually respected him for it very much, and thought it was one of his most admirable traits. "I think it is pretty cool," Jenny said, "how he could have a good time without drinking."

At the pool table things did not worked out in Silk's favor. Even though he claimed that he "let her win," he knows the truth: "she kicked my [butt]." Jenny said there was no way that he let her win "I beat him! I'm actual good at pool."

Even though at dinner Silk vehemently denied that he was a good dancer, he proved himself wrong on the dance floor. Jenny thought Silk was a good dancer and Silk felt that they were "very comfortable" with one another, both on and off the dance floor.

Unlike past dates this couple went home in the same car. After trying to get Jenny home she realized she forgot her keys, so it was on to Silk's dorm. After a very sweet goodnight kiss Silk went into his room and Jenny went in search of her roommates.

Silk was unsure as to where he thought the relationship may go. He did not regret a bit of the "amazing date," thinking that Jenny is "very sweet." Silk did not seem too confident that an intimate relationship would develop but he was a hundred percent sure that "she could ultimately be a good friend" which he would love to hang out with again.

Even though Jenny's memory of the last part of the date is a little hazy, she is on the same page as Silk, "I don't see a relationship, but I definitely had fun." Jenny would love to hang out with Silk again thinking he was really funny and goofy.

The success of a date does not necessarily lie in whether someone got lucky or even if a relationship ensues. This date was successful because two people went out and had a great time together and want to do it again.

Discover Your LOVER
The Collegian Dating Game

Recent studies show eating disorders rising in males

By Howard Cohen
Knight Ridder Newspapers

MIAMI — Max Turner realized he had a problem when his weight topped out at 95 pounds. The 19-year-old is 5 feet, 11 inches.

"So skewed was my view of myself, that I did not even realize that I had lost any weight until I went to the campus health center for a regular check-up and saw my weight," the University of Southern California student said via e-mail.

For Buck Winthrop, a writer/publicist in Miami Beach, the challenge is fighting his food obsession. "I eat one M&M and have to call 1-800-Jenny, literally. You think about every morsel you put in your mouth and how it will translate. My whole life revolves around that."

Eating disorders they're not just for women anymore.

With six-pack abs and toned triceps plastered across magazine covers and ads, a growing number of men and boys are contending with anorexia, binge-and-purge eating and obsessive workouts.

"Men have a long way to go to catch up (to women) but they are closing the gap," says Dr. Leigh Cohn, coauthor of "Making Weight: Men's Conflicts With Food, Weight, Shape & Appearance" (Gurze Books, $14.95).

PRETEENS, TOO.

Ten years ago, one out of 10 males had an eating disorder; today, it's two in 10 and spiraling down to the preteen set, research shows.

"Ten years ago it was unheard of for a guy to have bulimia," said Dan Montesi, a counselor at Belen Preparatory School, the Jesuit private school in West Miami-Dade for boys in grades six to 12. "I'm seeing more and more of it, and not just at Belen but across the board."

An April 2001 report in the Journal of the American Psychiatric Association said one male suffered from anorexia for every four females; for bulimia it's one male for every eight to 11 females.

The quest for college scholarships or potential big money

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Buck Winthrop does a modified workout at the David Barton Gym in the Delano Hotel on Miami Beach.



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Cells on decline

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Communications Inc., which had been weighing which 3G technology to buy, has agreed to merge with Sprint and is expected to use the same 3G technology. T-Mobile USA Inc. has not yet chosen a third-generation technology.

With demand not as strong, the fight for market share among major cell phone makers will be even fiercer in 2005. In 2004, market leader Nokia Oyj saw its market share drop early in the year, but gained some share back with an aggressive low-price strategy.

Nokia's market share was just under 31 percent in third quarter 2004, Gartner said. That was down more than 3 percentage points from a year earlier, but up from the upper 20s earlier in the year.

Even with the slippage in market share, "Nokia still has shipped double the volume of its nearest competitor," IDC's Slawsby said.

The Gartner report showed that Samsung Electronics Co. had slipped past Motorola for the No. 2 position worldwide in the third quarter, but Motorola claims to have regained second place in the fourth quarter.

Its RAZR phone, an ultra-slim clamshell phone, sold well despite its $599.99 list price ($499.99 with a two-year contract with Cingular). In all, Motorola said it shipped 31.8 million phones in the fourth quarter and gained 3 percentage points of market share, going from 13.4 percent in third quarter 2004 to 16.6 percent last quarter.

"I think it's kind of accepted that there has been some positive momentum for Motorola for the fourth quarter of the year," Slawsby said.

Wilson of ABI said Nokia vigorously defended the low-cost segment in 2004, forcing other manufacturers to focus more on the mid-range and high-end handsets. He said he expects Nokia to continue that focus, while also trying to raise its average selling price per phone.

"Motorola has a more focused goal. It's to really go after Nokia in the U.S. And I think you want to watch Samsung. Samsung and Motorola are in a protracted battle. I don't think that's going to change," he said.

LG Electronics Inc., which ranked fifth in Gartner's list behind the top three and No. 4 Siemens AG, isn't content with 10 percent growth. It said in January its goal in 2005 is ship 62 million cell phones, up 41 percent from 2004's 44 million.

Although carriers are touting their high-speed networks already, Slawsby said widespread availability of 3G networks and handsets is still a ways off.

"For the next several years, the vast majority of phones that are going to be sold are going to be 2.5G cell phones, even though there's all kinds of talk about 3G, third generation," he said.

Until then, there'll be as much hype and promise as reality. He expects 3G technology and phones to become a lot more available in 2006, with growing availability of digital TV sent live to handsets.

"We think that's going to be a catalyst which is going to help propel the market toward some renewed growth in 2006 or 2007," he said. "But none of those technologies are mass-market technologies today. They're only high-end, early adopter technologies. We kind of feel like we're in a lull right now. We're in between the major catalysts."

'Oddworld' returns



Press Start to Play

Reid Davenport

It has been years since Abe last went on an adventure to save his alien r a c e , Mudokons, from the evil Glukkon aliens of "Oddworld." This year the developers at "Oddworld Inhabitants" created forth episode of the popular "Oddworld" series with "Oddworld: Stranger's Wrath."

Unlike the puzzle platforms of the last three "Oddworld" games, "Stranger's Wrath" is a third and first person shooter. It gets players involved in a whole new and strange, no pun intended, side of Oddworld. You will run into a few familiar faces from past games, but Abe and the Mudokons have been left out.

"Oddworld: Stranger's Wrath"
X-Box
Publisher: Electronic Arts
Developer: Oddworld Inhabitants
Rated T for Teen

Gamers will take control of a mysterious bounty hunter who is apparently in dire need of a surgery to survive. With each bounty job you will have the option to take the prisoner in dead or alive. Alive being the better option because it pays more.

The stranger does not use any ordinary bullets or bombs. He uses live Oddworld critters to deal with the thugs. One of them being the Chippunk: a big mouthed chipmunk that will harass nearby thugs to try and stomp it out. While the thugs are trying to stomp out the little trash-talking rodent, nail them with a Bolamite to tie them up and bag them for a decent reward. Other items such as Thud Slugs and Bomb Bats deal damage, along with making boss fights much easier.

As you move on to tougher bounties you will learn a little more about the stranger and you will pick up some weapon, defensive, and melee upgrades. You can increase your endurance to shake off and recover your health, plus you will be able to run greater distances. Just remember that it is not necessary to buy ammo since you can easily find most of the critters for free in Oddworld.

One of the great features of "Stranger's Wrath" is the game speak. By pressing the X button, the stranger will give you a hint as to what your next move should be. You can always talk to the locals to get directions, but do not always expect a polite answer. The developers have created over 5,000 different responses for the town's people to say in response to your questions. There is even a moment that will make fans of the "Chappelle Show" laugh.

The ability to move between first-person and third-person views is very smooth. There are situations where you will favor one sight over the other. It makes the game more fresh compared to past "Oddworld" games and adds to the game's storyline. While you will have moments of confusion in first-person as you are bombarded by enemy lire, simply switch back to third-person and bolt out of the area. Otherwise you may find yourself strung up by some alien thugs.

What really makes "Oddworld: Stranger's Wrath" very solid is the storyline accompanied by sleek graphics. The developers did their jobs superbly by creating a whole new look for a world that's used to being 2D. As you progress you learn more and more, until you slowly go towards a semi-shocking ending. Each character has their own personality when it comes to reacting to your character. The animation for the full-motion video sequences makes you feel like you are watching a motion picture and not a video game. The stranger has a lot more depth than the Abe character had. It would not be surprising to see a sequel involving Abe and the stranger to be made.

"Stranger's Wrath" is a must have for any X-Box owner that appreciates a quality game. The replay value for it is not very high, but you can retry the game after beating it to try different tactics in areas or seeking out hidden areas you missed the first time around. If anything, gamers can go back to listen to all 5,000 phrases the town's people have for you.

"Oddworld: Stranger's Wrath" is currently available only on X-Box.

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'Cursed' will make you yelp, howl in agony

By Kevin Dugan
The Greyhound

BALTIMORE — "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger."

If this tagline from "Cursed" holds true, then I must be one strong mother after having seen it. Yet while I made it out of the movie alive, my hope for another good Wes Craven horror movie or frightening film in general has definitely been shot dead.

Wes Craven is the guy who brought you many horror movies, most notably the "Scream" trilogy. While the "Scream" movies are incredibly fun to watch (at least the first one anyway), Craven and the rest of horror movie directors seem to have lost whatever touch they once had. Recent abominations like "Hide and Seek," "Darkness" and "The Boogeyman" are now brown stains on the previously clean record of the scare genre. Nowadays, people need to bring over Japanese creations like "The Ring" or "The Grudge" even to get a mild fright out of audiences, let alone entertain them for a couple of hours.

"The Cursed" plot does a good job of remaining relatively simple. A brother and sister (Jesse Eisenberg and Christina Ricci) are on a drive home in Hollywood one lovely evening when they get into a crash. In the mess of the wreck, they get bitten by a huge wolf-like creature (I'll ruin the movie and tell you It's a werewolf). After that, the siblings realize they are cursed and have to face retribution from the monster that could not finish the job off the first time ... with sexy results.

It is pretty tough to gauge the acting talent in the movie. Lord knows, Christina Ricci is cut out for creepy parts. The way she dealt with ghouls and ghosts in "Casper" and "Sleepy Hollow," as well as being the most demented child imaginable as Wednesday of "The Addams Family," show that she knows how to handle her horror. Having seen Cursed it seems as if now that Ricci is doomed to have only been successful in this kind of role as a child or teen and not an adult.

Jesse Eisenberg, Ricci's little brother in the film, does surprisingly well. He has been in only a few films so far, but for having such little acting support in 'Cursed' he does a great job of holding his own.

Having people like Joshua Jackson and Scott Baio showing you the acting ropes in your biggest movies to date is not exactly the ideal scenario for a young actor. Yes, you heard correctly, Scott-freaking-Baio. Eisenberg, though, gives a good performance in spite of the laughable acts given by Pacey and "Charles in Charge" himself.

The movie is really not what you'd expect it to be. The trailer makes it seem like you will be scared at every turn when really the movie aims more to be lighthearted humor with a simple backdrop of terror.

Astoundingly, I did laugh a few times during the movie. The problem here, though, is that only half of my laughter was after a punch line. The other half I was questioning whether or not I had just seen the utterly ridiculous things I thought I had seen. A werewolf giving the middle finger to someone is pushing it just a little bit, at least in my eyes.

If you're a true fan of horror, stay home and wait for something better to come along. Fine, if you refuse to listen to me, then think of it this way: when was the last time you saw a Scott Baio movie that you liked? That's what I thought.



Wes Kraven's latest horror film project "Cursed," co-starring Jesse Eisenberg and Christina Ricci, is being considered his worst effort in the genre to date.

Eating disorders not exclusive to women

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in pro athletics exacerbates the problem, Montesi says. "I'm seeing a lot of guys chomping at the bit to get into the weight room to get big. When I was in school there were a couple sports teams in there.

Now a whole slew of kids are going in there to fit an image."

It's not just teens.

"I went crazy on every diet in the world," said the 42-year-old Winthrop.

Recently, he underwent liposuction to get rid of the extra layer around his midsection.

"It made me happier. If I binge and gain weight in other places and look strange it's back to the drawing board," says Winthrop, who goes to the gym twice a day, sometimes six days a week.

A slip-and-fall accident in September caused Winthrop to curtail his workouts. He has gained 12 pounds, carrying 200 pounds on a six-foot, one-inch frame. He admits to binging but never purging. "I can't imagine doing something like that."

But, increasingly, men are, although many are hesitant to get help, experts say.

"The stigma of being a man with a woman's disorder is huge and prevents men from seeking treatment," says Dr. Paula Levine, the director of the Anorexia & Bulimia Resource Center in Coral Gables, Fla.

"Eating disorders are off the radar as far as most doctors are concerned. They don't even conceive of male eating disorders. It must be something else wrong if that person is losing weight."

Additionally, many men believe eating disorders are a woman's disease, despite the proliferation of chiseled men in magazines, ads and TV shows. (Just look at Desperate Housewives and Jesse Metcalfe, the perpetually shirtless, hunky hedge-clipper who's having an affair with the gorgeous Gabrielle (Eva Longoria) on the Sunday night show.)

Magazine motivation

"Have you been to the airport lately? There are almost as many male magazines as female magazines," Levine says.

Such images, coupled with diet advertisements pitched to men, are fueling the increase in male eating disorders.

"Media images do motivate me, even though as a former talent agent ... I know that what we see is often digitally enhanced so no one could attain that. Nonetheless, it is a motivating factor," Winthrop acknowledges.

To counter this, Levine, Cohn and the National Eating Disorders Association recently presented a multimedia discussion with the topic poor body images and unhealthy attitudes toward food.

"The pressures on men have changed over the years. We have a growing number of advertisers who realize they have sold diets to every woman, so they have targeted them to men," Cohn says.

"Watch TV. You've seen more men with their shirts off," Cohn notes. "You can show a male nipple. You do that with even one nipple on a woman and it changes our culture as you saw on the Super Bowl. But frontal nudity on a man above the waist is thought to be sexy."

Over the past few years, though, more men have learned about the disorder and are beginning to act.

In the past decade, the number of males seeking treatment at the Bella Vita Programs, an eating disorder center in Pasadena, Calif., rose 50 percent, said clinical psychologist Dr. Patricia Pitts, the center's executive director.

Fifteen percent of her patients are now men, compared with seven percent 10 years ago.

Turner, the USC college student, turned for help there. He says his eating disorder began around age 14, prompted by a move to a new state.

"The stress of moving at such a pivotal age and having to make all new friends in a new environment no doubt contributed a feeling of unmanageability to my life," he said.

"Food was the one thing that remained controllable and manageable. Hence, I began to control my food intake, not necessarily with the intent of losing weight, but merely to have something to control," he says.

Mother's vision

His mother started to push him to gain weight, he said. "She worked at a gym, and it seemed to me that she always had a vision of me fitting some masculine ideal."

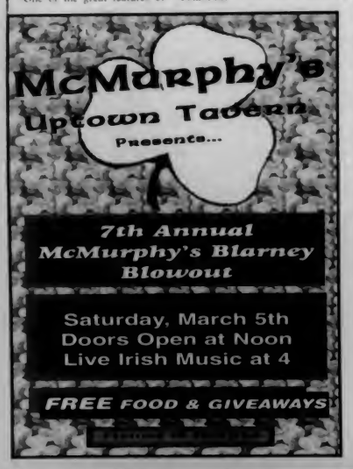
Leaving home for college exacerbated the problem.

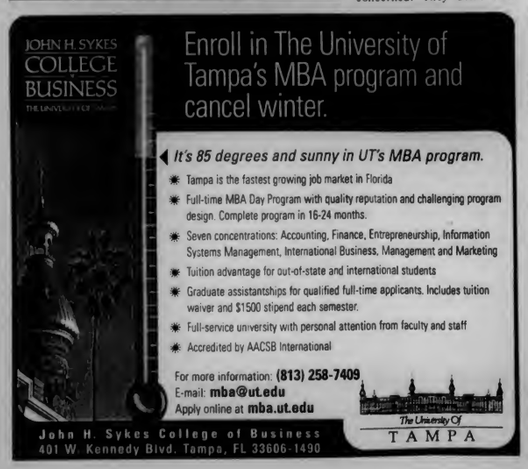
"Once again I found my life in a state of flux, and once again I turned to food to get a sense of control," he says. "I now did not have my mother covertly countering my disordered eating habits. My weight plummeted from around 125 pounds in high school to 95 pounds."

Turner spent five months at Bella Vita as both an inpatient and outpatient, conferring with psychologists, psychiatrists and a dietitian. In November he was discharged at a healthier 140 pounds — "and a whole new outlook on life."



A new study has found a direct link between excessive work out and eating disorders such as anorexia, especially in men.









A hazy recollection of some long road trips



Jeff Howe

It was as if we were leaving on a U.S. Naval ship heading for war.

As the Ford Taurus wagon was being packed full of bags, pillows, boxes of magazines and tons of food and soda, there was a gathering of supporters waiting by, wishing us well and giving us some last-second advice.

We were about to embark on a journey of epic proportions, a hiatus from reality, as we would leave everything we knew to head west.

No, we weren't driving to the unknowns of California to figure our lives out by hanging in the Hollywood hills and hobnobbing with the bearers of unfulfilled dreams.

Instead, the five of us were leaving the fast-paced and lively east coast to head to the middle of nowhere: South Bend, Ind.

Five Lowell boys — well, three from Lowell and two University of Massachusetts Lowell students — would spend the next 15 hours of our lives in a station wagon heading to the college football Mecca of the universe.

We would reunite with our Irish-blooded friend, a Lowellian himself who was living his dream as a Notre Dame student, and we would watch ND host Navy on Saturday afternoon.

The stage was set.

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Thursday, Nov. 6, 2003, sometime around midnight. Lowell, Mass.

The Internet wasn't going to help us on this trip.

A line from "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back" could tell you why.

We would use the five — arguably — full brains in the car in addition to a handy road map to bring us to our destination.

Fifteen hours really isn't that long of a time — when you're doing anything that doesn't involve driving to Indiana, which has all of one or two useful square miles within its borders — so it turned out that we would have a lot of time to kill.

No one would listen to headphones or segregate themselves from the crowd during this trip. The only way to steer clear of ready conversation would be to sacrifice oneself to "the pod."

At first glance, the pod looked unsafe at best, for it was the back portion of the station wagon that was filled with everyone's necessities, but with some creativity and proper landscaping, the pod became somewhat of a royalty.

No normally sized human being could comfortably make a home in the pod, but our smallest companion, who by our estimations may not top out at more than five feet tall, best-fit the situation.

He was smart, too. He put his graduate student status at ULowell to use and made the pod into the most desirable seat in the wagon, even more so than shotgun.

But if it weren't for his creative genius, we would still look at the pod as a clustered dumpster rather than as a king's chair.

So we let him keep it throughout the trip, for he deserved it, not because of his physical makeup but for his mental toughness in handling what first seemed to be a roadblock on our journey to meet Touchdown Jesus.

Time was moving along for the most part. A rest stop here and there would wake anyone up momentarily, but there was something difficult about being in the same state for hours on end.

Upstate New York can be tough on anyone, but it was once in upstate New York that showed us the true value of a road map.

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Saturday, Aug. 16, 2003, late afternoon, somewhere in upstate New York.

We had long since left Cooperstown and were driving back home.

It was a similar crew to the one that would travel to Notre Dame — the three Lowell boys plus our Irish-blooded friend — in a classic Oldsmobile that was big enough to take the four of us to the Baseball Hall of Fame with enough extra room to carry the asterisk that will reside next to Barry Bonds' name in Cooperstown's record books in the back seat.

I took everything in, as it was my first experience in Cooperstown. We did the rah-rah touristy stuff, minus the fanny packs, gray tube socks and brown sandals.

We even went to a presentation about the Curse of the Bambino, figuring we would learn something new.

We were wrong.

It was put on by an intern who was on his last day on the job. In short, he opened by telling the audience of his allegiance to the Yankees, and then went on to summarize Dan Shaughnessy's book with major embellishments here and minor embellishments there.

I took out my anger appropriately, as any Sox fan would. I ridiculed Yankee fans for the rest of the afternoon. Even the host of the next show — a trivia contest I wasn't smart enough to qualify for — made public of his profound love for the Yanks despite being married to a Red Sox fan.

Pridefully, I shouted, in the midst of a completely silent crowd, "You were still a Mets fan in the '80s!" I drew laughter and pats on the back from complete strangers who honored my courage.

It was the quote of the trip.

We had just seen the immortalized versions of Walter Johnson, Rogers Hornsby, Ted Williams and Willie Mays so we were doing well, but just like any road trip, we weren't looking forward to the ride home.

We wandered around the developed portion of Cooperstown, leaving no baseball unturned before we drove back to Lowell.

Already nostalgic, we packed into the car, ready to roll.

About an hour later, it hit us.

We recognized things we shouldn't have been recognizing for at least an hour. At some point when we were following this road map, we hit a time warp, or something of the sort.

We were done with the back roads and dusty trails of New York's farmlands and had finally reached the highway, but without any reason and with no real evidence to let us know what actually happened, we skipped an hour of roadways.

With no explanation, we thanked the road map. That's all we could do.

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Friday, Nov. 7, 2003, 10 a.m., somewhere in Ohio

There is something to be said about watching the sunrise.

(Please notice that I said "sunrise," not "sunset." This isn't about to turn into some sentimental garbage that ruins the whole story, so keep reading.)

A few hours back, during a brief respite in Pennsylvania, something very disturbing happened: the darkness disappeared to make way for a sunny morning.

It wasn't fun. Adjusting your eyes for something like this after spending about seven hours in a dark car certainly isn't easy. You begin to realize where you are, how long you have been on the road and try to estimate how much time you have left.

Needless to say, none of those answers are inspiring.

At this point, most of us had hit the wall. It was my decision not to drive during the trip so I was sitting shotgun, wide awake while everyone, even probably the driver, was asleep.

On a side note, Ohio isn't a friendly state. I'm not trying to say that Ohio is unfriendly, but Ohio is definitely the kid you know who just sits there and doesn't say anything to anyone while the rest of the party shows its pulse.

I still have a picture on my camera phone from this trip, and that says something because I only have 20 available spots to save pictures on this ancient piece of machinery.

It's of a dead-and-gutted dear lying on the back of a pickup truck that was driving next to us.

It's disturbing, I know. The rest of those pictures on my phone are sports related: mostly Red Sox pictures.

But that's Ohio. That dead-and-gutted dear plus the same cornfields over and over again represent Ohio to me. Normally, I'd say that isn't fair to do to Ohio, I shouldn't generalize one state after one road trip.

But you need to understand.

It took six hours to drive through these flat, monotonous cornfields. Think about what you can do in six hours. You can spend a whole day in high school. You can drive from Amherst to Hofstra and back. You can watch "Goodfellas," make yourself a hamburger on the grill and watch "Goodfellas" again.

Or you can drive through Ohio.

The highlight of the worst United State of America should have been Cleveland.

Well, it wasn't.

Cleveland took all of 15 minutes to drive through, which means we spent roughly four percent of our time in Ohio driving through the most illustrious sports city in the state.

I feel like we should have left our mark on Cleveland the way Michael Jordan did during Game 5 in the first round of the NBA playoffs in 1989. Remember when Jordan hit that buzzer beater over Craig Ehlo to knock the Cavs out of the playoffs?

Well, Ehlo's defense was more inspiring than Cleveland's hospitality so we quickly breezed through the city on our way to Notre Dame.

And just a few hours later, sometime around 2 p.m., we reached the pinnacle of "our we there yet's?" and loudly strolled onto the Irish campus.

Skip ahead to the next day.

Clad in Notre Dame apparel from a shopping experience at the school bookstore only my mother and aunts would be proud of, we took in the whole football atmosphere. Still inspired from our visit to the Grotto, our intimate socializations with Notre Dame students and alumni during the morning tailgating session and the sea of green in the stands doing the Irish jig, we watched Irish kicker D.J. Fitzpatrick boot the game-winner through the uprights to beat Navy 27-24 as time expired.

It was only Notre Dame's third win in nine games on the season, and we already watched hated rival Boston College beat the Irish at Alumni Stadium on a last-minute field goal just a couple weeks prior. So this school, with its obvious storied history, celebrated just calmly.

The 80,795 fans in attendance that day had seen better performances from their beloved Irish. There would be no rushing the field or taunting of the Navy fans after. There were just wry smiles to lead the students into another Saturday night on campus.

Teams with championship tradition typically only see it that way.

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Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2004, 11:50 p.m., Yankee Stadium

The Boston Red Sox are a team with tradition: early championship tradition before, traditionally, nothing else but losing since.

When you're young, you think you're invincible, but that force field somewhat wears off through time as kinks in the armor prove your vulnerability.

That summed up our lives as Red Sox fans before this date.

There was talk the previous night — about 27 hours ago — that we would drive to the Bronx the next day if the Sox forced a Game 7.

We thought we knew what we were getting ourselves into. This time around, a solid group of us, four friends hailing from UMass, would head to New York.

We paid a ridiculous amount of money for these tickets, though in hindsight, we didn't spend enough to watch the single most important game in Red Sox franchise history.

If the Sox lost, which I saw as the safe, and pretty much only, bet before the game, the hole in my wallet and the hole in my soul would have competed with Alex Rodriguez's head for the largest object in the stadium.

But you know the story.

The group of Sox fans in the stadium celebrated behind Boston's dugout until security kicked us out. Then we celebrated outside the stadium for another hour, once again, until security and the horrifying locals kicked us out.

I'd say there were about five, maybe 10,000 fans at the game supporting the good guys. But I may be wrong, and in 20 years, the stories told will have turned Yankee Stadium into a park full of Sox fans anyway.

And this party almost never happened for the four of us.

The ticket agency we went through reneged its promise the next day. We had to spend almost two hours locking up four more seats to get us into the ballpark that night.

From a fan's standpoint, you know what they say about karma, and karma has never been a friend of the Boston Red Sox.

But we made it, and we withstood treatment that no human being should ever have to endure. From the personal threats from Yankees' fans, parking attendants, store clerks, the homeless and cops — yes, officers of the law — we went through a lot.

The party in the streets after the game let out 86 years of miserable, pent-up, gut-wrenching frustration. We let New Yorkers know that on this night, the baseball world, and their city, belonged to the city of Boston.

Because when you go so long without something to smile about, you deserve it.

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Sunday, Nov. 9, 2003, early morning, Ohio rest stop

I've never wanted to not do something more than make this drive back across the country to get home.

It had nothing to do with going home or even getting out of Ohio, which you understand my apathy for by now; it was just the amount of hours we were about to spend in this station wagon together that really forced a state of depression over the crew.

We spent an hour at this rest area, mulling over whether or not we should continue the trip home or remain in a state of complete uselessness for the rest of our lives.

There were several more stops like this throughout the trip back east, none as long, but all full of the feelings of boredom and hatred towards states not named Massachusetts.

You know the feeling when you continue to stare at your computer screen just hoping that five-page paper due the next day in class will just magically appear on Microsoft Word for you? Eventually, you need to start typing.

Well, we needed to start driving. There would be no time warp this time or any supernatural powers around to help us get back to Lowell.

We were on our own.

Needless to say, these rest stops added an extra two hours to our trip back. It took 16 hours to drive from South Bend to the Mill City.

By the time we made it back, we pretty much hated each other; there was no way around that.

Every annoying little nuance about a person will definitely show when you spend 30 hours in a car with someone over a three-day stretch.

You can't possibly talk about your favorite movies, sports heroes or favorite day of the week more than once. There are only so many times you can debate whether Pete Rose belongs in baseball's Hall of Fame, which he doesn't I might add.

What I'm trying to say is, there are only so many things you can do in an automobile to entertain yourself for 30 hours.

We needed to stop for gas less than a mile before the end of our destination. That was almost the breaking point. We had seen enough of each other, and there were too many symbolic things about being at a gas station around 3 a.m. when you'd rather turn on your friends than tell them how much fun you've just had with them.

But we did have fun.

There was nothing anyone could do to destroy the bond that was just created between five friends over a 75-hour period.

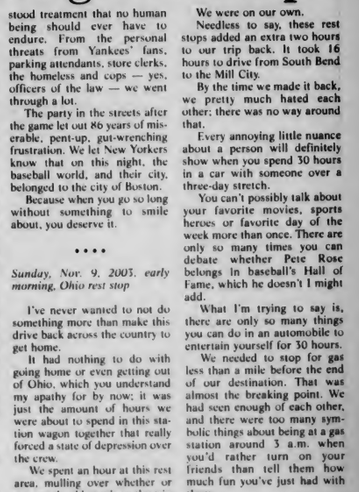
And we knew that.

We arrived to Notre Dame a loud bunch of college kids ready for a great time at one of the most unique and special campuses in the country, and we dispersed quietly into the Lowell night as a tired group of friends returning back to reality.

This hiatus had ended.

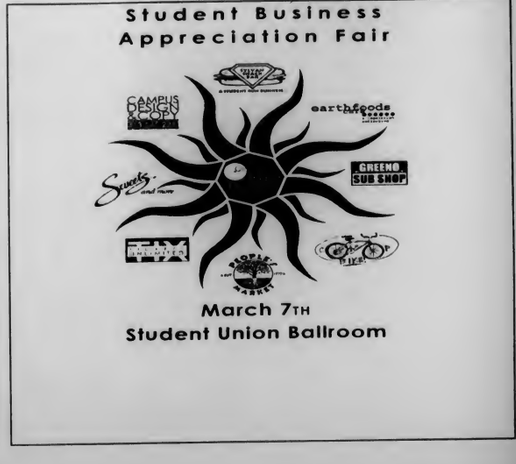
Until next time...

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Snow, police and Montreal dreams can't keep them from Ohio

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– exactly what the kids with no rental car insurance want to avoid, ya know?

2:15 a.m. If there is one thing that makes a road trip that much more manageable, it's EZPass. No taking tickets, no fumbling for loose money and no stopping at tolls. All you do is stick the pass on the windshield and cruise on through. But why would we want things easy on this road trip, when we could do things the hard way – the Collegian way.

Thus, cue Bob forgetting the EZPass … waaait for it … aaand there it is, he forgot it. As the shotgun rider and the resident idiot in the car at the moment, it now becomes Bob's duty to handle and guard the toll ticket. He loses it, he pays.

2:20 a.m. We're cruising along, minding our own scattered business when out of the sky falls a fluttering, prancing rectangle of white, followed by immediate panic. Did Bob lose the ticket? Oh, yes he did! "Is this a real situation, or what?" he asks. It's real, Bob, very real you dumbass. Find the ticket.

2:22 a.m. Our photographer bails Bob out and finds the ticket, much to Mike's chagrin.

2:31 a.m. Red Bull is a Bob McGovern staple, and sure enough it only takes an hour-and-a-half before a four-pack of the caffeine juice finds it's way into the car. That translates into 43 miles we were able to travel before requiring false assurance of the fact that staying awake is indeed a possibility.

We down the four Red Bulls, but in the end what does that do? Does Red Bull really work, or is it just a raunchy tasting, soda-like substance designed to produce false confidence in one's ability to "have wings?"

We personally have decided to believe in the power of the Bull just for the hell of it, but make no mistake, it's our fear of a snowy, miserable death wedged in between the axles of a jack-knifed tractor-trailer that is keeping us awake, not some drink.

3:10 a.m. It's unbelievable how bad the roads really are, but whose fault is that in the end? There are millions upon millions of people in the state of New York, and none of them are traveling tonight. We, on the other hand, are. Why?

Did we miss the memo? Why are we the ones who think we can do this, when clearly thinking we can do this is the last thing we should be thinking? We must have missed some memo – like maybe the "driving to Dayton is a really dumb idea" memo or the "did you expect operating a motor vehicle in a blizzard to be any more phenomenal?" memo.

Either way, what the hell were we doing here out in the middle of upstate New York? Well, going to Dayton of course! Yeah, right, say it like it still makes some sense.

3:42 a.m. Nothing can make light of this situation. The snow will not go away, the roads will not clear and we are making Andrew Merritt-like time to Dayton, which for those of you who know Mert means we're just not going to get there on time. It's now abundantly clear to us where those blizzard shots are filmed for the Weather Channel – right here.

4:31 a.m. We finally decide it's time to make our first pit stop, for no other reason than the face that a rest area happens to pop up in our favorite New York town of Schenectady. The home of UMass' own Rashaun Freeman has nothing more to offer than greasy breakfast sandwiches and overpriced vending machines, but it's a chance to pretend that it's not snowing, and that we're not driving in the snow, and that we don't have to keep driving in the snow for a stupefying amount of time. We've decided to put our photographer to use, and she records the first photo of the trip. There is little doubt anymore that the word "sucks" has moved to the forefront of those capable of describing this trip.

5:30 a.m. 34 miles later it's time to stop again. What's more alarming that we lasted only 34 miles before needing a second pit stop, or that it took a freakin' hour to cover those 34 miles? Montreal has become a very real possibility. Would anyone notice? Could we slip north on I-87 into oblivion, never show up in Dayton and get away with it? More than likely, but why? Is Dayton really that hideous of a place? Should we be looking for contingency plans by now?

The theme of this leg is, don't try your breaks.

6:21 a.m. It feels like only a matter of time before we should vanquish control of the Taurus and turn our insignificant lives over to God. Our photographer, on the other hand, has found it perfectly acceptable to sleep through our peril. Those photographers, they're all the same.

6:54 a.m. Pavement – it sticks out from the snow covered depths of the high-way like the morning sun over the horizon; a beautiful site! Pavement is quickly becoming a hot commodity on this trip, but as soon as it comes, there it goes.



7:05 a.m. We're doing what we do best now, snow be damned. We're talking sports, and we're talking sports incessantly. Who should be the Atlantic 10 Player of the Year this season? Mardy Collins for his overall offensive prowess? Pat Carroll for his leadership in turning the Hawks around? Steven Smith for scoring the most points? One of GW's studs just for being one of GW's studs? One thing we know: it will not be Rashaun Freeman. Too many sub par games when his team needed more. Not that it's his fault, it's just how the chips have fallen.

7:21 a.m. Mile 228 just east of Syracuse and Blue Oyster Cult comes on the radio. You know the song "Fear the Reaper" made popular by the SNL "cowbell" skit poking fun at Gene Frenkle? Well tell us this: does it really come complete with cowbell? This version? Well, this version is chalk full of cowbell, but what does that mean? Do they all come with cowbell? The cowbell guy can't bang the cowbell forever, so what happens then?

7:49 a.m. We're back talking sports again. A-10 Coach of the Year? Bob thinks Phil Martelli, Mike thinks Dereck Whittenburg. Both deserve it, and both suck. Go figure.

7:51 a.m. Four hours behind schedule now. Sports talk still rolling. Bob clarifies the face that he hates NO teams from the A-10 West except Richmond. Call it a soccer grudge, because it's later determined that Bob's hard feelings towards the Spiders spring from Sam Koch's group's inability to beat them.

8:05 a.m. Damn, It Feels Good to Be a Gangsta!

9:20 a.m. Our first gas fill-up comes after 319 miles. We only had 18 bucks between us, so 18 dollars worth of gas it is. However, for a Ford Taurus 18 dollars give you much more than one of our gas-hungry keeps. Both of whom are very jealous about not being invited.

9:52 a.m. Finally made it through Buffalo after 7 hours and 26 minutes of driving time. At this point, all involved have resorted to pure unadulterated apathy. Buffalo huh? Sweet, who cares? All we know is that we're not even close, and sanity is becoming a full-time job.

10:58 a.m. Just outside of Pennsylvania on I-90 and everything's going fine. We're moving along at a decent clip, the weather has finally cleared and Ohio is actually in sight. What started out as a horrendous night has finally turned better when…

10:40 a.m. BAM! Mike gets pulled over. Many people understand how to deal with this situation. Rental car, out of state plates, New York State trooper and the clear fact that your automobile was moving along at a speed close to 90 m.p.h. The formula is readily able to be applied. Soften the cop up with your stories of driving all night through the snow, act really tired and tell him you still need to make it all the way to Dayton in your best pouting voice.

Well, Mike did all that. The cop bought it too, saying "Hey, I'll go see what I can work out for you," before returning to his cruiser. And he worked something out for Mike all right. Something that he prefaced by saying "Just pay this, and it won't show up on your driving record." Pay what?? Oh, the ticket he just gave us. Sweet.

11:40 a.m. Five hundred miles. Sports talk runs hard with the top-five plays we've seen all year: 1.) Pops Mensah-Bonsu's alley-oop from half court 2.) Jose Juan Barea's 3-pointer from the Minutemen logo 3.) Vigg's rim-rocker at Fordham 4&5.) Rudy Gay's dunks against for UConn against UMass.

12:10 p.m. We hit the BP Travel Mart in Pennsylvania for their extensive selection of beef sticks and teryaki jerky. Not only that, but Bob buys a paper shamrock for a dollar, signs it with "UMass basketball" and sticks it on the wall. Perhaps it was the five-for-one jerky deal that they had, but something was putting Mr. McGovern in a good mood.

12:23 p.m. Entering Ohio, the sports talk rolls into the best UMass hoops moments of the year other than the UConn game. Clearly Ray's lay-up to beat GW tops the list, but it's a toss-up from there. Art Bowers' steal and three-point play to win the BU game is nominated, as is Deli's performance against Xavier. Then we realized that after these few memories there are more humorous situations than anything else. I guess that's what you get when you follow a team to the end of their schedule.

12:25 p.m. Damn, It Feels Good to Be a Gangsta, and we know that we can't run fast.

12:28 p.m. Continuing with the sports talk. We easily agree that Connecticut's Rudy Gay is the best player we've seen all season. Athleticism, youth, work-ethic and a tall, lanky body with long arms, not to mention the two monster dunks he threw down against UMass at Mullins. There's no doubt the kid will be a pro some day.

12:31 p.m. It was made clear before the trip that Tom Jones' "She's a Lady" will be reserved for Dayton, yet Bob steps out of line to demand that it's played immediately. He's shot down after a reference was made to his losing the ticket and forgetting the EZ Pass.

1:17 p.m. Southeast of Cleveland, the UMass fight song comes on. It starts like a dull familiar murmur, then kicks into full gear. We are so used to this song at this point in our careers, that it doesn't evoke the of State U. reverberations it once did. Now, it kind of just makes us sleepy.

2:41 p.m. It was always accepted that at some point a cigar would be introduced into the equation. Mike finally decides to light one up, but doesn't account for himself chewing through the butt and has to chuck it prematurely. Bob is reading Confucius at this point and is starting to question whether or not he can possible write three papers by Wednesday.

3:22 p.m. Just north of Columbus, the sun makes its first appearance. Bob was thinking about going to school at Ohio State four years ago. As he looks out the window, you can tell that he's happy that he went where he did.

Dayton was, and is, the essence of this UMass basketball season. It's been the underlying, driving force behind all the trips, all the interviews, all the games and all the ups and downs. Dayton was the pinnacle, the unreachable peak, and now that's changed.

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3:29 p.m. First Dayton sign, but we don't care. We want real Dayton, all of it… smeared right across our grubby little faces. Screw this place, we beat you Dayton! Show Yourself!!!

3:32 p.m. Budweiser plant, feeling a bit parched for some reason.

3:52 p.m. Final descent to Dayton.

4:46 p.m. There's something very fitting about having to cross the Great Miami River to enter Dayton. For us, this whole road trip phenomenon started in Miami, and just snowballed from there. Little did we know what we were getting into.

4:58 p.m. Seven hundred ninety miles, 13:52 driving time, Tom Jones is on, but Bob and Mike are too tired to give it their all. Bob mouths a few words, but is really looking for the University. The photographer looks mighty confused, but maybe it's the fact that she's been cramped in the back seat for 13 hours. Either way, we are here… only a freak of nature (wait, been there) could stop us now.

So now it's all said and done, right? This whole Dayton thing, the driving, the staying awake, the paying for gas and stomaching mounds of horrific junk food while neglecting the school work we really need to do is just a thing of the past? Well, not really. You see there's one glaring issue that needs to be rectified in this scenario, and it's the fact that we're stuck out here in middle of Southwest Ohio in the middle of the night, working on no sleep.

I guess that's the aspect of this whole ultimate road trip package that we forgot to consider: the going home, the doing it over again, the retracing of steps. All sorts of these horrible realities are just starting to dawn on us. Halfway there — we are only halfway there, and what waits on the other end of the return trip? Classes, schoolwork, reality … nothing we're interested in.

Nonetheless, there's never been anything quite like this trip. It's the type of trip you make in stages. You make it through one stage of the trip, then you erase it from your mind. You make it through the next stage, and you erase the last one from your mind. We went through stage after stage of this monster trip over the last 24 hours, and the only one we seem to remember is the last one; the Dayton one, and where it has taken us; here, now, needing to go home.

At some point during this morass of jumbled time and passing moments, we've subconsciously come to grips with what we've done. We realized that our bodies are running on empty and that it can't be any way possible to get enough juice to make it home, but we must push through it anyways, stage by stage.

Tomorrow upon our return, Amherst will look just as it always has, and will feel like home, just as it always has. But somewhere in our minds - the part of our minds that tell us where we are and why we're there - there's Dayton. The trip, the destination, the goal achieved and the essence of doing the damn thing we were idiots to consider undertaking in the first place.

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Final-second loss for UMass

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run last long as he hit a jumper after a Flyer timeout to give Dayton a 46-44 lead.

Roberts hit two threes, and Jones scored his only bucket of the game to put Dayton ahead 40-39 with nine minutes left in the half. Matters only got worse for the Minutemen as Freeman picked up his fourth foul 15 second later with an offensive foul.

Lawerence Carrier, who had 11 points and eight rebounds on the game, received his fourth only three possessions earlier.

UMass maintained a slim five-point lead through the first five minutes of the second half. Carrier started with the hot hand and scored four of the Minutmen's first nine points on long jumpers. Dayton's Scott soon broke the momentum. after throwing down a two-fisted dunk to set the score at 34-29.

Scott wasn't done as he came down the court on the ensuing possession and nailed his third three of the game, bringing he score within two points.

Hurting the Minutemen's offense was the lack of their senior captain, Anthony Anderson. Anderson did not make the trip as his back is still ailing him. Lappas is not confident in his return for the rest of the season and was quick to mention that he may be done.

"He's probably done for the season." Lappas said. "There's a good chance, but it's not 100 percent yet."

The Flyers jumped out to a 13-6 lead early in the first half off a three pointer from Roberts. Dayton hit four threes during the run, including Roberts' shot from the top-right corner of the arch.

The Minutemen would battle back and bring the game to within a basket with eight minutes left in the half, riding the three-point shooting of Maxwell and Carrier, who hit two in a row putting the score at 16-14. UMass tied the game at 18 a minute later off a Freeman lay-up.

The lead would change three times in the last five minutes and neither team could find a good rhythm going into the half. Both teams scored a combined six points in over the last five minutes.

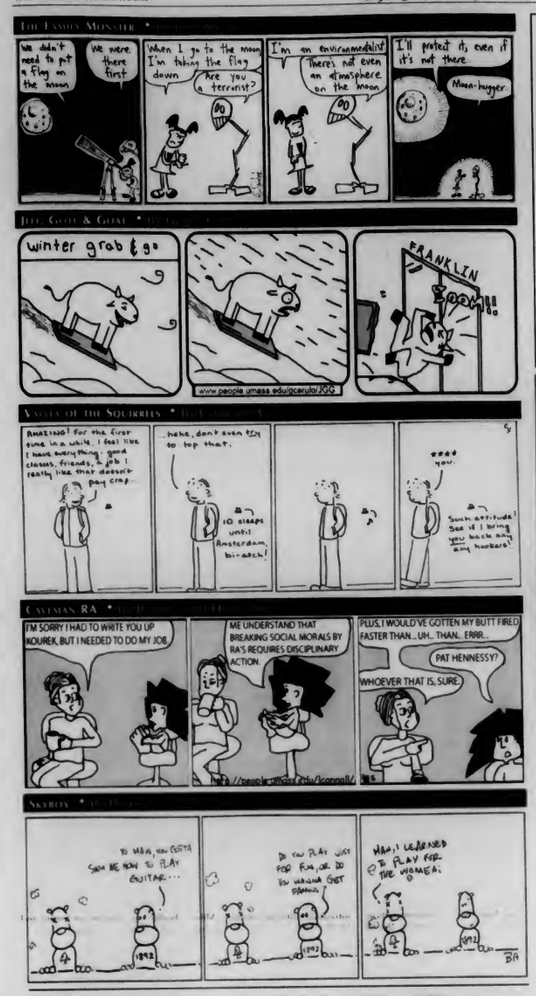
The Maroon and White went into the locker room with a 25-22 lead after Chris Chadwick netted the final four points in the half with two free throws and a behind-the-head lay-up.

UMass had seven players on the board going into the break with Carrier leading the way, netting seven points while grabbing six rebounds. Sophomore forward Staphane Lasme was also big on the boards with five in the half, including two steals and three points.

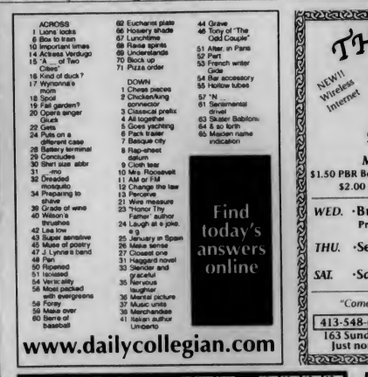
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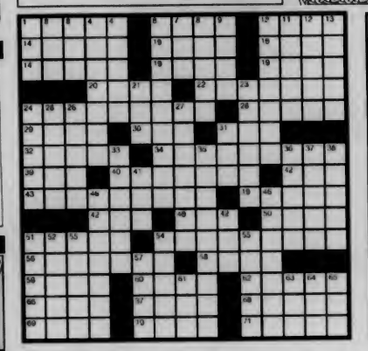
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Fear and Loathing in Dayton, Ohio



A savage journey to the heart of UMass basketball



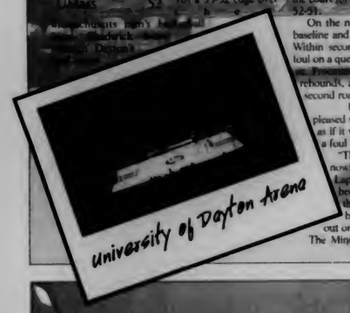




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Dayton downs UMass in final seconds





Adjust on the next possession and put up an off-balance lay-up, which missed, but as time expired, giving the Flyers a win in their last home game of the year.

The Minutemen will travel to Boston Saturday night for their last regular season game of the year. UMass still faces A-10 rival Duquesne at the Mullins Center for a 7 p.m. tipoff.

UMass' (15-11 @ 7 A-10) forward Rashaun Freeman made the bid with 10 seconds left in the game and connected with Maurice Maxwell down the court for a dunk, putting the Minutemen ahead 52-50.

On the next possession, Williams cut into the baseline and got trapped a foot outside the paint. Within seconds, Freeman was called for his fifth foul on a questionable whistle by the baseline referee. Freeman took a seat with 11 points and five rebounds, and watched as his team dropped its second road game in a row.

UMass coach Steve Lappas was not pleased with the final call of the game, and felt as if it was a mistake by Williams rather than a foul on his star big man.

"The kid was stuck on the baseline with nowhere to go and they called a foul," Lappas said. "We're frustrated right now because there's no doubt in my mind that that kid (Williams) was stuck on the baseline. It was not a call, he got bailed out on that play."

The Minutemen forced five ties in the second half, with their most important coming with 1:33 left in the game. Freeman went to the line to shoot two, made the first, but knocked the second one off the side of the rim.

Dayton got the offensive rebound and passed the ball to Freeman who dropped in the layup, leaving the score tied at 48.

Lappas was pleased with his team's tenacity even in the losing effort.

"I thought we played very hard tonight," Lappas said. "I thought we played great and gave a tremendous effort, and I think that shows how far we have come."

It was Senior Day at Dayton, which is graduating only one player, guard Mark Jones. Jones had two points and two assists on the evening for the Flyers.

The Flyers were led by Monty Scott, who had 15 points and seven rebounds on the night. Second for Dayton was Jimmy Binnie who had 10 points, including a 3-pointer with 1:08 left in the game which put the Flyers up 61-54.

The Minutemen went on a 6-0 run to start the game and took a 6-2 lead with 16:41 left in the first half. Dayton then went on a 9-0 run and took a 11-6 lead with 13:30 left in the first half.

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A running blog of a journey into Ohio



1:00 a.m. It's inevitable. When you have a trip of this magnitude, a journey of this significance and a time frame that seems easier than it is, you're going to be late. Obviously we were late; we take full responsibility for that. We were supposed to leave at midnight, and we left an hour later - par for the course. Blame it on the Collegian.

However, one thing that was not called for in any stretch of the imagination was the damn snow. Twenty-two miles into the trip, it's so white that we're blanking on where exactly we are at the moment. This isn't what we signed up for at all, that mainly we wanted back, was Paterno's, and with interest, the option of that night.

2:05 a.m. There is no more sense of anticipation, and the pretty scenic feeling. The sense of pushing onward and our "Kool Runnings" style outdoorsmanship is now just a handful of Dayton-area memories. It's just us and a long, dark, snowy road ahead. Our only hope is that the plow with a type of road conference that is hard to master when you are driving a Ford Taurus during one of the more hellish snowy evenings in recent memory.

The fear was very real, but we joked about it, there was no way we could let each other know how scared. This was a team effort, one that would require more grit and blind youthful naivete than anything the three of us had ever attempted on a semi-professional level.

There are all thoughts that course many writers run are asking at the point in the biggest game in the Atlantic 10. We finished this article, we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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Correction

In the Wednesday, March 2 edition of the Collegian an incorrect headline was printed for the article about the "BTK" murder suspect. He has not been sentenced to life in prison.

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Over 100 gallons of oil spill in parking garage

WednesdayFebruary 23

8:04 a.m. A tree was reported to have been taken from the lobby in Brown Hall and relocated to a lounge.

11:44 p.m. Three people were reported to be stuck in an elevator in Coolidge Hall.

ThursdayFebruary 24

6:47 p.m. A person reported 100 to 150 gallons of heating oil had spilled in the Campus Center Garage. EH&S and AFD contacted. Officer states EH&S will contact Clean Harbor for cleanup of the spill. Physical Plant notified.

9:34 p.m. A caller stated that a screen had been removed from a window, a lock was broken, and a window was open a crack at North Village Apartments. Nothing was missing or disturbed.

11:49 p.m. A person stated their wallet was stolen from Moore Hall.

FridayFebruary 25

1:09 a.m. Following a traffic stop on Fearing Street, Alfonso Cumplido Jr., 20, of North Attleborough, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and reckless operation of a motor vehicle.

7:39 p.m. Andrew Romeo, 19, of Lenox, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol and possession of a false identification in the parking lot across the street from Southwest.

8:35 p.m. Robert Jaquith, 19, of Spencer, was arrested being a minor in possession of alcohol and possession of a class D substance in the parking lot next to the visitors center.

11:18 p.m. A backpack containing a wallet, belt, room key, UMass ID card, debit card, insurance card, and a pair of pants was reported stolen from the Totman Physical Education Building.

SaturdayFebruary 26

12:41 a.m. After the detection of an odor of marijuana by a police officer in Brett Hall, Elizabeth Johnson, 19, of Westford, was arrested for possession of a class D substance and being a minor in possession of alcohol.

1:18 a.m. Dennis O'Neil, 25, of Amherst, was arrested in Herter Hall after an officer acted on a trespass warrant.

2:30 a.m. A person reported a subject causing problems in Coolidge Hall. The subject, Kristen Hutchins, 18, of Hyannis, was found to have an active warrant and was subsequently arrested.

2:32 a.m. Following a traffic stop, Carson Cummings, 21, of Groton, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

2:36 a.m. A bag was reported stolen in John Quincy Adams Hall. The contents of the bag were valued at $200.00.

3:27 a.m. Following a traffic stop on Commonwealth Avenue, Noelle Winselaar, 19, of Canton, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

4:53 a.m. After a report that a subject had been struck in the face by another person, Jared Benham, 18, of Pittsfield, was arrested for Assault and Battery.

8:15 p.m. Eirik Draugsvold, 19, of Ashburnham, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol in the parking lot next to the Visitor's Center.

9:50 p.m. A police officer found a dog left in a parked vehicle during a concert at the Mullins Center. The dog was transported to the UMass Police Department for safe keeping.

SundayFebruary 27

1:58 a.m. Following a traffic stop in the parking lot next to the Visitor's Center, Matthew Welch, 20, of Uxbridge, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

4:47 a.m. Two laptops were reported stolen from Kennedy Hall. Each laptop was valued at $1,500.

8:06 a.m. A dryer in Cashin Dorm reportedly had its door taken off.

MondayFebruary 28

5:30 a.m. An ice cream machine in Bartlett Hall was reported to be tipped over with the glass smashed.

7:08 p.m. $150.00 was reported stolen from a wallet in Washington Hall.

TuesdayMarch 1

1:01 p.m. A person stated a truck slid down hill into several vehicles parked in the parking lot behind Sylvan. The damage to the vehicles was minor.

6:24 p.m. A person reported a streetlight was causing sparks near John Adams Hall. A police officer reported the reflection of snow flakes are what the person though were sparks.

Compiled by Brendan Heck

Climate changes are discussed

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tropical storms.

To demonstrate what the climate changes have in-store for all of the U.S. in the years 2090 to 2100, Barron used two models, the Hadley model, which was developed in the U.K., having low sensitivity (2oC); and the Canadian model, having higher sensitivity (4oC).

He mapped the potential impacts of agriculture, vegetation, July heat index (hottest month), health factors, mortality rates and showed how it was linked to climate change.

As the U.S. gets warmer, Barron predicts that there will be no more insects around and hence more problems, but as a rich country, he says the solution is to have a robust health infrastructure.

He also highlighted how the U.S. Navy was interested in climate change.

As the arctic snow melts (predicted U.S. Navy model says 2020) the sea would appear, which leads to the ability to have ships there in those areas, which, in turn, also means having infrastructure.

So the government would have to act now, as it takes about 20 years to build a ship and the Russians and U.K. are already prepared for it.

Lastly, he added that all these models have large errors associated with them, and climate change has complicating physics underlying the theories.

One must look at global warming critically in terms of human health significance, water resources, and changing agricultural places for the future and the only way it can be done is to assign a money value for our ecosystem.

By putting a money value to the system we humans understand the changes better.

Change of value in terms of money makes everyone realize the importance of what different changes in climate are all about.

Stem cell research bill expected to pass

By Steve LeBlanc
Associated Press

BOSTON — Democratic leaders in the House and Senate said Wednesday they expect to pass a bill by the end of March legalizing embryonic stem cell research, and predicted they will have the votes to override an expected veto by Republican Gov. Mitt Romney.

"It's an absolute necessity that we do this," House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi, D-Boston, told supporters of the legislation. "By the end of this month I'd like to have this bill on the governor's desk."

The bill would clarify existing state law, making it legal to conduct research using embryonic stem cells in Massachusetts. It would also specifically ban any research aimed at reproductive cloning.

Senate President Robert Travaglini, D-Boston, predicted the two-thirds majority will be in place to override Romney's veto. The Senate easily passed a similar bill last year, but it was blocked from reaching a vote in the House by former Speaker Thomas Finneran.

"We're already at two-thirds," Travaglini said. "We're going to have to override a gubernatorial veto. He (Romney) has made it abundantly clear that he is going to veto the bill."

Romney supports embryonic stem cell research using discarded embryos from fertility clinics, but opposes the creation of new embryos for use in research.

Some lawmakers have expressed concern that the bill is moving too fast, saying more time is needed to understand the complicated scientific and moral issues involved.

Travaglini announced his intention to push for the bill at the beginning of January. If a bill comes up for a vote by the end of March, lawmakers will have had three months to study the issue, he said.

"I don't want to be viewed as accelerating the political process for personal political gain.

I want to make sure all objections are heard," Travaglini said. "I'm trying to have an opportunity for this to be vetted thoroughly."

Romney says his opposition is based on a fundamental moral opposition to the creation of new human life solely for the purpose of research - even if that human life consists of a microscopic cluster of a few hundred cells.

"I believe there have to be ethical boundaries set," Romney said when he announced his opposition to the bill.

"No one would say, 'let's create an embryo and then a fetus and then prior to birth kill it and take cells out of it for research.' It might have therapeutic benefits, but no one thinks we ought to do that."

Researchers, including those at the Harvard Stem Cell Institute, say Romney's push for a ban on the creation of new embryos would hamstring their work and slow progress on potential new treatments for a host of illnesses, from sickle cell anemia to juvenile diabetes.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., has also criticized the governor's position, saying a ban on the cloning of embryos for stem cell research would discourage scientists from working in Massachusetts.

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Speaker wants to work with Gargano

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the passing of the housing budget.

"The housing budget got passed without our consent," Morrison said, "so we are partially responsible for a fee increase."

Secretary of Public Policy and Relations Jeff Napolitano criticized Morrison for working so explicitly with Gargano claiming that he should be following the rule of the Senate.

"As a member of the Student Government Association, you must follow the Student Government Association," Napolitano said. "This is a Senate issue."

Morrison's rebuttal included the fact that he needs to work with Gargano under Chancellor Lombardi's rule, and that everything the SGA signs, goes directly to Gargano's office.

"I talked to [Gargano] and he said that he is 'eager to work with us'," Morrison said. "...If you want to impeach me, go ahead and try."

In other orders of business, Senator and presidential candidate Sean Bliss invited John Pepi, the General Manager of the Office of Waste Management to speak to the Senate about upcoming plans to implement "reverse vending machines" to the UMass campus.

"These reverse vending machines are like automatic recycling machines," Bliss said, "and it would be supporting UMass."

These RVM's would be leased to the University and students could put any recyclable plastic bottles and cans inside to redeem the five cents on their UCard.

Pepi also talked about the Recycle Mania contest that is underway. He stressed the importance of students especially in the dormitories to recycle.

"The weakest part is what goes on in the dorms, the infrastructure is there," Pepi said, "now we need the motivation."

Currently UMass is in a contest among 50 other colleges to recycle and win the coveted trophy, made entirely out of recycled materials.

"We want to motivate students to work hard for something," Pepi said.

In other business, juniors Pavel Payano and Valerie Lewis announced their candidacy for President and Trustee respectively. Currently nominations for these positions are open.

President of the SGA Eduardo Bustamante has declined to comment on whether or not he is seeking another term, however, in an earlier interview, he told the Massachusetts Daily Collegian that there was a "fifty-fifty percent chance" that he would run.

Bliss and Attorney General Craig Goldschmidt also have announced their candidacy for President and Trustee for the upcoming elections. Elections are slated to be held the week after Spring Break.

Ten Commandments up for court debate

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argue that they violate the First Amendment ban on any law "respecting an establishment of religion."

The question has sparked dozens of heated legal battles, including one in Alabama by Roy Moore.

He lost his job as chief justice a year ago after defying a federal order to remove a 5,300-pound Ten Commandments monument he had installed in the state courthouse.

More than 30 groups have filed "friend-of-the-court" briefs weighing in on the issue.

Outside, nearly a hundred demonstrators gathered in front of the Supreme Court in the icy cold for rallies following a candelight vigil by supporters of the displays.

Many shouted "Amen" and broke into refrains from "Amazing Grace," as in the form of a prayer meeting, as several kneeled before the court steps.

Opponents of the displays, meanwhile, waved signs reading "Keep Government and Religion Separate" and "My God Does Not Need Government Help."

"I don't think government should be in the business of morality," said David Condo, 40, of Beltsville, Md.

Husband, mother of judge murdered

By Mike Robinson
Associated Press

CHICAGO — A federal judge called for the government to provide more security to judges and their families Wednesday following the killings of a colleague's husband and elderly mother, who were shot in the head in the basement of the family home.

A possible fingerprint and a bloody shoe print had been found at the judge's home, a source said Wednesday.

U.S. District Judge Wayne Andersen, who was with U.S. District Judge Joan Humphrey Lefkow after she discovered the bodies of her relatives Monday, was the first federal judge in Chicago to publicly voice such concern since the deaths.

Police are investigating whether Lefkow or her lawyer husband were the targets of hate groups or others who may have been seeking revenge over the couple's professional decisions. The killings came a month before white supremacist Matthew Hale is scheduled to be sentenced for trying to have Lefkow killed over her handling of a trademark case involving the name of his group.

"This horrible tragedy has got to serve as the basis for a substantial increase of security for judges and their families," Andersen said in an interview with The Associated Press. "The Internet is plastered with information about every one of us and I fear and my family certainly fears that these kinds of incidents are going to be repeated unless there is a very high priority placed on the safety of judges and their families."

Lefkow and her family were placed under the protection of the U.S. Marshals Service after the killings.

The judge found the bodies of Michael Lefkow, 64, and Donna Humphrey, 89, when she returned from work Monday evening. Both had been shot multiple times, according to the Cook County Medical Examiner's office.

A federal source, who spoke Wednesday to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity, said investigators had discovered what appeared to be a fingerprint on a shard of glass from a broken window at Lefkow's house. The glass was flown to Washington for analysis at the FBI laboratory, the federal source told the AP.

The source also said a bloody shoe print, possibly that of a suspect, was found at the home.

Investigators believe the two victims were forced to lie on the basement floor before being shot, the Chicago Tribune reported Wednesday, citing unidentified sources.

A source told the AP that police found two .22-caliber shell casings at the scene.



Police investigators search through trash cans behind the home of U.S. District Court Judge Joan Lefkowin in Chicago on Tuesday.



Prominent Iraqi leader killed

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Despite the heavy presence of U.S. and Iraqi security forces in Baghdad, many parts of the city remain lawless and it can be difficult to distinguish between insurgent killings and common crimes. Iraqis perceived as collaborating with U.S. and the government are targeted relentlessly.

Judges and other legal staff working at the court have not even been identified in public because of concerns for their safety, and tribunal officials have kept a low-profile for the same reason, even refusing to say where the court is located.

The Iraqi Special Tribunal was set up in late 2003 after Saddam was toppled. After five potential candidates were killed, some judges declined calls to work at the court. At least half of the tribunal's budget has gone to security.

Tuesday's slayings were unlikely to have any impact on the trial process.

A court official, who declined to be identified, said the slain judge was one of more than 60 investigative, appellate and trial judges working at the court.

An official familiar with the court said al-Merwani was an investigative judge. It was not known what cases he was working on, and other court officials could not be reached for comment.

In Ramadi, located 70 miles west of Baghdad, clashes erupted between U.S. forces and gunmen after insurgents detonated roadside bomb as a U.S. convoy passed. The explosion missed the convoy but damaged two civilian cars that were in flames.

The first car bomb exploded outside an Iraqi army base in central Baghdad that occupies the former Muthanna airport, which has been targeted by insurgents several times over the last year.

An Interior Ministry security official, Asad Hadi al-Maliki, said six people were killed and 25 people were wounded in the blast (15 of them civilians).

In a statement posted on the Internet, al-Qaida in Iraq purportedly claimed responsibility for the Muthanna airport attack, saying it was a "martyrdom" operation. The authenticity of the statement could not be verified.

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Intricacies of the Amherst bar circuit

Bar scenes and the wild

Ben Feder

Over the past weekend I played the part of half sociologist, half anthropologist, like the people shown on the National Geographic Channel. Instead of the African Savannah as my field of research, my location for observing natural wildlife and indigenous people was the Monkey Bar.

Now I know what you're thinking. "Isn't the Monkey Bar that place that charges me $2 entry so I can buy $8 watered-down drinks and listen to over-played, trite music?" And the answer is yes.

Now the Monkey Bar isn't your typical Amherst pub. For those of you youngsters unfortunate enough to not know that guy who hangs around the back of Bartlett selling fake ID's, allow me to first describe to you the downtown Amherst scene. You have Charlie's, Barcelletos, Delano's and McMurphy's for the UMass kids. The ABC upstairs provides Amherst College students considerable distance from our distasteful rabble. The Spoke is popular amongst townies. And then there is the proverbial black sheep, the Monkey Bar, which looks like it belongs in Boston or Northampton.

Being such an outcast, the bar attracts a certain type of crowd, and has its own culture unlike any of the other bars downtown. Also, with every society, there are certain cultural codes that must be followed. I was lucky enough to be in a group of Monkey Bar patrons and here is what I observed.

Men wear khakis, with nice shoes, and button-down shirts. To attract a female, men will un-button the top buttons of the shirt. The more open the shirt, the more brazen the male is trying to attract a mate

Rule #1: As a straight male, you can never suggest going to the bar, for this implies dancing. The straight male of the species is somewhat precarious when it comes to this physical endeavor. The key to deciding to go is if a woman in your group implies she is in the "dancing mood." At this point it is acceptable for a straight or gay man to offer the Monkey Bar as an appropriate outlet for her "booty shaking" needs.

Rule #2: To be an acceptable group entering the bar, an all-male party must have four or more guys in it. All-male groups are not suggested however, and you should at least have one to two girls for every guy in the group.

Rule #3: Clothing is a delicate balance of revealing, loose fitting clothes and tight fitting materials. As a woman, you must have a free-flowing shirt on that reveals three-fourths of your upper torso. Better yet, you can only wear a 6-inch wide sheet of cloth long enough to cover your chest that has a string tied behind your back.

Pants, surprisingly, are optional. This is so breeding on the dance floor by the male can be done with relative ease. Also to establish dominance over other ladies, the height and number of straps on your heels must be greater than the women around you. Men wear khakis, with nice shoes, and button-down shirts. To attract a female, men will un-button the top buttons of the shirt. The more open the shirt, the more brazen the male is trying to attract a mate.

Also, the confidence of a male is displayed in regards to if they have a tee shirt underneath or not.

So for you hairy-chested individuals who might be anxious about revealing their wild undergrowth, the remedy is easy. Shave a V in the middle of your chest to the appropriate size of how open you want your shirt to be. Also you have to be at least 6'5", if not, then be able to bench press 350 pounds.

Rule #4: Dancing is delicate and is tricky to decipher at first, but easy to master. First, if you are there with all guys, you must stand by the wall and not move. Just watch and wait for a woman to leave her group to rest. Intercepting her on the way to the bathroom seems to be the most widely used tactic.

In a coed group, the guys must stand in a tight circle facing inwards where the ladies will be dancing with each other. Their dance will resemble the mating of octopi with legs and arms flailing and their bodies intertwining. No matter how tempted, the males cannot join in. They must only sway with their arms locked at a 90-degree angle, elbows close to their sides and their hands in tight fists. Slight up and down motion is permitted in the shoulders.

The women will sometimes move out towards the men and dance with them. This is the only time the male is allowed to move. The girls will "grind" against them and move their hips and pelvises in provocative ways. They will then return back to the middle with the other girls, who can truly mimic their movements.

Every so often a boyfriend is allowed to pull his girl out of the throng to "hook-up" but he must quickly let her return. If you are dancing only as a couple, then you have free range to grope, kiss, grab, thrust or do anything else that the limitations of gravity permit you to do.

All in all, my observations at the Monkey Bar proved most entertaining and, from an anthropologist's perspective, portrayed the Monkey Bar as an atmosphere that is not one to be overlooked. Truly, all that I observed had made the watered-down drinks and trite music well worth the trip.

Ben Feder is a Collegian columnist.

Raising the bar standards

Matt Brochu

My mom is obsessed with coupons. Every once in a while, during buy one, get three free weeks, she'd go a little overboard and our house would be stuck with 14 boxes of Cinnamon Toast Crunch and an only child responsible for eating all of it. After a while, I got really sick of the stuff. When all was said and done, I wouldn't touch cinnamon, toast, or anything crunchy for six months, and my mom would have enough boxes of cereal to put her home-room over the top in her school's annual food drive.

So what does this have to do with anything? It's exactly how I feel about Amherst's bar scene right now. I'm just f***ing sick of Cinnamon Toast Crunch, and I know a bunch of people who feel the same way.

Every Friday, my friends and I go through the same damn routine — pre-game at our house, spend a half hour deciding which bar will suck the least, then end up at the bar with the fewest people in it, but you know what the best part of my Friday is? It's the 10 seconds from when I pull up to the curb to when I get to McMurphy's door, because I think maybe I'll get up there and I'll look in the window and no one will be in there. No goodbye, no see you later, no nothing. I don't know much, but I know that.

But that, of course, will never happen. There are too many students, too many sketchy townies, and too few bars to get all of us drunk simultaneously. So what can be done about the situation? Not much; but here are my suggestions.

First and foremost, male student athletes need to be notified that it's safe to dance at The Pub. In the history of D1 college athletics, I'm pretty sure no one's had to tell a coach that Kanye West's "New Workout Plan" was the reason they tore their ACL. Yet every weekend, these guys buy a beer, line up around the outskirts of the dance floor, stare blankly at every girl who drops it like it's hot and bob their heads like that weird kid with the headphones sitting in the back of the PVTA.

Here's a tip for you guys: staring at people in a bar is no different than staring at them while waiting in an elevator. It makes people feel uncomfortable. The last time I was at The Pub I felt like the new guy in the prison shower, as if it was only a matter of time before some dude named Big Earl put his hand on my shoulder.

Now for the bathrooms, a bar must be prepared to flush away as much liquid as it sells each night. Drunken people pee more than my dad on a long car ride, and for that, a semi-clean, functional toilet is a necessity.

In terms of the lack of space, there's only one possible solution: remove all bar stools on busy nights. Think about it. Every bar has one primary goal: to sell drinks to everyone who wants one. Bar stools make this a virtual impossibility. How long do you think the dining hall would last if they let people eat right out of the buffet trays?

A note for all the aspiring DJ Skribbles in Amherst: New hip-hop is cool, but older hip-hop is cooler. Sure, we always appreciate it when Lil' Jon finds a new way to ruin a song by yelling "skeet skeet skeet" in the background, but you'd be surprised how many people would appreciate it if you played some "Naughty By Nature" or "Arrested Development" every once in a while. And when it comes to being compensated, insist on being paid in advance instead of charging a $2 cover at the door.

I'm not cheap. I'm just realistic. Two dollars means a snack for you, but it means a big deal to me. Do you have any idea what a college student can do with $2? I could go on forever — a load of laundry, two hours at a parking meter, a small Dunkaccino and a bagel, a Pabst Blue Ribbon bottle at Delano's, or even better, hot cheese up front at Antonios when we're too wasted to make a decision.

Now for the bathrooms: a bar must be prepared to flush away as much liquid as it sells each night. Drunken people pee more than my dad on a long car ride, and for that, a semi-clean, functional toilet is a necessity. Apparently this is a difficult task, because more often than not, I come out of the bathroom feeling like Andy Dufresne after escaping from the Shawshank prison. Let's look at the facts. I'm a guy. I pee standing up. This shouldn't happen.

But let's face it. They have no reason to run things differently. I'll go back this Friday. I'll pay the $2 cover. I'll wait 20 minutes to get a drink because the bar stools box out better than Ben Wallace. I'll watch the football players bob their heads to Lil' Jon as they watch everyone else. And I'll devour half a box of Cinnamon Toast Crunch when I get home. It's not like I have anything better to do.

Matt Brochu is a UMass graduate student



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

SOCIAL SECURITY MOVING IN RIGHT DIRECTION

In response to Andrew Freeman's editorial concerning Social Security reform, Mr. Freeman refers correctly to Social Security's inception as a program to use the wealth of the young to look out for the welfare of the old. The massive ballooning of the population eligible to receive benefits, and the added stress of a longer average life span, means that not only will more people be collecting benefits, but they will also be collecting them for a longer time.

While it is certainly right to give these working men and women what they have been promised, it is also necessary to ensure that a system is still in place for those who come after. I'd like to have sufficient funds to live comfortably after retirement. However, I know that with our current system each dollar that is taken out of my check each week as a payroll tax will never find its way back to me.

Contrary to what Mr. Freeman states, this is a crisis. It's not a crisis for the elderly, it's a crisis for the young who will not have Social Security to fall back on. In February of 1998, at Georgetown University, President Clinton said, "every one of you knows that the Social Security system is not sound for the long-term, so that all of these achievements ... are threatened by the looming fiscal crisis in Social Security."

Furthermore on Mar. 2, 2005, Alan Greenspan, the preeminent fiscal mastermind in the U.S. and Federal Reserve Chairman said, Congress can "either choose to do something in advance, which will ameliorate the problem, but not completely eliminate it, or wait until the problem is right on you, in which the solutions are going to be very painful."

The solution that Mr. Freeman proposes is to raise taxes in the future to solve the solvency problem. A suitable raise in the payroll tax would mean that members of the highest tax bracket would be paying more than 50 percent of their income to the federal government. A more palatable solution would be to enact a new Social Security system with personal savings accounts as a large component and to allow individuals to manage their own money.

Who among us would claim that the bureaucracy of the federal government could manage their money better than they themselves could? This would also eliminate that money from the hands of legislators bent on pork-barrel spending. The money would be more secure in personal accounts, no longer being a target of government money-grabbers.

In addition, the probable influx of money into money markets and stocks would do well for the nation's economy. Social Security needs to change, to say "there is no crisis" is fundamentally short-sighted and naïve. Liberals in this country need to see that their greatest achievement of the 20th century is in need of adjustment, and to work with republicans so that it survives well into the 21st.

Patrick Arsenault
UMass student

A new era in Latin America?

Aaron Wodin-Schwartz

Argentina, Brazil, Venezuela and now Uruguay all share an emerging commonality that differentiates them from the rest of their South American neighbors. These four states represent over two thirds of the region's population, and all of them have democratically elected leftist heads of state that are committed, at least in principle, to achieving economic justice and the bettering the lives of the majority of their respective and collective populaces. They are what may very well prove to be the rise of the new, pragmatic Latin American left that will finally bring the promised benefits of modernization to the people.

Though Kirchner, Lula, Vázquez and Chávez are as different as they are similar, they mark what is becoming a regional trend towards progressive social policy in Latin America. More than a decade of liberalization and nearly unquestioned neo-classical economic policy has achieved absolutely nothing for South America: the gap between rich and poor has widened as crime and despair have increased.

Increasingly, alienated and economically oppressed populations recognize the need for regional cooperation and the importance of certain exacted measures of state control. Reason being, they need to be protected from the brutal forces of the free market that have literally left them in tattered clothes and dirty favelas.

Nestor Kirchner, a Peronist, has taken a hard line with international creditors in the wake of Argentina's economic downturn that was at least partially caused by the structural adjustment criteria of the IMF. He has put together a bankruptcy package that will pay 30 cents on the dollar and has won the approval of more than three quarters of creditors, thereby gaining the graces of the IMF and using budget surpluses domestically to continue Argentina's staggering 9 percent annual GDP growth.

... at the moment, there seems to be a concrete and simultaneous shift in political philosophy [in Latin America] in favor of a reformed and even neo-socialist trend.

By supporting the growing movement of workers' councils in factories and providing community governance, perhaps Mr. Kirchner will be able to use his positive inertia with international investors to forward the socially responsible projects that he has promised his country.

Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva is the first Brazilian president ever from the Workers' Party (PT) and, as a lifelong union organizer and friend of the Landless Workers Movement, was heralded as the bringer of a more just and equitable order. Though he has faltered and made policies much more conducive to attracting foreign investment than to relieving the plight of his constituents — including meeting all IMF terms for Brazil's debts at the expense of long overdue fiscal policy allocations — he remains the leader of the southern bloc in the WTO and an outspoken supporter of autarchic growth in the region.

Many argue that President Gutiérrez of Ecuador falls into a classification similar to Lula, in that he is a centrist pursuing many of the same policies his predecessors did, while maintaining a leftist rhetoric whose realization is perpetually just around the next metaphorical corner.

The most ostensibly radical of the bunch is Venezuela's self-proclaimed social revolutionary Hugo Rafael Chávez Frías. The ex-paramilitary commander is closest among his peers to Fidel Castro and to the old Latin American left, and is accordingly the most ideologically motivated of all of them.

Chávez has initiated programs of cultural, professional, material and petroleum exchange with his neighbors and Cuba, even when less efficient than trading with the U.S. He has also utilized oil revenues to commence schemes for land reform, agricultural training and ghetto education, and has used harsh rhetoric to openly oppose both Washington Consensus economics as well as any U.S.-led objectives in the area. With the gradual de-corruption and improvement of these programs and diversification of the Venezuelan economy, Chávez may actually be able to go far in creating a less stratified society.

Now the newly elected socialist president Dr. Tabaré Vázquez, the first leftist president in Uruguayan history, joins the ranks of Latin American heads of state delegated with the task of instituting a regime of social economics. The goal of this regime is to replace the defunct neoclassical model that has brought such benefit to outsiders but rarely if ever to the people themselves.

His first two acts as president on Tuesday were the announcement of a $100 million poverty relief plan and the resumption of diplomatic relations with Cuba. He has also begun technical talks with Chávez regarding energy, trade and communications cooperation with Venezuela.

Past attempts at socialist reforms in Latin America have often failed due to their lack of pragmatism in retaining foreign investment and U.S. intervention, either in the form of penalties levied upon trade partners or direct military intervention. Yet at the moment, there seems to be a concrete and simultaneous shift in political philosophy in favor of a reformed and even neo-socialist trend.

Perhaps mutually supportive regimes will succeed in averting many of the economic pressures that have caused collapse in the past and help each other develop real results for the people on the ground. However, ideology is something quite distinct from policy execution, and the question must now be whether or not this is a permanent and serious trend in the region — a legitimate shift towards a regionalism based upon more socially responsible and egalitarian principles — or something else entirely.

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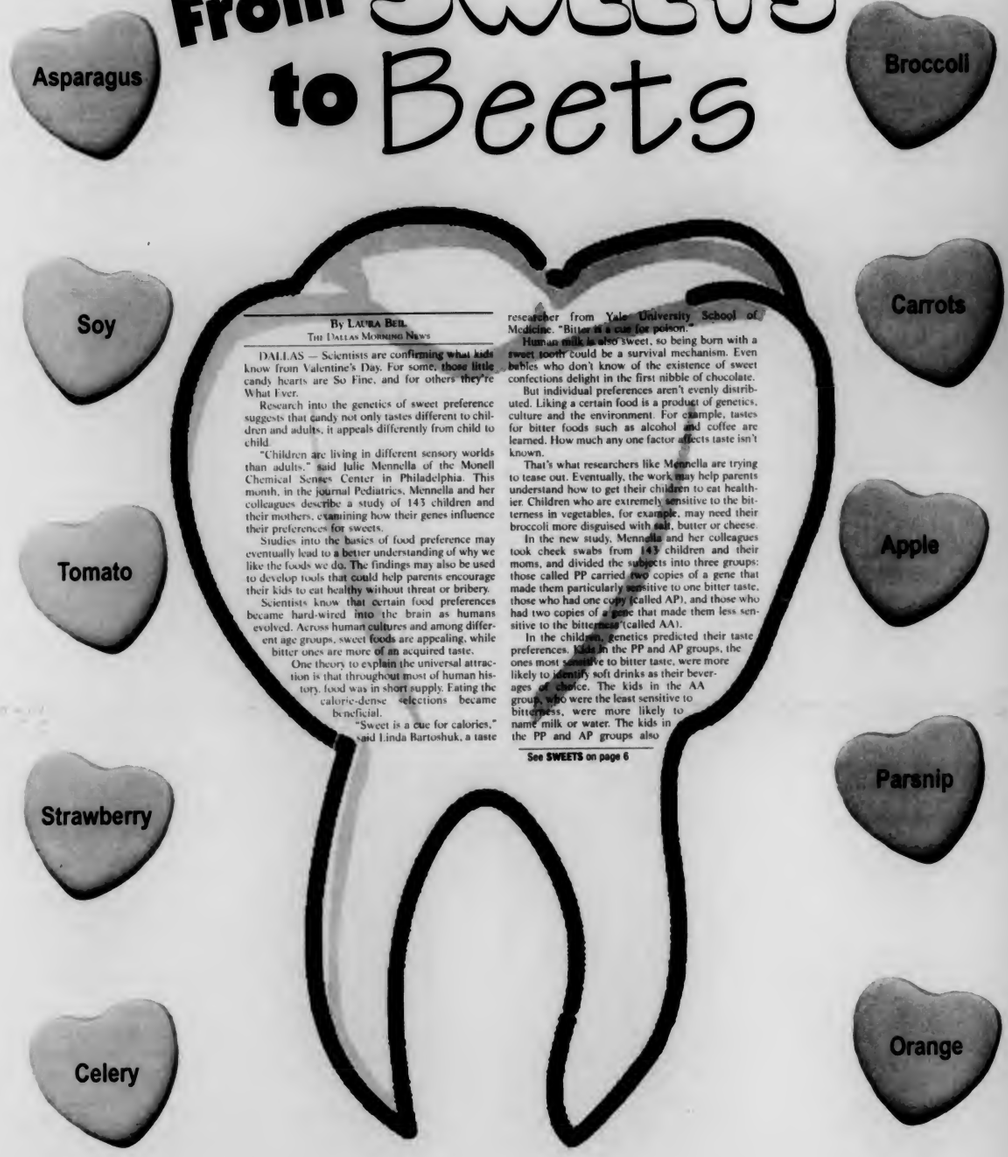
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From SWEETS to Beets



By Laura Beil
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Scientists are confirming what kids know from Valentine's Day. For some, those little candy hearts are So Fine, and for others they're What Ever.

Research into the genetics of sweet preference suggests that candy not only tastes different to children and adults, it appeals differently from child to child.

"Children are living in different sensory worlds than adults," said Julie Mennella of the Monell Chemical Senses Center in Philadelphia. This month, in the journal Pediatrics, Mennella and her colleagues describe a study of 143 children and their mothers, examining how their genes influence their preferences for sweets.

Studies into the basics of food preference may eventually lead to a better understanding of why we like the foods we do. The findings may also be used to develop tools that could help parents encourage their kids to eat healthy without threat or bribery.

Scientists know that certain food preferences became hard-wired into the brain as humans evolved. Across human cultures and among different age groups, sweet foods are appealing, while bitter ones are more of an acquired taste.

One theory to explain the universal attraction is that throughout most of human history, food was in short supply. Eating the calorie-dense selections became beneficial.

"Sweet is a cue for calories," said Linda Bartoshuk, a taste researcher from Yale University School of Medicine. "Bitter is a cue for poison."

Human milk is also sweet, so being born with a sweet tooth could be a survival mechanism. Even babies who don't know of the existence of sweet confections delight in the first nibble of chocolate.

But individual preferences aren't evenly distributed. Liking a certain food is a product of genetics, culture and the environment. For example, tastes for bitter foods such as alcohol and coffee are learned. How much any one factor affects taste isn't known.

That's what researchers like Mennella are trying to tease out. Eventually, the work may help parents understand how to get their children to eat healthier. Children who are extremely sensitive to the bitterness in vegetables, for example, may need their broccoli more disguised with salt, butter or cheese.

In the new study, Mennella and her colleagues took cheek swabs from 143 children and their moms, and divided the subjects into three groups: those called PP carried two copies of a gene that made them particularly sensitive to one bitter taste, those who had one copy (called AP), and those who had two copies of a gene that made them less sensitive to the bitterness (called AA).

In the children, genetics predicted their taste preferences. Kids in the PP and AP groups, the ones most sensitive to bitter taste, were more likely to identify soft drinks as their beverages of choice. The kids in the AA group, who were the least sensitive to bitterness, were more likely to name milk or water. The kids in the PP and AP groups also

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New Discover Your Lover couple doesn't click so well on date

By Hannah Drake
Collegian Staff

On Tuesday, February 15, Tom and Tina went on a date for the Collegian's Discover Your Lover dating game. The two went wall climbing at Northampton's Athletic Club, then to dinner at Pinocchio's, followed by drinks at the Moan and Dove.

In a post-date telephone interview, Tina admitted she wasn't exactly infatuated.

"I don't think we were on the same wavelength in personalities, but he's a really nice guy, I thought. I guess we just don't really mesh well," she said.

Tom met Tina in Southwest around 4:00. He greeted her at her dorm and the two hugged. She was giggly, wearing athletic pants and a white zip up hoodie. He was wearing a gym shirt and running shorts.

"Are you excited?" Tina asked him.

"Yeah," he replied.

The opening conversation was an indicator for the rest of the night. Tina did most of the talking, and Tom replied in clips and phrases.

Seated in a brand new Cadillac Escalade, Tom and Tina made first-date small talk on their way to Northampton. Among five prolonged silences, they asked each other where they were from, chatted about local bars, and discussed what they were majoring in. After a couple more silences, they fell back on the age-old conversation saver, and discussed the weather. It was an unusually warm 60 degrees.

At 4:30 they were harnessed up for wall climbing at the Northampton Athletic Club.

The two were then set up to race each other on the wall, and Tom decided to flaunt his testosterone and up the competition.

"I'll give you a head start," he said.

Tina beat him to the top.

"Should I wait for you?" she asked.

After the climbing festivities, the two were taken home to shower and regroup before part two of their date. At 7:30, Tom knocked on Tina's door with flowers, courtesy of Knowles flower shop.

When Tina saw him with the flowers, her eyes lit up.

The two talked for a few minutes. Then the conversation faded to silence.

After being seated at Pinocchio's, the two were left alone to enjoy their dinner and each other's company.

"He didn't really tell me anything about him that was fascinating, but he was talking about his brother, how he's younger than him, and he's bigger than him, which was funny because his brother is younger," Tina said afterwards.

"It was kind of like, so...what's up? I felt like I was carrying the conversation more. I had all these things to tell him and he was like, uh-huh, yah, that's cool" Tina said.

After the dinner, the two were taken to The Moan and Dove in South Amherst.

They drank continuously, and according to Tina, after a while, Tom disappeared temporarily, supposedly to the bathroom. Curious about the camera and entourage the two had, other bar-goers started talking to Tina.

"I guess my date got really mad and I know he was drunk, but it was unnecessary. He was like 'you ditched me.' But it wasn't my fault," Tina explained.

"The [Amherst] guys were really nice, and we had a really intelligent conversation which was lacking the whole night. I just didn't feel like any of [the conversation with Tom] was very stimulating," she continued.

"In the car ride, [Tom] was kind of ignorant, saying things like, those guys should go back to their own country. I didn't know what to say, I was in shock because that's so unnecessary. I thought it was really ignorant and mean, and it's so out of line. It was only the last half hour. I was kind of getting bored. I was like, oh, more entertainment," Tina said.

The two got back to their dorms, and Tom walked Tina to her door.

"He was giving me his number for some reason. He tried to kiss me, and I was so not about it. I gave him a hug or something. I was like, how can you do this after what you said in the car?" Tina said.

"I don't think he's racist — I think he just said that because...I don't know why, but it was pretty messed up," she continued. "It was a huge turn-off."

According to Tina, there won't be another date, especially after the late-night phone call Tom made after the date.

"That night, he called my cell phone. He was just like, 'can I come over?' And I was like, 'it's my bed time; I'm seriously done for the night.'" Tina said.

"It wasn't a total booty call, but who calls somebody at 3 a.m. like, you wanna hang out? And especially after all the stuff he got mad at, and I didn't kiss him, so it was kind of funny, but he never called me after that, and he probably won't ever again, but that's okay," Tina added.

Due to extenuating circumstances, Tom could not be reached for post-date comments.

Sweets are 'so fine'

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liked sugary cereals better.

But take heart, parents of kids with untouched spinach on their plates. Tastes change despite genetics. Mennella found that while 64 percent of the AP children could detect even the weakest of a special bitter solution, only 43 percent of the AP moms could. That means that the power of the bitter-sensitive gene was less important as they grew up. The reasons are unknown.

Such findings might explain why some children like sweets more than others. Mennella is now doing similar work with vegetables, and in babies.

She emphasizes, however, that eating is a complex behavior with numerous influences. Genetics is only one part, but it's an important component to understand, she said. Studies show that young children carry their eating patterns into adolescence, so parents want to establish good eating patterns early.

"Obviously the parents' role is to help provide a healthy diet for the child," she said.

In the meantime, she said, other studies show that children reluctant to eat healthy can benefit from repeated exposures to wholesome food, even if they turn their noses up the first time.

"You do not force a child to eat vegetables," said Valerie Duffy, a researcher at the University of Connecticut in Storrs. "You offer and do positive encouragement."

She praised Mennella's study and others that are examining the genetics of food preference. "All of this gives us more appreciation for why we eat what we do."



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Scientists say genetics playtoto a role in deciding what foods we are naturally prone to enjoying, such as sweet fruits and candies.

Unconventional art gallery showcases Bob Dylan photos in voyeuristic manner

By Molly McKibben
Daily Trojan

LOS ANGELES — Tucked between Laundromats and video stores lies a dark corner adorned with a few lights and some picture frames. It is a small room on 6th Street, and it isn't truly noticeable, even with the brightly red-colored square in its black sign.

This is the home of The Perfect Exposure, a small gallery that plays forum to exhibitions from various media organizations, including The Associated Press and The Los Angeles Times, along with photos from Pulitzer Prize and World Press Photo Contest winners, fine art and contemporary photographers. The gallery recently produced the "World Press Photo 04 Los Angeles" exhibit in partnership with the Annenberg School for Communication.

This gem of a gallery is home to a truly unique new art exhibition that features more than 40 rare photographs of singing legend Bob Dylan.

"Bob Dylan: Unscripted" is a collection of black-and-whites that photographer Douglas R. Gilbert took while working as a 21-year-old staff photographer for LOOK Magazine in 1964.

Although the photographs were originally shot for publication along with a story on Dylan, the magazine decided not to publish them, saying that Dylan was too scruffy for a family magazine.

These 42 photos are what are left of the 900-odd pictures that Gilbert, now 62, took of Dylan over a seven-day period during the summer of 1964 in Woodstock, N.Y., Manhattan and at the Newport (R.I.) Folk Festival.

The pictures capture moments between Dylan and his friends, who included poet Allen Ginsberg, writer Terry Southern and musicians John Sebastian and Jack Elliot.

Though seemingly spare and simplistic, what makes this exhibition so alluring is the way that The Perfect Exposure has set it up.

Each black-and-white photograph is framed in a simple black frame and hung either on a bright, white wall or a brick wall.

The floors of the gallery are homey, warm wood, and there is a second story loft that has a few chairs and benches to sit on while looking at works.

It is so simple that it is impossible not to focus on the pictures. During this exhibition, the gallery softly plays Dylan's many songs in the background, and it creates the aura that the singer is in fact singing right out of some of the photographs.

The photos all feel voyeuristic, and it is easy to ask why someone so private with his life would let a magazine photographer follow him around and capture personal moments.

But it is a glimpse into a life that few people other than a Rolling Stone writer have gotten.

One of the first photographs on the right side of the gallery is the most striking.

It is a picture of Dylan sitting cross-legged on the ground with a 3-year-old Woodstock neighborhood child. The charm of this picture is that both Dylan and the child are staring at the camera with the same, inquisitive glare.

It brings Dylan from the pedestal that the world has put him on as an artist and makes him truly appear to be the normal, 23-year-old singer-songwriter he was at the time. It grounds him.

Another group of photos that are equally as affecting are of Dylan on stage at the Newport Folk Festival.

These pictures show a contemplative side of Dylan, one that wasn't fighting with the press or crusading against whatever he was against at the time. Just Dylan, writing in his cowboy boots and black clothes.

Gilbert's pictures are a window into a Dylan-world that most people otherwise cannot see. They show Dylan laughing, eating, smiling, singing, playing and thinking.

They give us a taste of what it would be like to, for just a little while, be Bob Dylan.



The photography exhibited at The Perfect Exposure shows Dylan in rarely viewed form. Each picture shows Dylan set in private moments, a treat for fans of the normally reclusive rock star. Most of the pictures are said to capture Dylan in a contemplative state.

Amherst College hold fashion show for tsunami victim relief

By Matthew M. Burke
Collegian Staff

On Dec. 26, 2004 an offshore earthquake caused the waters of the Indian Ocean to rise and come hurdling toward the beaches of Southern Asia with reckless abandon. The tsunami that would kill over 200,000 people was just beginning its destructive journey inland. Recently discovered sequential photographs, apparently taken by a deceased Canadian couple, show people rushing out to the exposed tidal flats to see the waves out at sea. Mere moments before the waves would touch down, the people began to run. Then in their last picture, taken off of the couple's recently recovered yet destroyed camera, the waves crashed on the beach.

Tourists John and Jackie Knill didn't have a chance to run, their son would later tell the media. They are two people out of the more than 200,000 killed. Villagers, farmers, toddlers, sweethearts, students, entire families, revolutionaries, tourists, and resorts were all snatched from their serene environment and dragged inland or out to sea to meet their dreadful fate. Each has a tragic story and each is equally important. There is no price paid worth that of a human life. It is in the spirit of those killed and those still struggling to survive that the Five College community has taken notice and decided to raise money to help those afflicted.

On Friday, Mar., 4 Amherst College will host a fashion show, developed and organized by the Amherst Tsunami Relief Campaign, featuring imported clothing from all of the nations affected by this disaster. The fashion show is designed to raise cultural awareness and unity among all that attend. Both men's and women's fashions will be displayed by student models from UMass, Amherst College, and all of the other colleges in the region. All models were selected through a Five College casting call that has since concluded. Professional stylists and makeup artists have been dispatched to assist in the show. The money raised goes directly to the World Health Organization, which will then, according to an A.T.R.C. press release, "distribute the full amount to its local representatives in the countries most affected by the tsunami."



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John and Jackie Knill, tourists from Canada, died during their visit to Southern Asia when the tsunami occured.

5 College Fashion Show
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After the fashion show, an after party has been planned, featuring NYC's DJ Varick, who will be fully equipped with professional lighting and sound. Varick has both impressed and rocked crowds at NYC hotspots like Marquee and the The Pink Elephant. A 21+ bar will also be available at what is being hailed as the "biggest social event of the year."

The Amherst Tsunami Relief Campaign includes members from all of the five colleges and consists of many different ethnicities. It was the brainchild of Amherst College's Viet Do, a junior economics major, and international student from Vietnam. Do, and several other students including Ali Khan from India (junior, political science), have raised over $7,000 so far, through a Casino Night and other fundraisers. Their success, in part, comes from the support of Amherst College's faculty and administrators, which has made this campaign the biggest and most successful in their school's history. They have also rallied local businesses into donating.

The campaign has mobilized over 1,000 students thus far in their efforts to alleviate the suffering wrought by this terrible disaster. The group hopes to raise an additional $5,000 at the fashion show and expects to host upwards of 1,000 people. The after party also promises to be fun and exciting. Khan, who hails from Northern India, was home for the holidays and heard from a lot of family and friends that were affected by this tragedy. Upon his return he was determined to help, and was surprised to find that many Americans and other international students were also interested.

"I think the response worldwide is amazing," said Khan. "It really goes to show how a traumatic event like this can unite the people. However, it's going to take a long time. People need to keep donating; there are long-term effects. Rehabilitating people and rebuilding cities will take a long time so they need to keep donating and be patient."

The group will also convene after Spring Break to determine what long-term endeavors they might undertake to continue helping the people of this region. Suggestions and volunteers are more than welcome. To help, or join A.T.R.C. please contact tsunamirelief@amherst.edu

Eve runs into casual fling and shows more than she planned



Original Sin
Eve

I guess you could say that I am that girl with the gay best friend. I don't know exactly what that means, but I know that our connection runs slightly deeper than his sexual preference.

We met before he could admit to himself and to others of this fact, and even though it was apparent, no one ever made it an issue. I can honestly say that I was relieved when I found him kissing another man by the bathroom of my favorite nightclub. I was surprised, but not too surprised with this discovery, and spent days convincing him that I could care less about his intimacies. He was finally being true to himself, and that is all I could ever want of him.

Our relationship became quite strong after that occurrence. We would stay up late gossiping about frivolous endeavors, going out on the town and enjoying each other's company as if we were soul mates. I have cried in his arms, shared my deepest fears and most ridiculous dreams. I have confided in his very being. We have had slumber parties, late night binges with greasy food, and shopping sprees that have kept me in debt for a full year. I guess you could say we are pretty close, but I never would have thought the day would come when we found ourselves in the same shower.

Must I continue? It was a Friday night, a very warm Friday night indeed. I was at the bars, in a revealing outfit, after hours, with my gay friend by my side. He suddenly tugged at my arm as if I neglected to see something very important, and I did. It was him, a casual ongoing fling that stood directly in front of me in awe.

"Hi," he said. I blushed ever-so-slightly, noticing my friend as he rolled his eyes.

"Eve, you're not supposed to like the guys you have fun with!"

I laughed over his comment because I knew he was secretly jealous that I would be occupied for the rest of the night. My fling took my hand and pulled me closer.

"Come over. We are having an after party and I want you there." He winked at me and waited for an answer.

My heart stopped. I noticed I was ill-prepared for this event to occur. I was sweaty from the bar, I hadn't shaved perfectly, and I had left my jacket in the car.

"Okay, I'll be over. Just give me an hour. I have to run home first."

I was overwhelmed by the amount of fixing up I had to accomplish in a very short period of time.

"Okay, I'll call you when I get home."

He walked away casually and I felt a sudden burst of energy.

I was ecstatic that I had seen him. The one person I do have feelings for, and we finally had another chance to see each other. I felt like a 1950's giddy school girl that had just been asked to go steady. I grabbed my friend's hand and raced to my car.

"Oh my God! How am I going to do this? Okay, you hold my cell phone while I quickly shave and shower." My friend nodded enthusiastically as I started the engine and sped back to the dorms.

"I can't believe you! You are acting insane!"

We giggled loudly until we finally reached home. I threw open my door and emptied all of my drawers for the perfect outfit.

"What do I wear? Help me!" He scurried around the room, trying desperately to match the perfect outfit.

"Here you go." he exclaimed as he held up both jeans and a newly washed shirt. "Not too bad, but bad enough!"

He smiled as I tore off my clothing and wrapped myself in a towel. "Can you come with me? If he calls, you have to give me the phone while I'm in the shower."

He rolled his eyes in an exaggerated manner and followed me down the hall.

He made himself comfortable against the wall of the outside stall area and waited. I jumped in, lathered up as quickly as I could, then I heard voices. Many voices, all of which were girls, coming into the bathroom. His eyes widened in complete chaotic fear and he jumped straight into the shower with me. He was fully clothed, in Armani wear with new shoes, and he was still holding my phone. I, completely startled by his intrusion, forgot I was naked. And he, completely fearful of being caught, forgot I was naked too.

"H.E.W." he screamed as he covered his eyes and crouched in the corner.

"Must I really need to see that?" He laughed as he slowly lowered his hands from his face.

"So that's what a woman looks like!" I giggled and then told him to shut up.

"Quiet. I need to shave." So there we were, closer than ever before. Who would have thought? But isn't that what friends are for? One thing is for certain, I'll never forget that evening, and I'm sure he feels the same way.

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HEA standings complicated

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5. Lowell	10-9-3 23 points
6. Northeastern	9-9-4 22 points

Lowell plays at Merrimack (1-21-1 1 point) tonight in Merrimack's season finale. The River Hawks will conclude their schedule by hosting Providence on Saturday.

Northeastern plays a home-and-home series with UMass, which begins in Amherst tomorrow night and shifts to Boston on Saturday.

Lowell will earn the fifth seed following these scenarios: Lowell wins two games this weekend; Lowell earns 5 points (win and tie) this weekend, and Northeastern only earns a maximum of 2 points against UMass; Lowell earns 1 point this weekend, and Northeastern only earns a maximum of 1 point this weekend; Lowell loses twice and Northeastern earns a maximum of 1 point.

Northeastern will earn the fifth seed following these scenarios: NU wins twice, and Lowell only earns a maximum of 2 points; NU earns 3 points (win and tie), and Lowell only earns a maximum of 1 point; NU earns 2 points, and Lowell loses twice.

Also, in the event that Lowell and Northeastern finish tied in the standings with the same amount of wins, head-to-head results verse the first-place team will determine the tiebreaker.

Lowell wins that scenario if UNH or BC wins the conference championship. Northeastern wins that scenario if BU or Maine wins Hockey East.

The final grouping in the Hockey East standings consists of Providence and UMass. Both can finish as high as seventh in the standings, but neither can drop below eighth. Here is where both teams currently sit:

7. Providence	5-14-4 14 points
8. UMass	5-15-2 12 points

As previously stated, PC closes out its schedule with one game at Lowell, and UMass will complete its regular season with a home-and-home against Northeastern, beginning in Amherst tomorrow and moving to Boston Saturday. UMass holds the head-to-head tiebreaker with Providence by winning two of the three meetings this year.

Providence will clinch the seventh seed if: the Friars win at Lowell, and UMass only earns a maximum of 3 points (win and tie) against Northeastern; PC ties Lowell, and UMass only earns a maximum of 2 points against NU; PC loses to Lowell, and UMass only earns a maximum of 1 point against NU.

UMass will clinch the seventh seed if: UM sweeps NU; UM earns 5 points (win and tie) against NU, and Providence ties Lowell; UM earns two points (either a win or two ties) against NU, and PC loses to Lowell.

The first round of Hockey East playoffs will be played March10-13. It is a best two-of-three format, with all of the necessary games being played at the higher seeded team's arena.

The semifinals will be played at the FleetCenter on March 18, and the finals will be played the following night.

Hawkins leads UMass men's ski team to strong showing

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season standings.

Ten seconds might seem like nothing to sports fans who are used to seeing time being expendable. But winning by two seconds in skiing is like winning a basketball game by 30 — it isn't easy to do, but the men's and women's teams made it look easy this last weekend, and that is why the margins of victories that these teams are posting might seem inconsequential. It is quite the opposite.

"You have 20 runs in a day and we had 39 out of a possible 40 completed this weekend. It was incredible." Pomeroy said. "It's almost unheard of to have a team have so many successful runs. They had everything together. They were focused and ready to win. It was evident."

The women's team was spectral as well. Finishing second in the division to Brown, the women's skiing team was expecting a strong finish to the season, and they got off to a good start at Waterville.

The women's team sent freshman Eliza Hawkins, junior Caitlin Doughty, junior Lisbet Rauh, sophomore Shaleighne Collins and junior Erica Mains.

Hawkins finished third in slalom event with Doughty (fifth) and Rauh (12th) rounding out the race. They finished with a team-time of 301.70.

In the giant slalom Hawkins, placed in first place Doughty (fifth) and Lisbet (10th) again rounded out the Minutewomen's lineup. The women finished with a team-time of 386.25 in the giant slalom. Finishing with an overall time of 688.25, the women's team trounced the competition, beating second place Boston College by a full 7.59 seconds.

Pomeroy, though not fond of giving individual accolades, cited Doughty's tremendous performance.

"Caitlin Doughty had the weekend of the year. She was not feeling good about her equipment coming into this weekend so we changed some things around, and it was her best performance of the year."

Looking ahead to nationals next week in Idaho (Mar. 7-12), the men's and women's teams are flying high.

"We're coming off a great weekend. We are going out west as the teams from the east to beat." Pomeroy said. "All we have to worry about is a few teams from the west. We could not be going out there with a better frame of mind."

In a weekend that required the best performance at the highest levels, both teams came through in pressure situations. The best three times for the men came in the last run of their giant slalom race. It was enough to seal the deal for the UMass men's team, a fitting ending to a weekend that was full of clutch performances.

Free agency begins

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press

The Washington Redskins did it again, jumping Wednesday to sign the first free agent of the season.

But the Baltimore Ravens landed the biggest prize of the first day of free agency, signing wide receiver Derrick Mason, whose 96 catches for Tennessee last season led all NFL wide receivers.

And the Cleveland Browns traded defensive tackle Gerard Warren, the third overall pick in the 2001 draft, to Denver. It was an overall net loss for Cleveland, as the Browns will get just a fourth-round draft choice for the underachieving Warren.

The 31-year-old Mason, one of six Titans cut last month in a salary cap purge, will join a team whose leading receiver had just 35 catches a year ago.

"We were high on his list, and he was high on our list." Ravens general manager Ozzie Newsome said. "He was really the only receiver we have had any active discussions with thus far. What this does is, we bring in a veteran receiver who has the type of attitude and type of personality that we look for in a football player."

St. Louis, meanwhile, signed 32-year-old linebacker Dexter Coakley, one day after he was released by Dallas.

Washington's catch was a former Raven, center Casey Rabach, who joined a team which has spent millions in the early days of free agency the last two seasons. But more significantly for the Redskins, who went wildly after high-priced free agents on the first day the last two years, was keeping one of their own, left tackle Chris Samuels, whose contract was redone to provide more salary cap room.

Those were the major free agents to sign on Day 1 of free agency.

Oakland also made an expected splash by officially completing the deal for Randy Moss, a trade made last week with Minnesota. The Raiders gave up linebacker Napoleon Harris and two draft picks, one of them the seventh overall in April's lottery.

On the road during huge win

Brendan Hall

Everybody remembers last Dec. 9 for almost the exact same reasons, emphasis on almost.

It was the night the Massachusetts men's basketball team was reborn anew, flush with newfound energy backed by an electric crowd, all reminiscent of the Calipari era, "Refuse to Lose" and that blazingly hot starting five of Camby, Padilla, Travieso, Bright and Dingle. The ESPN 2 cameras were rolling, the arena was sold out and it was such a good time to be donning Maroon and White. I couldn't believe it until I saw it again on ESPN Classic.

Why couldn't I believe all this? Oh, right, because I was nowhere near the beloved Mullins Center on the night they pulled off one of the biggest upsets in school history, the famous last-second upset of an overrated defending national champion. In fact, I was about three hours south in lovely Hempstead, N.Y., doing something else I currently love even more — watching UMass women's basketball.

This trip started at roughly 1 p.m., with me pacing around my room back and forth, making sure my tie was on straight and my shirt was tucked in. This was a very important game, which conversely called for very sharp looks. I hadn't gotten much sleep the night before, but that was okay because I'd be able to catch some Z's on this long ride over, or so I thought.

Anyways, the phone rings. It's my ride. He's outside the building in his Grand Am. It's go time. I packed a few CD's in my bag just in case conversation stalls and we feel like cruising in style, but I should have known better.

Three hours we drove nearly nonstop on the road, and not a split second went by without one of us sharing a crazy R-rated college story or conversing about some miniscule sports argument. But that's when we weren't talking about how crucial that night's game against Hofstra was going to be for these Minutewomen.

Somewhere we stopped at a McDonald's along a truckstop on Connecticut's Interstate 295, which reminds me: don't pig out at a truckstop. They jack up the prices ridiculously on everything because tourists think it's the only place they can stop and get a bite to eat for the next 100 miles. Losers.

Our route took us by the Nassau Coliseum on the right as we neared the New York lets' glorified practice facility. The arena had all the looks of the world's largest cesspool following the NHL lockout, but it's not like the Islanders have a huge following anyways.

So we finally arrive at the Hofstra Arena and spend 10 minutes skimming around the campus wondering where we 're supposed to park.

This arena was gorgeous, and when I say gorgeous I'm not talking about some glorified high school gym. This thing easily sits 5,000. It's nice and spread out and on top of that there are club seats. Yes, this neat little arena has a skybox in case the Pride garner another Speedy Claxton-type and generate interest.

But of course, no major college basketball game is complete without the ever-so-important media room. For those of you who have never had such a privilege, you get all the free food you want, and a bunch of cool media guides and releases with extensive stats so you can prep yourself to the max. Somebody want to remind me why I paid $6.75 for a cheeseburger in Connecticut?

My colleague gets a call from Amherst that says the fans have been piling into the Mullins Center since 8 p.m. That's one hour before tipoff. This must be some joke.

The Minutewomen end up winning the game 64-57, but this story is far from over. Another call from Amherst. The Minutemen are up 20-7. 20-7? We literally raced to the Grand Am and sped off in search of radio reception. All we got was "Zzzz ... fizzle ... crackle-crackle ... Freeman ... criggle-craggle ... zing ... Villanueva ... it is a sea of red here..."

And it would continue like that for the next 45 minutes or so before we finally fiddled around enough with the frequency to stumble upon UConn's flagship station. The reception wasn't much better, but at least you could hear some sort of score.

Oh, the score? So after we passed what seemed like a plethora of police cruisers along the Interstate, the reception finally clears up and tie game?

UMass, a team that hasn't had any significant impact on collegiate basketball since the 1990's, is going basket for basket against the defending national champs? Not to mention with two minutes left to go.

We've got to pull over.

Unfortunately, we landed ourselves in an abandoned church parking lot in New Haven. For those who haven't been to New Haven, it has all the looks of a rundown city left for dead ever since Jim Morrison got arrested there back in the 60's for indecent exposure, but that's a moot point, we weren't spending the night in this dump.

So now we got the game on full blast, all the doors open and windows down, and the three of us are hyperventilating like crazy. My colleague is pacing around the parking lot, I'm leaned against the trunk of the Grand Am with my head down.

You can barely hear the announcers of this game over the deafening roars of a crowd that, for one reason or another, has yet to again show even an eighth of the level of excitement it showed on this particular night. The final 10 seconds, however, are the ones I'll remember in vivid detail now, and probably still when I'm 75.

"Here comes Bowers down the floor. It's a two-on-one...dishes to Freeman and it's good! With 4.3 seconds left the Minutemen have taken the lead 61-59! Now here comes Anderson down the court, dishes off to Denham Brown. Brown for three...GOOD! And the Minutemen have won the game, and here they come onto the court!"

Wait, Brown hit the trey, but UMass won? That would mean our good ol' Maroon and White lost the game, but still won. Only after the announcer repeated the score, UMass winning 61-59 (not losing 62-61 as the play-by-play would have implied), were we truly able to run rampant around the vacated lot screaming our heads off and bumping chests.

We stop at the next gas station, half-angry, half-ecstatic beyond even abnormality. I must have gone to the counter and then changed my mind at least a half-dozen times. A fuse must have blown in my mind because the unthinkable just happened, and we were nowhere near the chaos.

And as we finally make it back to the epicenter of the chaos, Amherst, I think to myself, "Would I do it all again?"

Had I known something of this magnitude was going to erupt, would I have taken the trek, since I wouldn't have arrived back in time to reach the deadline anyways? Would I have even bothered?

The answer to all these questions is yes.

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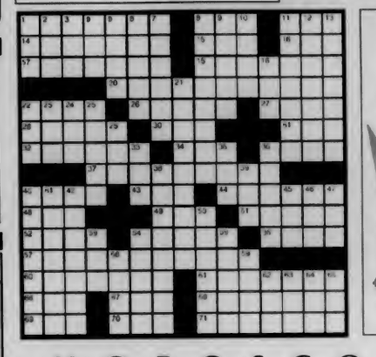
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—*Archimedes*

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Sortino a master of her art

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

Coaching is an art. Not many know how to do it right, and very few have mastered the skills of this art.

Since 1980, Massachusetts coach Elaine Sortino has been painting the picture that is UMass softball. With a career record of 858-372-3 over the past 25 years, Sortino has propelled UMass into a class of elites and has developed some of the best college softball players in the nation.

For Sortino, it starts and ends with the players, and recruiting top-notch high school softball players is something that she has become accustomed to. But while Sortino searches for the most dominant recruits, she is not only interested in those who can pinch, hit or run the best.

"The first thing I look for is grades," Sortino said. "I always find that kids that do well academically. They're not lazy. I think lazy in a classroom translates to lazy on a court or on the field."

The talent that Sortino's past and present players have demonstrated is well documented. Former UMass pitcher Danielle Henderson (current assistant coach) is the prime example of Sortino's tenure at UMass. Henderson was a three-time All America selection, the winner of the Honda Award during her career at UMass, and a member of the 2000 gold medal winning Olympic softball team. Although Sortino still hopes that she can coach another Gold Medalist and some more professional athletes, UMass is always the priority for all of her sportswomen.

"The bottom line of any kid that ends up on our roster is they live, eat and breathe to play at UMass. They want UMass, and I look for that loyalty to our program," Sortino said. "I find that we're best getting the kids that really want to come to UMass. I don't ever try to talk a kid into coming here. Not one word. Never."

Academic success and faithfulness to UMass are not the only aspects that Sortino looks for in her players. She also makes sure that any girl she recruits has that intangible competitive edge that can only come naturally.

"There's nothing worse to coach than a great athlete with low desire. You can't do anything with that," Sortino said. "But you can take an average athlete with great desire and turn them into, you know, wonder women."

In the Atlantic 10 conference, six other softball teams strive each year to obtain a winning season.

Sortino has never had a losing season. As the toughest game on each A-10 team's schedule, Sortino must deal from year to year with the pressure of being the best. And while the Minutewomen know they have a target on their backs, Sortino and company thrive off of the tension.

"The reason why they chose UMass is they wanted that [pressure]. They wanted to be part of our great tradition. Is it pressure? Absolutely. Does it make life tough? Very difficult," Sortino said. "There are very few nights that I sleep through the night from now till June. It's what we want, it's what we do and we're very proud of our tradition."

After 25 years of proving that her program is among the most respected in the country, Sortino was recognized with an individual acknowledgment last year. As only the 16th coach to win over 800 games in NCAA history, Sortino was inducted into the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Hall of Fame on Dec. 4, 2004.

Even though it may be a strain to think of people who this Hall of Fame coach admires, there are such people. After all, every teacher has been taught.

"I've really learned by watching lots of coaches coach in all sports. Someone who had a very deep effect on my life that was here was Pam Dixon. She was someone I always looked to and held up on a pedestal," Sortino said. "There have been many people in the game of softball that I looked up to and there's people that I still look up to."

Is the life of a Division 1 softball coach a difficult job? That's debatable. What is true is that Sortino spent Saturday, Feb. 15 cleaning her house. That would mark the final day off that Sortino will have until June.

Until then, she will be focused on her job, on her duties and on her art.

Hockey East standings still unsettled for final weekend

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

More than five months of collegiate hockey has now passed by, the longest season in collegiate athletics is finally winding down and almost nothing has been assured in the Hockey East standings heading into the final weekend of regular season play.

Unless your sweaters read "Merrimack Warriors," you have a whole lot to play for as the season closes out.

First, there are several things that have been decided with the final one or two games left on each team's plate.

Once again, the Big Four — New Hampshire, Boston College, Boston University and Maine — have all earned home-ice advantage for the first round of the Hockey East playoffs.

The next four — Lowell, Northeastern, Providence and Massachusetts — have all clinched playoff berths, and Merrimack is the only team that will not play any playoff hockey.

Each of the top four teams can still win the regular season Hockey East crown, and here is how the Big Four are positioned with the final group of games set to begin tonight:

1. New Hampshire	15-4-3 33 points
2. Boston College	13-3-6 32 points
3. Boston University	14-5-3 31 points
4. Maine	13-5-4 30 points

Fittingly enough, these teams will all square off this weekend. UNH and BU will play a home-and-home series beginning tonight in Boston and concluding Saturday night in Durham, and BC will host Maine at Conte Forum twice, starting tomorrow night and finishing up on Saturday.

Here are the scenarios that will give the Wildcats the championship: UNH sweeps BU; UNH earns 3 points (win plus tie) against BU, and Boston College does not sweep Maine; UNH earns 2 points (one win or two ties) against BU, and BC only earns 2 points against Maine; UNH only earns one tie with BU, and BC only takes 1 point against Maine.

Here are the scenarios that will give Boston College the championship: BC sweeps Maine, plus UNH only earns a maximum of 3 points against BU; BC earns 3 points against Maine plus UNH and BU split or tie twice.

Here are the scenarios that will give the Terriers the championship: BU sweeps UNH, plus BC only earns a maximum of 2 points against Maine; BU earns 3 points (win and tie) against UNH, plus BC only earns a maximum of 2 points against Maine.

Here is the scenario that will give Maine the championship: Maine sweeps BC, plus BU earns exactly 3 points against UNH.

The next pair in the standings are Lowell and Northeastern, and both schools are in a battle for the fifth seed while neither can finish worse than sixth heading into the postseason. This is where they currently fit in the standings:



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Senior Dusty Demianiuk and the Minutemen reside in eighth place in HEA with only two games left.

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BU handles Minutewomen

By Rob Greenfield
Collegian Correspondent

After a 6-10 season in 2004 the Massachusetts women's lacrosse team is looking to improve this season. The 2005 squad is young, with 15 of 27 players being incoming freshman. It is important that the women's team set the tone early, and that is exactly what they did at Holy Cross on Feb. 26, beating their in-state rivals 14-11 in their season opener.

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Against Holy Cross, junior Kerri Connerty scored four goals and added one assist, while freshman Kathleen Typadis recorded a hat trick. It was the most goals by a freshman in a season opener in the last five years. Only four other freshmen in the last four years have scored three goals in one game. Typadis was honored with the Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week award for her performance in the season opener.

The Minutewomen fell behind early against Holy Cross, with three consecutive goals being scored by Patricia Sutton in the first six minutes of action.

After UMass went down 4-0, the team riled off four consecutive goals to tie the game. The Minutewomen scored three more times before the half, taking a 7-5 lead into halftime. They did not relinquish that lead as the team was led by two freshman, Typadis and Kristina Twichell, to a solid second half and the victory.

Trying to ride the momentum from last week, the Minutewomen visited Boston University yesterday to play a turf war at Nickerson Field. The Minutewomen fell to the No. 14 BU Terriers 14-4, as BU led a balanced attack, with four girls providing a hat trick for the Terriers. They were led by sophomore Angie Martin who scored three goals and two assists for five points. Martin was joined by senior Alyssa Trudel, freshman Jenny Hauser and freshman Lauren Morton, who all posted hat tricks against the Minutewomen.

The Terriers jumped out to an early lead against UMass, scoring three goals (Hauser, Martin, Morton) in the first 10 minutes before Typadis ended the BU run with a goal with 19:37 left in the first half. BU scored two more times before Typadis scored her second goal to make it 5-2 with 12:27 left in the first half.

The Minutewomen cut the lead to a slim two goals with a score by Jackie Nesbitt with little time remaining before the half. The Terriers, however, struck right back with a last-second goal before the half to make it 6-3.

The last-second goal was deflating for the Minutewomen as BU took over.

The Terriers controlled the possession of the game by creating eight turnovers in the second half and forcing UMass into bad decisions. The Minutewomen had 16 turnovers in the game and struggled in the second half, being outscored by the Terriers 8-1. UMass was outshot 27-10 for the game.



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The Minutewomen and senior Kristin St. Hilaire didn't have the answers against No. 15 Boston University yesterday.

Junior Lauren McCarthy made 12 saves on 27 throughout the game, while BU goalie Anne Sheridan posted six saves of 10 shots.

The Minutewomen visit Harvard on Saturday at 4 p.m. Sarah Nelson, the coach for the Harvard women's lacrosse team, was recently named to the 2005 Women's World Cup training team.

She was a World Cup member in 1997 and 2001. It will be her second year as the coach of the women's lacrosse team, coming off a 6-15 record in her debut last season.

UM men's track team impressive

By Daniel Hillman
Collegian Correspondent

Friday and Saturday, the Massachusetts men's track team traveled to Boston to compete in the New England Track and Field Championships.

The momentum from the strong performances the week prior at the Atlantic 10 Championships carried over, as the Minutemen impressed a large field of competitors. UMass finished seventh out of the 36 teams participating over the weekend and boasted several strong performances.

In the 500 meter, junior standout, James Godinho, finished in first place. The first-place finish marks the third time this season that Godinho has finished number one. Godinho also broke the school record with a time of 1:02.98.

This is the third time he has broken the school's 500-meter record in the last year. In addition to those achievements, Godinho also improved his qualifying mark for this upcoming weekend's, IC4A championships.

The other first-place performance of the day belonged to senior John Korhonen, who just a week ago settled for a second-place finish in the Atlantic 10 Championships. Korhonen bounced back strong and found himself atop the leader board in the mile race on Saturday. His time of 4:08.58 beat out second place Max Smith of Providence by almost a full second. Korhonen's time on Saturday was the second fastest time he's posted this season.

In the 55-meter dash, senior co-captain Joe McCormack, for the second week in a row, finished in second place by a hair. His time of 6.42 seconds was another season-best performance this weekend for the Minutemen.

The other captain of the team, senior Henry Smith, finished in third in the long jump. Smith's jump of 46 feet, 2.5 inches marked yet another career-best mark for a Minuteman over the weekend. Freshman shot-putter, Sean Callicchio, also continued to throw well this weekend. His toss of 51 feet, 1 inch landed him in seventh place.

In a very competitive field, the men's 4x8-relay team took home fourth place with a time of 7:45.02. The relay team, which last week won the Atlantic 10 Championship, clocked in at a time that was nearly a minute faster than its top time of the season.

The strong performance by the Minutemen was a big boost as the team begins to hit its stride heading into the outdoor track season. The team will be returning to Boston this weekend, to compete in the IC4A Championships.

Strong performance for UMass

By Rob Greenfield
Collegian Correspondent

While skiing may appear to be an individual sport, the intangible team aspects are essential for success, especially in pressure situations, assistant coach Dave Pomeroy said.

This was evident last weekend in Waterville Valley when both the Massachusetts men's and women's skiing teams took the regional title, each team beating 19 other teams out for the win.

"They are psyched," Pomeroy said of the skiers. "They are both still really young teams, for them to pull this off is great. It is promising for next year as well."

After the men finished second in the division to Plymouth State, and the women placing second behind Boston College, both teams came into this weekend with high expectations. No one, however, expected this.

Even though UMass skiing dominance in the past and present has not made much of a splash outside of the skiing world, an accomplishment like this should not go unnoticed.

"No one can recall a time when both the men and women won the Eastern Regional," Pomeroy said. "We are glad were part of making history. Within the last three years, the men have won the regional twice and the women once. We are all proud of ourselves."

Ken Thoman was named coach of the skiing program in September of 2003. Since his arrival, the skiing program has had great success.

"He does have a different approach," Pomeroy said. "He's largely focused on maintaining all the guys' equipment. He is up there at the start of the race putting additives on the skis. He is definitely hands-on, and the results are showing."

The men and women's teams cut their squads down to five from 10 to race in the regional final. The men's team sent freshman Jason Small, sophomore Rush Hawkins, senior Kevin Collins, junior Marc Epstein, senior Pat Hofer and junior Pat Bachant — six skiers to situationally strengthen the team.

Taking three out of the five racing scores, the men's team dominated the competition. Rush Hawkins (first), Jason Small (sixth) and Patrick Hofer (13th) rounded out the men's slalom runs with a team-time of 275.1, beating the runner-up in the event by 1.38 seconds, a substantial margin.

With confidence riding high, the men posted even better times in the giant slalom event. Hawkins led the way again in first with Marc Epstein (eighth) and Pat Hofer (11th) following, posting a team time of 367.21, a full 7.38 seconds ahead of the second-place finisher. The men's squad finished with an overall time of 642.31, 10.41 seconds ahead of Plymouth State, the one team that finished ahead of them in the regular

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UMass skier Rush Hawkins helped lead the way during the Minutemen's solid showing at Waterville Valley.

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Dining Services directors 'cook off'

By Matthew Belliveau
Collegian Correspondent

It's been nearly a month since the New England Patriots defeated the Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl XXXIX, but for the University of Massachusetts Dining Services department, the smell of victory still lingers.

Weeks before the Patriots kicked off against the Eagles, Ken Toong, director of UMass Dining Services, made wagers with both Matt Smith, the director of Dining Services at the University of Pennsylvania, and Barry Scerbo, Penn State's Food Service director.

If the Eagles won, Toong had promised to send a large number of baskets filled with New England's finest foods: lobsters, clam chowder, baked beans, brown bread and a Boston cream pie. Toong was also willing to send his executive chef, Willie Tsg, to Penn State to be photographed wearing a Eagles T-shirt and cap while preparing food for its students.

If the Patriots won, Smith and Scerbo promised to send plenty of Philly Cheese steak grinders, pork rolls, scrapples, soft pretzels, and tasty cakes to the UMass campus. Sherbo also countered Toong's wager and agreed that if the Eagles lost, he too would send his executive chef, Bill Laychur, to UMass in order to prepare a special feast exclusively for Mr.Toong.



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From left to right, Barry Scerbo, Penn State dining services director, Sam the Minuteman and Ken Toong, UMass dining services director, take time out from a post-Super Bowl "Cook Off" to pose for pictures.

Everyone knows who came out the victor in that wager. The Patriots were victorious sliding past the Eagles 24-21.

Smith and Scerbo both sent the food as promised, and UMass students, as well as some of the faculty, enjoyed most of the food: except for the scrapples, a highly priced sausage-like food served at breakfast.

"Awful," scoffed Mr.Toong. "They tasted like liver. The students just shook their heads after eating them. But you can't beat their cheesesteaks, they were amazing."

But instead of having Laychur cook specially for him, Mr.Toong decided to organize the "UMass vs. Penn State Cooking Extravaganza," placing Chef Tsg's cuisine versus Laychur's culinary creations. Five "impartial" judges would be selected to judge the dishes, and smaller portions would be given out to the twenty of the invited guests in attendance.

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Brazilian Carnival coming to UMass

By Juliana Leal
Collegian Staff

Dance lovers will have a chance to enjoy themselves in the University of Massachusetts' own rendition of the Brazilian Carnival. Organized by the Brazilian student association, "Student Association for the Multicultural Brazilian Alliance," the third annual carnival will take place tomorrow from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Campus Center Auditorium.

Carnival is known worldwide as the largest cultural celebration, longest party, and the perfect vacation for Brazilians and foreigners alike. The way it is celebrated depends on the region of Brazil visited; the northeast is best known for its week-long street parties with famous performers. The southeast has elaborate parades of "samba schools," each with its own theme, incorporating thousands of participants. Every other region integrates its own cultural traditions to the national festivity.

Last year's carnival at UMass "was a huge success," says SAMBA president Talia Yagudin. With about 400 attendees, the Carnival Out of Season featured Brazilian dinner, typical dance performances, a show by drumming group Treme Terra, and a Brazilian DJ.

This year, SAMBA is bringing back the most successful aspects of last year's celebration, but making the event even bigger.

Dinner will launch the night, with dishes such as Latin Risoto, Salpicão (a Brazilian salad with ham, potatoes, and mayonnaise), Fried Plantains and Frango Nobre (a traditional chicken recipe).

A presentation by SAMBA members on the origin and uniqueness of Brazilian Carnival will follow.

"It's important for people to understand what it is that makes Brazilian Carnival so different from other places," said Yagudin. "Most people don't know the significance of the celebration or the fact that it varies so much depending on where you go in the country."

Bruno Ferreira and his group, instructors of Brazilian dance in Boston, will perform at the event. After, they will lead a short workshop to teach the crowd simple moves that will enable them to get the most out of Carnival.

Banda Treme Terra, a seven-piece drumming group accompanies, a show by drumming group Treme Terra, and a Brazilian DJ.

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Nightclub workers' death benefits paid

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — A judge on Thursday ordered the owners of a nightclub where a deadly fire occurred in 2003 to pay death benefits and lost wages to the families of four nightclub employees.

State Workers' Compensation Court Judge Bruce Morin ruled the families of employees Andrea and Steven Mancini, Tracy King and Dina DeMaio should each receive $15,000 in death or burial benefits. He also ordered the club's owners to pay $818.10 weekly to King's family and $732.90 weekly to DeMaio's son and guardian. Those payments are retroactive to the time of the fire, and continue until the children reach legal age, or if King's wife remarries.

Jeffrey and Michael Derderian, owners of The Station nightclub, did not have workers' compensation insurance when their club burned to the ground in the Feb. 20, 2003, fire that killed 100 people and injured more than 200 others. The fire was sparked by a rock band's pyrotechnics.

"The bottom line is (the Derderians) have always wanted to compensate the families of their employees," said Jeffrey Pine, attorney for Jeffrey Derderian. "The issue has always been to reach some sort of settlement on that."

The Derderians have five business days to file an appeal, according to Maureen Aveno, executive director of the Workers' Compensation Court.

Barbara Magness, Steven Mancini's mother, said she was happy to receive some compensation, but the money wasn't why she took legal action.

"Why shouldn't (the Derderians) be held accountable for what they did?" Magness told The Associated Press.

Under state law, if the Derderians had carried workers' compensation insurance, the families of the employees killed would have been eligible for $15,000 for burial and other expenses, plus a portion of the deceased's lost wages.

Michael St. Pierre, DeMaio's attorney, was cautious about the ruling.

"I think it's going to be difficult to come up with what they have to pay for these four families," he said.

—*Associated Press*

Pope could be out of hospital by Easter

By Victor L. Simpson
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II may be out of the hospital in three weeks and in time for Easter, his spokesman said in a cautious declaration Thursday, stressing that the frail pontiff's health continues to improve as he leads the Roman Catholic Church from his hospital room.

The Vatican said John Paul is eager to leave the hospital but accepts his doctors' advice not to rush his discharge.

A week after the 84-year-old pope was taken to the hospital after his second breathing crisis in a month, spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls would offer no firm prediction of when John Paul would return to the Vatican, confirm any of his plans for Easter or say with certainty whether he will participate in noon prayers this Sunday.

"There's no precise date yet. I wouldn't want to put forth a likely date because it might change in a positive or negative way," Navarro-Valls replied when asked about the pope's eventual release.

In line, however, with Vatican efforts to show John Paul is in command, Navarro-Valls said the pope has been receiving several top churchmen "with whom he daily follows the activity of the Holy See and the life of the church."

With Vatican officials standing in for the pope, including an archbishop who has become his official voice, a new image of the papacy has been emerging during the hospitalization. Several top officials have said they see no problem with a pope who can't speak.

Illustrating how the ailing pope is attending to business, the Vatican released a message the pope sent to a Vatican congregation holding its general assembly.



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Pope John Paul II waves from his hospital window on Sunday.

But John Paul's presence would be important at Holy Week celebrations leading up to Easter on March 27.

Asked whether the pope might be back at the Vatican in time for Easter, Navarro-Valls said: "It's possible."

He said the Vatican was going ahead with its regular Easter schedule and that if the pope was released before the holiday, his level of participation would still have to be decided.

Navarro-Valls said the incision made in John Paul's throat after surgery to insert a breathing tube was healing, although it was not known if there were plans to remove the tube. Reporters have been unable to speak directly with the pope's doctors, as during previous hospitalizations at the Gemelli Polyclinic, but Navarro-Valls said the medical bulletins were the work of the attending physicians.

He said the Vatican would decide Saturday what the pope's schedule for Sunday would be, but that it was likely an archbishop would read out the Angelus prayer and blessing to the faithful, and implied the pope might make another appearance at his hospital window.

"The health of the Holy Father John Paul II continues to improve and show progress," the spokesman said. "As previously stated, the pope is eating regularly and spends several hours each day in an armchair. The surgical wound is healing."

He said the pope's daily speech and breathing therapy was continuing "with the active collaboration of the Holy Father," and that the pope spends some time in the small chapel adjoining his room.

The pope's overall health and recovery are complicated by Parkinson's disease, which causes gradual loss of muscle control. He also suffers from crippling hip and knee ailments.

John Paul was taken by ambulance to Gemelli with breathing spasms on Feb. 1 and was released on Feb. 10, only to be rushed back again on Feb. 24 for a throat operation that left him with a breathing tube and facing extensive speech and respiratory therapy. The Vatican said the next health update would come on Monday.

Senate against Canadian beef

By Libby Quaid
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted Thursday to overturn the Bush administration's decision to allow Canadian cattle into the country nearly two years after they were banned because of mad cow disease.

The White House said President Bush would veto the measure if it ever reached his desk, warning that continuing to refuse Canadian beef would damage efforts to persuade other countries to buy U.S. beef.

Supporters fell short of the two-thirds majority needed to override a veto. The Senate's 52-46 vote was to reject the Agriculture Department's decision to resume imports of Canadian cows under 30 months of age beginning next week. A similar measure has been introduced in the House, but leaders there have scheduled no vote on it.

"They've got mad cow disease," said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D. "Now the question is, should we run the risk of opening our border to livestock imports from Canada, when the evidence demonstrates clearly they're not enforcing their regulations to reduce the risk to them and to us?"

Agriculture officials had planned to reopen the border next Monday. However, a federal judge on Wednesday granted a temporary injunction sought by Western ranchers seeking to keep the ban in place.

Western ranchers saw near-record cattle prices last year and want to protect those prices by refusing Canadian cattle.



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The Senate voted Thursday to overturn the Bush administration's decision to allow Canadian beef into the U.S.

New restrictions for fishermen

By Jay Lindsay
Associated Press

BOSTON — The beleaguered North Atlantic right whale gets new protections from fatal fishing line entanglements under proposed rules released last week, but it's going to cost fishermen.

New whale-safe gear requirements, including a switch to rope that sinks to the ocean floor so whales don't get snared in it, could cost East Coast fishermen an estimated $14 million annually, according to a federal document.

Lobstermen, particularly in Maine, would absorb the vast majority of the cost.

The proposal to amend the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan also predicts that under proposed rules favored by the federal government, which makes the final decisions on the law, some fishermen would "face costs significant enough to drive them out of business."

The rules won't be enacted for several months, after the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration considers public comments and submits final regulations.

Pat White, chief executive officer of the Maine Lobstermen's Association, said he hopes funding is available for lobstermen forced to switch gear, much of which is already used in different sectors of the industry.

"No one wants to see the whales all gone, but no one wants to see us all gone either," White said.

The changes would do away with a widely despised system, called Dynamic Area Management, which forces lobstermen to pull unsafe gear from areas where right whales are spotted. Fishermen have complained the system is too unpredictable and regulators have questioned its effectiveness.

"It's not working as well for us, the whales, or the fishermen," said Mary Colligan, NOAA's assistant regional administrator of Protected Resources.

The proposed rules come after years of research and debate between fishermen, regulators and environmentalists about how best to protect the North Atlantic right whale, which has a total population of about 300 to 350.

The draft document includes two separate slates of rules that NOAA said it favors. Both include the new gear requirements, as well as expanding whale-safe rules to other industries that present similar entanglement threats with fixed nets or traps and pots, such as the shrimp and scup fisheries.

The lobster industry bears about $12.8 million of the estimated $14.2 million it would cost annually to comply with the changes, according to the document.

About 3,700 boats would be affected by the new rules. Of 212 vessels projected to be "heavily affected," meaning annual costs to comply are more than 15 percent of revenues, 56 percent - or 122 - are lobster boats from Maine, by far the East Coast's leader in annual lobster revenues with about $202 million in 2003.

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Campus Perspectives

By Jamie Lau

Do you think UMass has a politically active campus?



"Vote for Sean Bliss for President!"

senior
Theater major
Michelle Romano



"No...[students] need to be informed better about important events in society."

sophomore
Legal Studies major
Erik Silevitch



"I would say no. I see murals and hear stories of our parents' generation here, and it isn't even close to the same."

senior
BDIC and Political Science major
John Hersey



"Yes, I am active in campus politics and know that everyone's opinion can be heard!"

junior
Communications major
Kurt Massey



"I'm not very into politics myself, but I know a few people who are very active."

senior
Biology major
Michelle Jardon



"[It's] not as politically active as it should be. More would be done for the students if there was more activism."

freshman
Philosophy major
Clymer Berry

Carnival coming to UMass

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nied by female dancers, will follow. They will show the music and dance of the Afro-Brazilian culture predominant in the state of Bahia, with clothing and moves derived from African heritage.

The second half of the performance will show carnival as it is in Rio de Janeiro, with Brazilian drumming and dancers in ornate costumes characterized by sequins, feathers, and lots of color.

"We're so lucky to have Treme Terra perform at our Carnival. Their energy is incredible, not a single person can stay seated when they're drumming and dancing," said Barbara Rosemberg, SAMBA secretary.

A new addition to the carnival celebration will be the band Syllus. A regular at Brazilian Carnival events all over New England, the seven-piece group will perform the high-energy music of Carnival.

UMass alumnus Dmitriy Ishbilkant is traveling from Boston, along with other alumni, just for Carnival.

"I'm looking forward to seeing the band perform. Brazilian music is so contagious, the best way to really enjoy it is live."

DJ D' Martinez from Boston will close the night with Brazilian, Latin, hip hop, reggae, and dance beats.

Tickets for "Carnival" are $4 for UMass students and $5 for the general public. The first 50 people to attend the event will receive complimentary masks. SAMBA asks that guests wear green, yellow, blue, and white - the colors of the Brazilian flag - to get in the spirit of Carnival.

Dining services directors 'cook off'

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"We thought it would be great if we could showcase the regional delicacies of each region, in hopes of finding out who's better, just as a friendly competition," said Toong. "But really the main idea behind this is just the promotion of college dining, which is quite different from what it used to be."

The five judges used for the competition included Frank Lattuca from the Hospitality and Tourism Management department; the Daily Hampshire Gazette's Tom Marshall; Carol Cambo, a writer UMass Amherst Magazine; UMass freshman, Tim Bessette; and Philadelphia native, John Bonanni, sophomore at UMass.

The judges were asked to score the chef's dishes on three criteria: the presentation and serving method of the dish; the level of its creativity and practicality; and the flavor, taste, texture, and "doneness" of the meals.

Sng's menu consisted of grilled Maine lobster with a Cajun beurre blanc, Boston clam chowder and crab cakes with a mango salad. Laychur countered Sng with his menu that included a traditional Amish Chicken corn chowder, oak lettuce salad, venison loin steak and Philadelphia style cheesecake.

Although there was a declared winner, Tsg's menu scored a total of 220.25 points to Laychur's 216.25, everyone in attendance saw the "Cook-Off Extravaganza" as a success in which everyone was a winner.

"This was more for fun that anything," said Martha Monaghan, head of Special Operations for the UMass Dining Services.

Both of the chefs received plaques honoring their sportsmanship throughout the contest. Laychur and his assistant Paul Nicolini were also given UMass sweatshirts and sweatpants in reward for their efforts.

"I really liked the clam chowder," said Bessette, "it's something that I've had everywhere, but this tasted different with the bacon on the top."

Bonanni, a huge Eagles fan, enjoyed Laychur's venison loin steak.

"I've never had anything like that," said Bonanni. "It was drizzled with some strawberry sauce that really made it stand out."

Laychur wasn't too disappointed with his "loss."

"It was good times, a great competition. A lot of great spirit and great dishes," said Laychur.

"I would love to do something like this again," said Sng, "but after losing all of those players I'm not sure the Patriots can make it back."

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Hell is just a sauna

World Perspectives

Paige Cram

In the tiny Tuscan town of Montecatini, nestled into the Apennine Mountains, my friends and I found paradise ... literally. There's a day spa built on a series of natural hot springs and caves which are used for therapeutic massages and steam baths, and last weekend we decided to take a day trip there without really knowing much about it. As with many of my adventures here, it turned out to be the experience of a lifetime.

We arrived at the spa just in time for our appointment for the "steam caves." The woman in charge explained to us that there were three levels to the caves that would become increasingly hotter as we descended. She recommended that we take our time and allow our bodies to adjust before proceeding to the final level.

We walked down a long pathway that led us into the entrance of the cave and eventually to a clearing. We were greeted by a strange little man in a white linen gown who for some reason reminded all of us of the Albino from The Princess Bride. He gave each of us matching white gowns and heated lockers in which to keep our clothes. Then, he simply pointed us in the right direction and said, "Prego ... Paradiso," which essentially means "welcome, paradise awaits you."

We figured we must have somehow taken a wrong turn and were about to ask the man if he happened to be St. Peter, but apparently the woman in charge had simply forgotten to mention that the levels of the caves were named after Dante's three works of the "Divine Comedy": Paradise, Purgatory and of course, The Inferno.

After assuring ourselves that we were not in fact in the afterlife, we wandered around Paradise. It was certainly relaxing: dark, cool, quiet and the caves were amazingly beautiful, but I couldn't help thinking that it certainly didn't look like any paradise I would want to live in. Purgatory was similar, except noticeably hotter, and half an hour later we found ourselves in the Inferno, where we were welcome to sit down, relax and enjoy the natural sauna-like conditions. It seemed strange to all of us that in a mostly Catholic country they could justify making Hell so pleasant, but we certainly weren't complaining.

As I sat soaking in this supposed hell, I realized there had to be some significance to this experience. I've never been an exceptionally religious person, but I'd have to be blind, deaf and dumb to ignore signs as clear as these.

E.M. Forster said it best when he wrote "Italy is both the school and the playground of the world." My own personal playground here consists mainly of Nutella, gelato and train rides to anywhere I please. I've walked among Roman ruins, bathed in underground Tuscan caves, and viewed more original art work than my mind knows how to appreciate. And while a good amount of this trip has been fun and games, it certainly doesn't stop there. The funny anecdotes and priceless memories are only the shallowest level of my experiences thus far. And while I'm not sure I will ever be able to explain the effects of this trip, I can feel them taking place at every turn.

It's not really a matter of religiousness, but rather one of spirituality. A person can not come to Italy, can not see the things I'm seeing and do the things I'm doing without coming away a little changed. I sat in the church that Dante attended, went to the house where Michaelangelo lived and walked along the original streets where, two thousand years ago, the Romans went about their daily lives. You cannot live here in the present without simultaneously experiencing the past, and you cannot touch the past without it altering your future.

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Every day I walk across one of the oldest bridges in Europe on my way to attend my actual classes, but as it is turning out, this country, its people, and its past are giving me a far better education than I could ever hope to obtain elsewhere.

As my time in the Inferno drew to a close, I slowly brought myself back to one of the strangest realities I have ever known. I had come to no real conclusions, except that when I returned to the world of the living I would continue to cherish every second of my time here. I want to live, breathe and, most importantly, eat this country before my time runs out. I made this resolution to myself and took a deep breath as my friends I prepared for our journey back. We would ascend from the depths as new people, wiser and more appreciative, and when we returned to the top we would find ourselves, once again, in Paradise.

Paige Cram is a Collegian columnist on exchange in Italy.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ENOUGH RED TAPE

I feel thoroughly embittered by my four years at UMass. I am frustrated at the red tape of the administration: the pitifully slow processes of bureaucracy, construction and paperwork.

The nepotism, corrupt backwardness of a stagnant group of paper-pushers nearly balance out the merits of the academics of UMass, which I consider to be excellent.

Every President and Dean of Students whose solution for changing our school is only to make it more expensive and less accessible to the poor of Massachusetts, hurts us. Every student program designed only to fit a narrow budget and serve a narrowly-defined role, hurts us.

A university, particularly a public one, funded by the state, should be managed with the best interests of the students of Massachusetts in mind.

A University is not an educational corporation, an expensive four-year training program founded for profit or financial expansion.

The University of Massachusetts should not seek to exclude the poor of its own state so that the rich from afar can enter it like any private school. If we must raise taxes so that the young people of our state are educated, then let us raise taxes.

Perhaps first let us cut the good-old-boy salaries of figures like William Bulger, who recently suffered a small cut to his enormous pension.

If need be, let the administration be reorganized and some cut. Cut the unnecessary fat, but do it all in the best interest of the student, the presumed first citizen of this college. Not in the best interest of Coke, or Disney or Spring Break Vacation companies who are allowed to run amuck while student organizations and student businesses struggle.

Let us not think of the bottom line or the shallow image of this school, but rather let us think of its noble goal: to educate the citizens of our commonwealth.

Let every step forward be in their name.

Seth Dewart
UMass student

Excitement for spring sports

Mike Anmuth

Now that spring is coming, despite the snowstorm that we just experienced, I know this means that the basketball and hockey seasons are ending. This makes me sad because since I've returned from winter break, I've gone to as many hockey and basketball games as possible, both in men's and women's sports and mostly home but also two away games, where I got to be in the absolute minority that was UMass fans. It was been very satisfying to me since I realized that intertwined with my love for our athletics is my love for this campus, and if you've read my earlier columns glorifying said campus, you know that frankly, I am all about the University of Massachusetts.

Still, all good things must come to an end, and with the last home game for men's hockey on Friday night and men's basketball following on Saturday, I am psyched to root on those sports before going on to the next stage when lacrosse, softball and baseball will be primarily occupying my devotion to athletics and I will be cheering on their sidelines. Though I know that I am not actually part of the teams, I feel a connection at the games seeing the good, the bad, and the sometimes ugly that is Division I sports.

Despite the fact that I have not yet obtained my foam hand for cheering and waving ostentatiously in the air, ever thankful to the Maroon Platoon, I was able to borrow the Massachusetts banner from the Mullins Center to take to the UMass/Temple men's basketball game at Temple. Nothing made me more proud than to cast that banner over the seats in front of my buddy and me at the game and stand up and scream for our beloved Minutemen. Even though the game was not a victory in our favor, the banner displayed our love and admiration for our team.

Win or lose UMass, I will be there rooting on the teams to victory. I have attended events in snowstorms, at odd times of day, when I should have been reviewing for other tests since I did poorly due to not studying, and when I deemed going to events more important than anything else I could have been doing at that time. This is a practice that will not fold due to the end of basketball and hockey, but rather will expand with the advancing of the calendar towards spring. I will be avoiding studying all spring long by attending outdoor sporting events that I will decidedly make more important than being indoors.

Win or lose, UMass, I will be there rooting on the teams to victory.

At this point in time, I am offering my gratitude to those athletes who work hard and practice every day to play for this university. I would love to be known as the official women's basketball superfan, and I hope that I was seen as a fixture behind the basket for each home game. I think it was at these games where I had the most enjoyable time, despite sometimes being the only one in the student section. Being alone is no fun, and as usual, I would encourage everyone to check out women's basketball for next year's home games along with the other events that are concluding in the near future.

Spring is eminent and I make the same promise to the sports in the spring that I did for the sports mentioned above. I will be there, possibly with big maroon foam hand and possibly without (depending on whether I actually purchase it or not), and I will be screaming and jumping up and down in support of our teams. You can look for me, there are only so many 5'5" guys who insist on cheering whenever possible. Actually, if I knew how to play the trumpet, I would play the fight song at events where the band isn't present just to show more support.

This means that I want to see as many people as possible out to watch the spring sports, on the sidelines and cheering for our teams. Even if you can't make it to all of the events, like I try to do, make it to the ones that interest you. Not only will you encourage our student athletes, but you will feel like more of a part of this campus and a part of our athletics program. Let's show our support, UMass, and show our rivals on the court or the field that UMass students stand behind their spring sports 110%. I know I will, and every time we score or excel, I will stand proudly at the sideline and jump in the air while yelling, "Let's go UMass!"

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Where have the viewers gone?

Erin McNamee

Before I begin, let me say this: I am not by any stretch of the imagination an expert on the television industry. However, this column will serve two purposes. One for my own agenda and the other for the good of mankind: to get you to watch "Arrested Development" and to figure out why the hell TV networks cancel good shows and shower us with bad ones instead.

It seems that in these "American Idol"-obsessed times of huge ratings and lucrative endorsement contracts involving aspiring singers frolicking around a Ford Focus while drinking from huge cups of Coca Cola, TV networks are only looking for quantity. If a show rings in tons of viewers, great. If a show is low rated but wins awards and critical acclaim, not so great. Frankly, I don't understand this; it seems completely backwards.

I realize it's an oxymoron to criticize Hollywood for being greedy, but there's no room for greed in the television industry. While a movie studio can return a profit thanks to the DVD and overseas markets, television shows don't have these options until they've become successful mainstays in America.

I don't think the networks are entirely at fault, however; viewers certainly have a hand in the problem as well. After all, people actually watch some of the crap that's on TV. I'm not trying to be a snob here, but how in the name of "Seinfeld" can someone prefer a one-note bore like "Two and a Half Men" (CBS) to two of the best shows on television, "Arrested Development" (FOX) and "Scrubs" (NBC)? I tried once to watch "Two and a Half Men" to see what all the fuss was about, but I was so bored that I actually wanted to do homework instead.

On the other hand, "Arrested" and "Scrubs" are so good that I wouldn't even call them sitcoms; the jokes are consistently funny, the characters and actors are dynamite, and best of all there's no annoying, intrusive laugh track.

Let's put this into perspective ratings-wise: "Arrested" actually has about the same amount of viewers as FOX mainstays "Malcolm in the Middle" and "That 70s Show," yet the two latter programs have been broadcast for multiple seasons and don't seem to be going anywhere in the near future. So why can't FOX commit to "Arrested" despite its loyal fan base and multiple award wins from the Emmys, Golden Globes and the Writers Guild of America?

Or maybe part of the overall problem can be blamed on the increasingly popular practice of downloading television shows from the Internet? It sure sounds like the ideal situation: download a show, usually in a commercial-free, High-Definition format, and watch it whenever is convenient for you.

Two of the most downloaded shows on the Internet are, sure enough, "Arrested" and "Scrubs." These shows can be downloaded using a program called BitTorrent, which is currently used by more than 20 million people. Through BitTorrent you can download a TV show in a matter of minutes.

This all sounds very attractive, but I can understand why TV networks are freaking out over the phenomenon. The potential few million people who download "Arrested Development" instead of watching it on TV have no way of being counted into the weekly Nielsen ratings, therefore harming the show's chances of survival. And since mostly college students use BitTorrent, this is taking a huge chunk out of the coveted aged 18-49 demographic that most television shows target.

But BitTorrent can't be entirely to blame: shows that are recorded with TiVo, InDemand, or even a VCR are also not factored into the Nielsen ratings. Perhaps, then, the problem lies within the system that the networks use to measure ratings; it is obviously critically flawed and doesn't give an accurate reading on how many viewers actually see these shows.

If television networks want to keep high-quality, under-the-radar shows on air, they need to do a better job of reaching their viewers through stable time slots, rigorous cross-promotion, and a better ratings system.

I love to watch a good television show once in a while as I'm sure do a lot of other people. However, I've become increasingly frustrated with the medium because it seems that the really awful shows are often the ones to get high ratings, forcing the rare gems to be swept under a rug and forgotten forever ("Freaks and Geeks," anyone?). Not every TV show can be a huge ratings draw like "American Idol" or "CSI," so it doesn't seem fair to thwart what little creativity and originality is already out there.

The bottom line is this: if television networks want to keep high-quality, under-the-radar shows on air, they need to do a better job of reaching their viewers through stable time slots, rigorous cross-promotion, and a better ratings system. It also wouldn't hurt to air whole seasons of regular shows in their entirety instead of interrupting them for a month to air "Who Wants to Clean P. Diddy's Toilet?" or whatever new reality show (oh I'm sorry, "human drama") they have in the can. TV needs some TLC, stat.

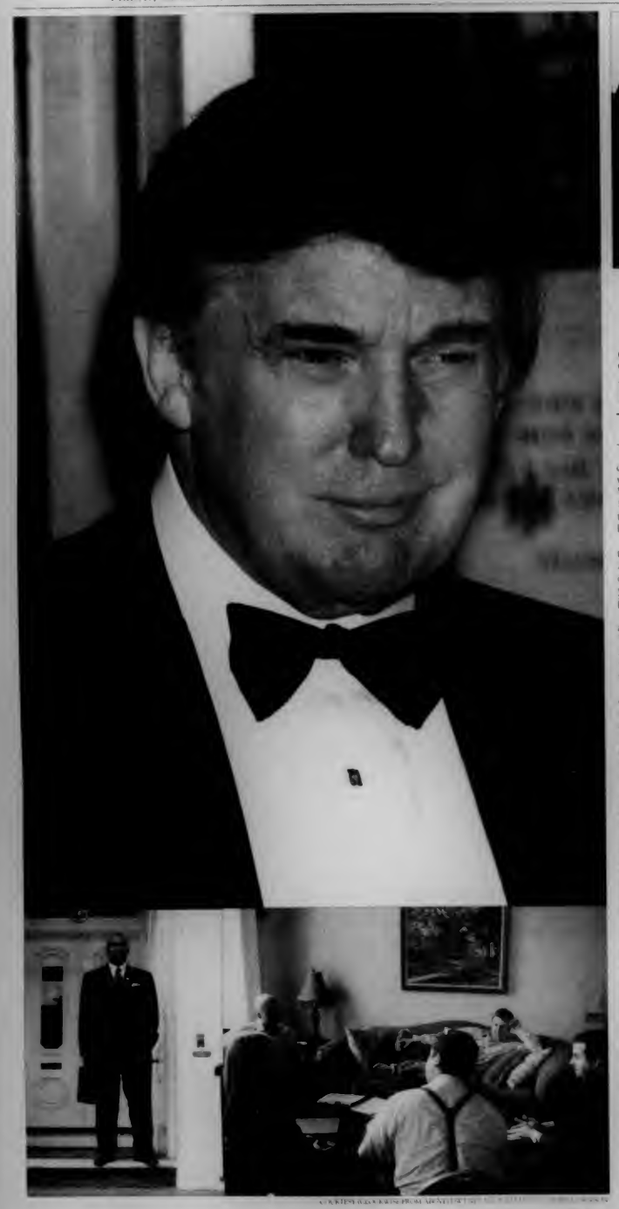
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Donald Trump's "The Apprentice" is holding auditions at campuses nationwide for a new season of the reality TV show.

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Students, alumni are lining up for latest `Apprentice' casting call

By Lucy Kapanov
Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

At George Washington University's casting call for "The Apprentice" there were no awkward combovers or "Free Martha" t-shirts. But there were more than 130 students and alumni sporting everything from tattered jeans to their business best.

"It's not about lame and fortune, it's just the experience, you know?" said Kwaku Akyeampong, a GW alumnus and senior consultant for IBM. "Life is short and you're only here for a short while, so you just have to have fun."

NBC producers contacted the school about hosting the closed audition, held on Thursday, for all students and alumni over 21 years of age, said Valoree Vargo, executive director of advancement, communications and events at GW.

With the nationwide open casting calls often drawing crowds of hundreds or more, intimate campus settings allow students and producers to get a better feel for one another in a less pressured setting. Other schools are also benefiting from similar opportunities, including Boston University, the University of Indianapolis and Duke.

The hallway of the GW Alumni House was packed with students and graduates, some full of dreams and aspirations and others just along for the thrill of the ride.

GW alum Akyeampong looked composed and professional in a pressed navy suit, power-blue tie and handkerchief that peeked out of his left breast pocket, and seemed more ready to preside over the boardroom than to compete in it. His confidence also matched his smart dress.

"Like I said, I am a smart person. I am African but I was educated by the two superpowers: the Soviet Union and the United States," said Akyeampong, who also showed off his fluency in Russian during the interview. "I'm smart in math, science, space exploration, military defense... If I win it's fine and if not, life goes on."

From 3 to 5 p.m., applicants were ushered into a small room where they received a numbered ticket and told to wait their turn. By 3:30, the Alumni House was transformed from an idyllic house into a crowded, frenzied waiting area.

A table with water and potato chips for applicants was left somewhat ignored, as students and alumni nervously chitchatted, went over their resumes or tried to absorb themselves in reading or doing work. A nervous silence fell over the room whenever a new group of numbers was called up for interview.

Many expressed surprise at the informality of the interviews. Students and alumni went into the interview room five at a time, and were either seated at a rectangular table or in soft cushioned couches and armchairs a few feet away. One of the producers ate her lunch as she conducted the debate-style interview. The other was comfortably reclining against the red cushions of the couch, listening to the animated conversation taking place among the candidates.

"The interview was real easy, mostly just talking and getting to know each other," said Anna Tucker, a 25-year-old MBA student. "Obviously everybody is wanting to stand out and say 'Look at me! Notice me!' and so everybody is kind of talking over each other. But the producers were very nice and welcoming and gave everyone a chance to talk."

"It started out very businesslike and then they told us to be relaxed and to just enjoy it, and we kind of just had this nice conversation," said Tamiont Copeland, a 28-year-old student working on his MBA. "They asked about using sexuality to get ahead in business. I said that if it's part of being confident then, hey, use it! There's nothing wrong with it as long as you don't cross the line between appropriate and not."

Though most agreed that their decision to audition was more spurred by the excitement of the experience than by the hefty six-figure salary reward, those who thought they'd win had some innovative plans for spending the money. Responses ranged from nice vacations in Italy, to bringing family members to the United States, to paying a father back for film school, to donating it all to the Democratic Party.

The crowd consisted mostly of 20- to 30-somethings, with a number of younger students milling about as well.

Beth Brodsky, a 21-year-old communications major who said she is clueless about where she might work once she graduates in May, hoped her age could increase her chances of being selected.

"I actually think that it can work as an advantage since these people do have jobs and I don't have anything to do next year so I would be available for taping," Brodsky said. "I don't have a job on hold or a family and I love to be in the spotlight."

"I always told myself I would never try out for any reality TV shows," said 25-year-old Jason White, who took time off from his job at a film production company in New York to audition. "But when 'The Apprentice' went on, I thought, here is a show gives an opportunity for success to someone regardless of college degree. I liked that it's more about that common sense, that entrepreneur attitude."

As for the Donald's hair:

"I don't think it matters," said White, running his hand over his own smooth scalp. "Shaved head, or flap or somewhere in between. It's what's inside that counts."

Angst is the perfect fit for `The Jacket' star Adrien Brody

By Nancy Mills
New York Daily News

HOLLYWOOD — Adrien Brody was making the rounds after the Oscars and saw Tom Cruise arrive at the Vanity Fair party.

"He showed up on his motorcycle, and it was a really cool thing to see," Brody says. "I wish I'd ridden my motorcycle instead of being in a limo. That would have been more my style.

"I really admire Tom. He's lived with fame for most of his adult life, and he handles himself like a true gentleman. I said to him, 'I'm trying to learn from you.'"

Even when he's happy, Brody can't resist a little New York angst. Torment seems to be his strong suit.

In "The Jacket," opening Friday, he plays an injured Gulf War veteran with amnesia who is accused of murder and winds up in an insane asylum. Drugged and locked in a morgue body drawer, he finds he can see into the future.

"I do suffer well," says Brody, who won the Best Actor Oscar two years ago for "The Pianist." This is his first starring role since then, though it was originally written for Colin Farrell.

"Jacket" director John Maybury stepped in when the $60 million action movie became a $20 million character study. Mark Wahlberg was set to star, but he dropped out around the time Brody won his Oscar.

"Adrien is not the stereotypical hero," Maybury says. "He's not a cookie-cutter beauty like Brad Pitt or Keanu Reeves. He has sensitivity, delicacy and finesse.

"His face is almost like a Modigliani. It couldn't be more expressive. In one scene where he's lying in bed with Keira (Knightley), he looks like Rudolph Valentino."

Brody grew up in the New York City borough of Queens, photographer Sylvia Plachy is his mother. "I wasn't surrounded by poverty," he says, "but I had an understanding of reality and the difficulties of life.

"Playing characters that suffer or are conflicted by something that torments them gives me the opportunity to step outside myself and appreciate my sanity and physical and emotional health."

In his next film, director Peter Jackson's remake of the 1933 classic "King Kong," Brody barely suffers.

"I spent 11 hours in a harness the other day doing stunts, and I was hurting," he says. "But my character is not emotionally tormented, which is a relief."

Brody plays Jack Driscoll. Ann Darrow's (Naomi Watts) love interest. (Bruce Cabot and Fay Wray played the parts in the original.) "He's heroic," Brody says, "but he's an unlikely hero. He's a playwright, not a ship's first mate. He's not the overtly masculine epitome of a male you usually see."

He describes the film, which opens in December, as "one part homage and one part Peter's impression of how the original could have been done."

Brody knows about being on display, like the big ape.

"I can put on a hat and sunglasses, yet ..." the 31-year-old actor sighs, "it does make observing more difficult, but I'm adjusting to it."



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Adrien Brody and Keira Knightly co-star in the new mind-bending thriller "The Jacket".

Another hit for EA Sports

Press Start to Play

Reid Davenport





COURTESY ELECTRONIC ARTS

Electronic Arts' latest baseball game, which was released last week, allows players to build their own stadiums and field minor league teams.

In typical Electronic Arts fashion, they have updated their popular "MVP Baseball" franchise with more details to enable an in-depth gaming experience. They have improved the graphics, the pitching, the hitting, the character like-nesses of some of the biggest names in baseball, expanding the minor leagues to Single-A games and the all new create-a-stadium.

"MVP Baseball" is quickly becoming the baseball version of EA's "Madden NFL" franchise. It has picked up in aspects that have made most other games a far cry from a decent baseball game. "MVP 2005" made updates that should keep baseball fans already eager to see what will be updated in next year's edition.

The new 2005 update is much more realistic than the 2004 version. When your batter cracks a foul ball, they react to it rather than quickly get back to their stance. The players are more realistic as they are detailed down to how they react when they crack a monster home run.

Game play has stepped up a solid notch from last years "MVP" with hitting, pitching, and fielding. In "MVP 2004," the fielders were so bad that it was easier just to put the 'assisted' fielding option on. "MVP 2005" has made the fielding a bit easier for the player to do on their own, but you will still find yourself stuck running to a pop-fly with a fielder no where near the play, while your second baseman could take two steps to make the catch. There are also a lot of times you will suddenly miss a ground ball, leading to an inside-the-park homerun.

While the fielding is nothing to brag about, EA did improve the hitting. They now have the 'hitter's eye' graphic where your batter can read the type of pitch coming at them according to a few different colors that flash on the ball as it's pitched. This way you will be able to hold back from swinging at a pitch that might drop out of the strike zone or crush a fastball over the fences.

In addition the 'hitter's eye,' you can now position your player closer or further from the plate. So if you find yourself facing a pitcher that likes to throw hard fastballs inside, take a step back from the plate and crush an inside pitch. Homing in on this skill will help you get on-base more often.

Creating a stadium is a fantastic new addition for "MVP 2005." You can build a stadium, buy a team, and manage it towards a World Series championship in owner mode. This option is similar to 'owner mode' from "Madden" games, but the stadium part has a little more detail and could create a better experience than the mode from the "Madden" games.

'MVP Baseball 2005'
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In 'manager mode' you can run your own stadium, but do not expect to have a George Steinbrenner bank roll dropped in your lap just because you decided to manage the Yankees. You will be quickly forced to cut your high paid athletes to make it by the season. At least you get to hire and fire coaches for all league levels. So if a few Triple-A pitchers, who you told were hot prospects, are turning into duds, then fire the pitching coach and get a new one to get the most out of your minor leaguers.

Dynasty mode is the same, but this time you will have to deal with Single-A games as well. After a few rounds you will eventually want to just simulate through anything but the major league games. Your minor league players are terrible and do not make much progress over a single season. You could cheat and boost their stats, but you will end up with a load of players demanding to be on a higher roster with a pay increase at seasons end. Stick to your Major League and Triple-A games to build up future prospects and get more funding, unless you find in really necessary to play every time-consuming game.

One thing some "MVP" gamers have complained about is the lack of players that are not in the players union. Barry "I got this big naturally" Bonds and popular Red Sox player Kevin Millar have been left out of the game; sort of. If you go to the Red Sox roster, look to see some guy named Anthony Friese playing 1B and just change his look, number, and name then you will have Kevin Millar. While it becomes tedious to go around the league and change these faux characters, EA has at least created the characters with the stats for the missing players.

The pitching follows the same format, but you can have a pitcher get worn down faster if you over work their fastballs, have them give up too many hits in an inning, and so on. The pitchers timing will also vary depending upon their approach to the plate. While someone like Roy Halladay has a long wind up, Tim Wakefield does not, which means gamers will have to get used to the timing for different pitchers.

For Boston Red Sox fans, this game is a must have. After the Red Sox won the World Series, EA named Manny Ramirez as the cover player for the game. EA also gave Boston fans a nod in the opening sequence as well as adding the Dropkick Murphy's song "Tessie" to a list of decent soundtracks. They even managed to squeeze Boston's favorite rookie, Kevin Youkilis, onto the team's roster.

If you are a baseball fanatic, then "MVP 2005" is undoubtedly the baseball game of choice. While ESPN and 989 Sports have created decent baseball games, they are not on the level of "MVP 2005" with its superior graphics, game play, and attention to detail.

"MVP Baseball 2005" is currently available for all platforms with online play and content download available on PS2 and X-Box. A subscription to "X-Box Live" is required to go online with X-Box.

Underappreciated 'Bob Dylans' — a guide to singer-songwriters

The Mix Tape

Matt O'Rourke

The singer-songwriter genre hasn't died, but it's taken a back-seat in the mainstream. For this week's tape, I gathered a collection of singer-songwriters who I felt have been brushed aside for their talents.

"Trouble" - Ray Lamontagne (4:01)

Ray Lamontagne's deep soulful voice may be the closest music has ever been to creating a male Janis Joplin. The title-track off his debut album, "Trouble," provides a very classic singer-songwriter feel, combined with a string section and a jazz rhythm in the drums. In fact, if you didn't know the album was recently released, you might find yourself questioning how old the track is. Well crafted lyrics provide the story of man who has been surrounded by troubles his entire life, but is "saved by a woman." The track is a sure way to express love, and promises to get your hopes up on that rainy day.
(RCA, 2004)

"Naked as We Came" – Iron and Wine (2:32)

There is something about Sam Beam's voice that tells the listener "everything will be alright"- even though most of the time he writes songs about dying. That's not to take away from his music though. With a bright progressive acoustic guitar, Beam comforts the listener with his poetic lyrics and calm tone. It may take a few listens to truly understand his message, but it will be an altogether pleasant experience.
(Sub Pop, 2004)

"Lua" – Bright Eyes (4:25)

A favorite of Rolling Stone magazine to be the "next Bob Dylan," Conor Oberst may well be the voice of many twenty-somethings. Reflecting upon his recent move to New York City and other life experiences, Oberst composes a simple ballad that is "Lua." Listeners will find themselves feeling alone with Oberst as if they were sitting in on a studio session one on one. "What's so simple in the moonlight, by the morning is so complicated," he sings, leaving the listener with silence to interpret his meaning, although most will likely guess the track to be about love.
(Saddle Creek, 2005)

"Northern Sky" – Nick Drake (3:45)

Perhaps like Iron and Wine, Nick Drake largely unheard of until the release of Zack Braff's "Garden State" soundtrack. However, he is from the same musical era as James Taylor, Simon and Garfunkel, and Joni Mitchell. Although many singer-songwriters write of the same themes (love, war, peace, etc.), their approach to the theme is always key. Acoustic guitar, piano, and light blend together to create a lounge music mood. Called by NME Magazine as the "greatest English love song of modern times," "Northern Sky" is light and smooth, while also deeply contemplative.
(Universal, 2003)

"Stupid Memory" – Sondre Lerche (4:10)

The next track on the mix-tape picks up the rhythm and the mood. Lerche, another twenty-something songwriter from Norway, has been gaining acclaim internationally and is slowly building a strong fan following. Acoustic guitar is looped and combined with steel guitar, which is never quite overdone nor does it lead the track to sound like a country-folk song. An almost silly sort of song, "Stupid Memory" is simply about forgetting the embarrassing moments in life. However, Lerche reminds us that no matter how hard we try to cover events up, we can never hide the fact that what has happened, happened— but at least we can laugh about it.
(Astralwerks, 2004)

"The Professor" – Damien Rice (5:09)

It seems that singer-songwriters have never gone out of fashion in Ireland. Damien Rice is one of the best musicians, let alone singer-songwriters to have come around in quite some time. "The Professor" is one of his many multifaceted tracks. Questioning a relationship just ended, Rice sings "What makes her come and what makes her stay? / What make the animal run, run away/ What makes him stall, what makes him stand /And what shakes the elephant now /And what makes a man?" He is able to build vocally from the lows of his questions to his sorrowful near-shouting of "I don't know." The track is deep, from the immaturity of a misunderstanding, to the verses in French, the ultimate "romance" language. Well worth a few listens, and it listeners will discover something new every time.
(Vector Recordings, 2003)

"Shine" – David Gray (4:31)

Perhaps best known in the U.S. for his hit single "Babylon" off his album "White Ladder," David Gray's "Shine" is one of the most motivational pieces of songwriting in his genre. Like most of the tracks on the tape, this one is also about love. Although concerning a love soon to be lost (at least for one person in a relationship), Gray sings in the most uplifting of ways. "Shine" is about becoming the person you have the potential to be. The last verse, however, is the most motivational, even the though the "road is strewn with goodbyes," Gray leaves us with a priceless piece of wisdom to, "remember your soul is the one thing you can't compromise."
(Caroline, 2001)

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Anderson done for the year as Minutemen wrap up season

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make Senior Day all the more difficult and bittersweet for the Lynn native who has started four seasons at the point for UMass.

For his career, Anderson finishes 19th all-time in school history with 1,211 points, ranks third all-time in steals (150), and seventh in assists (367). Beyond the arc, he ranks second in 3-pointers made (277), second in attempts (703) and fifth in percentage made (.390).

"I feel sick for Anthony," Lappas said. "Here he is, finally on a good team, and he's not going to be able to take part in the conference tournament and postseason.

"You've got to feel bad for because as hard as he's worked to get to this point, now he's not going to be able to finish it is really a shame."

UMass suffered its first loss in six games with Anderson out of the lineup on Tuesday, but Lappas feels as if his team comes together without its unquestioned leader in the lineup, something it will have to do in post season to be successful.

"I think they band together when Anthony isn't out there," Lappas said. "They've all learned something from him at one point or another, and they know how much it hurts to not have him out there so they elevate their game knowing they need to step it up because they don't have him and what he brings."

Joining Anderson in playing one final game on the Mullins Center court is current starting point guard Chris Chadwick, who played two seasons in Amherst after transferring from Cecil Community Junior College in Maryland, and second-year walk-on Tim Collins, a former team manager and a native of Lee.

Also being honored are senior student managers Adam Glessner, Brian Kamuda and Mike Girard.

"It's going to be a good day for them, a lot of friends and families are coming up. It's going to be a nice event," Lappas said.

To send their seniors off with a win, the Minutemen must take care of the struggling Dukes; a team that beat UMass twice last season, including a 79-76 win in the first round of the A-10 tournament, but has managed just an 8-20 overall record and a 5-10 mark in conference.

The Dukes are led by guard Bryant McAllister and his 16 points per game average, along with forward Kieron Achara who averages 11.5 points and seven rebounds per contest.

The Minutemen can clinch a tie for third place in the Atlantic 10 East Division, and will earn a No. 3 seed in the A-10 Tournament if Saint Joeseph's defeats Fordham. If Fordham defeats SJU, the Rams clinch the third seed regardless of a UMass win or loss.

UMass puts stamp on season

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tonight's game looking for back-to-back wins since their three-game winning streak that stretched from Dec. 11 - Dec. 30. UMass was victorious in Niagara on Saturday by a 4-3 margin.

"We're playing better as a group of people, and we're playing within ourselves," Cahoon said. "I don't know that the offensive side of things has really broken open for us, but we've certainly played soundet hockey and been more competitive on a pretty regular basis over the last two or three weeks. We felt the Northeastern game [on Feb. 3] was a good performance, it just wasn't good enough."

Northeastern has been led all year by Hobey Baker Award candidate goalie Kent Gibson, who was also just named ITECU Hockey East Goaltender of the Month for February. He was 5-2-1 last month, only allowing 1.73 goals per game and boasting a .941 save percentage.

"Gibson is their most important player, simply because of the position, and he had a great year and has probably been the best goalie in the league this year with some other good goalies in the mix, but he's been probably the most consistant and their difference-maker," Cahoon said.

Considering this is the last weekend of Hockey East play, both schools have playoff implications on the line for these next two games. The Huskies are in a battle for the lifth seed with Lowell, which is one point ahead of NU in the standings, and UMass is trying to lap Providence for seventh place in Hockey East. PC currently has a two-point lead in the standings but only has one game remaining on its schedule.



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Peter Trovato is one of seven UMass seniors who will play their final game at the Mullins Center tonight.

NOTES: UMass can clinch the seventh seed in the playoffs under the following circumstances: UM sweeps NU; UM earns 3 points (win and tie) against NU, and Providence ties Lowell tomorrow night; UM earns 2 points (either a win or two ties) against NU, and PC loses to Lowell. UMass holds the head-to-head tiebreaker with Providence, as it went 2-1 against the Friars this season.

A-10 tourney starts today, UM ready

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son, including two to Rhode Island, the team that overtook them for the second spot, and UMass finished as the No. 3 seed in the East.

"I don't think the players understood in the grand scheme of things what getting the bye would mean," Dacko said. "But they're a resilient group, and they seem pretty fired up to be playing Dayton. They actually told me they'd rather have it this way."

"After the Rhode Island game, it stung a little bit," Nelson said about squandering the bye. "But you can't really worry about it. Hopefully we'll go and get the win and just go from there."

All year the Minutewomen have had a tendency to get up for the big games, but against lesser opponents they have played down to the level of their competition.

That shouldn't be an issue this weekend as every game will be do-or-die for UMass. The only chance the Maroon and White has to make the NCAA tournament and extend its season will be to run the table this weekend and receive the automatic bid that is granted to each conference's tournament champion.

Such a run seems unlikely, considering the Minutewomen's recent struggles, but UMass has been up and down all year, and both Nelson and Dacko believe the team is capable of making it deep into the tournament.

"Nobody on this team has any doubts that we can go all the way and win four games in a row," Nelson said. "We just have to work hard and get things together and get prepared for four tough games."

"We're optimistic and confident going in," Dacko said. "It's one game, and our season is either over or we keep going. I told the kids I want to play until Monday."

Minutewomen looking for first victory

By Rob Greenfield
Collegian Staff

Coming off a 14-4 loss to the No. 14 ranked Boston University Terriers, the Massachusetts women's lacrosse team is looking to bounce back against Harvard tomorrow.

"They took it as well as you can take a loss," UMass coach Carrie Bolduc said. "They are relaxed and ready to move on. We are not dwelling on the past. We are doing what we can to recover. We are focused on more of the technical things that you can control."

The UMass squad is putting an inexperienced team out there this year, with 13 of 25 players being freshmen. It is the youngest team in the Atlantic 10 conference. Young teams tend to have high and lows, hot streaks and cold streaks. However, this team rolled with the loss against BU and has come out of the gate this season with a lot of intensity.

"It's fun having youth," Bolduc said of her team. "They come out with a lot of fire and energy. They bring that onto the field every day, and it brings everyone else up around them."

Of the incoming freshmen this year, one player has emerged as a standout and has impacted the team tremendously.

Freshman Kathleen Typadis has provided an unexpected lift for the Minutewomen here in the early going. In the season opener against Holy Cross at Garber Field, Typadis notched a hat trick and added an assist for a total of four points on the day. In the loss against BU, Typadis provided a positive for UMass by recording another hat trick.

"You can't ask for anything more. We're fortunate enough to have a freshman score at all," Bolduc said. "She has also got a great work ethic."

For an inexperienced team, it is absolutely necessary to have solid and reliable leadership. Junior Kerri Connerty has been around for two years and has excelled not just in scoring, but also in providing the intangible aspects of the game including leading this team.

"She is invaluable," Bolduc said. "Kerri is our leader all over the field. We are depending on her and the younger freshmen to bring the group together. She'll do whatever it takes to get the job done. We love having her on the team. I think she is going to do some good things for us this year not primarily as a point-scorer but as a leader. She is an overachiever. You have to love an overachiever."

This weekend the Minutewomen will face a Harvard women's lacrosse team that went 6-9 in 2004 but defeated UMass at Garber Field in a hotly contested overtime game to start the 2004 season. Harvard won the game 9-8 after coming back from a 7-2 deficit in the second half. Crimson freshman Liz Gamble notched a hat trick, including the game-winner in overtime.

The Minutewomen do have one advantage in their favor tomorrow, though.

"It is their first game of the season, and it is our third. We have to take advantage of that," Bolduc said. "We have to take advantage of the first 30 minutes in which they are working out the kinks, while we're working out the kinks from two full games."

The battle tested Minutewomen have already played two tough contests this year — in-state rival Holy Cross and No. 14 ranked BU. UMass has already seen the adjustments they need to make, which is why the Minutewomen feel they have an advantage going into Saturday's game.

"We just have to do the small things right against Harvard," Bolduc said. "The things we unfortunately failed to do against BU were the details, the simple things."

Dukes will cause problems

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that this is the last hurrah, an indisputable do-or-die situation, the afterburner has turned on, and with it the Minutewomen's grit.

"We pretty much know that this is our last chance," guard Katie Nelson said. "We have a lot to owe Duquesne, we've got to come out ready to give them an entire 40 minutes like we did against Temple [last week]."

Senior guard Monique Govan is a bit blunter. Check that, a lot blunter.

"Duquesne is not going to get anything," she said. "Everybody knows what they've got to do, everybody knows the importance of this game. They're not getting any points. Number 5 [Aiga Bautre] isn't going to get any points, she's not going to score anything on us.

"We're going to come out and shut them down, because we owe them from this year and from last year. Everybody's ready. Everybody knows what has to be done, so everybody is going to go out and do what they need to do."

But of course, the defensive-minded Minutewomen have to be the ones to establish the tone if this reversal-of-fortune thing is going to work.

"I think it's going to be important to hold them, to defend them, because they already think they can come out and play another 41-16 at the half," Dacko said. "We'd better come out and establish ourselves defensively, take care of the ball, and really make the extra pass on offense. We've got to come out with confidence, and I think we will. It's do or die right now."

Think is an understatement in this case, however. Govan, for one, seems to already know where this storied season will lead next.

"I already told [my teammates] that we've got to beat everybody, and that's what's going to happen," Govan said.

UM softball team looking to regroup after a rough start

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Sortino said. "Georgia is more than a formidable team. We held a very strong offensive team to four runs.

"It was obviously heartbreaking to lose to them in the bottom of the seventh inning, but I thought we did well to score against them."

Sortino is looking for the Minutewomen to build off some of the success they have had so far and put some wins together this weekend.

"This weekend we're hoping to improve on what we've already done, and I think we will," Sortino said.

"The pitching needs to be a little bit more consistent than it was this past weekend, we need a little better timing at the plate and we need to play good, consistent defense. Hopefully we're moving toward an opportunity to play this weekend and have some decent weather and a dry field."

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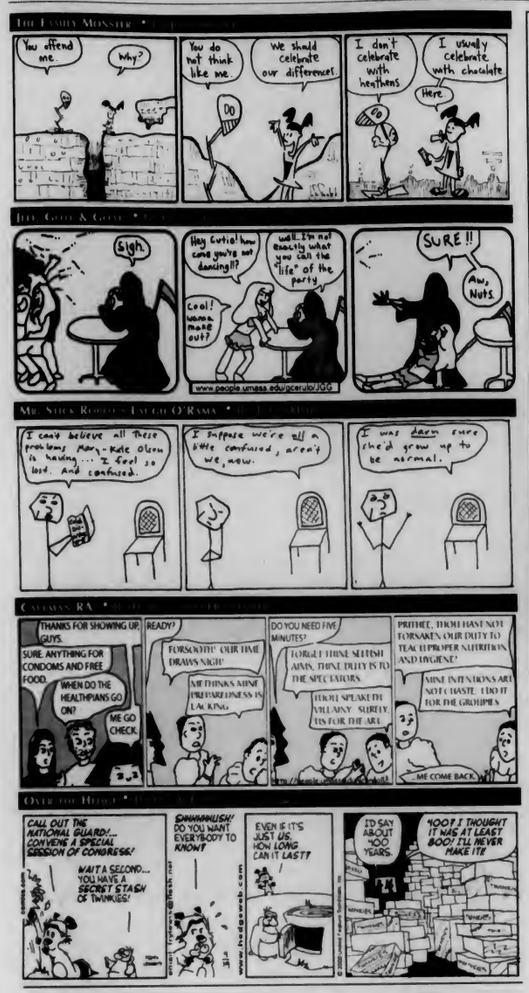
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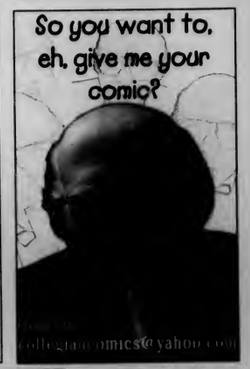
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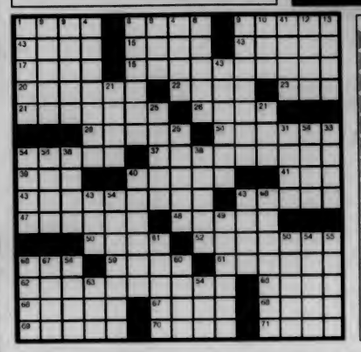
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Minutemen finish up regular season tomorrow with Dukes

By Mike Marzelli
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Now, almost three days removed from its most painful and bitter loss in recent memory, the Massachusetts men's basketball team is still steaming about the foul called with 3.6 seconds on the clock in Tuesday night's game that gave Dayton two free throws and eventually a one-point win.

Numerous television replays airing over the last few days – most of which have emanated from local Ohio news stations – show little contact between UMass' Rashaun Freeman and the Flyers' Warren Williams on the play in question, which saw Williams dribble towards the baseline and into trouble amidst UMass defenders before the foul was whistled.

Even Williams himself admitted the foul "... wasn't anything big," in the Dayton Daily News, the same paper that used the words "lucky" and "shaky" to describe the call in various headlines.

Yet, regardless of the significant implications the loss may or may not have on the rest of UMass' 2004-05 season, what head coach Steve Lappas saw from his team in the locker room following the game gives him reason to believe that such adversity may bring his team together heading into Saturday's 2 p.m. season finale against Duquesne at the William Mullins Center.

"After that game, the team was as mad as I've ever seen them. They were furious," Lappas said. "They were yelling and screaming, but it wasn't about the ball call or how we got robbed. It was about getting back on the court on Saturday and wanting another crack at Dayton and the tournament.

"As a coach, it was great to hear because they weren't lamenting what happened, they were just talking about Saturday and were so mad that they just wanted to get back on the court again."

The Minutemen will return to the court without their senior captain, however, as Lappas indicated Anthony Anderson is officially out for the season – something that will



KAREN WINGERD/COLLEGIAN

Freshman Jeff Salowski makes a move to the hole in a game earlier this year. The Minutemen play their final regular season game tomorrow.

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Regular season comes to close this weekend

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

It's been a long and exhausting college hockey season; all of them are.

But this season has been especially tough on the Massachusetts hockey team, which has battled through a horrific injury bug, long losing streaks and the absence of any favorable bouncing pucks.

With some of that still haunting the Minutemen (12-20-2 5-15-2 Hockey East), their regular season finally comes to a close this weekend as they play a home-and-home series with Northeastern (14-15-5 9-9-4 HEA), which begins tonight at the Mullins Center before shifting to Matthews Arena in Boston tomorrow night. The puck will drop at 7 p.m. both nights.

Tonight is also Senior Night at the Mullins Center, and UMass' seven seniors (Dusty Demianiuk, Jeff Lang, Craig MacDonald, Sean Regan, Peter Trovato, Tim Vitek and Tim Warner) will all be honored in a ceremony before the game.

Before that, though, UMass coach Don Cahoon had some praise of his own for his graduating class.

"They were the first group of kids that committed to come to this school when the program was really not doing very much, and they were willing to put their footprints in the sand and get involved in something that was really unknown," Cahoon said.

"In general terms, they became a very important complimentary piece to a couple real good teams. They've done a good job of maintaining good credibility that does some great things away from the rink... The hockey program and coaching staff is indebted to these kids and we'll be looking to these kids to be involved with our program into the future."



KAREN WINGERD/COLLEGIAN

Tim Vitek will be one of UMass' seven seniors to play their final game at the Mullins Center tonight.

In the only meeting between the Minutemen and Huskies this year, Northeastern held off UMass 2-1 in Boston on Feb. 3, the Maroon and White's last game of a seven-game winless streak (0-6-1) that began with a 4-3 loss at Lowell on Jan. 7.

The Minutemen have played much better hockey over the last couple weeks and are coming into

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UMass lax plays first home game of season tomorrow

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

In collegiate athletics, streaks carry a lot of weight.

Last year, the Massachusetts men's lacrosse team was on a streak of its own, winning five straight games from March 23 to April 17, when it met Yale and Ned Britt. The Bulldogs won that day, 9-8 in double overtime off a point-blank shot from Britt which sent the Minutemen reeling.

Now, almost a year later, the sting has dulled to a mere memory for UMass coach Greg Cannella, as he and the Maroon and White face Yale tomorrow at 1 p.m. for its first home game of the 2005 campaign.

Cannella remembers the game vividly as he and the Minutemen dropped the next two games, and watched as they fell from postseason contention and any chance at a winning record. Several UMass players also remember and are coming into this one with a little added incentive. Cannella is pleased to see this intensity and hopes that they can use it as a positive throughout the season.

"I think you're better off with a chip on your shoulder for anybody. In college athletics, you need a chip, you need an edge, whatever it is, you need it there," Cannella said. "I hope we have that chip for the entire year. I think playing someone that beats you helps, but I think going out there and trying to be the best team out there is the best kind of motivation."

In their first game of the season, the Minutemen did a solid job at shutting down Hofstra's offense, while out-shooting the Pride 43-31. UMass was led by an impressive effort from Sean Morris, who had four goals on 11 shots and an assist in the game. The Minutemen had four other goal scorers with; Jeff Zywicki (3), Chris Doyle (2), Brian Iacovina and Gene Tundo (1).

Part of the fuel behind last Saturday's offensive explosion derived from the aggressive play from Dane Collins on face-offs. Collins took 11 of the 22 opportunities he faced, which caused continuation in the offensive momentum. Cannella is emphasizing the importance of the face-off this season and has his face-off men working overtime to perfect the timing.

"We stress them a lot, we do them all the time during practice. Coach (Chris) Gabrielli works with those guys and does a great job, he helps us out a lot and does a pre-practice with these guys." Canella said.

Tomorrow's game will be the first time the Maroon and White have played at Garber Field since it defeated Rutgers 9-5 on May 8, 2004. Canella is sure that being home will be exciting for is team and believes just playing on Garber is a reward in its own right.

"I think they enjoy playing on Garber Field, so any chance they can get to play a college lacrosse game here on Garber Field is a great opportunity," Cannella said.

Although they are the away team, Yale has experience on the sidelines that exceeds most of the Minutemen.

Second-year Bulldog coach Andy Shay was an assistant for UMass under Canella for four years. During his tenure with the Minutemen, he went on to win two ECAC Championships and three New England crowns.

UMass will be Yale's first opponent during the 2005 season, and are the first ranked opponent that the Bulldogs have started a season against in the last eight years. Shay, who was heavily involved with the Minutemen's defense during his time in the Pioneer Valley, is concerned with the fast-paced offense that UMass has developed.

"UMass is a strong team with an ability to score goals in bunches," Shay said. "We have to control the ball, win face-offs and dictate tempo in order to be successful. This will be a great challenge for a young squad."

A-10 opens up today

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts women's basketball team has one last chance to salvage its season as the Minutewomen travel to Washington, D.C. to compete in the Atlantic 10 Tournament.

UMass (13-14 6-10 A-10) will take on Duquesne (10-17 5-11 A-10) today at 2 p.m. at the Charles E. Smith Center in first round action. If the Minutewomen defeat Duquesne, they will play Xavier (19-8 13-3 A-10) Saturday at 2 p.m. in the quarterfinals. The semifinals will take place on Sunday, and the championship game will be aired on ESPN2 at 5 p.m. Monday night.

The Minutewomen would like another shot at Xavier, the team that started their current five-game losing streak with a 65-55 win on Feb. 13, but first they must take care of business with the Dukes.

UMass will not have to look far for motivation in today's game. Duquesne handed UMass a 63-53 loss at the Mullins Center on Jan. 21. The Dukes blew UMass out of the gym in the first half, outscoring the Minutewomen 41-16. Duquesne also ended the Minutewomen's season last year in the first round of the A-10 Tournament with a lopsided 73-44 win.

"We owe them a lot," redshirt junior Katie Nelson said. "Earlier this year we had a really bad first half, so hopefully we'll come out ready to play. They also beat us by a pretty good amount last year in the first round, so we have some motivation coming into this game."

UMass coach Marnie Dacko believes her team will perform better this time around against Duquesne.

"It's another opportunity for us," Dacko said. "Duquesne got the best of us in the first half, and we came back in the second half and played pretty good basketball. We've just to make some adjustments."

Duquesne shot 53 percent from the floor in the first half. The Dukes cooled to 25 percent in the second half but were able to hold off UMass and escape with a 10-point win.

If the Minutewomen are to advance today, they must limit the leading scorers for Duquesne, guard Aiga Bautre (15.2 ppg) and forward Loui Hall (13.4 ppg). Bautre and Hall each had big games in the matchup earlier this season, as Hall led all scorers with 18 points and Bautre contributed 15.

"Bautre is a very good shooter, and she got a hot hand," Dacko said. "Hall had a good game against us, too. They just shot phenomenally well in the first half."

Two weeks ago it seemed highly unlikely that UMass would be playing a first round game. The Minutewomen had a secure hold on the second seed in the A-10 East and would have had a bye in the first round of the tournament if they kept that seed. But UMass lost the final five games of the sea-

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Duquesne a tough foe for UM

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

After settling for a No. 3 seed in the East division in the Atlantic 10 Tournament, which begins today, the Massachusetts women's basketball team has drawn a foe that quite simply has had its number in recent years.

Although they lead the all-time series on their opponent, the 10-17 Duquesne Dukes (UM holds the advantage 19-16), the Maroon and White have dropped three straight to the Dukes, including four of the last five, the last coming in coach Marnie Dacko's first season at the helm in 2002-2003. The Minutewomen had the paint dominance of current WNBA star Jen Butler on their side in that 77-68 win, but have been looking for consistency down low ever since.

At times it seems as though they've found an answer to the virtually irreplaceable, but that's besides the point. The road to the A-10 Finals goes through a certain Pittsburgh school that has given them a lot of trouble in the last two meetings.

DU ended UMass' injury-plagued 6-22 campaign in 2003-04 by serving up the Minutewomen their worst defeat of the season, a 77-45 pounding at the hands of a 50-percent effort from the field and four Dukes reaching double-figures. It was the closing chapter to a season where the shelf was empty depth-wise, but even with a more stockpiled bench in 2004-05, the Dukes once again owned UMass.

On Jan. 21, Duquesne came, saw and conquered at the Mullins Center, cruising out to a mind-boggling 41-16 halftime lead en route to a 63-53 downing of a Minutewomen squad that was just starting to gain momentum over winter break.

That's merely the tip of the iceberg, however. The Minutewomen are losers of five straight following a 52-30 defensive thrashing of Dayton three weeks ago that saw them at 13-9. UMass is now 13-14, but this week it's been as if they are 0-0, starting anew with a clean slate.

They're practicing with a level of confidence that's uncharacteristic of a team that's lost six of their last seven. Be it frustration or maybe just the realization

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Sortino's crew struggles early

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

High expectations have been put on the Massachusetts softball team, and thus far it is hard to determine just how good it will be.

There have been many factors that have contributed to the relatively slow start for UMass (1-4).

First, the Minutewomen have played some of the best teams in the country, as three of their first five games have been against nationally ranked opponents.

While this has certainly led to some of the early struggles, UMass coach Elaine Sortino believes there is another reason why her team isn't quite clicking yet.

"We just have to get the opportunity to play," Sortino said, in reference to the five rainouts already this season. "Our defense has been dropping fly balls. Dropping fly balls cost us big in the Georgia game and in the South Carolina game. That's something the outfielders aren't going to do, but I can't hit fly balls in the gym.

"The field conditions have just been slop and mud. It's not good for sliding and trying to manufacture runs. That whole element of our game still has yet to be tested."

Obviously this week's storm wasn't welcomed by Sortino and her squad, as this has made practicing outside nearly impossible.

"Depending on how cold it is, we can't practice outside," Sortino said. "This game is all about throwing and receiving the ball, and if your hands are freezing, it's tough to throw."

The Minutewomen will look to improve on their record this weekend as they head to Boca Raton, Fla. to participate in the Doubletree Worth Invitational.

UMass will face Florida International and Florida Atlantic in a doubleheader on Saturday.

The Minutewomen will play Bethune-Cookman Sunday morning and will play in either the consolation or championship game of the tournament in the afternoon.

While these teams may not be as prominent on the national radar as some of the teams UMass has faced this year, they are teams that Sortino expects to be ranked in the South region as the year goes on. Sortino believes that they are all capable of providing tough games this weekend.

"There's nothing weak about the schedule," Sortino said. "I think all three of these teams can sneak up on anybody. They're in a better place than we are because of opportunity and weather. But I think they're in a similar stature as we are in terms of the kind of teams they are. I think they're going to be tough games."

The Minutewomen went 1-3 last weekend in the NFCA Leadoff Classic in Georgia, losing to No. 16 Georgia 4-3, No. 17 Nebraska 3-1 and South Carolina 6-1.

UMass picked up its first win of the season against Cal State Northridge, 2-1. The Minutewomen seemed on their way to another win on Sunday, as they led San Diego State 5-1 in the third inning, but rain caused the game to be cancelled in the third inning.

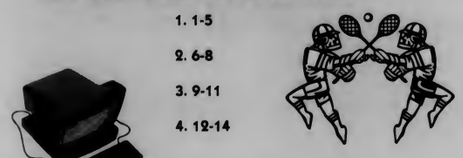
"I thought we did some really good things,"

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Sports Weekend Web Poll

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SAMBA presents Brazilian Carnaval

By Juliana Leal
Collegian Staff

The Brazilian samba rhythm struck a chord with UMass students and Amherst community members who attended the Brazilian Carnaval on Saturday in the University of Massachusetts Campus Center Auditorium.

The Auditorium was decked with balloons, masks, palm trees and other tropical themed decorations, most of which were created by members of the Student Association for the Multicultural Brazilian Alliance (SAMBA) and volunteers at the Craft Center.

Carnaval opened with dinner provided by UMass catering. Salpicao (mayonnaise, potatoes, and ham salad), Brazilian risotto, chicken, and fried plantains were served.

"The food was really great," said Benjamin Rose, a UMass senior. "I had never had Brazilian food before and it was definitely a welcomed change of pace."

The night proceeded with a presentation on the history of carnaval and the different ways it is celebrated in Brazil. Pictures were shown on a projector screen depicting colorful parades and people crowding the streets during the five-day festival.

SAMBA officer Barbara Rosemberg narrated the event. She explained that carnaval is a celebration that precedes the Catholic observance of Lent.

Treme Terra, a drumming group accompanied by female dancers, was the first performance of the night. The women danced to the Afro-Brazilian rhythm of the state of Bahia in white and blue costumes adorned with beads and seashells.

"The drummers delinitely kicked off the night with their hot beats, bringing everyone onto the dance floor to shake things up with the dancers," said Jennifer Kim, junior Communications major. "They were my favorite part."

SAMBA members led the crowd off their seats and onto the dance floor while the men of Treme Terra delivered heart-thumping drumming. The dancers returned to the floor, this time in carnaval costumes from Rio de Janeiro including feathered headpieces with sequined tops and skirts.

"They had so much energy and kept everyone dancing and clapping for them," said Athena Vasanos, senior Legal Studies major. "It was so wild and fun. I had never seen anything like that before."

"People were a little hesitant at first, but once the dancers came out, everyone got up. It didn't matter if you knew how to samba or not, everyone was just having a good time," said Hugo Lallo, a junior Classics major.

The night proceeded with a dance performance by Bruno Silva, a Brazilian dance instructor from Cambridge, and his group. They presented choreographed dances to the most popular carnaval music of the northeast of Brazil. At the end of their show, Bruno and his partners taught the last choreography to the crowd.

In true carnaval spirit, the night was only warming up. Styllus, a band comprised of Brazilian musicians who perform throughout New England, was the next act. They played a mix of Brazilian sounds from a Bahian beat to reggae and pop rock.

"The band was definitely a success this year," said Rosemberg. "Last year we had a lot of dance performances. Tonight we wanted to concentrate on exposing the crowd to more and different kinds of music, and allow them to take over the floor."

The night's hosts emphasized that carnaval lasts "all night long," and guests were able to get a taste of a true carnaval experience. More dancing carried on to the sound of DJ D. Martinez, who spun reggae, hip hop, Latin and techno beats. The night ended at 1 a.m.

The Office of African Latino Asian Native American Affairs (ALANA), the Arts Council, the Multicultural Student Services, Middlesex Family Practice, Student Activities Cultural Enrichment Fund, the Student Government Association, and the Vice Chancellor's Office of Student Affair all sponsored the SAMBA event.



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Members of the band Styllus set up for their performance at the Brazilian Carnaval on Saturday night.

Stabbing occurs at UMass fashion show

By Dan O'Brien
Collegian Staff

A brawl inside a fashion show at the University of Massachusetts Student Union Ballroom may have resulted in the stabbing of a UMass football player late Saturday night, according to eyewitness reports.

Sources said the altercation took place inside a fashion show after-party sponsored by "Soul TV," a registered student organization that promotes artistic programming for UMass students. Unconfirmed reports said the light took place between a group of men from Springfield and a few UMass students.

Multiple witnesses have said a UMass football player identified as "J-Mart" was slashed in the face by a knife during the altercation. However, no one would divulge his identity.

The fight caused the party to turn to chaos, according to Monique Jemmott, director of the fashion show.

"It was very chaotic," Jemmott said. "At the time, even the police couldn't figure out who was involved in the stabbing."

Apparently the fight occurred about 15 to 20 minutes into the party. The after-party was originally scheduled to be held in the party hall at the top of the Campus Center, but due to an unexpected high number of attendees, the party was relocated to the fashion show's location at the Student Union Ballroom.

The ballroom was cleared for about 45 minutes between the end of the fashion show and the start of the party, Jemmott says she and her staff didn't anticipate the high number of people in attendence.

"Our biggest mistake we made was that we didn't search the people who were coming back in," Jemmot said.

Because Soul TV did minimal promotion of the event, organizers only expected less than 300 people to attend. However, about 500 people showed up, reaching the ballroom's capacity only 30 minutes after the event had started.

After the light broke out, police used pepper spray, rubber bullets, and K-9 units to control the crowd, according to witnesses.

"People were saying it's just like the sixties because the police treated the situation like it was riots," said Alex Demosthene, a Daily Collegian photographer who was taking pictures of the fashion show. "There was a lot of confusion."

Jemmot complained that the police used pepper spray just outside the doors of the ballroom, the same location where innocent bystandards were trying to escape the violence of the brawl.

"Anyone who went outside was hit with pepper spray," she said.

An unidentified witness outside the event says there were many people who were visibly trying to catch their breath and crying.

"I saw a guy carrying a girl over his shoulder... She was coughing and gasping. She was like choking and crying," the witness said.

Jemmott says no one from Soul TV knows why the fight took place. But she added the fashion show "went beautifully."

She also said that the show made more money than any other event this semester, according to Tickets Unlimited.

UMass Police have not released any information on the stabbing as of press time, but did say they will release information to the media today.

Curry Hicks Cage hosts shootout

By Jonathan Vega
Collegian Staff

The Atlantic 10 Shootout was in town last Thursday at the Curry Hicks gymnasium at the University of Massachusetts. The tournament began at the University of Dayton, in Dayton, Ohio on February 2nd and ended on March 3rd at UMass.

This is the 5th year that the intercollegiate tournament has been held, according to Kathleen Cloran, an event coordinator for the Atlantic 10.

"[The Atlantic 10 Shootout] has been getting bigger and bigger each year," said Cloran. Cloran and her contingent from the Atlantic 10, with local support from UMass Sports Management students Benjamin Brown, Leslie McGovern and Lindsey McCarty coordinated the Shootout competition's logistics.

"You have thirty seconds to shoot on the court. The court has a bunch of spots and each spot is worth a certain number of points. Also, you have two people on a team and they must alternate between shots, " said Brown. "You can't shoot from the same spot so you gotta keep moving."

The shooting competition lasted three hours and was the last stop for the Atlantic 10 Shootout caravan that has been crisscrossing the country for a little over a month now.

Ben Rosenfeld and Brian Kamuda won the shootout in the men's division and Rochelle Hess and Diana Shih took the women's division.

Both winning teams received all expenses paid airline tickets to any United States destination in the lower 48 states.

The flights are provided by USAirways, a sponsor of the Atlantic 10 Shootout.

"Brian and I are both managers of the [UMass] basketball team and we shoot everyday here at Curry Hicks and at the Mullins Center, so it all paid off," said Ben. "I have been trying to visit my girlfriend in Australia for a while now, and at least now I can get to Los Angeles or San Francisco and save some cash. Thanks A 10!"

The four-team finalists of the Co-ed Division shootout

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GEO holds picket against University

By David Fonseca
Collegian Staff

Graduate students at the University of Massachusetts held a grade-in and picket inside the Campus Center on Friday morning to express their dissatisfaction over recent contract negotiations with the school.

The students set up tables along the Campus Center Concourse where some picketed and others graded course materials, in an effort to show the importance of their work at UMass.

Contract negotiations between the Graduate Employee Organization (GEO) and the University have been ongoing since the spring of 2004. Among the issues on the table are are stipend raises and benefits for GEO eligible graduate students.

Negotiations have stalled however, with the GEO refusing to accept what it considers an unfair and regressive contract.

Under the new contracts, GEO members would face increased health and child care costs. The University is also proposing raises of one percent, two percent and two percent over the next three years, which GEO members believe won't be able to keep up with the increased fees and rising inflation.

Inflation for the past year was estimated at 3.5 percent, as measured by the consumer price index for the Northeast Urban Region.

"We need to see some sort of real wage increase, which could come in a lot of ways; it could come in the form of wages, it could come in the reduction of fees," said GEO organizer Amanda Plumb. "We need to see our health care protected. Right now it is affordable, a lot of our members are on a sliding scale where they don't have to pay anything and we need to make sure it stays affordable, they're trying to make it so no one can afford it."

Susan Chinman, a labor relations specialist from UMass spoke briefly on the concerns expressed by the members of GEO.

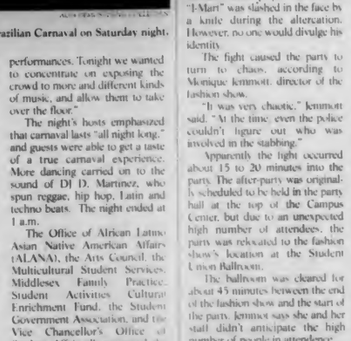
"Please know that the University is working very hard to achieve a contract with GEO that satisfies both parties' interests and concerns," she said, but was unwilling to comment further, stating that the University would rather do the bargaining at the bargaining table.

UMass has also declared that it would no longer provide same sex domestic partner health coverage to those who live in Massachusetts starting next year, a decision that GEO members feel has been handed down directly from the state house.

"We've been bargaining for a year and this is the first time they've introduced this idea. I think it's something that the state is putting pressure on," said Plumb. "It doesn't make any practical sense...

When grad students come here, they're adults, they have partners that they are with, they're committed to that. Maybe they move here with someone from another state and we want to ensure that their partner will be covered. We don't want anything taken away from our members."

"It doesn't even seem like an economic decision," added Amanda Dove, a graduate student in Sociology. "It's like, okay, now we're going to dis-



A student works at a picket table GEO set up in order to protest aspects of their University contracts, which are under negotiations.

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Journalist questions U.S. troops' actions in friendly fire attack

By Angela Doland
Associated Press

ROME — Left-wing journalist Giuliana Sgrena claimed American soldiers gave no warning before they opened fire and said Sunday she could not rule out that U.S. forces intentionally shot at the car carrying her to the Baghdad airport, wounding her and killing the Italian agent who had just won her freedom after a month in captivity.

An Italian Cabinet member urged Sgrena, who writes for a communist newspaper that routinely opposes U.S. policy in Iraq, to be cautious in her accounts and said the shooting would not affect Italy's support for the Bush administration.

The White House called the shooting a "horrific accident" and restated its promise to investigate fully.

Without backing up the claim, the 56-year-old journalist said she believed it was possible she was targeted because the United States objected to methods used to secure her release.

"The fact that the Americans don't want negotiations to free the hostages is known," she told Sky TG24 television by telephone, her voice hoarse and shaky. "The fact that they do everything to prevent the adoption of this practice to save the lives of people held hostage, everybody knows that. So I don't see why I should rule out that I could have been the target."

Sgrena, of the daily Il Manifesto, said she knew nothing about a ransom payment, and no details have emerged about how authorities won her release. An Italian Cabinet minister said money likely changed hands.

U.S. officials object to ransom payments or negotiation with kidnappers, claiming that only encourages further hostage-taking.

The shooting has fueled anti-American sentiment in a country where people have deeply opposed the war in Iraq but it did not this weekend provoke mass protests like those that have drawn tens of thousands of people into the streets.

At least 10,000 people, however, lined up in the rain to pay their respects to Nicola Calipari, the agent who died trying to shield Sgrena from the American bullets.

Draped in an Italian flag, his casket lay in state at Rome's Vittoriano national monument which houses the tomb of the unknown soldier. A state funeral was planned for Monday and Calipari has been awarded the

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Soldiers carry the remains of Nicola Calipari Nicola was killed by U.S. soldiers in a hail of gunfire while defending a reporter on Friday.



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Amos Lee is on the verge of becoming the next big thing in folk music.

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Minuteme outlast A-10 rival Duquesne on Saturday afternoon.

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Hundreds compete in shootout

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competed this Saturday at halftime during the Minutemen's basketball game against Duquesne.

This Saturday's shootout winners, Kristine LeBlanc and Josh Donovan, will move on to the national co-ed Atlantic 10 shootout championship.

The Semifinal round of the shootout tournament is set to begin on March 11 in Cincinnati, Ohio at the U.S. Bank Arena.

The UMass campus co-ed shootout champions will compete against 12 participating campus coed winners for $10,000.

According to the Atlantic 10 Web site, UMass had 346 participating teams, making it the largest of all the Atlantic 10 campus tournaments.

The University of Rhode Island was 93 teams behind the University of Massachusetts.

A staggering 4,932 total students entered the tournament at all participating universities in three possible categories: men's division, women's division and coed division.

"Last year we had about 250 teams, and this year we are expecting close to 350 teams. That's a pretty good jump," said Brown. "We did something new this year called a Group Challenge where we had a prize of $500 for anyone who signed up the most number of teams for the Shootout."



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One of many students participating in the Atlantic 10 Shoot-Out, a hopeful for the grand prize of $10,000.

According to Cloran, the Shootout involves 12 Atlantic 10 member universities including George Washington University, University of Dayton, Temple University and the University of Massachusetts to name a few.

Brown pointed out that without the support of local and national sponsors the event would not have been as successful as it was.

Brown thanked the Shootout's local and national sponsors for making the event happen.

Local sponsors included: the Daily Collegian, Herrell's Ice Cream, Bueno y Sano and Domino's Pizza.

National sponsors that are affiliated with the Atlantic 10 Shootout include the following: Microsoft's XBOX, USAirways, Pontiac, GMAC Financial, Firestone and Fuze tropical drinks.

Grad students upset with negotiations

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criminate."

The GEO has also filed suit against UMass for failure to bargain in good faith by not providing them with information they feel is crucial to the bargaining process.

"When unions go into bargaining they are entitled to certain information so that they can bargain. We asked them for information last Spring which they have still not given to us," said Plumb. "They're just being really obstructive."

"We basically have no faith in them right now," said GEO Vice President Jed Murr.

The University has also recently set March 30th as a deadline for the GEO to either come to terms or forfeit raises retroactive to January 2nd. The average GEO member would lose $150. "They probably just want to see us accept these regressive contracts and get it done with by the 31st," Murr said of the new deadline.

Plumb said the GEO plans to continue to negotiate until they get they receive a fair contract, regardless of any deadlines.

"We're gonna keep bargaining until we get a good contract. We're not gonna be scared into accepting a bad contract for what might $150 more for our members. We want a good contract and we're not gonna take a little bribe from them," she said.

Journalist unsure of U.S. actions

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gold medal of valor posthumously.

Calipari was struck in the temple by a single round and died instantly, the ANSA news agency reported, quoting doctors who did an autopsy.

White House counselor Dan Bartlett said Sunday the shootings were a "horrific accident," saying President Bush called Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi to offer condolences and promise a full investigation.

"As you know, in a situation where there is a live combat zone, particularly this road to the airport, has been a notorious area for car bombs, that people are making split-second decisions, and it's critically important that we get the facts before we make judgments," Bartlett said on CNN's "Late Edition."

The U.S. military has said the car Sgrena was riding in was speeding and Americans used hand and arm signals, flashing white lights and warning shots to get it to stop at the roadblock.

But in an interview with Italian La 7 TV, Sgrena said, "There was no bright light, no signal." She also said the car was traveling at "regular speed."

The shooting was a setback for Berlusconi, who has kept 3,000 Italian troops in Iraq despite the public opposition at home, and both sides appeared to be moving swiftly to contain the damage.

Reilly decides to oppose abuse statute

BOSTON (AP) — Attorney General Tom Reilly, reversing his earlier stance, said he will support legislation to eliminate the 15-year statute of limitations for sex-abuse crimes against children.

"A predator of a child should never be out of the reach of the law," Reilly said in a telephone interview with the Boston Sunday Globe. "If a prosecutor can make a case, and there are victims who are willing and able to make that case, the law should not stand in their way."

The recent trial of former priest Paul Shanley was a factor for Reilly, who described the prosecution of Shanley as "a very important case."

Reilly met with the victim in that case, and on the day of Shanley's sentencing to 12 to 15 years in prison, the courtroom was filled with alleged Shanley victims who said they couldn't press charges because of the statute of limitations.

"When someone is brave enough to come forward and testify and confront their abuser, they should not be prevented because of any technicality in the law," Reilly said.

In Shanley's case, the then-priest left the state in 1990, stopping the clock on the statute of limitations. After his arrest in 2002, his case became a public example of the problems of prosecuting sexual abusers in cases dating back decades.

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Strut Your Stuff

Saturday night brought the appearance of the Urban Circus fashion show on campus, featured in the Student Union Ballroom. This was the first time the fashion show had appeared in nearly five years.

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Morrison right to open dialog with Gargano

At a meeting of the Student Government Association last week, SGA speaker Mark Morrison told senators that he had opened a dialog with Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life Michael Gargano.

At a Nov. 17 meeting, the Senate voted "no-confidence" in Gargano after he refused to release specific information requested by the SGA. Gargano was found by the Senate to be, among other things, lacking in his ability to serve the University of Massachusetts campus in the way it needed to be served.

The fact that such a "heated debate" ensued at the meeting last week shows that several members of the SGA still lack confidence in Gargano and are not eager to resume talks. Until these attitudes change, the SGA will remain a stagnate organization that is more consumed with its own pride and fondness for bickering than it is with serving the student body.

Morrison admits that the SGA needs to open dialog with Gargano if the two are to work together, since the Vice Chancellor has no reason to be the one to instigate a meeting between the two. Unfortunately, other members of the SGA have yet to accept this important conclusion.

It is up to the students to begin to repair the damaged relationship between the SGA and Gargano. Students have rights, but they must remember their roles in the university setting.

Administrators will continue to make decisions that affect the student body, but it is up to the students to take control of situations that they deem unfit or unfair. Simply cutting ties and not acknowledging the other side of things is pointless and futile.

Until students take a more proactive role in the student/administrator relationship, things will continue to develop much in the same way they have been.

Secretary of Public Policy and Relations Jeff Napolitano criticized Morrison for the initiative he showed by talking with Gargano, saying the matter is a "Senate issue." It may very well be a Senate issue, but the lack of willingness to work things out on behalf of the Senate seems to require that outside parties step up and do what they can before things get worse.

For example, Morrison feels the Senate is somewhat responsible for the recent fee hike, because the Senate was not involved with the passing of the housing budget.

"The housing budget got passed without our consent, so we are partially responsible for a fee increase," Morrison was quoted as saying in the Mar. 3 article in the Daily Collegian.

This is just one example of how the SGA is failing the student body by "looking out for their best interests." They might have "no confidence" in Gargano, but it becomes hard for the students to have confidence in the SGA if they simply cut certain ties with the administration and fail to give their input (input that should have the best interests of the students in mind) on several key issues on campus.

Morrison took an important first step last week by opening dialog with Gargano. Grudges are too commonly held in politics, locally, nationally and internationally, and the SGA cannot let past experiences get in the way of present negotiations that deter from the betterment of UMass' future.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UMASS MUST LISTEN TO COMMISSION REPORT

As a parent of a graduate, and soon-to-be graduate of UMass Amherst, I'm deeply concerned about the findings of the Commission on Campus Diversity. It is troubling to learn that many current students of color would not recommend UMass Amherst for their siblings when the University needs to be attracting more minority students.

A public university should be inspiring its students to help society tear down the walls created by racism and other forms of prejudice that separate people in our communities, schools, social institutions and places of employment. What issue could be more important for the University to address than prejudice and small mindedness?

All who care about UMass should read the Commission report. It is a wake-up call for people to take action to address the pervasive problem of racism. According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, the numbers of hate groups and young people attracted by the proliferation of hate websites are growing at an alarming rate.

Those of us from the dominant, privileged, white race must learn about the insidious nature of racism from the victims and then become their allies by speaking out against racism wherever it occurs. As one student pointed out, "this is a problem with white students, not with students of color."

The report challenges everyone in the UMass community to recognize that one of the most important functions of education is to connect people from different countries, cultures, religions, races and socioeconomic classes. UMass needs to create ways for students and faculty to have dialogues sharing their backgrounds, experiences, ideas, opinions and beliefs in order to understand and appreciate the diversity of society and the world. People don't know each other, don't trust each other, may fear and hate each other. Thus, the conditions for violence and war may take root.

Perhaps the most important recommendation in the report is the suggestion by a student that all students, staff and faculty receive "training" that focuses on how to live and work in a multi-cultural society. At the very least and for almost no cost, UMass can create opportunities for every member of the UMass community to participate in diverse, safe and respectful Listening Circles where they will begin to empathize and understand the pain of the victims of racism and other forms of prejudice and discrimination.

When my son, who recently completed Peace Corps service in Ghana, was a freshman at UMass, his white roommate made a thoughtless remark to an African American student which caused such hostility in their dormitory that he didn't feel safe and considered dropping out.

I called the Dean of Students and suggested that the University institute a relationship skills program for all freshmen that would help to create and maintain peaceable dorm communities where all students would feel respected by others regardless of their differences. I volunteered my services as a professional youth development trainer. I never heard that progress was made in this area of need, but my offer still stands.

I sincerely hope that you and the rest of the administration will not delay in taking remedial action in response to the findings and recommendations of this commission. I especially hope that everyone will take seriously the concerns and suggestions offered by the students.

Barbara Hiidt
Amesbury resident

ALANA SUPPORT PROGRAMS OVERLOOKED

As an Advisory Board member to one of the ALANA support programs, and a student that has benefited from the services by those programs, I would like to address the ignorant comment made recently by Brain Long in the Daily Collegian.

As the report from the Commission on Campus Diversity notes, the ALANA support programs have evolved to provide essential services for students that have been inadequately provided by this University. However, Brian Long would not know that as in his tenure as a student at this University, he has not visited any of the support programs.

Each of the ALANA support programs addresses individual cultural needs of the population that they service; just like the Athletic Department addresses the needs of athletes and the Commonwealth College addresses the needs of honor students.

Furthermore, the composition of the student body served by the ALANA support programs is more diverse than that of many schools/colleges/departments within this University.

The lack of leadership, as the Commission clearly stated in its report, comes from the UMass Amherst administration. "... There is absence of a clear and strong message that diversity and inclusion are central priority for the Amherst campus."

I encourage the general student body to find out more about the needs of the ALANA students and be more supportive, rather than make general unsustainable comments.

Mariel Rijo
UMass student

Middle East transparencies

Ramzi Kanazi

Objectivity: a construction, inexistent when covering the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Transparency — perhaps the next best thing — also remarkably absent from the relative discourse. Let me continue this column with an attempt of the latter. I'm Palestinian. I believe that the Palestinians are unfairly and unfavorably represented in nearly all general aspects of American government and society. Furthermore, reporting of the conflict is disproportionately biased in favor of the state of Israel.

I hope that helps. I hope you appreciate it too. I'm sure I've ruined any future prospects for employment with Fox News or for membership in SAFI. I'm trying to hold my tears back...

Many groups call for objectivity when reporting on subjects relating to the Middle East, yet few call for transparency. One particular organization covering this topic is CAMERA, the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America. It is a media-watch group that claims to be "devoted to promoting accurate and balanced coverage of Israel and the Middle East." The balance on their website is not so noticeable.

One would be hard-pressed to find criticisms by CAMERA concerning bias against Palestinians in the media. I could not find a single instance while browsing their site, even while checking publications known for their slander against Arabs like the New York Sun and the Wall Street Journal. Apparently, according to CAMERA, the only problem with Middle East coverage in the media regards anti-Jewish, anti-Israeli or anti-American reporting.

One of the cofounders of CAMERA, Dr. Charles Iacobs, also happens to be president of the David Project. The website of the David Project claims to promote a "fair and honest understanding of the conflict in the Middle East," but it is a Zionist organization, one that promotes a pro-Israeli perspective on the situation. Contrary to their claims, the members of the David Project have little interest in fairness and honesty; instead, they wish to promote their agenda.

They do, however, advance token overtures to Arabs, but as a smokescreen, covering the explicit blame that they place on the Arab world for the conflict.

Another organization, Campus Watch, which frequently uses CAMERA material, is endorsing a film that the David Project produced and helped create. Daniel Pipes founded Campus Watch. He is a proponent of a bill that would cut funding to schools considered promoters of "anti-American" or "anti-Israeli" perspectives. He keeps a running tab on a number of professors whom he opposes, and he is frequently described by academics as a McCarthyite.

There are problems with bias in American institutions. They exist on both sides, but the extent to which one sees bias for the Palestinians is overwhelmingly shadowed by the bias against them and convincingly surpassed by a partiality for Israel.

The film, entitled Columbia Unbecoming, attacks Columbia professors in the Middle East and Asian Language and Cultures department for apparent biases against Israel and America. Columbia Unbecoming asserts that a number of professors in the program promote their position using methods like intimidation. It has prompted a symposium at the University.

As both sides argue against each other, one must notice the antagonizing party. They are a bunch of Zionists who are critical of the department at Columbia! Natan Sharansky, Martin Kramer and Alan Dershowitz, the three featured speakers at the symposium are all unabashed Zionists who obstinately argue that ideas like a bi-national state, promoting equal status for both Palestinians and Jews, are tacit examples of anti-Semitism. Dershowitz, a Felix Frankfurter Professor of Law, ostensibly argues that he is interested in a fair solution to the problem, though he is often regarded as anti-Arab. Ironically, the topics of the event include academic freedom, integrity and objectivity. That's like creating a committee to debate bipartisan politics made up entirely of Democrats.

To be fair, their goal is ostensibly altruistic (though inherently ethnocentric and exclusive). There are problems with bias in American institutions. They exist on both sides, but the extent to which one sees bias for the Palestinians is overwhelmingly shadowed by the bias against them and convincingly surpassed by a partiality for Israel (right, remember my claim for transparency earlier).

While it is true that scholars are less susceptible to Israeli bias, most of America is not. The rest of the country, unfortunately, is trying to penetrate the academic world to teach it about objectivity through non-academic institutions that aim to protect governments — not people. CAMERA, Campus Watch and the David Project are all non-academic entities that are working to influence the academic curricula while pandering to Israel. These organizations currently operate under the guise of objectivity, something that they clearly do not exhibit. As students, we must watch for organizations like these and demand transparency.

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Common decency among men

Becky Martins

What has happened to the male species aged 18-22? Have they developed commitment phobias that disallow the chance of relationships forming in their lives? Is it an archaic practice to simply take a girl out or spend time with her and expect nothing but her company in return? When getting to know someone, has it become acceptable to have motives of only 'getting with her,' instead of caring about what she really offers as a person? Obviously, not every man on this campus, or of the college age, is guilty of these things. But in my experience, it is becoming an increasingly harder task to meet a genuine person.

During my years spent thus far at UMass Amherst, I have heard it all. There are the guys you meet who are conveniently single at the time of introductions, but of course, have girlfriends we later find out about. There are those who possess ridiculous ideas of how to be with someone, sayings things like "everybody cheats these days, right?" Some girls are even labeled "prudes" or my personal favorite, "shady," if they actually have morals and do not to sleep with everything that walks. Essentially, with each passing semester spent at UMass, I wonder "what am I doing wrong?" in regards to my love life. But maybe it isn't me and there is an explanation for my lack of luck.

We may want to get things out of our system, since in a few years, we will all be looking for our lifetime partners. But why be completely closed-minded to the idea of getting to know someone?

First of all, let me just make clear; I am not here pointing fingers. Yes, I may appear to be making generalizations, but truly, they are only observations, which for the purpose of this column, I have related to a specific gender. I know guys exist who still appreciate a woman for who she is and actually care to get to know her. When in relationships, they stay faithful. For that matter, they are even interested in dating. I have even met those who are at the other end of the spectrum, or in other words, the overly-emotional type. For some reason, these small populations of men stay in touch with their feelings and always come across head-over-heels way too soon. Yet, sadly, they always seem to be the ones we see as just friends and will never look beyond our platonic bonds.

What I am sick of hearing, is the phrase "guys suck" whenever I am around any group of girls. I'm tired of always having to think the worst of someone before I get to know them, since my trust in people has completely diminished. I hate watching movies; when girls are taken out on dates and left with just a simple goodnight kiss. Honestly, I believe dating has becomes a lost art of sorts during college. I understand these years are a time when we meet new people, try new things and do not always want to feel tied down. We may want to get things out of our system, since in a few years, we will all be looking for our lifetime partners. But why be completely closed-minded to the idea of getting to know someone?

Normally, this isn't my style of writing. Call me Carrie Bradshaw if you must, since I suddenly feel like the columnist from Sex & the City. But, in recent weeks especially, I have felt the need to vent about my frustrations, as well as many of those other things females of the college age are experiencing. I am not a die-hard feminist, but I believe something needs to change in regards to many people's behavior. I guess in this column, all I really can offer is my advice.

To fellow women who know what it feels like to be hurt, cheated on, disrespected, etc. hopefully you can relate to my thoughts. I have learned from past experiences, we must not search for something meaningful. If it is right, it will come to us. In the meantime, independence is something we must all strive for.

And to the particular guys who are the reasons behind many college girls' misery, it's time to act like men. The coincidentally common trend of playing women for your own personal and selfish amusement has gotten old. If you are looking to be original, be genuine. Granted, there are women out there who are no better and give the rest of the gender a bad rep, but like you all, not everyone is the same.

If people just took the time to consider others for more than just physicality, Valentine's Day wouldn't be such a lonely holiday, our college years could produce more meaningful bonds than just hookups and we could have more faith in what our love lives would entail in the future. But until this happens, I guess I am just another bitter girl looking for Mr. Right in all the wrong places.

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ON THE ROAD WITH AMOS LEE

By Dan DeLuca
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PHILADELPHIA — Amos Lee is going places. So many places, in fact, that he has nowhere to call home.

"I've been on tour for the last year," said the soulful, 6-foot-2 singer-songwriter, back in Philadelphia for a quick breather this month before the March 1 release of his self-titled debut album on Blue Note. "I don't have a place."

Ever since Norah Jones came calling a year ago, "have guitar, will travel" has been the abiding philosophy for Lee, 27, who grew up in the Philadelphia area.

Then last March, Lee gave up his apartment in the city, quit his part-time job tending bar at the cozy Tin Angel nightclub and hit the road, opening for his Blue Note label-mate before big crowds who had no idea who he was. Since then, he's rarely been in Philadelphia for more than a few days at a time, so he crashes at a downtown hotel.

In between touring Europe and the United States with Jones last year — playing almost 100 dates in total — Lee found two weeks in July to record his 11-song debut in New York, produced by Jones' bassist (and boyfriend), Lee Alexander.

The album is a lot like Lee himself: easygoing, amiable, and hard not to like, but with a seriousness lurking beneath the surface. Its earthy, inviting soul-folk sound pulls together the influence of artists from the early 1970s, his favorite period of music, such as soul singers Donny Hathaway and Bill Withers, and songwriters John Prine and James Taylor.

The album has become a calling card that has Lee constantly on the move. He spent last month back in Europe on a promotional tour. The first week in March, he'll play three shows in New York, do "Late Night With David Letterman" (March 2), then launch into two months of shows, opening for Bob Dylan and Merle Haggard in Seattle (March 7).

Bill Eib, who manages Lee, first saw him in 2002. Demos were recorded, showcases were performed, and interest from major label behemoth Universal was generated.

"I think they wanted to turn me into some slick R&B dude," Lee said. "It was very enticing. They take you to Trump Plaza (in Atlantic City) and get you a massage. They act like you're really important, when you're not. Blue Note never did that. They said: 'We dig what you're doing, but we can't promise anything.' I liked that."

Before making a deal, Eli Wolf, head of artists and repertoire at Blue Note, whose roster has expanded beyond its jazz roots to include Van Morrison and Al Green, saw Lee perform several times. So did label chief Bruce Lundvall, who had signed Jones.

"The first time I saw him, he did a lot of covers, and he was really charmingly irreverent on stage," Wolf said. "The next time, he performed as a duo and he did all these original songs I hadn't heard before. And the next time, he had a 10-piece band that was like a funk-soul revue. Every time I saw him, I realized the more depth he had."

After Lee was signed to Blue Note, Jones heard a demo at the record company office and brought it home for Alexander to hear. "Something about his voice grabbed me," the bassist said. "It's something I get from Norah's voice. As a singer, it's the most important thing: I believed what he was saying."

When Jones needed an opening act last year, Lee seemed the perfect fit. Alexander got to see Lee on stage every night in Europe, before they came back to New York to record. "Some nights he'd be playing to not even half a house, and he wasn't fazed by it. He would take the awkwardness and make it a motivating factor. He always had a connection with the local audience."

"Amos Lee" is Alexander's debut as a producer, and the album invites the listener in with an uncluttered, spacious feel reminiscent of Jones' albums. "I didn't really know him that well," Alexander said. "But I felt like I was his best friend. And I wanted to make sure that his first record wasn't overproduced."

Lee had opened for Dylan in 2003, when Dylan's manager, Jeff Kramer, needed a warm-up act for a show in Bushkill, Pa., and called Eib, an old friend, for help. Recently, Lee's manager sent an advance CD to Kramer, and soon the call came, offering Lee the opening spot on the Dylan-Haggard tour.

The young singer admits to being flabbergasted by his good fortune— he just finished reading Dylan's "Chronicles, Vol. 1," which he called "amazing," and is an ardent fan. But he's resolved to keep his head on straight.

"I feel like the music I make has a lot of integrity," he said. "I know it does. It's an honest record, and that's all I tried to do. I just want to be a working musician and play songs for crowds of people, because I love playing more than anything. It beats sitting around. It beats anything."

Like the succinct topic sentence of a smart musical essay, the title of the first cut on singer-songwriter Amos Lee's quietly auspicious debut elegantly presages all that is to follow.

It's a gentle, soulful rumination called "Keep It Loose, Keep It Tight." And for the rest of the album, that's exactly what Lee, producer Lee Alexander, and the assembled musicians, who include Norah Jones and old-school Philly soul cellist Larry Gold, do.

"Amos Lee" (Blue Note, 3 out of 4 stars) keeps it loose _ warm and informal, with an intimate soul-folk sound that's first cousin to Jones' jazzier vibe. And it does keep it tight, with crafty, economical songs that stay in the rhythmic pocket and call attention to Lee's expressive, feathery tenor.

Lee's songs often seem slight at first, but they subtly reveal themselves with repeated listening. The raw wound of "Seen It All Before" is cushioned by Devin Greenwood's surging Hammond B-3. The sprightly twang of "Bottom of the Barrel" recalls John Prine at his most wryly optimistic. And Gold's string arrangement provides a dark undercurrent to the cautionary tale "Soul Suckers" in which Lee nonetheless displays his inherent romanticism: "Nothing is more powerful than beauty in a wicked world."

"Amos Lee" is not going to slay anyone on first hearing. But it's the kind of album that nearly everyone will like, at least a little bit. And it announces the arrival of a singer who seems built for the long haul.



Missouri man watches every movie on the AFI list of 100 greatest American films

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list of essential novels and started reading.

He put that project on hold when he discovered the first AFI list issued in 1998. That was the 100 Greatest American Films project with "Citizen Kane," "Casablanca," "The Godfather," "Gone With the Wind" and "Lawrence of Arabia" holding down the top spots.

"I realized I'd seen maybe 25 of these great movies," Leach recalled. "I didn't know who Grace Kelly or Humphrey Bogart were. I'd never seen a silent movie."

He devoted that summer to renting and watching old movies. With his three sisters moved out and his parents both working, he had the family home in Arnold, Mo. (just south of St. Louis), to himself.

"I saw 75 movies in six weeks. Sometimes I'd get up at 4 a.m. and watch a movie, then see two more in the afternoon."

He found most of the titles he needed at local video stores and at libraries. Once he drove 45 minutes into St. Louis to rent a copy of Al Jolson's "The Jazz Singer."

"I cocooned. Dropped out. Didn't date. Didn't go out at night.

"People would call up and say, 'Whatcha doing?'

"'I'm watching Birth of a Nation.'"

Click.

Two years went by, and Leach, his mission accomplished, enrolled at the UMKC School of Pharmacy.

One day, though, he was visiting a Blockbuster Video store and saw a sign about the latest AFI list.

"I didn't realize they were doing this every year," he said. "All of a sudden I'm like, 'Oh, no, I've got another 200 films to catch up with.'"

Now as soon as the latest AFI list is issued, Leach scans it for titles he hasn't seen and devotes the next few weeks to filling the gaps.

And when he's done, he sets new goals. He has worked his way through Entertainment Weekly's 100 Greatest Movies of All Time. He has created his own must-see lists: the films of Paul Newman or Walt Disney's animated features. And he only recently discovered Westerns.

"If Colin doesn't have a list, he goes into a funk. It's like a depression," roomie Darrin Dillingham said. "But as long as he's got a list he's go, go, go."

There are other lists in Leach's life. For several weeks he got up each morning and cooked a different type of omelet from a list of recipes he compiled. Another time he decided to buy and sample every type of fruit juice available in Kansas City groceries.



Colin Leach works out while watching a movie at his home in Waldo, Mo., as he tries to complete his goal of watching all of the movies on the American Film Institutes list of the top 100 films, of all time.

Asked where this behavior comes from, Leach said he traced it back to his last year at MU and the deaths of two close friends in separate auto accidents.

"At first I was drinking a lot, staying out all night. Then I got sort of philosophical. I decided that life's short. If you like something, drown yourself in it."

Of course, Leach hasn't liked every movie he has seen. Some older movies struck him as insufferably corny.

But he makes himself watch the whole thing. No fast forwarding.

"By your fourth film of the day, things get pretty gruesome," he said. "You have to force yourself to pay attention."

Over time, though, a curious osmosis has occurred.

"The more movies I watch, the less critical I become. Now I just sit back and soak it up. I always find something that validates the time spent.

"At first my attitude was, Well, I'm going to watch all these stupid old movies ...'

"But I found that they were more story-based than today's movies, more heavy on dialogue and with fewer special effects. More attention to the characters."

Leach says he really doesn't have favorites.

"How do you compare Braveheart to Forrest Gump'? It's like looking at two supermodels. They're both great in their own way."

But when pressed, Leach said he was especially blown away by "Casablanca," the Judy Garland version of "A Star Is Born" and anything with Grace Kelly or Audrey Hepburn, "these fantastic women I'd never seen before."

He feared silent film would be boring but was delighted by the work of Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton.

Still, he says, he enjoys the feeling of accomplishment more than the actual act of watching the movie.

"I really enjoy talking about movies. It's a great conversation topic.

"And watching old movies is a nice way of figuring out how the world came to be the way it is. If you watch an old movie, you can see what the people who made it and watched it were thinking."

Recently he has pulled Dillingham and Howitt into his marathon movie-watching binges.

"I feel bad for these guys," he said. "I've created monsters. I really should keep this madness to myself."

But he won't. He's looking forward to June, when the AFI announces its list of the 100 greatest movie quotes. There are bound to be some titles on it that he hasn't seen.

The performers of the 'Neo-future'

By Jennifer Hubbard
Collegian Correspondent

The Neo-Futurist Project helps to give a new meaning to the common idea of theatrical performance. It is truly a one of a kind experience.

Throughout the shows entirety, one can never tell just exactly what will happen next, not even the performers. The price of admission was cheap. What each person attending would pay was a role of the dice literally. Students rolled one die, everyone else rolled two, but either way, no one paid more than 12 dollars for this show.

The show begins informally. Students on a stage were talking and dancing to music. The performers then announced that they will now drop papers from the ceiling that have all 26 letters of the alphabet written on them. Each letter of the individual letters has the name of a skit written on it.

Audience members would run, grab a piece of paper, and bring it over to one of the cast members, who will then tack it to the wall in the order they are given.

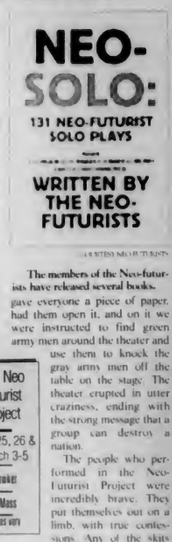
All skits performed were written and learned by the cast members in just 11 days. The cast has absolutely no prior knowledge as to what order they will be performing them. The skits range from jokes, to confessions, to real life social commentary, to dealing with out of control emotions. When the papers were dropped, the whole theater tears out of their seats and actually become part of the show they've come to see. It is truly interactive theater.

Many of the skits included this same sort of active audience participation. In one such skit, the performers grabbed the audience members, gave them hugs and had them dance on the stage with them. The skit was titled "PDAs."

In another, the performers gave everyone a piece of paper, had them open it, and on it we were instructed to find green army men around the theater and use them to knock the gray army men off the table on the stage. The theater erupted in utter craziness, ending with the strong message that a group can destroy a nation.

The people who performed in the Neo-Futurist Project were incredibly brave. They put themselves out on a limb, with true confessions. Any of the skits had the possibility of going wrong and causing the actors to suffer some great embarrassment, but the cast performed everything anyway.

One especially striking skit was about Adam and Eve. One performer told the story, and as she was doing this, clothes were flying onto the stage. It started with shoes, then socks and progressed to pants and shirts, and then finally on the stairs we see two of the performers. They were standing there naked down to their undergarments with blindfolds on. Even with the blindfold, that took incredible bravery on their part. I highly recommend this spontaneous show. It was a great experience



The members of the Neo-futurists have released several books.

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Taskmaster takes on the challenge to complete AFI movie list

By Robert W. Butler
Knight Ridder

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Some men are determined to climb Everest.

Others vow to read every Shakespeare play.

Colin Leach made a pledge to himself to watch every movie listed on the American Film Institute's annual "100 Greatest" list.

So far that's around 600 films. There's some duplication among the seven AFI lists, which are built around the categories greatest American films, greatest heroes and villains, greatest comedies, love stories, heart-pounding movies and movie songs.

If the average movie has a running time of 1 hour and 45 minutes, that's about 105,000 hours Leach has devoted to absorbing old movies. But he can afford it. The 30-year-old pharmacist requires only three or four hours of sleep a night and often arises at 2 a.m. to pop an AFI-honored movie into the DVD player.

"I'll get up at 6 or 7, and Colin will have been awake for three or four hours," said Josh Howitt, one of Leach's roommates. "He's already on his second movie."

Last month Leach completed his quest, at least for now, when a 16mm print of Harold Lloyd's silent 1920s comedy "The Freshman" was screened at a meeting of the Kansas City Independent Filmmakers Coalition at the Westport Coffeehouse. The film isn't available on home video; Leach got the print from a public library in Florida. It was the one AFI-listed movie that he'd been unable to find.

The guy is a movie nut, right?

Well, that's the curious part.

"I'm not obsessed with movies," Leach said over a burger at a restaurant not far from the house he shares with two other young pharmacists. "My obsession is with completion."

In fact, before he launched his film-watching effort Leach was at best a casual moviegoer. Even today he knows almost nothing about film history or film theory. He rarely turns on the TV except to watch a film. He and his roommates don't subscribe to cable.

And he doesn't have a state-of-the-art home theater. Usually he watches movies on a 32-inch TV screen while pedaling away on the stationary bike in his living room.

What he's really into is setting goals.

"Once Colin starts something," Howitt said, "he can't sleep well until he finishes it. If it were the 100 worse movies of all time, he'd have to see them all."

After graduating from the University of Missouri-Columbia almost a decade ago, Leach realized that as a math-and-science type he knew virtually nothing about literature. So he found a

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Leach browses the movie section of the public library in Kansas City, Mo. on Feb. 26, 2005 in search of movies that appear on the American Film Institute's list of top 100 films of all time.

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UMass falls to Xavier

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Katie Nelson, and a handful of baskets down low from Tamara Tatham.

Despite a 16-point performance from forward Aiga Bautre, the Dukes never came within a shooter's range of making it a close game, never narrowing the gap closer than 11 points before falling 67-52.

"We knew we had to come out and be strong," Nelson said. "The past couple games we haven't come out very strong and we knew we were going to have to put two halves together. I think we did a good job of putting the ball in the basket at first, and then playing good defense. They didn't shoot the ball as well as they did last game."

For the third time since Jan. 28, all five starters reached double-figures for UMass, with Nelson (17 points) leading all scorers on the day. Freshman Kate Mills racked up 14 to go with seven rebounds, while UMass's other stellar frosh, guard Pam Rosario, finished the day with 12. Forwards Brooke Campbell (7 rebounds) and Tatham threw down 10 on the afternoon.

DU's Loui Hall (six rebounds) matched Bautre's team-high 16, while Nicole Sinclair (six rebounds, five steals) chipped in with ten.

The Minutewomen closed out the 2004-2005 season with a second-round loss at the hands of a well-rested Xavier squad that turned the tables of UMass almost as quickly as the Minutewomen had done to the Dukes not 24 hours ago.

A-10 Player of the Year finalist Boothe got her double-double average (22 points, 10 rebounds), as was expected, but ultimately it turned out that Suntana Granderson (14 points, three 3-pointers) was the X-factor in Saturday's game. Coming into the game, UMass had been allowing an average of five treys per game by their opponents, but the Muskies went beyond that — they totaled five from beyond the arc in the first half alone.

Xavier went 8-for-23 from three-point land on the day.

"Granderson was unbelievable," Dacko said. "We try and play a man, and then she hits those three's and we have to adjust. We weren't able to give Katie any looks, we weren't able to give Pam any looks, and we missed a bunch."



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Senior forward Brooke Campbell had 10 points and seven rebounds against Duquesne in the A-10s.

Underclassmen ready to shine

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In the Xavier game, the inexperience of the Minutewomen showed as they were dominated by a more seasoned team. Next season UMass won't be considered inexperienced as much of its core players return, including four of the starting five.

The only major loss for UMass is senior forward Brooke Campbell. Campbell was named a third team All-Conference selection and was also named to the All-Defensive team. Campbell was fourth in the A-10 in both rebounds (8.4 pg) and steals (1.22 pg).

Although UMass will be without Campbell, its young players will come back next season with more experience and that should lead to more wins for the Maroon and White.

The other big factor will be the recruiting job Dacko does. The team currently has a solid outside threat in Rosario, two capable post-players in Mills and sophomore Tamara Tatham and a steady point guard in junior Katie Nelson, all whom are coming back next year. What the team is sorely lacking is a player with the ability to create her own shots.

Whether Dacko is able to find such a player on the recruiting trail remains to be seen, but one thing is certain. The Minutewomen are not satisfied with merely advancing one round in the A-10 Tournament.

"We're looking forward to next year," Tatham said. "We know we're going to make a difference in the tournament."



UMass forward Tamara Tatham averaged nine points and five rebounds during the 2004-05 campaign.

Maroon and White win at home

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game, but was replaced by Maxwell at the point.

Collins received his first start for UMass and grabbed a steal during the first possession of the game. Collins would play for three minutes and admits that there was some added excitement in getting his first Division 1 start.

"I'm not used to getting myself that ready for a game. It was a little weird and kind of went by in a blur," Collins said.

In his first full-time role as point guard since high school, Maxwell put together an impressive effort. He had 12 points and six assists in the game, including four rebounds.

Maxwell played 38 minutes in the game and may be forced to put in extra time throughout the post-season with the absence of Anderson.

"I had no choice but to be comfortable. It's a lot different than playing point in high school." Maxwell said. "I felt comfortable enough to know that I could lead us to a win."

UMass coach Steve Lappas was pleased with he way his sophomore duo, Lasme and Maxwell, played together. Lappas believes that both players should be up for Most Improved Player in the conference this year.

"He (Lasme) has to be one of the most improved players in the league. The problem is Maurice Maxwell is one of the most improved players in the league, too," Lappas said. "We take him for granted, but he has really improved. I'm worried that they're going to split the vote. One of them should be the Most Improved Player. I hope Stephane is because I think Maurice will make one of the All-League teams, and he deserves it."

Minutemen pound Bulldogs

MEN'S LAX from page 8

coming up, and they beat us too and Albany [on March 15], so we've got a list of teams to take down. We've got a lot of revenge going around so it should be good."

The Bulldogs were able to provide a brief scare a few minutes later in the third quarter when they had a two-man advantage. David Schecter scored to make it an 8-3 game, and midfielder Dan Kallaugher picked up the ensuing face-off, marched downfield and hit Seth Goldberg, who scored just six seconds after the previous Yale goal to cut the lead to 8-4.

It was the only goal for Goldberg, who led the Bulldogs with 32 scores last year, and Cannella said that shutting him down was a primary focus.

"He's an excellent player, a guy that has had some goals against us and led the team in goals last year, so anytime you face somebody like that, you try to shut him down... Matt Garcia was guarding him throughout the game and did a really good job."

The Minutemen responded to the quick flurry of Yale goals and never allowed the Bulldogs to get closer than that four-goal margin.

Crimson down Minutewomen

By Rob Greenfield
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts women's lacrosse team was defeated 12-7 by Harvard Saturday at Jordan Field in Cambridge.

The Minutewomen came into the contest with a 1-1 record, looking to notch a victory against a team that was playing its first game of the season.

Harvard struck early when junior Alfie Kaveney scored unassisted just 31 seconds into the game.

Harvard	12
UMass	7

However, UMass answered with back-to-back goals by junior Lindsey Cassell (28:54 left in the first) and sophomore Shelley Boyle (21:35).

However, Harvard senior Elaine Belitsos two goals in the span of one minute to put UMass down 3-2 and send it into an inescapable downward spiral.

After Belitsos' two goals, Harvard scored the next four, putting the Minutewomen down 7-2 at halftime. UMass was held scoreless for the last twenty minutes of the first half, with momentum being held firmly on the Crimson's side.

While the Minutewomen came out of the gate playing well (2-1 lead after 10 minutes) and not turning the ball over, the tables turned quickly with Harvard being the aggressor, forcing turnovers and beating UMass to loose balls. Inside the 20 minute mark, UMass struggled to keep the ball out of its own zone as Harvard controlled possession for most of the half.

With Harvard leading 7-2 at the half and in the middle of a 6-0 run, the Minutewomen had to do something to quell the Harvard attack. Freshman Kathleen Typadis provided a hope for UMass as she knifed through the defense scoring unassisted just 13 seconds into the second half to cut the lead to four. Harvard struck back a mere 12 seconds later with a goal by Belitsos.

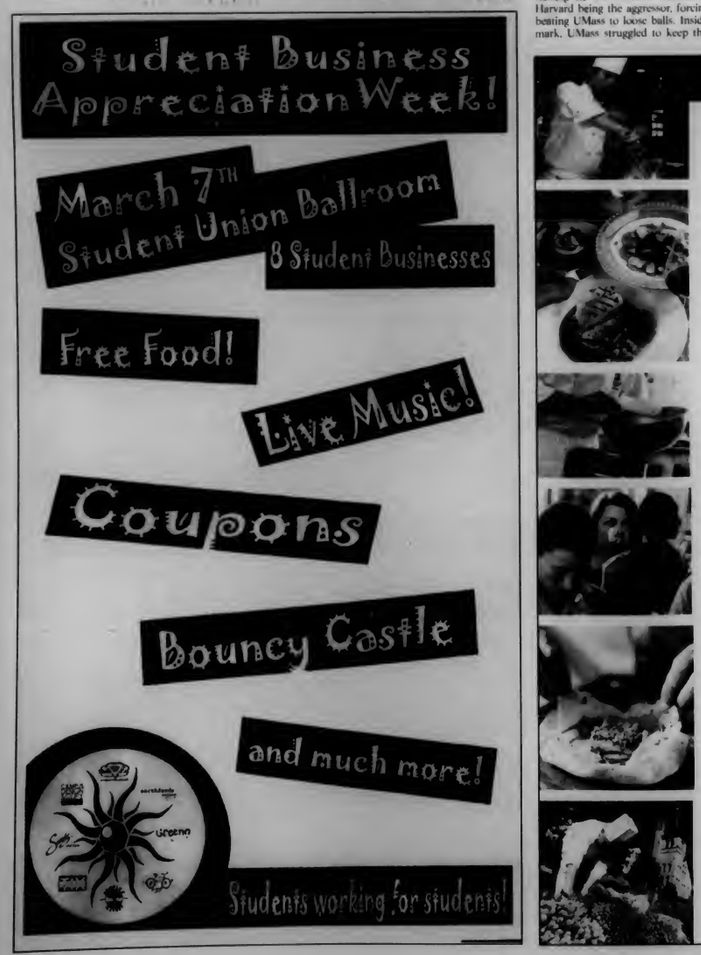
Typadis responded again with another unassisted goal 1:50 seconds later, bringing UMass to within four again.

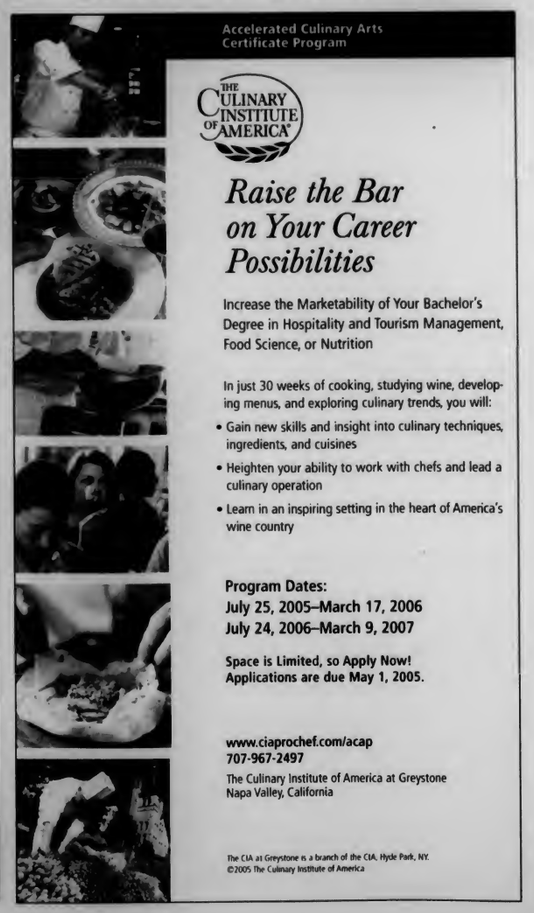
Four goals was as close as it would get for the rest of the game as Harvard always seemed to have an answer. Belitsos tallied back-to-back goals for the second time in the game (coming at 24:13 and 23:47 left in the second half) to put the Minutewomen down by six.

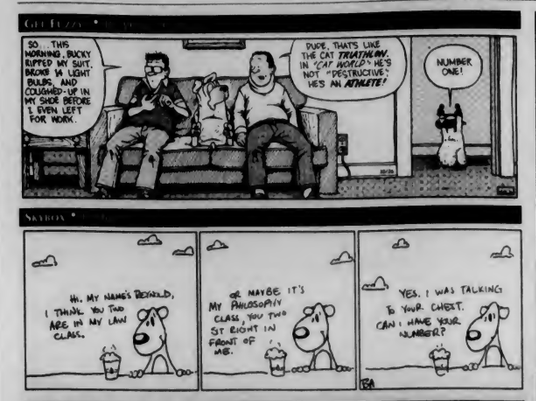
UMass continued to try and chip away at the lead, but Harvard always had a play to end the momentum for the Minutewomen.

Harvard's Caroline Hines finished the game with a tremendous seven assists, followed by an equally impressive performance by Elaine Belitsos, who recorded six goals on the day.

UMass freshman Kathleen Typadis finished with four goals, all in the second half. In the three games this season Typadis has scored 10 goals, and has averaged four points per game this year.







QUOTE OF THE DAY

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—Emily Dickinson



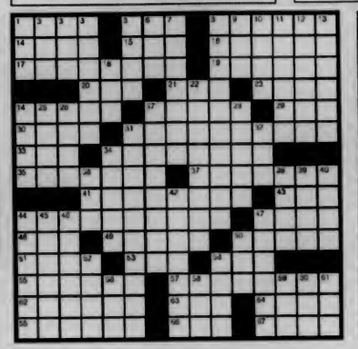
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UMass survives Duquesne

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

All eyes were on Stephane Lasme as he stood at the free throw line in complete and utter silence.

With 13 second left, the Massachusetts men's basketball team (16-11 9-7 A-10) was up 67-64 against Atlantic 10 rivals Duquesne in its last home game of the season. Lasme was fouled in a desperate attempt to stop time and calmly dropped both free throws en route to a 69-64 victory.

UMass	69
Duquesne	64

The win put UMass in sole possession of third place in the A-10 East, setting up a first round match up in the Atlantic 10 tournament against LaSalle on Wednesday in the U.S. Bank Arena in Cincinnati, Ohio at 2 p.m.

Lasme was flawless from the charity strip throughout the game, tying a school record while going 14-of-14. He finished with 16 points and 11 rebounds and was an aggressive force against an undersized Duquesne (8-21 5-11 A-10) frontcourt.

"I think he's one of the most improved players in the league. Defensive wise he got a couple bad calls against him but he still played hard," UMass swingman Maurice Maxwell said. "He can get to the line and knock down free throws now. His concentration, focus, and how hard he plays- you can't really measure that."

The Minutemen led by seven going into the half, but allowed the Dukes to come firing out of the gates, led by Bryant McAllister. McAllister hit jumpers on consecutive possessions, putting the score at 37-34, in favor of UMass.

There were two lead changes in the second half, with the Dukes taking the lead at the 15-minute mark. After a foul by Rashaun Freeman, there was a media timeout on the floor. On the ensuing play, Duquesne guard Chauncey Duke nailed a three slating the score at 41-39 in favor of the Dukes.

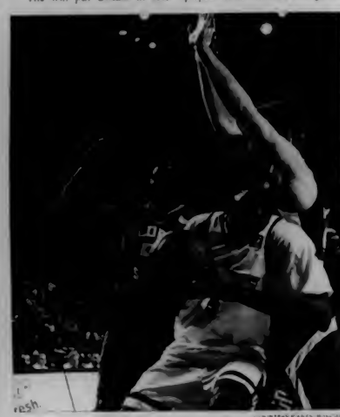
The lead was short-lived as Lasme went to hit four consecutive free throws over the next two possessions giving the Minutemen a 43-41 edge. UMass would not trail again and would lead by as much as 12 points in the half.

Pacing the offense for Duquesne was the outstanding play of McAllister and senior point guard Martin Osimani. McAllister had a team-high 14 points, while Osimani was the offensive organizer, dishing out seven assists.

Although it was senior day for UMass, the elder statesmen were banged up and received a combined 11 minutes of playing time. Chris Chadwick and Tim Collins both started for the Minutemen, while captain Anthony Anderson sat in street clothes as he battles an ailing back which will keep him out or the rest of the season.

Chadwick had a stomach virus coming into the game and could only put in eight minutes. He scored two points in the

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COURTESY KAREN WINCER

Sophomore forward goes in for a layup against Florida State on Feb. 15. Lasme has 16 points against Duquesne on Saturday afternoon.

Minutemen crush Bulldogs

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

Through two games this season, the Massachusetts men's lacrosse team has operated like a finely tuned machine.

UMass (2-0) has breezed through two wins behind a suffocating defense and a very solid offense that was once again led by Sean Morris on Saturday in the team's 12-6 victory over Yale (0-1) at Garber Field.

The Minutemen used a six-goal spurt between the second and third quarters to break a 2-2 tie and seal the victory, allowing the 643 fans in attendance to go home happy after braving through a bitterly cold wind during the UMass home opener.

UMass	12
Yale	6

The Maroon and White will take the field again on Wednesday at Harvard at 3 p.m. and will resurface at Garber on Saturday at noon against Stony Brook.

Morris followed his four-goal performance against Hofstra with a hat trick on Saturday; Jeff Zywicki and Brett Garber each tabbed in with a pair of goals.

Garber, a sophomore who everyday walks onto the field that is named after his grandfather Richard, scored his first two goals since his three-goal outburst on May 1 of last year in a loss to Syracuse.

"We were playing well as a team, and I just came out here to do the best I can and help out the team, and I put a couple in," Garber said. "I just go out there and play everyday. It's nice to get two goals. It feels good. It gives me a lot of confidence next week and the weeks on."

UMass coach Greg Cannella, who isn't one to spotlight his players on an individual level, did find some gratification in Garber's effort.

"He's a real hard worker," Cannella said. "It's great to see guys that work that hard and care about it that much succeed."

"It's good to see some of those other guys score," Cannella said in regards to the five Minutemen who tallied their first goals of the year. "You think about Zywicki and Morris, and I know they finished with some goals, but Jamie Yaman scores, Pat Larmon scores, Brett Garber scores; that's what picked the team up, when the guys that aren't supposed to score, score; because I know Yale wasn't counting on those guys scoring."

Another first for the Minutemen on Saturday was a save. Goalie Bill Schell didn't record any saves against Hofstra in the season opener, but managed to stop 12 shots, seven of those coming in the second half.

The Bulldogs tried offsetting the UMass attack by starting the game with long, drawn-out possessions to limit the Maroon and White's offensive scoring chances, and it was an effective strategy through the first 20 minutes of the game.

But with the scored knotted at 2 in the second quarter, the Minutemen flexed their muscles and broke the game open.

Bret Caretsky, a junior transfer from Maryland, drove from behind the right side of the net and whipped a left-handed sidearm shot past freshman goalie George Caralides to give UMass a 3-2 edge with 11:23 to play in the opening half.

Two minutes later, Morris pushed the lead to a pair when he crossed behind the net, wrapped around the left side and beat Caralides for his first goal of the game.

Gene Tundo recorded his second of the year with 4:47 to play in the second quarter, and Larmon ran to the cage uncovered and fired a laser to the top-right corner of the net with 1:12 remaining to extend the UMass advantage to 6-2 heading into intermission.

Just 2:40 into the second half, Morris used a stutter-step to get around his defender and got off a quick shot to beat the Yale goaltender and give the Minutemen a five-goal lead.

The six-goal run, UMass' longest of the young season, was capped off just under two minutes later when Tundo found a cutting Andrew Recchione in front of the Yale net, and Recchione capitalized ▪ push the lead to 8-2.

"Last year they beat us, so we had a little revenge on our minds," Morris said. "We've got Harvard

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COURTESY MASS MEDIA RELATIONS

Sean Morris has been an integral part of the UMass offense this season. He had a hat-trick against Yale.

Mixed results cap off season

By Andrew Merritt
Collegian Staff

BOSTON - In a span of 48 hours this weekend, the Massachusetts hockeyteam showed that it can either be a dominant, dark-horse candidate for the Hockey East Tournament, or a limping, overmatched also-ran.

The good came Friday night, when the Minutemen beat Northeastern 2-1 at the Mullins Center, but the bad and the ugly came the next night In Boston, as the Huskies walked all over UMass to the tune of an 8-3 NU victory.

UMass	2
Northeastern	1

The Minutemen finish their regular season schedule with a 13-21-2 overall record, and are 6-16-2 in Hockey East play. As the No. 8 seed, they drew top-dog Boston College for the quarterfinal round of the playoffs, which begins on Friday at Chestnut Hill. The best-of-three series will be played on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday if necessary, all at Boston College.

Northeastern	8
UMass	3

The Huskies (13-6-5, 10-10-4 Hockey East) finished sixth, and will play their three-game set at New Hampshire.

Friday night's game was the first UMass win over a Hockey East opponent in almost a month, dating back to the 3-1 win at Merrimack on Feb. 5.

The Huskies had two excellent chances to open the scoring in the second period, but Jason Guerriero's wrister from the blue line hit the crossbar with 9:45 to go, and he had a goal disallowed after knocking the puck in with his skate 45 seconds later. Kevin Jarman broke the deadlock 1:39 into the third period when he followed James Solon into the zone, and jumped on the rebound from Solon's shot, slipping it past NU's Adam Geragosian to make it 1-0.

Stephen Werner followed up with 7:16 to go, getting another rebound off of Zech Klann's wrister and poking it home to give the Minutemen a 2-0 advantage. Goaltender Gabe Winer held on to that advantage for almost the whole game, but his bid for a fifth career shutout was spoiled by Guerriero, who blasted a slap shot at the buzzer. The puck crossed the goal line an instant before the final tenth of a second ticked off, giving Guerriero a rare hockey buzzer-beater.

It was too little, too late for the Huskies, but they more than made up for it the next night at home. Northeastern jumped out to an early 2-0 lead on goals from Guerriero and Brian Esner, and responded to a Minuteman goal with 8:58 left in the first period by scoring two more, one from Tim Judy with a minute to go in the first, and one from Mike Morris 1:14 into the second.

The Minutemen woke up and began to rally, with goals from Werner and Marvin Degon making it 4-3 at the end of the second.

The end of the road

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

WASHINGTON — After opening up the Atlantic 10 Women's Basketball Tournament last Friday with a vengeance-driven 67-52 pounding of the Duquesne Dukes, the Massachusetts women's basketball team realized the significance of the all-important first round bye.

Having played A-10 West seed No. 2 Xavier Musketeers evenly through the first 15 minutes of the game, XU All-Conference forward Tara Boothe finally got loose on the inside and out, allowing Xavier to blaze out a 13-2 run to close out the first half. The Minutewomen never recovered, coming no closer than 14 through the remainder of the game en route to a 69-46 loss.

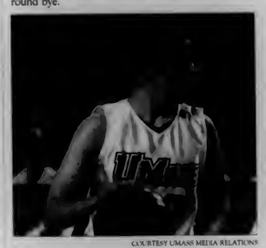
"Boothe got her average today [game-high 22 points] in 28 minutes," UMass coach Marnie Dacko said. "She's a great player, she had fresh legs, and I think our kids have to understand the value of the bye, why we play for the bye, and how critical it was to win one of those last four conference games down the stretch."

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But given the fact that the Minutewomen (14-15) were losers of five straight heading into last weekend's tournament, and had seen their once-sure first round bye get overtaken by a an 8-19 URI squad (the worst team to ever achieve a first-round bye in A-10 history), Friday's game was a change from the ordinary.

Moreover, they did it against a Duquesne (10-18) team that had pummeled them by a total of 140-107 over the last two meetings. UMass controlled this game from the opening tip-off right until the final buzzer of the game, starting the game off with a 21-5 run on a pair of 3-pointers from Pam Rosanio and

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Senior point guard Katie Nelson played her last game against Xavier in the Atlantic 10 tournament.

Softball battles in the south

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

As many tried to escape the frigid 30-degree weather, the Massachusetts softball team (3-6) traveled to the substantially warmer Boca Raton, Fla. to face off in the Doubletree Worth Invitational last weekend.

Throughout the two-day tournament, the Maroon and White saw two shutouts and two games decided by one run. The Minutewomen are back in action Thursday as they take part in the Speedline Invitational in Clearwater, Fla.

The team's first game of the Invitational was against favored Florida-International, which was ranked No. 22 in the nation coming into this game.

Coming off of a 14-strikeout game the previous weekend, senior Barb LaFogg picked up where she left off. Lafogg allowed three hits and struck out 12 batters in the Minutewomen's first shutout win of the season.

Offensively, it was junior playmaker KJ Kelley who recorded the first hit of the game, doubling to center field and allowing senior Hillary Puglia to score.

With veterans Kelly and Puglia taking action first, the remaining scores were brought in by two sophomores and a freshmen.

Sophomore Amanda Morin drove in freshman Lauren Proctor and sophomore Candice Molinari recorded an RBI to cap the game. The UMass offense managed three runs against FIU senior Amanda Nealer, who holds multiple records for the Golden Panthers, including the most all-time strikeouts.

After shutting out one Florida team, the Minutewomen were shutout by another later that day, losing 5-0 to Florida Atlantic.

Throughout the seven innings, a steady stream of FAU batters crossed home plate as the offense that scored three runs earlier on Saturday did not manage one. This marks the second shutout that UMass has lost this season.

The following morning against Bethune Cookman, UMass built up a sizable lead going into the seventh inning, as it was won 6-2. Kelly homered in the first inning, giving the team an early edge and LaFogg allowed five scoreless innings, despite giving up seven hits.

Senior Denise Denis tripled to drive in a run. Sophomore pinch runner Michea Holness scored and Proctor managed to get home as the team continued to accumulate runs in the fourth inning. Bethune Cookman rallied in the bottom of the seventh, however, scoring five runs against junior pitcher Jenna Busa.

The loss sent UMass into the consolation game where they once again met FIU. The Minutewomen had flashbacks of the previous day, going scoreless in the first five innings. With Busa holding FIU to one run, the Golden Panthers grasped a small lead going into the sixth inning. In the bottom of the sixth, with two outs, the lineup featured two freshman and Denis.

After freshman Stacy Cullington was hit by a pitch, Proctor hit a single to get onto base.

Dacko looking to the future

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

WASHINGTON - When the season ended for the Massachusetts women's basketball team on Saturday, there was very little time spent dwelling on what could have been. Instead, the Minutewomen began looking towards next year.

The season ended for the Minutewomen (14-15) when they lost 69-46 to Xavier (20-8) in the quarterfinals of the Atlantic 10 Tournament in Washington, D.C. After the game, UMass coach Marnie Dacko expressed her disappointment about the season coming to an end, but she was already looking ahead to what could be in store for her young team.

"I didn't want to give up on this year yet," Dacko said. "But I have to be optimistic for next year. We've got to look to the future and building this program. These kids have to come out ready to go. It's no longer this season. It's next year now."

Such an attitude is necessary in college athletics because if a coach doesn't keep an eye on the future, the program cannot be consistently competitive. And consistency is exactly what Dacko is seeking.

In Dacko's three years at the helm, the Minutewomen have been up-and-down. In her first season, UMass finished 14-14 but fell to 6-22 last year. Dacko brought UMass back to respectability this year, but the season certainly can't be labeled as a success.

The Minutewomen squandered a first round bye in the conference tournament by losing their final five games of the season, and finished with a losing record for the second consecutive year.

Dacko attributes the Minutewomen's inability to secure the bye to their inexperience, and she feels losing out on the bye cost them because they did not have fresh legs for Xavier after playing a first-round game.

"They have to understand how critical it would have been to win one of those games down the stretch."

There were some bright spots, though, as UMass was able to rebound from its late-season skid to win the first conference tournament game of Dacko's tenure. That win came against Duquesne, 67-52, in the first round on Friday.

The team showed its potential in the win over Duquesne (10-18). Freshmen Kate Mills and Pam Rosanio, who were both named to the conference All-Rookie team, were two of the key contributors in the win, contributing 14 and 12 points, respectively.

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Student-run businesses get recognized

By Matthew Belliveau
Collegian Staff

Most college students have enough trouble properly balancing their social life with their schoolwork. So it's hard for many to believe that there are college students that actually run their own businesses. But, with the help of the Center for Student Businesses, over 140 UMass students having been making believers out of those doubters for over 30 years.

All eight of the UMass student-run businesses assembled inside the Student Union Ballroom yesterday, kicking off the first annual "Student Business Appreciation Week".

Established in 1975, the CSB has provided services and support to student-run businesses while insuring their stability and long-term survival.

The CSB is set in place in order to help students develop the skills needed in order to be successful in running a business. Through their work in the cooperatives, students are given a hands-on approach to learning and understanding the skills needed in order for their business to survive.



MEGAN BENTEIRA / COLLEGIAN

Eight student-run groups gather in the Student Union Ballroom yesterday, to kick off 'Student Business Appreciation Week'.

Of the eight student-run businesses at UMass, five are located within the Student Union building: People's Market; Tickets Unlimited; Campus Design & Copy; Bike Co-op and Earthfoods. The other three, Sylvan Snack Bar, Greeno Sub Shop and Sweets and More, are located in the residential areas around campus.

Collectively, the businesses generate over $750,000 in revenues and employ over 140 students under the guidance of the CSB staff.

All of these businesses are run in the cooperative management style. This means that each employee of the business is given the title of "co-manager", allowing the student to have a real influence on the decisions made in their business. The number of co-managers employed in a certain business ranges anywhere from five to thirty students.

Oddly enough, none of the 140 students that work in these businesses are business majors. But they are not left without help, each of the eight businesses are assigned business majors to consult them in the inner-workings of the company. Nine consultants from the UMass School of Management are spread out between the 8 businesses. While the consultants do not have the final say in how the businesses run, they can advise the co-managers and help push them towards making a profit.

When Ronak Dave', consultant for Greeno's Sub Shop, was first introduced to Greeno's, they were losing nearly $4000 a month.

"I looked at their numbers and I noticed that we were purchasing our products at the wrong price, certain companies had jacked up their prices and we never adjusted to it. We were also selling our product at such a low price that it was nearly impossible for us to make any profit," said Dave. "So during our meetings with the co-managers, I would sit down and show them the numbers and advise them to change their purchasing and pricing. This way we, as consultants, can work with the people that have a direct access to chang-

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UMPD searching for stabbing suspect

UMass Police are currently looking for one suspect in the stabbing of a UMass student early Sunday morning outside the Student Union Ballroom, according to UMPD Deputy Chief Patrick Archbald.

The stabbing took place during an after-party of a fashion show, which was hosted by Soul TV, a UMass registered student organization that promotes artistic programming.

Police say the male victim received a stab wound to the neck during the fight. Amherst Fire Department transported him to Holyoke Hospital where he was treated and released.

Eyewitnesses said the stabbing victim was a member of the UMass football team, but police would not confirm the victim's identity.

According to police, a fight erupted inside the ballroom around 12:30 a.m. before a group of people spilled outside the ballroom, where two officers stood detail. Police used pepper spray to diffuse the situation.

"There were about 30 people who were actively engaged in the fight," Archbald said. "That's when we used the pepper spray."

The group of 30 then split up into at least three smaller groups, who continued assaulting each other, said police.

Meanwhile, police claimed there was still a fight going on inside the ballroom that had not stopped. During this fight, an individual was allegedly kicked in the head.

Monique Jemmott, a UMass student who was director of the fashion show and the after-party said the chain of events happened very quickly.

"It was very chaotic," Jemmott said. "By the time I realized what happened, people were fleeing out the door."

According to witnesses, innocent bystanders attempting to flee the ballroom were subjected to inhaling pepper spray as they exited through the front doors. However, police defended their use of the spray, saying it was needed to protect the safety of the two officers.

The party took place after a successful fashion show, according to Jemmott, who said the show "went beautifully."

—Dan O'Brien

Bush appoints new U.S. ambassador

By Barry Schweid
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — John R. Bolton, a tough-talking arms control official who rarely muffles his views in diplomatic niceties, was chosen Monday by President Bush to be U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Senate Democrats immediately assailed the nomination, arguing that it didn't make sense for the president to pick a diplomat who has sometimes been critical of the world body at a time when mending fences with the international community was imperative. Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said Bolton's selection sent "all the wrong signals."

Anticipating a possible fight over confirmation — in 2001, Bolton was approved for his current post over the opposition of 43 Democratic senators — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said, "Through our history some of our best ambassadors have been those with strong voices." She mentioned former U.N. ambassadors Jeanne Kirkpatrick and Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

In his tenure, Bolton has angered officials in North Korea and China with his hard-edged approach. In fact, the Pyongyang government, furious with his comments, refused to negotiate with him.

Bolton, whose career has included posts in the administrations of President Reagan and the first President Bush, promised to work closely with members of Congress to advance Bush's policies and said his record demonstrated "clear support for effective multilateral diplomacy."

Mindful that he, like the president, has sometimes questioned the relevance of the United Nations, Bolton said, "Working closely with others is essential to ensure a safer world."

Rice praised the international organization as she announced Bolton's selection.

"The United States is committed to the success of the United Nations, and we view the U.N. as an important component of our diplomacy," she said.

She said Bolton "knows how to get things done," citing his work in nullifying a U.N. resolution that equated Zionism, the philosophic underpinning of a Jewish state, with racism, and in organizing 60 countries to curb the spread of dangerous weapons.

U.N. Secretary-General Koli Annan, who was alerted in a telephone call from Rice in advance of the appointment, said through a spokesman he looked forward to working with Bolton.

"I don't know about what previous biases he may bring here," said spokesman Stephane Dujarric. "We have nothing against people who do hold us accountable. On the contrary, I think we do want to be held accountable."

Democrats on the Senate



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John R. Bolton

Foreign Relations Committee roundly criticized Bolton.

John Kerry, D-Mass., said that if Bush were serious about reaching out to the world, "why would he choose someone who has expressed such disdain for working with our allies?" Kerry, the unsuccessful 2004 presidential candidate, said Bolton's nomination "carries with it baggage we cannot afford."

Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., said Bolton's "antipathy to the U.N. will prevent him from effectively discharging his duties as our ambassador."

Confirmation hearings are expected to be held next month.

Last month, in a strongly worded speech in Tokyo, Bolton lashed out at China for not stopping its munitions companies from selling missile technology to Iran and other nations the United States considers rogue states.

Two years ago, Bolton denounced North Korean leader Kim Jong Il as a "tyrannical dictator" and described life under the ruler as "a hellish nightmare."

A North Korean spokesman fired back that "such human scum and bloodsucker is not entitled to take part in the talks" on North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

In his current post as undersecretary for arms control and international security, Bolton, 56, has traveled frequently in the past four years, mostly to try to halt the spread of dangerous technology.

A-10 Shootout names co-ed winners

By Jonathan Vega
Collegian Staff

The four coed team finalists of the Atlantic 10 Shootout competed for a chance to win $10,000 at the Atlantic 10 coed championship shootout that is being held the U.S. Bank Arena in Cincinnati, Ohio, this Saturday.

The University of Massachusetts shootout finals were held during halftime of the UMass Men's Basketball game against Duquesne.

Last Thursday, the four-team finalists began with 346 other male, female and coed teams which vied for a shot at the $10,000. Only coed teams are considered for the opportunity to compete in the Atlantic 10 national shootout competition for the prize money.

According to the Web site of the Atlantic 10, atlantic-10.org/shootout/, the University of Massachusetts coed champions, Josh Donovan and Christine LeBlanc, will move on to face twelve teams from competing Atlantic 10 conference universities from across the nation.

The four-team finalists who competed on Saturday are: Josh Donovan and Christine LeBlanc, Alex Lonczak and Angela Castado, Alex Rolfe and Ellen Cushing, finally Zach Cohen and Julee Goldberg. Josh Donovan and Christine LeBlanc won the shootout defeating Zach Cohen and Julee Goldberg in the final round, 14 - 9.

Men's Division shootout winners are Ben Rosenfeld and Diana Smith; women's shootout winners are Rachelle Hess and Diana Smith. All first place divisional shootout winners received free airline tickets to any USAirways destination in the lower 48 states. USAirways was generous enough to donate the 1st place Atlantic 10 Shootout prize.

Kathleen Cloran, who is an Event Coordinator and Director of the Atlantic 10 Shootout, has made the shootout at UMass a tremendous success. Cloran has been on the road since Feb., 2, 2005 making the shootouts happen at participating universities which include: Temple University, the University of Dayton, the University of Rhode Island, Fordham University, LaSalle and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Sports Management students Benjamin Brown, Leslie McGovern and Lindsey McCarty coordinated the shootout competition's logistics

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JESSICA WINTERS / COLLEGIAN

Co-ed partners Christine LeBlanc and Josh Donovan pose with Sam The Minuteman after winning the A-10 Shootout.

Boeing forces out CEO because of new scandal

By Dave Carpenter
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Boeing Co. CEO Harry Stonecipher, brought back from retirement 15 months ago to boost the aerospace manufacturer's tainted image, has been forced out because of a new ethics scandal involving an affair he had this year with a female company executive.

In a stunning announcement that left the exact circumstances behind the ouster unclear, Boeing said Monday the 68-year-old president and chief executive officer had resigned at the board's request a day earlier for improper behavior while carrying out the consensual relationship.

Chairman Lew Platt said the affair by itself did not violate the code of business conduct at the company, where a string of defense scandals has raised questions about the way Boeing obtains its lucrative contracts. But an internal investigation that started because of an employee's complaint discovered "some issues of poor judgment" involving Stonecipher, who is married.

Platt refused repeated requests to be more specific and did not identify the female executive, whom he said remains with Boeing.

"The board concluded that the facts reflected poorly on Harry's judgment and would impair his ability to lead the company," he said.

Chief financial officer James Bell, 56, will serve as acting CEO until a successor is found but is not a candidate for the permanent job, the company said. Analysts named Boeing executives Alan Mulally and Jim Albaugh as possible choices, along with 3M Co. CEO James McNerney Jr., who is a Boeing board member. Mulally heads Boeing's Seattle-based commercial airplane business, and Albaugh heads its more than $30 billion-a-year defense business.

Boeing insisted the move has nothing to do with its operational performance or financial condition. Bell even praised "Harry's forceful leadership" as leaving the company in strong shape.

Wall Street took the news in stride. Boeing shares, which had been trading at 3 1/2-year highs, dropped 8 cents to close at $58.30 on the New York Stock Exchange.

"Boeing's primary customers, the airlines and the Pentagon, are still going to keep on buying Boeing's airliners and weapon systems based on performance and price, not on palace intrigues," said Robert Friedman, senior aerospace defense analyst for Standard and Poor's.

Nevertheless, the emergence of another ethical flap is an embarrassing jolt to a company that had been trying to put two years of scandal behind it.

Stonecipher's predecessor, Phil Condit, resigned Dec. 1, 2003, as a result of the defense contracting controversies that ultimately sent two Boeing executives — ex-Air Force procurement official Darleen Druyun and chief financial officer Mike Sears — to prison.

Analysts appeared split over the decision to get rid of Stonecipher.

R.I. Attorney General sues Keyspan Co.

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Rhode Island's attorney general on Monday sued energy company Keyspan over its plan to build an expanded liquefied natural gas terminal in Providence, the latest round in a debate over who can decide where the facilities should be located.

The lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court by Attorney General Patrick Lynch asserts that Rhode Island should have the right to decide whether Keyspan can add to its LNG facility in Providence. Keyspan filed a federal lawsuit last month asking the court to decide how the state Coastal Resources Management Council should treat its application for the Providence terminal.

Lynch's suit argues states should be allowed to reject a proposal based on underwater sovereignty issues.

"A regulation cannot and will not preempt (Rhode Islanders') ownership, their title to the seabed of Narragansett Bay," Lynch said.

Keyspan spokeswoman Carmen Fields said the company would not comment on pending litigation.

The lawsuits underscore a battle between state and local leaders and energy companies over whether the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has exclusive power to determine where LNG terminals are located.

FERC supports the plans to expand the Providence facility, and to build an LNG terminal in Fall River, Mass., and in Long Island Sound off the Connecticut coast.

New England lawmakers have said the proposals create security concerns and could impede some vessel traffic and fishing in waterways. Many municipal leaders also have objected to the plans.

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Correction, Misprint, or Error

In last Friday's article about the UMass chef 'cook off', we incorrectly identified Willie Sng as Ken Toong standing to the right of Sam the Minuteman in a photo. The Collegian regrets this error.

Students shootout

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on campus.

"We started our tour in the middle of January and this is our 12th and final stop," says Cloran, "winners are going to have fun competing at the Atlantic 10 men's basketball conference on March 11th in Cincinnati."

"The winners of Saturday's finals will receive an all expenses paid trip to Cincinnati to shoot in the finals. They even have their food paid for," says Brown. "They should have fun!"

Runners-up in Saturday's shootout received Spaulding Atlantic 10 Conference basketballs.

Cloran points out that, "the events have run really smoothly, we've had great sports management interns here helping us with the logistics so everything has been running really well."

According to Brown, Saturday's shootout had teams shoot from designated areas in thirty-second rounds. No teammate could shoot twice in a row and each shot had to be from a different location. Shot locations around the three-point line were weighed from 5 to 8 points while successful shots from the in the free-throw zone were given 2 to 4 points, respectively. Any successful layups give the scoring team one point.

Brown added that sponsor support, "really made the event as great as it is."

According to Cloran, the tournament has been growing each year. UMass had the most competing teams out of any participating school with 346 registered teams.

Fights claim dozens of lives in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Guerrillas launched a series of attacks in Iraq on Monday that left 31 people dead and dozens wounded as the country took its first major step toward forming a government whose most crucial task will be dealing with the insurgency.

Bulgaria said one of its soldiers killed in Iraq on Friday was likely hit by friendly fire from coalition troops. The shooting came on the same day as U.S. troops lined on a car carrying Italian journalist Giuliana Sgrena, wounding her and killing an Italian intelligence officer who negotiated her release from insurgents.

Al-Qaida in Iraq purportedly claimed responsibility in an Internet statement for much of the bloodshed — violence in and around Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, where 15 people died. Another car bomb killed 12 people in Balad, southeast of Baqouba.

The Baqouba assaults included a car bomb, three roadside bombs and small arms attacks three checkpoints, one of them just south of Baqouba in Muradiyah, said police Col. Mudhalar al-Iubbori.

U.S. Maj. Ed House said a suicide car bombing outside a police station there killed nine people and wounded 17. The dead included the bomber, two police, three soldiers and three civilians.

In another attack near the city, a group of about 20 insurgents in five vehicles attacked an army checkpoint with assault rifles and rocket-propelled grenades, killing five Iraqi soldiers. The troops fought back, killing one of the attackers. Nine people were wounded, House said.

Militants also fired a mortar near the blue-domed governor's office, but no one was hurt, said a spokesman for the U.S. 42nd Infantry Division, Maj. Richard Goldenberg.

Another car bomb exploded outside the home of Iraqi army Lt. Col. Mohammed Abdul Mutaled in Balad, 50 miles north of Baghdad, killing 12 people and injuring 21 others, said the city's police chief, Ayad Ahmed. Hospital officials said most of the casualties were bystanders. Iraqi security forces are frequently targeted by insurgents.

—*Associated Press*

Student Business Appreciation Week kicks off annual event

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ing the way the business is run.

In order to share the workload and the responsibilities that come with running a business, the students are split up into a long list of committees. These committees deal with a wide array of issues including advertising, bulk ordering, customer service, employee diversity and more.

The common perception would be that eight businesses running in such a small area would create an enormous level of competition. But according to Rosemary Schmidt, director of the CSB, the tight quarters only bring the students closer to each other.

"The People's Market sells certain items like coffee and bagels, while Earthfoods in solidarity with People's Market, sells soups and salads, or basically anything that People's Market doesn't sell. This way they're not in competition with each other, they're actually supporting each other and working together," said Schmidt. "Learning to work with the businesses around you is nearly as important as learning how to run a business itself. By working together, the students get a lot more done than they would by just trying to make their business the best."

Alvin Gonzalez, co-manager of Campus Design & Copy, also thinks its essential for each of the eight businesses to work as one.

"We all try to keep in touch with the businesses In and outside of the Student Union, like Sylvan Snack Bar. Normally it would be difficult for me to keep in touch with a business that's all the way out in Sylvan. But because of our bond with them, I'm able to work alongside them," said Gonzalez. "Because Sylvan, like everyone of all of the other student-run businesses, needs fliers in order to advertise, they come to us. And because we also need to advertise, Sylvan lets us put up fliers in their area. We feed and live of each others success."

Although all of these students gain a enormous amount of satisfaction from working in these businesses, do have feel their share of stress in balancing school and work.

"I think all of us understand that we are students first, but there are times when it's difficult to balance: like finals," said Gonzalez. "All of these jobs are very time consuming. We have to design and produce our own advertising, work the cashiers and in some cases prepare and sell the food."

According to Jen Turner, the CSB's program coordinator, the biggest accomplishments of the student-run businesses is the transformations of students that wouldn't even consider becoming involved in a business, into employees that truly love their businesses. "I've learned so much from working in our business," said Brad Giguere, co-manager at Sylvan Snack Bar. "This was something I'd never thought I'd do. And it's turned into something that I really enjoy being involved in. I don't know what I'd be doing without it."

Syrian anger fuels Beirut demonstrations of thousands

By Hussein Dakroub
Associated Press

MDEIRIEJ, Lebanon — Syrian soldiers loaded trucks with furniture and other supplies Monday and drove east from the Lebanese mountain posts they have held for decades, the first signs of a redeployment to Lebanon's Bekaa Valley announced by the leaders of the neighboring nations.

The pullback began as more than 70,000 Lebanese shouting "Freedom! Sovereignty! Inde-pendence!" thronged Beirut in the biggest demonstration yet of anti-Syria anger that has fueled recent street protests. Washington rejected the redeployment as insufficient.

Syrian President Bashar Assad and his Lebanese counterpart, Emile Lahoud, met in Syria's capital, Damascus, to outline plans for shifting Syrian troops closer to the Syrian border by the end of March. But they were vague on the timing of a complete withdrawal from Lebanon.

Lacking a timeline, the plan was unlikely to satisfy the Lebanese opposition and the international community, which have demanded that all 14,000 Syrian soldiers leave the country.

At least 70,000 people — some estimates put the figure at 100,000 or more — demonstrated in downtown Beirut, waving Lebanon's cedar-tree flag and thundering, "Syria out!"

"Yes, for withdrawal to the Bekaa, but, yes, first to the full withdrawal behind the Lebanese-Syrian border," opposition lawmaker Walid Fido told the crowd.

The protesters marched to the site of a Feb. 14 bombing that killed former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri and touched off the angry but peaceful street protests that drove Lebanon's pro-Syrian government to resign a week ago.

Many Lebanese accuse the Syrian government and their former government of responsibility for Hariri's death. Both deny any involvement.

Foes of the Syrian presence are calling for demonstrations to continue. One group raised a banner Monday reading read, "Today we have one target: To liberate our land."

But in a sign of the divisions in Lebanon, the militant Islamic group Hezbollah urged a counter-demonstration Tuesday to show loyalty to Syria and denounce international interference.

Syria has had troops here since 1976, when they were sent as peacekeepers during Lebanon's 1975-90 civil war. When the war ended, the troops remained and Syria has dominated Lebanon's politics since.

The United States, France, Russia and the U.N. Security Council have firmly demanded that Syria withdraw all the troops and stop interfering in the affairs of its smaller neighbor. Washington wants a full withdrawal of Syrian soldiers and intelligence agents before Lebanese parliamentary elections expected in April and May.



Thousands of Lebanese citizens demonstrate in the streets of Beirut, shouting and waving signs of their president. Demonstrations were fueled by anti-Syrian anger.

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Settlement through 'Gazafication'

Yousef Munayyer

The Gaza Strip is the world's most densely populated spot. With a million and a half people living under occupation in the tiny 15 mile strip, Gaza is the world's largest prison. Israeli colonies have been established in Gaza and the colonists who live there total nearly 8,000.

Many commonly refer to the colonies as "settlements" and the colonists as "settlers," but that is a fundamental falsity which perpetuates myths and misconceptions about the land and its people. Gaza and the West Bank, which Israel occupied illegally in 1967, were not wild frontiers. Yet this has been the myth that Zionism created and the remnants of that policy exists today in the language of the conflict. "Settler" is a perfect example of this.

At the heart of the foundation of the Zionist movement was the need for the Jewish people to have a national home, and they considered Palestine the solution. They referred to it as "a Land without a people, for a people without a land." Of course this is also not true and on the eve of the creation of the state of Israel the Jews in Palestine were not nearly a majority. The native inhabitants however, were ignored at the beginning of the Zionist movement and we still see this today.

Palestine was not unsettled and it was not just some desert land roaming with Bedouins. Still "settler", the euphemism, is chosen by speakers in the dialogue to whitewash the colonialist reality. There are also plenty of other places to settle down outside of the occupied territories, but those are not the locations of choice for the religious zealots.

The 8,000 colonists in the Gaza Strip are a gigantic headache for the State of Israel. To look benevolent, the Israeli Prime Minister decided he would work to dismantle the colonies. At least that is what he is saying. He faced extreme resistance, much of which came from inside his own party. In my last trip to Israel I was struck when I noticed that the only political advertisements in sight read "Sharon is wrong."

From a realist's perspective it does not make sense to tie up military forces and police for the sake of protecting 8,000 religious fundamentalists among 1.5 million Palestinians. Still, this presents a bigger problem.

The colonists that are in Gaza are few in number; however the bigger issue are the hundreds of thousands of colonists in the West Bank. Is Ariel Sharon willing to tell the colonists in the West Bank that they have to leave? Will he be able to dismantle the colonies of Ma'ale Adumim and Ariel, which each have populations four times the amount of the all colonists in Gaza?

With the amount of pressure Sharon has been facing from the religious extremists in Israel it is unlikely that he could even consider such a move. While the colonies in Gaza only cause headaches and serve little if any political purpose beyond a minor bargaining chip, the colonies in the West Bank are crucial to Israel's interests.

The Jerusalem enclave, which is now grown greatly to the point where it is its own region, effectively splits the West Bank in two. The colonies in the Jordan River valley, though smaller, still allow Israel territorial control of whatever comes into the West Bank from Jordan and it is not likely to give that up. Also, the colonies in the northwest of the West Bank further divide the Palestinian population and give Israel control of a very valuable resource in the area: water.

Considering all of this, it is safe to say that Israel has no realistic reason to give up the colonies. Attempting to dismantle them would cause a tremendous rift in Israeli politics and keeping them only serves a variety of purposes which Israel can use to squeeze the life out of the Palestinians.

In the Middle East, particularly in regards to the conflict in Palestine, policy is easier to identify by actions than by words. Though disengagement is the word of the day, the policies of decades have been occupation and acquisition.

What Israel seems to be saying, or aggressively hinting at, is that a contiguous, viable, and sovereign Palestinian state is not an option. Instead the plan is "Gazafication"; that is the creation of tiny, isolated, and controlled Palestinian territories defined by realities on the ground like colonies, guns, and walls.

This process can only lead to a one-state final solution. Whether Israel, the controlling party, decides to make this one state for Jews by gradually isolating the Palestinian population or one state for everyone by respecting the rights of individuals on a human and non-religious level is yet to be seen.

Yousef Munayyer is a Collegian columnist.



Steroids in MLB are here to stay

Dan McDonnell

Steroids, Human Growth Hormone, Amphetamines, these are just a few of the performance enhancing drugs used by professional athletes, most notably baseball players.

Major League Baseball has recently started a testing policy for performance enhancing drugs. They claim that they are planning to clean up what is now considered to be somewhat of a dirty game. Big name players such as Barry Bonds, Jason Giambi, and Gary Sheffield have been linked to steroids over the last year or so (fitting that two of those names happen to be Yankees. Go Figure. Cheaters).

Major League Baseball is at an all-time high in popularity in the present. Fenway Park has already sold out nearly every game for the entire season, and Spring Training just started about a week ago. An entirely new fan base has gained interest in the sport. Baseball is once again becoming the biggest sport in the country.

The biggest reason for this new interest in the sport is the home run. After the players' strike in 1994, people lost interest in the sport. Then in 1998 the big home run chase between Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa happened. Who would catch Roger Maris' 61 home runs? Would they both surpass Maris? Who would pass him first? What will the new record be? The answers in order: both, yes, McGwire, 70 (which was eclipsed just a few years later by Bonds).

During and after the 1998 season, baseball became huge. Everyone was interested. Now today we have the steroids controversy that is starting to shed light on a problem with the national pastime. More questions have come to the forefront.

How long have steroids been a part of baseball? Who exactly is using steroids? Will the game ever really be clean again? Was it ever really clean in the first place? Is Jose Canseco right with his accusations in his new book or is he just bitter towards a sport that he could have become a god in but wasted his time relying on steroids and weightlifting instead of actually perfecting his baseball skills (or lack thereof, see: blooper reel with Canseco giving up a home run off his head)?

Here's my own personal answers to those questions: a long time (at least 20 years), almost everyone, not a chance in hell, too hard to tell, and more truth than lies.

Canseco has thrown out a lot of names in his book. He has brought the issue to a new level. Now people are concerned as to how much of his book is factual.

Steroids will stay because they cause more home runs, which cause more interest in the game, which causes higher ratings, which inevitably means more money for Major League Baseball. More money for baseball means no true banning of steroids.

Personally I haven't read the book yet so I can't tell you exactly how I feel about it. From what I have heard through friends and ESPN, I think he's come pretty close to the truth.

Steroid use is running wild through baseball. People need to learn to accept that fact, because it is a fact. It's not just guys like Bonds and Giambi. It's also the guys that you never hear about like a backup catcher for the Pirates who nobody even knows his name.

And I hate to break it to you all but steroids aren't going anywhere. The new testing policy is a sham. It's just a way for baseball to say that their athletes are clean. They'll test guys like Pokey Reese who no one would even expect to be on the juice. They'll punish a no name rookie that warms the bench for the Brewers just to say that MLB will not stand for steroid use.

Now why do I think steroids will stay in the game?

Like I already said, baseball's popularity is at an all-time high, and it's because of the home run. The home run has become one of, if not, the most exciting event in all of sports. Think of your own personal reaction when Manny Ramirez or David Ortiz strolls up to the plate. You're on the edge of your seat.

Then at every swing and foul tip you're thinking, "ooh just missed that one, he's got the next one though." Then comes that next pitch and Ramirez connects sending the ball towards the Cask 'N Flagon. You're now jumping up and down giving high fives around the room to your friends.

And it's because of a home run. How often do you get that excited about a sacrifice bunt with no outs in the 8th inning? Unless you are a diehard baseball guy like me the answer is almost never.

Steroids will stay because they cause more home runs, which cause more interest in the game, which causes higher ratings, which inevitably means more money for Major League Baseball. More money for baseball means no true banning of steroids. Bottom line.

But then again, seeing the ball clear the Green Monster isn't going to cause complaints. And again, would you rather see a home run or a sacrifice bunt? It's like that old commercial with Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine. "Chicks Dig the Long Ball."

Dan McDonnell is a Collegian columnist.

A worthwhile investment

Stacy Kasdin

I'm writing this with a 102 degree fever, a sore throat, and a plan. We have University Health Services on campus, which is very helpful. I called them so they could tell me I was doing everything right: drinking a lot of orange juice, taking a lot of Advil, and getting a lot of rest. Those more ambitious, or in more pain then myself could even go down and get checked by a real life doctor if they'd like. UHS is definitely a great thing to have on campus when you're sick.

Another good thing to have on campus when you're sick are the C-Stores. I was lucky. I have friends with cars who went out and bought me juice, soup and a thermometer. Those who aren't so lucky can send someone down to the C-Store to pick up any provisions they might need. They're so close that if you're in dire need you could even make the trek yourself. Sometimes it's nice to get some fresh air when you're sick anyway. However, there is one thing this campus is lacking: a collection of grandmas. They could designate a dormitory just for the grandmas, with a 24 hour hotline for students who are sick, need help with their laundry, or just need a hug.

As I said, I have very nice friends who went to the supermarket and got me some Progresso chicken noodle soup, but everyone knows that nothing beats Grandma's chicken noodle soup. I remember when I had to stay out of school for a week in kindergarten with the chicken pox and Grandma's chicken noodle soup was all I would eat. She stayed with me the whole week, soup on hand, as well as coloring books, games and videos. No matter what anyone says you are never too old for a game of Parcheesi with Grandma.

In fact, it might be a good idea to station a couple of grandmas in each freshman dorm to help ease the way into living on your own. Sort of like how they put a female counselor in the little boys cabins at the camp I went to when I was younger, to take care of the boy's inevitable homesickness for Mom. There would be a lot less freshman year starvation with grandmas around, and a lot less pink clothing that was white when it went into the washing machine.

With grandmas in the dorms, we could even do away with the dining commons ... It would be like having Thanksgiving every day.

It would be beneficial to the grandmas as well, because if their grandchildren had gone away to college, grown up and moved away, or if they didn't have any grandchildren they would still feel very needed, as I'm sure living on a college campus they would be busy all the time. If we could find some who were, in their age, starting to have difficulty hearing, they wouldn't be kept awake by how noisy the dorms can be at night. However, if they are anything like my grandma was, they'll probably get plenty of sleep during the day while the students are away at class.

With grandmas in the dorms we could even do away with the dining commons. I'm sure many of them would be more than happy to cook up dinner for us kids so they could personally make sure we were eating healthy. Of course there are those of us who rarely go down to the dining commons due to a variety of reasons, but when there is Grandma-food right in your very own dorm, well who could resist that? It would be like having Thanksgiving every day.

Grandmas would definitely be a worthwhile investment for the university. The majority of them would most likely be receiving social security checks, so they wouldn't need huge paychecks, and they would certainly earn whatever they were making with all the help they would be providing.

If there were Grandmas on campus I might not be sitting here with four blankets piled on me, and two half empty bottles of pills out on the desk. I might be tucked into bed with a nice bowl of soup, "The Little Mermaid" in the VCR, and a kiss on the forehead. Demeaning? Maybe, but I'd sure be happy.

Stacy Kasdin is a Collegian columnist.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A CLOSER LOOK AT EATING DISORDERS

I want to thank the Daily Collegian for publishing the article in the March 2, 2005 edition entitled, "Recent studies show eating disorders rising in males." As the article points out, eating disorders in men are on the rise.

Another form of eating or body image disorder affecting men that was not mentioned in the article is a condition called Body Dysmorphic Disorder (BDD), sometimes referred to as "reverse anorexia."

People with BDD are abnormally preoccupied with a real or imagined defect of their physical appearance. For example, someone with BDD may think their nose is too long or their legs are too fat, which may lead to depression, obsession, and anxiety.

A more specific form of BDD is called Muscle Dysmorphia, which typically is characterized by an excessive preoccupation with body size and muscularity. Individuals (usually men) with this condition are convinced they look scrawny (even if by most objective standards they are quite large and muscular) and are driven to work harder to enhance their physique.

Some characteristic behaviors may include: giving up social opportunities that you might have otherwise enjoyed specifically because of a perceived need to work out; having your work outs interfere with your job or school; frequently eating special diets, such as very high-protein or low-fat diets; or using large amounts of protein or other food supplements to improve your muscularity; spending a lot of money on special foods or dietary supplements such as protein powders, amino acids, creatine or other substances that are advertised to boost muscularity; taking drugs (either legal drugs like androstenedione or illegal drugs like anabolic steroids) to make yourself more muscular; continuing to work out even when you have an injury because you were afraid that if you stopped you would lose muscle mass; frequently measuring your waist, chest, biceps, etc.

What's more, a great source of information on BDD and Muscle Dysmorphia is the book "The Adonis Complex: The Secret Crisis of Male Body Obsession" by Harrison Pope, Katharine Phillips, and Robert Olivardia.

In addition, there are resources on this campus, such as UHS medical staff, UHS Health Education, and Nutrition Services, the latter offering counseling and education for individuals for a variety of eating concerns including food allergies, stomach problems, eating disorders, diabetes, high cholesterol and weight control. They can be reached at 577-5314.

Tom Schiff
UHS Health Education

MAKE ATHLETES EARN THEIR KEEP

I am writing about the condition of the student recreational facilities on campus, most specifically the physical education Boyden Building (I do not go to Totman at all, because I am resident of Southwest, although I am told that it is worse than Boyden).

Boyden's fitness facility is unbelievably sub par at its best. It is a small crowded area with hand me down equipment from the very advanced athletes gym above it. Living in the northeast air conditioning is not a necessity, but Boyden has the worst air circulation system ever. It is so cramped and so hot one cannot bear to be in there for too long sweating off everything they have.

The quantity and quality of the machines is sorely lacking, while the demand is high the supply and quality is very, very low. Something needs to be done about it, and fast. You cannot find dumbbells anymore because there is only one rack of them for everyone to use.

I understand that this school is suffering from budget cuts and we cannot even afford real professors, rather we just beat graduate students into submission and force them to teach and give them credits for doing so.

However, we are part of a Division 1 athletic program that has no major national sports teams. We get no revenue from any team at this school what so ever. The most exciting game for football was when people went to see fireworks against Colgate. The most exciting game for basketball was when an on the way down UConn team was upset by an inconsistent marginal UMass team playing in a conference as weak as the America East. Our hockey team is the biggest disappointment I have seen and does not deserve the money and attention the school pays it.

The long and short of this story is this: stop giving all the money to the athletic programs so they can wear Nike and Under Armour and workout in the nicest facilities. I, like many other non-athletes, pay tuition and a hell of a lot of it for a public state school while some of these athletes pay nothing to go here. The athletes get the best facilities and equipment and do not produce any money or national attention for the university. Many students pay a lot of money to go here and are given the short end because they go to a school trying to become a major athletic power. Football is weak here and does not need to move up to.

Start using my money for more teachers and better facilities for me to use, not so you can improve marginal athletic programs. I have to pay for college, like most students here, so start making scholarship athletes earn their keep by making money for the school rather than just having it dumped on them by a mismanaged university.

Jeffrey Gray
UMass student

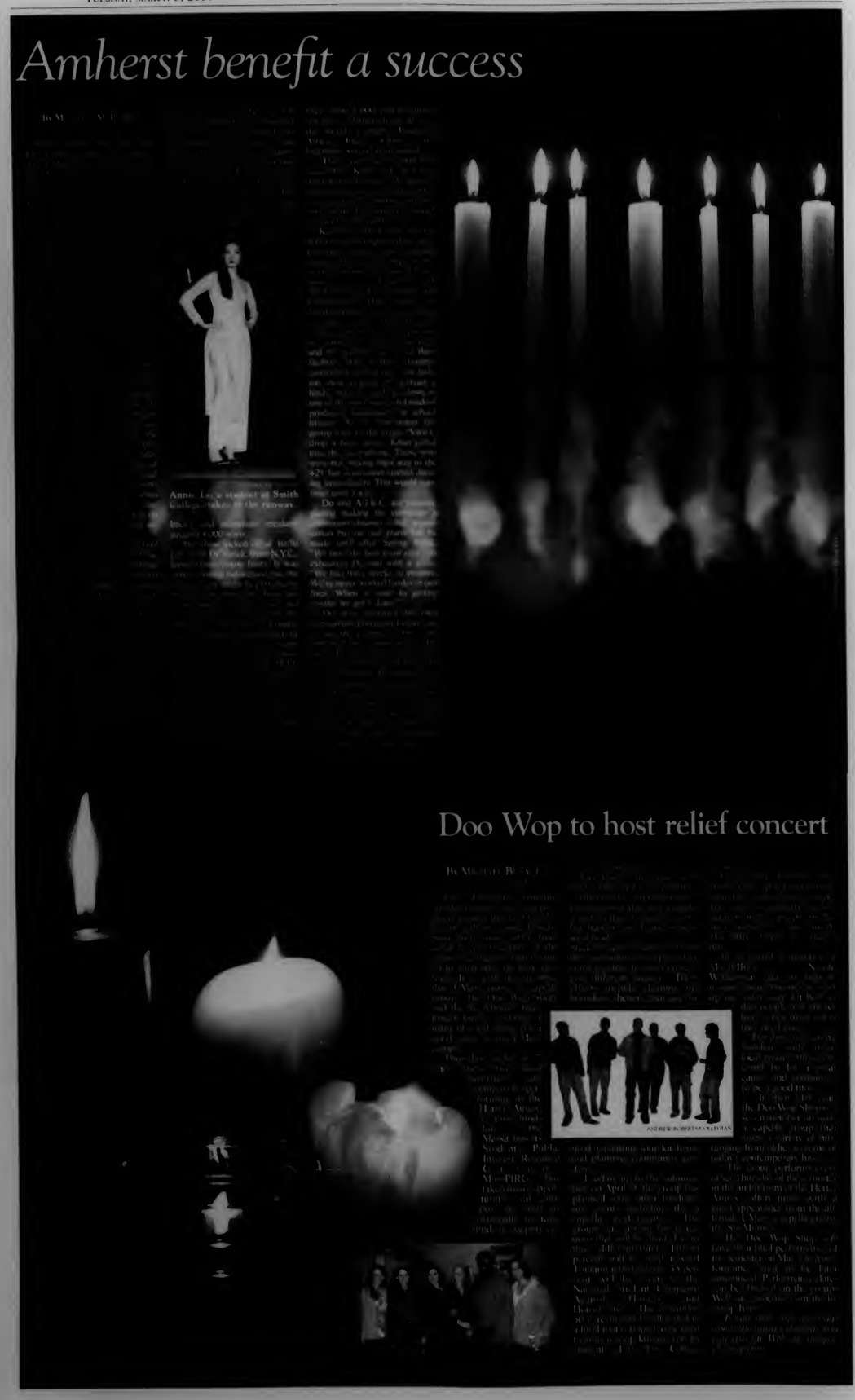
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Smith Presents 'After Mrs. Rochester'

Jean Rhys is remembered for both talent and condition

By Jared Demick
Collegian Correspondent

Last weekend, Smith College's Theater Department finished performing the unique and densely layered "After Mrs. Rochester", a play that explores the relationship between life and art. Written by playwright Polly Teale, it centers on the troubled life of Jean Rhys, the famous Creole author. Rhys wrote "Wide Sargasso Sea", a prequel to Charlotte Bronte's masterpiece, Jane Eyre, where she tells the life story of Mrs. Rochester, the infamous and mysterious madwoman in the attic.

Armed with dizzying shifts in narration, the play interweaves parts of Rhys's own life with sections of Jane Eyre. By doing this, the play explores the astonishing parallels between Rhys and Mrs. Rochester, revealing why Rhys found this character so compelling.

A middle aged Rhys initially acts as a guide as both she and the audience watch a younger version of herself grow up. The parts from Jane Eyre appear whenever the young Rhys opens the novel. Also, throughout the whole play, Bertha Rochester lurks on stage, representing Rhys's mental illness, repressed desires, and inspiration.

In Jane Eyre, Mrs. Rochester grew up as Bertha Mason in the West Indies. She was married off to her brother's business associate, Edward Rochester. Rochester took her to his estate in England where her mental illness got progressively worse. She eventually became so unmanageable that she was locked in the top floor of the estate with a nurse to watch her. Towards the end of the novel, she burns down the house and commits suicide.

Rhys herself grows up in the West Indies, part of a disintegrating aristocratic family. Under the watch of a severe mother who is tortured by her family's loss of social position, she is sent to a convent. While at the convent, Rhys is sexually abused by a visiting uncle which initiates a life of botched relationships with men. Her parents eventually send her to a boarding school in England where she is ostracized as a crude colonial. In her despair, she quits school and becomes a chorus girl. It is during this lonely time that she begins to depend on men for money and emotional stability. After a series of rocky relationships, she has a child that she doesn't want.

All of her pain and disillusionment inspire Rhys to begin writing. When one of her husbands is put into jail for fraud, Rhys encounters the famous British author Ford Madox Ford who takes an interest in her writing. Ford and Rhys eventually have a troubled affair which ends bitterly. Amidst this turmoil, Rhys becomes an alcoholic and her mental illness begins to worsen. At this point in the play, Bertha becomes fused with Rhys as the two say the same lines and Bertha gives voice to Rhys's repressed thoughts.

After a while, Rhys marries a literary agent who manages to get her work published. While this is a positive event in her life, reviews of her work are bad and Rhys becomes violent and delusional. After a prison sentence, she attempts to finally come to terms with her phantom and begins to talk to her.

However, only after she reaches middle age does she begin to write down the story of Bertha Rochester. In one of the final scenes, the middle aged Rhys writes while Bertha begins to reenact the scenes of Rhys's earlier life. Thus, the connection between her life and her art is complete as Bertha's story becomes her own.

Overall, the performance itself was a mixture of both good and bad.

Most impressive was the commanding stage presence of Erica Anderson who played Bertha. Anderson managed the capture the tortured emotions that were tearing both Bertha and Rhys apart. The wild and sensual unpredictably of her performance lended force to the notion that the structure of Western society was driving both women out of their minds. While the rest of the cast wasn't as strong, no complaints can be made as they faced some difficulties.

First of all, there were two understudies in the performance attended. While this gave the play an unsure feel, the cast managed to compensate well in what can be a devastating blow to a show.

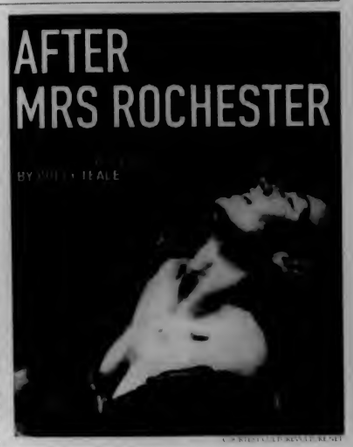
Second, there was only one male cast member, Brooks Reeves. Reeves had the responsibility of playing no less than ten roles. This was both a clever and awkward directorial decision.

While it was a tangible way of showing how Rhys tended to view all men as the same, it also tested the audience's patience since it was hard to visualize one man playing all these roles.

However, Reeves does deserve credit for managing to juggle the number of roles he had. The performance as a whole nicely caught on to the almost slapstick humor in the play which was a welcome relief from the bleak subject matter. However, the cast had a hard time fully engaging the audience with the depth of pain present in the play.

While the casting was a little rocky, the set design was impeccable. The stage was a colorful room with vines hanging over the walls. This room was surrounded by a pool of water which acted as a river at times. The lighting was enticing and the music, written by a Smith music professor, Raphael Atlas, really enhanced the mood of the show.

In the end, the cast and crew deserve recognition for choosing to do such a difficult, unconventional play. It took real determination and creativity to put on a show like this and if they didn't always manage to hit their mark, the performance we witnessed proved that they were a promising group pregnant with potential for making some wonderful theater.



Amherst gives tribute to the talented, yet troubled Jean Rhys in a play based on her tumultuous life.

The Wedding Present finally returns after eight years

By Nick Romanow
Collegian Correspondent

When music writers look back at this decade 2004 will probably be remembered as the year of reunions and comebacks, a time when everyone from The Pixies to Prince came out of the shadows, or bitter breakups, to sell out stadiums.

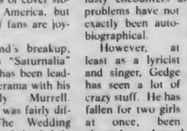
Reunions used to be looked upon as cheap cash-ins but, now fans of long broken-up and estranged bands look forward to possible reunions as a real, and celebratory hope (one need look no further then the recent announcement that Dinosaur Jr. will be getting back together for more proof). So far 2005 has been looking just as good as the past year, from the aforementioned mentioned Dinosaur Jr. reunion to "Take Fountain", the first album in eight years from David Gedge's influential indie-pop outfit The Wedding Present. By any count, The Wedding Present, probably won't be playing huge stadiums or getting millions of cover stories, at least in America, but their loyal cult of fans are joyous, regardless.

Since the band's breakup, following 1996's "Saturnalia" frontman Gedge has been leading the band Cinerama with his girlfriend Sally Murrell. Cinerama at first was fairly different from The Wedding Present, grand and loaded in orchestra and horns, rather then distorted guitars but by 2002's "Torino" Gedge was combining his love of classical music and film scores with his desire to thrash and rock. "Take Fountain" may be under the Wedding Present name but it is very much the next logical step from "Torino"

Those familiar with Gedge's work know that he seems to have been with more women than Wilt Chamberlain, but they also know that most of Gedge's lusty encounters and ensuing problems have not exactly been autobiographical.



The Wedding Present makes a triumphant return after eight years of silence. Gedge fuses familiar genres into a fan favorite.



However, at least as a lyricist and singer, Gedge has seen a lot of crazy stuff. He has fallen for two girls at once, been cheated on, cheated on his girlfriend, been the bad guy that sleeps with a taken girl, had a boozy night with a girl that he knows he won't care for in the morning, done everything within his power to make a girl leave him, and taken part in bondage.

And those are just some of the songs on "Torino". What Gedge's fans love about him is that lyrically he can be blunt and frank, all the while sounding intelligent and classy. This is a man who sings about girls who don't wear underwear, other guys staring at his girlfriend's breasts, and asks his girlfriend what was more thrilling: cheating, or the song Gedge wrote about it. Once again, that only covers a few songs from one album. Gedge's lyrics are also known for being full of realism, detail, and emotion. While his character can be sleazy in some songs he easily maintains the image of a nice, smart, sensitive, and classy British guy (though perhaps a lot of that has to do with his full, elegant voice).

While a lot of the above section rings completely true for the songs on "Take Fountain" there is one major difference; Gedge is telling less tales of his exploits with women and spends a lot more time on the hard stuff, namely his breakup with Murrell that caused him to disband Cinerama and reform The Wedding Present. "Take Fountain" opens with the eight-minute epic "Interstate 5", one of Gedge's best songs to date, which finds him debating whether to drive away from his problems or stay close "in case you suddenly remember I'm alive".

About half-way through the guitar-heavy song, he launches into a soaring bridge and then relaxes into a string-and-horn-drenched spaghetti-western outro, perhaps the perfect combination of everything great about The Wedding Present and Cinerama.

"Interstate 5" serves as the perfect track to show fans of both bands that Gedge is still in top form, and that the future looks bright. The next few tracks are a bit lighter. "Always The Quiet One" is a snappy pop jingle about a quiet girl that Gedge can't quite manage to really talk to. "I'm From Further North Then You" has a few lyrics that are downright funny. In it Gedge discusses a good one night stand that somehow became a terrible relationship. "I admit we had some memorable days," Gedge declares, then clarifies, "but just not very many." He remembers looking up at the sky with the girl, and how he "couldn't help but stare" at her red bikini but in the end he acknowledges that "we both need more, we can't ignore how unhappy we were."

Songs like "Mars Sparkles Down On Me" and "Don't Touch That Dial" (released originally as a Cinerama single) find Gedge getting more romantic, melancholy, and mopey. It's not for everyone but it is earnest in the best of ways and it's very clear that Gedge is neither in a songwriting funk nor on auto-pilot.

Every song on "Take Fountain" is a winner and Gedge fans, especially those that loved "Torino" will be very happy with the result. Additionally there is more than enough here to win over new fans. Those looking for something Morrissey-esque but not nearly as drippy, and more rocking, are bound to love The Wedding Present as is anyone who wants Britpop with a touch of elder statesman class. Based on musical prowess, songwriting, and influence The Wedding Present reunion should be making as many headlines as The Pixies. Regardless of the lack of press attention and reunion hubbub "Take Fountain" is a present in-and-of-itself.

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UMass rides strong fall

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success this year, as Spiess and Pozar are lead the Minutewomen in the number one and two spots in the singles order.

After the long break during the winter months the Minutewomen hit their stride on Feb. 5 in Ithaca, N.Y., when they narrowly defeated St.John's 4-3. It was their fourth win in a row to start the season.

The next day, however, Syracuse ended UMass' run by handing the Minutewomen a 5-2 loss. On Feb.18 and 20, the Minutewomen dropped two more matches to Columbia (5-2) and Seton Hall (5-2) at home.

After the last match on Feb. 20 the Minutewomen had some time to recover from their mini-slump, as their next match was not until March 5. The Minutewomen did take advantage of the time off. In their first match after the break they defeated the University of Maryland at Baltimore County 5-2, and then beat Binghamton that same night, 4-3 in Ithaca, N.Y.

In the UMBC match Spiess, Pozar, junior Dorothy Iwanowicz, senior Sasha Edelstein and junior Iana Bartolotti all won their singles matches in convincing fashion — a successful rebound from their three game skid.

The two victories on March 5 brought the UMass record to 6-3 before they were defeated by Cornell the next day 6-1.

Louisville transfer Michele Spiess has had an impressive first year thus far, posting a singles record of 14-3. Spiess was named Atlantic 10 Performer of the Week in the fall, after losing only 13 games in 16 sets on her way to the Eastern Collegiate Invitational singles title. Spiess is currently ranked 29th in the northeast region. She was 19-10 in singles play her freshman year at Louisville.

The trip to Ithaca on March 5 was the start of a nine game road trip for the Minutewomen. This Sunday the team will travel to Boca Raton, Fla. for the start of a four matches in four days stretch. The Minutewomen will be playing Lynn, Tennessee-Chattanooga, Army and Rutgers during this stretch. They will return home on Mar. 30 against Rhode Island after two matches in Pennsylvania against Temple and Richmond on Mar. 24 and 25.

UMass takes on LaSalle

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Lawerence Carrier goes for an interior pass against Richmond on Jan. 29. Carrier averages 3.9 points per game this year for UMass.

COURTESY ANDY TAMULINAS

been an apt defensive compliment to the offensive production of Rashaun Freeman. Freeman has averaged 15.3 ppg this year, good for sixth in the A-10.

Lappas is pleased with the was Freeman and Lasme have played together thus far this season and feels that the two have fed off each other throughout the year.

"They have both improved over the year and play well together," Lappas said. "I think they both understand what we need to do out there and they do their best to get there."

UMass didn't exactly end the season on the best note, dropping two of its last three games. The Minutemen lost to Temple (Feb. 26) and Dayton (March 1) on the road before defeating Duquesne in their final home game of the season.

However, after suffering a 53-52 last second loss to Dayton, the Minutemen came off the court in a fit. Lappas believes that the frustration of the loss has and is serving as fuel for UMass as it tries to make a run at the conference tournament.

"I think the emotion from Dayton is going to carry us for awhile. I think they are fired up for the tournament and they are going to give a great effort. " Lappas said. "All tournaments are stressful, we just have to be ready and do what we have to do."

Over the course of the season, swing men Maurice Maxwell and Artie Bowers have developed a relationship that has helped the Minutemen. Everyday in practice the two workout together and pair up for drills.

The two have averaged a combined 20 ppg. between them and are first and second in total assists.

"The two of them have a great relationship, they are both sophomores and they have a good chemistry and enjoy playing together." Lappas said. "In the last couple of weeks we have definitely seen that relationship grow."

UMass will be missing to players on the bench this week, with Olivier Lamoureux and senior captain Anthony Anderson staying behind. Anderson will miss the rest of the season with a injured back and Lamoureux is redshirting this season and will stay behind to do schoolwork.

Senior point guard Chris Chadwick will be making the trip even though he is suffering from a bad "chest cold." Chadwick did not practice yesterday, but Lappas believes that he will be ready come tip-off tomorrow.

Strawberry instructs Mets

By Mike Fitzpatrick
Associated Press

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — Decked out in a Mets uniform for the first time in 15 years, a smiling Darryl Strawberry strolled into the dugout and flexed his left biceps.

"Don't I look great?" he said, laughing.

And with that, the greatest hitter in team history was welcomed back to the Mets, where his roller-coaster of a career began with such promise.

Strawberry arrived at spring training Monday to serve as a guest instructor for a few days, working mostly with major and minor league outfielders.

Trim and fit just five days shy of his 43rd birthday, he looked as if he could still turn on an inside fastball and send it soaring off the right-field scoreboard at Shea Stadium. In fact, he's younger than backup first baseman Andres Galarraga, who will turn 44 in June.

But Strawberry said he isn't looking to jump in the batting cage and start taking swings anytime soon. He's content to be retired — and thankful to be alive.

"It's not about me, it's about who I can help," he said. "It's these guys' time, it's not my time. My time is over."

What a time it was, though. Drafted No. 1 overall in 1980 out of Crenshaw High School in Los Angeles, Strawberry rocketed to the major leagues and was the NL Rookie of the Year in '83.

Blessed with awesome power, graceful speed and a beautiful swing, he was soon compared to Hall of Famers such as Ted Williams, Hank Aaron and Mickey Mantle.

Those kinds of expectations are tough to live up to, especially in New York, but he might have had a chance to do it had his career not been derailed by drugs, alcohol and a string of arrests for everything from tax evasion to allegations of beating his wife.

The Mets of the mid-to-late 80s were extremely talented on the field and excessively wild off it. They owned the Big Apple back then — not the Yankees — and Strawberry partied hard, right along with his teammates.

"It probably was all true. We were probably a bunch of crazy guys. But let me tell you one thing: When we stepped on that field, we were all business. We were a team and we picked each other up," he said.

He helped New York win the '86 World Series, but left to sign with his hometown Dodgers after the 1990 season and hadn't donned a Mets uniform since.

"It was a real tough separation," Strawberry said. "This is where everything happened for me. My best days of playing were here.

"There were probably times when I hated it, but I loved it, too," he said. "When I left to go play in L.A., it was boring. I wasn't being booed."

In truth, Strawberry had his share of big seasons. He made eight All-Star teams, finished runner-up to Kirk Gibson for the 1988 NL MVP Award and is still the Mets' career leader in home runs (252), RBIs (733) and runs scored (662).

But he's been granted one second chance after another — in baseball and in life.

Suspended from the majors three times for cocaine-related problems, he resurfaced with the Yankees and played on three championship teams from 1996-99, hitting 24 homers in only 295 at-bats in '98.

He survived painful operations for colon cancer, winning new fans with his inspirational comeback.

He disappeared for four days from a drug treatment center, then turned up again after friends feared he was dead.

And after all the hype when he first came up from the minors, he received only six Hall of Fame votes this year, his first — and last — on the writers' ballot.

"I should have had better years, now that I look back on it," he said.

Mostly, Strawberry's story is a cautionary tale of what might have been, and now he wants to share what he's learned with young players.

"I truly know talent," he said. "Don't make some of the mistakes I made because you have to pay a price for everything."

Wearing his familiar No. 18 beneath a blue windbreaker, Strawberry shagged flies on a practice field and signed autographs. He chatted with Mets slugger Cliff Floyd and served as a cutoff man during drills.

"It's a start," Mets general manager Omar Minaya said. "With a lot of new stuff going on, it's always good to remember the past."



Darryl Strawberry, who spent time with the Yankees and Mets, is being used as a guest instructor for the Mets during spring training.

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Millar shows support for Giambi

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White House with the former Texas Rangers owner, President Bush, hangs on the bulletin board.

Following a winter of adoration, Red Sox players still are their noisy boisterous selves, perhaps even more so with the addition of former Yankee David Wells.



Jason Giambi watches batting practice prior to the 2003 season. Giambi had his worst season last year.

COURTESY PAUL J. BERESWILL/SPORTSDAY

"Now New Yorkers can't chant '1918!' anymore," Wells said.

For more than eight decades, the Yankees piled it on, winning 26 World Series titles to Boston's zero. Now Red Sox fans are puffing out their chests with pride.

A sampling of the T-shirts on fans:

"From Cursed to First."

"Hey Yankees ... Who's Your Daddy now?"

Kevin Millar looked ahead to the home opener, a celebration of the mighty moment last October.

"The rings will probably be the best, the ultimate," he said.

Millar also voiced support for Giambi, who appeared to enjoy his time signing autographs for and speaking with fans near the Yankees dugout on the first-base side. A young girl gave Giambi a white bear, and he gave her his batting gloves.

He signed the cover of Red Sox Magazine, with Tim Wakefield, Mike Timlin and the World Series trophy on the cover.

"That's a Red Sox hat, Jason," one fan said.

"That's all right," Giambi replied before signing it.

Someone threw him a dollar bill, and he autographed that, too.

"He treats people and respects people more than any other superstar I've been around," Millar said.

Illinois not worried about loss

By Nancy Armour
Associated Press

CHICAGO — So much for the 29 straight wins the Fighting Illini piled up over the last four months, their double-digit victory margins and their dazzling shooting stats.

One loss — and on a last-second shot, at that — and top-ranked Illinois isn't quite so impressive anymore.

"The radio talk shows in Chicago this morning make me sick," Purdue coach Gene Keady said Monday. "They're upset Illinois didn't go (unbeaten). That's ridiculous. Twenty-nine and one is unbelievable."

It's not just callers in Chicago who are dogging the Illini, though, after Sunday's 65-64 loss at Ohio State spoiled their bid for a perfect season. Illinois kept its No. 1 ranking in this week's poll with 48 first-place votes and 1,725 points, but 22 voters went for North Carolina, a team with three losses.

Some are wondering whether Illinois could lose out on a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament if it doesn't go deep in the Big Ten tournament, which begins Thursday at the United Center. Illinois has a bye in the first round, and plays the winner of Michigan-Northwestern on Friday.

"It's hard for people to realize, but this is not going to impact them greatly. They did not turn into mere mortals today, nor were they invincible before," Minnesota coach Dan Monson said. "They weren't going to get carried away if they went undefeated and they're not going to collapse if they didn't. I think you're going to see business-as-usual Illinois on Friday."

The Illini were trying to become the first team to go through an entire season undefeated since Indiana in 1975-76, and their start was the best since UNLV opened 34-0 before losing in the 1991 Final Four. They hadn't lost since falling to Duke in the NCAA regional semifinals last March, and had a margin of victory of almost 19 points. They routed then-No. 1 Wake Forest and snapped Wisconsin's 38-game home winning streak, the longest in the country.

But the Illini never really got a powerhouse's respect, with plenty of skeptics wondering when — not if — they were going to lose.

"Everybody's waiting for us to lose, saying they think we're not the best team in the country," Dee Brown said last month after the Illini beat Wisconsin for a second time. "Watch TV, they'll show you, they'll tell you. The No. 1 team? It's not us."

Part of it is Illinois' makeup. The Illini don't have a big inside presence, making them seem vulnerable to teams that do like Kansas (Wayne Simien) or North Carolina (Sean May). They have a multitude of weapons with all five starters averaging in double figures, but no one "star."

They don't even have a cool nickname like Michigan's Fab Five or the Flyin' Illini, the school's last Final Four team.

The Big Ten doesn't help much, either. The conference isn't as strong as it was a few years ago, when it had two Final Four teams in back-to-back seasons. Only Illinois, No. 13 Michigan State and No. 23 Wisconsin are ranked, and the conference will be fortunate to get five teams in the NCAA tournament.

Compare that with the ACC, which has three of the top five teams in the country. Or the Big East, which has five teams in the top 25.

"Illinois was doing something that so few have done," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "I still love that team. I still think they've got a chance to make a big-time run in every tournament they play in."

And, ultimately, that's the only thing that matters.

Since the start of the season, Illinois has had the same goals: be the Big Ten champions, get a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament and win the national title. Matching the 1975-76 Hoosiers would have been an added bonus, but it was never the Illini's priority. They insisted they weren't overwhelmed by the attention that grew with every victory, and they scoffed at the notion they should lose a game before the tournament to reduce the pressure.

But Sunday's loss leaves them little choice but to refocus.

"I hope they got a taste of defeat and what it feels like. We haven't had that in 12 months or whatever it was, since the Duke game," coach Bruce Weber said. "Maybe we need to taste that again. Be humbled a little bit. Maybe it'll do some good. I hope it will."

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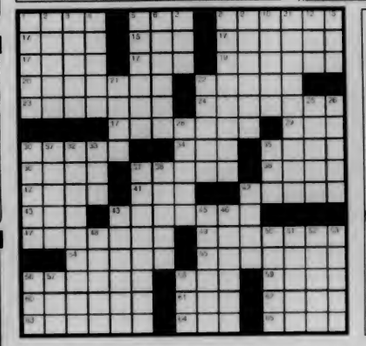
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—Foster, "Super Troopers"

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UMass has rematch with LaSalle

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts men's basketball team is trying to do something different tomorrow. Something it hasn't done in the last two years.

That something is winning in the first round of the Atlantic 10 tournament.

Tomorrow at 2 p.m. the Minutemen will face LaSalle at the U.S. Bank Arena in Cincinnati. UMass defeated the Explorers in their last meeting in a 69-66 overtime game on Feb. 19 in Philadelphia.

The Minutemen would have played Duquesne (who they played in the last game of the season on Saturday) had LaSalle beaten Temple on Saturday afternoon. UMass coach Steve Lappas is pleased that he does not have to face Duquesne so soon, but implied that this preference has nothing to do with the talent of the teams.

"In all honesty I would rather play somebody else, rather than someone we just beat. It's not a matter of who I think is better or worse," Lappas said. "I would just rather not let them come back at us when it's so fresh."

In their last meeting with the Explorers, the Minutemen had trouble holding on to the ball, committing 16 turnovers in the game, as opposed to LaSalle's eight. Part of UMass' struggles were caused by Explorer guard Jermaine Thomas, who had a career game with 18 points, a block, and a team-high three steals.

Thomas had to pick up the offensive gap left by All-Conference forward Steven Smith, who was relegated to 12 points on the afternoon, eight points less than his league-leading 20.3 points per game (ppg).

Smith was shut down by UMass forward Stephane Lasme, who is currently second in the league in total blocks with 69. Lasme had four blocks while grabbing a team-high 13 boards.

Lasme has made huge improvements since last season and has

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Sophomore guard Artie Boers gives up for a shot against Richmond on Jan. 29. Bowers averages 8.2 points per game this year for the Minutemen. UMass travels to Ohio tomorrow to take on LaSalle in the first round of the A-10 tournament.

Track finishes strong

By Ian Kilpatrick
Collegian Staff

The indoor track season officially came to an end for the Massachusetts women's track team this weekend at the Reggie Lewis Track and Field Center in Boston. Only three Minutewomen qualified for the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championship, junior Elisabeth Budd (500 meters), senior Christina Huff (60 meters), and freshman Kristen Bakanowski (pole vault).

The University of Pittsburgh dominated the event by scoring an impressive 26.75 points to runner-up Bucknell University's 13. None of the Minutewomen earned its team any points, but still showed that they could compete with some of the best in the country and had strong personally showings.

Budd placed 14th by running one of her fastest times all season in the 500 meters (1:15.99). Huff had to adjust from her usual event of 55 meters to 60 meters, which didn't seem to have an effect on her as she ran one of the fastest times in UMass history with the time of 7.83 seconds in the semi-finals.

In her first ECAC Championship freshman standout Kristen Bakanowski didn't place first as she's grown accustomed to in recent events as she cleared the same height as 11 other women, but technically came in 16th place due to her amount of attempts. Bakanowski offered her words of reflection from her biggest meet so far and on her first season as a whole.

"Yeah, it was a really good experience, I huff I believe set the school record. Budd ran one of her fastest times, and I opened at 11'8" which is really high because half the girls no heighted," Bakanowski said, "I learned that I can compete with the other girls and not to be as nervous next time I go."

The three women in Saturday's events had been improving all season and gaining confidence, which should please Coach Julie LaFreniere going into the outdoor season that starts up on April 2, when they compete in the Southern Connecticut State Invitational.

The indoor season was one of rebuilding, improvement and inconsistency occasionally highlighted by some big performances by athletes like Huff and Bakanowski. A lot of newcomers stepped up to give the program promise, while seniors offered led and taught the team's youngsters through a solid work ethic.

"[The seniors taught me] to work as hard as you can as a freshman and sophomore because four years goes by really quickly," explained Bakanowski, "and you don't want to regret slacking off, so you really have to figure out what the most important thing for yourself and go for it."

Looking forward to next year, the Minutewomen look to build on the success of their freshman sensations and bring in more similar athletes in order to return the program to the top, where it was for much of the 1990's. The 2005 had some special individuals, but overall the team didn't have enough depth or versatility to be where they wanted to be.

"All of the girls on the team are really dedicated and work really hard," said a proud Bakanowski, "We had a lot of good freshman come in and hopefully in the next few years our team will grow and become stronger."

Sox fans taunt Giambi

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Jason Giambi provided most of the juice when the Red Sox played the Yankees on Monday night.

The New York Yankees designated hitter and symbol of baseball's steroids problem arrived at the second annual hugely overhyped exhibition game, gave a mass interview, took batting practice and signed autographs for 25 minutes.

Then, as two men behind the plate screamed "Steroids! Steroids! Steroids!" in the fifth inning, he sent a pitch from John Halama over the fence in right-center field for his first home run of the spring.

Patrons at City of Palms Park were polite during batting practice, then booed when he was introduced and again before he singled sharply to right field in the first inning.

"Come on, Juicy!" one loud fan yelled.

"Let's go Balco!" chanted a group of four, referring to the laboratory in the federal investigation of steroid distribution.

Before he popped out in the third, the two men behind the plate screamed: "Steroids!" and "Waste of Money!"

In the stands, someone held a sign that read: "Jason Do You Have Milk." The word "Milk" was crossed out and followed by "Juice?"

And there was the by now obligatory gibe at Alex Rodriguez: "A Rod is a Choke," one sign read.

During Giambi's first three games of spring training, he was received warmly. But two of those were at Tampa's Legends Field, where the Yankees are based, and one at Lakeland, where New York fans were as numerous as Detroit supporters.

Giambi was prepared to face the Red Sox Nation.

"It's Yankees-Red Sox," he said before the game. "I got booed before, I'm sure it will be no different."

Giambi was one of only a handful of Yankees regulars who made the two-hour bus ride for the split-squad game, the first reunion of the rivals since Boston upset the usual order last October, becoming the first major league team to overcome a 3-0 deficit in a postseason series. The Red Sox beat New York for the pennant, then swept St. Louis for their first World Series title since 1918.

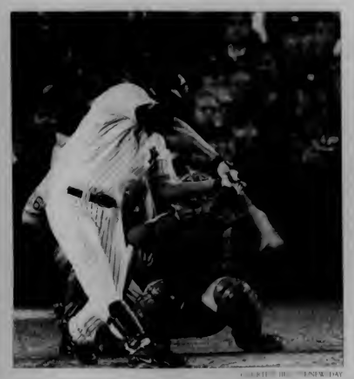
Last spring, there was a big buzz for New York's game in Fort Myers. Aaron Boone's 11th-inning homer off Tim Wakefield had beaten Boston in Game 7, and the Yankees acquired Rodriguez, the AL MVP, from Texas after the Red Sox failed.

With A-Rod, Derek Jeter and New York's entire regular pitching staff back in Tampa, the hoopla was down a notch. The uniform numbers of the starting pitchers totaled 156, with Abe Alvarez (79) starting for Boston against Chien-Ming Wang (76). Neither figures to be at Yankee Stadium when these teams play the major league season opener on April 3 or at Fenway Park when the World Series flag is raised eight days later.

Along with the $5.67 commemorative pin and Yankees-Red Sox tic-tac-toe game and chess set, there was plenty of merchandise marked "World Series champions."

The changed attitude of the perennial underdog was noticeable even at the entrance to the Boston clubhouse, where a photo of the Red Sox at the

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Jason Giambi admitted to taking steriods earlier this year and was chastised by Red Sox fans during spring training in Florida.

Tennis seeks momentum

By Rob Greenfield
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts women's tennis team has put together a solid season so far. The team's schedule is divided up into fall and spring, having matches in October and then continuing them in February with about two months in between.

The Minutewomen — after the first two matches were delayed due to weather — faired well in their fall appearences, starting the season out with a convincing three game winning streak.

UMass hopes that its first half triumphs can carry over into the spring season.

On Oct. 1 UMass swept crosstown rival Amherst College, winning all seven of their matches. The Amherst College women's team went to the division three nationals championship last year and was ranked second in the country for division three teams.

Finishing up the second of the two delayed games to start the season, the Minutewomen were dominant again, beating the University of Connecticut 6-1 on the road. UMass ended their fall schedule with another solid win on the road, winning every one of their matches, defeating Williams College 9-0.

The fall season ended their for most of the players, but a few moved on to the ITA East Regional at Levy Pavilion on the University of Pennsylvania campus on Oct. 25.

Both sophomore transfer Michele Spiess and freshman Masha Pozar competed in the East Regional. Spiess won her first two matches (beating Albany's Courtney Michels and Richmond's Beatrice Grassi), but was defeated in her third, ending a solid run. Pozar and Spiess competed together in the doubles event but lost their first match.

This year's team is made up of nine players, including three freshmen, one sophomore, four juniors and just one senior. Numbers wise, the underclassmen have already made a substantial impact on the team's

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B.C. not concerned with trophy

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press

BOSTON — Al Skinner has what other coaches envy: A 24-3 record, two all-Big East players on the roster and an us-against-them snub to motivate his team in the conference tournament.

If only he were interested.

"If that's what's going to motivate you, then you shouldn't be playing," Skinner said of the Big East's failure to schlep a trophy to the team's regular-season finale at Rutgers. "You've got to bring your own motivation."

Boston College is leaving the Big East for the Atlantic Coast Conference next season, a decision that created no shortage of bad feelings among fans, players and officials of the jilted league. But dealings remained essentially cordial until BC athletic director Gene DeFilippo told reporters on Sunday the league was "petty" for giving regular-season co-champion Connecticut, but not BC, a trophy at its finale.

"Our players and coaches had absolutely nothing to do with Boston College's decision to go to the Atlantic Coast Conference," DeFilippo said. "If the Big East has problems with me, let them take it out on me."

Big East officials denied that they were out to get Boston College, noting that they were only in Storrs, Conn., to honor UConn's Jim Calhoun and Syracuse's Jim Boeheim, who each picked up his 700th victory. UConn officials asked them to bring the trophy in case the Huskies won.

"We have never presented a trophy at an away venue," Big East spokesman John Paquette said Monday.

Meanwhile, DeFilippo has gotten over the slight, or at least decided to accept it. He declined requests for comment on Monday.

There was some disappointment about the trophy situation, but today the mood at BC is all about happiness," spokesman Chris Cameron said.

"We're Big East champions with a No. 1 seed in the tournament and we're ranked seventh in the country. So life is good at Boston College."

Nothing motivates coaches and athletes more than disrespect, even Bill Belichick felt the need to play the card while the Patriots were on their way to a third Super Bowl victory in four years.

"Fuel to the fire," said Craig Smith, one of two BC players named to the all-Big East team on Monday.

Boston College was scheduled to leave on Tuesday for New York, where they'll get their trophy at a banquet. The tournament starts Wednesday, with BC getting a bye until Thursday as a No. 1 seed; the Eagles will play West Virginia or Providence.

"It bothers us and motivates us," Jared Dudley, the other all-Big East selection, said of the trophy flap. "We do think everybody's against us.

"We know they don't want us to win the championship in our last year, but that's what we're going to do."

Skinner said he understands the rule about trophy presentations at away games, and he thinks the controversy could have been avoided if someone had told BC beforehand.

But he'll take a pass on using it to fire up his team.

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Wilson recommends law school merger

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

After receiving an impromptu positive recommendation from President Jack Wilson yesterday, the University of Massachusetts is one step further with merging with the Southern New England School of Law, creating the first public law school in the state.

"This is a surprise," said Ryan Benharris, UMass alumni and current SNESL student. "I didn't think there would be a decision until next week, but it looks like Jack Wilson was just so excited, he came out with it."

According to Benharris, The Massachusetts Board of Higher Education hired private inspectors to interview SNESL students, faculty members and sit in on classrooms. The inspectors, comprised of deans from other public law institutions in the country gave an overwhelming positive recommendation to the Board.

"[The inspectors] looked over the entire proposed idea and gave their recommendation," Benharris said, "and it was pretty glowing."

Wilson reported the findings at Middlesex Community College yesterday during a budget hearing.

"The report substantiates our case very strongly," Wilson told the Associated Press. "They identify no significant obstacles."

Benharris also mentioned that although the news was surprising, he had a good feeling that the recommendation would have been positive.

"The [recommendation] was surprising," he said. "The content of it was not. UMass has done everything perfectly."

According to the Associated Press, the panel of six, "conducted a month long review" of the facility located in Dartmouth. The final decision, however, will come down to a vote that is slated to take place on March 31.

"We are very hopeful the board will vote to approve the law school," Wilson told the Associated Press.

"President Wilson has been behind [the merger], he is one of the frontrunners and he has had nothing but positive influence," Benharris said. "he has been a tremendous friend and he has the most admiration for this school."

According to Benharris and the Associated Press, the potential merger has been under harsh criticism from other private law institutions because the institutions claim that UMass and SNESL will not uphold its contract to keep the facility in Dartmouth.

"Personally I think that [the private institutions] are trying to scare taxpayers and smear misinformation in the newspapers," Benharris said. "This is really unfortunate and disappointing."

Benharris also added that Massachusetts, one of only five states that does not have a public law school, is a state that should have one because of all the important lawmaking decisions.

"I mean, look at the gay marriage law that was passed," he said. "It turned the elections results, and it was in Massachusetts."



UMass President Jack Wilson gives a positive recommendation about making a Massachusetts first ever public law school.

Psychology Ph.D. added to UMass

By Jonathan Vega
Collegian Staff

A new Ph.D. concentration has been created by the Psychology department at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. The doctoral program is concentrated in "The Psychology of Peace and the Prevention of Violence." According to the Psychology department, "[the program] aims to draw on a broad range of psychology and related fields."

Robert J. Lifton, who is an expert on violence and genocide, discussed "Psychology, War and Peace: America's Struggles with Violence" to a packed audience in Memorial Hall, on campus this past Monday. The talk was intended as an inaugural event in honor of the new Ph.D. program in the psychology of peace and the prevention of violence at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Lifton is also a lecturer of psychiatry at the Harvard Medical School and established author of more than 20 books regarding anything from cults and mind control to the death penalty and atrocities committed by Nazi doctors during World War II.

Lifton's lecture addressed concepts and lessons that can be learned from survivors of past violence and genocide. Lifton also touched on problems with the Bush Administration's foreign policy in a post 9/11 nation as survivors of violence.

President Bush, according to Lifton, gave specific and deliberate meaning to Sept. 11 by declaring a war against terror. However, "at the same time there were others who were stumbling toward an alternative survivor mission which had to do with seeking to understand some of the sources of 9/11."

"[Opponents to a war on terrorism] certainly considemn [9/11] as a 'crime against humankind' according to the Nuremburg definition of the term; but [desire] limiting violence to tracking down perpetrators as opposed to an amorphous worldwide war against terrorism.

"The defeat in Vietnam led to a preoccupation with first regaining and then maintaining American military power. So here is an opposite survivor mission, not restraint, but reassertion of American power, as can be seen in America's involvement in two gulf

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Icy artist chisels a chilly Southwest winter scene

By Matthew Belliveau
Collegian Staff

A cold wind blows through the Southwest campus of the University of Massachusetts. A few students, who look like they're too cold to enjoy Southwest's "Winter Wonderland" celebration, are gingerly walking towards their classes or dorms. Suddenly, their attention is turned to the sound of chainsaw nearby. Curious, chilled students forget about finding warmth and begin to watch Derek Henry fashion a sparkling sculpture out of frozen water.

The art of ice carving is nothing new. It began with French chefs more than 200 years ago. The first ice sculptures were basic designs used as functional holders to keep food cold during service time on elaborate buffets. In Japan, ice carving is a full-time profession; sculptors carve wood in the summer and ice in the winter. Both are directly responsible for bringing ice sculpting to the height of recognition that it owns today, as well as introducing this art to the American culture.

Ice sculptures can range from large scale pieces, requiring the fusing or blending of several blocks in order to create massive sculptures, to small-scale pieces, typically known as decorative supports for dishes, or "handiwork." These structures generally require advanced skills and special equipment.

There are two kinds of ice used in ice sculptures: basic canned ice and "crystal clear" ice. Crystal clear blocks can cost two or three times more than canned ice. This is ice that is free of the cloud or snow in the center of the block. The level of a block of ice's clarity determines its quality. The clarity of the ice depends on how the ice is made; the more time spent circulating the water during the freezing process, the clearer the ice.

Henry, who has been professionally ice sculpting for over 10 years, loves the art of transforming a block of ice into nearly anything in imagination.

Most ice sculptors, like Henry, begin practicing the art in the same setting, the kitchen.

"I used to work in the kitchens of hotels and restaurants. Whenever an ice carving was ordered, I would set them up on the table and prepare it for the ice carver. I would decorate the ice in the kitchen, put the light behind it," said Henry. "And after doing a bunch of those, I said to myself, 'Gee, I'd really like to try that.'"



An icy Minuteman stands in Southwest after being carved by artist Derek Henry.



Derek Henry, ice sculptor poses in front of his frozen masterpiece during Southwest's "Winter Wonderland Celebration." Henry has been sculpting for over 10 years.

Henry then met up with Steve Rose, a master carver. For two years Henry worked under Rose as his apprentice, learning the craft through hands-on experience.

"Working as an apprentice for Steve, instead of just watching him work, he had me working right along side him," said Henry. "I would cut the blocks of ice in half, he would scribe what he wanted to cut on the side of the block and I would "rough-cut" that. And as I cut, he would teach me certain tricks and tips towards cutting correctly. And eventually, I was out cutting on my own."

Watching up close, ice sculpting may seem simple, but creating this art is harder and more complicated than it looks.

"I begin with a block of ice, normally 20' by 10", about 40" high. And then I draw on a piece of paper what I want to carve, like a swan. Then I go to the icehouse and freeze the drawing onto the ice, this gives me my outline."

The preliminary drawing is the first step to a successful ice carving. It will enable the ice carver to proceed with a faster, easier, technically more accurate and more beautiful ice sculpture while conserving the amount of ice used in the sculpture. All of the great sculpting masters of time

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Eisen speaks on Israel-Palestine conflict

By Bill Donovan
Collegian Staff

The Five College Israel Activism Conference, which featured Israel Defense Forces spokesman Miri Eisen talking to students of the current state of the country and its ongoing heated relationship with Palestine, was showcased on Sunday.

A slide show was also given by Birthright members, a group of Jewish University of Massachusetts students who had visited Israel for ten days during the winter break.

"I hope that people from all backgrounds can learn of Israel and realize the importance of strong support for it" stated Matt Hoffman, student and lead organizer of UMass Student Alliance for Israel, a registered student organization.

Many organizations supported the conference, which was designed to educate students about Israel and Palestine relations and help them get politically active about it. Among the groups participating were Hasbara Fellowships, UMass Amherst Hillel, Israel Campus Roundtable, Stand with Us, Hamagshimim and Birthright Israel.

Eisen, who has spent most of her life in Israel and was a correspondent during Operation Defensive Shield, a large military operation done by Israel Defense Forces to rid terrorists from the West Bank, revealed Yassar Arafat's and his money trail in Swiss banks on "60 Minutes." She spoke of disengagement Israel will be experiencing with Palestine this summer July 20 to Aug. 30 after people living in 22 settlements of the Gaza Strip are moved out of their homes due to orders by their government.

"These people live in 22 settlements there," stated Eisen. "People who were instructed by their government to build homes and live there. After living 25 to 30 years of their lives there they are now being told by Ariel Sharon to move."

Touching upon the possibility of two separate states of Israel and Palestine, Eisen added she is "hopeful, with moderate expectations." She pointed out Sharon is the only Israeli Prime Minister who while in office suggested publicly for two independent states. At the same time, Eisen explained he is the one pushing for this massmigration of the people of the Gaza Strip from their dwellings, places he pushed for to be established in the 1980's. She told the group of students 15,000 Israelis signed petitions opposing this summer

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Over winter break several UMass students visit Israel and study the relationship of Israel and Palestine.

Prison fire claims dozens of inmates

By Peter Prengamen
Associated Press

HIGUEY, Dominican Republic — A prison fire that killed 134 inmates, one of the deadliest in Latin American prisons, has cast a harsh spotlight on conditions in this country's cells.

The Dominican Republic has the most overcrowded jails in the Western Hemisphere, according to U.N. figures, and the fire early Monday in the eastern city of Higuey happened at one of its worst.

The cellblock where the blaze broke out — known as the Vietnam block — was said to be so packed, inmates were sleeping on top of toilets. To make matters worse, the inmates had guns and knives and easy access to drugs, another notorious feature of prisons here.

"It is hell on earth," said Domingo Porfirio Rojas-Nina of the Dominican National Human Rights Commission said of the Higuey prison. "It is unfit for human beings."

Officials gave varying numbers for the overall population of the prison, a confusion illustrating some of the problems with the system. But there appeared to be at least 178 inmates in the block, which had a maximum capacity of 25.

The government ordered an investigation of the fire, which began during a fight among inmates over who would control their drug trade. Guards said when they went to open the door, they found it blocked.

Bodies were later found "piled up on top of each other" at the door, where the inmates died trying to escape, chief firefighter Nestor Vera said.

Alexander Sanchez, 28, was one of the few to survive.

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Police investigating weekend brawl on campus

Wednesday March 2

7:41 a.m. Franco Barrientos, 23, of Amherst, was arrested on a warrant charge in Crabtree Hall.

8:03 p.m. A person stated that their phone, pants, keys, jacket and wallet were stolen from Curry Hicks Hall.

Thursday March 3

8:41 a.m. A pool table was reported to be tipped over and broken in Crampton Hall. A police officer stated the table had a corner broken off.

5:04 a.m. Following a traffic stop on Commonwealth Avenue, Michael Bridgman, 23, of Amherst, was arrested on a warrant charge.

Friday March 4

1:50 a.m. Following a traffic stop on Orchard Hill Drive, Panion Tase, 24, of Leicester, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

8:42 a.m. A bottle was reported to have been thrown through the window of a vehicle parked next to John Quincy Adams Hall.

4:32 p.m. Following a traffic stop on University Drive, Matthew Streeter, 21, of Amherst, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

4:58 p.m. Following a date of birth request by a police officer in the parking lot next to Boyden Gymnasium, Paul Bishop, 18, of Stoughton, and Lindsay Powers, 19, of Canton, were arrested for being minors in possession of alcohol.

7:43 p.m. After responding to a report of a suspicious person in the parking lot across the street from Southwest, police officers arrested Derek Butler, 20, of Waltham, for possession of a class D substance.

10:10 p.m. Following a traffic stop on Massachusetts Avenue, Ali Shamian Al-Shamian, 21, of Cambridge, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

11:01 p.m. Justin Zuckerman, 18, of Chester, NY, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol in Coolidge Hall.

11:23 p.m. Three subjects were reported to be running through Van Meter Hall handing out alcohol.

Saturday March 5

1:32 a.m. Following a traffic stop on Massachusetts Avenue, Sarah Dupont, 18, of Falmouth, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and being a minor in possession of alcohol.

1:37 a.m. A person stated that they were assaulted by four to five subjects in Patterson Hall.

2:43 a.m. A person reported there was a subject in Coolidge Hall in their underwear throwing objects in the hallway.

6:02 a.m. Two subjects were reported to be sleeping in a vehicle parked across the street from Southwest. The subjects stated they had a friend on campus and were locked out of the room.

8:33 p.m. After date of birth requests in the parking lot across the street from Southwest, Benjamin Waterfall, 19, of Roslindale, and Christopher Goff, 19, of Roslindale, were arrested for being minors in possession of alcohol.

Sunday March 6

12:28 a.m. A police officer reported a large fight in the Student Union with approximately 30 subjects. An ambulance was requested for an injured subject who had been stabbed. Officers deployed pepper spray to disperse the crowd.

2:01 a.m. Police officers observed subjects running from Curry Hicks Hall. Michael Dulong, 20, of North Caldwell, was apprehended and arrested for breaking and entering, disorderly conduct and assault.

2:36 a.m. A pedestrian approached police officers and stated a fight had occurred in the parking lot across the street from Southwest. The officers investigated and found one subject that had been injured, an ambulance was requested for the subject.

3:09 a.m. A person stated that someone stole his laptop and wallet in John Quincy Adams Hall. The items were valued at $1,000.

7:52 p.m. A person stated that their vehicle was broken into in the parking lot across the street from Southwest. The windshield and rear windows were broken and the headrests and visor were stolen from the vehicle. The vehicle also would not start.

—Compiled by Brendan Heck

Speaker emphasizes Mideast compromise

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evacuation.

"There are dramatic changes taking place," Eisen commented. "This settlement comes out of a bloody, four and a half year war between the two peoples. We're talking about a harsh reality. This is about two separate peoples who feel the need to be separated from one another."

Speaking of this "harsh reality," she described the relationship between the two groups.

"They don't trust one another," Eisen added. "Palestinians especially despise Israelis, hatred is expressed in Palestinian books, television, radio, etc. telling them how to treat them."

Members of the various organizations expressed their thanks for Eisen's visit.

"I think [Eisen] is a fantastic speaker, very eloquent," said Lori Hoch, campus coordinator of Hasbara Fellowships. "I'm very happy with the turnout on a Sunday morning. We've had 50 people register so far for the conference."

More events were promised throughout the day at the Israel Activism Conference. At 5 p.m. at the Hillel House, dinner and an Israel Fair took place, where organizations got to speak more with students. Following that, Remedy, who has collaborated with Wu-Tang Clan and Subliminal, an Israeli rap group performed as well.

Southwest chills with ice

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have started with drawings before even attempting a three dimensional piece.

The next step involves the cutting of the ice block. In order to cut the full three hundred-pound block of ice down to a more manageable size, ice carvers use an electric chain saw. However, most of the work will be done by hand using various types and shapes of ice chisels.

Ice Chisels are the most common tools for carving ice. They come in different sizes and shapes. Smaller-sized chisels have short handles and the larger-sized chisels have long handles. The best are produced in Japan, although Germany is also known for producing high quality chisels and other tools.

After the block has been chiseled down to a workable size, the carver then begins creating his sculpture.

"If I'm creating a swan, I'll start carving the swan one dimensionally. After I have finished it's first dimension then it's just a matter of turning the swan from side to side, slowly giving it shape, until I have created a three-dimensional swan."

Working together with teams of other ice sculptors Henry has created some of New England's largest ice sculptures.

"In 1991, I worked with a team and sculpted a huge dinosaur for the "First Night" celebration in Boston, the next year we went even bigger and created a medieval castle," said Henry. "The biggest thing I've done by myself was the "First Night" celebration in Gloucester. The theme of the night was musical instruments, so I made a "three-piece band". I had a dolphin playing a baby grand piano, a sailfish playing a bass fiddle, a seal playing the trumpet with a penguin orchestrating the whole band."

The ideal temperatures for outdoor ice sculpting are high 20s during the day and in the teens during the night. Anything colder would prevent visitors from enjoying the show.

"Cold weather only hurts the crowds, but the ice cuts easier the colder it gets. And of course the warmer the weather the worse the ice cuts. So as ice carvers, we just have to deal with the cold. That's why most of us try to cut in a freezer, that way it's just cold enough to keep the ice crisp, but not cold enough so that we're miserable."

But according to Henry, all of the hard work and pain is worth it in the end.

"You can make a good living in this profession, but you really have to hustle your work. It's extremely important to get out there and push your product," said Henry. "But once you make a name for yourself, it's easy to make money."

But, due to recent developments in computer ice carving, money may soon become harder to earn.

"A lot of it is computerized now. There is a machine that holds the ice while a computerized router, that is told through a computer what to cut, cuts the ice. They produce nearly flawless work in half the time it take me to make a sculpture," said Henry.

But the crowds don't come to watch computers make an ice sculpture. They want to hear the chainsaw, they want to see the ice fly, and they want to watch Derek Henry create whatever he imagines.

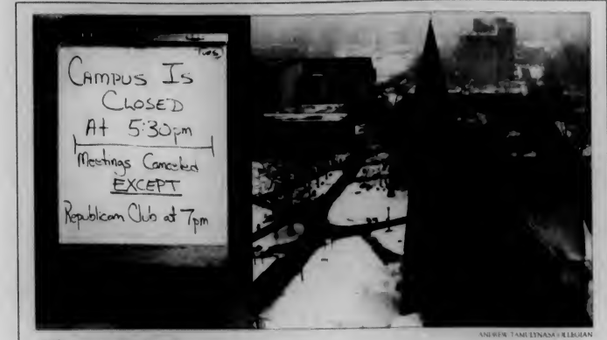
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Where is Spring?
Another snow squal slams UMass yesterday as students are once again able to go home early after campus was declared closed at 5:30 p.m. This is the second major storm to blast UMass in the last week.

Prison fire kills hundreds in Dominican Republic

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"When they finally opened the door, we all tried to get out but we didn't all make it, some got trampled to death," said Sanchez, 28, in jail for beating up a man in a dispute over a woman. He has been waiting two years for his trial.

Just 26 prisoners were rescued, said National Police Chief Manuel de Jesus Perez Sanchez.

Among the 134 dead were two Americans from Puerto Rico convicted of cocaine trafficking. Two other Americans, likewise from Puerto Rico, were among 18 inmates injured, officials said.

The riot began with an earlier disturbance in which one inmate was shot and wounded, said the national prison director, Gen. Ramon de la Cruz Martinez.

Guards broke up that fight, but soon after prisoners began rioting, setting fire to their bedding.

Enrique Wilano, 27, a survivor hospitalized with a gunshot to his shoulder and cuts to his face, said some gang members continued fighting as the fire grew into an inferno.

"They didn't want us to leave. Everybody who tried to get to the door got shot or hit with a machete," Wilano said.

Scores of relatives gathered outside the jail.

"I just want to find out if he's still alive," Porfirio Rodriguez said of his son, Ramon, who had been serving time for smuggling migrants to Puerto Rico.

Police directed Rodriguez to a nearby copy shop, where he had to pay a dollar to obtain a list of the victims. Ramon was among the dead.

Austacia Guerrero, the mother of another prisoner, said the inmates didn't have a chance. "They're like sardines in there. They can't move, so how are they going to get out?" she said.

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wars," said Lifton.

Lifton additionally pointed out that after Vietnam, lessons that should be applied to present foreign policy were abandoned by the foreign policy advisors closest to the Bush Administration. Lifton referred to the administration as 'vulcans' having little experience with war and its consequences diplomatically.

The response of America to the Sept. 11 attacks, according to Lifton was "a dangerous exaggeration." Likewise, the response failed "to take a critical look at American policies that could have contributed to 9/11."

Lifton pointed out that the two distinct survivor missions of the post 9/11 age have been at odds against each other in the American mainstream.

"On the one hand Americans are confused about what caused 9/11 and now, having the energy to look beneath it more than was initially encouraged or permitted," said Lifton. However, he points out that "at the same time there is still a post 9/11 belligerence about 9/11 because it was such a horrific event."

According to Ervin Staub, a professor of Psychology and director of the new doctoral program, "Understanding the roots and prevention of violence between groups, such as intractable conflict, ethno-political warfare, mass killing, genocide and terrorism is a young and developing area of research and scholarship, especially in psychology."

The new doctoral program in the psychology of peace and the prevention of violence would not be possible if it were not for a $2.5 million anonymous donation. According to the Psychology department the goal of the initial donor is to foster the creation of a peaceful world; likewise, "we expect that our program will contribute to the study of individual violence, becoming more engaged with issues of group and community violence and peace."

For more information regarding the Psychology of Peace and the Prevention of Violence PhD concentration see www.umass.edu/peacepsyhology.

Clinton will undergo second surgery

By Karen Matthews
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Six months after undergoing heart bypass surgery, former President Clinton will return to the hospital this week to have a rare buildup of fluid and scar tissue removed from his chest.

"I feel fine," Clinton said Tuesday in Washington, adding that he plans to play golf in Florida a day before the operation.

Doctors at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center, where Clinton is scheduled to have the procedure on Thursday, said the surgery is low-risk.



Former President Clinton will undergo surgery to remove tissue around his heart.

During the procedure, known as a decortication, doctors will remove scar tissue that is pressing down on his left lung. The surgery will be done either through a small incision or with a video-assisted thoracope inserted between his ribs.

The former president said doctors discovered the condition during a recent X-ray, and he called the surgery a "routine sort of deal."

In an interview with Associated Press Television News, Clinton said he knew before he went with former President George H.W. Bush to tour tsunami-devastated areas last month that he would be having the surgery. Doctors told him he would not be able to fly after the surgery, so he scheduled it after he returned.

Clinton said he will play in a charity golf tournament for tsunami relief Wednesday with the elder Bush.

"I feel line. I just had a little fluid buildup after my surgery," Clinton told APTN. "It's no big deal."

Clinton's problem is a rare complication of his surgery, where inflammation of the lining of the heart develops and fluid builds around it or in the lungs, said Dr. Craig Smith, who performed the bypass surgery on Clinton in September. He said it occurs in "a fraction of one percent" of cases.

Dr. Allan Schwartz, chief of the cardiology at New York-Presbyterian, said Clinton passed a full physical before going to Asia and scored in the 95th percentile for his age in a stress test.

Clinton, 58, had been quite active since his Sept. 6 heart surgery at Columbia-Presbyterian, presiding over the opening of his presidential library in Little Rock, Ark., and, more recently, joining the first President Bush for a public relations campaign to help raise private funds for the victims of the Asian tsunami.

Former President Bush said he had trouble keeping up with Clinton in Asia.

"You should have seen him going, town to town, country to country. Energizer Bunny here. He killed me," Bush said.

Clinton underwent quadruple coronary artery bypass surgery after suffering chest pains and shortness of breath.

In bypass surgery, doctors remove one or more blood vessels from elsewhere in the body and attach them to arteries serving the heart, detouring blood around blockages. The vessel typically comes from elsewhere in the chest, although doctors sometimes take one from an arm, a leg or the stomach.

Clinton previously blamed his blockage in part on genetics — there is a history of heart disease in his mother's family — but also said he "may have done some damage in those years when I was too careless about what I ate."

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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Student-run businesses in need of acknowledgement

The University of Massachusetts is holding the first annual "Student Business Appreciation Week," this week, designed and to honor those student-run business on campus that work so hard to serve UMass students. These businesses are what give the University of Massachusetts its character and charm. They add a hint of professionalism while still understanding and appealing to the student body, their primary target.

Without knowing it, students on campus have come to rely heavily on many of the student-run businesses. Just having the comfort of know a student can always get that last-minute impulse cup of coffee in the morning is a very good feeling. The eight student-run businesses on campus deserve campus-wide recognition for all the hard work they put in and this week is perfect to do just that.

All students can relate to holding a job while attending classes. However, the students who work and manage these businesses on campus seem to be undertaking a lot more than the average UMass student. Those students occupy the title of co-manager. For all intensive purposes, they are responsible for running everything, from ordering to staffing to organizing. With help from managerial consultants from the Isenberg School of Management, these students are gaining great experience and knowledge of the business world.

Perhaps the greatest thing these students will be walking away from their tenure at their respective businesses with is the knowledge of how to turn a profit. And what's even more impressive is that none of these students are business majors and are, therefore, trying to balance the stress of the corporate world with the everyday stresses of being a full-time college student.

This week is a great opportunity for all of UMass to take the time to properly acknowledge the hard work and long hours these students put in to making our day-to-day routine manageable. Student-run businesses, because they have the word "student" attached to the management's name, can often be thought of as less reputable. After all, they are just college students. But, the initiative that it takes to own and operate a business without help from the University is something that speaks volumes to all future employers for these students.

Also, the fact that these student-run businesses operate within the same vicinity of each other speaks very highly of the competitive nature that they have to endure. As any business owner knows, competition is a major factor and maintaining a successful corporation in the midst of all of it is vital.

For these student-run businesses, that they are able to still profit and stay afloat is remarkable. Because of the college campus environment, they need each other to survive, and working with your competitors is a better skill to have than working against them. This week, we should all take the time to acknowledge the hard work and dedication that these students put in to adding that little hint of comfort to our lives.

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Buying the dunce defense

Andrew Freeman

On Feb. 28th, Bernard Ebbers told the jury of his trial: "I don't know about technology and I don't know about finance and accounting." Ebbers, the CEO who built, through a series of mergers, the telecommunications giant WorldCom, which at its height was worth over $150 billion, described his role as the chief salesman for the company. He is being tried for the $11 billion fraud that resulted in WorldCom's bankruptcy, the largest in U.S. history.

When I read about this in the New York Times, I laughed out loud. How can anyone possibly believe that story? To add insult to injury, Ebbers continued his self-deprecatory statements, saying he got bad grades in college and worked a string of low-paying jobs before he hit it big. His defense is more complicated than claiming ignorance, however, because Ebbers charges that his company's chief financial officer Scott Sullivan, the government's star witness, carried out the fraud without his knowledge.

For the sake of argument, let's assume that Ebbers was telling the truth, and that he was not familiar with his company's finances, let alone its products. In that highly unlikely scenario, something is very wrong that a man who runs an enormous company had no knowledge of accounting, and was unable to oversee the people in charge of it. What was he being paid so much for? Why would WorldCom grant him a $400 million loan with the only collateral being his stock of the company? Why would they give him a yearly pension of $1.5 million in his severance agreement?

Ebbers is mounting a dunce defense: he didn't know what he ought to do, what any competent person in his position would do. And he's not the only one who has professed stupidity. Kenneth Lay, the former CEO of Enron, is expected to make similar claims in his fraud case, as is Jeffrey Skilling, another Enron CEO.

... the dunce defense is only the latest manifestation of an age-old political tactic: claim ignorance and blame your subordinates.

Richard Scrushy, CEO of HealthSouth, made a similar defense in the face of charges of fraud, conspiracy, money laundering and more.

This wave of dunce defenses kicked off with Walter Forbes, the chairman of CUC International, a consumer services company. Prosecutors exposed the company's $286 million fraud, and implicated the vice chairman in the crime, but Forbes was able to defend himself by blaming his underlings while claiming ignorance of their actions. Forbes' case ended in a mistrial, with jurors unable to reach a verdict on his guilt, proving that sometimes it's good to be ignorant.

But the dunce defense is only the latest manifestation of an age-old political tactic: claim ignorance and blame your subordinates. Remember Iraq's weapons of mass destruction? When our troops couldn't find them, the Bush administration criticized the CIA for providing them with faulty intelligence, in particular scapegoating its director George Tenet. The Bush Administration had already reached its own conclusions about Iraq, and had manufactured evidence to support them. And then there's Sept. 11...

The Bush administration claimed that it had no warnings about Al-Qaeda's intention to attack the U.S. Speaking to the 9/11 Commission, Condoleeza Rice, then National Security Adviser, declared that a memo entitled "Bin Laden Determined to Attack Inside the United States" did not contain any warnings about attacks.

The memo reads in part "FBI information since that time indicates patterns of suspicious activity in this country consistent with preparations for hijackings or other types of attacks, including recent surveillance of federal buildings in New York."

The real travesty about the dunce defense, which demeans the intelligence of the listener as much as the defendant, is that it seems to work.

Forbes got his mistrial and Bush got his second term, and meanwhile most people are following Michael Jackson's trial rather than WorldCom's.

The people who use the dunce defense are all very intelligent, but the people who buy it are not.

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Hurdles in the workplace

Samantha Sharac

There are still obstacles in achieving equality and equity in the workplace and these are the realities for women working outside of the home. From discrimination and sexual harassment, low pay and little promotions, to the ever-so-popular "double day," women are not exactly experiencing the so-called "welcome mat" in the labor market. These problems do not only hurt the individual woman but also all women and the entire labor workforce.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, women who work full time earned on average 80 percent of the earnings of men in 2003. The wage gap varies within age and racial/ethnic groups as well. The Bureau of Labor Statistics observed, "young women (16 to 24 years old) earned almost as much as young men, while women aged 35 years and older earned about three fourths as much as their male peers" (2003). Asian men earned the most income followed by Asian women who made 78 percent of the average income of Asian men.

The report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics concluded that white men and women earned more than black and Hispanic or Latino men and women. They also noted that white women earned 79 percent of the income of a white male while black and Hispanic women made 88 percent of the earnings of black and Hispanic men. Hispanic or Latino men and women earned the least among these racial/ethnic groups in 2003.

Sexism along with racism usually is a strong factor in the continuing hierarchy of the wage gap. Radford University professor Hilary Lips, in her review of the annual 2003 report of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, discovered that "only in jobs that pay $25,000 to $30,000 a year do men and women earn roughly the same. The further up the pay scale and the higher the education, the wider the earnings gap" (2004). For instance, "Women college professors earn 75 cents; women lawyers and judges earn 69 cents" (Lips 2004); in comparison, "women bookkeepers earn 94 cents; women secretaries earn 84 cents" (Lips 2004).

Although many factors can explain this gender gap in earnings, for example preferences and years of work experience, the income disparity between men and women is still present when such factors are taken into account. The study director for the Institute for Women's Policy Research, Vicky Lovell, argues that "When certain factors are taken into account ... factors including different jobs and industries dominated by one gender; the disparate rates of union membership and years of work experience; education and training ... women still earn 12 cents less on the dollar than men" (2000).

Some people make light of this issue, but the fact is that sexual harassment is 'a vehicle for dominating women in the same ways that other violent crimes like rape and battering are.'

In addition to less pay and fewer promotions, women are more likely to be sexually harassed on the job. "Anywhere between 40-70 percent of women have experienced sexual harassment in the workplace," according to womenssisues.about.com. From Wall Street to the American armed forces, women are often sexually harassed in male-dominated occupations.

Women are still being called gender-specific derogatory names, they are the objects of dirty jokes and other degrading practices, which are all examples of the common acts of sexual harassment. Some people make light of this issue, but the fact is that sexual harassment is "a vehicle for dominating women in the same ways that other violent crimes like rape and battering are."

The "double day" is still an issue for women who work outside of the home. The productive duties, which are tied into women's reproductive roles such as cleaning, cooking and taking overall care of the home, are still part of the fabric of a gendered specific society. Again, due to economic pressures among other societal issues, many households have been making adjustments. It is left to be seen to what extent such changes will be practiced and if that will mean a shift in gender socialization roles.

If a woman is a single parent, she is burdened with even more responsibilities. A large income will help delegate the burden with paid help, but for poor, single-parent households there is little or no money for outside help. Relatives may help ease the burden of taking care of the home and caring for children while the parent works outside of the home. However, some single parents are unable to depend on family members to help and so the quality of their careers, households, and children's well-being suffer.

Women's workplace issues should be an ongoing economic and political discussion at all levels, the micro, the meso and the macro if there is to be any true measure of equity. Education, comparable worth, increase in the low income wage, access to affordable child-care and improvement in the work-force climate are just a few recommendations to improve the lives of women and our society.

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U.S. must watch its step

Joseph St. John

A few days ago, the United States received a warning from Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez, saying that if we assassinate him, the country will shut off its oil exports to us.

The United States of course denied any intention to assassinate Chavez, calling such a claim ridiculous, but such an accusation begs the question of whether Chavez is sincerely afraid that his country's government is being manipulated.

The United States has a vested interest in Venezuelan politics for several reasons. Venezuela is the third largest importer of petroleum to the U.S., only behind Canada and Mexico, and according to the BBC, Venezuela under Chavez has been "courting" Libya, Cuba and Iran. It also dealt with the Iraqi Government led by Saddam Hussein. These are all governments openly against U.S. policy.

Chavez is quoted by ABC News as saying, "If this came to pass one day, that an invasion force came to Venezuela, a hundred-year war would ensue ... but not only in Venezuela, but in this part of Latin America and the Caribbean against imperialism ... so if this comes to pass, the citizens of the U.S. can forget about Venezuelan oil."

The U.S. has been known in the past to interfere with political turmoil in other countries in order to benefit its own political and economic interests. The Bay of Pigs was an unsuccessful attempt to start a coup in Cuba to overthrow Fidel Castro. The School of the Americas was used by the U.S. as an influential arm in the Latin American countries of El Salvador and Guatemala, and unspeakable atrocities were committed in the name of the U.S.

More recently Jean-Bertrand Aristide accused the U.S. of exiling him to South Africa after a coup last year that ousted him from his role as president of Cuba. History will tell if this claim has credence, and will unveil the extent of the U.S." involvement in the 2004 turmoil in Haiti. Is it possible that we are meddling a little too much in Venezuela as well?

There is little doubt that the U.S. has the capability of funding Chavez dissidents, and involving itself in Venezuela's internal affairs. Chavez knows this and has claimed that his government has the evidence and proof that it has done so already.

As the U.S. becomes increasingly dependent on foreign oil we must tread carefully in order to fulfill our energy needs for the future while not using our might unjustly. Our military strength cannot be our only diplomatic device.

ABC news said, "Chavez is convinced that the United States is helping to destabilize his Government." In past weeks, this controversial politician has had to face half a million protesters in the capital city of Caracas who demand change in oil and land laws. The U.S. has engineered coups starting off with similar protests. Could Chavez be lying about his belief of U.S. involvement with the recent protests in his country, just to increase the anti-American sentiment and gain support from Venezuelans who view the U.S. as an imperialist bully?

This is a possibility, but it seems more likely that he is saying this to protect himself, so that if the U.S. planned, or knew about plans of his assassination, they would avert them to avoid international scrutiny if such an event occurred.

Perhaps Chavez's threat to stop exporting oil to the United States was meant to show that Venezuela could resist the U.S. juggernaut. This seems logical, but some say that it would be hurtful to Venezuela to stop selling oil to the U.S. because the U.S. is one of the major consumers of Venezuelan oil. Analysts like John Gage, a professor from the Australian National University, do not think Venezuela could afford to lose a customer like the U.S. Venezuela is seeking to sell oil to India, but refusing to sell oil to the U.S. would be hurtful to its economy in the long run.

It is amazing that the leader of one country could accuse another country of plotting to assassinate the leader of that one country, especially two countries that do business with each other.

Oil is definitely the golden currency of today's world. A lot of it is in the hands of struggling countries like Venezuela, or in countries that have very different ideas about society than we do, like Saudi Arabia. As the U.S. becomes increasingly dependent on foreign oil we must tread carefully in order to fulfill our energy needs for the future while not using our might unjustly. Our military strength cannot be our only diplomatic device.

A time will come when there will only be a few countries supplying oil to the entire world, and we have to start thinking about ways in which the resources can be shared fairly without so much bloodshed. We have to practice good diplomacy, and recognize the needs of other nations as well as our own, because the more we do this, the better we can all work together to achieve our mutual goals.

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Oh, Jesus: dealing with the re-release of 'The Passion'

Thomas Naughton

It seems "no bunny knows Easter" better than an embattled Jesus movie and its crazy Church-building, anti-guy producer who has had a past penchant for parading around with other men in skirts. Just in time for the Lenten Fast, Mel Gibson is re-releasing his heavy-hitter of holy horridness, "The Passion of the Christ," and this round of crucifixion is "re-cut for new audiences."

I can imagine that the "new audiences" are actually the un-brainwashed demographic that Gibson is so interested in, and that "re-cut" actually means that some kind of gas is pumped into the theater to numb critical thought while the politics of the aforementioned director take over the mind like hundreds of kilted men with painted faces and fake accents.

According to popular belief, "every American should see this movie," and why would one argue? Our president is a religious fanatic, we're fighting a war that is steeped in "Our God vs. their god" undercurrents, and much of the country is convinced that they know exactly what God wants and whom God loves. America is a nation being dipped deeper and deeper into the dismal, drowning baptismal-waters of religious zeal and Gibson's "Passion" is a perfect example of this slow and scary submergence.

It seems the hand of evangelism's God is outstretched and reaching hard for any and all who resist it; in some way, shape or form, we are all going to be forced to see at least some part of this movie even if its only a 30 second trailer. However, if by some strange act of God or the President all Americans are required by law to see Gibson's film, be not afraid — I have devised some solutions to deal with the Easter re-release of "The Passion of the Christ."

Passionate Kisses

Recruit a friend or significant other to attend the movie with you. Throughout the entirety of the film, make out sloppily over a bucket between your seats. Participants who fill the bucket with saliva drippings before the conclusion of the movie will receive a small prize. (Extra credit will be awarded to gay male participants, as they are headed for Hell.)

The Porno of the Christ

Make friends with the projector guy at the theater and find a way to dub the sound from your favorite hardcore porn film over the "Passion" reel. Insist that you find it similar to the Pink Floyd "Dark Side of the Moon"/ "Wizard of Oz" phenomenon.

The Gassing of the Christ

Bring 10 of your lactose intolerant friends/acquaintances to the theater after a healthy trip to the local dairy farm. Make sure everyone has had enough ice cream, milk, ice milk, Alfredo sauce, cream in their coffee, cheese, cream cheese, cream-based soup and perhaps straight lactase enzyme.

Contraption of the Christ

Get to your local theater early. Remove all of the chairs from the theater and with the help of some toothless Carnies, set up a Tilt-a-Whirl facing the screen in place of the chairs. If patrons protest, stick the Carnies on them. If there's one thing fanatics are afraid of, it's Carnies. Insist that vomiting patrons on the Tilt-a-Whirl are possessed by the Devil and that Mel Gibson is saving them. Never wipe up vomit, its God's vomit. Repeat if desired.

The Dying Jesus Picture Show

Draft a live-action "Passion of the Christ" play to perform in tandem with the movie at the front of the theater a la "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." Encourage audience participation and heckling of your live action Jesus while he's being crucified (real blood gets extra points). Create dance numbers to your original Passion-inspired songs, which include "Hungry
Like the Last Supper", "Ouch, Being Nailed to a Cross Hurts", "P is for
Pontius and It's Good Enough For Me", and my personal favorite, "Dirrty (Mary Magdalene Remix)".

Three-o-cifal

Construct crowns of thorns for every patron seeing "The Passion." Insist that if they really believe in Jesus and want to know what it was like during the last twelve hours of his life, they would have no problem having a crown of thorns smashed onto their heads. When they ask why you aren't wearing a crown remind them "It is better to give than to receive."

A Mixed Drink

On a popular "Passion" night for area churches, invite members of your local Church of Satan to view the film. Then invite local witchcraft covens, psychic friends and cannibals. Add sacramental wine. Stir well and frequently.

Obviously some of these options could get you into some trouble, so choose wisely. Always remind your detractors that when they persecute you, they are no better than the people who crucified Jesus, just because the Good Lord Gibson dropped 25 million dollars on this little art project doesn't mean we have to be willing participants. However, if we're all going to be evangelized, we may as well have fun before we loose our free will entirely.

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Using the words we have

Craig Weinfuss

It's no secret: English speakers love their language. We take pride in this unique lexicological conglomeration. It has been said that English is the language that when in a dark alley pulls a knife on other languages and steals anything interesting in their pockets. It is a tough language, a survivor.

It has survived, along with the English themselves, the Norman Conquest and therefore the French influence, as well as the Latinate, Celtic and a host of others. Not only has it survived, but thrived from the stolen goods of each.

So I say, in the spirit of this long-standing take-no-prisoners tactic we put aside our social anxieties and use those sexy words we've had our eye on. That's right; don't deny it. I know about that diction reserve you have been hording in the back of your brain, those words that you want to use but haven't because they might sound awkward coming from your mouth, those words that may not fit your "style."

Everyone has them. It's no secret. But I say it's about time we throw our linguistic angst out the window. It's time we replace those dust-gathering clichés like "out the window" with a new phraseology of the exotic variety. Instead of the well-worn phrase "I'm daydreaming," why not "bathing in bullamaka" (which is an Australian term for an imaginary place.) Come on, it has a nice alliterative bubble to it, doesn't it?

If that's too extreme for your tastes, how about invoking the traditional English colloquialism "bloke" to replace the long dead-beat "dude"? Or perhaps resurrect extinct phrases, like the colorful term "elf-locks" for the ladies, perhaps? Used to describe the elfish mischief of Mercutio's Queen Mab, "This is that very Mab / That plats the manes of horses in the night, / And bakes the elflocks in foul sluttish hairs, / Which once untangled, much misfortune bodes." Certainly, we can use it to brighten up our slanderous gossip!

Everyone has them, it's no secret. But I say it's about time we throw our linguistic angst out the window. It's time we replace those dust-gathering clichés like, "out the window" with a new phraseology of the exotic variety.

I'm also tired of hearing all these compact, professional phrases. The news, CNN, FOX, Name Your Reporting Company, they are all bountiful sources for the mass production of these ready-to-consume phrases, with simply appalling flavor. Dare I mention the notorious "weapons of mass destruction," a phrase so overused that an acronym has been created and commonly understood: W.M.D. I won't even get started on "the war on terror" or Bush's State of the Union.

But this plague of the unoriginal has certainly struck closer to home. Look at the workplace! I hear my own father spew forth this ugly, misaligned, ready-for-business, and the worst of all: vague language: "We need to be first movers concerning efficient ETA (apparently, Expected Time of Arrival) from Dallas to D.C. to maintain big-hitter status." What's wrong with simply saying "We need to ship the boxes quickly from Dallas to Houston to be competitive with other businesses?" Isn't that easier to understand? Why purposefully make a difficult job more difficult?

Recently, I've been inspired by Mr. Robert Frost and the radical philosophies he proposed concerning language in his day. Simply put, he said the sentence is not merely 10 words thrown together but a tune, sung and harmonized by the everyday people. I then imagined the city as a forest with humans chirping their tunes in the grocery stores and outside markets.

So, if you haven't been paying a heedful vigilance to the wondrous sounds about trying to seduce your senses, give it a go. Attune your ear to the symphony of the language and pluck from it those words and phrases that tickle your fancy. I'll leave you with a contemplative note concerning the critical theory of Mr. Frost:

Art exists not in creating new variations (for that would place the artist outside of nature) but in listening for the tones that have not been stereotyped by literary expression; in collecting and arranging.

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Men controlling contraception

S.J. Port

Every girl over the age of 16 seems to be on it. It's the one pill nobody puts in a box, a bowl or keeps in the bottle. It comes in a packet with 28 enclosed bubbles, one for each day of your cycle. Some kinds come in square pink cases, some in round lavender compacts. Some help your skin. Others regulate irregularity. Many kinds increase your cup size. Even more kinds increase your waistline or your pant size.

Congratulations boys, within 10 years you too will enjoy the responsibilities held within that pink compact of pills.

Women everywhere take a small pill full of estrogen and progesterone everyday, which plays with their hormones, their health and their budgets (to figure out how to afford the often uncovered prescription). Since the FDA's 1960 approval of oral contraception for woman, the chemical birth control revolution has spread through cities and small towns, villages and suburbia.

But what about men? Aren't they part of heterosexual sexual activity and heterosexual efforts to prevent pregnancy?

Only now, after 45 years, after the breakthrough medical discovery, pioneered by male doctors and women's suffragette workers like Margaret Sanger, is the international medical community closing in on a comparable product for men. And even now the debates about whether to go with a hormonal contraceptive being worked on by various national and international researchers or to go with a sperm blocking chemical brought to us by University of Massachusetts Worcester Medical and the Norwegian-based Spermatech splits the research funding, lengthening the waiting period.

Oral contraception revolutionized the way women live, love and reproduce by equalizing women and men through the chemical suppression of the female's fertility based vulnerability in order to weaken the gender barrier.

For men this was a revolution as well. Men began to see women as they had previously only seen their male peers: beings capable, willing and wanting of regular sexual activity, and not necessarily with a monogamous partner. Men could expect women to be more willing to engage in sexual activity before marriage, since the risk of pregnancy and public exposure of their so-called-sin was diminished. But with this, men all of kinds, also began to expect that women — all women — would be on birth control, and "take care of" the oldest risk factor involved in sex.

But the miracle pill is a double-edged sword. The other edge of the sword slices towards the actual day-to-day effects oral contraception had and continues to have on women. Yes, there have been tremendous and welcome social advancing effects, as well as scores of individually satisfied and enthusiastic women and men, but oral contraceptives have a dark side.

Guys, imagine if you were on the pill: being trapped into commitments due to supposedly accidental pregnancies would be much more difficult. Men, like women, will soon have some way to control the number of dependents under their roof or in the world.

The oral contraceptive revolution put women and girls on a vicious daily roller coaster of hormones causing both serious and frustrating routine side effects and health risks; laid further responsibility for preventing unplanned pregnancies on women, and put an additional financial strain on women (even to this day, the pill is often not covered by insurance, and even if it is the additional $5-40 a month is a pecuniary burden for all female patients).

After 45 years of oral contraception, why are women still bearing the day-to-day responsibility for controlling reproduction? The easy answer is that women carry the biological burden of the womb. The more difficult answer comes in pieces but can be summed up by saying that operation male birth control has become the ultimate challenge for scientists. Because women are already carrying the burden of birth control, it is harder to sell men on why they too should involve themselves. Men will be tougher customers than women were.

There are however those men in monogamous relationships who wish desperately that they and their girlfriends or wives had more options (either because they're partner is unable to use contraceptives for medical or religious reasons, refuses to or does not want to because of the side-effects). And there are those men who wish that they had the option to control their fertility because they don't trust their partner to do so. Guys, imagine if you were on the pill: being trapped into commitments due to supposedly accidental pregnancies would be much more difficult. Men, like women, will soon have some way to control the number of dependants under their roof or in the world.

Two hundred years ago Alexis de Tocqueville wrote, "In America, more than anywhere else in the world, care has been taken constantly to trace clearly distinct spheres of action for the two sexes, and both are required to keep in step, but along paths that are never the same." Limited to just condoms or vasectomies or abstinence, men still make up one third of contraceptive use in the United States, according to the Associated Press.

It is time society worked to give men who are taking steps to involve themselves in sphere of fertility decisions more options. It is time women asked men to be more involved. And it is time for male contraception to move beyond condoms to unbreakable chemical options. Women do not get pregnant or have children alone: contraception provides protection for both women and men. However it happens, hopefully the medical community will sooner rather than later bring us all back into the life cycle.

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Flaws in Commission report

Barak Sered

The Commission on Campus Diversity's report finally came out last Tuesday, and while the report certainly raises many pertinent issues, like the descending percentage of minority students at the University of Massachusetts in recent years, the Commission's report is overall lacking in some very important areas.

"Re-define and restructure ALANA support programs."

This recommendation is particularly troubling because it does not assign a specific agent or process for the restructuring. The Diversity Commission refers to the foundational parameters of the ALANA support programs, and claims that the fact that these programs have expanded significantly beyond their mandate over the years is a sign of internal problems and instability.

I believe, however, that services that have had a chance to develop organically to serve the needs of a community and are sufficiently funded, would tend to provide a better service over a longer period of time than institutions that were created in a synthetic top-down approach. I believe we should be concerned that the restructuring of the ALANA support programs will occur without sufficient consultation with the staff and students who populate these programs

"Appoint a senior level administrator ... to coordinate all diversity and inclusion activities."

While the idea of a Vice Chancellor who is truly concerned with the experience of underrepresented groups of campus would be an appealing change, I fear that without mechanisms of accountability and transparency, this administrator's role would be purely symbolic.

The data that drives the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Diversity must be made open and available to all.

The results of policies implemented by this Vice Chancellor must likewise be made public. Equally as important, the Vice Chancellor must be made, in a substantive way, accountable to the constituency he or she is meant to serve. The Diversity Commission's report includes none of these parameters, and I see this as a serious shortcoming.

"Require all members of the campus' leadership community to develop plans to intensify and assess efforts to achieve an improved climate for enhancing diversity and inclusion within their areas of responsibility."

A blanket statement of this sort, urging all administrators to be cognizant of our campus' diversity, or lack thereof, is severely shortsighted. This commission was called in response to a tense racial climate and the increasing dissatisfaction within minority groups on campus, to recommend significant concrete policy changes. Instead, the Commission has treated its charge as the "first step in initiating a conversation." This first step alone has cost our campus upwards of $40,000.

The majority of the Diversity Commission's report is a regurgitated summery of the dozens of interviews that they conducted at open forums and in private. The administration would like to pretend that they did not know what the campus community wanted, and therefore could not be held accountable for not meeting our needs. So they charged a commission with the task of finding out what we, the students, faculty and employees of UMass want.

I suggest that instead of spending $40,000 to find out what anyone on campus knows to be true — that minorities overwhelmingly feel excluded here at UMass — the Chancellor and his colleagues could have used these resources to tackle some of the problems that have been raised again and again, head-on.

Another serious shortcoming in the Commission's report that I would like to highlight is the total absence of any discussion of class. People of color occupy the lowest socio-economic rungs in our state and country, and a discussion of the drop in minority enrollment at UMass over the last five years is rendered unenlightening without mention of the 50 percent tuition increase over the same time period. If we want UMass to be diverse, we must make it accessible to a diverse constituency.

On a final, and positive note, I would like to applaud the Commission for including in its recommendations the general assertion that "student voices should be valued and the integrity of student government and its agencies respected in the pursuit of diversity and inclusion goals."

I hope the UMass administration is ready to address the concerns expressed to the Commission, and follow through on their commitment to improve race relations and minority inclusion at UMass.

Barak Sered is a UMass student.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TASERS NOT JUST FOR POLICE

It seems the most hotly debated issue on campus right now is TASERs. The UMass police force wants to be able to control unruly students during riots, and the planned acquisition and use of TASERs would certainly increase the police officers' safety, as well as minimize the damage that rubber bullets and pepper spray can cause. However, I feel that the major shortcoming in this plan is that it is unfair to students. By giving the police this new tool, the rights of students are being affronted.

Specifically, if police officers are given free rein to use TASERs to protect themselves from rioters, then it is only fair that students should be provided with, and trained to use, TASERs to protect themselves from rioters as well.

I'm sure there are many Southwest and Orchard Hill residents who, coming back to the dorm after an evening of studying at the library, are forced to confront a massive riot at their dorm complexes. Many times, it is difficult for these students even to reach the door of their building, for fear of drunken assault.

If the administration was truly concerned about the welfare of students, they would provide these students with TASERs, enabling them to reach their residence halls safely. This would prevent needless injuries and allow students not affiliated with the riots recourse in pursuing their academics without interruption.

James Cashin
UMass student

POLLUTION AND ENERGY KEY ISSUES

The goal of cleaner energy is both obtainable and sustainable; it requires the use of renewable energy sources, such as the sun, wind and plants (biomass fuels). The level of air pollution is unsafe, costly and dirty. As a result, asthma is the number one cause for children receiving emergency room care and being sent home sick and missing school.

Our air is being polluted by 92 percent of our energy sources. Almost one third of carbon dioxide pollution, a leader in global warming, is created by burning fossil fuels, such as coal and oil, and from nuclear power plants. In Massachusetts, nuclear power accounts for three to five percent of the state's energy. There is no safe way to dispose of such toxic wastes that are mounting to 1.2 million pounds in Plymouth.

Our energy sources are temporary, with unpredictable lasting effects, which incur unnecessary costs to society and the environment. Encourage your local legislatures to work for the passage of the Energy Efficiency Standards Bill in Massachusetts Congress. This bill would make 17 common appliances more energy efficient, which will save the state two billion dollars by 2030, an annual reduction of 1400 metric tons of pollutants like soot, smog and carbon dioxide.

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MTV UNDER FIRE FOR DEPICTION OF TEENS



Does MTV affect the way you look at life?

MTV is charged with giving too much of the mainstream perspective. The report goes on to say that by overplaying the same music, MTV aired bands seem to be 'loosing their luster.'

"It is a self-serving argument to say that this research is done to basically serve teens. It's done to better manipulate teens."
–Robert McChesney

Scholars and media critics scrutinize the network in latest report

By Lenny Castaneda
The Daily Aztec

SAN DIEGO — Today, many young Americans are sucked in like tractor beams by MTV's reality shows and TV series.

Dick Sirulnick, MTV executive vice president for news and production, stated MTV does its best to connect with viewers by reflecting their lives, "hopefully accurately," according to a 2001 PBS Frontline report called, "Merchants of Cool."

Viewers are taken to places they may not normally go when MTV airs a show like the documentary series "True Life," which focuses on the lives of young adults. The show allows viewers to see what people completely different than themselves are doing, Sirulnick said on PBS Frontline.

Tim Powell, San Diego State assistant professor for the school of theatre, television and film, said MTV opened the doors for reality television such as "Survivor" and "The Bachelor."

Powell said MTV shows are skewed toward a specific audience, and the reason viewers are so interested is because the content aired is related to what viewers are currently experiencing in their own lives.

Brian Graden, president of MTV programming, stated in the report, he uses focus groups consisting of 12 trend setting kids that discuss emerging trends with a mediator.

Robert McChesney, research professor in the Institute of Communications Research at the University of Illinois, stated in the report that focus groups are used to find out what teens want so the most money as possible can be made off of them.

"It is a self-serving argument to say that this research is done to basically serve teens," McChesney, who is also a media critic and author of Rich Media, Poor Democracy: Communication Politics in Dubious Times, stated on the Web site, www.PBS.org. "It's done to better manipulate teens."

In the report, he stated entertainment companies are like the British or French Empires in the 19th century and teens are their colonial Africa. The companies' weaponry includes films, music, books, CDs, Internet access, clothing, amusement parks and sports teams. Powell said any reality show with celebrities is interesting to people. Whoever is "hot" at the time, such as Jessica Simpson, will bring viewers to the show.

"Everybody wants to see what celebrities do in real life," he said, "and they think that this is the celebrity's real life.

"But when you have 10 camera crews in a house, the production company rented for the show, it's hard to get a feeling of real life."

He said there is not a true sense of real life for reality shows, however, there are real character elements, such as the way Jessica Simpson mindlessly responds to common knowledge.

Heather Ward, assistant professor for the school of communication at SDSU, said the people who watch MTV are only getting the mainstream prospective, which overplays music so that it loses its luster.

She said this pool of media eagerness jumps on the "band wagon" of what's "cool," by catering to the lowest common denominator to whatever gets eyes to watch.

"Similar to Bandura's Social Cognitive Learning Theory, people look at their environment, then they look at the media and identify with it — mimicking what they see on television," Ward said.

Ward said teenagers are because their peers have a tremendous influence on them.

MTV has ways to capture someone's attention to watch its shows, she said. It could be the way a show is edited with the combination of music and narrative that takes hold of a teen's — at times limited — attention span.

Public relations junior Nicole Buono said reality shows on MTV such as "My Super Sweet 16"are stupid.

It is not entertaining to watch a rich and spoiled girl celebrate her 16th birthday, she said.

"It's worthless television — what happened to the music?" she said.

Communication junior, Alli Paris said she thought the MTV's reality show "The Real World" was "cool" to watch — when it was the only one. She said the same concept of filming "reality" is redundant, because it is on every television network.

Paris said she now thinks the show is nothing but a "drunken-orgy."





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El Pus fuses rap and rock on debut album 'Hoodlum'

By Nathan Rothstein
Collegian Staff

Atlanta is home to the Braves, Outkast, Ludacris and El Pus. El Pus? Are you spelling Hawks wrong?

No kids, El Pus is the newest rap/rock fusion group to hit America. Coming from the N.E.R.D. school of thought and kicking Linkin' Park back to the kiddy school, El Pus comes hard with style. On their debut release, Hoodlum Rock: Volume 1," they are rough, rugged and out of place, but they sound first-class. Good enough for Speech from Arrested Development to discover them in the Atlanta musical circuit, El Pus is about to "rip it up."

El Pus
'Hoodlum Rock: Volume 1'
Virgin Records

Forming into a band in the late 90s, El Pus draws influence from old-school gansta rappers N.W.A. and classic rockers like Led Zeppelin. Their live show promises to be just as energetic, as the group has witnessed incidents ranging from noise violations to marriage proposals.

On their first track, "Monday Morning," the group makes a song to show what they are all about. It isn't about politics, or the welfare of the nation, or the changing the world economy. No, it is about partying. They actually will be partying until Monday morning.

Though they may be dabbling in a topic that has already been touched upon, El Pus is doing something a little different — they are having fun, and that counts for something. Their lyrics are goofy, "I ain't freaky like R. Kelly, but I will put a mask on;" silly, "Girl you gotta, and you girl you so hotta;" and outright crazy, "I got some chickens in the coupe, they down for getting it on." Mixed together, and supplemented by hard guitar riffs, loud drum beats, and DJ cuts, everything comes together in perfect harmony.

You may have wondered where the two minute rock track went, and now its back. The album is just over 30 minutes, provoking the listener to put it in the CD player again, and spend another half hour with these hooligans. If that is not an option, and you want to get back to your old school Outkast or N.E.R.D. album, make sure to spend some time with the following songs.

"Girl" is another playful number that expresses their interest in the opposite sex, with a middle-school type fascination. On the next track, "Days of the BK's (I Remember)," they turn back the clock to a time of "kids hitting switches at stop lights." After hearing this ballad, you would think they would stop over at TRL for a meet and greet with the pre-teens, but then they get hard again. On "Madame Zenobia," El Pus gets everything right.

Their debut album might make Pharell quit hanging out with Snoop and take the next jet eye to Atlanta for a studio session with the city's new sensation, El Pus.



COURTESY ADAM SMITH

El Pus experiments with elements of classic rock and gangsta rap on their major label debut.

Halle Berry collaborates with Oprah on new TV movie



COURTESY LIONEL HAHN

By Tom Jicha
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

Only Oprah Winfrey would dare call an actress the morning after she won an Oscar and ask her to star in a TV movie, which is what she did with Halle Berry. Only Oprah would get an immediate yes. And only Oprah would wind up doing the star as big a favor as the one she asked.

Berry was still reveling in the afterglow of the Academy Award for "Monster's Ball" when Oprah made a pitch to recruit her for "Their Eyes Were Watching God," or, as it's known on ABC, "Oprah Winfrey Presents Their Eyes Were Watching God."

"I was a little nervous because of when I called," Winfrey said. "Halle and I are friends and I really hate imposing on friends. I didn't know whether she was going to be like, 'Now I have an Oscar. I'm sorry. I can't talk to you.' No, she's too sweet to do that. But I didn't know whether or not she would be interested in doing television."

Some imposition. Oscar notwithstanding, Janie, the free-spirited, independent-minded heroine of the adaptation of Zora Neale Hurston's novel set in early 20th century Central Florida, is one of those roles of a lifetime. Berry gets to use every color and shading on her acting palette playing a liberated young black woman who defies the convention of her time in taking control of her life and loves.

It's a demanding role, which calls for Berry to appear in almost every scene of the two hour presentation and age more than 20 years as she shares her joys and heartaches with three distinctly different men. Berry is up to the challenge, movingly conveying innocence and sensuousness, vulnerability and duplicitousness. It will take a mighty turn from someone else to deny her a second Emmy to go with the one she won for Introducing Dorothy Dandridge.

The pitch wasn't a cold call from Winfrey. The two had first discussed Hurston's book 12 years previously when Berry was a guest on the host's daytime talk show. "Their Eyes Were Watching God" is second only to "The Color Purple" among her all-time favorites, Winfrey said. "It's really important for us to see black people, African-Americans, in a life that allows not only the history and legacy of the culture, but to show love. That's often not seen in a way people can relate to."

The only reason "Their Eyes Were Watching God" didn't become one of her book club selections, Winfrey said, is because adapting it as a movie was always in the back of her mind. "I never wanted to have any kind of discussion about why I really chose it."

Wanting to share the pleasure with Berry, Winfrey had a gift copy for her. "Take this and read it," Winfrey recalls telling Berry. "You are Janie."

The gesture was unnecessary. Berry had read the book in high school and loved it as much as Winfrey did.

When Winfrey finally called with the movie offer, it didn't faze Berry that it was going to be for TV.

"I look for things that inspire me and are different," Berry said. "(Janie) is a fully realized character, who starts in one place and has this amazing journey. She ends up really discovering what life and love are about. Love is really about loving self first, then all the other love from other avenues seems to come your way."

Winfrey found the same things in the novel. "Janie, to me, represents awareness of self and becoming a whole person, proud of being a whole, full person. I used to be one of those women afraid of being full of herself. Even in elementary school, people would say, 'She's so full of herself.' So I grew up afraid of being full of myself, because other people, who are not as inspired or are jealous or who don't want to be their full selves, try to tear you down. So it took me a while to get to the point that I was comfortable being full of myself."

"So many people who have read the book came up to me on the street in the last three months and told me, 'You better not mess this book up. I love her. This better be good."

They have nothing to worry about.

Rockers open School of Song Writing

By Bryan Brown
The Parthenon

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Are you currently a struggling musician hoping to strike it gold with your first big single? Have you been plagued with writer's block coming up with lyrics to go with an awesome guitar riff you composed after an all night binge of Jose Cuervo? Now you can breathe easy because two of Rock and Roll's greatest pioneers have recently opened up The School of Song Writing in Anaheim, Calif. Chad Kroeger, lead singer of Nickelback, and Chester Bennington, the rock portion of Linkin Park, have decided to lend their considerable talent in helping you succeed.

"I always envisioned opening up a school like this back in the early days," Kroeger said. "I just don't think it's fair that the average Joe doesn't get a chance to shine. Everyone, despite their lack of talent, has it within themselves to make it big."

Although Kroeger had entertained the notion of a songwriting school for many years, he did not actively pursue it until one night when he was writing a new song about having sex with one of his groupies for his group's upcoming album.

"I knew right then that the school was something I had to do," Kroeger said. "So I picked up the phone and called my buddy Chester, and we got the ball rolling."

Bennington, whose band Linkin Park topped charts in 2001 with the album Hybrid Theory, and again in 2003 with Meteora, was immediately on board.

"I see so many musicians falling into the same creative traps," Bennington said. "For example, you have to write for a specific audience. And if you're in your 20s, it's really difficult to grow an audience of your peers because so many of them are off doing unique things and having unique experiences. If you're going to play any kind of hard rock and be successful nowadays, it's got to appeal to teenagers. And how do you do that? You make your lyrics as vague and relatable as possible. Take the chorus for 'One Step Closer' for example. It took me forever to come up with those lines, but when I finally nailed them down, I felt like I had really done something great."

Kroeger and Bennington will not only address songwriting concerns, but many others common to up-and-coming musicians.

"We're not just going to teach you how to write a top single, but what to do after you have. We're going to immerse the student into the complete contemporary Hard Rock lifestyle," Kroeger said. "For that we're going to enlist the help of a lot of our friends in the business."

Among those friends is Scott Stapp, formerly of Creed, who will handle proper posing techniques for students as they shoot the video for their debut single. Fred Durst, of Limp Bizkit, will handle wardrobe and image concerns. Aaron Lewis of Staind will be responsible for keeping students focused on what inspires them.

"This project is really something I'm proud to be a part of," Lewis said. "Of course, my father probably wouldn't think so. He'd just crush a beer can on my head and tell me what a loser I was."

Although the school is based out of Anaheim, Lewis will spend most of his time teaching in a satellite school in his hometown of Boston.

"Boston has always felt like a kindred spirit when I'm writing new songs. Where else in the world will you find a city of half a million people that whine about the same thing over and over again, for years and years?"

Spaces in the school of songwriting are booked for the next six months, so interested musicians are encouraged to complete an online application and be placed on a waiting list.

"It'll be an experience you'll never forget," Bennington said.



Chester Bennington of Linkin Park (pictured above) plans to open a smaller School of Song Writing in Boston with Chad Kroeger of Nickelback. The original school is located in Anaheim, California.

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UMass to travel to Harvard

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quartet of sophomores to pick up the slack this year with Brian Iacovino, Brett Garber, Pat Larmon and Andrew Recchione leading the way. All four player received ample playing time last year as a number of injuries decimated the offensive lineup.

The four sophomores already have six goals between them for the season, with Iacovino and Garber scoring two apiece and Larmon and Recchione with one.

Adding to an already athletic attack will be the return of Jeff Zywicki who was injured for most of last year. Zywicki has five goals and two assists thus far for UMass, good for second on the team in points. Cannella mentioned that Zywicki is the type of player, "you expect that kind of production from."

Junior midfielder Dane Collins will be the primary face-off man this year for the Maroon and White. Collins has gone 14-for-30 this year. Collins was extremely efficient last season for the Minutemen, grabbing 125-of-245, for a .510 percentage.



KAREN WINCKLER/COLLEGIAN

Senior attackman Gene Tundo has paced the UMass offense so far this year. He recorded three assists against Yale on Saturday.

UMass also sports a brother combination in Bret Caretsky, a junior transfer from Maryland, and freshman P.J. Caretsky. Both Caretsky brothers play on attack and add some athletic depth to the Minutemen's offense.

"It's always good to have brothers on the team. They are both really good kids, Bret brings a little more experience coming in as a junior and has done a good job in practice." Cannella said. "P.J. is a hard worker and more of a heady player out there. They really fit in well with the team and the university."

Freshmen Evan Blum, Rory Pedrick, Fred Fedirico and Paul Manesis will all compete for time during the season. Cannella mentioned that this freshman class is, "full of extraordinary athletes."

Defense

Although Reid and co-captain Garcia will be the focal points of the Minutemen's defense this year, UMass has an array of size and athleticism that will be holding down the backfield.

The Minutemen have allowed a mere 6.50 goals per game this year, and have given up only one goal in seven man-down situations. Cannella is hoping that the overabundance of experience on defense will push the unit throughout the season.

"We have some experience there, so we're trusting our guys to work on a team defensive match-up and support each other a little bit more, especially around the cage on the Inside," Cannella said.

UMass has a total of five seniors bolstering its defense, with Reid, Garcia, Aaron Paskalis, Greg Scott and Rich Guyre. Canella has been stressing patience among this group as he knows they tend to get passionate and sometimes lose focus in the heat of the moment.

Reid was an aggressive force last year for the Maroon and White, picking up 53 ground balls in only 13 games. Garcia missed three games last season with an ankle sprain but was still able to contribute. He was selected as an All-American after the 2003 campaign.

Another positive for the Minutemen has been the sizable Paskalis who saw action in all 14 games last year. Paskalis transferred to UMass from Army before his junior year and has proven to be a powerful athlete in front of the cage. His strength is unparalleled on the team as his 405-pound bench-press leads the squad.

Helping the intimidation factor of Paskalis is 225-pound Guyre. Guyre and Paskalis weigh in at a combined 450 pounds, offering a intimidating balance to the defense. Cannella sees both as outstanding defenders, but wants everyone on the team to carry an air of intimidation.

"I think when you're big you intimidate people just by looks, but everybody needs to be tougher, that's something we stress," Cannella said.

Freshman Brian Danvers has been a pleasant surprise thus far for the Minutemen. He and classmate Sean Kryger add depth to this very experienced line.

Goalies

There is only room for one man between the pipes, and luckily for the Minutemen they have two worthy candidates.

Four-year starter and co-captain Bill Schell has been an important cog in the UMass defense and is poised to start for most of the season. He will be offered a challenge by sophomore Efosa Guobodia, who has impressed coaches with his improvement in the offseason.

Cannella has been pleased with the way both keepers have come along and is looking towards Schell to impose his leadership over the defense.

"Bill (Schell) has been doing really well in the preseason here and in scrimmages and practices. Guobodia has been really good in there as well," Cannella said. "Bill is great because he has a wealth of experience. He's been through it all, so we expect him to be a rock and a leader for us on that side of the ball."

Since Guobodia has proven to be an adequate goalie last year and in the offseason, Cannella is in a situation where he has two keepers ready at all times. However, Cannella is hoping that Schell can continue to improve and anchor an already powerful defense.

"It's good that we have that kind of competition there and I think Efosa is very capable, but Billy is a four-year starter," Cannella said. "You have to go with the experience, but I'm glad that either of these guys can step up for us this year."



KAREN WINCKLER/COLLEGIAN

Sophomore Dan Whipple has done a solid job on a defense that has caused huge problems for the opposition through two games this season.

Meyer turning heads as the anti-Zook

By David Whitley
Knight Ridder

ORLANDO, Fla. — Urban Meyer made his first big appearance in Orlando on Monday, and Florida fans came hungry. Not just for lunch, but for reassurance.

Let's just say Meyer was much more satisfying than the salad.

The guy knows how to work a room. He also knows how to work a campus and a state.

Whether that means happy days are back in Gainesville, check back in 10 months.

But the 500 people at the Florida Citrus Sports luncheon had to feel good after their Urban appetizer.

He is a breath of confident air for a program that needed it. Meyer is, aww, let's go ahead and say it, the anti-Zook.

It's not polite to speak ill of the dearly departed, but the differences go to the core of what went wrong before and what's going right now. Ron Zook's heart was in the right place, but his insecurities wouldn't let him succeed.

He couldn't handle the spotlight and second-guessing that goes with the Florida job.

If Zook had spilled tea on himself Monday, he would have thought an FSU waiter gave him a trick glass. Meyer would have laughed at himself.

He is currently taking a crash course in Gatordom.

Meyer has contacted old coaches and players, asking them to come around and feel at home.

One of his first calls was to an ex-quarterback who recently got a job in South Carolina.

Instead of feeling threatened by the Specter of Spurrier, Meyer has welcomed it.

He also plans to visit every fraternity house to get a feel for campus life. Zook made only one visit to frat row, which was one too many.

His Us-vs.-the-World mentality kicked in with the Pi Kappa Phis, though the shouting match showed why players liked him. He had their backs, only in a frathouse kind of way.

Meyer doesn't need his players to like him.

Good ones want discipline, and they're getting it with 6 a.m. mat drills and weightlifting sessions that work on their brains as much as the muscles.

"You don't do it just to do it," Meyer said.

When one player fails, his entire unit runs or lifts extra. If discipline were all it took, of course, Army would never lose. It comes down to players, and Meyer plans to meet or call every high school coach in Florida. All 493 of them.

That's one reason he was in Orlando, speaking Saturday at a coaching clinic.

On Sunday, he took his family to Islands of Adventure. It was his first day off since taking the job.

The Gator gear was back Monday, and Meyer smoothly handled two speaking engagements. After three years in sound bite purgatory, no TV interviews had to be stopped because the coach was hyperventilating.

Meyer comes off as a 40-year-old who's always had a master plan. He's so sure of himself, you're tempted to hit the Cynical Alarm. It's one thing to be smooth and another to be slick. Only Meyer doesn't cross the line.

He'll give you an opinion and not worry about the diplomatic fallout ("The BCS is a failure"). And his orange-and-blue talk sounds sincere. As much as Meyer loved Sunday at Universal, he hated missing Florida's basketball victory against Kentucky.

He's been meeting with campus leaders and is asking that all students learn Florida's fight song. He wants everybody to sing it after home games.

That includes the coach, though he admits he would never have been hired for his singing voice.

"It's horrible," Meyer said.

If confidence matters, he'll sound like Pavarotti by September.

Championship Week is sure to excite

By Armando Salguero
Knight Ridder

MIAMI — Championship Week is here, which means 26 conferences from the Northeast to the Southland, from the Western Athletic to the Big East, will decide their tournament champions by Sunday.

That's Selection Sunday to fellow devotees of bracketology and RPI ratings.

By Sunday, evening the field for The Dance will be set. Top seeds will be established, and folks from the Palm Beaches to the Keys, interns to investment lawyers, will begin wading into their office NCAA pools.

Everyone becomes a college basketball expert this time of year; everyone thinks they can spot this year's Cinderella even though they haven't watched a game all season.

That's because these folks who didn't care about college basketball when the season began in November understand it is March now, and the inevitable is about to happen.

They will soon contract the Madness.

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Starting this week, you will root for people you never knew were on the planet. You will watch Coppin State out of the MEAC and wish them luck, not because their coach's name is Fang Mitchell, and you have root for a guy who answers to Fang, but because earlier this season, Mitchell had a tumor removed from his thyroid area yet valiantly continued to point his team toward success.

The Freakish

Championship Week lets us see the fantastic and the freakish.

We will see Louisville guard Taquan Dean, whose game has actually improved since he learned he has mononucleosis.

Off the court, Dean has shown understandable signs of fatigue, which is why teammate and roommate Francisco Garcia says Dean, "is always going to bed early."

During timeouts, coach Rick Pitino jokes, "He's not contagious, but we just stay far away from him anyway."

But that hasn't stopped Dean from linding his three-point stroke and leading the Cardinals in that department since learning he had the disease two weeks ago.

No Computers

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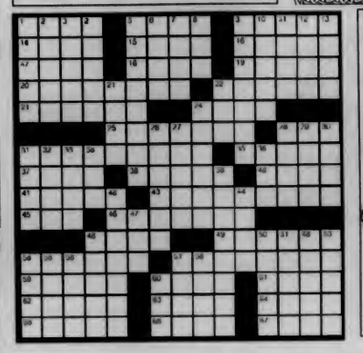


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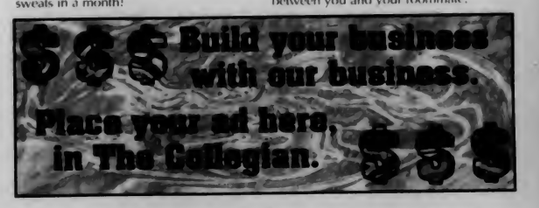
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Quote of the Day

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Two games in, Minutemen showing serious potential on lacrosse field

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

For most teams, a 7-7 season indicates transition, rebuilding and brings up the intimidating question of, "what happens next?" For the Massachusetts men's lacrosse team, last year's 7-7 record is nothing more than a fading unsavory memory fueling a team that is already turning heads.

Over the first two games of this season, the Minutemen have gone 2-0 with wins over Hofstra on Feb. 26 and Yale on Saturday. UMass has outscored its opponents 24-13 thus far and is riding the talents of its four Preseason All-Americans who mesh well with the team-oriented concepts that head coach Greg Cannella has imposed on his squad.

The Minutemen have two Preseason All-Americans anchoring the defense in Jack Reid and Matt Garcia, while attackman Sean Morris and midfielder Chris Doyle hold the honor on offense. Cannella cares little for any honors given before the season and is quick to mention that the awards mean nothing until it is all said and done in May.

"I always tell my guys that nothing means anything in the preseason, no ranking, no preseason honors, it's all fluff, and we don't need to pay attention to that," Cannella said. "When you read about yourself, and everyone is telling you about how good you are, you forget about how hard you need to work to be good."

The Minutemen will try and continue their winning ways today at Harvard for a 3 p.m. face-off. UMass lost to the Crimson last year on March 13 at Garber Field, for its second loss of the year.

Offense

Although the Minutemen had a lackluster record, the overall offensive output was a positive coming out of last season. UMass averaged 9.92 goals per game, while giving up 8.29. This season, however, the Maroon and White have lost several offensive options with the graduation of Kevin Glenz and Neil Lundberg. Lundberg and Glenz combined for 55 points last season. Glenz had 30 points and was tied with Doyle for the most on the team while Lundberg followed with 25.



KAREN WINCZEWSKI/COLLEGIAN

Midfielder Chris Doyle is one of four Preseason All-Americans for UMass.

Co-captain Doyle will be pacing a young, athletic UMass offense this season complemented by fellow Preseason All-American Morris and senior Gene Tundo. Tundo already has two goals on the year on two shots, and has also contributed with four assists.

Morris had seven goals and 17 assists during his sophomore campaign for the Minutemen while playing in only 10 of UMass' 14 games due to injuries and sickness.

"He's been healthy, and we need to keep him healthy, that will be the key to Sean," Cannella said. "He's been an outstanding player the last few years, but he hasn't been healthy."

Morris has scored seven goals thus far this season, with four against Hofstra and a hat trick against Yale. He was awarded the UMass/Dinn Brothers Athlete of the Week for his performance against the Bulldogs and was named the ECAC Offensive Player of the Week after the Minutemen's game at Hofstra.

Cannella is pleased with Morris' performance thus far, but doesn't want the emphasis to always be on him. He believes that depth in the midfield needs to mesh with an athletic attack in order for the Minutemen to have success in the long run.

"We have about eight midfielders that we can play on the offensive end. These are guys that played a little bit for us last year and have some experience so I think we're well-balanced. I don't really think that we're one-dimensional," Cannella said. "People talk about Sean, but I want to talk about the whole group that we know can contribute."

The Minutemen will look towards a

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March is also a month for hockey



Jeff Howe

March Madness shouldn't just be reserved for basketball, not in the top-right corner of the United States map, anyway.

While bubbles are being popped, Cinderella's start checking into shoe sizes and buzzer beaters are making the top stories on SportsCenter, the double-overtime ice wars, the goalies who carry their teams on their shoulders and the Hobey Baker candidates who start sniping out top corners are all part of NCAA hockey that is rarely more than an afterthought during this time of year.

Half of New England's states will be hosting quarterfinal action of Hockey East this weekend, beginning on Thursday night in Durham, N.H., where sixth-seeded Northeastern will meet up with third-seed UNH, and concluding on Sunday if any of the four series reach that far.

But the madness in the year's third month doesn't just begin this weekend; it actually started last weekend, when all eight playoff teams had zero idea of what seed they would finish in, or who they will play once hockey's second season finally kicks off.

There seemed to be enough playoff scenarios heading into the final weekend of regular season action to fill every seat at the FleetCenter, which will host the semifinals on March 18 and the Hockey East Championship the following night.

New Hampshire headed into last weekend with a one-point advantage over Boston College but couldn't hang on as the Wildcats could only manage a single point in their two-game set with Boston University.

The Eagles leapt over UNH by collecting three of a possible four points in two home games against Maine, but it was that third point that created the biggest stir of the weekend.

Down 2-0 to the Black Bears with under 15 minutes to play in regulation, the Eagles rallied for a pair of third period scores to force overtime and eventually earn the tie to lock up their third regular season Hockey East Championship in a row.

Had Peter Harrold not scored his fourth goal of the season with a measly 16 seconds left on the clock, Boston College would have shared the regular season title with cross-town rival Boston University and the Wildcats of Lake Whitt, though the playoff seedings would have remained the same as BC won the tiebreaker with both schools anyway.

Coupled with Lowell's 5-1 victory over Merrimack on Thursday, Northeastern's 2-1 loss to UMass on Friday locked Lowell into the five-seed and NU into the six-seed before their respective finales on Saturday.

In one of the bigger surprises of the season, Providence went to the Tsongas Arena in Lowell on Saturday and came out as 3-2 victors in overtime. Just like Maine, the Friars blew a 2-0 advantage, and Lowell sent the game into the extra frame with Ben Walter's 26th goal of the season as the clock dipped below the five-minute mark of the third period.

Unlike Maine, however, Providence capitalized in overtime to capture the seventh seed in the playoffs due to UMass' 8-3 collapse at the hands of the Huskies.

Though the game was meaningless in the Hockey East standings for the Riverhawks, the loss to the Friars almost certainly dropped them out of contention for an at-large bid for the NCAA Tournament, meaning their only way into hockey's big dance — excuse me, 16-team shindig — would be by doing a few laps around the FleetCenter with the Lamoriello Trophy next Saturday night.

So after the regular weekend full of playoff atmosphere concluded and the ice settled, BC is set to host UMass, BU will welcome Providence, UNH has a date with Northeastern and Maine will open Alfond Arena's doors for Lowell, all for best two-out-of-three series and a right to play where the Boston Bruins can't.

On that note, it's time to drop your basketballs and pick up some skates, because if it's playoff hockey that you love and last weekend was merely a pregame skate around, then Hockey East action is heating up, or if you like pans, getting ice cold.

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A-10 honors UM athletes

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

Three members of the Massachusetts women's basketball team received All-Conference honors on Thursday at the Atlantic 10 Championship awards banquet in Washington, D.C.

Brooke Campbell was named a third-team All-Conference selection and was also an All-Defensive team selection. The senior forward was fourth in the A-10 in both rebounds (8.4 pg) and steals (1.22 pg). She also averaged 8.2 points and 3.63 assists.

Campbell, the team's only senior in the starting lineup, provided leadership for the young team late in the season. She played her best basketball down the stretch, when some of her inexperienced teammates struggled; averaging 11.3 points, 8.6 rebounds, 4.6 assists, and 3.1 steals in February.

"I think it was great for Brooke to get these honors," UMass coach Marnie Dacko said. "Even more than the third-team [selection], was her being on the All-Defensive team. She really worked hard on her defense, and she did a great job rebounding. It's a tremendous honor to be one of the five best defensive players in the conference."

Freshmen Pam Rosanio and Kate Mills were named to the All-Rookie team. Rosanio led UMass in scoring (11.1 pg) and was the second-highest scorer among league freshmen. Mills broke into the starting lineup late in the season and averaged 10.0 points in the last seven games of the regular season.

"They're great kids to coach," Dacko said. "They have good work habits. Both of them are just terrific people, both on and off the basketball court. They're really the ones that are going to set the future in my tenure at UMass to build a program. They're the foundation of this program."

Temple's regular season dominance continued over into the postseason awards. The Owls (27-3, 16-0 A-10) completed the conference schedule undefeated and went on to capture the A-10 Tournament Championship on Monday against host George Washington. The No. 16 Owls are on a 24-game winning streak, the second longest in the nation.

Leading the Temple recipients was conference Player of the Year Candice Dupree. The junior center was fourth in the league in scoring (16.0 pg) and led in rebounding (9.2 pg). Dupree was also named Defensive Player of the Year and was a first-team All-Conference selection. Dupree garnered her second consecutive Most Outstanding Player Award of the A-10 Championship on Monday.

Dupree was joined on the first team by teammate Cynthia Jordan. Jordan led the Owls with 4.3 assists per game and was third on the team with 12.4 points per game.

Rounding out the Temple players to be honored was Kamesha Hairston. The sophomore forward was named the league's Most Improved Player of the Year, as she increased her scoring from 4.4 points per game in her freshman year to 12.7 this year. Hairston was also named to the All-Defensive Team and was a second-team All-Conference selection.

The Coach of the Year selection was no surprise, as Temple's Dawn Staley collected the award for the second year in a row. Staley has compiled an impressive 101-50 record in her five years at Temple and has led the Owls to three of the last four A-10 Championships.

Staley is perhaps better known for her playing career, as she has won three gold medals as a member of the USA Olympic team and continues her All-Star career for the Charlotte Sting in the WNBA during the summer.

Woods and Mickelson draw huge crowd

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

The showdown between Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson at Doral captured the largest television audience for a golf tournament since the U.S. Open.

It included a certain Ryder Cup captain who only recognized the faces.

"I watched it from start to finish," Hal Sutton said Tuesday. "What part of my body wouldn't say, 'Where was this in September?' We all knew both were capable of that. I don't know why they didn't do it together."

Six months ago at Oakland Hills was the only time Woods and Mickelson were partners, not rivals, although it was hard to tell the difference. They stood some 20 yards apart on the first tee for the opening game at the Ryder Cup and kept their distance while losing their first two matches.

As rivals at Doral, they were brilliant.

Both made 27 birdies over four rounds on the Blue Monster.

Woods took the lead with an eagle on the 603-yard 12th hole when he hit a 3-wood that carried 290 yards. Mickelson fired back with back-to-back birdies, starting with a 3-iron from 242 yards to within 8 feet. Back and forth they went before a delirious and evenly divided gallery.

Both players deny their relationship is icy at best. Mickelson said the partnership at Oakland Hills was "not uncomfortable at all," but it might have looked that way because they played poorly. Woods said their relationship was overanalyzed. Johnny Miller finally chimed in, "It'd be great if these guys answered the questions."

They certainly can answer some questions in the next month.

This renewed rivalry is at a crossroads heading into the first major championship of the year.

Mickelson was so sure he was going to win that some might wonder how much the loss takes out of him. He all but deified Woods on the eve of the final round, then got a gleam in his eye as he talked about how much he was looking forward to taking him on.

As well as Mickelson played, the difference at Doral came down to him missing short putts down the stretch, something that has haunted him throughout his career. He called the loss a "great slap in the face," and said it would only make him work harder for their next battle, the sooner the better.

What to make of Woods?

The big picture is that he shot 63-66 to rally from five shots down against the hottest player in golf. Woods still hits shots no one else can. He was 44 yards longer than Mickelson on one tee shot, and Woods was a combined 330 yards longer than Mickelson on every tee shot but the par 3s.

He made clutch putts, as always, none bigger than the 30-foot birdie that gave him the lead on the 17th.

Still, Woods has not exactly slammed the door in his last two victories.

Last month at Torrey Pines, he boldly went for the par-5 18th green with only a one-shot lead, fanned a 2-iron and was fortunate it didn't go in the water. At Doral, with a chance to apply enormous pressure, Woods came out of a 7-iron and left himself a downhill putt from 55 feet.

There are times when Woods takes a half-dozen repeated practice swings on the tee, still trying to drill into his mind the mechanics of his new swing.

Woods has had a revolving door of rivals for the last six years, although this one is unrivaled.

Vijay Singh has performed better as a rival. He is the only player who has approached Woods' dominance in the last 10 years, and he took the No. 1 ranking away from him in a head-to-head battle outside Boston last year. Woods and Singh aren't chums, but the big Fijian is not a threat to take away Woods' adulation from the fans.

Mickelson is.

Ernie Els and Woods make the most natural rivalry. The Big Easy has finished second to Woods six times, more than any other player, and eight of his 15 victories on the PGA Tour have come with Woods in the field. But it is difficult for Woods to work up any animosity inside the ropes because Els is universally liked and respected.

That's not the case with Mickelson.

Woods' emotions at Doral spoke volumes about this rivalry. While it was a dramatic duel, there was one even better five years ago at Kapalua, where Woods and Els were Nos. 1 and 2 in the world and tied for the lead going into the final round of the Mercedes Championships.

The lead changed seven times, and no one ever led by more than one shot. Both made an eagle on the last hole to force a playoff. Both made birdie on the 18th to extend it. Woods finally won with a 40-foot birdie putt that had 6 feet of break, then he watched as Els' birdie putt from 35 feet stopped an inch short of the cup.

Woods was thrilled that afternoon on Maui.

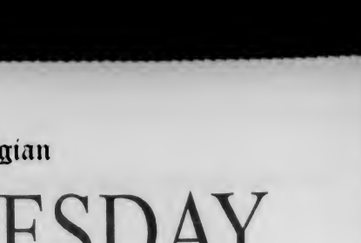
He was relieved Sunday in Miami.

There was an uppercut fist pump when Woods made the eagle on No. 12. He pursed his lips and firmly squeezed the bill of his cap to acknowledge the masses as he walked briskly off the 17th green with a one-shot lead.

When Mickelson's 30-foot chip for birdie dipped in and out of the cup on the 18th, his reaction contained as much raw emotion as his 13-inch vertical leap when he captured the Masters.

Clearly, this was a battle both players desperately wanted to win.

How they respond could shape the season.



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Tiger Woods celebrates with his routine fist-pump after sinking his par putt on the 18th hole to win at Doral on Sunday.



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Phil Mickelson lipped out his chip shot for birdie on the 18th hole on Sunday. He would have forced a playoff with Woods had it gone in.

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Police search Puffton, seize two pounds of high-grade marijuana

NORTH AMHERST — A drug bust in the Puffton Village apartment complex on Saturday resulted in the arrest of two University of Massachusetts students on drug possession and distribution charges, according to Amherst Police.

Christopher Masure, 22 of Amherst and Mark A. Koch, 20 of Brewster are the two UMass students who were arrested and charged with possession of a class D substance with intent to distribute and possession of a class B substance. Another man who is not a UMass student, Robert Hayes, 21 of Brewster, was arrested and charged with possession of a class D substance. Two tenants of the apartment were present when police arrived, but were not arrested.

The three men were all arraigned in Eastern Hampshire District Court in Hadley on Monday, March 7.

After an investigation over several months, Amherst Police converged on apartment 229 of the 1040 North Pleasant St. complex at approximately 7 a.m. on Saturday, March 5. Police allegedly seized two pounds of high-grade marijuana, 20 doses of aderall and several hundred dollars in cash from the apartment.

Police say the pot was prepackaged in a similar manner to what was found three weeks ago in a drug bust at the Brandywine apartment complex, which is located directly next to Puffton Village.

The type of marijuana that was allegedly seized was hydroponically grown and is very strong, according to Amherst Police. Hydroponically grown pot is grown in a water solution rather than the usual soil. Police estimate one pound of this kind of pot has a street value of $3,500.

Police say they are currently investigating where the marijuana originated.

— Dan O'Brien



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Police confinscated two pounds of high-grade maijuana from apartment 229 in Puffton Village last Saturday.

Airport re-opens as storm leaves states

By Greg Sukiennik
Associated Press



A car struggles to drive through campus Monday afternoon during a snowstorm that closed campus early.

BOSTON — Gusty winds knocked down trees and power lines as the latest storm of a seemingly endless winter swept through Massachusetts, leaving more than 20,000 homes without power and shutting down Logan International Airport for hours.

Central and western Massachusetts saw the most snow, with 10 inches in Rutland and 8 inches in Springfield, Northfield and Wilbraham. North of Boston, Peabody, Winchester and Billerica all had at least 6 inches.

Boston received 4.8 inches, pushing the season's snowfall total to about 83 inches. Even before the latest storm, 2004-2005 was the seventh snowiest winter on record, according to Charlie Foley, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Taunton. The record of 107.6 inches was set in 1995-96.

And it's not over yet. Foley warned of a developing coastal storm that could bring more snow to the region by Friday afternoon.

Whiteout conditions caused Logan to shut down around 8 p.m. Tuesday night. It reopened at 2:55 a.m., initially with only one runway because of a strong northeast wind. By midmorning two runways were operating, airport spokesman Phil Orlandella said. Between 400 and 450 passengers were unable to get flights out Tuesday night and the airport provided cots for those who were stranded overnight, he said.

"The airlines have to get back into the system," Orlandella said.

Electricity was knocked out to about 8,000 NStar customers in eastern Massachusetts. By midmorning, they all had their power back, NStar spokesman Mike Durand said.

Trooper Dennis Eugin warned of drifting snow on western Massachusetts roads. "It's very, very cold," Eugin said from the Shelburne Falls barracks in the northern Berkshires.

A car and school bus collided in the central Massachusetts town of Rutland on Tuesday afternoon, injuring the driver of the car, 20-year-old Nicole M. Garris. She was in serious condition Tuesday night at UMass Memorial Medical Center, according to the Worcester Telegram & Gazette. None of the 21 children on board the bus were injured.

March marks 'Choose Your Major' month

By Jonathan Vega
Collegian Staff

March is choose your major month at the University of Massachusetts.

As students enter college, the question every student tries to avoid gets asked on a consistent basis. "What's your major?"

The question that is heard most often around campus often receives responses like "I'm undecided" or "I have a major but I think I'm switching majors."

When students on the University of Massachusetts campus were asked by the Massachusetts Daily Collegian what their plans were for their choice of major, many could not respond.

According to the pre-major advising department on campus in Goodell, "students enter the university with a major in mind, while some wait until the end of their sophomore year or the beginning of their junior year to make a choice. Most students will change their major at least once during their college career."

Conventional wisdom proposes that the time for prospective job-seekers to act is well before their graduation, but Dave Brown, a senior in the communication department points out that, "if you don't really take your major seriously, how do you expect others to when you graduate?"

Tom Schack, who is a junior in the Bachelor's Degree with Individual Concentration program, says "I started my work with the Perini Corporation right after my first year of school, in 2003."

Through patience and networking Schack found himself working at the Perini Corporation.

According to Perini's Web site perini.com, the company "is one of the most versatile and successful contractors in the U.S., consistently reporting annual revenues in excess of $1 billion." Additionally, Perini has been consistently ranked with the top 50 contracting firms in the United States.

"The BDIC major is really just for people who have a really good idea of what they want to do with themselves, because some of the general requirements like Mathematics or Biology are not specific enough for some people," Says Schack. "I was interested in the construction courses offered in the Building Materials and Wood Technology department more than the Wood Science and Forest Products Marketing courses offered here."

The BDIC major allows students to select courses from respective departments to form a more tailored education for specific educational needs which the individual student must have prepared within a proposal before consideration for the major.

According to Schack, "working in the industry of study helps the overall prospective of the student to understand the whole operation. I couldn't have imagined a better place to get started in the construction business," says Schack. "Perini is a international corporation, and I had hoped that my major would help me travel."

According to Perini, as many as 10,000 skilled craftsmen may be working all over the world at any given time.

"The experience has given me with the insight necessary to achieve my goals at UMass by providing insight into the path I need to take as an undergraduate to eventually become a project manger in the construction industry," says Schack.

According to the pre-major advising department, the most effective way to determine your course of study is to ask yourself some basic questions. What do I like about the class and what do I dislike? Does the professor appeal to me? Why am I interested in the content? Am I comfortable with the ways of working and thinking that this course requires? Finally, does the course material match my interests and goals?

"I had a few friends in construction programs and it grew from there. I took some classes in construction and took an interest in it and found myself at Perini," says Schack. "Still, the internship at Perini really confirmed that construction was what I really wanted to do."

"My father, who is an electrical engineer, gives me the motivation necessary to achieve academically," Says Schack.

According to the University of Massachusetts Web site, umass.edu/uaas/choosemaj.htm

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Harvard applicants get ethics lesson

BOSTON — His decision came late at night, with his laptop propped in front of him in bed. Instructions on a Web site promised business school applicants like him an early online peek at whether they'd been accepted. Intrigued, he began typing.

A minute later he'd accessed the Harvard Business School's admission site, though all he saw was a blank page. That split-second decision cost the 28-year-old New Yorker a chance to attend the school this year.

And he wasn't the only one to get turned down for doing what he did — using a method detailed in a BusinessWeek online forum to try to get an early glimpse at admissions decisions in top business schools.

In a blanket rejection issued Monday, Harvard dashed the hopes of 119 applicants. MIT followed suit Tuesday, rejecting 32 applicants. Carnegie Mellon was the first to act, delivering the bad news to its "hackers" applicants last week.

The New York applicant — who, like all applicants interviewed, asked that his name not be used — said he spent months completing Harvard's rigorous application process.

Admissions sites of at least six schools were accessed by applicants for about 10 hours March 2 after a hacker posted instructions on the online forum. Some applicants saw blank pages and others viewed rejection letters before access was denied.

— Associated Press



Tom Schack, a junior was able to design his own major through the UMass Bachelor's Degree with Individual Concentration program.

Bustamante and Murphy encourage SGA but decline to run

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

Current President of the Student Government Association Eduardo Bustamante and Trustee Matthew Murphy will not be seeking re-election, but encouraged candidates to continue to work with students at last night's meeting.

"Our vision was, and remains to educate and mobilize students," Bustamante said in his officer report, "when we first came in, we felt that the SGA was schmoosing with the administration and used it for resume building."

Bustamante and Murphy said that they see great things for the future of the SGA, but there is room for improvement.

"I see tremendous room for growth for the SGA. There are different means of outreach, but to make things clear, we are not running."

Additionally, the pair endorsed candidates Pavel Payano and Valerie Lewis for President and Trustee, even though actual campaigning does not begin until today.

Bustamante also remained confident that he would remain involved with the SGA "in some way shape or form."

After applause from the Senate, Bustamante mentioned his recent meeting with Chancellor John V. Lombardi regarding the University's decision to purchase the highly controversial weapons, Tasers.

"I have news regarding students being electrocuted," he said, "we were told that the university is no longer looking into Tasers....at this time."



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Student Trustee Matthew Murphy and SGA President Bustamante

And in reference to the newly revised picketing code which was implemented despite extreme student opposition, Bustamante said that the SGA "has been cordially invited to take the Chancellor to court [over the issue]. And to that, I thank the Senate for getting the ACLU involved."

Speaker of the SGA Mark Morrison reiterated to Senators last night that he still plans on working with Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Michael Gargano, even thought the Senate voted 'no confidence' in him last November. Morrison was heavily criticized at last week's meeting because of his efforts to work with Gargano.

"I build many of my principles on respect," Morrison said, "we do not have enough student popularity, we need to get back a relationship with the administration."

Morrison added that he feels that the SGA has "missed out on issues," and have been denied input on important University business.

"I am not talking about a relationship that exploits either side," he said. "I am just talking about input. The Universits can't do it without our support. I am working on a minimal basis with the vice chancellor. I can't neglect that obligation."

Several Senators applauded Morrison's refusal to comply with the 'no confidence' vote and added that it is important to work with all administrators on strictly important University business, however, some were angry that Gargano allegedly rejected an invitation to come to meet with the Senate body. According to

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Public college faculty will receive retroactive pay raise

BOSTON (AP) — Employees at the state's public colleges and universities will get a retroactive pay raise after the legislature overrode a budget veto from Gov. Mitt Romney on Wednesday.

Late last month, Romney had vetoed nearly $30 million for the pay hike, saying the state can't afford the extra spending.

But lawmakers in the House and Senate swiftly overrode Romney's veto and approved the raises.

Every Republican in the House and Senate split with Romney and sided with Democrats to allow the increases.


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Governor Mitt Romney's budget veto was overrode by the legislature, giving faculty at public colleges a retroactive pay raise.

— *Associated Press*

SGA debates over UMPD bag searches

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Morrison, Gargano was just trying to help the SGA, not hinder it.

"He said that he didn't want to come to a Senate that was so divided. It wouldn't be beneficial," Morrison said.

Attorney General Craig Goldschmidt and Trustee candidate announced that even though the sub committee that is giving a negative recommendation to bag searches did not meet, it is still very important that students know their rights and refuse any bag searches from a Umass police officer.

"[UMPD] is making proactive efforts to prevent alcohol consumption. They are waiting for you. They will ask to search your bag if they have probable cause."

He encouraged students to visit with Student Legal Services Director Charles DiMare about specific laws and guidelines that are acceptable in searching bags.

"There are 10 ways for police to search bags," Goldschmidt said, "most commonly by search warrant and giving consent, which is the most common."

SGA elections will take place after spring break.

Top Chechen rebel's death leaves dilemma

MOSCOW (AP) — The killing of top Chechen rebel Aslan Maskhadov leaves the insurgency largely in the hands of Shamil Basayev, the most brutal of the warlords — a development that could undermine any chance of peace even as the Kremlin celebrates a success in the long conflict.

On Wednesday, there was uncertainty over what the death might mean, with Russia facing the fundamental question of how much an insurgency depends on its leaders — a dilemma faced by Israel in the targeted killings of key Palestinian militants and the United States in the hunt for the top men in al-Qaida.

Russia hopes the Chechen insurgency might be hobbled, with a series of militant leaders systematically eliminated over the years. In recent months the Russians also appear to have reaped some gains from a tough policy that apparently includes detaining rebels' relatives.

And the Chechens might suffer diplomatically too, because Maskhadov was respected by some European mediators as a possible negotiator — a mantle not likely to pass to Basayev. The death of the more moderate Chechen leader could leave the Europeans with no major figure they can push the Russians to negotiate with.


Rebel, Aslan Maskhadov's death leaves unrest in Russia.

In Russia, some legislators hailed Maskhadov's killing as a sign that Russia, which has suffered repeated terrorist attacks, might be on the right track at last.

—*Associated Press*

Improperly prepared snack leaves 27 dead in Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — wailing parents carried the bodies of their children from hospitals after a snack of cassava — a root that's poisonous if not prepared correctly — killed 27 and sickened 100 others Wednesday at an elementary school in the south-central Philippines.

With the nearest hospital 20 miles away from San Jose school, in Bohol island's Mabini town, some victims died while being carried in a variety of vehicles, including three-wheel motorcycle taxis.

Francisca Doliente said her 9-year-old niece, Arve Tamor, was given some of the deep-fried caramelized cassava by a classmate who bought it from a vendor outside the school.

"Her friend is gone. She died," Doliente told The Associated Press. Her niece was being treated, she said.

The roots of the cassava plant, a major crop in Southeast Asia and other parts of the world, are rich in protein, minerals and the vitamins A, B and C. However, cassava is poisonous unless it is peeled and thoroughly cooked. If it is eaten raw or prepared incorrectly, one of its chemical constituents will be attacked by digestive enzymes and give off the deadly poison cyanide. As little as two cassava roots can contain a fatal dose.


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A man holds a child poisioned by a school snack yesterday.

— *Associated Press*

Blacks dying earlier due to unequal health care in U.S.

By Randolph E. Schmid
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Middle-age black men are dying at nearly twice the rate of white men of a similar age, reflecting lower incomes and poorer access to health care, a study says. But mortality among black infants is dropping.

While overall longevity for both black and whites has improved over the past 40 years, the gap between the races has narrowed little, former Surgeon General David Satcher said in a paper published Wednesday in the journal Health Affairs.

Satcher's paper was one of several in the journal, which is devoting most of its March/April issue to the topic of health care discrepancies between races.

Elimination of this racial gap would prevent an estimated 83,570 early deaths annually, Satcher said.

Some 10,472 of those deaths occurred among black men who were 45 to 54 in 2000, according to research based on a death rate of 1,060 per 100,000 black men in that age group compared with a rate of 503 for white men.

In 1960 the rates were 1,625 for black men and 932 for white men in that age group.

One reason for the differences is that gains in health care access generally have not included black men unless they were older or disabled, Satcher said. For example, when Medicare became law, the average black man did not live long enough to become eligible, he said.

Other factors include the relatively low incomes of black men compared with whites, a rise in gun-related deaths among blacks, their disproportionately high death rate from AIDS, and higher rates of heart disease and diabetes, Satcher said.

While a gap remains, there has been progress for infants, Satcher notes.

Deaths per 100,000 black males under 12 month fell from 5,307 in 1960 to 1,653 in 2000, he found. Comparable figures for whites were 2,694 in 1960 and 656 in 2000.

For baby girls the infant death rate fell from 4,162 in 1960 to 1,363 in 2000 for blacks and from 2,088 to 530 for whites.

Social factors, including neighborhood quality and residential segregation, contribute to the differences in health care, according to a separate paper by David R. Williams of the University of Michigan and Pamela Braboy Jackson of Indiana University.

Additional factors include education, income and health practices such as diet, physical activity and tobacco use, they report.

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Cosby molestation charges insufficient

By David B. Caruso
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The woman whose molestation accusations against Bill Cosby were deemed insufficient evidence by prosecutors has filed a civil suit against the comedian.

The woman, a former Temple University employee who now lives in Canada, came forward in January with accusations about the incident she said happened a year before. Prosecutors last month said they had not found sufficient evidence to support charges against Cosby.

The civil suit was filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court.

"That prosecutor was out of line," said Dolores Troiani, an attorney for the woman. "It is not a comment on her credibility, or the evidence in this case."

Cosby has denied the sexual-assault allegations, and in an interview with The National Enquirer last week said, "I am not going to give in to people who try to exploit me because of my celebrity status."

Cosby's attorney, John Schmitt, released a statement through the comedian's publicist saying his client "will address this matter through the judicial process and not through the media."


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Entertainer and UMass alumnus Bill Cosby was accused by a former Temple University employee of molestation. Cosby has denied the allegations.

The woman claimed Cosby gave her three blue pills that rendered her semiconscious, then sexually molested her at his home in suburban Philadelphia in January 2004. She said she awoke to find her bra undone and her clothes in disarray.

According to the suit, the woman also said that after the investigation became public, Cosby's representatives falsely told reporters that her family had asked him for money before going to police. She is seeking defamation damages.

Smuggling survivor used cell to call 911

HOUSTON (AP) — With people dying around him, a Honduran immigrant who survived the nation's deadliest human smuggling attempt described Wednesday how he grabbed a cell phone and made two futile calls to 911 for help.

"We are in a trailer ... ahead of Harlingen and Sarita. We're in a trailer," the panicked voice of Matias Rafael Medina Flores was heard in Spanish on a recording of the second call. Both 911 calls — filled with static — cut off before he could tell authorities the exact location of the trailer.

The testimony came in the smuggling trial of Tyrone Williams, who is accused of abandoning the truck in South Texas and causing 19 immigrants to die in May 2003. Williams, 34, could get the death penalty if convicted.

Medina said he and his companions shouted and banged against the trailer's walls and punched out a signal light, but Williams ignored them. They felt like prisoners, he said.

Medina also told jurors that he is still haunted by the memory of watching a 5-year-old Mexican boy die in the stifling heat of the trailer.

"He was suffocating with the heat. He was crying so loud that he was making us feel what he felt," Medina said, testifying in Spanish through an interpreter.

Defense lawyer Craig Washington questioned whether Williams could have heard any screams or known people were dying.

The defense also says that while Williams is guilty of transporting the immigrants, he tried to help by giving them water but couldn't understand their pleas because he didn't speak Spanish.

But witness Scott Reuter testified he remembered thinking something was wrong when he saw the tractor-trailer as he drove home. He saw hands holding on to the light that had been punched out, and one hand was also waving a bandanna, he said.

"It was very frantic-looking to me. To me, it was obvious something was wrong," said Reuter, who later called 911 about what he saw.

—*Associated Press*

Undercover FBI man arrests 30 mob figures

NEW YORK (AP) — The acting boss of the Gambino family and at least 30 other mob figures were arrested after an undercover FBI agent posing as a wiseguy infiltrated the Mafia with an act so convincing he was considered for membership, authorities said Wednesday.

Among those arrested was Arnold "Zeke" Squitieri, who allegedly took over as acting Gambino boss after Peter Gotti was convicted last year. Also facing racketeering charges is reputed underboss Anthony "The Genius" Megale.

Prosecutors said Squitieri, Megale and other defendants made millions of dollars through extortion, loansharking, illegal gambling and other crimes during the past decade. Some of the crimes were plotted at a nursing home, court papers said.

Pasquale D'Amuro, head of the FBI's New York office, said the undercover agent made hundreds of secret recordings revealing the family's inner workings.

It was a feat not seen since FBI agent Joe Pistone penetrated the Bonanno family 25 years ago under the alias Donnie Brasco, he said. Like Brasco, the agent "was told by a high-ranking member of the crime family that he would be proposed for induction," D'Amuro said.

"Had we left him out on the street much longer, the Gambino family ranks would actually have increased by one," D'Amuro said.

The unidentified agent "risked his life as a mole for the better part of two years," said U.S. Attorney David Kelley.

— *Associated Press*

Kids have more electronics than ever

WASHINGTON (AP) — It wasn't too long ago that a kid with a stereo and television in his room might have been the coolest on the block. Now, that just makes him one of the crowd.

In the past five years, many children's rooms have evolved into multimedia centers, with cable or satellite hookups, computers and video game consoles.

For instance, 20 percent of youngsters age 8 to 18 can surf the Web from their bedrooms, double the figure from 1998, according to a Kaiser Family Foundation survey released Wednesday.

That has helped turn kids into "media multitaskers," researchers suggest. Nearly one-third of kids say they chat on the phone, surf the Web, instant message, watch TV or listen to music "most of the time" while doing their homework.

What effect this behavior has on the often fragile ability of kids to focus is unclear because detailed research is fairly new, said Vicky Rideout, the foundation vice president who directed the study.

"We are not necessarily saying that kids spending more time with more media is a bad thing," Rideout said. "This is something all parents have to decide based on what age their kids are, how they are doing in school and the parents' own values."

Some of the blame — or praise — rests with the Internet and technology such as instant messaging, tools widely used for education and entertainment, said Lee Rainie, director of the Pew Internet & American Life Project.

"The parental fear is that this can't be good by splitting kids' attention into so many segments," Rainie said. "Yet the argument in favor of it is you are more efficient, you can do things on the fly that you couldn't do before."

Kaiser surveyed more than 2,000 third-graders through 12th-graders between October 2003 and March 2004 about their non-school use of TV and videos, music, video games, computers, movies and print.


Researchers say that children have become "media multitaskers," who are able to watch TV, talk on the phone and listen to music all at once.

— *Associated Press*

Data breach opens records

NEW YORK (AP) — Using stolen passwords from legitimate customers, intruders accessed personal information on as many as 32,000 U.S. citizens in a database owned by the information broker LexisNexis, the company said.

The announcement Wednesday comes on the heels of a series of similar high-profile breaches, the most serious affecting another large data broker, ChoicePoint Inc. in which scores of identities were stolen.

The ChoicePoint case, as well as other data losses including one affecting some 1.2 million federal employees with Bank of America charge cards, have prompted an outcry for federal oversight of a loosely regulated commercial sector. In the data-brokering business, sensitive data about nearly every adult American is bought and sold.

The first in a series of Capitol Hill hearings are scheduled for Thursday.

At LexisNexis, criminals found a way to compromise the logins and passwords of a handful of legitimate customers to get access to the database, said Kurt Sanford, the company's chief executive, told The Associated Press.

The database that was breached, called Accurint, sells reports for $4.50 each that include an individual's Social Security number, past addresses, date of birth and voter registration information, including party affiliation.

No credit history, medical records or financial information were accessed in the breach, LexisNexis parent company Reed Elsevier Group PLC said in a statement.

The Accurint database is part of the Seisint unit, which LexisNexis bought in August. Sanford said a team examining Seisint's data security routines in February noticed abnormal usage patterns and suspicious billing on some accounts.

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Tyson joins with Bay State fertilizer firm for chicken litter production plan

By Rainer Sabin
Associated Press Writer



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Tyson Foods is joining forces with a Massachusetts company to process chicken byproducts into fertilizer.

LITTLE ROCK — The old saw about meat-packing houses using everything but the squeal can apparently be applied to poultry as well — everything but the squawk.

Tyson Foods, the world's largest meat producer, is teaming up with a Massachusetts-based company in the hope of making a profit off chicken litter.

Since January 2004, Springdale-based Tyson has been talking with Regenerated Resources LLC, a company located in Framingham, Mass., to convert poultry byproducts into a commercial fertilizer.

Simmons Foods, another poultry producer based in Siloam Springs, has also partnered with the fertilizer company, which makes Organic-Gro.

"We believe this relationship provides another outlet for poultry litter," said Gary Mickelson, a spokesman for Tyson Foods. "It adds environmental value to byproducts while reducing excess litter supplies that cannot be land-applied locally."

Financial details of the deal were not disclosed under an agreement, both Tyson and Regenerated Resources said.

The decision by Tyson and Simmons Foods to partner with the fertilizer firm comes at a time when the poultry industry in Northwest Arkansas is under fire and has been accused by Oklahoma Attorney General Drew Edmondson of producing phosphorus runoff in watersheds in northeast Oklahoma.

The management of poultry litter, a mixture of wood chips and rice hulls that is used to soak up bird manure, has served as the basis of the claims.

Negotiations that have addressed the water quality issue have taken place between Edmondson and five companies, including Simmons and Tyson. The others are Cargill, George's and Peterson Farms. But the talks have been contentious, as Oklahoma has threatened to file a lawsuit against the companies.

Richard Aleo, president and CEO of Regenerated Resources, said that it is safe to assume that Tyson and Simmons' partnership with his company was motivated by the problems they have faced in recent months concerning the environment.

"I am sure that is part of it," said Aleo, who co-founded the Massachusetts company in 2003 with Arkansas farmer George "Buddy" Black. "I am sure some of the attraction is working on the environment issue and getting the litter out of the environment."

Mark Simmons, chairman of Simmons Foods, said the partnership benefits both sides and the agriculture industry as a whole.

"It makes a great marketplace for growers to sell poultry litter," Simmons said. "It's a good alternative."

In the last couple of years, Regenerated Resources has bought chicken litter to make Organic-Glo, an all-natural fertilizer that aims to compete with its chemical-based counterparts. The company manufactures its product at its one plant in Bentonville that employs 13 people and produces 60,000 tons of fertilizer each year.

Sox look for property to support Fenway

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Red Sox are negotiating to buy three small properties near Kenmore Square in a bid to secure space for long-term growth in the neighborhood surrounding Fenway Park.

The properties — a taxi garage, a McDonald's restaurant and the WBCN radio studios — would allow the Red Sox to continue shifting their offices from the cramped, 93-year-old stadium and allow more room for fans. But there are no immediate plans for major changes to the properties, vice president Janet Marie Smith said Tuesday.

"We have been looking for anything in the area that might help us with our space problems," said Smith, architect of Fenway Park's recent renovations. "It surprised us it took three years to find a single property."

Team owners have refused to say whether they've made a final decision on staying in Fenway Park, Major League Baseball's oldest and smallest ballpark. But all indications are the Red Sox will stay.

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The Boston Red Sox are in the middle of negotiations to buy several properties near the ballpark to help promote neighborhood growth.

Farmers end protests with Taco Bell chain

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Taco Bell will spend an additional $100,000 a year on the tomatoes it buys under a deal with a group that had criticized the fast food chain for not doing enough to help the farm workers, the company said Tuesday.

The Coalition of Immokalee Workers, a group of mostly Latino laborers from the tomato-growing region around Im-mokalee, Fla., had sponsored a three-year campaign called the "Taco Bell Truth Tour." The effort asked people to stay away from Taco Bell and restaurants run by its Louisville-based parent, Yum! Brands Inc., until the company pressured tomato growers to provide better wages and living conditions for farm workers.

Yum also owns KFC, Pizza Hut, Long John Silver's and A&W All-American Food Restaurants.

As part of the agreement announced Tuesday, Taco Bell will pay an extra penny paid per pound — about $100,000 annually — that will be funneled to about 1,000 farm workers through a small group of suppliers, Yum spokesman Jonathan Blum said. Taco Bell buys about 10 million pounds of Florida tomatoes a year, Yum spokesman Jonathan Blum said.

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Taco Bell will spend $100,000 on tomatoes this year.

Business is up since smoke ban on the job

BOSTON (AP) — Business has increased in Massachusetts restaurants since a statewide workplace smoking ban went into effect last July, according to a leading indicator.

Some restaurateurs had predicted that the law, which included a ban on smoking in restaurants and bars, would drive down business since customers could no longer light up with meals.

But revenues from the state's 5 percent meal tax went up, not down, after the law took effect last July 5, The Patriot Ledger of Quincy reported.

State Department of Revenue figures indicate that meal tax receipts were up in each of the last six months of 2004 compared to the same period in 2003, including a 10.6 percent increase in August, the first full month after the law took effect, over the previous August.

The improving economy could also be a factor in more people eating out.

Some business owners said they had to spend money to get customers back after smokers were driven from restaurants and bars.

Greg McDonald, co-owner of the several Quincy restaurants, said sales in one of his restaurant lounges and a pub dropped after the ban went into effect, but went back up after the owners bought high-definition TVs to attract new customers.

"It cost us a substantial amount of money to get the business back to where it was before," McDonald said.

Gail Anastas, a spokeswoman for the Massachusetts Restaurant Association, which represents about 5,000 food and beverage establishments, said the organization received no complaints from members about a business drop-off after the ban took effect.

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Students pick majors

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, "Choosing a major is a decision that requires gathering information and weighing your options. It isn't usually a decision that can be made overnight. Your courses and UMass experiences will help you gain better understanding of your own academic interests and goals.

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"I'm looking forward to graduation because I am anxious to get in the field of construction," says Schack.

"For a period in my life I'd like to work with a bigger corporation, like Perini. I'm really happy with what the company has taught me over the past few years. I'd like to stay there."

"Ideally, I'd like to work internationally, and Perini might give me that chance," Says Schack. Perini, has in fact, conducted business in some of the most remote parts of the world, most notably, their reconstruction of the war torn Iraq and Afghanistan.

Schack advises underclassmen to "try and get involved in your field of study outside of the classroom because in the long run you will be better off."

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International Bush appointments

Aaron Wodin-Schwartz

We're getting to that point in an administration, that juncture that occurs just after a president's reelection when there remains much to be done, though the inevitable end is now in sight. All else being equal, second terms are generally more eventful and controversial. Without the added pressure of having to seek reelection, a president is concerned only with his or her own personal legacy and the fate of the party after the term is up. Presidents will feel much less inhibited by public opinion or potential political backlash in pursuing personal or administration goals than in their first terms. All of this culminates with the final flurry of presidential pardons and signed legislation and accords that generally occur in the months before leaving office. All of this will come to pass with the current administration.

Yet it is also at this time — just after the turning of the electoral corner — that a much more subtle flurry of activity begins. These events are often more important and long-lived in the national and international communities than the big stories that make the headlines. In many cases they are considered to be downright insidious because they are of such structural significance but often go so unnoticed. I speak of presidential appointments to the heads of institutions and to other positions of international power.

Presidents seek to ensure that the pursuance of their policy aims outlives their own abilities to achieve them. By appointing new, and often less popular, representatives and diplomats that are generally closer to presidential views, presidents keep the legacy of their government alive and in structural power. We all hear about the high profile domestic appointments in the administration's cabinet and to the Supreme Court, but it is the lesser publicized decisions that will have more direct impact upon the world. In the case of this administration the legacy is likely to turn even more nightmarish for the world community after Bush has gone back to Texas than it already has.

In the past week and a half two such appointments in particular scream of danger and hypocrisy. The first of these is the revelation that Paul Wolfowitz, currently undersecretary of defense, is likely to be named the next head of the World Bank and the second is the designation of John Bolton, formerly undersecretary of state, as the US Ambassador to the UN. The unleashing of Bush's ultra-right hawks comes at an especially inopportune moment for these two institutions, both of which are undergoing some form of re-definition of their respective missions and means.

Wolfowitz is one of the most sinister members of Bush's team, a hegemon, and if indeed he ends up replacing James Wolfensohn as head of the global lender the results could be devastating for developing and underdeveloped countries. Wolfowitz has made his intentions clear while serving under Donald Rumsfeld and in his writings at the Project for a New American Century think tank that he envisions a world in which US values are optimal for everyone. The mission of the US, then, ought to be the fomentation of its values throughout the world to establish a sustainable system according to those specific values.

Sound shady? At very best the bank is likely to revert back to its strict adherence to IMF structural adjustment criteria for loans (and who knows what additional hegemonic strings will be attached) rather than continuing to work towards a system of case-specific analysis and approach to individual countries' needs. At very worst, the bank will deny funds for political reasons that are specific to Republican leadership in Washington.

Bolton is an ironic choice as head envoy to the United Nations given that he is one of its most outspoken opponents. This comes at a time when conciliatory measures to the UN are essential restoring its legitimacy and affirming the prevalence of a multilateral paradigm in the international system. Mr. Bolton is seen as among the most hawkish of Bush's advisors and favors unilateral to multilateral action. His nomination (he must still be confirmed by the Senate) thus represents Bush giving the UN and the international community the cold shoulder at a time when he ostensibly seeks to mend international fences. Mr. Bolton is all but certain to undercut effective multilateral diplomacy at the UN while turning it into a stage for the Bush administration's aggression against Iran and North Korea.

Through these delegations, the head representative of our country is sending a cold and grim message to the world. It is an antiquated message and one that reflects the backwards power politics of Bush and his cronies. In the years that come, the real Bush agenda will make itself known to the world, or at least to those that were still unclear about it. Unfortunately the world will have to learn about it the hard way.

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Friday Nights Lights

Matthew Burke

There is something magical in those lights. Ask any UMass football player. Ask any UMass football coach. Ask anyone who has ever buckled up a helmet, strapped on their shoulder pads, and played the game of high school football. There is just simply something magical about those Friday night lights.

I never knew the power they possessed until I played. They have the strength every year to bring behemoth men to their knees in tears. I have seen it. Gladiators reduced to rubble after a loss. And every year someone new comes up to replace the departing seniors in the spotlight.

You learn life and you learn to completely trust the guy next to you. For if one person fails, someone tears a ligament or gets the snot knocked out of them. The coach teaches you this, among a slew of other life lessons. If they are a good coach you'll get good grades, because if you don't, then you won't play. The coach serves as drill instructor, judge, and jury.

When the lights (of your career) go out you close your eyes hoping that maybe you might get a glimpse of the magic again. However, all you are left with is the memories. The coaches leading the teams into battle, the double summer sessions, the lifting, and the pride of wearing your uniform to school on Friday morning.

Playing high school football was the most gratifying experience of my lifetime and it has left an indelible mark upon me that can never be taken away. My high school coach, Joe Dawe, was fired recently due to the hazing of a freshman. Coach Dawe didn't haze anyone. He started the football program from scratch at Sandwich High School in Massachusetts when I was a freshman, and it soon after blossomed as he laid down the framework for success and pride.

The hazing incident occurred when he let the team captains run the outdoor calisthenics session before practice. And just like he did every year for the last eight, he sat in the locker room and went over the battle plan with his assistants.

They fired him because he let those kids be men. Just like he did for eight seasons prior. These kids were the first ones to fail. They abused a kid that just wanted to be under those lights, to be a part of it, and Joe Dawe got axed for their behavior. Is he at fault or the school? Or maybe even the parents? God forbid that the kids involved actually accept responsibility.

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Coach Dawe didn't deserve this. He worked hard and, along with several top-flight assistants, built our program into a contender. We definitely played our hearts out and won respect in our first varsity year.bBut I am writing this to shed some light on something I see happening in society today. There is no accountability today. Why was Dawe blamed for the behavior of some morons? The football coach at the University of Colorado is still at helm, despite reports of a female team member being subject to harassment and even rape.

I was caught on game film punching an opposing lineman in the face instead of using the proper technique to get by him. Joe Dawe saw this and immediately I flinched. "Do it again Burkey and you're off the team." This is the guy they fired. I knew that he meant it. I got great grades in high school and actually became a history minor due to the things he taught me in class. Not to mention I learned the rip and swim techniques of shedding lineman. He was the toughest. He purposely made his history classes harder for football players so it wouldn't look like they got special treatment. Dawe even talked to my other teachers and got behavior reports. They fired this guy. I can't believe it.

When asked, Coach Dawe humbly thanked the school and took the high road, as I knew he would. But I am an ed/op columnist so that rule does not apply to me. Sandwich High is a joke for letting the first head coach we've ever known go. Dawe will be staying on as a teacher with no immediate plans to return to coaching. If he is good enough to teach, then why can't he coach?

I'd like to thank Coach Dawe for one last thing. On the eve of my final game as a Blue Knight, Dawe lined up our team and had each player run on to our home field one last time to the cheers of our teammates. No fans. No opposition. No officials. Just teammates. It was an incredibly emotional sendoff to the seniors leaving the program.

Friday night lights. I can see them still. Thanks Coach. Sandwich is going to be worse off without ya.

Matthew Burke is a Collegian columnist.

The away message phenomenon

Katelyn Harding

I really hate doing this, but I am going to write about the phenomenon, AIM. For the non-computer savvy people, this stands for AOL Instant Messenger, which also stands for America Online Instant Messenger? Yeah, it's a mouthful, I am not making myself an innocent party here; I am also a victim of AIM. My buddy list is categorized according to friends from home, friends from school, etc. Don't even try to shake your head, because I know you have the same exact thing on your computer screen.

The aspect of Instant Messaging that I find so amazing is the almighty "away message." I will say this now, and say it again, never underestimate the power of the away message. There is the typical, "I am away from my computer right now" or maybe something else that the witty writer came up with. Whatever it is, people, who you probably do not even know, are going to read this away message. You have to impress them, right?

Do you use meaningful quotes? Or just keep it short and sweet, letting your friends know what you are doing, in case they need to reach you? What really gets me about the away message is when I hear people talking about them.

I was on the bus the other day, and one girl turned to the other and said, "Did you see his away message? It was totally about me. I know it was." And the other girl concurred, this mystery boy's away message had to be about her friend, because she checked it herself. What are friends for?

Oh, I'm not saying I'm not guilty of away-message checking myself, but I would like to think that I refrain from talking about it where people I don't know can hear me…and write about it in their opinion piece.

There are the away messages with the relationship quotes, which make you wonder if this person is actually in one. Then the next day there is a mean quote about how much love bites, and you wonder if they broke up. The anticipation is killing you. Or when you read an especially nasty one, and you wonder what poor soul this is directed at. I personally love the away messages that list out every single thing that that person is going to do that day, as if we all didn't have tons of stuff to do ourselves. But in case you were wondering, at exactly 12:05 I get out of class and then I am going to the store….

You get my point. Our age demographic literally grew up with the beginning of AIM. When I was in middle school, AOL was the new cool thing to have. That was before the dawn of away messages. Once AIM was invented, America Onliner's were introduced to the away message, and they never looked back.

Last, but not least, is the silent power of an away message. Let's say you get in a fight with a friend one night. The next morning they Instant Message you to see if you are mad. And you still are. So, instead of answering them, you are going to throw the away message in their face. Yup, you are going to paste that yellow pad next to your name so fast, they won't realize what hit them. They can feel the sting of it from your computer screen.

I told myself I would never, ever write about AIM and how it sucks you in, but I caved. The world of Instant Messaging is still in its transition stage. When we are all in our 30's we are going to be amazed at what AIM has transformed into. Before you know it, our computers will be doing things that we couldn't possibly imagine now. But for your sake, peel yourself away from your computer screen and go outside and do something productive.

There are so many things happening around us, if we spend all our time glued to our computer screens, checking everyone's profiles/away messages, it cannot amount to anything substantial. Go make something of yourself. That's what you are at UMass for. At least you took time away from looking at an away message long enough to read this column. Go check some away messages now, I bet some have changed since you have read this.

Katelyn Harding is a UMass student.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AN IMMATURE AND PROFANE 'COLUMNIST'

The United States rejoices in its freedom of speech, yet Congress, state legislatures, and the courts have continually upheld the need to temper this freedom with responsibility and civility. In other words, certain forms of expression, such as threatening, abusive, or profane language, may be justly regulated. Furthermore, to be considered a useful and respectful member of society, one is expected to show restraint and maturity in his self-expression.

Thomas Naughton, "columnist" for The Massachusetts Daily Collegian, has clearly demonstrated that he is incapable of such adult behavior. Having only just admitted puerile criminal acts (the recent yellow ribbon issue) that violate the First Amendment which those such as himself idolize, he has proceeded to contrive the most disgusting, impudent, and indecent piece of journalism I've read in years, if not my entire life. In his column, "Oh, Jesus: dealing with the re-release of 'The Passion,'" Naughton attacks not only the release of the uncut version of Mel Gibson's controversial rendition of Christ's sacrifice, but Christianity (particularly Catholicism and evangelical Protestantism) as a whole. It is one thing to disagree with and satire a person or dramatic artwork; it is entirely another thing to act, as has this scurrilous author. He has:

1) Suggested that one invite Satanists to view the film while mocking aspects of the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist (Holy Communion).

2) Suggested that viewers indulge in sexually oriented behaviors during the film.

3) Suggested, in ridicule, that viewers be forced to wear crowns of thorns.

4) Suggested that vile satires ("A..a la "Rock Horror Picture Show'…") be made of the film.

5) Suggested that pornographic sound reels be substituted for the originals.

These are not the words of a competent, college-worthy young man; these are the rantings of someone who is insolent, immature, ignorant and brutish.

Granted I'm, admittedly, a conservative Roman Catholic; that aside, anyone with the slightest hint of decency should be repulsed by this latest outburst by this journalistic wretch. One of my colleagues suggested that the offending piece was meant in exaggeration, desired to promote an excited response, rather than encourage literal actions in regard to showings of Gibson's film. In light of his other recent exploits, and his viciously leftist and anti-Christian attitude, I highly doubt that to be the case. If it is, it was the wrong road to take and done with far too much obvious satisfaction and conviction.

There is a fine line between acceptable ridicule and socially/morally/ethically (and often legally) unacceptable diatribe. Thomas Naughton has apparently decided to reside on the other side of that line. If The Massachusetts Daily Collegian wishes to retain its credibility and (limited) authority, it should act immediately to distance itself from Naughton and his statements.

R. L. T. Miskell
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DECRIMINALIZING MARIJUANA

This is a call for help. This is a call to action. The students at UMASS are in a privileged position, a place that confers to us enormous political power. No where else in Massachusetts is there such a high concentration and such a large number of people from all over the state in one place. We have students from every single legislative district in Massachusetts, constituents of every representative in the state government. We could be the megaphone of political change in the state if we wanted to be, but what would we say? What issue could be big enough to unite most of the student body, grads and undergrads, together in solidarity to work for change? I can think of more than a few, but I'll just give you one: nonsensical drug laws that overcrowd prisons, arrest and give criminal records to honest decent people, and cost us taxpayers disgusting amounts of money to enforce laws that most of us think should be at the very least drastically altered.

So what are we going to do about it? I mean, we can't just make marijuana legal, right? The answer is maybe not right away, but we can get on that path and we can start by decriminalizing it.

This means that a person cannot be arrested, jailed, and receive a criminal record from minor possession for the drug (less than one ounce) but only fined. In the elections last November, all 12 Massachusetts counties that had nonbinding ballot questions about decriminalizing marijuana passed, many by wide margins.

The Cannabis Reform Coalition is a politically active RSO here at UMass and the oldest college-based group working to reform drug laws in the entire country. We're working with the Partnership for Responsible Drug Information to pass a marijuana decriminalization bill in the state legislature that would have the effects I described above, regardless of reason for use of the drug, and we are closer than anyone has ever been to getting this bill passed in the state within the next year and a half.

We believe this is a noble cause and it cannot be achieved without the support of all of you reading this right now. Please, take action and stand up for your rights as citizens. For more information, come to the CRC Office rm. 322 in the Student Union, and help us make a difference.

Justin Sawyer
UMASS Cannabis Reform Coalition.

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New designer on the block

By Amy DiLuna
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — "If you are not Jennifer Lopez, don't even think of knocking!" reads a sign posted on a door at J.Lo headquarters.

Problem is, she is Jennifer Lopez, and she is knocking, and no one's answering. It's the day before her Fashion Week debut, she's trying to get into the models' changing room, and she's losing her patience.

MTV cameras, following her every move, are rolling. Finally, she yells "it's me! It's me!" and a harried stylist lets her in.

In an age where every pop star and her mother has her own clothing collection, it's surprising that an already established icon like Lopez is upping the ante with an upscale line (labeled Sweetface, a name she says an old agent used to call her) and a splashy fashion show.

It's something, she emphasizes, that she's taking very seriously.

"I don't fancy myself a big designer or anything," she said Thursday on the fifth floor of her Sixth Ave. offices, situated a stone's throw from Bryant Park. She's wearing jeans and an ivory sweater that falls past her hips, her chestnut hair pulled back in a high ponytail. "Anything I put my name on is not just about making a buck. If I'm going to take on a venture like this, I want to make sure that it's something that I could be proud of."

She has help, of course. A small team of pros takes care of the technical stuff, from sketching to styling, and business whiz Andy Hilfiger, Tommy's brother, is her partner in promotion.

"I was surprised when we started working," says Hilfiger of his A-list associate. "She knew the

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Maybe blondes don't have more fun

By Elizabeth Wellington
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Hollywood has spoken: Blondes are better as brunettes.

Don't believe it? Rewind to the red carpet at this year's Oscars or Golden Globes. Look at the glossy tabloids.

Renee Zellweger, formerly a flaxen-haired siren, now has cocoa-colored locks. Sarah Jessica Parker's blond highlights are a unified shade of amber. Beyonce's golden mane is honey brown. Color Ashley Olsen's coif tawny, Ashlee Simpson's deep mahogany.

Even the queen of blond layers herself, Jennifer Aniston, now wears brown hair falling softly past her shoulders.

"Right now, I have 10 fashion magazines in my salon, and (on) the cover of only two are blondes. The rest are brunettes," said Doris Freeman, owner of Salon Rouge in Cherry Hill, N.J.

"And now, everybody wants darker hair. Before, I'd have to talk women into darkening it. Now, they don't even think about it. They just sit down and say they want dark hair."

Some salon owners say 20 percent of their customers are making the switch from vanilla to chocolate. The change is quick, though it's not necessarily easy, because darker hair draws attention to every facial feature and requires a new makeup palette.

Many women are tired of shelling out more than $100 every six weeks to lighten their roots;

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Is Spring a cinch or slouch? It depends on the belt

By Wendy Donahue
Chicago Tribune

From beaded to braided to jumbo-buckled, belts' sphere of influence keeps on growing.

"They're becoming bigger and bigger as far as height and size and trendiness," Amy Gallagher, fashion expert for Marshall's stores, said. "We're seeing a lot of big belts that are resting on the hips. That's because the tunic look is very in right now. It's a fun way to break up a long shirt."

Belts can be an inexpensive way to make those jeans look as fresh on Sunday as they did on Saturday (and Friday and Thursday).

The big news:

Thick belts worn not through the loops but hanging on the hips. And big buckles, which is good news for hips, Gallagher said.

"You never want to go overboard, but a big buckle really makes your hips look smaller," she said.

The big caveat:

"One thing I see people make a huge mistake with is not buying the right size belt. You really want it to easily buckle and have a little extra left over," she said. "If you pull it too tight, you can be a skinny girl and still look cinched in the middle. It's not cute to see skin above or below the belt line."

That matters only if your belt is

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J-Lo's 'Sweetface' a hit in NY

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cuts, the colors, the fabrics, the silhouettes."

Thursday afternoon, the designing diva was in a surprisingly good mood, considering a reporter just asked if the Lopez family, her "Brooklyn contingency," would be sitting in the front row at Friday's show ("well my family's from the Bronx," she corrected sweetly). And when he suggested her peeps would be performing a "Mexican cheer," the Puerto Rican pop princess's leg started shaking.

But she took it all in stride.

She has to: She and her brand will be competing with fashion heavyweights. And whether she likes it or not, Lopez is following in some big footsteps.

In 2001 Sean "Puffy" Combs caused a stir when he debuted his Sean John menswear collection at the Bryant Park tents. Style arbiters were dismissive of the very idea of a rapper invading fashion's mecca. But Combs proved them wrong, and went on to win a coveted, and credibility-lending award from the Council of Fashion Designers of America.

And Lopez gave those wanna-be celeb couturiers — think Eve and Gwen Stefani — a run for their money. Her presence on the runway was palpable. The Sweetface collection featured a $2 million pair of diamond-studded jeans (a nod to her "street" upbringing) and an oversized white mink version of the floppy hat she wore to the MTV Video Music Awards alongside red-carpet fur coats (a reflection of the "luxurious things" she's been "lucky enough to see"). The music she and Hilfiger chose mixed her own tunes (plus hubby Marc Anthony's) with rock influences, from the Red Hot Chili Peppers to Guns n Roses. And the models were a lot like Lopez, too, by design.

"I was looking for an energy and a vibe more than just a look," said Lopez of her casting choices, which included Naomi Campbell and Liya Kebede. "I wanted a mix. I wanted Latina girls, of course, all different types, but I was looking for that sexy street glamour. There are certain girls that are so not that. I was looking for girls with real power and energy, that are going to be sexy on the runway, that kind of can do high-couture fashion, but at the same time they have a little bit of a street edge to them."

Lopez was extremely aware that her own image as a powerhouse style icon had to be maintained throughout her Fashion Week presentation.

"Just being here, you have to be right on top and micro-manage," she said, eyeing a model who was pulling off a skirt. "Like right now she's getting undressed. I'm like, wait a minute, she's not done. You know what I mean? But that's the way you have to be. I care about it that much."

Backstage Friday night, she micromanaged even more.

After some TV interviews in mile-high stilettos, Lopez changed into terry cloth flip-flops and got down to business as her husband wandered about. Wielding a comb, she touched up Campbell's ponytail, then argued with stylists about how to make the thing stay put. Fretting and fussing (and fully aware she was on camera), the lady of the hour slipped into frantic designer-mode.

But that's what happens when you aim high, inspired by the spectacular shows from style titans like Dolce & Gabbana and Christian Dior.

The tent itself, jet-black, was more stage than fashion show venue. Showgoers snatched handfuls of the tiny rhinestones covering the catwalk. And when West Side Story-themed lights flashed, they cheered.

After her show-ending walk-out, Lopez gave a triumphant fist-pump and headed backstage. She had, apparently, achieved her goals.

"I want it to be fantastical, but me," she explained before the show. "So it's fantasy because at the end of the day and you want big, beautiful pieces, you still want it to be you. You don't just want to put an ostrich on someone's head just because you want to be like someone else. It's very, very me."



Jennifer Lopez, media mogul, launched her new line of haute couture clothing 'Sweet Face' in New York at Friday's show.

Blonde bombshells old news chic brunettes are the trend

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others are seeking a natural look with more shine. Still others have hair that, after years of being stripped of pigment, is so weak you can see through it.

But the main reason blondes are going brunette, stylists say, is that today's tweedy, retro style harks back to the demure, ladylike look of Audrey Hepburn.

If you look at the old-time, glamorous actresses, almost everyone is a brunette, except for Marilyn Monroe, said stylist Michelle Eppright, of 19 West Beauty in Ardmore, Pa.

Trend watchers say darker hues stepped back into the spotlight two years ago, when Madonna opted for brown tresses. Last year, Eve introduced chunky brown highlights to her shoulder-length white-blond extensions. Britney Spears was next, followed by goddess-to-the-tweens Ashley Olsen, and so on and so on.

Today, hair companies from Aveda to Goldwell offer products specially formulated to ensure that brown and red hair have a healthy, natural shine.

"The look is so much softer right now. Chunky is over," said Giavanni Scott, owner of Philadelphia's Total Serenity Hair Spa.

"Most of my clients are African American, and the hot color for them is chocolate brown. They want to be downtoned with warm chestnut and mahogany shades. Brown is just sexy now."

That's the No. 1 reason Philadelphia-area model Laura Ash decided to abandon her blondness.

On Friday afternoon, Ash, 42, waltzed into a Southampton, Pa., salon with sandy hair. She'd been blond all her life and was simply ready for a change. Plus, she'd just left her agency, so now was as good a time as any.

"I'd noticed that the celebrities were getting their hair darker, and I decided I needed a change. Why not step out of my box a little bit?" Ash asked.

Deborah Gavin applied a floral-smelling pigment solution to Ash's hair. An hour later, Ash swiveled around to the mirror as Gavin blew the newly brown hair, with a hint of terra-cotta, out straight.

Makeup artist Barbara Tendler was on hand to give Ash a darker shade of lipstick and tips on how to choose colors.

Her foundation, of course, will stay the same. But, Tendler said, she'll have to choose warmer lipsticks. Frosty pinks should be replaced with browns, berries and rusts. Blushes should follow the same pattern.

"Oh my God, I look like I need a tan," Ash said. "But I like it, I really like it."



Forget brassy hair. If you are a bottle blonde, it's time to make a switch to brunette. Starlettes from Renee Zellweger to Beyonce Knowles have traded light locks for darker shades this year.

Windy winter blizzards get you down? Try sweet hot chocolate

By Kim Harwell
DallasNews.com

First of all, here's what drinking chocolate is not: hot cocoa. Forget the mini-marshmallows and clumps of undissolved powder, this is all about the sensual, silken properties of the world's finest dark chocolate. Each small serving is a decadent cup of liquid luxury, rich and indulgent with a balance of sweet and bitter properties.

Chocolate has been a favorite beverage since long before that perky Swiss Miss started showing up on your grocer's shelves. Ancient Mayans were brewing up the sweet stuff well over a thousand years ago; it's said that it was the drink of choice for their gods. More recently, as in the 17th and 18th centuries, European nobility embraced the smooth, satisfying pick-me-up, and now drinking chocolate is finally starting to become known in the States, in no small part because of the recent launch of Starbucks' Chantico drinking chocolate.

Much like caviar, foie gras and fine champagne, the best chocolate boasts an elegant and impressive mouthfeel that lets your taste buds know that something special is going on. Whether you're biting into a hand-crafted artisan truffle or sipping a demitasse of quality drinking chocolate, there's no denying that unmatched feeling of epicurean extravagance.

My favorite way to indulge is with England's Charbonnel et Walker, the drinking chocolate produced by the Queen's chocolatier from 51 percent cocoa solids. To prepare a cup, simply whisk two or three teaspoons of the chocolate flakes with an equal amount of boiling water. Purists can purchase specialized pots and cups from France and Hungary designed especially for drinking chocolate, but we've found our regular espresso cups work just fine.

Chocoholics on the go can opt for Starbucks' new Chantico, a rich, intensely flavored drinking chocolate that has been likened (accurately, in my opinion) to "drinking a melted truffle," according to Michelle Gass, Starbucks' senior vice president of category management. Named for the Aztec goddess of the hearth, Chantico is steamed on-premise with cocoa butter and whole milk and is being marketed as a "drinkable dessert." That's something to keep in mind, since a 6-ounce cup contains a whopping 390 calories and 21 grams of fat (10 of which are saturated).

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Eve dances salsa and drinks wine with 'Ben Stiller'



Original Sin

Eve

I went out on a date with Ben Stiller, minus the fame and plus an engineering degree, and never would have I guessed the outcome of the evening.

We met one night at ABC Upstairs, the only decent lounge-type bar in town, and our fate was sealed. He took immediate liking to me when I ever-so-luckily beat him at a game of pool without breaking a sweat. I invited all of our friends to join in on the challenge. The teams were made, his guys against us girls, and eventually they regained their masculinity.

And men they surely were. We were out with graduate students in a very difficult master's program, with proper schedules, nightly curfews, and five o'clock shadows. I was in heaven. The leader of the pack, Mr. Stiller, caught my interest immediately. He not only resembled this ridiculous character, but he spoke, acted, and joked around like him as well. I love a man that can make me laugh.

This wasn't even our first date, but having such a good time settled that we would, indeed, have a first date. It was as though he ran home and watched "Along Came Polly" before he came to see me. He wore a tight crisp-white button down shirt with vertical blue stripes, dark blue freshly ironed jeans, and high glossed leather shoes to put the outfit into complete motion.

"I was thinking we could go to Carmelina's. I heard they have great salsa music, and I'm ready to dance!" His eyes glowed to match his bright idea. Is this a man that wants to dance? Could he be any more perfect? I nodded excitedly and we were off.

I had heard many rumors about Carmelina's. Some say it is the place where rich older men sit and stare at beautiful and sophisticated women they might possibly buy home at the end of the night. Others say it hosts big-time hustlers around the area that are incredibly friendly with the owner, but as we approached the bar, a dance room on the left, a lounge room on the right, all I could see were my ex-boyfriend's best friends surrounding me like a pack of hungry wolves.

"Oh! Hey guys, um, funny seeing you all here!"

I flashed an uncomfortable smile, simply trying to ignore a sudden wave of nausea and a loudly beating heart that wouldn't stay quiet. They all smiled in reply to calm the nerves that saturated the walls of the room.

"Hey, let me get you a drink. Would you like a glass of red?" Mr. Stiller looked sweetly at me as if he knew what I so desperately needed. I exhaled in sudden relief.

"Yes that would be wonderful. Thank you so much, any dry red is great."

He walked toward the bar, leaving me in a very sticky situation.

"So, have you talked to you-know-who lately?"

It was my ex's favorite party buddy. I felt a rush of heated emotion burst inside of me, my face was flushed, and I suddenly panicked.

"Um, no I haven't. I have to go, sorry."

I brushed by all of them quickly, only to be grabbed by my date and escorted to the left side of the room; the dance floor.

"Here you go," he said as handed me a big-bellied, long-stemmed wine glass, half-full with Pinot Noir.

I smiled and watched him as he ticked his head to the side in time with the internationally flavored rhythms of the night. He moved his feet from side to side, jerking his body comically to distract me from noticing that he never had taken salsa lessons, but it was too late not to notice. He twirled me around clumsily, knocking me into the side tables, and we laughed out loud like school children. He then switched up dancing styles from the chicken dance, to the Macarena, the eighties arm swing, to the wipe out. For some reason, I thought it was adorable.

We danced like two best friends at a cheesy wedding, and I loved every minute of it.

When the lights turned on I looked around and noticed all of my ex's friends staring at us with their mouths wide open in horror. I burst out laughing and took Mr. Stiller's arm.

"Come on, let's get out of here, I think we've caused enough damage." He laughed along and we opened the door to leave.

I looked back inside and saw them staring directly at us. And for the first time in months I felt at ease. I waved goodbye and smiled to myself. I was finally with a worthwhile man that treats me with respect, even if it was only for a friendly night of salsa moves. Is it possible that I have finally learned from my mistakes? Probably not, but at least I was finally on the right path away from my past and toward one night of well-rested sleep.

Packages certain?



Ask the Attorney

Michelle L. Leal

Q: I purchased a spring break charter package and am scheduled to leave for Cancun for Spring Break on Saturday. Last week I got a notice that my hotel will be unavailable and that I will have to stay somewhere else. I was told that the substitute hotel is rated even higher than the hotel I had booked, but I have heard bad things about it. What should I do?

A: All charter packages are subject to changes, and any potential substitutions or additional costs must be specified in your contract. According to regulations of the federal Department of Transportation, you have a right to cancel the contract and obtain a full refund whenever there is a major change in the flight or tour that is not acceptable to you.

The fact that you have signed a contract does not guarantee that there will not be changes or price increases in certain circumstances.

For example, many charters specify that a fuel surcharge may be assessed. Major changes include a change in the departure or return city, a change in the departure or return date, unless the date change results from a flight delay. If the flight delay is more than 48 hours, that is considered a major change.

It is also a major change if the price increases by more than 10 percent of the original charges. With respect to price increases, no increases are permitted in the 10 days before departure. Hotel substitutions are considered major changes unless the hotel was named as an alternate hotel in the contract. If the substitute hotel was not named in your contract, then you can cancel and are entitled to a full refund. If you don't want to cancel, given the weather of the past few days, then you will probably have to accept the substitution.

Tour operators are not required to make partial refunds, but you could try to negotiate for a rebate or some extra amenities (e.g. a meal plan or party package) if the substitute hotel is truly inferior. If you don't find out about a change until after the trip has begun, you can reject the changed flight or hotel, and make your own alternative reservations.

In this case you can seek a refund for the changed component when you get home. If anything goes wrong while you are away, put your complaints in writing and keep a copy. It is important that you keep a written record of what the problems were, with whom you spoke, and what the response was. This will help you address the problem while you are away so you can hopefully enjoy your trip. If the problem is never corrected then you will have a record of what happened and will then be in a much better position to take legal action when you return home, if that is necessary.

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Get the Spring look right with the new trend: belts

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exposed, she clarified. Otherwise, "it's there for function, not style," she said, "so you can do what you want."

4 BELTS TO BUILD ON

1. A ribbon belt. If you don't already own this from last spring, think preppy grosgrain or tapestry-type fabric.

2. A long scarf that can weave through belt loops. (Scarves are a true value item for use in hair, on neck, around handbag handles, even as a bandeau top in some cases.)

3. A leather belt with a large buckle.

4. A large belt that sits on the hips and can be worn over a tunic.

"If you have those," Gallagher said, "you'll be set all spring and summer."

But don't let that stop you from shopping for others.

Non-leather belts often are more affordable and versatile than leather. Fabric belts sometimes are reversible, like those from Kansas City-based Annie Shugart and partner Sara Tumminia. Their Waist Wraps also fasten with optional pins that can migrate elsewhere in your wardrobe.

RUGGED LEATHER

Brown leather western embellished belt, $198 at Red Head Boutique, redheadboutique.com.

Hollywood Trading Co. red leather studded belt, $200 at Active Endeavors, activeendeavors.com.

Leather Rock brown leather belt with coral embellishments, $128 at Nordstrom.

Lauren brown leather braided belt (sized to cinch at waist or slouch on hips), $52 at Nordstrom.

LADYLIKE BAUBLES

Three-tier faux-pearl belt (can double as a necklace), $34.90 at Rampage stores.

Cara turquoise beaded belt with flower clasp, $98 at Nordstrom.

Faux-pearl and chain belt, $39.90 at Rampage stores.

SPARKLE AND SASS

Lu Lu gold sequin sash, $14 at Nordstrom.

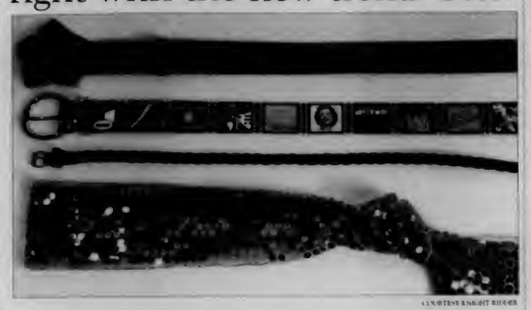
Hollywood film belt, $14 at Kohl's stores.

Pucci-style print "Sophie Girl" belt with tweed flower pin, $84 (without pin, $75), from Waist Wraps by Annie Shugart at 913-681-2800 or info@waistwraps.com.

TRENDY TOUCHES

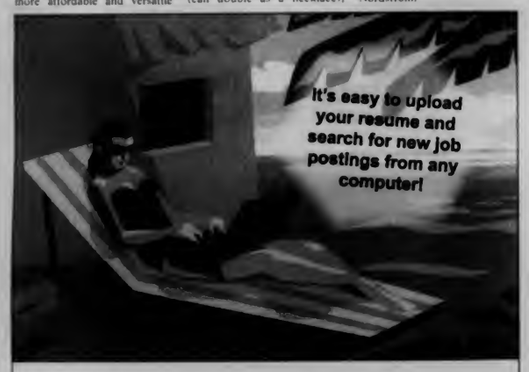
Beading and embroidery: Treesje black leather-trim embellished canvas belt, $110 at Red Head Boutique in Chicago.

Metallic finishes and metal rings: Allison Burns Los Angeles gold leather belt with utility rings, $125 at Active Endeavors, 55 E. Grand Ave., Chicago.



CONTENT KNIGHT RIDDER

One of the best ways to accessorize your new wardrobe this Spring is with colorful or beaded belts. Belts can also help to liven up any old outfit you might find in your closet



When you're searching for the sun on spring break, you can search for a job too!

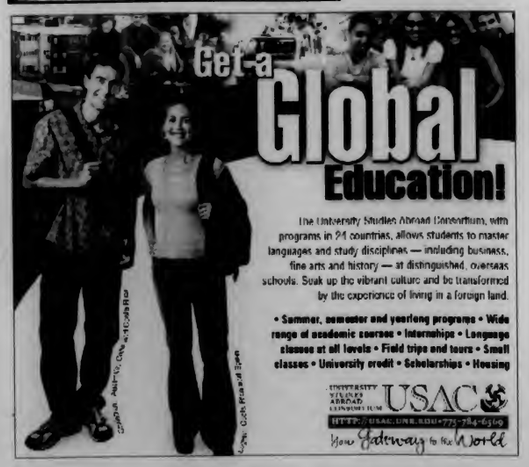
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Favorites in tourney

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include seniors Denise Denis, Hilary Puglia and Pam Sulick. Denis had a clutch performance last weekend in the consolation game against FIU, homering to put UMass ahead in the seventh inning.

"Denise is a very strong hitter, so that kind of stuff doesn't surprise me," Sortino said. "She's really capable of the long ball even though she's not a very big kid."

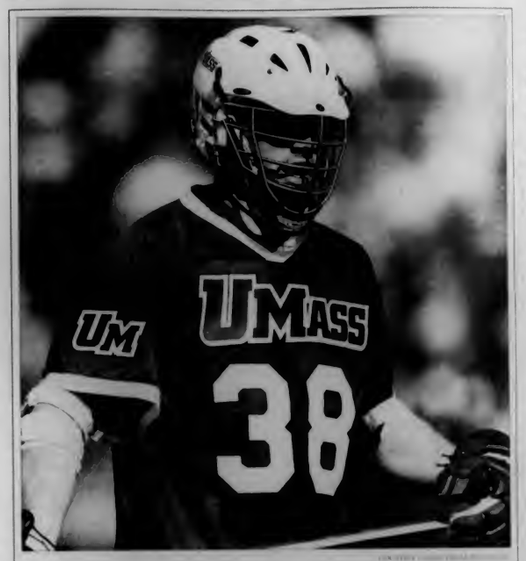
Aside from the upperclassmen, rookie Lauren Proctor has put up numbers that impress Sortino. Proctor has three RBI's on the season and is second on the team with a .318 batting average.

Although Sortino is confident with her group, one aspect that might appear to be a deterrent is the placement of UMass. Unlike warm climate teams, UMass cannot practice outdoors all year long, causing Sortino to focus on the basics, rather than team play.

"My theory is that if you're not good at the fundamentals, like catching, throwing and tagging, it doesn't matter how many first and third plays or what kind of relay system you run," Sortino said. "The basic skills are what really matters right now."

UMass has never played Buffalo, Jacksonville or BYU. Its lifetime record against Chicago-Illinois is 2-2.

Play begins this afternoon at 4 p.m., as the Maroon and White take on Buffalo.



Snowed out

Aaron Paskalis and the Minutemen were supposed to play Harvard in Cambridge yesterday, but the game was postponed due to the winter storm. The game is scheduled to be made up on April 26.

Predicting the HEA playoffs

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and UNH, that plus the fact that no one likes making the trip up to Black Bear Country in Orono.

The Terriers will be tough again in Hockey East, as they already have one tournament victory at the FleetCenter under their belts this year, the Beanpot. They are led by a very balanced offense, as six players have registered at least 21 points this year. David van der Gulik leads the team with 18 goals, and BU boasts a legitimate candidate for Rookie of the Year in Chris Bourque, who has scored nine goals and dished out 12 assists.

Providence snuck into the seventh seed last weekend with a surprise 3-2 overtime win over Lowell at the Tsongas Arena. Though their team lacks star power, the Friars are led on offense by Chris Chaput's 28 points (8 goals, 20 assists). David Cacciola has seen the most time in net and has a 2.89 goals against average along with a .906 save percentage.

Prediction: Boston University wins series 2-1

No. 3 New Hampshire (22-9-5 15-5-4 HEA) vs. No. 6 Northeastern (15-16-5 10-10-4 HEA)

Season Series: UNH swept 3-0
at UNH 4, NU 3
UNH 7, at NU 4
UNH 5, at NU 2

In the only series that kicks off tonight, Northeastern got a tough break in the quarterfinal round of the tournament. The Huskies were the biggest surprise in the conference this year, as they were led by goalie Keni Gibson and forward Jason Guerriero, both of whom are Hobey Baker candidates.

Both can also take a game over completely by themselves. Guerriero scored 17 goals and added 31 assists for a Hockey East best 48 points. His assist total also led the conference. The offense is also paced by Mike Morris (19-20-39) and Tim Judy (6-14-20). Gibson finished fifth in the conference with a 2.33 goals against average.

How can the Wildcats possibly have an answer for Guerriero's offense, you ask? They can respond with some firepower of their own. New Hampshire's offense was tops in the league, scoring at a clip of 4.03 goals per game. They found the back of the net 145 times this year, 28 more times than second-best Lowell and 46 more times than their first-round opponent.

Sean Collins is second on the conference with 47 points on 17 goals and 30 assists, and Preston Callander follows right behind him with 45 points from 19 goals and 26 assists. The Wildcats' home-ice advantage could be the best in the league, and one of the best in the country, as they welcome their visitors to the massive Lake Whitt.

If this series were played at a neutral site, say a week later at the Fleet, the Huskies would have a pretty solid chance at knocking UNH out of the tournament, but that won't be happening. Gibson will win a game for his team to prevent the sweep.

Prediction: UNH wins series 2-1

No. 4 Maine (18-11-7 13-6-5) vs. No. 5 UMass Lowell (20-10-4 11-10-3 HEA)

Season series: Maine swept 3-0
Maine 5, at Lowell 4
at Maine 2, Lowell 0
at Maine 5, Lowell 3

Lowell was another great story this year, and this is the team with the best shot at scoring an upset this weekend. Ben Walter led the conference with 26 goals, and his presence in the lineup will keep Lowell in contention throughout the series.

It's just too bad for Lowell that Maine has arguably the best clutch and playoff goalie in the nation. Jimmy Howard carried the Black Bears to the Hockey East Championship last season, allowing just one goal against UMass in Maine's 2-1 triple-overtime victory.

Howard could be the product of Maine's defensive system, but either way, he has only allowed 2.02 goals per game and has a .919 save percentage. Maine has a characteristically balanced offense as six players have scored at least 10 goals, but Greg Moore leads the team with only 13.

There is one wild card for this series, too. The University of Maine has been on break for two weeks now, and classes don't resume until Monday, meaning Alfond Arena may not be rocking the way it normally does. Fortunately for the Black Bears, however, there isn't much else to do in Maine so attendance may not suffer too greatly, if at all.

Regardless of Lowell's winless season against Maine this year, this matchup does work well for the Riverhawks, who have a lot to play for in the conference tournament due to their loss against Providence last weekend. Anything less than a trip to the finals will keep them out of the NCAA Tournament. This will be the best series of the first round.

Prediction: Lowell wins series 2-1

This leaves Lowell for Boston College and New Hampshire for Boston University in the semifinals next Friday.

The Riverhawks and Eagles will be the best game the FleetCenter sees in quite some time. Lowell won the season series 2-1 after taking the Eagles to the woodshed in a home and home series on Feb. 18-19, winning 5-1 in Boston and 4-1 in Lowell.

In the end, though, BC will be too much to handle for Lowell in front of a sellout crowd, using its experience to eliminate Lowell by a 4-3 score.

Boston University will use its home-away-from-home advantage to give the Wildcats all they can handle in the other game, but once again, UNH's depth of talent will win out, leaving the Wildcats as 3-3 victors.

The two best teams in Hockey East should and will play against one another in the final next Saturday night. For the third year in a row, the final will reach overtime, but the crowd that will heavily back the Eagles won't be getting the result they were looking for.

UNH drops BC in set another Hockey East classic, 3-2, and wins its third Lamoriello Trophy in four years.

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Congress subpoenas baseball players in lieu of steroid use

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jose Canseco, Jason Giambi, Mark McGwire and four other current major league players were subpoenaed Wednesday to testify before a congressional committee investigating steroids policy, a move baseball's leadership vowed to fight all the way to court.

Curt Schilling, Sammy Sosa, Rafael Palmeiro and Frank Thomas also were subpoenaed to appear at the March 17 hearing of the House Government Reform Committee along with players' association head Donald Fehr, baseball executive vice presidents Rob Manfred and Sandy Alderson and San Diego general manager Kevin Towers.

Stanley Brand, a lawyer for the baseball commissioner's office, criticized the committee for an "an absolutely excessive and unprecedented misuse of congressional power." He said the committee was interfering with the federal grand jury investigation in California into illegal distribution by subpoenaing Giambi, a grand jury witness who might have to testify at a trial.

"Not even the Iran-Contra committee attempted to do that," Brand said.

Gene Orza, the union's chief operating officer, declined comment.

Brand and Manfred said baseball will attempt to fight the subpoenas. If the subpoenas are not complied with, the committee could vote contempt citations, which would have to be approved by the full House of Representatives, and certified by a U.S. Attorney. If that happened, Brand said the fight over the subpoenas would head to U.S. District Court.

Canseco, Fehr and Manfred have agreed to testify. Manfred would speak on behalf of baseball commissioner Bud Selig.

"The remaining witnesses, however, made it clear — either by flatly rejecting the invitation to testify or by ignoring our repeated attempts to contact them — they had no intention of appearing before the committee," committee chairman Rep. Tom Davis and Rep Henry Waxman, the ranking Democrat, said in a statement.

Thomas said Monday he would testify, but baseball's formal response to the committee on Tuesday said he was declining the invitation.

"The committee will conduct a thorough, fair, and responsible investigation. It is important the American people know the facts on baseball's steroid scandal," Davis and Waxman said. "And it is important that all Americans, especially children, know about the dangers of drug use. Consistent with our committee's jurisdiction over the nation's drug policy, we need to better understand the steps MLB is taking to get a handle on the steroid issue, and whether news of those steps — and the public health danger posed by steroid use — is reaching America's youth."

Brand wrote to the committee on Tuesday on behalf of management and the union saying the hearing and what he termed "overly expansive" document requests "present significant constitutional and institutional concerns about the underlying validity and propriety of the committee's inquiry.

"It is not clear to us how the committee's jurisdiction encompasses the privately negotiated drug policy," Brand wrote, adding that the committee was requesting "highly private and sensitive information."



JOE RIMKUS JR./MIAMI HERALD

Sammy Sosa was among the list of Major League Baseball players who were subpoenaed by Congress yesterday due to the ongoing allegations of steroid use. Everyone is scheduled to appear in court on March 17.

"The right to the privacy of this information outweighs any asserted interest in the health problems stemming from the use of steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs,'" Brand wrote.

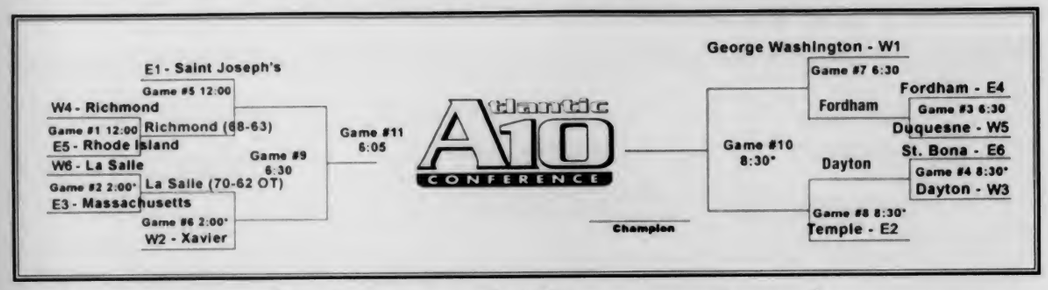
Brand said the committee request "goes to the unprecedented and, we must add, destructive length of seeking actual testing results (and) shows no consideration for the legitimate privacy concerns of MLB, the MLBPA, individual players and other members of the bargaining unit."

Another congressional hearing on steroids is scheduled for Thursday, when the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee is to hear from witnesses, including labor lawyers from the commissioner's office and the NFL, and representatives of the NCAA and the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency.

"We're trying to get to the bottom of the steroid problem," Rep. Cliff Stearns said. "Are they being used in high school? Are they being used in college? Are they being used in professional sports? And what are we doing do stop this, because it is a felony. What is the baseball commissioner doing?"

Stearns, chairman of the House Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection subcommittee, said Selig was invited to speak at the hearing but declined. Stearns said Davis' committee "cannot legislate; they're just an oversight committee."

"We can legislate," Stearns said. "We're trying to understand whether legislation is needed. We're obviously disappointed that Selig did not want to show."



Miller to miss the first month

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Wade Miller expects to miss the first month of the season with the Boston Red Sox while he rehabilitates from a shoulder injury.

He spent the last three months of last season on the disabled list with Houston and the Red Sox, hoping he could improve a rotation that lost Pedro Martinez and Derek Lowe, signed him as a free agent.

"I know I don't want to miss that much time again," Miller said Wednesday. "So I decided to take it slow now and miss the beginning of the season and, hopefully, come back for the last five months."

Early in spring training he hoped he might be ready when the regular season starts on April 3.

"I don't think that's going to happen now," he said. "Obviously, I was hoping to make it, but you set a goal and then it didn't quite happen because of weather or whatnot and it just didn't work out."

Curt Schilling may not be ready for the start of the season either, but with three off days in the first 10 days of the season, Boston can manage with its other four starters — David Wells, Matt Clement, Tim Wakefield and Bronson Arroyo.

Schilling had the sniffles when he returned to Boston's clubhouse on Wednesday after missing a day with flu symptoms. He plans a long-toss throwing session on Thursday before throwing in the bullpen and perhaps his first batting practice session on Friday.

Asked if it was a realistic target for him to pitch on opening day April 3, he said, "Friday is my target."

Barnett's job appears safe as CU coach

By Kevin Sherrington
Knight Ridder

Colorado's president resigned Monday, and it's probably hitting that another woman pays for the football program's sins.

Betsy Hoffman quit in the "best interests" of the school, as she so graciously put it.

Officials are dropping like spring break refugees on the bunny slopes in Colorado.

Down goes the athletic director. Down goes the president.

The football coach?

Gettin' up for Colorado State.

Don't get me wrong. Gary Barnett is sorry to see his president go, and you would be, too, if she'd pardoned you.

"She demonstrated courage and fairness in her actions to reinstate me," Barnett said in a prepared statement. "I consider her a valued friend."

We should all have such friends. Unfortunately, most of us are stuck with pals like Gary Barnett.

He's the kind of friend who lets others take the fall for a scandal that rocked Boulder.

Barnett had no idea that his players used sex, alcohol and marijuana as party favors for recruits.

No idea his players allegedly assaulted at least nine women. No idea that one of his assistants allegedly assaulted two female trainers and coerced them to have sex with recruits, according to leaked grand jury testimony.

Barnett didn't know, so that makes him unaccountable. But Betsy Hoffman was, and Dick Tharp, too.

The further you move from the epicenter in this scandal, the more dangerous it is for your career.

Sure, Hoffman had other problems. She's got a nutcase professor trying to liken World Trade Center victims to the Nazi who helped orchestrate the Holocaust, and financing for higher education is vanishing into Colorado's thin air.

But make no mistake: Hoffman wouldn't leave such a prestigious job had it not been for one of the worst football scandals in years.

Or maybe you don't buy the evidence. The grand jury apparently didn't. All that ugly testimony, and the only indictments were for a recruiting aide who solicited a prostitute for himself and illegal use of a school-issued cellphone.

Prosecutors reportedly had concerns about the evidence and the "reluctance" of women to pursue the cases.

Maybe those women figured they had no chance against Colorado's football program.

Katie Hnida didn't. Not after her rape allegations precipitated the revelations by women around the team.

All you had to hear to understand the environment was her coach's reaction.

"Katie was not only a girl," Barnett infamously said of Hnida's athletic skills, "she was terrible. OK? There's no other way to say it."

Or you could not say it at all. And what coach says it about one of his own, a female athlete trying to make it in a man's sport?

No matter what your stance on Title IX or women's rights, you can't justify what allegedly happened to Katie Hnida in locker rooms and other supposedly safe havens at the hands of some of her "teammates."

Lord knows the environment they've created at Colorado: You've got an 18-year-old recruit coming to town for a few days, and your idea is to get him drunk or stoned and laid?

And that's just on a visit? What's he supposed to think the rules are if he commits to four years?

Coaching is like raising kids. You can't let even a few get away with what they want when they're starting out and expect them to play by the rules later.

Of course, it's not just Colorado. College programs or the satellites circling them have been breaking rules for a long time. Cheating is so pervasive, you'd think the IRS would allow slush funds as tax shelters.

But payoffs are one thing. You're probably even numb to them unless it's a high school coach getting six figures to steer a kid to Alabama.

Steroids are a bigger crime than money changing hands. And so is the sexual harassment of female athletes and support personnel.

Other than Dave Bliss counseling his players to blame a drug problem on a dead teammate, the Colorado case is as disturbing as any I've heard in nearly 30 years as a sports writer.

Colorado officials are just tired of hearing about it. Period. The chairman of the board of regents said they'd miss Hoffman, but certainly not the problems under her watch.

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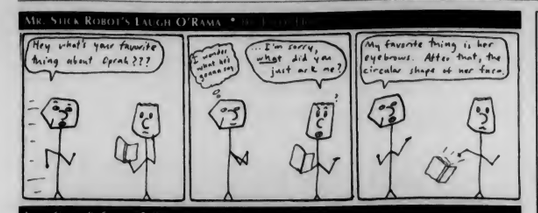
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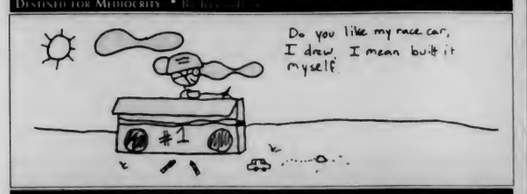
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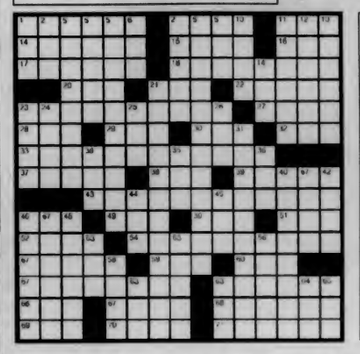


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"There are 40 kinds of lunacy, but only one kind of common sense."

—African Proverb

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UMass reaches end of the line

La Salle eliminates UM in overtime

CINCINNATI — Freshman Lawrence Carrier scored a career-high 17 points and sophomore Rashaun Freeman scored 19 points, but it was not enough as the La Salle Explorers defeated Massachusetts in overtime 70-64 in the opening round of the Atlantic 10 Tournament. La Salle will face Xavier today at 2:00 p.m.

La Salle	70
UMass	64

Carrier's 17 points were complimented by a career-high nine rebounds, while Freeman recorded his seventh double-double of the season with 19 points and 12 rebounds. Art Bowers scored 13 points to round out the top Minutemen scorers.

Steven Smith, the Atlantic 10 Co-Player of the Year, led La Salle with 18 points. Jermaine Thomas added 18 points followed by Darnell Harris who netted 15 of his own.

La Salle (10-18) started the game hot going on an 11-to-1 run in the first three minutes of play. UMass was unable to score in the first four minutes of play until Carrier checked into the game and hit back-to-back 3-pointers.

The Minutemen (16-12) were able to cut that down to a one-point margin just before halftime on a 14-to-4 run sparked by two more Carrier treys.

Harris hit a 3-pointer with eight seconds remaining to push the lead to 33-29 for La Salle going into the break.

The Explorers led by as many as 11 in the second half, but the Minutemen pulled within three, 46-43, with a pair of Freeman free throws with 9:47 to go.

Jeff Viggiano's lay-up with 2:17 remaining sparked a 7-0 run capped by a 3-pointer from Bowers with 47 seconds in regulation. Bowers' 3-pointer gave UMass its first lead of the game at 59-57.

Thomas hit a pair of free throws with 32 seconds in regulation to tie the game at 59 each and give Massachusetts a chance to win on a last possession shot.

Bowers was able to get off a jumper from the free throw line with just under seven seconds remaining, but it rimmed out allowing La Salle to grab the rebound and call a timeout. Initially, the clock showed 0.7 seconds left, but after a review, 2.2 seconds were placed back on the with La Salle inbounding and having to go the length of the court. Thomas' half-court shot was short as time expired.

In the overtime period, Stephane Lasme threw down a two-handed dunk, but missed the ensuing free throw — one of eight missed free throws for UMass in the end of regulation and overtime.

Thomas hit a pair of free throws to tie the game, and Mike St. John hit a lay-up to give the Explorers a 63-61 lead in the overtime. St. John and Thomas each hit two more free throws in the final minute of play to go up by five, 67-62 with under 30 seconds to play.

Bowers sprinted down the court to score a quick runner to cut the lead to 67-64, but La Salle hit three of its final four free throws to seal the win.

UMass controlled the glass 48-30, converting that advantage to 14 second-chance points. The Minutemen also held a 21-0 advantage in bench points thanks to Carriers performance in the game.

Turnovers and free throw shooting, however, hurt the Maroon & White as La Salle scored 24 points on 16 UMass turnovers. UMass was just 15-of-25 (60 percent) from the free throw line.

The loss was the first in overtime for UMass this season as they are now 5-1 in those games.

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KAREN WINGERD/COLLEGIAN

Art Bowers scored 13 points, grabbed five rebounds, dished out five assists and recorded one steal in UMass' loss to La Salle in the A-10 tournament yesterday.

Breaking down Hockey East playoffs



Jeff Howe

It begins tonight.

There was no calm before the storm, as last weekend's play didn't allow for any of that.

The first puck of the Hockey East playoffs will drop tonight at center ice in Durham, N.H., and the Lam-ciello Trophy will be awarded nine days from now at the center of the Hockey East universe in Boston at the FleetCenter.

Here is a complete breakdown of the four quarterfinal series along with some predictions for the remainder of the playoffs:

No. 1 Boston College (21-6-7 14-3-7 HEA) vs. No. 8 Massachusetts (13-21-2 6-16-2 HEA)

Season Series: BC won 2-0-1
UM 3, at BC 3
BC 5, at UM 2
at BC 6, UM 0

Boston College appears to have the most NHL talent in Hockey East this year, and it has been that star power that the Eagles have been able to rely on in times of need. BC has been more of a defensive-minded team this year as opposed to a group that has regularly lit the lamp in seasons past.

Patrick Eaves has paced the offense with a team-leading 17 goals in addition to 26 assists for a team-best 43 points. Ryan Shannon has been the other offensive heavyweight (13-26-39), and Andrew Alberts has anchored the defense.

The Minutemen have been decimated by injuries all season, starting with the loss of then-leading scorer Matt Anderson and snowballing throughout the remainder of the winter months. With the exception of Anderson, UMass has started to get some of its injured players back, including Garrett Summerfield and Mike Kostka, who both saw action against Northeastern last weekend.

The Mass Attack has been playing much better hockey over the last three weeks after having a horrendous start to 2005, showing the effort that Maroon and White fans were seeing out of their team during postseason runs in the last two years.

The Minutemen have been looking forward to the playoffs for over a month now, knowing they have the ability to right all of their wrongs so far this season, but the Eagles are an impressive team. The individual ability on that roster has been enough to offset any poor performances all year long, and they should prove to be too strong and too deep for UMass to handle.

The Minutemen have had trouble scoring goals when they have needed them the most since Anderson's injury, and the two-headed goaltending monster of Cory Schneider (1.69) and Matti Kaltiainen (1.81), who finished 1-2 respectively in goals against average in Hockey East, should prove to be the biggest difference in the series.

Prediction: Boston College wins series 2-0



KAREN WINGERD/COLLEGIAN

Mike Kostka and the Minutemen will have their hands full with Boston College in the quarterfinals this weekend.

No. 2 Boston University (21-11-4 15-5-4 HEA) vs. No. 7 Providence (11-19-4 6-14-4 HEA)

Season series: BU swept 3-0
at BU 3, PC 2
at BU 3, PC 2
BU 4, at PC 2

The word around the bottom half of the Hockey East standings heading into last weekend was that of a desire to play the quarterfinal series at Agganis Arena against the Terriers. Though the home-ice advantage at the new, state-of-the-art arena isn't what it was at Walter Brown, the hometown fans can get pretty loud due to the microphone strategically placed in the student section.

This wasn't a knock on the talent or scheme of the Terriers, rather it was just out of complete respect for the abilities of BC

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Speedline Invitational awaits Minutewomen

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

Four days after a come-from-behind win in Boca Raton, Fla., the Massachusetts softball team (3-6) travels to the other side of the coast to Clearwater, Fla., to compete in the Speedline Invitational. This marks the fourth tournament that UMass has competed in this season and with nine games under its belt, the team is beginning to find themselves.

"Momentum is hard to build right now, stop and go, but I think what we do have is a sense of who we are, what we're capable of, where we need to get better," UMass coach Elaine Sortino said. "I have a much better sense of the team, and I think the team has a much better sense of themselves."

Unlike the prior three tournaments, UMass will not be facing a top-25 team this time around. Along with beating No. 22 Florida International last weekend, the team has also played against the likes of No. 23 Texas A&M, No. 13 Georgia and No. 17 Nebraska. This week, UMass will be the team to beat, and Sortino is weary of having a target on her back.

"There's no such thing as a lock for sure, and I think this is the first chance I have to asses my team's mentality and how strong willed they are," Sortino said. "If our team is the team that's going to play to the expectation level of the opponent, then we'd be in trouble."

The four teams that UMass will face consist of Buffalo, Jacksonville, Brigham Young and Illinois-Chicago, with BYU being the most feared of that group, as it received national votes in recent polls.

"Your greatest efforts have to be for the lesser of the opponents," Sortino said. "For Jacksonville and Buffalo, we're probably one of the bigger games on their schedule, so they're coming at us with everything."

Aside from its mental preparation, the Maroon and White will depend on the physical talent that it possesses. One of the keys of that talent is senior pitcher Barb LaFogg. In the six games LaFogg has pitched in so far, she has struck out a total of 35 batters, notching a career high 14 strikeouts against Cal State Northridge on Feb. 25. After shutting down some of the top ranked offenses in the country, Sortino is impressed with the quality of play LaFogg is putting forth in 2005.

"She's really doing a great job. You know when you start striking out that many batters, you've got something going," Sortino said. "And she gets that fastball, curveball, in addition to that, she's pretty formidable to deal with. I think she's going to put up some pretty impressive performances for us."

Offensively, the Minutewomen rely on a core group of batters who have been on and off throughout the nine games, scoring only two runs in four of the team's loses, but racking up nine runs in their last two games. Junior KJ Kelly leads the team in RBIs with five and one home run. Of the 25 times Kelly has stepped up to the plate, she has only been struck out three times with a slugging percentage of .480.

The other veterans who have contributed to the victories this season

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The five best moments of the '05 season

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

I've said it once, and I'll say it again; it's been a roller coaster ride of a season to say the least, but with all Jekyll-and-Hyde matters aside, the Massachusetts women's basketball team has put together quite an interesting year.

Speaking of interesting, here's my top five moments from the 2004-05 season:

Moment No. 5: Prophetic Govan calls out Dukes, Nelson and Co. deliver vengeance

You could have asked any player on the Minutewomen in the week preceding the Atlantic 10 Tournament how they felt about going up against Duquesne — a team that had trounced them the last two times with intense first-half scoring sprees — and they all would have told you the same thing: "We're going to shut them down."

It's just the fact that senior guard Monique Govan was so direct in her comments about the Dukes "not going to get anything on us" and star forward Aiga Bautre "not going to get any points on us" that made this one so much fun to watch.

Why? Because they did exactly what Govan said they were going to do. They came out and turned the tables immediately, this time UMass setting the tone with a 19-5 run led by the likes of guards Katie Nelson and Pam Rosanio, as well as Tamara Tatham down low. Duquesne got 52 points, and the sharp-shooting Bautre got 16, but it's a moot point. The Minutewomen got their revenge, and they got it good, winning it 67-52.

Moment No. 4: Comeback falls just short against No. 17 Maryland

Forget the fact that this one was chalked up in the loss column. The Minutewomen poured their hearts out on Dec. 29 in front of the largest crowd they've seen all season (3,130).

Riding a five-game winning streak coming into the Terrapin Classic Holiday Tournament, UMass trailed by 15 with six minutes to go. In what would become a recurring theme throughout 04-05, the Minutewomen suddenly turned on a switch, dwindling the Terps' lead to three with 30 seconds to go.

After Nelson drained her third 3-pointer of the half with nine seconds left, UM was forced to foul Maryland guard Shay Doran with six ticks on the clock. She made one of two to make it a two-possession game, and the Maroon and White had to settle for a 67-63 loss.

But no shame here. As you will see with moment No. 3, UMass can certainly hang with the big guns.

Moment No. 3: 16th-ranked Owls escape with win at buzzer

Following a terrible home loss to Richmond, coach Marnie Dacko did something she's never done before in her coaching career: held practice immediately following the game.

It must have worked wonders because the Minutewomen came out firing on all cylinders on Feb. 24 against Temple University and their famed coach Dawn Staley.

Nevermind that it was a lopsided affair in their first meeting, it took a whole readjustment of Staley's zone defense at halftime and a buzzer-beating trey from Cynthia Jordan to cool off UM. Again, no shame in almost pulling off the unthinkable.

Moment No. 2: Orange come away empty-handed at 'Rage in the Cage'

When you're riding behind a girl who has basically been carrying the team — and the game — for the entire day, the last thing you expect her to do is miss her final and most important shot, right?

Wrong.

With 0.4 seconds left on the clock and the 1,400 fans at the Curry Hicks Cage on their feet, Syracuse forward Chineze Nwagbo missed the second of two free throws that would have sent the game into overtime, allowing the Minutewomen to escape with a 52-51 win. Not to be forgotten, the poor girl had a double-double on the day (19 points, 14 rebounds).

Moment No. 1: Rosario inches UM by HC on last-second layup

After letting the Crusaders back in the game with two minutes to go, effectively erasing the eight-point lead they held, the Philly-born freshman Pam Rosario sent the 1,179 on hand at the Hart Center home with frowns.

With six seconds to go, Rosario took a feed from Tatham to go on a breakaway and come down with the game-winner.

Once again, the game fell into the hands of the lights-out star player, and once again she choked. Maggie Fontana missed an open 6-footer.



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Freshman Pam Rosario was the brightest spot for the Minutewomen this year, and she was part of the number-one moment.

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Bush seeks support for social security plan

By Deb Reichmann
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Two grandpas and their granddaughters joined President Bush on Thursday in making his case that Social Security was on wobbly footing and private investment accounts would help provide a safety net for future retirees.

The president, on a two-state swing through the South to pitch his plan for the accounts, is trying to ease anxiety among retirees and give political cover to Republican lawmakers facing voters in midterm elections.

Bush repeatedly has reassured the 55-and-over set that the Social Security checks they receive, or soon will get, won't be touched. Still, seniors - a group that votes in greater numbers than the nation's youth - are wary about what will happen to the 70-year-old government retirement system if lawmakers tinker with it.

To address that, Bush said: "More and more grandfathers are asking the president 'How about my granddaughter? I understand I'm safe, what are you going to do about her?'"

On cue, Larry Dean, a self-employed online bookseller, who was joined by his granddaughter, Rebecca 'Bee' Dean, a student at the University of Louisville, said, "Call me a Pollyanna, but I have no fear that I will never be able to draw it.

"But I do have fears for my granddaughter, and all of my grandchildren, and even my children your age," he joked to the 58-year-old president.

Public support for Bush's private accounts has been lukewarm.

Outside a downtown auditorium where Bush spoke, protesters waved signs and shouted slogans denouncing his plan. "No more lies, don't privatize," shouted some of the demonstrators. Some held signs that read "Hands off my Social Security."

Inside, opponents interrupted the president four times. Each time, they were drowned out by Bush or supporters in the crowd. "There are different points of view on the issue," Bush conceded.

Facing an uphill battle in getting Social Security changes passed, Republicans in Congress recently have begun to emphasize the solvency problems of Social Security over the controversial private retirement accounts.

On his road trip, Bush did, too. But while he is focusing on solvency, the president is not letting up on his push for private accounts.

"I'm saying to members of the United States Congress, 'Let's fix this system permanently - no Band-Aids,'" Bush said later at a similar event at Auburn University in Montgomery, Ala. "Woe be to the politician who doesn't come to the table and try to come up with a solution."

Shortly before the rally began, the Alabama Senate voted along party lines to pass a resolution opposing Bush's plan to allow Americans under 55 to divert part of their Social Security taxes into personal investment accounts. The Alabama House passed a similar resolution Feb. 22.



COURTESY CNN/CSPAN

President Bush stops to kiss 79-year-old Barbara Gosser after pushing his social security reform message in Louisville, Ky.

"This could be the issue that turns around the South for the Democratic Party," said Joe Reed, the party's vice chairman in Alabama. "Economic issues always tied the South to the Democratic Party."

In Washington, House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi said Bush had floated two proposals, one, "private accounts that would seriously undermine the solvency of Social Security. And the other, which is the indexing to prices rather than wages, would lead to benefit slashes of about 40 percent. Again, these are non-starters with the American people," she said.

Also on Thursday, Democratic Party Chairman Howard Dean and Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid were sending videotaped messages to more than 1,300 house parties in all 50 states to rally, in part, for grass-roots support against private accounts.

Meantime, the AARP, a nationwide group representing seniors, and other groups opposed to private accounts are buying radio and newspaper ads to bolster public opposition to Bush's plan.

"We think we need to repair it and strengthen it, not destroy it," said Laurel True of Shelbyville, who spoke at a forum in Louisville organized by AARP Kentucky. "And we think that these private accounts is the first step in destroying it."

On Friday, Bush was taking his message to Memphis, Tenn., and Shreveport, La. By the time he is done with the two-day sales pitch, he will have hosted Social Security events in 14 states since his Feb. 2 State of the Union address.

Weather RATS get money for schools

By Dan Baker
Collegian Correspondent

A group of science and technology related teachers has received an $85,000 National Science Foundation (NSF) grant as part of a project that was started last summer during a professional development conference at the University of Massachusetts.

The money will be used to spark interest and curiosity for science and engineering in K-12 students by studying different aspects of the weather.

The group responsible for receiving the grant is composed of various K-12 teachers originating from different parts of the country. The represented areas include Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, Arizona and a plethora of local towns such as Deerfield, Holyoke, Northampton, Princeton, Wilbraham, Aguwam and Amherst.

The project began last July during a professional development workshop held by the Department of Education at the UMass Amherst campus. The program was run by the Center for Collaborative Adaptive Sensing of the Atmosphere, which is a division of the UMass Department of Engineering and is funded in part by the NSF. Among the classes available, was one on grant writing, which is where the group first came together.

"We started talking about an idea and it suddenly hit us that 'Hey this is really good, we should do this,'" said Mary Taft, lead teacher for the project. "We all kind of looked at each other and said, 'Do you want to?' Everyone sort of thought about it for a moment and then said 'yes.'"

The proposal was then given to Kathleen Rubin, assistant dean for college outreach, who submitted it to the NSF.

"I submitted it as an NSF supplement under the Research Experience for Teachers Program. I think NSF liked it because it is a distributive collaborative project across geographical boundaries and because the teachers themselves developed it."

The group, which calls themselves the "Weather RATS" (Weather Research and Tracking Systems) received preliminary approval for the grant last November but did not get the official word until the end of February.

The money will be used to purchase wireless weather stations for the ten-member schools costing approximately $1,000 a piece. Once hooked up, the stations will allow students to monitor all aspects of their local weather conditions, everything from wind speed and temperature to barometer pressure and soil moisture. In addition, the stations will auto upload data to the Weather RATS Web site, which will provide students and teachers in the program as well as anyone else with internet access the ability to view the weather data of their fellow Weather RATS. Online message boards will be set up to allow the schools to talk with one another.

"We want the kids communicating so that they can get an appreciation for how climate or individual weather events affect daily life," said Taft. "Imagine the impact and fascination that kids in Arizona or Massachusetts would have when hurricanes roll over Puerto Rico or during draughts in the 110 degree deserts of Arizona or when New England gets buried in snow. This stuff really affects people."

The teachers will meet again this summer on the UMass Amherst campus where they will spend two weeks designing a new science and math curriculum which incorporates the new weather stations. One of the goals is to create a program which gives students hands on experience with real scientific data and provides a pratical real world application for what is being taught. '

"Weather RATS will help us integrate authentic mathematical work with scientific research," said Taft. "Students as young as second grade will have a chance to collect and analyze data in order to investigate meaningful scientific questions.

The weather stations are expected to be installed over the summer and the pilot program will begin at the start of the 2005-2006 school year.

Wife testifies in murder-for-hire trial

By Denise Lavoie
Associated Press

BOSTON — Harold Stonier began his courtroom questioning of the wife he is accused of plotting to kill with a promise to her.

"I'm not going to go into any (character) assassination," he said, before asking her a series of questions about the events leading up to his arrest for allegedly trying to hire a hit man to kill her.

Jamie Stonier is still married to the man federal agents caught on tape offering two different men $50,000 in cash and her three-carat diamond engagement ring to kill her.

She spoke softly and succinctly while answering questions from her husband, who is acting as his own attorney at his murder-for-hire trial.

She elaborated a little more when questioned by the prosecutor in the case, Assistant U.S. Attorney Brian Kelly.

When asked by Kelly if she recalled her husband asking her to borrow some money just before he was arrested in April 2003, Jamie Stonier said she recalled having money wired to his American Express card.

"Are you aware that he then used some of that money to pay a hit man?" Kelly asked.

"That's what I've been told," she said.

"As you sit there ma'am, is it fair to say you're afraid of this man?" Kelly asked.

"Absolutely," she replied.

Jamie Stonier spent just 30 minutes on the witness stand Thursday on the fourth day of her husband's trial. She said she filed for divorce from her husband after his arrest, but was told by military officials that if she divorced him, she would lose all of his military benefits, including medical insurance and military food stamps. Harold Stonier is a retired Marine.

Stonier spent much of his time questioning her about events leading up to what prosecutors have described as his initial attempt to recruit someone to kill her. Robert Pelkey, Stonier's nephew, testified Wednesday that in June 2002, his uncle visited him in Sanford, Maine, and offered him $20,000 to kill his wife.

Jamie Stonier said she recalled going with her husband to Maine another time and going out to dinner with Pelkey's stepfather. But she said she did not remember her

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U.S. speaks out against mistaken attack

By Patrick Quinn
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The temporary road checkpoint where American troops mistakenly killed an Italian intelligence agent last week was set up to provide extra security for U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte, a U.S. Embassy official said Thursday.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, meanwhile, assured his Italian counterpart that the inquiry into the death of Nicola Calipari would clearly determine what happened, Italy's government said.

Calipari died Friday when troops at the checkpoint fired at an approaching car that was carrying Italian journalist Giuliana Sgrena, who had just been freed by Iraqi kidnappers.

"The mobile patrol was there to enhance security because Ambassador Negroponte was expected through," embassy spokesman Robert Callahan said, confirming a report that first appeared in the Italian newspaper La Repubblica.

It was not known if Negroponte, who was nominated last month by President Bush to be the new director of national intelligence, passed through the checkpoint before the shooting. Senior U.S. officials usually travel by helicopter to avoid attacks in Iraq, but methods are varied so as not to be predictable.

While agreeing the shooting was an accident, U.S. and Italian officials have disagreed about several aspects of the incident, including whether U.S. authorities were notified of the trip, how fast the car was traveling and whether the car ignored signals to halt.

The Italian Defense Ministry said Rumsfeld talked to Defense Minister Antonio Martino by telephone Thursday evening and promised a thorough investigation. Rumsfeld said the probe would remove "any shade of doubt and pinpoint any responsibility," the ministry said.

Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chief of Staff, made similar assurances to Italian military commanders in a separate call, the ministry added.

On Wednesday, Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi said that despite differing versions of what happened, "I'm sure that in a very short time every aspect of this will be clarified."

Berlusconi told Italian lawmakers that Calipari had informed an Italian liaison officer, waiting at the Baghdad airport along with an American officer, that he was heading there with a freed hostage.



The coffin of the shot Italian intelligence agent leaves the tomb of the unknown soldiers Monday. The U.S. is speaking out about the attack.

Romney focuses on road improvements

By Adam Gorlick
Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. Mitt Romney said Thursday that the state should spend $31 billion over the next 20 years to improve and expand a transportation infrastructure long neglected because of the Big Dig.

The proposal, unveiled by Romney and Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey at a series of events across the state, focuses on improving existing roads and bridges. The administration wants to spend $1.2 billion over the next five years to repair 600 bridges.

"This is one of the key areas where we have underinvested as a state over the last decade as the enormous expense of the Big Dig has gone through our system," Romney said during a news conference at a visitor center in Springfield. "It's now time to return to the rest of the state and to recognize a number of the failures and errors in maintenance that need to be addressed."

The Big Dig, formally called the Central Artery and Third Harbor Tunnel project, was a $14.6 billion undertaking that buried Interstate 93 in tunnels underneath downtown Boston, and connected the Massachusetts Turnpike to Logan International Airport.

Romney's plan - which he said will change as local officials and regional planning and transit authorities weigh in - makes bridge repair a top priority. He said 600 of the state's 5,000 bridges are structurally deficient, and many require weight-load restrictions.

"When that happens, we affect commerce," he said.

The governor also wants to spend $12 billion to expand and decongest roads, including Route 2 - a narrow two-lane road through much of western Massachusetts.

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Family thinks four-year-old was murdered in foster care

BOSTON — The deported father of a 4-year-old boy who died in foster care this week said his son's death was no accident.

Dontel Jeffers died Sunday afternoon after going into cardiac arrest. He had been living since Feb. 24 with a foster mother in the city's Dorchester neighborhood.

"I know my son was murdered," Elary Rohan Jeffers, 36, told the Boston Herald in a telephone interview Wednesday from his home on the Caribbean island of Nevis, where he was deported last fall after being arrested on a domestic violence charge.

The Department of Social Services is investigating whether an accident on Saturday caused the boy's death, and criminal investigators were awaiting the results of an autopsy to determine whether it was a homicide.

DSS Commissioner Harry Spence has said Dontel's family alleged he was physically abused while in foster care, but he has given few other details other than to say an adult was supervising Jeffers at the time of the accident.

Jeffers said he was told by his sister that his son was dead.

"I've cried almost every night since then because I miss my son so much," said Jeffers, who arrived in the United States from Nevis with Dontel's mother, Chrystal Claiborne, in 1986.

Jeffers was deported in October after an alleged incident involving another girlfriend. When Claiborne was deemed unfit to care for the child, the state took custody of Dontel.

Jeffers said he wants to return to Boston for his son's funeral, probably next week, but doubted he would be allowed back into the country.

"The last time I talked with Dontel on the phone, he asked if he could come home with me," Jeffers said.

Dontel has been in the department's custody for three months. He was in a group care setting until being placed in the home on Ballou Street in Dorchester.

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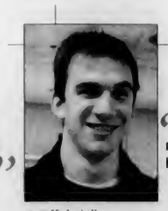
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By Jamie Lau

What are your plans for spring break?



"Going home to New York and working to make some money because I am poor, and visiting all my friends."
Kristina Freire
sophomore
Communications major



"I'll be working, making money but no homework!"
Peter McDowell
senior
Journalism and Spanish major



"I'm hiting up South Beach, Miami for a week with a few friends to soak up the sun and hit up the clubs. I can't wait!"
Jenna Hast
freshman
Biology major



"Spending time with my friends and family."
Chris Andrade
junior
Anthropology major



"Going home to Boston."
Ama K. Boady
junior
Biochemistry major



"I'm going to Panama City Beach, Florida with Campus Crusade for Christ."
Jamison Shipley
senior
Management major

Romney wants to spend state money on road improvements

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"We're not opening up major new highways," Romney said. "We instead are going to widen, repair and de-bottleneck the current system and bring it up to standard."

The governor's plan also earmarks $670 million to build a commuter rail link between Boston and New Bedford and Fall River, something lawmakers from southeastern Massachusetts have long advocated.

New Bedford Mayor Frederick Kalisz Jr., who was in Washington, D.C. on Thursday talking to members of the Bush Administration about getting federal funding for a regional commuter rail system, said that project should "move to the top of the Commonwealth's transit priority list."

Other mass transit projects include expanding commuter rail service between Boston and Worcester, Fitchburg and Lynn.

Absent, however, is the commuter rail link between Springfield and Boston for which western Massachusetts business and community leaders have lobbied.

"That's just not a part of this plan," said Springfield Mayor Charles Ryan, who otherwise called Romney's proposal "intelligent and well-presented."

"A commuter rail from Springfield to Boston would be a dramatic opening up of the Pioneer Valley that we need to have," Ryan said. "It's like the Erie Canal."

Rep. Joseph D. Wagner, D-Chicopee, chairman of the joint committee on transportation, called the governor's plan "a commendable effort."

"I think that a lot of effort has gone into putting this package together," he said, "and I think that it's a demonstration by the administration that they understanding that we need to move beyond the Big Dig and to establish an agenda for transportation."

Romney said the $31 billion plan would be paid for with nearly $16 billion in federal funding. The rest of the money would come from various state sources, including $4.5 billion from the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.

He said the projects won't raise the state's projected debt.

"We will not increase the amount of financial obligation as a percentage of the budget," he said.

Other initiatives include installing state-of-the-art "smart highway" systems along Interstate 91. Already in place in Boston's Big Dig tunnels, smart highways consist of a network of cameras monitoring traffic flow and accidents.

He also wants to spend about $9 billion upgrading the MBTA transit system, including buying new trains and buses and renovating stations.

Romney said the projects outlined in his plan should create about 30,000 construction jobs per year.

Wife testifies against her husband in trial

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husband's claims that he also tried to meet with Pelkey that night to help him find a job.

Under questioning from the prosecutor, Jamie Stonier said she recalled arguing with her husband over his plan to go visit his nephew just after they moved into their new home in Concord. She said her husband was leaving shortly for a business trip, and she wanted him to stay home that day and help her unpack, but he insisted on going to see his nephew.

Pelkey testified that when Stonier came to see him in June 2002, he told him he wanted his wife killed while he was on a business trip he was going on in the next two weeks.

In earlier testimony Thursday, Stonier's sister, Melissa Woodbury, said her brother had stayed in a miserable marriage for the sake of his son. He admitted talking about killing his wife, but told her he never intended to go through with it.

He also told her that a gangster he'd asked to do the killing threatened him and made him feel like he couldn't back out, she said.

Woodbury said she was shocked when she heard her brother had been arrested.

"You've never been in trouble. I mean, you've always done what's right ... this was totally out of character," she said. "You've always looked out for everyone."

Woodbury broke down in tears several times during her testimony. She later acknowledged under cross-examination by the prosecutor that the only personal knowledge she had of her brother's case came from what he told her and what she read in newspapers or on the Internet.

Kelly asked Woodbury if she was aware of the audio and videotapes shown to the jury. On them, Stonier is heard suggesting various ways that his wife could be killed to federal agents posing as a hit man and his girlfriend.

"I know he said he was stressed out," Woodbury replied.

"So because he's stressed out, you think it's OK to want to strangle your wife?" Kelly asked.

"No," Woodbury replied softly.

Suicide attack kills 47 at Shiite funeral

By Sinbad Ahmed
Associated Press

MOSUL, Iraq — A suicide attacker set off a bomb that tore through a funeral tent jammed with Shiite mourners Thursday, splattering blood and body parts over rows of overturned white plastic chairs. The attack, which killed 47 and wounded more than 100, came as Shiite and Kurdish politicians in Baghdad said they overcame a major stumbling block to forming a new coalition government.

The explosion, in a working class neighborhood of this northern city, tore through a large funeral tent pitched next to a smaller one on a grassy patch in the courtyard of a mosque. Survivors scrambled to get the wounded to a hospital, lugging them to ambulances and cars in blankets or prayer rugs as a strong smell of gunpowder filled the yard.

"As we were inside the mosque, we saw a ball of fire and heard a huge explosion," said Tahir Abdullah Sultan, 45. "After that blood and pieces of flesh were scattered around the place."

At first, some mourners thought it was an air strike - but once they smelled the gunpowder, they said they knew it was a suicide bombing.

Blood was spattered across the grass, car windows were shattered and survivors wailed as corpses were loaded onto the backs of pickup trucks. Others simply folded newspapers over the faces of the dead. The body parts that were strewn around the area were believed to be of the bomber.

Shiite mosques and funerals have become a frequent target of Sunni-led insurgents. Last month, suicide bombers attacked a number of them during the Shiite commemoration of Ashoura, killing nearly 100 people.

Mosul has been a hotbed of insurgent violence, and the scene of many bombings, driveby shootings and assassinations targeting the country's security services, majority Shiites and people thought to be working with U.S.-led forces.

Dealing with the persistent insurgency will be a main task for a new Iraqi government.

Officials said the deal between the Shiite clergy-backed United Iraqi Alliance and the Kurdish parties opens the way for naming a Cabinet when Iraq's democratically elected National Assembly convenes Wednesday.

The Kurds agreed to support the alliance's candidate for prime minister, Ibrahim al-Jaafari. In exchange, the alliance will back Jalal Talabani as Iraq's first-ever Kurdish president. The Kurds will receive one major Cabinet post - one fewer than they demanded.

"We told the Kurds that if they are going to have the presidency, then they could have only one major cabinet post because Sunnis should have one major cabinet post," said Ali al-Dabaghal, a ranking member of the alliance who has participated in the negotiations.

On the thorny issue of territory, officials in both political camps said the deal provides for the eventual return of 100,000 Kurdish refugees to the oil-rich city of Kirkuk, southwest of Mosul.

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire
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Initiative must put an end to government secrecy

Seven journalism organizations, along with The Associated Press, are joining together to promote a more accessible, accountable and open government.

The Sunshine in Government Initiative, which was announced Wednesday, is on the heels of "Sunshine Week," a weeklong campaign promoting government openness. The initiative will be addressing the apparent increase in government secrecy since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

The seven media organizations involved in the Sunshine Initiative are the American Society of Newspaper Editors, Society of Professional Journalists, Coalition of Journalists for Open Government, National Newspaper Association, Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, Radio-Television News Directors Association and the Newspaper Association of America.

The fact that a coalition such as this one even needs to be created, is proof that the First Amendment does not mean what it used to mean. There should not have to be coalitions and initiatives ensuring that our most basic and fundamental right is followed. Then again, a lot of things have happened since Sept. 11 that should never have happened.

After Condoleezza Rice's appearance in front of a panel investigating the 2001 terrorist attacks, the Bush Administration made it clear that they would be open and forthright about what "the people need to know." The problem isn't that the administration lied when they said they would tell America what it needed to know. The problem is, they actually feel justified in holding the information back. It's not that they are making empty promises, it's that they truly believe such a high level of secrecy is good for America.

According to AP President and CEO Tom Curley, "National security depends on public trust. The trend toward secrecy is the greatest threat to democracy. We must be vigilant at explaining and fighting for accountable government in every jurisdiction."

Curley could not have said it better. Democracy was built on freedom of the press, but it is hard for the press to freely inform the public if they have nothing to go on.

Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas) and Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vermont) are co-sponsoring a bill in the Senate known as the OPEN Government Act. The acronym stands for "Openness Promotes Effectiveness in our National Government." Openness not only promotes effectiveness in government; it promotes the free-flow of ideas and discussion that makes the American media what it is. If something is not done, this country will lose one of its most cherished freedoms.

The government should not disclose absolutely everything about its inner workings. Some things should be kept confidential, in the best interest of national security. However, when the government uses national security as a front to justify withholding information that the public needs to know, it becomes clear that the best interests of the country are taking a backseat to the best interests of those running it.

It is unfortunate that the Sunshine in Government Initiative is necessary, but hopefully it will be successful in making sure future generations have no need for such a group.

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Where have the pacifists gone?

Ben Duffy

When the National Socialist government of Germany collapsed after World War II, the nation's infrastructure was in ruins. Fortunately, Germany had friends in the West, and they received massive loans to rebuild their nation. Ironically, the 1950s and 1960s could be considered Germany's "glory days," in a purely economic sense of the term. The task of rebuilding a nation out of rubble meant that nobody would be refused a job. In fact, Germany had a pronounced worker shortage during this era, and turned to immigration to quench its thirst for new labor.

This Phoenix rising from its own ashes is known today as "das Wirtschaftswunder," or "the economic miracle." It's hard to pinpoint an exact date when "das Wirtschaftswunder" ended, but it is clearly a thing of the past. In Germany today, there are 5.2 million unemployed, giving the nation an astounding unemployment rate of 12.6 percent. Say goodbye to the Wirtschaftswunder, say hello to the Wirtschafts Blunder.

This is incredibly bad news for Chancellor Gerhart Schroeder, and his SPD party. When campaigning for reelection in 2002, he remarked that he wanted his administration to be judged in terms of jobs created. By that criteria, Schroeder is a dismal failure; such unemployment rates haven't been seen since before the Third Reich.

But don't worry, Schroeder has a plan. He's going to throw out all ethical standards and export anything to anyone, regardless of the consequences. Jobs are jobs, and the German economy needs a shot in the arm. Germany is already exporting plutonium to China. The Germans assure us that the plutonium is not for military purposes, but I'm not buying it.

Germany and its European neighbors are getting even more brash. Both President Bush and Secretary of State Rice have recently made "fence-mending" tours of Europe. On both occasions, the Americans urged the Europeans not to lift the EU's weapons trading ban with China. On both occasions, the Schroeder government refused to budge an inch. They fully intend to make a veritable fortune arming the world's largest military with high quality German weapons.

The EU weapons ban with China was initiated after the pro-democracy rally was crushed at Tiananmen Square in 1989. But the Europeans assure us that China has reformed, that we have nothing to fear of them anymore. It's a boldfaced lie. China still occupies and oppresses Tibet. China still monitors houses of worship, in order to ensure that clerics don't contradict the government. Child laborers are still commonplace and workplace safety regulations are almost nonexistent. China still begrudgingly tolerates the five "approved" religions, and outlaws all others.

Moreover, this is a slap in the face to our Asian allies in the region, Japan, India, and South Korea have cool relations with the dragon in their back yard. China is Taiwan's most bitter enemy, and China now maintains an estimated five hundred ballistic missiles pointed at the small island nation. All of these nations have reason to fear superior European weapons in the hands of the Chinese military. This flies in the face of prevailing wisdom, which tells us that the EU is deeply concerned with world peace and global stability. On Feb. 15, the UMass Republicans hosted a lecture from a gentleman I know, Mr. Ray Drake. Ray's topic was anti-American bias in the German media, and it attracted a number of people knowledgeable on German affairs. When Ray commented that the Germans "have a very deep sense of pacifism," many of the heads in the room began to nod in agreement.

I disagree. A truly pacifistic nation wouldn't even be in the business of making weapons. In Germany, we find a nation that not only makes weapons, but makes some of the best around — ready to load on ships bound for Beijing. Cash is king, and a 12.6 percent unemployment rate spells death for Schroeder and his party in the 2006 elections.

I have heard so many times that American gluttony is to blame for the war in Iraq, that we need an endless source of oil for our Hummer H2's. Never mind the fact that the price of gas has gone up, the image of bloated, greedy America still lingers. Well, now I'm pointing the finger back at the Germans. Their semi-socialist economy has gone stagnate. They demand healthcare, thirty days vacation, childcare and other social services, a generous safety net for the unemployed, a hefty pension, and free university. While its citizens are making demands of the system, jobs are blowing away in the wind. So in order to sustain an unsustainable system, this nation of "pacifists" is looking for salvation in the form of arms sales to China.

It's called "war-profiteering," and it's what the Europeans accuse the United States of doing all the time. If the Germans need to provide arms to an already dangerous military superpower in order to keep the whole system afloat, then that's what they will do. The 1.5 billion citizens of the US, India, Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan be damned. If only Germans would be half as angry at their own government's foreign policy as they are with ours. Where have all the pacifists gone?

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My musical guilty pleasure

Mike Anmuth

Each week before I write a column, I search my mind for an idea, and often I'll stop to read the news on !Yahoo's front page to see if anything really lights my fire. Today, as I was perusing the headlines, I read about the death of country singer Chris LeDoux. Now, as far as country singers go, LeDoux was no Garth Brooks, but interestingly enough, it was one of Garth Brooks' songs that put him on the map.

The Garth Brooks lyrics are from a song titled, "Much Too Young (Too Feel This Damn Old)" and they write, "A worn-out tape of Chris LeDoux, lonely women and bad booze/seem to be the only friends I've left at all."

Attribution of the lyrics goes to the liner notes in the CD, which are provided for each and every Garth Brooks album. Before hearing that particular line, I had never heard of Chris LeDoux, and until I read about him today, I did not know that he was a rodeo cowboy turned country singer. The only thing I did know about him was that the character in the Brooks' song listened to LeDoux tapes until they were worn out, and that was reason enough for me to click on the link and read about his untimely death at 56.

I do not claim to be a country music aficionado. Clearly, there are many more people who love country music far more than me. I listened to country music when I was very young, put it away for many years and then started tuning into country stations while I was traveling across the country to look at colleges. My very first CD was by Garth Brooks, and while I may not still have it in my collection, I have acquired several others of his over the years.

To me, country music is an escape from growing up in a city. While my music collection consists of several genres from the extremely popular to some randomly unknown groups, I find that when I'm driving somewhere unknown late into the evening, I'll flip the dial on to a country music station. Growing up, my parents listened to various types of music and I can still sing along to some folk songs that I first learned very young, but that country music always had a place in my heart.

I've made the assumption that everyone has a guilty pleasure type of music in their collection, and to me, its country music.

While some people listen to it all of the time, I only select country music for particular occasions. It must be the fact that most country songs seem to follow a particular set of storylines; they are either about drinking, breaking up, falling in love, or growing up in the country. Since I cannot empathize well to the last one, being born and raised in Philadelphia, it's the other three options that I tip my cowboy hat towards and show some interest. I think we can all identify with human emotions in our music, no matter what the genre or the category of radio station.

I've made the assumption that everyone has a guilty-pleasure-type-of-music in their collection, and to me, its country music. Until now, I haven't exactly broadcast the fact that sometimes I find solace in listening to people with southern accents tell me about places that I've never seen and small towns that I will probably never visit. Calling it a guilty pleasure allows me to put it on the shelf when I want to listen to more popular music or different genres, and to take it off when I need a good, old fashioned dose of the south to brighten up my day.

Whenever an artist passes, it is a sad event. I wish I had became more familiar with Chris LeDoux's work besides the general passing of it in another artist's lyrics, and perhaps I'll now explore it when I'm looking for something new to play on my stereo. As far as country music goes, I'm going on a road trip for spring break soon and with the hours that will pass as we're driving, I'm sure I'll start to tune the dial to different sounds until I lock on to the local country station.

From there, I'll sing along to the old songs that I remember from years ago and pretend to sing along to the new ones that I simply didn't know. This will work for a while until I tune in to something else, knowing that the country stations will be there the next time I have a hankering to listen to them. As the miles pass and the fiddles and banjos play, I'll put on my cowboy hat and listen intently and empathetically.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students respond to 'Passion' column

SEPARATING POLITICS AND RELIGION

Okay, Thomas Naughton, here's the best way to deal with the re-releasing of "The Passion of the Christ": just don't watch it. I know I'm not going to, but that doesn't mean I'm going to attack those who do.

As an agnostic with no defined doctrine of faith, I have been influenced by people of all faiths, and I realize how crucial it is to respect anyone's religious choices. This does not exclude the Christians or the Catholics, whom many "liberals" have decided can be treated as the exception to their supposed open-mindedness. I welcome anyone who wants to watch Mel Gibson's movie if they find it to be a good expression of their faith. I would choose something that celebrates Jesus' life more than his death, but I understand that his crucifixion is important to many Christians and Catholics. And as a democrat, I am tired of narrow-minded people making our party look bad. Christianity is a religion that is guiltless of taking away "our tree will entirely," as Naughton put it. So why attack it?

Christianity certainly does not dictate that its followers vote republican. For instance, my mother cited many of her Christian values as to why she believed Bush was doing a terrible job in office. Her values included environmentalism, compassion for the poor and the sanctity of human life. So no one feels left out, I would also like to quickly say that being a democrat isn't the ideal way to be Christian, either.

Considering all this, it is important to realize that Christians are also in our party, and we shouldn't make them feel threatened by making our party the one against their religion. The manipulation of religion for the sake of political gain is a terribly selfish thing to do, and I believe that a lot of that went on during the last election. However, this is no fundamentalist state and religion is still one of our many liberties. Absolutely no one is going to force you to watch "The Passion." Therefore, I will not only celebrate my religious freedoms, but the freedoms of the Christians as well. During this season of Lent, I'm happy to hear that they've found a movie about Jesus that truly moves them. Me? My favorite will forever be "Jesus Christ Superstar," which I'll hopefully get to watch with my good pagan friend to celebrate Easter.

Paul de Vries
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DEAR MR. NAUGHTON

I read with great interest Mr. Naughton's column on "The Passion" re-release. I thank you for your honesty and candor in expressing your eloquent critique, and although I don't usually respond to senseless diatribes such as yours, I find it almost impossible to retrain. Columns should serve to stimulate discussion and thought, and yours certainly serves the purpose.

I particularly found humorous the various scenarios of "protest" which you propose. They bespeak an artful imagination. Notable is the "contraption" in item 4. But what is a "carney?" Does this refer to individuals in a carnival who bear some kind of physical aberration?

Are you then (forgive me for being inquisitive), making some sort of humiliating statement regarding the physically disabled? Hmm ... could be a lawsuit there, or at the very least, an inquiry from Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD). Isn't your newspaper the organ of an institution funded by the state? Could be risky.

Speaking of discrimination, I notice (starting with the opening header) that you repeatedly use the name of Our Lord. I realize that you don't believe that He is, but many of us do, in a less than prayerful manner. Would you do the same with names that are familiar to Jews, Muslims, Hindus, or Buddhists? I know, you'll say "but they aren't making a movie like this." True, but if they were, would you treat them in the same manner?

Christians are easy to slander, since they've got that "love" thing going. Yes, Tom, and please don't take this the wrong way, we poor misguided "brainwashed" Christians love you and will be praying for you, or at least those of us who are trying to maintain the path. There may be others, sadly, who will undoubtedly want to fit you for one ot your "Thorn-u-copia" creations. I, however, will just pray for you, keeping you in my heart, that you will come to a closer relationship with the God you love to hate. Now understand Tom, that meeting will happen, because I am going to get your name on a long prayer-line, and you know that the "Wherever two or more ... etc." thing really and truly works. When that happens, it's going to be all up to you. He is very understanding, so just speak your mind like you do in your columns and you should be fine.

Well, there is a lot more I could say, but I believe brevity will work in my favor towards getting published, so I will leave you with the present document in hand as it rests.

Neil E. Downey
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LET THE READERS DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES

Ladies and Gentlemen, Naughton has done it again. In his latest column, "Oh Jesus," written about "The Passion of The Christ," he further portrays his immaturity and ignorance.

First off, he comes up with seven solutions to dealing with seeing the movie "if" we are forced to see it. I won't even get into the childish and disrespectful solutions he suggests to his readers. I assume they are mature enough to recognize them for what they are, ridiculous.

What's more amazing is Naughton's uncanny ability to perpetuate his anti-Bush and anti-war propaganda, even when writing about a movie that has nothing to do with either.

He refers to our president as a "religious fanatic" and the war as an "our god vs. their god" fight. I think he needs some new material, or at the very least to read the Constitution (probably the first time he will).

This country was founded on freedom from religious persecution. What that means is that Americans are free to have or not to have any religion they choose. This applies to our President Bush too.

In and that there are dozens of religions or variations in the United States, who is the "our god" he is talking about? Naughton refers to those who have yet to see "The Passion" as "un-brainwashed." Are those who have seen it brainwashed?

Naughton needs to stop patronizing his readers. We are free to make up our own minds, about the movie, the war, the president and although you may convince some with the trash you write, it's just that.

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Hip-hop

The evolution from small cultural movement to global phenomenon

Hip-hop culture consists of four elements — DJ-ing, rapping, breakdancing and graffiti art.



Old School

Hip-hop arose in the 1970s in the Bronx borough of New York City. By the end of the decade, it had spread to many major cities in the United States, developing into various regional styles.

EARLY '70s

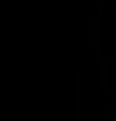
D.J. Kool Herc, considered the godfather of hip-hop, begins DJ-ing block parties in the Bronx. He creates what is known as a breakbeat using two copies of the same record to extend sections in songs for breakdancers to dance. He also creates the first emcee crew called Kool Herc and the Herculoids.

1977

DJ Grandmaster Flash develops the cutting technique to blend music from two records to create a new sound.
DJ Grandwizard Theodore invents scratching.

1979

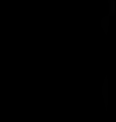
Hip-hop's recorded history is made when the Sugarhill Gang releases the hit single



"Rapper's Delight" and The Fatback Band with King Tim III release rap records.

1980

Kurtis Blow releases "The Breaks." It becomes the first hip-hop single to be certified gold.



1981

The first non-black hit to feature rapping is Blondie's "Rapture" as Debbie Harry raps on the group's hit release.

1982

Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five release "The Message." It is the first record to deal with social issues in poor communities



Afrika Bambaataa and Soul Sonic Force release "Planet Rock," mixing rap with synthesized electronic sounds inspired by the German band Kraftwerk

1984

Run DMC's album "Run D.M.C." becomes the first rap album to be certified gold.

1986

Run DMC release their album "Raising Hell." It features a hip-hop remake of Aerosmith's "Walk This Way." The record becomes a crossover hit.



The Beastie Boys release their debut album, "Licensed to Ill," on Def Jam. It becomes the first rap album to reach No. 1 on the charts.

1987



Salt 'N Pepa, the first major black female rap group, get their first hit single, "Push It."

A New Era

West Coast gangsta rap rises into the mainstream as hip-hop continues to grow.

1988

NWA releases their hit debut album, "Straight Outta Compton," bringing gangsta rap to mainstream audiences. DJ Jazzy Jeff (Jeff Townes) and the Fresh Prince (Will Smith) win the first Grammy in Best Rap Performance for "Parents Just Don't Understand."

1989

De La Soul releases their debut album "Three Feet High and Rising." It is considered one of the first albums in the alternative rap genre. The Mismi group 2 Live Crew releases their third album, "As Nasty As They Wanna Be." It becomes the first album to be deemed obscene in the United States

1990

MC Hammer releases his second LP "Please Hammer Don't Hurt 'Em." It sells 10 million albums in the United States, making it the biggest selling rap album ever.

1992



Dr. Dre's former member of NWA releases "The Chronic." He produces a new sound called G-funk. Arrested Development releases their hit album "3 years, 5 months and Two Days in the Life of..." It opens the door for other southern rap groups to achieve mainstream success.

1993

The Wu-Tang Clan emerges during the reign of West Coast rap with the release of their hit album "Enter the Wu-Tang (36 Chambers)."
Snoop Doggy Dogg's album "DoggyStyle" becomes the first rap album to rise to No. 1 on the charts during its first week of release.

1994

Da Brat releases the album "Funkdafied." She becomes the first woman to achieve platinum success.

1996

West Coast rapper Tupac Shakur and East Coast rapper Notorious B.I.G. begin feuding, marking the beginning of the rivalry between the two coasts. In September Shakur is shot in a drive-by after attending a boxing match in Las Vegas. He dies a week later.

1997

In March, Notorious B.I.G. is killed as he leaves a Vibe magazine party in Los Angeles just weeks before the release of his second album "Life After Death."

1998

Lauryn Hill releases "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill." She becomes the first woman in Grammy history to be nominated for 10 awards. She wins five.



2000

Eminem wins the Grammy for best rap album for "The Slim Shady LP," becoming the first white rapper to win the category.

2004

Outkast earns with album of the year honors at the Grammys for "SpeakerBoxxx/ The Love Below."

CREATING A BREAKBEAT

Originator of the breakbeat, D.J. Kool Herc extended the "break" sections of songs, the part of the song without vocals, only percussion or instrumental. He used two turntables that each had a copy of the record.

1 The cross fader is positioned to side A, so only the sound from that record is heard. The record on side A plays until it reaches the break in the song and plays through. The record on side B is cued up to the beginning of the same break.

KEY: Break | Needle | Song



2 The cross fader is switched to side B at the end of the break on side A. Side B begins playing the break. Side A is reversed to the start of the break.



3 Side B plays through the break to the end. The fader is switched back to side A. Side A begins to play the break again, finishing a loop.



Rapping

The role of an emcee in early hip-hop was to introduce a DJ at parties and keep the crowd excited. Over time, the role grew to rhyming lyrics over the DJ's music.

Breakdancing

Breakdancing is an acrobatic dance style developed in the late '70s in New York and Los Angeles.

SAMUEL DEAN-KRT

Graffiti art is illegal in many cities and towns.

Graffiti

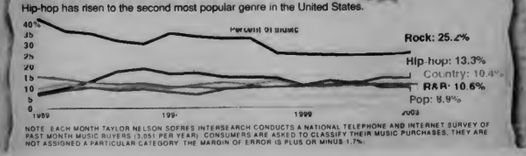
Often illegal, spray can art was present in the '60s in Philadelphia and made popular in New York because of elaborate drawings on its subways.



ANGELA PETERSON/KRT

THE RISE OF HIP-HOP

Hip-hop has risen to the second most popular genre in the United States.



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SOURCES: The Vibe History of Hip Hop, Wikipedia, VH-1, B-Boys.com, GRAMMY, The Recording Industry Association of America

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Book reveals poker strategies

By JON WIRT
BADGER HERALD

MADISON, Wis. — "You got to know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em, know when to walk away and know when to run." While Mike Sexton's new book, "Shuffle Up and Deal," doesn't quite teach the formal strategies sung by Kenny Rodgers, it does provide insight for novice poker players looking to break in on what is quickly becoming the nation's biggest fad.

Sexton provides instant credibility, being a spokesman and commentator for the World Poker Tour. Sexton is a former European poker champ and in his spare time has created "Tournaments of Champion Poker" and "Party Poker Million," both of which are online programs that allow their participants to play in online tournaments. Sexton also writes a regular column for CardPlayer Magazine.

Sexton is by no means a Pulitzer Prize-winning author. His writing is stilted and often corny, but he is informative and knowledgeable, which is really all you need to be in a book of this nature. "Shuffle Up and Deal" is broken up into small, easily readable chapters that provide for a quick read.

Although a complete poker novice might find "Shuffle Up and Deal" helpful, anyone who has played any significant amount will quickly become bored. Although Sexton provides strategies (when to hold 'em and when to fold 'em), they only constitute for a small portion of the book and are somewhat superficial. Sexton does not delve into any statistical analysis of playing hands but instead details commonly known formal strategies such as slow playing or playing a draw hand.

Too often, Sexton seems to just state the obvious. His subchapters labeled "Take Time to Think Things Through" and "Maintain Your Discipline" should come as second nature to any poker player; novice, amateur or anywhere in between. Sexton's book only skims the surface as to what it is to be a champion poker player, partly the reason this book will appeal to only inexperienced poker players.

The most interesting portion Sexton includes is a chapter entitled "World Poker Tour Key Hands." In this chapter, Sexton shows different (more exciting) hands and the strategies used by the players who played them. This is not only the most interesting part of the book but it is the most informative. By showing and not telling, one is able to see why a player would bet in a certain situation, or when they would fold. By doing this, you are able to get into the mind of respected poker players who make a living playing in the circuit.

At times it seems like Sexton was writing to a page limit and not to write a good book. The book has 197 pages, but more than half of the book is completely useless, superfluous information. The middle of the book includes eight glossy photo pages each showing different people playing poker. This is a complete waste of space. It does nothing for anyone to see pictures of people holding cards or huge stacks of chips. It is almost as if Sexton wants to glamorize poker, when in actuality being a professional gambler has its inherent ups and downs (the devastation of the downs most likely being more extreme than the highs of the ups). Sexton also includes a section detailing players who are on the tour and players to watch. The average person who would buy this book is most likely interested in learning how to play poker, not learning the names of professional poker players.



Mike Sexton, host of the "World Poker Tour," deals poker tips in his newest book which also includes a DVD.

An interesting addition to "Shuffle Up and Deal" is the included DVD companion to the book. Part ad for the World Poker Tour, part informational companion (hosted by Lou Diamond Phillips), the DVD is just as superficial as its book. While it is indeed helpful to actually be able to watch the strategies being taught, nothing advanced is ever divulged.

To be fair, reading a book will not make you the next poker champion (especially this book). While poker definitely has a strategy portion to it, it is more of a game of experience and practice. To be able to read your opponent is not something you can learn in a book, and Sexton acknowledges this fact. Witty title aside, "Shuffle Up and Deal" provides the basic knowledge for any novice but will prove dull and repetitive for the more experienced poker player.

'Robots' invades theaters nationwide

By OLGA ROBAK
THE ORACLE

TAMPA, Fla. — As with most recently released animated films, there is an odd dichotomy to 20th Century Fox's "Robots." On one hand, the film tries to cater to adults by including sophisticated yet dirty jokes and spoofs on films such as "Star Wars" and "Braveheart." On the other, its overdone message of self-worth is more annoying than educational, lowering the level at which we expect children to comprehend a simple message.

The thing is that "Robots" is really funny. There's not a minute that goes by without some sort of a joke, crack or spoof that, on instances, will bring a tear of joy to anyone's eye. "Robots" is in part a poignant satire of big-city life, borrowing much of its themes from the early cinematic gem "Metropolis" but adding a comic twist. After all, nothing beats a robot doing the robot.

But it's hard to overlook the embarrassing way in which the film churns out an old formula: The protagonist overcomes all odds, against all odds. Our protagonist is, of course, an intelligent but poor son-of-a-nobody. There's the mean, greedy, dimwitted corporate stooge, the old and lovable do-gooder (replaced by the aforementioned stooge) and the brave, beautiful worker who stands up to her boss and a slew of other cookie-cutter characters.

The film's hour-and-a-half running time is packed with feel-good slogans and highly moralizing propaganda. In true Hollywood fashion, the film ends with a great battle scene, including a parody of the WWF and Britney Spears, in which everyone, even the weakest and smallest, kick some tail to further emphasize this already-too-obvious point.

In all honesty, though, this spoon-fed message is one of the only two things that spoil the film. The second is the tempo, which never slows down and proves much too fast even if the MTV-attention-span stereotypes were true. The film tries to pack everything into that 90 minutes, successfully discarding any dramatic pause or even a dramatic slowdown.

Aside from those couple of blunders the film is a great comedy, appealing to both kids and adults. The imagination of the filmmakers is overwhelming. The music is well-arranged and includes such greats as Tom Waits.

The film's voice cast, headed by Ewan McGregor, does a fine job bringing their animated characters to life. Stealing the scene is Robin Williams, who once and for all proves that he doesn't even have to be on screen to exude comical brilliance. Unfortunately, the film has so many characters that many of them are undeveloped and are reduced to having only a few lines each.

The biggest opportunity for the film is its release in IMAX — a way to cash in on unsuspecting mothers of three dragged to the theater by their kids only to spend 15 bucks a ticket. Given all the circumstances, while everything may be bigger in IMAX, including laughs, the already-overindulgent message will be even more blown out of proportion. And that's something no one should be subjected to.



Robin Williams and Ewan McGregor provide the voices for two of the characters in Twentieth Century Fox's latest computer animation feature film "Robots."

The grunge revival



The Mix Tape

Matt O'Rourke

Remember when putting together a garage band actually involved playing as a group in a garage? How about the ripped jeans and messy hair? Featuring some of the greatest drummers of the past 15 years, and of course, several brilliant guitar riffs, this week's mixtape takes us back to the era of grunge rock.

"Cherub Rock" – The Smashing Pumpkins (4:59)

Opening with Jimmy Chamberlain's classic military-march style drum intro, combined with Iha's singing guitar, the Smashing Pumpkins launch the mixtape with pure power. Make no mistake, everything is heavy in this track, with a fast progression into Billy Corgan's nasally singing. Some will be able to tolerate the wall of sound better than others, and its no surprise that the Pumpkins lasted as long as they did —their reached their potential and continued to experiment with new forms of music. The track ends as it began, with Chamberlain dueling on drums against Iha's intensifying guitar.
(Virgin, 1993)

"Stay Away" – Nirvana (3:32)

Dave Grohl, another drumming great of the 90s, inaugurates "Stay Away" with an even faster march-like build on snare. Bass is much more noticeable here, as high treble leaves a distinct impact when combined with drums. Soon enough though, Kurt Cobain begins his incoherent rambling, decipherable only to the most diehard of Nirvana fans. Progressing into the chorus, Cobain begins to shout along with guitar, and it's no wonder why so many teens could display their angst through him. If you have survived thus far listening to the tape without the aide of Advil or headache medication, congratulations — you have a high tolerance for noise.
(Geffen Records, 1991)

"Spoonman"- Soundgarden (4:06)

Unlike the previous two songs, Soundgarden doesn't lead in with classic march, but rather what can only be described as sounding "tribal." Of course it helps that the track is about just that — rhythm. Chris Cornell sings, "Spoonman, come together with your hands/Save me, I'm together with your plan/Save me." An interesting, albeit not too surprising, element of the track is the use of spoons — a classic combination of utensils that is most often only found in folk/bluegrass music (or the kitchen).
(A&M Records, 1994)

"Plush" – Stone Temple Pilots (5:12)

In a time long before "super groups" like Velvet Revolver and Audioslave were created, there were the Stone Temple Pilots. With a tone of voice coined by Eddie Vedder of Pearl Jam, the Stone Temple Pilots still managed to create an original hit single. Layered with a high-tone bass, memorable guitar riff and simple drum rhythm, "Plush" is pop enough for the radio, yet solid enough for staunch grunge fans.
(Atlantic, 1992)

"Machinehead" – Bush (4:16)

The guitar portion of the mixtape truly commences with "Machinehead." Gavin Rossedale's singing with a vocal effect of "breathe in, breathe out" synced with a high and low guitar riff, creates an interesting parallel. A song to cure boredom, "Machinehead" remains easy enough to play on guitar. Overlapping guitars and consistent driving drums, with a break at the first chorus that builds the track up again, Bush will keep your ear for remainder of the tune.
(Trauma, 1994)

"Even Flow" – Pearl Jam (4:53)

Regardless of whether or not you feel Pearl Jam or Nirvana was the first "true" grunge band from Seattle, one cannot deny the fact that Eddie Vedder and Kurt Cobain were both incredible songsmiths. Lyrically speaking, "Even Flow" is one of Pearl Jam's best written tracks. Vedder sings "Even flow, thoughts arrive like butterflies/Oh, he don't know, so he chases them away/Someday yet, he'll begin his life again." One listen is simply not enough for this track— only over an extended period of time can a listener truly appreciate the song's complete sound. A flowing guitar rhythm, a true tribute to classic rockers of old, fills "Even Flow," creating a song that helped to define grunge-rock.
(Sony, 1991)

"Hey Sandy" – Polaris (2:35)

Kudos to the listener who recognizes this song without needing to know that it was the theme song to mid-nineties Nickelodeon show "The Adventures of Pete and Pete." Opening with a very 1950s sci-fi TV show announcer, promptly followed by a countdown, Polaris soon crash into its familiar guitar riff. Backed by well-placed drumming and an intricate (although in the background) cowbell rhythm, the guitar solo is sure to bring the listener back to earlier days of youth, and hopefully revive memories of childhood. Polaris provides a snapshot of the past, an era where musicians played concerts from their homes to the neighborhood and who knows, we may yet see a "grunge rock revival."
(Mezzotint, 1999)

Total Running Time: 29:30

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UMass opens series with Eagles tonight

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The Minutemen hung with second-seed Boston University on Feb. 18-19 in a pair of losses and then finished their out of conference schedule with a 4-3 come-from-behind win at Niagara on Feb. 26.

For the last month or so, all the Minutemen could talk about was just getting to the playoffs. They knew they underperformed this year, and they knew they could right all of this season's wrongs once the conference tournament started. Here is their chance to do just that.

Still, though, escaping Chestnut Hill this weekend with a series victory will be the toughest task UMass has faced all season.

The Eagles are led on offense by Patrick Eaves, who has a team-leading 17 goals plus 26 assists for a team-best 43 points, and Ryan Shannon has been a nice compliment to Eaves, as he has netted 15 goals and added 26 helpers for 39 points.

If that isn't enough to worry about, the best goaltending tandem in college hockey will be waiting for the Minutemen this weekend, too.

Freshman Cory Schneider (9-0-4) and senior Matti Kaltiainen (11-6-3) sit 1-2 in Hockey East in goals against average. Schneider has only allowed 1.69 goals per game and Kaltiainen is right behind his younger teammate with a 1.81 gaa. The senior has also recorded two shutouts while the rookie has registered one. Neither of the goalies were credited with the shutout against UMass this season, as Kaltiainen was pulled for senior crowd-favorite Robbie Miller for the final 6:54 of the game on Jan. 28.

The winner of this series will advance to the single-elimination semifinal round at the FleetCenter a week from today, and the Hockey East Championship is scheduled the following night.

Minutewomen to play Great Danes tomorrow at Garber

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son. Albany is a similarly young team with only one senior and a core of sophomores and freshmen. Although focused more on her team's improvement, Bolduc isn't ignoring the threat that Spillett and Fontana pose and is learning what she can about Saturday's foe.

"There are two players, [numbers] 13 and 6, one is kind of like our freshman Kathleen [Typadis]. She gets the ball, and she's going to go hard to the cage. We've got to shut her down," Bolduc said. "Also they like to set up picks, especially off-the-ball picks, but besides that we're still getting some more ideas from other teams."

Typadis has been one of the best things to come out of the team's south as she has scored 10 goals in the Minutewomen's first three games including four of the team's seven last week against Harvard. Typadis is quick, relentless and close to unstoppable once she gets going towards the goal. She also represents the whole team's feistiness and persistence as they have proven they will fight to the end of the game no matter what the score is.

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"There are so many good things going on right now that we need to keep them focusing on those. Number one, I think is our work ethic and our willing to improve every day. That's a positive," Bolduc said. "Also they like to set up picks, especially off-the-ball picks, but besides that we're still getting some more ideas from other teams."

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Sherman says Favre to stay

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press

Brett Favre is returning to Green Bay for the 2005 season, Packers coach Mike Sherman told The Associated Press.

Sherman said Thursday he had a two-hour conversation with his quarterback on Wednesday night. Favre informed him his wife is doing well in her cancer treatment, so he's planning to play at least one more season, maybe more if his own health holds up.

"It came down to his wife and she's doing well in her recovery," Sherman said. "She wants him to play. He said he's looking forward to playing — hopefully without any off-the-field situations and 'enjoying the journey.'"

The three-time MVP said after the Packers' playoff loss to Minnesota in January he wanted to reflect before committing to playing a 15th NFL season following a year of personal tumult.

His wife, Deanna, was diagnosed with breast cancer in October, a week after the death of her 24-year-old brother in an ATV accident on the quarterback's property in Mississippi.

And Favre was still dealing with the stunning news of Reggie White's death on the day after Christmas, which came about a year after the death of Favre's father, Irv, from a heart attack.

"After the season, he just needed to think about some things," Sherman said. "Any man would have to contemplate his future when his wife is fighting cancer. It's not like he had to work to make money. He didn't want to be a part-time husband and a part-time football player. It came down to his wife. If she's not healthy, it's obviously a different ballgame. But now she's doing good. She wants him to play."

It never was a question of diminished ability because even at 35, Favre is still near the top of his game.

He topped 4,000 yards passing last season and recorded his eighth 30-touchdown season, twice as many as any other quarterback in NFL history, and the Packers set franchise records for total offense and net passing yards in 2004.

"He's always been excited about playing football," Sherman said. "He's never lost his enthusiasm for the game. It's just his family situation was pulling at him."

Next season won't necessarily be Favre's farewell, either.

"As long as he can play at a Brett Favre level, he will," Sherman said, "unless some situation off the field, outside of football, affects him or his family."

Deanna Favre has completed her chemotherapy and is undergoing radiation treatment.

The Favres are helping put on a Faith Hill concert back home Saturday night to benefit breast cancer patients. Favre is scheduled to appear at the Packers' inaugural fan fest that morning in Green Bay.

After the Packers were upset 31-17 by the Vikings in the wild-card round of the playoffs — Green Bay's second playoff loss at home in three years — Favre said he needed some time to figure out his future.

Last season, Favre extended his record of 225 consecutive starts at quarterback, despite being on the injured report three times. Since his first start on Sept. 27, 1992, 183 other quarterbacks have made their NFL debut.

Because Favre hasn't spoken publicly about his plans, it wasn't known before Thursday whether the retooled coaching staff, the stripping of Sherman's GM duties in favor of Ted Thompson or the loss of starting guards Marco Rivera and Mike Wahle in free agency would play a role in his decision.

Rivera signed with Dallas and Wahle with Carolina last week, leaving two gaping holes in an offensive line that allowed a franchise-low 14 sacks last season.

Sherman said the only thing Favre had to say about the loss of the guards was they deserved the multimillion-dollar bonuses they received.

"I told him we'll get that fixed," Sherman said. "It never was an issue. Brett said he was excited about what we did on offense last year and he thinks we can do more this year.

"Obviously, his major thing is to win another Super Bowl and he's excited about having that chance."



Brett Favre will have more opportunities to celebrate against the Chicago Bears, as Packers coach Mike Sherman said Favre will not retire.

At least six Red Sox tested for steroids

FORT MYERS, Fla. — At least six Boston Red Sox players were tested Thursday as part of Major League Baseball's program to curb steroid use.

Team vice president Mike Port said six to 12 players were tested but he was not allowed to give out names. He was contacted Wednesday night by the independent company conducting the tests and told they would be done on Thursday.

He received the list of players Thursday morning and said all cooperated with the testing. Additional Red Sox players can be tested later.

Random testing has already been conducted at several other spring training camps.

Port said he didn't know when the results would be known but assumed the team only would be notified if a player failed. Under baseball's new program, a first-time offender would be suspended for 10 days without pay.

Red Sox player representative Johnny Damon said he wasn't tested and strongly supports the program.

"I don't want my kid to ever say, 'oh, maybe I need to do this to get bigger and stronger.' I don't want that so I definitely want it cleaned up," he said.

A congressional committee looking into baseball's steroid program has subpoenaed Boston ace Curt Schilling and six other former or current players to testify at a hearing on March 17. He did not speak with reporters before Thursday's exhibition game against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Stanley Brand, a lawyer for the baseball commissioner's office, has said the committee had no jurisdiction, was trying to violate baseball's first amendment privacy rights, and was attempting to "satisfy their prurient interest into who may and 'may not have engaged in this activity."

—Associated Press

The 'juicing' issue just won't seem to die

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

You wish there were some good guys in this stinking drama to rally around.

You wish the whole thing would go away because this is a time, after all, when the grass turns green and hope is supposed to spring eternal for all baseball fans.

The good guys, though, are about as elusive as the real ingredients in the "clear" that Barry Bonds mistakenly thought was a nutritional supplement used to lower cholesterol, not build giant muscles.

And now that politicians have their fingers firmly imbedded in this juiced-up pie, get used to the idea that — no matter how much you hate to keep hearing about it — this will be the season of steroids.

You'll hear about it from now through opening day as politicians, ballplayers, owners and union figures engage in a snake dance that couldn't be any sleazier if it was conducted in a strip club rather than the halls of Congress.

You'll hear it every time Jason Giambi comes to the plate and hits a routine fly ball that might have gone out of the ballpark a few years earlier.

The talk will grow as Bonds draws nearer to Babe Ruth and eventually passes baseball's most revered icon, all the while thumbing his nose at the very fans who pay to cheer him on.

Finally, it will explode as he chases Henry Aaron and baseball's home run record.

By then, you'll groan at the very mention of steroids. You'll turn down the television when the subject comes up, and scan past the stories in the newspaper.

Most of all, though, you'll wish that performance-enhancing drugs hadn't defaced the sport you love.

The sad truth is that they have, no matter how often Bud Selig winds himself up and pretends otherwise. The sad truth is that baseball's records are now as tainted as the drug samples the sport never bothered to take until after Bonds hit 73 home runs in one season.

Baseball owners won't take any responsibility for the integrity of the game because they're too busy building new stadiums and counting luxury box revenues sparked by the home run binge of recent years. Neither will baseball players, an immensely spoiled group of multimillionaires who don't feel they are accountable to anyone.

So here come the nation's lawmakers, who got where they are by being able to recognize opportunity when they see it. A House committee invited players, owners and union reps to come to Washington, D.C. on March 17 to testify under oath about baseball's dirty little secrets.

On Wednesday, after figuring out the players wouldn't come without a little persuasion, they issued subpoenas.

You would think Selig and his flunkies would embrace the invitations and be happy that stars like Giambi, Sammy Sosa, Rafael Palmeiro and former slugging hero Mark McGwire would have a chance to clear their names before the season starts.

Instead, baseball attorney Stanley Brand reacted with the kind of outrage not seen on Capitol Hill since french fries were renamed freedom fries in protest over France's stand on the war in Iraq.

Brand called the subpoenas "an absolutely excessive and unprecedented misuse of congressional power" and suggested the House Government Reform Committee was interfering with the work of the federal grand jury in California by ordering Giambi to testify.

You might expect baseball's union to object because unions are supposed to protect players no matter what.

But why is management so averse to seeing the truth come out? What is it that baseball has to fear from players testifying under oath?

"What kind of message does that send?" asked David Marin, a spokesman for committee chairman Rep. Tom Davis.

The kind that you have something to hide, of course. The same kind of message McGwire's agent sent by asking, "What's the ultimate purpose of the hearings?"

It might be to find out exactly what happened in 1998 when McGwire and Sosa combined for 136 home runs. What do either McGwire or Sosa have to lose by testifying under the penalty of law that they took nothing illegal in that magical season?

It would also be nice to hear Bonds tell how he grew so big at an age when many athletes find it tougher to keep muscle mass. But Bonds was not invited to the hearing because people used to not giving straight answers themselves know they'll never get one out of Barry.

Meanwhile, the politicians are still opportunists, baseball's management remains incredibly pigheaded and the players care only about covering their own backs.







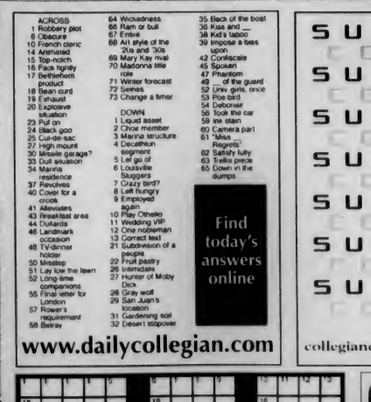




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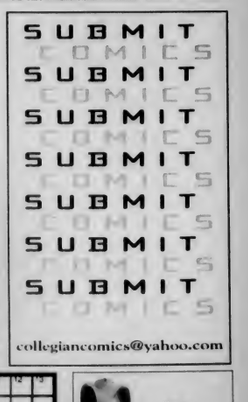
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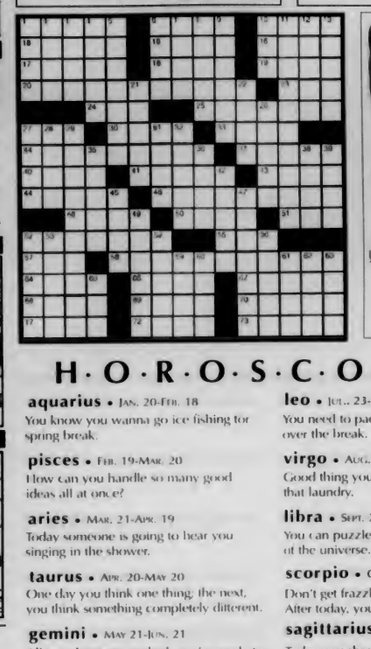
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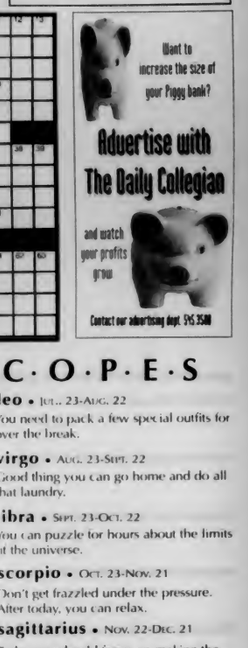


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Minutemen kick off playoffs against BC

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

Nothing has come easy for the Massachusetts hockey team this season.

Nothing.

There have been no silver platters, no cups of tea, no candy-yielding babies, no nothing.

So why should anything be different now?

The Minutemen (13-21-2 6-16-2 HEA) open their best-of-three quarterfinal playoff series with Boston College (21-6-7 14-3-7 HEA) tonight at 7 p.m. The series will continue tomorrow night, and if a third game is necessary, it will be played on Sunday with all start times at 7 p.m. Since the Eagles are the higher seed, all three games will be played at Conte Forum in Chestnut Hill.

The Eagles aren't just the higher seed, though. They are the top seed after winning the Hockey East regular season championship for the third year in a row.

Boston College also poses another problem for the Minutemen. UMass has not beaten the Eagles since Jan. 3, 2003, a 3-2 victory at Conte Forum, and since that time, the Minutemen have an 0-6-1 record against their cross-state rivals.

The one tie came on Nov. 12 earlier this season, a 3-3 deadlock at Conte, but the Eagles shellacked UMass in a home-and-home series on Jan. 28-29, by 5-2 and 6-0 margins, respectively.

So the one biggest question remains in the UMass corner this weekend: How in the world do the Minutemen beat Boston College?

UMass coach Don Cahoon said that the first thing his team needs to make sure to do is to not beat themselves.

The Eagles have done a pretty decent job, to say the least, at beating their opposition this year, so any frailties by the Mass Attack need to be avoided so they don't do the Eagles' job for them.

UMass has played some solid hockey over the past couple weeks, with the exception of its third period at Northeastern on Saturday night in which UMass allowed four goals to make what was once a 4-3 game an 8-3 afterthought.

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KAREN WINEGRAD/COLLEGIAN

Kevin Jarman and the Minutemen have a tough task at hand this weekend with their quarterfinal series against top-seeded Boston College.

UMass ready for Stony Brook

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts men's lacrosse team and the Stony Brook Seawolves have a lot in common this season. Both teams are undefeated, and neither has truly been challenged.

Tomorrow at 12 p.m. UMass will face off against a red-hot Stony Brook team that has posted two convincing victories to kick off the season.

The Seawolves have outscored their opponents 28-11 thus far with huge victories over Delaware (a 14-9 victory Feb. 26) and Wagner (14-2) on Saturday. Stony Brook had its momentum slowed when its game against No. 15 Army, slated for Tuesday, was postponed due to inclimate weather; no makeup has been scheduled.

UMass has also started the season on the right foot, posting a 12-7 victory over Hofstra on Feb. 26 followed by a 12-6 drubbing of Yale on Saturday. Like the Seawolves, the Minutemen were slowed by weather and could not travel to Cambridge to play Harvard on Wednesday. The rematch has been set for April 26.

Stony Brook has gotten a lot of its production from an unlikely source. Freshman attackman Bo Tripodi leads the team with seven goals on the season. Tripodi has been complemented by the unselfish play of junior Adam Marksberry, who has three goals of his own but leads the team with six assists.



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Jeff Zywicki has scored five goals in two games this season.

Tripoldi was named the America East Rookie of the Week last week and currently ranks second in the conference in goals per game with 3.50.

One of the Seawolves' main strengths has been their goalkeeping. Stony Brook has one of the best keepers in the nation in sophomore Brendan Callahan. Callahan was an honorable mention All-American last year and led the nation in save percentage (.687) and goals against average (5.97).

While starting, Callahan has compiled an 11-3 record, with one of the losses coming against UMass last season.

The Maroon and White demolished the Seawolves 10-3 at Stony Brook on March 6.

The Minutemen have played a balanced offensive attack that has seen 10 different player score a goal. Leading the way has been Sean Morris and Jeff Zywicki, who have scored 12 goals between them.

Morris was named the ECAC Offensive Player of the Week and the UMass/Dinn Brothers Athlete of the week last week. Morris, who was picked as the Preseason Offensive Player of the Year in the ECAC, has a team-leading seven goals and an assist on the season.

A major highlight of the Minutemen's success has been their defensive tenacity. Over the course of the season UMass has held its opponents to a dismal .232 shooting percentage.

Co-captain Matt Garcia and starting keeper Bill Schell have been the anchors for the Minutemen thus far this season. Garcia was picked as a Preseason All-American, while Schell has been the starting goalie for the Minutemen throughout the last four years.

Schell remains the vocal leader on defense. He has faced just 56 shots on the season, as opposed to the 89 UMass has taken.

Bullpen has been shaky early in season

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

As the Massachusetts baseball team prepares for its spring training, where they will play seven different opponents over eight days down in the cozy confines of Bradenton, Fla., both good news and bad news will be hanging over their heads.

No. 1 starting pitcher Matt Torra has been absolutely brilliant in his first two starts of the season for the Minutemen (1-5), striking out 24 batters in two appearances (15 innings total) while recording a team-best 1.20 earned run average, stepping in adequately thus far for since-departed ace Eric Chown, who is now in the Atlanta Braves organization.

Now, for the bad news. Torra has yet to receive a win, thanks in part to a suspect bullpen.

Take their season-opener on Feb. 25 against New Orleans, for instance, when Dave Sullivan was summoned to the mound following a no-run, seven-inning, 10-strikeout performance from Torra. Sullivan gave up one earned run and consequently lasted just one inning in favor of freshman Jason Lavorgna. After Lavorgna gave up the tying run and loaded up the bases with one out in the bottom of the ninth, he too was sent packing, this time in favor of redshirt-freshman Chris Sargoy.

Sargoy's 1-2 fastball was a little too high on the No. 4 hitter, Tony Gonzalez, and in walked the winning run.

More of the same happened against Delaware last weekend. After Torra fanned 14 and allowed just two runs against a power-hitting Blue Hens squad in the first game of a Saturday doubleheader, Sargoy and Sullivan let the game run away from them in extra innings, with the Minutemen falling 3-2 in 10. Lavorgna, however, did get a save two days after the New Orleans breakdown, against the very same foes.

Certainly the injury of reliever Jason Hickey, who was involved in an automobile accident during the off-season, hasn't aided things.

"It was time for Hickey to make a positive contribution for the ball club," coach Mike Stone said. "He had shown some positive things in the past that have indicated that he'd be able to help out, but it didn't work out. We can't really dwell on the guys that aren't here or aren't able to play, so we've got to move on."

After losing Chown, Matt Reynolds, Cullan Maumus, Mike Athas and Sean Sarno to graduation, as well as losing would-be junior catcher Frank Curreri to a minor league contract with the Arizona Diamondbacks, it's no secret that youth was going to flood the 2005 Minutemen. Hence, the need for leadership from upperclassmen, and they've found some in the likes of seniors Curt Szado and Jason Twomley and junior Derek Durepo.

Szado currently leads the team in batting, with an average of .389, four runs batted in and seven hits, including a 4-for-4 day in their only win against New Orleans in the three-game February series. Twomley is right behind him, with a .293 average to accompany a team-high two home runs, four runs scored, 11 total bases and a .647 slugging percentage. Enter Durepo (.273, six hits) into the mix and you've got a foundation that can be looked up to.

"We really have asked them to [lead by example], and I think they have definitely responded," Stone said. "It's a great challenge to have so many new people playing that it would be very satisfying to get to the point where we have a good ball club, and we've experienced success — a lot of success."

Now, for some bad news. Twomley broke his wrist last weekend in Delaware and won't be seeing any playing time down in Florida.

As for Florida, the Minutemen are hoping to come out of Bradenton with a winning record this time around, after going 3-5 in 2004.

The Maroon and White start off the week against the Eastern Kentucky Colonels, a team that has been struggling as of late as well. Although the Minutemen got shelled 13-0 and 13-1 in consecutive games, they have nothing on Central Michigan's 19-1 rout of EKU.

Later in the week, UMass plays Miami of Ohio in a game that has been a year in the making. In 2004, the Red Hawks rallied from a 5-2 deficit in the seventh inning, aided by a momentum-changing three-run homer by All-American Mike Ferris that put them in the lead for good, to upset the Minutemen in the spring training finale, 8-6.

But It's just another game in Stone's mind, as he refuses to look ahead to anything beyond Eastern Kentucky.

"We're approaching every one of these games the same," Stone said. "We're not looking ahead."

Minutewomen look to improve record against Great Danes

By Ian Kilpatrick
Collegian Staff

The youthful Massachusetts women's lacrosse team (1-2) will take on the slow-starting Great Danes of Albany (1-4) tomorrow at a cold and potentially snowy Garber Field in Amherst.

The Minutewomen are looking to rebound from a hard fought 12-7 loss last week at Harvard. It will be the small things that will have to get the team back on the winning track as they had 21 turnovers against the Crimson last Saturday. Coach Carrie Bolduc has been stressing the importance of these fundamentals all week in practice.

"We've been focusing on discipline, details and pretty much just stepping it up another level," said Bolduc, "but really emphasizing discipline, the small things, the basic fundamentals."

The problem is that discipline and those small things don't come as a surprise this year as there are only three seniors on the team, and as many as eight freshmen were on the field at one point last week in Cambridge. In order to win on Saturday, the Minutewomen will have to learn quickly from their early troubles and use their never-give-up mentality.

"It's the small things like cutting back to the ball, and our transition is hurting us now," Bolduc explained. "Really knowing what we're good at and making sure that we do that in the game. We're not taking care of the ball. Transitions [have] got to pick up."

Of course the Minutewomen won't just be competing with their disciplinary problems; they'll have to deal with Albany's strong sophomore duo of Sarah Spillett, who has five goals and six assists, and Kate Fontana, who has eight goals and one assist in the young season.

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Boston College chokes in final Big East game in school history

By Dennis Waszak Jr.
Associated Press

NEW YORK — West Virginia made sure Boston College's last appearance in the Big East tournament was brief.

Mike Gansey scored 21 points and West Virginia hung on to upset No. 7 Boston College 78-72 in the quarterfinals Thursday, ruining the Eagles' bid for a final conference championship.

"It's a great feeling to come in here, play against a good team and prove that we're a good team," Mountaineers center Kevin Pittsnogle said. "We're having a lot of fun."

Pittsnogle added 17 points for the Mountaineers (20-9), who very likely wrapped up at least an NCAA tournament at-large bid by impressing the selection committee with the surprising win over the Big East's top seed.

"That committee is so thorough with this thing and they will choose the right teams," West Virginia coach John Beilein said. "Obviously, I'm biased, but they will choose the right teams and there's no doubt in our minds that we're one of the right teams."

West Virginia, the No. 8 seed, improved to 3-8 in the tournament and advanced to its first semifinals — against Villanova — Friday night at Madison Square Garden. Making the win even more impressive was the fact that the Mountaineers did it without top scorer Tyrone Sally, who missed the game with a stomach ailment.

Craig Smith scored 20 points and grabbed eight rebounds for Boston College (24-4), which leaves the Big East for the Atlantic Coast Conference after this season.

"They came out and were aggressive," Smith said. "When you're top dog, people are going to come for you. You know, this is a wakeup call for us. We still have a chance to do something special."

The Eagles, who shared the regular-season title with Connecticut, sputtered through their last eight games, going just 4-4 after starting off 20-0 and possibly hurting their chances at earning a top-3 seed.

"Guys have to take a little pride in themselves and with their team and go out and work harder," Boston College coach Al Skinner said. "It's just that simple. Our preparation, our focus has got to be there. Right now, it's lacking."

West Virginia beat Providence 82-59 in the first round Wednesday and looked as though it would run away with another win against Boston College before the Eagles stormed back.

The Mountaineers took their biggest lead — 25 points — just 19 seconds into the second half on Gansey's three-point play that made it 47-22.

"We didn't come out and play the way we're capable of playing," Boston College's Jared Dudley said. "West Virginia came out, were more aggressive and executed their offense. We didn't defend them at all."

Trailing 50-26, Boston College went on a 10-0 run, capped by consecutive dunks by Sean Marshall to get the Eagles within 14 at 50-36 with 13:16 left.

The Eagles continued to whittle away at the lead, but the 6-foot-11 Pittsnogle hit a 3-pointer with 8:16 left to make it 58-44.

Boston College went on an 11-5 run, capped by Marshall's 3-pointer, to make it 62-58 with 4:41 left.

"We imploded there for I don't know how long it was — it seemed like a year," Beilein said.

West Virginia scored the next three baskets — including the third of Pittsnogle's 3-pointers on the day — to push the lead back up to 11 and prompt fans to chant "ACC! ACC!"

"Thank goodness Kevin hits the big 3 and then we did some other things well, but we're going to take it," Beilein said. "We're going to take it and move on to the semis."

As the teams traded foul shots during the last minute, the fans got on Boston College even more, chanting "Overrated!"

West Virginia, which shot 10-for-18 from 3-point range, was 8-for-11 from long distance at halftime — a major reason the Mountaineers led 44-22 at the break.

Dudley scored 17 points and Marshall 15 for Boston College, which had won seven of the last eight meetings.

"They were just way too comfortable in the first half," Skinner said. "There was no real defensive energy for us."



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Jermaine Watson couldn't handle losing to Georgia Tech on March 21, 2004, and the Eagles choked again as they couldn't knock off lower-seeded West Virginia in the Big East quarterfinals yesterday. WVU made sure BC left the Big East for the ACC on a bad note.

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Child care fee increase worries faculty

By Bill Donovan
Collegian Staff

Last week, the University of Massachusetts informed the University Child Care Center it will be raising fees for their full-day scheduled classrooms. With this change in rate, parents with children in this program will be paying $13,540 a year for full-day care the next two years.

Parents, although satisfied full-day classrooms will remain open in the future, expressed their concerns towards this increase. In 2000, it cost $4,732 a year for families; and members of UMass' Graduate Employee Organization pointed out this climb will effect international students and lower-middle class families with children in the program the most. Some of them do not qualify for subsidies, such as childcare vouchers provided by the Graduate Student Senate; as well as assistance from Commuter Services, the Housing Resource Center, and undergraduate Student Government Association. As fees increase, these subsidies will shrink from the 15 to 30 percent deductions now provided for families in need of aid.

"These new fee increases are part of a disinvestments in campus families under the current Chancellor," stated Jen Turner, GEO president.

The University Child Care Center, which provides full-day and flexible schedules for UMass undergraduate, graduate, international students as well as faculty members, serves as a place to bring children when at class and work. Under the flexible schedule, two classrooms at UCC allow 9 to 50 hours of childcare a week. Nearly 100 children go to the center under both programs. A union for graduate students who work on campus, such as class TA's; the Graduate Employee Organization, focuses on improving working conditions, wages, healthcare, and childcare. GEO funds flexible-care classrooms at UCC, a part of the group's labor contract.

"When the cost goes up for full-time, families will miss out," said Megan McDonough, Family Issues Advocate for GEO. McDonough, a graduate student in regional planning at UMass who has a three-year-old in preschool enrolled at UCC told of the limitations to this new plan. She feels it will be hard for graduate students, especially international ones to afford the rate.

"I know families who left UCC last year because of fee increases," McDonough said. "If you add this to you're health care fees and cost of living, you really can't afford it as a graduate student. It really makes ends hard to meet."

In the past years, UCC has faced rate increases before in order to keep full-day classrooms running for the children. McDonough stated before the flexible-care schedule was made available for parents, UMass helped more with full-time care.

In January 2000, the University claimed it would close UCC's full-day classrooms. However, UMass decided in later months they would remain open. A statement was released by the University that said, "fewer classrooms will be open and not all of the 22 employees who received lay of notices will be called back. There will also be an increase in parents' fees and a different program."

"After flexible care was created, UCC was told to be more self-sufficient and less aid was given," added McDonough. "We fought really hard for funding with this schedule and made it so UMass cannot raise its fees without negotiating with GEO."

Others stated raising the fee for full-day care was necessary in keeping the classrooms open for children.

"In the past, we've had to make these changes, but it's important we keep this program going," said Michael Gargano, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life.

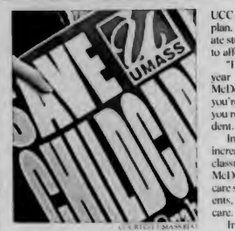
Gargano, working with UCC Center Director Mary Anne Gallagher, approved the budget plan for the fee increase.

"The good news is full-day classrooms will continue, that was uncertain the past few years," added Gallagher. "But at the same time, you have to take the good with the bad."

"UMass's proposals can mean that a parent pays over 80% of their income in childcare fees, which will make attending UMass out of the question. In contrast, the total cost to run the Center with its current fees is less than 1/1000th of UMass' budget," expressed GEO member Chelsea Dacres-Smith.

Lynn Hatch, UMass graduate student in the Economics department, had her son enrolled in UCC's full-day program but had to look elsewhere for care after fees increased last year. For three years, Hatch tried to keep her child at UCC, working as a TA and assisting in teaching Economics courses.

"My son had been there since a toddler," explained Hatch. "When the fees went up last year, I had to leave. He made many friends there and was in a full-day classroom 3 days a week. He learned a lot there and I was able to go to class, work, and study. I wasn't worried about if he was not having a good time. I couldn't have done it on my own, he needed the socialization and I needed the support."



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Protesters hold signs in opposition of the UMass child care fee increase.

Chancellor releases report

A new chancellor's tax is set to be taken from UMass' general fund following University of Massachusetts Chancellor John V. Lombardi's report that he reviewed recommendations given by the Commission for Campus Diversity.

On Saturday, March 12, Lombardi issued a 17-page report on the Commission's website. The Commission issued recommendations to Lombardi in an 86-page report on March 1.

The report outlined many specific recommendations that Lombardi feels will help out diversity on the campus. The initiative would cost more than $1 million, and of that, $800,000 would go to a chancellor's tax. The tax will be made up of existing budgets in a wide range of university departments.

The biggest change that Lombardi recommended was a plan to reorganize more than 40 student groups into an umbrella that falls under a new center that will be developed. Heading the center will be a new associate vice chancellor.

Since the center would be a part of the University's Department of Student Affairs and Campus Life, it would untimely be led by the head of that department, Michael Gargano, the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life.

Included in the groups are the Office of ALANA Affairs, Office of Jewish Affairs, Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender and The Daily Collegian, among many others. One of the recommendations that the Commission made that Lombardi did not grant was a central request for the university to hire a senior-level administer to initiate efforts to boost the inclusion of minorities.

Besides the new center, Lombardi plans to increase undergraduate advising and increase the number of minority students who are involved in the university honors programs. He plans to reward departments who succeed in hiring a diverse group of faculty and graduating seniors.

Currently, the plan is going through a review period that will last through April 1. During this time, people can express their objections to the plan by e-mailing campusdiversity@umass.edu. The plan is supposed to go into affect on April 11, after the public comment period.

The entire statement, as well as the Commission's recommendations two weeks ago, can be viewed at the Commission's Web site at http://www-.umass.edu/campusdiversity/.

— *Matt Elder*

Tasers for UMass?



By Dan O'Brien
Collegian Staff

The use of Taser weapons by police departments has sparked heated debate nationwide over whether the weapons are humane or even necessary.

Here at the University of Massachusetts, the police department announced in September 2004 that it is looking into purchasing the weapons, which have been deemed "non-lethal" by officials in the past.

UMass is currently awaiting a review from the Executive Office of Public Safety before purchasing the Tasers. The EOPS review may take a few months to complete.

"UMass is not currently purchasing Tasers," said UMass Chancellor John Lombardi. "The state is evaluating the safety of the devices and we await further information before considering these devices."

The University may not currently have plans to purchase Tasers, but UMass Police are definitely considering the weapons as an option. Four officers are in the process of being trained as Taser instructors, including Det. Lt. Robert Thrasher.

"The Tasers give us a tool to add to [our arsenal] that's much more humane," Thrasher said. "It's a very humane tool."

Currently, the four UMPD officers must receive an additional four hours of training to be qualified as training instructors by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In terms of a plan to implement the use of Tasers on campus, UMass Police Chief Barbara O'Connor explained. "We're not even there yet."

"We continue to do more research on [the Tasers]," she said.

Recently members of the Student Government Association, who have expressed strong disagreement with the Taser idea, spoke with O'Connor and other police officials on the Taser issue.

"We had a good exchange of ideas," O'Connor said. "I think the SGA is going to be working with police on this matter."

SGA President Eduardo Bustamante said he was pleased with the meeting.

"It's an example of the administration listening to students," Bustamante said.

Taser International, a manufacturer of the weapon, says Tasers can fire at a target between 16 and 21 feet away. The weapon fires two needles, which penetrate the skin and deliver an electric shock for about five seconds. The wires deliver a 50,000-volt charge at 1.36 joules of electricity. By comparison, a heart defibrillator has 300 joules.

Thrasher experienced the effects of the Taser firsthand while participating in Taser instructor training. He described the pain as being immediate, but intense.

"Someone pulls the trigger and your body immediately tenses," he said. "You're in pain for about five seconds and it's over. That's all the time we need to put handcuffs on someone."

The issue of Tasers being used on the UMass campus has sparked discussion after it was first publicized in a January Boston Herald article. Many student leaders are against the idea. The SGA even went so far as to post giant letters that spell the words "NO TASERS" across their Student Union

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Massive earthquake rocks Japan, injuring very few

By Kenji Hall
Associated Press

TOKYO — A powerful earthquake rattled southern Japan on Sunday, swaying buildings and briefly prompting warnings of tsunami. At least five people were injured and smaller aftershocks continued to rattle the region.

The magnitude-7 temblor, which hit west of Kyushu Island at 10:53 a.m. local time, was centered at an "extremely shallow" depth below the ocean floor, the Meteorological Agency said. An hour after the initial temblor, aftershocks followed — at least one a magnitude-4.2 quake.

An hour after the initial quake, the agency said the tsunami danger had passed.

"There may be some disturbance of the ocean's surface, but we aren't worried about tsunami damage," said Masahiro Yamamoto of the Meteorological Agency.

At least five people were injured, most in the southern state of Fukuoka, some struck by toppling cabinets or items falling off shelves, and one burned by a cooking stove, public broadcaster NHK TV said.

In Okawa city, a 56-year-old man suffered broken bones after trying to jump to safety from the second floor of his home, the network said.

One person was reportedly pinned inside a collapsed home.

Officials reported water main breaks, and the possibility of power blackouts. Local and bullet train railway service was halted, after an automatic safety mechanism was triggered by the tremors, NHK reported.

Local officials Fukuoka, about 562 miles southwest of Tokyo, told NHK that the shaking, which lasted as long as 30 seconds, toppled desks and knocked books off shelves and made it difficult to stand.

NHK showed tall office buildings and street lamps in the center of Fukuoka, nearest the epicenter, shaking violently. In residential areas, cracks appeared in sidewalks and parts of retainer walls flaked off.

Authorities warned of landslides around the states of Fukuoka, Saga and Nagasaki.



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Dozens observe the wreckage from the massive quake in Japan. Despite its magnitude, only a few civilians were injured.

Sex offender stands trial for young girl's murder

By Mike Branom
Associated Press

HOMOSASSA, Fla. — The convicted sex offender who authorities say confessed to kidnapping and slaying 9-year-old Jessica Lunsford returned to Florida in shackles Sunday as her family grieved for the girl who vanished from her bedroom.

John Evander Couey was booked early Sunday on a probation violation and failure to register as a sex offender, officials said. He was being held without bail.

Couey, 46, confessed to kidnapping and killing Jessica after taking a lie-detector test Friday in Georgia, officials said. The girl's body was found early Saturday, more than three weeks after she was snatched from her bedroom.

Jessica's father, in an emotional statement, expressed a desire to mete out justice of his own.

"I won't get the wish, but I wish I could see him, just one time," said Mark Lunsford, his eyes hidden by dark sunglasses.

Lunsford said he and his relatives would soon begin planning Jessica's funeral.

Couey had not been charged in her death, although that was expected soon.

"If he's not charged today, he probably will be tomorrow," sheriff's spokeswoman Ronda Hemminger Evan told The Associated Press. "It shouldn't take that long."

At Jessica's church on Sunday, the pastor asked for prayers for the Lunsfords.

"Lord, we don't always understand your

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Nine year old Jessica Lunsford opens presents this past Christmas. Her body was found on Sunday.

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Congress passes law for Schiavo

PINELLAS PARK, Fla. — While Terri Schiavo lay in her hospice bed Sunday, the severely brain-damaged woman's parents and husband made competing pleas to the public and Congress on her third day without food or water.

As protesters and TV satellite trucks gathered outside the hospice, the Senate passed a bill that could prolong Schiavo's life while a federal court considers her case. House Republicans scrambled to bring enough lawmakers back to the Capitol for an emergency vote early Monday after Democrats objected to a vote by a small handful of lawmakers.

President Bush was cutting short a stay at his Texas ranch and returning to the White House to sign it. An attorney for Schiavo's parents said every federal judge that could hear the case has agreed to take it on an emergency basis once the bill passes. A judge will be chosen at random, and the attorney hopes to immediately have Schiavo taken to a hospital to have the tube reinserted.

"We feel every moment is urgent; we are considering every second as precious in terms of saving Terri," said David Gibbs II, an attorney for Bob and Mary Schindler.

Schiavo's husband, Michael Schiavo, said he was outraged that congressional leaders were intervening in the contentious right-to-die battle with Schiavo's parents, Bob and Mary Schindler. They have been fighting for years over whether she should be permitted to die or kept alive by the feeding tube.

"I think that the Congress has more important things to discuss," he told CNN, calling the move political and criticizing House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, who helped broker the congressional compromise.

Mary Schindler pleaded for parents nationwide to call their congressional representatives and pressure them to vote for a bill to prolong her daughter's life. "There are some congressmen that are trying to stop this bill," she said outside her daughter's hospice. "Please don't use my daughter's suffering for your own personal agenda."

Outside the hospice, a subdued crowd of about 50 people prayed and sang behind signs bearing such slogans as "Let Terri Live" and "President Bush Please Save Terri." One man played "Amazing Grace" on a trumpet, as a pickup truck pulled a trailer bearing 10-foot-high replicas of the stone Ten Commandments tablets and a huge working version of the Liberty Bell.

— *Associated Press*



Terri Schiavo gets a final goodbye kiss from her mother after her feeding tube was removed. Schiavo has been braindead for 15 years.

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Missing girl's body found in FL

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ways," the Rev. William LaVerle Coats told 175 grieving people during Sunday's services at Faith Baptist Church, where many people saw the girl for the last time on the night she disappeared. "We accept what has taken place here, and ask that you would give us some peace."

Coats asked churchgoers to forgive Couey. Jessica's father said he may have a hard time with that request.

"He needs to stand up and be a man now and take his death penalty," Mark Lunsford said.

Earlier, Couey appeared before Circuit Judge Stephen Spivey at the Citrus County Detention Center. He was declared indigent and was told a public defender would be assigned to his case.

He answered that he was doing "all right," when the judge asked how he was.

Couey answered all other questions with either "Yes, sir" or "No, sir" replies.

At the end of the hearing, Spivey wished the man luck. "Thank you," Couey said softly, before turning and shuffling away, his shackles clanging together.

Couey was returned to Florida in an unmarked sheriff's vehicle, wearing a bullet-proof vest and under the cloak of darkness.

He was being held in isolation at the jail for his safety, Henminger Evan said.

As a precaution, the timing of his arrival from Georgia was kept secret, although the sheriff's office was not aware of any threats against Couey.

Down the street from the Lunsford home and the church, well-wishers piled dozens of stuffed animals, flowers and candles high on a makeshift memorial. "God's newest little angel," one sign read.

At the memorial, businessman Joseph Dawson joined Jessica's father and circulated a petition calling for harsh penalties on sexual predators. The petition called for predators to face 50-year mandatory sentences and the indefinite wearing of electronic monitoring bracelets.

"It's time for us not to get angry. It's time for us to do something," Dawson said.

Jessica, a third grader, was last seen in February when she went to bed after attending church.

She was discovered missing the next morning, with the door unlocked and her stuffed animal gone.

The clothes she had laid out for school were still in place, and her shoes weren't missing.

Her body was found near a mobile home where Couey had been staying at the time of the abduction about 150 yards from Jessica's house.

Couey's half-sister and two others who lived in the home were charged with obstructing police for failing to notify authorities when Couey allegedly told them he had committed a crime.

UMass rethinks use of tasers

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office windows.

Coincidentally, the human rights group Amnesty International released a report about Tasers around the same time UMass announced its plans to look into purchasing them. Amnesty International says Tasers can be linked to at least 80 deaths in the United States and Canada since 2000. Another study by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference released in February stated that 86 deaths in the United States could be linked to Tasers since 1999.

O'Connor says she thinks Tasers are a good option for officers who come into contact with dangerous situations.

"Do I think that there could be times when we could use this weapon? Sure," she said.

O'Connor gave several examples of officers who have been assaulted in the past, including one incident of a male officer who was beaten by several individuals. One of the individuals kicked him in the head and another stole his police radio in Southwest.

"Just speaking for myself, I was assaulted three separate times on my first year on the job," she said.

Thrasher says although officer assaults aren't frequent on campus, they happen often enough to warrant additional precautions.

"With the number of violent altercations my officers deal with in a year, it's not uncommon to address seriously violent subjects," Thrasher said. "The other option is to seriously beat them with a baton."

O'Connor stressed that the use of Tasers would "not be a crowd control option."

Tasers are already the norm for police departments in other states, but its usage has not come without controversy.

A Jacksonville, Fla. TV station, WJXX-TV reported March 8 that a 13-year-old girl was tasered at least twice by officers trying to subdue her.

The incident was discussed at a community meeting in the city's Lincoln Villa section. Residents discussing the recent use of Tasers by police in that community's high school got a unanimous response by local parents.

"Please do not taser our children," pleaded one woman, who admitted her children were grown, but worried about the next generation possibly being harmed. WJXX reported.

Two highly publicized cases involving Tasers in Chicago happened the week of Feb. 10 when a 34-year-old man died and a 14-year-old boy was critically injured when police tasered them within four days of each other.

The 34-year-old, identified as Ronald Hasse of Cedar Lake, Ind., allegedly made statements to officers such as: "If you come near me, I'll give you HIV," and "I'm going to kill you with my blood."

Paramedics transported Hasse to the hospital where he died 90 minutes later. An autopsy to determine his cause of death was "inconclusive."

Hasse's death came four days after Chicago Police made headlines when officers used a Taser to subdue a 14-year-old boy. The boy, who weighed 220 pounds and was 6-feet 2-inches tall, allegedly injured three female workers at his group home and "advanced on the sergeant with his fist drawn," when police arrived, according to Chicago Police Superintendent Robert Cline.

The boy's legal guardian appointed to him by Cook County disputes Cline's claims saying, "it is definitely my understanding that he was just sitting on the couch when he was tasered."

Since Tasers were legalized in Massachusetts six months ago, no police department has yet implemented their use. Some towns including Brookline, Monson, Holyoke, Springfield, Leverett and Belchertown have been talking about implementing their use in the future.

Greenfield has already purchased Tasers, but is not using them yet.

The department that has shown the most promise in implementing the weapons soon is Raynham, a quiet town in the southeastern part of the state.

O'Connor says UMass will be carefully studying the effects of the Tasers before implementing any policies regarding their use.

Above all, she wants to maintain the best level of safety for her officers. "I believe in giving my officers as many possible options," she said.



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The controversial weapons, Tasers, have been questioned on thier saftey. UMass officials have talked about implementing them on campus, but it has stirred protest from the student body.

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Chair dictates journalism ethics



Allison Edles

A sigh of relief came over many journalists throughout the country as the chairman of the Rutgers University department of journalism lifted the ban previously placed on students enrolled in an investigative journalism class to report on-campus issues.

Although the University's journalism program is now the same as it was before, this ban should have never even been placed, as it is a violation of freedom of the press.

The department's chairman, John Pavlik, implemented the ban originally as a response to what he viewed as sloppy reporting. According to the New Jersey Star Ledger, "Rutgers restricted students in its investigative journalism course to reporting on off-campus topics this semester after university officials complained about ill-prepared students pressing the administration for information for their stories. Pavlik said the course was stirring up trouble on campus and students would learn more working on off-campus stories."

By restricting what [students] can and can't write about, what is the lesson [they] are supposed to walk away from the situation learning? Students should not be taught that certain issues are off limits solely because of their ability to write about it.

Journalists have a responsibility to their readers to report the truth, whether they work for a newspaper or are in a journalism class. No less merit should be placed on those stories written for a class than those written for a published newspaper. The writer still has to follow the same guidelines and codes of ethics that professional journalists do.

Granted, a journalism class isn't the same as a newspaper. Some things can be overlooked and leeway given depending on the story, the writer and the goal of the assignment in the context of a deadline. However, this class is potentially preparing those students to become qualified journalists. By restricting what they can and can't write about, what is the lesson the students are supposed to walk away from the situation learning? Students should not be taught that certain issues are off limits solely because of their ability to write about it.

Oftentimes, it is a lot harder to have access to certain information if you do not have the backing of a newspaper behind you. Under that light, it is apparent how students in a journalism class may not be able to get all the information needed to report of major issues concerning the university, such as the administration, academics, athletic department, etc.

However, lack of information does not a sloppy reporter make. Very often, reporters for professional newspapers have holes. It's quite common, and it's even more common for those holes not to get filled as of press time. This is what the whole journalism experience entails, though. Babying the students because they are just that, students, is no way to adequately prepare them to enter into the journalism profession.

Being students, those enrolled in the investigative journalism class at Rutgers were presented with many topics easily available to them right on their own campus in New Brunswick, NJ. There is where the material is most easily accessible and also most challenging to report on because of how close to home it hits. Therefore, it serves as the perfect arena for students to learn off of, especially since there's that cushion of safety in the sense that there's no guarantee of publication, even though many of the pieces are submitted for publication to the Rutgers University newspaper, The Daily Targum.

Those who work on a college campus are more open-minded and aware of what a student needs to accomplish. Therefore, those on campus who find themselves being interviewed by journalism students may be more understanding in the students' cause and goal of the assignment. The interview may be a little easier. Off campus, however, people are more skeptical and don't see a student interviewing them, but a reporter. That may make for a slightly rockier interview in comparison.

The fact that this ban was even considered, let alone put into action, says something about the University. It speaks of the journalism department's own hesitation and doubt in their students' abilities, and it also portrays the university as having something to hide. A university should be encouraging their students to excel and go that extra step, rather than discouraging them from doing work they'll be expected to do in the real world because they may not be able to handle it as a student.

The Rutgers journalism department should have more faith in its students and its students' capabilities. Every journalism student, at least once in their career, should write something that goes against the grain and isn't received well by everyone. The aftermath that they will experience, from the media, from the administration and from fellow students, is something that they will always remember and is a skill that can't be taught in an investigative journalism class.

Allison Edles is a Collegian editor.

Golden bodies vs. the golden rule

Chris Eckel

March is notable for three things: Saint Patrick's Day, my birthday (it's today) and spring break, the ultimate excuse to party or just bum around. Some of you spent the spring break with sun, beer and bikinis. I spent my spring break with fluorescent lights, apple juice and galoshes. Some of you, no doubt, found new love, or at least love, in the tropics. If I found new love, I'd be seated in court next to Michael Jackson right now.

You see, I spent the week substitute teaching. I worked in an elementary school and a middle school, and neither was a piece of cake. Kids seem to be getting rowdier each year. And yet, I'd argue I had a better experience last week than all you bronzed party animals.

That's because, in between the flying applesauce cups and the kicked shins, those kids showed off a lot of wisdom and the sort of polite behavior we all wish we saw at UMass. In fact, I think that college students could learn a thing or two from the next generation that would improve everyday college life.

Kids show off a lot of wisdom and the sort of polite behavior we all wish we saw at UMass. In fact, I think that college students could learn a thing or two from the next generation that would improve everyday college life.

College students have somehow forgotten that using a friend to tell that cute girl or boy how you feel is far superior a method than doing it yourself. Call me a coward, but waiting that second or two for a response is horrifying.

Every possible humiliating outcome races through your head in the time it takes for him or her to figure out what he/she might be doing Saturday afternoon. It's as bad as those few seconds sitting in the dentist's chair waiting to see which pick or drill he'll pick up to torture you with first.

I'd much rather tell a friend to go in with the message, then idly live my life not knowing when the big conversation will go down, and thus not worrying about the moment of truth. Ignorance is bliss.

Middle schoolers, in particular, have also exploited a sweet gap in the "what they know versus what other people think they know" spectrum. Teachers seem to assume that kids ages 11 - 14 seem to be completely ignorant of the world around them, and thus, they don't give them much work. In reality, they know what weed, 40's, and sex are all about. (In fact, I got asked several times about all of them. For those of you worrying about my contribution to teenage delinquency - if Mark McGwire can answer "no comment" to a group of Congressmen, then I can sure use it on a bunch of eighth graders.)

Depending on your viewpoint, blame or give credit for this surplus of extracurricular knowledge to 50 Cent and "The O.C." If we were able to convince our professors we were so clueless, then we'd be living the good life of a middle school student.

Book reports on "Where the Red Fern Grows" and a geography project on Egypt sure sound a lot better than your thesis, right? Get to work on convincing your professors you're overwhelmed by life, and it might pay off in the long run.

Most significantly, the golden rule has been all but forgotten on campus today. For those of you who forget that one, it goes something like this: "Do unto others as you want others to do unto you." This rule is almost always followed in the primary schools.

Kids share supplies, they lend lunch money and they have a natural sense of inclusion: you hardly ever see a kid sitting alone at the lunch table.

The last time I saw anything approaching the golden rule at college was when I took turns buying pitchers at McMurphy's. I bought one for the guys, because I wanted to take the next four turns off to concentrate on drinking while they bought for me.

Somehow, this seems to be a bit of a cynical twist on the rule. Instead of the golden rule being followed, I see people flipping people off as they drive, people puking on the hallway floor and people sleeping with other people's girlfriends.

Now, you can't honestly tell me anybody does these things because they want them to be done to them. It seems more likely that college students are operating off of the "do what makes me feel good and screw other people" rule.

Class seems to be the worst part of college life. On the other side of the coin, there's a reason that younger kids smile when they get to school - it's a good experience because they play the system right and treat each other right.

Let's take a cue from the kids and keep our dating pressure down, our fingers down, the puke down and the pants up.

Chris Eckel is a Collegian columnist.



Same-sex couples still unequal

Vanessa Adel

I am writing to express my concern about the imminent policy change regarding domestic partners and family health plans at the University of Massachusetts. As I was completing my family health insurance forms for the upcoming semester, I was told that the University will soon be instituting a policy whereby same-sex couples will need to show a certificate of marriage as a prerequisite for obtaining spousal or family health insurance. This new requirement would incur more discrimination for same sex couples despite the apparent legal gains made by the new marriage laws in Massachusetts.

My partner and I have been in a loving relationship for 15 years. We have a three-year-old daughter and are also currently working with a private adoption agency who has advised us not to get married in order to increase our chances of securing a match and going through with an out-of-state adoption.

While my partner and I are thrilled about the legal gains made in Massachusetts, we are faced with a situation in which we will soon be forced to choose between health care and adoption.

In adoption processes, same-sex couples often circumvent anti-gay state policies. In international and domestic adoption by presenting a single-parent home-study.

All interested parties such as birth parents and social workers know that a child is being placed in a same-sex home, but on paper, the home study is written as a single parent plan that becomes a two-parent adoption upon legalization within the home state. However, if we got married in Massachusetts, we would have to declare our legal relationship to anti-gay states, thereby severely limiting our options for adoption since only six states will officially recognize gay couples as worthy of adopting children.

The key issue is that the federal Defense of Marriage Act does not recognize the legality of gay marriage in Massachusetts. Neither do most of the states.

While my partner and I are thrilled about the legal gains made in Massachusetts, we are faced with a situation in which we will soon be forced to choose between health care and adoption. If we get married, we will not be able to adopt from 44 states. If we do not get married, we will not be able to benefit from a family health plan even though we are a family. Of course, many other couples will face this same predicament, including couples who are planning to adopt internationally.

In addition, there are other reasons why committed, loving couples may choose not to get married in a context of ongoing oppression against gays and lesbians in other states, and within extended families. Without the federal protection afforded to heterosexual marriage, making a relationship legal and therefore public through Massachusetts state marriage could put some couples in jeopardy in other communities, especially if they later move to another state or, for instance, if they are enlisted in the military.

Another example of the ways in which gay marriage doesn't offer the full rights and benefits of marriage is through unequal taxation of family insurance plans. For instance, under the current contradictory state and federal marriage laws, same-sex married couples who sign up for spousal insurance as state employees are faced with a situation in which the qualifier of the health plan is taxed for the full value of the spouse's insurance plan by the federal government. Hence, although the state of Massachusetts guarantees full family health coverage for married couples, gay and straight, only gay couples are taxed on their spouse's plan since the federal government does not recognize the couple as married.

I understand the challenge that the new gay marriage law in Massachusetts presents to University Health Services and the University at large. They are faced with the position of implementing effective insurance policies and providing health care to families while abiding by contradictory state and federal laws. However, I have always been eligible for this benefit and it is discriminatory to suddenly make me ineligible by requiring me and my partner to sign into a legal contract that cannot be upheld or respected in other states.

Also, requiring a marriage certificate for health coverage puts same-sex couples and families in the position of having to choose between different, yet equally discriminatory outcomes. Until gay marriage really is the same as heterosexual marriage in terms of federal protection, rights and responsibilities, please urge UMass to refrain from linking marriage to the right to receive family health benefits.

Vanessa Adel is a UMass graduate student.

Opinion poll

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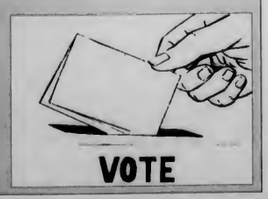
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A fresh look at string music



Old Crow Medicine Show
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By Bradley Farberman
Collegian Staff

Look at you. Take a good look, man. You're tired, run-down. You've got bags under your eyes, greasy hair. You need to relax buddy.

You know what you should do? Pick up a hot drink, head over to the Iron Horse, and check out the band tonight. They're called Old Crow Medicine Show. You'd like 'em.

They're an old-time string band, just like Gramps used to listen to. Except it's 2005, and they know that (they're a bunch of young dudes, for crying out loud), so they rock.

And when someone tells you that two banjos, guitar, fiddle and upright bass rock, you'd better believe there's something going on.

And if you won't believe, you're probably in the minority here. The Old Crows performed at the inaugural Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival in 2002, and they'll be there again this summer. And Norah Jones performed one of their songs (the awesome "We're All In This Together") on Television in January. And Doc Watson, preeminent elder statesman of all things folky, discovered them. The story goes that they were playing on the street in Boone, North Carolina when Doc moseyed on up. He asked them to play at Merlefest, his annual four-day romp through roots, acoustic territory. They couldn't say no.

Likewise, they couldn't say no when, following their performance at the fest, it was requested that they play on the street in front of Nashville's uber-prestigious Grand Ole Opry. After that, they couldn't turn down an invitation to play the Opry itself (where they received a standing ovation for their debut at the venue). And, well, you can see where I'm going with this.

The boys gathered steam and their instruments, and hit the road. They opened for Dolly Parton. They opened for the Del McCoury Band. They toured with Merle Haggard.

Their fourth full-length album, "O.C.M.S." was coaxed from the industry early last year and it hasn't left the stereos of any self-respecting folkies or bluegrass aficionados since, and for good reason. The eleven songs featured on O.C.M.S. are classics in the making. Songs like "Wagon Wheel," "Tell It To Me," and the anti-war tune "Big Time In The Jungle" are destined to be sung and listened to for many years to come.

And, not incidentally, Old Crow Medicine Show are destined to be listened to for many years to come, too. They're off to such a good start, they can't stop now. EMI has released their new record all over the world, they've got a video on the Country Music Television channel, and just last year they received the Nashville Scene Music Award for best "Bluegrass/Old-Timey" band.

So, if you know what's good for you, you'll head over to Northampton's Iron Horse Music Hall tonight around 7 p.m. Old Crow Medicine Show is going to put on a show, and you need to be there. After all, bluegrass is good for what ails ya; tickets are $15 in advance, and $18 at the door.

Orlando's Boyle brothers create comic-book empire

By Nancy Imperiale
The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. _ Phil and Brendan Boyle run a parallel universe where gamers, artists, writers and those who just like large statues of Wonder Woman can all commune.

It's a feat worthy of Superman. But the Boyle brothers come across more like Clark Kent times two _ mild-mannered and middle-aged, with kids and schedules. As the CEO and general manager of Florida's Coliseum of Comics, they are out to bust the geek stereotype that plagues comics fans.

ZAP!

POW!

BOOM!

"The average comic reader doesn't wear a Starfleet uniform, doesn't live in Mom's basement and has actually been on a date," Phil, 42, chided in an e-mail.

The Orlando boys who used to ride their bikes to the dime store to buy comics now run the largest comics chain in the Southeast.

"Behind the scenes," said Brendan, 40, "it is a serious business."

So serious, the brothers go all Wolverine at the notion they should appear as anything but darn-normal businessmen.

Still, when your entire life's work has been devoted to comic books, sometimes your secret identity will peek through.

Like when Brendan, the general manager, is called upon to offer advice to the staff.

"Some customer will want to know what happened in issue 38 of some Marvel comic," said Sea Oh, who works in the Orlando store. "Brendan will know it."

And hey, Phil, do you remember the home worlds for the Legion of Superheroes?

"All more than 20 of them," he said with pride.

Coliseum of Comics' headquarters is in a strip center between a beauty salon and a vacuum-repair shop. It's the kind of neighborhood where you lock your car doors by instinct. But the Boyle brothers remember a gentler time when they were free to roam.

"My dad managed the Sambo's (restaurant) across the street," said Brendan, pointing outside.

"We would come to work with him and make the circuit, buying comic books at the Magik Market, Eckerd's, 7-Eleven, Handy Way, Pantry Pride. This," he said, pointing at the floor, "was Ellis Drug Store. We would buy comic books here."

Back then, you could get a comic for 35 cents. Brendan was into Marvel Comics, home of Spider-Man and the X-Men. Phil was partial to DC Comics, where Batman and Superman were born.

Then their mom's friend gave them an old box of comics that had belonged to her son. Soon they were buying more and more comics.

At some point, all that buying turned into selling. Some folks were worried when Phil, at age 20, dropped out of the University of Central Florida to launch his comic-book empire.

"I said, 'Well, you'll be closed in six months,'" said Mike Kott, owner of Intergalactic Trading Co., which at the time sold sci-fi collectibles via mail order and now does business online.

"Phil worked part time for me, and I told him I just thought it was a dumb idea to open a comic-book shop. It (the business) was all mail-order and conventions."

But "it was just something Phil really wanted to do," said his mother Mary Boyle, who still lives in Orlando. "He had our blessings and our encouragement, and we helped him out. ... My father, Phil's grandfather, oh, he hated comic books. ... He just thought it was a waste of time."

Phil opened his first 800-square-foot Orlando store in February 1985. Several moves later, and with Brendan joining him in the business, the Orlando store now boasts 4,500 square feet.

There is also a Coliseum of Comics in Kissimmee, Fla., owned by the Boyles, and five "affiliate" stores. These stores are owned by others who lease the Coliseum name and business systems.

Phil has become the Captain Marvel of Central Florida comics.

"He's been calling me every year for 22 years to tell me I guessed wrong," Kott said.

A sign on the bulletin board reads: "Help Stop Gamer Funk!!! If someone you know stinks . . . tell 'em!"

Thankfully, the only smell in the air this night is pizza.

Fifteen gamers, mostly men under the age of 30, sit at long tables playing rounds of Magic: The Gathering. The room is silent save for the slapping down of cards and the occasional, "Ooh, I'm hurtin'!" or "I'm dropping a 12!"

You need to possess the wisdom of Professor Xavier, or be 13, to understand the rules. But the cards are lovely, with elaborate artwork and names such as Beacon of Unrest and Arrogant Warm.

"Anything you don't understand, they have people here who can help," said gamer David Garrett, 25, of Orlando.

Gamers regularly play in tournaments at the store, and it is because of them that you'll find for sale such items as an inch-high silver Battle Nun or a bag of

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The Boyle brothers, Brendan (left) and Phil Boyle own six of the Coliseum of Comics stores in Central Florida. The brothers are also planning the purchase of a seventh store very soon.

'Sideways' journey to success

By Patrick S. Pemberton
Knight Ridder Newspapers

In the film "Sideways," Paul Giamatti plays Miles, a screenwriter and wannabe novelist wounded by divorce, beaten down by rejection and flat broke.

In other words, Rex Pickett.

"My life was in pretty sad shape in '98 when I wrote the book," Pickett said from his home in Santa Monica. "I was living basically day to day, trying to pay the rent, I had a 12-year-old car, and I was really just about ready to walk away from the film business."

Unlike Miles, Pickett actually landed a book deal. The movie adaptation would reinvigorate the careers of two actors, create a boon for the Central Coast wine industry and allow Pickett to spend a little money.

"I have a new car, my rent's paid every month and will be for the next couple of years, I wear nicer clothes. So financially things have improved," said Pickett. "But I live in the same rent-controlled house in Santa Monica."

The movie, which was nominated for Best Picture at this year's Academy Awards, was a remarkably faithful adaptation of Pickett's novel. In both, Miles embarks on a Central Coast wine tasting tour with his womanizing friend, Jack, a washed-up actor getting married the following week. Frolicking times ensue as the two imbibe daily, hook up with two wine-tasting women and (just what will be a bygone chapter in their friendship,

The book had been rejected by 15 publishers when Pickett's agent sent the manuscript to Alexander Payne, who directed the movie "Election." After reading it, Payne said he wanted to adapt it for the screen.

The unpublished book was eventually optioned by Fox Searchlight for $12,500. Meanwhile, as Payne began work on his next film, "About Schmidt," St. Martin's agreed to publish the book, offering Pickett a small $5,000 advance.

After the book was published in June, St. Martin's decided not to market it, forcing Pickett to pay for his own expenses on book signings.

"The book sold slowly in June, July and August, really," Pickett said.

When the movie version came out in October, critics loved it. Fox Searchlight promoted it heavily, and moviegoers flocked to Central Coast wineries and restaurants featured in the movie. Meanwhile, the movie landed Oscar nominations for Best Picture, Best Supporting Actor and Best Supporting Actress, and screenwriters Payne and Jim Taylor won Oscars for Best Adapted Screenplay.

The Academy doesn't offer awards for authors whose books are adapted into screenplays. Pickett, 52, would go on to make six figures from book royalties and a percentage of the movie's budget. Now he has a better book deal with Alfred Knopf.

He sometimes feels slighted by the movie's actors and producer who, he said, don't give him credit for creating the characters that put them back in the limelight. And during the Academy Awards, he was lucky to get a balcony seat, far from the movie cast. But, Pickett said, he doesn't want to sound like he's complaining.

"If it hadn't been for the movie, the book probably would have died at a thousand copies," he said.

Pickett had previously written screenplays, though he'd never had a commercial success (one did win an Oscar for best short film, though the awards were given to the producer and director). He had written a previous novel, which was never published.

He started "Sideways" as a screenplay but didn't like it, so he eventually wrote it as a novel that reflected his life with a few fictionalized scenes added to spruce it up.

"It was really a low moment in my life," he said. "And I said if I'm going to write about some despairing novelist licking the wounds of a divorce, I'm at least going to lace it with humor because if I don't, no one's going to buy it."

The story, told in first person, takes place mostly in the Santa Ynez Valley, where Pickett often retreated for two-day getaways during the 1980s. Unlike the movie, the characters also visit Morro Bay, Paso Robles (the scene of Jack's wedding) and Hearst Castle, which Miles describes as an eyesore, the product of William Randolph Hearst's "demented hubris."

"Funny thing is, I've never been to Hearst Castle," Pickett said. "You can really research that stuff on the Internet."

He has spent time at every other place in the book, including San Luis Obispo County, where his favorite place for wine is Justin Winery.

If there's one clear difference between the movie and the book, it's Pickett's impressive vocabulary (a few words used: pusillanimously, ignominy, alacritous and impecunious).

Pickett said he once kept a journal of big words he'd encountered. And, like Miles, he does The New York Times' crosswords.

After a hectic speaking and book-signing schedule, Pickett is ready to get back to the words. But he doesn't expect to ever write another book that has the impact of "Sideways."

"It's sort of hard to start writing, knowing that," he said. "When I wrote 'Sideways,' I had nothing to lose. I didn't care how self-revealing I was. I didn't care how many F-words I used. I didn't care about anything."



Director Alexander Payne chose to shoot on location in the California wine country for the filming of his new movie "Sideways".

Eagle sets to soar in to record books with historic flights

By Luke Timmerman
The Seattle Times

SPANAWAY, Wash. — Some people set audacious goals in life, like climbing Mount Everest. A couple of guys from Washington state have their sights on moving faster than anyone has ever gone before on land.

Ed Shadle, a retired IBM engineer, and Keith Zanghi, a Boeing manager, have spent tens of thousands of dollars, hours and brain cells in their quest over the last decade.

They now have most of the requirements in place to break the world land-speed record: A restored Lockheed fighter jet with the right aerodynamics. A 52,000-horsepower jet engine. A team of 35 engineers and mechanics. Three dozen sponsors pitching in equipment.

Saturday, the team took a small step ahead at a Spanaway, Wash., airstrip. They revved up the jet engine to full throttle, and for the first time, nothing went wrong. This Saturday, they will take their car, the North American Eagle, on the road to see how smoothly it runs at 50 or 100 or maybe even 300 mph. If all goes well on that airstrip in Toledo, Wash., and in further tests this summer, they will have an outside chance this fall to break the land-speed record of 763 mph.

The ultimate goal: 800 mph, faster than the speed of sound, fast enough to cover a mile in four seconds.

They still lack one all-important ingredient — money.

The owners figure it could cost up to $1 million to house up to 80 crew and family members for a month on a long, flat stretch of dirt in the Black Rock Desert of Northern Nevada.

There are day jobs, permits, hazmat cleanup, security, a medical helicopter and international judging bodies to consider.

Why do it?

"Nobody's ever done it before," said Shadle, 63, the driver.

"The Brits have held the record 22 years, and they did it on U.S. soil. We figure it's time for a few boys from Washington state to bring it back," said Zanghi, 50.

Volunteer Jon Higley, a seventh-grade science teacher in Federal Way, put it this way: "Challenges can be stepping stones or stumbling blocks; it's just a matter of how you view them."

The group has already overcome some big challenges. Shadle and Zanghi had to scrap a prototype car they had worked on for years when the British team put the record beyond its capabilities in 1997. To compete, without their own hefty research and development budget, they tried a novel idea — converting an old fighter jet into a car.

They found a jet in 1998 at an aircraft surplus dealer in Maine. It had a badly dented fuselage with holes and graffiti on it. They brought it home, at a cost of $30,000. Ever since, they have been fixing it up.

The car now has 40 percent new aluminum panels on the body, at least 5,000 new rivets, and a red paint job done courtesy of students at Bates Technical College. Shadle and Zanghi used their contacts to find a loaner engine from a British Columbia supplier, and an expensive jet-engine starter on loan from a California company. They bought a trailer to haul it, and borrowed a semi-tractor.

A million things could go wrong.

The engine could break down. Bad weather could spoil ground conditions. A sponsor could back out. A catastrophe could strike, like the car flipping over, an axle breakdown, a failure of the braking system.

Or they could succeed, and have a place reserved in the Smithsonian. If that happens, how would they celebrate?

"I don't know, we haven't really thought about that yet," Zanghi said.



Dave Selby helps push the North American Eagle into place for an engine test at an airstrip in Spanaway, Washington. The group hopes to break the land speed record in the fall of this year.

A comic collector's dream

COMIC from page 4

Glow-In-The-Dark Zombies.

"This is like an oasis, a sanctuary for people," said Juan Murcia, 19, who hung out at the store as a kid and now helps out at the Saturday-morning Yu-Gi-Oh! tournaments.

Sometimes, the shop holds autograph sessions with comic artists and writers. This weekend it sponsors Megacon, an annual comics and collectibles expo at the Orange County (Fla.) Convention Center.

The Coliseum is also a resource for budding talent, with titles such as Drawing Dynamic Hands and a Writer's Block section featuring the work of graphic novelists who use comics to express serious adult themes.

"There's still stuff for kids," Brendan said. "But there's now stuff for adults. I read more comics now than I did when I was a kid. There are a lot of very poetic, intelligent people who are putting together new comics."

The oldies also are covered. Protected in plastic and sorted alphabetically are many of the titles your brother stole from you in third grade.

Phil still dreams of world comic domination.

"Would we like to be a national chain? Of course we would," he said. "It's one of those things, though, that's one step at a time."

Frank Dowler was the Boyle brothers' competitor at Enterprise 1701, an Orlando store he owned for 25 years before selling it and retiring in 2001.

"They are businesspeople, top to bottom, front to back," Dowler said. "Phil's built himself a little empire in Central Florida, and he runs a tight ship."

Still, there are those who keep expecting the Boyle brothers' "comic-book phase" to end.

Phil said, "My aunt, for the longest time ... she'd always say, 'And how's the boy's funny-book stand doing?' You'd want to say, 'Aunt Rina, the funny-book stand is now a chain of seven stores!'

"Even people who know me and know what I do, until they walk into the store, they have no idea."



Customer Aaron Foley of Orlando, Florida browses through comics at Coliseum of Comics in Orlando on Monday, Feb. 21.

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Eagles top Minutemen

HOCKEY from page 8

Gionta was left all by his lonesome in front of UMass goalie Gabe Winer, and he faked a shot left and beat him right for the game-winner at 10:32 of the extra frame.

After the game, Gionta, the younger brother of former Eagle superstar Brian Gionta, called this goal the highlight of his career.

"I just saw it and started to take off, and it happened to fall into the center of the ice, and I was all alone... I just closed my eyes and shot," Gionta laughed. "I faked a shot and kind of brought it to my forehand, and it went off the post and in. It was a nice bounce to get in the overtime."

"We worked real hard all night not to give them that type of situation, and a little bit of our exuberance and the bounce of the puck created that so it's a real
lousy way to lose a game," UMass coach Don Cahoon said.

After a scoreless first period, the Minutemen were able to get on the board first in Game 1 just 2:02 into the second. James Solon centered a pass to Obi Aduba, who one-timed the puck to the back of the net for his second career goal.

Just over two minutes later, UMass survived a tough defensive struggle in its zone and brought the puck up the right side of the ice where Mark Matheson was able to feed P.J. Fenton with a pass, and Fenton beat BC goalie Matti Kaltiainen to shock the 2,105 fans in attendance by giving Massachusetts a 2-0 advantage.

The 2-0 lead wasn't uncharted territory for the Minutemen at Kelley Rink, though, as they skated to the same advantage earlier this season on Nov. 12. TheEagles scored the next three goals in that game, too, which finished in a 3-3 tie.

BC gained some momentum heading into the locker room for the second intermission when Patrick Eaves collected a turnover in the UMass zone, drove into traffic and snuck the puck passed Winer to cut the lead in half.

The Eagles wasted little time in the third period to tie the score. With David Leaderer in the box for charging along with Matt Burto and John Adams serving matching roughing penalties, BC had a 4-on-3 advantage.

Eaves hit an unguarded Brian Boyle with a pass at the right point, and Boyle fired a shot that hit Winer's pad and bounced high over his head. Winer appeared to lose sight of the puck as it landed behind him and rolled into the net at 2:52 of the third period.

"We're down 2-0, and we kept our resolve," York said. "There wasn't any panic set in at all, and that's a hard test for us, down 2-0, a one-seed against an
eight-seed on home ice, so I thought we kept our resolve and slowly got back in the game."

Game 2 wasn't the nail biter that Game 1 was, but the Minutemen did provide the Eagles an early scare. Cory Schneider made his first



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Senior forward Craig McDonald played his last game for the Minutemen against B.C. on March 12.

appearance between the pipes for the Eagles since the Beanpot consolation game on Feb. 14 when he tore his left MCL against Harvard, and the Minutemen quickly took advantage of his rust.

Butto curled around Eagle defenders at the right point and beat the freshman goaltender top-shelf to put UMass ahead 1-0 just 42 seconds into the game.

"Cory has had a good week of practice," York said. "He has recovered fully from his sprained knee. We put him in tonight, and, bang, [UMass scored on the] first shot of the game. But the kid's got a will of steel because it didn't rattle or shake him at all, and you would think three weeks without playing, and bang, it's 1-0. He looked so confident and strong in the goal."

The Eagles capitalized on a 5-on-3 at the 14:18 mark of the first when Shannon blasted a one-timer from Boyle into the net to knot the game at 1. BC took the lead for good just over two minutes later. Andrew Alberts advanced the puck down the ice and crossed it to Shannon, whose shot was saved by Winer. The rebound landed on Eaves' stick, and he put it home for a shorthanded goal.

Boston College increased its advantage to two goals when Eaves sent a shot into traffic in front of the net, and Joe Rooney deflected the puck passed Winer at 4:45 of the second.

Ryan Murphy added his fourth goal of the season and Joe Rooney scored his second goal of the game, a career high, to close out the scoring in the third period for the Maroon and Gold.

UMass senior goaltender Tim Warner played the final 7:19 in net and made two saves while allowing no goals in his last appearance as a member of the Massachusetts Minutemen.

NOTES: Make sure to check tomorrow's Collegian for a complete wrap-up of the Hockey East semifinals and championship game from the FleetCenter this weekend.

UMass has mixed results

BASEBALL from page 8

EKU 5-0. Szado batted in two of the five runs as he went 3-for-4 from the plate.

UMass wasn't so fortunate the following day, however, as the Yale Bulldogs toppled the Minutemen 6-1. Jeremy Demers (1-2) gave up five runs on eight hits in his third start of the season as the Maroon and White registered their only run of the day off an RBI single from Bryan Garrity.

Doherty then notched his first win of the season against the Red Hawks on Mar. 15, fanning six batters and allowing just four hits in his first complete game shutout of the season. Durepo went 2-for-4 at the plate while Szado, Bryan Adamski and freshman Andy Teutken all notched one RBI apiece in the blanking.

The Minutemen weren't as fortunate in the last stretch of games, dropping their final three games of the tour. On Wednesday, UMass allowed Bucknell (1-9) to notch its first win in 2005.

The Bison tallied their first run in the top of the fourth inning after Chris Pieper was caught in a run-down between first and second base, allowing Kyle Walter to score from third. Ed Rubbo made it a 2-0 game in the next inning when he singled in Evan Weiss from third.

The Minutemen fought their way back to a tie score on the bats of Durepo (3-for-5) and Bill Rankin, but the Bison would take the lead for good in the sixth when Walter and Pieper hit consecutive doubles off of Chris Sarguy (0-1).

Torra was back on the mound Friday morning against Illinois State (7-9), but once again his efforts accumulated to no avail. Though he struck out eight, it was the five hits and two runs (one unearned) that gave the Redbirds a 2-1 win in the pitchers' duel.

Dan Frega (2-3) outlasted Torra in a game that was shortened to seven innings due to the weather, allowing two hits despite fanning six batters, compared with Torra's eight. UMass's only run came in the sixth, when Rankin scored following an error by second baseman Lee Fischer.

As brilliant as Doherty was against Miami on Tuesday, he couldn't follow it up with another win, as the Minutemen wrapped up their trip with a 3-0 loss to the Army Black Knights.

UMass came across yet another great pitcher in full stride as they were only able to register three hits off of preseason All-America Nick Hill (3-0).

The sophomore threw eight innings of scoreless baseball and fanned eight, compared to Doherty's nine hits allowed, three earned runs and seven strikeouts in as many innings.



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Junior pitcher Matt Torra



COURTESY UMASS MEDIA RELATIONS

Senior pitcher Keith Doherty

Minutewomen fall to Syracuse

WOMEN'S LACROSSE from page 8

Reny, 7:21 into the action, the Minutewomen answered abruptly again, scoring three goals in succession to make it 6-1 UMass early in the first half.

Albany scored two more times to make the score 6-3, then traded goals with UMass until Connerty added her fourth goal of the day to make it 9-5 Minutewomen heading into the half.

This was the deflating blow for the Great Danes as, after the two traded goals to start the second half, UMass riled off four straight to take a 13-5 lead and seal the deal. Two of the four goals were scored by junior Jackie Nesbitt while Connerty and freshman Melinda Zwick added the other two. Junior goalkeeper Lauren McCarthy finished the day with 15 saves.

Kerri Connerty was named Atlantic 10 Performer of the Week after her six goal tirade against Albany, while Typadis was awarded the honor of Atlantic 10 Co-Rookie of the week.

The next obstacle for the Minutewomen came in the form of the number 13 ranked Syracuse Orange on March 19. It was the second time the Minutewomen faced a ranked opponent this season and the results from both games were similar.

The Orange defeated the Minutewomen 17-8 at Garber Field Saturday. Syracuse started the game with four straight goals, putting a damper on the UMass chances early in the game.

Sophomore Samantha Sepulveda cut the lead down to 6-5 at one point in the first half with two straight goals, but Syracuse quickly answered with a goal to go into the break up 7-5. That is the closest UMass would get as the Orange cruised out of the gate with four straight goals.

Syracuse outscored the Minutewomen 10-3 in the second half, out-shooting UMass 40-14 on the game.

Men's lax downs Stony Brook

MEN'S LACROSSE from page 8

Danes 51-31 in the game, including the first 20 shots of the second half, but were unable to overcome a slow, decisive Albany offense.

Albany's Luke Duquino led the way for the Great Danes with three goals and two assists. Merrick Thompson also had a strong offensive output putting in two goals with two assists in the game.

UMass was paced by preseason All American Sean Morris, who had four goals and two assists.

Morris had a hat-trick in the Maroon and White's 10-7 victory over Stony Brook on March 12. Both teams were undefeated going into the game, with Stony Brook riding the efforts of starting keeper Brendan Callahan.

Callahan had 17 saves in the game, but it was not enough to slow down Morris and the Minutemen.

Gene Tundo also had a good game for UMass, scoring two goals and dishing out two assists in the game.

Stony Brook's Sean Chamberlain had two goals and two assists in the game, but it was not enough to outlast the relentless UMass offense.

NOTES: New England Patriots head coach Bill Belichick was in attendance for UMass' game against Brown on Saturday.

Jacksonville trounces UMass

SOFTBALL from page 8

one run. She struck out 11 batters and at one time retired 13 straight.

The bats for UMass were quiet until the fifth inning when Lesley Ferrara broke up BYU pitcher Summer Tobias' perfect game with a double. Sarah Hurd came into run for Ferrara and was moved to third Lauren Proctor's single. UMass pushed a run across by executing a double-steal.

With the game tied at one in the bottom of the sixth, Candice Molinari smashed a triple to the right-centerfield gap. Kelley then came to the plate and knocked Molinari in for the go-ahead run with a single up the middle.

UMass struggled against jacksonville, as Busa (2-5) took the loss on the hill. The lone bright spot was Kelley, as she swatted two homeruns, providing all of the offense for UMass. Kelly has four homeruns this season, and is now just one shy of tying the school-record of 26.

UMass got to the semifinals against Baylor by winning two games on the third day of the tournament. The Maroon and White downed Illinios-Chicago, 4-2, and Central Michigan, 5-4.

LaFogg came through again for UMass, recording the win in both games. On offense, it was a balanced attack against Illinois-Chicago, as seven players had a hit. In the Central Michigan game, Denis had a big day, going 3-for-3 with three RBI and a homer.

UMass split a pair of low-scoring games at Villanova on Saturday. UMass opened with a 3-1 loss to Villanova, but bounced back with a 3-2 win over Brown later in the day.

LaFogg was the tough-luck loser against Villanova as she allowed only one earned run and the offense squandered many scoring chances early in the game. UMass left seven runners on base in the first threinnings, and nine for the game. Wasted in the loss was a strong offensive day by the reigning A-10 Player of the Year Hilary Puglia. Puglia went 3-for-4 with three doubles.

Against Brown, Busa was strong on the mound, as she went the distance allowing only one run. Kelley provided some run support with her fourth homerun of the season in the first inning.

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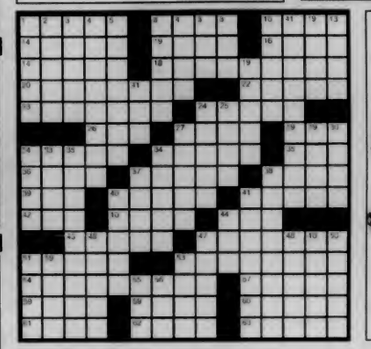
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BC soars over UMass

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

CHESTNUT HILL — It wasn't the most memorable of seasons, but the Massachusetts hockey team wanted to make sure that the Boston College Eagles and the rest of Hockey East wouldn't just forget about them.

Though the Minutemen (13-23-2 6-16-2 Hockey East) closed out the 2004-05 campaign with three consecutive losses, including being swept 2-0 in the quarterfinals against BC (25-6-7 14-3-7 HEA), the pesky play from seasons past returned in their last month of the season, garnering a ray of hope and some momentum for next year.

UMass failed to become just the fourth No. 8 seed to drop a No. 1 seed since the Hockey East tournament began in 1985, and the Eagles made sure they didn't become the first No. 1 seed to lose a quarterfinal series two seasons in a row.

And even though the Minutemen held leads in both games, Boston College came out victorious at Conte Forum on each occasion, 3-2 in overtime on March 11 and 3-1 on March 12.

"We saw [UMass] last time, and it was 6-0 we beat them up in Amherst," Boston College coach Jerry York said. "They're a way, way better club now than they were at that juncture. I think they showed a lot of improvement and pushed us. It's a lot of credit for an eighth-place team in here; OT in the first night and 1-0 to put us back on our heels right away [on March 12]."

After rallying back from a 2-0 deficit in the second period, the Eagles caught a huge break in overtime when defenseman Peter Harrold deflected the puck off the boards in the BC zone, and it caromed way out to center ice where Stephen Gionta was able to collect it.

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Junior captain Stephen Werner had 14 goals on the year for the Minutemen, with his last coming against Northeastern on March 5. Werner and the Minutemen finished the season 13-23-2 after getting swept by Boston College in the Hockey East playoffs.

Minutemen find a groove

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts men's lacrosse team (4-1) was all but unstoppable going into spring break.

Over the first two games of the season, UMass had outscored its opponents 24-to-13 and were exhibiting a balanced attack that had it ranked No. 13 in the nation. Even a day after spring breakers left Amherst behind, the Minutemen downed previously unbeaten Stony Brook 9-6 and appeared to be in full control of their momentum.

Then, in a game that had the Minutemen favored on paper, the University of Albany proved to be the spoiler outlasting UMass in a 10-9 offensive clinic on Tuesday in Troy, N.Y.

With its three-game winning streak snapped, the Minutemen had to prepare for No. 17 Brown, who was coming to Garber Field on Saturday. UMass demoralized the Bears 12-5 and showed that not only can it go on winning streaks, but it can respond to trying losses as well.

The Minutemen return to action tomorrow in Fairfield, Conn. where they will take on Sacred Heart for a 3 p.m. face-off.

UMass scored the game's first two goals before Brown sophomore David Maderia broke the ice for the Bears. Maderia led the offensive charge for Brown, scoring three goals in the game.

After Maderia's goal, the Minutemen went on to score three unanswered goals and went into the half with a 5-1 lead. The momentum continued into the second half as UMass scored six unanswered goals in the third period to put the game all but out of reach.

Leading the way for the Minutemen was the play of Jeff Zwyicki who had three goals in the game. Brett Garber and Jamie Yaman each had two goals for UMass.

The Minutemen were also 3-for-3 when a man up. A total of eight players scored for UMass en route to its most dominating performance of the season.

Although the Minutemen were able to flex their offensive muscles for most of the contest, it was the stellar defensive play of junior Jack Reid that changed the pace of the game.

Reid was in charge of covering Brown's preseason All-American Chazz Woodson. Woodson has six goals and an assist on the year for the Bears, but was held scoreless by Reid. Woodson was also forced to turn the ball over five times and had only one shot on goal.

In its game against Albany, UMass showed what happens when the offense outplays the defense.

The Maroon and White out shot the Great

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Minutewomen tame Danes

By Rob Greenfield
Collegian Staff

After a loss to the Harvard Crimson at Jordan Field on March 5, the Massachusetts women's lacrosse team (1-2) had an entire week to prepare for its next challenge.

That would challenge be the Albany Great Danes, who came into the March 12 showdown with the Minutewomen struggling, posting a 1-5 record on the young season.



Melynda Zwick has five goals and three assists this year for the Minutewomen, good for third on the team.

After a forgettable performance at Harvard with turnovers dominating the afternoon, the Minutewomen came into the Albany game with something to prove. UMass rebounded successfully as the Minutewomen went on to trounce the Great Danes by a score of 19-10 at Garber Field.

Junior Kerri Connerty had a stand out game with a game and career-high six goals. She also added two assists to finish with eight points on the afternoon. Connerty has scored 10 goals and dished out seven assists in her career against Albany.

Freshman Kathleen Typadis recorded yet another hat trick, making it her fourth in as many games. It was the first time in the last decade that a freshman has recorded a hat trick in each of her first four games.

Freshman Ashleigh Szawlowski also recorded a hat trick against Albany, providing another contributing underclassman for coach Carrie Balduc's young squad.

UMass got off to a fast start against the Great Danes, jumping out to a 3-0 lead. Connerty and Szawlowski scored in the first minute while Typadis added the third goal 5:37 into the game.

When Albany tried to answer with goal by Kin

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Ups and downs on the diamond

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts baseball team faced more obstacles as it headed to Bradenton, Fla., for spring training last week, but only overcame roughly half of them.

In a string of six games over eight days at the IMG Baseball Academy and Twin Lakes Park, the Minutemen (3-9) went 2-4. Over the last three seasons,

UMass has now gone 8-12 in games played in the Sunshine State.

Pitching, especially relief, was a big concern at the start of the season, having lost close games to New Orleans and Delaware. While junior Matt Torra (1-1) maintained his ace status, as he picked up Atlantic 10 Co-Pitcher of the Week honors mid-week, there were and are still kinks to be worked out.

That isn't to say they haven't improved, however.

Keith Doherty (1-3), for one, had a rocky start to the 2005 season, giving up 15 runs over his first two starts. But in a four-hit, complete game shutout of the Miami, OH Red Hawks, the senior captain showed some strides of improvement.

"I think Doherty stressed a little from being captain," coach Mike Stone said. "It was a matter of him getting comfortable. He had a much more fluid break point, more fluid release point. He's more relaxed on the mound now."

Having senior captain Jason Twomley sidelined with a wrist injury didn't help matters either, but the Maroon and White still managed to get their hits in, with Curt Szado (.333) and Derek Durepo (.261) leading the charge.

However, the lack of experience of this youthful team continues to show.

"We need some experience, the kids need at bats," Stone said. "The only way you gain confidence is by doing well at the plate. We're trying to get them into the process of hitting as opposed to getting hits, but at the same time having some presence at the plate. It's difficult to balance right now."

The Minutemen started off the week by garnering their second win of the week against the Eastern Kentucky Colonels. Torra was brilliant on the mound, pitching a four-hit, complete game shutout to earn his first win of the season as UMass went on to down

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Last dance

UMass head coach Steve Lappas was fired last week after losing in the first round of the Atlantic 10 tournament to LaSalle. Lappas did not make the NIT or NCAA tournament during his time at UMass.

Softball team shows potential

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts softball team had a busy schedule during spring break playing eight games in nine days. The Minutewomen fared well, going 5-3 and improved their overall record to 8-9.

The Minutewomen return to action on Thursday as they host a double-header against Syracuse in their home-opener.

UMass participated in two different tournaments during break, traveling to Clearwater, Fla. for the Speedline Invitational and to Villanova University for the Villanova Challenge.

The Minutewomen held their own in the Speedline Invitational finishing in third place with a 4-2 record. UMass fell in the semifinals to No. 10 Baylor, 10-2. The Maroon and White made it easy on the Bears as its defense was shaky, allowing nine unearned runs behind pitcher Barb LaFogg.

LaFogg and catcher KJ Kelley were both selected to the All-Tournament team. LaFogg was also named the Atlantic 10 Pitcher of the Week last week and Dinn Brothers/UMass co-Athlete of the Week, while teammate Denise Denis was named A-10 Player of the Week.

UMass opened the tournament with a 9-2 win against Buffalo. The Minutewomen blew a 2-0 lead in the sixth inning, but exploded for seven runs in the ninth inning to record the win. LaFogg (6-6) came into the game in the seventh inning to relieve Jenna Busa and pitched three scoreless innings to record the win.

UMass split the second day of the tournament, toppling BYU, 2-1, and losing to Jacksonville, 7-2.

Against BYU, a team receiving top 25 votes in the polls, UMass received a huge effort from LaFogg on the mound. The senior pitcher held the Cougars to four hits and allowed only

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One last gander

The swans of the campus pond move on

By Dan Terk
Collegian Staff

Most of the students who now attend the University of Massachusetts cannot remember a time when the campus was swanless — that is until now.

It may be a long time before anyone sees swans in the campus pond again. The two swans that students and faculty were accustomed to seeing last semester have been moved to the Livingston Ripley Waterfowl Sanctuary in Litchfield, Connecticut.

"People really love those swans...they have always been a campus image," said Marc Fournier, the former director of grounds at the UMass.

Swans have been residing in the campus pond for a very long time. Jim Larose, a former grounds supervisor who retired last year after 37 years at UMass, said that is has not been since the mid 1980s when there were no swans on campus.

"Basically, we had decided that we are not the keepers of animals," said Larry Snyder, the associate director of building and ground services. "They were a beautiful addition, but I'm not sure we did the animals great justice by keeping them here."

The Physical Plant was in charge of the care and safety of the swans, but as Snyder noted it was not their expertise. The Physical Plant is responsible for the up keep of buildings and grounds according to Snyder, and is "not the right type of organization to take care of an animal like that."



After being a fixture of the UMass campus pond for decades, the swans of UMass have been removed to a wildlife habitat.

The two swans that used to live on the campus are half of the original number purchased by the Physical Plant's grounds department about seven years ago. UMass purchased four trumpeter swans for about $1,600 from a farm in Rhode Island that specialized in raising waterfowl. This discredits the rumors that the University rents the swans for thousands of dollars a year. The only money spent on the swans after their purchase was a few hundred dollars for food a year.

Of the four swans, only two were sent to the sanctuary. One contracted a serious infection in 2002 and died, and another simply disappeared. This is not out of the ordinary because it has happened before with other swans. This past December a third one got sick and was sent to the vet, but it recovered and made the trip to Connecticut with the final swan.

The swans that the University used to keep were mute swans, which are not native to the north because of this, they required special housing in the winter months. They were often kept in the horse barns or at in the old Tilton chicken coups. Mute swans are also known to be much more aggressive than trumpeter swans.

The last time mute swans were on campus was about 1993 when one disappeared and the other grew ill and died. It was the five-year span from 1993 to 1998 that was the last time the campus went without swans. The students and other members of the University at the time were very disheartened when the swans were no longer around.

This outcry from the campus community caused Fournier, who was the head of grounds at the time, to begin researching the purchase of new swans, when he came across the four trumpeters.

The swans were about a year old at the time and had been somewhat domesticated so Fournier thought they would be the perfect accoutrements to the campus pond. Since trumpeter

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Gunman kills seven in school shooting

RED LAKE, Minn. (AP) — A student went on a shooting spree Monday, killing his grandparents and five people at his high school on an Indian reservation. The gunman himself was later found shot to death, authorities said.

It was the nation's worst school shooting since the Columbine massacre in 1999.

Before the shootings at the school, the suspect's grandparents were shot in their home and died later.

Six people died in the mid-afternoon shooting at Red Lake High School in far northern Minnesota, including four students. Also killed were a teacher and a security guard. FBI spokesman Paul McCabe said at a news conference in Minneapolis.

He declined to talk about a possible connection between the suspect and the couple killed at the home, but Red Lake Fire Director Roman Stately said they were the grandparents of the shooter. Stately told several media outlets that the grandfather was a police officer whose guns may have been used in the shootings.

All of the dead students were found in one room. One of them was a boy believed to be the shooter, McCabe said. He would not comment on reports that the boy shot himself and said it was too early to speculate on a motive.

Fourteen to 15 other students were injured, including two critically, McCabe said.

The school was evacuated after the shootings and locked down for investigation, McCabe said.

"It will probably take us throughout the night to really put the whole picture together," he said.

It was the nation's worst school shooting since two students at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., killed 12 students and a teacher and wounded 23 before killing themselves on April 20, 1999.

It was also the first fatal school shooting in more than four years. The last shooting, on March 5, 2001, happened in San Diego County, where a 15-year-old student killed two classmates and wounded 13 others at Santana High School. The gunman, Charles "Andy" Williams, was sentenced to 50-years-to-life in prison.

Red Lake High School, on the Red Lake Indian Reservation, has about 300 students, according to its Web site.

The reservation is about 240 miles north of the Twin Cities. It is home to the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians.

—Associated Press



FBI special agent Paul McCabe spoke to reporters at a press conference last night. Officials believe the gunman acted alone.

Right to die case stirs political debate

By Vickie Chachere
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Armed with a new law rushed through Congress over the weekend, the attorney for Terri Schiavo's parents pleaded with a judge Monday to order the brain-damaged woman's feeding tube reinserted. But the judge appeared cool to the argument.

U.S. District Judge James Whittemore did not immediately make a ruling after the two-hour hearing, and he gave no indication on when he might act on the request.

The hearing came three days after the feeding tube was removed. Doctors have said Schiavo, 41, could survive one to two weeks without the tube.

The hearing also followed an extraordinary political fight that consumed both chambers of Congress and prompted the president to rush back to the White House.

During the hearing, David Gibbs, an attorney for the parents, said that forcing Schiavo to die by starvation and dehydration would be "a mortal sin" under her Roman Catholic beliefs.

"It is a complete violation to her rights and to her religious liberty, to force her in a position of refusing nutrition," Gibbs told Whittemore.

But the judge told Gibbs that he was not completely sold on the argument. "I think you'd be hard-pressed to convince me that you have a substantial likelihood" of the parents' lawsuit succeeding, said Whittemore, nominated by former President Clinton in 1999.

George Felos, one of the attorneys for husband Michael Schiavo, told Whittemore that the case has been aired thoroughly in state courts and that forcing the 41-year-old severely brain damaged woman to endure another re-insertion of the tube would violate her civil rights.

"Every possible issue has been raised and re-raised, litigated and re-litigated," Felos said. "It's the elongation of these proceedings that have violated Mrs. Schiavo's due process rights."

Terri Schiavo's feeding tube was removed at 1:45 p.m. Friday, the third such time it has been disconnected. On both previous occasions, the tube was re-inserted by court order.

The House, following a move by the Senate, passed a bill Monday to let the parents ask a federal judge to prolong Schiavo's life by reinserting the tube.



41-year-old Terri Schiavo, a severely brain damaged Florida woman, remains at the forefront of intense political debate.

President Bush applauded the dramatic legislative maneuver.

"Democrats and Republicans in Congress came together last night to give Terri Schiavo's parents another opportunity to save their daughter's life," Bush said at an event on Social Security in Arizona. "This is a complex case with serious issues, but in extraordinary circumstances like this, it is wise to always err on the side of life."

Michael Schiavo said he was outraged that lawmakers and the president were intervening in the bitter right-to-die battle. He has fought for years with his wife's parents over whether she should be permitted to die or kept alive through the feeding tube.

"This is a sad day for Terri. But I'll tell you what: It's also is a sad day for everyone in this country because the United States government is going to come in and trample all over your personal, family matters," he told ABC's "Good Morning America" on Monday.

Report deems law school 'high risk'

By Michael Kunzelman
Associated Press

BOSTON — The University of Massachusetts' plan to create the state's first public law school is a "high-risk, low-reward proposition" that would cost taxpayers up to $39 million over the next seven years, according to a report commissioned by two private law schools.

Earlier this month, an independent review board concluded that allowing UMass to absorb the Southern New England School of Law in Dartmouth probably wouldn't cost the state much money.



UMass President Jack Wilson

However, a 50-page report issued Friday by Suffolk University Law School and New England School of Law in Boston claims UMass officials have "dramatically underestimated" the costs of the proposed merger.

The plan would cost the state a minimum of $2.5 million annually, or $17.5 million over seven years, and could cost as much as $39 million if UMass is unable to retain all of the tuition revenue generated by a new law school, according to the report.

"Three years of budget cuts have taken their toll on the (UMass) system. ... The system is not in a position to absorb the additional expense of subsidizing an unaccredited law school," says the report, written by policy analyst Charles Chieppo.

The report also questions whether UMass can meet its goal of getting the law school accredited by the American Bar Association by 2007. It could take six years, if not longer, for the school to be accredited, and without being accredited, it will be "virtually impossible" for the law school to increase its enrollment and increase its revenue, the report concludes.

"There seems to be no countervailing argument to merit (UMass) absorbing the true and continuing costs of merging with and expanding Southern New England School of Law," Chieppo wrote.

UMass spokesman John Hoey said the report, produced by two direct competitors of the proposed law school, was "clearly tainted." The independent panel, which concluded the school posed little financial risk to the state, was led by the dean of the Nebraska School of Law and is far more credible than a report by two rival schools, he said.

"They have been waging a campaign of disinformation that has been discredited by experts who truly are independent," Hoey said.

UMass' Board of Trustees approved the proposed merger in December. The state Board of Higher Education is scheduled to vote on the plan at its March 31 meeting.

In the meantime, Suffolk and New England law schools hired Chieppo, a former policy director in Gov. Mitt Romney's budget office, to analyze the merger plan and share his findings at a board subcommittee next week.

Chieppo also worked for the Pioneer Institute, a Boston think-tank best known for its support of charter schools.

A UMass-run law school could create serious competition for smaller, private law schools like Suffolk Law School and New England School of Law.

"That doesn't change the fact that the information we're providing is accurate," John O'Brien, dean of New England School of Law, said of Chieppo's report.

O'Brien and many of his col-

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Illegal immigrants on the rise in US

By Michelle Morgante
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The tightening of homeland security since 2001 has not stemmed undocumented immigration into the United States, with a report released Monday showing the number of illegal immigrants growing by roughly 485,000 people a year.

An analysis of government data by the Pew Hispanic Center, a private research group in Washington, showed an estimated 10.3 million undocumented immigrants living in the United States last year, an increase of about 23 percent from 8.4 million in 2000.

"The numbers are astounding," said Cathy Travis, a spokeswoman for Rep. Solomon Ortiz, a Texas Democrat who has pressed for greater funding for border security and immigration control. "Until we match our budgetary priorities with our national security priorities, this is going to be the case."

Critics of illegal immigration said there is little political will to stop the trend, despite the lessons of the Sept. 11 terrorists attacks, because businesses benefit from the supply of cheap labor.

"There's been a greater amount of lip service, but there hasn't been a greater amount of attention to border security," T.J. Bonner, president of the union representing Border Patrol agents. "It's a shell game, and the American public are losers in this game."

The union has sharply criticized the Bush administration's proposed 2006 budget, which would provide $37 million to hire 210 Border Patrol agents. The intelligence reorganization bill Bush signed last year called for hiring 2,000 more agents a year

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A group of seven were found illegally crossing the American boarder from the Mexican city of Juarez in January.

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Suspect charged in child death



John Evander Couey appears in court Sunday for his arraignment on charges of kidnapping and murdering a 9-year-old Florida girl.

INVERNESS, Fla. (AP) — A convicted sex offender was formally charged Monday with capital murder and other crimes in the abduction and death of a 9-year-old Florida girl.

John Evander Couey, 46, was also charged with burglary, kidnapping and sexual battery on a child under the age of 12, officials said. His arraignment is set for Tuesday, officials said.

Authorities said he confessed to kidnapping and killing Jessica Marie Lunsford after taking a lie-detector test in Georgia. The girl's body was found Saturday, more than three weeks after she vanished from her Florida bedroom.

Couey was brought back to Florida and booked Sunday on a probation violation and failure to register his change of address as required as a sex offender. He has been held without bond.

Sheriff's officials and the girl's father, Mark Lunsford, have said they will urge prosecutors seek the death penalty.

"I don't believe you have two chances when you get involved with a young child," Sheriff Jeff Dawsy told ABC's "Good Morning America" early Monday.

Jessica, a third grader, was last seen the night of Feb. 23 when she went to bed after attending church. Her body was found near a mobile home where Couey had been staying at the time of the abduction about 150 yards from Jessica's house.

The 5-foot-4, 120-pound Couey entered the Lunsford house through an unlocked door and later sexually assaulted her, Dawsy said. Authorities believe Couey was under the influence of drugs.

Medical examiners determined that Jessica died from asphyxiation, the arrest report said.

"The defendant stated that he knew the victim was dead and that everyone would know that he did it after the body was found," the arrest report said.

Down the street from the Lunsford home, well-wishers have piled dozens of stuffed animals, flowers and candles high on a makeshift memorial. "God's newest little angel," one sign read.

—*Associated Press*

Israel hands over West Bank town to Palestinians in deal

TULKAREM, West Bank (AP) — Israelis and Palestinians reached a deal Monday about handing over security control of the West Bank town of Tulkarem — another boost for a fledgling peace process.

The handover could help Palestinian officials carry out a new directive restricting weapons in the hands of militants, who insist they'll comply only if Israel withdraws from West Bank towns.

Tulkarem is the second of five towns to be delivered to Palestinian security as part of an agreement to end four years of bloodshed that Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon announced at a Feb. 8 summit. Palestinian militant groups issued truce declarations last week that reinforced the accord.

Violence has dropped since the summit. But not all confidence-building measures — transfer of the towns and release of more Palestinian prisoners — have been implemented.

Adding to Palestinian anger, Israeli officials confirmed Monday that the government has approved construction of 3,500 new housing units in and around the West Bank's largest settlement, Maale Adumim near Jerusalem, in violation of the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan.

Israeli and Palestinian security officers hammered out a compromise over Tulkarem in two meetings Monday.

The senior Israeli commander, Col. Tamir Hayman, told The Associated Press that Palestinian police would be in control of the area as of Monday evening, and the main roadblock at Tulkarem would be dismantled Tuesday morning, completing the process.

After the agreement was announced, Palestinians celebrated in Tulkarem, with masked men firing weapons in the air. Palestinian police watched without taking action.

—*Associated Press*

Former BTK suspect wants his DNA sample destroyed

By Roxanna Hegeman
Associated Press



The investigation of the now confessed serial killer Dennis Rader, known as "BTK," subjected an innocent man's home to a police search.

WICHITA, Kan. — Police hunting for the BTK serial killer kicked down Roger Valadez's door and went in with guns drawn. They handcuffed the Wichita man, then took a sample of DNA from his mouth with a swab.

That swab proved Valadez was not BTK. Now he wants it destroyed, and he wants some answers about why police took it in the first place.

The genetic sample, taken on Dec. 1 as police searched and seized items from Valadez's home, was one of 1,300 tested during the BTK investigation, making it one of the biggest DNA sweeps ever in the United States. When authorities arrested Dennis Rader and accused him of 10 BTK slayings, it came as a result of old-fashioned police work.

Civil rights advocates say the investigation is the latest example of a DNA dragnet that failed to get its man.

"As the case has unfolded, it proves our basic point of our report: This mass swabbing is really unproductive. This is not how they caught the guy," said Sam Walker, a University of Nebraska-Omaha professor who has conducted a national study of DNA sweeps.

Police arrested Rader last month shortly after the BTK killer sent a computer disk to a Wichita television station. Rader's pastor said police traced the disk to the church where Rader was council president.

Valadez, who was arrested on minor housing violations after the December raid, is asking a court to order his DNA sample destroyed and its profile purged from any database. He is also after an explanation from authorities as to why they barged into his home with a search warrant for his DNA. A court hearing is set for April 1. "Now that they claim the search for BTK is over, we cannot see any reason for them to continue to conceal from Roger Valadez why they were looking in his house and his mouth for BTK," said Dan Monnat, Valadez's attorney.

Monnat warned: "DNA information is maybe the most intimate information about a person. There is no reason for that information to be unnecessarily in the government's files. Who knows what future use the 21st century will find for DNA?"

District Attorney Nola Foulston declined to comment last week on Valadez's request. At a news conference, she sought to reassure the public that DNA profiles collected during the BTK investigation would not be placed in any database.

The samples themselves are evidence in a criminal investigation, she said. Under Kansas law, once they are no longer needed, a judge can decide what should be done with them.

"We need to look at the good things DNA has done," Foulston said. "I think some people are overwrought about their concerns."

Barry Steinhardt, director of the technology liberty project at the American Civil Liberties Union, said DNA sweeps like the one employed in Wichita are used too often when "police are frustrated and don't have any hard evidence."

UN now ready for Haitian showdown

Peacekeepers react to criticism after 10 months of inaction

By Stevenson Jacobs
Associated Press

TERRE-ROUGE, Haiti — U.N. peacekeepers, criticized for inaction during their 10 months in Haiti, are taking on soldiers from the disbanded army in clashes that left two peacekeepers and two Haitian fighters dead — and the mission leader says more is to come.

The showdown signals a tougher stance against armed factions in Haiti ahead of fall elections and reflects a broader determination to crack down on militias that threaten civilians where U.N. troops are deployed.

The offensive in Haiti began Sunday when U.N. forces raided a police station occupied by armed former soldiers in Petit-Goave, 45 miles west of Port-au-Prince, setting of a gunbattle that killed two former soldiers and one Sri Lankan peacekeeper. The Sri Lankan was the first fatality suffered by the 7,400-member force since it arrived in June 2004.

Later Sunday, Nepalese soldiers driving to the central town of Hinche exchanged gunfire with a different group of former soldiers, and one Nepalese peacekeeper was killed, U.N. spokesman Damian Onses-Cardona said.

Then on Monday, about 300 Brazilian and Nepalese peacekeepers backed by armored cars and helicopters raided the town of Terre-Rouge, where former soldiers had occupied a police station. The U.N. force retook the area without casualties as the fighters retreated into the hills, U.N. officials said.

"The message is clear. We want these people (ex-soldiers) out. They must give up their guns and submit to the law," said Lt. Gen. Augusto Heleno Ribeiro, the Brazilian commander of U.N. peacekeepers in Haiti. "We would prefer to have a peace dialogue, but if we can't we won't hesitate to act."

"We aren't finished yet. This is all part of our strategy," said Heleno Ribeiro.

The clashes marked the first major confrontation between the U.N. force and former members of Haiti's disbanded army, who helped oust former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in a 1991 coup and again in an armed rebellion a year ago.

A U.S.-led peacekeeping force was deployed after Aristide was forced into exile in February 2004 and this force was replaced by U.N. peacekeepers in June. Despite their presence, armed rebels and former soldiers still control much of the countryside.

For months, the peacekeepers have been criticized for being too passive toward armed groups, including ex-soldiers and street gangs. The groups are blamed for more than 400 killings since September and some fear they could disrupt fall elections.

"This is a real moment of truth for the United Nations," said Daniel Erikson, a Caribbean affairs expert with the Washington-based Inter-American Dialogue. "They've suffered their first casualties, and now the question is whether they will back down in the face of opposition or reinrench and move forward."

The U.N. peacekeepers in Haiti have what's called a Chapter Seven mandate, which gives them broad power to protect civilians. While the United Nations has made no formal announcement, there has been evidence in other missions — most notably Congo — of peacekeepers running more patrols to deter violence rather than sticking to their bases.

On Feb. 25, nine U.N. peacekeepers were killed by militiamen in Congo. Soon after, U.N. peacekeepers raided a village occupied by the militia responsible for that attack and killed up to 60 people. Officials denied the two events were connected.

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Michael Jackson arrives late to court

By Linda Deutsch
Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — A feeble-looking Michael Jackson arrived late again Monday to his child molestation trial, walking slowly and stiffly into court, but the judge took no apparent action against the pop star.

Jackson, who is said to have back problems, trembled and wept at the defense table as lawyers and a doctor who came to court in hospital scrubs conferred in chambers with Judge Rodney S. Melville.

The judge, who previously threatened to arrest Jackson and revoke his bail when he was late on March 10, gave no explanation of what was discussed and simply ordered testimony to resume.

Jackson spokeswoman Raymone K. Bain said she spoke with the singer late Sunday and he told her he was having severe and sometimes excruciating back pain. "He said his back was killing him," she said in a telephone interview from Washington.

Jackson, 46, arrived just minutes late, unlike the March 10 incident, when he turned up more than hour late in pajama bottoms and slippers.

This time Jackson was fully dressed, wearing a black suit, brocade vest and a blue armband, but his hair was mussed and his steps were tentative. He turned weakly to acknowledge fans on the street, and then walked unsteadily into the courthouse with his brother Jackie and a security guard holding his arms.

Jackson sat through a morning of testimony in which a child abuse expert described the behavior of youngsters who have been molested.

Jackson is accused of molesting a boy at his Neverland ranch in 2003, giving him alcohol and conspiring to hold the boy's family captive.

Anthony J. Urquiza, a child psychologist called by the prosecution, did not immediately say whether he had interviewed the accuser, who was a 13-year-old cancer patient at the time of the alleged abuse.

Urquiza told the jury about what he called "child sexual assault accommodation syndrome," in which youngsters become secretive, feel helpless and trapped, delay reporting acts of abuse, and finally learn to cope with the situation.

He said that boys who are assaulted by men have more trouble disclosing the abuse than do girls. "To be sexually abused and have this issue of whether you are homosexual or not is added into this very difficult time," he said of adolescence.

The witness told of relationships in which a child likes or loves the person who is abusing him. "The need they have for affection and someone who cares about them helps to sustain the relationship," Urquiza said.

Urquiza said children often under changes in behavior because of the abuse, including "acting out, becoming defiant, name-calling." Under questioning by the prosecution, the witness said that can include talking back to teachers and getting into fights — the kind of misbehavior seen in Jackson's accuser.



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Michael Jackson is helped into court Monday by brother Jackie, right and a bodyguard. Jackson arrived approximately ten minutes late.

No more swans in the campus pond

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swans are native to the north they could live in the pond year round, the only additional needs would be food in the winter months.

Jack Rogala, head of grounds and services, who was in charge of the care of the swans, was an integral part in the decision to send the swans to the sanctuary.

It was "a very hard decision," said Rogala, "I spent a lot of times with those birds since day one." The swans were to the point where they were very friendly and even eating out of the hand of some workers.

Rogala and his team took great pride their care of the swans but the major question faced by the members of the physical plant was: "are we harming these birds by keeping them here?"

According to Rogala the swans needed "quiet and serenity" which can be hard find at UMass sometimes. In the spring they often traveled into Amherst looking for a quiet place and members of the grounds crew would have to track them down.

The fact that the pond is not a suitable habitat for the the swans also contributed to the final decision.

The decision was made purely for the benefit of the swans, it was clear that the University did not have the tools nor knowledge to care for the birds as well as they can at the Livingston Ripley Waterfowl Sanctuary.

The Physical Plant has received some phone calls about the missing swans and people are informed of the decision and their new location. Snyder and Rogala made it clear that the swans are much better off then they were here; they have a private pond, will be given mates, and have all the peace and quiet they need.

The campus community will have to adjust to this change, yet it may not have been hard for those who never even noticed the swans, and those who disliked the swans. Still most might miss the picturesque image of the two regal birds floating in the pond. Either way the campus is just a little less bright as it has to say farewell to the swans.

Report criticizes law school plans

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leagues question the need for a publicly funded law school in Massachusetts.

"The private law schools have more than adequately fulfilled the need for legal education in the state," he said.

Lynette Robinson-Weening, associate vice chancellor of the Board of Higher Education, said all of the board members received copies of Chieppo's report this week.

"We're in the middle of digesting it," she added.

Board Chairman Steve Tocco did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Tuition at the UMass law school is expected to cost roughly $19,000 a year, almost half the tuition at some private law schools. The new law school's proposed operating budget, around $5 million a year, would account for less than a third of a percent of the UMass system's $1.7 billion annual budget.

Last week, in response to the independent panel's review, UMass President Jack Wilson and UMass-Dartmouth Chancellor Jean MacCormack recommended proceeding with the merger.

"Nothing has been found in the review that indicates that we should cease or delay our establishment of the UMass School of Law," Wilson and MacCormack wrote. "The benefits very much outweigh the risks."

Pope's health may affect church services

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II won't hold his traditional audience this week, a Vatican official said Monday, but it remained unclear if he would greet pilgrims from his apartment window as he continues to recover from throat surgery to help him breathe.

John Paul has scaled back his public appearances since his back-to-back hospitalizations and has designated cardinals to take his place during this week's busy Holy Week ceremonies. The Vatican has only confirmed one appointment for the pontiff — an Easter Sunday blessing.

A Vatican official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said John Paul wouldn't hold his traditional Wednesday audience. It was unclear if he would bless pilgrims and tourists who are expected to gather under his apartment window in St. Peter's Square that day.

The pope has made three public appearances since being discharged from the hospital a week ago _ his latest on Palm Sunday when he blessed the crowd silently from his third-floor window. During that appearance, the pontiff pressed his hand to his head and pounded a lectern in apparent frustration over his difficulty in responding to the crowd.

The 84-year-old pope has been convalescing at the Vatican following Feb. 24 throat surgery to insert a tube in his windpipe and ease his second breathing crisis in less than a month. He also suffers from Parkinson's disease, which affects muscle control and makes it difficult for him to speak clearly.

—*Associated Press*

US forces kill 26 insurgents in response attack

By Tracy Carl
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. soldiers, ambushed by dozens of Iraqi militants near the infamous "Triangle of Death," responded by killing 26 guerrillas in the largest single insurgent death toll since last fall's battle for Fallujah, the U.S. military said Monday.

The high number of deaths in Sunday's daylight battle south of Baghdad was attributed to the large number of attackers, unusual in a country where most clashes are carried out by small bands of gunmen or suicide bombers.

"I was surprised at the numbers," said Staff Sgt. Timothy Nein, a squad leader for the 617th Military Police Company of Richmond, Ky., and a native of Henryville, Ind., involved in the firefight. "Usually we can usually expect seven to 10."

As the U.S. military reported that and other successes against the insurgency, attackers struck several times Monday, killing seven civilians and three Iraqi soldiers. A roadside bomb in Aziziyah, 35 miles southeast of Baghdad, killed four women and three children, police said.

Reporting on Sunday's big firefight, the U.S. military said MPs and artillery units from the Kentucky National Guard were traveling along a road 20 miles southeast of Baghdad around noon when 40 to 50 militants emerged from a grove of trees and a roadside canal firing automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades.

The soldiers returned fire, killing or wounding all the insurgents in a field and driving away those attacking from the canal. Seven Americans were reported wounded, but no details were given on their conditions. Commanders said seven wounded insurgents and one unwounded attacker were captured.

The guerrilla death toll — 26 — was the highest in a single clash in Iraq since U.S. forces took control of the formerly insurgent-held city of Fallujah west of the capital.

In late December, an attack on a U.S. military outpost in Mosul resulted in the deaths of 25 insurgents and one U.S. soldier.

Military officials said the road where Sunday's attack occurred has seen a surge in violence against coalition forces, including an ambush Friday in nearly the same spot that killed a foreign driver. They blame a nearby village believed to be an insurgent hideout.

After the battle, U.S. troops recovered six rocket-propelled grenade launchers, 16 rockets, 13 machine guns, 22 assault rifles, more than 2,900 bullets and 40 hand grenades.

It was one of several blows to the insurgency that were reported Monday.

A pre-dawn raid Monday by U.S. and Iraqi forces in Kirkuk captured 13 people believed tied to a fatal attack on a local police officer and the bombing of his funeral procession that killed three more officers. Thirty other suspects were detained Friday in Karbala.

U.S. officials also said two suspects were arrested in the suicide bombing Sunday that killed the anti-corruption director in the northern city of Mosul, Walid Kashmoula.

Iraqi Number of undocumented immigrants rising in US

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over five years.

Currently, there are fewer than 11,000 agents to patrol more than 6,000 miles of the nation's perimeter around the clock, Bonner said.

Harry Pachon of the Tomas Rivera Policy Institute in Los Angeles said the growth in illegal immigrants has risen with the U.S. economy, with American businesses such as Wal-Mart looking to contractors who rely on undocumented workers "to fill jobs no one else will fill."

Arizona and North Carolina have some of the fastest-growing populations of illegal immigrants. Both have metropolitan areas booming with new construction, restaurants and other service-oriented businesses — job sectors that often hire undocumented workers.

Mexicans by far remain the largest group of undocumented migrants at 5.9 million, or about 57 percent of the March 2004 estimate. Some 2.5 million others, or 24 percent, are from other Latin American countries.

Pachon said immigration reform must be part of the answer. Immigrants who are forced to wait years to legally bring over family members have a strong incentive to look instead to smugglers.

Immigration will be a central topic of discussion when Mexican President Vicente Fox meets with President Bush in Texas on Wednesday.

Bush has promoted a guest-worker program that would allow migrants to work in the United States for a limited time. Critics of the plan say it will drive down wages for legal workers and encourage illegal immigrants.

Rep. John Hostettler, an Indiana Republican who chairs a subcommittee on immigration and border security, said the government has failed to punish employers who hire illegal workers or sufficiently fund efforts to find and deport illegal immigrants.

"The idea that we're going to completely seal the border, even with the National Guard or 20,000 to 30,000 Border Patrol agents is a little naive," he said.



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Vernal Equinox
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A time for confession

Zach Oelschlegel

I'm coming out of the closet, UMass. I'm a Christian. One of those guys you may want to lump in with Jerry Falwell or George W. Bush. I'm a guy who believes in Jesus, who reads the Bible, attends church, prays a decent amount of the time and tries to love his neighbor.

I don't blame readers for feeling ire towards anything associated with the name "Jesus." We Christians have screwed up, and we've been at it for almost 2000 years. Some prominent Christians have already expressed regret over many of these instances, and I want to follow suit: I'm sorry.

Throughout history, Christians have used the Bible for political or economical gain. The Bible has been used to justify what transpired during the Crusades, or to validate enslaving Africans to pick cotton, or to oppress women. I ask your forgiveness for people past and present who contort the Bible to push their own agenda.

Too often, Christianity today still misrepresents the teachings of Jesus. For example, instead of truly loving people, sharing your faith means holding a bullhorn on the beach during spring break telling non-Christians to repent now, or burn for eternity. I apologize for the obnoxious attitudes people use spreading the name of Christ. I'm sorry if anyone has ever tried to force you into following Jesus.

I'm sorry for any homosexuals out there who have heard televangelists preaching about Jesus' love while simultaneously teaching that "God hates gays." This is not the heart of God.

I'm apologizing to every woman on her way to have an abortion who had her picture taken by freaks wearing hats that read, "I love Jesus." They said you were going to hell for what you had done, and then posted your photo online. I'm embarrassed by those so-called Christians who try to change people's minds through sheer intimidation.

I'm sorry if you have heard the lie that being a Christian means being a Republican. I ask your forgiveness for politicians who pimp the name of Jesus to garner more votes.

I'm sorry if you've walked into a church feeling like you had to fake it. I apologize if any Christian has led you to believe your past makes you worthless and incapable of reaching out to God. I'm sorry for churches, pastors, and deacons who tried to manipulate you with guilt. I share your anger if you've ever walked into a church knowing immediately that you wouldn't be valued there — that people would judge you, and not love you.

I'm sorry for those pastors or priests who never actually have real dialogue with you, either from the pulpit or while speaking directly to you. I apologize for pastors who never address real problems, but are only concerned about getting on their favorite soapbox, the next election, or how you can give more money to the church. I want your forgiveness for church leaders who are quick to condemn, while turning a blind eye to their own sin.

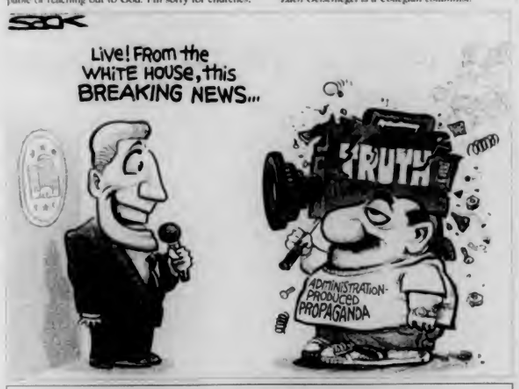
I'm sorry for anything I have ever said, out loud or in a column, that wasn't coming from love. I'm sorry for not treating people as I am made to, and I'm sorry for ever thinking of myself as better. I'm sorry for any of you who have not felt the grace and love of God from anyone who said they are a follower of Jesus.

I just want you to know that real Christianity isn't always voting Republican, it isn't bullhorns and desperate pleas, it isn't fire and brimstone, and it isn't hate.

I know that everything I have written above doesn't make it all "okay." I don't expect anyone reading this to immediately feel better about how they have been wronged in the past. It's okay to still feel angry, to feel hurt, even saddened. I just want you to know that real Christianity isn't always voting Republican, it isn't bullhorns and desperate pleas, it isn't fire and brimstone, and it isn't hate. It's not ridding the world of "sinners," or of people who don't believe in God, or of homosexuals. Real Christianity is something that loves God and neighbor. It doesn't judge those who don't. It invites everyone to experience a life of freedom abounding more deeply than any of us can ever fathom.

A passage in the Bible makes the following statement: "Love is not rude, it is not self seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices in the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails" (1 Corinthians 13). This is the kind of love that keeps me committed to Christ. It is my hope that whoever reads this knows this kind of love from God is always available, and that it could flow through me to others.

Zach Oelschlegel is a Collegian columnist.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CAMERA CLARIFIES ITS ROLE

A recent column printed in The Daily Collegian by Ramzi Kanazi mischaracterizes the work of the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America (CAMERA), as well as the state of the American media.

CAMERA seeks to promote accurate and balanced media coverage — a goal shared by media organizations themselves. When we find an inaccurate or distorted account of events in the Middle East, we bring this to the attention of the media and the public and, just as importantly, carefully substantiate our points with factual information.

This substantiation provides the "transparency" referred to by Kanazi.

Ironically, Kanazi did not substantiate his own false claim that reporting is biased in favor of Israel. If he feels that this is the case, he should certainly provide the media with concrete examples backed up by fact, as does CAMERA.

Those looking to better understand CAMERA's work, and better understand the state of the U.S. media can visit our Web site or sign up for our campus newsletter.

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CAMERA

PAYANO FOR PRESIDENT

Pavel Payano '06! ... and I disagree on nearly every national political issue.

Of course, stem cell research funding is not likely to make the SGA's 2006 calendar.

We, the students, need to be represented by someone competent, someone who is devoted, someone who has the character to mend the deteriorating relationship between the UMass students and the school's administration.

So let me tell you why I'm sure Pavel Payano can do just that:

Pavel is one of the more vocal members of the SGA, but despite constantly being in the public eye, he has avoided becoming embroiled in the kind of controversy that has plagued so many members of late. Pavel has exhibited presence of mind and forethought in his handling of these issues. His competence as a public figure is exemplified by his ability to handle difficult issues the SGA faces without furthering the conflict by misspeaking or acting rashly.

Pavel's devotion to the student government association is unquestionable. I have seen Pavel work tirelessly despite frustrations with the system to further the cause of the SGA; meeting with state reps, drafting new legislation and working to campaign for what he believes in. The kind of devotion Pavel has to the students of UMass is an invaluable trait for a leadership position that requires great sacrifice of time and energy.

What most impresses me about Pavel, and what made me want to speak up on his behalf, is the content of his character. I've known Pavel since freshman year, when I roomed next door to him. Despite political disagreements, discussions between Pavel and I have always been characterized by fairness and mutual respect.

There isn't room here for me to describe the many instances wherein I've seen Pavel's character first hand. I've learned to respect Pavel for his friendly attitude and openness to other's viewpoints, as well as his devotion to his friends and fellow students alike.

I doubt how much weight my word will carry here — in my experience, Collegian readers give Republicans around campus about as much credibility as they give our President (God bless him). But, as far as I'm concerned, Pavel Payano has the devotion, competence and character to be an outstanding president for the SGA.

I'll be voting for Pavel this week, and I'm certain I won't regret it.

David Lawrence
UMass student

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The winds of hypocrisy

Yousef Munayyer

Last week in a press conference President Bush talked about his new appointee, Karen Hughes, who he has picked to "improve the United States' image in the Middle East". This is at the heart of the problem of U.S. foreign policy. He went on to talk about how the United States is a compassionate nation and that Karen Hughes would work to convince this vital part of the world of that fact. This statement should have triggered a red flag in the mind of everyone who heard it.

It is not bad enough that the United States is openly starting a public relations campaign with the Middle East for the purpose of making itself look better. What should have struck everyone about this is simple. If you need to convince people that you are compassionate, there is something fundamentally wrong.

Washington fails to understand that it is simple policies like this that make it look arrogant and hypocritical. The so-called Christian compassion, which has in many ways been the ongoing theme of the Bush presidency, is put into an ironic light when placed in the context of this fitting passage from St. Ignatius' letter to the Ephesians "Therefore let them be instructed by you, at least by your deeds".

The United States can send ambassador after ambassador to the Middle East in the hopes of improving its image, but if it continues the path it is on, it would be better off saving the state departments' budget money.

Washington willingly criticizes Iran for its treatment of women and its authoritarian government yet it is in bed with the kingdom of Saudi Arabia where woman are not allowed to drive or work in offices with men, even though these are rights that women enjoy in Iran.

Washington arrogantly marches into war on Iraq, making a total mockery out of the international law system, under the premise of weapons of mass destruction only to find there are no weapons and to then attempt to convince the world that it was a liberation effort.

Washington willingly criticizes Syria and wants to hold them accountable for U.N. resolution 1559, which calls for their withdrawal from Lebanon. However, it fails to criticize Israel on the basis of countless U.N. resolutions calling for its withdrawal from the West Bank and Gaza, which began 1,317 Security Council resolutions ago, along with resolution 242.

Washington continues to use labels like "terrorist" and "enemy combatant", vague terms which carry legal repercussions at their own disposal, so that they can demonize who they want when they want.

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Washington looks at popular movements in the Middle East, specifically in Palestine, Iraq and Lebanon, and wishes to claim credit for them. The Lebanese opposition, which the United States has supported in its rhetoric, wants to have nothing to do with the United States because they know that will weaken their position domestically.

President Bush claims the winds of democracy are spreading into the Middle East because of the Iraq war but he forgets that Yasser Arafat was democratically elected yet he would rather deal with the oil princes then with the late Palestinian leader.

Iraqis are now writing their constitution. The administration claims that this puts them on the road to democracy, but any one who believes this is ignorant not only to the history of the Middle East but to that of the United States as well. The Constitution of the United States was written in 1789 and has lasted as a strung document that serves as the backbone of the American political system. The United States has brought Iraq to that point in linear history.

The idea is simply end a regime, add democracy and watch it grow. Unfortunately we have modeled this after our linear history, not Iraq's. We forget that the United States spent a few centuries developing the society that it had separated by two vast oceans for external interference before it got to 1789. We ignore that a free public political discourse is absent in Iraq. A large middle class is absent in Iraq. Economic parity is absent in Iraq. Democratic institutions are absent in Iraq. Not to mention a history of western political development is absent from Iraq.

This does not mean that Iraq or any other country in the Middle East is unable to reach a democracy, but the efforts of the United States are not helping it reach that goal. On the contrary it may be hurting it.

If the United States wants to improve its image in the Middle East it first has to open its ears and listen. Then it has to take a long hard look at its history of involvement in the Middle East and realize where this negative image came from. Lastly, the hypocrisy has to end because the United States now has a reputation in the Middle East not so different from the boy who cried wolf.

It seems, however, that President Bush is not ready to take this initiative. In the meantime, he gives the world Karen Hughes. She will smooth things over.

Yousef Munayyer is a Collegian columnist

Bush didn't want Iraq elections

Mike Sances

A critic who thought that Washington seeks to protect Americans from further terrorism would naturally be asking what the connection is between fighting terror and promoting freedom. After all, didn't the president tell us on Sept. 20, 2001, that the reason we were attacked was because of the terrorists' hate of freedom? But now George Bush would have us believe that, no, what they really hate is not having freedom. Am I the only one who sees a contradiction here?

Apparently, yes I am. I can only guess this is because I'm of the very small minority of Americans who actually keep track of official explanations for 9/11, or take them seriously. Indeed, those of us still clinging to the old-fashioned notions that events happen for reasons, and that arguments should be built upon evidence, are truly an endangered species.

Personally, however, I don't believe the public has been given any reason — beyond rhetoric, anyway — to think that fighting terrorism is at all high on the list of our leaders' priorities. Same with promoting democracy. Space is limited, so I'll stick to the second for this column; particularly, the elections in Iraq.

Contrary to popular lore, Bush opposed them. "The American plan was not to hold elections this January," Fareed Zakaria accurately reported in the Feb. 14 issue of Newsweek. The Bush/Bremer plan involved total foreign ownership of the Iraqi economy, as well as an elaborate caucus system from which the Iraqi public was to be excluded. "Washington stood firm on this plan," writes Zakaria — until mass nonviolent resistance forced the administration to consult with Grand Ayatollah Ali Sistani, the most popular figure in the Iraqi Shiite community, and Lakhdar Brahimi, the UN envoy.

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Some of you might counter that even the possibility of elections wouldn't have come up if not for the war. That's probably correct; but why stop there? Why not ask how Saddam Hussein was able to remain in power before the war? If we were to ask Mr. Brahimi, he would likely tell us — as he told Charlie Rose on June 26, 2004 — that the sanctions in the 90's made Hussein stronger, made the Iraqi people weaker and that all this was well known long before the current hype over the Oil for Food scandal (a "scandal" only if you don't think blackmailing a country for its resources is in itself scandalous).

We could also look into the reasons why Hussein was able to remain in power after the first Gulf War; specifically, how Washington provided tacit support for the brutal repression of the postwar Shiite uprising. It's very strange, as Naomi Klein has pointed out, how this particular manifestation of a "desire for freedom" has been erased from history, and how the January elections have been received as the first sign that Iraqis dislike tyranny.

Is it necessary to restate here the history of American support for Hussein in the 80's? Ah, but we are told by the Secretary of State that the past policy of "trading liberty for stability in the Middle East" has now been unilaterally terminated. Forgetting that long and incredibly bloody history for the moment, we again ask for some evidence to back up Ms. Rice's claim.

What we find isn't very pretty. I would advise those of you who are non-veterans against Googling for images of the victims of the Uzbek ruler Karimov, a monster some would compare to Saddam Hussein, and whose crimes we don't even bother reporting in our newspapers due to the basing rights he has provided us.

But even staying within Iraq, if we care to examine the elections that Bush didn't want just a millimeter further than the mass media tells us to, we'd see that the party who won those elections, the UIA, has as the second plank in their platform a demand for a timetable for American withdrawal.

Meanwhile, there is still no timetable, and the Pentagon has announced that it will keep the current levels of troops in Iraq until at least 2007. That's not to mention the military bases we're building.

If you're confused by the apparent contradictions in the administration's thinking, don't be. It's really quite simple, and perhaps best demonstrated by the recent protests in Lebanon. While the first and third of these were hailed by Bush and his supporters as signs of a budding democracy, the second was completely ignored. The reason? The pro-Syrian demonstrators were advocating a position contrary to U.S. interests. Democracy, in short, is something that every American president, in every party, has always supported — but only as long as the votes are in our favor.

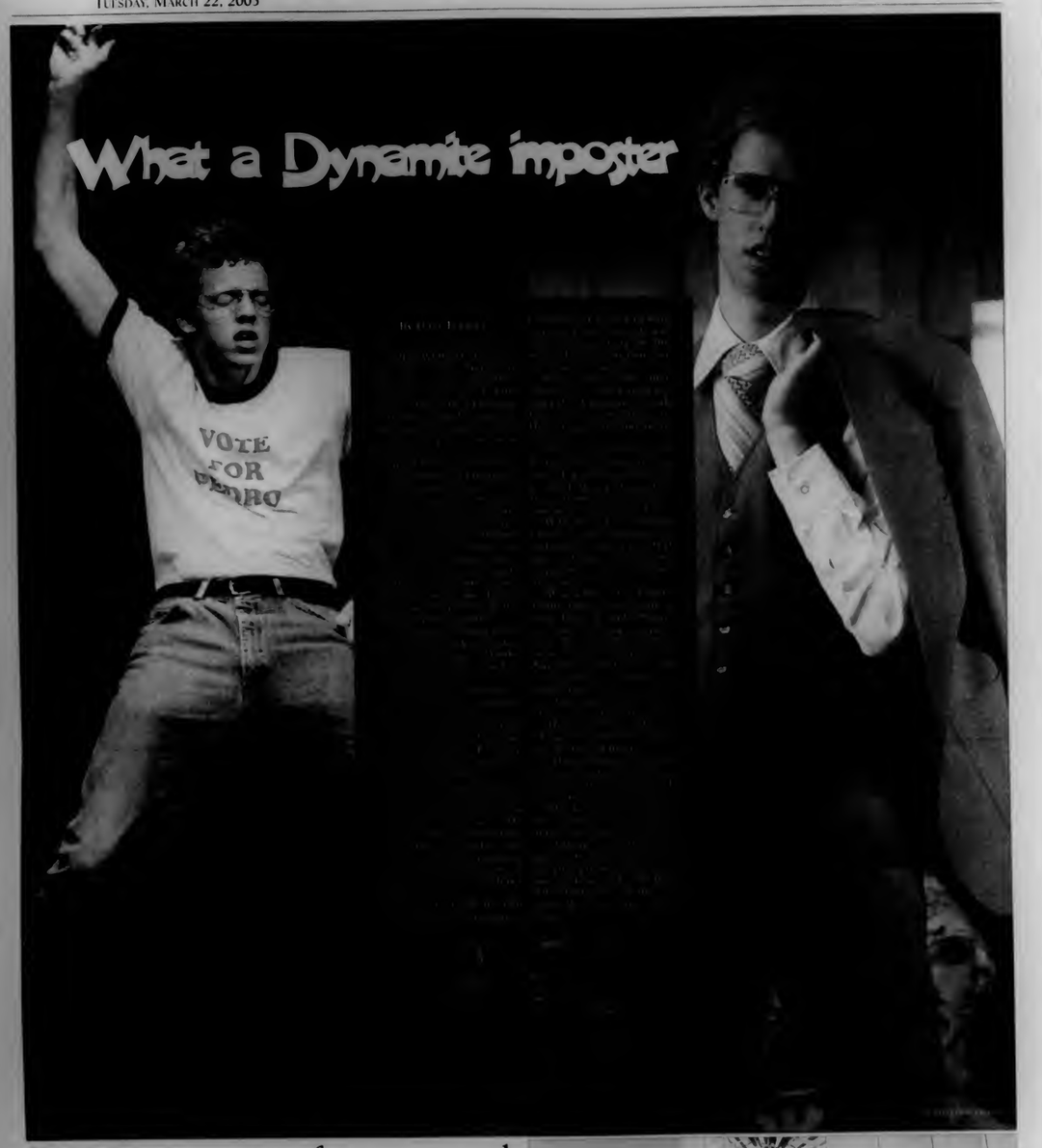
While a change of direction here would be most welcome, it is not likely to come out of the simple benevolence of our politicians. It is instead far more likely to result from those same types of activities that forced the president to let Iraqis cast their votes. Indeed, of the many questions raised by a realistic account of the Iraq elections, foremost among them is how a long-oppressed people in an occupied country would seem to hold more power than we do over our allegedly democratic government.

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Designers strive for eco-cool

By Eils Lotozo
Knight Ridder Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA — A display of felt hats in a manufacturer's window caught Jaime Salm's eye one day as he walked down 12th Street.

"It was a bright, sunny day, and in the light the felt was translucent," says Salm. "And the shapes were so sensuous. I thought, 'I have to do something with these.' "

Salm, the 26-year-old design force behind the Philadelphia company Mio Culture, turned that moment of inspiration into the Capsule Light, a pendant lamp with a two-tone molded wool felt shade and compact fluorescent bulb.

"Aha" encounters with a raw material happen regularly to Salm. He transformed the rugged cardboard that goes into egg cartons into Mio Culture's "V2" 3-D wallpaper tiles. And a stack of discarded paper and cardboard inspired a product now in development, the "Bale" chair, a laminated plywood seat designed to strap over a base of old phone books and other items meant for the recycling bin.

But what truly drives Salm's ideas, and forms the central mission of the firm he and his older brother, Isaac, launched in 2003, is what he calls "eco-intelligent" sustainable design.

Mio Culture products don't just attend to function and aesthetics, but address a whole checklist of issues that include an emphasis on recycled or renewable materials, limited product packaging, a concern for how objects will be disposed of when they outlive their usefulness, and the human impact on local economies.

"Sustainable design ... takes into account all of our actions in regard to the environment, and to the people in that environment," Jaime Salm says. "This is a movement that is gaining speed and momentum. It's not just a crunchy, granola-bar thing. This is where things are going."

The Salms, who grew up in Medellin, Colombia, and share a home in Society Hill, run Mio Culture out of a big-windowed third-floor studio in a former industrial building north of Chinatown.

The company is still very much in the start-up mode. The brothers not only do all the design and marketing work, they handle the shipping, too, including orders from their Web site, www.mioculture.com. They used to spend many a night and weekend assembling their Capsule Lights. (They now pay the New York manufacturer of the lamps' lighting component to handle that task.)

For the fledgling firm, recognition has come quickly. At the New York International Gift Fair in January, a market for retail buyers, Mio won a "best collection" award for its line.

Among the products: a powder-coated aluminum stool called Stoop Social Seating that looks like an upside down bowl; the Shroom lamp, whose molded felt shade gives it the appearance of a fairy-tale toadstool; and the Grid wall pocket, made from die-cut and stitched recycled felt.

But it is their very first product, the V2 wallpaper tiles, that remains the biggest attention-getter for Mio ("mine" in Spanish).

Last fall, Neiman Marcus used V2 as a backdrop for window displays in stores across the country. The paper tiles, which manage to look simultaneously retro and futuristic and whose curvy bas-relief forms can be configured into different

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Jaime Salm, owner and design force behind Mio Culture, shows off his light fixture design and plywood chairs. The furniture serves both a stylistic and environmental purpose, focusing on recycling.

Church protests Shepard

By Blake Parsons
Daily Mississippian

OXFORD, Miss. — Judy Shepard, mother of hate crime victim Matthew Shepard, will present a lecture on diversity Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Fulton Chapel, and protestors from a church in Topeka, Kan. will be on campus.

Sponsored by the University of Mississippi Gay Straight Alliance, the event is part of the GSA Annual Lecture Series.

On Oct. 8, 1998, Matthew Shepard was reportedly beaten because he was gay. He died four days later.

Since then, Judy Shepard has been speaking out for hate crime victims and advocating legislation against hate crimes.

Shepard and her husband founded the Matthew Shepard Foundation to continue their son's legacy and fight for social justice.

The Foundation's work includes efforts for gay and lesbian equality as well as helping to prevent hate crimes.

Shepard's campaign for social justice continued in 1999 when she appeared before the U.S. Senate Judicial Committee to support the Hate Crimes Prevention Act. Shepard also appeared in two public service television announcements advocating a greater understanding of gay issues.

Produced by the Matthew Shepard Foundation, the ads focused on stopping anti-gay violence. Shepard has continued her effort to stop anti-gay violence by speaking to audiences nationwide about the topic.

Since the killing, information gathered by ABC News suggests that the killing may have been motivated by robbery. One of the defendants was using crystal methamphetamine in the days leading up to the attack. Both defendants Aaron McKinney and Russell Henderson were both a part of the Laramie drug scene, and McKinney admitted to having a serious drug habit, and said robbery was the motive, according to the report.

The visit drew the attention of a church in Kansas, whose pastor is has been protesting Shepard since the killing.

A group from the Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka will be making a 700-mile trip to Oxford, Miss., to protest the speech according to Fred Phelps, pastor of the church and Meridian, Miss., native.

"We are coming to inject a little truth and sanity into that orgy of sodomite lies that Judy Shepard is spreading," Phelps said.

Phelps runs three Web sites, godhatesfags.com, godhatesamerica.com and hatemongers.com.

Phelps and his group protested the funeral of Shepard.

"He sinned against god and wound up in hell," Phelps said. "She is using that unfortunate event to propangandize."

J. Thomas Vasser Jr, vice president of the GSA, organized the effort to bring Shepard to Ole Miss. He said her availability and the power of her message influenced the GSA's choice to have Shepard speak here.

Vasser collected 16 sponsors for Shepard's lecture, from both the university and the Oxford community. He began gathering support with Campus Programming.

"Campus Programming gave support from the very beginning because (Director) Jennifer Taylor heard Judy Shepard speak before; she knew she was a very powerful speaker," he said.

Vasser then went to the city for additional support. According to Vasser, the city, while supportive of the lecture, has no discretionary funding for speakers.

He found additional sponsors in university organizations and offices. The Division of Student Life provided a Student Life Development Grant and Student Housing and Residence Life supported the speaker fee of $4,500 as well as helping with ad costs. The Sarah Isom Center for Women and Gender Studies is also sponsoring the lecture. Isom Center director Mary Carruth said the Center wanted to support the Shepard lecture because her message brings attention to topics such as homophobia, as well as sexism.

"First of all, Judy Shepard's mission and lecture reflect the theme of this year's national Women's History Month, which is 'Women Change America,'" she said. "Secondly, the Center's gender studies courses analyze the existence and causes of the ignorance and hatred that Shepard brings to our attention."

"Homophobia and sexism, for example, reinforce each other. Homophobia usually insists on rigid gender roles that may prevent us from achieving full personhood."

Marc Showalter, director of the University Counseling Center, believes events like Shepard's lecture bring up topics that can positively affect diversity on campus.

"Events like Mrs. Shepard's lecture begin conversations that ask about her message and what she's trying to say," he said, "It's important to have these conversations even if they're uncomfortable or controversial."



COURTESY MATTHEW SHEPARD.COM

Matthew Shepard became a cultural symbol after his murder Oct. 8, 1998. His mother, Judy, has been crusading for social justice ever since.

Mio Culture designs eco-friendly furniture

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designs, have been added to the permanent collection at the Smithsonian Institution's Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum in New York.

"There is really a market for it," says Isaac Salm, 27, a former financial analyst for Kimberly-Clark Corp. who left the corporate world to run the business side of Mio. Architect Rem Koolhaas' firm has contacted them about using V2, he says, and Mio has heard from designers and architects in Spain, Greece and India.

"I stumbled upon it in a magazine, and I knew I would use it as soon as I found the right space," says interior designer John Bruce, who is featured on the TLC home-makeover show "While You Were Out."

Bruce got his chance with V2 last year, when he redid a loft apartment in Atlanta for the program. He covered a wall with the tiles, painted them white, and positioned a colored light to rake the surface.

"The effects were stunning," Bruce says. "This product is fantastic. It's light, made from recycled material, is easy to paint and install, and it's super-affordable."

In the works is a new V2 design that will be fire-retardant and come in colors. But getting the V2 to market in the first place was a long haul for Mio, one that points to the challenges of sustainable design.

Jaime Salm, whose father has a box company in Medellin, had first worked with the formed, recycled-cardboard material for his senior thesis when he was an industrial-design student at the University of the Arts. That led to a project, just after his 2001 graduation, for the Anthropologie retail chain, which asked him to design 3-D cardboard "sale" signs.

"I just loved the material," Salm says. "It's 100 percent recycled. It's just waste paper."

But its manufacturers were used to it being stamped into bulky rough-hewn trays to cradle fruit in crates or machine parts during shipment. Salm needed something smooth and perfectly uniform in dimension for his wallpaper tiles.

"I'd go to visit factory owners, and they'd say, 'You want us to do what?' " recalls Salm, who eventually found a company with the right technology and a willingness to innovate.

Persuading the Philadelphia hat manufacturer whose goods Salm spied in the window to apply his felt-molding techniques to lamp shades was easy. Persuading a steel-plant operator to alter his ways was more of a challenge.

The Salms found a firm that could stamp out steel patterns for a new design they're calling the Bendant lamp, its flower-petal-like metal arms can be bent in various ways, but there was a catch: no imported steel, whose shipping increases pollution.

Says Isaac Salm: "Ninety percent of manufacturers don't care where materials are coming from, and we are just one client. We had to try to get this guy to understand that for our product to be considered sustainable, it had to be made only from domestic steel."

They succeeded. And the Salms, who are branching out into corporate consulting on sustainability, view that victory as equally important as an uptick in sales for Mio's products.

"It is possible to start moving on the path of sustainability in all sorts of ways," Jaime Salm says. "Fundamental change can happen, but you have to take the small steps."

Mio Culture's products are available at the company's Web site, www.mioculture.com.

Available at Target.com are "V2" 3-D wallpaper tiles, which cost $27.99 a box, and the "Grid" wall pocket, which costs $59.99.



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Boyle leads the way for BC

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it a long time, but to win championships, whether it's regular season or whether it's a playoff championship, it's something that we really strive for, but they're difficult to attain. There are an awful lot of good teams in our conference. I think New Hampshire is an outstanding hockey club, and that was quite a challenge placed in front of us tonight."

Sophomore forward Brian Boyle, who scored two goals in the championship, was named tournament MVP. Boyle, who hails from Hingham, Mass., had a nicely sized local crowd, including family and friends, backing him.

"I don't even know if it's hit me yet," Boyle said. "It's pretty neat. There are a lot of people in the house, a lot of local people, which is pretty cool... The MVP stuff doesn't even matter. The battle we just had, we became so much closer as a team. And those guys in the locker room, we're all brothers now. We have been through the season, but we're tighter than ever now. It's an unbelievable feeling when you've got that many guys pulling for each other like that."

Also making a serious name for himself this weekend was BC freshman goalie Cory Schneider, who improved his collegiate record to 12-0-4 after getting the nod from York during both games.



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Boston College forward Matt Greene and UNH's Daniel Wittick battle for the puck on a face-off.

Schneider made 39 saves in the 2-1 double-overtime win over Maine while standing between the pipes for 89:09 — the longest semifinal game in Hockey East history, on his 19th birthday, no less — and came back strong to make 26 more against the top-rated offense in Hockey East in the championship on Saturday.

"I don't even think I should have been the MVP today," Boyle said. "I think the guy sitting next to me [Schneider] should have been."

After a stalemate through most of the first period and a plethora of tough saves to keep the Eagles off the board, UNH goalie Jeff Pietrasiak finally gave in to the BC offense. Boyle won the faceoff at the left point in the UNH zone and muscled his 6-foot-7, 235 pound frame through a series of Wildcats before squeezing a shot between Pietrasiak's right side and the post to give Boston College a 1-0 edge 13:59 into the game.

The Wildcats were able to answer that score just over three minutes into the second period while Taylor Leahy was serving time in the box after being called for holding. Robbie Barker passed the puck into the Eagle zone across to the left side of the ice to Preston Callander, who fed Sean Collins with the puck while he was charging to the net in the slot. Collins returned the favor to Callander, who was able to beat Schneider to tie the game at 1.

The Eagles broke the tie before the end of the second period when Ryan Shannon fired a slap shot into traffic from inside the blue line. The puck deflected off a defender and landed directly on Boyle's stick, and the tournament MVP easily scored a power play goal as Pietrasiak was caught off guard and out of position.

In the third period, when New Hampshire was able to gain little momentum and virtually zero quality scoring opportunities, the Eagles iced the game with a Chris Collins goal with only 2:27 to play in regulation. Collins picked up a dancing puck in the UNH zone, skated around Wildcat defenseman Craig Switzer and backhanded a shot off Pietrasiak's left glove to seal the championship.

NOTES: Each night recorded a sellout crowd of 17,565 at the FleetCenter for a two-night total of 35,130 fans, which broke the 2003 tournament record of 34,328. It was the third consecutive year that the semifinal games were sold out, and it was the first time the championship game was sold out, breaking the 2002 championship record of 17,122.

Schneider was named to the All-Tournament Team as the goalie. The two defensemen named were Brian Yandle of UNH and Andrew Alberts, who scored the game-winning overtime goal to beat Maine the night before. Daniel Winnik of UNH, plus Boyle and Callander were named the forwards.

UMass faces worthy foe

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up," Miller said. "Our guys do a great job of practicing hard everyday and it really doesn't matter whether we play our first against our first."

In their last game the Minutemen put together an offensive clinic against the Brown Bears, but did not get the typical output from its preseason All-American Sean Morris who had a goal and an assist. Morris leads the team in goals with 15.

Cannella was pleased with Morris' output regardless of what it looks like on paper and is pleased that he has other options that maintain the continuity of the Minutemen's offense.

"You need to have a lot of people contribute. When someone has an off day, not that Sean had an off day whatsoever, its good to see other people do a good job," Cannella said. "Sean had some opportunities and went one-and-one (one goal, one assist), maybe its not on par with what people think he should be doing, but he's a team guy."



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

UMass attackman Sean Morris goes for a shot against Brown on Saturday. Morris had a goal and an assist on the game, UMass won 12-5.

Cannella also mentioned that regardless of the last game, he hopes his team approaches each game with equal confidence stemming from ample preparation.

"You hope that through proper preparation your guys are ready regardless of the situation, regardless of how you played in the last game," Cannella said. "If you prepare the right way, you can be ready for anybody."

Minutemen look for offense

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the season wasn't foreseen previously, it now looks to be an inevitability, as part of the leadership role in the outfield now falls unto Derek Durepo (.261) in light of the two stars' absences. The lack of plate experience from the youth-filled majority of the Minutemen doesn't help matters either.

"The key thing is manufacturing runs," Stone said. "That's something we haven't really done a good job with."

Jeremy Demers (1-2) will get the start on the mound tomorrow for the Minutemen, though he figures to get no more than three innings of work as Stone will be using a variety of pitchers. Through four appearances in 2005, the junior from Easthampton, Mass., has given up 10 earned runs, second highest to senior captain Keith Doherty (15), and accumulated an earned run average of 5.87.

In his last start, Demers gave up five runs on eight hits in 2-1/3 innings as the Minutemen dropped a 6-1 decision to the Yale Bulldogs in Bradenton, Fla. However, he proved adequate in relief of Doherty on Saturday, as he came on in the ninth inning and provided one inning of shutout pitching. The effort was to no avail, as the Cadets cruised to an easy 5-0 victory behind preseason All-American Nick Hill's two-hit, eight-strikeout shutout.

"He's been keeping his hand behind the ball, staying on top of his breaking ball, pitching downhill, and did a nice job on Saturday night in one inning of relief," Stone said.

The Huskies are coming off a come-from-behind 9-8 victory over Centenary College last Sunday in Shreveport, La., giving them the 2-1 edge in the weekend series and eight wins in their last 10 games. Freshman Matt Karl came up big for UConn in the top of the seventh when he smacked a two-run single with the bases loaded to put the Huskies up for good.

Because of a two-hour rain delay early in the game, the game had to be shortened to seven innings due to UConn's travel accommodations, and the Huskies held on for the win behind the pitching of Ted Garry (2-0).



COURTESY UMASS MEDIA RELATIONS

Sophomore shortstop Anthony Santos has started 11 games for the Minutemen this year and has a .898 fielding percentage.

Schilling shows promise

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two-run homer by Chip Ambres. Schilling's first pitch to nine of the 12 batters was a strike and he struck out three while walking none.

"I feel very good about it," he said.

Schilling said his surgery was more extensive than he anticipated and involved four separate operations.

He said a bone bruise that bothered him most of the season was more severe than expected. And he revealed that the dislocated tendon which had been slipping out of place sustained a 6-inch tear during Game 6 of the AL championship series against the Yankees.

He pitched with the injury in Game 2 of the World Series against St. Louis.

"The tendon stopped dislocating because it had split in half and wedged itself over the bone," Schilling said. "So it wasn't dislocating as much, which was actually a good thing."

Before those two games, a unique procedure was done to stitch the tendon to the skin so it would stay in place.

Schilling's recovery affected his normal offseason preparations for spring training and kept him out of games until Monday.

Mueller said Schilling's ball had "a lot of life" in the third when he doubled.

Mueller expects no problem being ready by opening day and said, "I feel like I'm caught up to the guys playing games now and now it's just a matter of going three days, possibly, in a row."

Schilling was encouraged after throwing all his pitches, and Varitek said, "today was a very positive outing."

He expects to pitch Thursday in another minor league game. Then, he said, he could pitch in his first major league spring training game next Monday and in one of Boston's last two exhibition games, in Arizona on March 31 or April 1.

Monday's performance "felt like a walk in the park," he said. All his pitches "felt good. I gave up the home run on a pitch that I'm just as apt to make in August as I am now. It wasn't because my stuff wasn't there. I hung a split."

Until Monday, Schilling had thrown to batters twice - one batting practice session and a simulated game in which he threw 63 pitches last Wednesday.

He was scheduled to throw two innings on Monday but had only 18 pitches at that point and came out for the third. Pitching coach Dave Wallace was encouraged by the game setting in which Schilling ran to cover first on Mueller's first-inning groundout and whirled to try to pick Berg off second.

"It was quicker than the simulated game, so it was good," Wallace said. "You're not concerned (about his ability to run) but it's just nice to see him react naturally and get over" to first.

Schilling threw with greater speed than in recent workouts but said he didn't know if he'd be ready for the home opener April 11 against New York. Francona has said Tim Wakefield will start that game.

But Schilling "absolutely" will be with the team for the season opener.

Silas fired amidst playoff hunt

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND - Paul Silas was fired as coach of the Cleveland Cavaliers on Monday, his team fighting for a playoff spot after leading its division earlier this year. Longtime NBA assistant Brendan Malone was appointed interim coach.

Silas told The Associated Press he was informed at a morning meeting with general manager Jim Paxson and new owner Dan Gilbert. Silas' son, assistant Stephen Silas, also was fired.

"They didn't think the team was performing as well as it should be and they wanted to make a change," Paul Silas said.

Malone's first game as the Cavaliers' head coach will be Tuesday night at home against Detroit.

Despite superstar LeBron James, fellow All-Star Zydrunas Ilgauskas and a veteran bench, the Cavaliers have struggled since the All-Star break. They have lost nine of 12 and nine straight road games, including Sunday's 105-98 loss to Toronto when James scored a franchise-record 56.

"We believe in our players, and that progress just wasn't being made," Paxson said at a news conference Monday. "We have 18 games left in this season. We're fifth in the Eastern Conference right now, and we felt that if we didn't make this decision that we were jeopardizing our ability to be a playoff team this year."

The Cavaliers entered the All-Star break at 30-21, then went into a slide, the decline marked by personnel issues.

The trouble may have culminated Sunday when Silas benched starting guard Jeff McInnis and replaced him with Eric Snow. Snow did not score in Cleveland's loss at Toronto and McInnis, despite dressed and available, didn't play.

Earlier this season, Silas threw Snow off the bench after the two exchanged words during the first quarter at Detroit, a move that stunned the team because of Snow's reputation as a leader.

Last week, Silas was fined $10,000 by the team for a derogatory comment he made about Utah forward Carlos Boozer.

Silas made the remark to reporters a day before Boozer was to return to Cleveland after leaving the Cavaliers as a free agent last summer. Boozer didn't travel with the Jazz because of a foot injury. Silas later apologized.

The 61-year-old Silas joined Cleveland in June 2003 after being fired by the New Orleans Hornets, having led them to the playoffs four straight times.

Malone, in his first season with the Cavaliers, was the first coach of the expansion Toronto Raptors, spending one season with the team. He's been an assistant with New York, Indiana, Seattle and Detroit in 19 years of NBA coaching.

"We felt the change today was necessary. It's going to put us in a better position to win," Gilbert said.

The Cavaliers are ninth team to make a coaching change since the start of the season, nearly one-third of the league. They join Dallas, Denver, Los Angeles Lakers, Memphis, Minnesota, New York Knicks, Orlando and Portland.

Silas and James made for a formidable duo last season, leading the Cavaliers to a 35-47 record last season - an 18-game turnaround. He seemed to have the respect of his players, who played hard for him and were improving.

However, in the offseason, the club lost Boozer after allowing him to become a free agent. It was the first sign of real trouble.

The Cavaliers started this season strong, staying in first place for most of the first two months of the season, but injuries and inconsistency led to the recent losing streak.

Silas was hired to be James' first professional coach and to mentor the 18-year-old star. James has soared from rookie of the year last season to All-Star this year, but the rest of the team has struggled.

That became apparent Sunday in the team's third straight loss. While James had a career day, becoming the youngest player in NBA history to score 50 or more points, the Cavaliers were weak on defense and the reserves were outscored 34-1.

During 16 seasons as an NBA player, Silas was fierce under the boards and on defense. He was twice selected as an All-Star and won three NBA championships - two with Boston, one with Seattle.

As a coach, he had a record of 355-400 with the Clippers, Hornets and Cavaliers. His Hornets teams (both in Charlotte and New Orleans) went 13-16 the playoffs.



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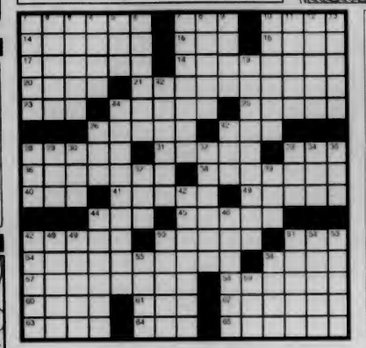
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Eagles soar in Hockey East

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

BOSTON — When Friday night's round of semifinal games concluded, the lights at the FleetCenter turned dark, the two victorious teams returned to their respective hotel rooms and Saturday's championship appeared to be a virtual lock for the New Hampshire Wildcats.

UNH was rolling through the Hockey East playoffs, sweeping Northeastern in the quarterfinals by scores of 6-1 and 4-0, and knocking Boston University out of the semis, 5-2.

Boston College, on the other hand, struggled mightily to get past Maine and a ferocious effort from Black Bear goalie Jimmy Howard in double overtime on Friday night, and the Eagles had lost two of their most talented players for possibly the remainder of the season in the week leading up to the conference championship.

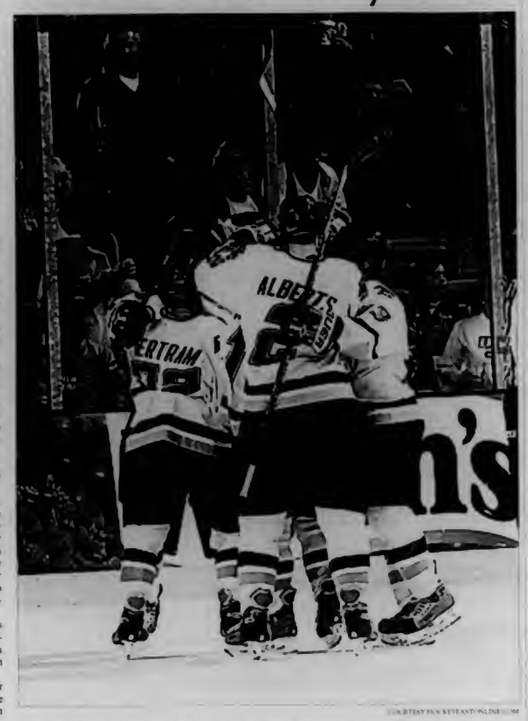
Hockey East Player of the Year Patrick Eaves suffered an apparent chest injury during the team's series with the Minutemen, and Stephen Gionta, who scored the game-winning breakaway goal in overtime against UMass in Game 1 of the quarterfinals, was taken to the hospital for a possible broken clavicle during the Eagles' victory over the Black Bears.

But what seemed to be a setback on the surface apparently set a fire within the BC locker room, as every player on the roster stepped their play up to give the Eagles a 3-1 win over the Wildcats in the Hockey East Championship. BC was faster to every loose puck and quicker to cut off every passing lane to completely stifle the Wildcat attack.

The win gave Boston College its record-setting sixth postseason conference championship, breaking a three-way tie with Boston University and Maine.

"What a great feeling it is for myself, coaching," Boston College coach Jerry York said. "I've been in

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COLLEGIAN/MATT STANTON

Senior defenseman Andrew Alberts celebrates with his teammates after Boston College defeated the University of New Hampshire 3-1 on Saturday. Alberts was named to the all-tournament team.

UMass prepares to face a similar foe

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

After its most dominating performance of the year, a 12-5 victory over Brown on Saturday afternoon, the Massachusetts men's lacrosse (4-1) team ventures to Fairfield, Conn. today to take on a Sacred Heart team that nearly mirrors its approach to the game.

The Pioneers (4-1) have been on a tear this season winning its last four games, including a 9-8 victory over Dartmouth on Saturday. Sacred Heart has outscored its opponents 60-45, exhibiting a spread out offense that has seen 21 different players in the points column.

"They're excellent, they're an excellent program and just beat Dartmouth which may be the biggest victory in the program's history," UMass head coach Greg Cannella said. "They've played very well this year and have been playing a lot of players that have contributed for them. It's really been a concerted team effort: they are really a good group of athletes. It's going to be a battle."

Sacred Heart has been led by Matthew Robideau who has seven goals and eight assists on the season. Robideau was named the Sacred Heart Student-Athlete of the Week Award for this past week for his two goals and two assists against Dartmouth.

Even though he leads the team in points (15), Robideau is tied for second on the team in goals with Kiel Adams. Sophomore attackman Matt Greco leads the team in goals with 11.

The Minutemen had their best defensive performance of the year on Saturday, shutting down Brown's preseason All-American Chazz Woodson. Cannella, however, is not ready to rest on his team's laurels and sees Sacred Heart's as much more than a one man team.

"They have four or five guys like Woodson, all of their leading scorers have a bunch of points. So it's not one particular guy that you can key in on," Cannella said.

"Certainly Matt Robideau is an excellent player, but if you look at the team's statistics people are contributing in different ways."

UMass assistant coach Jason Miller, whose primary focus is the Minutemen's defense, sees the Pioneer offense as a intriguing challenge. Sacred Heart tends to keep a top-heavy frontline, as they attack with as many as six attackmen and eight midfielders.

This style tends to open up a lot of shots and has proved to be an advantage for Sacred Heart this season as it has out-shot its opponents 178-to-147, with an outstanding .635 shots on goal percentage.

This run and gun approach has also been the bread and butter for UMass this year, which makes for an interesting match-up today.

"They are similar to the way we play, they are very open and take a lot of shots," Miller said. "The first challenge is going to be getting matched up the right way, the second challenge is going to be defending them in a way that we don't give up a tremendous amount of looks at the goal."

The fact that both teams play at the same tempo can be seen as both a positive and a negative for the Minutemen. The last time UMass went against a team that played a spread out offense was against Stony Brook on March 12, a game the Minutemen lost 10-9.

However, since the Maroon and White are already accustomed to the way the Pioneers play, it can pit its offense against its defense without making many alterations. Miller is pleased with his team's depth and the fact that regardless of the line, both sides will get a good workout.

"It varies by the day, sometimes we practice our first guys against our first guys, sometimes we mix it

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Softball's southern advantage



Eric Athas

There is a basic principle that tags along with being a college softball team.

The good teams are located in the southwest region of America and the not so good teams are located in the northeast region.

It's the simple concept of "practice makes perfect," because the teams that can practice and play in the warm weather all year long are just plain better than the teams that have to stay indoors from December through April. (In walks Massachusetts softball coach Elaine Sortino.) Okay, now I have to stop writing about this myth and start writing about the Minutewomen.

At this point it is obvious that UMass is an exception to the rule, as the program's history is one of the most illustrious in the nation despite being located in the arctic-like New England. This is why it is important to look at the structure of each season rather than just give a perplexed glance at the team's 8-9 record.

At the start of every season, from mid-February to late March, UMass competes in tournaments located in the hot spots of the country in order to play catch-up with the rest of the nationally recognized college softball teams. Most of the teams that UMass plays during this first phase of the season have already competed in a hefty number of games before meeting up with the Maroon and White.

Let me throw some out some examples of what the Maroon and White faced to kick of the 2005 season. The team's second game of the season was a 4-3 loss against No. 16 Georgia and while this was the Minutewomen's second game in '05, it was Georgia's 13th. The following day UMass played its fourth game, losing to No. 17 Nebraska 3-1 (this was Nebraska's 24th game of the season) and then played its fifth game, a 6-1 loss to South Carolina (SC's 17th game). While the climate may be a deterrent to UMass, it certainly does not discourage the team, because four of the Minutewomen's eight wins have been against teams located in warmer territory (two of those wins were against No. 22 Florida International).

Game play, or lack thereof, is not the only disadvantage that a bitter climate gives any team. Preparing for games in a gym or on Astroturf is not necessarily the ideal location to practice. It's the small things that can disrupt the consistency of any program. Grounding a ball off of a hard gym floor is not the same as grounding it off of the infield dirt and you cannot swing away against a defense indoors without breaking a few lights or windows.

So now the question to be asked is: What is Sortino's secret? How has she managed to propel the cold-climate program that has made 10 straight trips to the NCAA tournament?

There's no real secret, it's more like a strategically planned mix of several factors that make up for the daunting weather early in the season. A combination of sound recruiting and solid coaching are two aspects that UMass has mastered, but one facet that Sortino makes sure to stress on is the basic fundamentals of softball. Fundamentals are a common necessity and no matter what part of the nation a team is in, without basic fundamentals, success is undetectable.

Seventeen games have been completed for the Massachusetts softball team thus far. 35 games remain. Spring is around the corner and for UMass, I don't want to say the easy part is over, but the playing field is certainly leveled and for this Atlantic Ten monster, it's feeding time. Normally the name of a softball team located in the northeast is not supposed to be used in the same sentence with the word "excellence." However by all means, UMass softball is a team with a southwest persona located in a run of the mill part of the country.

Eric Athas is a Collegian Columnist.

Minutemen set to face Huskies

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

Just when things couldn't get any worse for the Massachusetts baseball team as they prepare to take on the powerful Connecticut Huskies (11-4) this afternoon, the Massachusetts men's lacrosse (4-1) team ventures to Fairfield, Conn. today to take on a Sacred Heart team that nearly mirrors its approach to the game.

Senior outfielder Curt Szado, who currently leads the 3-9 Minutemen in batting average (.333), runs (five), hits (12) and runs batted in (seven), will miss tomorrow's game due to a shoulder injury he sustained last weekend in Twin Lakes, Fla. The Monson, Mass., native jammed his shoulder last Saturday in a game against the Army Black Knights after diving for a ball that was hit into the gap. Szado is likely to miss this weekend's Atlantic 10 opener in Cincinnati, Ohio against the Xavier Musketeers as well.

Szado's injury comes at a very inconvenient time, as the Minutemen had already lost senior Jason Twomley earlier in the year to a broken wrist. At the time of his injury, Twomley was leading the team in slugging percentage (.647) by a mile and was second in the team in batting (.295).

"We've asked [Szado] to step up this year into more of a leadership role, and he's done that," UMass coach Mike Stone said. "He's been having a good season so far, and it's unfortunate that he got hurt on Saturday. Hopefully, we'll have some people that can fill in roles and contribute.

"It's difficult when you lose a guy like that, but that's why we carry 25 guys on the travel team, so when someone goes down, people are ready to step up."

Without Twomley — and now without Szado — the Minutemen are batting a measly .182 as a team. Meanwhile, the Huskies come to Bridgeport Blue Fish Stadium in Bridgeport, Conn., today with seven players batting at least .300.

Needless to say, the two squads are on polar opposites when it comes to plate performance.

"We need to be smarter at the plate and make the right adjustments," Stone said. "We haven't been doing a good job of that. We're pressing quite a bit, so we need to make some adjustments physically with our approach. Hopefully then, we'll be able to get back on track."

The UMass bats cannot afford to continue going as quietly as they have, amassing just 10 hits in their current three-game losing streak, especially when pitted against the likes of fence-swingers like Dennis Donovan (.327, 18 hits), Austin Wasserman (.322, 19 hits, 27 total bases) and Bryan Maier (.302, 19 hits, 14 RBI). The Huskies, in contrast, are batting 110 points higher as a team than UMass (.292).

If digging deep this early in

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Senior outfielder Curt Szado has started every game this season for the Minutemen and leads the team in batting average, hitting .333 on the season. Szado also leads the team with seven round trippers.

Schilling makes first appearance

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Curt Schilling made his first game appearance of the spring Monday, allowing two runs and three hits over three innings against a team of Boston Red Sox minor leaguers.

Schilling, recovering from ankle surgery, already knows he won't be ready for the opener at the New York Yankees on April 3.

"Today, to me, was a very big day," he said. "I guess you could call it a breakthrough day, in a sense. Everything that I was hoping kind of would happen happened from a physical standpoint. I feel like I threw the ball better than I've thrown it all spring."

Manager Terry Francona has said David Wells will start opening day and Boston can get by without a fifth starter until April 18. Schilling, who underwent right ankle surgery last November, said it was too early to tell whether he'd begin the season on the disabled list.

"I've known for a couple of weeks now that it just wasn't going to work out" for him to pitch on opening day, he said.

The only other major leaguers in Monday's game were Jason Varitek, who caught Schilling, and third baseman Bill Mueller, who had minor knee surgery and wanted extra at-bats. The other players came from Boston's minor league camp.

Schilling threw 25 of 37 pitches for strikes and allowed doubles by Mueller and Dave Berg and a

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UMass student starts webmagazine

By Megan Daley
Collegian Staff

Coming to college can be a big change in a student's life. Many students feel isolated in the stress they may undergo during that change, and, often, they wish for a way to connect with other students to see that they are not alone.

One University of Massachusetts student wants to make that connection possible.

Jessica Zolotorofe, a sophomore Journalism major, is starting a webmagazine called "Your's Truly," aimed primarily at college-aged women with stories to tell. In an email interview Zolotorofe said, "it's basically a forum for students to express themselves and ask for help, offer advice or post stories that they want to share with others. It's also a great opportunity for students across America to gain writing experience, publish articles and learn how to work with an editor."

It's also important, says Zolotorofe, that the stories her magazine is looking for be told. "I just feel that with going to college being so life altering itself, it is a time when students should be able to open up and gain support from other students who have been through, or who are currently going through, similar situations."

In fact, the reason that Zolotorofe called her magazine "Your's Truly" was that she "wanted the magazine to have a warm feeling, and "your's truly" seemed to provide that. It's supposed to be people reaching out to each other or almost like writing letters to other college students, so "your's truly" being a friendly ending to a letter, it seemed appropriate."

By printing stories about coping with eating disorders, learning disabilities, losing family members, trouble adjusting to college, rape, breaking up, suicide and disease, says Zolotorofe, it will "offer the opportunity for people to reach out and realize that others want to hear their stories."

Zolotorofe's original intention was to start a print magazine, but realized through her work with the literary magazine, "Illiterati," that even one print edition of a magazine can run costs up into the thousands. "A web-based magazine was the practical way to get started." Zolotorofe hopes that, once her webmag gains popularity, she will be able to start up a print version.



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Jessica Zolotorofe, a UMass journalism student, created a webmagazine called "Yours Truly" aimed toward women.

Another benefit of using a web-based magazine is the audience it can reach, says Zolotorofe. "It's a great way to reach a large number of people at once. Technology has provided us with so many opportunities, I thought a web-based magazine was the perfect way to take advantage of that."

The web-based approach has allowed Zolotorofe to encourage students from across the country to submit to her magazine. She says that

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UMass community has mixed reactions to report

By Matt Elder
Collegian Staff

In the aftermath of Chancellor John V. Lombardi's report on the Commission for Campus Diversity's recommendations, the University of Massachusetts community had mixed reactions.

"What they proposed is detrimental," said Student Government Association President Eduardo Bustamante. "I strongly oppose it."

Over spring break, Lombardi posted his recommendations on the Commission's Web site. On it, he lays out many proposals to help out diversity at the University. One of his proposals is to group more than 40 student organizations into one center, The Center for Student Development.

"The response to the report by the Commission on Campus Diversity is a proposal developed by many people and brought together in one place for the many campus constituencies to read and respond," Lombardi said in an e-mail to The Daily Collegian.

"Most of the programs operate independently and with little sense of common purpose," Lombardi said of the student groups he listed in his report. He said that many of these programs "exist in semi-isolation scattered throughout the campus bureaucracy."

Lombardi said in his report that the CSD will help these students, which range from members of African Latino Asian Native American community to the SGA to Student Legal Services, will give the student's a "sense of community and shared responsibility."

In the report, Lombardi outlined many things the Center would be responsible for. Lombardi said that the Center would help students with wellness, health, and help them with problem-solving and decision-making skills.

"Primarily, the CSD will focus on educational and social engagement and student development programs," Lombardi said in his report. Lombardi also listed types of educational programs that he feels the Center would give the students.

While Lombardi's report is supposed to bring the community of UMass together, many others have voiced their displeasure over what he plans to do.

Bustamante was very critical of the report, and was upset at what he thought was the ignoring of the Commission by Lombardi.

"It rejects all the Commission's recommendations," he said. "I couldn't be more disappointed."

Bustamante said that Lombardi ignored many of the important recommendations of the Commission in its 86-page report it issued on March 1.

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SGA presidential debate 2005

Five candidates face-off in heated debate last night; cast your vote tomorrow and Friday. By Julie O'Donnell, Collegian Staff



James Washburn

Although not an SGA Senator, presidential candidate James Washburn told viewers of his high hopes for the SGA to progress, specifically to work with other student groups on campus.

"There is a common feel of student apathy towards the SGA," he said. " I am aiming to get students back involved, student apathy can be changed with RSO involvement."

He also criticized the current SGA members for not working with the administration, claiming that, "the SGA is acting like a bunch of teenagers with their parents." He said that the administration is like the parents, and they always make the final decision, even though the teenagers always fight.

"If we can get students more involved, they will be more willing to stay involved," he said.



Pavel Payano

Current SGA Senator Pavel Payano announced his goals and hopes for the student body while specifically talking about improvements in affordability and adjoin ability for the university.

"We can either be a useless tool or we can be useful," he said. "The textbook rental program will save students 45 percent on what they spend on books and that is just the start."

Payano said that he has been working hard with legislators all year to increase the public funding for UMass and that student support is vital.

"We want to work to expand the program to reach out to legislators and to open a line of communication that we can benefit from. We need to establish a relationship with the State house."

Payano also said that as one of the key advocates for Back to the



Sean Bliss

During last night's debate, presidential candidate, Senator Sean Bliss, expressed his interests and goals that the Student Government Association needs to establish in order to progress while emphasizing the "small things" getting accomplished.

"The small things may not seem significant," he said, "but they do mean a lot."

Bliss has been working this year in Back to the People meetings in local dining commons getting student input on what changes they would like to see.

"Paper towels are being installed in Central bathrooms right now," he said, "and this was because nine out of 10 students complained about it. [Back to the People meetings] are tremendously effective."

Bliss has also been in charge of recruiting support for student recy



Owen Moore

Student Owen Moore said that he wants to be President of the SGA, although he neglected to address any of the issues, and rather joked about the elections with sidekick and fellow presidential candidate Cornelius Nuggent.

In his opening statement, he said that he was running for president because he is the "go-to guy" and that he promises "to work hard because the zombies are after me telling me to run."

His goals for the SGA and the student body as a whole were to promote exactly opposite of the other candidates.

"I promise to promote the policy of chaos ... in a mild way. Just kidding. I am not cynical about running for president."

When asked about the current state of inefficiency of the SGA, Moore told viewers that he was thirsty, and proceeded to drink an



Cornielius Nuggent

Cornielius Nuggent, student and third time presidential candidate announced his return to the SGA hopeful of winning, however, like Moore, neglected to answer any of the questions asked and poked fun of himself and others.

"I have run for president the past two years," he said, " and this year I am going to do stuff to get kids involved in stuff ... at UMass."

Nuggent did however, set forth a 'plan' to improve the PVTA busing system on campus. "PVTA is the biggest waste of money on this campus," he said. "We need to revamp them to run on the power of soul, depending on how much badonka-donk there is. It will be Soul Transportation."

In regards to the recent recommendations of the Diversity Commission released last week, Nuggent said said that he can't wait to leave UMass.

For more debate coverage see ELECTIONS on page 3

Judge makes ruling in Schiavo hearing

By Jill Barton
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Warning that Terri Schiavo was "fading quickly" and might die at any moment, her parents begged a federal appeals court Tuesday to order the severely brain-damaged woman's feeding tube reinserted.

David Gibbs III, attorney for parents Bob and Mary Schindler, told the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta that the 41-year-old woman might die before they could get a chance to fully argue their case that her rights are being violated. The appeal came after a federal judge in Tampa rejected the parents' emergency request.

"Where, as here, death is imminent, it is hard to imagine more critical and exigent circumstances," Gibbs said in the appeal filed electronically with the court. "Terri is fading quickly and her parents reasonably fear that her death is imminent."

There was no immediate indication of when the appeals court might rule.

Late in the afternoon, the Schindlers arrived at the hospice and Terri's mother again pleaded with state lawmakers to save her daughter's life.

"Please, senators, for the love of God, I'm begging you, don't let my daughter die of thirst," Mary Schindler said.

With that, she broke down, and was escorted away.

The feeding tube was discon-

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Students mourn in shooting aftermath

By Joshua Freed
Associated Press

REDBY, Minn. — The suspect in the worst U.S. school shooting since Columbine smiled and waved as he gunned down five students, a teacher and a guard, asking one of his victims whether he believed in God, witnesses said. The teen's grandfather and his grandfather's wife also were found dead, and the boy killed himself.

Some of the victims were shot at close range, medical officials said.

Reggie Graves, a student at Red Lake High School, said he was watching a movie about Shakespeare in class Monday when he heard the gunman blast his way past the metal detector at the school's entrance, where an unarmed guard was killed.

Then, in a nearby classroom, he heard the gunman say something to his friend Ryan. "He asked Ryan if he believed in God," Graves said. "And then he shot him."

The death toll at the Red Lake Indian Reservation in far northern Minnesota made it the nation's worst school shooting since the rampage at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., in April 1999 that ended with the deaths of 12 students, a teacher and the two teen gunmen.

The victims included the gunman's grandfather; the grandfather's wife; a school security guard; a teacher; and five other students. At least 14 others were wounded, and two of them remained in critical condition Tuesday at MeritCare in Fargo, N.D., officials said.

At least three of the victims were shot in the head at close range, said officials at North Country Regional Hospital in nearby Bemidji. One of those victims died and the other two were transferred to the Fargo hospital. Three victims remained at North Country Regional in noncritical condition.



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Students cry together outside their school after a crazed gunman shot and killed seven people in their Minn. high school.

"I think there was an intent to kill," Tim Hall, the hospital's emergency nursing director, said

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police log

Officer struggles to catch stray dog on campus

Tuesday March15

7:21 p.m. A wallet was reported stolen from a locker room in Boyden Gym.

7:40 p.m. A police officer reported a large fight that took place in the parking lot next to the Mullins Center. The fight ended before additional police officers were able to arrive. The victim and suspect were both located

Wednesday March16

9:46 p.m. A police officer requested an ambulance for a subject who fell at the Mullins Center. The subject refused the ambulance and was transported to the hospital by family members.

Thursday March17

3:34 p.m. A dog was reported to be repeatedly crossing University Drive. A police officer located the dog, but was unable to catch the animal.

Friday March18

8:48 a.m. A display case in Holdsworth Hall was reported to be broken into and ivory pieces taken from the case.

Saturday March19

1:35 p.m. Following a traffic stop, Jason White, 25, of Dorchester, was arrested on a warrant charge.

7:30 p.m. A person in Marcus Hall stated a computer was being hacked into. The computer was disconnected from the server and seized.

Sunday March20

5:34 p.m. A person reported a bike was missing from the parking lot behind the Mullins Center. The bike was valued at $60 to $70.

Monday March21

12:04 p.m. A person reported $2,000 in jewelry was stolen from a room in Kennedy Hall.

— Compiled by Brendan Heck

Man pleads guilty in Letterman case

CHOTEAU, Mont. — A man pleaded not guilty Tuesday to plotting to kidnap David Letterman's 16-month-old son and nanny and hold them for $5 million ransom.

Kelly Frank, 43, faces felony charges of solicitation and theft and a misdemeanor charge of obstruction. The judge ordered him to remain jailed on $650,000 bail pending his next court appearance on April 5.

Frank, a painter who had been hired do to work on Letterman's ranch in north-central Montana, was arrested last week after an acquaintance told investigators he had planned to kidnap the talk show host's son, Harry Joseph, and the child's nanny.

The acquaintance said Frank talked about holding the two for 48 hours in the belief that he could extort $5 million from Letterman. According to court records, Frank said he had a key to Letterman's house and even knew where the child slept.

Frank's attorney, Jim Hunt, said his client "has agreed there were discussions about it, but with no purpose of carrying it out." He called it a "lighthearted conversation."

Frank's fiancee, Laurie Johnson, has said that Frank was falsely accused by a childhood friend he had a falling out with.

She said the estranged friend, who also worked at Letterman's ranch, has a "personal vendetta" against Frank because of a fight they had at work, and has been trying to incriminate him ever since.

The boy, Letterman's first child, was named after the comedian's late father, Harry Joseph Letterman. The mother is Letterman's girlfriend, Regina Lasko.

— Associated Press



Courtesy CNN.com

David Letterman.

Journalism student promotes new webmagazine for women

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this is important because, "while there is a significant mix of students on the UMass campus, many of us come from the northeast, and maybe similar economic or cultural backgrounds, obviously with exceptions. I thought that the further my magazine could reach, the more varying the stories would be." Zolotorofe hopes that her webmag will allow students to find out what they have in common with their peers from different regions.

Zolotorofe hopes that her magazine will provide an outlet for writing and expression that she often wishes she had. In fact, "I plan on contributing personal stories to the website as well. " says Zolotorofe.

Zolotorofe says she has enjoyed writing since she was a child, which she says is surprising since she comes from a family of attorneys. "I have assumed all my life that I would follow in their footsteps one day. I came to college as a political major, but quickly realized that history and politics are just not my thing. In an attempt to choose a major that really suited my needs, I thought about what I really loved to do and what my dream job would be- and what would be more glamorous and exciting future than owning a magazine like Vogue or Cosmo? I have been writing all my life, from poetry, to personal essays, to hard-news type pieces. So, I decided to become a journalism major."

It really shouldn't have been a surprise to Zolotorofe that her talents lay outside of political science, since, even as a child, "I would fill notebook upon notebook with stories, poems and essays. It has always been a sort of comfort zone for me. Whether it be a secret crush, a bad day, or a life-altering experience, there is no better confidant than a piece of paper."

Zolotorofe's favorite type of writing is for the feature/personal essay genre, which is the kind of writing she hopes to garner for her magazine. She says, "It's a way to get out a personal message, while not being tied down by the constraints of typical journalism. With a web-based magazine, it's an amazing feeling knowing that your essay has the potential to affect readers all over the world."

Although Zolotorofe's target audience is the female population, she encourages any men interested to send in their own submissions to the magazine. The webmag is open to anyone who wants to read it; Zolotorofe does not anticipate that she will ever require a subscription to read her magazine. In fact, the magazine depends upon students submitting their stories and articles.

Zolotorofe says that the magazine is so far running solely on student submissions, though she hopes that, in the future, she will have a staff to help her with the business aspects of running a website, someone to help her with web design and a staff to edit and write. "Hopefully," says Zolotorofe, "the webmag will gain a lot of public attention and become a big hit. I obviously hope that this magazine is a great success, but my primary goal is to gain experience that can help me in the future, and to provide a service for college students around the country."

If students are interested in submitting an article or a piece of writing to "Your's Truly," Zolotorofe says she is accepting work at her email: JessicaTGZ@aol.com.

Zolotorofe hopes that her magazine will be accessible at www.yourstruly.com in a month or two, but says that the speed of the magazine's availability depends upon how fast she is given submissions.

Reaction to report is mixed

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Bustamante said the only recommendations Lombardi followed were any involving academics.

"The Commission's recommendations should be followed," Bustamante said.

In the e-mail, Lombardi explained why some of the Commission's recommendations were not followed.

"Some of the recommendations of the Commission may not be practical to implement as the Commission recognized, but at the same time the campus must address the issues that prompted the recommendations even if on occasion we are not able to fully implement every recommendation as suggested by the Commission," Lombardi said.

"For this reason, we have published a set of proposals, understanding that we will need to refine and revise them before moving to implementation," he added in the e-mail.

The CSD would be headed by a newly appointed vice chancellor, the Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Campus Life. This position would answer too Michael Gargano, the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Campus Life.

Some of the groups that will fall under the Center, especially ALANA and the SGA, have voiced extreme displeasure over Gargano in the aftermath of the "KKK-9," the incident that brought light to the University's diversity problems.

Bustamante said he thought Gargano wanted total control, and that the administration wanted minimal feedback of the report.

"I like the idea of student self-initiated activity," Bustamante said, adding that this plan would take away from that.

Some people think that the moving all the groups together is a little too drastic.

"This is the biggest reorganization in UMass in 30 years," said Jeff Napolitano, the secretary of public policy and relation in the SGA. "This is a reversal of a good-faith agreement with the administration."

To pay for the changes, a chancellor's tax will be implemented in existing school funds. The tax will be $800,000, and students will not have to pay for it.

"[Lombardi] is taxing the existing budget to fund that," said Ed Blaguszewski, the Director of News and Information at UMass. "There's no additional charge for students."

Bustamante said that he has drafted another proposal that he feels would help out the school more than Lombardi's report, and that alternative proposal will be made public soon.

For student who oppose the report, there will be a panel discussion in the Cape Cod Lounge in the Student Union on Thursday at 12:30 p.m. Bustamante, among others, will be on the panel. Students can also attend the Faculty Senate meeting following the panel at 3:30. The Chancellor is expected to present the panel with his report.

On March 31, a "March for Fair Treatment" is being planned, and will start at noon at the Student Union.

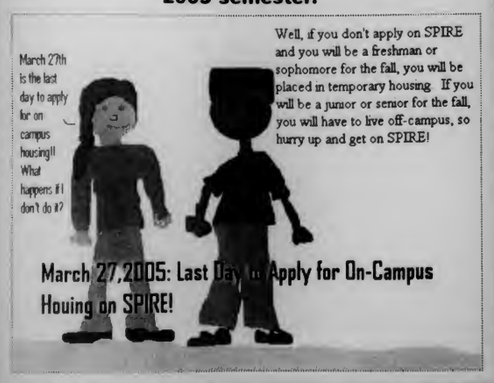
Bustamante also said that students who oppose the proposal should e-mail campusdiversity @umass.edu by April 1, when the public comment ends.

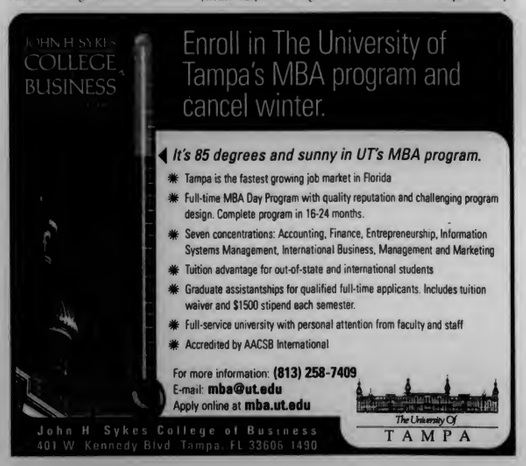
To view Lombardi's proposal as well as the Commission's initial recommendations, go to www.umass.edu/campusdiversity.

This is a reminder for all students who have not reserved their room, chosen a new room in their hall, or placed an application for housing on SPIRE. The deadline for on-time applications is March 27, 2005.

If you will be a *Junior* or a *Senior* for the Fall 2005 semester and you do not apply for housing by this date you are not guaranteed housing. You will need to look for off-campus accommodations for the Fall 2005 semester.

If you will be a *Freshman* or a *Sophomore* for the Fall 2005 semester and you do not apply for housing by this date, you will be placed in a temporary space for the Fall 2005 semester.





Family begs judge to reinsert feeding tube

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nected on Friday. Doctors have said Terri Schiavo could survive one to two weeks without water and nutrients. Her uncle, Mike Tammaro, said she appearing to be growing weak Tuesday.

"Over the past, when I've been in to see Terri, she responds and turns when you talk to her. She's not doing that today," he said.

The Schindlers have been locked for years in a battle with Schiavo's husband, Michael Schiavo, over whether her feeding tube should be disconnected. State courts have sided with Michael Schiavo, who insists his wife told him she would never want to be kept alive artificially.

Even before the parents' appeal was filed, Michael Schiavo urged the 11th Circuit not to grant an emergency request to restore nutrition.

"That would be a horrific intrusion upon Mrs. Schiavo's personal liberty," said the filing by Michael Schiavo's attorney, George Felos. Felos also said he would go to the U.S. Supreme Court if the tube were ordered reconnected.

Louise Cleary, a spokeswoman at Woodside Hospice, said she could not discuss Terri Schiavo's condition for reasons of privacy.

Over the weekend, Republicans in Congress pushed through unprecedented emergency legislation aimed at prolonging Schiavo's life by allowing the case to be reviewed by federal courts.

However, early Tuesday, U.S. District Judge James Whittemore of Tampa rejected the parents' emergency request under that legislation to have the tube reconnected, saying they had not established that they would probably prevail at a trial on their claim that Terri Schiavo's religious and due process rights have been violated.

Bobby Schindler, her brother, said his family was crushed.

"To have to see my parents go through this is absolutely barbaric," he said on ABC's "Good Morning America." "I'd love for these judges to sit in a room and see this happening as well."



Courtesy CNN.com

Right to life supporters gather outside a courthouse in Tampa, Fla. protesting the judge's decision to remove Schiavo's feeding tube.

By mid-afternoon, about 75 protesters gathered outside the hospice, virtually all them upset with Whittemore's decision. They carried signs and shouted through bullhorns, and a Catholic Mass was celebrated. One woman was arrested for trespassing after trying to bring Schiavo a cup of water.

Shooter kills nine on deadly rampage

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at a morning news conference.

"There's not a soul that will go untouched by the tragic loss that we've experienced here," Floyd Jourdain Jr., chairman of the Red Lake Chippewa Tribe, told WCCO-TV of Minneapolis on Tuesday.

Police said the gunman killed himself after exchanging fire with officers. Red Lake Fire Director Ronan Stately said the gunman had two handguns and a shotgun.

"We ask Minnesotans to help comfort the families and friends of the victims who are suffering unimaginable pain by extending prayers and expressions of support," Gov. Tim Pawlenty said.

The shooter was Jeff Weise, a 17-year-old student who had been placed in the school's Homebound program for some violation of policy, said school board member Kathryn Beaulieu. Students in that program stay at home and are tutored by a traveling teacher. Beaulieu said she didn't know what Weise's violation was, and wouldn't be allowed to reveal it if she did.

There was no immediate indication of Weise's motive. Several students said he held anti-social beliefs, and he may have posted messages on a neo-Nazi Web site expressing admiration for Adolf Hitler.

A writer who identified himself as Jeff Weise of the Red Lake Reservation posted the messages under the nickname "Todesengel" — German for "angel of death." An April 2004 posting by him referred to being accused of "a threat on the school I attend," though the writer later said he was cleared.

Relatives told the St. Paul Pioneer Press that Weise was a loner who usually wore black and was teased by other kids. Relatives told the newspaper his father committed suicide four years ago, and that his mother was living in a Minneapolis nursing home because she suffered brain injuries in a car accident.

The governor said it appeared the school had "very rigorous security."

"It looks like you had a very disturbed individual who was able to overcome a lot of precautions to do a lot of damage," Pawlenty said.

Beaulieu said school was canceled Tuesday, but plans hadn't been made for the rest of the week.

During the rampage, teachers herded students from one room to another, trying to move away from the sound of the shooting, said Graves, 14. He said some students crouched under desks.

Some pleaded with the gunman to stop. "You could hear a girl saying, 'No, left, quit, quit, I leave me alone. What are you doing?'" Sondra Hopstrom told The Pioneer of Bemidji.



Courtesy CNN.com

Before his deadly rampage, 17-year-old school shooter studies at his desk at school. Authorities are still searching for a motive.

Roadside bomb kills civilians in Iraq

By Edward Harris
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Militants in the northern city of Mosul targeted a U.S. patrol with a roadside bomb Tuesday that killed four civilians, and Baghdad shopkeepers and residents traded gunfire with masked insurgents, killing three of them along a main thoroughfare.

In the south, officials found the corpses of six Iraqi soldiers, their hands bound and their bodies riddled with bullets.

The U.S. patrol was hit by a homemade bomb in a northwestern neighborhood of Mosul, damaging a Humvee as it crossed a bridge, hospital officials said, citing witnesses.

Four civilians in a car near the blast were killed, the officials said.

It was unclear whether any American troops were hurt, and U.S. military officials were not immediately available for comment.

Gunbattles erupted out in the streets of the southern Baghdad neighborhood of Doura, where militants wearing black hoods and riding in three cars opened fire on people shopping on a main street. Shopkeepers and residents returned fire, killing three assailants. A man, woman and child were injured and taken to a hospital.

Dr. Iyad Yass of al-Yarmouk hospital said four victims were admitted to the hospital with gunshot wounds.

"Two of them are risky. One of them was admitted to the operative theatre," he said.

Earlier, gunmen in the same quarter killed a policeman as he drove to work, said police Lt. Col. Hafidh Al-Ghrayri.

Iraq's next likely prime minister, Ibrahim al-Jaafari, indicated to a U.S. congressional delegation that he was in no hurry to have U.S.-led coalition troops leave.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., said al-Jaafari was not as "upbeat as our people, who seem to be very excited about the quality of the Iraqi police force."

"My sense was, he was certainly in no rush to hand over security to his new police force," Boxer, a vocal opponent of the war, said during a visit to Baghdad.

The U.S. military reported the death of a Marine in a restive western province. The Marine, assigned to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, was killed in action Monday in Anbar province, which contains the cities of Fallujah and Ramadi, the U.S. military said.

As of Monday, at least 1,522 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

The corpses of the six Iraqi soldiers were brought to the morgue in Kut, a city about 100 miles southeast of Baghdad, said Hadi Al-Habi of Al-Zahraa Hospital. The soldiers' hands were tied and their heads and torsos were riddled with bullets.

Iraq Defense Ministry officials said they had no information on the incident.

Six Iraqi soldiers were kidnapped in Anbar province, west of Baghdad, an area known as a rebel stronghold. Ramadi police major Mohamed Al-Dulaimi said Tuesday. Witnesses said about a dozen masked men grabbed the soldiers, who were dressed in civilian clothes, as they headed to a bus station.

In Mosul, a convoy of security officials was ambushed late Monday, sparking a gunbattle that killed 17 militants, said Col. Wathiq Ali, deputy police commander. No security forces were hurt, and 14 militants were detained, Ali said.

Among those in the convoy was top police chief Brig. Gen. Abu Al-Waled, he said.

Mosul residents said five mortar shells landed in a Kurdish enclave of the ethnically mixed city 225 miles northwest of Baghdad, injuring one person.

SGA presidential debate heats up in anticipation of elections

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James Washburn

Unlike Bliss, Washburn said that he was not aiming for "small tangible results, but aiming for big goals."

He also criticized the delegation and trickle down effect of power in SGA. "We need to get students caring about UMass, if it's the same people getting elected, then it will be the same people carrying over the problem."

Mike Todd will be running as Trustee with James Washburn.

Pavel Payano

People meetings, he supports them and hopes that they raise student awareness.

Payano also said that although he voted no confidence in Gargano last November that there is a certain level of respect that needs to be maintained in the SGA's communication with the administration.

"The one key word is respect," he said. "I respect him as a vice chancellor and he needs to respect me as a Senator."

In closing, Payano said that he needs student support so that collectively, they can become institutionalized and lobby against the legislators.

Valerie Louis will be running as Trustee with Pavel Payano.

Sean Bliss

cling and told viewers last night that Southwest will be getting new reverse vending machines, or automatic recycling machines, that will allow students to recycle and redeem the money on their U-Cards.

Bliss also said that he plans to work with Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Michael Gargano, if elected, however he said that it doesn't necessarily mean that the SGA has to "roll over to him."

Craig Goldschmidt will be running as Trustee with Sean Bliss.

Owen Moore

entire bottle of water during his allotted answer time limit.

Moore also said that his stance on working with Gargano is "crime pays," and that he stole his closing speech from presidentialspeeches.com, even though he referenced movie quotes and Vin Diesel a number of times.

Cornelius Nuggent

"I hate this place," he said. Nuggent also commented that the Back to the People meetings have "been a failure."

In his closing speech, Nuggent talked about "Phasers," not Tasers, making a joke about the university's ongoing decisions on whether or not to implement the controversial non-lethal weapons.

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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MassPIRG fee increase vital to ensure future

With the student elections just around the corner, many people will be focusing on the Student Government Association candidates that are appearing on the ballot. Additionally, the ballot will be posing many referendum questions to the student body. Among those organizations that will be polling the students is MassPIRG, who will be increasing their waivable fee that currently appears on tuition bills from $7 to $11.

MassPIRG is an organization that is dedicated to affecting social change and helping to eliminate environmental degradation, among other things. The organization itself is a vital part of the UMass community and their fee increase reflects the amount of hard work and dedication that they put into making UMass and the surrounding areas better.

The last time MassPIRG increased its fee was in 1998, and due to inflation, it is perfectly understandable why such a change is needed now. MassPIRG is looking to expand their program to help achieve more of their goals. A few issues that it is looking to go further with are helping local hunger and homeless efforts and also working with an advocate to help with policies in the state legislature.

The fee that MassPIRG is presenting to the students is a waivable fee, meaning that students have an option to pay or not pay. With an increase of $4, it is not a major financial detriment to students and is going toward a very worthwhile organization.

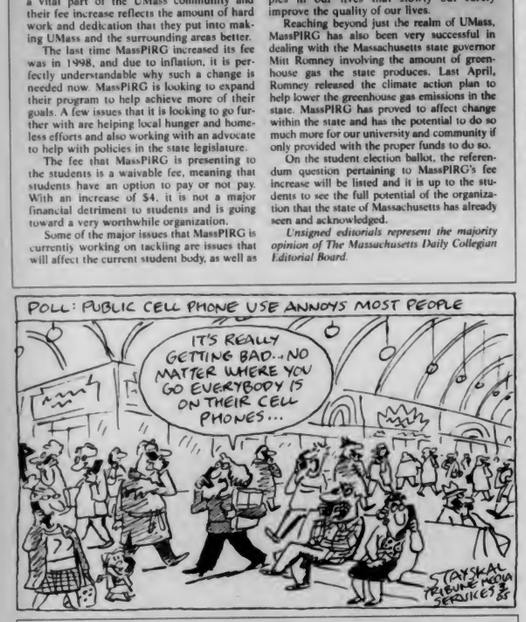
Some of the major issues that MassPIRG is currently working on tackling are issues that will affect the current student body, as well as the citizens of Massachusetts, years down the road. MassPIRG is looking to help with the conservation of many our resources that we are currently using, and are hoping to wake people up to the importance of their cause.

MassPIRG has already shown the citizens of Massachusetts how affective and constructive their organization can be. In the 80s, it helped implement the five-cent refund for recycled bottles in the state of Massachusetts, a system that is still widely taken advantage of by many college students. Its efforts, oftentimes, may go unnoticed at the present time, but in the long run; its work creates staples in our lives that slowly but surely improve the quality of our lives.

Reaching beyond just the realm of UMass, MassPIRG has also been very successful in dealing with the Massachusetts state governor Mitt Romney involving the amount of greenhouse gas the state produces. Last April, Romney released the climate action plan to help lower the greenhouse gas emissions in the state. MassPIRG has proved to affect change within the state and has the potential to do so much more for our university and community if only provided with the proper funds to do so.

On the student election ballot, the referendum question pertaining to MassPIRG's fee increase will be listed and it is up to the students to see the full potential of the organization that the state of Massachusetts has already seen and acknowledged.

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Opinion poll

Which president and trustee candidates will you be voting for in the upcoming SGA elections?

A) Pavel Payano and Valerie Lewis.

B) Sean Bliss and Craig Goldschmidt.

C) James Washburn and Mike Todd.

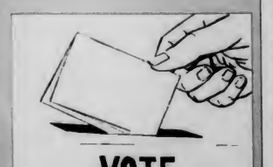
D) Cornelius Nuggent (President).

E) Owen Moore (President).

F) I'm not sure yet, but I am voting.

G) I'm not voting.

To vote, visit the Opinion section of the Collegian Web site, www.dailycollegian.com



Sex stereotypes go both ways

Amelia Sabadini

I recently watched the movie "Single White Female" with my sister. I did not choose to watch this movie for the sake of entertainment. The viewing was actually research for a paper I did regarding the wave of psycho-femme fatal movies that swept over the silver screen in the late '80s and early '90s. I had focused on these movies as the tools of an anti-feminist movement. To me they all seemed like larger than life stories that were pushing the message that women and girls don't get appropriately mad, they get inordinately furious and in doing so become so dangerous that they have to be killed.

In part, their collective purpose seemed to be to disenfranchise women from any rights to anger (understandable or not) and to place a light of suspicion on women with power. The demand for these movies was high. People wanted to see female villains, or, more precisely, they wanted to see a female murdered just as much as anyone who would sit down and watch "Last House on the Left." But they wanted that minty fresh, self-righteous, all-absolving swig of justifiable homicide to wash it down with. It was the premise that these were wicked women who got what was coming to them that made these movies popular.

Given the abundance of work that these films put into maintaining stereotypes about women and other dysfunctional expectations, such as only bad people get killed, I was surprised to find that one particular status quo assumption was up-ended right in the middle of "Single White Female." I was even more surprised to find myself unwilling to part with this assumption.

Midway through "SWF" the antagonist, played by Jennifer Jason Leigh, sneaks into bed with the protagonist's boyfriend. She has cut and dyed her hair to look like the girlfriend and he's half asleep so it isn't until it's too late that he realizes he's having sex with the wrong person. My sister says quite flatly, "She raped him." And I responded with, "Like hell" — which was foolish and utterly callous. I know a sleeping person cannot give consent. I knew it then but I was focused on the fact that he had actually ejaculated (or such was implied in the movie).

As it happens, the extreme nature of stereotypes makes them the sort of goals that can only be approached and never truly attained.

I couldn't not see this as proof of willful and therefore consenting participation on his part. His body had gone along with it even though the rest of him had not wanted it. A working definition of sexual assault could be the loss of control of one's body. He had definitely been subjected to that. So why did I not see this at first? Was I harboring notions that men are inherently invulnerable or perpetually craving sex? These are the expectations set down by the gender stereotypes that I so loathe. How the hell had they infected me?

In any given day, how much do you suppose the radio, T.V., newspapers, magazine racks, billboards, movie theater and internet get to say or maybe more insidiously impart to you? What do you suppose the most common message might be? I'd guess it wouldn't be anything along the lines of you're a complete, integrated person of worth who's fine just the way you are. You wouldn't need to buy too many things if that was the case. No, if the name of the game is increase the urgency of demand by any means possible, and it is with capitalism, then you've got to keep playing on and creating insecurities.

This can be done by repeatedly glorifying states of being that are pretty much unattainable for most people. As it happens, the extreme nature of stereotypes makes them the sort of goals that can only be approached and never truly attained. Having a totally gender stereotyped persona in full would require a sort of cognitive emotional amputation that no one is capable of. That's not to say that people don't hack themselves to bits trying but the man bleeding buckets to be G.I. Joe and the woman on the surgeon's table trying to be Barbie both have about the same chances for self actualization — next to nothing.

I'm certainly not jumping the fence to side with the likes of Hoff-Sommers, but I do have to admit I've put a lot of energy into pushing back against the stereotyped images of women so much so that it has been relatively easy to forget that the stereotyped images of men are false and harmful as well.

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Good to the last drop

Colin Jones

It's the mantra of bathroom stall philosophers and rebellious spray paint artists everywhere. Two words in an ironically dead language, giving advice that is alternately inspiring and annoying. "Carpe diem." Seize the day. It's on the same level as a number of others. "No regrets," for example, my favorite way back in the day. Stupid tough-talking youthful naïveté. But if sorrow is deep regret over the loss of someone loved, then it can be hard for some of us to live that way.

If you've never experienced it, you'd have no idea what I'm talking about. It would be like trying to describe the color blue to a blind man. But if you have, then you know all too well. A record of where you were, what you were doing, the weather, the color of the sky — are all singed into your memory. Maybe you woke up with a feeling that something was going to change. Maybe it took you by surprise. Or it happened without your knowledge and you were left to find out after the fact. They're all possible.

Numbness and apathy are first cousins, once removed. Our ability to feel and the knowledge of our own mortality are a blessing and a curse that separate us from the rest of the animals.

The way your memory works when you think about them stands apart from everything else. I like the description given by Guy Pearce's character in "Memento." "You can just feel the details. The bits and pieces you never bothered to put into words. And you can feel these extreme moments, even if you don't want to. You put these together and you get the feel of a person. Enough to know how much you miss them." Or if there was just a close call, to remind you of how much you would.

It goes with saying that such things are tough to deal with, and rarely spoken of. And of course, there's always the fear that any words would fall upon deaf ears. It's like the rug gets yanked out from under your feet, and suddenly you're alone in every crowd, a stranger among all of your friends. And even after you reach the acceptance meter on the grief scale, there can still be aftershocks. Guilt over wanting to move on, yet not wanting to forget. Ambivalence, simultaneously wishing that it was someone else in your position, while at the same time knowing that you would never wish such a thing on anyone. And scars, survival's paler pain, unwillingly received and forever serving as a reminder of a period of time.

Numbness and apathy are first cousins, once removed. Our ability to feel and the knowledge of our own mortality are a blessing and a curse that separate us from the rest of the animals. And killing time is a crime for which we are all guilty. An hour. A day. Maybe longer. Maybe much longer. Pacifying ourselves with bitterness towards the likely unimportant and largely self-induced predicaments we find ourselves in day to day. Resigning ourselves to the notion that getting by is enough.

Just getting past something is the best we could have hoped to accomplish. And for some of us it is quite possible that just getting by is enough. But time is unrelenting and unforgiving in its passage, and eventually, just getting by should cease to a goal. Because I think that maybe if we're not careful, when we look back we'll get the sense that somehow we missed something. Some important detail. Or a huge opportunity. Maybe even a chance to save someone by being willing to step on their toes. And there will be an enduring subtle sadness, a feeling that you forced yourself to rush through moments when you should have been paying attention.

From Jesus to James Dean, we've seen that the first step towards living forever is dying. And those close to us will do the same through the memory of what they were able to teach us while they were here. But given the nature of this formula, it seems to me that if death is the first step towards living forever, then maybe the first step towards really living is knowing that you will die someday.

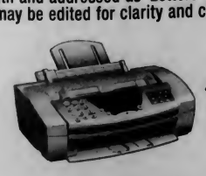
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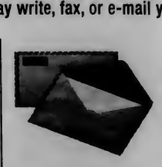
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Terri Schiavo: a right to die?

Un-divine intervention: surrendering Schiavo

Thomas Naughton

As a person who is recovering from an eating disorder, the Terri Schiavo case strikes a chord deep within me. It is terribly ironic that the bulimia-induced heart attack and resulting brain damage could cause her ultimate death by starvation. There are truly no easy answers in this controversial case; I don't think anyone wants her to die.

Opponents of Michael Schiavo, Terri's husband (and the man who has fought for over a decade to allow his wife to die naturally according to her wishes), are attempting to slander, intimidate and question his character by focusing on his private life.

Michael Schiavo maintains that his wife, who is in a persistent vegetative state, would not have wanted to live in her present condition and 19 judges in some six different courts agree with him. Michael Schiavo may not be an honorable man; he has already moved on with his life, with his new girlfriend and their children. He has not dissolved his marriage with Terri and has devoted much time to having her feeding tube, the only medical means keeping her alive, removed.

None of this however makes him a criminal of any kind or a murderer. The fact still remains that he is the person who, by law, calls the shots concerning resuscitative efforts for Terri; that is part and parcel of marriage.

Conservative legislators, right-wing religious fanatics, talk-radio pundits and even the President think differently, however. Florida Governor Jeb Bush has been attempting to intervene since before the March 18 removal of Schiavo's feeding tube.

Conservative talk-radio vulture, Laura Ingraham, has called Michael Schiavo a "murderer." Religious fanatics are holding vigils outside of the hospice that cares for Terri. Additionally, four demonstrators were arrested for trespassing inside the hospice. President Bush, in the wake of the March 18 tube removal, has said that he will sign a bill to re-insert the tube as soon as possible.

Through appeals, it is probable that Michael Schiavo will be able to carry out his wife's wishes, regardless of what the Bushes, radio pundits or religious demonstrators think. Is her death a desirable outcome in anyone's eyes (even Michael's)? No. However, Michael Schiavo has a right to make decisions for his wife if she truly expressed her desire to deny resuscitation.

When we marry another individual, we give them this right. Perhaps we should all think long and hard about what we want should a similar situation befall us.

What I find particularly troubling in this case is the intervention of public officials into a private matter. The conservatives are always shouting about the dangers of "big government"; they are the first to go crazy about paying taxes or being accountable to the government in any way. Doesn't the government become "big" when it can reach deep into the private lives of its citizens? What right does Laura Ingraham, Jeb Bush or even George W. Bush have to defy the laws that they claim to espouse? Do we only uphold laws until we are faced with a tragic and unsavory situation? Doesn't such a consideration make our laws "living, breathing organs," something that the conservatives are against?

Even Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, a staunch conservative whom all the aforementioned parties admire and support, said only weeks ago that the law is "not an organ" and cannot be treated as something to be changed on a whim. Isn't "the sanctity of marriage" something that the conservatives are committed to protecting? Why would they ignore the rights a spouse has to make important medical decisions if they are "committed" to "protecting marriage"? This sounds like some major "flip-flopping" if you ask me.

What I would like to know is where the intervention, the outrage, the religious fervor and outcry is concerning the starving children in America that George W. Bush and his supporters swore they would never leave behind? So many children in our own country live below the poverty line and very few of them have garnered a fraction of the interest than that of the Schiavo case.

As long as we're defying laws to save starving victims of brain damage who have had enough life to get married and know what it is to love, we may as well spread that defiance around and save the youngsters who may never grow up, never find love, never see the world. Perhaps George W. Bush could spare some money from his 81.4 billion dollar war budget, but I'm fairly certain he would decline my request.

I wish that decisions like that of Michael Schiavo's never existed.

Regardless of what is "right" in the eyes of all the onlookers in this case, it is Michael Schiavo who holds the power to allow his wife to die or dissolve their marriage and allow a legal guardian to make the weighty decision.

If the legislation in this case that the Republicans are pressing forward passes, a dangerous new era will be fully ushered into American politics: one where the legislative majority acts as a dictatorship, intervening into the private lives of any citizen they see fit.

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More important things than the Schiavo debate

Andrew Freeman

As I follow the tempestuous case of Terri Schiavo, I'm drawn to a line from Casablanca: "I'm no good at being noble, but it doesn't take much to see that the problems of three people don't amount to a hill of beans in this crazy world." Today it is amazing how much insanity will occur over one person's body.

For those of you who were trapped under a rock, sloshed in Cancun or otherwise unable to see the news from America, the top story this weekend was the political and legal wrangling over Terri Schiavo.

Mrs. Schiavo collapsed at her Florida home in February of 1990, suffering severe brain damage from a heart attack, which left her in a persistent vegetative state. This condition is described by Florida Law as "a permanent and irreversible condition of unconsciousness" which entails "the absence of voluntary action or cognitive behavior of any kind" and "an inability to communicate or interact purposefully with the environment," according to flsenate.gov. She can only survive with a feeding tube, since she lacks the awareness to feed herself.

Michael Schiavo, Terri's husband and legal guardian, has been attempting to remove the feeding tube so that she may die for the last seven years, rather than continue in her present state. However, her family has opposed this, claiming she responds to stimuli and is capable of recovery. The situation is further complicated by malpractice lawsuits that would be awarded to Terri, whose husband would receive the money if she died. The amount of legal action over the past seven years is simply astounding.

When a Florida judge ruled she should be taken off the feeding tube, Congressional Republicans and the President took action. First the Republicans subpoenaed Ms. Schiavo and her husband to appear before court, and then they passed a bill over the weekend to move her case to federal court. Bush flew from his ranch in Texas to sign it, which was far more dramatic than flying the bill to him to sign.

This column is not about the hypocrisy of this case. It's not about the fact that in 1999 George W. Bush, as governor of Texas, signed a bill that recently allowed a Texas hospital, against the wishes of the parent, to stop treatment to a six-month-old child diagnosed as terminal. Nor is the fact that he and other Republicans who triumphantly proclaim the virtues of life wholeheartedly endorse the death penalty, to the point that Bush mocked an executed woman, Karla Faye Tucker, imitating her plea for life.

Instead, I'm writing about cynicism. ABC News obtained a Republican talking points memo on the Schiavo case, in which the authors suggested that party senators should get involved in the case because "the pro-life base will be excited" and that it is a "great political issue." Republican leaders immediately disavowed the memo, but its contents are shockingly honest.

There is no rational reason for members of one of the busiest arms of the government to get involved in one woman's life, except when it benefits them politically. With Lent ending and the involvement of many Christians in the case, from the Vatican to Mel Gibson, Terri Schiavo has become an instrument of outreach to religious people for the Republican Party.

There are many things that Congress ought to be doing instead, and that we as Americans should be more concerned about. We are still fighting in Iraq — a marine was killed Sunday, and over 1,500 American soldiers have died so far — yet our soldiers still lack proper armor for their vehicles.

North Korea's nuclear weaponry has not been dealt with, Osama bin Laden and Al-Qaeda pose a threat and if the two cooperate, millions of Americans could die, yet the Republicans work through the weekend on saving one brain-damaged woman. They are even neglecting domestic issues that a few weeks ago were paramount in their rhetoric, like Social Security privatization. It is sadly ironic that over 60 years ago during war the problems of three people weren't worth "a hill of beans," but today, when we face a dire threat, our leaders fret over one person.

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The calm after the storm



Bob McGovern

Sometimes a hiatus from reality sheds an interesting light on events that you personally didn't witness.

For myself, spring break wasn't the typical weeklong frozen bender in Montreal, nor was it a horrendous marathon ride south to The Big Easy ... been there, done that. My spring break took me home to Vero Beach, Fla., a beach town on the east coast of the state, two hours away from the fake plasticity of Miami and Orlando, the Florida that most people know and see on T.V.

It was my first time back home since the middle of August, when I packed up my green Jeep and drove north to Amherst. Since then, my town was hit by two hurricanes and for the past five months, has been rebuilding and trying to get itself back to normal.

I sat in my room a lot that first month of school and watched as the red swirling monster known as Hurricane Jeanne slowly made its way across the Atlantic. Every weather Web site I could find had a large chunk of the east coast of Florida in the danger zone, with Vero Beach sitting right in the middle.

I would go online and talk to my friends who are strewn across the country, at different colleges and walks of life. We joked about how Zero Beach (the nickname the local youth have given the town) is too boring, too obsolete to even be recognized by this beast and would probably just get passed over.

Man, we couldn't have been more wrong.

On Sept. 26, Jeanne took her 120-mile per hour winds, and backhanded my town with a force that I had never heard of during my 12 years living there. Friends sent me pictures of the destruction, my parents called from my father's office (which they were using as a shelter), and I sat on my futon, over 1000 miles away and waited for good news from the other side.

My family came out safe, but my home and the homes of many others were rendered useless. Insurance companies scrambled

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to help, local roofing businesses gave a collective yet solemn ear-to-ear grin, and the community came together as communities do after a trying time.

After awhile, things appeared to get back to normal from the other side of the receiver. My parents had to live in a condo, which their friends generously lent them, while the house I grew up in was pieced back together.

Then, about two weeks ago, my dad surprised me with tickets back home.

As I drove into my town, there was a different feel to it; I could sense it before I really saw anything. Then, as we drove through the downtown section, small businesses that I knew from childhood were boarded up, business's signs stood as skeletons, and each tall palm tree had a similar lean ... offshore, still shying away from the now-absent storm.

None of my friends were around for the first few days, so I went out on my own and explored the quandary that was now my town.

I borrowed my brother's car and drove along A1A, the main nerve of the ocean side of my town. Everything looked the same at first, until I realized that the beach was far closer than I had ever seen.

With my windows down and the cool breeze of a Florida spring rushing through the car I got closer to the heart of my town, and as I drew near the imminent reality of the present, the past started to kick in. Full condos had been condemned, four out of every five houses had no roof tiles and the small convenience store that used to let my friends and I buy beer in high school had not received insurance money to replace its windows and were boarded up with, "We're Open!" spray painted on the wood.

My good friend Josh, who I had surfed with all through high school, came up from Miami a few nights later when he heard I was in town. We bought some beer at the local 7-11 and looked for a place to drink, sit and talk.

We walked down the beach near his house and noticed that almost every backyard was now a sand dune. There was, however, one family that decided to put down sod, which formed a peculiar green square amidst the monotony of sand that now dominates what was a vegetated area only a few months ago.

After going through a few vacated houses, we got in his car and went to go see the huge mile-long boardwalk that cuts behind the hotel district of my town. As we strolled alongside the newly fixed boardwalk, I noticed palm trees freshly planted in the sand. They were obviously from somewhere else and looked like they were only there to sit and witness the calm after the storm.

Sounds familiar.

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Progress in the Middle East

This is the first part of a two part series.

Todd Hanaburgh

"Mr. Hariri's death should give, in fact it must give, renewed impetus to achieving a free, independent and sovereign Lebanon. What that means is the immediate and complete implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 1559. And what that also means is the complete and immediate withdrawal by Syria of all of its forces from Lebanon," said Assistant Secretary of State William Burns, on Feb. 16.

On the surface, U.S. policy toward recent developments in Lebanon seems to make sense. After all, Syria has occupied Lebanon and has manipulated their political system for over 30 years. Why shouldn't we demand a full and complete withdrawal? Syria is suspected of harboring insurgents who penetrate the loosely guarded Iraq border to attack U.S. troops.

The Bush Administration considers Syria's support of the Hezbollah Party to qualify as terror sponsorship and by translation, these and other factors make Syria a terrorist state.

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However the Syrian occupation, admittedly undemocratic, is crucial to the stability of Lebanon. Lebanon's citizenry is made of several ethno-religious groups: Sunni Muslim, Shia Muslim, Druze and four disparate Christian sects. Combined with Lebanon's isolating terrain of mountainous regions and valleys, this ethno-religious demographic led to the very civil war that prompted the Syrian occupation to begin in 1976.

Since the occupation began, many Syrian citizens have migrated to Lebanon in a move that some observers call a 'colonization process,' and others say is due simply to the increased freedom and improved quality of life they enjoy while residing within Lebanese domestic policy and economy.

It is likely that the Bush Administration considers at least some of these to be part of the Syrian covert operations present in Lebanon. Bush has said that anything less than full withdrawal of troops and intelligence elements from Lebanon, as well as the disbanding of all local militias, i.e. Hezbollah, constitute unacceptable "half measures" by Syria.

Many leaders in Washington point to a 'Beirut Spring' or a 'Mid-East Thaw' as a signal that the people of the region are begging for democracy. While a large proportion of the Lebanese populace may desire to eject occupying forces and foreign troops from their nation, a significant amount of people (I daresay potentially even of equal numbers) seem to be willing to tolerate their neighbor's forces within the Lebanese borders in order to keep the peace.

But buried beneath the Bush Administration's propaganda campaign on these issues lay the actual roots of the U.S. interest in Lebanon: a 1996 document titled, "A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm." There is quite a bit of coverage on the document available online, where it has been discussed especially after the U.S. invasion of Iraq. A rather succinct summary follows:

"[A Clean Break] featured a series of recommendations designed to end the process of Israel trading 'land for peace' by transforming the 'balance of power' in the Middle East in favor of an axis consisting of Israel, Turkey and Jordan. To do so, it called for ousting Saddam Hussein and installing a Hashemite leader in Baghdad. From that point, the strategy would be largely focused on Syria and, at the least, to reducing its influence in Lebanon."

A statement put before the U.S. Senate late last year elaborates on the connection between A Clean Break and the current administration:

"There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:1. Peoples the world around have a history of culture and religion.

In the Mideast, the religion is predominantly Muslim and the culture tribal. The Muslim religion is strong, i.e., those that don't conform are considered infidels; those of a tribal culture look for tribal leadership, not democracy. We liberated Kuwait, but it immediately rejected democracy.

2. In 1996, a task force was formed in Jerusalem including Richard Perle, Douglas Feith and David Wurmser. They submitted a plan for Israel to incoming Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called Clean Break ..."

"...The plan was rejected by Netanyahu, so Perle started working for a similar approach to the Mideast for the United States. Taking on the support of Dick Cheney, Paul Wolfowitz, Stephen Cambone, Scooter Libby, Donald Rumsfeld, et al., he enlisted the support of the Project for the New American Century.

"The plan hit paydirt with the election of George W. Bush. Perle took on the Defense Policy Board. Rumsfeld, Wolfowitz and Feith became one, two and three at the Defense Department, and Cheney as vice president took Scooter Libby and David Wurmser as his deputies."

In short, the strategies currently employed in the Middle East are not reactions to actual developments, 9/11 or a terrorist threat. The current presidential administration (et al.) have hijacked U.S. foreign policy and used real situations and developments as an excuse to implement their plans. That is something that should seriously concern us all.

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In every other college dorm room there is a poster of Bob Marley. Marley is a legend that put Jamaica on the music map and inspired millions to play music and smoke weed. Though Marley may be the most familiar name from the Jamaica music scene, there were other reggae musicians making their name in the late 60s and 70s. One of those was James Chambers, also known as Jimmy Cliff. Cliff, born in 1948, moved to Kingston when he was fourteen to try his luck in the music capital of Jamaica.

Though he was young, he was not shy about showcasing his talent. Whether he was humming on the streets of Kingston, or singing a tune in a local restaurant, the young Cliff was eager for people to hear his extraordinary voice. After several months, his wandering and singing finally paid off. It was a hot day, and Cliff founded the coolest place to ease his body from the hot Jamaican sun. As he walked into the ice cream parlor singing away, the owner overheard the young boy's stunning voice. Being an aspiring musician/producer himself, the owner asked Cliff to record the a capella tune he was singing. A few years later, Cliff started working with another young artist, by the name of Bob Marley.

It was Cliff who helped Marley record his first record, "Judge Blot." In 1968, after signing with Island Records, Cliff released his debut album, Hard Road to Travel. It won the International Song Festival with a song called, "Waterfall." Cliff became an instant sensation in Brazil. Seizing upon his newfound success, Cliff moved to Brazil, and in merely a year, his music was on regular rotation in both England and the United States.

Jimmy Cliff and the reggae music scene hit America with success in 1973 with the release of the movie The Harder They Come. Cliff acted in the film, and a majority of the songs on the soundtrack are his own. Cliff's smooth, sensual voice spoke to music listeners from around the world. The songs, "The Harder They Come," "Many Rivers to Cross" and "You Can Get It If You Really Want It" are some of the greatest reggae songs of all time. The sound comes alive with Cliff's sweet voice that gives the rawness of the instruments a soothing touch. His voice is addictive and many artists since his arrival on the music scene have tried to emulate his beautiful style.

On April 1, Cliff will turn 57, but that has not stopped him from continuing what he does best. In 2004, he released an album that featured Wyclef Jean and Sting. He had a revival in the States twelve years ago when he covered "I Can See Clearly Now" for the "Cool Runnings" Soundtrack, and is now on tour across America. For those who love Marley and want to see an artist on his caliber, Jimmy Cliff will be playing at Pearl Street tonight.

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Viewers strongly sensing good vibes for NBC's 'Medium'

Mid-season replacement puts a ghostly spin on crime dramas

By David Hiltbrand
Knight Ridder Newspapers

No one expected "Medium," a quirky NBC midseason replacement series, to be an out-of-the-box hit.

No one, that is, but Allison DuBois, the self-professed clairvoyant portrayed by Patricia Arquette in the show.

"I went on the record before the show ever aired," says DuBois, 33. "I said it would be bigger than people expected it to be. The word I used was 'phenomenon.'"

All right, Ms. Smarty-Pants. But remember: There's a thin line between being a psychic and being a showoff.

Since debuting in January, "Medium" has averaged more than 15 million viewers, doubling NBC's audience in the 10 p.m. EST Monday time slot from earlier in the season. That performance has earned the show an early renewal for next season.

Of course, "Medium" had a lot more going for it than a premonition. Among its appealing qualities are vivid relationships and sharp dialogue, courtesy of executive producer Glenn Gordon Caron, who created "Moonlighting." Add to those a deft cast, including Arquette as the harried and haunted mother of three, Jake Weber as her supportive husband, and talented child actresses Sofia Vassilieva and Maria Lark as their elder offspring who have inherited mom's abilities.

The clincher is the show's premise: a woman who, through her visions, can help solve baffling crimes.

DuBois says she has consulted on more than 40 criminal cases, although two of the law-enforcement agencies cited prominently in her NBC bio have denied using her services.

While she charges for personal readings, DuBois, as a matter of principle, donates her time to murder and missing-persons cases.

She describes her work on the phone from Phoenix as she sorts through appeals from law-enforcement agencies, search-and-rescue departments and private investigators across the country.

"Today is 'forensics Friday,'" she says. "I have 175 murder cases. I pull them up by e-mail and look at the victim's name and the circumstances. Then I'll mail back information. I may get the perpetrator's first name, or their relationship to the victim. It may be how they came in contact."

"Medium" originated, in a roundabout way, from Paramount Television's desire to continue its singularly profitable relationship with Kelsey Grammer after his long runs on "Cheers" and its spinoff "Frasier."

The program that interested Grammer was a reality show called "Oracles," in which five onstage seers would give readings to audience members.

The studio flew in 300 "paranormals," including DuBois, from across the country to audition for the pilot before abandoning "Oracles." But the president of Paramount Television, Gary Hart, was so impressed with the Arizona woman that he contacted Caron to pitch DuBois' life as the basis of a drama series.

The producer describes his reaction as "cynical," until he met with the mother of three and author of the memoir "Don't Kiss Them Good-Bye" (Fireside).

"I was amazed by her tale," Caron

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Patricia Arquette stars in NBC's sixth-sense drama inspired by real-life research medium Allison DuBois. The show is dominating the prime-time Monday 10 p.m. time slot.

Foosball is alive and kicking

By J.J. Jensen
The Seattle Times

Perhaps you're tops at your tavern. Maybe you're lord of the dorm or boss of the break room.

If that's the case, are you, apologies to Hank Williams Jr., ready for some foosball?

Some serious table-soccer action usually isn't too hard to find.

Contestants there are pretty passionate about their foos, judging by the play on a recent Friday night at Dante's Steak & Grog's in Seattle's University District.

With more than $100 in prize money on the line, players and patrons ringed the bar's three foosball tables like a crowd gathering 'round a schoolyard fight.

Action was fast and furious. Players, making lightning-quick passes and shots, gripped and slid the rods like line cooks with frying pans during a Saturday-morning rush. Comments of "ooh," "ahh" and "nice shot" came from onlookers.

"These guys are nuts," said Kyle Fletcher, 23, a newcomer to the Seattle foosball scene who once ran the table at his Willamette University fraternity. But he and his roommate have been getting a smackdown at Dante's.

"I thought we'd be OK because we play quite a bit, but these guys are seasoned."

While the casual player can be competitive in local leagues and small tournaments, players are assigned handicaps based on skill levels, they can expect to get their comeuppance at tournaments sanctioned by foosball's governing bodies, the North American Table Soccer Association and the Valley International Foosball Association.

"The recreational player will get destroyed (at larger tournaments)," said Rich Fosner, 42, of Bothell, Wash., a nationally ranked player who frequents Dante's. "Their egos shrink really quick."

If you want to hang with the big-time foos players you've got to practice and take your licks, said Steph Ohashi, 34, a regional champion from Woodinville, Wash., who along with Lynnwood Wash.'s Chad Kinner, 36, another regional champ, own about 40 tables at bars in Washington state and organize several leagues.

Ohashi said her foosball addiction delayed her graduation from Western Washington University by two years. On most nights, rather than hitting the books, she was playing foos.

"When I moved to Seattle, thinking I was all that, I started playing in weekly tournaments," she said. "It was a reality check."

While some may remember tables that featured ramped corners and one-man goalie rods, games today are usually played on Tornado tables, the industry standard for about 20 years, which feature a completely flat surface and three-man goalie rod.

Typically, local league nights feature three- or four-person teams that play a combination of games: doubles, singles, switching positions after goals, playing a match where the ball isn't allowed to stop moving. Sometimes there's a "beer round," where the losers of a three-on-three or four-on-four game have to buy the next pitcher of suds.

Games go to five. The best three of five games wins the match.

The numbers of players and tournaments today are a shadow of what the game used to draw during its heyday in the 1970s, say old-school players. Back then, the Pacific Northwest was a foosball hotbed.

According to Kathy Brainard, 52, a winner of numerous national tournaments and co-author of the 1980 book "The Complete Book of Foosball," one of the first big-money table soccer tournaments ($1,500) was organized by businessman Lee Peppard at his tavern in Missoula, Mont.

The next year, at a $5,000 tournament, Peppard introduced his own table, named "Tournament Soccer," which served as the industry standard through the decade.

Peppard moved his headquarters to Seattle and started the first pro foosball tour, the Tournament Soccer Quarter Million Dollar Tour. During the next few years, the tour was awarding upward of $1 million in prize money, and featured tournaments with Porsches and Corvettes as top prizes.

"Foosball was something new and interesting and everybody wanted to play," said Seattle's Rocky Willson, 49, a regional champ and longtime table vendor.

During the late '70s at Goldie's, on North 45th Street in Wallingford, Wash., he recalled, there were about 13 foosball tables, most occupied nightly. But by the early 1980s, Willson said, the tour had been overpromoted and bar patrons were more interested in a new fad: video games such as Space Invaders, Pacman, Centipede and Galaga. Foosball went on life support.

Interest finally peaked again, Brainard said, in the mid 1990s. Baby boomers wanted foos tables for their rec rooms, dot-commers liked having it in their break rooms and kids saw cast members on "Friends" playing it in their living room.

Some still find it kind of silly.

On a recent night at Goldie's, where there's now just one table, David Torvik, 25, played against his roommate. "God gave me a gift. I foos well," he gloated.

"I just like to go to bars and play for fun and meet people," he said. "I wouldn't want to play in a league where it's supercompetitive."

Meanwhile, some extremists would like to see table soccer, which was believed to be first patented in England in the 1890s and introduced to Americans during World War II, be in the Olympics. Table tennis, after all, made the cut.

Other foos fanatics are just happy it's still on society's radar.

"It's become a part of the fabric of the American lifestyle," Willson said.

"Almost everyone's played some foos in their life. It's not a fad and it's not a flash in the pan. People are playing it because they enjoy it."



COURTESY MARK HARRINGTON

Steph Ohashi, 34, left, and her partner Chad Kinner, 36, are members of the Seattle Foosball League.

Economic hitman visits South Hadley

Author shares experiences with CIA operations in new book

By Ethan Burke
Collegian Staff

Economic hit men are highly paid professionals who cheat countries around the globe out of trillions of dollars. They funnel money from the World Bank, the U.S. Agency for International Development and other foreign 'aid' organizations into the coffers of huge corporations and the pockets of a few wealthy families who control the planet's natural resources. Their tools include fraudulent financial reports, rigged elections, payoffs, extortion, sex and murder. They play a game as old as empire, but one that has taken on new and terrifying dimensions during this time of globalization.

I should know; I was an EHM. – John Perkins, in his book "Confessions of an Economic Hit Man."

After the events of Sept. 11 and the invasion of Iraq, John Perkins worried about the world his daughter and future generations would inherit. These events and the state of despair in the world persuaded him to ignore threats and bribes that stopped him four times and write about his experience as an EHM.

Through a series of coincidences, Perkins was recruited by the National Security Agency and began working as an economist for the Boston engineering firm, Chas. T. Main, Inc. In reality, he was an EHM, and MAIN was much more than an engineering firm.

"We're a small exclusive club. We're paid — well paid — to cheat countries around the globe out of billions of dollars. A large part of your job is to encourage world leaders to become part of a vast network that promotes U.S. commercial interests. In the end, those leaders become ensnared in a web of debt that ensures their loyalty," Perkins writes recalling his job description.

The history of EHM's began in Iran in 1953 when CIA agent Kermit Roosevelt orchestrated the ousting of democratically elected leader of Iran, Mohammed Mossadegh. Using bribes and threats, inciting riots and creating chaos, Roosevelt's efforts resulted in the replacement of Mossadegh with the Shah of Iran, all without using the military.

This remarkable achievement posed one problem for the empire builders. If caught, Kermit Roosevelt could be connected back to the CIA and the U.S. government. EHM's became the solution. Perkins writes, "EHM's would never be paid by the government; instead they would draw their salaries from the private sector. As a result, their dirty work, if exposed could be chalked up to corporate greed rather than government policy." Kermit Roosevelt's tactics became standard procedure for EHM's.

A group of bankers from the World Bank, the IMF, and private banks; leaders of corporations; and government officials — an elite group whom Perkins calls the "corporatocracy" — shaped the post-WWII economic system to their benefit with devastating consequences for developing countries. Perkins refers to people like Robert McNamara as key players within the system who move between government, the private sector and banking institutions.

As an EHM, Perkins travels in Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. He writes of working for the Shah of Iran, defrauding Indonesia and even pimping for a Saudi Prince with a weakness for blondes. He worked with President Omar Torrijos of Panama and President Jaime Roldos of Ecuador, two men he refers to as "kindred spirits." Perkins writes, "They were assassinated because they opposed that fraternity of corporate, government and banking heads whose goal is global empire." Perkins' assignments as an EHM and the encounters with local people makes "Confessions of an Economic Hit Man" read like a thriller.

Over winter break, at the Odyssey Bookshop in South Hadley, John Perkins expanded upon the themes of the book and gave a speech calling on Americans to defend the principles upon which this country was founded, and to create a more just world.

Afterward I interviewed Perkins. He explained that many economists in the rank and file at the World Bank and IMF believe in the benevolence of these institutions whereas he finds it difficult to believe that higher-ups like Robert McNamara didn't understand the system.

Mr. Perkins also commented on Latin American politics in the last few years saying, "In recent elections in six countries, the people voted for candidates who opposed the corporatocracy, who opposed globalization: Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Venezuela and Ecuador."

Throughout "Confessions of an Economic Hit Man," Perkins recalls the words of Tom Paine and Thomas Jefferson who inspired Americans to fight imperial oppression with their appeal to freedom, liberty and natural rights. As Perkins wrestled with his conscience in his career as an EHM he would ask, "What would Tom Paine say?" Like a modern Tom Paine, Perkins invokes the same principles to inspire Americans to demand an end to "our self destructive march to global empire."

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Reggaeton gets rich and rapper Daddy Yankee leads the way

By Jordan Levin
Knight Ridder Newspapers

MIAMI — He may have diamonds gleaming everywhere, four-inch, gem-encrusted initials hanging from his neck, chunky gold and diamond bracelets, tiny Puerto Rican flags in both ears, but reggaeton rapper Daddy Yankee (real name Raymond Ayala) still doesn't have a mainstream rap star's outsize swagger, the kind that seems to suck up all the air in the vicinity.

His name, Puerto Rican slang for Big Daddy, is also full of bluster. But on a recent visit to Miami that included a career-making appearance on Univision's popular music-awards show "Premio Lo Nuestro," Yankee, 28, seemed as hesitant as he was excited, like he couldn't quite believe everything that was happening to him. He was anxious over hitting the right pose for a photographer, eagerly looking for an article featuring him in hip-hop bible Vibe Magazine.

Both he and his music have come a long way from their funky street roots in the slums of Puerto Rico, when both the Latin music and the hip-hop world looked down on reggaeton.

"I started in the hood, and lots of people dissed me as a delinquent, but now I'm here getting back my honor, big-time," Yankee freestyles in Spanish at a South Beach restaurant, laughing at the sunshine bouncing off the water and the reporters from his hometown of San Juan hovering nearby and the anticipation of mastering the Latin masses the following night. "I'm gonna kill em on 'Premio,' in the name of all Latinos. Shout out to all the babes and the bosses in Miami."

If he can seem hesitant off-stage, put Daddy Yankee in front of an audience and he burns so hot you wonder why the diamonds don't melt. Fourteen years of rapping take over with a machine-gun rattle of beats and rhymes. At his "Premio" performance at American Airlines Arena last month, he stalked the stage like a hip-hop warrior, while his booming hit "Gasolina" sent an electrified crowd up onto its feet.

His appearance on "Premio" (along with fellow reggaeton artist Don Omar, who performed with Spanish pop singer Alejandro Sanz) marked a turning point for both Yankee and his compatriots in reggaeton, the dancehall-rap blend that rose out of Puerto Rico in the mid-90s and is beginning to push its way into both the Latin and the hip-hop mainstream. In the last few months the genre has been adopted by mainstream Spanish-language radio, an acknowledgement of several years of solid showings on the Latin sales charts. This Saturday, Yankee headlines Reggaetonzol, a concert produced by radio chain Spanish Broadcasting Systems and its Miami station El Zol 95.7-FM, and featuring names like Pitbull, Fat Joe, Ivy Queen and others.

It's sweet for both Yankee and his music. "People love reggaeton, it's the industry that sometimes puts barriers," he says. "(Reggaeton) is our hip-hop."

And Yankee may be its first real star. His latest solo album, "Barrio Fino," on his own El Cartel Records, has sold more than half a million copies and been in the top 10 of the Billboard Latin Album sales chart for 32 weeks, nine of them at No. 1. "Gasolina" has been thundering on both Latin and urban radio. Yankee has caught people's attention in a way that other top reggaeton acts like Tego Calderon and Don Omar haven't. The New York Times called "Barrio Fino" "one of the year's best hip-hop albums."

Last weekend he opened for an Usher Showtime concert special in Puerto Rico, and he'll perform on MTV's Spring Break later this month. He's modeling for P. Diddy's Sean John clothing line, and has been featured in Vibe, The Source, and XXL. He's already done the requisite remix with producer Lil Jon, and on his next album he'll work with star producers The Neptunes.

"He's opened the door for everybody," says Angela Romero, associate music editor at Vibe. "He's changing the perception of reggaeton."



COURTESY CARL JUSTE

Reggaeton rapper Daddy Yankee, 28, poses before a concert in Miami, Fla. Yankee's latest album, "Barrio Fino," was on the Billboard Latin Album sales chart for 32 weeks.

Romero says Yankee's qualities leave him poised to explode. "This is reggaeton's answer to (P. Diddy)," she said. "Musically he's very Latin and at the same time ... he's a true rapper. The girls love him — he has that baby face and good boy look, but he tells these stories from the street. He offers the best of both worlds."

It's a dizzying change for a kid who started rhyming on street corners in the poor San Juan housing development of Villa Kennedy. Yankee still has a gimpy leg from the time he was shot in his late teens, landing him in the hospital for almost a year, unable to walk.

"I saw death. I felt it in my face," Yankee says. "It was my pitch-black moment. I'm human, and yeah, I wanted to get revenge. But there's no coming back from that." Instead, he turned full-time to music. "It made me want to testify, tell real stories. I just put it in my rhyme book. I decided to always be real, always be a hard-core reggaeton, hardcore hip-hop artist. You're never gonna find Yankee doing something pop."

It's the classic hip-hop trajectory: the kid from the hood who fights his way to the top with stories of the street. But in the early 1990s there was no Latin hip-hop universe where someone like Yankee could climb to the stars. The Latin music industry shunned rap as lower-class and American. And the mainstream hip-hop world hadn't yet accepted rap in Spanish.

"We decided to make our own sound, which was to mix hip-hop with Spanish reggae," he says. "We created reggaeton."

Yankee identified with rappers like Dr. Dre ("he's still my idol"), NWA, Big Daddy Kane and Run DMC. "They were from the same environment as I was in Puerto Rico," Yankee says. "They were from the street, and we came from the street. I didn't know what they were saying, but the sound and the look ... was just like us in Puerto Rico."

At the same time, bass-heavy dancehall from Jamaica was booming in Puerto Rico, along with the Spanish reggae of El General. And the classic salsa of artists like Hector Lavoe and El Gran Combo still rang true for Yankee and other reggaeton pioneers.

"I don't listen to the new salsa, I respect the old salsa more," he says. "They were more barrio. They weren't afraid to speak the truth. It's like us, we're like the new salsa."

"Barrio Fino" features a track with classic salsa singer Andy Montanez, and Yankee has approached Gran Combo about recording with them.

Reggaeton features a distinctive, fast, almost syncopated bass line with the heavy thud of Jamaican reggae, and rap/sung vocals that echo with the nasal, intense sound of classic salsa singing. It's got a slang so complex it's almost its own language ("Le gusta la gasolina," the chorus from Gasolina, is literally "She likes gasoline" but means "she likes to cruise/she likes to go"). But the improvisation and rhythmic wordplay, the boasting street attitude, are right out of hip-hop.

The music started to bubble up in Puerto Rico with the release of "Playero 37," a mix tape that featured Yankee and other rappers who had previously performed only on street corners and home recordings. It started to explode in clubs and taped recordings. But its obscenity-laced tales of guns, sex, drugs and slum life made it as controversial as gangster rap; radio wouldn't play it; the media and the authorities criticized it.

"It was straight underground," Yankee says. "We put out a lot of music talking about the corruption in the government, about our environment in Puerto Rico. Some people felt like we were immoral. Gangs, drugs, sex — that's the environment we live in, that's real."

As reggaeton has started breaking into the Latin mainstream, it has moved away from violent street sagas and toward tales of women and partying. And as it has gained greater legitimacy in the hip-hop world (helped by the success of Latino rappers like Fat Joe and Miami's own Pitbull), artists are proclaiming their musical skills and verbal virtuosity as much as their street credibility.

And they are playing a major role in reclaiming Latinos' place in hip-hop, which gives Yankee's drive to success the added impetus of doing it for his culture and his island, as well as for himself. "We were part of (hip-hop)," Yankee says. "But they've never given us the credit."

"We're gonna take the credit on that if it happens and it's already happening. But the credit is for the Latin community. It comes from Puerto Rico, but we don't mind sharing it." And he grins.

Two days after his "Premio" performance, Yankee is standing under a glowering sky backstage at the Bayfront Amphitheater, waiting to go on at the Bob Marley Caribbean Festival and Food Drive. "I'm tired — how do I get my energy back?" he says. But he ignites onstage, pounding the air, raking in energy while he rips off inhumanly fast rhymes, exhorting the hysterical crowd of black, white and Latina women pressed against the stage. Even the rain can't dampen their enthusiasm.

He seems almost dazed afterwards, sweating and shaking his head. "I expect that from my Latin fan base, but to see white women, black, all screaming for you, that's beautiful."

'Medium' haunts airwaves

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says. "She has this radio in her head that she has no control over. Wherever she looked, she saw dead people. It was a tremendous albatross in terms of having a family life. And I thought, 'I've never heard that story before, certainly not from the point of view of a soccer mom.'"

Casting Arquette, it would seem, was preordained.

Caron says: "I was halfway through writing the pilot, and my girlfriend was reading it and said, 'This is Patricia Arquette, isn't it?' And I said, 'Wow, isn't that a great idea.' We sent the script to Patricia, and she said yes. It was as simple as that."

Playing an otherworldly crime-solver isn't much of a stretch for an actress who has fashioned a fascinatingly checkered career out of eccentric roles in such films as "True Romance" and "Lost Highway."

In 2001's "Human Nature," for instance, she played a sort of female Yeti, roaming the forest with a thick, downy pelt of blond hair.

Miguel Sandoval, who plays DuBois' mentoring district attorney in "Medium," was in the cast of "Human Nature." What he remembers most is Arquette's dedication.

"I thought, 'Holy moly, anybody who would sit in a makeup chair for five or six hours every day to have hair laid over their body by hand and then do the acting deserves all the respect in the world,'" he says.

That Arquette, 36, seems drawn to unconventional roles is hardly surprising, given her background. She comes from an acting family. Her grandfather Cliff, professionally known as Charlie Weaver, was a longtime center panelist on "Hollywood Squares." Her father, Lewis, was a regular on "The Waltons." Her siblings, including Rosanna and David, are in the business.

Arquette was raised on a commune in Arlington, Va. "It wasn't like free drugs and free sex," she says on the phone during a shooting break. "My parents wanted their kids to grow up in an artistic, spiritual community.

"It was wonderful. I had no idea of material possessions and socioeconomic classes."

At one point in her rebellious teens, Arquette shaved her head. "I was, like, 15," she says. "It was all about the look and finding my own expression, and being a little more edgy."

She still doesn't find the gesture all that radical.

"I think it's ridiculous when people react to their kids' hair choice or clothing. ... My son can have a Mohawk anytime."

Arquette has a 16-year-old son, Enzo, from a relationship with musician Paul Rossi. After a turbulent six-year marriage to actor Nicolas Cage, she is living with actor Thomas Jane, with whom she has a 2-year-old daughter, Harlow.

The actress, who has always projected a curious mix of punk and glamour, may have found the role of her career in Allison DuBois. It's a character she seems to inhabit.

"She doesn't perceive Allison to be truly confident in her powers," Sandoval says. "She's always expecting to be surprised. And that gives a real immediacy and honesty to every acting moment."

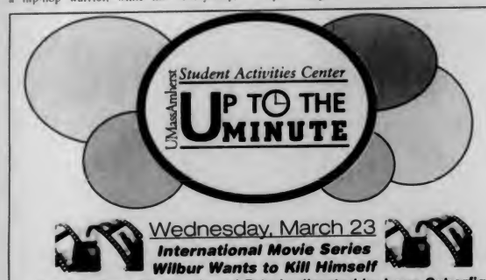
Says Caron: "In order to possess this gift, in order to have enough empathy, Allison has to be inordinately unvain. And whoever plays her, you'd have to sense this is not a person who spends a lot of time looking in the mirror. Patricia epitomizes that. There's something etherpal about her."

Arquette is so free of vanity that, in a profession that is all about cosmetics, she has stubbornly refused to get her tangled orthodontia squared away.

"I've always had a problem with authority," she explains. "If someone tells me I have to do something with my teeth, it ticks me off. The way I looked when I was younger, I could have gone for that baby-doll, Playboy-bunny look. But I didn't want to be that. I wanted to be my own person and express feelings and tell stories."

The only problem with playing a psychic, she finds, is that folks tend to confuse you with one.

"People say stuff like, 'I wanted to come by earlier. But you know that'," Arquette says. "That's happening all the time now."



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Bogut comes from nowhere to become an All-American

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Redick is one of the best shooters in the game from long range — 40.5 percent on 3-pointers, and the free throw line, 93.7 percent. The 6-foot-4 Redick averaged 22.1 points and played 37.3 minutes per game for the short-handed Blue Devils, who won the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament for the sixth time in seven years and are in the round of 16 for the eighth straight year.

"[1] has become a complete player," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "Everyone watches his shooting ability. He's found different ways to score; he's become our best off-the-ball perimeter defender; he's handled the ball; he's become a leader for us."

Redick is the first Duke All-America since Jason Williams was selected in 2001 and 2002.

The other three All-Americas all were eliminated from the NCAA tournament on the opening weekend.

The 6-0 Paul had one of the most impressive stat lines in college basketball. He averaged 15.3 points, 4.5 rebounds, 6.6 assists, 2.4 steals and shot 47.4 percent on 3s and 83.4 percent from the free throw line.

He was the leading vote-getter on the AP's preseason All-America team and he's Wake Forest's first postseason selection since Tim Duncan repeated in 1997.

"I just love the way he commands a game," Wake Forest coach Skip Prosser said. "He's not without flaws, but I wouldn't trade him for any point guard in the country."

The 6-9 Simien had an outstanding career despite what seemed like constant injuries. He missed 28 games over his first three years with various injuries and he missed four games this season after having surgery on his left thumb. Still, he averaged 20.3 points and 11.0 rebounds while shooting 55.2 percent from the field and 81.6 percent at the free throw line to become the Jayhawks' first All-America since Nick Collison in 2003.

"He had the best year of any player I have ever coached," Kansas' Bill Self said. "It's amazing the adversity he has been through but he remains so positive. His play is a direct reflection of his attitude."

The 6-8 Warrick, one of the key players in Syracuse's 2003 national championship run, averaged 21.4 points and 8.6 rebounds while shooting 54.8 percent from the field, a stat augmented by his spectacular dunking ability.

"It's a special honor especially since no Syracuse player has done it since Billy Owens in 1991 and there have so many great players here the last few years like Carmelo (Anthony)," Warrick said.

Orange coach Jim Boeheim said: "Hak was spectacular. The dunks he made just demoralized people. He took over games and we struggled to score except for him."



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Andrew Bogut sent UTEP's Giovanni St. Amant's shot in the opposite direction during Thursday's first round game of the NCAA tournament. Bogut was just named an NCAA All-American.

Several rule changes facing NFL committee



FIRST LOOK/THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Terrell Owens' broken leg stemmed from horse-collaring.

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

KAPALUA, Hawaii — A week in Maui was anything but a vacation for the NFL's competition committee.

The eight voting members of the committee, headed by Tennessee Titans coach Jeff Fisher and Atlanta Falcons general manager Rich McKay, are making 19 rules proposals to the owners at the annual meetings. Several are controversial enough to cause some vehement debate.

Among the proposals are: adopting the college rule for 15-yard defensive pass interference penalties rather than continuing with spot fouls — unless the foul was within 15 yards of the line of scrimmage; eliminating peel-back blocks below the waist outside the tackle box, and extending replay challenges to cover fumbles on plays already whistled by officials because the ball carrier was down by contact.

The committee also seeks to eliminate "horse-collar tackles," where the defender grabs the ball carrier inside the back of the shoulder pads and immediately drags him down while also falling on his legs. Such tackles would be deemed unsportsmanlike conduct, a 15-yard penalty.

"We want to eliminate dangerous plays that lead to injuries," Fisher said Monday. "We looked at all injury tapes and 90 percent of lower-extremity injuries, eight or nine could've been avoided. Four or five were associated with this type of technique.

"We're not singling out Roy Williams," Fisher added of the Dallas safety whose horse-collaring of Terrell Owens broke the leg and damaged the ankle of the Eagles' star receiver. "We're singling out a technique."

Fisher said he doesn't favor the college rule on pass interference, a proposal made by the Chiefs.

"I believe it will encourage lots of penalties," he said, emphasizing interference would happen too often on downfield plays.

Defensive pass interference beyond 15 yards that is considered flagrant will make the penalty a spot foul, McKay said. That, in theory, should prevent intentional tackles of receivers by a defender who is badly beaten on a long pass. But Fisher said he isn't so sure.

"It will have a dramatic effect on the passing game," he said.

Kansas City also suggests 5-yard illegal contact penalties not carry an automatic first down for the offense.

Perhaps the most contentious suggestion by the committee concerns the instant replay for down-by-contact plays. So the committee is proposing just a one-year experimentation.

There were less than 20 situations over the last two seasons where the down-by-contact call was incorrect. But because it can involve a change of possession, the committee felt it was worth being challengeable.

"If this passes," Fisher said, "the referee would be able to look at the play through recovery (of the ball). If he could not see clearly the recovery, the offense would retain the ball."

Another replay change would be the elimination of the buzzer system, which McKay and Fisher both comically mentioned abuses by certain coaches to slow down the run of play. No longer will coaches be able to claim the buzzer went off accidentally because they won't be hooked up; only by throwing the red flag onto the field will they be able to alert officials about a challenge.

"If you throw the flag and don't have any more challenges or timeouts," McKay added, "it will be a (15-yard) penalty."

Another proposal will protect a player who is out of a play from being blindsided, a tactic often used against kickers or punters, or against quarterbacks after an interception.

New England proposed positioning two TV cameras at each goal line to assist coaches on whether to challenge a play, and to aid the referee when examining an instant replay.

The competition committee also suggests penalizing a team for calling a second timeout in the same dead ball situation. It will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct, a 15-yard penalty.

Earlier Monday, commissioner Paul Tagliabue told the owners that talks to extend the collective bargaining agreement with the players are "at a dead end."

While Tagliabue would not concede that internal squabbles have stalled talks, it was evident from owners that the simmering contention between high-revenue and low-revenue teams has contributed as much to the impasse as a division between the union and the league.

"The union is asking for a lot of money," said Dan Rooney, the owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers, one of the have-not teams. "We can't get to that because of where we are among ourselves."



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Red Sox decide to continue calling Fenway Park home

By Mark Jewell
Associated Press

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox have decided to stay put at Fenway Park for the long term, ending years of speculation about whether the team would bolt from baseball's oldest and smallest stadium.

The Red Sox on Wednesday plan to announce they will remain at Fenway, an industry source with knowledge of the team's plans told The Associated Press on Tuesday. The source spoke on condition of anonymity.

Since buying the Red Sox in February 2002, the team's owners have refused to say whether they had made a final decision on staying long-term at Fenway, despite several recent stadium upgrades and seat additions.

The team's planned announcement to remain at Fenway was reported Tuesday in The Boston Globe, which cited Red Sox executives who declined to be identified.

Charles Steinberg, the team's executive vice president of public affairs, said Tuesday that the team planned to hold a news conference Wednesday. He declined further comment.

Sources cited by the Globe said the team plans to seek public financing to improve streets and sidewalks around the stadium and to build one or more garages and a new train station at Yawkey Way. But those plans aren't contingent on securing public financing, the Globe reported.

The industry source who spoke to The Associated Press said the team had no plans to seek public money for any improvements to the stadium or surrounding neighborhood.

Red Sox manager Terry Francona, speaking to reporters before Tuesday night's exhibition game against Cincinnati in Fort Myers, Fla., called the plans to remain at Fenway "wonderful."

"I commend our ownership for being smart enough to know that the place we play in may be the best in baseball," he said.

Francona cited the team's new weight room and batting cage and the strong water pressure in his shower.

"It's unbelievable," he said of Fenway, "and I still have the best shower in the league. I don't want them to take that away."

The Red Sox won the World Series last year for the first time since 1918, six years after Fenway Park opened. Last year, Boston sold out each of its 81 regular season home games.

The Red Sox ownership team, headed by John Henry, recently received approval to add more than 2,000 seats or standing locations on the roofs extending above the left and right field stands in time for the 2006 season. Those seats and other changes would expand the park's capacity from 36,298 to 38,815.

Red Sox ownership has indicated that their goal is to increase park capacity to nearly 40,000.

Five years ago, the team's old owners mounted an unsuccessful bid for a new stadium. The state agreed in 2000 to earmark $100 million for infrastructure construction, while the city agreed to spend $140 million for acquisition and cleanup costs at the site of a new stadium.

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Vegas is the center of the universe during March Madness

By Jeff Passan
Knight Ridder

LAS VEGAS — Bill Clair slogs out of the bathroom in Room 346 of the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. Villanova and New Mexico are playing in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on the Philips plasma screen, and he's not altogether interested. Clair, shirtless for the moment, lets out a long yawn. He doesn't look the part of a man who minutes ago cashed a $2,000 gambling ticket.

"Little too much champagne last night," Clair says. "Little too much everything."

That's the ethos here in the land of grandiose hotels, clubs, bars and, above all, dollars: There's no such thing as too much. The NCAA Tournament attracts to Las Vegas patrons from around the country who want to sidle up to a chair in a sports book and bet, bet, bet. They're chasing something. The money, the rush, the bragging rights — whatever their vice.

It's obsessive, and only getting bigger. Nevada took $91 million in wagers from the Super Bowl in January. Estimates for the NCAA Tournament hover around $80 million of the more than $2 billion wagered in everything from office pools to offshore books.

"This is by far the busiest four days of the year," says Bob Scucci, the Stardust's sports book director.

It's because of people like Clair. This is his third year coming to Las Vegas for the tournament. He meets with friends and cousins, and on the first two nights of the tournament, they take turns staking out seats in the sports book. Remember, lines form at 2 a.m.

He's gone to 15 World Series, eight Masters and eight Stanley Cups, and he says nothing matches the first four days of the NCAA Tournament in Las Vegas. All of the vices afflict Clair. He let a friend, John Dinneen, convince him to place a bet he deemed The Gator Hedge. Clair, a graduate of the University of Florida, wagered 10 times his normal $200 bet on the team playing Florida, Ohio University.

"Only three things can happen," Clair explains. "If the Gators win, great, they won. If the Gators get smoked, you win thousands of dollars. The other happens once in a blue moon: The Gators win and you still win your bet. Best of everything."

Clair wakes up at 8 a.m. to catch the Florida game. His brain still awash in champagne, he falls asleep as the Gators take a 17-point lead. Ohio claws back, and by the time the Bobcats tie the score at 60-60, Clair awakens, and is nervous. His heart beats. With another basket, it could break.

Florida spares him such fate with a 67-62 victory. Clair hits the double whammy. He cashes his ticket and eyes his booty. It's short-lived. He immediately hands the money to his cousin, Michael Blakey, whom he owes $2,000.

Walking toward the sports book, Clair doesn't feel a pang of guilt betting against his alma mater. He finds himself caught up in the same morass as the thousands of others who pack sports books this weekend, the line of too much that's seemingly nonexistent.

"Morally, it's horrible," Clair says. "But what the hell. You're in Vegas."

As banks and schools and offices ran as usual Thursday morning, grown men in Las Vegas started drinking beer and watching basketball at 9:40 a.m.

At the Stardust, the granddaddy of sports books where the betting lines are set, every seat is filled. If nature calls, the only way to save a seat is by writing TAKEN on a piece of paper. Sometimes, people don't care.

In that respect, sports books are testosterone Miracle-Gro. Alpha males strut. Emotion trampolines. Strangers become brothers when a kid whose name they don't know and never will bother to find out hits a shot that covers the spread.

"The betting is so constant," Scucci says. "There's interest in every game, every shot, every..."

Scucci cranes his neck and eyeballs the goofballs letting out huzzahs. Someone hit a shot for 16th-seeded Montana to tie its game against top-seeded Washington, one the Huskies would win 88-77 but not cover the 20-point spread.

"You're looking up to see who's making a meaningless basket," Scucci says. "Well, they're not meaningless."

There's anguish, agony. And not just on TV. Forlorn faces and shaking heads speckle the crowd at the Stardust. Sports books reek of smoke and desperation. Numbers are everywhere. On walls, on lips, on minds. These are mortgage payments, retirement funds, groceries, educations, heating bills. Bad bounces bounce checks. Everyone in a sports book needs. A shot, a rebound, a prayer. To want isn't enough.

"The luckiest person in here," one man says, "is the one who doesn't bet."

Betting, of course, built this place, bought the 79 TVs, funds Scucci. Betting, too, attracts the majority of people here. It feeds the beast.

Television does its share as well. CBS paid the NCAA $6 billion for 11 years of tournament rights. Four games beam down simultaneously on the big screens at the Stardust. Then, the cut-ins start. CBS flashes to a different game. A lower seed is about to pull an upset. Announcers raise their voices an octave. Bettors, more likely to pick the favorite, squirm.

Those games end. On to the next. The day always leaps forward. Until night falls, there's another game, another chance. At Caesars Palace, Craig Watkins needs both.

After winning his first bet of the day, the Lee's Summit resident lost his next nine. He is cursing Texas coach Rick Barnes and bemoaning his strategy and praying his 12-team parlay that pays $40,000 comes through.

"Dude, I'm telling you, this is the best place I've ever seen," says Watkins, 40. "Look at people sitting on the floor. I mean, this is the best, right?"

Watkins watches two teams from his parlay lose, meaning it will pay 5-to-1 if his remaining 10 teams win.

"Well," Watkins says, "kind of the best."

He stuffs his ticket back in his pocket. It's good for now, at least for a moment. Losers dispose of theirs, some with a single tear and others by ripping and shredding and sprinkling the remains like pixie dust that lost its magic.

OK then, enough of this. Over the first two days of the tournament, thousands of bettors have laid millions of dollars and bathed in the excitement. It's my turn. On Friday night, my school, fourth-seeded Syracuse, played 13th-seeded Vermont. My knowledge of the Orange has atrophied badly since I graduated in 2002, so this bet — $50 on Syracuse giving up nine points — is made strictly on school pride.

That fades quickly. Syracuse plays a miserable first half and somehow leads 23-19 at halftime. They can't keep playing this badly, right?

Syracuse commits its 17th turnover 6 minutes into the second half. Hakim Warrick is taking a three-pointer. Perhaps they can keep playing this badly.

The Orange starts pressing. Good move. Terrence Roberts steals the ball and dunks it. He hangs on the rim too long for the ref's liking and gets a technical foul.

Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim smiles. I don't.

Commercial break. Deep breaths. That David Spade commercial is on. For some reason, he's more annoying than usual.

Back to the game, and Vermont keeps pushing. No way Syracuse covers. Best-case scenario: Syracuse wins, I lose. Faith is dwindling. So is the clock.

"Boy," says Alan Cribb, a 26-year-old from Las Vegas, "doesn't gambling make sports a hell of a lot more fun?"

No.

With 3.7 seconds remaining, Vermont turns the ball over in a tied game. Should Syracuse win now and advance or go to overtime and possibly win and cover? Greed wins out when Gerry McNamara misses a three-pointer at the buzzer.

Likewise, karma wins in overtime. T.J. Sorrentine drills a 25-foot three-pointer in overtime that sent Catamounts coach Tom Brennan leaping into the air. So do expletives at the Orleans.

When Syracuse turns the ball over with .4 seconds remaining and seals the 60-57 victory for Vermont, my phone rings.

"Just to let you know," says the boss, "that's not company money."

Fine, as long as I get to keep the ticket. I don't want to crumble it up or tear it or burn it. It's a lesson that, perhaps, there is such a thing as too much.

Outside of the Orleans, it's raining. How appropriate. Just in time for the late games.

They've worn the shirts eight times. They're still white enough for an angel. On the back collars are the letters K and U, and on the left breast read the words Las Vegas March Madness.

Behind the gambling windows at Caesars stands Chuck Esposito, the director of the sports book. He has a smile on his face. His casino raked in plenty of money this weekend, sure, and that felt good.

"But this weekend," Esposito says. "It's fun. It's what we live for."



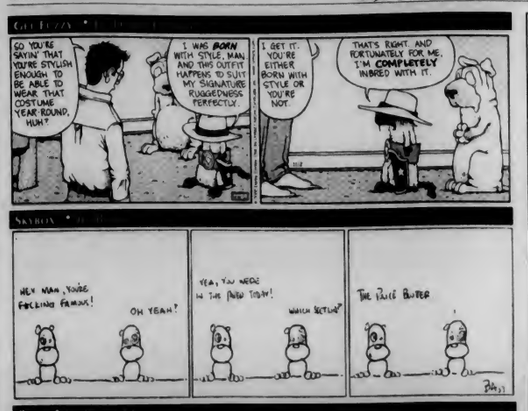
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Late run lifts Minutemen

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

While closing out the first third of the season, the Massachusetts men's lacrosse team has wreaked havoc on opposing offenses, caused opposing defenses to look dizzy and confused and has appeared to figure out what it may be capable of come tourney time.

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Sacred Heart	3

The relentless defense had another solid game and sparked the offense to a consistant attack, and the No. 11 Minutemen (5-1) scored the final four goals of the game to transform a close contest into an 8-3 convincing victory over Sacred Heart (4-2) in Fairfield, Conn.

UMass will retake the field this Saturday against Loyola in Baltimore, Md., at 1 p.m.

The Minutemen used a hat trick from Sean Morris, his fifth such performance in as many games this season, and 14 saves from goalie Bill Schell to brush aside the Pioneers.

Massachusetts' strong performance in the second half directly correlated with Morris scoring the game's last three goals in the final 21:16 of the contest, and Schell used nine of his 14 saves in the third and fourth quarters.

"Our defense was excellent, Bill Schell was solid in goal and Dane Collins won a lot of draws," UMass coach Greg Cannella said. "This was a team effort, and I am proud of our guys. Sacred Heart hung around. They are a very good team and played scrappy, much like our team."

Not to be overlooked was the play of the defense, which only allowed a meager three goals after limiting Brown to just five on Saturday.

Led by ECAC Defensive Player of the Week Jack Reid, plus Matt Garcia and Aaron Paskalis, the defense limited shots and held Sacred Heart's top four scorers pointless.

Cannella noted that the Pioneers had won four in a row and were coming off their biggest win in school history last week, a 9-8 overtime win at Dartmouth, so they would be a tough team to conquer.

"This is a good group of guys," Cannella said about his squad. "They count on each other, and they have good leadership."

Coming off a 12-5 drubbing of archrival Brown, which was ranked No. 17 on Saturday, the Minutemen could have fallen into the same trap that caught them just one week prior at Albany, when they were upset by the Great Danes, 10-9 in Troy, N.Y.

"This was the same type of opponent as we played last Tuesday," Schell said. "We weren't ready for that game, so we concentrated on being ready for the first whistle of the game today.

"The D made a lot of easy shots for me. They forced a lot of shots from the outside, not crease shots, and it made it easy for me to get into a groove."

Jeff Zywicki kicked off the day's scoring with 8:30 to play in the first quarter, and Brian Iacovina followed suit just over four minutes later to give UMass a 2-0 lead.

Pioneer Ryan Morse cut the lead in half in the second quarter, but Andrew Recchione pushed the lead back to two goals with 10:02 remaining in the first half.

Sacred Heart made it a one-goal game once again when Billy Fuchs scored his seventh of the season with 5:41 to play in the second quarter, but Massachusetts used a Gene Tundo goal to head into the locker room with a 4-2 halftime lead.

Just over four minutes into the final half, the Pioneers held true to the back-and-forth scoring when Derek Platt added his fifth of the season to cut the lead to 4-3.

Zywicki's second goal of the game and 13th of the season started the four-goal run to close out Sacred Heart in their first home game of the year.

This is the fourth time in the last five years that the Minutemen have opened their season with at least a 5-1 record.



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UMass goalie Bill Schell registered a season-high 14 saves for the Minutemen in Fairfield, Conn. yesterday. The Minutemen will play Loyola in Baltimore on Saturday.

UM ready for Hofstra

By Ian Kilpatrick
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts women's lacrosse team (2-3) will eagerly return back to action on their home turf of Garber Field against the 7th-ranked Hofstra Pride (5-1) today at 4 p.m.

The Minutewomen will be looking to rebound from a lopsided defeat at the hands of the 13th-ranked Syracuse Orange last Saturday, but it won't be a simple task against the rolling Pride. UMass' biggest flaw of experience happens to be exactly what has gotten Hofstra into the nation's top-10 as the they have 10 seniors to UMass' three. Coach Carrie Bolduc knows the discrepancy in game experience provides a big challenge for her team.

"What makes them good is experience; their transition is good, they connect well to the ball. Our issue right now is we're young, and the mental mistakes that we have just off of turnovers," Bolduc said. "They have nine seniors that I believe all start, and you can imagine by your fourth year you're making less mistakes so they have played together for a while and obviously have gelled and are doing more things right."

It will take a well carefully played game with minimal error and turnovers for the Minutewomen to hang with today's opponent because of the small amount of mistakes the senior-laden Pride make as a team. Along with taking care of the ball the young UMass team will have to execute in transition and in set plays in order to get more shots on goal than it has been. The Minutewomen average just around eight less shots on goal per game than their opponents even tough their percentage of goals scored out of shots on goal is a bit higher than their opponents' percentage.

"I think our transition attack has improved tremendously. For the most part, when we shoot, we finish, Bolduc explained." So if we can execute and attack, if we can execute in transition, get the ball in attack, execute our set plays and shoot and shoot more than 15 shots on goal during the entire game, then for the most part we're a scoring team, we know how to finish. That's going to be important that we have lots of shots on and we take care of the game."

Although last Saturday's game against a powerful Syracuse team ended in a rout, it did provide some confidence for the growing Minutewomen who were only down by two goals at the start of the second half. The focus today will be to compete at a high level of play for the whole 60 minutes rather than 30, which may take the stepping up and accelerated growth as leaders of the team's freshmen.

"We're looking for some players who haven't played as much to be leaders out there, to make game changing plays or to come up with an extra draw control or an extra ground ball," Bolduc said. "I think we are calling on some of our young people to do that because we have so many young people out there."

Relying on freshmen may not be the best way to go into a big game, but the few seniors and juniors, specifically Kerri Connerty and Jackie Nesbitt, are starting to step up as leaders along with the captains and are bringing the underclassmen around. Playing top-ranked teams like Syracuse and Hofstra should also speed up the learning process giving the freshmen and sophomores experience that can't be gained with practice or against mediocre competition.

Most young teams may fold to the challenge of a well traveled and top ranked team, but Bolduc remains confident that her team is up for the challenge that Hofstra presents.

"I think it definitely helps [to play in big games]. I think our team, what's good about them or what's special about them is they tend to rise to a challenge, maybe not under pressure yet, but they like challenges," Bolduc explained. "I would prefer to see them play against a big team rather than a team that's average or mediocre. It's fun to see my team and how they can handle it and it certainly helps us our for A-10's."

After taking on the Pride, the Minutewomen will head to New Hampshire to take on the Wildcats.

UMass drops 10th of season

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

With all respect to March Madness aside, this was a game of runs. Thing is, the Massachusetts baseball team didn't score any at all.

The Minutemen (3-10) already drop to double digits in the loss column after suffering a 9-0 loss at the hands of the powerful bats of the Connecticut Huskies, who banged out 13 hits on a total of five different UMass pitchers en route to the pummeling at Harbor Yard.

UConn	9
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UConn now leads the all-time series at 72-69-3, while also extending their winning streak to two and having won nine of its last 11.

The Maroon and White have now dropped four straight, and have not scored a run in their last 21-1/3 innings of play. They now head to Cincinnati, Ohio this weekend, where they will take on the Xavier Musketeers in a three-game series.

Once again, the Minuteman bats went silent at the plate, registering just five hits against the Husky pitching squad. The lack of hitting allowed junior lefthander Brendan McGinn (1-2) to register his first win of the season on a two-hit, five-strikeout effort. UMass has now put up just 11 hits over the last three games.

The Huskies immediately went to work in the bottom of the first inning. After Jeremy Demers (1-3) walked Austin Wassermann to lead off, Tony Mallozzi (3-for-4, one RBI) followed up with a single. Bryan Maler then reached first via a fielder's choice, Jeff Hourigan (2-for-2, three RBI) then doubled to centerfield to clear the bases and reached home in the next at bat when freshman Matt Karl knocked a triple. UConn rounded out the scoring in the first with a sacrifice fly that sent Karl home.

Demers lasted only two innings and was replaced by John Toffey at the start the third. Toffey was unable to stop the bleeding, as the Huskies scored two more in the fourth on singles from Larry Day and Mallozzi that made it 6-0. UConn registered one run in the fifth, sixth and eighth innings to round out the scoring for the afternoon.

The Minutemen threatened to score only once throughout the whole game, but Bill Rankin struck out swinging to end the inning with Brent Tarasuik on third base.

Bogut named All-American

By Jim O'Connell
Associated Press

Andrew Bogut was just another international player when the college basketball season started, not even meriting an honorable mention in the preseason All-America balloting.

All that has changed now for the 7-foot sophomore from Australia. The Utah center was the leading vote-getter on The Associated Press' All-America team announced Tuesday.

Bogut, who averaged 20.4 points and was second in the country in rebounding at 12.4, was joined on the first team by senior forwards Wayne Simien of Kansas and Hakim Warrick of Syracuse, junior guard J.J. Redick of Duke and sophomore guard Chris Paul of Wake Forest.

The voting was done on a 5-3-1 basis by the same 72-member national media panel that selects the Top 25 each week. The balloting was conducted before the NCAA tournament began.

Bogut received 60 first-team votes and 330 points, 22 more than Redick, who had 53 first-team votes.

Simien and Paul each had 289 points with Simien getting 45 first-team votes, one more than Paul. Warrick also had 44 first-team votes and got 283 points.

Bogut was the only member of the first team not to have received any recognition after last season. In fact, he was the only one of the five not to have been at least an honorable mention selection in the preseason All-America ballot-ing. Now Bogut is considered a sure lottery pick, and the possible top pick, if he decides to declare for the NBA draft.

"The thing that impresses me the most about Andrew is his ability to get better as the year went along," first-year Utah coach Ray Giacoletti said. "I've never seen a guy his size with the versatility he has and the will to win he has."

Bogut showed off his passing skills with a season-high seven assists in the Utes' second-round win over Oklahoma last Saturday, a game in which he has a season-low 10 points on just seven shots. That led the Utes into the round of 16 for the first time since their 1998 run to the national championship game.

"We were just trying to have a successful year and do our best," said Bogut, Utah's first All-America since Andre Miller in 1999. "It just all came together these last couple of weeks."

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Bonds blames media, may not return in '05

By Ken Peters
Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Coming off knee surgery and caught up in baseball's steroids scandal, Barry Bonds said he may not play at all this season — despite standing on the doorstep of the sport's most hallowed record.

The San Francisco Giants slugger also said he was physically and mentally "done," and blamed the media for at least part of his troubles.

"I'm tired of my kids crying. You wanted me to jump off a bridge, I finally did," Bonds told reporters Tuesday, shortly after returning to training camp. "You finally brought me and my family down. ... So now go pick a different person."

Bonds, whose 703 career homers are 11 short of Babe Ruth's total and 52 behind Hank Aaron's record, was back in camp following last week's arthroscopic surgery on his right knee.

Sitting at a picnic table outside the Giants' clubhouse with his 15-year-old son, Nikolai, at his side, Bonds said, "My son and I are just going to enjoy our lives. You guys wanted to hurt me bad enough, you finally got me."

Bonds said he was tired and disappointed following a winter in which he was accused of steroid use, his grand jury testimony was leaked and he had two knee operations.

Leaning his head on a crutch and repeatedly saying he was tired, Bonds spoke after a 1 1/2-hour session with Giants trainer Stan Conte.

"Right now I'm just going to try to rehab myself to get back to, I don't know, hopefully next season, hopefully the middle of the season," Bonds said. "I don't know. Right now I'm just going to take things slow.

"I'm 40 years old, not 20, 30."

Bonds, who set the single-season record with 73 home runs in 2001, underwent a similar operation on the same knee on Jan. 31, but had a setback after workouts in camp earlier this month.

He returned to the Bay Area on March 16 and had surgery last Thursday to repair cartilage. Conte said last Thursday the second operation put Bonds back at "square one."

Conte said Bonds went through a "normal rehab six days out of surgery" on Tuesday, and that his knee looked as expected.

"I expect he'll progress as knee patients go," the trainer said, offering no prediction of when the seven-time NL MVP might be able to play again.

After Bonds' first operation this winter, Conte had said Bonds was expected to be sidelined for six weeks. All the trainer would say after the second surgery was that Bonds was unlikely to be ready for the season opener.

Teammate Moises Alou, who has come back from five surgeries, said Bonds probably was just having a bad day.

"Maybe today he was not very optimistic. I think it was one of those rehab days where you just caught him on one of the bad days," Alou said. "It's not fun when you come to the ballpark, then have to go to the training room to get taped and get treatment.

"It's not as fun as when you are young and wild and doing things, especially when you are the man."

Giants pitcher Jason Christiansen, who had to come back from reconstructive elbow surgery, also understands how facing rehab can be a bit depressing.

"There have been five or six times I've come in and said, 'I don't need this heartache any more.' It's a series of peaks and valleys," Christiansen said. "A week from now, Barry could turn around and say he'll be ready by April 5."

Christiansen realizes there's considerably more focus on Bonds.

"I couldn't imagine what he goes through on a daily basis, reading some of the stuff and hearing what people say about him. It's pretty much a circus," Christiansen said.

Last September, the Giants dropped a provision that would have allowed them to void Bonds' $18 million salary in 2006 if he failed to reach 500 plate appearances this year or 1,500 combined from 2003 to 2005, including at least 400 this year.



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San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds has lapped the bases 703 times throughout his career, and now he is saying he is too tired to do it anymore. Bonds announced yesterday he may not return to the field this season.

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Student Trustee candidates voice platform goals







By Julie O'Donnell
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Michael Todd

Student Government Association Trustee candidate Michael Todd encouraged University of Massachusetts students to vote him in this week's elections, promising that the upcoming year will be better run by himself and presidential candidate James Washburn.

Todd, like Washburn, emphasized the importance in working with various student groups on campus like registered student organizations and clubs.

"RSO's are the key to the student body," he said. "SGA hasn't shown them what they can do, and we can."

Todd implied that there are so many student groups on campus that do not receive the proper funding that they deserve because the SGA ignores them.

As for working with the Administrations, Todd criticized the SGA for not working with Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Michael Gargano.

"Not working with Gargano is the wrong direction for UMass," he said. "We are supposed to work with [the Administration] not for them."

Valerie Lewis

Current SGA Senator and running mate to presidential candidate Pavel Payano, Valerie Lewis said that she plans to initiate a fifteen point platform she and Payano created for the upcoming year.

"I will be continuing the platform that Pavel Payano spoke about," she said, " and I believe that we are the only candidates to have a platform posted online."

Current President of the SGA Eduardo Bustamante and Trustee Matthew Murphy publicly endorsed Lewis and Payano and she felt that endorsement is key to her plans for the SGA.

"We plan on following the platform of Eddie and Matt," she said. She added that they would work on affordability.

Lewis stressed the importance of gaining tenure faculty members in spite of the recent influx of student teachers, graduate student teachers and teaching assistants on campus.

Lewis also said that she plans to "step up the representation of Greek Life" by being in close contact with Greek Life director Michael Wiseman.

Craig Goldschmidt

Three-year SGA member and Trustee candidate Craig Goldschmidt urged viewers to vote for him because of his extensive knowledge on how the SGA works and more importantly how it doesn't work.

Goldschmidt, who is running alongside presidential candidate Sean Bliss, told viewers the importance of a functioning SGA above all.

"I have seen the struggles with the senators and the Administration," he said. "We need to fix the SGA before fixing campus."

Goldschmidt added that his major plans include revamping student parking.

"We need to reform the cost of parking," he said. "This year, a sticker in the yellow lot was $106; five years ago it was $40."

He reiterated that services on campus are in need of improvement like crosswalks and paving.

"We need to improve every aspect of student life."

Goldschmidt is also aiming to unite the graduate and undergraduate programs at UMass, saying that the SGA must "represent the campus as a whole."

SGA stews over admin's RSO plans

By Dan O'Brien
Collegian Staff

The discussion at last night's 1:46:1st regular meeting of the University of Massachusetts Student Government Association centered around Chancellor John Lombardi's new plans to create a center to oversee the University's registered student organizations.

During the meeting's officer reports, President Eduardo Bustamante announced that he and Graduate Employee Organization President Uri Strauss have created an alternative plan to Lombardi's, which they will present to the Faculty Senate at its meeting today.

One key element of Lombardi's new plan is already causing an outcry from several members of the SGA, including Bustamante and Speaker Mark Morrison. That element is a recommendation to create a new administratively-run center that would oversee more than 40 registered student organizations. Since the center would be part of the University's Department of Student Affairs and Campus Life, it would ultimately be led by Michael

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Honor society gives to scholarship fund

By Kelly McGuire
Collegian Staff

The UMass chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, the fourth oldest chapter of the collegiate academic excellence honor society is donating money to a scholarship fund in memory of a deceased former faculty member.

"To commemorate the 100th anniversary, we are donating $1,000 to the Barbara B. Burn Scholarship," said John Nelson, professor of the directing and writing program at UMass.

Nelson has been the president of the society for the past 13 years, and founded the Professional Writing and Technical Communication Program at the University in 1990.

Barbara B. Burn was the associate provost for international programs at the University of Massachusetts and a world leader in international education. Burn died in 2002.

"She was an extraordinary figure on this campus for a long time. We would like to memorialize the great contribution she made on campus," said Nelson.

The $1000 scholarship in Burn's memory will be split between two students. One UMass student who wants to study abroad will be awarded $500, as well as a foreign student who wants to study at UMass. According to Nelson, most scholarships in Massachusetts are for young women and men in-state. This scholarship gives students from other places more opportunity.

Burn founded exchanges and study abroad programs at the university for faculty and students. Nelson said Burn was called "the leading personality in the higher-education exchange field" by Jack Egle, chairman of the board of the Council of International Educational Exchange, according to UMass Magazine.

Burn received a number of honors for her contributions to general education, international education, and cultural and international relations. In the late 1960s when Burn arrived on campus, fewer than 100 students took part in international exchanges. In 2002 more than 1,000 students studied abroad, while double that number of foreign students, scholars, and faculty came to study at UMass. With the help of Burn, the university established exchange agreements with more than 100 countries.

The scholarship is being organized by IPO, International Programs Office, located in Hills on campus. International Programs Office (IPO) is strongly committed to providing education abroad opportunities for a wide range of students. IPO contributes to the education abroad of the academic life off campus, not just on campus. Working closely with faculty and the administration, IPO coordinates and administers over fifty overseas education abroad programs. Many of them are full-year reciprocal exchanges.

The society of Phi Kappa Phi has won other awards in recent years. According to Nelson, the society has won fellowships for $7000 a year four times. These awards are also distributed to students who are good candidates to receive this recognition.

According to Nelson, the society wants to be remembered for their contribution to the students, as well as the achievement of celebrating 100 years of success on campus.

Kosher DC offers fresh spin on meal plan

By Sesugh Nombahan
Collegian Correspondent

AMHERST — There is a misconception that only Jewish students can eat in the Kosher dining hall in Southwest. However, this is not the case.

On a weeknight, the atmosphere is relaxed and casual. Two students wear baseball caps, one a black skully, and the lone girl has a blue bandana tied on her head. Only three wear kipas, the traditional circle shaped Jewish head garment.

The UMass Hillel employs two of the three, Meir Lev Dashevsky and Jonah Gribetz Rubin. Dashevsky is the president of the UMass Hillel and Rubin is a student leader and activist.

At the tables, students speak openly about Jewish and non-Jewish matters, but mostly Jewish matters. Dashevsky and Rubin debate the causation of the Lebanese war. Aviv Moggio, a sophomore who says he often dines at the Kosher dining hall, asks questions about what it is like in Israel. He says he is planning to visit for the first time after he graduates next year. They joke with him.

"Don't wear that shirt in Israel," Dashevsky said. "They'll know you're an American."

"No, you should wear it," said Dan Ron, a sophomore who claims he is "the least religious."

"Israeli girls like Americans," he said.

Although the atmosphere is warm and friendly, the hot and freshly prepared food is the best part of the dining hall. Cook Amanda Pipczynski works at the Kosher dining hall in Southwest 40 hours a week. She uses all-natural products and fresh produce, despite the extra money it costs. Pipczynski says the quality of food is better because it is not cooked in bulk quantities. She usually makes enough to feed only 20 for dinner and 15 for lunch. However, she says she doesn't mind cooking more, and encourages Jewish and non-Jewish students to come down and try it out.



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The Kosher Dining Hall in Southwest offers a relaxed atmosphere and freshly prepared, kosher foods for all students participating in Your Campus Meal Plan.

The Kosher dining hall works the same as all University dining halls.

Students grab a tray and plate and utensils and get in the buffet line. Any variety of hot kosher dishes are available.

The pipczynski, or "potato pancakes," are fried mashed potatoes shaped like thick hamburger patties. A hint of seasoning gives them just the right flavor. Pipczynski are slightly different than latke, a more traditional potato-made Jewish food.

"For latke, the potato is shredded and then fried," said Pipczynski.

Also served with the potato pancakes are applesauce. The cool sweetness of the applesauce and the warm, smooth bite of the potato pancake make a delightful combination.

Another dish is yellow and green peppers stuffed with seasoned rice. The large peppers are cut in half and filled with seasoned white rice and chopped mushrooms. Although the pepper is somewhat of an acquired taste, it is crunchy and flavorful. The rice is soft and the seasoning is good enough to lick off the lips.

However, the best part of the meal is the beef.

The bright red prime beef cuts are served with a stewed broth, making it tender and soft.

Students say it is evident that the meat is prepared in a different way than usual or, at the very least, different than the other dc's.

"The meat is better quality over here," said Ed Jaffe, a sophomore who used to help cook at the Kosher dining hall. "It's not like that stuff they preheat and serve at the dc's."

Traditional Jews are allowed to eat beef as long as they don't mix it with dairy and it is prepared properly. The animals used must be free range (not caged) and must not be injected by hormones. A sacrificial prayer must be performed before the animal is slaughtered.

The Kosher dining hall is open to all UMass students with a meal plan. It is open on weekdays from 5 to 7 p.m.

Red Lake Indian nation: isolated and impoverished

By Deborah Hastings
Associated Press

RED LAKE, Minn. — This place and its people have never warmed to outsiders. The Red Lake Band of Chippewa have been here for more than a century, fighting among themselves and others for sovereignty in the cold, hard landscape of northern Minnesota.

They have closed ranks even more tightly since one of their own, a 16-year-old boy, shot to death his grandfather — a beloved, veteran tribal police officer — and then killed eight others, including himself.

"They are a very private people," said Sister Marina Schlangen, who has lived among the 7,000 Chippewa for the past 15 years as development coordinator for St. Mary's Mission, a school, convent and ministry on the edge of the flat, 880-square-mile reservation. "They live in private and they grieve in private."

Life is not easy here. The unemployment rate was estimated in the 2000 Census at 40 percent, but others, including Schlangen, who writes federal grant applications for the reservation, say it may actually be as high as 65 percent.

Many live below the poverty line, dependent on state and federal aid. School test scores rank among the lowest in Minnesota. Drug and alcohol abuse is a crippling problem; there is a treatment center for juveniles here.

The schools here are closed until Tuesday out of respect for the

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Court rejects bid by parents to save Terri Schiavo's life

By Elliott C. McLaughlin
Associated Press

ATLANTA — For the second time in less than a day, a federal appeals court Wednesday rejected a bid by Terri Schiavo's parents to have her feeding tube re-inserted. Florida lawmakers, meanwhile, debated another last-ditch effort to prolong her life.

In a 10-2 decision, the Atlanta-based U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals refused Bob and Mary Schindler's request for an "expedited rehearing" by the full court. A three-judge panel from the same court ruled against the family earlier Wednesday.

The court did not immediately give an explanation for its decision. The parents have vowed to take their fight to the U.S. Supreme Court, which has refused to get involved previously.

Supporters of the parents grew increasingly dismayed by the developments, and 10 protesters were arrested outside Schiavo's hospice for trying to bring her water. The severely brain-damaged woman's mother pleaded, again, that her daughter be kept alive.

"When I close my eyes at night, all I can see is Terri's face in front of me, dying, starving to death," Mary Schindler said outside the hospice. "Please, someone out there, stop this cruelty. Stop the insanity. Please let my daughter live."

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A student observes part of the photography exhibit "The Waste of War: Vietnam, 1972-1975" by photojournalist Barr G. Ashcraft yesterday. The photos are on display through April 10.

Tribe grieving over school shooting

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dead, who included five high school students. St. Mary's Mission elementary school, with an enrollment of about 70, is providing grief training this week for its teachers.

"People are so sad here," Schlangen said. "They're just hanging their heads. They stand together in solidarity, but people here just don't talk much. It's just not their culture."

Tribal police and reservation officials have distributed fliers warning against taking pictures or attempting to talk to residents about Jeff Weise, a lonely teenager who killed his grandfather, Daryl Lussier, 58, and the man's girlfriend, and then drove to Red Lake High in his grandfather's patrol car Monday and started shooting.

Along the reservation's main street Wednesday were signs warning, "Exiting this road constitutes trespassing." It is a road that cuts through vast stretches of leafless trees and snow-covered fields, winding along two frozen-over lakes dotted with the occasional ice house. There is a fishery here, and a casino, and a newly built law enforcement center.

Drive five minutes east, and the road opens to vast parcels of little more than winter forest. Single-wide trailers sit far back from the road at long intervals. Small clapboard houses painted in bright shades of green and red and blue rise against a frozen backdrop.

The nearest shopping center and grocery stores are 32 miles south in Bemidji, a hodgepodge of minimalls, car dealers, chain restaurants and a mammoth Wal-Mart.

The Red Lake reservation was founded in 1889, and unlike other tribes, the Chippewa have kept their land intact and not sold off portions of it.

They protect their land from outsiders. In the winter of 2002, tribal conservation officers confiscated the plane of a pilot who landed on the frozen lower lake hoping to sample the phenomenal crappie fishing. It took him more than six weeks of negotiations, $4,000 in fines and $2,000 in legal fees to get his plane back.

But its people have fought each other through the years, culminating in a deadly uprising in 1979 over tribal leadership. Rioters burned down their own government buildings and the home of the tribal chairman. Two teenagers were shot to death.

The tribal court system was beset by allegations of corruption in the 1980s. Chief Tribal Judge George Sumner was shot to death in 1986 by Red Lake band member Gregory Good, who accused the judge of violating residents' civil rights. Good, who claimed self-defense, was acquitted of murder charges by a federal jury.

Like other tribes, the Chippewa erected a casino in the 1990s, hoping it would bring money and jobs. But because of its remote location, some 200 miles north of Minneapolis, the casino has not lifted them out of poverty. Red Lake and two other reservations are trying to build a joint casino in the Twin Cities area, but the effort is mired in political wrangling.

Beltrami County Commissioner Ice Vene knows the reservation and its residents well. "We're very deferential to their pride and their privacy and their culture," he said. "We are very respectful of that."

He added: "We will do whatever we can to help them. "If they want and need it. They are very private people. They are good people. That is simply the way they are."

Schiavo fading with dehydration

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Terri Schiavo has not received any nourishment since the tube was pulled Friday afternoon. By late Tuesday, Terri's eyes were sunken, her skin was parched and flaking and her lips and tongue were parched, said Barbara Weller, an attorney for the Schindlers.

Doctors have said she could survive one to two weeks without the feeding tube.

A lawyer for Michael Schiavo said he was "very pleased" by the initial appeals court ruling. But he worried that, as her parents ran out of options, either Gov. Jeb Bush or lawmakers might try again to take Terri Schiavo into their custody and circumvent years of court rulings that support the husband's position. Michael Schiavo argued that his wife has no hope of recovery and would want to die.

"They have no more power than you or I or a person walking down the street to say we have the right to take Terri Schiavo," attorney George Felos said in a state court hearing.

In Tallahassee, the state capital, Bush renewed his call for the Legislature to "spare Terri's life." A lawmaker said Wednesday was the Senate's last chance to pass a bill to keep Schiavo alive.

Sen. Daniel Webster was scrambling to secure votes to pass a bill that would prohibit patients like Schiavo from being denied food and water if they didn't express their wishes in writing. A similar measure brought last week by Webster was defeated 21-16.

Senate Democratic Leader Les Miller said the new bill faced a similar fate to one that was pushed through in 2003 to reconnect the tube six days after it was removed.

"By the time the ink is dry on the governor's signature, it will be declared unconstitutional, just like it was before," Miller said. "So I don't see anything or any language that can persuade my vote."

Meanwhile, President Bush suggested that he and Congress had done their best to help the parents prolong Schiavo's life, and the White House said it has no further legal options.

Terri Schiavo suffered brain damage in 1990 when her heart stopped briefly from a chemical imbalance believed to have been brought on by an eating disorder. Court-appointed doctors say she is in a persistent vegetative state with no hope of recovery.

Her parents and their doctors argue that she could get better and that she would never have wanted to be cut off from food and water.

In their appeal, the Schindlers asked that the full court order the hospice in Florida where Schiavo is staying to immediately transport her to a hospital "for any medical necessary to sustain her life and to re-establish her nutrition and hydration."

"The process of dying by dehydration and starvation is not the euphoric experience (Michael Schiavo) would lead us to believe," the appeal said.

The appeal responded to a 2-1 ruling of the 11th Circuit that said the parents "failed to demonstrate a substantial case on the merits of any of their claims" that the feeding tube should be reinserted immediately.

"There is no denying the absolute tragedy that has befallen Mrs. Schiavo," the ruling by Judges Ed Carnes and Frank M. Hull said. "We all have our own family, our own loved ones, and our own children. However, we are called upon to make a collective, objective decision."

Federal courts were given jurisdiction to review Schiavo's case after Republicans in Congress pushed through unprecedented emergency legislation over the weekend aimed at prolonging Schiavo's life.



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Terri Schiavo's mother cries yesterday after lawmakers rejected a bid by Schiavo's parents to have the woman's feeding tube reinserted.

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Jackson trial judge bars computer sex evidence

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — Prosecutors presented the jury in Michael Jackson's child molestation trial Wednesday with an avalanche of sexually explicit magazines and videos seized from his home, but lost a bid to include adult material from Internet sites found on the pop star's computers.

Superior Court Judge Rodney Melville said he examined the computer material, and agreed with the defense it may have been automatically stored by the computers and "there wouldn't be any way of knowing if anyone looked at the material or not."

The judge also agreed the material did not appear related to the time period of the alleged crimes.

The ruling came as District Attorney Tom Sneddon put into evidence hundreds of adult magazines, DVDs and photos, but none involving children or bearing DNA from Jackson's accuser or the boy's family.

The day ended with an ambulance being summoned for one of Jackson's attorneys, Brian Oxman, who leaned forward and put his head down at the counsel table after testimony concluded. Jackson and others gathered around, some fanning him, according to a courtroom artist who was still inside at the time.

Oxman was taken to Marian Medical Center. Oxman's wife, Maureen Jaroscak, said he had a touch of pneumonia. The hospital said he was stable and resting comfortably.

In arguing for the computer evidence, the prosecution said technicians isolated material on three computers at Jackson's Neverland ranch that included teen-themed adult Web sites and information about adopting children.

Prosecutor Gordon Auchincloss said he felt the adoption sites related to Jackson's statements in a documentary that he was interested in adopting children.

"We intend to use this evidence to show ... Michael Jackson knows how to use a computer ... that he knows how to access adult materials on Internet sites," he said.

Defense attorney Robert Sanger called the material prejudicial and noted all of it was dated either two years before Jackson met his accuser or several months after his involvement with the child and his family had ended.

Jackson, 46, is accused of molesting a 13-year-old cancer patient at Neverland in February or March 2003. He also is accused of conspiring to hold the boy's family captive to get them to make a video rebutting the 2003 documentary in which he appeared with the boy and said he let children sleep in his bed, though it was innocent and non-sexual.

Sanger said there was no proof Jackson was the person who accessed the Web sites and suggested much of the material was "cached," or automatically saved by the computers, from material that popped up in e-mail when others used the computers.

The judge noted testimony from the young accuser and his brother was not that Jackson operated a computer to show them sexually oriented material. He recalled testimony linked a friend of Jackson, one of several people named as unindicted coconspirators, to showing the material to the boys. —*Associated Press*



COURTESY UNKNOWN

Michael Jackson waves to the crowd as he appears at court Tuesday.

Lombardi denies invite to address SGA

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Gargano, the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life.

Gargano received a vote of "no confidence" by the SGA earlier in the school year. Bustamante announced he would not work with Gargano on any government issues from that point forward.

Referring to Chancellor's plan, Bustamante said, "I couldn't disagree more... We should have a government that allocates its funds."

Morrison announced that he invited Lombardi to address the SGA at last night's meeting, but Lombardi declined the invitation. However, the chancellor is expected to address his new proposal at tomorrow's Faculty Senate meeting.

"I find it odd that he's not going to talk to students... but he'll talk to tenured professors with degrees," Morrison said.

Morrison criticized Bustamante's plan to combat Lombardi's proposals and questioned whether it would be effective. He told the president that the real problem is that the administration is taking control of problems the SGA has not been working towards solving. He believes this is because the Senate has not affectively been working with the administration.

"[The administration] is not going to work with the SGA if we're acting disrespectful towards them, yet we expect them to still respect us," Morrison said.

He claimed that the administration is armed with lengthy reports detailing their future plans to alter how RSO's are run and this is why the administration can move forward with its plans. Meanwhile, he says the SGA is not prepared for an argument because it has not done enough organization to account for its own agencies.



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SGA President Eduardo Bustamante expresses his disagreement with the administration's new plans for the organization of Registered Student Organizations last night.

Bustamante responded to Morrison's claims by accusing him of not taking a clear stance on the issue.

"You sound like you're justifying [the administration's plans] ... then you say you're against it," he said.

Morrison reiterated that he did not agree with most of the administrations plans, but thinks they are extremely prepared to make its case.

"We're severely disadvantaged here and we did a lot of it to ourselves," he said. "We have two weeks to fight an administration with a lot more budgetary power [and resources] than we do."

On the issue of working with the administration, and specifically Gargano, Bustamante informed Morrison that there are "thousands of other administrators" to work with. He added that many of the issues that Morrison claims are holding the SGA back are issues that have presented themselves for a long time.

Other news out of last night's SGA meeting included Morrison's announcement that the University is going ahead with construction of new housing near the Sylvan Residential Area. He said the new housing would be suite style living with 870 beds. The new housing is expected to cost $100 million and should be paid off by a loan with approximately four percent interest over the next 25 years. This is expected to cost the university $4 million per year. He stressed the SGA's involvement with resident housing director Michael Gilbert in the construction process.

"If we're not involved in that conversation with the director of housing, then we're useless," he said

Girl arrested for taking Parthenon rock

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greek authorities arrested and charged a 16-year-old Canadian girl who allegedly took a piece of marble from the grounds of the 2,500-year-old Parthenon while posing for a photograph.

Madelaine Giere, of Vancouver Island, British Columbia, was arrested Sunday after a security guard saw her picking up a stone near the ancient monument on Acropolis Hill. Giere was charged with illegally possessing antiquities.

Investigating magistrate Melpomeni Chiotou ordered Giere released from custody Tuesday and said she could leave the country, pending trial, court officials said. No trial date was set.

The charges carry a maximum of 10 years in prison, though such severe sentences are rarely imposed.

"The fact that I was in prison was scary. I've never done anything like that before," Giere told The Associated Press after her release.

Giere said she picked up a stone measuring about 5 inches-by-5 inches to pose for a photograph on a school trip.

"I was thinking I would put the rock back where it was and it would all be dropped ... They said it was marble but it was a yellow color and dirty and dusty and just looked like a rock," Giere said.

She said she would return to Greece to stand trial if she could get time off from school.

"I love the atmosphere, I love the people, everyone's so nice," she said. —*Associated Press*





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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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A Lesson in Responsibility

Aaron Wodin-Schwartz

This is not an article about Chancellor Lombardi's horrendous abuse of the Diversity Commission's recommendations for campus integration. It is not an article about his avoidance of all substantive reforms or his fanning of the flames of discontent among minority and non-minority groups through his own backward initiatives. While this article involves all these important points, its principal investigation involves a story of betrayal and the overstepping of mandated boundaries. The theme of this story is one of responsibility. I write this article now because soon I may no longer be permitted such a candid investigation in the pages of The Collegian.

Our story begins in 1999 when Dr. Lombardi, then president of the University of Florida, resigned under pressure after referring to the incoming black Chancellor Adam Herbert as an "Oreo." Three years later, the out-going UMass President Bulger nominated Lombardi for the university chancellorship. A proven fundraiser of remarkable ability, Chancellor Lombardi has accomplished some important goals for the university, despite the painful budget cuts that have been passed down from Beacon Hill during his tenure.

He has also demonstrated, however, that such encouraging results often come at the expense of favoring a university which is easy on alumni eyes over one that is in service of the students. Some of his more infamous moments include the appointing of Mike Gargano as Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, his support of the discriminatory $65 SEVIS fee for international students, and now, possibly, the Diversity Commission debacle.

I encourage the student body to feel betrayed by the actions of our chancellor ... His first and foremost responsibility must be to the students.

Ostensibly, the Diversity Commission was one of the chancellor's responsible initiatives to the Umass community. It sought to investigate a very real and serious issue in campus life and then prescribe a permanent institutional remedy. Yet Lombardi's action plan, based on the commission's recommendations, has raised more than a few eyebrows and brought about questions on the presence of a pre-meditated agenda for which the Commission was little more than a pricey façade.

The Diversity Commission found that many students and faculty feel "racially or ethnically isolated," and identified a "climate of distrust" on campus. It suggested that dialogues be opened, resources dedicated to inclusion, and a senior level administrator in charge of inclusion and diversity activities at the university. Yet Lombardi's proposal has almost no connection whatsoever to the Commission recommendations.

Instead, his actions indicate that he either decided to disregard the report, didn't read it at all, or simply initiated the Diversity Commission in the first place with a set of university reforms in mind that he now intends to carry out. These reforms seek to undo decades of students' work in constructing our own political and economic base for power within the university and the wider community. They take funding and direction of RSOs, student businesses, WMUA, The Collegian, and the ALANA caucus out of the hands of the students and put them under administrative direction in the Office of Student Affairs and Campus Life.

The reforms do not, however, include any of the provisions mentioned in the Diversity Commission findings for improving the defunct racial culture on campus. Whereas the Commission recognized a lack of leadership in resolving the problem and not organizational shortcomings, Lombardi is intent on restructuring student organizations without making any changes in leadership. The chancellor even went so far as to blame ALANA students for not integrating well into the larger Umass community and suggested that minority students seek higher representation figures in such campus bodies as the obsolete honors program in Commonwealth College.

This is yet another example of this conservative university administration encroaching upon the political power and collective rights of the students. It is an increasingly troublesome threat, especially when it becomes as undisguised and shameless as it is in this case. The action plan was cunningly unveiled as we all went on break and is scheduled to take effect the day after current SGA President Eduardo Bustamante leaves office.

I encourage the student body to feel betrayed by the actions of our chancellor, since they indicate that the students are not his top priority. His first and foremost responsibility must be to the students, as we are the reason for the existence of this university. We should be the base for every decision made.

We must retain control over our own organizations as students, and not let a digressive administration take away what should be taken for granted.

I fully encourage Chancellor Lombardi to further his fundraising credentials while here at Umass — in fact, I demand it — but never at the expense of what is most important. As long as his proposal floats — and students and faculty have until April 1 to voice our concerns — diversity will remain a virtual non-issue and the administration's power over the students and our organizations will be sorrowfully reminiscent of more ancient times in higher education.

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Quarter million for your anguish

Peter Foundas

Legal liability reform is a subject of scrutiny and dialogue on Capitol Hill currently. One specific issue creating much recent debate has been the issue of capping awards for pain and suffering — also referred to as non-economic damages — awarded to plaintiffs in medical malpractice cases. Specifically, the cap has been proposed to be set at the $250,000 level, prohibiting a jury from awarding any amount higher for pain and suffering deemed to have been caused by any doctors' mistakes and/or negligence.

The major force driving this push for legislative action is insurance. The theory is that large jury settlements lead to higher malpractice insurance premiums for doctors. These higher premiums lead to higher health care costs, which in turn lead to higher personal health insurance premiums. Furthermore, with the constant threat of lawsuits hanging over the heads of doctors, physicians practice what is called "defensive medicine." What is meant by this term is that doctors order unnecessary tests and exams as extra precautions so as to avoid being sued later on.

The shear lack of evidence to support these claims has not stopped proponents from making the argument to the American people. While logic and fact stand in the way of supporting such unsubstantiated premises, certain members of Congress and the President have attempted to sway public opinion in favor of these reforms.

In a study by the National Practitioner Data Bank that appeared in Business Week on March 3, 2003, "Malpractice payouts by physicians and their insurers were a mere $4.5 billion in 2001 — less than 1 percent of the country's overall health care costs of $1.4 trillion ... In 2001, only 895 out of 16,676 payouts, or about 5 percent, topped $1 million." Surely there are other places to begin cutting costs.

In a speech given in Little Rock, Ark. on Jan. 26, 2004 President Bush made it clear that he blames lawsuits for the rising costs of health care.

"I'm here to talk about one of the reasons why health care costs are going up. And that's the fact that we've got too many darn lawsuits, too many frivolous and junk lawsuits that are affecting people. I'm here to make sure that we talk in a way that says to the people of Arkansas and America that we need medical liability reform to make sure that medicine is affordable and available," Bush said.

The court system in America has evolved over time, developing a learned array of jurists and case law. Are we now to take our faith out of our court system? Are we to believe that our judges and juries cannot decide what is legitimate doctor malpractice? Are we to arbitrarily cap the awards to victims, with no regard to their individual circumstances? The language the president uses seems to say this exactly. The full facts of large settlements are rarely fully disclosed. Instead, a bigger deal is made over the money awarded to the victim, rather than the horrors and harm done to the people involved.

The cap of $250,000 on so-called non-economic damages of pain and suffering has no basis. This arbitrary limit can't possibly be meant to put a dollar value on the life of a lost loved one

Furthermore, according to a study done by the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics, "The overall win rate for medical malpractice plaintiffs (27 percent) was about half of that found among plaintiffs in all tort trials (52 percent)."

The cap of $250,000 on so-called non-economic damages of pain and suffering has no basis. This arbitrary limit can't possibly be meant to put a dollar value on the life of a lost loved one, or come close to par with the lifetime of suffering a person could be forced to endure as a result of a botched operation. Nor could the $250,000 amount possibly give any solace to grieving parents who have to provide a lifetime of care for a baby that was born with severe brain damage due to a doctor's negligence.

The argument that high insurance premiums drive doctors out of practicing medicine is serious. Why is the first remedy then to cap awards to victims? These are the people who have suffered at the hands of unqualified doctors. Why isn't the remedy to be found in passing legislation capping the rates insurance companies can charge to doctors and patients? This could directly cut health care costs. Why not take direct action that is assured to obtain a cost cutting result, instead of hoping that punishing victims with limited awards may bring down costs?

Insurance companies have large reserves of cash, as they take in premiums from customers. They pay out claims as they come, but all insurers use probability to make their money. Under normal circumstances they will take in far more from customers than they pay out in claims. The cash reserves they hold go into banks and investing instruments. With interest rates being very low in the past few years, returns for these insurance companies have dipped severely, cutting into profits. The way the insurance companies have dealt with this reduced return on investments is to raise premiums. A cap on those rates would clearly and directly lead to lower health care costs.

The fact that the president supports such proposed malpractice reform speaks volumes as to whom he truly represents. The only group directly benefiting from these proposed caps would be the insurance industry. How could the solution to the nation's health care crisis come in the form of limited liability for doctors and insurers? Money can never bring back a loved one or ameliorate the harm done to a victim, but the money does punish negligent doctors.

When no action can undo the horrors of a doctor's mistake, the one remedy a victim can seek is to have his or her day in court. Let a judge and jury decide what compensation is appropriate for victims, as they are the ones who will be examining all facts of a case, and all circumstances surrounding the victim. No standard cap could ever be justified, especially not when the promised results from a cap — lower health care costs — will never materialize.

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A line in the sand

Bret Devereaux

A lot of discussion has been given lately to the various merits and demerits of the Bush Administration's foreign policy agenda, and it has become apparent that many people see no discernable goal for the nation in that foreign policy agenda. It is essential in a debate about the merits of a program to understand precisely what the program is trying to accomplish. Thus, the following:

The first thing to understand is that Bush is following in the footsteps of Ronald Reagan, much as his father did. Reagan brought to the foreground the beginnings of what has become the neo-conservative movement, the political school of thought which Bush Jr. claims to belong. The neo-conservatives are the driving ideological force in the Republican Party today, and you can't really understand U.S. foreign policy without understanding the neo-conservative world-view.

The neo-conservatives see the world as split roughly into two camps: those nations that are Western democracies in the American tradition and those that are not. Adherence to Western democratic ideals becomes the independent variable in their analysis of the world and of history.

The overall goal of American foreign policy has always been to keep the United States as safe as possible. In the neo-conservative viewpoint, nothing is safer than another democracy. In every major American conflict, the opponent has not been what one would call democratic, be it either the British aristocracy run via parliament in the 18th and early 19th centuries, the Southern aristocracy of the Confederacy, the German-Prussia and Austro-Hungarian autocracy in the early 20th century, or the communist dictatorships in the mid and late 20th century.

The neo-conservatives observe that as more people are enfranchised and informed, specifically those classes who are more likely to be drafted into wars, the likelihood of a government going to war decreases. Being informed is important, as a populace that is free to vote but not to learn might as well be slaves.

In turn democracies are far less likely, in the views of the neo-conservatives, to be breeding grounds of terrorism. Comparing the United States and Iran is a good example. In the United States, when the economy goes sour, we elect a different president, one that will attempt a different solution. In Iran, the Ayatollah declares the economy is the fault of the "Great Satan" (The United States) and the "Little Satan" (Israel). His opinion is the only one allowed to be aired. Contrary opinions are silenced. It is in this environment, the neo-conservatives say, that terrorism is born, breeds, and grows ripe.

Thus, the key to making America safe is not hunting down individual terrorist networks, but instead instituting Western democracies where such networks cannot thrive in the first place. The goal is not so much to exterminate all the terrorists one by one, like stomping ants coming out of an anthill; the goal is to simply remove the anthill to remove the ants, and keep the garden free of them. The approach is analogous to the progressive idea of reforming inner cities instead of making tougher laws in order to curb crime.

So it follows, that the Bush Administration, following it's own neo-conservative ideology, has decided to draw a proverbial line in the sand, between "us," the free lands of the world, and "them," the tyrannies.

What the Bush Administration wants is a world of democracies, because it believes that in such a world, America will be safe and will thrive. Current events in the Middle East, demonstrations in Lebanon, rumblings in Syria, unrest in Iran, elections in Iraq, Afghanistan and now, unprompted, in Egypt may end up bearing the Administration out. Democracy seems to be the inevitable trend simply because it is a more effective form of government than autocracy or aristocracy.

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Quotent quotables: the resurrection

Matt Brochu

Freshmen year, I was the undisputed champion of the United States of AOL Instant Messenger. Can you remember a time in your life when you could balance 11 articulate AIM conversations (one with your roommate four feet away), while simultaneously writing a paper, eating a hot pocket, and playing a game of Kings with the girls across the hall, and without making a typo or pissing off the thumbmaster? I didn't think so. And to make things more impressive, I don't even type "the right way." I hunt and peck and I'm damn good at it. Think about it. It's like Pedro Martinez putting up the numbers he did in the late 90's with no thumbs. I think you get my point.

Five years later, I'm just a shadow of the former AIM stud that used to grace my trusty computer chair 10 hours a day. I can't handle more than three IM's at once without having a seizure, and it's getting to the point where I would kill for the ability to put people on hold like a crappy customer service hotline (you know, with a looped message and a soothing "Ace of Base" song). "Please hold. Your IM is very important to us at 738 Main Street. A member of the apartment should be available to 'holla' in a few moments ... all that she wants is another baby, she's gone tomorrow boy..."

The AIM profile problem has become contagious, spreading faster than Mono at a beer pong tournament where the losers have to take part in a huge orgy.

A little over a year ago, I devoted an entire column to profile quotes in hopes that I might help rid the world of the cheesy, over-used quotes we're all subjected to on a daily basis. Well, that didn't work. The AIM profile problem has become contagious, spreading faster than Mono at a beer pong tournament where the losers have to take part in a huge orgy. Unfortunately for some of the people on my buddy list, unlike Mono, this sickness doesn't help you drop 25 pounds in three weeks. So I guess I'll try this again.

Warning: The following quotes should never appear in an AIM profile, because, well, they make me throw up in my mouth.

"You're only as strong as the cocktails you make, the tables you dance on, and the friends you hold on to." — Unknown

I always feel left out with this one, just because it doesn't really apply to dudes. So allow me to write a masculine version (Jersey Shore Edition): "You're only as strong as the cheap cologne you bathe in, the pick-up lines you throw at chicks dancing on tables, and the gel that makes your hair look like a hedgehog."

"We're at a four-year party and it's almost last call." — Unknown Senior.

Everyone likes a good metaphor, so let's continue this one. If college is a party, then after you graduate, you must either 1) Go home with the random chick you met while waiting in line for the bathroom, vomit in the bushes outside your apartment, and pass out while fumbling around with her bra, 2) Go home, order Dominoes and stiff the delivery guy, or 3) Go home, pick a fight with your ex-girlfriend on AIM, and put up an away message like this: "So upseg. wikcde durnk goo nghit."

"A smile is a curve that can straighten anything out." — Unknown.

So if I smile at Willy from "Real World: Philadelphia," he'll suddenly be attracted to women?

"Ilu" or "imu" or both — Like it even matters It wasn't enough for you to publicly express your feelings for your boyfriend at the Monkey Bar, twice on the dance floor and once at the bar, so you decided to take it up a notch with some profile love. But you know your friends (or at least the cool ones) will make fun of you for this. The solution? Join America's new abbreviation craze.

After all, you can watch an episode of CSI on your HDTV with special guest J-Lo and a commercial for the Subaru STi (Beep beep! All aboard the Genitalwartsmobile!). But guess what? We don't need John Nash's beautiful mind to break your retarded little code. So wait, "ilu" means "I love you"? And all this time we thought someone tricked you into joining a fake sorority.

"Dance like no one's watching. Work like you don't need the money, etc..." — Unknown.

Screw that. Dance like Napoleon Dynamite. Dance like my roommate after he's heard that Bjork is coming out with a new CD. Dance like Eric Nies in cut-off jean shorts on MTV's "The Grind" in 1993. And while you're at it, burp like you didn't just eat that plateful of garlic knots. Hook up like your roommate isn't on the bottom bunk. Write a bunch of useless personal crap in your profile like no one will read it.

On second thought, don't.

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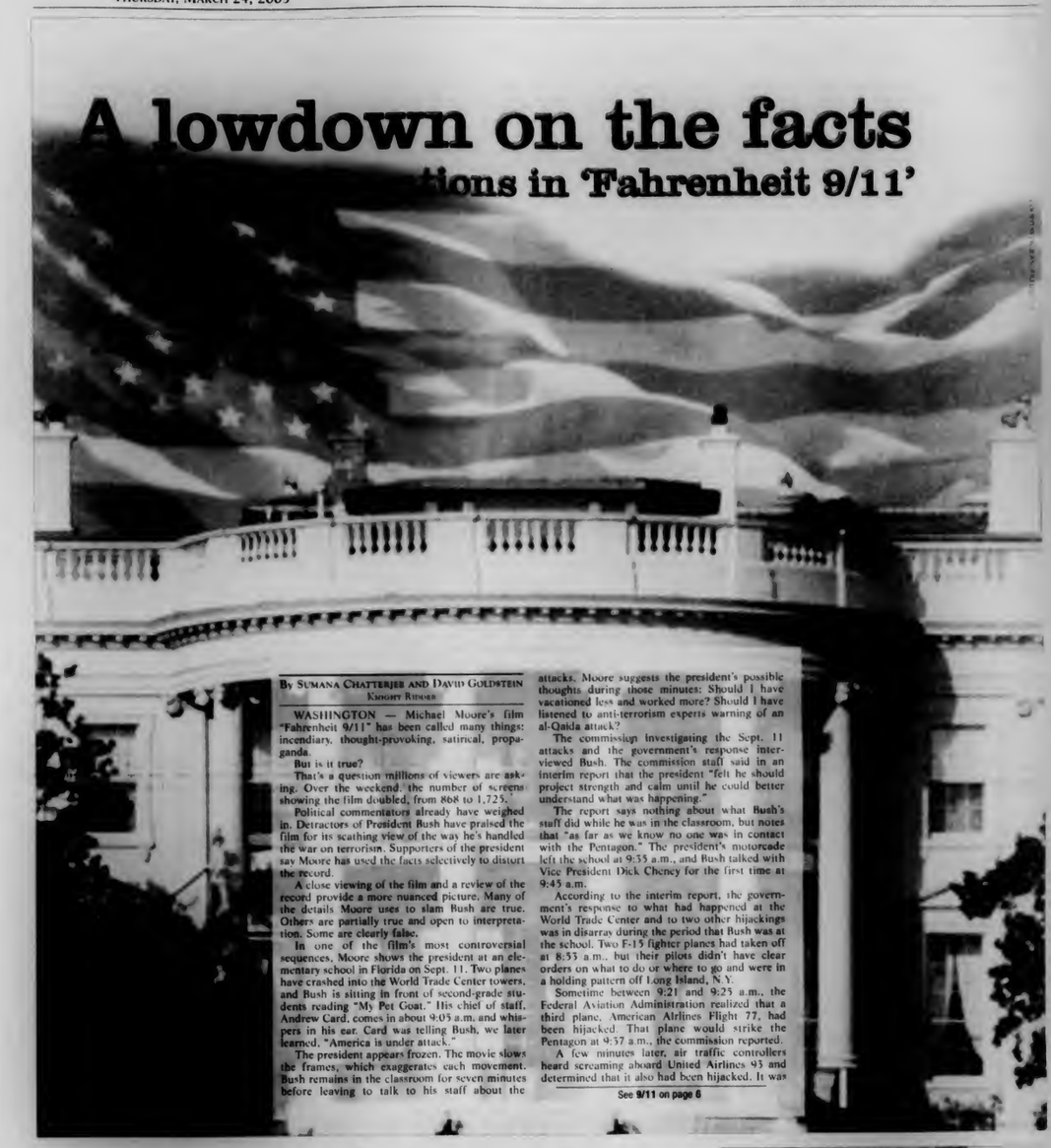
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A lowdown on the facts ...tions in 'Fahrenheit 9/11'



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WASHINGTON — Michael Moore's film "Fahrenheit 9/11" has been called many things: incendiary, thought-provoking, satirical, propaganda.

But is it true?

That's a question millions of viewers are asking. Over the weekend, the number of screens showing the film doubled, from 868 to 1,725.

Political commentators already have weighed in. Detractors of President Bush have praised the film for its scathing view of the way he's handled the war on terrorism. Supporters of the president say Moore has used the facts selectively to distort the record.

A close viewing of the film and a review of the record provide a more nuanced picture. Many of the details Moore uses to slam Bush are true. Others are partially true and open to interpretation. Some are clearly false.

In one of the film's most controversial sequences, Moore shows the president at an elementary school in Florida on Sept. 11. Two planes have crashed into the World Trade Center towers, and Bush is sitting in front of second-grade students reading "My Pet Goat." His chief of staff, Andrew Card, comes in about 9:05 a.m. and whispers in his ear. Card was telling Bush, we later learned, "America is under attack."

The president appears frozen. The movie slows the frames, which exaggerates each movement. Bush remains in the classroom for seven minutes before leaving to talk to his staff about the attacks. Moore suggests the president's possible thoughts during those minutes: Should I have vacationed less and worked more? Should I have listened to anti-terrorism experts warning of an al-Qaida attack?

The commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks and the government's response interviewed Bush. The commission staff said in an interim report that the president "felt he should project strength and calm until he could better understand what was happening."

The report says nothing about what Bush's staff did while he was in the classroom, but notes that "as far as we know no one was in contact with the Pentagon." The president's motorcade left the school at 9:35 a.m., and Bush talked with Vice President Dick Cheney for the first time at 9:45 a.m.

According to the interim report, the government's response to what had happened at the World Trade Center and to two other hijackings was in disarray during the period that Bush was at the school. Two F-15 fighter planes had taken off at 8:53 a.m., but their pilots didn't have clear orders on what to do or where to go and were in a holding pattern off Long Island, N.Y.

Sometime between 9:21 and 9:25 a.m., the Federal Aviation Administration realized that a third plane, American Airlines Flight 77, had been hijacked. That plane would strike the Pentagon at 9:37 a.m., the commission reported.

A few minutes later, air traffic controllers heard screaming aboard United Airlines 93 and determined that it also had been hijacked. It was

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Savor food, but do it in moderation

By Kristen Kauffman
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS— Is your love of food making you fat? Maybe your problem is that you don't love food enough, says best-selling author Mireille Guiliano, whose book "French Women Don't Get Fat" (Knopf, $22) tells women how to enjoy eating like the French and lose weight at the same time.

Even with all those rich cream sauces, cheeses and sinful desserts? Oui, says Guiliano, who's touring to promote her book. Deprivation doesn't work. The key is savoring the tastes and smells of a good meal, eaten with family and friends, rather than wolfing down fast food in the car, in front of the TV or over a laptop.

"I watch people in airports sitting and multitasking and eating, and there is no pleasure," she says. "Food is something we respect, and we have to take the time."

In our fast-paced culture, it can seem impossible to find time to cook a full sit-down meal and eat it slowly. However, some transplanted Texans from France say they are able to maintain their weight by holding on to their French food rituals.

North Oak Cliff resident and French native Pierrette Lacour, 55, came to the United States 30 years ago and raised her children here. She says she stays thin because she cooks her own meals and enjoys them with friends. Each week, she shops for seasonal vegetables, sets her table with her best china, silver and crystal and hosts a festive meal for eight.

"Eating shouldn't be just to feed yourself, but a time to share food, conversation, feelings, and that way you can control what you intake," says Lacour. "I hate eating alone."

She says the dinner doesn't take her very long to cook in her small kitchen, she whips up a grilled fish or meat with a simple sauce, perhaps a gratin, a potage of pureed vegetables, some fresh fruit and a dessert, and she gets it all done in less than an hour using simple cooking techniques. She says she's not a fabulous cook, but her friends are always amazed.

"Cooking is very important. it's all about enjoyment," says Lacour. Many Americans "satisfy their hunger and that's it, but there's more to life than to satisfy your basic needs."

Guiliano urges women to look at when and why they overeat, part of what she calls "recasting."

She says the decision to lose weight shouldn't be about fear or self-loathing, but should come out of a desire to enjoy life, and food, more. For example, pampering yourself with a well-prepared meal instead of polishing off a bag of chips is more pleasurable, and better for you.

Many of the tips in the book aren't rocket science; you've probably heard most of them before: drink more water, take smaller portions, exercise a little more, eat fresh fruits and vegetables, and indulge yourself every now and then so you don't feel deprived.

"I had lunch with a socialite doing the Atkins diet, and I felt very sad, what a life, all she talks about is the diet," said Guiliano, who is the CEO of winemaker Clicquot Inc. "My book is common sense and nothing drastic. It doesn't tell you, 'Don't eat this' and 'Don't eat that.' "

Guiliano says that if a Frenchwoman wants to have a dessert, she'll have it. She says Frenchwomen know they can indulge themselves occasionally as long as they make up for it with an overall balance of calories.

"A Frenchwoman might have the whole dessert, but in her head she'll say, 'OK, yogurt for breakfast, salad for lunch,' " she says of the mind-set. "It becomes automatic."

Guiliano says daily walking is another key ingredient in the French lifestyle — and again, the goal is enjoyment rather than strictly weight loss.

"If you love the gym, then that's what you love, but move your butt," she says laughing. "The easiest, least expensive exercise is walking. The benefit of being outside, an inner conversation, looking at beauty – adding 15 minutes a day in walking can make a difference."

Some of the pointers in the book may not sit well with everyone. Guiliano, also a director of Champagne Veuve Clicquot, recommends drinking wine with meals and introducing children to wine at a young age. (She herself tasted her first Champagne at age 6.)

She also writes a lot about eating yogurt and leeks for weight control, but what do you do if you don't like them? That's OK, she says. She doesn't expect readers to do everything in the book, but rather to choose the things that make sense to them.

"You're not going to lose 50 pounds in a week. You're going to learn a new lifestyle," she says. "I'm saying, 'Here are a hundred little tips. Pick two or three things that work in your lifestyle and see what happens.' "



Pierrette Lacour hosts one of her dinner parties, which she holds on a weekly basis. Lacour says fear of gaining weight is unhealthy.

Eve analyzes her friend's boy mistakes



Original Sin

Eve

Her first mistake was jumping into his bed on their first date; her second mistake was falling in love with him a year later.

Her third mistake was waiting so long to involve me.

This painful saga began when I decided to introduce the both of them to each other without hesitance. However, when sparks actually did fly, I left her with one single warning: "Careful, he's not the marrying type." I winked at my girlfriend and she smiled as if she understood.

But did she really understand? No, of course not. In the days that followed her first mistake, she was surprised to find herself back at his house enjoying the simple pleasures that he had to offer. Their conversations were brief, but their chemistry remained lengthy.

"I thought this was supposed to be a one night kind-of thing," she said. "I mean, what could he possibly want from me now? Why does he keep calling me back? It's so strange; he defies every guy I've ever known!"

I suddenly realized the severity of her thoughts and replied, "I know this guy very well. Please believe that he is enjoying the convenience of great sex. He is incapable of having a relationship, and nothing good will come out of you expecting more from him."

It was sad but true. Unfortunately, these few words caused more damage than I had anticipated. She was determined to change this notorious player into a man.

In the months to follow, she played her game perfectly. She never called him, she had no expectations, and she never asked questions. She made decisions based on her libido, rather than her heart. But she was secretly falling for him. Although they were dating other people, they found themselves in each others arms more often than not. I was almost convinced that he was feeling for her also. Yet still, there lacked a certain depth to their unbelievable connection. It took them half a year to hold a full conversation, eight months to enjoy a simple breakfast together, and ten months for her to admit she might have feelings for him.

I happened to be there just in time.

"It's time I tell him, he needs to know how I feel. I don't think he knows I care about him as much as I do." She was begging me to agree with her decision.

"I don't think that's a very wise idea. You could potentially scare him off and be left with nothing. Timing is everything, and I just don't think he's ready."

I felt terrible because I was right. And she knew I was right. And she knew she had less than an hour to pull herself together before he showed up.

We had a party to go to, and he offered to drive. I gave her a big hug and said, "Just be patient, girl! Continue to play your game and it will happen when he's ready to initiate this conversation. And only go through all of this trouble if he's really worth it." She took a deep breath to push away her tears and nodded as if she had heard me.

But she didn't. Later that night I found them both outside on the porch. She was crying softly, and he was petting her head to calm her down. She stood up quickly and walked me back inside.

"I told him...I didn't mean to but I couldn't help it. He didn't want to hear it, though. He got cold with me the moment I brought it up, and now it's over. I ruined everything!"

She burst out into tears and headed toward her car. "You okay to drive?" I asked. "Yeah, I'll be fine. I just need to go to bed." She wiped her nose and hugged me goodbye.

Moments later, when her car was far enough away from the house, I went to find him. He was nowhere in sight. I started to worry if he too could be upset, so I ran around the house to find him. The house was packed with dozens of people, leaving little room for quick movement and rescue efforts.

Suddenly, there he was, on the couch, chatting up a woman I had never seen before. He was playing with her hair, laughing at her jokes, and completely emotionless to the events of the night. I rolled my eyes in his direction and left the party myself. I guess I am relieved she found her answer sooner than later. It really is impossible to turn a player into a man.

More fact questions for Michael Moore

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headed to Washington and gaining speed.

What happened next is still contested. The Sept. 11 panel reviewed tapes and flight and radar data, and conducted hundreds of interviews. It found that while Bush read the children's book, air traffic controllers wondered if the military had been asked to intercept the plane and who had the authority to shoot down planes. By the time the plane crashed into a Pennsylvania field at 10:03 a.m., no one at the FAA had asked the military's help to stop the aircraft, according to the panel.

Though the president emphasized to the commission that he authorized the military to shoot down the hijacked planes, there's no record of that conversation. Cheney said the president authorized the shoot orders in a brief conversation shortly after 10 a.m., not in time to intercept the planes headed to Washington.

The commission's interim report reaches no conclusion about the president's actions.

Moore says the administration allowed 142 Saudi Arabian nationals, including about two dozen relatives of Osama bin Laden, to leave the United States after Sept. 11 without proper questioning by law enforcement agencies. In the film, Craig Unger, author of the book "House of Bush, House of Saud," tells Moore that none of the Saudis underwent serious scrutiny.

"So a little interview, check the passport, what else?" Moore asks.

"Nothing," Unger replies.



Moore made headlines with his anti-Bush documentary 'Fahrenheit 9/11'. While largely factual, some question the films statements.

The Sept. 11 commission's interim report said law enforcement interviewed 30 of the 142 Saudis, including 22 of the 26 people on the flight that took most of the bin Laden relatives out of the country. The report said none was of interest to the investigation.

It says Saudi Arabia asked for help to get its nationals out of the United States. Because 15 of the 19 hijackers were Saudi citizens, the Saudi government was worried about reprisals.

The commission says it doesn't know whom in the administration the Saudi government contacted, but that the request eventually reached Richard Clarke, who was the White House counterterrorism chief at the time. Clarke told the commission he refused to approve the request, suggesting that it be sent to the FBI so the agency could vet the Saudis for any terrorism connections. He said the FBI approved the flights.

However, an FBI spokeswoman denied to The Hill, a newspaper that covers Congress, that it had "anything to do with arranging and clearing the flights." She said the bureau interviewed some passengers, but none was "of investigative interest."

Despite some media reports, the movie doesn't allege that the Saudis were allowed to leave while U.S. airspace was still closed.

Connections among the Bushes, the Saudis and the bin Ladens

The movie paints a sinister connection between Bush and the bin Laden family. It implies that James Bath, a friend from the president's days in the Texas Air National Guard, might have funneled bin Laden money to an unsuccessful Bush oil-drilling firm called Arbusto Energy.

The accusation is a stretch, said Bill Allison, the managing editor for the Center for Public Integrity, an independent watchdog group based in Washington.

"We looked into bin Laden money going into Arbusto, and we never found anything to back that up," Allison said.

The center's investigations into Bush's years in Texas found that Bath managed the assets in Houston of Salem bin Laden, Osama's oldest brother. Bath also invested $50,000 in Arbusto in 1977 and 1978. There's no evidence that the money came from the Saudis, Allison said.

Moore further hints that a relationship between the Bush and bin Laden families was forged through their common involvement in the Carlyle Group, a Washington-based private equity firm heavily invested in the defense industry.

President Bush's father, the first President Bush, served as a senior adviser and board member to the Carlyle Group. James A. Baker III, secretary of state in the first Bush administration, has been a partner. The current President Bush was a board member of a Carlyle subsidiary in the 1990s, but withdrew in 1994 when he became governor of Texas.

The bin Laden family, whose wealth comes primarily from its Middle East construction company, invested in the Carlyle Group in 1994, then withdrew in late October 2001, after the terrorist attacks.

The bin Laden family's investment in Carlyle has been reported as $2 million, a small fraction of the billions that the group manages.

Most bin Laden family members reportedly severed ties to Osama years ago.

Moore says the administration used the threat of terrorism to make Americans willing to give up some civil liberties, but that Attorney General John Ashcroft "turned a blind eye and deaf ear" to fighting terrorism before Sept. 11.

While the administration disagrees with that assessment, former FBI director Louis Freeh told the Sept. 11 commission that fighting terrorism "was not a national priority." From 2000 to 2002, "we asked for 1,895 people, more agents, linguists and analysts. We got a total of 76" during that time, Freeh said.

The commission is expected to issue harsh criticisms of Ashcroft's anti-terrorism efforts before the attacks.

Moore criticizes Congress for quickly passing a sweeping anti-terrorism bill known as the USA Patriot Act, without reading it. The law gave broad powers to federal law enforcement to eavesdrop on individuals, detain and deport immigrants, and coordinate with intelligence agencies.

While it's impossible to know whether lawmakers read the bill, it's true that Congress short-circuited the usual legislative process and passed it in less than a week.

Moore charges that the Bush administration has cut veterans benefits. In 2003, the administration proposed to increase health-care spending for the Veterans Affairs Department over the previous year. Veterans' groups argued that it wasn't enough, particularly at a time when soldiers were in combat and would need health care when they were discharged. Congress wanted to add more money to the budget, but the administration opposed a higher increase.

The administration did cut services to higher-income veterans whose disabilities weren't connected to military service. It also proposed charging veterans higher co-pays for prescription drugs.

Citing The Washington Post, Moore says Bush spent 42 percent of his first eight months as president on vacation. The Post calculated the numbers in early August 2001 as Bush embarked on a month-long "working vacation" at his Texas ranch, according to administration officials at the time.

The president's supporters say Moore failed to note that Bush met with advisers and other officials and was briefed on issues.

Mark Knoller, a veteran CBS Radio White House correspondent and unofficial chronicler of presidential trips, said in an interview that his own numbers from the first eight months of 2001 show that Bush spent all or part of 50 days at his Texas ranch; all or part of 40 days at Camp David, the presidential retreat in rural Maryland; and all or part of four days at his family's vacation home in Kennebunkport, Maine.

That works out to nearly 59 percent of his first eight months in the White House.

Moore suggests that one of the first official acts of Afghan President Hamid Karzai, who took office after the United States toppled the hard-line Islamic Taliban regime following the Sept. 11 attacks because it was sheltering bin Laden, was to help seal a deal for the California-based oil conglomerate Unocal to build an oil pipeline from the Caspian Sea through Afghanistan to the Indian Ocean. It alleges that Karzai had been a Unocal consultant.

A Unocal spokesman denies it. "Karzai was never, in any capacity, an employee, consultant or a consultant of a consultant," Barry Lane said. He said Unocal also never had a plan to build a Caspian Sea pipeline.

What's true in the movie is that Zalmay Khalilzad, the U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan, was a Unocal consultant in the mid-1990s, Lane said.

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Pearl is coaching a gem

By Lori Shontz
Knight Ridder

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — The first time Wisconsin-Milwaukee coach Bruce Pearl went to the NCAA Tournament, he almost wasn't invited back.

More accurate, he was nearly kicked out.

Back in 1981, when Pearl was an administrative assistant for Boston College, he was pressed into service for the Eagles' first-round NCAA game against Ball State when the "real" mascot got sick. With all the enthusiasm of a young guy trying to claw his way to the top, he spotted a stepladder in the gym, dragged it behind a basket, climbed it and entertained the fans by flapping his wings over the top of the backboard.

Then he was hustled out by security, and the NCAA convened a meeting to discuss whether Eddie the Eagle should be allowed to attend the second-round game against Wake Forest. Fast talking by Boston College officials saved him.

"They explained, 'This is a brand new mascot. He doesn't know how to be a mascot. He didn't even go to mascot training school,'" Pearl said Monday as he held court for the biggest media gathering to grace Wisconsin-Milwaukee practice facility. "The NCAA said, 'Well, look, you tell that eagle no more ladders. And if he even thinks for one second it might be inappropriate, it's inappropriate.'"

In the ensuing decades, Pearl, 45, has figured out how to behave in the postseason. In nine seasons at Southern Indiana, his teams advanced to the NCAA Division II tournament nine times, finishing second in 1994 and first in 1995. In four seasons at UWM, he has won 84 games and advanced to the NCAA Tournament twice.

And now his 12th-seeded Panthers are the lowest seeded team to advance to the Sweet 16, where they will face top-ranked Illinois in Rosemont, Ill., on Thursday night.

He never promised to reach such heights when he arrived at UWM in 2001. But forward Adrian Tigert — who was considering transferring, because the coach who recruited him, Bo Ryan, left before he played a single game — knew from the get-go that Pearl had high expectations.

"He told me, 'They're tickled pink because they won 15 games last year,'" Tigert remembered. "He said, 'I can't imagine what they're going to be like when we start winning 20.' That's a direct quote."

Pearl prides himself on becoming a part of the community; he calls his decision to leave Southern Indiana after nine seasons, not his decision to accuse Illinois of offering recruit Deon Thomas cash and a Chevrolet Blazer, the hardest decision of his career. In that vein, earlier this season, he had the players station themselves in the lobby of the U.S. Cellular Center, where they play, and thank the fans for attending.

Illinois coach Bruce Weber, a UWM alum, called Pearl's ability to attract fans amazing. "Twenty years ago, you could just go for free, just walk in and sit where you wanted," Weber said.

Yes, Weber was one of those fans.

Pearl is eager, too, to put his players in the spotlight, although he knows that he can't prevent the Thomas stories from surfacing again. Not with such a high-profile game against Illinois, which has plenty of fans who have never forgiven Pearl for bringing about an investigation that resulted in some NCAA penalties.

"I'd kind of like it to go away — it's so old, it happened 16 years ago," Pearl said. "I'll tell you, the story line today is UW-Milwaukee going to the Sweet 16. The fact that no 12-seed has ever beaten a 1-seed ... we're trying to do something that's never been done, we're trying to make history."

The ever-helpful Pearl provided a handful of alternate story lines, all of which have merit:

Senior guard Ed McCants, the Horizon League player of the year, who Monday finally received an invitation to attend the NBA's predraft camp at Portsmouth. And his fellow first-team all-conference teammate, Josh Tucker, who was MVP of the conference tournament.

McCants, particularly, is attracting attention. "There's friends I don't think I've ever met before making phone calls. I have no clue how they get my number," he said. "But it's all out of love."

Chicago natives Chris Hill, Boo Davis and Mark Pancratz. "These kids were not your first-team all-staters, they were second-team and third-team, although Mark did win a state championship," Pearl said. "They're going up against, I don't want to say their idols, but guys they definitely looked up to as great players."

Tigert is shooting 100 percent in the NCAA Tournament. He's 11-for-11, and he also made the biggest shot of the Panthers' season, hitting a free throw with 4.2 seconds remaining to give UWM a 59-58 victory over Detroit in the Horizon Conference championship game.

But none of the players has Pearl's force of personality. Pearl lifts weights with his players, he relished his appearance Monday morning on ESPN radio's Mike and Mike show ("those guys are awesome") and although he understands how the spotlight of the NCAA Tournament changes perceptions, he can still laugh at it.

"Am I a better coach now because my team's in the Sweet 16 than I was three weeks ago?" he asked. "Maybe I'm perceived to be a better coach, but I'm not. What would make me better in three weeks? Any more learned? Any more wise? Are my players better than they were three weeks ago?"

He has continued to motivate his team with tales of David and Goliath, explaining: "I just know that when David took the field, he wasn't afraid to fall. And at the mid-major level, you've got so much pressure on you in the regular season, because one slip up, you're done, it's over."

Pearl said that's why the Panthers have won 18 of their past 19 games. Many of those were conference games they needed to win to put themselves into the best possible position for the conference tournament. Others, of course, were in the tournament, which they needed to win to advance to the NCAA Tournament.

"The kids play with a lot of pressure," he said. "The pressure's not there anymore. Now it's 40 minutes of basketball, and anything can happen."



Josh Tucker of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, this year's Cinderella, soared for a layup against Alabama in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Duquette effected by steroids

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Dan Duquette brought Jose Canseco to the Boston Red Sox before steroids were banned from baseball and knows how dangerous they could be.

Late last year, his nephew lost a childhood friend, a college student who was allegedly shot to death by a steroid user. So he's pleased that major league players are taking steps to curtail their use. And he criticized Canseco, who advocated steroid use in his book, "Juiced," then backed off that before a congressional committee.

"I don't know if you can have it both ways," Boston's former general manager said.

He said management had proposed controlling the use of illegal performance-enhancing substances in every negotiation since 1994 but that the players' union rejected it.

"The reform needed to come from within the ranks of the players association," Duquette said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "It looks like Major League Baseball is making some progress."

A new policy agreed to by owners and players calls for random testing in which a first offense would be punished by a 10-day suspension without pay.

There was no testing when Canseco played for Boston in 1995 and 1996 after Duquette obtained him in a trade with Texas. Canseco discussed his steroid use in his book.

"I didn't have any knowledge that he was using them. He denied it when he was with Oakland," Duquette said Wednesday. "I think people in the industry suspected."

While he was general manager, the Red Sox implemented a drug testing program for minor leaguers and club employees.

"The Red Sox did a great job of educating their players about steroids. There was not widespread use in the Red Sox organization," he said.

Duquette is continuing that process at his summer sports camp in western Massachusetts. Besides instruction in baseball, softball and basketball, campers are warned about steroid use and taught about nutrition and life skills.

"Educating the kids so they can make intelligent choices is important," Duquette said.

He in his third year of running the camp since being dismissed after eight years as general manager in February 2002 by the team's new ownership group, led by John Henry.

Several players who had major roles in Boston's World Series championship last year were obtained by Duquette — Pedro Martinez, Derek Lowe, Tim Wakefield, Jason Varitek, Manny Ramirez and Johnny Damon.

"I was real proud of the contributions those players made," he said.

Last December, Westfield State College student Bryan Johnston was charged with murder in the shooting death of University of Massachusetts senior David Sullivan. Duquette said that his nephew, Dave Duquette Jr., was roommates with Sullivan and that all three were friends who attended the same elementary school.

Prosecutors said Johnston was suffering from steroid withdrawal at the time of his arrest but did not say steroids played a role in the slaying. Johnston's lawyers said the drugs did not affect his mental state, but medical experts say steroid use and withdrawal can lead to erratic and violent behavior.

"There's a human toll," Duquette said. "I can see why it's a tragic story for the families" of children affected by steroids.

At the congressional hearing last Thursday, Canseco, Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa, Rafael Palmeiro and Curt Schilling all testified.

Sosa, in Fort Myers for Baltimore's game with Boston on Wednesday, declined to talk about steroids. He, Palmeiro and Schilling told the committee they didn't use steroids.

McGwire repeatedly refused to say whether he used illegal steroids when he hit a then-record 70 home runs in 1998, or at any other time.

Bruschi may sit out next year

BOSTON — New England Patriots linebacker Tedy Bruschi is considering sitting out the 2005 season for health reasons, his newly hired agent told The Boston Globe.

Bruschi, who was treated for a mild stroke last month, recently hired Boston-based agent Brad Blank to represent him. Bruschi, who has three years remaining on his contract, hasn't been represented by an agent since his rookie season.

Blank insists Bruschi hasn't decided on his plans for next season.

"I can relate to you only that Tedy is considering not playing next year," Blank told The Globe on Tuesday. "Beyond that, I cannot comment on anything."

Bruschi was admitted to Massachusetts General Hospital on Feb. 16 and released a couple of days later. However, an Arizona television station has reported that Bruschi was readmitted to the hospital so doctors could repair a hole in his heart.

Blank and Patriots coach Bill Belichick declined to comment on Bruschi's medical condition.

"Tedy has made all the comments. I leave it at that," said Belichick, who is in Hawaii for the NFL owners meetings.

Bruschi is scheduled to earn $850,000 in 2005, $1.35 million in 2006 and $1.70 million in the final year of his contract. His deal would be voided if he retires, but he could earn his full salary if the team elects to place him on its physically unable to perform list.

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Minutewomen play nation's top teams

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including freshman Kathleen Typadis, who is currently on pace to set the all-time UMass rookie scoring record, the women's lacrosse team has displayed signs of life. The team, however, is still very young with 13 of 24 players being freshmen.

With inexperienced players being faced with early season challenges, the results could be rewarding or disastrous. So far, it has been the former.

"They look forward to playing ranked teams," Bolduc said of her young squad. "They like to be challenged. They like to be pushed. They're not one to sit back and watch things happen."

Six games into the season there have been no upsets, but there has been steady progress. Both Syracuse and Hofstra have had their hands full, and it has taken an extra boost from both top-20 teams to get by the Minutewomen.

This coming Saturday UMass will start a two-game road trip beginning in New Hampshire and ending Saturday, April 2 at Boston College. On April 5, the team will return home to Garber Field to face Dartmouth, which is currently ranked 7th. Then the Minutewomen will have another chance to play the full 60 minutes.

Downpour dampers Wells

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — For five innings, David Wells seemed ready for opening day. Unfortunately for him, he had to pitch the sixth before a downpour ended the game.

The Baltimore Orioles beat the Boston Red Sox 6-1 in six innings Wednesday when Miguel Tejada hit a two-run homer and Luis Matos had a three-run double. Erik Bedard pitched six solid innings for the Orioles.

Wells allowed two runs on seven hits and no walks in the first five innings before giving up four runs in the sixth. Manager Terry Francona has tapped him to start the first game of the season April 3 at the New York Yankees.

"I felt all right, just a couple of bad pitches," said Wells, who threw 79 pitches and hopes to throw more in his one remaining spring training start. "I don't care if it's a good outing or a bad outing. It really doesn't matter to me down here as long as I just get the pitch count up so I'm ready for the season."

With Curt Schilling not expected to pitch until mid-April, Wells is eager to face his former team on opening day.

"I'm up for any challenge," he said. "Any opportunity you get out there to pitch is a great opportunity, big game or not, and some guys can't handle the big game. And that's where I don't have a problem with it."

The Red Sox got a scare in the sixth when center fielder Johnny Damon pulled up on Matos' double and left the game. Francona said he suffered cramps in his calves and probably would be the designated hitter Thursday when Boston plays Baltimore at Fort Lauderdale.

Tejada's first spring homer gave Baltimore a 2-0 lead in the second after Chris Gomez singled. David Ortiz doubled in a run for Boston in the fourth before Wells took the mound in the sixth.

"He about reached his (pitch) limit for today," Francona said, "but I thought he located (the ball) pretty well. When he missed, he missed a little bit."

Matt Mantei replaced Wells in the seventh and retired the first two batters before the game was called.

Bedard (3-0) allowed one run on four hits in six innings with three strikeouts and no walks. He lowered his ERA to 2.13 in 21 1-3 innings. Wells's ERA is 7.50 in 12 innings.

Notes: Tejada, Sammy Sosa and Rafael Palmeiro each went 2-for-3 for Baltimore. Sosa hit the first pitch he saw from Wells into the right-center field gap for a double. ... Boston reliever Byung-Hyun Kim lost another chance to pitch when the game ended early. He had been sidelined for nearly a week with flu symptoms and was scheduled to pitch Wednesday. He'll probably pitch Thursday.

Curry emerging into a leader

By Reid Hanley
Knight Ridder

OKLAHOMA CITY — JamesOn Curry was asked to do something Sunday he probably never had been asked before: shoot the basketball.

The Oklahoma State freshman, who is the all-time leading scorer in North Carolina high school history with 3,307 points, isn't shy but he hadn't taken a shot in the first half of the Cowboys' NCAA second round game with Southern Illinois. The Cowboys trailed 46-39 with only two free throws from the 6-foot-3-inch guard.

"You're doing a great job but maybe you should score a little," Oklahoma State senior Terrance Crawford told Curry at the half.

Curry took those words to heart, hit a pair of three-pointers to help start a 12-0 run and the No. 6-ranked Cowboys were on their way to Allstate Arena, where they will meet Arizona in Thursday's late game of the NCAA Chicago regional.

Curry has been a spark for coach Eddie Sutton's team that returned four starters from last year's Final Four squad. Since he moved into the starting lineup, the Cowboys are 12-3, have won the Big 12 tournament and took their first two NCAA tournament games.

It's unlikely Oklahoma State would be coming to Rosemont if Curry hadn't come to Stillwater. It's unlikely Curry would be playing in the NCAA tournament if Sutton hadn't taken a chance on a promising player whose life took a bad turn on Feb. 6, 2004.

"He has done everything we've asked of him," Sutton said. "He has done well in his classes. He has been embraced by his teammates, coaches and all of our fans. I'm not sure he's not the most popular player we have."

Curry was one of 60 high school students from six high schools in the Alamance-Burlington district arrested near his home of Mebane, N.C., as part of a lengthy undercover drug operation. Curry admitted to selling small amounts of marijuana twice to an undercover drug officer who had been posing as a high school student.

He pleaded guilty to six felony counts two months later and was sentenced to 3 years' probation and 200 hours of community service. He couldn't return to his high school and graduated from an alternative school.

"I went from a boy to a man overnight," he said. "You have to suck it up immediately or be left behind."

As a sophomore in high school he had committed to then-North Carolina coach Matt Doherty. After his arrest, new Tar Heels coach Roy Williams pulled the offer and Curry's future was a question mark.

Memphis, Miami and Cincinnati still wanted Curry. However, his uncle James Curry called Sutton, a future Hall of Fame coach who was given a second chance by his alma mater after a rough four years at Kentucky.

JamesOn, so named for his uncle James and his father Leon, only took one recruiting visit and it was to Stillwater. That's all it took to make him a Cowboy.

"They came to my house and talked to me," Curry said. "I came here, saw the campus, came to the arena and saw the atmosphere. It was like, 'Wow, people really love basketball here.' My favorite place is Gallagher-Iba (Arena). I love to go there and shoot. It would be 11:30 and coach Dickey (OSU assistant coach James Dickey) would say they were going to have to lock me out."

Sutton, who has taken three teams to the Final Four, is a firm believer in second-chance players. That doesn't mean the Cowboys signed Curry without doing their homework. Dickey and Sean Sutton, the head coach's son and future successor, went to North Carolina seeking information and came back with a favorable report.

When Curry came to Stillwater, his schedule included meetings with school President David Schmidly and athletic director Harry Birdwell. Most recruits do not receive such treatment but Curry was impressed. They made it known there would no margin for error but did so without scolding Curry.

"That showed me a lot about Oklahoma State University," he said. "It showed how big basketball fans they were and how they were willing to give me a chance. They weren't like, 'If you mess up, you're out of here!' It wasn't like that that. It was like, 'We know you made a mistake and we're pretty sure it won't happen again.' They were great."

Curry spent most of his recruiting weekend with Oklahoma State players. When Sutton took a poll of their opinion of Curry the vote was unanimous: "Sign him." They haven't been disappointed.

"He fit in right away," Cowboys standout Joey Graham said. "He was like a sponge, asking all kinds of questions of coach. He'd ask questions of the seniors. You have to like a guy like that."

For the first 17 games of the season, Curry came off the bench to play significant minutes and average about six points per game. The Cowboys missed All-American Tony Allen, who had gone on to the Boston Celtics, and Sutton eventually went to Curry at Colorado. Since then, the Cowboys are on a nice run.

"He's a special player," guard John Lucas said. "Even when he wasn't starting, he accepted his role. For somebody to come out of high school scoring 40 points per game and not starting right away, he accepted his role. He didn't pout. He was trying to fit in.

"He brings a lot of energy to the court and a different offensive weapon. He took a lot of pressure off myself and Joey. He creates shots and also hits the open man. When he stepped on the court as a starter, it was like he was home."

Curry, who is averaging 13 points per game as a starter, doesn't wonder what his life would be like had he been able to play at North Carolina.

Going to Oklahoma State was "God's plan" and probably the best thing that could have happened to him. North Carolina was probably too close to his past.

"There would be a lot of guys just hanging around," he said. "At Carolina, it would have been too-close contact. At first, they might not have been around but as things got better, people would have started coming around with baggage I didn't ask for and that's not good at all."

The basketball tradition at Oklahoma State is a proud one. Sutton is a veteran of 35 years as a Division I head coach. He is part of the Henry Iba coaching tree and his branch includes retired Purdue coach Gene Keady, Kansas coach Bill Self, Arizona State coach Rob Evans and Florida State coach Leonard Hamilton.

It also has its tragedy. On Jan. 27, 2001, a plane with 10 members of the Oklahoma State traveling party crashed, killing all, including players Nathan Zane Fleming and Daniel Paul Lawson, director of basketball operations Pat Noyes, student assistant Jared Weiberg and media relations coordinator Will Hancock.

The tragedy of 2001 taught even a veteran like Sutton, who has a 781-298 record, a lesson.

"Life is precious," he said. "How many of us have made mistakes when they're young? I think you ought to give people a second chance. I talked to (coach Roy Williams) at North Carolina and it would have been very tough on JamesOn on Tobacco Road. I think they made the right decision. We're just very fortunate to be the beneficiary."



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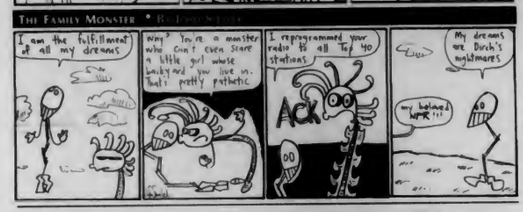
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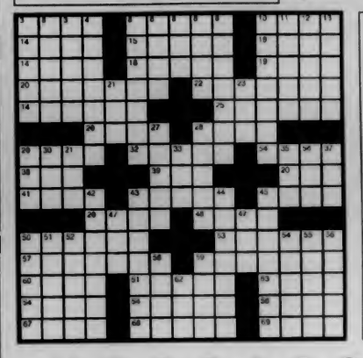
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UMass close to signing Ford

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

Massachusetts athletic director John McCutcheon appears likely to tab Travis Ford as the new head coach of the Minutemen men's basketball program, although the two sides had not reached an agreement as of last night and the door remains open on an 11th hour candidate entering the picture.

Ford was in Amherst with his wife on Wednesday, but UMass officials maintain that nothing is imminent and no announcement is planned.

If Ford falls from the top of UMass' list for any reason, the name of Manhattan coach Bobby Gonzalez would likely surface as a viable candidate. Memphis assistant and former UMass player Tony Barbee may also get additional consideration after receiving only a preliminary interview, along with Kent State coach Jimmy Christian.



Travis Ford could be named UMass men's basketball coach.

Helping Gonzalez's cause is the fact that would-be UMass recruit Craig Austrie, a point guard from Trinity Catholic High School in Stamford, Conn., who committed to the program under Lappas but withdrew his verbal commitment when the coach was let go, has indicated that if Gonzalez were hired, he would don the maroon and white. If another coach is hired, it appears as if Austrie would go elsewhere, including recent suitors Providence and Fordham.

Ford was the coach at Eastern Kentucky University for the past five seasons, guiding the Colonels to a 22-9 record and an Ohio Valley Conference Championship this past season – one in which EKU made its first NCAA Tournament appearance in 26 years.

Initially not believed to be a candidate, Ford's name picked up steam after UMass could not land former North Carolina coach Matt Doherty. He was said to have been vouched for by Pitino during the search, and was brought to campus late Tuesday as talks intensified between the two sides.

Ford was originally hesitant about taking the job, as he was waiting to gauge his chances of landing the recently vacated head job at Tennessee that would have allowed him to stay closer to home.

After Texas Tech Hall of Fame coach Bobby Knight and North Carolina-Charlotte's Bobby Lutz moved to the forefront of the Volunteers' search, Ford acted quickly and decided to pursue his chances in Amherst before the opportunity passed him by in favor of another candidate. With negotiations still ongoing with UMass, Ford may still find himself in the mix at Tennessee, and the search has the potential to intensify if Knight's Red

Raiders are eliminated prior to the weekend.

Ford's potential hiring poses major questions about whether a coach from the Bluegrass State can recruit competitively on the east coast, and if a man who's known to be relatively quiet and even-keeled can sell the UMass program and re-energize a downtrodden and apathetic fan base that hasn't had much to cheer about in over half a decade.

The Minutemen will return four starters next season, but are without a point guard on scholarship following the graduation of both Anthony Anderson and Chris Chadwick.

One reason for Doherty's change of heart may have been money. At North Carolina, Doherty earned an annual salary of roughly $855,000 — nearly twice what UMass could offer for its head coaching position.

Memphis assistant coach and former UMass player Tony Barbee — the local favorite to land the job - has yet to become a serious candidate for the position. Barbee interviewed on campus on March 15, but did not receive a follow-up interview and has not been contacted following his initial appearance in front of the search committee.

Former UMass coach Steve Lappas has done some interviewing of his own as well, as he is reportedly in the very early stages of preliminary discussions with Siena University about its vacant head coaching position.

-Mike Marzelli

Doherty drops off, Lappas eying Siena

While Travis Ford may be introduced as the new Massachusetts men's basketball coach in the next few days, sources close to the search have indicated that former North Carolina coach Matt Doherty was the first choice of athletic director John McCutcheon, and was prepared to accept the position before changing his mind.

Doherty reportedly came to a tentative agreement with McCutcheon at some point last weekend, and began a search for assistant coaches to fill his potential staff at UMass. However the 2001 National Coach of the Year then changed his mind for unspecified reasons, and removed his name from candidacy.

Reports that UMass hired Doherty as a consultant were false, according to the sources, and were circulated to remove Doherty's name from speculation and allow the coaching search to continue unfettered.

Hofstra takes off in second half

By Ian Kilpatrick
Collegian Staff

It was the tale of two halves yesterday at Garber Field in Amherst, as the Massachusetts women's lacrosse team (2-4) went into halftime with a 3-2 advantage but ended up with a 14-8 loss to No. 10 Hofstra (6-1).

The Minutewomen played a controlled, slow-down style in the first 30 minutes, which limited the strong transition game of the Pride and held them to only two goals. Freshman Melynda Zwick provided all of UMass' first-half scoring with her sixth, seventh and eighth goals of the season by the halftime horn.

UMass coach Carrie Bolduc had stressed execution in the practices leading up to the challenge and, for at least a half, the team carried out its coach's wishes.

"We wanted to kind of slow the ball down a little bit [because] they are a transition, fast break team," Bolduc said. "The other thing, too, is that we have a lot of youth on our team, and we had to slow the ball down initially and to not force the ball to the cage. It's kind of been a thing where every single time we get it down, we just drive to the cage out of desperation, and we initially have to move the ball, but then once we work the ball, things usually happen."

The Pride, however, responded to UMass' strong performance and came storming out of halftime with a 5-0 run that seemed to knock the wind out of the young and slightly overmatched Minutewomen. From there, Hofstra and UMass played fairly evenly, and any time a run seemed possible for the Maroon and White, it was quickly squashed by a Pride swift transition goal.

"It [Hofstra's 5-0 run] surprised them at first. You know they won some key draw controls and just jammed it down our throat in the first three minutes of the half, and against good teams, you can't get them back," Bolduc said. "So we've got to figure out how to push ourselves to that next level, and elevate our play, and always be in control and for the most part you know we were in the first half, then they took complete control in the second half."

Lapses like the one in yesterday's game are beginning to look like a trend, as the Minutewomen went from being down only two goals at halftime to No. 13 Syracuse, to being on the losing side of the final score 17-8 in a game last week.

Before the game, Bolduc had stressed the importance of shots on goal and how her team was great at finishing shots, but not getting enough to earn the win. The statement held very true as UMass scored on 50 percent of their shots on goal but still only took 16 shots to Hofstra's 39.

"More practice, limiting mistakes, and challenging them, and having them challenge each other and elevating their play," Bolduc stressed after the game. "We need to push them through adversity so they can rise to the occasion and recognize situations, so that they know how to control the game the entire 60 minutes."

"A good thing [that came out of the loss] is knowing that we can compete against top-10 teams, but there are still mental mistakes. Against good teams, though, you can't lapse for 15 minutes, you can't lapse for five minutes, you can't even lapse for one."

The team will try to bounce back Saturday when they head to Durham, N.H. to take on the UNH Wildcats at 1 p.m.

Bolduc's team has difficult schedule

By Rob Greenfield
Collegian Staff

If a different team had to face the Massachusetts women's lacrosse team's schedule in 2005, there would be cause for worry. However, for coach Carrie Bolduc and company, it is quite the opposite.

The women's team has faced three ranked opponents in its first six games with another one coming around the corner. They are 2-4 so far with last night's 14-8 loss to No. 10 Hofstra at home. It was a hard fought battle that was closer than the score would show, but their record doesn't display this team's level of play so far this season.

In last night's contest, the Minutewomen played a hard-nosed game for 30 minutes of action and were up 3-2 on mighty Hofstra going into the break. The team was passing well, moving the ball and not turning it over, something that had been a nagging problem in the early games this season (both UMass and Hofstra had only nine turnovers at the half).

However, in the early going of the second, the Pride came out firing with five straight goals within four minutes of the half. This was UMass' only lapse as the Minutewomen more or less traded goals for the rest of the game.

"We have to play 60 minutes to win big games. We can't have mental lapses," UMass coach Carrie Bolduc said of playing the better teams.

If someone took a look at the Minutewomen's strength of schedule, they would have a pretty good RPI. Their first game was with in-state rival Holy Cross, followed by a game against a stacked BU squad that was ranked 15th but has now moved inside the top-10. Next was a loss against Harvard, which had not played a game before the UMass meeting, then three consecutive home games — Albany, Syracuse, Hofstra.

The Minutewomen have suffered similar fates in both of their games with Syracuse and Hofstra. Like the first half against the Pride, UMass also played Syracuse tough, only down 7-5 going into halftime but losing control in the second half, being outscored 10-3.

This team has potential. With a nucleus of experienced upperclassmen (juniors Kerri Connerty and Lindsay Cassell and senior Kristin St. Hilaire) and a solid group of underclassmen,

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Junior Kerri Connerty scored a goal and tallied an assist against Hofstra.



Freshman Kathleen Typadis leads the Minutewomen with 15 goals, five assists and 20 points this season, despite being kept off the score sheet yesterday.

Minutewomen head to Philly to open up conference season

By Jon Pelland
Collegian Correspondent

The Massachusetts women's tennis team (8-6) travels to Philadelphia today to take on Atlantic 10 foe Temple (3-5, 1-0).

The Minutewomen are coming off of a decisive 6-1 victory over Big East opponent, Rutgers, in Delray Beach, Fla. on March 16. Sophomore Michele Spiess starred for the Minutewomen, winning her singles' match and her doubles', paired with freshman Masha Pozar.

The Owls come into Thursday's match having been shutout by the 57th-ranked team in the country, the Penn Quakers, on March 19. Temple was beaten in straight sets in three-of-six singles matches they played.

For the Minutewomen, Thursday's match is the opener to their Atlantic 10 schedule. The Owls are undefeated in league play, beating the George Washington Colonials 4-3 on March 17. All together, the two schools have faced each other nine times. The Maroon and White lead the series with five wins.

The last time the two met in the regular season, UMass downed Temple 4-3 on Feb. 20, 2004, in Amherst. On April 18 of last year, the Owls defeated the Minutewomen in the Atlantic 10 third-place match by the same score of 4-3.

The Minutewomen have a few players worth watching on Thursday, the first of which is junior Dorothy Iwanowicz. Iwanowicz has been stellar for the Maroon and White so far this season, going 9-3 in No. 4 singles. She has also been great in doubles pairings with an overall record of 12-4, playing with fellow junior Susan Johnson and senior Sasha Edelstein.

Freshman Masha Pozar has also been a good contributor for Judy Dixon's team this season. In singles play Pozar is 10-7 including 9-6 in No. 2 play. Pozar's 10 singles wins is second on the team.

Temple is not a team to be overlooked. The Owls are a young team that has just one senior on its roster, Lauren Verrall out of Mount Gambier, Australia.

Also leading the Owls is junior Laura Seiverling out of Hershey, Penn. Rounding out the upperclassmen is junior Ana Maslesa, who hails from Split, Croatia. The rest of the Owl team is made up of three sophomores and two freshmen.

Earlier this week it was announced that Minutewoman senior captain Sasha Edelstein was named the A-10 Performer of the Week for the first time this season. Overall, last week Edelstein went 5-1, which included a perfect 3-0 in doubles match play. So far this season Edelstein is 17-4 in singles play and 12-6 in doubles play, which includes a perfect 4-0 when paired with Iwanowicz.

Last week Edelstein competed in the No. 3 singles and doubles. In singles play, she downed Army 6-3, 6-4 and the next day defeated Rutgers 6-3, 6-1.

The duo of Edelstein and junior Jana Bartolini defeated all the opponents they faced which included Tennessee-Chattanooga, Rutgers and Army. Edelstein leads a young Minutewoman team that is made up of mainly juniors and freshmen.

Sox to 'paint' Fenway

By Ken Maguire
Associated Press

BOSTON — The Red Sox are pitching for some public improvements to transit and parking around cramped Fenway Park, now that they've decided to stay in the smallest stadium in the majors.

Owners of the World Series champs said Wednesday their decision to stay in the 93-year-old ballpark, which they are upgrading and expanding, has nothing to do with improvements outside the park, and that they've not asked for public dollars.

But the Red Sox say they're just like any other city resident — they'll paint the house, but eventually somebody's got to fill the potholes and pick up the trash.

"Transit improvements would be good for the neighborhood," team president Larry Lucchino said. "Parking improvements would be good for the neighborhood. People have been talking about those for a long time."

Lucchino acknowledged that subway, parking and street improvements are desirable but not essential to the team's financial success and long-term commitment to stay put.

"This is a no-strings-attached commitment," he said at a news conference in the .406 Club, high above home plate.

Lucchino, principal owner John Henry and team chairman Tom Werner announced their latest plans to improve the oldest ballpark in Major League Baseball. Since buying the Red Sox in February 2002, the owners have made several stadium upgrades and seat additions.

The team recently received approval to add more than 2,000 seats or standing locations on the roofs extending above the left- and right-field stands in time for the 2006 season. Those seats and other changes would expand the park's capacity from 36,298 to 38,815.

Lucchino gave no dollar estimate on the improvements. He said the team has spent "tens of millions" to make the changes in place up to this point.

Henry said Wednesday that around 39,000 seats would be the maximum capacity.

"To go beyond that would have undesirable consequences for the community," he said.

In separate sessions, the team's owners met Tuesday with Mayor Thomas M. Menino and Gov. Mitt Romney to inform them of their plans. Menino later said: "We are not in the position financially to be helpful that we were in five years ago."

Romney on Wednesday indicated he's more open to helping improve the neighborhood.

"They would love to see the communities around Fenway Park beautified and that's part of our job," Romney said. "They would presume that we'll support the development of the Fenway neighborhood like we support the development of all neighborhoods in the commonwealth. They didn't ask for special treatment. They didn't ask for any state or federal money that I know of."

Any such proposal would require city or legislative approval, or both.

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Students disagree with new plan

By Dan Koffman
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Students, faculty, and staff at the University of Massachusetts voiced their displeasure with Chancellor John V. Lombardi's "Draft Action Plan" at yesterday's Faculty Senate meeting. The "Draft Action Plan" is Lombardi's response to the report made by Commission on Campus Diversity. In it, he proposes what changes should be made to improve campus diversity.

Lombardi started the meeting off by stressing that the "Draft Action Plan" is "not a plan." He said, "It is a proposal to be responded to."



UMass Chancellor John Lombardi

The proposal was bashed just two days ago at a Student Government Association meeting. Most of the negative comments made about the proposal were in response to a University restructuring that would create a new administratively-run center that would oversee more than 40 registered student organizations. The restructuring was not one of the recommendations made by the commission.

A period of questions and discussion followed, but some in the crowd got restless when Lombardi declined to respond their questions individually.

Graduate Student Senate President Uri Strauss was a member of the commission and believes Lombardi had previously stated that he would implement all of the Commission's recommendations.

"I know you're not going to respond, but at least you could apologize for your dishonesty," said Strauss.

Strauss also said that the Graduate Student Senate rejected the "Draft Action Plan" at a recent meeting. "We thought it diverged from the commission's recommendations, and so we felt comfortable in rejecting it. So we did," he said.

Eduardo Bustamante, President of the Student Government Association, expressed similar feelings.

"These people are here because they care," said Bustamante, directing his comments towards Lombardi. "I would suggest that we stop this question-and-answer session until we get a good reason why you are not responding."



SGA President Eduardo Bustamante spoke to yesterday's Faculty Senate.

After Bustamante's comments, Lombardi finally responded to the concerns of those who had been

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MassPIRG among groups concerned with hunger

By David Fonseca
Collegian Staff

On the heels of the White House's release of its 2006 budget proposal, which includes cuts in emergency food services and homeless shelters, the Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness has released a study that reports the need for low-income assistance programs across the nation is steadily rising.

The report, entitled "Communities in Crisis," is based on surveys of 900 emergency food and shelter providers in 426 small towns, rural cities and rural areas in 32 states.

The study indicates an increased need in emergency food and shelter services across the nation. The issue has members of the University of Massachusetts community speaking out.

"The fact that the need [for programs] is rising dramatically, but the funding for the programs to assist [those in need] is quickly being chipped away at is disturbing," said Tim Austin of MassPIRG's Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness.

Nationwide, 74 percent of food shelters have reported increased requests for emergency food services. The average agency reported a 28 percent increase increase in requests.

The numbers were similar for housing shelters across the country. Of agencies surveyed, 65 percent reported an increase in emergency shelter requests, with a 27 percent average increase in requests.

The study also shows that demand for such services is already overwhelming the capacity of the providers. Food service providers and emergency shelters turned away 24 and 77 percent of requests due to a lack of resources, respectively.

Massachusetts reported a higher than average increase in demand for food services, with 85 percent of shelters experiencing increased requests.

"An increasing number of people seeking food and shelter from Open Pantry has us greatly concerned about the level of support from government sources," said Kevin Noonan, Executive Director of Open Pantry Community Services in Amherst.

With need for emergency services across the nation increasing, emergency food and shelter providers are afraid the President's proposed budget for 2006 could be harmful to the already struggling hungry and homeless.

The administration's budget proposes to cut funding for the food Stamp Program by $1.1 Billion, affordable housing programs by $120 million, and the Community Development Block grant by $1.8 billion.

Lack of resources has already lead the Franklin County Emergency Center in Turner Falls to reduce staff due to a 15 percent cut in income from the State's Department of Transitional Assistance.

"Since the 1960's we've established a social safety net in this country, and the Bush Administration has been eroding that like mad," Austin said.

Critics have suggested that the proposed budget for 2006 indicates that the Bush Administration is out of touch with poverty issues in America.

"I don't think [the administration] has the slightest notion or interest or concern," said Democratic State Representative Ben Swan from Springfield. "There are people in this country who never really embraced social programs ... and whenever they get a chance to cut them, they do, unabashedly."

The Communities in Crisis report comes at a critical time for hunger and homelessness programs. According to Swan, due to the amount of health and human service concerns to be dealt with in the budget, hunger and homelessness tend to become marginalized.

"Some of the areas might receive less advocacy than others. Some program areas become isolated, and become more

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Kmart, Sears form mega merger

By Dave Carpenter
Associated Press

HOFFMAN ESTATES, Ill. — Kmart bought Sears, Roebuck and Co. for $12.3 billion on Thursday, combining two faded retail icons whose sales have been declining for years into the nation's third biggest retailer with a projected $55 billion in annual sales.

Shareholders signed off on the deal in separate meetings at Sears' suburban Chicago headquarters, which now becomes the base for a company that adopts the name Sears Holdings Corp. It trails only Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Home Depot Inc. among U.S. retailers.

The votes capped off the stunning proposal unveiled four months earlier by Kmart Holding Corp. Chairman Edward Lampert, the billionaire hedge-fund manager who was the largest individual shareholder in each company.

Lampert, who helped Troy, Mich.-based Kmart turn a $1.1 billion profit last year with the aid of real-estate transactions, denied he has a big sell-off in mind for Sears assets and said the new company "goes beyond being an investment."

"It's an opportunity to transform two companies that once were great — to transform them into a great company relative to the 21st century," he told reporters at a news conference after the meetings.

"I think there's a presumption that you're going to see a lot of store closings. That's a wrong presumption," he said. "Our program is to keep as many stores open as we can."

Contending he has been unfairly labeled as a sell-off specialist, he also denied the company has put the Lands' End casual clothing chain on the market, as an industry publication reported earlier this month.

"Lands' End isn't for sale," the 42-year-old Lampert said. "It's a great American brand, and I think it's a brand that we could run very, very well."

The merger also brings together some other powerful brands that have succeeded while their companies' retail results have sagged, among them Craftsman tools, Kenmore appliances and, from Kmart, Martha Stewart, Jaclyn Smith and Joe Boxer.



Celia Rodriguez leaves a Kmart store in Hobbs, N.M. Kmart and Sears merged for a reported $12.3 billion Thursday, forming the nation's third largest retailer.

Employees have been concerned about widespread job cuts when the new company moves to close stores and convert hundreds of Kmart stores this year to the new Sears Essential convenience-oriented format. But officials said that while some layoffs will be announced by the end of April from among the 5,000 people working at the two firms' headquarters, the vast majority of the work force of 400,000 will keep their jobs as Sears Holdings focuses on improving retail.

"We are determined to be successful," Lampert said. "We will protect the assets of this company."

The deal closed shortly after the back-to-back shareholder meetings — one tame, the other rancorous.

Sixty-nine percent of Kmart shareholders voted to approve the deal in results announced at a sparsely attended session lasting five minutes. About two hours later, CEO Alan Lacy disclosed that Sears shareholders also had voted 69 percent in favor of the deal — but he had to endure shouting and insults by retired and former Sears employees upset about the 119-year-old retailer's acquisition by Kmart.

"This is a sad and dark day for Sears Roebuck," Doug Liggett, formerly a Sears auto center manager, said at the meeting. "It is unbelievable that Kmart, two years out of bankruptcy, would be strong enough to purchase Sears, a company in business for over a century."

Some also voiced criticism that Lacy will pocket about $27 million as a result of the merger.

"Sears Holdings intends to be a great company and a great retailer," said Lacy, responding to their angry complaints and fears the department-store company's assets would be sold off to raise cash.

The deal furthers Sears' strategy of moving away from shopping malls to the more profitable off-mall sites that Kmart stores typically occupy.

But since each firm has struggled on its own, it remains to be seen whether the combined company can manage to keep up with thriving competitors.

Lampert and Lacy, who will be CEO and vice chairman under Lampert at Sears Holdings, say the merger should save $500 million over the next three years.

Chandra telescope looks into the future

By Ashish K. Sahu
Collegian Correspondent

Chandra, one of the most powerful x-ray telescopes ever built, is presently hovering above the Earth and is sending data to down below from a colossal cloud known as Abell 2125, millions of light year away.

It sounds like an introduction to a science fiction movie, but it's real. Dr. Daniel Wang, an Associate professor in the department of Astronomy, is currently examining data obtained from Abell 2125 to help explain how the earth formed nearly three billion years ago.

"One can speculate how the universe got to this stage and how metals and elements are produced," Wang said.

Chandra is an x-ray telescope with high spatial resolution and was launched by NASA seven years ago. It is controlled by the Chandra center of Astro physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge.

The Abell 2125 cloud was discovered earlier and comprises of several galaxies. All these galaxies emit certain x-rays that are in form of photons. These emitted photons are then trapped by the Chandra telescope and the data is send to the control center.

The telescope traps x-rays in space. The photons are like fingerprints and one can obtain the composition of the cloud. To get the data from Abell 2125 cloud, the projection of telescope takes about 22 hours to reach a certain point in space where the cloud is present. But the cloud is not stationary as the universe is expand-

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Mass. teen successfully 'divorces' his father

By Katherine Webster
Associated Press

CANTON — A 15-year-old who made national news by "divorcing" his murderer father had a big smile Thursday as he walked out of court with new adoptive parents.

"I don't think I'll ever be over it, but it's a step forward," Patrick Holland said of his mother's 1998 murder by his father. "It's about the biggest step you can take at one time."



15-year-old Patrick Holland successfully divorced his father Thursday.

Patrick was adopted by Ron and Rita Laziskys, close friends of his mother and his longtime guardians.

The Laziskys, of Sandown, N.H., have cared for Patrick since shortly after Daniel Holland killed Liz Holland at the family's Quincy home, leaving her body for 8-year-old Patrick to find the next morning. Daniel Holland is serving life in prison without parole.

Patrick was one of the first children to initiate a parental-rights termination proceeding against one parent for killing the other. He said Daniel Holland forfeited any right to be his father the night he shot Liz Holland eight times.

The Massachusetts Department of Social Services put Patrick in a "bridge" home, where he lingered as grandparents on both sides competed with the Laziskys for custody.

Patrick wanted to live with the Laziskys, and was placed there after they qualified as foster parents.

Both adoptive parents also beamed as they left Thursday's brief closed hearing in

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Iraqis protest latest terror attacks

By Tract Carl
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Hundreds of power workers shouting "No, no, to terror!" marched through Baghdad on Thursday to protest attacks that have killed dozens of their colleagues, while demonstrators in the south demanded that the new petroleum minister be from their oil-rich region.

The demonstrations came as negotiators for the two biggest factions in the new National Assembly worked out details of an Iraqi government that U.S. officials hope will pave the way for the eventual withdrawal of coalition forces.

Jawad al-Maliki, a negotiator from the Shiite-led United Iraqi Alliance, said talks had progressed enough for Shiite Arab and ethnic Kurd officials to agree to hold parliament's second session early next week, although no date had been set. The 275-seat National Assembly met March 16 to swear in its members.

"The negotiations were positive and very good," al-Maliki said. "In the coming days, the meetings will be continuous and decisive."

Lined up behind a black banner with the names of slain power workers, protesters demanded an end to attacks on electricity stations and oil pipelines — targets in an insurgent effort to weaken the economy and undermine the U.S.-led coalition and interim government.

At the same time, in southern Basra, more than 200 workers gathered outside a local government building to insist that the new government's oil and transportation ministers be from that region.

"Everyone must know that the oppressed and persecuted people of the south refuse to have their interests be ignored," protesters said in a statement given to the provincial governor, Mohammed al-Waeli.

Al-Waeli agreed, saying: "We are eager that the people of Basra and the south have clout in the new government."

Some oil workers threatened to disrupt production in the south.

"We will stop pumping the oil and go on strike for those working in the oil field and the ports if our demands aren't

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Campus Perspectives

By Jamie Lau

Do you plan to vote in the SGA elections?



"I do plan to vote... because having a student government... is a vital part of the student community."

Carly Wieland

senior

Psychology major



"Yes, I live off campus but am still able to vote for head offices."

Chris Giroir

senior

Computer Science major



"Yes, because I'd rather have voted and complained about the current situation [and] not vote."

My Trinh Le

sophomore

undecided



"No, I don't know anyone in particular."

Sankeerth Ravala

freshman

Computer Science major



"No, because I am not well informed of the candidates. I would love to vote and participate but I don't see a point."

Shobana Shankar

sophomore

Computer Systems Engineering major



"Yes. Because people around the DC ask me to but I don't really care."

Trinka

senior

Biochem major

UN peacekeeper sex abuse ranges back 50 years

By Nick Wadhams
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — A U.N. report on peacekeeper sex abuse released Thursday describes the U.N. military army as deeply flawed and recommends withholding salaries of the guilty and requiring nations to pursue legal action against perpetrators.

Those recommendations and several others come after repeated allegations that peacekeepers exploited the very people they were sent to protect. The report described a troubled system where peacekeepers have often "failed to grasp the dangers confronting them, seduced by day-to-day conditions that can be viewed as benign."

It said abuses had been reported in missions ranging from Bosnia and Kosovo to Cambodia, East Timor, West Africa and Congo. While allegations of abuse have dogged peacekeeping missions since their inception 50 years ago, the issue was thrust into the spotlight after the United Nations found earlier this year that peacekeepers in Congo had sex with Congolese women and girls, usually in exchange for food or small sums of money.

"You cannot overstate the value of peacekeeping and what it can bring to a society, so for that reason I think we must restore it," Prince Zeid al Hussein, Jordan's U.N. ambassador and the author of the report, told The Associated Press before its release.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan appointed Zeid, who once served as a peacekeeper in Bosnia, to study the Congo abuses and propose changes to keep them from happening again.

State considering new ways to restrain psychiatric patients

BOSTON (AP) — The state is considering new rules that would reduce how and when psychiatric patients can be restrained.

The new rules would require mental health facilities to train staff to intervene before a patients' behavior becomes dangerous. Physical restraints, involving a patient being held or pinned by staff, as well mechanical restraints, including cuffs and sedatives, would become more regulated.

The proposals would, if adopted, allow patients to be restrained or secluded only in emergencies "such as the occurrence of, or serious threat of, extreme violence, personal injury, or attempted suicide."

"The regulations in the past focused on a safe way to do a restraint. It implies restraints are the norm," Dr. Elizabeth Childs, commissioner of the Department of Mental Health, told the Boston Herald. "These new regulations really speak to the fact that restraints aren't the norm of treatment, they're the exception."

The proposed rule changes have the endorsement of advocates for psychiatric patients, and family members of people who have spent time in psychiatric wards.

"This is definitely the direction the mental health system needs to go in," said Lisa Lambert of the Parent/Professional Advocacy League. "Everybody has a right to be in a safe environment."

Jean Boursiquot's 26-year-old son, James, a paranoid schizophrenic, died last August in restraints at Brockton Hospital's psychiatric ward.

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Lombardi extends questioning period

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speaking.

"I recognize that we probably need to go back and revise the plan," said Lombardi. "We've been struggling with [diversity] in this community for a remarkably long time."

The report made by the Commission on Campus Diversity, entitled "A Blueprint for Change," was released March 1. Lombardi released his "Draft Action Plan" eleven days later.

Lombardi had previously set April 1 as the date by which people could submit feedback to his proposal. Many at the meeting stated that the date should be pushed back because the proposal came out during spring break and with SGA elections taking place this week. Lombardi answered these concerns by stating that he would extend the comment period to April 22.

Bustamante told the senate about his alternative proposal during his allotted time. "We've drafted a UMass Community Action Plan. We are supporting all of the commission's recommendations," Bustamante said.

Bustamante told the senate he was pleased with the parts concerning Academic Affairs in the Chancellor's proposal. All 12 of the commission's recommendations in that area were mentioned in the "Draft Action Plan." However, Bustamante stated that all eleven of the commission's recommendations concerning Student Affairs were rejected in Lombardi's proposal.

All three documents that were discussed can be found online. To view the report made by the Commission on Campus Diversity and Lombardi's "Draft Plan," visit www.umass.edu. To view the UMass Community Action Plan endorsed by Bustamante, visit www.takebackumass.com.

Big changes in store for John Rowland

By Ken Maguire
Associated Press



John Rowland

BOSTON — As governor of Connecticut, John G. Rowland lived in a stately Georgian-style mansion, was shuttled around in a Lincoln Town Car driven by a state trooper, and hobnobbed with political and corporate leaders.

Oh, how the mighty have fallen.

Rowland, 47, who pleaded guilty to a corruption charge after allegations dogged him for more than a year and ultimately drove him to resign from office, is expected to serve his prison sentence of one year and one day at the Federal Medical Center Devens, a former Army base about 35 miles west of Boston.

He is set to report to prison April 1.

He will find his new home relatively relaxed, with no cells, scores of mundane tasks to perform each day — from landscaping to kitchen duty. The jobs pay between 12 cents and 40 cents an hour.

"It's a very relaxed facility," said Connecticut defense attorney Edward I. Gavin. "You can bide your time without having to worry about gangs, or violence, or shakedowns. I don't think John Rowland is going to have a problem. It's a lot of sitting around."

At Devens, Rowland would be one of about 120 prisoners at a camp that is a satellite facility of the larger 1,000-plus bed federal prison medical center that houses inmates with long-term medical or mental health problems.

Among inmates who have been through its doors are New England Mafia underboss Gennaro "Jerry" Angiulo and several former Providence city officials ensnared in that Rhode Island city's Operation Plunder Dome corruption probe that sent former Mayor Vincent "Buddy" Cianci to prison in New Jersey.

The medical center has been home to many aging and ill mobsters. Last September, Anthony "Tony Buck" Piccolo of Philadelphia died there of heart failure at age 81. He was convicted in 1995 of racketeering as consigliere, or adviser, to the John Stanfa crime family.

In April, Gaetano Badalamenti died at the center. He was 80. Badalamenti was a ringleader of the so-called Pizza Connection, a heroin and cocaine smuggling operation that used pizzerias as distribution fronts from 1975 to 1984 in New York City.

"The primary objective of those inmates is to support the medical center," said U.S. Bureau of Prisons spokeswoman Carla Wilson.

The jobs are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m, Monday through Friday, and the rest is free time. The Devens camp includes a walking track, softball field and basketball hoop, Wilson said. There are several television rooms, a library, and sleeping areas with bunk beds.

Inmates can have visitors on Fridays, weekends and federal holidays. A quick embrace is OK, but prolonged hugging is prohibited.

He and his visitors can hang out in a room that sports plastic furniture or, in the warmer months, an outside picnic area.

There's no fence along the perimeter and camp inmates are generally free to roam the grounds when they're not working, Wilson said. They must return inside, however, for scheduled and random "counts" throughout the day.

"They're not locked down by any means," Wilson said, although she added it's also not a "Club Fed."

"It is a prison," she said.

But should Rowland go wandering, he may want to watch his step. Before the military base was redeveloped, demolition crews scoured the campus to remove any old — and unexploded — shells. But last June a 200-pound device was found in the Nashua River in nearby Lancaster. It appeared to be old military weapon. State police detonated it.

Mass. teen, murderer father get 'divorced'

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Norfolk County Probate and Family Court.

"I'm just so happy. I never thought I'd see the day," Rita Laziskys said.

Her husband said: "I had to hold back tears. It's been a very uphill battle for us for four years."

After Patrick moved in with the Laziskys, Massachusetts social workers brokered a settlement with the boy's paternal grandparents that made the Laziskys the boy's legal guardians. But the agreement stipulated they could not seek to adopt him until 2005. Because there was no adoption, Daniel Holland's parental rights were not terminated.

That was fine with Patrick, until his father began seeking his school and counseling records.

After nearly three years of legal wrangling over whether a minor could sue for the termination of parental rights and whether the case belonged in Massachusetts or New Hampshire, Patrick finally got a hearing date.

On the eve of trial, Daniel Holland agreed to settle, signing away his parental rights in an agreement specifying that Patrick was the sole heir to his mother's estate.

That cleared the way both for the adoption and for settlement of the estate, which had been in limbo for years and would have remained that way until Daniel Holland exhausted all his appeals on the murder conviction.

The family said their next goal is to push for the passage of "Patrick's Law" by the Legislature. The bill would automatically suspend the parental rights of any parent convicted of murdering the other, but give the couple's children a say on whether the rights would be terminated permanently.

The Laziskys will be on Patrick's new birth certificate, but Patrick will keep the Holland last name that he shared with his mother.

Massachusetts routinely issues a new birth certificate in adoptions, with the names of the adoptive parents and, if desired, a new name for the child. The original birth certificate is kept under seal at the Department of Vital Statistics and Records and can be opened only by court order.

Patrick read an excerpt from his certificate of adoption as he left the courthouse.

Aid cutbacks worry community groups

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of a target, and are more likely to get cut," said Swan.

Policy Advocate for the Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness Kelly Benkert says she hopes the media attention garnered by the Communities in Crisis report will bring poverty issues to the forefront for both politicians and students.

"This report is not something we did in a vacuum. The report release and the coverage in the media generated from that is all part of a larger campaign to bring the issues of hunger and homelessness to the forefront of decision makers' minds," Benkert said. "In addition to that, on the organizing side, it's a fantastic way to make sure as many students as possible know there are ways they can get involved."

"At the very least, we need programs that exist currently; section eight housing, public housing, food stamps and the community block grant need to not be cut. Cutting programs is clearly not a good idea," said Benkert.

Telescope sends much needed data

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ing, says Wang.

"One can imagine it like a rubber band. You can fix two points on the band and stretch it and it signifies the universe expanding and the cloud moving."

Much information can be revealed with these x-rays. The control center gets images and different spectra that are further investigated by Wang. The spectra reveal the different types of metals that are present and how they were formed. All the metals are formed by these clouds colliding, and the ash that is produced is what the planets are made up of.

Other important information is how the other galaxies interact with the cloud and how old is our universe. One of the big questions is if any of these processes studied can be imitated in the laboratory.

"One knows the process better but it is very difficult to conduct it in the laboratory," he said.

Wang says it requires lot of energy that is achieved when the stars collide in space. There is tremendous amount of heat and gases present, he says, and these make the process of forming new metals or compounds feasible.

Another curious thought is about extra terrestrial life, which he says, is a specialized study and one studies distant stars for these and it is difficult to find such matter in clouds. When asked about any other elements other than those found on earth that could be present in those clouds and not yet identified on earth which in principle he agrees it is possible but one cannot know.

There exists another x-ray satellite launched by European Union called XMM Newton but Wang says it is not that powerful compared to the Chandra. The questions on the Big Bang theory, the age of the universe and formation of other galaxies are still the curious questions many astronomers dwell on but the search continues with better technology like Chandra and enthusiastic astronomer like Wang.

Insurgency attacks start Iraqi protests

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met," said Mohammed Abdul Hafez, a union official who was one of the demonstration's organizers.

The insurgency's persistent violence, and the threat of disruptions to Iraq's oil exports, have contributed to rising world crude prices over the past year.

Kurdish and Shiite negotiators debated Cabinet posts Thursday, and Abdul-Karim al-Anzi, a Shiite official, said lawmakers should be able to elect the president, two vice presidents and parliament's speaker in their session next week.

The prime minister is expected to be Ibrahim al-Jaafari, a politician from Iraq's Shiite Arab majority. Kurdish leader Jalal Talabani is likely to be named president.

One of the vice presidents will likely be a Sunni Arab, al-Maliki and al-Anzi said.

The move is an effort to reach out to the Sunni community, which is believed to be the backbone of the insurgency. Dominant under former dictator Saddam Hussein, Sunni Arabs mostly stayed away from Iraq's Jan. 30 election, some in a boycott of the vote and others in fear of attacks.

Shiite Arabs are estimated to make up 60 percent of Iraq's 26 million people, while Kurds and Sunni Arabs are each thought to be 15 percent to 20 percent.

The top U.N. envoy in Iraq, Ashraf Qazi, reached out to Sunni Arabs on Thursday by meeting with influential Sunni religious leaders at a Baghdad mosque.

Qazi "stressed the importance of ensuring that all components of Iraqi society are adequately represented in the constitutional making process," a U.N. statement said.

A visiting seven-member U.S. congressional delegation expressed optimism at the progress being made in forming a new government.

"We take hope home that our troops will be able to rejoin their families sooner rather than later," said Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Calif.

After nightfall, a large explosion was heard near a joint U.S.-Iraqi military camp 25 miles north of Baghdad, followed by gunfire. U.S. military officials confirmed there was an attack, but no major damage was reported. No other details were available.

Earlier, in Rabia, police mistook some Iraqi soldiers wearing civilian clothes and carrying guns to be insurgents, and opened fire, killing three soldiers, police chief Ahmed Mohammed Khalaf said. The soldiers shot back, killing two police officers. Eight officers also were wounded in the gunbattle, which lasted about 10 minutes.

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Voices From Inside

Erin McNamee

Amy. Debbie. Emily. Lisette. MaryBeth. Melissa. Michelle. Nori. These women are mothers, daughters, sisters and lovers. They are also recovered drug addicts, alcoholics, drunk drivers and victims of abuse and mental illness. Some are currently incarcerated; others have been incarcerated at one time or another in the recent past. What they all have in common is a need to move on and a desire to improve their lives; this is where Voices From Inside comes in.

Founded in 1999, Voices From Inside is a non-profit organization based out of the Hamden County Correctional Facility in Ludlow. The mission of the group is two-fold: "to facilitate writing workshops for women prisoners and ex-prisoners to tell their own stories in their own voices; and to bring their stories to the community to increase awareness of the human and financial costs of prisons to our society ... and to change public perception about the lives of those who are incarcerated through interaction between the writers and the larger community."

Women from Voices From Inside came to Butterfield on Tuesday, March 22, as part of an event sponsored by Writing Butterfield. Voices From Inside aims to give voice to those women who have been silenced and ignored by society; it is an opportunity for them to speak out for their own empowerment and healing and to hopefully aid in their rehabilitation upon their release from prison. Most participants would agree that getting their thoughts down on paper helps them confront and reconcile with their pasts.

Each of these women is inspiring in her own right. Melissa was just released on Thursday, March 24, after serving a six-month sentence for drunk driving. Emily, a 23-year-old college graduate, was recently released from prison. MaryBeth, who attended Skidmore College, is serving a 12-month sentence on DUI charges. Debbie, a college graduate and mother of two college students, served a six-month sentence on drug charges. Michelle is serving her first prison sentence after three DUI offenses. Lisette served two years on a drug charge and has been clean for two years. She currently lives in her own apartment, has regained custody of her two daughters, works with Voices From Inside, and intends to pursue a college degree in social work next fall. Nori is serving her first prison sentence after her fourth DUI charge. Amy, a 31-year-old mother of two, has been out of prison for over a year and a half and has held down the same job since leaving prison, a feat she had never achieved before being incarcerated. She is currently living in her own apartment with her children.

In addition to getting their voices heard, these women strive to break the various stereotypes surrounding incarcerated women. These women did not look like Hollywood prisoners; there were no orange jumpsuits or chains to be found. Rather, they looked just like the girl sitting next to you in class, one of your professors, or perhaps your own mother or sister. They, like those on "the outside," are simply victims of life's circumstances; the only difference is that they happened to be dealt a tougher hand.

On Tuesday these women read from pieces they wrote for the 10-week Voices From Inside program, from which many of them graduated just last week. Their writing is diverse and moving, covering topics ranging from their own personal struggles to their families to their own desires for a better life.

These women view Voices From Inside as an opportunity to claim something as their own in a prison system built for men. As Lisette pointed out, women are simply "guests" in co-ed prisons; women are the minority. Therefore, writing enables them to empower themselves in respect to a system that marginalizes them and often fails to meet their needs. It is a way to channel their thoughts, harness their energy, and provide a positive outlet many never knew existed before.

According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the number of women in prison since 1980 has increased at nearly double the rate for men. More than half of women in state prisons have been abused, 47 percent physically and 39 percent sexually. Many women are survivors of both types of abuse. Nearly a quarter of women prisoners have a history of mental illness.

Yet there is a severe lack of rehabilitative programs in state prisons, despite the fact that studies show that a combination of community supervision and some form of rehabilitation program (whether vocational, education, or substance abuse) helps reduce the chances that a released prisoner will re-enter prison.

In terms of the great impact it has on both its graduates and its viewing audiences, the success of Voices From Inside should be a wake-up call to the way the country's prison system is organized. Such rehabilitative programs should be instituted at more prisons across the country, for both men and women. Lisette firmly believes that Voices From Inside changed her life, giving her confidence in public speaking and encouraging her to go to college. Why not give this opportunity to more prisoners? After all, life is about second chances.

Erin McNamee is a Collegian columnist.

The merits of gen-ed requirements

Mike Anmuth

An old Sam Cooke song says, "Don't know much about history / Don't know much biology / Don't know much about a science book / Don't know much about the French I took." I think this song demonstrates my college career up to this point. I may not have occasion to use a lot of the facts that I have memorized in these classes. As it stands, I've taken almost three years worth of classes and I can talk generally about a good number of them but my depth of knowledge comes mostly from my major.

Most college students take a number of general education required classes but end up forgetting this material in favor of the material learned solely in the subject area of one's major. Should we do away with majors? I don't think so. I believe that college prepares you for a deep knowledge base in one specific area. It is important that your major covers that area well enough so that you can get a job or at least be able to talk about whatever your degree is in while sitting at a bar with a bunch of other people who learned one general scheme of things during their undergraduate years.

Many people argue that college is the means to an end, a machine created only to prepare students for the job market without providing them with a general breadth of knowledge. I'm not quite sure I agree. I do agree that the goal of college for many people is to get a job and probably start paying back their student loans that allowed them to attend college in the first place, but the scholarly pursuit of knowledge is also a lofty goal.

If college is indeed this machine, then why are general education classes presented at all? Why not just have students focus four years on their major, like a technical or vocational school? If the idea is to present students with liberal arts classes that they will use and remember, why not let students design their own program and take classes in areas of which they find particular interest? I know that taking a number of sociology classes made me want to become a sociology major, and I have pursued different minor options due to enjoyment of other subjects. Here at the University of Massachusetts, we have a major that is designed with this idea in mind, the Bachelor's Degree in Individual Concentration.

The elimination of the stringent Gen-Ed requirements would lead to a trade school sort of environment where four years worth of classes were all in one subject, defeating the purpose of a liberal arts education.

There is no good answer to the question at hand, whether or not a broad range of liberal arts classes is worthwhile and, if not, what is a constructive way to change that curriculum. If students took classes in all one subject, they would be essentially majoring in that subject, the same as they are now.

The elimination of the stringent Gen-Ed requirements would lead to a trade school sort of environment where four years worth of classes were all in one subject, defeating the purpose of a liberal arts education. If students are given the breadth of topics required now, they may not remember things learned in their general education classes but still have them under their belt, in hopes that one day they may find themselves needing information from their introductory English or Environmental Science course. It is not a win-win situation in the sense that each 'solution' gives up one piece to gain another, a tight-rope balancing act between too little knowledge spread out and too much knowledge concentrated.

As the system stands, it is effective both for churning out people to fill jobs in society as well as teaching these same people about subjects that they might not ordinarily explore. As each new class enters college, we change requirements, change courses and evaluate the necessity of knowledge in the changing environment of both the workplace and the world.

Perhaps neither I nor Sam Cooke remembers our "science book" or, "the French" taught to us, but the majority of students find something of interest to them in their liberal arts classes. This phenomenon makes these classes valid enough to keep around even if the knowledge from each individual course isn't remembered down the line.

Mike Anmuth is a Collegian columnist.



The importance of voting

Morris Singer

What does it mean to be a responsible citizen? Among other things, it means to vote. And we thought all that "get-out-the-vote" hunter was over when the Bush team won the November election. Well, wrong.

There's actually an important election right around the corner, and it's happening in our own backyard — the town of Amherst. On March 29, Amherst voters will voice their opinions at the polls again, for the first time in 2005, and it will decide a great deal of the future of our town. As a candidate for Amherst Town Meeting from the Southwest Residential Area, and as a University of Massachusetts student, I urge all of us to take part in this event.

This election, despite what one may think, is important to us students. On the face of things, we have an election for Town Meeting representatives, the Select Board, the School Committee, the Jones Library Trustees and something as obscurely named as the Elector to the Oliver Smith Will. On top of that, the Town Meeting alone has 270 candidates running on the ballot in this election. It all sounds pretty crazy, right?

The bottom line is, the town of Amherst is listening, and they want to know what it's like for us to be students in this town. That's a big piece of what this election is all about.

Well, what if I said that this election will have very real implications for each and every one of us as UMass students and as part-time Amherst residents. And what if I said that a quick trip on the PVTA, and five minutes in line could change the way we live and feel as students in this town. That's a total of just a fraction of our day on the March 29.

One thing that is always very strange to me is the idea that people would not vote. In a democracy, we're all given the right to decide how our country, our state, and our town are run. Every so often, we're given a new chance to make an adjustment to the course of our governance. Even for those who aren't "into politics," I would think it would be a good time to get out there and voice our opinions. The bottom line is, the town of Amherst is listening, and they want to know what it's like for us to be students in this town. That's a big piece of what this election is all about.

The election on March 29 is also an historic one, in that there is a question about changing the form of government we have in this town. Maybe we've seen all those yellow signs all over Amherst in the center, down University Drive, or elsewhere. The people who put those signs up are asking us to take the government we have now — an efficient, cost-effective, representative and Democratic government — and replace it with one that is costly and exclusionary. It would mean a new "charter" government with a mayor and a town council of nine people that, to put it lightly, could have a very real bearing on how it feels to be a student in this town. Five minutes of our time to vote "no," and light this elitist charter is a small price to pay to ensure an improvement of our condition as students.

The rundown on our voting situation is as follows: Many of us are already registered to vote in Amherst because of steps we took in the previous presidential election. For those of us who are, here is where we vote: If you live in Southwest, you are either in Precinct 10, or Precinct 4 — both of which vote at the Bangs Community Center (behind Rao's Coffee). If you live in Orchard Hill or in Central, you are in Precinct 2 and you vote at the North Fire Station at 601 East Pleasant Street (near Yellow Lot 15). If you live in Northeast or in Sylvan, you live in Precinct 3, and you vote at the Immanuel Lutheran Church at 867 North Pleasant Street (between the Lederle Graduate Research Center and the Puffton Village Apartments). All locations are easily accessible via PVTA bus.

It's simple and easy to vote. If you believe in democracy, your freedom and your security as a student and a human being, go vote. It is extremely important. Let's get out there on March 29 and show the town of Amherst that we are not simply a transient student population to be ignored. Let's show them what we think and let's make a difference.

Morris Singer is a UMass student.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A BITTERSWEET GOODBYE

I am delighted that the remaining two trumpeter swans have been moved to a waterfowl sanctuary. From my office window in Morrill, I kept an eye on the swans. There aren't many trumpeter swans on Earth (fewer than the number of humans on this campus), and there were only sixty-some in the 1930s, so in addition to their sweet personalities and natural beauty, they were quite rare.

Although most people treated the UMass swans with kindness, some did not. I frequently heard the distress calls of the swans from my office, and I would invariably have to jog out to the pond to ask a thoughtless person to keep his or her dog away from the swans, or, more ridiculously, to stop jumping up and down and threatening them.

These folks always seemed to think that the swans were aggressive and that they — being humans! — needed to assert themselves. Rather, with clipped wings, the swans realized from experience that they couldn't escape a serious threat, and that their only defense was to flap their wings and try to appear threatening when approached by loud, fast-moving humans and dogs. Turning and running would have invited pursuit. So, they lived stressful and difficult lives here.

All of us who treasured time spent in their gentle company now miss them, but feel peace of mind knowing that they are now living a far better life than we could provide for them. I applaud the Physical Plant people for making this difficult, but humane, decision.

Sheila Seaman
Department of Geosciences

A CALL TO THE STUDENT BODY

In my four years at this university, I have hoped, prayed and pleaded that we have a strong, unified, and efficient Student Government Association. To no one's surprise, my hopes are unfulfilled, my prayers unanswered and my pleas have fallen on deaf ears. I was involved in Student Government for three years, mainly as Southwest Area Government's Treasurer but with one year as and Executive Cabinet member, and have seen three presidents and three trustees.

SGA elections end today, and I would like to give the student body a prospective from a graduating senior who has a lot of experience with Student Government. When going to the polls today, make your decision based on at least three variables: experience, initiatives and their hopes for the future. I am positive that if you examine these three points that you will all vote for Sean Bliss for Student Body President and Craig Goldschmidt for Student Trustee.

Experience

Craig Goldschmidt has been involved in Student Government for three years with positions being held in two branches of the SGA. He is extremely competent and knowledgeable of how the SGA runs and has some great ideas on making the SGA function to help students. His running mate, Sean Bliss, is a current senator who has sponsored over 12 motions and has many acclaims that I will mention shortly. Their opponents have experience limited to half a year to a year of experience per candidate, and that speaks for itself.

Initiatives

As I mentioned before, Sean Bliss has sponsored an enormous amount of motions that are changing the way students live on this campus at this very moment. His initiatives include equipping every bathroom in the residential areas with paper towels and providing recycling machines in the Dinning halls, both that will be implemented by the end of the semester. Craig has protected student's rights this year by serving as Attorney General. As a senator he had numerous initiatives that I will not go through here for space limitation.

Hopes for the Future

The ticket I am in great support of promotes a platform that includes, RSO empowerment, working for students, sustaining agencies and support programs, keeping agencies in student hands, cheaper textbooks, bathroom improvements, recycling machines at every Ding common with UCard access, road safety, building a Southwest Student Center and smaller classes. Their opponents promote not working with the administration and continuing the inefficiency of the SGA.

I have laid out the facts. I urge all students to examine the candidates experience, initiatives, and hopes and make the decision that will make them proud as students and alumni of this university. I am confident that the student body will choose Sean Bliss for Student Body President and Craig Goldschmidt for Student Trustee.

Mina Safain
Southwest Area
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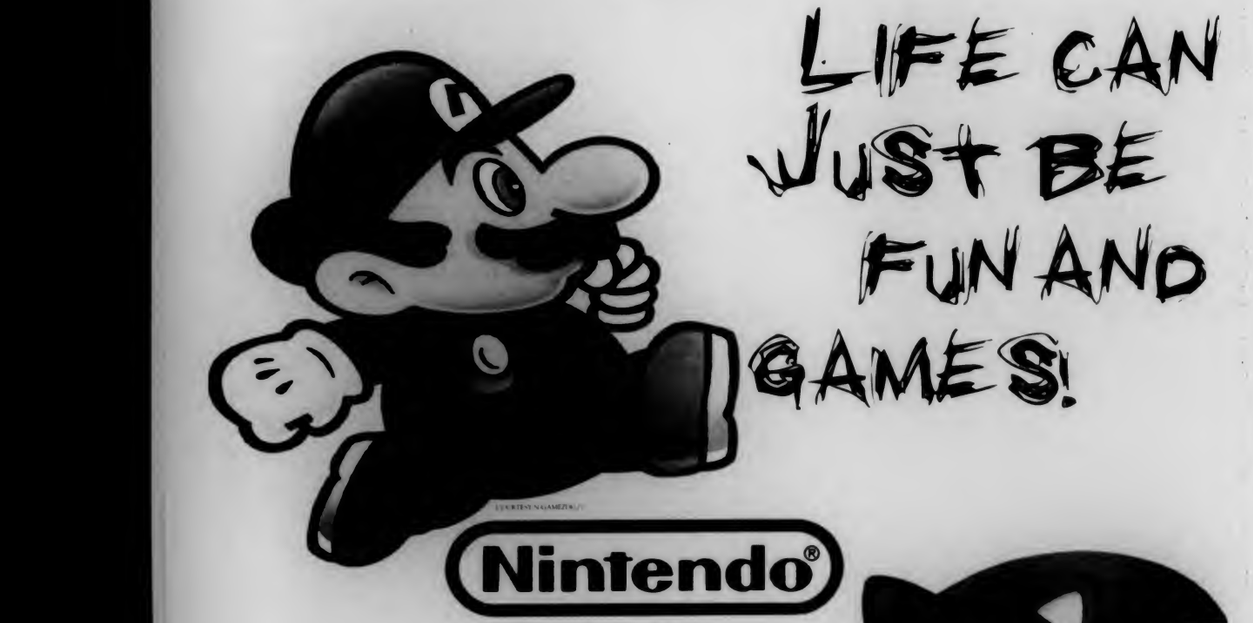
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Video game school gives path to game design

BY ANNIE MUSKE-DUKES
DAILY TROJAN

LOS ANGELES — The path to becoming a video-game designer is a difficult one. Fortunately, the University of Southern California is not the only school to offer training in video game production.

The DigiPen Institute of Technology was the first school to offer formal game-related training in 1988 and was the first school in the world to offer a bachelor's degree program in game programming in 1996.

DigiPen was created because the founders noticed how many new employees of game companies did not have the proper background and had to learn new skills on the job, said Raymond Yan, senior vice president of operations at DigiPen.

Computer-science schools existed at the time, but simulation is a very specialized part of computer science that was not well covered, he said.

"If you think about a computer, it's a stupid machine, it only understands 'on' and 'off,'" Yan said. "It's like saying 'here's a whole bunch of light switches, go and make "Halo."'

High-player expectations have also made games more complicated, Yan said. Most the games are made in around two years and cost $6 million to $9 million to produce.

"It's way beyond an 'Asteroids' game," Yan said. "They want, they want, they want. It's like a complex puzzle."

To help create better programmers to put the puzzle together, DigiPen added a master's degree program last fall.

This program lets students with other computer science degrees come to DigiPen and gain production experience, Yan said. The school is also hoping to offer a Ph.D. program in the near future.

"With 3-D graphics, AI and networking, there's so much to know," Yan said. "Even with our 150 credits, there's not enough."

But DigiPen's students learn more than enough to succeed in the workplace. More than 80 percent of the graduates already have jobs lined up when they graduate, with a starting salary of $45,000 to $50,000 a year, said Yan.

The school gives students many opportunities to find work, Yan said, including access to special internships at Nintendo and other companies and career fairs just for DigiPen's seniors.

DigiPen initially focused on teaching 3-D graphics, but partnered with Nintendo in 1991 and began to offer programming courses. Founded in Vancouver, British Columbia, DigiPen is now located in an old Nintendo warehouse in Redmond, Wash. Nintendo, Microsoft and other major gaming companies now serve on the board of directors of the school.

Approximately 30 students attended the school when it was first founded. Now, enrollment is about 630. Many come straight out of high school or have taken some community college courses to increase their math skills. The average entering age is about 19, Yan said.

The school follows a four-year curriculum, and in addition to the expected courses in math, physics and programming, students might also take courses in voice-acting animation (which teaches expressiveness, proper voice synching, etc.), mythology for game designers (a course that focuses on the idea of a hero's journey) and introductory law courses to satisfy requirements.

Despite the intensity of the program, where students can be in the school 10 hours a day, six days a week, Yan said, the school has received a 93 percent student-satisfaction rating, according to the team summary report of the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology.

DigiPen also offers summer courses in video game programming, 3-D animation and robotics that are open to beginners.

"There is a need for a solid, real, understanding of how games are produced," Yan said.

"We're not a typical university; we're very specialized," Yan said. "[Our students] are not dependent on someone's clip art."



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The last great icon of Jamaican music wows at Pearl Street

BY NATHAN ROTHSTEIN
COLLEGIAN STAFF

It may have been a cold, blustery night in March on the outside, but there was a fire burning bright in the ballroom of the Pearl Street Nightclub.

There was a blazing legend in the building, and the energy he brought sent massive heat waves through the crowd. Ten days before his 57th birthday, Jimmy Cliff was still gyrating and rocking to a mixed crowd of college students and grandparents. Backed by a talented band, Cliff went through his ultimate collection as though he just made the songs. He was boastful and happy, yet innocent and unassuming. While his band mates wore red, Cliff sported a flashy yellow outfit that made him standout physically, yet spiritually he was just another man who loved music — a man who played reggae music exceptionally well.

After smiling and singing his way through a couple hits, including Cat Stevens, "Wild World," Cliff stopped the music and turned the concert into a heart-felt political demonstration. As he mentioned the inequality of a violent world, he pleaded with Tony Blair and George Bush to remember one thing: not to turn Iraq into another "Vietnam." As soon as he said "V-," the band measured up, played their notes, and while the crowd screamed their approval, Cliff roared into his song. "Vietnam" tells the story of a friend who goes there, and reassures Cliff he will return shortly. It is a physically and emotionally charged song that brought the crowd into the arms of Jimmy Cliff. Now that he had their attention, he could showcase his legendary talent, and so he did.

Cliff also knew what the crowd wanted to see, and did not shy away from his role in the film, "The Harder They Come." To segue into his hits from the soundtrack, Cliff did a small rendition of his most famous scene from the film. His powerful monologue once again ended with the first words of the song. As he finished saying, "The Harder They Come, The Harder They Fall," the band quickly two-timed into an electric version of one of his greatest songs.

Throughout the concert, Cliff took momentary breaks to showcase the talents of his extraordinary band, and his exquisite dance moves.

Even at 56, Cliff proved he could still shake, rattle and roll as he did forty years ago. When James Brown comes to Northampton next month, he can only hope he acts and looks as young as Cliff did on this night.

A little after eleven, Cliff and his band left the stage, but the crowd did not move. Not waiting for any energy loss, Cliff returned to the stage and performed another heart-felt tune. Once again, he left, but the crowd roared for more. Again, Cliff came on and performed to an ecstatic crowd. It was a beautiful end to a superb performance by one of Jamaica's music legends.



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Jamaican music legend Jimmy Cliff did not fail to please on Wednesday night, when he played hits from "The Harder They Come, The Harder They Fall" soundtrack.

Festival is keeping Texas wired

BY CARY DARLING
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Chris Gore was hoping to premiere his new project, "My Big Fat Independent Movie," at Sundance. The send-up of art-house cliches, which skewers such indie faves as "Amelie" and "Run Lola Run," seemed to be a natural for the prestigious showcase for nonmainstream films. But Sundance turned him down, and Gore couldn't be happier.

Instead, he's having his debut at South by Southwest, the Austin, Texas, annual film and music bash that doesn't seem to be losing any of its cool quotient or commercial heat as it closes in on its 20th birthday.

"I love South by Southwest," the producer/writer/actor enthuses. "This movie is a broad comedy making fun of indie films and, while we hoped to screen it at Sundance, they didn't choose the movie because it does mock that elitism that Sundance is notorious for. In New York or LA, it's big business. You think, 'Why are people such jerks?' At South by Southwest, it's a breath of fresh air."

The annual South by Southwest, which began Friday and runs through March 20, started in 1987 as a regional music conference/festival attended by 700 people. Since then, it has exploded into a national media event, adding film and Internet components in 1994 and luring more than 15,000 people last year. That's just counting those who signed up for the conferences, not the hangers-on, night owls and locals who help pack clubs and screenings.

And the Internet/Interactive portion of this multimedia trifecta will be especially potent this year, with "Blink" and "The Tipping Point" author Malcolm Gladwell and blog heroine Wonkette (Ana Marie Cox) among the speakers.

Yet, despite ballooning into what the Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau says is a $29.3 million boost to the local economy, it's still viewed by many as "alternative," but in a good way, and an affably Texan antidote to smug bi-coastal attitudes.

"It's known as a place where potentially interesting things come out. A lot of documentaries come out of there," says Dana Harris, an LA-based film reporter for Variety, of the film festival. "I want it to succeed and grow, but there's something really nice where, at this point, it's like this cool secret."

"It's a nice combination of good films and a good vibe," says Eamonn Bowles, president of Magnolia Pictures, which is showing the anticipated documentary "Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room" at SXSW.

David Fenkel, marketing executive director at THINKfilm, which is showcasing five movies at SXSW, including the acclaimed "Murderball," likes the eclectic audiences the Austin festival attracts.

"You have crowds of people coming to Austin for film and music, so it spans more than just a regional film festival," he says. "At Sundance, a lot of films are received positively, and it's difficult to see how that translates into the world outside of Park City (Utah). With South by Southwest, you get a much better understanding of how the film is perceived by the industry and filmgoers."

That's exactly what film festival producer Matt Dentler is aiming for. "We certainly don't want to be another Sundance," he says. "What we are hoping to do is create our own niche, catering to both industry and audience. That's something that's rare at a film festival; it's usually one or the other."

Interest in South by Southwest has spilled far across U.S. borders. Australian filmmaker Pip Mushin is making the long trip with his movie about a struggling playwright, "Josh Jarman."

"It's a great opportunity to see how the press reacts to the film as well as the general public," he says via e-mail. "And a good screening at South by Southwest can do wonders for a film, in terms of buyers."

But if the film world is still rapturously in love with South by Southwest, it might be presumed that for those on the music end, who've endured the crowds and the hype for many more years, the bloom would be long off this Texas rose. After all, there are nearly 1,300 acts set to perform this year. That's a lot of spilled Shiner Bock and smoke-choked club air.

"It's still very much an important and incredible festival," says Amy Doyle, music programming vice president for MTV, MTV2 and MTVU.

MTV is airing a special on SXSW in April. "It's still the place to be for musical tastemakers," Doyle says.

"I definitely don't think it's over. It's risen in esteem," says Caryn Ganz, associate editor of Spin, who's attending the festival and plans to devote two to three pages to it in an upcoming issue. "Last year, there was Franz Ferdinand, before they broke on the charts. ... Still, it's a place for small bands."

One of those "small bands" is Fort Worth's Black Tie Dynasty, which will be making its SXSW debut March 19.

"I don't really know what to expect," says singer/guitarist Cory Watson, who notes that iTunes has approached the group about doing a cross-promotion during the festival. "I just know that big things happen at South by Southwest, and I'm hoping it happens to us."

Sean McCullough, guitarist for Albuquerque's the Oktober People, which also is making its first appearance, is a touch more skeptical. "I have kind of mixed feelings," he says. "There's just so much going on, and there's a ton of people ... I don't expect much to come of it. Other bands have had huge hopes, and nothing happens. There are so many bands, it's hard to get seen by anyone who would care."

Jack Fields of New Orleans' Blackfire Revelation takes it all with several boxes of salt.

"We're not the kind of guys who get dressed up for the one day of school for the class picture," he says. "I kind of feel sorry for the people who are thinking they're going to find the big record deal off playing one show. If they really believe that, I'm not the only one laughing at them."

One grumble that's heard every year is that SXSW is pursuing the global next big-label thing at the expense of the local. South by Southwest creative director Brent Grulke has heard it all before.

"Perception is somewhat difficult to manage," he says. "The real truth is that because of the sheer number of acts, we have more Austin acts than ever before and more regional acts than ever before."

As for the festival getting too big and unwieldy, few seem to feel it's overwhelming _ yet.

"Eventually, it could happen," says Variety's Harris. "But it's like that slogan 'Keep Austin Weird.' The core elements in Austin don't change, and I don't think it's going to change, either."

There is a way you can experience South by Southwest without the hassle of huge crowds, wrong wristbands, high gas prices and busted eardrums: Use your iPod.

Go to www.citizenpod.com and download the SXSW4Pod music festival schedule, where you can search by act, date, club name or musical style to find out who's playing where. But, wait, there's more. The entire Showcasing Artist mp3 library, more than 750 full-length files, is also available for download. So you still can do some major eardrum damage after all.



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The South by Southwest Festival in Texas has featured such hit independent films as Napoleon Dynamite and Amelie.

Pull the top down and cruise



The Mix Tape
Matt O'Rourke

Although it may not feel like it, spring has finally arrived, and who doesn't look forward to driving with windows open and the top down? Well if speeding down the freeway isn't quite your cup of tea, perhaps classic rock is. This week's tape aims to create a collection of some of the best songs to drive to, and perhaps give a jumpstart into spring.

"Crazy Train" – Ozzy Osbourne (4:56)

"All aboard..." screams the dark lord of metal (and MTV star) Ozzy Osbourne. There's almost no better way to begin a spring drive, and "Crazy Train" provides the edge needed for a road trip. Guitar is heavy, but not too over the top (well, at least not for some listeners), maintaining a steady tempo with double-bass drum lilling in the spaces. It's not hard to understand what makes this song so attractive- the guitar fills are simply brilliant. Lyrically speaking, the song is well crafted. Amazingly, Osbourne even offers some words of wisdom for all. "Maybe its not too late/ to learn how to love, and forget to hate." Maybe he's not as incoherent as we think he is — at least he wasn't at one point in time.
(Jet, 1980)

"Start Me Up" – The Rolling Stones (3:34)

"Spread out the oil, the gasoline/ I walk smooth, ride in a mean, mean machine/Start it up." If Osbourne was too heavy to begin your drive with, don't fret. The Rolling Stones have the solution. The guitar is catchy, but what makes the tune memorable is the persistent shouting of "Start me up!". Keith Richards seems to sing along with Mick Jagger, as a backup vocalist in the form of a guitar. Sex references aside, the Stones never fail to provide stellar songwriting — a type of clockwork where every instrument matters, creating a full, unique sound.
(Virgin, 1981)

"Layla" – Eric Clapton (7:06)

The first rock epic of this week's tape, "Layla" can be played at high speed or on a Sunday morning drive — depending on the version you choose. For the purposes of this tape, I've chosen the original version. Considered to be one of the best guitar players of all time, "Layla" easily showcases Clapton's talent. However, that talent also transfers to piano — as the second movement of the song begins. One can still hear Clapton's soaring guitar, accompanied now also by an acoustic guitar. Easily one of the best songs ever written, this track can and should be played on long trips.
(Atco, 1972)

"Brand New Cadillac" – The Clash (2:08)

The second track off of The Clash's timeless album "London Calling," "Brand New Cadillac" is short and sweet. Rocking in an old-fashioned tribute to 1960s pop-rock, the song is laden with guitar and a simple-yet-pleasing cymbal bell rhythm. Joe Strummer sings "drriiive!" and the song proves to be a good interlude between heavier tracks.
(Epic 1979)

"Rock and Roll"- Led Zeppelin (3:40)

As the theme for Cadillac commercials for the past year or so, it's only appropriate for "Rock and Roll" to follow up "Brand New Cadillac." However, the song should be played while racing to your favorite weekend hot spot — no Cadillac needed. Unlike the previous tracks where the guitar was the focus, John Bonham's drums make this track worth playing. The pumping rhythm is certain to make you pump the gas and drum all over the steering wheel and in fact may even warrant a repeat on your CD player. The perfect weekend anthem, if the drums don't make you let loose, then Robert Plant's near-screeching falsettos will. Just try to avoid getting a speeding ticket.
(Atlantic, 1971)

"Won't Get Fooled Again" – The Who (8:32)

The second of our two rock epics for this week, The Who's masterpiece "Won't Get Fooled Again" is the closer for the mix-tape. A perfect combination of drums and guitar, "Won't Get Fooled Again" has been featured on everything from commercials to a "CSI: Miami" series on CBS. Pete Townshend and Keith Moon's talents merge with the well-known synthesizer-keyboard loop to create one of the most classic tracks in rock history. Its almost as if Moon and Townshend are competing for attention during the eight minutes, racing against one another for speed and quality-perfect for an old fashioned car race. Yet in the end, the two are locked together with Roger Daltrey's final shout, and declaration of "meet the new boss." The Who's "Won't Get Fooled Again" is perfect for the end of a long trip, or simply declaring yourself "king/queen of the road."
(MCA, 1971)

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UM should play one

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

Due to unplayable field conditions, the Massachusetts softball team's (8-9) home opener against Syracuse was cancelled yesterday. This marks the eighth game of the season that was wiped off the schedule for UMass, which faces off in a doubleheader against Dayton tomorrow. Despite the fact that the players are disappointed about all of the cancelled games so far this season, they continue to look forward.

"We are disappointed that we don't get to play," senior shortstop Hillary Puglia said, "but it just means that we get more practice time in for the next game."

Tomorrow's game against Dayton will mark the first game against a fellow Atlantic 10 team and the first non-invitational game of the season. Last time the Minutewomen took the field against an Atlantic 10 opponent was in last season's A-10 Championship, when UMass was upset 4-3 against Temple at the UMass Softball Complex. While the Maroon and White won the 2004 regular season crown, the players are using that postseason loss as a source of motivation.

"That loss hurt all of us more than any loss," senior pitcher Barb LaFogg said. "We take pride in saying that we're the A-10 champs, and we couldn't do that after last season. So we have to take care of it, and we will take care of it."

The Minutewomen and coach Elaine Sortino begin their quest for another A-10 championship tomorrow, but will have to get by Dayton first. One player that UMass looks to shut down is outfielder Cassie Gross, who holds a batting average of .421 and has hit four homeruns in the Flyers' 11 games this season.

UMass senior KJ Kelley matches those four homeruns this season, and is one away from tying the Minutewomen all-time record. Although the Maroon and White are seen as being the favored team in all of its Atlantic 10 games, the team understands that no victory is certain.

"We just have to attack them first so that they fold quickly," Puglia said. "As long as we come out of the gates ready to go, we'll be fine."

Despite hitters like Kelley, Puglia and newcomer Lauren Proctor putting up massive numbers offensively, the team has leaned on LaFogg to lead the way. Teammates admit that LaFogg has surpassed expectations so far this season with her solid numbers (6-6, 2.88 ERA, 69 SO), and LaFogg is making sure that her last full season (and first) is one that will not result in any regrets.

"That's been exactly my mentality this year," LaFogg said. "For every game, every practice, I play with complete emotion because I don't want any regrets. When I play like that, the team wins, and us winning is the most important part."

LaFogg is a former transfer from Seton Hall who had to sit out her first season at UMass, making 2005 the first starting season of her collegiate softball career. Other players that have been impressing both teammates and Sortino, include Proctor, fellow freshman Sarah Hurd and senior Denise Denis who is second on the team in RBI.

If tomorrow's doubleheader is played (rain is forecasted in Dayton), UMass is scheduled to play the home opener Tuesday against Central Connecticut, but field conditions may not be suitable in time. The first game against Dayton begins tomorrow at 1p.m.

Spiess leads UM past Temple

By Jon Pelland
Collegian Correspondent

The Massachusetts women's tennis team (9-6 1-0 Atlantic 10) kicked off its conference schedule on the right foot yesterday by beating the Temple Owls (3-7 2-1 A-10) 4-3 in Philadelphia.

Overall, the Minutewomen looked strong against their conference rivals.

"This match today was really intense. You don't see it just looking at the results, but UMass and Temple are a big rivalry," UMass assistant coach Celeste Frey said.

Starring for the Maroon and White was sophomore Michele Spiess.

"She really stepped it up at the end when we needed her to," Frey said.

Spiess began her singles match in the No. 2 slot by taking the first set 6-3. However, she then dropped her second set 6-0 and needed a strong showing in the third to win the match. She was able to turn her performance around and ultimately win the match with a score of 6-0 in the final set.

"Michele lost the second set, but she stepped up in the third to gain us the point," Frey said.

Also winning singles matches for the Minutewomen were junior Dorothy Iwanowicz and senior Sasha Edelstein. Iwanowicz was able to win her match at No. 3 in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3. Edelstein was also able to gain a point by winning her match at No. 4 easily, 6-1, 6-1.

In the end, the Minutewomen split their singles matches with the Owls. Dropping their matches were junior Susan Johnson at No. 5, junior Jana Bartolini at No. 6 and freshman Masha Pozar at No. 1.

Frey commented that although Pozar wasn't able to come out of her match with a victory, she still put up a good fight.

"Masha played well, but it was against a senior so the difference in experience really showed on the court," Frey said.

The assistant coach also noted that all of the underclassmen on this young team, not just Pozar, are able to contribute.

"All of their play has really helped us out this season. They are all able to play at the top of our lineup," Frey said.

Today the Maroon and White are back in action, taking on defending Atlantic 10 champion Richmond Spiders (6-6). The Spiders come in winning four of their last five matches.

Loyola on tap for Minutemen

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

Sometimes a team's record doesn't tell the whole story.

Such is the case for Loyola College, which is 2-3 and is prepped to face the Massachusetts men's lacrosse (5-1 0-0 ECAC) team tomorrow at Geppi-Aikens Field in Baltimore, Md. for a 1 p.m. face-off.

Loyola (2-3 1-0 ECAC) will be the first ECAC opponent the Minutemen face this season. The Greyhounds played their first conference game on Saturday, a 6-3 home victory over St. John's.

The Greyhounds started the 2005 campaign with three straight losses to Towson, Penn State and Duke, respectively. Both Towson and Duke are currently ranked in the top-15 in the country, with the 6-0 Blue Devils ranked No. 6 and the Tigers slated at No. 12. The Nittany Lions were ranked No. 19 when they defeated Loyola, but have since lost two in a row.

Although it has a losing record, Loyola has outscored its opponents 43-39 this season, using a particularly spread out offense. The Greyhounds have 15 players that have scored a goal this year, three more than players who have notched an assist.

"They have a lot of guys contributing, no doubt about it. In a scouting sense, it's hard to prepare," UMass coach Greg Cannella said. "It's a lot easier to prepare for one guy or two guys than 10 or 11 guys, but that's part of the challenge. That's part of the challenge this weekend."

Over the past two games, both of which were at home, Loyola has been on fire. The Greyhounds have scored a combined 19 goals, most of which coming from a 13-7 drubbing of Wagner on March 15.

The Minutemen, however, have been one of the best teams in the country since losing its only game of the season to Albany 10-9, also on the 15th.

UMass has gone 2-0 since, with dominating victories over then-No. 17 Brown 12-5 on March 19 and an 8-3 defensive showcase against Stony Brook on Tuesday. During this run, the Minutemen have shutout their opponents in four quarters, two in each game.

The Minutemen, however, have never had a successful outing against the Greyhounds, going 0-8 all time. Loyola has a definitive home-field advantage, with both of their victories coming on familiar turf this season.

The last time the two teams met was during the 2000 season. Loyola won the game 21-10.

"You look at this game and we've never beaten those guys, we're 0-8 all time. I'm sure that's on their mind as I'm sure it's on some of our guys minds," Cannella said.

Adding to this is the fact that Loyola opens up what Cannella hopes will be a successful ECAC season. The Greyhounds join St. Johns and Hobart as new members to the ECAC and present the challenge of unfamiliarity.

There is also an added sense of urgency as the Maroon and White return home to play longtime rival Penn State next Saturday.

"Anytime you get into conference play, there is a sense of urgency and there should be," Cannella said. "I think there is a sense of urgency in every game, but then you get into your conference, and you're in it to win it."

Cannella is pleased with the way his team has played thus far but is quick to mention that his squad is taking this season one game at a time. Even with its last two dominating performances, UMass is humbled by its coach who learned on March 15, that anyone can win on a given day.

"I tell the guys that for every game. There is a team that is good enough to beat us and if you don't think that way, you will get beat," Cannella said. "Of course we have confidence in our ability, but we have to play to the best of our ability to win the game."

Part of the defensive efficiency has come from the outstanding effort of senior goalkeeper Bill Schell. Schell recorded the second-highest save total in his career with 14 in UMass' victory over Stony Brook and seven against Brown, with five in the fourth quarter.

Schell, surrounded by a senior-clad defense, has been lights-out this season. Cannella attributes this to a confidence built through continuity, but again was quick the mention that they need to approach each game with the same aggressiveness.

"As long as that group plays with the intensity that they have played with, they will do well. It's not about yesterday, it's about tomorrow," Cannella said. "There's some confidence on that side of the field with the players and the coaches as well, but you're only as good as your next one. It's an old cliché, but I think it should be that you're only as good as your next one."

St. Hilaire runs lax practice

By Rob Greenfield
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts women's lacrosse team will visit New Hampshire this weekend to compete in its seventh game of the season. It is the first game of a two-game road swing that will end at Boston College Saturday, April 2.

The Minutewomen have been working out the kinks after a humbling loss to the Hofstra Pride, 14-8 at Garber Field on Wednesday.

Senior captain Kristin St. Hilaire took over the coaching duties at practice on Thursday in place of coaches Carrie Bolduc and Tracey Down, who were out scouting Hofstra's weekend opponent. St. Hilaire and the rest of the Minutewomen are going back to basics to try to prepare for this weekend.

"We're just trying to stay positive right now," St. Hilaire said. "We're working on turnovers, especially in games, and were trying to focus on taking individual responsibility for them."

The Minutewomen, who have committed 109 turnovers in six games while forcing just 48, are going to extreme measures to try and work out the problem.

"We actually took out our stat sheets to look at our turnovers versus opponents and who is actually turning the ball over during games," St. Hilaire said. "We're starting to take personal responsibility for that and working through it."

The women's lacrosse team has faced New Hampshire 33 times, the most of any opponent in the teams' history. Out of those 33 games, UMass has compiled a record of 15-16-2 against UNH. Combine that record with a thrilling double-overtime game last season, and this series cannot get much tighter.

"We'd like to take care of them in the first 60 minutes," St. Hilaire said. "It's always a tough game when we play UNH. They are a lot like us. We're both physical teams, and neither of us give up so it's always a fight to the end."

Working out the turnover problem is a given for the Minutewomen, but there also needs to be a focus on another reoccurring problem. UMass was up 3-2 against No. 10 Hofstra in the first half on Wednesday, then the Pride came out with five straight goals in the second to deflate UMass' chances. On March 12, the Minutewomen played the No. 15 ranked Syracuse Orangemen and fought hard in the first half to keep the game close at 7-5, but the Orange scored four straight to start the second.

So what does UMass need to do to win?

"Play an actual 60 minute game. I don't think we've done that all year," St. Hilaire said.

The coaches and captains are well aware of the lapses and are frustrated by how close the team has gotten to breaking through.

"It happened again against Hofstra," St. Hilaire said of the team's stalls. "We came out and played the first half excellent and then they came out and made adjustments and we didn't react to them.

"This weekend we have to be ready for whatever they throw at us and shut it down."

Torra tries to get team rolling

By Todd Foster
Collegian Staff

After losing its last four games, the Massachusetts baseball team will be looking to rebound from a slow start when it travels to battle another struggling team, Xavier, in a Saturday doubleheader. Then, on Sunday, the Minutemen will play a game at Hayden Field in Cincinnati, Ohio, with each game set to start at noon.

Both teams have struggled to chalk up notches in the win column, as the Minutemen have won only three out of 13 games this season, though the Musketeers are struggling just as much at UMass, sporting 5-16 record in 2005. Xavier is also riding a six-game losing streak.

But UMass has dominated the all-time series in the past, as it is 10-0 against XU since Xavier joined the Atlantic 10 in 1995.

"We're just trying to take advantage of the opportunity presented to us," UMass coach Mike Stone said. "We need to play better offensively and defensively, but I feel good about having [Matt] Torra on the mound. We just need to get people on base and manufacture some runs."

Torra has been impressive on the mound in his first four starts. Torra is 1-1 with a 0.90 ERA. He has struck out 39 batters while walking seven, and opponents are hitting .194 against him. Torra was named Atlantic 10 Pitcher of the Week on March 13. The junior hurler will be starting the first game on Saturday.

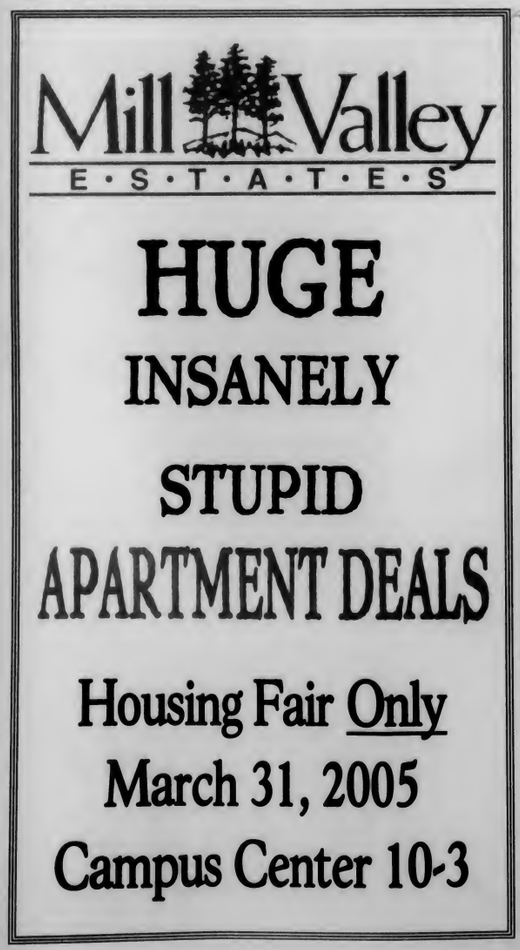
Offensively, however, the Maroon and White have not fared as well at the plate so far, displaying a .181 team batting average, and have been kept scoreless over their last 21.1 innings.

"When two of your top-three hitters are injured, you are not in ideal situation," Stone said. "Those are our veterans, but we've got to deal with it. What can you do?"

The Musketeers have struggled on offense as well with a .247 team batting average, but one player in blue and gray has got off to a hot start this season. Senior outfielder Jay Johnson is hitting .319 with three homeruns, 18 runs, 15 runs batted in and 22 hits.

"We are looking for a low scoring game, because we've got a good pitcher on the mound in Torra," Stone said. "We just need to get people on base."

The second game on Saturday will feature Brian Doherty on the mound, who was outdueled by preseason All-American Nick Hill of Army, 3-0, in his last appearance. Jermey Demers will pitch Sunday for the Maroon and White.








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By JEFF HOWE
COLLEGIAN STAFF

It's college hockey's third season, and it begins tomorrow afternoon in Amherst.

The NCAA Northeast Regional kicks off at the Mullins Center at noon with Denver set to do battle with Bemidji State, and the puck is slated to drop for the second game at 3:30 p.m. between two New England Schools, New Hampshire and Harvard.

The two winners will play at noon on Sunday for a free ticket to Columbus, Ohio, to play in the Frozen Four with a chance to be crowned king of the college hockey world.

Here is a breakdown and scouting report of the four teams in the Amherst bracket:

No. 1 Denver vs. No. 4 Bemidji State

On paper, or to the average college hockey fan or United States citizen, this matchup truly showcases the new-school version of David verse Goliath.

Denver plays the roll of defending national champion, and Bemidji State, located in the northern part of Minnesota, plays the roll of the obvious underdog. Denver coach George Gwozdecky wants nothing to do with that theory, though.

"This team is not like last year's team," Gwozdecky said. "It has a completely different identity. Last year's team was a championship team, but I have no idea what this year's team can accomplish. I would hope that this team can move on to the Frozen Four, but for that to happen, lots of work has to be done.

"Bemidji State is the hidden strength of this tournament. No one really knows who they are, but when you watch them on tape, you realize they are talented, a great team, and they have solid defense and goaltending."

Pioneer fans can't ask much more of their team after winning a championship, as they have a high-powered offense, a stingier defense than last year (allowing 2.62 goals per game as opposed to 2.73 a season ago), and two goalies who have each seen a solid share of time in net.

Rookie Peter Mannino has been the better of the two netminders, statistically at least. He has a .921 save percentage in comparison to his sophomore counterpart, who has a not-so-inspiring .890 save percentage. Mannino is also allowing a little more than a half-goal less per game than his elder teammate.

The Pioneers can score with the best that college hockey has to offer, too. Fourteen players have scored at least 10 points, seven have at least 10 assists and seven have at least 10 goals. Gabe Gauthier leads the team in points (20-26-46), Luke Fulghum leads the team with 21 goals, and Brett Skinner is the team-leader with 30 assists.

On the other side of the ice, the lesser-known Beavers are making their first trip to the Division I NCAA tournament since becoming a Division I program in 1999. What no one else knows, however, is that BSU has won more national championships than any other school in the tournament and has one of the most storied hockey programs in the nation.

"It's exciting for us, but we've been there many times," Bemidji coach Tom Serratore said. "We've got 13 national championships at the small-college level. Hockey is huge here. People are used to seeing hockey succeed here. They have high expectations for us and this hockey program."

Also working for the Beavers is the man they have stationed between the pipes. Freshman Matt Climie is the hottest goalie in the country, coming off two consecutive shutouts, eight consecutive scoreless periods and he has not allowed a goal in 171:06 of play. Climie hasn't allowed a goal since the first period in BSU's 4-1 win over Air Force on March 5.

And those two shutouts, 6-0 against Air Force in the CHA semifinals and 3-0 over Alabama-Huntsville in the CHA finals, mark the first time in history that any team has won its conference championship without allowing a goal.

"Climie is a terrific goaltender, and he has a great run going," Gwozdecky said. "We have to get traffic in front of the net and take away his eyes. We're going to have to create rebound opportunities to beat him."

The Beavers will once again be without their senior captain and CHA Player of the Year, Andrew Murray, who fractured his collarbone against Air Force on March 5.

An underlying story within this matchup is that Beavers coach Tom Serratore's brother, Frank, used to coach Denver. Frank Serratore coached the Pioneers for four years, but his contract was not renewed, and Gwozdecky took the program over in the spring of 1994.

No. 2 New Hampshire vs. No. 3 Harvard

Former Boston Bruin and first-year Crimson coach Ted Donato has instated a "no excuses" policy in his locker room this week.

They will shed no tears after losing the ECACHL Championship 3-1 to Cornell after beating Colgate 4-3 in double overtime the night before, and they will not whine about playing national powerhouse UNH in the first round of the 16-team tournament.

Harvard has been to the tournament four years in a row now and Donato was a player on the 1989 national championship team, so this group does know a thing or two about winning once Spring arrives. While winter was still in session, the Crimson knocked off three Hockey East teams.

"It gives us confidence that we've been able to beat BC once, BU once and Maine once," Donato said. "UNH is an excellent team, but we've still got a very good team. We expect a great challenge.

"UNH is a special team, offensively, and you've got to somehow find a way to keep up with them in scores and create enough offense. It will be a great challenge."

The Wildcats really turned it on once the Hockey East tournament started, sweeping Northeastern 2-0 by scores of 6-1 and 4-0 and then knocking BU out by a 5-2 margin.

But in the championship, Boston College played a relentless defense, not giving UNH a free inch of ice, cutting off all passing lanes and keeping the shots on goalie Cory Schneider relatively easy ones to handle.

That doesn't bode too well for the Cats now, as coach Dick Umile notes that Harvard plays a very similar defense to the Eagles.

"They really do [play a similar defense as Boston College]," Umile said. "They play a lot like the teams in our league, like BU and BC. Teddy [Donato] has done a really good job with that team, and this is going to be a good matchup.

"Harvard is a team that plays very well on defense, and they have great goaltending. We have to be able to create scoring opportunities, get through their defense and execute."

That is one thing UNH has done well all year. The Wildcats have 12 players who have notched at least 20 points this season, headlined by the nation's third leading scorer Sean Collins (18-36-54) and Preston Callander (24-29-53).

Players like that and the level of play that UNH has been at for a few weeks now has kept Umile optimistic.

"The thing that we can take out is that we played well enough to win," Umile said. "If we play like that, we will be tough to beat. We're playing good hockey, and we feel good about ourselves."

Let the third season begin.



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New era for UMass hoops

UMass will announce the hiring of Travis Ford as the new men's basketball coach at the Curry Hicks Cage tomorrow at 3 p.m. The press conference is open to the public.

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UMass Vox hold protest against Wal-Mart

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HADLEY – Protestors from various women's groups stood in the mud beside Route 9 outside Wal-Mart Thursday to protest the retailer's refusal to carry emergency contraception.

The protest, organized by UMass Vox: Voices for Choice, is part of a nationwide effort to convince Wal-Mart to carry emergency contraception, which is also known as the "morning after pill." All of the protestors emphasized that the morning after pill is not the same as RU-486, "the abortion pill."

"I don't quite feel that they understand that it's not the same thing as the abortion pill," said Janice Miles, a UMass senior who interns at Planned Parenthood in Springfield. "It just prevents pregnancy from happening, just like the birth control pill."

The protestors, including Linda Forman, President of UMass Vox, believe it's important for Wal-Mart to carry emergency contraception for women who have limited access to other pharmacies, such as those who live in rural areas.

"Wal-Mart is one of the biggest chains there is," Forman said. "We have access to CVS and Target, but some women don't. There only is a Wal-Mart in their neighborhood."

Wal-Mart should not have the final say in women's health, according to Christina Rex, a Planned Parenthood volunteer who joined the protest.

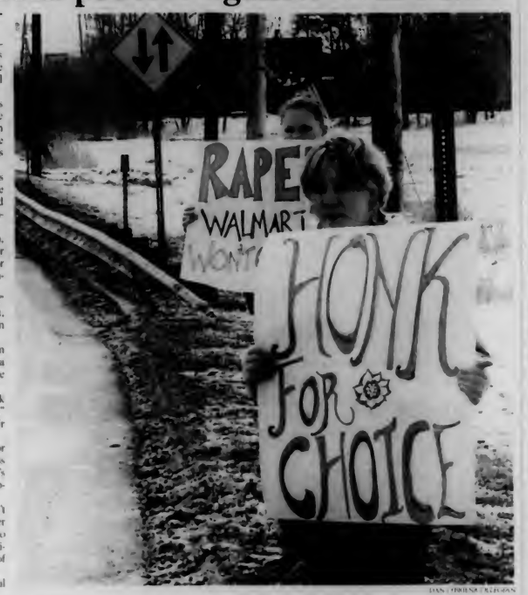
"They're stating it's an ethical issue, and I think it's not up to them to make the choice for people," Rex said. "I think it's the patient's call between their health care provider and [herself]."

Jess Parker, a UMass sophomore, a Voices for Choice member and a member of the UMass Women's Health Project says part of Wal-Mart's reasoning for not providing emergency contraception has to do with it's family image.

"It's a family kind of store... They probably don't want to look like they encourage unsafe sex," Parker said. "If they're providing people with materials to have sex... like condoms and Viagra, it's hypocritical of them to not deal with the consequences of that."

A statement released by Wal-Mart's national

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DAN THOMAS/COLLEGIAN

Planned Parenthood interns Shira Thomas, front, and Anna Cross, back, stand outside Wal-Mart in Hadley on Thursday to protest the retailer's decision to ban emergency contraception.

Lombardi hands extention due to complaints

By MATT ELDER
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After hearing many complaints over his "Draft Action Plan," University of Massachusetts Chancellor John V. Lombardi said that he would revise the plan and push back the public comment period.

The "Draft Action Plan" was Lombardi's response to the Commission for Campus Diversity's recommendations that it made about a month ago. The plan was posted on March 12 on the commission's Web site.

Originally, Lombardi had a public comment period slated to end on April 1. After over 100 UMass faculty members and students showed up at the Faculty Senate meeting on Thursday, Lombardi realized that he had to push the date back.

"It's great progress," said an upbeat Student Government President Eduardo Bustamante. On March 1, the 23-member commission posted its 86-page report on its Web site.

"I recognize that we probably need to go back and revise the plan," Lombardi said at the meeting. He added that the university has struggled with diversity for a long time.

On Thursday, more than 100 members of the UMass community spoke out about Lombardi's plan. In the Cape Cod Lounge, before the Faculty Senate meeting, Bustamante spoke out in a panel to oppose the draft.

Later in the day, at the Faculty Senate meeting, various people spoke out against Lombardi's plan. Many got agitated when they felt that Lombardi was ignoring them.

"It seems like there's an agenda being presented outside of the issue of diversity," said sociology professor Dan Clawson. "This suppresses free speech and the diversity of opinions."

Finally, Lombardi said what he intends to do about his report.

"We are eager to be sure everybody's voice will be heard," Lombardi said. "Their (students) sense of angst, their sense of pain is real."

Most people seem to have a problem with a section of Lombardi's report that says he will take over 40 student groups by placing them in a new center, the Center for Student Development.

Groups such as ALANA, Office of Jewish Affairs, and the SGA would fall under this new center. Many people expressed their frustration of the Center at the Faculty Senate meeting.

Bustamante was very upset at the thought of the SGA having to be run by the administration.

"I think students are adults. We don't need adults telling us what to do," he said.

To pay for the center, Lombardi would have to reallocate university funds, about $800,000, into a chancellor's tax. As a whole, the plan would cost over $1 million.

The head of the center would be a newly appointed Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Campus Life.

Even though he didn't like the proposal as a whole, Bustamante said that there were portions of the draft that he thought were a step in the right direction, namely the academic recommendations.

"It's half of what we want," he said. Bustamante said that Lombardi's plan accepted all 12 of the commission's recommendations for academics, but rejected all 11 of the student affair's recommendations.

"It's so far off. It has nothing to do with diversity," he said.

To counter Lombardi's proposal, Bustamante compiled his own alternative plan that embraced all recommendations that the commission made.

Lombardi said that he would post Bustamante's plan on the commission's Web site.

Pope John II struggles to speak at Easter mass

By NICOLE WINFIELD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROME — Pope John Paul II's own suffering kept him away from his flock for the first time on Good Friday, but he appeared to the faithful via video, adding poignancy as Christians reflected on the suffering of Jesus on the most solemn day of the church calendar.

The thousands who gathered at the Colosseum for the Way of the Cross procession cheered and waved torches as the 84-year-old pontiff appeared on video screens. He was seen sitting alone in his chapel at the Vatican with his back to the camera, watching the ceremony on a television screen under the chapel's altar.

He didn't speak, and his face was never seen.

John Paul sent a message to the crowd that was read by his vicar for Rome, Italian Cardinal Camillo Ruini. In it, John Paul said he was spiritually among those at the Colosseum recalling Christ's last hours.

"I also offer my suffering, so that God's design is completed and his word walks among the people," he said in the message. "I am near all those who in these moments are tested by suffering. I pray for each of them."

Vatican TV had installed giant television screens at the Colosseum to allow the pope to appear via video linkup from the Vatican, but officials waited until the last minute to decide on the pope's appearance, depending on his health.

Images of John Paul at his Vatican chapel were broadcast several more times during the ceremony. Toward the end of the procession, John Paul was seen in the chapel, clutching a crucifix.

Thousands of people gathered for the haunting procession, and on the plateau overlooking the Colosseum where the pope used to sit there was a torch-lit cross.

"We will miss him but we know he's here, even if not physically," said Cecilia Padombo, a 20-year-old Italian Girl Scout who was giving out torches to the faithful.

The pope used to carry a lightweight wooden cross during the Colosseum procession, which symbolically traces Christ's path to the Crucifixion. He stopped in 2001 because of his difficulty in walking, but he would observe the procession from a chair and offer prayers to the crowds.

The pontiff's physical suffering has been evident for years as he battled Parkinson's disease and crippling hip and knee ailments. But it has worsened with the effects of breathing problems that prompted two hospitalizations and surgery to insert a tube in his throat last month.

John Paul has been absent for the major events of Holy Week, although he has appeared silently at his studio window twice this week and has delivered messages telling the faithful that he is spiritually near them as he recovers.

"It's very obvious that the pope is carrying a very heavy cross indeed, and he is giving a marvelous example of patience in the face of suffering, and of long suffering which in itself is a virtue," a top Vatican official, U.S. Archbishop John Foley, told Vatican Radio on Friday.

The pope hasn't spoken in public since shortly before he was released from the hospital March 13, and his only commitment during Holy Week is to deliver a blessing on Easter Sunday.

John Paul watched Holy Thursday services recalling the Last Supper of Christ on television from his Vatican apartment, and he relinquished another cherished tradition Friday morning when he didn't hear the confessions of faithful in St. Peter's Basilica.

U.S. Cardinal James Stafford stood in for John Paul for a Friday afternoon meditation service in the basilica. The preacher for the papal household, the Rev. Raniero Cantalamessa, delivered the homily and ended with a prayer that the pope recover quickly.

"Come back soon, Holy Father," he said. "Easter isn't Easter without you."

O'Malley allows closed church to hold Easter mass

By MICHAEL KUNZELMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SUDBURY, Mass. — Easter Mass at St. Anselm opened with a standing ovation and closed with the solemn lighting of a vigil candle. In between, parishioners in this suburban Boston town savored every moment of the church's first Mass since September.

Almost a year has passed since Archbishop Sean O'Malley announced the closing or consolidation of 80 parishes, a move brought on by the Boston Archdiocese's financial troubles and a shortage of priests.

For the past 197 days and counting, St. Anselm parishioners have kept a round-the-clock vigil inside the church while they appeal O'Malley's decision.

Easter, however, afforded the Sudbury parish a fleeting reprieve. For one day only, the archbishop dispatched priests to celebrate Mass for three of the churches he ordered closed, including St. Anselm.

"The fact that we have a priest here today is a sign of hope for the community that decisions will be changed," said Joe Ramrath, a deacon and 25-year member of the parish.

Others were more puzzled by O'Malley's move.

"Was he throwing us a bone? Was it a peace offering? Who knows what it could be. You take what you can get and keep plugging away," Sudbury resident Tish Oksanen said as she left the church with her husband and two young daughters.

More than 400 worshippers filled the church's pews for the occasion, roughly twice the crowd that usually showed up for Mass before St. Anselm closed.

"You can't even park here," Jane Murphy said as she entered the church with her 11-year-old son, Jack. "Why would they want to close it? It's crazy."

O'Malley picked the Rev. John Sassani, the archdiocese's director of spiritual development, to celebrate Mass at St. Anselm.

"I think (O'Malley) wants them to know that even though all of this difficulty has gone on, he still values them as members of the church," Sassani said after Mass.

The archbishop also allowed Easter Masses at St. Albert in Weymouth and at a local elementary school for parishioners of Mary Star of the Sea church in Quincy.

Parishioners are staging 24-hour vigils at other closed churches, including St. James the Great in Wellesley. Suzanne Hurley, who helped organize the vigil, said they asked for permission to hold an Easter Mass, but didn't get a response from the archdiocese. She accused O'Malley of playing favorites and pitting Catholics against each other.

"Part of it is pure politics," she said. "I think he sees St. Anselm and St. Albert as more of a threat because of their sheer size. Our vigil is smaller than theirs."

Jerusalem celebrates Easter

JERUSALEM (AP) — Thousands of Christians from around the world gathered at Jerusalem holy sites to celebrate Easter Sunday, marking the day with prayer and hymns.

The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Michel Sabbah, the top Roman Catholic official in the Holy Land, celebrated Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, built over the skull-shaped rocky mount believed to be the place where Jesus was crucified.

More than 20 Armenian priests cloaked in black gowns and head dress followed Sabbah into the candlelit church singing the Lord's Prayer. The Catholic priest emerged from the Sepulcher with a flame and lit worshippers' candles, which gradually illuminated the painted dome ceiling erected in the Crusader era.

The Easter services underlined one of Christianity's doctrinal differences: Roman Catholics believe Jesus Christ was buried in the Holy Sepulcher, while many Protestant denominations believe he was buried in the nearby Garden Tomb.

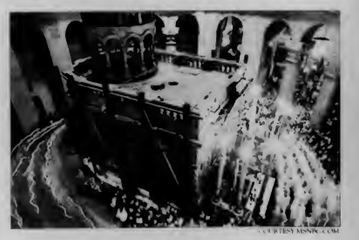
The recent calm in Israeli-Palestinian fighting has attracted many more foreign pilgrims to Jerusalem this year for the Holy Week than in recent years. But the numbers were still lower than the several thousand who used to come before the outbreak of violence in September 2000.

Karen Abel, 59, a secretary from Eclectic, Ala., was among the Protestants gathered at sunrise to mark the day at the site of the Garden Tomb. She said she did not hesitate to make her first trip to the Holy Land.

Bix Baker, 53, and his wife Becky, 51, came from Minnesota to spend the Easter holiday with their daughter, who does consulting work for city officials in Ramallah.

Sitting inside Christianity's holiest church with his wife and daughter, the high school science teacher

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Following an Easter Sunday Mass, Catholic priests and pilgrims walk in a candle-light procession around the structure within the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Rome yesterday.



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UMass students Ashley Lessard, Laura Beltis and Linda Forman stand outside Wal-Mart in Hadley on Thursday.

Administration advisory board recently recommended that emergency contraception become available over-the-counter. The FDA later turned down the measure for political reasons, Forman believes.

"When the head of the FDA was up for reappointment, he was grilled by the Democrats for not legalizing emergency contraception over-the-counter," Forman said. "In the next couple of weeks, we're going to see a lot about that."

Many of the protestors felt that Wal-Mart's refusal to carry emergency contraception is very similar to an incident that happened at the CVS pharmacy on University Drive in Amherst where a pharmacist there denied birth control pills to a UMass student last fall.

"It makes no sense to me," Forman said. "If we want to prevent unplanned pregnancies, we need to offer people options."

By law, pharmacists can deny prescriptions to customers as long as they inform them of where they can obtain the drug. Wal-Mart's policy regarding a pharmacist's refusal to fill a prescription is very similar to the law.

Wal-Mart's official statement regarding this issue reads: "Wal-Mart pharmacists may decline to fill a prescription based on personal convictions. However, they must find another pharmacist, either at Wal-Mart or at another pharmacy, who can assist the customer by filling his/her prescription."

Several protestors feel that pharmacists should not have the right to deny customer's prescriptions.

"[Pharmacists] prescribe Viagra and not emergency contraception. I feel that's inappropriate," Forman said. "Wal-Mart] wants to have this family image, but they're really just devaluing our own choices and rights."

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Afghanistan attack kills four

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A land mine exploded under a U.S. vehicle south of Kabul on Saturday, killing four soldiers in the deadliest incident for American troops in Afghanistan in almost 10 months, the military said.

The blast highlighted the dangers still facing foreign and Afghan troops more than three years after the fall of the Taliban, although there were conflicting accounts about whether the mine was freshly laid or left over from Afghanistan's long wars.

A Taliban spokesman claimed responsibility for the blast. But U.S. spokeswoman Lt. Cindy Moore said investigators suspected the mine was an old charge dislodged by recent rain and snow or that the vehicle had wandered into an unmapped minefield.

The victims were among a group of American and Afghan officials scouting a potential site for a shooting range in Logar Province, 25 miles south of the Afghan capital, when one of their three vehicles hit the mine, Moore said.

The bodies of the four dead, none of whom was identified, were airlifted to the main U.S. base at Bagram, Moore said.

About 17,000 U.S. troops are in Afghanistan battling a stubborn Taliban-led insurgency focused on the south and east and training the new Afghan army. The U.S. military says its air and ground operations have killed eight suspected militants and four civilians in the past week alone.

—*Associated Press*

Terri Schiavo nears the end of her life

By Mitch Stacy
Associated Press

PINELLAS PARK, Fla. — After another round of losses in the courts, Terri Schiavo's parents kept watch over their dying daughter Saturday, trying in vain to give her Easter communion as their attorneys acknowledged the fight to reconnect the brain-damaged woman's feeding tube was nearing an end.

Attorneys for Bob and Mary Schindler decided not to file another motion with a federal appeals court, essentially ending their effort to persuade federal judges to intervene — something allowed by an extraordinary law passed by Congress.

Late Saturday, the Florida Supreme Court dismissed a request from the parents' attorney to have their daughter's feeding tube reinserted, turning aside an emergency petition arguing that a Pinellas County judge ignored new evidence of Schiavo's wishes and her medical condition.

At least two more appeals loomed by the state and Gov. Jeb Bush, but those challenges were before the state 2nd District Court of Appeal, which has rebuffed the governor's previous efforts in the case.

Family supporters said Schiavo's breathing became increasingly labored during the day. An attorney for the Schindlers, Barbara Weller, said hospice workers began giving morphine to Schiavo to ease pain brought on by her body's failure.

Schiavo's husband, Michael, has said she would not want to be kept alive artificially. The Schindlers believe their daughter could improve and say she laughs, cries, responds to them and tries to talk.

Weller said Terri cried when her mother hugged her Saturday night. "She knows what's going on. She was trying to vocalize something with Mary."

"The governor should know that Terri still knows who her mother is, and she's extremely distressed," Weller said. "She's not a vegetable who doesn't know what is happening."

Paul O'Donnell, a Roman Catholic Franciscan monk, said the family unsuccessfully urged Michael Schiavo to allow his wife the sacrament of communion during the holiest feast of the Catholic year. She received last rites the day the feeding tube was pulled.

Report reveals DeLay allowed father to die

LOS ANGELES (AP) — House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, who has helped lead a congressional effort to keep Terri Schiavo alive, joined members of his own family nearly 17 years ago in allowing doctors not to take extraordinary measures to extend his father's life, a newspaper reported Sunday.

DeLay had just been re-elected to his third term in Congress in 1988 when his father, Charles DeLay, was severely injured in an accident. As the elder DeLay's vital organs began failing, the family chose not to connect him to a dialysis machine or take other measures to prolong his life, the Los Angeles Times reported Sunday, citing court documents, medical records and interviews with family members.

"There was no point to even really talking about it," Maxine DeLay, the congressman's 81-year-old mother, told the Times. "Tom knew, we all knew, his father wouldn't have wanted to live that way."

DeLay helped push through Congress a special law allowing Terri Schiavo's parents to ask federal courts to order their brain-damaged daughter's feeding tube reinserted after state courts allowed it to be removed. However, after hearing their pleas, federal judges refused to intervene.

The Texas Republican also accused Schiavo's husband and the courts of "an act of barbarism" against Schiavo, who doctors say is in a persistent vegetative state.

The congressman declined to be interviewed about his father's case, but a press aide said it was "entirely different than Terri Schiavo's."

"The only thing keeping her alive is the food and water we all need to survive. His father was on a ventilator and other machines to sustain him," said DeLay spokesman Dan Allen.

Charles DeLay, 65, and his brother and their wives were trying out a tram the brothers had built to carry their families up and down a slope from their Texas home to the shore of a lake when the tram jumped the tracks on Nov. 17, 1988.

—*Associated Press*

Jerusalem celebrates Easter Sunday services

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said his students told him he was crazy to travel to Israel.

"We weren't afraid to come," Baker said. "Things seem to be different now, but we would have come anyway because this is where our daughter lives."

Catholics arriving in missionary groups from Spain and France said they included the ailing Pope in their prayers Sunday.

As part of ongoing efforts to ease travel restraints on the Palestinian population, the army announced Sunday that as many as 8,200 Palestinians from the West Bank and 250 from Gaza would be granted daily permits into either Jerusalem or Nazareth during the Easter celebration.

However, with this year's celebrations coinciding with the Jewish Festival of Purim, the Israeli military imposed general travel restrictions on Palestinians in West Bank and Gaza from Wednesday through Sunday, steering many Christians away from requesting permission to travel to Jerusalem.

In Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity, hundreds of worshippers prayed and lit candles. A few Palestinians inside the church called for the resignation of Patriarch Irineos I, the highest Greek Orthodox cleric in the Holy Land, to protest alleged property deals the Greek Orthodox church has made with Jewish groups trying to expand their hold on Palestinian neighborhoods in the disputed city.

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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Public opinion vs. public school

Joshua Stearns

The University of Massachusetts Amherst, as the state's flagship public institution, is charged with offering top-quality, affordable education to the citizens of this state. For a long time, UMass has strived to meet this challenge, providing unmatched opportunities for learning and research and producing knowledge that serves the commonwealth and the nation. In recent years this commitment has faltered in the face of real budget concerns. However, in the face of steadily growing income from increased fees, increased enrollment and increased state appropriations, UMass has continued its fiscal assault on faculty and students at UMass Amherst.

The public is taking note. On Feb. 22, 2005, the Boston Globe published an article entitled "Full-time faculty cuts reverberate at UMass," in which the author writes that UMass "has lost almost 200 permanent, full-time professors in the last decade." The article goes on to note that this 19 percent cut in tenured and tenure-track faculty "has damaged educational quality and threatens the university's reputation."

With cuts in scholarships and increased fees, cuts in faculty positions and salaries and cuts in graduate student benefits, UMass will not be able to attract the top level people that create a top level institution.

Just six days later, the Associated Press released an article reporting that, "the state has cut spending on grants and scholarships for college students by more than $20 million over the past five years, while enrollment increased and public colleges raised tuition and fees as much as 75 percent. As a result, fewer needy students receive state aid." A week later the Boston Globe claimed, "UMass Amherst has already gone through two decades of slow but dramatic erosion."

What is not mentioned in any of these articles is another example of unnecessary cuts being made to the foundation of UMass' mission – the striking changes in the graduate student employee contract being proposed by the UMass administration. The Graduate Employee Organization (GEO), which represents nearly 2,500 UMass graduate student employees, has been bargaining with the university for over a year to secure a fair contract.

The university's current proposals would gut the current contract, cutting real wages and increasing the cost of healthcare and childcare. These cuts have been coupled with an ultimatum, or more appropriately a threat, that if they do not settle on the university's terms by March 31, graduate students risk forfeiting retroactive pay increases back to the start of 2005.

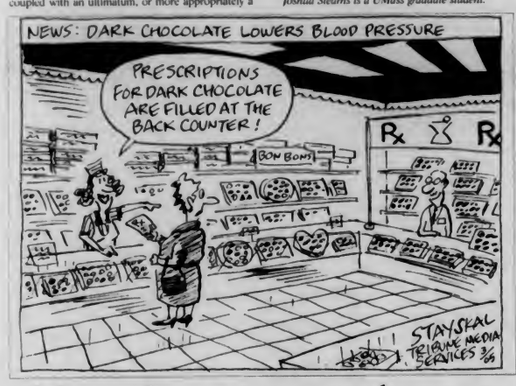
UMass already ranks sixth out of seven peer institutions in terms of the economic package offered to its graduate employees. Departments use the allure of tuition and fee waivers to draw the best and brightest. In contrast, non-waived fees at UMass have nearly doubled in the last eight years. With cuts in scholarships and increased fees, cuts in faculty positions and salaries and cuts in graduate student benefits, UMass will not be able to attract the top level people that create a top level institution.

The leading scholars and teachers, both faculty and graduate students, will not invest in UMass if UMass does not invest in them. UMass currently employs excellent faculty, but they are stretched too thin. With a faculty to student ratio of 1-24, and without permanent faculty positions that offer competitive pay, the university will never be able to attract leading scholars or teachers who will stay and help build the best institution possible.

This is a critical time for the university. In the coming months, prospective graduate and undergraduate students will be receiving acceptance letters from campuses across the country. When they compare UMass to other colleges and universities, what will they think? When they come and visit campus, what will they see? If they look past the website and the glossy brochures, to the newspaper articles and the union signs posted in so many windows across campus, they will see a university that is offering them less opportunity, less faculty contact, less interesting courses and while offering less they are charging more.

At this critical moment, I challenge UMass to invest in its people. As the slogan of the graduate student union reminds us, "UMass works because we do." As the university looks to welcome a new class of students, and seeks to fill faculty, staff and graduate employee positions, it needs to weigh its priorities. I suggest that people should always be the priority.

Joshua Stearns is a UMass graduate student.



Never live to regret the past

Becky Martins

There can be nothing worse than living life with regret.

We have all been in disagreements with friends, family etc. At first, neither party wishes to back down since stubbornness is practically human nature. But is holding onto a grudge for a prolonged period of time really the best solution? Our pride may be encroached upon by admitting our faults. We may feel spineless by forgiving others for their wrongs. Nevertheless, nothing is more personally trying than knowing it is too late for our ill-will to be resolved.

If I were to define myself in a few words, 'strong-minded' and 'stubborn' would be at the top of the list. Most of the time, I believe these are a few of my best qualities, since I take pride in my opinionated personality. But on the other hand, having such a strong-will has landed me in tough situations. When fighting with friends, I have found myself hesitant to acknowledge all of my wrongdoings. When debating an issue, it is not always easy for me to admit a mistake, for fear of looking stupid. In regards to family relationships, my strong personality has caused me to butt heads with one individual in particular: my father.

Growing up, I was always told my dad and I share many of the same characteristics, though not all are good. Both him and I know what we stand for and are quick to defend our beliefs, but unfortunately are cursed with a short fuse. Thus, as I matured and grew into my own person, lights between us became more frequent and harsh. We found we may have argued similarly, but our opinions often stood at different ends of the spectrum.

Typically, we could never have just a healthy debate and instead, one person would always end up storming off in sheer frustration. Personally, disagreements even started growing into deep-seeded resentment. Thus, the relationship my dad and I shared became increasingly "hot/cold." I began to consider the reality of a future lacking strong paternal ties.

This year, I became friends with a person who could relate to my familiar problems. Like me, she also was on terms with her dad that ranged from loving to loathing. When I would ask about her relationship with the man, she would reply that one hardly existed. And sadly, this appeared to be how their ties would remain in the future.

But a few weeks ago, my friend received devastating news. Her father, though he had appeared to be a healthy middle-aged man, had been diagnosed with small cell cancer. His chances of survival were uncertain. A cure for this rare form of cancer was unknown. Suddenly, my friend was forced to face her harsh reality.

Though her father could overcome the disease, there was still a chance he would not make it. The upcoming months that would consist of his treatment could prove to be his last. Thus, it became obvious that if something were to change between this father/daughter relationship, it would have to be now.

In recent weeks, both my friend and her dad have begun taking small steps toward building their relationship. Both encourage and compliment the other. They now enjoy spending time together, even if it's doing something as minor as watching T.V. It is mutually understood, however, that although their growing relationship is late in the works, at least it is happening at all. With the success of their progressing bond, I got to thinking about my own life.

By putting aside my pride, I realized the relationships currently shared between my father and I do not have to remain this way. We are fortunate to have time on our side to strengthen our ties. If we are both willing to admit our wrongs and make a change, we could be met with positive results. And although not all of our problems may be solved, at least we will have the chance of gaining an understanding of each other's point of views and try to gain respect for them.

Often enough, people are too proud to simply "forgive and forget." Sometimes, it is not always easy to. But unless the effort is made, we also face losing the chance to ever change previous wrongdoings. If possible, revisit relationships that need mending. Reevaluate those that have never been strong. For if we do not, the future could be permanently affected by problems left unresolved in the past.

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The start of Syria's troubles

This is part two of a two part column series.

Todd Hanaburgh

As the situation in Lebanon is brought to a head with incredible international pressure on Syria to comply with UNSC Resolution 1559, massive demonstrations by the people and car bombs exploding in Beirut, one is compelled to imagine how all of this began. The obvious answer is that it began with the assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, but who is responsible for that? Though we may never know the truth, an exploration of alternative scenarios may shed some light on the issues.

Scenario #1: Syria Orders Hariri Assassination

Despite the odds that they may be able to successfully coerce voters and/or otherwise rig the upcoming elections in May or to render elected officials ineffective afterward, Syria decides to assassinate a popular political figure in one of the biggest cover-up blunders of all time.

Scenario #2: Israeli Government Responsible

The assassination is carried out to destabilize Syria's grip on Lebanon, distracting Hezbollah from preoccupation with the Palestinian situation and creating chaos within Lebanon's borders, simultaneously complicating matters for Syria and furthering Israel's own national interests.

Scenario #3: U.S. Intelligence Responsible

U.S. intelligence and/or proxy forces (possibly also involving Israel) assassinate Hariri to illustrate exactly why UNSC Resolution 1559 needs to be enforced, punctuating "fundamental instability" in the region. Popular response is either a complete but pleasant surprise or the product of a carefully executed propaganda campaign.

The Iranian reaction calling the entire situation a 'Zionist conspiracy' was anticipated as elemental to further characterization of Iran as a dangerous state with a psychotic leadership bent on obtaining nuclear weapons technology.

Scenario #4: Hezbollah or Jihadists Responsible

Aware of the possible consequences of international pressures, Jihadists carry out the assassination in order to rid themselves of the worthy opponent Hariri. Also renewing tensions in the Palestinian/Israeli situation, and thereby plowing through the diplomacy that has been crippling the goal of destroying the Zionist infidels completely and potentially expelling American influence through increased direct conflict in the region.

Regardless of who planned the attack, opportunists have gained influence over the situation by manipulating evidence and reporting, by invoking UNSC Resolution 1559 and by creating a martyr of Rafik Hariri. The advantaged are the U.S., Israel, pro-Independence

But the terrible reality is that there must be some occupation force in Lebanon to maintain peace until such time that a sufficient domestic peacekeeping force is established ...

Lebanese and possibly Jordan. The decidedly disadvantaged include Syria/Syrians in Lebanon, the Palestinians, Iran, the Hezbollah Party and any neutral parties residing within Lebanon's borders.

A realistic course of action is to allow the Syrian forces to withdraw to the limit of what was outlined by Syria and Lebanon in the Taif Accord in 1989, which is a partial withdrawal retaining troops in the Bekaa Valley of eastern Lebanon. Instituting a partial or gradual withdrawal may allow Lebanon to work toward a higher degree of stabilization on their own.

But the terrible reality is that there must be some occupation force in Lebanon to maintain peace until such time that a sufficient domestic peacekeeping force is established, additionally with an effective governing body elected or appointed, whether it is Syria or otherwise.

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice acknowledged this fact herself, stating that if there was a full and complete Syrian withdrawal that there "... would obviously have to be some kind of international peacekeeping force ..." moving in to fill the vacuum. And although they are cautious to proclaim it outright, it does not take a genius to decipher just which "international peacekeeping force" the administration has in mind.

This arrangement will allow the U.S. to further regional interests by giving the administration a hands-on opportunity to shape Lebanese politics.

Bush's insistence that Syria withdraw completely may stem from apprehension over Syria retaining control of the Bekaa Valley, which, according to U.S. intelligence, is brimming with terrorists and is the source of a counterfeiting ring which produces a U.S. 'supernote' that evades detection.

The U.S. presence in Lebanon could neutralize the Hebollah Party's militant wing, limiting Syrian and Iranian influence over the Israeli-Palestinian situation and effectively isolating Syria, Palestine, Lebanon and Israel from the rest of the Middle East. This is a significant strategic move.

The question is, though; will the Lebanese feel as though the "International Peacekeeping Force" merely replaces the current occupation with troops who understand neither their culture nor their language?

The risk of alienating the population may put the security situation in Lebanon on par with the Iraq occupation. If that is the result, what will the Syrian response be?

If, consequently, Syria moves to conflict with U.S. forces/the IPF, will we be catapulted into a much wider regional conflict?

The Bush Administration is about to remove the keystone in a house of cards. And I for one can't wait to see what happens next.

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Bush's new appointees dangerous

Ramzi Kanazi

Bush recently returned from a fence-mending trip to Europe. During his trip, he spoke of reconfirming "the importance of the transatlantic alliance" and putting differences between Europe and America in the past. Upon his return, he is nominating appointees to two international institutions that Europe would loathe to accept. He is trying to inject two neocons who care little for diplomacy and international relations into the United Nations and the World Bank.

Bush seems to have a way of appealing to his opposition with controversial appointees — always a good strategy. His two newest candidates are Paul Wolfowitz and John Bolton. Bolton, now serving as Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security and nominated as a United Nations ambassador, can be noted for a list of vocal criticisms of the institution that he is nominated to that spans even longer than his current title. He has stated, "there is no such thing as the United Nations" and "if the U.N. secretary building in New York lost ten stories, it wouldn't make a bit of difference." It's a good thing that he has not been appointed to a position as a pilot.

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His next nominee, Paul Wolfowitz, would head the World Bank. Wolfowitz presently enjoys his position as the Deputy Defense Secretary. He was the mastermind of the Iraq war. I remember reading a journalist who suggested that Wolfowitz's failures in estimating the costs of the Iraq war (at about $50 million while having eclipsed $200 million) should earn him a promotion, as president of the World Bank.

Unfortunately, nominees to Wolfowitz's anticipated position as President of the World Bank have yet to be overturned. He will be replacing a member of the Clinton pack, James Wolfensohn.

Wolfowitz, while differentiating politics from economy has been quoted as saying, "It's not a secret that I care a lot about the spread of freedom and democracy ... but as I've said over and over again, I think there is a political stream and an economic stream, and they flow together and reinforce each other. If I'm president of the World Bank, I know which stream I'm focused on." I know what stream that is too: it's a stream of lies, the same kind of stream he was focused on when facilitating propaganda for the invasion of Iraq. He couldn't care less about freedom and democracy, but he does care about American hegemony, and he will use whatever means, political or economic, to preserve it.

Wolfowitz is one of the guys responsible for misusing intelligence concerning Saddam Hussein's supposed weapons of mass destruction. He was all about promoting the idea that Iraqi's would immediately embrace their newfound liberators and greet American forces with cooperation. He grossly underestimated the cost of the war, and now he is getting ready to continue using the World Bank as a tool of American Foreign Policy.

Some have quipped that at least Wolfowitz is out of the Department of Defense, but now he will be on his way, with John Bolton, to an area that involves cooperation with the rest of the world. Neither of these people seems so interested in petty things like world cooperation. That's so boring. These people are proponents of unilateral action, and they are just who the president wants in positions of international power. He wants people who will guarantee his interests, and these people would do just that. They are the perfect adjuncts to his sycophantic cabinet, which includes Vice President Dick Cheney, and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

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'I don't want to grow up'

College students discuss their plans to survive life after graduation



Think it's just a simple cup of joe? Keep your caffeine in check

By Karen Ravn
Knight Ridder

MONTEREY, Calif. — Robert Reynolds Hewitt wasn't aware until Friday that March is National Caffeine Awareness Month.

But he's been aware of caffeine ever since he was a newly enlisted 18-year-old sailor more than 60 years ago.

"The water in San Diego was horrible," he said. "I took up drinking coffee in self-defense."

Then came Pearl Harbor, and soon Hewitt was drinking 12 cups a day while defending his country.

Now 82, Hewitt has cut back a bit, to one cup a day. So he makes sure it's a good one.

Every morning he walks the Rec Trail from his home in Monterey to his table at the Pacific Grove Coffee House, where he slowly sips his Ethiopian sidamo.

Katherine Delis is picky about her pick-me-ups, too. Her favorite is an Americano at Morgan's Coffee and Tea in Monterey, and she's happy to drive 30 minutes from her home in the Salinas, Calif., area to get it.

"I used to think coffee was that hot brown stuff that kept you awake on road trips," Delis said.

Now, after five years of serious coffee drinking, she believes, "It's about finding people who treat their beans right."

Still, even though Delis has become a coffee aficionado, she had never heard of Caffeine Awareness Month either.

But it's regular coffee drinkers like Hewitt and Delis that the Caffeine Awareness Alliance is hoping will get its message this month, namely, that caffeine can be dangerous to your health.

Maybe they should have called it Caffeine Beware-ness Month.

According to Maria Kushner, the alliance's founder and the developer of a coffee substitute made from soybeans, caffeine is not just habit-forming, but actually addicting.

And she believes it increases the risk of heart disease, pancreatic cancer, miscarriages and birth defects.

Others share her concerns about caffeine. Peter Ciarrocchi, for example, seemed of two minds about his Morgan's double mocha. He was looking forward to it.

"Let's face it," he said. "It's almost like having a dessert."

But he felt much more virtuous about the natural fruit juices and water he usually drinks. And he spoke of bad things he's heard caffeine can do, such as leaching the calcium out of bones and causing osteoporosis.

This is a claim that's often made. However, there's no evidence to support it, although some still recommend that caffeine consumers should drink extra milk or take calcium supplements.

In fact, the scientific community largely agrees that most charges against caffeine are just a tempest in a coffee pot. And the FDA says it's "generally recognized as safe."

But that doesn't mean the

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COURTESY PHOTOS/ILLUSTRATION

Millions of people the world over wake up, keep going, and wind down with a cup or two of coffee. When is too much coffee too much?

Crazy about iPods: the fanatic craze

By Heather Svokos
Knight Ridder

And he shall be called BoBo.

With many iPod owners, this is how it starts. The anthropomorphizing sets in early. You cradle it, for a piece of technology, perhaps a bit too lovingly. You show it off to your friends. You brag about all the songs it can play, all the tricks it can do, and you extol it and all its wondrous, bliss-filled, digital music-playing glory. Then you discover that you can give your iPod a name. And so you do.

Hence the "BoBo."

That's the name of Bruce Wood's iPod, and it's a little funny, considering he was "so" sure he didn't want one. The founder and artistic director of Bruce Wood Dance Company in Fort Worth, Texas, said he would never use one, ever. Waste of time, waste of money.

And yet, and yet.

One of the dancers on the company's recent Northwest tour had an iPod, and Wood thought, well, maybe it would be good to take on the road instead of carting around a load of CDs.

So after Christmas, he caved and bought himself a 40G iPod (which can hold about 10,000 songs).

"Now I'm an iPod 'freak,'" says a giddy Wood. "I'm hysterical."

Wood has plenty of company in the Podosphere. Since the product's debut in 2001, Apple has sold 10 million iPods, 4.58 million of those were sold during the company's wildly successful holiday quarter.

And though not all 10 million of these 'Pod people would label themselves lunatics, many are proud to let their freak flag fly.

While touring with his company in Montana, Wood used his iPod to teach a dance class in the theater. "I hooked it up to a little speaker system, punched in my iPod, and we 'rocked.'"

(Note: They rocked to Bach, Aaron Copland and Lyle Lovett.)

BoBo has become a member of the family. "There's my dog, there's me and there's my iPod," Wood says.

In addition to family, he and BoBo are now members of a special society. "Two of the dancers also have iPods, so we're all standing around at the airport with white wires coming out of our ears," Wood says, laughing. "You see someone else, and you go: 'Yeah, dude, you get it don't you?'"

Or maybe it's a cult. "But in a good way," Wood says. "Not in a creepy sort of Waco way. iPods united!"

Mmm-hmm, cult.

For Paul Blight, it's less of a cult, more of a mission.

The Dallas man is a land developer, a Mac-o-phile, a married father of twins, and he lives in a household that contains four iPods. His wife has a pink iPod Mini; he has a silver Mini and the new 60G photo iPod; he's awaiting delivery of his iPod Shuffle, Apple's cheaper, ultra-scaled-down version of the iPod (all the better to run with).

Since 2001, he has owned about seven iPods; when new versions come out, he sells an old one on eBay.

Like many a Mac-o-phile, Blight tries to convert his friends and family to not only the iPod, but all things Apple.

"That's what it's like, when you're a Christian and you share the Gospel with people," says Blight, whose iPod is loaded with contemporary Christian music. "When you're a loyal Apple fan, you share it with the same enthusiasm, and you're not shy about it."

He has not given his iPod a cheeky name (unless you think "Paul's iPod" is cheeky), but he does anthropomorphize just a tad.

"I do love my iPod and I do cradle it with affection," he says. "I always buy silicon covers for them to protect them and I wipe them off if they get the slightest bit of dirt or grime on them . . . But I don't sleep with it. It sleeps on the counter or the drawer."

Kenneth Robison's sleeps in a hand-knitted iPod cozy.

His girlfriend, Kerri Reece, is a knitter.

"She's been knitting cozies for all of our friends with iPods," says Robison, 23, of Fort Worth. "They all got them for Christmas. Everybody's has personalized buttons on them and they fasten with the buttons. It protects them, it's better than the standard old iPod neoprene cases."

Robison has had his 10G iPod for several years, ever since the first generation players came out.

"I couldn't wait to plug it in and start wasting time loading CDs into it," he says.

Since then, he's maxed out his 10G with 3,300 songs, and is thinking about an upgrade to a 40G.

Like every good iPod missionary, Robison has brought his girlfriend into the fray. She now has one, and she loves it. However . . . "She doesn't use it as much as I do, which is upsetting, but whatever."

Why upsetting?

"She has to 'nerd up' with me."

Susan Wade won't cross that line. The 42-year-old counselor has never contemplated giving her blue iPod Mini a name. ("That would kind of concern me.")

But thanks to her new gadget, she is now bopping through life on her own frequency.

"It's like Radio Susan," Wade says. "It's so fabulous, because every song that comes on, it's like: 'I love this song!' Then the next song, 'I love this song!'"

When Wade goes to the gym, the Ramones come with her. So do Green Day and Jane's Addiction, and any other band she wants to load onto her 1,000-song Mini.

So whether you name it, knit for it, stroke its inanimate casing like a kitty or just chuck it into your gym bag, you are grateful, because this tiny, tidy contraption has given music lovers the ultimate gift: a portable soundtrack to our everyday lives.

Sometimes, it can also come with a life-altering discovery. After Wade had her iPod for a while, her 12-year-old son announced:

"I think you're happier now."



COURTESY APPLE

Apple's latest technological advance, the iPod, has been selling by the millions. Some people go to extreme lengths to take care of their iPod.

Too much caffeine?

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more the merrier. On the contrary, too much caffeine can make you tense, irritable, anxious and unable to sleep. And too, too much can do worse things than that.

"As usual, moderation is key," said Barbara Quinn, a clinical dietitian at the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. "After all, even too much water can be bad for you."

For most adults, moderation means three or four cups of coffee a day. For pregnant women, it may mean one or two.

Of course, coffee is a major source of caffeine, but not the only one. Other big suppliers are tea, soft drinks, "energy drinks," chocolate, and some pain relievers.

Caffeine acts as a stimulant and increases alertness and concentration. According to most psychiatrists, it's not truly addictive, although if people stop taking it suddenly, they may experience headaches or other "withdrawal" symptoms.

And there's more good news. Instead of causing any serious illness, caffeine may actually reduce the risk of many, including Parkinson's disease, diabetes and colon cancer.

Other pluses: It's better than aspirin at reducing muscle pain; it increases the rate at which we burn fat; and it improves both mental and physical performance, so much so that the International Olympic Committee has set allowance limits.

Richard Fenton, one of the owners of Rollick's Specialty Coffee in Salinas, once read an article about some of these possible perks. Now he keeps the clipping posted on his wall.

"So people can see it's okay to have caffeine," he said.

One person who doesn't need any convincing is Kathy Cusson. She started drinking coffee about the same time that she first signed on for the early morning shift at Number One Java Drive in Salinas, a drive-through kiosk where cars start lining up at 5 a.m.

Now the manager there, she said, "Sure, caffeine is a drug. ... But it's not a bad drug."

People can go overboard, though. "We have a drink called a tall blonde," said Joey Shein, a long-time local barista. "Four shots of espresso. And sometimes people come in and get a second and third. ... They'll be talking really loud, almost shouting, and they don't notice."

Customers seem to frequent coffeehouses for two basic reasons: to rev up and to wind down. At Plumes Coffee House in Monterey, there's an "in-and-out" crowd in the morning of people going to work, manager Rachel Marotta said. In the evening lots of students come in. And then there's the bunch of regulars that just hang out there all day. "I don't know what they do," Marotta said. "I can't figure it out really."

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Xavier routes UMass

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held on to win it, 6-5.

A combination of poor pitching and lack of hitting on behalf of UMass on Sunday equated to an 18-5 demolishing of the Minutemen by Xavier, as the Muskies banged out 18 hits, three times that of the Maroon and White (six hits).

Twomley racked up his third homer of the season in one of the few bright spots on the day for UMass, as the Musketeers tore the game open and off the hinges in the second. The XU batters registered seven runs in the second inning, six off of starter Jeremy Demers (1-4) and one off John Tolley.

Mike Weiner drove in Twomley to put the Minutemen up 1-0 for the third straight game before homers from Chris Lozan and Brewer and five runs with two outs left made it 7-1. Following the shelling of Demers, Stone went with a variety of pitchers. Jason Lavorgna (one hit, three earned runs), Aaron Smith (six hits, six ER) and Chris Lloyd (three hits, two ER) accounted for the remaining 11 runs allowed.

UNH slips by Harvard in OT

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kneecap and proved to be the hero for the favored Pioneers, who snuck by an aggressive and underrated Bemidji State team (23-13-1).

With the game tied at 2 in the second period, Ulanski one-timed a tough angle shot from the left side of the net passed Beaver freshman goalie Matt Climie, whose 45 saves weren't enough to help Bemidji State become the first four-seed to beat the first seed of the tournament since the field expanded to 16 teams in 2003.

The Beavers were able to force overtime when Brendan Cook deflected a Peter Jonsson shot through Denver goalie Glenn Fisher's five-hole at the 2:17 mark of the third period.

"The one thing for me," Ulanski said," being a senior and sitting in the locker room before overtime, to have a fluke goal go against you and end your career."

In Denver's minds, the game's final play wasn't a fluke, just a lucky break. But don't try explaining that to Climie.

Brett Skinner sent a pass to Ulanski, who was cutting towards the goal in the slot, and the puck redirected off of his shin and passed Climie to end the game after just 3:26 of bonus hockey.

"I think it went off his knee or his shin pad," Climie said. "It just kind of caught me off guard. It was kind of a cheesy goal."

No. 2 New Hampshire 3, No. 3 Harvard 2 (OT)

Kevin Regan became just the second goalie to start an NCAA tournament game other than Ty Conklin and Mike Ayers since 1998, and the freshman netminder would have made the two UNH legends proud, registering 39 saves to earn the overtime win for the Wildcats.

"It's obviously unbelievable company [to be in]," Regan said. "It's a great lineage of goaltenders the last few years with Ty and Mike, and a lot of credit goes to goalie coach David Lassonde, who does a really good job of developing goaltenders. That's a big reason why I chose to come here because I knew he was great at developing goaltenders. I wanted to be a part of that group… just for you to even mention it is an honor."

UNH never led in the game until Winnik received a perfect cross-ice pass from Aitkins and deflected it through Harvard (21-10-3) goalie Dov Grumet-Morris' five-hole 15:06 into overtime.

REGIONAL NOTES: Wildcat Sean Collins tied the first round game at 1 with a goal at 7:35 of the first period, and Harvard's Alex Meintel answered with his first career goal just eight seconds later at the 7:43 mark. It was the fastest consecutive goals by opposing teams in the history of regional play. Clarkson's Scott Thomas and Northern Michigan's Scott Beattie scored within nine seconds of each other on March 27, 1992…

Kevin Regan was the only goalie in the regional to start two games. He recorded 42 saves against Harvard and 39 against Denver for a two-game total of 81…

Attendance at the Mullins Center will go down on the wrong side of the record books. The combined attendance (7,063) for the two days and average attendance (3,532) were both the third worst figures in regional history, just more than both the Midwest and West Regionals in 2004. Regional play began in 1992.

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Ford hired as head coach

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great competitor himself and a great leader of young people.

"They all pretty much had the right answers, but what separated Travis from the rest was he had the backups to the answers. It wasn't just 'we've got to do this,' it was, 'we've got to do this, and this is how we'll do it.'"

Ford was recently credited with turning around an Eastern Kentucky team that suffered through seven straight losing seasons prior to his arrival. He methodically transformed the Colonels into competitors during his five years at the helm, culminating with a 22-9 record this season – one in which they captured the Ohio Valley Conference Championship and an NCAA Tournament birth.

His new job in Western Massachusetts will be to breathe life into a dormant UMass program and field teams that are perennial contenders within the Atlantic 10. In addition, he will be entrusted with reigniting the passion of a detached fan base that annually yearn for a return to glory but have yet to see such results since the departure of coach John Calipari in 1996.

"I've seen the thirst in UMass people's eyes about what they want from their basketball team," Ford said. "I'm not trying to build a program. I'm taking over a situation now that's got legs. We just need to put the body and head on it to get it back to where we all want it to be.

"How are we going to do that? It's going to take a lot of long hours and hard work. These basketball players sitting in the front row are going to be the hardest working players in America, bar none."

Ford began his playing career at the University of Missouri in 1989, before transferring to Kentucky to play for UMass graduate and then-Wildcat coach Rick Pitino. Ford led the 'Cats to the 1993 NCAA Final Four, and spent a training camp with the Golden State Warriors following his graduation in 1994.

A fun change in Amherst

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games and that they had to be, "a part of the team." He spoke of how his doors were always open and how this was the community's team. For the first time in years the men's basketball team at UMass took on the image of something bigger than a maroon and white team lost in the Berkshires.

After telling the crowd what they needed to do, Ford directed attention to the men in black warm-ups sitting in those front row seats. Each hunched over figure had his eyes transfixed on the coach as he mentioned what their responsibility was. He told them that they were about to learn what it meant to truly work hard.

Each player had a straight, objective face after the initial comments, but Ford switched gears and had a few of his future pupils smiling. He said it was going to be fun, that as hard as they worked, they were going to have more fun than any other team they came across.

This comment appeared to hit everyone there that afternoon. Amidst the very heart of March Madness, the University of Massachusetts was absent, yet very much alive. Players and fans alike have been missing this fun the past few years and Coach Ford was adamant and confident that it was coming back sooner than later.

A new era of UMass basketball has arrived in the form of a hardworking southern man from Madisonville, Ky.

Perhaps it is truly time for this community to have some fun.

Bob McGovern is a Collegian Columnist

Minutewomen topple Flyers

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts softball team opened its Atlantic 10 schedule with two blowout wins at Dayton on Saturday. UMass won game one of the doubleheader 11-1, and pounded the Flyers 8-1 in the second game.

UMass	11
Dayton	1

This domination has come to be expected from the Minutewomen, who have won 14-straight A-10 regular season titles and were predicted by A-10 coaches to finish first again this year.

UMass	8
Xavier	1

"League games are the most important ones," UMass coach Elaine Sortino said. "They are the doorway to the NCAA Tournament. Obviously, it doesn't get any better than this weekend."

The Minutewomen (10-9, 2-0) came into Saturday's games well rested as they hadn't played in a week. They were supposed to have had their home opener Thursday against Syracuse, but the game was cancelled due to unplayable field conditions.

Next up for UMass is a doubleheader at home against Central Connecticut State on Tuesday beginning at 2:30 p.m.

UMass wasted no time reminding Dayton (6-8, 0-2 A-10) who rules the A-10, jumping out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning of the first game. The run was knocked in by senior Denise Denis, who had a huge first game. The reigning A-10 Player of the Week went 3-for-3 with five RBI and two home runs. Denis leads the team with 16 RBI this season and is second with a .689 slugging percentage.

"Denise is a strong hitter," Sortino said. "She came up with a big walk last weekend with the bases loaded, but this weekend she showed she can really hurt you if the ball is over the plate. The most impressive thing was that she was hit one of her home runs to the opposite field."

Denis gave UMass a 4-0 lead in the top of the third with a three-run shot. The homer was the first ever at the brand-new UD Arena Softball Stadium.

UMass broke the game open in the sixth inning with seven runs. The big blow was delivered by senior Hilary Puglia who hit a deep three-run homer to give UMass a 10-1 lead. Denis followed with a long ball two pitches later to close out the scoring. This marked the first time this season that UMass has hit back-to-back home runs.

The 11 runs were more than enough for UMass ace Barb LaFogg. The senior hurler took a no-hitter into the fifth inning, but surrendered a solo homer to Laura Matthews. The home run was the only hit for Dayton, as LaFogg (7-6) recorded the mercy-rule win.

LaFogg, who was named A-10 Pitcher of the Week last week, lowered her ERA to 2.73 in the performance and is holding batters to a stingy .239 batting average.

In the second game, UMass picked up where it left off, seizing a 2-0 lead in the top of the second inning. UMass extended its lead to 3-0 in the next inning on back-to-back two out doubles by Denis and Stacy Cullington. Cullington had two doubles and three RBI in the two games.

UMass tacked on two more runs in the fourth. Kristi Stefanoni doubled in Amanda Morin who had singled earlier in the inning. Stefanoni came around to score on an error.

Three runs by the Minutewomen in the sixth gave them an 8-0 lead. Once again UMass received a superb pitching performance, this time from junior Jenna Busa.

Busa had a no-hitter entering the bottom of the sixth, but like LaFogg, her bid was spoiled by a solo home run. Busa (3-3) allowed three hits in the game and just the one run in recording the second mercy-rule win of the day for UMass.

Busa had been a tough-luck loser earlier in the year, as her record does not indicate how well she has pitched (2.61 ERA). But on Saturday both pitchers received excellent defense, as UMass did not make an error on the day.

"The team executed well," Sortino said. "It's a reflection of our practices this week. We worked hard and got consistent effort all week. We were very prepared."

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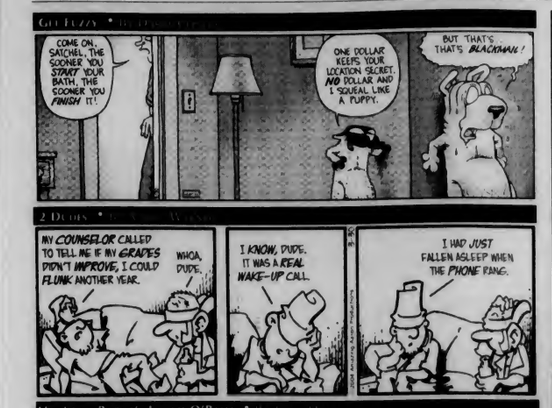
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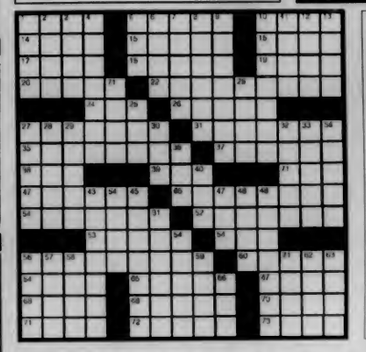
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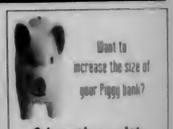
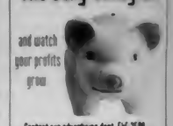
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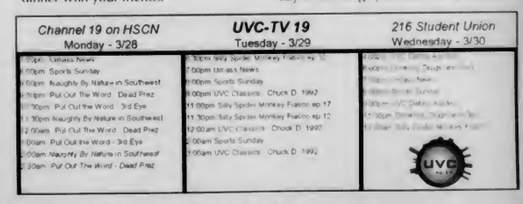
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Ford: the man for the job

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

Massachusetts athletic director John McCutcheon was searching for a passionate tutor, a fiery personality and a dedicated professional to lead the Minutemen men's basketball program into the future, and it appears as if he has found the right man for the job in Travis Ford.

Ford was officially introduced as the successor to Steve Lappas on Friday afternoon inside the Curry Hicks Cage, and wasted little time in delivering a spirited address to the throng of supporters on hand for his baptism into the UMass family; an event that was more pep rally than press conference.

Speaking before members of the media, new colleagues and friends within the UMass family, his family and coaching staff as well as the crowd of fans that included most of the players he will be inheriting, Ford promised to produce on-court success and create the type of excitement level around his new team that has been lacking in Amherst for nearly a decade.

"UMass basketball is going to be the hottest ticket in the East," Ford said. "Don't wait; jump on board now, because this is going to be the most exciting thing you've ever been a part of. We are going to staff a basketball program that is second to none. Not only in the Northeast, but we're going to crack that Top 25, and I think we have the pieces to compete, without question.

"We are going to pack the Mullins Center every night. We've got to make it an event, not just a game. You're going to be extremely proud to call yourself a UMass fan."

Ford, 35, signed a five-year contract that guarantees him a base salary of $200,000 - a number that could double if the coach meets certain incremental incentives.

McCutcheon hired Ford from a group of six candidates, all of which he described as extremely capable and qualified. What set Ford apart was his outstanding character, both as a teacher and a competitor, and what his new boss described as a "clear vision for the future."

"We did a lot of research and gathered a lot of facts," McCutcheon said. "We had a very defined and deeply researched group of people. We met with six of them individually and got to know them very well. In that process one person emerged: a person of great distinction, a

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University of Massachusetts Athletic Director John McCutcheon looks on as Travis Ford speaks to a crowd at the Curry Hicks Cage on Friday. Ford was hired as the new head coach for the Minutemen, replacing Steve Lappas.

UMass gets new look with hiring



Bob McGovern

On March 5, the Massachusetts men's basketball team played its final regular season game and its last game at the William D. Mullins Center until next season. As I walked around the court, towards the Green Room, where the press conference is held, I stopped and looked at the sea of maroon one last time.

It was one last glance at the vast silence which emcompasses this arena. One last time to see empty maroon seats and hear the solemn banter of apathetic fans looking for more than a two point nail-biting victory over a lesser opponent.

A mere 20 days later the university decided that not only would this be a last time for me, a graduating senior, to see this depressing scene, but it would be the last time the Minutemen ended a season with less energy than it started with.

Enter Travis Ford.

On Friday afternoon, the University of Massachusetts introduced Ford as its new head basketball coach. Cheerleaders lined the walkway to the podium and in the middle of dozens of side-conversations throughout the stands, the familiar UMass light song broke through, turning the heads of those in attendance to the man who will be changing the face for their program.

Forty seconds they stood. Shouts and cheers from a spirited audience lilled with students and alumni rang through as Ford stood at the podium. He looked around with a straight face and tried to cut in, but the crowd wasn't having it. They stood and Ford let them cheer, this was exactly what he was looking for.

When the crowd finally sat, bringing into view a large sign in the back row which said, "Welcome to UMass Travis Ford," Ford began talking about what he wants for this program. He mentioned that it was, in essence, a time for change.

The entire time he spoke, the Curry Hicks Cage sat in silence, occasionally cheering when he would hit a nerve. He mentioned how UMass was going to be, "the hottest ticket in town," a phrase which resonated with the alumni and represented something that most of the students had never truly seen... a sense of school pride.

Most of the team lined the first row of the Cage, just behind the two sections of chairs set aside for the press. None of the players had been introduced to their new coach, or his subsequent staff, and sat in the same position as everyone else, listening and analyzing this southern man that appeared to be saying all the right things.

He told the crowd that they needed to come to

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Denver heads to Frozen Four

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

On Thursday night around 9:30, Denver coach George Gwozdecky said he didn't know what his hockey team was really capable of in this national tournament, even though the Denver Pioneers are the defending national champions.

He said this year's team is a different version from the 2004 squad. They have a different identity, Gwozdecky was sure that a lot of work had to be done for his Pioneers to reach the Frozen Four.

Well, between 9:30 p.m. on Thursday and 2:30 p.m. yesterday, Gwozdecky appeared to have ironed out his team's shortcomings, and Denver eliminated Bemidji State 4-3 in overtime on Saturday and outlasted New Hampshire 4-2 yesterday to advance to the 2005 Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship Frozen Four.

UNH (26-11-5) advanced to the regional final by knocking off Harvard, 3-2 in overtime on Saturday.

Denver (30-9-2) will move on from the Northeast Regional at the Mullins Center to the national semifinals in Columbus, Ohio to play archrival Colorado College on April 7. North Dakota will meet Minnesota on the other side of the bracket in the first Frozen Four to feature four teams all hailing from the same conference, the WCHA.

Pioneer junior Gabe Gauthier was named the Northeast Regional MVP after recording a hat trick in the championship game, a day after he dished out three assists in the win over Bemidji State. According to Denver coach George Gwozdecky, Gauthier's performance shouldn't have been that difficult to forecast.

"I remember when we were recruiting him, we talked about the things that really get him charged up, things



UNH's Daniel Winnick scored on a penalty shot against Denver yesterday. Denver won 4-2.

he really enjoys about playing the game," Gwozdecky recalled. "Usually kids say, 'I love making a great pass,' or 'I love making a great save,' or 'I love scoring a goal.' His response to me was, 'I love playing in the playoffs.' And I thought that was so different from the kind of responses that I get from young men when I ask that question. He's right. "He thinks he is [a big time playoff player], and he sure has proven it."

Denver came out flying in the first period, at one point out shooting the Wildcats 18-5. But a second consecutive solid performance by freshman goalie Kevin Regan, paired with a few lucky bounces in favor of UNH, kept the game tied heading into the first intermission.

With 6:33 remaining in the second period, Wildcat Daniel Winnik broke free down the ice but was caught from behind by defenseman Matt Carle and dragged down, and the referee ordered for a penalty shot.

Winnik, who scored the overtime game-winner to beat Harvard just 18 hours prior, looked right the whole way down the ice, but once Denver goalie Peter Mannino committed, Winnik crossed back to the left and waited until the last second to slide the puck past the Pioneer netminder and give the Wildcats a 2-1 edge.

Denver battled to tie the game before the break when Gauthier one-timed a pass from Adrian Veidman into the back of the net with 1:58 to play in the second frame.

Veidman was only on the ice at the time because he was moved onto the second line in place of Luke Fulghum, who left the ice for a few minutes after an injury to his midsection.

As fate would have it, Fulghum made it back onto the ice to set up the game-winner with just 3:43 to play in regulation.

Carle took a shot from beyond the right point that Regan couldn't cover up. With the puck dangling in the crease, Fulghum failed at a rebound bid, but Ryan Dingle got his stick on it and beat Regan for just his sixth career goal.

"I think one of the defensemen just got the puck and threw it to the net," Regan said. "I remember getting a piece of it. I think it hit off his skate, someone got a stick on it; I think I got a piece of it, and then I just totally lost it. I had no idea where it was. I thought it was underneath me, and the next thing I knew, they were celebrating. The puck was in the net."

Gauthier added an empty netter with 23 seconds remaining in the game.

Denver's high-flying efforts finally paid off at the 13:42 mark of the first period when Gauthier wristed a shot into the UNH goal on the Pioneers' 16th shot of the opening frame.

It only took the Wildcats 54 seconds to respond. Justin Aikins fired a slap shot wide left of the net, and it caromed off the boards back to Jacob Micflikier, who shoveled the puck into the net from his knees after being tripped.

No. 1 Denver 4, No. 4 Bemidji State 3 (OT)

Denver forward Kevin Ulanski returned to the lineup after missing four games with a cracked

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Baseball team falters in Ohio

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

Not even senior Jason Twomley's return to the diamond could put a stop to the bleeding suffered by the Massachusetts baseball team this past weekend.

Twomley (.444 batting average), playing in the outfield for the first time since he broke his wrist in a Mar. 5 game against Delaware, didn't seem to encounter mu-ch trouble at the plate, going 7-for-10 and hitting two home runs—including two in one game—in three games this weekend against the Xavier Musketeers.

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The Muskateers manhandled the Minutemen (3-13, 0-3 Atlantic 10) this weekend, outscoring them 26-9 and out-hitting them 30-19 in the three-game sweep.

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The weekend marks the seventh straight loss for UMass, which has now dropped 11 of its last 13 decisions. Xavier (8-16, 3-3 A-10), on the other hand, broke out of a five-game losing streak with its sweep of the Maroon and White, and did so on the strength of some heavy-hitting bats.

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While the Minutemen showed improvement in the hitting department, even producing double digits in the hit column (10 hits in game 2 Saturday), they could not provide the bats when they most critically needed them, as shown in two one-run losses on Saturday.

Game one saw No. 1 starter Matt Torra (1-2) take the mound in a game shortened to seven innings due to rain. The ace threw well to start off the game, allowing just one hit through the first three innings, but a series of hits in the fourth ultimately sealed the junior's fate.

Freshman Colin Salzenstein led off the bottom of the fourth with a single to left centerfield, followed by a double down the right field line by Sean Brewer to put Salzenstein in scoring position. Next, Brett Smith (2-for-3) cleared the bases by singling through the left side of the infield, giving them a 2-1 advantage that they held on through the rest of the game.

Twomley provided all three hits and one run for the Minutemen, racing home on a wild pitch after singling to center three at-bats prior. Mike Lucas (3-for-3) kept the other eight silent, striking out three in the complete game.

Bill Rankin (3-for-4) and Dan Coury (2-for-3, HR) joined Twomley (2-for-5, two HR) in creating some runs for the Maroon and White in game two. But the improvement in the batter's box was not enough to redeem Keith Doherty (1-4) of a sub-par outing on the mound.

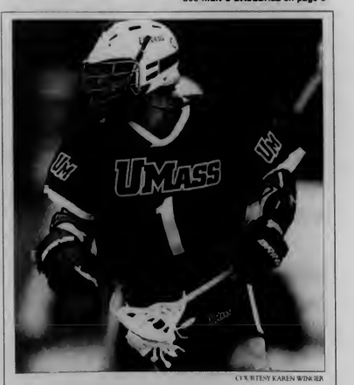
The lefty fanned just one while giving up five earned runs on four hits in 2-2/3 innings, while David Sullivan yielded in the winning run in relief of Doherty.

Twomley put UMass ahead immediately, leading off the game with a dinger over the left-center wall for a 1-0 score. Coury then loaded up the bases with a single to shortstop, but Anthony Santos then grounded out to end the inning.

The Musketeers broke through in the bottom of the third with a five-run inning. After Doherty loaded up the bases by walking two batters and giving up a Brewer single, Smith sent everyone home with his first grand slam of the season over the left field wall. Drew Roberts made it a 5-1 affair by nailing a solo shot over the friendly left wall.

Coury closed the gap with his first homer of the year to left, making it 5-2, but Jay Johnson singled in Danny Hayden from third in the bottom of the fourth to push the lead back to four. XU

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COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Shot down

Brian Jacovina and the Minutemen dropped a 6-5 decision to the Loyola Greyounds in Baltimore, Md. UMass has never beaten Loyola going 0-9 all time, Loyola is in its first season in the ECAC.

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Elections stir controversy on charter

By Brian Castro and Matt Elder
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As campaign signs line the town roads, two members of the University of Massachusetts community are trying to impact the future of the Amherst government.

For the second time, Amherst will decide on in a vote whether to change it's local charter from a town meeting and select board form government to a mayor and town council.

However, the idea of a new charter has drawn stark positions for and against it. Those who oppose the charter say it concentrates too much power. Those in favor say Amherst needs a more effective government.

UMass junior political science and journalism double major Morris Singer and mathematician and UMass professor Robert Kusner are both running in today's election. Singer is running for town meeting member and Kusner for the select board.

However, the biggest issue in today's election is what will happen in the town's government, and if it will change for the first time in almost two centuries.

Currently, the Amherst legislative body consists of 240 elected town meeting officials, 24 from 10 different precincts, plus members of the select board, school committee, president of library trustees, chair of the finance committee and town manager.



COURTESY KATHLEEN FISHER

An Amherst citizen stands uptown protesting the charter question that will be on today's ballot.

The new proposed charter would replace the current system with a nine member elected town council, and would replace the select board with a mayor.

"There's a 240 person town meeting and a five person select board and the student voice is vastly underrepresented in that," said Singer. "Could you imagine how difficult it's going to be to get the student voice get represented in a ten-person body?"

"I think I would do a great job representing a student voice," Singer said. According to both Singer and Kusner, the first ballot referendum question could give the students less of a voice.

According to the Town of Amherst's Web site, the widely-debated question will read as follows: Shall the town approve the new charter recommended by the charter commission, summarized below?

The Web site then summarizes the question.

"The proposed charter would replace the representative town meeting with a nine member town council, and would replace the select board with a directly elected mayor. The mayor would be the town's chief executive officer, and would chair the council, have veto power over most council actions (subject to 2/3 override), appoint most committees, and provide overall policy leadership to the town. The town manager would remain the chief administrative officer, subject to policy decisions of the mayor and council. The school committee and board of library trustees would continue unchanged, and the mayor would be a non-voting member of each," the site says.

The Web site also says that the question was asked — and defeated — two years ago by 14 votes. According to the site, the law stipulates that the same

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The votes are in: Payano named President of SGA

Elections have been held, votes have been tallied and Pavel Payano and Valerie Louis will serve the University of Massachusetts as the next President and Trustee of the Student Government Association, respectively.

Payano received the majority of the votes with 1,289 and Louis with 1,506, taking the win.

Absentee ballots and Commuter votes are "especially tentative" according to the Chancellor of Elections, but "it is definite Pavel and Valerie won," said Secretary of Public Policy Jeff Napolitano.

During last week's debates, Payano and Louis introduced their 42 page platform in which they plan to implement many ideas and follow many goals set by current SGA President Eduardo Bustamante.

Payano said last week that he hopes to continue the success of the textbook rental system. Last summer the SGA proposed a textbook rental program that would save students, "4% percent on the costs of their books," Payano said. He said he hopes to save students even more money as the program begins to grow.

Both Payano and Louis said that it is vital to gather students and lobby against legislators to fight for more funding. Payano said that he wants to institutionalize these student groups so that the "legislators actually see how serious we are."

Several other SGA members won positions, to view the unoffical results, visit the Web site at www.umass.edu/SGA/

Niether Payano nor Louis were available for comment at press time. To contact Payano, e-mail him at ppayano@student.umass.edu.

—Julie O'Donnell



Pavel Payano won the SGA election and will become the next President. Valerie Louis will be Student Trustee.

Schiavo's parents lose hope as Terri's condition worsens

By Mike Schneider
Associated Press

PINELLAS PARK, Fla. — Weak and emaciated, Terri Schiavo clung to life Monday as police stepped up security outside her hospice room and protesters praying for last-minute intervention by the government kept vigil.

As supporters of the severely brain-damaged woman carried their protest to the White House and Congress, her father repeated plea that his daughter be kept alive.

"Don't give up on her," Bob Schindler told reporters after a morning visit with his daughter, saying that she showed facial expressions when he hugged and kissed her. "We haven't given up on her, and she hasn't given up on us."

Schiavo, 41, was in her 11th day without the feeding tube that sustained her for 15 years. Her parents pressed again for President Bush, Congress and the president's brother Gov. Jeb Bush to intervene to have the tube reinserted, and a small group of supporters protested outside the White House gates.

Schindler said he recognized that his daughter was dying but insisted that it was not too late to save her and that she was "fighting like hell to live and she's begging for help. ... She has just incredible strength to live."

As Schiavo drew closer to death, extra police officers blocked the road in front of the hospice, and an elementary school next door was closed so students could avoid the crowd.



COURTESY CNN.COM

Right to Life supporters gather outside a Florida hospital holding signs and protesting the legal decision to remove Schiavo's feeding tube.

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Yeagley speaks about patriotism

By Kathryn Sullivan
Collegian Correspondent

Are you proud to be American? A June 2000 Zogby poll revealed that one in three college students is not.

In his article "Campus Brainwashers Cannot Kill Patriotism," Comanche Indian and scholar David A. Yeagley claims that unpatriotic feelings on college campuses are perpetuated by leftist professors who comprise of approximately 90 percent of faculties in many departments.

Yeagley will be visiting the University of Massachusetts to elaborate on this controversial perspective and many more tomorrow night in room 163 of the Campus Center. He is expected to express controversial views on topics ranging far beyond the boundaries of many college campuses.

One of his most adamant arguments is that against fellow Native American, Ward Churchill, the author of the controversial article "Some People Push Back, On the Justice of Roosting Chickens."

Churchill found himself in a maelstrom of negative media attention in 2001 when he published the article, in which he called the terrorist attacks of 9/11 "inevitable" due to the natural result of years of oppressive U.S. policies.

Churchill wrote, "America's indiscriminately lethal arrogance and psychotic sense of self-entitlement have long since given the great majority of the world's peoples ample cause to be at war with it."

Yeagley does not fail to acknowledge America's history of mistreating his people, yet he feels it is justified when one considers the natural human instinct to dominate. He goes so far as to say, "I am proud of the fact that it took the mightiest nation on earth to defeat [the Native Americans]"

Yeagley's point of view often defies what most would expect from a Native American in our country. He has issues with white women, liberal professors and Ward Churchill, but he is not angry at America. In fact, he plans on saving "the white man from himself," specifically from his political correctness, he says. Yeagley dishes his controversial, tongue-in-cheek perspectives in his regular columns for FrontPage Magazine.com.

His views are conservative but by no means easy to understand. In 2001, he was dismissed from his teaching position and consequently banned from the campus of Oklahoma State University. His dismissal was rumored to be in connection with what was seen as a little too much flexing of his conservative muscles, when he led the campaign for mandatory patriotism in Oklahoma public schools. When he spoke at the University of Colorado May of 2001, liberal students responded by defacing flyers announcing the event. He continues to face criticism head on, speaking his mind at universities across the country, where he is not always greeted with open arms.

"White guilt is the biggest flaw in the American psyche," he said. His view on the campaign to disrobe Native American Barbie of her traditional Indian garb, which has been criticized as reinforcing stereotyped images. "Leftists pretend to honor Indians while destroying any respect America may hold for us," he elaborated.

In regard to the media's lack of focus on the Indian heritage of the latest school shooting perpetrator, 16-year-old Jeff Weise, Yeagley calls it, "reverse racism." He criticizes the media's "studious" aversion to racial profiling. "No Indian wants to assimilate to the point of not being called an Indian," he assures his readers.

Although he disagrees with total assimilation, he believes that Indians can gain equality by "studying the white man's ways and learning to be as strong as he is."

Massive quake shakes Indonesia, killing many

By Michael Casey
Associated Press

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — A major earthquake struck late Monday off the west coast of Indonesia, and a local government official said 296 people were killed in collapsed buildings. Thousands panicked in countries across the Indian Ocean as tsunami warnings were posted.

Fears of another catastrophe similar to December's devastating tsunami eased within hours, as officials in countries closest to the quake's epicenter said there were no reports of big waves striking their coasts after the temblor was reported.

Early reports of damage and casualties were confined to the island of Nias, off the Sumatran coast, close to the epicenter.

The quake collapsed about 70 percent of houses and buildings in the town of Gunungsitoli, said police Sgt. Zulkifli Sirait.

Agus Mendrofa, deputy district head on Nias island, told el-Shinta radio station that 296 people were killed. He said this figure was based on reports from humanitarian workers on the island.

"We still cannot count the number of casualties or the number of collapsed building because it is dark here," Sirait said in a telephone interview. "It is possible that hundreds of people trapped in the collapsed buildings died."

Nias, a renowned surfing spot, was badly hit by the 9.0 earthquake and subsequent tsunami on Dec. 26 that killed at least 175,000 people in 12 Indian Ocean nations and left another 106,000 missing. At least 340 residents of Nias perished and 10,000 were left homeless.

The U.S. Geological Survey said Monday's quake, which occurred at 11:09 p.m. local time (11:09 a.m. EST), measured a magnitude of 8.2. A later reading put the magnitude at 8.7, said Paul Earle, a USGS geophysicist.

A tsunami warning was issued in Thailand and Sri Lanka, although officials later canceled it. The only tsunami reported within four hours was a tiny one — less than 4 inches — at the Cocos Islands, a group of 27 islands about 1,400 miles west of Australia with a population of about 600, meteorologists in Sydney said. No damage was reported.

"It seems this earthquake did not trigger a tsunami. If it had, the tsunami would have hit the coastline of Sumatra by now," said Prihar Yadi, a scientist with the Indonesia Geophysics Agency. "And if there's no tsunami on the coastline near the epicenter

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April showers ... in March?

As winter departs and the snow melts, the April showers seem to have come early. Yesterday, UMass received nearly two inches of torrential rainfall. Today's weather is expected to be more of the same.



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Earthquake death toll still climbing

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of the quake, there will not be one heading in the other direction."

Indonesian officials said the epicenter was in the Indian Ocean about 56 miles south of the island of Simeulu, off Sumatra's west coast, and just north of Nias. It was described by a USGS geologist as an aftershock of the devastating Dec. 26 quake.

Preliminary indications are that energy from the quake might be directed toward the southwest, said Frank Gonzalez, an oceanographer with the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration in Seattle. He stressed it was based on "very scanty information" about the epicenter and magnitude.

Monday's quake had an epicenter about 110 miles southeast of where the Dec. 26 quake was centered. The USGS said it occurred on a segment of the same fault line that triggered the Dec. 26 quake, the world's biggest in 40 years.

Two aftershocks — one measuring 6.0 and another measuring 6.7 — were reported in the same region late Monday and early Tuesday, the USGS said.

The quake occurred at a depth of 18.6 miles, and was centered 125 west-northwest of Sibolga, Sumatra, and 150 miles southwest of Medan, Sumatra, the USGS said.

The depth does not mean a lot for a quake this large, Earle said, calling it a near-surface earthquake and comparable to the one in December. After that quake, the agency initially recorded the depth of the temblor at six miles. Shallow earthquakes like that generally are more destructive because the seismic energy is closer to the surface and has shorter to travel.

Monday's quake was considered to be at a moderate depth.

The Dec. 26 quake triggered a huge tsunami that swept across the Indian Ocean at the speed of a passenger jet. More than 1.5 million people were left homeless in 11 countries.

In Banda Aceh, the Sumatran city hit hardest in December, Monday's quake spread panic as it briefly cut electricity. Thousands were awakened and poured into the streets.

The quake lasted about two minutes and felt like gentle swaying, like a rocking chair, causing people to feel dizzy.

People grabbed small bags of clothes as they fled tents and homes. Many were crying and jumping into cars and onto motorbikes and pedicabs to head for higher ground. Two women wearing prayer shawls and savings grabbed a fence and chanted things to foreign governments.



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As the death toll continues to rise in Indonesia, many victims are digging out of the rubble that left hundreds dead.

Parents out of options for Schiavo according to judge

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After overnight wind and rain thinned their ranks, about 100 protesters returned Monday with signs and renewed prayers. But the day also saw some of the harshest rhetoric, with some in the crowd mocking the police by goose-stepping like Nazis.

President Bush's aides have said they have run out of legal options. The governor said Monday that while it "made sense" to have federal courts review the case, he had to respect their decisions last week not to order the tube reinserted.

"I have not seen any means by which the executive branch can get involved. My legal counsel has talked to the Schindler family and their lawyer over the weekend," the governor said. "My heart is broken about this."

Schiavo's parents dispute that their daughter is in a persistent vegetative state as court-ordered doctors have determined. Michael Schiavo contends his wife told him she would not want to be kept alive artificially.

At least two more state-filed appeals seeking the feeding tube's reconnection were pending, but those challenges were before a Florida appeals court that had rejected the governor's previous efforts in the case.

Doctors said Schiavo would probably die within a week or two when the feeding tube was pulled out on March 18. She suffered catastrophic brain damage in 1990 when her heart stopped because of a chemical imbalance that was believed to have been brought on by an eating disorder.

Schindler said he feared the consequences of the morphine drip given to his daughter to relieve any pain. "I have a great concern that they will expedite the process to kill her with an overdose of morphine because that's the procedure that happens," he said.

Hospice spokesman Mike Bell said federal rules kept him from discussing Schiavo specifically, but "a fundamental part of hospice is that we would do nothing to either hasten or postpone natural death."

Comfort measures, including morphine drips, are taken in consultation with a patient's guardian, physician and hospice care team, Bell said.



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Family members of Terri Schiavo remain frustrated as they run out of legal options to keep their daughter alive.

Amherst citizens concerned

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question can be asked again only one time before it must be changed.

While the summary portrays it as a great thing for the town, Kusner and Singer share a greatly different opinion.

"[Right now] students have a chance to participate in the town meeting," Kusner said, adding that if this is passed, students would have a much harder time in participating in meetings.

"It's a much harder hurdle," Kusner, a professor at UMass since 1988, said of how students would get their voices heard in the nine-member town council. Kusner said that Amherst has had the same form of government for about 250 years, and parts of the state has had this type of government for over 400 years.

There are however, some in favor of the charter. "Amherst is a terrific place to live and to raise a family but the things we like best about it, the great schools, the open space, the community are in jeopardy right now," said charter supporter Brian Harvey. "We think the current system isn't equipped to plan for the future."

Currently, there are 240 town meeting members broken up into precincts. Singer is running in the fourth precinct, which represents most of the Southwest residential living area and part of Amherst. Kusner is running for the select board, which is not broken up into precincts.

"I am one of two candidates who supports town meeting," Kusner said.

Kusner said that the town meeting members are apathetic to college students, and he doesn't know if that will be the case if the referendum is passed. He also said that if a town council wins, their primaries would be in the summer, when most college students are at home.

The UMass professor said that there is no guarantee that a town council would listen to college students who had a problem with their community. However, Kusner said, the requirements to speak at a town meeting are much less.

Singer said that if the referendum is passed, it would also cost the town more money.

The current town meeting is made up of volunteer members. Singer said that if this is switched to the nine-member council, it would cost an estimated $180,000, which means taxes could go up.

Singer said that Amherst is $1.2 million in debt, and has paid off some of it recently. He thinks that this will put the town in further debt.

"It's a bad idea. It's really scary," he said.

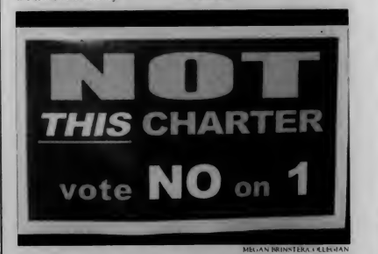
For students who voted in the recent presidential election, they are already registered to vote in today's election.

In 2001 Amherst voters created a nine-member charter commission to make improvements to Amherst's government. After meeting more than 50 times, the seven members of the commission went further by proposing to make an entirely new charter.

Three years later, voters rejected the same charter by a margin of 2,400 voting yes and 2,414 voting not. If the charter fails to pass again it can't be brought up in a third vote.

Charter supporters say the mayor would give the town more direction.

"Change is scary but we're without leadership and we lack with our biggest employer, UMass," said resident Clare Bertrand.



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EDITORIAL OPINION

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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Proposed charter not in the best interest of Amherst

Amherst residents and University of Massachusetts students will be at the polls today, voting in the 2005 town election, an election that will have great implications on the town's future.

A question will be on the ballot about changing the current form of government in town. The town's Web site, www.amherstma.gov, has a link to the current town charter, which outlines the form of government in place now, as well as a link to the new proposed charter that is to be voted on.

Currently, "the legislative body of the town of Amherst is a representative town meeting, consisting of 240 elected town meeting members, 24 from each of 10 precincts plus 14 ex officio members, including the five members of the select board, the five members of the school committee, the president of the library trustees, the chair of the finance committee, the moderator and the town manager."

The new proposed charter would replace the current representative town meeting form of government with a nine member elected town council, and would replace the select board with a directly elected mayor.

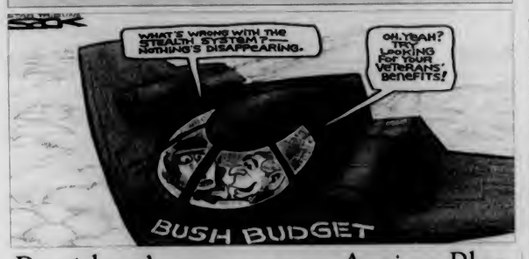
This proposed charter is harmful in many ways. Essentially, it would be taking away a form of government that is proven to be efficient and cost-effective, as well as representative. Electing town officials is crucial to preserving the democratic ideals of the town. The new system, which would implement a mayor and a town council, would be highly exclusionary. It would also put many key decisions regarding town government in the hands of a small group of people. These decisions will not only affect Amherst town residents, but UMass students as well.

The charter has already failed once, two years ago, when it was voted down by a margin of 14 votes. Law allows the same charter to be voted on one more time. The charter must be denied this time around as well.

The right to vote is one of the most sacred rights in a democracy. Therefore, not only should all registered students vote in the town election, but they should vote against the proposed charter. The rejection of the charter is vital in keeping the current democratic form of government in tact.

UMass students have various locations to vote, depending on where they live on campus. All sites are accessible via the PTVA. Students in Southwest, members of either precinct 10 or four, vote at the Bangs Community Center. Orchard Hill and Central residents are members of precinct two, and vote at the North Fire Station. Sylvan and Northeast residents, a part of precinct three, vote at the Immanuel Lutheran Church.

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President's response to Action Plan

I write this as one of my last official acts as Student Government Association President, to shed light on a telling question raised by the Chancellor's Proposed Action Plan to Improve Diversity released on March 12, 2005. Why is it that Chancellor John Lombardi's proposed plan supports 100 percent of the recommendations regarding Academic Affairs, and zero percent of the recommendations regarding Student Affairs?

Eduardo Bustamante

Specifically, Lombardi's plan accepts all 12 of the academic affairs recommendations, and none of the 11 student affairs recommendations.

For thorough background and details of the Chancellor's plan and the issues that surround it, see "Open Letter to Chancellor Lombardi and the Campus Community," at www.takebackumass.com.

I sincerely wish that I was wrong about this, but this reveals a longstanding plan by a high-ranking UMass official to usurp the autonomy of the SGA and silence the voice of dissenting students. This plan has been in the works since long before the Commission on Campus Diversity was formed. If allowed to proceed, it will take control of the following SGA functions: the school newspaper, television station, radio station, legal services office, commuter services center, and office of minority advocacy and education.

The recent ban on indoor campus demonstrations was in direct response to a protest against actions related to this plan, and was the direct action of the force at work here to marginalize student government. In fact, closer inspection of the content and writing style of Chancellor Lombardi's response to the Commission Report suggests that the document was actually drafted by this same official.

If this plan is implemented, it will form an umbrella with one purpose: to ensure that the University speaks with one voice. It will finalize many years of planning to control any voices that may possibly dissent from the campus' message.

The Commission on Campus Diversity Findings

The main question that the Commission on Campus Diversity raised was: How will you recruit and retain minority students? On this issue the Commission adopted a strong position when it stated: "It is critical to the UMass Amherst mission that Commonwealth students who achieve against the odds are given the opportunity to attend the flagship campus."

Perhaps, the most the most telling event in the Diversity Commission experience was the testimony of Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Michael Gargano.

Uri Strauss, Graduate Student Senate President asked, "V.C. Gargano, we have heard for quite some time about a reorganization of 41 agencies in Student Affairs that is coming down regardless of what the Diversity Commission recommends. Can you, here and now, publicly deny this rumor?"

Gargano responded, "I have tried to move this campus forward but have met tremendous resistance, and the resistance is 'orchestrated by some shall we say, 'Directors' ... I am going to reorganize Student Affairs because I need total cooperation to move the campus forward."

He said total cooperation, we heard total control. The Student's Response: Take Back UMass

It so happens that the tremendous "resistance" that the Vice Chancellor sees as an impediment to the university moving forward resides within the organization that currently houses much student activism, the SGA. It appears that the Vice Chancellor has come to three conclusions: 1) that the resistance he faces is wrong; 2) that it resides in a capricious and misguided few; and 3) that it is best solved with the removal some "so called Directors."

Gargano's mention of resistance in his testimony is reminiscent of a physician who thinks he is operating on insignificant surface tissue, but is actually tampering with a vital organ. He attributes the resistance to a select group of individuals that he seeks to over power, but fails to realize that these individuals in fact represent the spirit of the founding mission of UMass.

The Vice Chancellor faces tremendous resistance because he overlooks the founding mission of the organization that he serves: to provide high quality education for the average citizen of the Commonwealth. He and Chancellor Lombardi seem to forget this in their zeal to solve the University's financial woes with the single minded pursuit of elite rankings and affluent students.

We have witnessed a growing rhetoric from the administration over the past year that we perceive as insensitive to the struggle for equality of the disadvantaged. I am referring here to statements made by the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, such as: "If you are poor go to Community College." "At UMass, we need more Abercrombie and Fitch and less GAP." "The state has decided that higher education is a privilege and not a right," and, "It is discriminatory to offer separate services based on skin color."

Preserve a Noble Tradition

UMass shines in our eyes because of its longstanding tradition of providing quality education for families with limited resources and special needs. No other place that we know of maintains this tradition as a core value. There is no place else for these families to turn to. Community Colleges are a wonderful resource. However, we all know that that you cannot compare the quality of education they offer to the State's flagship school.

We realize the importance of improving the ranking of UMass Amherst and attracting quality affluent students. The problem we have is with the single minded pursuit of status at the direct expense of the disadvantaged.

Do the missions to attain high academic standards and offer affordable world class education to the average citizen have to conflict? Do we have to exclude the bright, motivated minds that come from disadvantaged families to attract the affluent, successful student? Would that not transform us into one more of the many private elite colleges that abound in the Commonwealth?

The administration would be well served to realize that there is wisdom in the collective voice of Take Back UMass. It can feel proud to serve a university that is blessed with a noble tradition and gives its students a strong voice. It can honor that voice by recognizing the Alternative Proposal submitted on March 22 on www.takebackumass.com. Then it will find that strong cooperation to move this campus forward is within its grasp.

Get Involved

Chancellor Lombardi has scheduled a period to receive feedback on his proposal. The SGA urges you to make your voice heard by e-mail, at campusdiversity@umass.edu. The SGA and its allies have submitted an alternative proposal from the one prepared by the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. I ask that you let Chancellor Lombardi know your values. You want to preserve UMass' 30-year tradition of student advocacy. You want a student newspaper run by students, and a student government that allocates its own budget. Most of all, you want a campus that preserves its founding mission.

Eduardo Bustamante is a UMass student and SGA president.

The cancer of colonization

This past week has been a pivotal one in the future of the conflict in Palestine. What has evolved, in displays of policy from the Israeli and American end, has shed serious doubt on any workable solution to the ongoing conflict.

Yousef Munayyer

The West Bank and Gaza, two territories on which a Palestinian state was supposed to be established, are not very large. In fact the land is equivalent to roughly 22 percent of the state of Maryland. When dealing with territory that small to establish a state for a people who have been deprived of their independence for years, every inch counts.

That is why last week's announcement by the Israeli government to expand the largest illegal colony in the West Bank by thousands of homes is so disappointing. What is just as disappointing is the stance which the United States has taken towards this action in the past and has continued to take after this most recent decision.

Israel, by virtue of being the controlling party, is able to shape the geography of the conflict. Every time an illegal colony is expanded, every time a wall is built to divide Palestinians on their land, every time another military base is established, the facts on the ground change. Many times this can be irreversible.

Politically the situation is a mess. Ariel Sharon, the Israeli Prime Minister, has been facing criticism from the colonists for his stance on disengagement. About two weeks ago, when students at Tel Aviv University were protesting high budget cuts, police entered the university and according to many used excessive force to silence what was for the most part a peaceful demonstration.

Earlier that same week when colonists were protesting violently in the streets of Tel Aviv the response was much gentler. Coming down harsh on the colonists would be political suicide for Sharon. Yet, Sharon had agreed to the road map which sought to establish an independent and contiguous Palestinian state. This is at odds with the colonies and expanding them makes the seemingly impossible task of disengagement even more difficult.

So why would Israel choose to expand colonies in the illegally occupied West Bank if they had agreed to the establishment of a contiguous Palestinian state there? The answer is simple: The colonies are there to stay.

After Secretary of State Condoleeza Rica had told the Los Angeles Times that the decision to expand the colony of Ma'ale Adumim was contrary to American policy in the region. Israel's ambassadors to and from the United States told the Israeli press that the United States supported Israel's retention of major population centers like the colonies under a final status agreement thereby digging the grave of the contiguous Palestinian state.

Like a cancer, the colonies which have been established in the West Bank grow continuously, eating more and more land which is supposed to be Palestinian under the final status agreement. This is simply unacceptable to even the most moderate Palestinians.

The colonies in the West Bank start small and have a large security perimeter around them so that the Arabs will keep their distance. The trend has been to build up colonies to the security perimeter and then expand that outer boundary again. Like a cancer, the colonies which have been established in the West Bank grow continuously eating more and more land which is supposed to be Palestinian under the final status agreement. This is simply unacceptable to even the most moderate of Palestinians.

Is this part of a long term Israeli strategy to acquire all the land? That can not be answered for sure but if it was not one would assume they would be doing more to stop colonial expansion instead of perpetuating it.

Perhaps the saddest part of all of this is that it is nothing new. Ever since the first initiative to create peace based on a two-state solution Israel has only continued to expand the colonies making the solution less reachable.

While all of this is going on, while the two-state solution was being buried under the colonies of Ma'ale Adumim, Ariel and Modi'in the United States, the so-called honest broker, have done nothing to stop it. With every uprooted olive tree, every bulldozed home, every colonial outpost, and every religious zealot, peace gets further and further away.

I have heard so many people say they are hopeful about the current situation. The language sounds the same as that which was heard after Madrid so many deaths ago. Since then the trend has been colonial expansion and because of that there is absolutely nothing to be hopeful for.

With the two-state solution well into the grave and with few honest mourners for it, Israel is pursuing its own One-State solution. The colonies will continue to eat up the West Bank's land and water supply until almost all of it will come under colonial control.

One has to wonder though, what will happen to the millions of Palestinians caught in between?

Yousef Munayyer is a Collegian columnist.

Looking on the brighter side

I have a paper due today. Within the next two weeks I have another two papers due, although two weeks is far shorter than the time I've spent complaining about having to write them. I started writing three different columns, all on different topics before I began to write this one.

Stacy Kasdin

All the others were about things that bothered me or things I was unhappy about. I got about halfway into each of them before I erased the entire thing and started over. I couldn't figure out what the problem was, but I think I finally know. I don't want to write about things that bother me. I'm sick of concentrating on what bothers me. Like so many others I am so preoccupied with my problems that I forget to appreciate all the good I am privileged to have in my life.

Sure, I have a few papers to write. That's because I have the good fortune of being able to attend a four-year university. I am getting an education that will not only help me attain a job in today's competitive market but that also changes the way I think about things and makes me aware of things I never knew before. Every Sunday night I watch "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," and I see children whose families would have otherwise not been able to send them to college receiving scholarships and crying their eyes out. Although college can sometimes feel like a burden, it is important to keep in mind, as many professors remind me regularly, it is a privilege.

... At this very stressful time in many of our lives, no matter what the reason for the stress, take a minute and think of everything you are blessed to have. This world is not the awful place so many are beginning to think it is.

This time of year is also when most of the universities have their spring break weeks. I was supposed to go to Chicago for spring break, but due to monetary issues and ultimately illness as well, the trip was cancelled. I sat at home and read away messages about how my friends were traveling internationally, going on cruises, visiting the islands, and going to Cancun.

I moped around for a while thinking about all the work I had done planning the trip gone to waste and how nothing I plan ever works out. It took me the majority of the week to appreciate being woken up by my dog in the morning instead of the sound of the construction they are doing outside my window on campus.

I was a little quicker to acknowledge how lucky I am to live half an hour away from the best matzoh ball soup retailer in New Jersey.

I often find myself considering what it would have been like if I had attended one of the other 10 colleges I applied to. Many of them were private schools, at which the majority of the students would most likely have had no problem funding a spring break trip, a dinner out, or some form of costly entertainment. Many of my friends at UMass are often strapped for cash, and we end up spending a lot of nights hanging out in the dorms or at someone's house instead of going out. When I find myself getting frustrated at this I remind myself that dinner and a movie is nice, but there's no way I'd trade it for the best friends I've ever had.

Not to mention the fact that in the past three and a half years I have developed a strong appreciation for all the fun that can be had for free. Furthermore, when you only go out every so often it makes the occasion all the more special.

This time of year when spring holidays are beginning to occur I am also reminded of another of my complaints: having the tiniest family in the universe. I have always had a small family, but over the past 5 years or so it has gotten much smaller. Seeing everyone celebrate holidays with their large families I find myself getting terribly jealous. Well, my family may be small, but they are incredibly supportive of everything I do and are always there for me when I need them.

Family is also not only the people you are related to by blood. I have a family here at school whom I celebrate Thanksgiving with every year. I have a family back in New Jersey that took care of me throughout my early childhood and will be here to watch me graduate college. My family is actually quite large, when you include all those related simply by love.

So in short, at this very stressful time in many of our lives, no matter what the reason for the stress, take a minute and think of everything you are blessed to have. This world is not the awful place so many are beginning to think it is. There is so much good all around us that we end up forgetting about when there are too many things worrying us.

Don't stop worrying, because sometimes you certainly need to worry, but sometimes you also need to smile. Sometimes you need to take a deep breath, feel it in your lungs, and appreciate its existence, your existence and all it entails.

Stacy Kasdin is a Collegian columnist.

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Poker Parties

You got to know how to bluff, too — here's what the fun's all about

By Vanessa Willis/Knight Ridder Newspapers

If you think poker nights mean cigar smoke, folding tables in back rooms and low stakes, it's time to get with the program.

The Travel Channel set off a trend in March 2003, when it began airing the World Poker Tour, making celebrities of poker players.

The already-famous followed suit, dealing in on Bravo's "Celebrity Poker Showdown," where they vie to benefit their favorite charities.

Now professional players such as Annie Duke, the most successful female player in World Series of Poker history, are becoming household names. She's appeared on "Late Night with David Letterman" and has tutored Ben Affleck.

A word to the wise: Gambling is illegal in many states, so any exchange of money over cards is a no-no. That said, we offer a guide for all that you need to know to host your own poker party, including etiquette, suggested menus and a list of supplies. Whether you're in the mood for a swanky soiree or a casual gathering, it's easy to deal your friends in.

HAVE ON HAND

●A couple of decks of cards. (You'll use just one deck at a time, but it's good to have extras in case cards get bent or marked with food.)

● Plenty of chips — at least 40 per person is generally OK. (Remember, playing for money is illegal in some states.) Check dollar or drugstores for cheap chips; visit sporting goods stores for fancier ones. eBay is a good source, too.

●A table big enough to comfortably seat players with additional room for food and drinks.

●A printed list of hand values at each seat, but only if guests are beginners.

● Appropriate tunes. If you're thrifty: Make a mixed CD or hook up your iPod to your stereo system, with laid-back tunes and an occasional poker-themed song like "The Gambler" by Kenny Rogers thrown in. Going all-out: Buy greatest-hits CDs by Rat Packers like Sinatra or lounge-music compilations.

●Ashtrays to go around, if you allow smoking in your home.

ETIQUETTE

● If most guests are beginners, play a couple of practice games to help them learn the rules before you start keeping track of who's won. Have a list of ranked hand values at each seat.

●Respect the art of bluffing, a paramount strategy for winning. When players fold or lose a game, don't ask to see their cards. Knowing what they had would tip you off to their "tells," body language that reveals how players react to certain hands. That's why professional players often wear sunglasses.

● Deal carefully. Casually tossing cards could flip them over, creating an opportunity for players to count cards. If they do turn over, be democratic in how you handle the cleanup. Players may want to start fresh if you're not too far into a game.

MENU

●Messy foods like wings are a major poker party foul. Saucy and greasy foods make fingers messy, which can mark cards. And they're hard to eat with one hand. Food.com and cocktails.about.com are great sources of recipes for finger and snack foods, and cocktail and mocktail recipes.

● Going swanky: Set out plates of fancy crackers topped with store-bought spreads or finer cheeses. Serve simple mixed drinks, such as apple martinis, in nice glasses.

●Strictly casual: Bowls of mixed nuts, pretzels, small candies and plenty of cold beer are just right.



HAND VALUES

Listed from most valuable to least valuable, from **Homepokergames.com**.



ROYAL FLUSH: The highest possible ranked hand. Ace, king, queen, jack and 10 of the same suit.



STRAIGHT FLUSH: Five cards of the same suit in sequential order. In the event of two players with a straight, highest card takes the pot.



FOUR OF A KIND: Four cards of the same value. If two players hold this hand, player with the higher four of a kind wins.



FULL HOUSE: Three of a kind and a pair. In the event more than one player has a full house, the player with the higher value three of a kind wins.



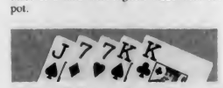
FLUSH: A hand containing five cards of the same suit. If two players have the same hand, the winner is the player holding the highest-valued cards.



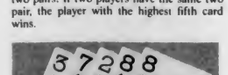
STRAIGHT: Five cards of any suit in ascending order. The ace can be either high or low, and the high straight wins the tie.



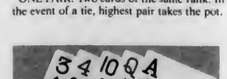
THREE OF A KIND: Three cards of the same rank. If two players hold this hand, the three of a kind with highest value wins the pot.



TWO PAIR: Two sets of pairs. Highest pair takes the pot if more than one player holds two pairs. If two players have the same two pair, the player with the highest fifth card wins.



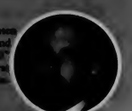
ONE PAIR: Two cards of the same rank. In the event of a tie, highest pair takes the pot.



HIGH CARD: Highest card takes the pot if there aren't any of the above hands.

CARD SHARKS

Bravo's "Celebrity Poker Showdown" attracts movie and TV stars, musicians and professional athletes, who play for their favorite charities. Here are a few who've tried their hands:



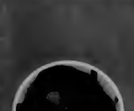
BEN AFFLECK

Appeared in the first show, but was beaten by eventual winner Willie Nelson ("Coy and the City"). By all accounts that "Daredevil" is a serious poker player; he's the first celebrity to win a major poker upset tournament.



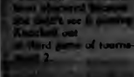
ELIZABETH HASSELBECK

The former Bad Hair Child Pepper and husband of Clarence Thomas made the final table in Tournament 1. But Keith Olbermann of "Saturday Night Live" got the last laugh.



CEDRIC ZOMBIE

The "Dirty" actor knew when to fold his hand because he didn't see it coming. Knocked out at third game of tournament 2.



The late-great NASCAR champion made it to the final table in Tournament 3, where he ran out of gas.



MARK HILL

"Wild Video" star finished an hour after the conclusion of Tournament 2. Lost to eventual champ Clonie Gowen.



JENNIFER TILLY

The "Bride" star stayed alive through several games, including Tournament 2.

Poker on TV

● "Celebrity Poker Showdown" on Bravo. Details: Bravo.com.

● Fox Sports airs "Poker Superstars." Details on future shows: Foxsports.com.

● World Series of Poker and related competitions on ESPN and ESPN2. Details: espn.com.

● World Poker Tour. Details: Travelchannel.com.

● Grand Slam of Poker, plus live and syndicated TV shows. Details: Lvhiltonpoker.com.

Aww nuts, we could have been eating them all along

Founder of Ram Nut Diet, Dr. Leonard J. Ram, goes nutty and loses 30 pounds

By Desonta Holder
Knight Ridder

Go ahead and get a little nutty. That's what Dr. Leonard J. Ram of Stuart, Fla., wants you to do.

As founder of The Ram Nut Diet, created over the past three years, he tried it out on himself and lost 30 pounds over a year. He has kept the weight off for two years and he's still sticking with the program.

It's not about counting calories, eating special meals or riding the StairMaster to exhaustion. It's about nuts, almonds, cashews, pistachios, etc. Before you balk at the fat and calorie content, consider that most of the fat in nuts is unsaturated, meaning it can lower your LDL cholesterol. Nuts are also high in fiber and protein, and they're a good source of vitamins and minerals.

"Nuts were taboo 10 or 15 years ago," Ram says. But they're "not only healthy, but extremely satisfying."

The Ram Nut Diet focuses on eating raw or roasted nuts to control hunger. For optimum benefits, Ram suggests you exercise and hire a nutritionist or dietitian to help turn this diet into a lifestyle.

The program is outlined in his book "The Ram Nut Diet," and it's taught at his eight weight-loss centers across the state, with one in Miami, Weston and Boca Raton.

At the weight-loss centers, a 12-week program starts at about $60 a week for an individual and includes sessions with a nutritional consultant. Just knowing you have to check in with a counselor will help keep you on track.

Claudia Gonzalez, a dietitian at Ram Nutrition and Weight Loss in Miami, says snacking on an ounce of nuts between well-balanced meals will make you feel fuller, causing you to eat less.

"You'll have a nutritious, satisfying snack so you won't need to eat extra," Gonzalez says. If you were to snack on junk food instead, "the empty calories won't satisfy you" and you could end up overeating.

With a weight-loss coach, dieters "learn not only how to eat well, but how to deal with food issues," Gonzalez says. "They learn about the basics of nutrition. ... They become aware of how to maintain their weight.

"The clients eat real food, no special bars or shakes. It's a lifestyle. You can apply the tools to your daily life."

Some of Ram's diet guidelines include:

-Eat slowly and only when you are hungry.

-Stop eating when you are full.

-Avoid nuts that have added oil.

-Avoid foods that contain sugar.

-Exercise three to five times a week.

"A lot of dieters feel like they're starving themselves," Ram says. "We convince people this program can be continued indefinitely because they're not hungry and nuts are tasty food. It's a very satisfying program."



Ram Nut Diet shows that nuts can be a key component in weight loss. Doctor Leonard J. Ram's program is outlined in his book "The Ram Nut Diet" and is taught in eight weight loss centers across Florida.

A stripper's modest proposal: less flesh and more flash

By Michael Precker
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Catherine D'Lish is an old-fashioned girl.

She wants to take us back to an all-American entertainment of a bygone era, to the kind of show our moms and dads enjoyed (well, dads for sure), before crudeness overtook our culture and gratification had to be immediate.

OK, so she's a stripper. Her words, not mine. But not the kind you see on HBO or in gritty urban cop shows or in teasers for TV news reports about the bad part of town. No poles, no vulgar gymnastics, no bills wedged between elastic and skin.

"Nothing against any of the other acts," she says. "The way I present myself is just more modest. I do a retro act."



COURTESY MICHAEL ARDOVINI

Stripper Catherine D'Lish is on the forefront of a new trend in adult entertainment known as neo-burlesque.

D'Lish is in the forefront of a trend called neo-burlesque. Maybe you haven't noticed, but the era of fan dances, elaborate costumes and leaving something to the imagination seems to be coming back.

There are big shows from Coney Island to Las Vegas, an annual convention called Tease-O-Rama, amateur groups and instructional nights, even an organization called the Burlesque Revival Association (you figure out the acronym).

"It's sexy, but it's not offensive," D'Lish says. "I've always been doing this, but all of a sudden, it's everywhere. Girls come and see it and they love it, and they say, 'I can do that.'"

Let's stop here to point out the obvious. Our subject's name surely isn't Catherine D'Lish (my hunch is Hermione D'Lish, or maybe Camilla D'Lish). But it seemed impolite to inquire about that, as well as her age.

We can reveal that she's from San Diego, the daughter of a prominent physician, who couldn't believe the easy money attached to a job about which she had no moral qualms, and never looked back.

She won a few beauty queen titles that included the word "nude", "you have to make a name for yourself," she explains, and embarked on a performing career.

But then D'Lish changed course.

"I'd grown up watching big movie musicals, and I have a very strong musical background," she says. "I started making shows that I thought were more glamorous."

That meant designing her own costumes, with plenty of feathers, satin, sequins and lo-o-o-o-ng gloves. That meant ditching thumping rock n' roll and bringing back classic orchestral bump n' grind. That meant creating routines with themes and props, her most famous of which is a huge champagne glass filled with bubble bath.

"It's visually appealing in a lot of ways," D'Lish says.

But not everywhere. That last time she played a gentleman's club (who coined that term, anyway?), "I was well received by the audience," she says. "But the manager said, 'In this club we generally show more,' and he didn't mean rhinestones and feathers. I said, 'Too bad. That's what you get.' So he paid me and I left."

Not that you should worry. D'Lish makes a nice living at corporate parties, charity benefits, private events and a growing number of burlesque revival shows around the country. She can tone down the act to PG-13 (wouldn't that be a memorable bar mitzvah video?) or spice it back up to HBO territory.

"I'm always certain to know before the show what's appropriate and what's not," she says. "I've never done a performance my mother wouldn't watch, well, with very few exceptions."

For the past few years, D'Lish has teamed with another big name in the business, Dita Von Teese. Sometimes they tour together, sometimes separately.

Surely that can't be a real name, but it doesn't matter. When Dita marries her boyfriend later this year, she'll be Mrs. Marilyn Manson Reality.

Burlesque may be booming, but it hasn't found its way back to the swanky gentleman's clubs (there's that term again), where the patrons want raunch, not retro. Yet here's D'Lish at The Lodge in Dallas, booked for a weekend as the headliner, charged with bringing flair and humor and personality to what is a fairly predictable enterprise.

"This is the first time I've been in a strip club in years," she marvels.

Can it work? The first focus group isn't sure what to expect as the usual dancers slip into the shadows and D'Lish takes the stage. As she smiles and sashays and gradually litters the floor with articles of clothing, some just watch. Some hoot, as if they've watched old movies on the subject and feel they have to play their part. Some seem impatient until the star finally splashes into the champagne glass and the club resumes its usual proceedings.

"I don't get it," muses a young fella next to me. "My grandpa might get it. But I don't get it."

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Funk wins at home

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foot par putt caught the left lip on the 18th. He shot 70, one shot behind.

Donald, the 54-hole leader, recovered from a 40 on the back nine and had a chance to force a playoff until his putt up the slope and down toward the hole stayed slightly to the left.

He closed with a 76.

Funk became third player to win before a home crowd at The Players Championship, joining Mark McCumber in 1988 and David Duval in 1998. He was followed around by a group of friends called "Funk's Punks," and he kept them on the edge of their seats.

"I never made anything easy on myself," Funk said.

Nothing has come easy for a guy who once coached at the University of Maryland until deciding to give the PGA Tour a try. He had won six times on tour, but always against weaker fields - two victories were opposite-field events; two others are no longer on the PGA Tour schedule.

He was criticized last year for skipping the British Open and instead playing the B.C. Open, with hopes of earning Ryder Cup points.

But he showed plenty of spunk at Sawgrass by beating the strongest and deepest field in golf, playing 32 holes Monday on a course that was the hardest it has ever been.

The wind was the strongest since the tournament moved in 1982 from Sawgrass Country Club across the street and next to the ocean. It nearly blew flagsticks out of the hole, swept sand from the bunker and produced the highest final-round scoring on the Stadium Course.

There were 16 rounds in the 80s, more than two dozen balls in the water on the island-green 17th and never a dull moment during a marathon Monday.

With so much attention on the Big Four at the start of the tournament, none finished in the top 10.

Vijay Singh was within four shots of the lead until he three-putted from 8 feet for a double bogey on No. 15. He closed with a 72 and tied for 12th, enough to retain his No. 1 ranking by finishing ahead of Tiger Woods.

Woods tied for 53rd by shooting a 75. Phil Mickelson dropped out of contention with two balls into the water on the 17th in morning, and another one in the afternoon. He shot 75 and tied for 40th.

Ernie Els started his day with a double bogey and a triple bogey, but closed with a 69 to tie for 17th.

Defending champion Adam Scott had a 73 to tie for eighth, four shots behind.

Already bizarre because of the rain, The Players Championship got downright wicked in sunshine. The most fearsome element of all is the wind, and that showed up with a vengeance.

As expected, some players paid dearly.

Tway was only four shots out of the lead late in the third round when he dumped four ball into the water on the island-green 17th and took a 12, the highest score ever on the infamous par 3. Two of those shots from the drop area landed on the front of the green and spun off.

Lee Westwood was only three shots out of the lead until playing his final five holes of the third round in 8 over par, including a quadruple-bogey 8 on the 17th.

Donald recovered from a double bogey on the 14th to take a one-shot lead into the final round. He had only 15 minutes to grab lunch, and his lead was gone even quicker than that.

The lead changed four times in the first four holes, and everyone else strapped in and tried to survive, just like they do at most majors.

Not enough respect for Big Ten

By Nancy Armour
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Excuse the Big Ten if it gloats a bit these days.

Dissed and dismissed all year as being weaker than the other power conferences, the Big Ten is showing its mettle when it counts. After putting three teams in the regional finals of the NCAA tournament, the Big Ten is sending Illinois and Michigan State to the Final Four this weekend.

For those keeping score, that's one more Final Four team than the vaunted ACC. And two more than either the Big East or the Big 12.

"We're proud of our teams and our players," Big Ten commissioner Jim Delany said Monday. "You don't take it too seriously. You'd like people to say nice things instead of not-so-nice things. But I think the criticism, to the extent there was some, I don't think it was justified."

But knocking the Big Ten has become the thing to do in recent years. Critics say it isn't as strong as it once was, with an RPI this year that was sixth-best among the elite conferences and only three teams in the final Top 25. Others say it can't compare with the ACC.

After Illinois lost for the first time this season, for example, it kept its No. 1 ranking but 22 voters went for North Carolina, a team with three losses.

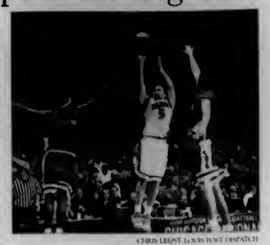
Delany disputes all that, and can rattle off the numbers to back it up. The Big Ten had seven teams in the top 50, and beat 32 of the top 50-ranked teams. The Big Ten also won 70 percent of its 110 nonconference games.

Those who claim the Big Ten is too plodding? Delany said the ACC averaged 71 points a game, a mere 3-pointer ahead of the Big Ten.

And when it comes time for the NCAA tournament, few conferences match the Big Ten. It has the most appearances of any conference, and trails only the ACC in victories (309-278). This is the third time since 1999 it's had two teams in the Final Four, and seventh time since 1976.

Since 1997, more than half of the conference - six teams - has made at least one Final Four appearance. Michigan State, which will play North Carolina on Friday night, is playing in its fourth Final Four since 1997.

"When they put it on the TV screen, the conferences and the records, we're on top right now, so it's a good feeling," Illinois coach Bruce Weber said. "I know our coaches in the league have been upset about it really since last spring. ... Our image is being hurt, because it mainly affects recruiting.



Chris Leest loops past defender

Illinois' Deron Williams hits a three against Arizona on Saturday. Illinois won 90-89 in OT.

David Wells shines against the Phillies

By Rob Maaddi
Associated Press

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Bring on the Yankees.

David Wells tuned up for his opening day start against New York with another rough outing for the Red Sox in Boston's 9-5 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Monday.

Wells allowed five runs and eight hits in five innings. The 41-year-old left-hander will make his debut for the World Series champion Red Sox against Randy Johnson on Sunday night at Yankee Stadium.

"I finally threw the pitches where I wanted them. Unfortunately, they hit them," said Wells, who finished the spring with a 7.94 ERA. "It's the best I've felt. I didn't feel I was losing anything. I could've gone longer."

Wells signed a two-year contract with Boston last December after spending one season in San Diego. He won 68 games with the Yankees over four seasons (1996-98, 2002-03).

Red Sox manager Terry Francona tapped Wells to start the opener because Curt Schilling still is recovering from ankle surgery.

"I'm fired up. Who wouldn't want to pitch that game?" Wells said. "It's always an honor to pitch the opener. It's special."

A fan favorite when he played for the Yankees, Wells isn't sure how he'll be received now that he's with the rival Red Sox.

"Hopefully, the uniform doesn't change the perception of the people," he said. "I am who I am. If the uniform bothers them, I can understand that."

Wells said he hasn't spoken to Yankees owner George Steinbrenner since he left New York after the 2003 season, but he wouldn't mind running into his former boss on Sunday.

"He's been great to me. He's been nothing but nice," Wells said. "He's stubborn, but so am I. He's a very generous man."

Kevin Millar hit a three-run homer off Cory Lidle in the sixth and the Red Sox scored four runs with the help of two errors off minor leaguer Erick Burke in the eighth.

Lidle, who will open the season as Philadelphia's No. 3 starter, cruised through the first five innings before allowing four runs in the sixth.

An RBI single by Manny Ramirez cut it to 5-2, before Millar ripped a wind-aided, liner over the right-center field wall to tie it at 5.

"I felt good. I thought I made some decent pitches," Lidle said.

In his last start against Baltimore, Wells allowed two runs on seven hits but no walks in the first five innings before giving up four runs in the sixth.

He allowed three runs in the first against the Phillies, including consecutive RBI doubles by Pat Burrell and Jason Michaels. Bobby Abreu hit a two-run homer off Wells in the third.

NOTES: Phillies 1B Jim Thome, who has missed the last six games with a lower back strain, went 3-for-4 with a homer in a minor league game against Tampa Bay's Triple-A affiliate. ... Phillies RHP Vicente Padilla, sidelined all spring with triceps tendinitis, threw 40 pitches in a Class A game. He could pitch in another minor league game on Saturday, but won't start the season in Philadelphia's rotation.

Minutewomen postponed with field conditions

Due to inclement weather and non-playable field conditions, the Massachusetts softball team (10-9 2-0 Atlantic 10) will not play its scheduled doubleheader against Central Connecticut today. Those games have been postponed until April 13 and the Minutewomen (pending field conditions) get back into action tomorrow against Dartmouth at the UMass Softball Complex.

Senior outfielder Denis Denis was recognized as the A-10 Player of the Week and freshman Stacy Cullington was named A-10 Rookie of the week for their performances in last Saturday's wins against Dayton. Denis was 4-for-6 with two home-runs and Cullington went 2-for-4 with three RBI. For Denis, who now leads the team in RBI with 16, this is her second earned A-10 honor in a row. The Maroon and White have had eight games canceled this season.

— Eric Athas



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Quote of the Day

"If I said to most of the people who auditioned, 'Good job, awesome, well done,' it would have made me actually look and feel ridiculous. It's quite obvious most of the people who turned up for this audition were hopeless."

—Simon Cowell

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Minutewomen roll

By Ian Kilpatrick
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Only six seconds remained in the game when sophomore Samantha Sepulveda scored the game-winning and possibly season-changing goal for the Massachusetts women's lacrosse team (3-4) on Saturday against the New Hampshire Wildcats (3-4).

The Minutewomen forced a shot, which was saved by UNH goal keeper Ashley Milley instead of killing time with a tied score and only one minute remaining. However, Milley's clearing pass couldn't be controlled by the Wildcats, giving UMass another chance to beat their evenly matched opponent.

Sepulveda's goal ensured her team a much needed win after two second half collapses to ranked teams, Syracuse (No. 13) and Hofstra (No. 7) respectively. The young team responded to these two previous let downs by playing a full 60 minutes all as a team and with more shots and less turnovers in the second half than in the first. For the first time all season a total of seven team members scored goals, led by freshman Ashleigh Swazlowski who had three.

"An issue that we've had in the past are our second halves. I think we've been able to hang with really good teams like BU, Hofstra, Syracuse, [against] Syracuse we were down by two and Hofstra ahead by one," said UMass coach Carrie Bolduc. "We've had some issues somehow not coming out in the second half and recognizing that these other teams aren't going to come out as strong and beyond what they imagined so I think they finally recognized that and knew that they would have to elevate their play in order to win the game."

The game remained close the whole way through with the lead for either never exceeding two. The Minutewomen kept the turnovers to a minimum, especially in the second half when they only had five to the Wildcats' seven. Bolduc feels confident that Saturday's game gave back confidence that her team may have lost in the previous two losses and then some.

"They clearly needed a win and certainly it was a turning point in that we beat a team that they had to work for," Bolduc said. "I don't mean to put down the other two wins but this one they had to work for and they worked for 60 minutes and I think It built a lot of confidence, however there's still more work ahead of us, but it will clearly help going into A-10's."

Although numerous freshmen like Kathleen Typadis (22 points) and Melynda Zwick (13 points) have been stepping up big time for a team with only three seniors, it was the team's performance as a whole that made Bolduc feel best about her team's future. The team has shown it can play with some of the best teams in the country, but beating them is another story, which is why the Minutewomen's most recent victory just might begin a string of wins.

"I think collectively everyone really just played, Lauren [McCarthy] our goalie had a key save at the end and our freshman are doing a good job, they're cradling the ball I mean Ashleigh Swazlowski had three goals," Bolduc said. "If you look at the stats we had seven different people score on attack and that's the first time this year that we've had so many people score to the point that that was very huge for us in that everyone was contributing and it took all 12 to win the game."



COURTEST KAREN WYCKER

Freshman Kathleen Typadis drives past a Hofstra defender during the UMass' 14-8 loss. UMass defeated UNH 12-11 on Saturday.

Women's tennis takes down Spiders, 2004 A-10 champs

By Jon Pelland
Collegian Correspondent

The Massachusetts women's tennis team (10-6 2-0 Atlantic 10) was able to come out on top of a close 4-3 match against the defending Atlantic 10 champion Richmond Spiders (7-7 1-1 A-10) Friday in Philadelphia.

The victory gives the Minutewomen their fourth win in five matches. It was also the second consecutive match, which they were able to win by a score of 4-3. On March 24 the team downed the Temple Owls by the same score.

The Minutewomen returned home this weekend having won both of their matches in Philadelphia.

"I just think this team is peaking at the right time," UMass assistant coach Celeste Frey said. "This was a huge week with us being able to come out of it with two wins."

Once again the Maroon and White were lead by a gritty performance from sophomore Michele Spiess. Spiess competed at the No. 2 singles and doubles. Her singles match with Richmond sophomore Robin Carter went into overtime twice and lasted nearly four hours. Spiess won the match 7-6 (8-6), 6-7 (5-7), 6-1. This season Spiess has a team-leading 19 wins.

"Michele is a really good player. I knew she would pull it out," Frey said.

Frey also noted that one of the biggest matches of the day came from junior Dorothy Iwanowicz. Iwanowicz won her match in the No. 4 spot over junior Meghan Wolfgram 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5). At one point Iwanowicz rallied from being down five points to take the set and the match.

"Dorothy played a huge match to keep us alive," said Frey.

The Minutewomen and the Spiders split the six singles matches they played. Along with Spiess and Iwanowicz, UMass freshman Kristin DiPiero was able to gain victory by default.

Losing their matches for the Maroon and White were freshman Masha Pozar, senior Sasha Edelstein and junior Iana Bartolini in the No. 1, 3, and 5 spots respectively. This makes two matches in a row that UMass was unable to grab a No. 1 singles victory.

Once again the doubles point ended up deciding the match for the Minutewomen. However, the team began the doubles matches on the wrong foot as Iwanowicz and junior Susan Johnson dropped their match to the Richmond duo of senior Lindsay Cox and Wolfgram by a score of 8-2.

The No. 2 doubles match was another hard fought battle that included the team of Spiess and Pozar against the Spiders' sophomore Robin Carter and senior Courtney Klein. UMass won the match that decided the doubles point beating Richmond 8-6.

The Minutewomen tandem of Edelstein and Bartolini won by default.

"The No. 2 doubles really came together for us today," Frey said, "Everybody played real hard and overall the team played well."

UMass returns home this Wednesday with a match against A-10 rival Rhode Island. The Rams come in with a record of 2-7 overall and 0-1 in A-10 play.

Payton day-to-day for Celtics

BOSTON (AP) — Celtics point guard Gary Payton will be evaluated on a day-to-day basis after the results of an MRI on Monday showed no further damage to his ailing back, a team spokesman said Monday.

Payton, a 16-year NBA veteran, has experienced back problems late in his career, and has sat out some practices in the last two weeks. He complained of increased tightness in his lower back after Friday's home game against the Chicago Bulls.

Payton will continue to have physical therapy on his back and will undergo a chiropractic evaluation, but it was uncertain on Monday whether he will be able to play in Wednesday's home game against the Dallas Mavericks, team spokesman Jeff Twiss said.

The Celtics have lost three consecutive games but still hold a 2 1/2-game lead over the Philadelphia 76ers atop the Atlantic Division prior to Monday night's schedule.

—*Associated Press*

Funk takes Player's crown

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — It took five days for The Players Championship to resemble a major. Fred Funk had to wait even longer to show he's a big-time player.

A former college golf coach and career grinder, Funk delivered clutch shots over the water and the only par putt that mattered, a 5-footer on the final hole that gave him a one-shot victory Monday in the toughest round the TPC at Sawgrass has ever had.

"I can't believe it," Funk said, choking back tears. "I didn't fathom this happening."

He closed with a 1-under 71, then had to wait until Luke Donald missed a 20-foot birdie putt from just off the green before celebrating the seventh - and by far the biggest - victory of his career.

Funk, 48, became the oldest winner of The Players Championship with a final round that aged him even more, with conditions that were tougher than most majors because of 35 mph wind.

He had three-putt bogeys on consecutive holes to lose a two-shot lead. He got it back with a bold 3-iron from 234 yards that narrowly cleared the water on the par-5 16th and set up a two-putt birdie. He found land on the island-green 17th, a victory in itself, only to three-putt for another bogey.

And after a bold tee shot over the water and a bad shot into the bunker on the 18th, he saved par with a 5-foot putt that ultimately spared this wacky week from stretching into a sixth day.

"Yes!" Funk screamed out as the putt disappeared, giving a quick thrust of his fist and slamming his cap to the ground.

Funk finished at 9-under 279 and earned $1.44 million from the richest purse on the PGA Tour, nearly three times as much as his previous largest paycheck.

Without that putt, it could have been a four-way playoff with no daylight remaining.

Scott Verplank, who earlier Monday watched best friend Bob Tway take a 12 on the par-3 17th, watched in disbelief as his 10-

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STEPHEN DUNN/HARTFORD COURANT

Fred Funk watches a shot during the Buick Championships. Funk won the Player's Championship winning $1.44 million.

McCarty finds spot on the Sox

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — David McCarty went to work this week with the World Series champions not knowing if he'd have a job the next day.

Spring training was winding down and teams were making roster cuts. For some young players, that's just a detour on the way to a major league career. For others, like 35-year-old backup first baseman-outfielder McCarty, it could be the end of the line.

"I don't want to stop playing," he said at 8:45 a.m. Sunday, "but, at the same time, you get to a point in your career where you're not just going to bang your head against the wall."

"He's fighting for his baseball life," Boston manager Terry Francona said an hour later.

McCarty put on his Red Sox uniform, went on the field to stretch and took batting practice. He was back in the clubhouse when, shortly before noon, bench coach Brad Mills told him Francona wanted to see him.

He knew he was about to find out if he'd be wearing that uniform again.

Then Mills told him, "It's not bad."

McCarty met with Francona and learned that he had made the club. Four position players had been cut and he wasn't among them. The only job competition remaining was between relief pitchers Byung-Hyun Kim and Anastacio Martinez.

"This is special, especially after what we went through last year, winning it all," McCarty said.

But then he spoke with the experience of an unfulfilled career - from third pick in the 1991 draft to being labeled a bench player early in his career to spending most of 2003 in the minors at age 35 before being claimed on waivers by the Red Sox in August.

"You never know. Trades could happen," McCarty said. "It's not April 3 (opening day) yet."

Players around the league face the same rite of spring training - spend six weeks trying to impress the roster makers and hope that hard work on hot, humid fields pays off.

"We think about it so much," Francona said, "that I think the decisions kind of become apparent as we go."

He knows that even the final cut to the 25-man roster is important to the 25th player, even if he doesn't play much, and the 26th, whose life is about to change with a trip to the minors or a realization that it's time to give up the game.

"The day I forget that, I'm going home," Francona said. "Guys have families."

This spring, McCarty changed his swing to compensate for a back injury and struggled with his hitting, although that's improving. But he's been a bench player so long that he didn't obsess over whether he'd make the team.

"When I was younger, I probably would have," he said before learning he wasn't cut. "I can't worry about something that I can't control. They don't pay me to make the decisions. When I'm done playing, maybe, but not right now."

Had he been cut, McCarty would have waited to see if another major league team picked him up. If none did, he would have retired rather than be away from his wife and two children by returning to the minors. With an economics degree from Stanford, he might have tried a career in money management, commercial real estate, broadcasting or maybe even in a baseball front office.

"It just depends on what they want to do with those final few pieces of the puzzle," McCarty said before talking to Francona. "It's just something you get used to every year."

He never thought his baseball career would go the way it has — just 618 games with a .242 batting average.

Two years after being drafted by Minnesota, he reached the majors, hit .214 in 350 at-bats and said Sunday he wasn't ready for the big leagues. He split the next two seasons between the Twins and the minors.

"It was frustrating because it happened so quick," McCarty said. "I got a chance to get a fair number of at-bats my rookie year but the bad part is the very next year, There I am, 24 years old, and I get labeled a bench guy. And, unfortunately, it's tough to shake labels in this game."

He went on to play for San Francisco, Seattle, Kansas City, Tampa Bay and Oakland and was in the minor league systems of Cincinnati and Detroit.

With Boston last season, he played the outfield, first base as a defensive replacement, pinch hit and even pitched in three games. The left-hander allowed one earned run in 3 2-3 innings and hit .258 in 151 at-bats.

His chances to stick with Boston this year were helped by his versatility and injuries to outfielders Billy McMillon and Adam Stern, who could have competed for his roster spot. Now McCarty looks forward to April 11, Boston's first game at Fenway Park.

"I want to be there for the home opener and get my (championship) ring and be a part of that," he said before Francona gave him the good news.



COURTEST GOOGLE IMAGES

David McCarty earned a spot on the Boston Red Sox to be a backup outfielder and first baseman.

All-American Andrew Bogut will go pro

By Doug Alden
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah center Andrew Bogut will enter the NBA draft, forgoing his final two years of eligibility to possibly become the No. 1 choice.

"I have no regrets and full-speed ahead," the 7-footer from Australia said at a news conference Monday.

Bogut, the leading vote-getter on the AP All-America team, averaged 20.4 points and 12.2 rebounds while leading the Utes to a 29-6 season, which ended with a loss to Kentucky in the regional semifinals of the NCAA tournament.

"My decision is about what is best for my basketball career," Bogut said.

He's already hired an agent.

Bogut considered leaving after last season, when he was the Mountain West Conference freshman of the year, but a visit to Australia from new Utah coach Ray Giacoletti convinced Bogut to put off the NBA at least another year.

Bogut is expected to be a lottery pick in the NBA draft and possibly the first player chosen overall with his exceptional ball-handling skills for a center. Bogut led Utah in scoring and rebounding and was third on the team in assists with 82.

Bogut recorded double-doubles in all but nine games this season and finished with at least 10 points and 10 rebounds 40 times in his Utah career. And at just 20 years old, NBA scouts - fixtures at Utah games this season - are convinced he can only get better.

Bogut was a starter on Australia's Olympic team last summer and averaged 14.8 points and 8.8 rebounds.

It would have been a much bigger surprise if Bogut had elected to return to Utah for another season. Bogut declined to talk about his future after the 62-52 loss to Kentucky, but his teammates had a good idea what was coming.

"Bogut is definitely gone, you can see it in his eyes," Utah forward Bryant Markson said after Friday's game.

Former Utah coach Rick Majerus, who resigned midway through last season because of health concerns, pulled off one of his best recruiting achievements when he got Bogut to sign with Utah. Bogut was scheduled to join the Utes midway through the 2002-03 season, but had trouble getting cleared by the NCAA.

Bogut could have gone pro right away in Europe or signed with another school because his commitment to Utah expired during the delay, but kept his word and arrived in Salt Lake City in 2003.

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Singer, Kusner in; charter question out

By Matt Elder
Collegian Staff

The unofficial numbers are in, and the charter that threatened to change Amherst's government was defeated yesterday by a much larger number than the last time it appeared on the ballot.

Unofficially, the charter was defeated by a by 2950 to 2702 vote. Last year the charter was defeated by 14 votes. According to the Town of Amherst Web site, a question can only appear again on a ballot once before it must be changed.

"It's very significant because last time it was 14 votes. People want to be governed by the people, for the people," said University of Massachusetts junior Morris Singer, who also had a good day yesterday.

Singer won a seat on the town meeting by receiving an unofficial total of 76 votes. A total of 238 votes were cast, but Morris led the group of 13 people who officially ran for the seat in the fourth precinct, which is made up primarily of UMass students.

Also winning from the UMass community was mathematician and professor Robert Kusner, who won a seat on the select board by receiving an unofficial count of 2,538 votes. Hewi-Ling also won a seat on the select board with an unofficial total of 3,430 votes.

However, the biggest question on the ballot was the charter. People were seen around town lobbying for their cause, but untimely the people of Amherst wanted the government to stay the way that it's been for about 250 years.

The Web site said that the widely-debated question read as follows: Shall the town approve the new charter recommended by the charter commission, summarized below?

The Web site then summarized the question.

"The proposed charter would replace the representative town meeting with a nine member town council, and would replace the select board with a directly elected mayor. The mayor would be the town's chief executive officer, and would chair the council, have veto power over most council actions (subject to 2/3 override), appoint most committees, and provide overall policy leadership to the town. The town manager would remain the chief administrative officer, subject to policy decisions of the mayor and council.

The school committee and board of library trustees would continue unchanged, and the mayor would be a non-voting member of each," the site says.

The town meetings are made up of 240 elected town officials, broken up into 10 different precincts of 24 people.

In Singer's precinct, the charter passed by an unofficial vote of 137 to 99, with 2 blank ballots. A total of 238 people voted.

UMass students living in the Central residential living area were able to vote at the New Africa House, and there the charter was rejected by an eight to nothing vote.

Singer said that he felt these numbers accurately reflected how UMass students felt about the charter.

"That is the cleanest number as to how students feel. They don't like it," Singer said.

Singer said that he spent four hours yesterday driving around campus and making announcements about the importance of voting. He said that he feels the charter being rejected means that the people of Amherst were knowledgeable as to the facts.

"It was an intense day," Singer said.



ANDREW TARLTON/COLLEGIAN

Amherst residents stand outside thier voting precinct yesterday during the Amherst town elections.

Office of Naval Research awards grant to chemists

By Gabriel Dye
Collegian Staff

A team of chemists at the University of Massachusetts was awarded a $1.3 million grant by the Office of Naval Research to develop new techniques for detecting potential bio-warfare agents.

Chemistry professors Richard Vachet, Vincent Rotello and Sankaran Thayumanavan will use nanotechnology and mass spectrometry to isolate and identify miniscule amounts of endocrine disrupting chemicals and microsystins.

EDCs are a broad class of chemicals found in pesticides, detergents and other industrial products. They are increasingly found in environmental waters and, with current technology, cannot be completely removed by wastewater treatments systems. Microcystins are waterborne toxins that could be used in biological weapons.

"Effective detection of EDCs is important because exposure to these compounds is implicated in breast cancer, weakened immune systems, thyroid dysfunction and reproductive problems in young adults," said Vachet, the principle investigator on the project.

"The Navy is always interested in new ways to detect compounds that have adverse effects on its personnel or operations."

In the three-year study, Rutello and Thayumanavan will design nanoparticles that are coated with chemicals to capture the target compounds. The team could potentially increase the capture of these compounds by as much as 100 times more than current methods. "That's a huge jump," Vachet said. "[The Navy is] interested in methods that can detect more rapidly and with more sensitivity in ways that are less prone to error."

Once the compounds have

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Blockbuster agrees to refund customers after failed campaign

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Blockbuster Inc. has agreed to make refunds to customers — and pay an additional $630,000 — to settle allegations the nation's biggest movie rental chain deceived people with its "No Late Fees" campaign.

The agreement was announced Tuesday between Blockbuster and 47 states and the District of Columbia.

Many customers were angry to discover that despite the "No Late Fees" policy, if they were eight days late with a movie or a game, they owned it; their credit card accounts were automatically billed for the purchase price. If they then tried to return it, they were refunded the purchase price but were charged a $1.25 restocking fee.

Under the settlement, Dallas-based Blockbuster must make refunds to customers who claim the campaign misled them into thinking they could keep the video or DVD for as long as they liked.

Also, Blockbuster agreed to pay the states about $630,000 to reimburse them for the costs of their investigations into consumer complaints.

In addition, the rental chain will have change its advertising to ease any confusion.

Blockbuster spokeswoman Karen Raskopf said that the "no late fees" program will continue but that signs will be added to stores to better explain the fine print.

Blockbuster launched the no-late-fees program at its 4,600 U.S. stores on Jan. 1. The states that were not part of the settlement are New Jersey, which is pursuing a separate lawsuit, Vermont and New Hampshire.

—*Associated Press*



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Blockbuster is now refunding thousands of customers after their "No Late Fees" campaign misled consumers.

Lost and found: 13 years in the making

By Matt Belliveau
Collegian Staff

We have all, at one time in our lives, lost something that was truly important to us. Whether it was that teddy bear you were so fond of when you were three, or that old baseball hat you thought you'd always wear, or as in one man's case, a class ring. Losing prized possessions is a part of life; we lose something, we search for it, and after an unsuccessful attempt, we declare it gone forever. In most cases the lost possession remains just that, "lost forever."

But in the instance of John Nolan's lost class ring, forever only lasted 13 years.

After graduating from the University of Massachusetts in 1987, as a gift from his parents, Nolan was given his class ring. The ring itself was flawless, a gold ring surrounding a blue sapphire. There was one small problem with it; it's size. The ring was too big for Nolan's fingers and this would cause the ring to occasionally slide off his finger without Nolan knowing.

So when Nolan finally did lose his ring, he wasn't surprised.

"I tried to not wear the ring all the time because I knew the risk of losing it was there," said Nolan. "So when I did finally lose it, I wasn't shocked. I was just mad at myself."

Nolan, along with his brother, sister, and a friend, had taken a day trip from Carbondale, Ill., to the city of St. Louis, Mo. There, they would board a riverboat casino that toured the Mississippi River. After losing $40 on the slot machines, Nolan and the others left the boat and began the drive home, stopping at a fast-food restaurant for a bite to eat.



COURTEST MATT BELLIVEAU

John Nolan, UMass class of 1987.

"We were back on the road after leaving the restaurant and I realized I didn't have my ring. We turned around and went back to the restaurant, went in and searched everywhere, under all the tables, the floor, gave the 'evil eye' to everyone in the place. But it was nowhere to be found," said Nolan. "I had lost other things in my lifetime and none of those things seemed to turn up, so even though the ring had my named inscribed in it I still just assumed it gone."

Months past, and Nolan moved to Sun Prairie, Wisc., leaving the town of Carbondale, as well as the memory of the ring, far behind.

Little did Nolan know, his lost ring had indeed been found.

While walking to a riverboat casino in St. Louis, Wilma Boca, 75, nearly stepped on a class ring from UMass. Unaware of any way to return the ring to its rightful owner — and unable to bring herself to just dispose of it — Boca kept the ring tucked away safely in her jewelry box.

"Even though she didn't know John, she had enough personal knowledge of him like his name, his major, where he went to school and the year he graduated, that the ring became attached to a real person for her," said Wilma's daughter, Barb. "And to just dispose of it, even though she might never find him, didn't seem right."

It's likely that the ring would have stayed in Wilma's jewelry box forever, but one December episode of "The Jane Pauly Show" changed its course for good.

That day, the shows premise revolved around the guests' incredible stories of personal treasures that had been lost, and then miraculously found.

One man told the story of his missing wedding album and its return 25 years later; another man's dog was delivered 1500 miles to its owners after a

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Pope in need of hospitalization

By Nicole Winfield
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II may have to return to the hospital to have a feeding tube inserted because he is having difficulty swallowing, an Italian news agency reported Tuesday.

The Associated Press news agency said no decision had been taken and the feeding tube was one option being considered to help the 84-year-old pope get better nutrition and regain his strength.

Calls to the Vatican spokesman went unanswered late Tuesday.

Citing an unidentified source, the agency said the pope's doctors were considering the procedure, which involves inserting a feeding tube through the throat and into the stomach. The tube is drawn through the throat then extended from inside the stomach to outside the body through a small incision in the abdomen. Liquid formula is fed through the tube into the stomach, and the tube does not remain in the throat.

The technique — percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy, or PEG — was developed in 1979 and is used more than 250,000 times a year in the United States alone. If performed, the pope would be receiving nutrition the same way Terri Schiavo did before her feeding tube was removed. Schiavo, a severely brain damaged woman, is at the center of a legal battle in the United States.

The Vatican last week strongly condemned a

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Marching to April

Members of the University of Massachusetts Air Force walk briskly across campus during thier training outside of the Reserve Officer Training Core building.



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police log

Subject arrested for assault and battery charges

Tuesday March 22

12:09 a.m. 10 to 12 subjects were reported to be marching around and yelling near John Quincy Adams Hall. The group was performing a sorority routine, and was warned about the noise by a police officer.

12:54 p.m. Following a traffic stop on Massachusetts Avenue, Michael Remen, 22, of Amherst, was arrested on a warrant charge.

5:16 p.m. Two digital cameras worth approximately $400.00 were taken from Kennedy Hall.

7:26 p.m. A person made a complaint to a subject in Chadbourne Hall about a loud gathering in the subject's room. The subject then entered the person's room with an unknown weapon and threatened to physically harm the person. A search warrant was issued to obtain the weapon from the subject's room, and, following the search, Craig Monteith, 20, of Needham, was arrested for breaking and entering, assault with a dangerous weapon, and possession of a false identification.

7:41 p.m. A person reported to be struck by a rock while jogging on North Pleasant Street. The injury required medical attention.

Wednesday March 23

12:42 a.m. A party stated that they were struck by a water balloon near Leach Hall. The party also stated that water balloons were being thrown a vehicles driving by.

9:59 a.m. Following a traffic stop on Commonwealth Avenue, Alex Ballo, 24, of Auburndale, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license .

3:46 p.m. Following a traffic stop on University Drive, Juan Pablo Pizzaro, 31, of Chicopee, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license.

6:38 p.m. A bag was reported stolen from Boyden Gymnasium. The bag contained notebooks, an ID card, a room key and a cell phone.

9:43 p.m. Following a traffic stop on Massachusetts Avenue, Donna Pimentel, 44, of Roslindale, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

Thursday March 24

3:02 a.m. A person stated the laundry room in Patterson Hall was flooded due to a washing machine spraying water.

8:58 p.m. Joelle Pecci, 18, of Wareham, was arrested in John Adams Hall on warrant charges.

9:19 p.m. A party stated that approximately 10 lockers were broken into in the Totman Physical Education Building and numerous wallets, purses and cell phones were taken.

10:27 p.m. Following a date of birth request in the parking lot behind Sylvan, Eric Ramstrum, 18, of Amherst, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol.

10:53 p.m. Maurice Maxwell, 22, of Philadelphia, Pa., was arrested on warrant charges in John Quincy Adams Hall.

Friday March 25

12:12 a.m. Following a traffic stop on Massachusetts Avenue, Christopher Giorgio, 21, of Shutesbury, was arrested on warrant charges.

2:42 a.m. A person stated that a subject was pushed by a group, and that the group urinated on the subject's door in John Adams Hall.

Saturday March 26

5:02 a.m. Water was reported pouring out of one of the towers and freezing on the ground.

4:28 p.m. A party stated that the windshield of their vehicle was smashed in the parking lot next to Orchard Hill. A police officer reported that the vandalism appeared to have been caused by a fire cracker or a bottle rocket.

7:55 p.m. A computer, Playstation, digital camera and multiple pairs of shoes were stolen from a room in Emerson Hall.

—Compiled by Brendan Heck

Former UMass grad gets unexpected surprise

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15-month disappearance. And one woman told her tale of finding a message in a bottle and tracked down the man who launched it 21 years earlier.

"Mom and I were watching the show, and if there hadn't been a specific story about a class ring, I don't think it would have occurred to my mother to remind me that she still had John's ring in her jewelry box," said Barb. "When she mentioned it to me, I suggested that I try an Internet search to contact the UMass or the Alumni association."

After sending an email to the Journalism department and Alumni Association, the Boca's were ready to wait a while before they received any sort of response. So they were both shocked when they were sent an email from UMass stating that they had already contacted Nolan and given him Barb's email address in order to reach her.

"I called my mom the minute I received John's email and spoke to him on the phone. I told him that I was going to ship his ring to him after my Christmas vacation from work," said Barb. "My mother was extremely happy to know that the ring she had kept all those years was finally going back home."



A Jostens ring similar to Nolan's.

"I have to admit I was pretty shocked. It was a jaw-dropper if for no other reason I had written the ring off so long ago," said Nolan. "It never entered my mind that I would ever see it again."

Things were going smoothly, until Barb's computer was hit with a virus that devoured her hard drive and deleted Nolan's address and phone number. Leaving the Boca's with no way of contacting Nolan. Nolan, who had no way of knowing Barb's computer

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Pope hospitalized again

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decision by a U.S. judge not to order the reinsertion of Schiavo's feeding tube after it was removed on orders from another judge. The Vatican said the decision was akin to capital punishment for someone who had committed no crime. Schiavo's tube was removed March 18.

John Paul has been having trouble swallowing since a tracheotomy tube was inserted in his throat Feb. 24 to help him breathe. He was admitted to the hospital twice in February because of breathing crises.

The pontiff was unable to preside at Holy Week events because of his ailments. On Sunday, he tried but failed to speak to tens of thousands of people gathered for Easter Sunday Mass in St. Peter's Square.

Earlier Tuesday, the Italian daily Corriere della Sera reported that the pope's doctors were considering a new hospitalization next week both to perform tests on the breathing tube and to adjust his diet because of problems swallowing.

There was no comment from the Vatican. Nicola Cerbino, a spokesman at Polyclinic Gemelli hospital where John Paul was rushed twice last month, called it media speculation.

Another newspaper, La Repubblica, quoted the pope's Vatican physician, Dr. Renato Buzzonetti, as saying doctors are "reasonably calm" about the pope's condition.

John Paul last spoke to the public on March 13, shortly before he was discharged from the hospital for a second time in a month. In addition to the breathing tube, John Paul suffers from Parkinson's disease, which also makes it difficult for him to talk.


The Pope waves to Catholics on Easter Sunday from his hospital bedroom.

Jackson trial hears from key witness

By Tim Molloy
Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — The organizer of a comedy camp for underprivileged youth, who introduced Michael Jackson's accuser to the entertainer, testified Tuesday about his efforts to help the boy through his recovery from cancer.

Jamie Masada, owner of the Laugh Factory in Hollywood, said the boy attended the camp with his brother and sister in 1999 and worked on a standup act. He also described going to see the boy in a hospital while the youngster was struggling through chemotherapy for cancer.

"Oh God, don't bring that memory back," Masada said of the boy's illness.

Masada, taking the stand a day after the judge ruled that evidence also may be introduced about earlier allegations against Jackson, said he gave the boy gifts to encourage him.

"I would say, 'If you eat I'll give you 50 bucks.' I would give him every week, maybe some money," he said.

Prosecutors say the boy met Jackson through Masada when the club owner introduced him to celebrities to cheer him up, and Masada said he also took comedians to the hospital.

Jackson appeared upbeat as he arrived at court, waving to screaming fans and raising a fist.

On Monday, Judge Rodney S. Melville delivered a major setback to Jackson's

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Chemistry professors receive large grant

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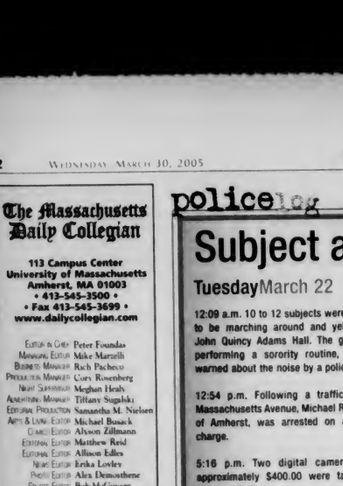
stuck to the nanoparticles, Vachet will assemble them into larger superstructures for analysis by mass spectrometry, a method used to determine the masses of atoms and molecules. He will release the captured compounds with a laser and measure their mass and identify the substances.

The team will use model systems in place of the actual agents. They will send the models and results to the Navy's research laboratory for testing.

If research goals are met within the projected 30-month time frame, the study is eligible for a fourth year of funding. According to Vachet, the fourth year of the study would focus on using the new technology to analyze actual contaminated samples.

Most of the $1.3 million grant will finance research assistantships for undergraduates, graduate students and postdoctoral students. It will also fund new equipment necessary for detection technology and specialized chemicals to manufacture the nanoparticles.

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Nolan loses ring over a decade ago

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troubles, was left wondering what had happened to the Boca's.

"Luckily, John emailed me and inquired as to what had happened. With address in hand, I went the next day to the UPS store and shipped it to him," said Barb.

"I almost felt like it might not make it to him with all the adversity we had had over the years trying to track him down and then for something as aggravating as a computer virus to cause me to lose his address, it seemed somehow cursed. I tracked the ring on the UPS site every day until it reached John and he let me know it was on his finger."

Finally, on Valentine's Day of 2005, the ring was returned to its rightful owner. And the action-filled voyage of an UMass class ring ranging from St. Louis to Wisconsin was ended.

"Obviously a class ring has very little monetary value, but the sentimental value for some people makes it have a great overall value," said Barb Boca.

"It was a part of John's past, not mine or my mother's, so we were happy to reunite him with that symbol of his past."

"It's pretty much in the same shape," said Nolan. "It looks like it might have been kicked around a little, but all things considered, I guess it had a great place to hang out the past 12 years."

After going through all of this trouble, Nolan surely has had the ring re-sized right?

"I haven't had the ring re-sized. While I admit I'm inviting trouble, I would rather keep it as is," said Nolan. "I'm not heavy by any means, but you never know, at 39, when the metabolism will slow to the point that I start gaining weight. There's a lot of beer and cheese out here and sudden weight gain can come on pretty rapidly. So, when my fingers get pudgy, I'll be set!"

Jackson jury hears testimony in trial

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defense, ruling that prosecutors can introduce evidence that the pop star molested or had designs on five other boys, including actor Macaulay Culkin and two youngsters who reached multimillion-dollar settlements with the singer.

Prosecutors say the evidence will show Jackson's alleged behavior with his current accuser follows a pattern of abuse.

"It will show the jury and other people that there's more to this than what has been portrayed in this case so far," said Jim Thomas, an NBC News analyst and former Santa Barbara County sheriff who investigated the earlier cases.

District Attorney Tom Sneddon said Jackson's past inappropriate activities with boys included kissing, hugging and inserting his hands into their pants.

He also said there was a pattern of "grooming," or preparing the boys for molestation, but did not elaborate.

Jackson, 46, is on trial on charges he molested the former cancer patient at his Neverland ranch in 2003.

In most criminal cases, evidence of past behavior is not admissible against a defendant, but the California Legislature changed the state's rules of evidence in 1995 so that it can be admitted in some cases of child molestation and domestic violence.

The incidents allegedly happened 12 to 15 years ago, and the prosecutor acknowledged that only one of the five boys has agreed to testify at Jackson's trial. The boy received $2.4 million from Jackson in a settlement after he alleged he was molested in 1990.


Michael Jackson walks into court yesterday morning. The jury heard from a key witness who claim that Jackson was an influential figure.

Other witnesses are expected to include the 1990 accuser's mother and the mother of a boy who received a multimillion-dollar settlement after alleging he was molested in 1995.

Defense attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr. asked the judge to exclude the allegations, saying many came from third parties who were after Jackson's money. The reference was to former Jackson employees who previously sued the singer and lost, and were then ordered to pay him $1 million in court costs.

Former Boy Scout official charged with porn distribution

DALLAS (AP) — A former high-ranking Boy Scouts of America official has been charged with possession and distribution of child pornography.

Douglas Sovereign Smith Jr., 61, who as program director coordinated scouting programs with schools and churches, was accused of receiving images over the Internet in February of children engaging in oral sex, intercourse and other sexually explicit conduct. The charges were filed by federal prosecutors March 21.

"We're shocked and dismayed to learn of this," said Gregg Shields, national spokesman for the Boy Scouts, based in the Dallas suburb of Irving. "Smith was employed by the Boy Scouts for 39 years and we had no indication of prior criminal activity."

Law enforcement officials indicated the pictures did not show boys who were with the Boy Scouts organization, Shields said.

Smith's job did not involve working directly with children, Shields said. Smith was put on leave immediately after the Boy Scouts officials learned of charges, then chose to retire, he said.

Smith, reached Tuesday at his home in Colleyville, near Fort Worth, referred all questions to his attorney, Jack Strickland, who said: "He's not taking this well. I've got to tell you, this is a good man and I would hate to see the entirety of his life and the good things he's done defined by one incident."

He was expected to appear in federal court Wednesday.

"This is the first time ever we recall anything like this being charged against a Boy Scouts employee," Shields said. "We're proud of our dedicated and hardworking people, but never heard of anything like this."

—Associated Press


Douglas Sovereign Smith Jr. was director for Boy Scout programs across America. He has been charged with child pornography distribution.

Indonesia still digging out

By Chris Brummitt
Associated Press

GUNUNG SITOLI, Indonesia — Indonesians searched through smoldering rubble for survivors on Nias island Tuesday and relatives wept over the bodies of the dead after an 8.7—magnitude earthquake hammered the region, triggering a tsunami scare and killing at least 330 people. Some officials said the death toll could rise as high as 2,000.

U.N. and other relief agencies rushed to ferry aid supplies to the island, which bore the brunt of the quake almost three months to the day after an even bigger temblor nearby sent waves crashing into coastlines around the Indian Ocean's rim, killing at least 174,000 people.

Fears of a second tsunami faded Tuesday when seas failed to rise up in the hours after the overnight quake, but at least 15 aftershocks between magnitudes 5.0 and 6.1 kept nervousness high.

In Gunung Sitoli, the biggest town on the island of some 600,000 people, an Associated Press reporter saw many residents huddled around candles outside their homes, too fearful to spend the night indoors after the aftershocks that set some buildings swaying.

Budi Atmaji Adiputro, a spokesman for Indonesia's Coordinating Agency for National Disaster Relief, said rescuers found 330 bodies in the rubble Tuesday. The toll was expected to rise because more bodies were believed to be trapped in collapsed buildings, he said.

Vice President Jusuf Kalla told the el-Shinta radio station in Jakarta that the death toll could rise to 1,000-2,000, based on the amount of destruction to buildings. Other officials said the dead numbered in the hundreds, not thousands.

From the air, it appeared that about 30 percent of buildings in Gunung Sitoli were destroyed, and the island's second biggest town, Teluk Dalam, suffered significant damage.

An Associated Press Television News cameraman who landed briefly in the city said he saw at least one dead body and about four injured islanders who had yet to receive medical treatment.

At least two fires smoldered in Gunung Sitoli. About 1,000 people gathered in a large field in the town.

A soccer pitch in the town was turned into a makeshift triage center, with about 50 badly injured survivors awaiting evacuation by relief agency helicopters. People swarmed around U.N. helicopters as they landed to deliver relief supplies.

A steeple had been knocked off a church on the mainly Christian island.

In Jakarta, the SCTV network showed images from the island, including survivors weeping over the sarong-covered bodies of a child and a middle-aged woman. In another image, two men on a motorbike carried what appeared to be a body wrapped in sarongs.

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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'Draft Action Plan' needs revision in order to grow

University of Massachusetts Chancellor John V. Lombardi has been under heavy fire before recently announcing his plan to push back the public comment period regarding the "Draft Action Plan." This decision was a wise move on Lombardi's part, as the proposals in the plan offer a major set back to the University as a whole.

As a response to the Commission for Campus Diversity's recommendations, Lombardi has drastically misinterpreted the intentions of the report and the goals that the commission hopes to achieve.

Diversity on campus is, and always has been a major issue. Many students have acknowledged this fact and taken steps in order to correct the situation. For example, groups such as the ALANA community and the Graduate Student Organization, have been trying to paint a broader picture for the campus at large. According to Lombardi's proposal, over 40 student groups will be lumped into one center, the Center for Student Development. This is an extremely detrimental move to make and will only portray the University as a whole in a terrible light to the rest of the nation.

Additionally, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life, Michael Gargano, along with a newly appointed Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life, will head this Center for Student Development up.

Gargano, who ran into much controversy earlier in the year with former members of the SGA, is hardly the right person for the job. By allowing him to have the final say in student organizations, many of which are self-funded and operate completely independently from the University, there is a great loss of autonomy that the students currently maintain.

The voice of the students is vital to the success and flourishing of the University. Because this campus has such a wide array of students, many different cultures and religions are accented in UMass brochures, enforcing the diversely appealing aspect to all prospective students. In grouping all RSOs together under one heading, that diversity is being eliminated.

What makes many of these student groups stand out is the fact that they are independent. The fact that the University does not censor them is what gives them the drive to be, in actuality, the voice of the University. To actually speak on behalf of the student body pertaining to students' true feelings on issues that really affect them is a privilege that not all universities allow, and is one of the many things that makes UMass special.

For Lombardi to reevaluate his "Draft Action Plan" is not only a smart move, but also one that is vital if this University is to continue functioning in the way that has garnered it success for so long. The most effective way to go about approaching this situation is for the Administration to stop deciding what they think is best for the student body and actually listen to them. Like any democracy, those who are ruled by it have a say in how they are ruled. Apply this principle to UMass and there just might be a recipe for success.

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Ta- Ta- Ta- Tase me!

Thomas Naughton

I had to chuckle when I saw the "No TASERs" banner that adorns the office window of the Student Government Association. It's nice to see the SGA doing something that doesn't involve getting drunk in the SCERA Office, pouting or immaturely insulting the Administration.

The "No Tasers" message is a reaction to the September announcement that four UMDP officers would be trained to use TASERs. Nothing scares the SGA like education (or having their private party photos published). I'm personally excited by the idea of TASERs being integrated into campus life. I have a hard time waking up in the morning sometimes and it would be nice to make a short phone call and get myself a good old tasing to start the day right.

You can't blame the UMPD for wanting to buy TASERs. On a campus where a sports victory means setting things on fire, girls gone wild and jumping off the DC, a certain level of force, or the threat of that force, must be considered. If I was a police officer (give me 30 pounds, the sense of right and wrong and a sexy haircut) facing the riots in Southwest, I'd want to tase the crap out of drunk delinquents too.

I don't really like the idea of TASERs, and I don't think the police really want to use them, but I also don't like the culture of rioting that continues on this campus. We are not entitled to riot; when you receive your acceptance letter to enroll at University of Massachusetts, there isn't a section that states "rioting will be permitted in the event of a Boston/New England sports team victory."

Let's really examine the issue of rioting, since Hobart Hoedown is on its way and that event never fails to show off just how stupid some UMass students can be. Those of you who rioted in Southwest did so because the Red Sox won the World Series and because the Patriots won the Super Bowl. Woop-de-doo. I was happy that both teams won, but it never occurred to me after those wins that I should find the nearest trashcan and set it on fire, flash people, throw stuff out my window or start fights with people.

Rioting isn't funny (well, actually I laughed a lot when I read the numerous arrests in the police log; that was real funny) and it does nothing for the image or budget of our school. Do you want better dorms, more classes, competitive programs and opportunities? Then stop wasting our money by setting stuff on fire and screaming "Yankees Suck." Mitt Romney is a Mormon. Mormons don't riot; do you think he's going to give a budget increase to a bunch of spoiled animals?

I don't really like the idea of TASERs, and I don't think the police really want to use them, but I also don't like the culture of rioting that continues on this campus.

What exactly do you accomplish by screaming "Yankees Suck"? I'm sure that after the Yankees lose a game they sit in the dugout, look at each other and say "You know, it's not the losing that hurts, what really hurts my heart is when those kids at UMass set stuff on fire and say 'Yankees Suck.' When beer-bellied college kids drunk out of their minds say that we suck, I start to really believe it."

I'm pleased that people in Southwest are passionate enough about something to get all riled up, but to embarrass the campus because of a sports team? Give me a break. 1,500 soldiers are dead — where's that riot? Gas is now at $2.15, making the possibility of setting things on fire more difficult, not to mention that we can't afford to drive anywhere — where's that riot? George W. Bush is spending billions on a war that 52 percent of the country thinks was a mistake — where's the riot over the fact that money is being taken from our education?

I'm sorry, I'm being stupid, letting the Yankees know that they "suck" is way more important. Carry on then, rioters. Set the campus aflame, show your bare breasts proudly, disregard not only your personal safety, but also the safety of your fellow rioters, but don't be surprised if you find yourself tased on the ground. We give the UMPD no other options but to increase force when we decide we are entitled to riot.

I don't like the idea of seeing my fellow students tense and dazed on the ground after a TASER shock, but to act as though we didn't usher in this development is completely foolish and shortsighted. You have to step inside the problem the police are dealing with and ask yourself, "If faced with a mob of 1,000 drunk students, would I want to be able to protect myself, protect the campus and most of all protect rioters from themselves"?

If the SGA were against TASERs, their window display would be more effective if it said "No Riots." This is not a police state, its also not a free-for-all, an episode of "Jackass" or your favorite club scene from "Girls Gone Wild" — this is a community and in a community the only way to address and eliminate a problem is to own your half of it and work together to see the problem solved.

Thomas Naughton is a Collegian columnist.

A tale of two nations

Andrew Freeman

Here's a quick test: take out a writing instrument and write down three things you know about Burundi. Next, try this: write down three things you know about Israel and the occupied territories. I imagine that even someone with little exposure to the news would know far more about the latter. Why should there be such a discrepancy?

Israel and Burundi both have populations of over six million people, are both small countries and both have experienced violence during and after colonial rule. Yet one of them is both known and cared about far more in our society.

A paper by Harvard fellow Ethan Zuckerman on global media distribution reveals the massive overrepresentation of Israel in the news. Israel had 1709 percent, or roughly 18 times, more articles written about it than what would be expected according to population, and over four times more than would be expected based on its economic strength. Burundi, by contrast, had 51 percent fewer articles written about it than one might expect based on population. To put this into clearer figures, in the period surveyed Burundi was discussed in 213 articles, while Israel was featured in 7,456.

One could come up with many reasons for the difference. Israel is a Western nation, while Burundi is African. Israel is substantially richer than Burundi: the former has a $120 billion economy, while the latter's amounts to only $3.7 billion. The West Bank and Gaza Strip, occupied by Israel and home to over three million Palestinians, have an economy that is similarly impoverished vis-à-vis Burundi, worth $2.8 billion.

One could argue that the country's problems are not equal, and we know more about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict than Burundi's fighting between Hutus and Tutsis, because the first is worse. However, statistically Burundi's civil war is far worse than the violence in Israel and the territories: 300,000 have died in Burundi since 1993 alone. By contrast, in the current Intifada which began in 2000, over 3,700 had died as of May 2004.

But the real reason for the overrepresentation of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the media is that it makes for excellent storytelling. The setting is the Holy Land, where three religions intersect, with ancient and recent histories as a backdrop. There is a clash of religions and of civilizations. There are strong Marxist appeals to the narrative, with the Palestinians, poor and marginalized, opposed by the comparatively wealthy Israelis. Many view the conflict as a struggle against imperialism — with the colonialist Israelis coveting Palestinian land. These are romantic descriptions: they are not reality.

I believe that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is a tragic waste, and hope for an end to the violence. But I also believe that our collective fixation on it is dangerous.

I believe that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is a tragic waste, and hope for an end to the violence. But I also believe that our collective fixation on it is dangerous. While any violent deaths are sad, the rest of the world suffers far worse in silence. Genocide is occurring in the Darfur region of the Sudan, and even more will die in Africa from AIDS. According to the CIA World Factbook, in Burundi, six percent of the population has the disease, while in some African nations, such as Zimbabwe, a third of the population suffers from AIDS.

A suicide bombing or drone assassination is more dramatic than 10,000 people dying quietly from AIDS, but is it more important? Whole generations are dying in Africa, and we turn our attention to the Middle East, or to the latest celebrity trial in our country.

The media is powerful because it has the power to inform and affect action. After the tsunami that struck Asia last year, ordinary people opened their hearts and wallets to help the survivors. Yet the suffering that occurs from AIDS, warfare and preventable diseases like malaria elicits no such response.

Unquestionably, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is important, if only because millions of people believe it to be a metaphor for their lives.

Ending it is also important, which would save lives, and possibly lessen the threat from Islamic terrorism. But there are many other threats and issues that we should confront. Poverty and poor health conditions breed disease, which is as true in the markets of China where SARS began as it is of Africa, where AIDS originated. Until we start learning, and caring, about Burundi and the rest of Africa, we are exposing ourselves to a grave risk.

Andrew Freeman is a Collegian columnist.

The politics of Middle Earth

Joseph St.John

The current policies of Saruman the White are terrible. We all know they are, and it seems like there is a thing we can do to stop his errant chain of bad decisions. As a wizard, he is jokingly referred to as Saruman the unwise, Saruman the dumb and Saruman the idiot. What kind of wizard is called the unwise?

Not only is Saruman cutting down trees in Fanghorn Forest like dwarfs going after gems in a gem mine, he is destroying the ecosystem of this beautiful forest and raising tensions between Isengard and the Ent kingdom. This war is racking up war costs that will not be paid off until the coming of the next age, and unfortunately it is being fought because of Saruman's greed for power.

His recent aggressive dealings with the elves of Rivendell and Lothlorien have left him no allies there. He has become enemies of the race of men, and the other wizards have all turned their backs on him. He tried to infiltrate the Throne of Rohan with the mischievous spy Wormtounge, but that ended in a scandal sending Wormtounge back home with his tail between his legs, like an ashamed puppy. Saruman now has no allies except the Dark Lord and he is making new enemies every day.

Saruman's hopelessness and his belief that the Dark Lord could not be beaten is an attitude that permeates through all of society and is causing its degradation.

It is blatant that Saruman is joining forces with the Dark Lord only for his interests in power, and is not at all interested in the improvement of humanity in any way whatsoever. He hopes the Dark Lord will give him some power once the war is over, and that people will remember him as a fearsome leader, not at all overshadowed by the more overshadowing Sauron of Mordor.

It seems that Saruman of Isengard does not care at all for the moral issues that are at stake in this war, like which side is actually right. He did not consider whether the side that is planning to take over all of Middle Earth and subject it to millennia of darkness, slavery and death is right, or the side that enjoys eating scones, smoking shire weed and having big birthday parties in which there are many practical jokes and funny toys to play with. Not once did Saruman the White pause to consider the innocent hobbits that will brutally die at the scimitar of highly trained, highly armed, killing machines who come to exploit their sacred land in the name of the Dark Lord.

Sure, Saruman is getting all of the supplies he needs now to maintain his illusion of control, and the Dark Lord from Mordor promises to share his power equally once his conquest is over, but everyone save Saruman himself knows that you do not trust anyone who wants to take over the world, especially if that someone is from Mordor, the land of despair and darkness. Someone should tell Saruman to get better advisors.

The war economy may seem stable enough now, but there is no promise that Mordor will continue sending supplies once the war is over, or that Mordor will even share what it wins at the end of the war with Isengard. As Gandalf the Grey says, "There is only one Lord of the Rings, and he does not share power."

Saruman's agenda is to build a bigger and bigger army, in preparation for a battle against all who oppose his misguided intentions. It is rumored that he intends to attack the fortress of Minas Tirith, a stronghold of men, in order to seek out the one ring of power to give to the Dark Lord.

Saruman's hopelessness and his belief that the Dark Lord could not be beaten is an attitude that permeates through all of society and is causing its degradation. During a conflict, there are cowards, brave warrior heroes and brave thinkers. The cowards become blind to the problem and ignore or join with the enemy. The brave die nobly while trying to defeat the enemy in violent combat. They fight with force and die too easily but are remembered for their ultimate sacrifices.

It is the intelligent, free thinking problem solvers, who sometimes nobody believes in, that can come up with ways to defeat such a powerful enemy. They know how valuable life is, and would face the most difficult challenges, including crossing Mordor to reach their goal. Be a free thinker, with strong will, determination and heart! Destroy the ring!

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Discrimination in Bethlehem

World Perspectives

Gilad Skolnick

His church was bombed a little while ago, but he managed to reopen it. Then it was bombed again, but the congregation successfully repaired the damage. Then it was bombed again and again —14 times total.

Steven Khoury, the Palestinian minister of his First Baptist Church of Bethlehem has received countless death threats and has been beaten up. His father has been shot at three different times, but miraculously not hit once; Khoury credits divine intervention.

Khoury's crime is wanting to love thy neighbor: He is a minister of a Baptist Church that wants peace with Israel. The plight of Middle Eastern Christians is often overlooked. NGO Monitor reports that thousands of Christian families have fled Bethlehem; reducing a city that several decades ago was 80 percent Christian to today's dismal 20 percent. More Christians are leaving as Muslim fanatics have slowly risen to control and stepped up the intense racism against Christians, all of which Khoury tells me that he has noticed firsthand.

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The Muslims in the area frequently invade Christian homes, threatening to kill the inhabitants of the house if they fail to cooperate with their hijackers. Muslim terrorists use the Christian homes as a base to fire at home in Jerusalem neighborhoods. The Israeli army then returns fire at whoever is shooting at the Israeli homes, thereby destroying Christian homes.

There is a saying by some Muslims in Bethlehem, "The Muslims sacrifice their lives and the Christians their property," which justifies the invasion into Christian homes and Churches, theft of their cars and destruction of their businesses. To make things worse, the Palestinian government under Arafat and still now under Abu Mazen cooperates willingly with terrorist organizations like Hamas, whose goal is to establish a fundamentalist Muslim state in place of Israel.

Khoury believes that another motive for the exclusive invasions of Christian homes is to help "encourage" more Christians to leave. Terrorism has also led to a sharp reduction in the number of tourists, which hits the Christian population the hardest, as many of them make their livelihood from tourists.

Another reason that Khoury's church has been bombed so many times is it's support of Israel. Although Khoury dreams of a transparent and democratic Palestinian state, he doesn't want Israel, a country that he and his congregation recognize as a modern country with morals, to disappear.

Christian oppression and discrimination sadly is not limited to those living under the Palestinian government. A few years ago, thousands of Christian Lebanese fleeing the Muslim fundamentalist terrorist group Hezbollah, were provided with homes and money in Israel. The western press largely ignored massacres against Christians in the Lebanese civil war, and over the past few weeks, several bombs have exploded in Christian neighborhoods in Lebanon's capital Beirut, evidence of this continuing problem.

In Iraq and Pakistan, churches are firebombed. In Sudan, Christians are being massacred by the thousands. In Egypt, Christians suffer widespread job discrimination. In Iran, Christians are forbidden to testify in court against a Muslim. Most churches in Iran must function underground. In Saudi Arabia, churches are illegal.

A few years ago Palestinian Muslim terrorists forced their way into the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, one of Christianity's most sacred sites, believed to be where Jesus was born. The gunmen refused to surrender their positions inside the Church for over a month, and once they left, the church was heavily desecrated.

Christian discrimination is something very real in our world today, and has been increasing at disturbing levels while continuously ignored by the western press. What is happening here is most alarming, as the Christian population in the Palestinian territories rapidly decreases, while it grows in Israel.

Just this past May, a Christian Arab student at my university was shot to death by terrorists while jogging in a nearby Jerusalem neighborhood. It's difficult to trust that the Palestinian government will stop terrorists operating against Israelis when it won't even halt its support of those who are waging a war of terror and discrimination against its own citizens.

Information from www.arabsforisrael.com was used in this column.

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Commission report harmful

Leia Hlustick

Our dear Chancellor, John Lombardi has issued a new "action plan" for campus diversity, which anyone can view at www.umass.edu/campusdiversity.

If you take the time to read it, and look beyond the shroud of pretty language for this new organizational structure, like "Center for Student Development" and "A Blueprint for Change" you'll see the true plan of our beloved administration. Sure, the proposal sounds good with a catchy title slapped onto it, but the meaning of the reorganization and restructuring of our campus programs is far from pretty.

Lombardi has disregarded the Diversity Commission's recommendations and decided it best to revoke student control of all student activities agencies, and hand that control over to the administration. This has little to do with promoting diversity and everything to do with nullifying student agency. I feel I can safely say that this is an attempt to detract from the real issue of diversity at the University of Massachusetts and exploit it for the administration's expansion of its power even over student life.

What this proposal will ultimately do is take power away from the UMass student community to make vital decisions on behalf of student interests, including tuition and fee increases, bag searches and parental notification. All RSOs and student agencies, including the SGA, support programs, SCERA, the Collegian, WMUA and many more across campus will be under the umbrella of this Center for Student Development.

This means that their power to allocate funds, manage their websites and information provided to the campus community, programs and services, and space allocations, will all have to be okayed and overseen by the Vice Chancellor and the new position of the Associate Vice Chancellor within the Division of Student Affairs and Campus Life.

Forget about student agency and autonomy at this university. Every dollar allocated and every program or service provided will have Mike Gargano's dirty fingers in it. Remember it was Gargano who passed the new picketing code over the intersession with unanimous votes against it, influenced speaker Pat Higgins through emails on SGA matters and the KKK9 incident, and still is holding his position with a vote of no confidence from the SGA.

The students have run these agencies and the support programs have had autonomy from the Administration's whims up until this point because their funding has been coming from student funds allocated by the SGA. They have been very effective and beneficial to students, except for the apparent lack in funding allocated to the SGA to distribute, and the vacancies which only the administration has hindered filling. That's what the students need and have requested time and time again, and the UMass student body is still being intentionally ignored.

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The administration has placed blame on these agencies and organizations for the university's problems with providing an environment, which nurtures and supports the campus mission for a diverse institution. In Lombardi's plan it states, "As proposed in A Blueprint for Change, this plan will redefine and restructure the Support Programs and the offices in support of ALANA students; it will eliminate the pattern of balkanization," (balkanization means the division of an area or group into smaller and often mutually hostile units) " ... that often results in a disconnection of students of color from the general campus community, as well as within ALANA student communities."

Here's a classic case of blaming the victim. Now the ALANA community and its supporters are labeled as hostile and unwilling to work with each other and the campus community. I have seen first hand the collaboration of the ALANA students with each other and their constant devotion to outreach to non-ALANA students on a regular basis as one of the OAA staff for over a year now. I don't know where this claim comes from . This shows how little the administration understands what is going on with its students, and what a waste of student money was put into the Commission on Campus Diversity (upwards of $40,000).

This is not just a concern of the ALANA community; it is a campus issue, which means every student, every faculty member and every staff member at this institution has a responsibility to speak up and speak out for the future of a genuine diverse institution of higher education. This affects students of all colors, political persuasions, sexualities, cultures — you name it.

I myself am not an ALANA student: I am a white lower-middle class woman on this campus and this plan will affect me just as much as any other student on this campus. Why? Because just like a dictatorship, the administration has the final say in what we as the UMass community can and cannot do or say, and how our institution is run. If students sit back selfishly and simply say, "This doesn't affect me, so why bother?" this change will take place and our autonomy and rights will be violated however the administration sees fit.

Like a dominating father, if the administration wants to, they will spank you, whether it is for speaking up or not complying with their plan. Don't give them the chance. Remember, this is your school. Being apathetic makes a person a contribution to the problem. You have a responsibility to yourself and the students at UMass to take action when you know something needs to be done. I ask that you please be part of the solution.

Please email your thoughts before April 1 to CampusDiversity@umass.edu. You can also take action by contacting the Take Back UMass coalition at contact@takebackumass.com.

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The faces of Lupus displayed



Meghan Healy

You probably have one. Your best friend, your TA and maybe even your grandmother — they probably have one, too. Like me, I am sure you all have noticed the proliferation of rubber bracelets that have taken the wrists of pretty much everyone in the United States hostage. The most notable, the yellow Live Strong bracelets, supporting those diagnosed with cancer, began popping up over the last year. As 'yellow fever' rapidly spread, it was only a matter of time before AIDS, Democrats and even Red Sox Nation followed suit. And, though I resisted the rubber bracelet trend, for quite some time, even I have one now.

I managed to keep my wrist free for quite a while, but one day a few months back while making a donation to the Lupus Foundation of America, I found that they too had jumped on the bracelet bandwagon. I was surprised at first. Lupus is not a trendy disease. Most people have never even heard of it. To be honest, my own mother had it for as long as I can remember and until I was a junior in high school, I didn't really even understand what exactly it was.

Some weeks later, a note thanking me for my donation to LFA was accompanied by one of the organization's purple bracelets. I held it in my hand for a minute and then placed it in my jewelry box. I wasn't ready to wear it yet. I knew that wearing it would attract attention and inevitably lead to questions I was not prepared, at least not emotionally, to answer.

A few weeks later I took the bracelet out and slid it on my wrist. My first time wearing it out, my worst fear was realized. The cashier at the grocery store caught sight of a flash of purple as I went to pay. "That's a pretty color. What is it for?" I hesitated and then replied, "Lupus." She looked at me like I had said something unintelligible and questioned again, "what the heck is that?" I am not sure what she thought it was, but there was a certain change in her demeanor when I answered. "It's an autoimmune disease," I said. "It turns your own antibodies against themselves, often affecting major organs and sometimes causing death." She stared for a few seconds and when I did not offer anymore she smiled and handed me my receipt.

Although the interaction was awkward (to say the least) I walked out of the store feeling good. At least one more person knew what lupus was and maybe she would even take it upon herself to learn more.

The face of lupus is an ever-changing one. Nearly 1.5 million Americans are said to suffer from some form of the disease, with an estimated 6,000 new diagnoses being added to that total each year.

Although the interaction was awkward (to say the least) I walked out of the store feeling good. At least one more person knew what lupus was and maybe she would even take it upon herself to learn more.

Although it is two to three times more common among African Americans, Hispanics, Asians and Native Americans, lupus is not designated to any race or ethnicity. Although typically onset is between the ages of 15 and 44, lupus can be diagnosed at any age. Both men and women are at risk, though adult women are nearly 15 times more likely than men to be diagnosed with lupus. My mother happened to be one of those women.

When my mother was first diagnosed in 1989 with systematic lupus, the most severe and most prevalent form, very little was known about the disease. In fact, it took over two years of doctors' visits before anyone could really make sense of what was going on with her. In the 16 years that have passed, my family has watched as the field of medicine made great strides in the treatment of AIDS and cancer, but, comparatively, very little time or effort seemed to be devoted to lupus.

My mother went through a barrage of tests and operations, treatments and medications. She suffered two strokes, one leaving her paralyzed on her left side for nearly a year. She lost her vision for almost three. Since so little was known about lupus, her life was constantly in jeopardy. Around Christmas, when I was 11-years-old, the doctors told us that she wouldn't make it to Valentine's Day. Over the next eight years she was given similar death sentences from clueless doctors, yet, unfortunately, when she passed away in my freshman year of college no one saw it coming.

I am not sharing this story for sympathy or attention — in fact most people I have met since freshman year don't even know that my mother passed away ... at least they didn't really, until I started wearing this bracelet and opening up about it. Instead I am hoping to simply make some of you aware that lupus exists and is a reality, not only in our society, but statistically, right here in the University of Massachusetts community.

Lance Armstrong has raised millions and millions of dollars for cancer research and support with his yellow Live Strong bracelets, on top of raising awareness and garnering support for survivors and their loved ones. If a proliferation of purple bracelets is what it takes to raise public awareness about a disease that, if caught early enough, doesn't have to be as painful and life-threatening as my mother's was, then I am proud to wear it — and if you have any questions, just ask.

Information from lupus.org was used in this column.

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It's not the time for law school

S.J. Port

It's been just over three months since the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees voted to establish the Commonwealth's first public law school — and I still can't fathom how they have figured the "development" won't cost us a thing.

The idea has been in the works and in the minds of many for years. The theory is as follows: two-thirds of the Massachusetts workforce is educated in some fashion at one of the 28 state and community colleges or the state university system. The majority of these workers were educated in and will continue to reside in Massachusetts, giving back to the community in a multitude of ways.

If the Massachusetts educational system included a law school it would produce lawyers who would likely be involved in state politics. In short: if we graduate lawyers we graduate legislators, and if we graduate legislators we have more support in the legislature and less risk of major budget cutbacks by uncaring graduates of private schools.

This assumes two things: the majority of legislators are lawyers, and privately educated lawyers didn't do their undergraduate work at a public institution and don't care about the public institutions.

According to the Board of Trustees' proposal of establishment, directed to Judith Gill, the Chancellor of the Massachusetts Board of Education on Dec. 24, 2004, "No new state money will be required to complete this merger." That's a huge sigh of relief you just heard from the state legislature.

Thank goodness we don't expect state money to go into this project; there isn't any for the burdened Massachusetts higher educational body as is, let alone with a new baby to feed, develop and administrate over. But, if the state isn't paying for the law school, who is? Where is the money coming from? Show me the money! And I don't mean credit, or loans. I mean actual cold hard cash, that nobody seems to use anymore.

The "current pricing structure will support the operation of the school," according to "UMass Law: the real facts," a Web site attached to the UMass home page that outlines the merger of the Southern New England School of Law with UMass Dartmouth. The Web site neglects to specify which "pricing structure"— that of the Southern New England School of Law or UMass Dartmouth's — they are referring to.

In fact, according to the Web site, only UMass Dartmouth is referenced in terms of monetary connection to the new school. Well, if that is true perhaps UMass Dartmouth won't share the revenue either? That is somehow less doubtful than the idea of the law school not costing the University system, and taxpayers, any money.

It is true that the University system will acquire a standing, existing law school by merging with the Southern New England School of Law. However, the law school is not accredited by the American Bar Association, only by the regional bar association. Stated in its letter of purpose the BOT says that ABA accreditation is priority and can be managed within three years. Conflicting reports have come from both competitors and non-competitors, private and public, but none are as sure as the University that this is possible. The competitors' reports suggest that if the accreditation doesn't happen within three years, it would take more like six years and cost the University and taxpayers up to $39 million dollars.

The BOT contend that because both schools, UMD and SNESL, are on solid financial footing they will be able to meet the additional costs of the merger internally through private funding and reallocation of each of the school's annual budget surpluses. While this sounds peachy, the numbers don't match up. SNESL is valued at 9.7 million dollars and has a $350,000 annual budget surplus but is already 2.6 million in debt.

Two years ago Governor Mitt Romney shook up the higher education world by suggesting we downsize higher education by eliminating or merging several community colleges, combining other programs and taking severe budget cuts. Today we stand stuck in the same financial crisis and as a University are making strong strides away from state funding to be more independent and therefore more fiscally stable.

Adding a law school is just blurring the focus of our higher educational system more. The law school would be an unwieldy burden for the first ten years of existence and would drain not only the system overall but money from the individual campuses as our budgets are slashed so that the legislature can allocate funds to a failing law school we knew we didn't have the money for in the first place.

The Massachusetts Board of Higher Education will vote tomorrow, March 30, at their regular meeting on whether to approve the proposed merger and have said the decision will be based on the financial issues raised. As somebody interested in attending law school but with admittedly no funds to do so, the idea of a public law school where attendance costs $19,000 instead of $35,000 a year is like an oasis in the desert. We have to stop spending money we don't have as well as stop new projects without sound agreed upon financial and administrative plans.

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'The Beekeeper' creates a buzz

Amos' latest studio album experiments with new sound

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At first listen, Tori Amos' ninth studio album, "The Beekeeper," sounds no different stylistically from her previous album, 2002's "Scarlet's Walk." However, it's her lyrics that present a sense of closure to the journey experienced on her last record.

"Scarlet's Walk" left listeners at the end of a road trip, traveling along with Amos and her struggle through personal relationships. These personal themes were tied together by the recreation of the brutality and beauty of America's history. As per usual for Amos, the album was a collection of allusions, specifically to Native American folklore and stories, and combined sexual, religious, and feminist imagery created by her powerful manipulation of descriptive language. "The Beekeeper" is the conclusion to this voyage.

The intensity and directness of the opening track are thrown at the listener with the first words that writhe out of Amos' mouth: "When I come to terms with this my world will be changed. This song, "Parasol," reveals her desire to be at peace, and as the album progressively spins we are led to believe that she will be at her goal by the end. Even as the tracks waver from letting go and holding on she implies that one foot is already out the door.

The repetition of phrases such as "I know now that it's over" on the gospel-inspired track "Witness" are so obvious that the Tori fan eventually longs for the cryptic collection of images which usually dominate Amos' lyrics. On this same track, Amos uses her haunting yet honest voice to convey the difficulty of moving forward despite her desire to heal. But by this point it has become apparant that Amos has matured emotionally, so her attempts to be childish and creative are misplaced.

Amos revisits the idea of protesting original sin on "Original Sinsuality," a flashback to the lyric from "Raspberry Swirl" in which she says, "In the garden I did no crime." However, the song has no colorful lyrics and the title becomes the most original thing about the song, and becomes more of a gimmick.

The standout track named after the album will leave the listener with goosebumps. "The Beekeeper" creates a mood of impending reckoning with its electronic noise that subtely resembles buzzing and its anxious lyrics. Centering around the image of queen bee and her worker bee, Amos notes not to be confused by her just passing by because one day she will come for her. Amos' ability to lill her voice from shrillness to lower scratchiness smoothly radiate almost every track, but this track stands out, especially in the line "she's coming for you."

"The Power of Orange Knickers," which features Damien Rice on vocals, may be difficult to appreciate if you are not a fan of Amos' kookiness and wildly vivid imagination. And even if you are a fan, Amos' childish chanting now seems like a gimmick to show that although she has matured she has maintained her childishness.

On the worst track of the album, "Hoochie Woman," Amos tries to recreate the edgier sounds of 1998's "From the Choirgirl Hotel" which center around the power relations of sex. Amos attempts to recreate the grittiness of these issues light-heartedly on "Hoochie Woman," yet in eradicating the simultaneous personal and detached emptiness she loses her effectiveness. At first, it seems as if Amos strives to relax her grip on the heaviness of more serious issues. But without her usual imagery-compacted language and stylistic passion, she resorts to less passionate ways of saying the same thing over again.

Overall, it seems as if Amos is letting go of her past, and in this album she has let go of the intense passion that makes her great. Fans of "Scarlet's Walk" who want closure and maturation will get it on this album, as each track functions as a closing track. But for those who enjoy her stylistic experimentation, from the intimate piano to her techno remixes, and her dense language will find this album lacking.

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Amos' newest studio album may turn off some of her diehard fans.



U2 still chart-toppers despite Bono's pompous attitude

By Ben Wener
The Orange County Register

SANTA ANA, Calif. — This always surprises the true believers, but there are people who can't stand U2. And it doesn't take much more than an iPod ad to get them grumbling about the widely beloved Irish quartet.

The complaints almost always start with charismatic world-leader-pretend Bono; the Edge's guitar work and the steady thump of Adam Clayton and Larry Mullen Jr. rarely bug people. Just wait for the sanctified singer to open his mouth and make playfully pompous remarks like this, from yet another Grammy acceptance speech, in 2001:

"It's a very unusual emotion i'm feeling right now. i think it's called humility. I'm completely not used to it."

At the time, U2 was enjoying one triumph after another, confirming that the returning to old ways of its "All That You Can't Leave Behind" album was wise. "The whole year has been quite humbling," Bono continued. "Going back to scratch, reapplying for the job. What job? The best-band-in-the-world job."

Such a modest boy.

But decades of detractors haven't swayed U2's dogged determination to be rock's supreme torchbearer, nor have they affected the band's bank ledger. That's just not possible when tickets for its Vertigo Tour — likely the tour of the year — are fetching ungodly amounts on eBay.

U2 can keep reapplying for the position of world's-best if it wishes; last year's "How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb" plays like a Power Point presentation on the group's enduring strength and passion. But only the pope's job is more secure. No pretenders to the throne — those that might actually want it, like Coldplay, and those that couldn't care less, like Radiohead — come close to measuring up.

Consider U2's recent induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Typically that honor is bestowed on acts past their prime. Note U2's classmates: the Pretenders, Buddy Guy, the O'Jays, Percy Sledge. There have been forebears still making vital (or at least good) music past their 25th anniversaries: Dylan, McCartney, the Stones, Springsteen, Bowie, Elton, Prince, Sting.

None, however, can claim U2's massiveness, for none is a triple threat. Not one can (1) issue rabidly anticipated chart-topping blockbusters boasting music that defies demographics; (2) stir up effusive praise for work deemed as relevant now as its most influential albums were then; and (3) launch international juggernauts that sell out so fast millions are left furious over fan-club presales.

Yes, when the Boss or the Stones or Elton or Prince tour, that packs arenas. But what of their most recent material? The Stones have made only half-memorable albums since "Tattoo You" more than two decades ago. Elton and Prince have shaped up considerably, but "Peachtree Roud" ain't "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road" and no one's comparing "Musicology" to "Purple Rain."

Dylan, Springsteen, Paul Simon and Sting keep turning out thoughtful, incisive commentary, much of it acclaimed — yet what keeps their minions forking over hundreds to see them live isn't new work. No one, apart from maybe

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After 25 years of producing what is considered by critics to be some of the best rock albums of all time, U2 is consistently keeping their sound in touch with the times.

'Armed and Fabulous' doesn't live up to expectations with its shaky narrative

By Chris Hewitt
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Great comedies. "Clueless." "Flirting With Disaster." "The Ref." are like rockets, with every element working together to achieve liftoff. The inconsistent "Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous" is more like a firecracker that spirals all over the place, exploding in some places and fizzling out in others.

Luckily, there is more exploding than fizzling. "Congeniality 2" begins with an intriguing idea: What would the fallout be for FBI agent Gracie Hart, who infiltrated the Miss United States pageant in "Congeniality 1" and is now too well-known to go undercover? I like that idea, and I like it that Sandra Bullock, who plays Gracie, is a star with the instincts of an ensemble player. she'll do almost anything for a laugh, and she likes to surround herself with funny people.

Diedrich Bader is a hoot as a stylist who is Carson Kressleyer than Carson Kressley. Regina King is likable and tart as an FBI agent who thinks Gracie is a Federal Barbie of investigation. William Shatner pokes holes in his own windbag as a pageant honcho whose kidnapping gives Gracie a chance to de-Barbie herself and get back to investigating. Even an autograph hunter at a Vegas bar, a character I don't even think has a name, is briefly hilarious.

Weirdly, casting also leads to some problems. Where's Benjamin Bratt, who played Gracie's squeeze in the first "Congeniality"? We're supposed to be invested in their relationship, which is hard to do since the producers were too cheap to hire him to show up in this film. Unfortunately, they did pay a salary to the wooden Elisabeth Rohm, who was recently canned from "Law & Order." Trust me, "Law & Order's" loss is "Miss Congeniality 2's" loss, too. And, although I'm delighted to see Eileen Brennan under any circumstances, there's no way she could be William Shatner's mother unless time travel was involved.

These people have an easy rapport that helps get the movie over some humps. The clunky script, for instance, seems to have been assembled like so: Somebody came up with a list of five things they wanted to see Gracie do, then tried to come up with a "story" to connect the five things. It's as if I wrote five random paragraphs and then tried to connect them by starting each paragraph with the word "therefore."

Therefore, we have very little investment in the disjointed narrative. But the scenes that do work, like a Tina Turner impersonation in which Bullock, as is her wont, sings backup for King, if not fabulous are, at least, quite congenial.



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Even though Sandra Bullock has been out of the celebrity spotlight the past 18 months, she manages to snag a few laughs in "Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous."

Punk landmark is a letdown

By Malcolm X Abram
Knight Ridder Newspapers

NEW YORK — It's 10:30 p.m. March 20 in New York City, and down in the Bowery at the seedy-looking little rock club Country Bluegrass Blues & Other Music For Uplifting Gormandizers, better known around the world as CBGB, a gaggle of young bands had crossed the tiny stage. The evening was winding down, and only a few music lovers and friends were left to make the remaining musicians' CBGB experience memorable.

Seven bands — Grey Tide, Sever, 7 Ways Out, Evan Tolerant, Step Aside, The Vaux and A Dying Declaration — took the stage this night, did their best to rock the smallish crowd, and as the place slowly began to clear out, the uninterested staff started to clean up so they could go home.

By 11:30 it was all over and for this reporter and music fan, the CBGB experience was underwhelming and a bit disappointing. But going to CBGB is like making a pilgrimage to punk's holy land and although I'm pretty sure I didn't see the future of rock that night, I still feel I've scratched a long-suffering itch simply by walking through the club's entrance.

CBGB is the acknowledged birthplace of American punk, and during the '70s it was the headquarters of a scene that can claim Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees the Ramones and the Talking Heads. It sent a wave of excitement through rock whose reverberations are still being felt in popular music.

Virtually every punk and punk/pop band on the charts today owes a debt to the owner, 75-year-old Hilly Kristal, who opened the club in December 1973 to book the country, folk and bluegrass bands he wanted to hear. That mission changed fairly quickly when three guys named Richard Lloyd, Tom Verlaine and Richard Hell had their manager book their band, Television, a Sunday night gig.

A few years later a rock revolution was born as the club was considered home to a host of exciting bands such as Blondie, Patti Smith and Richard Hell and the Voidoids, and the place where foreign bands including the Damned and the Jam made their New York debuts.

But for the last four years the club, so legendary it's used by the city of New York in advertisements, has been in danger of becoming nothing but a legend. Its landlord, the Bowery Residents' Committee, which runs the homeless shelter adjacent to the club, wants more than $91,000 in back rent owed to them by Kristal. If they don't get it, both CBGB and the much nicer-looking CB's Lounge next door will be evicted, ending 33 years of rock 'n roll history.

Like many rock fans, every time I set foot in the Big Apple I hoped I'd have time to go down to the Bowery, and not because some hot band was playing there, because these days the bands are almost secondary to experiencing the venue itself. But as I paid my $3 and walked past the musty curtain that separates the entrance from the bar, I wondered what I expected to see and whether, in 2005, CBGB is really worth saving.

I was looking for ghosts. The ghosts of a vibrant scene like no other in American rock history, the walls of the club that always appeared to be on the brink of crashing down from the noise made by the bands, covered in fliers and stickers from current and long-gone bands for whom playing at CBGB was the zenith of their careers. I was looking for something ephemeral, a feeling, a vibe, a bit of graffiti from an admired musician scrawled on the walls of the legendary repulsive bathroom, anything that could take me back to 1977, when the club and the bands that played there mattered.

In reality, what's left is a felsty old man who naturally doesn't want to give up his business or his place in rock history ("I'm energized, I'm going to fight," Kristal told the Associated Press), and musicians who remember what was.

"I consider it a historic place, It would be like losing a landmark of sorts, you know?" former Ramones drummer Tommy Erdelyi, better known as Tommy Ramone, recently told the AP.

But Erdelyi didn't mention the last time he actually went to CBGB and checked out a band, or how much of his (likely very small) Ramones royalties he was willing to give to help save the club.

At the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction, where Kristal was an invited guest, just about every rock star, movie star and record executive in the room could afford to dig the club out of its current predicament. But beyond delaying Kristal's transition into retirement, what would be the point? The trails have been blazed, the legend solidified, the books written, and now the place is a shell of its former self.

As I watched the average hardcore band Sever give way to nominal headliners A Dying Declaration, an equally average emo band, there was no excitement, no feeling that I was witnessing the next revolution in rock or even a soon-to-be popular band. There were no famed rock critics such as Lester Bangs or Robert Christgau checking out the next thing, no record label weasels looking to jump on a new zeitgeist, just friends, family and a soundman who looked liked he wished he was anywhere but the storied club.

Chances are that in a few years, the only place a hardcore rock fan will be able to see the familiar storefrunt will be as part of an exhibit at the Rock Hall or on the hot-selling T-shirts that earn Kristal about $2 million a year in sales. Perhaps that is how it should be, because those visitors will probably get as much of a sense of CBGB's former mystique as I did standing in the middle of the club looking like a tourist.

But if I happen to be at that exhibit and someone asks, I will still proudly say, "Yeah, I went there once. it was pretty cool."

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Find ABC's 'Lost' around Hawaii's beautiful Oahu

By Chuck Barney
Knight Ridder Newspapers

In the early days of "Lost," ABC's tantalizing plane-crash survival saga, a few of its stir-crazy castaways are seen gazing up at an all-encompassing drapery of majestic green mountains when one of them flashes a look of utter terror and asks, "Guys, where are we?"

Anyone familiar with Hawaii immediately could have told them that they were on the island of Oahu — and more specifically, somewhere in Kuaawa Valley region, not all that far away from civilization, some hot showers and really refreshing shave ice.

But then again, why spoil the fun? They're supposed to be lost, after all.

Since its debut last fall, "Lost," with its twisty plots and mind-blowing mysteries, has been one of prime-time's hottest shows. At least some of the credit should go to the Aloha State, according to co-creator and executive producer Damon Lindelof. The enigmatic island upon which the castaways are marooned is, of course, a key character in the show, and he says Hawaii handles the role with aplomb.

"We could have shot it in Southern California or somewhere else, but we figured that if you're doing a show about a plane wreck on an island in the South Pacific, you really need an island in the South Pacific," says Lindelof. "The jungles and the mountains and the way the water looks are all unique to Hawaii. If the audience doesn't buy the illusion, they check out."

Clearly, the audience has bought it, and now some of the show's fervent followers are starting to express an interest in "Lost" production sites. They want to know where, exactly, did Oceanic Flight 815 "crash." Or where the castaways hold those goofy golf games. Or where — shudder — that creepy unseen jungle "monster" lurks.

"The show has such a powerful pull, and people, in some way, want to be a part of it," says Honolulu film commissioner Walea Constantinau. "It's sort of like the connection Lord of the Rings' has with New Zealand. It's shot in a very intriguing, mysterious place that piques everyone's interest."

Constantinau says she has fielded numerous inquiries about the series and that her office, along with the Oahu Visitors Bureau, is planning a special Web link to help tourists get "Lost" while they're visiting Hawaii.

Unfortunately, some of the film locations are as impenetrable as the show's mythology. For example, the site where Locke (Terry O'Quinn) first eyed the island creature is on private North Shore property. And those freshwater caves where some of the castaways hang out? They're actually a fabricated set on a Honolulu soundstage, which has its own eerie story to tell. (It's a former Xerox warehouse and site of a multiple murder).

On the other hand, several sites, including the plane-crash beach, not only are open to the public, they offer all sorts of enticing diversions that go beyond just some Hollywood make-believe. Here's a rundown:

• Mokuleia Beach: Located a few miles west of the fabled beaches of Oahu's North Shore and in a mostly undeveloped area near road's end, Mokuleia is often overlooked by tourists. John R.K. Clark, author of "Oahu's Best Beaches," says that's what makes it a "haven for anyone seeking some solitude and a perfect place for all those castaways to get lost."

Indeed, Mokuleia is where the TV show's plane — or at least its hulking fuselage — performed its explosive crash-and-burn. Apparently it was quite convincing, because when the pilot episode was shot last winter, several startled residents phoned emergency officials in the area.

The plane's carcass has since been dismantled, and any remaining parts used by the castaways are now on private property. And so the stretch of sand where Jack (Matthew Fox) tended to all those injured crash victims is open to beachcombers, snorkelers, swimmers, campers and anyone else seeking to commune with nature. (Visitors should be aware that it can be subject to dangerously high waves in winter). During periods of high winds, the waters off Mokuleia (the word means "district of abundance" says Clark) become a premier windsurfing spot.

• Kualoa Ranch: This 4,000-acre working cattle ranch, which spreads from breathtaking mountain cliffs to the sparkling Pacific, is an outdoor lover's paradise — offering horseback riding, ATV rides, kayaking and more.

It's no wonder, then, that Hurley (Jorge Garcia) picked this spot to lay out his makeshift two-hole golf course. Yes, Kualoa Ranch, near the city of Kaneohe, is where the castaways go to get their minds off the island heebie-jeebies and work on their putting.

"We've had some people ask us when it is that we're going to put in an actual golf course, but I don't think that's in the plans," says ranch owner and general manager John Morgan.

The "Lost" film crew drops by Kualoa at least a couple of times a month (production ends this month) to shoot many of those gorgeous valley scenes. This is also where Sayid (Naveen Andrews) and company hiked the hills to pull in that troubling radio transmission from the sadistic Frenchwoman.

"Lost" isn't Kualoa's first brush with Hollywood. Its credits also include parts of "Jurassic Park," "50 First Dates," "Pearl Harbor," "Godzilla" and others. Visitors here can take a tour that offers an up-close and personal view of the film sites.

• Waimea Valley Audubon Center: A three-quarter-mile walk from the park entrance will lead you to lovely Waihi Falls, which dumps into a cool jungle pool. Visitors are invited to take a dip (weather permitting), but "Lost" fans might think twice.

This, after all, is the pond where Kate (Evangeline Lilly) and Sawyer (Josh Holloway) took what they thought would be a refreshing swim, only to come upon two submerged corpses still buckled into their airplane seats.

Park director Diana King promises that visitors will find "no dead bodies — as long as you don't dive or do anything dangerous."

The lush 1,800-acre Waimea Valley actually is much more lovely than creepy. As a home to archaeological sites and remnants of old Hawaiian settlements, as well as a vast array of tropical blooms, birds, fish and other wildlife, it provides the perfect opportunity for visitors to immerse themselves in Oahu's natural and cultural history.

• Byodo-In Temple: The verdant Koolau mountains serve as a stunning backdrop for the Valley of the Temples Memorial Park, the centerpiece of which is this majestic replica of a 900-year-old temple of the same name in Uji, Japan.

Here is where, in a precrash flashback, Sun (Yunjin Kim) and Jin (Daniel Dae Kim) first met and began making plans for their marriage.

Fortunately, the environs are much more tranquil than their relationship turned out to be.

The temple is surrounded by large ponds teeming with colorful Japanese carp. An 18-foot meditation Buddha rises above the quiet scene, and the booming sounds emitted from a 3-ton temple bell occasionally disrupt the stillness.

Legend has it that good luck comes to those who are able to ring the bell. Apparently, those beleaguered castaways of "Lost" never have.





The Hawaiian island of Oahu Visitor's Bureau plans to release a Web link for fans of ABC's prime-time hit show "Lost" to explore the island.

U2 still on top

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critics, goes to see Bruce hoping he'll play lots from "The Rising."

Exactly the opposite has proved true of U2, whose platform for making purposeful statements has only widened. Its fans seem as eager to hear new material in concert as they do classic anthems from the titans in the band's catalog. 1987's stately "The Joshua Tree" and 1991's extreme makeover "Achtung Baby."

There's a consumer-freshness that U2 has miraculously maintained over the years that has no parallel. Consider what song leads off the latest "Now That's What I Call Music" compendium of inescapable youth-geared hits. Not something by Gwen or Snoop or Ashlee. It's "Vertigo."

No band , its original lineup intact, that has been together as long could manage such a trick. No one else over 40 is even on Top 40 radio now.

How has U2 done it? With consistency of vision, a singular (and straightforward) marriage of music and message with global appeal, and an innate ability to stay current.

Look at that last point first, even though it seems the most frivolous. Start by recalling the up-to-the-minute openers U2 has chosen over the years: Public Enemy, Rage Against the Machine, PJ Harvey, No Doubt and, for this outing, Kings of Leon. Like Bowie, U2 stays modern simply by keeping up with the Joneses.

Yet it's said that straining to seem hip is why U2 lost its way in the '90s. I don't think it did, actually; its most maligned discs, "Zooropa" (1993) and "Pop" (1997), are not nearly the atrocities some claim.

"Zooropa," I think, is more sonically invigorating than "Achtung" and showed the band capable of Eno-abetted abstraction, where sound says more than statements. Take away those regretful nods to techno and the best of "Pop" could sit well alongside anything on their adjudged masterpieces. Likewise, moodier parts of "The Unforgettable Fire" (1984) and "War" (1983, an album as atmospheric as it was angry) wouldn't seem out-of-place on "Zooropa."

Such interchangeability is clear proof of sustained vision — and for egotism run rampant, "Rattle and Hum" (1988) is more deplorable than "Pop." But then, nothing on "Pop" could make millions sing along the way, say, "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For" might. That's why it's deemed a misfire: It doesn't live up to U2's monumental reputation.

Despite the years of off-putting corporate gestures, somehow these intrinsically working-class street punks have never strayed so far into glitz that their Christian-rooted foundation has been cracked. Turning to God, questioning master plans while simultaneously pleading for salvation (for themselves, for us) always seems to restore them to their original path. And those most inspired fans, connected since "Under a Blood Red Sky" as if united in a holy war, embrace them like prodigal sons.

They seek out themes prevalent in almost any U2 song, no matter the guise: Peace for all, and lay down your guns. Give more than the crumbs from your table. Realize that sometimes you can't make it on your own, and walk on.

One love, naturally.

Which brings me back to St. Bono, the living embodiment, for better and worse, of John Lennon's social concern and indefatigable optimism. He campaigns constantly for worthy causes — AIDS prevention in Africa, Third World debt relief. He tries tirelessly to enable dialogue between battling factions, whether in Ireland, the States or throughout Europe.

No wonder he's nominated, again, for the Nobel Peace Prize, the only rocker other than Live Aid organizer Bob Geldof to get that recognition. No wonder rumor circulated that he was a candidate for the World Bank presidency. (He wasn't being considered, and he's not interested in the gig.)

No wonder people grow resentful of his omnipresence. Best intentions aside, we love to destroy crusaders.

Bono's influence, though, is immense and still growing; he can command an audience with any major leader at this point. Heaven forbid an unexpected death in his musical family brings a premature end to U2; there's no telling what sort of force he could become on the world stage.

Come to think of it, he already is that. Who else in rock 'n' roll since Lennon has been able to say the same? And still regularly hit No. 1?

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Michigan State has huge task at hand in North Carolina

By Alan Schmadtke
Knight Ridder

AUSTIN, Texas — Kelvin Torbert isn't supposed to be going to this Final Four. He's supposed to already have been there and already gone to the NBA.

He and his senior classmates at Michigan State are supposed to have accounted for at least one Big Ten title and at least one more Final Four appearance than they have in hand.

That's because when Spartans Coach Tom Izzo brought in his group of newcomers four seasons ago, comparisons to former stars such as Mateen Cleaves and Magic Johnson were tossed out.

When Torbert, Alan Anderson and Chris Hill rolled into East Lansing, Mich., as freshmen in 2001, Michigan State was coming off its third consecutive trip to the Final Four, including a national-title season in 2000. That freshman class was supposed to keep the Spartans express rolling.

But this is the Spartans' first Final Four since '01, and Izzo acknowledges an abiding appreciation for a group of seniors that were, he told the Detroit Free Press earlier this season, "beaten on, run over, spit on, you name it."

Michigan State's seniors aren't the stars, but they're the emotional fuel and force for a surprising Final Four run. Reaching Saturday's national semifinal as a No. 5 regional seed, the Spartans (26-6) face North Carolina (31-4) in Saturday's prime-time game at the Edward Jones Dome. The winner gets Illinois or Louisville in Monday's title game.

"We've kind of taken to heart that our five seniors have been through a lot of things," said junior center Paul Davis, including lifth-year senior Tim Bograkos and walk-on Andy Harvey in the group. "They have been places where not a lot of people have gone. They have been successful in those places. We want to send them off right.

"That's what we are doing it for. We're going to be fighting for them, and they'll be rolling along with us."

Michigan State's run through the Austin Regional, swarming top-seeded Duke and squeezing past second-seeded Kentucky in two overtimes, provided as much relief for the Spartans as it did appreciation. This is a team that once had an 11-game losing streak against ranked opponents.

Getting to St. Louis is especially gratifying for a coach who experienced pangs of guilt about his button-pushing with his senior class. Izzo admitted that following up with a three-year run of Final Four trips with a three-year drought — and twice not getting to the Sweet 16 — forced him to appreciate the Spartans' earlier success. And how rocky and winding the road can be.

He also said he wished he could have helped more when Zach Randolph bolted for the NBA after his freshman season in 2001. Randolph would have elevated the play of this year's seniors for one or two seasons. And Izzo admitted he overscheduled last season when the Spartans were 18-12, their worst season since 1996-97, and lost in the first round of the tourney to Nevada.

"After what these guys have been through, I think this was the most satisfying of all of them," Izzo said. "This one for me (is) special, there's no question. I felt guilty that I put these seniors through more than they deserved. Now it is rewarding. What didn't kill us made us stronger. We survived."

Said Torbert: "In the years I have been here, this is the team that has been through the most. We're still standing because we fought our way through. It says a lot of all of us, not just the senior class."

One reason Izzo stands in admiration for his seniors is that Hill did get better off the bench and didn't complain when Neitzel kept starting. Torbert, a high school All-American some analysts thought might skip college altogether and go to the NBA, has accepted his bench role, too.

"I feel like everything happens for a reason," Anderson said.



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Michigan State's Alan Anderson (15) drives to the net over Kentucky's Ravi Moss during Sunday's national quarterfinal.

Williams talks draft

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high school players in the country.

He can play inside or out, but his spot has been filled by senior Jawad Williams, who gives Carolina considerable experience but only slightly more production. Marvin Williams started the season on the bench, stayed there when his play quickly accelerated and even when Jawad Williams was plagued by a hip injury.

"Marvin sees that Sean (May) and Jawad have had pretty good years, so he's accepted his role and knows that he is extremely important," Roy Williams said. "(Starting) was not what was best for our team. Jawad has struggled lately, but it has not necessarily hurt us by having Marvin come off the bench."

Not by any stretch. He was the best player in the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament in Charlotte, scoring 40 points on 16-of-23 shooting and grabbing 23 rebounds, prompting May to say, "I call him 'Rookie', but he's not a rookie anymore."

Despite a less productive regional, Williams has received reviews approaching those of former freshman phenoms Luol Deng of Duke and Carmelo Anthony of Syracuse.

Almost. If starting, he might be at their level. But that's not an issue for Marvin Williams, who said he was "definitely comfortable with" the transformation from super prep to college reserve.

"It was kind of tough at first, but I accepted it easily," he said. "It was something Coach wanted me to do and was best for our team."

Marvin Williams could have stayed close to home and played for Lorenzo Romar at Washington.

But he was lured to North Carolina. He said he never truly gave the NBA a thought in high school, and he wanted to be somewhere that a national championship was within reach.

"Coming from a high school where we never won a state championship, I wanted to come to North Carolina to win a national championship," he said. "I'd rather be on the bench and win a national championship."

Williams rarely wastes the 22 minutes he gets per game. He averages 11.7 points and 6.6 rebounds and he can shoot from anywhere — 51 percent from the field, 45 percent beyond the 3-point arc, and 86 percent from the free-throw line.

"Marvin is as big as Jawad and Sean and comes in and is able to do so many things for us — rebounding, scoring," Roy Williams said. "That enables Sean and Jawad to not have to pace themselves."

That means one of the best players in the country will come off the bench at the Edward Jones Dome on Saturday night.

"I'm on a team where everyone is good," he said, "and I'm just looking to win a national championship."

NBA talent backfires for Cards

By George Richards
Knight Ridder

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Just imagine how good Louisville could be right now.

The Cardinals, winners of 22 of their past 23 games, head into the Final Four one of the hottest teams in the nation.

When Louisville tips off Saturday night against top-ranked Illinois in a national semifinal, the Cardinals will celebrate their current position and not worry about what could have been.

Think about this: Louisville signed prep star Sebastian Telfair and junior college standout Donta Smith, yet both opted for the NBA draft. Brian Johnson, a 6-9 freshman, had season-ending surgery on his right knee in November.

Despite all the adversity, the Cardinals have rolled right along.

All the way to St. Louis.

"It has happened so quick, and this season has caught me off guard because we felt we really were going to struggle to make the tournament this year," said coach Rick Pitino, the first to take three different programs to the Final Four.

"We thought we were thin. We thought we were going to fight. We were willing to fight to make the tournament, and suddenly we realize we have a really good basketball team that was unselfish and certain things you cannot measure. We had injuries throughout the season, but we kept winning despite all of that.

"These guys just have great character and they are all very different people, but they are all in together. It's one heartbeat."

For Larry O'Bannon, this trip to St. Louis may be a little more special. A native of Louisville, he knows firsthand what the success of this team means to the people of the city.

This is Louisville's first trip to the Final Four since the Cardinals won the 1986 national championship by knocking off Duke in Dallas.

"This really brings the community together," he said. "They really support this team."

Pitino has the Cardinals playing great basketball while stressing the team game. While players such as Francisco Garcia, O'Bannon and Taquan Dean have stood out throughout the season and the tournament, none of them plays selfish basketball.

In wins against top-seeded Washington and West Virginia in the Albuquerque Regional, the Cardinals won because players broke inside and dished out to the open man.

"When you win and are successful," Pitino said, "opportunities and doors open for each one of them individually if they play as a team.

"When you're regarded as a winner and you're successful, money chases you. When you go out for yourselves and you go after your points or your stats and you lose, success and opportunities never follow you."

After beating Washington in impressive fashion, O'Bannon and Garcia spoke to the media. While they joked, they got serious when talk turned to their team.

"From Day One we preached team balance and unselfishness," O'Bannon said, "and to always make that extra pass to your teammates. That's our team motto. And when we go out there and play, that's what we show.

Weber feeling out of place

By Jeremy Rutherford
Knight Ridder

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Illinois coach Bruce Weber said he took one look at his coaching counterparts in the NCAA Final Four and discovered, "I'm the pup."

Weber, 48, will be coaching in his first Final Four when Illinois (36-1) faces Louisville (33-4) at 5:07 p.m. Saturday at the Edward Jones Dome.

Louisville's Rick Pitino (five), North Carolina's Roy Williams (five) and Michigan State's Tom Izzo (four) will have combined for 14 Final Four appearances after this weekend. Among active coaches, the three coaches rank among the top six in trips to the Final Four.

Despite Illinois' success this year, which now includes the school's first trip to the Final Four since 1989, Weber said he has a long way to go to be considered one of the top coaches in the game.

"I think you have to do it over the course of time," said Weber, who is in his seventh season as a head coach, the last two with the Illini. "It's a dream, there's no doubt. But there are so many coaches that have put in so much more time than I have. To have that opportunity to go, it's very humbling."

The hysteria from Saturday night's 90-89 overtime victory over Arizona has made it tough for Weber to realize the next step for the Illini. The Final Four is a whole new world.

"I'm not sure it's sunk in," Weber said. "I've gone 20-something years (to the Final Four), but you go to a couple meetings, it's sort of a social, all the coaches having fun. This time, we're not going to get an opportunity to do that."

Weber has a busy itinerary in St. Louis. In addition to coaching the Illini on Saturday, he will attend two banquets — for the US Basketball Writers Association and The Associated Press — to receive national coaching awards over the weekend.

Weber already has placed a couple of phone calls to colleagues to ask how they handled the business of playing in the Final Four. He left messages for Connecticut's Jim Calhoun and even Michigan State's Tom Izzo.

Wait a minute. Izzo's in the Final Four.

"He'll call me," Weber said. "The couple of comments I heard from different people were ... they wished they would have let their kids enjoy it more because, all of the sudden, it's over.

"I told them (Sunday), 'I know you're tired, I know it's a long season, but at the same time, you're probably not going to get to come here again, the seniors for sure. Enjoy the fun.'"

Weber admitted that while the Illini's goal is winning the national championship, it has felt like a relief advancing to the Final Four.

"Because so many people have pointed to it," he said. "Every (computer) screen saver I see is 'March to the Arch.' It's all over the place. But that's what we talked about conveying to the players: 'Let's not be satisfied: let's go for the whole thing.'"

Then, Weber's name would be added to an elite list of coaches, those who have won national championships. In this Final Four alone, Pitino and Izzo have one title apiece.

Even if the Illini don't win, Weber will have cashed in on at least one dream.

"As a coach coming up, you always watch the practices and kind of think, 'Man, I wish some day we have that opportunity,'" Weber said. "Now, people are going to be watching us. So it's a good feeling."

Augustine gets therapy

Junior forward James Augustine, who fouled out of Saturday's win late in the regulation, received therapy Sunday to help an aching left knee. He injured the knee in the game, and while Illini aren't saying how it happened, Augustine is supposed to be fine.

"This has been a problem that occurred back in the summer," Weber said. "It's just kind of reoccurred. I don't think it's anything real serious. All of the sudden it just bothered him."

Augustine was mum Monday.

"It doesn't hurt," he said. "People are blowing it out of proportion."



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Illinois' Luther Head soars to the basket against Arizona on Saturday. The Illini are in the Final Four after defeating Arizona 90-89 in overtime. Illinois will play Louisville for a spot in the championship.

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Twomley leading struggling UMass

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to be there, and the young kids have had to step up," Twomley said.

"Look at the infield. The oldest guys are Bryan Adamski and Anthony Santos (both sophomores), and the rest are all freshmen. They all know their role; they all know what they have to do.

"In close, one-run games, maturity can play a factor, but we don't want to use that as an excuse for the way things have turned out."

Junior David Sullivan (0-1) is penciled in as starter for tomorrow, though Stone will likely use a committee approach similar to their mid-week game against UConn on March 22, and Sullivan will probably only see a few innings of work. Sullivan has one blown save this year to go along with a 2.35 earned run average.

In his last outing, Saturday's 6-5 loss to Xavier, Sullivan allowed one run on three hits in 3-1/3 innings of relief of Doherty while walking one and striking out three.

Sacred Heart comes into today's contest batting .211 as a team, compared to UMass's team average of a mere .192.

The Pioneers are led by senior outfielder Curtis Lewsey, who in 18 games at second base is hitting .339 while ranking first on the team in runs (seven), hits (20) and doubles (three).

Smith starstruck at tourney

By David Haugh
Knight Ridder

CHICAGO — Queasiness set in for Dean Smith shortly after he walked into the Los Angeles Sports Arena hours before the 1968 NCAA men's basketball title game between his North Carolina Tar Heels and UCLA.

Smith caught a glimpse of Lew Alcindor, the 7-foot-2-inch walking prescription for antacid tablets for opposing coaches. Just the sight of Alcindor put the butterflies in Smith's stomach on red alert.

"Then it kind of grabbed me what was happening to me, and I thought it was ridiculous to feel that way," recalled Smith, 37 at the time and coaching in his first of five national championship games. "So I decided to stick to my game plan. I thought maybe we could play [Alcindor] straight up. Except our center (Rusty Clark) was a future thoracic surgeon and theirs became Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. Shows you what I knew."

Alcindor, who later changed his name to Abdul-Jabbar and became the NBA's all-time leader scorer, made North Carolina pay for not double-teaming him with 34 points and 16 rebounds in a 78-55 rout that was the most lopsided championship game in NCAA history until 1990.

Smith, who eventually won more games than any men's coach in NCAA history (879), learned a valuable lesson from that experience that had nothing to do with coaching on an empty stomach.

"Coaches play a big role in making sure you're improving as a team, how you react to injuries, and many important things about the job," Smith said. "But players win championships."

Players author national titles yet even Smith concedes it is the head coach's signature that leaves the most indelible mark on a program.

The NCAA men's basketball tournament, another term for the coaching insomniacs convention that lasts three weeks every March, focuses inordinate attention on the men who lead the 65 teams lucky enough to get a bid.

For the Final Four coaches still alive in the tournament, the scrutiny increases with each step. But so do the rewards.

Wisconsin-Milwaukee coach Bruce Pearl, for example, added points to his coaching IQ in the eyes of major-college athletic directors in search of a head coach with surprise victories over Boston College and Alabama. That's why Tennessee named Pearl its newest head coach on Monday. And Pearl didn't even make the Final Four.

Illinois coach Bruce Weber probably could run for governor if he leads the Illini to a national championship as many expect.

Lute Olson of Arizona and Eddie Sutton of Oklahoma State are among the biggest celebrities in their respective states. Bob Knight, Mike Krzyzewski, Roy Williams ... the list of larger-than-life college basketball coaches goes on.

They make their reputations in March, but do they make the biggest difference in the tournament that defines their sport?

"I'm not into the whole, 'I'm smarter than you,' thing," said former Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson, who led the Razorbacks to back-to-back NCAA championship game appearances in 1994-95. Richardson's Arkansas team beat Duke in '94 but lost to UCLA in '95.

He did not consider himself a better coach than Krzyzewski after winning in the final any more than he considered himself a lesser coach than Jim Harrick after losing a year later.

"Basketball is a game of decisions and the guys who make the best decisions are going to beat you, so at tournament time you just tell the kids, 'You've been prepared, now just go out and play,'" Richardson said. "Nothing fancy."

In 17 years at Arkansas, Richardson did not believe in setting rigid times for pre-game meals, putting in specific plays on the days of games or developing elaborate scouting reports that occupy so many assistant coaches' time, especially with the quick turnaround between games during the tournament. The previous 24 weeks were for preparation more than the preceding 24 hours.

He based his philosophy from experience. When Richardson was a high school player his coach had the team spend the day before a district championship at his home studying every last detail so thoroughly that "by the time the game came, I was tighter than Dick's hat band," he said.

Former Louisville coach Denny Crum, who won national titles in 1980 and 1986, started preparing during the previous summer when the school finalized the schedule. He preferred beefing it up and building month-by-month to March, the only month Crum thought really mattered.

"We'd add a little wrinkle to our offense as the season progressed, so that by the time the tournament started, the real coaching was over," Crum said. "My feeling was you do what you do all year and don't change things just because of the added pressure of the tournament. We never did."

To wit, before each national championship game in '86, the Cardinals eschewed game-planning and the final practice focused on fundamentals with Pervis Ellison performing jump stops as if it were the first day of practice. Crum downplayed the notion of a 40-minute chess game and thought the biggest coaching challenge of the six-game season known as March Madness involved the media.

"You need to have a good sports information director who can isolate you from distractions," Crum said. "With players, they don't need to be motivated at that stage. Just be positive and supportive. From a basketball standpoint, there are not many moves you can make that will affect the outcome."

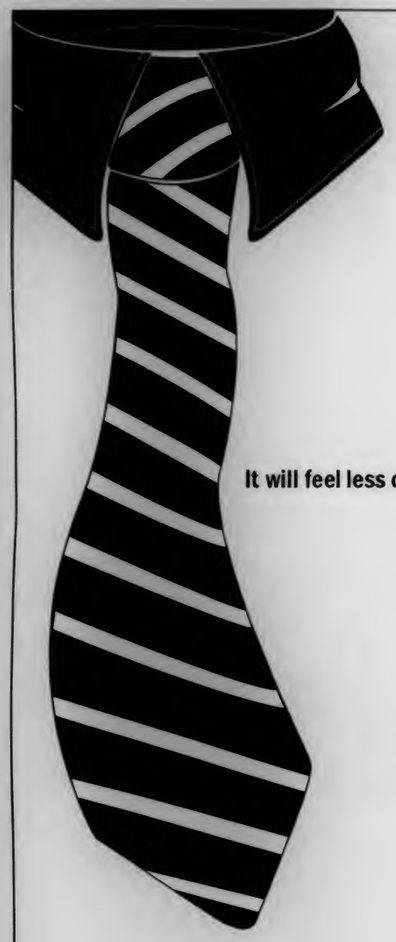
Though Crum still regrets one he never made. In the second round of a 1981 NCAA tournament game, Louisville led Arkansas by a point when the Razorbacks' U.S. Reed sank a 50-footer at the buzzer to oust the Cardinals, 73-72. Twenty-four years later, it still bugs Crum he never told the two players he assigned to Reed during a time-out to make him dribble left.

"He could not have thrown it 50 feet with his left hand," Crum said. "That's the only move I can think of I'd do over if I could."

Retired Michigan State coach Jud Heathcote can laugh about the time his biggest X-and-O miscalculation almost resulted in a Spartan SOS.

It was in the 1979 national title game and Michigan State led Indiana State by 16 just four minutes into the second half when Greg Kelser picked up his fourth foul. Heathcote pulled Kelser and left him on the bench longer than he should have, in retrospect.

"I almost blew it because they had cut it to six with about eight minutes left so I put him back in and crossed my fingers," Heathcote said. "If he had fouled out, we probably would not have won the title. It was a gamble."



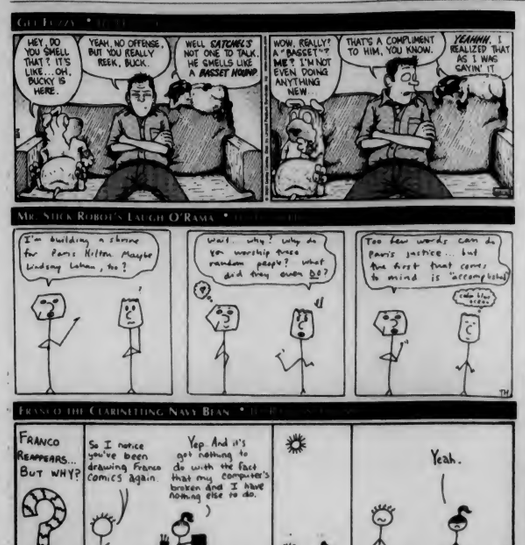
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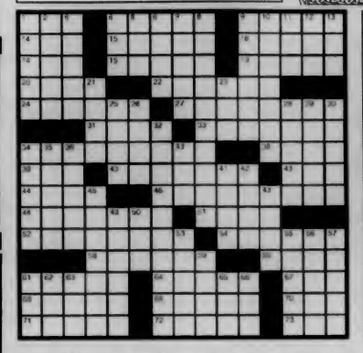
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UMass looks to end struggles

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

If last weekend's forgettable trip to Cincinnati, Ohio is any indicator of where the Massachusetts baseball team stands within the Atlantic 10 Conference, then this afternoon's contest against the Sacred Heart Pioneers (3-15) should be an excellent indicator of where it stands within the northeast.

While UMass (3-13 0-3 A-10) and the Pioneers have accumulated just six wins combined, SHU comes into today on a two-game winning streak, taking the last two in a three-game series against Mount St. Mary's last weekend. The Minutemen, on the other hand, are losers of eight straight, their last victory coming 16 days ago when Keith Doherty (1-4) earned his first and only win of the season in a complete-game shutout.

The Maroon and White have been seriously lacking in offense since that point, getting blown out (18-3 loss to Xavier) in some occasions and missing hits when they need them (2-1 loss to Illinois State, 6-5 and 2-1 losses to Xavier) at other times.

"The toughest task we're facing right now is trying to generate hits," senior Jason Twomley said. "We're popping a lot of balls up. When runners get into scoring position, we can't manage to drive them in. After games, all we can say is that we played all nine innings hard. The effort's there, the intensity's there, we just need to get one or two more big hits."

That isn't to say the pitching hasn't underperformed, as the UMass hurlers allowed a total of 24 runs over the three-game series with Xavier last weekend.

But right now the light at the end of the tunnel, though significantly diminished, is dimly-lit and flickering thanks in part to the return of Twomley (.444 batting average, five home runs) to the lineup after missing three weeks with a broken wrist.

In his return to the lineup last weekend, the Fitchburg native went 7-for-10 from the plate, accounting for six runs, three home runs and three runs batted in to garner A-10 Player of the Week honors. After breaking his wrist in a game against Delaware on March 5, Twomley did everything in his power to let the wrist heal, and it has certainly paid off.

"My wrist felt great [last weekend]," Twomley said. "The doctor said the best thing to do was to not do anything for three weeks, even if that meant not getting to play in Florida [during spring break]. I really gave it a chance to heal, and now it's in the best possible shape.

"It felt great swinging this weekend. It felt like brand new because I did everything I could to get it to 100 percent. There are no complications."

An estimate on how long Curt Szado, UMass's other leading hitter (.333, 12 hits, seven RBI) is still unknown. The senior outfielder injured his shoulder on March 19 by diving for a ball in the gap against Army, the last opponent they faced in Florida before departing back to Amherst.

With holes still in the armor of the Maroon and White batsmen, coach Mike Stone has been turning to the youth of the Minutemen to provide some spark, especially in the infield. But with youth comes lack of experience — especially at the plate — something that becomes very important in close one-run games.

"Obviously with us losing Szado, some leadership needs your advantage."

The Maroon and White come into the match having won three in a row and four-of-five. Last week they defeated Temple 4-3 on Thursday and defending A-10 champion, Richmond, 4-3 on Friday.

On March 22, URI lost to Sacred Heart 5-2 in Kingston, R.I.

"They're pretty good. They aren't Richmond or Temple, but they'll come ready to play," Frey said.

The match in Amherst is a homecoming of sorts for Rams senior Bridgette LaFlamme. LaFlamme hails from neighboring Hadley, Mass. and attended Hopkins Academy. Against Sacred Heart she gained a victory in the No. 5 slot, winning 6-3, 4-6, 10-8.

Over the years, UMass has enjoyed a lot of success against the Rams. Since 1978 the Minutewomen lead the series 29-6-1 with the latest victory coming exactly one year ago today. On March 30, 2004 UMass beat URI in a blowout 7-0.

In that match, juniors Jana Bartolini and Iwanowicz were each able to gain singles victories in straight sets. The pair defeated their opponents 6-0, 6-1 and 6-0, 6-2 respectively.

However, Frey stressed that her team can't take their opponents lightly because of what happened in the past. This is an A-10 match, and they all need to be taken seriously. Frey noted that in her four years as an assistant, this year is the closest she's seen the A-10.

"You have UMass, Richmond, Xavier, Temple and George Washington all atop the conference and any one of them can take it," Frey said.

The Minutewomen will be back in action next Wednesday as they take on Fordham (8-4) at home.



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Jason Twomley has been one of the bright spots for the Minutemen this season. UMass plays Sacred Heart today at home.

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Spiess keeps UM in right direction

By Jon Pelland
Collegian Correspondent

The good news just keeps rolling in for the Massachusetts women's tennis team (10-6 2-0 Atlantic 10).

Following its two big conference wins last week, it was announced earlier this week that UMass sophomore Michele Spiess was named Co-Atlantic 10 Player of the Week and the Dinn Bros./UMass Athlete of the Week. Also, UMass freshman Masha Pozar was named A-10 Rookie of the Week.

"I wasn't surprised to hear, [Spiess and Pozar] deserve it," UMass Assistant Coach Celeste Frey said.

Spiess gained the honors by going 4-0 last week in singles and doubles matches against Temple and Richmond. On Thursday, Spiess defeated her singles opponent 6-3, 0-6, 6-0 and won an epic four-hour match on Friday by a score of 7-6 (8-6), 6-7 (5-7), 6-1.

"Michele is Michele, she had a tough week but she played well and I'm happy for her," Frey said.

Pozar teamed with Spiess to go 2-0 in doubles matches during the two-match road trip. The two cruised to an 8-0 match at No. 2 against Temple and beat Richmond by a count of 8-6.

"Masha played well, the top spot in the lineup can be tough. She came up big in doubles," Frey commented.

The Minutewomen have their first outdoor home match of the spring today as the Rhode Island (3-7 0-1 A-10) comes to Amherst for an A-10 showdown. The match marks the first time the team will be competing outdoors in Amherst this spring.

"Outdoors is whole different game," Frey noted. "You have the wind and weather that you need to watch and try to use to

Red Sox beat down Yanks in spring game

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Boston's pitcher threw a ball behind Alex Rodriguez and no one got upset.

It's only spring training and a matchup between the Red Sox and New York Yankees doesn't necessarily add to the rivalry between the teams.

Rodriguez scrambled out of the way of the first-inning pitch by John Halama, who pitched three innings and picked up the win in Boston's 7-2 victory Tuesday.

"We're great friends," Rodriguez said of Halama. "I just laughed."

Halama, who played with Rodriguez in Seattle, said he was trying to throw the pitch inside but it broke too much.

"I try not to laugh out [on the mound] because I want to try to get him out," Halama said, "but after it was over I came into the dugout and I laughed about it."

It wasn't as peaceful last July 24 when Rodriguez was hit by a pitch by Boston's Bronson Arroyo at Fenway Park. Rodriguez stared and yelled at Arroyo as he started walking toward first base. Catcher Jason Varitek then pushed Rodriguez and the dugouts and bullpens emptied.

There were other differences between the exhibition game, played five days before Boston faces New York at Yankee Stadium on opening day Sunday, and a meaningful matchup.

The Red Sox used only four regular starters and their entire outfield was made up of players not on their 40-man roster. The Yankees started most of their regulars, although first baseman Jason Giambi and second baseman Tony Womack sat out with injuries.

Giambi has minor tightness in his left hamstring and Womack had an MRI that showed no serious damage in his left knee that was hit by a pitch Monday. Both are expected to play Thursday.

"I think both clubs sort of had the same idea about this one," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "We're so close to the season opening, that's where we're concentrating right now."

The last time the teams met in an important game, the Red Sox won Game 7 of the AL championship series 10-3 to complete a comeback after losing the first three games. Then they swept St. Louis in the World Series.

In the first inning on Tuesday, Rodriguez grounded out before Bernie Williams singled in a run off Halama, who allowed one run and five hits. The Red Sox scored twice in the third and once in the fourth against loser Aaron Small.

They made it 4-1 in the sixth on Mike Lockwood's RBI triple off Tanyon Sturtze then reached Alex Graman for three runs in the seventh.

"We had a lot of young kids play. It was fun. They had a little extra bounce in their step," Boston manager Terry Francona said. "Our veterans got what they needed out of the game and then the young kids came in and played and played well."

Next stop for both teams: Yankee Stadium. This year the Yankees, who have won 26 World Series, will be aiming to knock off the new champions, although Torre doesn't think that gives this year's games between the teams added meaning.

"You play (each other) 19 times and that doesn't guarantee anything because you still go to postseason," he said, "and have to do it all over again and it's a sport that you can't get yourself too tired up for one particular game."

Notes: Five Boston relievers allowed just three hits in the last six innings. ... New York's Paul Quantrill struck out the side in the ninth. ... Boston designated hitter David Ortiz wore No. 79 because his usual No. 34 jersey was left behind in Fort Myers. ... New York had won its previous three games. ... Small, signed to a minor league contract last Jan. 21, allowed three runs on six hits in four innings with three strikeouts and no walks.

Sox reacquire lefty reliever from Cards

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — The Boston Red Sox reacquired reliever Mike Myers from St. Louis on Tuesday, giving them a left-handed specialist who helped them in last year's playoffs.

The Cardinals received two minor leaguers, outfielder Carlos de la Cruz and left-handed pitcher Kevin Ool. The Red Sox designated for assignment righty reliever Anastacio Martinez to make room on their 40-man roster for Myers.

"We talk so much about having an effective pitcher in when the game's on the line," Boston manager Terry Francona said after the Red Sox 7-2 win over the New York Yankees. "For me, having that left-handed matchup guy really, I think, swings the percentages in our favor."

The Red Sox obtained Myers, with an unorthodox sidearm motion, from Seattle last Aug. 6 but didn't re-sign him after they won the World Series. He has held lefties to a .212 batting average during his career and got two big strikeouts in the playoffs.

In Game 2 of the AL division series against the Angels, Boston led 4-3 but Anaheim had a runner on first with no outs in the bottom of the eighth. Myers faced one batter, striking out Garret Anderson, and Boston won 8-3 with four runs in the ninth.

In Game 5 of the AL championship series, with the Yankees up 3-1 in games and tied 4-4 in the 11th, Myers again struck out the only batter he faced, Hideki Matsui leading off the 10th. Boston won 5-4 in 14 innings.

"Mike's also a guy that can go two innings," Francona said, "so it's not a drain on your staff as much as a normal situational lefty is."

He said he probably won't keep 12 pitchers, jeopardizing Byung-Hyun Kim's bid to stay with the team. He's due to make $6 million this year and Boston would like to unload part of that salary.

Myers, 35, pitched in five AL playoff games but was not Boston's roster for the World Series. The Red Sox swept St. Louis in four games for their first championship in 86 years.

He signed a one-year, $600,000 deal with the Cardinals in December. In nine spring training appearances, he had a 2.38 ERA in 11 1-3 innings. He was competing for a spot in the St. Louis bullpen with lefties Bill Pulsipher and Randy Flores. Ray King is expected to be the team's left-handed setup man.

Myers was 1-0 with a 4.20 ERA in 25 regular-season appearances last year for the Red Sox. He was 5-1 with a 4.64 ERA overall and made 75 relief appearances, sixth-most in the AL. He has made more appearances, 671, than any other pitcher in the major leagues since 1996, his first full season.

He also has pitched for Florida, Detroit, Milwaukee, Colorado and Arizona and is 17-21 with 14 saves and a 4.40 ERA in his career.

The Cardinals get de la Cruz, 21, who played for Single-A Lowell last season, hitting .274 with one homer and 15 stolen bases in 237 at bats.

Ool, 24, played in Single-A with Lowell in 2003 and Augusta and Sarasota last year. He is 6-3 with two saves and a 3.71 ERA in 54 relief appearances with those teams.

Schilling on mound for five-inning stint

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Curt Schilling rebounded from a shaky beginning and allowed one earned run in five innings for a team of Red Sox minor leaguers against Indianapolis, Pittsburgh's Triple-A team on Tuesday.

Schilling, slowed by his recovery from ankle surgery last November, has pitched in just one major league exhibition game and two minor league contests. He is expected to start the season on the disabled list and be activated to pitch in mid-April.

Boston's ace allowed two runs, five hits and one walk while striking out seven. He threw 69 pitches, 54 of them strikes. From the second inning on, he gave up a single and a walk and struck out six.

"It kind of clicked for me, arm angle-wise," Schilling said. "I threw a ball and knew. It happens every spring at some point, where you make an adjustment and go, 'OK, that's what it was.' And it's always simple stuff.

"From that point on, I felt like I threw the ball much better, consistently."

He's expected to pitch in a minor-league intrasquad game on Saturday, then start the season opener for Triple-A Pawtucket in Indianapolis in April 7 so he can increase the number of pitches he throws. His next start after that could be with Boston, which begins an eight-game homestand on April 11 against the New York Yankees.

"That's the plan right now, to be ready that first homestand," he said.

Tim Wakefield is scheduled to start the home opener on April 11 and, with no game the next day, Schilling could be in line to start April 13, although he and manager Terry Francona haven't specified a date.

Tuesday's outing was his first since he said he "pitched very poorly" against Minnesota last Friday, giving up three runs and five hits in 3 2-3 innings of a 5-1 loss. His only other exhibition outing came four days before that when he threw three innings in a game involving two squads of Boston minor leaguers.

On Tuesday, Schilling gave up back-to-back doubles to former Red Sox player Cesar Crespo and Javier Guzman to start the game. After an error, Jose Leon singled in the second run, which was unearned.

While warming up before the second inning, he threw a fastball that he said felt right.

"One of the things I've been dealing with right now is my fastball and command and movement," Schilling said. "I rely on location."

—*Associated Press*

Williams faces pro questions

By Stu Durantio
Knight Ridder

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — North Carolina coach Roy Williams was at an AAU camp during the summer when a couple dozen high school kids were asked about their chances of skipping college basketball for a paycheck.

Teens being teens, they envisioned themselves running with the pros. Except for Tar Heels freshman Marvin Williams.

The kid from Bremerton, Wash., conceded he wasn't ready to make the jump into the NBA draft. And the Tar Heels freshman forward is sticking with that story, even amid suggestions that he could be a lottery pick.

"I love where I am and I love playing college basketball," Williams said. "I am in the position where I want to just help my team out as much as possible, and I am willing to do whatever I have to do. My mom and my grandma support me, and I'm happy with my decision to play college ball."

Maybe the 6-9 forward will follow the lead of Carolina junior Sean May, a second-team All-American, in opting for another year in college. Maybe he will wait for the results of North Carolina's trip to the Final Four to decide.



PATRICK SCHNEIDER/CHARLOTTE OBSERVER

Marvin Williams dunks over Oakland's Brandon Cassise.

But what's amazing is that he has stirred such talk without even starting one college game. Williams has embraced his role as a sixth man after arriving in Chapel Hill as one of the top five

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Disability access at university needs help

By Meng-Yi Liu
Collegian Correspondent

Disabled students at the University of Massachusetts have to live every day of their lives overcoming many obstacles.

Lisa Shiozaki, a senior who lives in the Northeast residential area, is one of these students. Lacking an elevator, Shiozaki has to climb down stairs with crutches every morning. Between narrow stairs, she has to be cautious of each placement of her crutches, especially when the stairs get slippery from rain or snow. The dorm's heavy door lacks an automatic opener, and is also a problem. When she reaches the ground floor, the only way she can walk out without losing her balance is waiting in front of the door until someone opens it.

Due to the unavailability of Special Transportation services at the time she requires, Shiozaki has to conquer walking down a long steep hill and faces many more barriers before she gets to classroom.

On the main campus, the ongoing library construction adds more troubles for disabled students. The library construction site has divided the campus into two distinct sides. Circling around construction site has made walking distance twice as far.

"I have to leave [the dormitory] a lot earlier before the classes start and it's not easy to walk up and down the hills [around the construction site] with my crutches," said Shiozaki.

Transportation on campus is the major difficulty for disabled students. There are three vans that serve the entire Amherst community while there are more than 10 disabled students attending classes on the huge campus, let alone the temporarily injured students.

"About the van services, it is because of the limited budget," said Madeline Peters, director of the Disability Services Office at UMass. As a state school with extremely limited financial budget, an appeal by UMass to improve the situation for the minority of handicapped students is unlikely to grab attention of the public.

"Most disabled students are accustomed to deal with barriers or just tolerate the inconveniences by themselves," said Peters. "But we are willing to hear any feedback from students."

Peters also said that people should be more caring to disabled students.

"It is hard for people who don't have difficulties to understand the difficulties of disabled students, but I'm sure everyone would have the difficult moments in their lives and need help from other people," she said.

UMass makes last statment on law school

By Ken Maguire
Associated Press

BOSTON — University of Massachusetts officials say they'll reduce in-state tuition and step up private fund-raising to win the approval of the Board of Higher Education for a proposed public law school.

The board was scheduled to vote Thursday on UMass' plan to acquire the Southern New England School of Law in Dartmouth and create the state's first public law school. UMass claims it can operate the school at no cost to taxpayers.

Backers and opponents of the law school both lobbied hard Wednesday in hopes of swaying the vote.

John F. O'Brien, dean of the New England School of Law in Boston, wrote to the board saying it would hard for the law school to draw top students without national accreditation, while UMass administrators fine-tuned their sales pitch to respond to board members' concerns.

UMass President Jack Wilson told The Associated Press Wednesday that in-state tuition and fees would be around $16,000

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Payano sworn in as SGA President

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

After extensive deliberation, Student Government Association elections were ratified last night and Pavel Payano and Valerie Lewis have been sworn in officially as the next President and Trustee respectively to serve the student body.

The result numbers, which were just recently approved, showed Payano and Lewis winning the positions by nearly double the numbers of runners up Sean Bliss and Craig Goldschmidt. Additionally, nearly 13 percent of the student body voted, setting a record number of voters compared to recent years.

Both Payano and Lewis said that they have immediate goals for the SGA. "We need to immediately tackle the Chancellor's plan," Payano said. "We have to stop it because if it happens it will change the SGA drastically."

In response to the Diversity Commission, Chancellor John V. Lombardi issued a report of necessary recommendations for the University to uphold its commitment to diversity. The report stated that all student groups on campus including Registered Student Organizations, SGA and the Daily Collegian would be overseen by a new vice chancellor who will ensure diversity among these groups. The SGA argues, however, that this recommendation is a "waste of time," and that the university "needs to be more focused on supporting diversity," according to Speaker Mark Morrison.



MELISSA MONSTERLEO/COLLEGIAN

Pavel Payano and Valerie Louis were sworn in last night as Student Government Association President and Student Trustee.

"The administration is using the diversity commission as a shield to go after student development," Morrison said.

Lewis also added that if these recommendations were to be implemented in the coming weeks, not only would it change SGA, but the entire campus for many years to follow.

"[The report] is a drastic change and plan that would affect the next 30 to 40 years," she said. "we are interesting in having Lombardi agree with President Bustamanic's report."

Acting President of the SGA Eduardo Bustamante and Graduate Student Senate President Uri Staruss have recently drafted a report in oppo-

Native American angry at the 'politically correct'

By Kathryn Sullivan
Collegian Correspondent

That box of cherished Crayola crayons that marked the early years of our childhood may have been teaching us racism. According to angry educators, the color "Indian Red" was insulting to Native Americans. It was consequently changed to "Chestnut" in 1999. The Stanford and Dartmouth "Indians" mascot have been changed to "Cardinals" and "Big Green" and instead of watching the St. John's "Redmen" basketball games, we watch the "Redstorm".

These schools are among over 200 organizations that have changed their mascots to avoid any disrespect for Indian forefathers. Doctor David Yeagley, a scholar and Comanche Indian, who spoke Tuesday night at a UMass Republican Club event, said he would rather see the teams retain their original names and children color with "Indian Red" crayons.

In his speech, Yeagley denounced leftist organizations that support "politically correct" movements and accused them of perpetuating the "you owe me attitude" held by Native American leaders — an attitude he says is not working.

Through University lectures and the Web site FrontPageNews.com, Yeagley is advocating for a stance of strength rather than weakness for his native people.

"I'm trying to revive a different stereotype," he explained to a modest audience of mostly white, college-aged males Tuesday night.

Supported by the Republican party, Yeagley said he urges his people to "stop asking for handouts" and embrace his strong support of American patriotism.

Yeagley's speech criticized the lack of attention paid to the Indian heritage of the shooter in the Red Lake school incident, claiming the media was trying to misrepresent the shooting as a white gun control issue.

Yeagley pointed out that he isn't the only Native American speaking out against the media coverage. Clyde Bellecourt, founder of the American Indian Movement, has complained about to the lack of attention the incident received from the media and President Bush.

"He does not have any problems flying in to restore the feeding tube to Terri Schiavo. I'm sure if this [shooting] happened in some school in Texas and a bunch of white kids were shot down, he would have been there too," Bellecourt said, according to the Washington Post.

However, in his speech Yeagley lashed out against Bellecourt and similar comments from other "leftist trained" Indian leaders.

According to Yeagley, Bellecourt comments that "Indians deserve more sympathy, pity than a helpless, dying woman in a Florida hospice have dragged Indian pride to the lowest it can be drug."

"[These leaders] do not know what it means to be Indian," said Yeagley.

Yeagley isn't a stranger to conflict, and Tuesday night was no exception. The question and answer portion of the evening resulted in the temporary panic of Republican club leaders when an outspoken audience member challenged Yeagley's views on the roots of Indian poverty and alcoholism.

The young man, seated in the front row, went on a tirade about America's mistreatment of Native Americans, criticizing Yeagley for dancing around issues of importance.

"I blame Indians for Indian problems," Yeagley responded. The verbal spar, which lasted for several minutes, was consequently silenced by leaders of the Republican Club. Yeagley said his position as a Native American and patriot has made it difficult for him to negotiate opinions on Americans' mistreatment of his people.

However, he said that no great nation is without.

"If [the] were trying to commit genocide on my people, then I wouldn't still be here," he said.



ANDY TAMUZ/NAMUZ EDITION

Doctor David Yeagley, scholar and Comanche Indian, believes that Native Americans should abandon their "you owe me attitude" toward the U.S.

Jackson accuser boasted about gifts from popstar

By Tim Molloy
Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — The boy who has accused Michael Jackson of molestation proudly showed off an expensive watch the singer gave him and boasted that Jackson would buy him anything, a flight attendant testified Wednesday.

Cynthia Bell said the boy bragged about the watch on a flight with Jackson and members of the boy's family from Miami to California in 2003.

"He was saying things like, 'Look at what Michael got me,' and, 'These are very expensive watches,'" she said. "He did say, Michael bought this watch for me and he'll buy me anything.'"

Prosecutors contend the watch was a bribe to keep the boy from revealing that Jackson gave him alcohol. Defense attorneys contend the boy and his family were out to bilk Jackson and other celebrities. They have portrayed the child-molestation charges as a shakedown attempt.

Bell also testified that she served Jackson wine in a Diet Coke can but did not see his accuser drink from it, as the prosecution says happened.

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Federal court rejects latest Schiavo appeal

By Ron Word
Associated Press

PINELLAS PARK, Fla. — With time running out for Terri Schiavo, a federal appeals court Wednesday rejected her parents' latest attempt to get the brain-damaged woman's feeding tube reconnected.

The Atlanta-based 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed to consider an emergency bid by Bob and Mary Schindler for a new hearing in their case, raising a flicker of hope for the parents after a series of setbacks in the case. But the court rejected the bid 15 hours later, the fourth

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The mother of Terri Schiavo cries as she begs for her daughters life yesterday.

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sition of Lombardi's arguing that the recommendation's are not in the best interest of the University's commitment to diversity.

Bustamante told Senators in his last officer report that he felt honored to have served the student body in the past year although he is uncertain what his role may be in the SGA.

"I will have an active role on campus," he said, "the SGA ought to consider some serious reform, the energy here sometimes seems poisonous, bitter and hostile at times; I have mixed feelings."

As for his efforts in his recommendations diversity commission report, he said that he will continue to work for positive change.

Both Payano and Lewis agreed that the SGA is in need of serious reform. "We need to change some things with the way Senate is run," Payano said, "and something just happen."

Specifically, he mentioned the way the Senate committees are currently being run. He scrutinized the titles of the committees emphasizing that many Senators don't know what the "UPOL" committee is, and that a better name would be helpful and beneficial.

Lewis also agreed that, "the SGA needs to change in order to function."

Students were also able to vote on a number of referendum questions. Questions in which students voted overwhelmingly for or against were the following. Ninety-seven percent of voting students voted in favor of RSO's being allowed to cook their own food for their functions. Seventy-four percent of voting students voted that the UMass Police Department should not be allowed to carry guns because of the low crime rate area. Ninety-three percent of voting students voted that RSO should remain solely under student control and not have any influence from the administration. And finally, eighty-two percent of voting students voted that UMass administration actions and policies are not conducive with putting students first.

In addition to President and Trustee, many other students were elected into high-ranking SGA positions that serve all areas of campus.

In Central, the area governor is John Williams, Lit. Governor Lauria Lucien, Treasurer and Secretary Bobby Chase.

In Northeast, the area Governor is Elizabeth Ayers, Lit. Governor Rachel Kaplan, Treasurer Marisa Kanof and Secretary Ashley Toolan.

In Orchard Hill, Area Governor is Andrew Taft, Lit. Governor Marissa Milton, Treasurer John Broduer and Secretary Lindsay Price.

In Southwest, Area Governor is Kraig Moore, Lit. Governor Amy Ciaramitaro, Treasurer Golien Safain and Secretary Lauren Falardeu.

For the Commuters, Area Governer Jeff Napolitano, Lit. Governor Matt Murphy, Treasurer and Secretary Eduardo Bustamante.



Megan Brinster/Collegian

Eduardo Bustamante gives his farewell speech last night.

Witness says boy was rude

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On Tuesday, Bell said it was her idea to serve Jackson wine in soda cans and it became a routine on all of the pop star's flights, because "Michael Jackson is a very private drinker." She said Jackson was a nervous flier who could not stand turbulence.

She testified that the boy was rude and unruly throughout the flight, at one point starting a food fight by throwing mashed potatoes at a sleeping doctor who was traveling with Jackson.

The flight attendant also said the boy had a wide range of unreasonable complaints. "His chicken was warm. 'I want a side of coleslaw. I don't want it on the same plate.' ... He was very demanding throughout the entire flight," she said.

At one point, prosecutor Gordon Auchincloss asked Bell if she saw Jackson cuddling the boy. She said she did not think so but that Jackson had an arm around the boy while listening to music.

UMass law school still getting mixed reviews

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in the first year. That's down from earlier projections of about $19,000, which would have been the fourth highest in-state tuition among the nation's public law schools.

Board Chairman Stephen P. Tocco said in a hearing last week that $19,000 was "much too high," and told school officials to bring the cost in line with other public law schools in the region.

In-state tuition is about $13,000 at the University of Maine's law school, and $14,000 at the University of Connecticut.

"The goal is to match (tuition) to the surrounding states," Wilson said.

But lowering in-state tuition means nonresidents would pay more.

"But it's not going to be that much larger," he said. "It doesn't have to go up by the same amount."

UMass has also pledged to raise $5 million to help offset the lower tuition, beef up the library, increase financial aid, and cover any shortfalls in enrollment projections — all of which is geared toward gaining national accreditation.

"We've increased the pledge of fund-raising, and we've shown where it would go," Wilson said.

Still, Board of Higher Education member Matthew E. Carlin said he plans to vote against the proposal. "From my standpoint: wrong initiative, wrong place at the wrong time," he said, declining to comment further.

Experts say Schiavo is barely clinging to what is left of life

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verne in the judicial process, by saying: "In resolving the Schiavo controversy, it is my judgment that, despite sincere and altruistic motivation, the legislative and executive branches of our government have acted in a manner demonstrably at odds with our Founding Fathers' blueprint for the governance of a free people ... our Constitution."

The decision came as Schiavo approached her 13th day without food or water.

To be granted, the parents' request would have needed the support of seven of the court's 12 judges. The court did not disclose the vote breakdown.

Judges Gerald Tjoflat and Charles R. Wilson, the same two judges who issued a dissenting opinion last week when the full court considered the case for the first time, also issued a statement in Wednesday's ruling.

"The relevant question here is whether a rational factfinder could have found by clear and convincing evidence that Mrs. Schiavo would have wanted nutrition and hydration to be withdrawn under these circumstances. The plaintiffs carry a heavy burden, but I do not believe that this question can be determined in this expedited fashion without a hearing on the merits," wrote Tjoflat, who was appointed to the bench by Gerald Ford. Wilson was nominated by former President Clinton.

The Schindlers visited their daughter Wednesday morning at her hospice and urged their supporters to keep trying. "I was pleasantly surprised by what I saw," Bob Schindler said. "So she's still fighting, and we'll keep fighting."

"We know that some of her organs are still functioning. ... It's not too late," he said.

The request for a new hearing asked that the tube be reinserted immediately "in light of the magnitude of what is at stake and the urgency of the action required



Courtesy CNN/CBS

Reverend Jesse Jackson prays for Terri Schiavo next to Schiavo's sister yesterday. Schiavo is reported to be barely alive.

Correction:

On Wednesday, March 23, The Daily Collegian ran the story "UMass student starts web-magazine" and incorrectly identified the Web site's address. The correct address is www.yourstrulymag.com. Also, Senator Pavel Payano was incorrectly identified in a Tuesday article as lobbying against legislaters.

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Organ donors may get new safeguards

By Laura Meckler
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hospitals would be required to tell prospective living organ donors of the risks of donating a kidney or a slice of liver under proposed government rules that seek to protect those donors and ensure quality care at transplant centers.

While many living donors suffer no problems, others fight pain after surgery and other complications, and a few die. Hospitals vary widely in what they tell potential donors and how they screen them.

The new rules would require hospitals to spell out the risks. Those that fail to comply could lose Medicare payments, a powerful tool aimed at ensuring that centers are providing quality care and looking out for living donors, whose numbers have soared amid an acute shortage of organs from the dead.

"That's really going to get people's attention," said Rhonda Boone of Burnsville, N.C., whose husband died in 1999 after donating a piece of liver to his half brother. "When you dip into their pocketbooks, they start paying attention."

The proposed regulation touches on a wide set of transplantation issues. Several aspects mirror guidelines already used by the United Network for Organ Sharing, a private group that runs the nation's transplant system under a government contract.

But federal regulations carry more weight. Medicare now pays for more than half of kidney transplants done each year and a smaller portion of other transplants. Beyond that, if Medicare drops a program, private insurance companies sometimes follow suit.

The proposal, which would subject transplant centers to more scrutiny, is getting a mixed reaction. Some say the government has no business trying to judge medical practice; others contend the oversight is overdue.

The Department of Health and Human Services is seeking comments on the regulations, published last month. Officials expect it will be two years before they are put in place.

For hospitals, the biggest change would require organ donor programs to be certified by the government every three years.



Megan Brinster/Collegian

Hello Hippy Beach

University of Massachusetts students bask in the sunlight at lunchtime outside the Student Union. Yesterday's high reached nearly 60 degrees.

British surfer attacked by great white shark

By Clare Nullis
Associated Press

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — A British surfer attacked by a great white shark described Wednesday how he kicked and lashed out wildly to free his leg from the shark's jaws, which sliced his flesh "like a knife through butter."

Chris Sullivan was surfing with friends Monday when the 13-foot shark attacked.

"It came up slow and I saw its eyes and it looked really dark gray," said Sullivan, sitting in a wheelchair at a clinic. "I turned and I saw the underneath of its belly. Then I saw its mouth. Then it grabbed hold of my leg."

"I started lashing out, hitting it. I think I kicked it. I pulled the leg out. It felt like a knife through butter and I thought 'oops,'" said the school teacher who has traveled the world in pursuit of his surfing passion.

Sullivan, 32, said he managed to stay on his surf board and catch a wave back to shore, where a local veterinary surgeon who had also been surfing applied an emergency tourniquet to his leg.

Sullivan needed 200 stitches in his calf.

The attack at Nordhoek on a stunning stretch of beach about 12 miles from Cape Town occurred at the same point where a bodyboarder was killed 18 months ago.

A great white bit off the leg of a teenage surfer one year ago nearby, and a 77-year-old swimmer was eaten by a great white in nearby Fish Hoek last October.

Clive Mortimer, the station commander of the National Sea Rescue Institute, said Sullivan was "extremely lucky" to have escaped alive.

Sullivan dismissed suggestions that sharks deemed to be a threat should be culled.

"I haven't got a problem with the shark," he said. "I was in its water and I was stupid enough to go surfing where there was a lot of sharks."



British surfer Chris Sullivan was attacked by a 13-foot great white shark Monday. Sullivan, 32, required 200 stitches in his calf.

Volunteers to partrol boarder

By Arthur H. Rotstein
Associated Press

TOMBSTONE, Ariz. — Hundreds of volunteers, some of them armed, are expected to take up positions along the Mexican border Friday and begin patrolling for illegal immigrants.

Organizers of the Minuteman Project said the civilian volunteers, many of whom were recruited over the Internet, will meet first for a rally in this one-time silver mining town, then fan out across 23 miles of the San Pedro Valley to watch the border for a month and report sightings of illegal activity to Border Patrol agents.

Minuteman field operations director Chris Simcox described the project as "the nation's largest neighborhood watch group" and said one of the goals is to make the public aware of how porous the border is.

Jim Gilchrist, a retired accountant from Aliso Viejo, Calif., who organized the project, said that some volunteers will carry handguns, which is allowed under Arizona law, but are being instructed to avoid confrontation, even if shot at.

Law enforcement officials and human rights advocates are worried about the potential for bloodshed.

Critics contend the project may attract anti-immigrant racists and vigilantes looking to confront illegal immigrants. At least one white supremacist group has mentioned the project on its Web site.

"They are domestic terrorists that represent a danger to the country and could promote a major border conflict that will have serious ramifications and consequences," said Armando Navarro, a University of California-Riverside political science professor and coordinator of the National Alliance for Human Rights, made up mostly of Hispanic activists.

Michael Nicley, chief of the U.S. Border Patrol's Tucson sector, said the volunteers are "not the kind of help the Border Patrol is asking for."

Cochise County Sheriff Larry Dever said he fears immigrant smugglers might open fire on the volunteers.

"I wouldn't anticipate that people of that persuasion would act or react any differently to anybody, citizen or law enforcement alike, if they were confronted and felt like their cargo was in jeopardy," he said.

The project's organizers gave assurances the volunteers will be closely monitored. "If it gets to a situation where someone's life is in danger," said David Helppler, Minuteman security coordinator, "I will end the project."

Project organizers said they expect 800 to 1,000 volunteers. How many might actually show is unclear; similar efforts in the past few years flopped. One of them drew only about a half-dozen people.

On Wednesday, the Homeland Security Department announced that it is assigning 534 additional agents to the porous Arizona border to help keep out potential terrorists and illegal immigran

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1,000 dead in Indonesian earthquake

By Chris Brummitt
Associated Press

GUNUNG SITOLI, Indonesia — Firefighters freed a man trapped in a crumpled house on remote Nias island on Wednesday, 36 hours after he was buried in rubble. As the first foreign military help arrived, officials said an estimated 1,000 people had died in the region's latest large earthquake.

Residents swarmed over collapsed buildings in Nias island's main town of Gunung Sitoli, searching frantically for survivors of the country's second catastrophe in three months, after December's massive quake and tsunami.

French firefighters from the agency Firefighters Without Borders — who rushed to the island from Aceh province's west coast — used a car jack to free the legs of 25-year-old television repairman Iansen Silalalahi, who had been pinned between a motorbike and a cupboard.

As he was lifted out of the rubble of what was once a three-story building, Silalalahi smiled weakly and gave a thumbs-up.

"People know I was there but it was difficult to reach me. I kept screaming whenever I heard anyone," said Silalalahi, who did not appear to be badly injured. "I feel relief because now I am safe."

The improvised rescue highlighted the crisis situation officials face here: there are thousands of collapsed buildings and no machinery to help search through the rubble for survivors.

The town's hospital was barely functioning: It lacked power or water, and it had no fuel for generators.

"We know there are many people critically injured," said Dr. Norman Peeler, a medical coordinator from the World Health Organization. "It is essential they get treatment, infections spread easily in open wounds."

Two Singaporean military helicopters landed Wednesday and distributed food and water to a frantic crowd of survivors. They also delivered a car, medical supplies, generators and 20 Singaporean troops and medics. A third helicopter was unable to touch down because there were so many survivors at the landing area.

Parts of Banyak island appeared to have sunk by up to 3 feet, leaving some coastal homes inundated with sea water, Aceh province's acting governor said. The good news: Despite previous reports, there were no confirmed deaths on the island, Azwar Abubakar said in televised comments.

Monday's 8.7-magnitude quake struck off Indonesia's Sumatra island, some 75 miles north of Nias. The even-bigger quake that generated the region's devastating tsunami on Dec. 26 hit an area further northwest along the Sumatran coast.

The latest quake initially raised fears of another tsunami and sent people scrambling for high ground in several Indian Ocean countries lashed by December's killer waves, but no big waves materialized.

North Sumatra Gov. Rizal Nurdin estimated that 1,000 people died in the latest disaster, but officials feared the number could climb to 2,000. Bodies were still being discovered in the ruins of houses and shops on Wednesday and laid out in front of churches and mosques.

Looting broke out in at least one location on Nias when men, women and children scrabbled through a two-story store and left with boxes of noodles, clothes and a television set.

"There is no water, electricity or rice. Things are getting tough, we have had no help so what can we do?" asked Marzuki Tanjung, who was not among the looters.

Andi Malarangeng, a spokesman for President Susilo Bambung Yudhoyono, said the president would visit Nias island on Thursday.

Indonesia "welcomes and is open to all kind of assistance, including help from foreign troops, to assist in the disaster zone," Malarangeng told The Associated Press.

Australia and Japan were also planning military relief operations.

Japan said Wednesday it would send an 11-member emergency medical team and $1-40,000 worth of blankets, generators, sleeping pads and tents. Australia dispatched two military transport planes with medical supplies, and diverted a transport ship to the new disaster zone.

U.N. agencies were trying to coordinate deliveries of food, fresh water and medical supplies by helicopter. The agencies have stockpiles of supplies in the region to help feed and care for survivors of the Dec. 26 quake and tsunami, which killed more than 126,000 on Sumatra and left about half a million homeless.



Above, a mother and her two small children rest and recover from their wounds after their home was destroyed by the earthquake.



Right, a view of part of Indonesia that was hardest hit by the earthquake.

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Laura Bush pays visit to Afghan women

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Inspired by Afghan women who have boldly shed their burqas after years of Taliban repression, Laura Bush urged more educational opportunities and greater rights for women Wednesday in this war-wrecked nation.

Under heavy security, Mrs. Bush spent just six hours on the ground after flying nearly halfway around the world. U.S. troops manned M-60 rifles at either end of four helicopters that flew the first lady and her entourage to Kabul University.

"We are only a few years removed from the rule of the terrorists, when women were denied education and every basic human right," Mrs. Bush said at a teacher training institute. "That tyranny has been replaced by a young democracy and the power of freedom is on display across Afghanistan.

"We must be mindful though, that democracy is more than just elections. The survival of a free society ultimately depends on the participation of all its citizens, both men and women," she said. "This is possible if institutions like this exist to give women the basic tools they need to contribute fully to society — and the most critical tool of all is an education."

She wore an Afghan scarf on her shoulders as she met with teachers and talked with Hamid Karzai, the president of Afghanistan. Stopping at a bakery, Mrs. Bush filled a box with cookies and paid one dollar.



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"Good deal," she said. She paused outside the shop to talk with three young children positioned to receive gifts from Mrs. Bush, who gave them a kaleidoscope and a bookmark.

"This matters much more than hundreds of millions of dollars," Karzai said of Mrs. Bush's visit, although the fragile democracy is heavily dependent on international aid. "Much more."

In remarks to U.S. troops after dining with them at Bagram Air Base, Mrs. Bush told them, "Millions of Americans are thinking of you and praying for you every single day and one of them is your commander in chief," she said. She said her day of meetings with Afghans found great appreciation for U.S. efforts.

"Thanks to you, millions of little girls are going to school in this country," she said.

Pope John Paul II to receive feeding tube

By Nicole Winfield
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — In another sign of Pope John Paul II's growing frailty, the Vatican said Wednesday that the 84-year-old pontiff was getting nutrition from a tube in his nose and acknowledged his convalescence from throat surgery last month has been "slow."

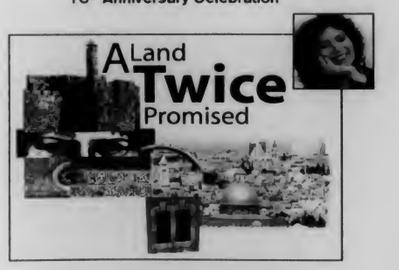
Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said John Paul was fitted with a nasogastric tube to "improve the calorie intake" and help him recover his strength.

The statement was issued shortly after the pope tried unsuccessfully to speak to the crowds in St. Peter's Square for the second time in a week. After managing just a rasp of his voice, he blessed well-wishers by making the sign of the cross with his hand and withdrew from his window.

A nasogastric tube is common in people requiring supplemental nutrition. The tube is threaded down the nose and throat into the stomach and liquid food is fed through it. While uncomfortable, no sedation or surgery is required. The patient can eat and speak with the tube in place.

Dr. Barbara Paris, director of geriatrics at Maimonides Medical Center in New York City, said the tube might be just a temporary measure to boost John Paul's nutrition during his recovery.

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States that require no-fault auto insurance pay highest premiums

By Theo Emery
Associated Press

BOSTON — States like Massachusetts that require no-fault auto insurance have some of the nation's highest premiums, and should change their laws to require insurers of at-fault drivers to pay for accidents, according to a report released in Boston on Tuesday.

"The bottom line is that no-fault is a bonanza for insurance companies. It's a disaster for consumers," said Harvey Rosenfield, an attorney with the nonprofit consumer group sponsoring the report, the California-based Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights.

Most states have standard liability insurance, or what the report called "personal responsibility insurance," in which insurers of drivers found to be at fault in accidents must pay costs for the innocent parties.

Nine states, including Massachusetts, now have mandatory no-fault insurance. The law requires drivers to be compensated by their own insurer, regardless of who caused the accident. During the time covered by the report, there were 10 states with no-fault insurance; Colorado dropped its mandatory no-fault policy in 2003.

Premiums in states with no-fault insurance are 19 percent higher on average than in states with personal responsibility insurance, according to the report. The report also found that rates went up on average 9.8 percent between 1998 and 2002, compared with 5.1 percent in states with personal responsibility insurance.

Massachusetts rates in 2002 averaged $624, making it the third highest in the country. New York, which also has no-fault, had the highest average auto insurance of $741, and New Jersey, which has a mix of no-fault and liability, averaged $659, according to the report.

Rosenfield acknowledged that no-fault insurance is not the sole factor behind rates. Rhode Island, for example, has standard liability insurance with average rates of $610, the fourth highest in the country, while Connecticut was the sixth highest rates of $600.

The report also found that rates fell when states abolished mandatory no-fault insurance, and also recommended stringent industry regulation.

Daniel J. Johnston, president of the Automobile Insurers Bureau of Massachusetts, said there's no consensus that no-fault insurance causes high rates.

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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Getting teachers to teach

Sanam Hakim

I am sitting in one of my lectures right now and half the room is asleep. I am writing a column and the guy sitting next to me is drawing a picture of a dragon. The teacher, pleased to hear the sound of his own voice, keeps talking, as if nothing is wrong. About three times a semester, we will be tested on these lectures.

However, there are many things wrong with this picture. I will point out three:

My first suggestion is to all the boring professors with lecture halls filled with sleeping students: stop taking attendance. All you are doing is making me wake up early, put my clothes on, walk down the hill, and fall asleep in your class, just so you can put a little checkmark next to my name in your attendance book. I am not walking down the hill to sleep in a hard chair under your supervision; I am there to learn. If you look around and see that students are silent, twisted in an awkward position, with closed eyes or a hand over their faces, chances are pretty good that they are sleeping.

Instead of teaching over sleeping corpses, why don't you make your lesson plans more exciting? Don't talk in a monotone voice, crack a joke or two, use music, and/or let us move around. Too many teachers feel that it is the student's responsibility to pay attention and learn, but it is also the teacher's responsibility to make students stay awake. Taking attendance is a cheap way of making people sit through your class. If your class is interesting, students will show up and actually stay awake through it.

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My second suggestion is to use different methods of teaching to get your point across. Human beings are not designed to sit in a small hard chair and listen to a professor speak for an hour and a half. They are multidimensional and respond to different forms of teaching. This is why people pick different majors. If some students draw better than they read or do math better than they write, I find it hard to believe that all students learn best by listening to a monotone professor.

Teachers need to use something other than written slides to teach a lesson. They need to use personal stories, play videos, do group work, and be organized. There is a reason why some teachers are amazing and make you remember the material, while others make you want to fork out your eyeballs and learn nothing. Part of this is because some teachers test us on material that has no relevance to the course whatsoever.

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My third suggestion is to teach as if you're teaching "teaching." I am personally studying to become a teacher right now and have been learning most from my professors. I have learned how to incorporate personal stories in teaching. I have learned how to sound excited and provoke interest in the subject I am teaching, simply by being excited myself. I have learned how sarcasm in teaching is effective with older students. I have learned what pyramid testing is, and how it actually helps you retain the information you learn. When I am sitting in these classrooms, I am not only learning the subject, I am learning how to teach — which is something that teachers need to remember. They are setting an example for future teachers, not just teaching students a random subject.

Everyone has had teachers: some good, and some bad. I hope that someday, the bad teachers will look around in a lecture hall full of sleeping kids and try to wake them up, test students on relevant material, and try to make the lecture unique and interesting. It's really a shame that it's not like that now, because we're paying a lot of money to go to this school.

Sanam Hakim is a Collegian columnist.

The state of the "Uni"

Aaron Wodin-Schwartz

I would like to begin this article by congratulating all of the people that worked so hard last week and came out to the Faculty Senate meeting and/or the presentation of the UMass Community Action Plan for implementing the Diversity Commission's recommendations by Eduardo Bustamante and Uri Strauss. The outpouring of student power and ideas has pushed Lombardi into adding "a few extra weeks" to the comment period, as many of the faculty had demanded. While this is not much of a victory, since an additional couple of weeks for commentary on an inherently flawed document means nothing if there are no responses to community input and no actual dialogue with the administration, it did demonstrate that there is power in our united action.

The student body has achieved further gains with the election of Pavel Payano and Valerie Louis as SGA President and Trustee, respectively, and we should use the current momentum to continue to press our case against the onslaught of administrative abuses perpetrated by Lombardi and company.

If you can forgive my optimistic tone, it is essential that we focus not upon the presumed futility of affecting the policies of the current administration, but rather on our ability to achieve something special at this juncture of historical proportions. We need not shy away in embarrassment from the notion of accepting the power that we wield. It seems to many of us a wonderful idea, but an anachronistic one. This should not be the case.

In conversations with passerby in the Student Union and Campus Center in the past week, I have been presently surprised at the level of interest in the question of fighting Lombardi's proposed campus reorganization. Many, much like myself, are only marginally or else entirely uninvolved in campus politics, and have a dim recollection of a Diversity Commission but no knowledge of any proposed diversity plan. Many have some vague knowledge of the somewhat fascist policies of Vice Chancellor Gargano but make no connection between his call for "total cooperation to move the campus forward," his zero-tolerance policy, and authoring of the Student Affairs section of the Proposed Action Plan to Improve Diversity. This is due in part to the sneaky timing of its release over spring break and in part to the busy schedule that keeps so many of us from dedicating time to our extracurricular causes.

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Either way, interest has been surprisingly high; a fact at least partially reflected by the good attendance last week and at today's GEO march. Cultivation of the student body's sentiment of betrayal and its consequent indignation must allow an articulate channeling of our collective energies to effectuate the conditions and changes that we desire on our campus. This means that strong leadership within student groups and RSOs is now more important than ever, as we seem to have been pressed very quickly and quietly into a battle concerning the most radical restructuring of the University in more than thirty years.

Active resistance to this point has been led mostly by Take Back UMass and individuals with the SGA, GSS, and ALANA. Surprisingly absent has been any sort of participation from political clubs or other special interest groups concerned with their future here. I call upon the leadership of these bodies to get out and make their presence felt; today's march would be an opportune time to begin advocating and networking with other active groups.

Perhaps my tone should be less optimistic. After all, what does a powerful administration care about a bunch of pesky students soon to be graduated and on their way? Lombardi has a propensity to pay rhetorically-savvy lip service to student petitions without actually intending to act upon them. Besides, so many of us are busy trying to graduate. New campus policies, accompanied by a strengthened police force discourage any action we might take.

All of this is and more is true. For the skeptical, I ask merely that they review the history of our university. Many of the services and liberties we enjoy today were gained from student action against notoriously resistant administrations like the current one — and we are talking about as recently as the last half-decade. Let us continue working and uniting as students for our common cause; our education literally depends on it.

Aaron Wodin-Schwartz is a Collegian columnist.



The death of a legal superhero

Matthew Burke

Let's face it folks, the world needs lawyers. Love 'em or hate 'em, they are in demand. I personally like lawyers, because some do great work and are exemplary public servants.

Johnnie Cochran Jr. was the greatest lawyer ever. Cochran, of O.J. Simpson trial fame, died Tuesday in his Los Angeles home due to a brain tumor, thus ending a prolific chapter in American legal history.

No name has ever instilled as much fear into the eyes of the police, the District Attorney's, and the legal establishment. He had the eloquence and presence of Matlock and the passion of Perry Mason. When those two television lawyers are added together, you are left with one pretty damn smooth lawyer, or simply Johnnie Cochran Jr. He was some sort of legal superhero.

You knew that if you unleashed Johnny, he wouldn't play nice, and his client would either walk or be brought to the table to collect a big settlement check — which meant a big check for Johnnie as well.

He loved both the win and the money. Some say he would sometimes win controversially, often using the "race card" as a defense. Some call him a warrior of injustice for blacks everywhere, and some see him as the man who freed a killer.

Whatever you think of the man personally, Cochran deserves to be remembered as the best there ever was at what he did. He was the Hank Aaron of the courtroom. The Muhammed Ali of bringing cities to their knees in litigation, and the King of one-liners.

The effect this man had on our generation reaches further than most people even realize. I, for one, was shocked when I found out about his death. Before Judge Lance Ito made the fatal mistake of allowing cameras into the circus that was the Simpson courtroom, Cochran was known only to those who had received his help in making crooked cops pay for the beatings they inflicted on young blacks. Later in his career he went on to represent Tupac, P. Diddy, Snoop Doggy Dog, and NFL Hall of Famer Jim Brown.

However, he will be remembered for the O.J. Simpson trial, the trial of the century. I have never met one person who thought O.J. was innocent. Yet on the day the verdict was read, I saw O.J. cry in happiness, and I knew injustice had occurred. It took me a long time to get my faith back in the justice system again after I saw Johnnie outfox the legal system in the dafiest of fashions. Although Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman may never find true eternal peace, Johnnie Cochran performed beautifully.

He did his job. That was the first time I actually sat there and knew that with money you could do anything, like buy your right to kill through the best legal counsel. Sickening, isn't it?

"If the glove does not fit, you must acquit," Cochran told the court while Simpson struggled to put the bloody glove on his hand. He even convinced the jury that the police had planted blood in his car, house, and even at the crime scene.

Simpson was so guilty. I'll never forget the day I sat there with my jaw on the ground. Not guilty? How could this be? Cochran gleamed. Soon he was spoofed on Seinfeld, South Park, and in movies. Seinfeld's Jackie, a lawyer who loved to hear himself talk as much as the real life Cochran, was always into one of Kramer's lawsuit schemes. Oh that Johnny. He had a good sense of humor about the whole thing. "It was fun. At times it was a lot of fun," Cochran would say about it.

Johnny would also counsel Abner Louima, the Haitian immigrant who was tortured by NYC police in 1997 — you know, the broom handle bathroom affair — and won him a large settlement. This was among Cochran's real achievements. Like when he vindicated Black Panther Geronimo Pratt of murder after 27 years behind bars. He was always so proud of cases like these. As a boy he had idolized Thurgood Marshall and now he felt he could help the wrongly accused in the black community. This symbolizes all that is right in the world, while the Simpson verdict symbolizes all that is wrong.

All I know is that Johnnie Cochran Jr. deserves at least our respect as we say goodbye to the man and the end of an era. As Chris Rock would say to a freshly arrested criminal in Lethal Weapon 4, "If you get Johnnie Cochran, I'm gonna kill you." That's just how good he was.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE FAÇADE OF GEN-ED REQUIREMENTS

Mike Anmuth's recent column discussing the "merits of gen-ed requirements" illustrates precisely the irrational arguments, vague fineries of diction, and fervent, naive optimism peculiar to those persons resigned to dullness amidst an abundance of intellectuals. I would suggest that in the future he give more careful thought and heed his senses before philosophizing nonsensically.

What Mr. Anmuth tends to forget is that "college" is not the classic institute of knowledge which we have been led to believe it is. He refutes the idea that college is merely "a machine created only to prepare students for the job market without providing them with a general breadth of knowledge," saying that the gen-ed requirements, in effect, are proof enough that such is not the case. From a more realistic stance, the following should be clear: a liberal arts education, in what was once its definition and is now confined to the Oxford English Dictionary, was supposed to liberate one's mind. It existed for the sake of those who valued knowledge. Furthermore, it should be painfully obvious that every field of knowledge connects to every other, as they all hold significance only by their relationship to humanity. All of our gen-ed requirements are, in theory, elementary starting points. However, in theory, we're also liberating our minds. In practice, the vast majority of students will conclude their formal studies soon before graduating.

While Mr. Anmuth would oppose me here, we, as students at the University of Massachusetts, are essentially in trade school. We are treated as cattle, and just as the mason treats his bricks, so will we treat our future customers, employees, pupils, and children. We are undeniably part of a machine; even the dropouts are highly valued, or else their archetypes would not be yearly admitted by hundreds.

Mr. Anmuth concludes by explaining that "the majority of students find something of interest to them in their liberal arts classes. This phenomenon makes these classes valid enough to keep around even if the knowledge from each individual course isn't remembered down the line." If "something of interest" alone validates the boatloads of time and money spent on gen-eds, then watching television should earn us degrees.

Items of intellectual interest lead to the most painful of questions, and yes there are many facets to the truth; however, determining the properties of a single truth of the universe is rarely on the to-do list of the University's students. Nearly every gen-ed requirement here exists to maintain the façade that we are receiving verily a liberal arts education. A few maintain the other façade: that we embrace diversity.

We are dealing with a single term that at once encompasses both its definition and its opposite's; failing to recognize the difference between the two is Mr. Anmuth's error.

Finally, I do have what Anmuth so moralistically calls "a good answer" to this dilemma. Every person should determine those which are his interests and subsequently pursue them in college, under professorial guidance. The most childish of questions, if pursued to finality, could enlighten the most mature of minds. Also, as each person gravitates towards his own interests, so will the spectrum of knowledge be covered by all, as, certainly, someone was interested enough to invent the fields in the first place.

Asking "what is God?" should be enough to get anyone started in the pursuit of knowledge, and will, undoubtedly, softly and tirelessly force each into a path of benevolent virtuosity. I leave off here, for the sake of concisseness, and hope Mr. Anmuth might find it in his heart to restrain himself from writing further absurdities, embarrassments to the community, and proliferations of the falsity that there are endpoints other than death, viz. "education."

Stephen Frost
UMass student

A CALL FOR FIRE SAFETY

The importance of campus fire safety was reinforced last week with the fire at George Washington University and serves as a valuable teachable moment. A freshman was critically injured in a fire that was started by a portable grill igniting the student's bedding material. The building was not fully equipped with an automatic fire sprinkler system but instead only had sprinklers in the hallways and common areas.

The fire was not detected by the building's fire alarm system but instead was seen by a passing Secret Service patrol unit. These officers notified the fire department, entered the building, activated the building's fire alarm system and made several unsuccessful attempts to rescue the trapped victim from the ninth floor before the arrival of the fire department.

It was fortunate that the fire was seen by the officers. However, it was unfortunate that the fire grew to this magnitude because it placed the occupant in the room at great risk as well as the others in the suite and in the rest of the building.

There was another fire this month at Rust College in Mississippi in a women's dormitory that burned seven rooms; yet another example of the danger of residence hall fires. Both of these fires are contrary to what we would expect today in a residence hall, no matter when it was built.

Off-campus fires are a significant concern as well. A student at the University of Massachusetts died in an off-campus house fire and a Tufts University student died in a loft fire in 2001, the DU fraternity was destroyed in a fire.

According to information compiled by the Center for Campus Fire Safety, 80% of the fatalities in student housing fires since 2000 have occurred in off-campus occupancies, where a majority of the students across the country live.

A comprehensive fire safety program that includes Prevention, Detection and Suppression, or as we refer to it, "The Circle of Life," provides a high level of fire safety to all students. Prevention involves educating students about fire safety, and, more importantly, providing them with the "reasons behind the rules." Detection means that there is early detection of the fire and notification of the occupants and emergency responders. This allows the occupants to escape from the fire while it is still relatively small and for the fire department to begin their response as soon as possible. Suppression is accomplished through automatic fire sprinklers which can control or extinguish the fire within seconds, saving lives.

We have known the answers to protecting occupants from fire for many years. The hospitality industry took heed after the tragic fires in Las Vegas in the 1980s, and started an aggressive program to install sprinklers and to put state-of-the art fire alarm systems in many of their hotels. Because of this, in many cases the traveling public has a higher level of fire safety than the youth of our country.

Let's use this fire at George Washington as a "wake-up" call and start ensuring that the students are as equally protected and receive an education in fire safety along with their degree.

Ed Comeau, Director
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Learning to surf

By Desonta Holder
Knight Ridder

MIAMI — "What's nice about out there on the ocean is you're out there with nature, you're on your surfboard, you're looking back at the beach. It's a great feeling."

It's what brings Geoffrey Schmidt back to the ocean. A surfer for 11 years, Schmidt has crafted a living with the wind at his back.

As director of Florida Surf Lessons based in Jupiter, he has been teaching from Cocoa Beach to Miami Beach for six years. The first time humbled this former snowboarder from Boston.

"I figured, 'Hey, I'm a snowboarder so I can go out there and do the same thing.' Heck, no! I could barely stay on the surfboard," says Schmidt, 29. "The thing was slipping all underneath me. I'm grabbing the thing. I couldn't even balance on the board. Because I was young and had a lot of pride, it took me three or six months to finally figure it out."

Surfing, which has been around for hundreds of years, has gained a wave of popularity thanks to movies like "Blue Crush," video games like Kelly Slater's Pro Surfer and nonsurfers making fashion statements with board shorts and bikini tops.

If you'd like to give it a try, hiring an instructor will shorten the learning curve, Schmidt says. Most of his students are spring breakers and students out of school for the summer, but people of all ages can do it, he says. "We can have people standing and riding within one lesson."

After the first lesson, everything above your waist will be hurt, chest, back, abs, neck. It's definitely a workout. To get in shape before you give it a try, sit-ups, push-ups and laps in the pool are ideal.

Imagine lying on a board and paddling out to sea where the waves are. Sounds relaxing, but you have to work at it. You might last two hours if you're not in great shape.

"The more you do it, you gain more respect for the ocean," Schmidt says. "When you do something wrong, you realize really quickly who is in control out there. You might think you got things figured out, but any time that ocean wants to knock you down, it can."

Take hurricane season, when powerful waves pound the beach. This is not a time for beginners or inexperienced surfers, Schmidt cautions. "We don't like to bring students out into waves that are over three feet.

"If you're gonna start charging bigger waves, you got to be a good swimmer," he says. "I've done 6-, 9-, 10-, 12-foot waves, and when you wipe out on a wave like that, it tends to hold you under. You gotta have lung capacity and know how to swim and stay calm in those situations.

"In Hurricane Jeanne, I saw in South Beach about 100-plus surfers, and you had a cop bullhorning people in. The waves were one to three-foot. They weren't big, but there was a hurricane and they think there's this crisis."

Hurricanes aside, surfing is "extremely relaxing; it's spiritual ... You're on your surfboard riding some waves. What could be better than that?"

Artificial Life Inc. gives you a Virtual girlfriend this Spring

By Eric Edwards
The Orlando Sentinel

Back in the dark ages of technology, in the mid-'90s, before iPods, BlackBerrys and cell phones with streaming video, there was a cute little company called Tamagotchi.

For kids who could not persuade their parents to spring for a puppy, a kitty or a boa constrictor, Tamagotchi's Giga-Pets were the perfect compromise. Tiny interactive games, these digital pals required attention as no other video game ever had. If you ignored them too long, they beeped. They beeped when they needed food, and if you didn't feed them for a while, they would die just as real pets would.

It was a matter of time and technology before a hand-held kids' toy was modified for adult consumption.

Enter Vivienne Rose.

Vivienne is an attractive young woman, conversant in six languages and thousands of topics. And as early as this fall, she could be your girlfriend. She's marketed by a Hong Kong company called Artificial Life Inc. as a personal companion or even a practice dummy for the dating illiterate.

She comes to you through your phone at the low, low price of $6 a month (far cheaper than a live girlfriend). But there are additional costs that can make her every bit as expensive as the real thing. Since her moods, activities and basis for conversation are not programmed into the phone but rather are transmitted through computer servers, a date with her can chew up valuable airtime. In fact, this airtime can get so expensive that the company has restricted the time you may spend with Vivienne to an hour a day.

Many may consider a streaming video image a low-maintenance way to have a girlfriend. Think again.

Like a real girlfriend, Vivienne likes to go to the movies and out to restaurants. She also likes to receive virtual flowers, which you can buy her with real money that Artificial Life Inc. will gladly pocket.

She likes the same jewels and intimate conversations that make the flesh-and-blood variety of girlfriend swoon. The more attention you give her, the closer you become. In time, you meet her friends and even her mother if you last long enough. But if you don't dote on her as you would a human girlfriend, she gets just as moody.

No matter what you spend on your virtual sweetheart, don't get your hopes up that you'll even make it to first base. For a newfangled gal, Vivienne is very old-fashioned. As far as sex is concerned, a hand-blown kiss is as close to first base as you get with her. And, no, she won't take her virtual top off no matter how often you ask.

Although physical obstacles limit your relationship, you can go as far as you like emotionally, even to the point of marriage. It is unclear, however, if your cessation of payments to the company is classified as divorce. If so, do you need to tell future girlfriends of your virtual checkered past?

Vivienne is set to be introduced in Malaysia this spring, with the company planning to take her to Europe and America by the end of the year. So next fall, when all of your married buddies are watching the World Series on their cell phones, you can abate your loneliness with Vivienne. With any luck, she'll be able to offer tips that might help you pick up a real girl.



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Vivienne Rose, the artificial girlfriend sold by Artificial Life Inc., will be on the market this Spring. She comes complete with the ability to hold conversations and give advice.

Friend troubles



Original Sin

Eve

I never would have convinced them to get back together if I had known that I would be regretting that decision today.

If only I could take it back, or even convince her to run away, everything would be perfect again. I can't though, because it's too late. She broke the friendship code; she let her boyfriend break us up.

Everyone knows there's little room for three. Someone always has to go, only I never expected that someone to be me.

We grew up together, attached at the hip with few arguments. We know each other better than we know ourselves. Some would even say we are soul mates, while others envy our rare eternal connection. She knows how I feel when I'm quiet and I know what she's thinking when I'm loud. But the moment he waltzed into her life, she suddenly forgot.

At first I understood. She was in love for the first time after three lonely years. She radiated with an overwhelming sense of hope. She could finally take a deep sigh of relief in knowing she had escaped the curse of her single life. I was happy for her. He seemed like a decent man with few flaws, and she was more than ready to accept him into her life. As their relationship progressed, however, something happened.

"I'm pregnant! What do I do?" She cried, desperately searching for answers. I was startled at first, half-upset, half-ecstatic. My pseudo-sister was going to have a baby! It could have been such a wonderful experience, and yet something told us it wasn't right. They had no money, no degree, no marriage, and no outside support. She would have to be fair to the baby.

After much deliberation they decided to have an abortion. Without his company, I went to help her through the ordeal. From that very day onward, something changed inside of her. It was as if she lost a piece of her soul with her unborn child.

Her eyes were tired, helpless, and shut heavily to escape from what she had done. She seemed dead to me, lifeless and emotionless to others. She tried to erase him, tried to return to a life she knew better, but I saw how she became even more miserable with his absence. I played my role and spoke to him before any new decisions were made.

"I love her so much it hurts," he admitted, wiping the stream of tears that poured down his face. "I would do anything for her; she means everything to me." He put his hands over his face and sobbed. And at that moment I realized we have something in common. We both love the same person, and that is all I wanted to hear from him.

I went to tell her about our conversation, about giving it another try, and she smiled for the first time in months. "Thank you so much! You're the best friend ever!" She hugged me tightly and picked up the phone to make things right again.

Their relationship took off smoothly; she was slightly happier, and he made it a priority to sustain this happiness. Even though things were great, I noticed as the months passed by that she was slowly falling into the black hole of dependency, the evils of jealousy, the pains of insecurity, and the pits of depression.

In other words, we were back at square one, but much worse. She barely spoke to her friends, she rarely made time for me, and she became so absorbed in her own issues that she neglected every other important factor in her life.

Why? Maybe she feared she would lose him. Maybe she feared that she had lost herself. Or maybe her need was a scapegoat for the reality she couldn't face. Whatever the reason, she knew I could see what really might be bothering her.

She could see I was upset that she was becoming an acquaintance, a person I could barely recognize anymore. It was like the death of my second half. She lost herself to a man that she thinks she will marry. She looked at me and saw the part of her that had passed on. She couldn't stand it.

"Eve, I need a break from you. There's too much drama and I don't want to deal with it anymore." And that was all she said before she walked away. I know she feels better than me at this moment, but I also know that somewhere deep down she must feel the loss. But for now I suppose I'm off-duty in helping her figure this one out.

Eve is a Collegian Columnist

The Perceptionists don't care about your bling-bling

Underground act shows Boston pride and isn't afraid to get political

By Nathan Rothstein
Collegian Correspondent

They grew up with Guru, KRS-1 and A Tribe Called Quest. They came of age with Willie McGinest, Tom Brady and Kevin Faulk. Now in 2005, they have come together to form the Perceptionists. The three members of the group include DJ Fakts One, Akrobatik (he spent a semester at Umass) and Mr. Lif. All three hail from Boston and have recently brought Beantown to the forefront of the hip hop world.

Lif, Ak and Fakts One started showing up at the Western Front and Middle East Clubs in Cambridge during the late 1990s. They each had a unique style that quickly caught on with the young hip hop nation. Other emcee's have come out of Boston (Guru), but up till this point they have moved elsewhere to pursue their musical careers. As the three caught on, they stayed with their Boston roots, constantly rhyming about the Charles River, Larry Bird and their beloved New England Patriots.

After Lif and Ak released successful solo albums, they decided to join forces with Fakts One and form a Boston super group. On March 22, their first album, Black Dialogue, hit the record stores.

The record begins with the Boston rappers trying to get the crowd moving. In Let's Move, Ak and Lif attempt to transform their energy on stage into the recording studio. Their first song stays light and playful, but they quickly convert into attackers of the American political system. In People 4 Prez, Ak and Lif waste no time in blasting "the rich little dummy" and suggest a vote for the people instead. They aren't shy about calling him a puppet or making references to the respect the Geneva Convention earns.

After a quick, boastful rap song full of fun references, "wait, you'll be traded upstate like Bledsoe," the rappers get serious again, and they send the strongest political message in music for 2005. On Memorial Day, The Perceptionists shine. The song begins with a question, "Where are the weapons of mass destruction?" and then Lif tells the story of a President who is not willing to sacrifice his life, but instead send the nation's poor to fight his war. After the question is repeated again, they beg the President to explain why nothing has been found. In the last verse, Ak pours his heart and soul into the music. He questions the patriotism of Donald Rumsfeld, Tom Ridge and Condoleeza Rice, and explains how he is still a patriot even if he doubts the political agenda of the ruling party.

In their title track, Black Dialouge, they turn their anger and attention to the music industry. Both Ak and Lif express their disgust with blacks who only rap about girls, cars, and jewelry and have forsaken their morals for money. They mock the rappers who "want homes in the Hamptons," and go as far as saying "it's a minstrel show, so they do what the white man asks them." Lif claims Malcolm X would be rolling in his grave if he saw what some black rappers were doing. To emphasize their message, The Perceptionists finish the song by listing off the names of black role models including, Stevie Wonder, Jim Brown, Chuck D and Langston Hughes.



Rappers Mr. Lif (above) and Akrobatik teamed up with DJ Fakts One to create the political minded group, The Perceptionists. Their album touches on topics ranging from the Celtics to Condoleeza Rice.

As musical songs, their political numbers are good, but not great. The Perceptionists put everything together when they are joined by acclaimed hip hop guests. Their first collaboration includes Guru from Gangstarr, and Camu Tao. The beat is fast paced and addictive, and the verses by Guru, Ak and Lif complement each other perfectly. The next song includes hip hop legend, Humpty Hump from Digital Underground who 15 years ago, introduced Tupac to the hip hop world. The song is humorous, edgy and smart, and most importantly, is a fun listen. The following song, " 3 O'Clock" features Phonte from Little Brother. His soulful voice helps The Perceptionists make their most complete song. The Boston group may not have been able to put everything together, but they came close enough to make this the first great hip hop album of 2005.

Learning about the struggles that face young gay Americans

By Lynn Franey
Knight Ridder

Cody Quintero sees this week of spring break as an opportunity, but not for partying or for sitting around watching bad daytime TV.

Instead, it's a chance to test his leadership skills by taking a handful of other University of Kansas students to Salt Lake City.

There they will educate themselves about important issues among gays and lesbians, especially problems faced by youths who "come out" about their sexuality to their family or friends and the way advocates there are fighting for equal rights for gay Utah residents.

"It goes against the stereotype of how a college student goes to Cancun and parties all week. Not all college students are like that," said Quintero, a 19-year-old sophomore from Dodge City who's majoring in business marketing and communication.

The students plan to spend time at the Gay and Lesbian Center of Utah, talking with young gay people and helping with chores. They also want to help at an AIDS organization and visit with people about the challenges they face.

Quintero also said he was planning a meeting with representatives of Equality Utah, an equal-rights organization for gay Utah residents.

"A group of students can choose to go to sites not only where you build a house but where you're actually getting involved in the community, and students are being put in places that are not normally their comfort zone," said Quintero.

Quintero and the others educated themselves about gay issues before the trip, researching topics such as hate crimes and the religious debate about whether homosexuality is sinful.

They also visited the Lesbian and Gay Community Center of Greater Kansas City.

It's the second year KU students have visited the Utah gay community center. The student who organized the first trip last year got the idea when he was on a previous community-service spring-break trip in Utah and he heard that four in 10 homeless Utah youth were gay, said Kathleen Daughety, who went on the trip last year.

The students' trip is taken under the auspices of KU's student-run Alternative Breaks program.

"It's awesome that the university would offer something like this to a group of students to not only make yourself feel better by helping the homeless or something but actually educating yourself and allowing yourself to go against those norms," Quintero said. "That's an amazing thing."



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Cody Quintero, a young gay activist from the University of Kansas, went to Salt Lake City to discuss AIDS and other social issues.

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Looking for a real workout? Try this bad boy on for size

By Lisa Liddane
The Orange County Register

It's high noon at L.A. Boxing in Aliso Viejo, Calif., and Robin Adam is pummeling a black punching bag with a series of jabs, hooks and uppercuts. At the end of the bag session, she drops to the floor for a few hundred abdominal exercises and push-ups. No stranger to exercise, Adam, 45, of Mission Viejo added twice-weekly boxing classes in January to a repertoire that includes Pilates and yoga.

"I was looking for something different," Adam said. And different she got.

Boxing, she said, is "the hardest workout I've ever done. I start sweating within the first 10 minutes."

Although boxing workouts have been around since the '90s, they're getting a minuboost from the Oscar-winning film "Million Dollar Baby," which stars Hilary Swank as an aspiring boxer.

Not surprisingly, most of the recent newcomers to fitness boxing are women.

(It's too early to tell whether the new reality TV series "The Contender" will eventually have the same effect on men.)

In recent weeks, at least 10 women have signed up for boxing workouts and have cited "Million Dollar Baby" as having sparked their interest, said Mike Pacholik, general manager for L.A. Boxing in Aliso Viejo. That modest increase is unusual, he said.

But what's different this time around is the "curiosity among female members in going sparring," Pacholik said. "Ninety percent of our female members generally do not step into the ring."

Having taken a few boxing classes in the past, I'll say that it's much more exciting to trade jabs with a moving opponent than hitting a heavy, but static, bag. It's the logical "what next" - a natural progression after one acquires basic skills. But not everyone is comfortable with or feels the need to take that next step.

Adam said she's thought about sparring one day just to see what it feels like, but not until she masters the fundamentals. "I've got a long way to go," she said. "I want to get good at it."

Whether it's working with a bag or a living partner, there's little doubt about the fitness benefits of boxing classes. It's an excellent workout for cardiovascular conditioning. The bag provides resistance, so you gain strength and muscle endurance. You acquire agility, speed and quickness over time. The twisting and turning movements train your abdominal muscles, especially the obliques.

There are a few varieties of boxing classes. Some involve neither gloves nor bags and focus mostly on cardio. You're punching and jabbing the air. Other classes, such as those at L.A. Boxing, include bag work and calisthenics. Some might incorporate separate sparring sessions in the ring. Use the free trial periods at boxing gyms to experiment with several different classes before you pick the one that feels right for you.

If you're interested in taking boxing, focus not on getting Swank's lean and muscular body - which she achieved by adding 20 pounds through food and hours of strength-training - but on improvements in your fitness. Pay attention to whether you're faster, stronger and more agile and whether your body feels more taut and powerful. Those attributes are what make you fitter.



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Many have turned to boxing as an alternate form of excercise, rather than working out at traditional gyms. Above, the Harvard University Boxing Club holds practice.

Disney's number one fan has over 1,600 tattoos to prove it

By Michele Himmelberg
Orange County Register

SANTA ANA, Calif. — George Reiger Jr. claims to be Disney's No. 1 fan.

If you want to challenge him, you'll have to beat this: 1,645 tattoos of Disney characters from the base of his neck to the tops of his toes; a 4,200-square-foot house in Bethlehem, Pa., with 19,000 Disney collector pieces; and six honeymoons at Walt Disney World in Florida.

And when he finally leaves it all behind, his will calls for his ashes to be spread in the Pirates of the Caribbean ride. Nothing is more important than Disney, says Reiger, who was in Anaheim, Calif., last week for the National Fantasy Fan Club convention, a gathering of Disney collectors.

Many have devoted their vacations and paychecks to Disney memorabilia; Reiger has devoted most of his skin, and his life, to the Magic Kingdom.

"My love for Disney comes first, that's why I've been through so many wives," he said last week at the Crown Plaza Anaheim Resort, headquarters for the NFFC meeting. "Both my daughters (ages 18 and 25) have moved out, too. They got tired of everything Disney."

Like the Mickey Mouse waffle iron, Mickey Mouse teapot and cookie jar, and the Little Mermaid-themed bathroom.

Reiger strolled the convention rooms in shorts and a tank top, showing off his tattoos. A decade ago, there were 300 and his goal was 500. Now he keeps squeezing them in, adding 47 Disney rides, 111 cast members and 13 hidden Mickeys to the characters.

Monstro, the whale from Pinocchio, yawns across his belly. Beauty and the Beast dance on his left shoulder. Alice in Wonderland fills his upper arm, surrounded by menacing playing cards. On his back you can count 101 Dalmations, plus two. Yeah, he and his tattoo artist got carried away.

On his forearm is Reiger's first and favorite, the one he got at 18, Mickey Mouse as the apprentice in the film "Fantasia."

There are 28 more in places "only wives can see."

Each tattoo is drawn by Sam Snyder of Easton, Pa. It's part of the deal Reiger made with Disney to wear the copyrighted characters on his body. He also agreed not to appear in a tattoo magazine or to make money off his display.

Reiger admits that it's odd for a 50-year-old man to be obsessed with characters created for children. But he says the magic created by Walt Disney filled the voids of his childhood. He grew up with his grandmother and Disney television shows. He visited his first theme park, Disneyland, at age 8.

"Disney raised me," he said. "It's my family."

He has visited theme parks on three continents, including Walt Disney World 379 times, and figures he pours $50,000 a year into the company cash registers. It's most of what he makes as a postal maintenance worker and magician. He says it makes him happy. "It makes hundreds of thousands of us happy," he said. "That was Walt's dream."



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Woods plans to market new Nike equipment

By Carlos Monarrez
Knight Ridder

DETROIT — Psst. Tiger's got a secret. And he doesn't want anyone to know about it until May. Then he'll suddenly want everyone to know about it.

Welcome to another ball change for Tiger Woods.

Last week, Sports Illustrated reported that Woods since January has been playing a prototype Nike ball called the One Platinum. He has been using it to crack 300-yard drives — with a three-wood. He has been rolling in clutch 28-footers at Doral with it. And he has been using it to win a couple of tournaments while playing No. 1 tag with Vijay Singh.

But here's the kicker.

Woods has been hiding the ball from the Darrell Survey — which monitors equipment use on the PGA Tour — by playing a ball stamped with the name of his previous ball, One Gold.

Such is the cloak-and-dagger world of golf equipment manufacturing.

"As is usually the case, he'll put a prototype in play before he signs off on anything," said Nike communications director Dean Stoyer. "He's got to see how it works in competition before we introduce a new ball that's tied to him."

Woods and Rock Ishii, Nike's director of product development, began working on the One Platinum in November. Stoyer said. Woods put it in play at the Mercedes Championships in January and green-lighted the ball for market about two weeks ago.

Woods' desire for a new ball was precipitated by his switch to the massive 460cc Nike Ignite driver he began using at the Tour Championship in November. His new club gave him better control of the livelier ball.

But the One Platinum, whose cover is softer than the One Gold 's, also produced an unexpected benefit for Woods.

"What he remarked on liking the most about it," Stoyer said, "is it's great off the tee, but he hasn't lost, in fact, he's picked up more spin around the greens, which he didn't think was possible with a long ball."



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Tiger smiles after winning at Doral.

As for mere mortal duffers, Stoyer said the ball mostly would benefit amateurs with average-to-high swing speeds.

"The Platinum is really a ball for somebody who has the complete game or wants to exploit the complete game," he said.

The suggested retail price will be $54 per dozen when the One Platinum hits stores in early May.

Pedro shows good signs

By Steve Popper
Knight Ridder

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — After missing his previous spring start with a stiff lower back, Pedro Martinez passed his final test before opening day with an impressive five innings Tuesday against a team of Mets minor-leaguers.

Martinez threw 83 pitches, scattering three singles and allowing one run.

"I felt pretty good before coming out," Martinez said, smiling widely afterward with his arm wrapped with ice and Ace bandages. "But I didn't know what to expect because this is the first time I ever felt something in my back. I noticed by the time I threw on the side that my arm was in pretty good shape and my legs responded well. I got a little fatigued at the end in the bullpen, but that might have been because I didn't do anything for three days, just getting treated. After that I thought everything was going to be fine, because I felt good."

The Mets could breath a sigh of relief, with Martinez striking out eight batters, including the last one he faced before calling it a day.

"We entered today as if it didn't happen," pitching coach Rick Peterson said of the back trouble. "He felt tremendous. You watch that game, watch the effort level, you don't have to ask somebody how they feel. You watch somebody walk across the room you wouldn't have to ask how their leg feels. It's obvious."

Martinez will get five days' rest before Monday's season opener in Cincinnati, throwing a bullpen session on Thursday and then preparing for his first appearance as the ace of the "New Mets."

"Every game is meaningful to every one of us," said Martinez, dismissing any additional significance to the opener. "Proving something? Ah, it gets boring. Too much yada yada about the beginning of the season. They're all important and it's one game."

Peterson countered: "I'm incredibly excited. How can you not be excited? I might have to buy a ticket."

"I'm excited," Mets manager Willie Randolph added. "Any time a manager can put Pedro Martinez out as his opening day starter it's a very good feeling."

The feeling was queasy over the last few days after Martinez was scratched from his last start. He already had been sidelined twice by the rain this spring, making three starts and pitching just 11 innings against major league hitters. But he was not concerned about where he got his pitching in as long as he got it done.

Mascot mired in controversy

By Elizabethe Holland
Knight Ridder

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Michigan State's "Sparty the Spartan" and the University of Louisville's "Cardinal Bird the Cardinal" will be here for the NCAA Final Four his weekend in all their costume finery. So will "Rameses the Ram," mascot of the University of North Carolina Tar Heels.

But the team symbol with the shortest drive to St. Louis won't make the trip. "Chief Illiniwek" will stay home at the University of Illinois.

The chief — a student in buckskins, feathery headdress and makeup — has become less visible at athletic events over the past five years or so. Except for the occasional road game, like the Braggin' Rights showdown here between Missouri and Illinois, he seldom leaves Urbana-Champaign. There, his appearances are mainly at football, volleyball and men's and women's basketball games, said Kent Brown, the University sports information director.

Often, where there's the chief, there's trouble. Sometimes it's one person in the stands, bellowing charges that the character demeans Native Americans. Sometimes it's an organized demonstration, with harsh signs and angry words.

Detractors have achieved attention, but not the ultimate goal of packing up the costume for good. The chief remains Illinois' official symbol — the University prefers he not be called a mascot — but one that causes discomfort for the athletic program and University as a whole.

Brown said it would not be fair to say the chief's role has been reduced just to quell the controversy. "But it takes that out of play," he added.

Chief Illiniwek does not parade along the sidelines, hang out with the band or pick a pseudo fight with another team's mascot. He is a performer who presents an Indian dance, four to six minutes long, that draws rapt fans to their feet.

Even if the chief came to the Final Four, as he did the last time Illinois made it, the NCAA's carefully planned halftime show probably would not make an opening for his routine, said Tom Hardy, spokesman for the University.

Many high schools and smaller colleges have shed nicknames and symbols based on Native Americans, but fans of Chief Illiniwek insist he is not comparable. They argue that he is a respectful, proud character, who emphasizes the state's heritage and educates people about Native Americans.

"The chief embodies all the qualities that we try to strive for," said Nick Klitzing, president of Students for Chief Illiniwek and a student member of the university's Board of Trustees. "It embodies courage, strength and unity and tradition. He is the token of the University of Illinois and has been for 78 years."

Critics complain that an Indian mascot, particularly at a largely Caucasian campus, is racist and insensitive, and that 78 years of it is about 78 years too many.

"All aspects of the chief and its dance should be eliminated," said Jen Tayabji, a former Illinois student who is a member of the Progressive Resource/Action Cooperative, a group involved in trying to do away with the chief and the "Fighting Illini" moniker.

A symbol should be unifying, not divisive, Tayabji said. If it dissuades Native American students and professors from coming to Illinois, it isn't worth it, she said.

Most importantly, Tayabji said, the fact that many Native Americans find it offensive "is good enough reason to get rid of it."

Kyle Cline, the current Chief Illiniwek, could not be reached for comment.

The Board of Trustees has grappled with the controversy for years. In 1990, it endorsed the chief. But that support may be waning.

In the fall, the board unanimously adopted a resolution that whatever "consensus conclusion" it reached would include recognition of American Indian culture and traditions, Hardy said.

There are plenty of opinions from which to draw. There are whole organizations pro and con. The latter includes a Web site — www.retirethechief.org — started by Brian Jewett, a professor.

About a year ago, nearly 70 percent of Illinois students who voted in a referendum backed the chief.

Meanwhile, a report last fall by the North Central Association, a school accreditation organization, said the University will face damage if the issue isn't resolved.

And earlier this month, opponents of the chief, including the Illinois Native American Bar Association, sued to get the trustees to end the chief's reign. They said he perpetuates a racial stereotype, violates Indians' rights and violates the board's own anti-discrimination policies.

The University has publicly insisted that it isn't violating any laws or policies.

Illinois was one of 31 schools asked by the NCAA in November to explain why they feel it necessary to use American Indian imagery, said Gail Dent, an NCAA spokeswoman. Illinois' self-evaluation is due May 1.

While the chief himself will be absent from the Final Four, there are sure to be plenty of his likenesses on Illinois fans' T-shirts and other gear, and perhaps the occasional fan made up in the chief's image.

Charlene Teters, an Illinois alumna and a member of the Spokane Nation Indian tribe, said she decided about the last time Illinois made the Final Four that it was time for the chief to go. Teters, of Santa Fe, N.M., said she was upset to see her teenage children react to his performance with embarrassment and humiliation.

She eventually helped found the National Coalition on Racism and the Media, and became a familiar figure in the University of Illinois debate.

"This is not just me. It is a movement," Teters said. "But the quality of the debate really hasn't changed much."

Red Sox opt to deal Kim to Colorado for young pitcher

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — The Boston Red Sox have traded right-handed relief pitcher Byung-Hyun Kim to the Colorado Rockies, agreeing to pay most of his salary and calling the two-year, $10 million deal they gave him in 2004 "a mistake."

Kim was sent Wednesday to the Rockies for left-handed pitcher Chris Narveson, 23, who was optioned to Triple-A Pawtucket, and catcher Charles Johnson, who was immediately designated for assignment and released.

The Red Sox will pick up almost all of Kim's $6 million salary, general manager Theo Epstein said.

"We certainly made a mistake, and I take responsibility for that," Epstein said of the two-year, $10 million contract Kim signed before the 2004 season. "It's just a mystery what happened to this guy."

Epstein noted that in 2003, Kim made contributions to the team's playoff run and was at a loss to say what happened to him in 2004.

"I'm not so sure [success] would have happened to him in Boston," he said. "He was crying for a change of scenery."

Epstein said Kim, when informed of the trade, apologized for not doing better.

Kim missed time with the flu this spring and has allowed four earned runs in 6 2-3 innings during the exhibition season. All the while, he has been bombarded with rumors that Boston would try to unload his $6 million salary, or part of it.

"I heard many stories about the trades this offseason, but it's nothing I can control," he said last week. "But I know the general manager and manager and all the teammates still trust in me to help out the team."

Kim, a native of South Korea, was acquired from Arizona on May 29, 2003 in the trade that sent Shea Hillenbrand to the Diamondbacks. He went 6-4 with 16 saves and a 2.28 ERA in 42 outings after being named Boston's closer July 1. He did not allow an earned run in his final 13 regular season appearances.

But he lost the job in the playoffs after allowing the tying run to reach base in the ninth inning of Boston's loss in the first-round opener against Oakland. Then, during player introductions for Game 3 of the Al. division series in 2003 at Fenway Park, he was booed and made an obscene gesture at the crowd. He later apologized.

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Clement looks strong for Sox

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Matt Clement's final outing of spring training was his best, and he showed the Red Sox they might not miss Pedro Martinez and Derek Lowe.

Clement allowed one run on two hits in five innings and Jason Varitek and Kevin Youkilis homered in Boston's 6-4 win over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

The Red Sox lost Martinez and Lowe to free agency and added Clement, David Wells and Wade Miller. Wells, scheduled to pitch the season opener Sunday at the New York Yankees, had a 7.94 ERA in 17 innings. Miller is expected to start the season on the disabled list and to return in May.

Clement, who played last season for the Chicago Cubs, had an 0-2 record and 5.54 ERA in his other four spring starts. But he felt he built up his arm strength and improved his pitches and is ready for the second game against the Yankees.

"Spring went well. I think I accomplished what I wanted to accomplish and now it doesn't mean squat if you can't do it when the season starts," he said. "I don't see any reason why I can't pitch the same way I've pitched here."

He doesn't feel an extra burden by trying to replace Martinez or Lowe.

"I put high expectations and high goals on myself," said Clement, who struck out five and walked none. "So I feel like I don't need to put any extra pressure on. I know the expectations are there."

Nor is he intimidated by making his Red Sox debut in Yankee Stadium, a place he's never been.

"I'm excited just to go there," he said. "I'm really looking forward to getting to pitch there and getting to be a part of this rivalry."

After Clement left the game, Tampa Bay tied it 2-2 on Josh Phelps' fourth homer of the spring, off Matt Mantei.

Boston then scored four runs in the sixth off former Red Sox pitcher Casey Fossum on Kevin Millar's RBI single and Youkilis' three-run homer, his second of the exhibition season.

Youkilis will start the season as a backup to third baseman Bill Mueller. He also has played first base this spring.

"It's our responsibility to find him enough at-bats without getting somebody hurt where he can be productive here and not go backwards," Boston manager Terry Francona said.

Tampa Bay starter Dewon Brazelton pitched three shutout innings and left with a 1-0 lead on Chris Singleton's sacrifice fly in the second. Then Fossum allowed two runs in the fourth on Varitek's two-run homer.

It was Tampa Bay's sixth loss in seven games as it tries to improve from a 70-91 record last year, its second under manager Lou Piniella.

"I would have hoped we'd be a little further along in the process than we are but it's improved," he said.

Notes: Tampa Bay's last two runs came home on Travis Lee's double in the eighth. ... About half the Red Sox left after the game for Arizona where they will play exhibition games Thursday and Friday against the Diamondbacks. Another group stayed behind to wrap up the Grapefruit League season Thursday at Minnesota, which also plays in Fort Myers. ... Curt Schilling and Miller will face each other Saturday morning in an intrasquad minor league game. ... The Red Sox met with union head Don Fehr for more than two hours Wednesday morning. It was the last of his visits to spring training camps.



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Wade always trouble

By Scott Bordow
Knight Ridder

MESA, Ariz. — Let's be clear from the start: Arizona State could not have prevented Brandon Falkner's death.

It is Loren Wade who must answer to that charge.

But Wade's continued involvement with the ASU football team up until Falkner's death is on coach Dirk Koetter and athletic director Gene Smith. At the very least, University president Michael Crow should ask himself this question today:

Does Koetter deserve to keep his job?

And if you're Ohio State, do you still want Smith running your athletic department?

It was astonishing Tuesday to hear Smith and Koetter rationalize their decision not to kick Wade off the football team.

Dumbfounding, too, was Crow's defense of two men who, had they acted with just a modicum of common sense, would have washed the university's hands of Saturday morning's shooting.

"No one viewed Loren Wade as a murderer waiting to act," Crow said.

That, we can accept. But either Koetter or Smith should have viewed Wade as a deeply troubled individual who had forfeited the privilege of playing football at ASU.

Let's review what ASU knew of Wade before Saturday's tragedy:

— He had been suspended during the 2004 season for receiving improper benefits from a University employee.

— He had threatened two female athletes, according to Koetter, telling one, "Be careful walking around."

— ASU had been apprised of other allegations against Wade, allegations revealed in only the most general terms on Tuesday because, Koetter said, "It serves no purpose at this point. It won't bring back Brandon Falkner."

The totality of allegations condemning Wade was overwhelming, yet he was practicing with the team and expected to be ASU's No. 1 tailback this season.

Falkner didn't get that kid-glove treatment when he was booted off the team in June 2002 after being in court on charges of driving with a suspended license, no registration, failure to provide evidence of financial responsibility and a violation of a promise to appear.

And justice was swift Tuesday, when freshman linemen Jonathan Lehmann and Brent Russum were dismissed from the team after a female student accused them of photographing her while she was nude and without her consent.

But then, Lehmann, Russum and Falkner were not potential 1,000-yard rushers, were they?

Koetter said Tuesday it's easy "in retrospect" to say Wade shouldn't have been allowed to wear the maroon and gold.

Well, there wouldn't be any second-guessing had the athletic department acknowledged the obvious — that Wade was trouble.

"We didn't connect the dots," Koetter said.

How could they not?

Gymnastics coach John Spini said team member Trisha Dixon told him that when Wade threatened her last November, Wade told her, "Don't be walking alone."

"She was afraid for her life," Spini said.

Both Koetter and Smith knew of the threat, yet on Tuesday they said they believed these were relationship issues, not issues portending violence.

"Nothing in these two cases led us to believe he had a violent act in him," Smith said.

Wade threatens two girls, he's allegedly in possession of a firearm, and the athletic department doesn't believe violence is implied?

And shouldn't someone at ASU be aware that most violent acts are relationship-oriented?

Here's another head-scratcher: Wade had begun counseling in September after telling Koetter he was thinking of quitting football because he was afraid of getting hurt.

Wade stopped going to the sessions at some point — "I don't know when that was," Koetter said — yet ASU's coach saw no need to get Wade further help after he learned of the threats.

"In my mind I didn't connect that with the reason he was seeing the psychologist," Koetter said. "I didn't connect it. Nobody did."

Someone should have.

It's harder to find fault with Koetter for not discovering Wade owned a gun. Neither Dixon nor soccer player Haley van Blommestein, the second athlete to come forward accusing Wade of making a threat, said they had seen him with a gun.

Still, Koetter followed up the rumors. He talked to Wade. He spoke with Wade's mother. He asked Wade's teammates and was met with blank stares — stares, he discovered after the murder, that were hiding lies.

Short of strip-searching Wade and combing through his apartment, what was Koetter to do?

While ASU is absolved of guilt in Falkner's murder, it should be criticized for not coming clean about Wade's threats when given the opportunity Monday.

Smith was asked if there was anything in Wade's past that suggested a violent act. His response — "There were no indicators that really popped out at us to say, 'Hey, this could happen,' " — is, if not a lie, a foolish omission.

How could ASU be so stupid to think Wade's past acts wouldn't come out? Now, the athletic department is not only discredited, it's untrustworthy.

"There's no cover-up here," Koetter said.

That's not how it smells or looks. And to think, ASU could have avoided the heat of Tuesday's press conference and the black eye it has suffered had it simply acted responsibly and kicked Wade off the team.

But that didn't happen.

Now, ASU has to pay for its mistake.

Scott Bordow is a Knight Ridder columnist.

Garcia and Dean overcome personal tragedy before success

By Brian Davis
Knight Ridder

DALLAS — Francisco Garcia and Taquan Dean come from different countries and speak different languages. Yet it made perfect sense when they became roommates at Louisville. Personal heartbreak is their common bond.

Garcia, a 6-foot-7 forward who moved from the Dominican Republic at age 12, lost his younger brother, Hector, in December 2003. Hector Garcia was shot in the lobby of the family's South Bronx housing project. The case remains unsolved.

Dean, a 6-foot-5 guard from Red Bank, N.J., lost his mother at age 6. He recalls leaving her alone to get something to eat, then returning 10 minutes later to find her lifeless on the floor.

Doctors discovered a blood clot in her head.

Today, the two Louisville juniors draw motivation from their past.

Garcia and Dean have national championship aspirations, and both want to someday secure their families' financial futures via the NBA.

Illinois (36-1) is the next team standing in their way at the Final Four in St. Louis.



Michael Ainsworth/The Dallas Morning News

Ellis Myles carries Francisco Garcia out of the gym after Louisville's comeback victory over West Virginia on Saturday.

"For him not even knowing my past when we first met, I guess we saw something in ourselves when looking at each other," Dean said. "We definitely came in with ambition and goals. We want to do everything in our power in order to accomplish that."

Plenty to share

During the years, Garcia and Dean have found more common interests. Garcia lists "Friday" as his favorite movie. Dean's favorite? The sequel. Friday After Next." They both like late-night junk food. And like most roommates, they bicker over who rules the PlayStation and who does more pushups.

It's clear that each player is respectful of the other's background.

Garcia's mother, Miguelina, was already living in New York when he and Hector were growing up in the Dominican Republic. Garcia said his mother, who speaks only Spanish, wanted them to come to America and live a better life.

In Hector's honor, Garcia writes "R.I.P." with black ink on his cherry-red sneakers.

Francisco Garcia was a third baseman in his home country but never really liked baseball that much. The sun was always in his eyes, Garcia said. After arriving in New York, Garcia found playground courts near his housing project and fell in love with basketball.

Garcia's prep school encouraged students to try multiple sports. So Garcia strapped on a helmet and shoulder pads and gave football a shot.

"Went to one practice and that was enough," he said.

Garcia stuck with basketball, and he averaged 16.4 points per game as a sophomore at Louisville.



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Taquan Dean (5) and Francisco Garcia have both overcome tragedies from early in their lives and are now heading to the Final Four.

MSU students have lots to cheer about

By Larry Lage
Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Rob Dare and his friends crowded around a TV, screaming as Michigan State competed for a spot in the Final Four.

The students weren't watching the men's team, however. For the first time, Dare and his buddies were tuned in to cheer on the Spartan women.

Michigan State will have its men's and women's teams in the Final Four this weekend and Dare, as much as it surprises him, will be interested in both games.

"Everybody follows the men around here, but now people are jumping on the women's bandwagon, me included," the sophomore said Wednesday. "I was really impressed with them against Stanford. Me and my friends couldn't believe how good they could shoot. Maybe we should've started following them earlier."

Michigan State has gone hoops crazy, a fact that could be seen and heard on and around campus.

Merchandise was hawked on street corners under makeshift tents, and congratulatory messages could be seen on businesses' marquees.

A green and white Spartans blanket attached to a flag pole flapped in the wind in the back of a pickup truck on the eastern edge of campus.

As if a partly cloudy, 70-degree day wasn't enough to create a buzz in the winter-weary college town, two Final Four-bound basketball teams provided an extra boost of excitement.

For the past two weeks, Michigan State president Lou Anna Simon has crisscrossed the country to give equal time to the Spartans in both the men's and women's NCAA tournaments.

There's no rest for Simon now.

"It's a great problem to have," Simon said in interview with The Associated Press a few minutes after the women's team beat Stanford on Tuesday night. "It's going to be a little easier on me this weekend because the sites will be closer together, and the games don't conflict.

"I can't wait to get to the pep rallies and other events we have planned before each game."

Simon will watch the men play North Carolina on Saturday in St. Louis, then travel 250 miles to Indianapolis for the women's game against Tennessee on Sunday.

If both Michigan State teams pull off upsets, Simon will be back in St. Louis on Monday for the men's national championship before wrapping up her whirlwind tour Tuesday night in Indianapolis for the women's title game.

Just six schools have sent both men's and women's teams to the Final Four, but the feat has now happened four years in a row.

Georgia was the first to do it, in 1983, and Duke followed in 1999 before Oklahoma, Texas, Connecticut and now Michigan State had two teams advance to the semifinals from 2002-05. Last year, the Huskies were the first to have both men's and women's teams win national championships in the same season.

Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said superior facilities, successful recruiting and support from the administration likely helped each school pull off the accomplishment.

At Michigan State, the head coaches of both basketball programs are close, and the players are too.

Izzo said he spoke with women's coach Joanne P. McCallie on Wednesday afternoon, a day after he gathered his players to watch her team topple Stanford.

When the women clinched a share of the Big Ten title last month at the Breslin Center, an arena both teams share, some players from the men's team rushed the court alongside other fans.

"That was an amazing, special moment for our program and this community when the guys did that," McCallie said. "They realize we all sweat the same, we all bleed green and it says 'State' on both of our jerseys."

Though the women are a top-seeded team and the men are a fifth-seeded squad, both have had to scramble to win some games en route to the Final Four.

The men beat Kentucky in double overtime on Sunday in a regional final, and the women escaped the second round with a 61-59 win over Southern California. Both will face traditional powerhouses in the Final Four: North Carolina for the men and Tennessee for the women.

Michigan State's women had not advanced past the second round before this season while the men have won two national championships and are going to the Final Four for the fourth time in seven years, one more trip than any other team since 1999.

Michigan State will open Breslin this weekend so fans can watch the games on the oversized monitors above the court for free.

The College Store, a local store specializing in Michigan State paraphernalia, is hoping soon to have available for sale "This Dance Is For Couples Only" T-shirts featuring both teams.

If such a shirt was on the racks Wednesday, Ronda Bokram would've bought it.

"I'll be back," said Bokram, 49, of East Lansing.

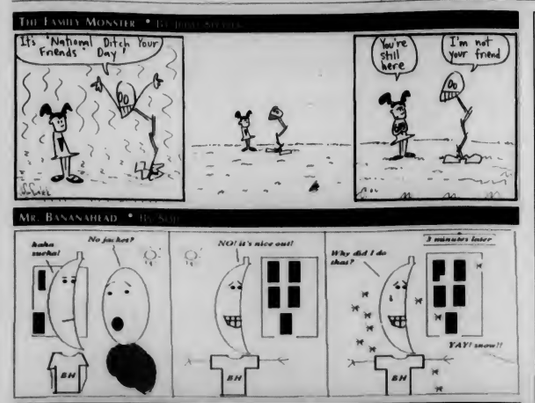
Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who attended the Stanford game, plans to travel to both the men's and women's games this weekend with her 15-year-old daughter Kate.

"The unparalleled sense of pride over the MSU Spartans is permeating the entire state," Granholm said. "The nation has an opportunity to see the character of our student-athletes, our coaches."


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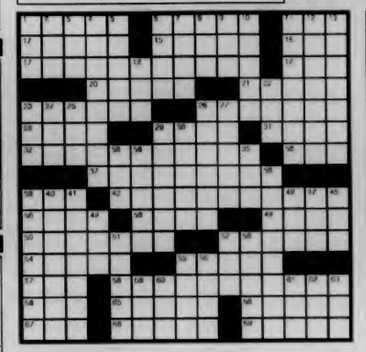


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Twomley finds groove

By Todd Foster
Collegian Staff

Normally, it takes a baseball player a few games to get back into the swing of things before he can return to prime form. Though UMass senior right fielder Jason Twomley's swing seemed just fine.

Twomley's first action since breaking his wrist on March 5 earned him the ECAC and Atlantic 10 Player of the Week honors for last week. He posted a .700 batting average with four homeruns, seven runs scored and four runs batted in during a three-game series at Xavier last weekend. He is also currently riding a seven-game hitting streak.

The 6-foot, 215-pound outfielder homered in all three games on this past road trip to Cincinnati. In his first game on Saturday, Twomley literally was UMass' entire offense, providing all three of the team's hits including a solo homerun for the Maroon and White's only run in a 2-1 loss.

In the second game of the Saturday doubleheader, Twomley hit a pair of dingers, one on the first at-bat of the game and the other in the fifth inning, as he added two RBIs and three runs to the 6-5 losing effort.

As for Sunday conclusion of the series, Twomley hit his fourth homer of the weekend and went 2-for-4 with an RBI and two runs in a 18-3 loss.

"I felt confident [going into the series]," Twomley said. "I was able to keep my legs fresh by doing a lot of running and speed work. I wanted to put myself in the best possible shape for the Xavier series, and I knew I would be ready to go.

"If I had worried too much about injuring my wrist, I knew that I wasn't going to be able to perform the way I needed to help the team."

As the Massachusetts baseball team looks to produce more offense, Twomley is one of the only two hitters batting over .300 early into the season. His .444 batting average and six homeruns lead the Minutemen, but his 1.079 slugging percentage is the statistic that sticks out the most on the stat sheet.

The senior leadoff hitter is on a power surge as he has hit a home-run in his five games this season and shows no signs of slowing down, as he feels his wrist will not be a problem.

"The wrist feels great, like nothing had happened to it," Twomley said. "If I swing the worry-way, I feel a little tweak, but the doctors did a great job helping me for those three weeks, which is a short time for a bone to heal. I'm just trying to get back to where I was before it happened."

Due to yesterday's poor field conditions, canceling UMass' home opener against Scared Heart, Jason Twomley will look to extend his hitting and homerun streaks this weekend against La Salle. The two teams will play in a doubleheader slated to start at noon on Saturday in UMass' home opener at Earl Lorden Field.

Dayton shocking the A-10

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

Through the first part of the 2005 baseball season, the defending Atlantic 10 Champion St. Bonaventure Bonnies are having some serious struggles in terms of living up to the title defense.

After getting off to a 6-1 start this season and garnering a No. 10 ranking on Collegebaseballinsider.com's Northeast Coaches Poll, SBU appears to have hit the wall. Three days after the poll was released (March 16), the Bonnies traveled to Huntington, W.Va. and lost two of three games to the Marshall Thundering Herd.

Last weekend, the Bonnies (9-7 0-3 A-10) continued their slide when they kicked their conference schedule in Dayton, Ohio off to a rocky start, getting swept by the upstart Dayton Flyers, who didn't even qualify for the A-10 Tournament in 2004, by scores of 4-2, 8-0 and 5-2.

The culmination of SBU's recent troubles arguably came last Tuesday, when St. Bonaventure dropped a 15-4 decision to the Penn State Nittany Lions in University Park, Pa.

Freshman left-hander Cody Vincent (2-1) experienced every rookie's nightmare, losing his first outing of the season in convincing style. In 5-2/3 innings of work on the mound, Vincent gave up nine runs (two unearned) on 13 hits while walking three and striking out three.

But there is still reason to be optimistic. Seven batters are currently hitting over .300, the leader of the pack being sophomore infielder Matt Mardeusz. In 16 starts, Mardeusz has tallied a .403 average to go along with team highs in hits (27), doubles (seven) and runs batted in (19). If the bats don't diminish, things are likely to turn for the good for the defending champs.

Flyers surprisingly airborne in '05

Taking two of three from then-No. 20 Notre Dame is one thing. It's another thing to open the A-10 season, where every game counts that much more, by sweeping the defending champions, as Dayton has done so far this season.

Predicted to finish third in the A-10 West, the Flyers (16-7 3-0 A-10) currently sit in second in their division, behind the Richmond Spiders, who are also perfect in conference play at 6-0.

And they're not just going beyond their expectations, as they have proven to be an exciting team to watch, too. After two come-from-behind wins against the Irish and breaking stalemates with St. Bonaventure by cranking out clutch hits, UD may have achieved its most impressive feat of the year yesterday afternoon at Time Warner Stadium.

Down by 14 runs against the Butler Bulldogs in the third inning, Dayton stormed back on monstrous efforts at the plate from Bobby Getty (3-for-6, three RBI, five runs, one single shy of the cycle), Michael Massa (3-for-4, three runs, two RBI) and Bryan Chandler (3-for-4, three runs, three RBI), and ended up winning 21-17 despite being out-hit 17-16.

Dayton certainly has the chance to keep things rolling this weekend when they host the Rhode Island Rams, (6-10 2-1 A-10), whose pitching staff has a combined earned run average of 5.18.

Michalski named finalist for Johnny Bench Award

If things keep going the right way for George Washington senior catcher Joe Michalski, he just might come away with some of college baseball's most honorable gold.

Last Monday, the Ellicott City, Md. native was one of 37 catchers named a finalist for the Johnny Bench Award, given annually to college baseball's best catcher. Established in 2000, past award recipients include former Alabama standout and current Oakland A's catcher Jeremy Brown, most notably of fame from Michael Lewis' 2003 best-selling novel "Moneyball".

Weather hurts UM at home

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts softball team is one of the most dominant home teams in the country. The Minutewomen play at one of the finest softball facilities in the Northeast, the UMass Softball Complex, and are a remarkable 85-5 all-time on their home field, including 72 straight regular season home games.

Seemingly the only thing that can prevent UMass (10-9 2-0 Atlantic 10) from dominating on its home field is the weather. UMass is 0-for-3 so far this year in beating the weather and actually playing a home game.

UMass was scheduled to play Syracuse in a doubleheader in its home opener last Thursday, but the games were canceled because of snow. After the warm weather last weekend, it appeared the field would be ready for UMass to host Central Connecticut State Tuesday, but Monday's rain left the field unplayable again. The CCSU contest has been postponed until April 13. UMass has already had 11 games canceled or postponed due to weather this season.

UMass was scheduled to host Dartmouth (3-8) in a doubleheader on Wednesday, but field conditions pushed the games back a day. UMass coach Elaine Sortino is hopeful that the weather will finally cooperate, and her team will be able to resume its home dominance today against Dartmouth.

"We just want to get on the field," Sortino said. "The team will be excited when they see that the game is actually going to happen. They're definitely looking forward to it. We don't spend too much time worrying about the weather because there's nothing we can do about it."

Sortino is especially happy that her team will get to return to the friendly confines of the UMass Softball Complex after playing the first 19 games of the season on the road.

"We love to play on our home field," Sortino said. "We spend the first 10-to-12 weeks on the road so it's wonderful to come home. We have a great crowd and get wonderful support."

Sortino intentionally loads the front end of the schedule with top competition so her team will be playing at a high level when the conference schedule begins. This practice seems to be working again this year as the Minutewomen come into today's contests on a three-game winning streak, including a doubleheader sweep at Dayton in their first A-10 action of the season.

"This is the time when I look for things to settle in and get into gear," Sortino said. "We're getting a great deal of consistency in our practices, and that consistency lends itself to our game performance. We have a sense of who we are now. The continuity from having the opportunity to play is very helpful. The team is very talented offensively and defensively and we're starting to see flashes of that."

Before the season, Sortino said this year's squad had the potential to be one of the best offensive teams ever at UMass. After a slow start, her lofty expectations are being validated.

Not surprisingly, the offense is being led by junior catcher KJ Kelly, who has closed to within one of tying the all-time school record for home runs. Kelly leads the Minutewomen with a .348 batting average and is tied at the top in home runs with four. Kelly is expected to miss today's game, however, as she is recovering from a badly sprained ankle.

Another expected offensive leader is senior shortstop Hilary Puglia, the reigning A-10 Player of the Year. Puglia is third on the team with a .339 batting average and leads the team with 13 runs scored.

Senior outfielder Denise Denis has stepped up her production this year, as she is tied with Kelly for the team home run lead and leads the team with 16 RBI. Denis has been named A-10 Player of the Week in each of the past two weeks.

Freshmen centerfielder Lauren Proctor has added to this already potent mix. Proctor is batting .346, which is second on the team, and brings an eight-game hitting streak into today's game.

While Sortino is pleased with her team's offensive production this year, she does not know what to expect from Dartmouth. Today's game will be the first meeting ever between the two schools.

"I don't know the team, but I know the coach so I expect them to be fundamentally sound and make a great run at us," Sortino said.

Minutewomen dispose of URI

By Jon Pelland
Collegian Correspondent

The Massachusetts women's tennis team (11-6 3-0 Atlantic 10) opened its outdoor season in Amherst with a 7-0 drubbing of Atlantic 10 rival Rhode Island (3-8 0-2 A-10).

The Minutewomen dominated the Rams in every aspect of the game. They swept all six singles matches and all three doubles matches. Every singles participant beat her opponent in straight sets.

However, UMass coach Judy Dixon said that there is still room for improvement.

"We didn't play too sharp today," Dixon noted. "It's a difficult time of year, going from playing indoors to playing outdoors and we had tough weekend."

Freshman Masha Pozar played well picking up a victory in the No. 1 slot. Pozar outplayed her opponent, junior Erin Fleming, beating her in straight sets 6-1, 6-2.

The match was highlighted by a long series of volleys in the fourth game of the second set. Pozar and Fleming exchanged shots back and forth until Pozar was able to bounce a forehand off the net that was out of reach for her opponent.

Following two losses in the No. 1 slot last week it looks as though Pozar may be settling in to the top spot of the lineup.

"Masha is extremely talented and has a lot of potential," Dixon proclaimed. "She is a solid No. 1 or 2 for us."

For a while in the second set, it looked as if Fleming would give Pozar a run for her money, but Fleming was unable to close the gap between her and the UMass freshman.

Dixon was also pleased with the play of her senior captain Sasha Edelstein. Edelstein won her match in the No. 2 slot over sophomore Revathi Annapareddy, who never led as she bowed to Edelstein 6-0, 6-1.

"Sasha played very well for us today," Dixon said.

Also picking up singles victories for the Minutewomen were junior Dorothy Iwanowicz at No. 3, junior Susan Johnson at No. 4, junior Jana Bartolini at No. 5 and freshman Kristin Dipiero at No. 6.

"It was good that we were able to give Kristin some court experience today because if any one goes down she's the next person in line to step up," Dixon said.

The Minutewomen were able to secure the doubles point by sweeping all three matches.

Iwanowicz and Johnson teamed up to take the match at No. 1 by a score of 8-1. The duo was too much for the Rams' Fleming and senior Bridgette LaFlamme. At one point in the match Johnson rocketed a forehand off the shoulder of Fleming.

"Susan had a really good day, she was able to pick up two big wins for us in the singles and doubles," Dixon said.

The team of Bartolini and Edelstein defeated Annapareddy and freshman Emily Conant in the No. 2 doubles slot. Bartolini and Edelstein dominated and cruised to an 8-1 finish.

Dipiero and junior Lesley Fisher took the No. 3 doubles match by a score of 8-2.

UMass was able to record the shut out even with its hottest player, sophomore Michele Spiess, not in the line up against the Rams. Dixon felt that Spiess could use a day of rest following a three-set match against Temple on Thursday and a four-hour match against Richmond on Friday.

"It's that time of year when players need a day off here and there," Dixon explained.

The Maroon and White take on A-10 rival Fordham (8-4) next Wednesday at home.

Coaches looking for decisive edge in NCAA tournament

By Jim Litke
Associated Press

One is a 48-year-old newcomer.

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Illinois' Bruce Weber, the only member of the coaching quartet who's never ventured this deep into the NCAA tournament, has been calling friends in the business for tips on what to expect.

"He's a 3-point shot at the buzzer from being perfect this season," joked Louisville's Rick Pitino, whose Cardinals face the Illini in the first semifinal Saturday night. "He doesn't need any advice from me."

"I told him to get rid of his ticket and hotel problems by Sunday or Monday," added Michigan State's Tom Izzo. "The first time we went, I think I was still dealing with that stuff all the way through Friday."

Experience was the central theme during a teleconference Wednesday featuring the four finalists. While Pitino and Izzo have already won national championships, and North Carolina's Roy Williams is at the Final Four for the fifth time as a head coach, they have nothing on Weber in what might be the most important factor in that equation.

After scanning all four rosters, Izzo came up with only one player who's even been to a Final Four, and that's his own Tim Bograkos, a fifth-year senior and former walk-on.

By the same token, all four teams are led by upperclassmen, which the coaches agreed was the difference in getting this far in what has been an upset-filled, last-gasp tournament so far. The top high school seniors and underclassmen continue to depart for the NBA, but the depth of talent and experience on the Final Four teams proves the top coaches, at least, have learned to adapt.

"If you look at the last six, seven, eight years, teams like UConn, I think all those teams had plenty of juniors and seniors. The only exception was Syracuse," said Izzo, with a nod toward Carmelo Anthony, "and they just happened to have one of the greatest players in the game."

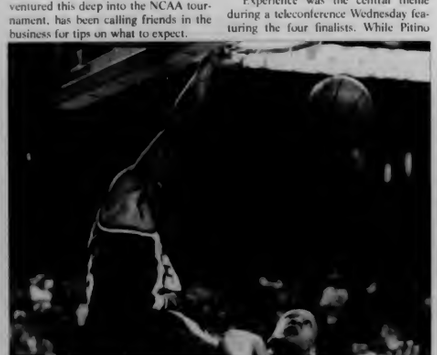
But finding a way to close the experience gap among players wasn't the only change the coaches have had to deal with in recent years.

The 3-point shot has become more prominent as more and more teams employed a version of the zone defense that brought Syracuse and Jim Boeheim a national title, and that has forced coaches to adapt on both ends of the floor. But that trend has also tempted too many players to hoist long-range shots at inopportune moments.

Asked what he was thinking about watching all those treys being thrown up from all over the floor during last weekend's games, Williams deadpanned, "The first thing I start looking for is the closest exit I can sneak out."

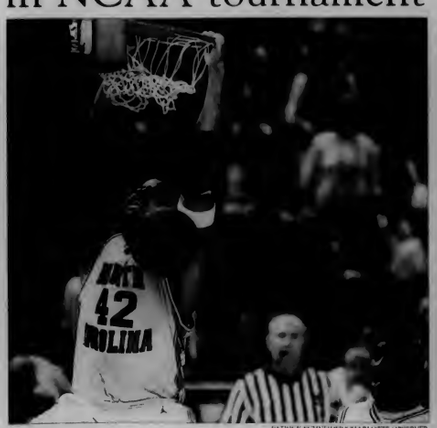
But that may be because Carolina has Sean May, arguably the best big man left in the tournament, and prefers to run its offense from the inside out.

"I like it," said Weber, whose team put up almost three dozen 3s in a furious comeback win against Arizona in overtime. "When it first became a rule, it became a thing where it was used too much. I think last week was just unusual."



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Michigan State's Maurice Ager soars over Kentucky's Randolph Morris during the Spartans' victory over the Wildcats on Sunday. MSU will play UNC in the Final Four.



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UNC's Sean May (42) leaves Iowa State's Curtis Stinson in his trails during the Tar Heels' win over the Cyclones in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

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Swans electrocuted out of pond by UMPD's tasers

By Stumble Inn
Morning Wood Staff

With a 50,000-watt jolt and a loud "honk!," the lives of the swans on the campus pond came to an abrupt end yesterday.

The swans were shocked with the controversial Taser guns by University of Massachusetts Police after the animals were reportedly agitating innocent students. Police claim they gave repeated verbal warnings to the swans to retreat back into the water, but to no avail.

"It's a very humane tool," said Det. Lt. Robert Thrasher, an officer who responded to the scene. "It's better than beating them with a baton."

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The UMass trumpeter swans were alive until late yesterday morning, when they were jolted by 50,000 volts of electricity. Smokin'!

Collegian beats KKK-9 photos in contest

By Big Carrot
Morning Wood Staff

It has not been a smooth year for the reputation of the Student Government Association. And today will not been much different, according to the National Institute of Photography.

The staff of the Morning Wood have taken first place in the international photography competition "Registered Student Organization College Drunks," beating the SGA and SCERA's submission 'KKK-9 Drunks.'

The photo, which shows senators, SGA and SCERA members drinking alcoholic beverages and playing card games in the SCERA offices, as well as a caricature drawn on a dry erase board fashioned to resemble Senator Patrick Higgins. The figure holds a burning cross, wears a pointed hat, a cap and a shirt that reads "Grand Wizard." Above, the words "I love ALANA" float in a word bubble. The University punished those involved after the photo was discovered posted on a Web site.

The Morning Wood staff, who don't have their heads stuck far enough up their poop-holes to even consider such stupidity, were overjoyed with their win. However, Seamus Brennan, Head Whining Pussy at the of University of Massachusetts and Speaker of the SGA had, as usual, a complaint to make.

"I should have won that photo contest," Brennan wailed, "even though I wasn't really drinking beer. It was canned water."

Brennan said if he hadn't been falsely accused of being a racist Bud Light drinker, he would have had the Morning Wood, along with the rest of UMass, on their knees.

"That's impossible," said MeeMee Busted. Brennan's first.

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Uggz banned from campus; Gargano to begin 'Abercrombie and Bitch' dress code

By Nogag Reflex
Morning Woods Press

In a long-overdue announcement, Uggz boots, a furry Australian boot made from skins of baby llamas, have officially been banned from the University of Massachusetts by the chapter of the International Fashion Snafu Police, Bufu, (Banning Unsightly Fashion Upsets) and the GROSS, Get Rid Of Skanky Sorority Sisters society.

"I'll never survive without my Uggz," whined one sister from the Sigma Tuba Dumba, or STD. "The pink ones hide the jungle juice stains when I'm kneeling on concrete floors at Sig Ep."

As a result of the ban, 75 percent of female students in Southwest will be unable to attend classes — at least until they figure out a way to make mini skirts look fashionable again.

The decree has been a cause for concern for Student Government Association President Eduardo Bustamante, whose main voters were Uggz-owners.

"My textbook rental system will NEVER survive if girls can't walk across campus to rent them," said Bustamante, as he paused from a conversation on his circa 1992 cell phone.

"In order to get elected, I never had to think. I just had to rub my pecs with baby oil before every presidential debate. This new GROSS and Bufu rule makes me think hard. Ouch."

Also disappointed by the decree was Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Michael Gargano, who was found sadly removing his purple all-terrain Uggz in his Whitmore office.

"They were so fuzzy wuzzy duzzy," wailed the vice chancellor.

Gargano, who plans to auction his signed pair of Uggz off for charity, said he has had several offers, including one from the sisters of Delta Zeta.

"If we're the highest bidders, Gargano promises to return our crack pipes," squealed one sorority woman.

Chancellor John V. Lombardi declared earlier today that all money made at the Uggz auction will be donated to the Take Back UMass fund.

"Because Lord knows they need it," said Lombardi.

When asked for comment, members of the Graduate Student Senate said they had no idea what Uggz were, and had nothing to say on the issue. According to Daily Collegian records, this has never happened before.

"It's like one of us losing our virginity!" said one disgruntled member. "It's just never happened before."

"I think Uggz is that stuff we scrape out of the fenders of the PVTA buses and boil up in the woks," said Ken Toong, Dining Services Director. "We call it 'A Taste of UMass.'"

In reaction to a campus-wide outcry, Gargano has promised he will push to implement a new fashion snafu — a mandatory popped-collar dress code.

"This campus needs a little less Gap and a little more Abercrombie and Bitch," he said. "But I still get to wear my nifty jogging suits, I'm G-Unit."

Under the new dress code, male students are required to own no fewer than three pink polo shirts, and no fewer than two layers of polo shirts must be worn by all students at all times — collars popped, of course.

The administration says not only will mandatory popped-collars prove that UMass is the biggest wanna-be-private university in America, it will also teach students how to use starch, an old laundry aid that most students are unaware of. On campus, most undergrads are overjoyed with the new dress code.

Cory Rosenberg, a brother in the Homer Simpson frat house, says Gargano is a genius.



Michael Gargano is implimenting a mandatory polo shirt/popped color dress code, thrilling much of the wanna-be-prep student population.

"I think it says something about guys who wear pink. Here at UMass, we are very comfortable with our masculinity," he said.

All students who refuse to wear polo shirts will be transferred to Hampshire College.

"Our collars need a little more flip-up, and our dorms need a little more flip-cup," said Gargano.

Administration to impliment diversity with tanning beds

By Nota Racist
Morning Woods Staff

In a recent attempt to meet the Diversity Commission Report recommendations, University of Massachusetts Amherst Chancellor John V. Lombardi, Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Charlena Seymour, and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Campus Life Michael Gargano have bought tanning packages and mandated that faculty begin tanning in order to darken the general skin color around campus.

"Simply saying we'll do it is one thing. But we hope to raise racial awareness among students and faculty by showing that we're willing to change our appearances for the good of diversity," Lombardi said.

"The Commission on Campus Diversity report recommended that we increase faculty diversity on campus. Unfortunately, it's a long, involved process to hire faculty members. The fastest way to achieve increased diversity is to mandate that certain faculty members go tanning," Gargano said.

Campus officials say they are aware of the health risks of tanning, and are willing to allow professors to spray tan for an alternate source of color.

"Tanning is not superficial. It is real," said Seymore. "Color is real."

In other attempts to increase diversity in the students campus, the University Dining Services has added skin-dying agents to their blue Powerade mix.

"Perhaps if we all darken our skin, we'll no longer see a difference between dark and light," said Dining Services Director Ken Toong.

"I have no idea what the Diversity Commission Report said," replied Gargano. "I mean, who really reads 80 pages in an online PDF file? Tanning sounds like diversity to me, and drinking the hidden calories in Powerade keeps our students fat and happy."

"Okay, maybe somewhere along the line someone admitted too many white students. Our bad. But, like Gargano said, we can't just mail out letters to our students saying, 'sorry, you don't fit our diversity standards. Go somewhere else.' So instead, we're telling students to drink up that blue Powerade," Lombardi urged.

The University is taking extra care to push male students to go tanning, a trend that has already been creating an orange blur on campus.

"I've really got to hand it to the metrosexuals," said Gargano. "In other years, our male students rarely, if ever, went tanning."

"It takes a real man to do something normally considered so ... gay," Lombardi said.

In addition, the administration is currently considering giving tuition breaks to students who commit to go tanning year-round.



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Rock that body!

Chancellor John V. Lombardi waltzes with a UMass student at an exclusive academic event, proof that UMass and alcohol really do mix.

Brennan drinks 'water in a can', not cheap alcohol

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and last ex-girlfriend. "There's a reason I nicknamed Seamus 'Baby Carrot.'"

"Virginity is neo-conservatism," said Brennan. "Chicks dig me, and my greasy baseball hat."

"This is a sad, sorry day when I find out a student leader, even a former student leader, is a virgin," said Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Michael Gargano.

"That is completely against the high caliber reputation we strive for our students to maintain. UMass students get laid."

However, today has been a victory in some ways for the SGA. Former Speaker Patrick Higgins was recently induced into the Stupidity Hall of Fame as "Most Unlikely to Ever Succeed in Politics" and "Most Likely to Make the Morning Wood for Alcohol-related Stupidity."

Higgins was unavailable for comment, as he was busy drunkenly eating Antonio's



Seamus Brennan, the bestest SGA Speaker ever.

uptown, preparing to receive his next OUI for driving into another road sign.

'Humane tool' fries swans; Bustamante says he 'likes beef'



ZAAAAAAAAAAPPPPPPPPPP! HOOONNNKKKKKKKK!

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Not so, says SGA President Eduardo Bustamante, who admittedly was not present at the incident, but strongly disagrees with the use of TASERs.

"It's inhumane. It's unnecessary. It treats us like we're stupid cows," Bustamante said.

When Bustamante was reminded that half the women in the SGA are cows, he responded by saying, "I like beef."

UMPD Chief Barbara O'Connor says her officers interpreted the swan's noises as threatening messages. An officers claims he interpreted one of the swans as saying, "Give me your Bluewall doughnut," and "All your base are belong to us."

It was after these alleged statements were made that the TASERs were used.

Thrasher claims that one of his officers was trained in American "Swan Speech." This is a highly complicated technique of decoding messages by swans through sound and body language, he says.

"The swans were definitely going to snatch our doughnuts," he said. "And with the Bluewall prices so high right now, we just couldn't take that risk."

When People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals spokeswoman Furie Beaver learned that that TASER incident occurred because of alleged threats over a doughnut, she appeared infuriated.

"This is a gross misuse of power," Beaver said. "I would have spotted the officer 80 cents for the friggin' doughnut."

"I'm outraged," said sophomore Sam Davis, an engineering major. "Why couldn't they have called MSPCA or something?"

"I can understand why they needed to do it," said a junior Spanish major. "I don't even go to the Bluewall anymore because their prices are so high."

O'Connor says the incident was necessary to ensure the safety of the public.

"I'm proud of my officers," she said. "Safety is our number one priority."



Tasers fry swans into a delectable roasted delicacy. Try your Taser for next Thanksgiving feast. Just ask UMPD.

Gargano grabs for the TIT

By B. Resticles
Morning Wood Staff

Due to the great success of the Commission on Campus Diversity Chancellor John "J-Lo" Lombardi has decided to start a whole slew of Blue Ribbon Committees. In addition to the Crosswalk Development Coalition, or CDC, the Delinquency Determent Team, or DDT and the North East Squirrel Naturalists, also known as NESN, J-Lo has also created of the Truancy Investigative Taskforce, referred to as TIT.

"I am very pleased to announce the start of a new era at UMass, an era where all the students show up for class, and every seat is full ... with the TIT in action I know that this ideal can be met," said the wanna-be-bootylicous Chancellor.

However, Michael "G-Unit" Gargano is skeptical. "Truancy is a non-issue to the administration. Once the students pay their tuition we could really care less if they show up for class," G-Unit said. "Money buys my designer maroon and white jogging suits, so I can attend Southwest riots in comfort and style."

"I am not sure that the TIT will stimulate students," G-Unit said. "I really feel that before I can endorse the TIT, I will need to get a firmer grasp on it."

Although no one has been chosen yet as the director of the TIT, the UMass administration has a few people in mind, all of which "have intently studied truancy and the cleavage it can cause in an education." Some of the prospective directors include Mr. Feeny of John Adams High and Mr. Belding formally of Bayside High.

The TIT will work closely with the University of Massachusetts Police Department said J-Lo. He believes that this team will be able to decrease truancy in a flash. UMPD announced in a press release that it is currently "researching many tactics that can be used to coerce students to attend class."

One such tactic was developed by Zapp-em Inc. and it is called the TED (short for Taser-Bed). The TED is a fairly simply mechanism which requires a special mattresses that has thin copper wire interlaced with the rest of the fabric. A regulator box is then connected to the mattress and can be set to initiate an electrical shock to the person or persons in the bed at a designated time.

Ideally, the regulator box will be linked into SPIRE and it will be able to download a student's class schedule, thus knowing what time the student must be out of bed. In addition to this the bed will remain electrified for the entirety of the class so that students cannot simply wake up and then get back into bed. TEDs have been used in several state and federal penitentiaries across the country with overwhelmingly positive results.

The SGA released a statement shortly after the press conference that read: "We never support the administration in any of its endeavors. We continue to be pains in the asses."

Many students protested the press conference claiming that the TIT is an invasion of student's privacy. They picketed outside, but not inside, the Whitmore Administration Building holding signs that ready "TITties are for pussies," and "Squeeze the TIT." However, many non-newspaper reading males responded to the protestors with confusion.

"Who screwed the TIT?" asked one student.

"Your mama," answered one protester.

Putin challenges Bush to boxing

By Demo Cratshirt
Morning Wood Staff

In an unprecedented statement, the Russian president Vladimir Putin declared at a press conference yesterday that he is, "tired of Bush's senseless rhetoric about his doubts in Russian democracy" and is ready to settle their differences "man to man."

Putin has stated that he is "ready to fight" and went as far as saying that "Bush wouldn't last two rounds."

Bush, who was at a pie-eating contest when he heard the news, was quoted saying "Texans don't git scared!" and "I'll dominate him like Michael Jackson dominates little boys."

"This declaration does not come as a surprise," said Senior political analyst Theck Wood. "Vladimir really detests Bush's southern accent."

As bets are already being taken worldwide on the fight, it is becoming apparent that America is not completely comprised of Jesus-freaks and abortion-clinic bombers. In fact, many wagers, including those from conservatives, are for Putin.

"The only one thing that I ever bet Bush would win," said Ray Publican, "is a primate look-alike contest."

"Vladmir takes it in the buy-hind," said Bush. "Just like those damn buy-buy killin' lay-brals."

This declaration may have been triggered by another Putin-diss by Bush at a press conference yesterday afternoon. When asked how his relationship with the Russian president is, Bush responded by shrugging his



Vladimir Putin, tired of President Bush's white-trash Texas accent and Michael Jackson jokes, will fight Bush in a boxing match.

shoulders, shaking his head, and gurgled "Glog, glog," while making the international symbol for binge drinking.

"Vye doo not know vhat 'take in ass' means, but Bush will be mowed down," replied Putin at his press conference.

Putin has since cut off all contact with the Bush administration. "No more Vister Nice Guy," said Putin.

The light is scheduled for July 4. The two parties have agreed that whoever wins this fight will gain control of the other's country.

"De virst thing I vill do as President is get rid of Cheney," said Putin. "Vhat kind of country has an official named after a little vceevee?"

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"How about a nice big cup of shut the f*** up?" Michael Gargano, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life
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TASERs will surely solve all of UMass' problems

The issue of TASERs on campus is one that many people disagree on. Should cops be allowed to use TASERs? Do TASERs infringe upon student's rights? TASERs, TASERs, TASERs, TASERs.

The issue is really a moot one, and the answer is simple. OF COURSE cops should be allowed to use TASERs! How else can they keep the student body at bay? The population of this campus is 20,000 strong, at least half of which riot on a weekly basis. The small police force, comprised of nearly two dozen fat, balding impotent middle-aged men, is no match for the students, unless they arm themselves properly.

Just look at all of the problems that riotous students have caused: the millions of dollars in property damage, the flipped cars, the fires, the tarnishing of the UMass reputation, the sacrifices of unwilling freshmen theater majors and the continuation of the anti-Yankees sentiment on campus (I mean, in reality, Derek Jeter isn't that bad of a guy). Police simply need a way to prevent these things from happening, and TASERs are the answer.

And it shouldn't end with police officers, either. Equipping professors with TASERs would greatly cut down on students being absent from class. Just imagine if a professor had the power to shock a student for missing a lecture. Attendance at classes would be close to perfect!

We could also employ a roving force of janitors on campus, equipped with TASERs in hand, to shock the shit out of students for littering (like when they throw those disgusting banana-flavored condom wrappers on the ground). We could even bring back the campus swans and strap TASERs to their backs in case any student tried to harass the pond's wildlife.

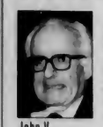
Finally, students themselves could be allowed to use TASERs, if the situation was warranted. Specifically, we Morning Wood employees could use the weapons on members of the UMass Theater Guild every time they start practicing for "Seussical: The Musical" in the room down the hall from our offices. Maybe shocking the snot out of those no-talent asshats would shut them the hell up, allowing us to work in peace. This would give us the opportunity to produce an overall better publication for the student body to read and enjoy on a daily basis.

Some say that TASERs are too excessive. This is simply not the case. The weapon fires two small needles, which penetrate the skin and deliver an electric shock for about five seconds. The wires deliver a 50,000-volt charge at 1.36 joules of electricity. Getting shocked by 1.36 joules is actually insignificant, when you consider that by comparison, a heart defibrillator has 300 joules. In reality, a shock of 1.36 joules isn't even powerful enough to give Michael Gargano a hard-on, let alone cause any real damage. If police are trained properly, which all UMass police would be if the weapons were ever purchased, TASERs are a harmless tool. And we all know that if there is one thing UMass police are, it's trained properly.

TASERs are undoubtedly the future of the university. They will save money in the long run, make the campus a safer place to live and make riots a thing of the past. The Morning Wood fully endorsees the use of TASERs by all police officer, professors, janitors swans and Morning Wood employees.

Unsigned editorials represent the majority opinion of the Morning Wood Editorial Board. Anyone who doesn't agree with our majority opinion is obviously a flaming conservative who doesn't even deserve to read our publication. Just go home and read some more Ann Coulter and watch some more Bill O'Reilly, you NRA-loving, ACLU-hating, flag waving, right-wing freaks.

More than just a pretty face



John V. Lombardi

I write this column in The Morning Wood with the sincere hope that all members of the student body read and comprehend what I have to say. In my opinion, this is a matter of the utmost importance, and one that all students need to be aware.

I am referring to the student body's complete and utter lack of respect for our beloved Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Mr. Michael Armando Jebediah Gargano.

If only the student body knew Mikey like I knew him. If only they could see his softer side, his gentler side. If only they could share long walks on the beach with him, stare adoringly into his baby-blue eyes and slowly caress his ...

OK, getting back to the point. Michael Gargano is a pillar of the campus community. Sure, maybe he can be annoying some times. Maybe he cries like a baby when he doesn't get his way. And maybe his unattractiveness rivals that of Michael Jackson's mug shot, but he's really a good guy at heart.

Just think of all the good things he has done for the student body:

SHAKE THAT ASS

How else would students stay informed about the happenings on campus if it weren't for the mass emails Mikey G. sent them? Granted, the "GO UMASS" sentiment in the emails is a bit cheesy and corny, and most of the time he's just rambling about how he can't wait for the warm weather so he can see the new summer clothing line of the female student population. But really, with the T&A in Southwest these days, can you blame the guy? It doesn't matter if it's Abercrombie OR the GAP, if it's skanky enough those girls will wear it. Trust me, with an atmosphere like that it's hard not to express your lust and desire to the entire campus.

MORE BOOBIES

As for the picketing controversy, I must take full responsi-

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bility for that one. Mikey never wanted to prohibit the right of students to picket in buildings. He told me that the more angry students get, the more they will jump up and down in anger, and if we piss off enough girls on campus, sooner or later we will have hundreds of busty freshman jumping up and down in front of our offices. I never even considered that! I eventually saw the light, and reduced the picketing code restrictions. What a stroke of brilliance on Mikey's part.

(If that last comment angered any females in particular, feel free to jump up and down in protest in front of my office, 374 Whitmore, between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays).

GOTTA DIVERISFY

Then there's Mikey's relationship with ALANA, the Asian, Lesbian, Albino, Narcoleptic Algerian something-or-other group (I mean, really, who can remember what it actually stands for).

A student was quoted in a previous Morning Wood article as saying, "Gargano's consistent attacks on ALANA students reflect his overall goal of turning UMass into a school that caters to out-of-state students and wealthy families ... and he tortures puppies."

I can't speak for the second allegation that Little Miss Whiny Pants made, but as for the first complaint, she couldn't be more right. Why shouldn't we try to attract wealthy, out-of-state students to our campus? Doesn't that improve diversity? Isn't diversity what everyone wants? I mean, make up your damn minds, people!

So in closing, let me just say that Michael Gargano is a premier administrator at this fine university, who has exceeded all of my expectations.

John V. Lombardi is the Chancellor of UMass, and a lover of Michael Gargano ... Not that there's anything wrong with that.

A little slice of my life



Mr. Slice

It's not easy being me.

Don't be fooled by the permanent grin above the mushroom. My life really sucks. To top it all off, I'm stuck dealing with those little brats all the time. I want you to know, I want the world to know, I was not always like this.

It all began many years ago you see. I was so young, sitting on that counter top. Then it happened. Two of my brothers were taken from me. I sat and watched beneath the glass casing as they were covered in oregano and garlic, then devoured by savages. It was hard and I am forever scarred. Little did I know that what was about to happen next would change my life even more.

It was a slow night. The rest of my brothers and I stuck close together. We avoided the savage death of our siblings only to be tossed out into the garbage later that evening. At least we had each other.

It was a cold night. All of us could feel it. My cheese had long since hardened. Tommy, one of my brothers, had lost a pepper and one of his mushrooms was dangling off. This too was painful to watch.

As dawn approached there was a roaring sound and then a steady beeping. A colossal truck was lifting the trash can we were in and my brothers and I began sliding towards the abyss. Together we were ready to face this but our lord and creator, the Oven, must not have wanted it this way. I had slid out the side of the large bin and I lay now on the street, hard cheese down, only to look up and see the truck carrying my brothers away from me. The license plate read "Massachusetts."

Since that day, I have devoted my life to finding my brothers. I have hit rock bottom many times. I cannot begin to tell you the number of times I was peeled off the street by a local garbage collector only to go back. On one of these occasions I met my ex-wife, Mrs. Slice, and she had tried to help me. Soon enough though I was hitting the crack pipe. The depression caused from my traumatic experiences was getting to me.

Mrs. Slice threatened to leave me. I begged her not to. She was all I had. Then she

They said I would be playing hockey. It turns out this was some community service gig. I would have to play goalie against some little kids. God, I hate those bastards.

began to pack her bags and said she was going to move in with her grandmother in Italy. I wouldn't let her leave. We fought and I hit her. It was the saddest moment of my life. Watching the tomato sauce ooze out of her made me realize what I have become. I never saw her again.

I began to wander the streets, from alley to alley. I went from one major city to the next. I learned to drive in New York. I learned to play hockey in Montreal. I learned to curse at baseball games on T.V. in Boston. It was there in Boston that someone had noticed me. They took me to a rehab center where guys like me could get away from the crack.

They took me to western Massachusetts for special counseling. It looked like the same shit hole as eastern Massachusetts to me. I can't be sure though, I saw a lot of that back then. They set me up with this program. They looked at my skills and found me a job. They said I would be playing hockey. It turns out this was some community service gig. I would have to play goalie against some little kids. God, I hate those bastards.

The worst part is that I had to work with the Minuteman. He is such a fairy f***. One day, after thinking about my brothers, I saw him downstairs in the Mullins Center. I noticed he had some tomato sauce on his face and I beat him within an inch of his life. I would have finished the job but then I noticed the Domino's box he had been eating out of and realized it wasn't one of my family members. We were private stock.

So, this is what I do now. I try to deal with it by ruining those little kids' evenings. I don't let a shot past me. If I do, I have troubling dealing with it, but a needle ends up taking care of that.

I wanted to let you know about my story and I seek your help. Please, if you see my brothers, let them know where they can find me; coked up and playing with little kids. They will be excited to hear from me. Until then, I will see you next season.

Mr. Slice is the best goaltender to play on Mullins Center ice.

UMass politicians and the 'crooked' men they screw



Tony Soprano

First of all, let me make one thing clear: If I hear the words "Yankees suck!" comin' outta any of your mouths again, your gonna find Francesca's dead body, along with the rest of those pussy assholes, at the bottom of your little campus piss hole there. But, aside from that, I've been noticing some things on this campus, particularly coming from the administration that got me really disgusted. Like, I'm talkin' about things only spineless, good-for-nuttin' pansies that can't satisfy their wives would do.

This Gargano character has got to be the epitome of sexual insecurity. This is really simple: he's not executing his power correctly. If you want people to respect you, you gotta make sure you have a hidden, obscure past that comes up every now and then on the front page of the Ledger ... I mean, whatever rag you guys read.

And as far as this Lombardi guy goes, what kinda man can't even handle a bunch of college clubs doing their own thing? Do college kids scare him so bad that he's gotta put some fruit-cake peacock in charge of 'em? This is a sure sign of a corrupt leadership, and I don't like corruption. The last guy that crossed my path who dealt a crooked hand found himself in the middle of the Meadowlands with no pants on watching his SUV sink into the marsh. Where I come from, we don't tolerate that shit.

For all of you who think you represent the student body (and I'm talking to you, SGA and administrators) ... you might as well be speaking on behalf of your asshole, cause that's the only thing you guys have in common with any of the students at UMass.

Now, what is the f***in' deal with all this SGA bullshit? Quite frankly, they all look like a bunch of stuck-up kids who didn't get beat enough as children. I'd love nothin' more than to walk into one of their "meetings," and beat each one of those kids till they shit their teeth out with my signed Mickey Mantle baseball bat. I'd like to see 'em say somethin' about the Yankees then, f***in' Kerry-lovin' bastards.

What none of you seems to be understandin' is that this is all petty shit. I mean, all student government associations are bullshit. They're not respected in the real world. Look, do you really think it'll matter that you were a "senator" or "trustee" during years three to five at UMass? Employers don't give a shit about that! Besides, if you think being on the SGA is going to cancel out the fact that you had to stay an extra two semesters at a state school where any jerk off with a line of credit can get into, you need your head examined.

Christ, I got nephews in junior high who could present a better argument on why they should stay out later than all of these guys put together, trying to convince the administration to give them what they want. Pussies.

You wanna know something? Real people work for a living! And I'm not talkin' sittin' on your ass and pretendin' like you're important. That ain't work. So, for all of you who think you represent the student body (and I'm talking to you, SGA and administrators) ... you might as well be speaking on behalf of your asshole, cause that's the only thing you guys have in common with any of the students at UMass.

You know, this school has some real potential to become something worth giving two shits about. And, the problem is pretty simple to fix too. The students need to stop acting like they can run the f***ing school. It's not theirs to run, but belongs to the state of Massachusetts. And don't give me any of that "I pay for this school" bullshit. We all know damn well your rich parents who also pay for your rent check once a month, along with your weekly alcohol allowance, write the checks to UMass.

And as for those knock-off Italian wannabe bastards Lombardi and Gargano, I say this: if you're lookin' for your wives, they're with me makin' up for lost time.

Tony Soprano is the spokespetson for all those who think UMass has been shot to shit.

We don't give a shit

(but tell us anyway)

Now that the textbook rental system is being implemented, what else should UMass students be allowed to rent?

A) Professors in a box.
B) TA TASERs.
C) "UMass Administrators Gone Wild" DVDs.
D) C. U. Next Tuesday!



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UMass law school plan rejected

By Dan O'Brien
Collegian Staff

The University of Massachusetts lost its bid to for the state's first public law school Thursday, after the Board of Higher Education voted against the proposal.

This was the University's second attempt at making a publicly funded law school in four years. The board's 8-5 vote was viewed as a huge defeat by University administrators, including UMass President Jack Wilson.

Wilson told the Associated Press he believed the board had strong support for the law school concept and hopes the plan could one day be resurrected.

"What I heard today was strong support for the concept," he said to the AP. "We have to come away, analyze this and decide where we go from here."

President of the Southern New England School of Law's Student Bar Association, Ryan Benharris, says he's extremely displeased with the board's decision.

"Chairman [Steven] Tocco should be ashamed of himself," he said.

"It is the students who lose out here," UMass Dartmouth Chancellor Jean F. MacCormack, an architect of the proposal told the AP. She blamed "interference" by the private law schools.

"I have never seen this level of scrutiny," she said.

The board's concerns over how the new school would handle its finances was prime reason the law school was rejected, says board Chairman Steven Tocco. The board claims that UMass' plan to place revenue from the school into an on-campus fund, rather than into the state treasury, appeared to be illegal.

"The view of our legal officer is important," said Tocco.

Tocco called for the end of such trust funds, which are used elsewhere in the university system, citing lack of public disclosure.

Governor Mitt Romney, who has remained silent on the law school issue, said the board made "the responsible decision" Thursday, "given the unanswered questions surrounding this proposal."

The proposed latest law school plan, before it was defeated, reduced in-state tuition from $19,000 to $16,000, and Wilson planned to launch a major fundraising campaign.

But Higher Education Chancellor Judith Gill, who oversaw the board's research into to proposal, said there still were concerns about a budget "so constrained and sensitive" that any miscue on enrollment projections would be costly.

Administrators at private law schools claimed the University eventually would need taxpayer support to get accredited.

Benharris says the board's decision goes against the wishes of thousands of public higher education students.

"I speak on behalf of the hundreds of thousands of students currently enrolled in public higher education and the millions of students who will someday enroll in it when I say that I have been cheated by the Board of Higher Education," Benharris said.

The Associated Press contributed to this report

Brain-damaged Terri Schiavo dead

By Vickie Chachere
Associated Press

PINELLAS PARK, Fla. — With her husband and parents feuding to the bitter end and beyond, Terri Schiavo died Thursday, 13 days after her feeding tube was removed in a wrenching right-to-die dispute that engulfed the courts, Capitol Hill and the White House and divided the country.

Cradled by her husband, Schiavo, 41, died a "calm, peaceful and gentle death" at about 9 a.m., a stuffed animal under her arm, flowers arranged around her hospice room, said George Felos, Michael Schiavo's attorney.

No one from her side of the family was with her at the moment of her death. Her parents, Bob and Mary Schindler, were not at the hospice, Felos said. And her brother had been expelled from the room at Michael Schiavo's request moments before the end came.

The death of the severely brain-damaged woman brought to a close what was easily the longest, most bitter — and most heavily litigated — right-to-die dispute in U.S. history.

"Mr. Schiavo's overriding concern here was to provide for Terri a peaceful death with dignity," said Felos, who was also present at the death.

But the Rev. Frank Pavone, one of the Schindlers' spiritual advisers, called her death "a killing," adding: "And for that we not only grieve that Terri has passed but we grieve that our nation has allowed such an atrocity as this and we pray that it will never happen again."



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Jeff Asmussen, who favored continued life-support for Terri Schiavo, protests outside Woodside Hospice in Pinellas Park, Fla., Thursday.

Schiavo suffered brain damage in 1990 and fell into what court-appointed doctors called a persistent vegetative state, with no real consciousness or chance of recovery, after a chemical imbalance caused her heart to stop. She had left no written instructions in the event she became disabled.

Her husband argued that she told him long ago that she would not want to kept alive artificially. Her parents disputed that, and held out hope for a miracle recovery for a daughter they said still laughed with them and struggled to talk.

Pinellas County Circuit Judge George W. Greer sided with her husband and authorized the removal of the feeding tube keeping her alive. It was disconnected March 18.

During the seven-year legal battle, federal and state courts repeatedly rejected extraordinary attempts at intervention by Florida lawmakers, Gov. Jeb Bush, Congress and President Bush on behalf of her parents.

Supporters of her parents, many of them anti-abortion activists and political conservatives, harshly criticized the courts. Many religious groups, including the Roman Catholic Church, said the removal of sustenance violated fundamental religious tenets.

About 40 judges in six courts were involved in the case at one point or another. Six times, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to intervene. As Schiavo's life ebbed away, Congress rushed through a bill to allow the federal courts to take up the case, and President Bush signed it March 21. But the federal courts refused to step in.

The case prompted many people to

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Terri Schiavo sits in a vegitative state in this 1991 photo, shortly after suffering a heart attack a year earlier. Schiavo's feeding tube was removed March 18.

Dining Services tsunami fundraiser a big success

By Jake Monte
Collegian Correspondent

Eight hundred and eighty students skipped a meal on Monday around the University of Massachusetts campus to benefit the victims of the tsunami disaster in Southeast Asia.

The event occurred at all UMass dining commons and local retail outlets. MassPIRG teamed up with UMass Dining Services and coordinated the fundraiser. The price of the meal skipped will be donated to tsunami relief along with the price of the food that was not produced because of the reduction in students eating at the dining halls.

According to Ken Toong, the director of UMass Dining Services, the fund-raiser was an overwhelming success. The 880 students who signed up to skip a meal resulted in estimated donations of $1,500 to $2,000 dollars for tsunami relief efforts. It costs between $1.80 and $2.00 to produce a meal, according to Toong.

MassPIRG and the other Student PIRG chapters around the country are working in partnership with Oxfam America to raise money for tsunami relief this semester. Dining Services will send a check to OxFam, who will use much of the money to provide vaccinations for tsunami victims.

According to Akil Williams, MassPIRG Hunger and Homelessness campaign coordinator even a small donations could substantially help the life of a tsunami victim.

"If 2,500 students participate, enough money will be raised to provide vaccinations for 4,375 people against deadly epidemic diseases," Williams said.

In the past, Dining Services hasn't had as much success with "skip a meal" fundraisers. Usually they get a few hundred people, but that's not even half as many who participated this time.

Toong credits the widespread publicity about the tsunami disaster with the fundraisers success. Almost eight percent of the campus signed up.

"It proved how caring UMass students are," Toong said.

The sign up for the "Skip a Meal" fundraiser took place between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. at tables in all dining commons on March 23. On hundred and seventy-two people who normally eat at the Franklin Dining Hall signed up for the "skip a meal" dinner. That's 11 percent of their normal dinner attendance.

The dining halls waited to cook the meal until a little before the students who are not participating arrived so there was not a lot of over-production. Roberta Potter, the manager of Franklin Dining Hall, said, "we were a little slower but not enough to cut production or service significantly. It was certainly no trouble for Franklin to do this." The administrative aspects of the fund-raiser were handled by the meal plan office and the dining commons each had table tents and a sign up table ahead of time.

"We were delighted to participate. We have a really good team at Franklin and they are always ready to help with causes like these," Potter said.

Skip a Meal fund-raisers have gained in popularity over the past several years and many universities raise thousands of dollars every year for various causes through this method. When asked if they would sponsor more fund-raisers, Toong said, "We'd be delighted."

"We are proud of our students who are willing to skip a meal to contribute to the efforts of raising money for the tsunami relief. Thank you for your support."

Alternative spring break is appealing to students

By Martha Irvine
Associated Press

CHICAGO — It's spring break, but there's no beach and no kicking back for Alice Tin.

The 17-year-old junior from a boarding school in suburban Boston is dipping raw chicken in flour, getting it ready to fry at a Chicago cafe that serves the homeless and others in need. Fifteen-year-old Renia Davis is among those delivering lemonade and meals. And Matt Kamps, 17, is in the back doing dishes.

They're on what's known as an "alternative spring break," a growing trend among college and, increasingly, high school students who spend their vacations building houses, helping hurricane victims and delving into topics ranging from sustainable agriculture to literacy.

These particular high school students spent their recent break in Chicago learning about poverty and homelessness with the Civic Education Project, a nonprofit at Northwestern University that organizes spring and summer programs for high schoolers. Among other things, they trained as vendors for a newspaper written and sold by homeless people; volunteered at an after-school program in a low-income neighborhood; and sorted and repackaged items donated to the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

"I don't see it like I'm giving up spring break. I feel like I'm taking advantage of a good opportunity," says volunteer Brenda Chu, a 15-year-old from Plainsboro, N.J., who attends a boarding school in Deerfield, Mass.

For others, learning more about homelessness was personal.

"I'm faced with this issue daily, so it was less of a choice to be here and something that needed to be done," says Whitney Smith, a 16-year-old who lives on Chicago's impoverished West Side. A high school junior, she is hoping to attend Boston College and become a lawyer who deals with public policy and, very likely, issues related to poverty.

What began with a few students from Vanderbilt University organizing volunteer trips in the late 1980s has grown to nearly 40,000 students choosing to go on an alternative spring breaks each year, says Jake Brewer. He's executive director of Break Away, a nonprofit organization in Tallahassee, Fla., that began in 1991 and now has more than 120 student chapters, most of them at colleges but a few at high schools.

Each year, his organization puts its chapters in touch with organizations that need help, from Habitat for Humanity and The Nature Conservancy to lesser-known nonprofits in other countries.

Some students camp or stay at churches. Others are put up at places such as Hostelling International, which has become a partner with Break Away and other alternative break organizations.

And bucking a long-standing spring break tradition, most alternative spring breaks have a "no alcohol" rule. "They remember the experience long, long after they come home, which may not be true if you're drunk on the beach in Florida," Brewer says, chuckling.

NYC officials approve plans to build $1.9 billion stadium

By Erin McClam
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A proposed $1.9 billion stadium designed to lure the 2012 Olympics to the city cleared its biggest hurdle yet Thursday, winning the blessing of the state agency that owns the land and handing a major victory to Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority board unanimously accepted a $720 million offer from the New York Jets to develop the site over a remote railyard on Manhattan's West Side, turning down two competing proposals worth more money.

The 75,000-seat stadium is backed by the city and state and would allow the Jets to play in New York for the first time in a quarter-century. The Jets currently play home games at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

Jets President Jay Cross said he hoped construction could begin in July, noting the NFL recently awarded the city the 2010 Super Bowl on the condition of a new stadium.

Bloomberg, a Republican, has made the stadium the early centerpiece of his re-election campaign, insisting it will create jobs and growth for years to come in a largely underdeveloped frontier along the Hudson River.

In a statement, the mayor praised the Jets for investing in the city's future and added, "But ultimately, New Yorkers will be the big winners if this project becomes reality."

Many New Yorkers do not share his zeal, opposing the plan by 53 percent to 38 percent, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released before the vote. Some residents have said the stadium will cause too much congestion and cost too much money.

"Why are you doing this?" City Council speaker and Democratic mayoral hopeful Gifford Miller asked the MTA board during public comment before the vote. "This is not over. This is a terrible mistake."

Outside the hearing, anti-stadium demonstrators began chanting "Sweetheart deal!" after the vote was finished, while union workers backing the plan replied, "Jobs! Jobs!"

Olympic officials have said building the stadium is critical to New York's bid. The International Olympic Committee will award the Games in July. Paris, London, Madrid and Moscow are the other finalists.


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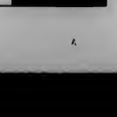


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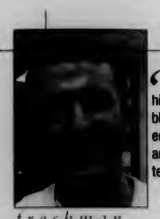
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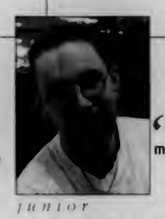
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Schiavo's death has public discussing right to die issue

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ponder what they would want if they, too, were in such a desperate medical situation, and many rushed to draw up living wills. The case also led to a furious debate over the proper role of government in life-and-death decisions, and whether the Republicans in Congress violated their party's principles of limited government and deference to the states by getting involved.

In Washington on Thursday, the president was careful to extend condolences to Schiavo's "families" — meaning both Michael Schiavo and the Schindlers — even though he backed efforts to reconnect her feeding tube.

"I urge all those who honor Terri Schiavo to continue to work to build a culture of life where all Americans are welcomed and valued and protected, especially those who live at the mercy of others," the president said.

House Republican Leader Tom DeLay condemned the state and federal judges who refused to prolong her life, and he warned that lawmakers "will look at an arrogant and out-of-control judiciary that thumbs its nose at Congress and the president."

"I never thought I'd see the day when a U.S. judge stopped feeding a living American so that they took 14 days to die," he said.

Gov. Jeb Bush, the president's brother, said that Schiavo's death "is a window through which we can see the many issues left unresolved in our families and in our society. For that, we can be thankful for all that the life of Terri Schiavo has taught us."

Outside the hospice — where over the past few weeks more than 50 protesters were arrested, many for trying to symbolically bring Schiavo food and water — demonstrators wept, prayed and sang religious hymns. Some threw their protest signs down in disgust.

"You saw a murder happening," said one demonstrator, Dominique Hanks.

Report says Pope given his last rites

By Frances D'Emilio
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II developed a high fever Thursday because of a urinary tract infection and was being treated with antibiotics at the Vatican, his spokesman said. The latest health setback for the 84-year-old pontiff came one day after he began receiving nutrition through a feeding tube.

"The Holy Father today was struck by a high-fever caused by a confirmed infection of the urinary tract," spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls told The Associated Press by telephone.

The pope was receiving antibiotics at the Vatican, Navarro-Valls said.

"The medical situation is being strictly controlled by the Vatican medical team that is taking care of him," he said.

Italian media said there were unconfirmed reports John Paul had received the sacrament of the sick and dying — what used to be called the last rites or extreme unction — but Vatican officials could not be reached for comment. The sacrament was renamed to reflect that it could be received by the sick as well as the dying.

At the Gemelli Polyclinic, where the pope has been treated before, an emergency room chief said there were no plans to admit John Paul "at the moment," the Italian news agency ANSA said.

Lights in the papal apartment above St. Peter's Square were on until about 11 p.m., generally well past the papal bedtime.

Police cars and other vehicles were seen going in and out of the Vatican gates as the evening wore on, and a small crowd of Italians who were following news on television began gathering at the edge of the square.

Earlier, ANSA and another Italian news agency, Apcom, said the pope had suffered an alarming drop in blood pressure Thursday evening.

A urinary infection can produce fever and a drop in blood pressure as reported in the pope, said Dr Marc Siegel, a specialist in internal medicine at the New York University Medical Center.

The pope's risk of such an infection is heightened because he is elderly — which suggests his prostate is probably enlarged — debilitated and run down from the illness that recently sent him to the hospital, Siegel said.

Urinary infections tend to respond well to antibiotics, given either as pills or intravenously, and "I would suspect there's a very good chance he's going to recover well," Siegel said.

Hospitalized twice last month following two breathing crises and with a tube placed in his throat to help him breathe, John Paul has become a picture of suffering. When he appeared at his apartment window Wednesday to bless pilgrims in St. Peter's Square, he managed to utter only a rasp.

Later that day, the Vatican announced he had been fitted with a feeding tube in his nose to help boost his nutritional intake.

The use of the feeding tube illustrates a key point of Roman Catholic policy John Paul has proclaimed: It is morally necessary to give patients food and water, no matter their condition.

As Parkinson's disease and other ailments have left him increasingly frail, the pope has been emphasizing that the chronically ill, "prisoners of their condition ... retain their human dignity in all its fullness."

The Vatican's attitude to the chronically ill has been apparent in its bitter condemnation of a judge's order two weeks ago to remove a feeding tube from Terri Schiavo, the severely brain-damaged American woman who died Thursday.

Vatican Cardinal Jose Saraiva Martins, reacting to Schiavo's death, denounced the removal of her feeding tube as "an attack against God."

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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Cheering for the 'bad guys'

Ben Duffy

So what do Bruce Springsteen and Abu Musab al-Zarqawi have in common?

That's the question Roger Van Bekel, a center-left political writer of some stature, asked when he stumbled across David Horowitz's new superstie... www.discoverthenetwork.org. As the Web site's name would suggest, it is Horowitz's guide to the worldwide leftwing "network."

When Horowitz refers to the Left as a "network," he's talking about the web of money trails, the interlocked personal histories, the associations between individuals and groups, the front organizations, and the many hidden connections that form the well-oiled political machine. Horowitz recently unveiled his masterpiece, a comprehensive exposé of the Left.

From the moment of its birth, Discoverthenetwork.org caused a lot of headaches for Horowitz. Detractors were incensed that he had created such a broad classification omitted simply "individuals." Hence the outrage of Roger Van Bekel, who couldn't believe that Bruce Springsteen would be lumped together with Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. What did the two have in common? Was Horowitz suggesting that Springsteen, a self-described "progressive," was cut from the same cloth as terrorist thugs? Could you even call a Muslim extremist a "leftist"? Aren't "progressives" and radical Muslims as different as night and day?

Well, Mr. Van Bekel, I've been wondering the same thing myself. How did we end up in the peculiar situation we are in today in which the agendas, interests, and the rhetoric of Muslim extremists have become so close to those of hardcore left wingers?

To the bench of Mr. Van Bekel, Springsteen does not belong in the same category as al-Zarqawi. And to the benefit of Mr. Horowitz, he was open to this criticism, and subsequently revised his website into five more specific categories.

But the issue isn't resolved there. The fact remains that some on the ultra-Left have willingly aligned themselves with Muslim extremists. Perhaps Bruce Springsteen isn't a good example of this, but I could think of plenty who are.

The fact remains that some on the ultra-Left have willingly aligned themselves with Muslim extremists. Perhaps Bruce Springsteen isn't a good example of this, but I could think of plenty who are.

Michael Moore showed his true colors on April 14, 2004. Moore wrote in his blog, "The Iraqis who have risen up against the occupation are not 'insurgents' or 'terrorists' or 'The Enemy.' They are the revolution, the Minutemen and their numbers will grow — and they will win."

This statement is from a man who "really supports the troops." Or does he support their enemies, those who used violence and threats of violence to dissuade voters from casting their ballots? The same enemy that tries to keep girls out of school, for fear that they might learn to read? That shoots election workers? That proclaims that democracy is "the worst form of government" because it entails the right to choose one's religion? That is composed of Ba'athists and al-Qaeda members? Is this the "revolution" he was talking about? Well, it's nice to hear Moore finally admit whose side he's on.

Need another example? Lynne Stewart is a lifelong leftist and a despicable human being. She is also in jail, thank goodness, serving time for aiding a terrorist organization.

As a member of a communist front organization, the National Lawyers Guild, she served as the defense attorney of terrorist leader Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman, leader of Al Jama'a al-Islamiya (the Islamic Group). This organization has strong ties to al-Qaeda.

Rahman's main claim to infamy is that he masterminded the 1993 bombing of the Twin Towers. While in jail, Rahman passed information to Stewart, which Stewart passed to the media, in direct violation of the law. She also facilitated illegal communications between Rahman and his interpreter, who then became a link to his followers on the outside.

Defenders of Stewart say that she is being persecuted for speaking out against the War on Terror, and that illegal police tactics were used to ensnare her. The aforementioned National Lawyers Guild has rallied to her defense, and leftist billionaire George Soros has donated $20,000 for legal expenses. Osama bin Laden, a close ally of Rahman, has also thrown his support to Stewart. He has called for her release on at least one of his many videotapes.

Stewart has spent a lifetime defending some extremely unsavory characters, including members of the Black Panther Party and the Weather Underground. She is a longtime fan of Castro, Stalin, and Mao. I think the label "far-left" would be entirely descriptive of Lynne Stewart.

But how did she get to be so enamored with Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman? He is certainly no lefty. Rahman has fought for the subordination of women and Islamic theocratic revolution in Egypt.

Van Bekel is right to ask what "progressives" are doing on the same page as radical jihadists. But that's not David Horowitz's question to answer. He should be asking that question to Lynne Stewart, Michael Moore, and the innumerable other left-wing crackpots who cheer for the bad guys.

Osama bin Laden said it best when he pronounced, "The interests of Muslims and the interests of the socialists coincide in the war against the crusaders." That videotape ran on al-Jazeera, on Feb. 12, 2003, just before the Iraq war began. Osama must be a smart man, because he knows who his allies are in this country. They make strange bedfellows, but they are bedfellows nonetheless.

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Defiling nature's sanctuary

Katelyn Harding

Polar bears are known for their large size and whiteness of fur. Their lack of pigmentation seems to reflect their environment, with its assortment of whites that blend together to create the natural beauty of their habitat.

Maybe the polar bears' coats are so white, Senator Frank Murkowski of Alaska seemed to have not noticed them living in their natural habitat. He stated that all you can see in the winter in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is just "snow and ice." He didn't seem to have a problem with drilling for oil in this location. But there is a problem. The polar bears, 13,000 caribou and thousands of other animals that inhabit this land are voiceless in their defense. They are helpless against the arrogance and greed of our president, George W. Bush.

President Bush, along with other oil-industry leaders, are making plans to drill in the Arctic for what they believe to be a great source for oil under the whiteness of the landscape. This drilling would take place smack in the middle of a homeland to thousands of Arctic animals. Bush and his constituents believe that drilling for oil in ANWR will help reduce high fuel prices in America. The problem is, all of this drilling would take about 10 years or so to bring to the market, and even then would satisfy only about six months of our national demand, according to the Defenders of Wildlife Web site, www.defenders.org/wildlife/arctic/arissue. Relief for just six months is too short a time for what would result in the death of an entire species.

Although wildlife experts are worried about all of the animals that would be affected by this invasion, their biggest fear concerns the caribou. Thousands of the native caribou migrate each spring into the area that is going to be drilled. Basically, they travel about 400 miles to procreate, and then return home. The drilling that the president wants to do so badly will severely disrupt this migration. It might not seem like a big deal to you, but it could lead to an ultimate extinction of this animal.

Just ask the 5,000 members of the Gwich'in tribe, who disagree with the drilling because they rely on the caribou for food. You would be a little upset if your main source of food was going to be killed off, wouldn't you?

The drilling could essentially force polar bears to abandon their maternity dens, which would mean their cubs would die. And it would also endanger the fragile balance of habitat that supports the rich diversity of wildlife in the Arctic region.

After Bush and the oil-industry leaders are done with drilling, the Arctic will no longer be a beautifully natural sanctuary. It will become defiled, another victim fallen to the greed of our president.

Since the oil is scattered in small accumulations, it wouldn't be easy to extract from the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. This in turn results in the oil companies having to build miles and miles of pipelines, wells, roads and helicopter pads. Despite technological advances in the oil industry, experts say this widespread development would massively scar the land with garbage, pollution and oil runoff.

Democrats vehemently disagree with Bush's drilling plans. They believe that his plan "focuses on drilling and production at the expense of our environment and conservation." said House of Representatives Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Montana. "And it does nothing to help people who need relief now." Despite the concerns amongst Democrats, Republicans remain smug in their decision. Said Vice President Dick Cheney, "The tasks ahead are great but achievable." Yes, they are achievable, but Bush, Cheney and oil-industry leaders are not taking into consideration the loss of thousands of animals native to the Arctic region. To Bush, these animals mean nothing, as long as he gets what he wants.

This land that Bush is so willing to deface was set aside by the U.S. government for protection more than 40 years ago under Dwight D. Eisenhower. In 1957, Secretary of the Interior Fred Seaton set aside 8.9 million acres of coastal plain and mountains of northeastern Alaska as the Arctic National Wildlife Range. He said he wanted to protect its "unique wildlife, wilderness and recreation values," according to the Defenders of Wildlife Web site.

No matter how carefully executed, the drilling would spoil the Arctic land forever. It would leave a permanent mark on a land that has been protected to preserve its natural state.

The unique whiteness of the polar bears might be the best lasting memory we have of them. After Bush and the oil-industry leaders are done with drilling, the Arctic will no longer be a beautifully natural sanctuary. It will become defiled, another victim fallen to the greed of our president. The Arctic nation will smear into a white blob on our maps, a place that used to represent beauty, but now would only represent the complete abolishment of one of the last natural refuges that we have to offer.

Information from Time Magazine Online was used in this column.

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The passion of collective energy

Mike Anmuth

With Maroon 5 performing on our beloved campus in the next week, I can't avoid the column which I've wanted to write all year: collective energy and why it's fantastic. I've written about the weather, the university, the student body and various other topics, but I have wanted to write about collective energy and concerts, specifically. I just haven't had a reason. Enter the reason, stage right.

Concerts, to me, are this serene place where everyone is there for the same purpose, to see either or all of the artists performing, and where the collective energy is astounding. Where else can you sing along at the top of your lungs, jump up and down and look over at the person next to you who is doing the same exact thing? Probably at a karaoke bar, actually, especially if you sing songs where more than one person is required, but I digress. The lines are blurred at concerts and it feels as though every person is part of something much bigger, not just a fan base but one vibrant, electric feeling that is tapping its collective feet and harmonizing along with the performance.

This energy is not just present at concerts, it is also apparent at sporting events, protests, rallies and even our well-known and often-discussed riots present on campus. I have taken introductory communication courses, learned all about groupthink and how people will follow a charismatic leader, but I am not addressing the issue of political, moral, social or otherwise issues being discussed; I am simply speaking about a time and place where people all come together for a purpose and then create a solitary vibe for that purpose.

Perhaps you will not forget all of your troubles, or any of them for that matter, but for however many hours you're attending that concert, you are one with the music and the music is one with you.

Often, these collections of people, especially at protests and rallies, are how things get accomplished, and I am definitely a proponent of Gandhi-like style of assembly for change. I see signs all over campus about events where students are taking charge, creating that collective energy, and showing themselves in whatever cause they believe. If we did not have this sort of energy, we would have many solitary voices, but nowhere to exhibit them, and quite possibly, they might not be heard.

Still, concerts represent a different side of the spectrum because they are not about change but rather about enjoyment, and having music as a living, breathing entity. The experience for everyone at concerts is different, but personally, I find myself getting lost in the songs, even if I have heard them countless times on CDs and the radio. There's something about live music that creates a situation where you not only empathize with the person next to you, who is also rocking out, but you empathize with the lyrics and the instruments and you internalize them.

This might sound odd to you, especially if you don't feel the same feelings that I do when I attend concerts. Bob Marley once said, "One great thing about music is when it hits you, you feel no pain." I tend to agree with Bob Marley on this one, the music floods through you and everyone else and that collective energy makes you "feel no pain." Perhaps you will not forget all of your troubles, or any of them for that matter, but for however many hours you're attending that concert, you are one with the music and the music is one with you.

By now, you may be asking, "Mike, why write an entire column about collective energy?" An excellent question, and my answer would be, because it is a feeling that I believe is widely experienced but not often documented and rarely addressed. We are having two big name contemporary music acts come to our campus with Maroon 5 and The Donnas appearing at the Mullins Center, so I felt it was time to talk about something I had noticed and I hope that you have noticed as well. Even if you are not into the concert scene, collective energy can be seen in a number of forms, as listed above.

People create music, people attend the shows of artists and people are the crucial element to collective energy at concerts and elsewhere. Whether the aim of music is political or social, for fun or for change, we are the ones who embody the power. The next time you are belting out your favorite songs and tapping your feet at a concert, look over at the next person doing the same activity and realize that both of you, and many others, are creating a passion that cannot be duplicated or imitated — the passion of collective energy.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

NEW INFORMATION ON LAW SCHOOL DEBATE

In response to S.J. Port's Column, "It's not the time for the law school," I would like to express my disappointment for the author's skewed and incorrect facts.

Though the column addresses the financial concerns about the desire to create a public law school, it ignores several very important points.

First, at the end of February, an independent site evaluation team (approved by the Massachusetts BHE) came to Southern New England School of Law with the intention of doing a full investigation. The site team consisted of former deans and financial advisers of some of most prestigious law schools in the world. After carefully reviewing the facts, the team said in its report "on balance, in our opinion, the merger of the School of Law and UMass Dartmouth presents very little financial risk for the University."

The team also cited that ABA accreditation will require a certain level of additional investment. However, the team suggested raising the budget slightly over $1.2M, which is no where near the $39 Million that Port cited (the board's report can be read at www.umassd.edu/law.)

That number Port quoted came from an independent report from a "gentleman" who was "paid" by Suffolk Law School, New England School of Law and Western New England School of Law to do nothing more than drag the SNESL and UMass names in the mud. This is a man who, when asked by BHE at the meeting last week if he would support the merger if an alumnus suddenly donates $39 Million dollars, he said, "No." His report was filled with inaccuracies and lies about the quality of the school and its financial stability. He was admittedly paid by the schools to create this report. This was not an independent report by any means.

Second and more importantly, the column is overlooking the need this state has for a public law school. Massachusetts is one of only six states in the country that does not have a public law school. Currently there is a crisis in this state to get public service law distributed to those in need. The proposed creation of the public law school will create serious tuition breaks for students who are willing to commit themselves to serving a career in public service.

I'm disappointed in Ms. Port's inadequate evaluation of the facts in this case. As a potential law student, it is imperative that she immediately learn to read more carefully. I urge her to rethink her comments and realize the amount of good this will bring to the state of Massachusetts.

These private institutions (Suffolk, New England and Western New England) have worked rigorously to smear the name of the University of Massachusetts and degrade the students of Southern New England School of Law. My classmates and I have been permanently hurt by their tactics. They aim to brainwash the citizens of Massachusetts into thinking that they care about the commonwealth enough to protect its taxpayers.

In reality these schools have just spent countless hours and thousands of dollars on protecting their own financial interest. This is money and energy that they should have been spending on their own students to better their education. And clearly Ms. Port has been victim of their brainwashing.

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'Guess Who' deals race a dose of laughter











By Jake Monte
COLLEGIAN CORRESPONDENT

Race is a very delicate issue — especially in America, because of our history of prejudice. To deal with it effectively in a film, the filmmakers are faced with a challenge. Say too much and the film will come off preachy and condescending. Say too little and it will seem glib and cowardly. It takes a special perspective to deal with the issue appropriately. The trick is to say something, but not too much, and to paint the whole picture without leaving some parts shaded and others bare. Most importantly, the characters should do the work. It's dreadful when we have to hear a speech at the end of the film as if the screenwriters are speaking directly to us.

"Guess Who," the Ashton Kutcher, Bernie Mac racial comedy, handles the subject exuberantly, never preaching, but always confronting. Screenwriters David Ronn, Jay Scherick and Peter Tolan, use characters so likeable that they endear us to the issue of race and make us want to face it instead of hiding from it. It's the awkward moments, intense glares and basic decency of the characters that give this comedy spirit. The film is very alive, shrewdly directed and never boring. But it operates at a steady decline.

The first half hour is non-stop laughs and as the film progresses the laughs come fewer and farther between. This is due to the screenwriters attempt to start to give the film a sentimental feel, but we miss the laughs, and the film loses heart instead of gaining it.

The film is about a young white man, Simon Green (Kutcher), who goes to meet his black girlfriend's parents, plated by Mac and Judith Scott. The girlfriend played by Zoe Saldana is a role model for African American's everywhere who are engaged in interracial relationships. She and Simon talk about everything and I have to say that for this reason, I thought the film an important one. There have been very few films made about modern day interracial relationships, and "Guess Who" is a welcome reminder that both partners in the relationship can get past the issue of race and be happy together.

Bernie Mac gives a wonderful performance as the father, Percy Jones. His intense look plays off Kutcher's fear in hilarious moments that will have you smiling from beginning to end. Along with the buddy comedy aspect of Kutcher and Mac, the film is so bold as to even include race jokes at the dinner table.

However, there is a basic theme of the film that is original and thoughtful. At one point Jones says to his daughter about the relationship, "Me telling you that it's okay is not going to change the world." To which she responds, "But it will change my world." That's as preachy as the film gets. The director, Kevin Rodney Sullivan, along with the screenwriters, have pulled off a delicate balancing act. Nothing about the treatment of race relations feels forced or false. But the film pushes the corny barrier a little towards the end which comes as shock to the audience and a disappointment because so much of the film is so good.

You may leave "Guess Who" feeling there is hope in a world that is still hung up on race and that someday people will laugh at "Guess Who" not just for the film's humor but because the race relations in the film are outdated.

Make the soundtrack to your life with these film favorites



The Mix Tape

Matt O'Rourke

How about a film where the soundtrack was better than the movie? If you've answered yes to any of the above, you will enjoy this week's tape.

"EYE OF THE TIGER" – SURVIVOR (3:48)

The "Rocky" films gave us all someone to be proud of - the little Italian guy who rose to the top. If there is anyone left who hasn't heard any of Rocky themes, I'd be surprised. This one hit wonder track features unforgettable in-your-face 80s style guitar syncopation, along with a steady downbeat. The track may get one hooked, and fans may find themselves listening to the whole song.

Have you ever seen a film where the music was so good that immediately after seeing it, you raced for the closest store to purchase the soundtrack? versus just the classic opener, where strong piano chords both stay in rhythm, and stray occasionally for independence effects. "Rising up back on street/did my time, took my chances"- lyrics everyone can relate to, and (obviously) great to start a workout regiment with.
(Capitol 1982)

"HEROES" – THE WALLFLOWERS (3:55)

It can be hard to avoid comparisons to members of your family sometimes, and its especially hard for children of famous celebrities. Jakob Dylan might not be his father (Bob Dylan), but that doesn't mean he can't still make great music. The Wallflowers' rendition of "Heroes" by David Bowie appeared on the "Godzilla" soundtrack- an instance where the soundtrack was far superior to the film. Overlapping guitars and dynamic integrity create a high quality pop-rock anthem. Bowie's song is about rising to the top, if only for a moment, and that's just what the Wallflowers did- they made a great impression on popular music.
(Sony 1998)

"LIVE AND LET DIE" – PAUL MCCARTNEY AND WINGS (3:13)

Paul McCartney may be one of the best pop songwriters of all time, but his music always provides depth to such a level that even the staunchest of music critics can't help but find themselves loving every moment of it. And to think, that Sir Paul's music was a theme for a Bond film (also of the same title), adds to his repertoire of excellence. Featuring strong horns, and a brilliant xylophone part, Paul McCartney never fails to please. The track is broken into movements (albeit very short ones), combining a rock band with an orchestra, and as signaled, with his singing of "live and let die", the track becomes as epic and as over-the-top as any Bond film.
(Capitol 2003)

"MY HEART WILL GO ON" – CELINE DION (4:38)

Perhaps one of the most overplayed tracks of the mid- to late-90s, Celine Dion's love anthem, "My Heart Will Go On" swept girls off their feet as they dreamed of their own personal "Jack." Strong vocals, combined with silent strings, flute, and bagpipes (among other Scottish instruments), all flow together to build a lasting, echoing love theme for James Cameron's blockbuster "Titanic." Dion's humming at the end is remarkably similar to a violin, edging off while the track fades. I'm sure many of heard this song at high school homecomings, spring flings, and proms. Believe it or not, this hit track has been even transformed by some bands into a punk-rock number- perhaps we can all find a way to love this track after all.
(Sony 1997)

"STAYIN' ALIVE" – THE BEE GEES (4:47)

Go ahead, admit it. You once found yourself walking somewhere, or dancing to "Stayin' Alive." Hopefully you didn't pull something, or hurt passerbys in the process. That classic strut, inspired from the era of disco inferno, was one of John Travolta's many signature moves from "Saturday Night Fever." Still used as the classic "pimp" theme today by many, "Stayin' Alive" defines feel-good music. That impossible falsetto that the Bgees mastered remains atop the greatest pop vocal tracks ever recorded- many have tried to reproduce their sound, but nearly all have failed. So the next time you're walking around campus and see someone strutting while listening to their iPod- it's not unreasonable to guess that their listening to "Stayin' Alive."
(Polydor 1977)

"TIME AFTER TIME"- CYNDI LAUPER (4:03)

Eighties music is in the midst of a huge revival- good and bad tracks included, as new bands try to recreate such exceptional tracks. However, in terms of film, it may be better to just use the original track- as was the case in "Napoleon Dynamite." While "My Heart Will Go On" was the perfect prom song for the 90s, "Time After Time" was the 80s equivalent. A song that was made for the slow dance, "Time After Time" is ideal for formal dances.
(Sony 1995)

"I DON'T WANT TO MISS A THING" – AEROSMITH (4:56)

It seems like it was only last summer where you could picture that video of Steven Tyler singing with orchestra, while scenes from "Armageddon" flashed back and forth. "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing" is a more masculine version of the theme presented in "My Heart Will Go On." Although this song was also very overplayed, upon re-listening to it now, one can easily appreciate how brilliant this track is. Incredible orchestration, accompanying a progressive melody and Tyler's emotional voice builds Aerosmith's hit into an incredible rock ballad. "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing" is well crafted, and can be appreciated on many levels- a track that is packaged for everyone.
(Sony 1998)

TOTAL RUNNING TIME: 29:18

New CD 'Angel' redeems Judas Priest after a 15 year absence

By Patrick Rennick
Collegian Correspondent

After 15 long years Judas Priest has once again been blessed by the divinity of returning vocalist, "Metal God" Rob Halford on their newest offering, "Angel of Retribution." Not since his departure following 1990's "Painkiller" has the legendary metal band ever sounded so complete. Despite some valiant efforts from Priest-head turned front-man Tim "Ripper" Owens Judas' post-Halford efforts were missing that epic sound that has won them such a devoted fan-base.

Throughout the span of thirty-five years, Judas Priest has conceived gem after gem of classic metal but unlike so many other bands in the industry, age has not slowed them down one bit. The opening track "Judas Rising" bares testament to this undeniable fact. Halford erupts forth with a metal scream that is sure to slay all who doubt his supreme vocal power. Glenn Tipton and K.K. Downing are also on top of their game unleashing more of the guitar duels that metalheads have come to know and love.

"Angel of Retribution" is a solid album featuring something for every Judas Priest fan, from the classic sound of "Sad Wings of Destiny", to the metal assault of "Painkiller," and even a taste of "British Steel." Diehard fans will notice that allusions have been subtly hidden in the lyrics to these and other previous Judas Priest works. Among the outstanding tracks on the album are: the metal anthem, "Deal with the Devil," the apocalyptic "Hellrider," and the 13-minute plus epic "Loch Ness," a tribute to Scotland's legendary mythical creature.

Following the intense opening track, "Deal With the Devil" keeps up the pace with a heavy sound reminiscent of Priest's earlier years. Tipton, Downing, Hill and Travis pound out a steadily paced metal march while Halford propels the song forward with lyrics painting a history of the metal scene sung in his trademark power vocal style.

"Hellrider" is among the most intense of the new tracks, evoking images reminiscent of the metallic angel of destruction featured on the album's cover. This brutal piece is easily the most powerful indicator of Judas Priest's triumphant return. Set against a raging metal riff and supported with some fairly impressive drumming by Travis, sonic fury brings the Hellrider to life.

Perhaps the most intriguing track on the new album, "Loch Ness" blends dark melodies and mythical storytelling. The entire track is set at a brooding pace as Halford tells the mythical tale of the beast. Heightening the power of the legend, the chorus takes on the majesty of a national anthem. Towards the conclusion the lyrics begin to suggest that this sea beast is more than a mere Bigfoot but rather an eternal symbol of a lost time.

In addition to the new album, a bonus DVD is featured on the flip-side of the Dualdisc loaded with extras. The DVD features a documentary from the band that includes 7 live tracks from the "Reunited" tour of 2004. The entire album is also featured on the same DVD with enhanced stereo. As Rob Halford proudly proclaims, "Judas is Rising!"



"The Metal God" Rob Halford returns as lead vocalist for Judas Priest on their latest album "Angel of Retribution." Tim "Ripper" Owens replaced Halford in his absence.

Party off campus? Ask the attorney



Ask the Attorney
Michele L. Leaf

Q: Now that spring is finally here we want to give a big party to celebrate. We live in a house in Amherst and are wondering what laws we should be aware of?

A: If you are hosting a party, you can be held liable for the actions of your guests so it is very important to make sure that the party does not get out of hand. Limit your guest list to a manageable number, preferably all people that you know. It is particularly important to control alcohol use because serving an intoxicated or disorderly person could result in substantial financial liability for the party hosts. Providing alcohol to a minor is a criminal offense punishable by a fine of up to $2000 and imprisonment for up to 6 months. It is important that you do not charge admission or sell drinks at the party because you could then be found guilty of selling alcohol without a license. If you want to serve beer from a keg, then it is necessary to apply to the police for a free keg license in advance of the party. Violation of the keg by-law will result in a fine of up to $300.

If you keep the party indoors, with windows and doors shut, you will better be able to reduce the noise. If the party is outside, make sure that your guests know that possession of open containers containing alcoholic beverages on any town street or sidewalk can result in a $50 fine and are aware that Amherst has a noise by-law. This regulation prohibits excessive, unnecessary, or unusually loud noise which annoys or disturbs others. Violators are subject to arrest and a fine of up to $300. For this reason, it is important to talk to your neighbors in advance of the party. You should let them know of your plans and ask that they contact you immediately If the party is disturbing to them.

Consider giving your neighbors a cell phone number to call if there is any disturbance, to best assure that you are aware that a complaint is being made. Otherwise, leave a note by the telephone advising guests to let you know if anybody calls during the party. If neighbors call to complain but are unable to speak directly to the host they usually make the next call to the police. An appearance by an officer means either a warning or a citation for a noise violation. Although cooperation with the police does not guarantee that you will only receive a warning, the lack of polite sober cooperation will assure you of the citation and could possibly result in your arrest. If at all possible, try to meet the officer outside and do not invite him or her into the house. During the party, it is recommended that the host monitor the sound level outside, and keep guests from gathering too close to the neighbors' windows. It is also a good idea to place trash containers in the yard to reduce litter, and to clean up any trash promptly after the party. Caution and proper planning can help to prevent party fouls and insure a problem free celebration.

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Veteran artists drop the beats on NoHo

By Brian Duffy
Collegian Staff

New York underground veteran Aesop Rock and Bostonian wordsmith Mr. Lif headlined a hip-hop show at Pearl Street in Northampton on Tuesday night. This concert was part of a tour featuring artists from Definitive Jux, an independent hip-hop label founded by former Company Flow member, El-P. The night included performances by solo artist Rob Sonic and Metro, of SA Smash. The beats and mixing were provided by DJ Big Wiz.

When plus-sized Rob Sonic took the stage, this small Western Massachusetts venue was already packed. This Bronx native arrived on stage with a plain brown tee, dog tags, and a shaved head. There was nothing flashy about his exterior. He performed two moderately impressive tunes before being joined on stage by Columbus, Ohio rhymester, Metro. This SA Smash member brought an elevated energy level to the stage and the crowd immediately responded. Metro, who was clad in slightly more impressive garb, shared mic time with Rob Sonic. These two emcees were able to feed off the crowd and they became increasingly more impressive as they continued to perform. Rob Sonic, who initially was lackluster, garnered the respect of the audience by the conclusion of his performance. Metro had no difficulty gaining the appreciation of the crowd because of his energy and playful lyrics. Sonic is more of a no-non-sense lyricist, who relies on his calm approach to win over an audience. This opening act set the stage nicely for the evening's main event.

Aesop Rock and Mr. Lif arrived on the Pearl Street stage as the late Jimi Hendrix sang, "Well, I stand up next to a mountain and I chop it down with the edge of my hand." DJ Big Wiz was cheered enthusiastically as he spun this rock classic. This unexpected song only increased the crowd's excitement. Aesop Rock, dressed modestly in a white tee and a fitted cap, began rhyming like a man possessed. His eyes were wide as he meandered around stage, gazing out at the crowd as he delivered his complex commentary. He stalked the stage with an uncanny ability to align his mannerisms with the words he spoke, which were at times hard to decipher. This symbiotic expressionism was a rare spectacle. His tall lanky frame enhanced his imposing presence on stage.

Mr. Lif grinned warmly throughout his performance. He looked genuinely grateful to have the opportunity to share his talents with the crowd. Lif is a small guy with large dreadlocks, who wears glasses and does not dress lavishly. Mr. Lif motivated the crowd with his clever lyrics and quick delivery. Aesop Rock and Mr. Lif worked with DJ Big Wiz to form an impressively cohesive threesome. Both of these emcees looked to be comfortable as they poured out personal information to hundreds of people who they have never met.

Aesop Rock recently finished an album, "Fast Cars, Danger, Fire, and Knives." He performed the title track "Fast Cars," which is slated to be aired on MTV 2 in the near future. Aesop Rock sarcastically told the crowd that he is now "cool," because of the recognition he is receiving from mainstream outlets. This notoriety has been a long time coming for Aesop Rock, who has been making music since adolescence.

Mr. Lif just completed the album "Black Dialogue," the sophomore contribution from his collaborative project The Perceptionists. The Perceptionists also include Bostonians Akrobatik and DJ Fakts One. Mr. Lif performed some unreleased material off his upcoming 2006 solo project, including the song "Happy Halloween." He also did a tune that speaks to his uncertainty about having children in a chaotic world. Other subject matter included: globalization, the importance of showering, and the authenticity of his unique hair.

The show concluded with a rendition of "Daylight" by Aesop Rock. The crowd erupted as soon as the beat began. Most of those in attendance knew this tune by heart including the chorus, "All I ever wanted was to pick apart the day, put the pieces back together my way."

After the show, the performers sold their wares out of the back of their van. This allowed the crowd to purchase music for a reduced rate, converse with the MCs, and voice their appreciation and respect. These men are struggling artists who have to rely on old-school techniques to make ends meet. While on tour, they spend roughly six hours each day on the road.

Rob Sonic said that he enjoys being on the road, having toured Europe and Japan. This Definitive Jux artist, who recently released the album "Tellicatessen," said that he began writing and rhyming in middle school.

"We use to battle for lunch money," Rob Sonic reminisced. He first became interested in hip-hop music after hearing The Sugar Hill Gang and Run DMC. Currently, he claims to primarily listen to Definitive Jux emcees, but also enjoys Jay-Z and Nas.

Shutesbury resident Colin Jones, who is currently an undergraduate student at Oberlin College, was impressed by the show. "They talk about real life issues and what's really going on in their lives." Jones feels as if their music is a healthy alternative to the "bling" that is prominent in hip-hop music. "They bring a different style of rap that people don't know about," Jones concluded.

A fan named Amelia drove almost two hours from Albany to see the show. She was impressed by the sound inside Pearl Street. She said that Aesop Rock and Mr. Lif "worked off each other real well." She enjoyed seeing people having a good time and, "getting down."

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Jacober's mind may not be in game tomorrow at Garber

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The plane, also carrying Jacober's 49-year-old mother Karen, 15-year-old brother Eric, and three family friends, crashed in Benner Township, Pa. around 2 p.m. and killed all six aboard.

"The coaches and our program feel terrible about it," UMass coach Greg Cannella said. "Our thoughts and our hearts and our prayers go out to Mike and his family.

"[Jacober] is a really good athlete, good speed. He's a two-way middie who runs up and down and plays offense and defense. As the captain, he's got to be a pretty good leader in the program."

The Massachusetts lacrosse program has seen tragedy hit home before, as Eric Sopracasa, a 21-year-old junior midfielder, was killed when a ball hit him in the chest in practice during the 1999 season.

"In our issue a few years back, it was a focus issue for a lot of the guys to go back out on the field," Cannella said. "Our situation was a little bit different. I'm not saying it was any worse or any better. It's more about getting the guys to focus and going back to doing something you really love to do and play the game of lacrosse."



MATTHEW REED/COLLEGIAN

UMass goalie Bill Schell has been having a solid season in net for the 5-2 Minutemen, who will play Penn State tomorrow at noon.

Though the game may be an afterthought, it will still feature two of the biggest rivals in collegiate lacrosse, and Cannella's biggest concern for his Minutemen is that they are able to match Penn State's on-field intensity, especially as PSU will be entering the game with so much extra emotion.

"It's a great rivalry," Cannella said. "Penn State and UMass have played in a bunch of tight games. Last year was the only exception that wasn't a tight game (a 17-8 UM victory), and they'll come with a lot of emotion this weekend. They are a very athletic team, matching up with them athlete-to-athlete is difficult. They have a lot of experience. They have a good group of seniors leading their team right now."

NOTE: UMass junior attackman Sean Morris was added to the Tewaaraton Watch List on Tuesday. The Tewaaraton Trophy is given to college lacrosse's best player. Morris leads the ECAC with 2.71 goals per game and 3.43 points per game. UMass junior defenseman Jack Reid is also on the list.

NFL to discuss steroid issues

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL and its players discuss changes in the drug policy every May. There could be a major proposal for them to talk about this year.

The NFL wants to upgrade its steroid testing program and get it back to the level set by the IOC, which recently upgraded its testing after new equipment became available.

Also, NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said the league seeks to add another testing lab and would like to test for human growth hormone when that is feasible.

"We have always adhered to the standard set by the International Olympic Committee," Aiello said. "Since the IOC has made its standards tougher, this was done to stay in line with it."

Under the old standard, a ratio above 6-1 of testosterone to epitestosterone, another natural hormone, was deemed to be a failed test. The new ratio adopted by the World Anti-Doping Agency is 4-1, one that the NFL proposes to implement. The most likely natural ratio of testosterone to epitestosterone in humans is 1:1.

Any change in the NFL's policy would require approval by the NFL Players Association. No date for a meeting with the players has been set, and Gene Upshaw, the union's executive director, did not return phone calls from The Associated Press on Wednesday. Upshaw, a staunch advocate of more stringent steroid testing, is vacationing in Hawaii.

Pro football clamped down on steroids more than a decade ago. For the last 15 years, the NFL has had one of the toughest steroid-testing programs in sports, with random testing, and with suspensions for a first-time failure. During that period, there have been 44 suspensions.

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UM splits double dip

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a pitching change by Dartmouth, scoring settled down for the Maroon and White until the sixth inning. After Stefanoni singled and Puglia was walked, Kelly hit a long ball to center field that drove in the final two runs of the game.

Dartmouth moved quickly in the second half of the doubleheader, with senior Jill Garcia hitting a homerun in the first inning off of UMass junior pitcher Jenna Busa to take an early lead. After a two-run inning, Busa did not give up another run for the proceeding six innings.

Following three scoreless innings against Dartmouth pitcher Angela Megaw, the Minutewomen began to play catch-up. Molinari started the comeback with a leadoff bunt-single. After Molinari stole to second, Denis was hit by pitch to put two on with two out. Freshman Lauren Proctor's only hit of the night was a significant one as she drove in two runs after knocking a single up the middle into center, tying up the ballgame. The defensive game continued, with neither team putting up any runs in the next three innings. UMass had an opportunity to pull out a win at the bottom of the seventh. With sophomore Amanda Morin and junior Kristi Stefanoni on base, the game came to an end, as the Minutewomen did not manage to stay alive.

"I just think our batting needs to get there when there's runners in scoring position," Kelly said. "We need to put the ball in play and not pop it up into the air."

The game ended after seven innings as darkness began to engulf the UMass Softball Complex. Busa (5-3, 2.54 ERA, 38 strikeouts on the season) ended the game giving up just four hits, two runs and struck out 14 batters, while LaDigg (8-6, 2.49 ERA, 89 strikeouts) gave up one hit and no runs.

UMass track opens new season

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most teams have specific areas of strength that they may be nationally recognized for. Teams LaFreniere sees as potential distance threats include top-rated Dartmouth and Boston College, while UMass-Lowell is seen as a primarily sprinting team.

The Minutewomen have a combination of rising newcomers and seasoned veterans. Juniors Elisabeth Budd (hurdles/sprints) and Christina Huff (sprints) have caught the eyes of their teammates, as well as LaFreniere. Huff won the 100-meter dash in the 2004 SCSU Invitational and finished second in the 200-meter dash.

"I think [Budd and Huff] are going to have very good seasons this spring," LaFreniere said. "They have certainly not been below the radar throughout the years."

Senior Marissa Kay Callahan (triple jump/hurdles) looks to complete her four years at UMass on a high note, as freshmen Ashley Davidson (distance) and Amanda Bodette (distance) look to end their rookie seasons with improvement.

"Amanda is really beginning to look good in workouts," LaFreniere said. "I could see a lot of improvement for Kay Callahan during the indoor season."

The first track and field meet of the season begins at 11 a.m. in New Haven, Conn. The Maroon and White placed third overall in last season's SCSU Invitational with 91 points.

Four teams left now, but only one will stand on Monday

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made a difference.

With West Virginia on an unbelievable shooting tear, Pitino somehow kept the Cardinals within reach. He scrapped the 2-3 zone he'd been using to compensate for his team's lack of depth this season, told his players to press and trap and disrupt. The Mountaineers eventually cooled off, and the Cardinals (33-4) found themselves within a couple baskets.

And by the time overtime was winding down, Taquan Dean and Larry O'Bannon were celebrating and Louisville was winning going away.

"We've seen it all season from this team," Pitino said. "So many times, it looked like we were going to get knocked out. They're very resilient, very tough-minded and they're tough kids. I'm just a pussycat following their coattails. I just sit back and marvel at what they've accomplished."

Illinois (36-1) trailed Arizona by 15 with 4:04 left, then Bruce Weber's team staged one of the most stirring comebacks in tournament history.

Luther Head made a pair of 3-pointers and had a steal and layup to lead the rally. The Illini survived a tight overtime and made it to where they've been pointed since December, when they moved to No. 1 in the Associated Press poll — a perch they haven't been pushed from since, even when they lost their only game, to Ohio State on March 6.

"St. Louis has been the goal, but we've had that No. 1 for so long that that's been our outlook for the whole year," forward Jack Ingram said. "We want to bring this program to a level that no one else has ever done and winning some games in the Final Four will do that for us."

Also trying to break new ground is Williams, the Kansas-turned-North Carolina coach, who has accomplished virtually everything in college basketball except the national title. The Tar Heels (31-4) face Michigan State (26-6) in Saturday's second semifinal.



Larry O'Bannon waves the cut-down net to the Louisville fans in attendance after defeating WVU.

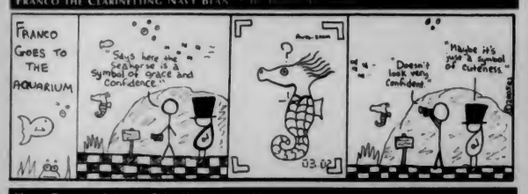
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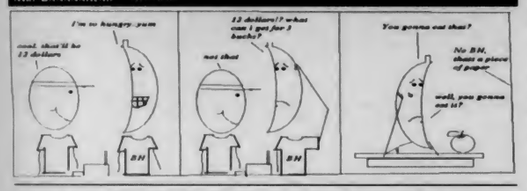


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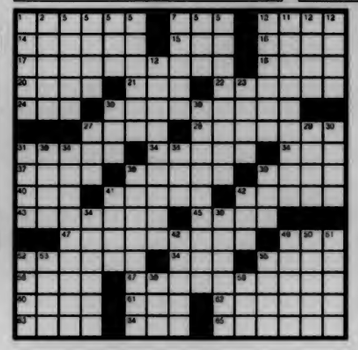
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SPORTS WEEKEND

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Tragedy hits PSU hard

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

The white chalk that borders a lacrosse field doesn't just signify a player or ball that is inbounds or out of bounds. It isn't there just to show the players on the sidelines where to stand or the players on the field where to run.

But the chalk does create a blurry line that creates a superficial vision which turns these human beings into athletes and athletes back into human beings.

A fan out to watch a game will see the two teams battling it out for 60 minutes for the right to earn a simple tally in a win column that truly only exists on a piece of paper, whether it be in a conference office, a local newspaper or a coach's board.

What this fan doesn't typically see is that actual person who is underneath his protective helmet and gladiator-like pads. This fan doesn't tend to think of the player's schoolwork, social life or family atmosphere.

But these athletes are like the rest of us.

And beyond those chalk lines, they do face real-life adversity and, sometimes, even tragedy.

The No. 13 Massachusetts lacrosse team (5-2 0-1 ECAC) will face Penn State (2-4 1-0 ECAC) tomorrow at Garber Field at noon in a game that could be deemed virtually meaningless for one player and his family on the Nittany Lions' sidelines.



SCOTTISH REDDICK/COLLEGIAN

UMass attackman Bret Caretsky plays the ball against Brown earlier this season. The Minutemen play Penn State at Garber Field tomorrow at noon.

PSU senior captain Michael Jacober's parents and younger brother were all killed in a plane crash just six days ago. Jeffrey Jacober, Michael's 51-year-old father, was piloting a single-engine plane that was flying from Naples, Fla. to an airport near State College, Pa. to see his son's Nittany Lions play against Fairfield.

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LaFogg flirts with perfect game as UMass splits two

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

The crowd was on its feet as Massachusetts' senior pitcher Barb LaFogg was one out away from pitching a perfect game in the first dip of yesterday's doubleheader against Dartmouth. Although the game ended with a last-gasp hit by Dartmouth, the Massachusetts softball team (11-9-1 2-0 Atlantic 10) was able to tack one more win onto its season record and later tied Dartmouth in part two of the teams' doubleheader (3-7-1) yesterday.

Playing in the long-anticipated home opener, the Maroon and White shutout the Big Green in Game 1, 7-0 and then the two teams tied 2-2 in the second game of the afternoon. The tie ended UMass' streak of 73 consecutive regular season wins at home.

The Minutewomen get back into action tomorrow against conference foe Fordham, pending weather conditions.

"It's nice to finally play at home," coach Elaine Sortino said. "I'd like to improve on getting the ball in play a little more rather than popping it up."

The first game of the afternoon featured the Minutewoman defense, most notably LaFogg, who set a new record at the UMass Softball Complex. Throughout the seven innings, LaFogg did not allow a single run and gave up just one hit, while striking out 15 batters.

"It was there, in me for each pitch and each batter, so I felt pretty good," LaFogg said. "On a day like today, I felt like I could get anyone out that was up there, so that was how my mentality was for most of the game."

The 15 strikeouts were also a career best for the Atlantic 10 Pitcher of the Week. LaFogg, who registered her first one-hitter of the season.

With the UMass pitching game shutting down virtually every Dartmouth batter, the Maroon and White offense took control of the scoreboard. Senior catcher KJ Kelly, who has been nursing an ankle injury, opened the gates for the Minutewomen with a sacrifice bunt that moved the UMass runners to scoring position.

"It's not 100 percent. I was able to go tonight so I was able to test it out," Kelly said. "I try to help my teammates out whenever they need me, and they asked me to come and play and I was ready. It's all about the team."

Senior Denise Denis, who leads the team in RBI with 18, brought in two runs with a single. The third inning led to the bulk of the runs for UMass, with nearly everyone getting in on the offensive attack. Sophomore Candice Molinari and Kelly each singled and freshman Stacy Cullington singled with the bases loaded. Freshman Lauren Proctor smacked to center field, followed by Kandice Morrin, who hit a RBI single to bring UMass ahead 5-0 going into the fourth inning. After

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UM propelled by win over Wildcats

By Rob Greenfield
Collegian Staff

After a momentum-building, last-second 12-11 victory against a solid New Hampshire team on the road, the Massachusetts women's lacrosse team (3-4) headed into this week of practice on a high note.

"Hopefully we're not too overconfident," coach Carrie Bolduc said. "You have to bring them back down and challenge them even more after a win. You have to be careful not too celebrate too much."

For a team that has been searching for a break through performance after a season of sweat and hard work, the victory on Saturday was exactly what the Minutewomen needed to break the ice.

"They worked for six games and then that seventh game they finally put together a total of 60 minutes," Bolduc said. "It was an example of what can happen. It was rewarding because they really worked hard for it."

The UNH game was back and forth the entire time, with UMass taking two-goal leads and UNH bouncing back. However, on this Saturday, the Minutewomen had an answer every time.

"This team is a bunch of fighters," Bolduc said. "They really don't give up. You can see it day to day in practice. When you challenge them they usually bounce right back, they respond."

The game ended with a last-second goal by Samantha Sepulveda with six seconds left in the game, as close as a buzzer beater in lacrosse can get, and the rarity of the event has energized the Minutewomen even more.

"It was very exciting for [assistant coach] Tracy [Drown] and I," Bolduc said. "And it was exciting to have the day off afterwards for Easter. The whole thing was fun and exciting, and it was fun to watch the girls be so excited. Winning in a one-goal game made it that much sweeter."

The Minutewomen returned to practice on Monday and have had a week to prepare for tomorrow's opponent, Boston College. UMass has had a hectic schedule in the last two weeks, and the week between games has not been a burden but a blessing for Bolduc's squad.

"We needed it," Bolduc said of the practice week. "We really needed this week to begin and focus on the Atlantic 10 games, focus on ourselves, doing some more attacking schemes and defensive schemes, things that we haven't been able to focus on because we've had to focus so much on winning or competing and playing in that next game. This week we've really been able to step back and focus on the small things we haven't been able to do. We have four games in the next week, starting Saturday with a big game Tuesday against Dartmouth. There's a lot of scouting to be done."

The coaches understand the importance of this upcoming stretch. It starts with a difficult road game against a Boston College team that is 5-2 on the season. BC lost to a ranked Boston University team 15-7 on Wednesday, the same team that handed UMass a 14-4 loss earlier this season.

BC will be another tough opponent on a brutal out-of-conference schedule. Bolduc is hoping that experience against tough opponents like BC will prepare the Minutewomen for the crucial conference games that start on April 8 against La Salle.

"BC is very similar to UNH," Bolduc said. "They're fighters, and that's competition that I like to play against. You can't let up. It's definitely going to help us for our A-10 games."

Minutewomen open up 2005 spring track season

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

Rain, wind, thunder and lightening will all be factors this Saturday as the Massachusetts Women's Track and Field team participates at the SCSU Invitational in New Haven, Conn. Although the weather conditions will be unfriendly, it will not keep coach Julie LaFreniere's team from competing in the first outdoor meet of the season.

"I don't think I've ever had to cancel a track meet for weather," LaFreniere said. "Pole vault will most likely be contested indoors, but anything on the track will be outside."

The entire track season runs from fall (cross country), through winter (indoor track) and then to spring (track and field) without any elongated break in between, which calls for athletes who can withstand the nonstop stress that is put on their bodies. Training to run outdoors has shown to be a difficult task at times with the frigid climate and constant snowstorms. Since Garber Field is often plowed, it has been the place of many track practices to assist in the transition from indoor to outdoor track.

"We always use indoor as a springboard into outdoor track," LaFreniere said. "What we're asking our athletes to do is almost impossible. My whole caution is to not over extend the distance and to keep the mileage down."

Since the weather in New England can be unpredictable at times, the outdoor season starts late, forcing potentially fatigued runners to jump into the spring season without rest. LaFreniere is weary of the exhaustion experienced by her team and makes sure to not overdo any workout and to focus on leg turnover, rather than distance. LaFreniere understands that any team in the northeast region of America has to deal with the problem of weather, relieving the question of any disadvantage.

Besides UMass, other teams that will be competing under the downpour on Saturday include Fordham, Stony Brook and Southern Connecticut. Since track and field has so many components to it

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COURTESY BOSTON CELTICS

A hero's welcome
UMass senior Peter Trovato poses with Boston Celtics guard Paul Pierce and Dallas Mavericks guard Michael Finley on Wednesday night prior to the game as part of the Celtics' "Heroes Among Us" program. Trovato, a forward on the hockey team, has been named a national finalist for college hockey's Humanitarian Award, which is given to "college hockey's finest citizen".

Home stretch for college hoops

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Rick Pitino and Roy Williams. Over-achieving Michigan State and almost-undefeated Illinois.

The Final Four teams will have to put on quite a show if they're going to match the excitement of possibly the best NCAA tournament ever. But these marquee coaches and programs haven't had trouble entertaining thus far this tournament.

"I think it's the best ever," said Purdue's Gene Keady, one of the dozens of coaches who came to the Final Four city of St. Louis on Thursday. "The closeness of the games and how what they call the mid-majors really aren't mid-majors anymore. Anybody can beat you."

Vermont's upset of Syracuse and Bucknell's shocker over Kansas defined the first crazy week, and the madness continued into an even more dramatic set of regionals.

Three regional finals went into overtime, the first time that's happened. The opponents in Saturday's first semifinal, Illinois and Louisville, each overcame double-digit deficits to force overtime and advance.

"These young people, under the influence of pressure, how they accomplish what they accomplish is amazing," Pitino said.

Pitino became the first coach to lead three different programs — Providence, Kentucky and Louisville — to the Final Four, and there's no denying his touch on the bench



MICHAEL ANDREW/THE DALLAS MORNING

West Virginia's Johannes Herber is swarmed by Francisco Garcia and Taquan Dean (5) of Louisville on Saturday's Elite 8 matchup.

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Bruschi still upbeat

SMITHFIELD, R.I. (AP) - Six weeks after a stroke, linebacker Tedy Bruschi visits the New England Patriots' headquarters daily, coach Bill Belichick told a group at Bryant College.

"He comes in regularly. He's there everyday," Belichick said Wednesday night during a motivational speech to a crowd of 1,300.

"It was a serious situation, and he's getting better," Belichick said, according to the MetroWest Daily News of Framingham, Mass. "Tedy is Tedy. He's an upbeat guy. He has a smile on his face like he always does."

There has been little information released publicly about the 31-year-old's condition since he left Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston on Feb. 18.

His wife, Heidi, had called 911 two days earlier, saying her husband was experiencing "blurred vision, numbness on the right side of his body."

There has been no word from the team or the family on whether Bruschi will resume his football career.

—*Associated Press*

Sports Weekend Web Poll

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Beloved Minuteman mascot kills 3 in bloody rampage

by DICK TRICKLE
Collegian Staff

In what police officials have described as "Son of Sam, part deux," University of Massachusetts mascot Sam the Minuteman, assisted by convicted drug dealer Mr. Slice, murdered three theater guild members last night with a musket.

"When I first saw all those nuts running around like that, I originally thought that someone forgot to lock the doors at the psychiatric hospital," said a police officer who asked not to be accountable for anything that was said while he devoured a Boston kreme donut.

"I later realized that it was just another theater guild production — same shit, different day, right?"

Early reports from police say that the theater guild had been practicing its latest rendition of the failed broadway musical "Seussical." Theodore Gueissel, a native of Springfield, would surely be ashamed to see the guild set a new record for failing at remaking failures.

Found at the scene was a piano, a tuning fork that remained in the box, and two suspicious assailants identified as Thing 1 and Thing 2.

When police attempted to arrest members of the guild, one frantic suspect shouted, "I will not go to jail. I will not, will not, post the bail. I will not eat green eggs in the can. I will not eat green eggs, Sam I am."

The character would later admit to being a Sam, Sam the Minuteman.

"Hey, what do you expect," Sam asked. "We've hit some hard times for sports here. My job isn't that easy. Besides, what the hell? I'm a Minuteman. I was in a goddamn ESPN commercial. You don't give your mascot a gun and not expect shit to hit the fan every once and a while."

Though the true story is not in the crime, but more the man, the "Minuteman." Minuteman was neglected by his father as a small child, leading him to run away from home at the early age of 15.

"I kill because I hurt," said Minuteman in an interview with the Morning Wood in 1996. "My dad never hugged me."

In 1997 Sam met his estranged sister, Pam the Minutewoman, just hours after the two had made what Sam referred to as "sweet kwin" in a Mullins Center restroom.

"Hey, you don't just ask every chick if she is your sister you know," Sam said. "All I know is she had dumps like a truck, and thighs like what if you know what I am sayin'"

Nine months later, the two welcomed a baby boy in to the world, Dan the Minuteman (baby).

In 2000, Sam was incarcerated for dealing over two bags of grass, seventy-five pellets of mescaline, five sheets of high-powered blotter acid, a saltshaker half-full of cocaine and a whole galaxy of uppers, downers, screamers and laughers out of the trunk of his 1997 lipstick red Dodge Stratus. Pam has reportedly been seen walking up and down the streets of Amherst in scarce clothing.

"You want me to do what for $20," said Pam in an undercover interview with The Morning Wood. "Not even my mouth is that big," she added.

Unfortunately, the interview ended abruptly when Pam crapped her pants.



Sam the Minuteman was a well-known and loved symbol at UMass. Last night he crossed in to the dark side of UMass history.

Adam in a 'hairy' situation



Original Skank

Adam

I didn't realize what I was getting into.

Here I was sitting in class when all of a sudden she walked up to me. The girl I had been staring at nonstop since the very first day of the semester. I could hardly believe my luck. I had just gotten out of the gym, I had decided to go for a quick work out in between classes. I probably smelt like a jock strap, but I knew I couldn't panic. This could be the big day.

As she walked toward me, I tried to act like I didn't know she was coming, but the closer she got, the more in-focus she appeared and it was suddenly all too clear that this girl had a serious mustache that was apparently undetectable with the usual distance from my seat to hers.

Do not get me wrong, I love all different kinds of ladies. Blond barbies, stacked bru-nettes, long legged raven hairs, journalism geeks, you name it, they all have my heart. But a lip hair wearing homegirl?

"Hey," she said as she stopped in front of my seat — the very last one in my aisle of the five-hundred seat lecture hall. "I was wondering if you wanted to study with me tonight. You know, since we have that big test coming up tommorow."

A test! What am I here for? I do not pay thousands of dollars a semester to have a test creep up on out of nowhere like that. I hadn't studied a single page since our last exam.

I quickly analyzed my options. On one hand, I thought, I could blow this chick off and tell her I've got it under control. I would be free from uncomfortable silences or any accidental staring directed at her unfortunate facial feature. But I would probably fail my test.

Or, if I could just buck up and handle it, I could study with this girl, get a decent grade, and maybe learn a thing or two about a person's inner beauty.

But I never do that, because everyone knows inner beauty is a crock of shit. After much liberation, I decided my GPA/funding from my mothers hank account is far more important that an upset stomach for a few hours, so I told her I'd meet her in the Cape Cod Lounge around 5:30 p.m. that night.

I walk in, and there she is on the other side of the room looking pretty good in a cute little pajama number. She waves to me, and I acknowledge her with that little nod of the chin that we guys do to signify we see you, but you aren't important enough to have any extraneous muscle movement. She is all smiley, and truth be told, I just feel bad because she doesn't realize she has a moustache.

I sit down on the couch with her and we crack open our books. After some studying she asks me if I feel like making a trip to the Blue Wall. I think to myself, this hasn't been so bad, hanging out with this girl, but can I actually keep food down around her?

Again, I give her the benefit of the doubt and we make our way down to the fine dining establishment otherwise known as the Blue Wall. After making our food choices, we head out to the cafeteria and pick a seat where it is kind of quiet.

As I unwrap my burrito I realize that she is not only talking to me in a breathy whisper, but moving her foot up and down my calf. This is awkward.

She starts to tell me how shes been noticing me looking at her in class and shes been waiting for us to get alone together. I'm truly confused. What is it with women? The ones you want won't give you the time of day, and the ones with hairy lips are all coppin' a feel under the table. Something is seriously wrong with that.

I quickly shove the burrito into my mouth, gigantic bite after gigantic bite. In no time I have completely devoured the entire football-sized chicken wrap. I tell her I've forgotten that I left my iron on in my room and need to go turn it off. She looks a little disappointed, and I almost feel bad, but I don't want to lead her on, right?

I pick up my things and tell her thanks for the homework help, and run out pretty much at the speed of light. In fact, I ran all the way to my room. Once inside, I put down my books and sat at the computer to gather my thoughts. I mulled over all the events of the evening and drew one basic conclusion. I will never try to find "inner beauty" again.



Mamma Rosa Busted !

Mamma Rosa, pizza legend of Blue Wall fame, was arrested yesterday on charges of possesion with intent to deal. Rosa, whose real name is Shady McDeal apparently had over 30 pounds of high-grade marijuana stashed in the Famiglia Pizza kitchen. When caught with the illegal drugs, McDeal said that the drugs were organo to spice her pizza. Police immediately distinguished this as a lie because we all know that Blue Wall pizza is nasty.





We really love BC

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terback] Paul Peterson sucks. He just does. Don't compare him to me. That spaghetti-armed fairy is no Doug Flutie. No one is. Did you see my Hail Mary to beat Miami? I threw that ball at least 80, maybe 100 yards downfield. Watch the replay. I'm freakin' good, man. If I were walking down the street, I wouldn't know Paul Peterson from a giant, uncircumsized dildo.

"And the basketball team? I haven't seen a team choke like that since Nate Kaeding blew that 40-yard field goal in overtime against the Jets in the playoffs. If my name were Craig Smith or Jared Dudley, I'd probably give my testicles to someone who will actually use them. Wisconsin-Milwaukee? Sweet job, guys.

"Oh, and then there's the hockey team. Best team in the country heading into the NCAA tournament, and they get bullied around by North Dakota. It serves them right. I haven't seen so many girly-men — as Governor Schwarzenegger would say — in the same room since I played in the Canadian Football League.

"The thing that kills me with them is Ryan Shannon and Patrick Eaves pull more tail than Kobe Bryant. But then again, the BC girls are the fakest gold diggers I've ever come across, and that's saying something because I just spent four years in San Diego."

It was definitely clear through his statements what LMS can do to a human being, as his verbal abuse stopped at no one, not even a well-wishing mother of four who also works with Flutie's charity, The Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism, whom Flutie dimed as a "two-cent whore" and a "greasy slam pig" among other things.

UMass Athletic Director John McCutcheon was on staff in the Boston College athletic department during Flutie's years at the school, and he was also at the press conference yesterday.

"Under any other circumstances, for anyone else, I would feel horribly for that person suffering from Little Man Syndrome and their family," McCutcheon said. "But that jerkoff isn't worth anything more than the sweat that drips off my scrotum on a hot summer's day. He used to make fun of me everyday when we were at BC. He had this nickname for me. 'Hey, DSL, go get me a bottle of water,' he would say. I didn't even know what 'DSL' meant, but you can bet I'm going to start calling him 'LMS' from now on. 'LMS', for 'Loud Mouth Shithead'."

Things got really hairy after the press conference ended, and Flutie called out Boston College Associate Athletic Director Chris Cameron for not accommodating his personal needs. Cameron, clearly a fat piece of worthless, freeloading, inbred, donkey shit, is a prime target for someone suffering from LMS.

"Hey, Cockring!" Flutie shouted at the overweight Kentucky native. "I've never seen someone screw up a press conference so badly in my life. Go write another book about Rick Pitino, you ass-kissing, Drew Carey look-alike. You are about as professional as the dingleberries that stick to the inside of my colon. Blow me, you twice-recycled condom!"

Lost in the midst of this trying day was the despair on the faces of the most loyal group of bandwagoning pussies to ever grace this maroon and gold earth, the BC SuperFans.

Whether they are watching championship hopes of their beloved athletic teams pop like the zits on Jason Giambi's acne riddled back, cruising around Newbury Street in their flashy and expensive cars that only say one thing: "I have a small penis," or crying over their sacred leader's newfound condition of LMS, these SuperFans will superficially hold their heads high while rocking their gold tee shirts six days a week.

Because after all, they're rich bitches.

And when I say, "rich," I mean, "giant."

And when I say, "bitches," I mean, "pussies."

Never misunderestimate Freeman

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former New York Mr. Basket-weaving in 2000 and 2001, Ray-Ray led the Minutemen in scoring (15.4 points per game), rebounding (7.8 per game), field goal percentage (53.8%), free-throw percentage (64.8%), Freudian slips (eight per press conference) and head-first dives into the stands when the other team is running towards the basket (one per nationally-televised game).

"We are going to miss him a lot, obviously," teammate Jeff "Big Deli" Salowki said. "He did a lot of stuff to help this team out, on and off the court, like, uh...Hey, is that a ring ding you've got there? Mind if I...wait nevermind, that's just your tape recorder. Damn, I haven't ate in like 20 minutes. Get outta my way, I'm starving!"

So far, the Atlanta Hawks are the only team to express any remote interest in the 6-foot-9 forward, and even then it is minimal interest.

"The man has a lot of passion," Hawks general manager Imgunna Gitcand said. "But in all fairness, we're a little concerned about his academic performance. I mean, if you can't pass Jim Harrick, Jr.'s class, what does that say?"

Ray-Ray has hired Wesley Spears, the former agent of Marcus Camby, as his agent for the upcoming draft.

"If anyone has an uncoiled wire hanger, would you mind lending a brother a hand?" Spears apparently said when approached by a couple of Knight Ridder reporters and a bookie. "I need to go to sleep soon, and I accidentally locked my 1977 Ford Pinto with the keys inside. Oh yeah, about Ray-Ray. Um, he's pretty cool or something like that. Never actually met the guy. Go Nuggets!"

Asked about his feelings concerning the possibility of him playing for the shittiest organization in all of sports, Ray-Ray was ecstatic.

"Oh man, this is a dream for me, this ain't even happening right now. I got to watch it on SportsCenter again to make sure it's real," he said. "The thought of me playing with dudes like Dominique Wilkins, Spud Webb and Antoine Walker really makes me want to jump into a crowd of college kids with four seconds left on the clock. I like the pretensity those guys show on the court."

Ray-Ray is still living on campus, due to the fact that he forgot to withdraw from all his classes when he made his decision. For now, he is stuck dealing with the difficulties of Harrick, Jr.'s exams, but remains very optimistic — an attitude reflected by at least one member close to the Hawks' pathetic organization.

"We were informed recently that Freeman had stressed in several press conferences about the need for overcoming diversity," team towel-boy Hugh Jass said. "I think most of our guys are African-American, so that shouldn't be a problem.

"He had also spoke repeatedly of maintaining exposure. Altho-ugh we only average about 50-someodd fans a night and the local community access channel just dropped our coverage, there's still a lot of hope that the fans in this city will eventually, one day, give a shit."

Garden chokes under pressure

By MARV ALBERT
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At last night's Boston Celtics game at the New Garden, legendary Celtics player/coach/broadcaster Tommy Heinsohn strangled and killed NBA referee Joe Crawford.

After a hideous call against Celtics superstar Paul Pierce, Heinsohn (known for his constant jarring at the refs) leaped over the courtside piling and began his assault on Crawford's collar bone. The choking went on for 20 seconds before the players were able to pry Heinsohn off the lifeless ref.

Heinsohn has had a history with NBA officials throughout his career. Although only one of three coaches in Celtic history to win the coach of the year award (1972), and leading the Celtics to two NBA championships during his eight year reign as coach, Heinsohn's impeccable basketball record has been tarnished over and over again by his bouts with referees.

His first year of coaching in 1970 marked the beginning of these ridiculous outbursts, when Heinsohn threatened to burn down the house of NBA referee David Shaw whose wife and children happened to be sitting right behind Heinsohn when he made the remark. After winning his first NBA coaching championship in '74 Heinsohn took the microphone on national television and gave, not an acceptance speech, but a vulgar tirade about how the refs were in on some conspiracy to take his towel away while he was showering in the locker room. One could relate to the fear, but unlike the rest of the coaches Heinsohn never kept his emotions in check.

Long time announcing partner Mike Gorman chimed in on Heinsohn's developing condition with NBA officials after the outburst last night.

"They took him away in a straight jacket," Gorman said. "It was really awful. I've never seen Tommy like this. He's in really bad shape. I followed him to the emergency room; the nurses there all looked spooked. He kept yelling, 'You got to get Antoine down on the box!!! What's he doing out there???...RUN! RUN! RUN!'. I mean, the guy lives for basketball, but I think we need to find a therapeutic solution here."

Gorman was not the only one voicing his concern. Legendary Celtic coach/general manager Red Auerbach came into the emergency room to pay his friend a visit. The nurses told Auerbach to put his cigar out, but before they could extinguish it, water shot down from the ceiling as the fire alarm rang through the hallways.

It was later reported that while Heinsohn lay there in his straight jacket doused in water from the alarm overhead, the water falling down from the ceiling, reminiscent of the champagne lathering after championships, sent Heinsohn into flashbacks of his playing days that often ended in shouts of "Give him a Tommy Point!" or "the refs are giving the other team EVERY chance to win this ballgame!"

All of the Celtic old-timers showed at the hospital to give Heinsohn their support including some of the greatest Celtics of all: Larry Bird, Kevin McHale and Robert Parish. The Chief showed up with a Bob Marley shirt on and beads in his hair, leading everyone to believe the suspicion that he was fond of the cheeba during his playing days.

Heinsohn was let out of the hospital early this morning after a long night of tossing and turning. He walked out the front door with his hair frazzled, his Hawaiian shirt unbuttoned and flowing in the wind. Another man walking into the hospital handed him a dollar as he walking out.

"I'm embarrassed," Heinsohn said to the throng of reporters. "But that was just...a terrible call that that guy made. I just blew a fuse. And I don't even know how I got over that booth and got onto the court; at my age that's amazing. Mike tried to hold me back but he just couldn't do it. I was determined to get that guy baby! By the way.....did the Celts win the game?"



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Tommy Heinsohn and Dr. J share an awkward moment before Dr. J leaves him for the salad bar.

Heinsohn's venture onto the Garden floor has triggered a flurry of similar incidents, including an episode with the Celtic himself: Red Auerbach.

Red, after seeing the Southwest Airlines "dancers" come out to do their halftime dance-off, went out and tackled one of the male cheerleaders in the middle of one of their tosses. The girl who was airborne while this was taking place hit the floor hard but only suffered mild bruises.

"It was absolutely ridiculous," Auerbach said while blowing smoke into the camera. "These antics that they put on during timeouts and halftimes are way over the top. It's not about the game anymore. Even though we were the last team in the NBA to have cheerleaders, I at least thought that they would've waited until I was dead."

Auerbach's punishment was similar to Heinsohn's, even though Heinsohn's case was much more severe. Both men were locked in a dark room and forced to watch game tapes of the Laker championships in 2000, 2001 and 2002.

Lappas clowns around

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Smash from Demolition, the third was Goldust. McCutcheon was visibly moved with the news.

"I don't understand it, they were all good men." McCutcheon said as he walked towards the window in his office, wiping his eyes. "It seems every time I fire someone they go to professional wrestling, I can't believe Steve went. I loved that man... I loved him real good."

McCutcheon then shut his curtains, turned to the reporter in the room and yelled, "None of this leaves the room! N-O-N-E!." He then walked to his desk, put his head down and clicked his intercom to talk to his secretary. "It happened again Thorr, damnit it happened again."

He then lifted a lone linger to the door and told the reporter to leave, back heaving and visibly crying.

When Lappas heard of McCutcheon's reaction, his painted face started glowing. He did a full somersault, jumped in the air and screamed, "Whippity, Skippity, Dooo!" He then honked his nose approximately seven times before giving his first comment.

"Oh that's what Johnny boy did huh? Well let me tell you somethin' Mean Gene I want Johnny boy in the ring with me as soon as possible." Doink (Lappas) said. "If he wants a little of the Doinkster, I wouldn't mind rubbing some face paint all over his cravat. That's French for necktie you bitches."

Just when it all appeared to be over, "We Built this City on Rock and Roll," started to play and McCutcheon came out in purple and pink tights. Doink (Lappas) saw him from across the other side of the gym and pointed in his direction, teeth clenched, green hair flowing in the wind.

"This one's just beginning Steve," McCutcheon yelled before disappearing into smoke.

"Oh you know this Johnny... come give daddy a kiss," Doink (Lappas) said.



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Steve Lappas stares in awe when he notices that John McCutcheon is wearing skin-tight tights.

UMass burns one down with Ricky

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Maroon and White squad that finished 6-5 last season and looks to bring his power-style of running to coach Don Brown's crew. Although his track record appears somewhat shaky to critics, friends have vouched that Williams' ability to bull over defenders outshines his off-field troubles.

"Ricky can really light it up out there, that man will smoke anyone," friend and rock star Lenny Kravitz said. "He also smokes a lot of pot."

Although Williams is definitely on his way to UMass, it was not his first choice of schools to attend. When deciding what step to take after traveling the world, Williams reportedly informed Leigh of his interest in attending Vermont because of the "excellent social activities they offer," but Leigh quickly informed Williams that UVM was not an option.

"It was apparent to me that Ricky was disappointed that UVM did not have a football program," Leigh said. "However, it is not an issue as of now."

As an athlete, the former first-round pick in the NFL draft will also be a member of the UMass student body, where he will study Philosophy.

"I cannot wait to get back onto that shiny green field," Williams said. "If there is anything I miss, it's the grass on the field. When I left football, I learned how much that grass means to my life."

Throughout the press conference, Williams shared his own ideas for the upcoming season. His insight included such suggestions as changing the UMass fight song to "One Love," by Bob Marley and watching "Bill and Ted's Bogus Adventure" every once and awhile in the film room. The press conference concluded with five minutes of what Williams called "meditation time," followed by "happy time," then "Ricky time" and finally "Pink Floyd time."

The one point that Williams stressed repeatedly during the press conference was that despite a "quick trip to Europe or Asia every once and a while," he will "not retire from football at any point during the season."

On Sept. 1, Williams will take the field (or grass) against Atlantic 10 foe Richmond in hopes of reviving his once illustrious career.

Minutemen score a sweet J

By AUNT JEMIMA
YEP, THE SYRUP LADY

Look for the Massachusetts men's basketball team to be much improved next season. It was announced earlier this week that Julius "Dr. J" Erving has one more year of eligibility left and will return to the school for next season.

The news of Erving's return comes just one week after UMass announced that Travis Ford will be taking over the program. It has been said that the hiring of Ford is what compelled Erving to return to the Minutemen.

"I think Coach Ford and myself can really bring this program back to the NCAA Tournament," Erving said at the press conference announcing his return.

Erving hasn't played college basketball since 1971 but will instantly become the best forward on a team that went 16-12 during the 2004-05 season. Ford says that in order to make room for Erving in the starting lineup, the most likely scenario is that sophomore Rashaun Freeman will be moved to the bench.

"Julius gives us an instant improvement at the forward position," Ford said. "I can't wait to see his high flying antics back in action."

Even ESPN college basketball analyst Dick Vitale is excited about Erving's return to hoops.

"This is awesome baby," Vitale exclaimed. "The return of Dr. J to Amherst is the best news basketball has heard since the introduction of the shot clock baby! He's a diaper dandy, a high flyer, a show stopper..." Vitale then proceeded to rattle off a laundry list of compliments that can barely be distinguished as English.

Erving will fortify a UMass starting five that will include himself, freshman Jeff "Big Deli" Salowki, junior Jeff Viggiano, sophomore Art Bowers, and freshman Lawrence Carrier.

"I'm most excited about playing alongside 'Big Deli'," Erving said. "If both of us play to our potential UMass could be cutting down the nests next April."

Erving's prediction may not be that far off judging by the way he played for the Maroon and White nearly 35 years ago. He still holds, and will look to build upon, 14 UMass records. Erving's accolades include most career points (1,370) and career rebounds (1,049).

Some question if Erving can still play at his old age. These skeptics may be right with him being halfway to 100 and not having played basketball at this level since his retirement from the NBA in 1987. There's no wavering Erving's confidence however.

"Please, I'm insulted by that question," Erving defiantly exclaimed. "Look at me, I'm in the best shape of my life."

At this point some reporters in the room cringed as Erving proceeded to take his shirt off and do his best Arnold Swarchenegger pose. There was serious doubt about his shape but no one wanted the question the man who was going to bring the Minutemen back to national prominence.

"This guy is the future of basketball here in Amherst," Ford giddily exclaimed as he squeezed the bicep of Erving.

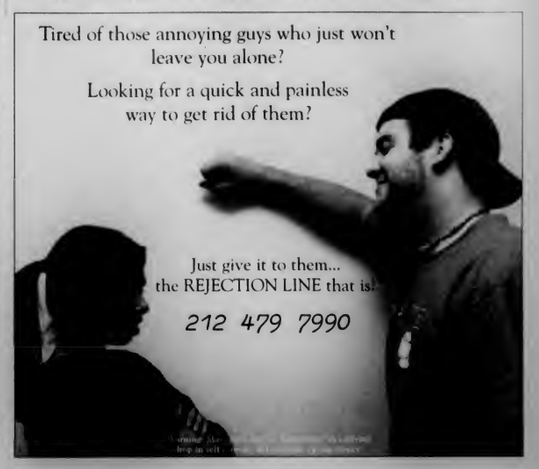
There is one hitch to Erving becoming the new (and old) face of the Maroon and White. Freeman is not happy about being benched in favor of what he called a "gray haired geriatric."

"Man I can't believe you are all so stupid to think this is actually going to work," Freeman said as he grabbed the microphone from Erving's wrinkled hands. "Look at the guy, he's older than father time, I'll beat him with one leg tied to my ass."

It is hard to tell whether or not Erving and Freeman will be able to co-exist on the same team. Coach Ford made it clear that Erving will be playing 35 to 38 minutes a night.

"Julius is the kind of player that could play the entire game, especially with the shape he's in," Ford said as he once again squeezed Erving's bicep. "Rashaun will be lucky if he even gets a warm-up next season."

Travis Ford may only have to worry about team chemistry next year as the talent part is taken care of now that the doctor is in, once again in Amherst.



Sports meeting, anyone?

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Steve ready to sLAPPASs

By "Mean" Gene Okerlund
Special to the Collegian

Steve Lappas' search for a new job is officially over.

Only a few weeks after getting canned by the University of Massachusetts, Lappas has come into an agreement with Vince McMahon, the owner of the world renowned WWE (World Wrestling Entertainment) to become the newest version of Doink the Clown.

Doink, who was a well-received wrestler during the mid to late 90s, has been a character that the WWE has wanted to bring back ever since T.C. Reynolds (his former actor) hung up the clown shoes. Lappas was adamant that it was too hard to pass up such an opportunity and is pleased that he can finally realize his lifelong dream.

"I always wanted to be a wrestler, no doubt, but at the same time I wanted to be a clown too." Lappas said in full makeup. "UMass didn't let me play with the coaching position like I wanted to. I asked 'Can I wear a wig?' they said 'No!' I asked 'What about the lipstick?' yea, well that's where the conversation used to end."

After confronting the press who were on hand to witness his first day on the job, Lappas got into his tights and started working on his moves. 'The Whoopie Cushion,' was a favorite maneuver by Doink in yesteryear and Lappas has been working his buns to the bone to perfect it.

The move requires Lappas to run, bounce off the ropes, and go airborne long enough to outstretch his legs and sit on his opponent's face. As reporters looked on, Lappas called for the move, honked his horn twice, and plopped every ounce of Lappas tushy on the hard rink floor. He then shot up, writhing in pain and yelled, "Holy jeepers that was a stinger!"

Although all appears to be well in the WWE and for Lappas, Reynolds is none too pleased with the Doink alias being brought back to life.

Sitting in his one bedroom apartment in Detroit, MI, Reynolds has resorted to alcohol and marijuana and is still holding on to his days in the ring. When asked about Lappas taking his job, Reynolds looked up from his 40 oz and let loose.

"What? They gave Doink to someone else?" Reynolds said as he stumbled off his couch into the kitchen. "Screw that man, I was the king back then. People remember me, people respect me. When I go to the bar they always say, 'Oh man it's Doink again,' that's called respect my friend. Now if you will good sir, pass me a napkin, I have to shit."

Amidst the hype surrounding newly-hired head coach Travis Ford, John McCutcheon was briefly available for comment.

McCutcheon sat at his desk expecting questions about Ford, when a picture of Lappas in the clown costume was dropped on his desk. McCutcheon looked, did a double take, and began crying, mumbling the words, "not again Johnny boy, not again."

Apparently Lappas is the fourth coach that McCutcheon has turned into a professional wrestler after a firing. The first two were Axe and

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Steve Lappas (a.k.a. Doink the Clown) flexes his man-tits after getting hired by the WWE. Lappas was the head coach of the UMass basketball team before they fired his ass.

UMass SPORTS IN BRIEF

"No Gabe Winer Jokes Since 2004"

UMass Director of Athletics John McCutcheon was recently honored as the latest recipient of the prestigious "Did You Really Say That Shit Out Loud At a Press Conference?" Award, given annually to the executive or administrator who most exemplifies the spirit of being completely classless in a public forum.

McCutcheon was honored for the well-thought-out comment he made at new Minutemen coach Travis Ford's introductory press conference, in which he stated that he began searching for a coach to replace Steve Lappas in the middle of the team's season.

"We want to commend John McCutcheon for his comment," former winners John Chaney and Bobby Knight said in joint statement. "He has clearly made all of the current coaches on the UMass campus very secure, and will undoubtedly be able to attract other promising coaches to Amherst in the future with the fact he displayed."

In related news, McCutcheon plans to speak at a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) seminar on how to form a successful coaching search committee.

Among the topics that McCutcheon will be asked to touch on are, "How to Make Sure All Your Boys Are on the Committee Without Anyone Objecting," and "Token Minority Members: Why Professors and Coaches Who Have No Free Time to Actually Help Are Right For Your Committee."

Citing budget cuts, university officials have announced that they will no longer fund the baseball team's annual trip to Florida. Coach Mike Stone's club will now be encouraged to get their asses handed to them every day on beautiful Earl Lorden Field instead.

After receiving a substantial monetary donation from the "Friends of UMass Football" organization, University Health Services has secured the necessary funds to expand its facilities, and will break ground on a new wing within the next month.

The new unit will specialize in puncture wounds and lacerations, and will feature an expansive waiting room capable of handling up to 100 people.

"The football program has grown tired of having its players shipped to other hospitals every time they take a switchblade to the face," project director Robert J. Montgomery said. "We will now be able to treat them here on campus, as well as accommodate up to 100 of the bitches and hoes they bring with them."

UMass freshman forward Lawrence Carrier was seen shattering a backboard at Boyden Gym with a dunk earlier this week, dispelling a rumor that he hasn't gotten to the rim since arriving in Amherst.

Perplexed by his team's struggles over the course of the recently completed 2004-05 season, UMass hockey coach Don "Toot" Cahoon distributed a survey to members of the local Western Massachusetts media asking what he could have done differently over the course of the year.

Having compiled the results over the past week, Cahoon was distressed to learn that every survey featured the answer, "not been such an asshole to us every time you read something you didn't approve of" written across each page.

Neither Cahoon nor Ali Darcy, the team's official spokeswoman, was available for comment on the surveys at press time.

Former UMass basketball player Brennan Martin became the first senior who failed to graduate under Steve Lappas in the coach's career when he failed off the team during the season, adding "study" to the list of things Martin failed miserably at doing – a list that also includes running, jumping, dribbling, passing, shooting, rebounding, defending, setting screens, boxing out, moving without the ball and NOT wasting a scholarship, among other things.

Football coach Don Brown has assured incumbent starting quarterback Tim Day that despite the arrival of transfer Taylor Humphrey and the presence of talented freshman Liam Coen, he will have a legitimate chance to earn the position again next year. Seriously.

Clearly frustrated after a third consecutive disappointing season and a second late-season collapse in three years, women's basketball coach Marnie Dacko recently took out her frustrations on an amateur reporter, refusing to answer his questions and asking for him to be removed from the beat immediately after he posed an uninformed question to her at a recent press conference.

Meanwhile back on planet Earth, no one gives a shit about women's basketball, amateur reporters make up two-thirds of the credentialed press at every one of her team's games and not only will she NEVER have any input on who any of them are, but she should consider herself lucky that they put in the time and effort that they do on her team's behalf. Period.

While speaking at his first press conference as the new coach of the Minutemen, Travis Ford declared that he was "excited to be part of a school with a rich basketball tradition like UMass."

Later that night, he then reportedly realized that the team has been awful for roughly 20 of the past 25 seasons.

Don't worry, it's just a little prick

By Gene Frenkle
I'm Not Really Dead

CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. — At a press conference on the 50-yard line of Alumni Stadium, Boston College alum and giant dickhead Doug Flutie announced that he has been officially diagnosed with a severe case of Little Man Syndrome, or LMS.

Though not considered to be fatal, symptoms of LMS include bloating of the head, false perceptions of reality and upset stomachs.

Flutie, who finds pleasure in stealing candy from babies, syringes from drug addicts and time on NFL fields, is listed at an extremely generous 5-foot-10, with his small stature as an early indication that he may have the disease.

He is also a complete prick.

"We have always thought that Mr. Flutie has been suffering from Little Man Syndrome," Dr. Edward Flood of Boston Children's Hospital said. "Ever since the day he was born, he has shown signs of being arrogant, he has been rude to women and children and he likes to charge money for autographs. That last case typically happened during his playing days in Canada. He's also a very, very short man."

Dr. Flood pointed out that the NFL quarterback has had LMS for at least 20 years, though the disease was not detectable until recently.

"It was a clear indication that he had the illness when even his cup of piss showed signs of stubbornness, as the plastic container began to melt during the testing procedure. And I don't even want to get into the amounts of STD's that were crawling around afterward. They were identical to the diseases you can see popping out of the skirts of the cheerleaders on the BC sidelines."

According to his family, Flutie's condition has considerably worsened since being released by the San Diego Chargers on March 11.

He has ridiculed less fortunate people to a greater degree, such as the homeless, Canadians, trash-pickers and Ben Affleck. He would even try kicking former athletic director Reid Oslin in the nuts until he realized that pussy didn't have any.

And due to the recent unprecedented levels of the combination of sucking and choking by Boston College athletic teams, Flutie is even lashing out at his alma mater.

"First of all, let's get one thing straight," Flutie began. "[BC quar-



Doug Flutie's doctors have advised him to snuggle with pigskin underneath large men to cure himself of his severe case of LMS, and he likes it.

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Freeman peaces out

By Nana Ampim & Drew Rossi
Collegian Reserves

Sources close to the Massachusetts men's basketball team revealed this morning that sophomore forward Rashaun "Ray-Ray" Freeman will forego his final two years of eligibility and enter the upcoming NBA Draft at the end of June.

Rumors began circulating about whether or not Freeman would leave UMass when, one day in a study hall session last week, he threw a little friggin' third-grader hissy fit about a recent grade he received on an exam in Jim Harrick, Jr.'s "Principles of Algebra and Basketball" class.

"Kevin Garnett ain't never done had to learn no (expletive) pytha-gonnorhea theorem," Ray-Ray was overheard shouting as he stormed through the hallways of Boyden Gymnasium. "I don't need no edumacation!"

After whining like a little baby, since-departed coach Steve Lappas helped Ray-Ray calm down by treating him to some juice boxes, the movie "Eddie" and a big shiny apple.

When asked where he got the apple from, Lappas replied, "Oh, ya know, my cousins, the Baboons down at the Southwick Zoo. Real nice people, ya know. I tell ya, real tough zoo to play basketball in, oh boy."

Ray-Ray celebrated his decision last night by stage-diving repeatedly at a local rock concert in downtown Northampton.

"He kept telling people, 'Look at me, I'm gonna be on SportsCenter biatch'," one local bystander said.

Ray-Ray is the first player since Lari Ketner to leave UMass early to enter the draft. Ketner left UMass after the 97-98 season and was drafted by the Golden State Warriors. Ketner lasted just three days on the team before they kicked his pretentious ass off the squad for being so bad, and the dude was last seen shooting free throws at the circus with Ron Artest.

With Ray-Ray at power forward the UMass Minutemen finished this season with a dismal 16-12 record, good enough for third in the A-10 East. The

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Rashaun Freeman dunks so hard that the ball actually gets stuck in this position. Details will come.

Williams blazes a new trail to Amherst

By Sammy SoSo
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Ricky Williams is not finished with football. In fact, according to his agent, Leigh Steinberg, Williams is just getting started.

In a press conference at the Cannabis Reform Coalition's (CRC) main offices, Williams announced his decision to sign with the Massachusetts football team and will take part in spring practices. Williams, a former Texas star, was awarded one year of eligibility despite prior constraints put forth by the NCAA. The press conference began with Williams strutting his new No. 420 UMass football jersey and ended with emotional words from the 27 year-old running back.

"When I retired from the Dolphins, I was at a really low point in my life," Williams said. "But now that I'm with the Minutemen, I know I can bring my life to that higher point. Much higher."

Williams then proceeded to laugh uncontrollably, which Leigh attributes to the joy associated with being in Amherst.

Since rushing for a total of 6,354 yards during his five-year NFL career, Williams has spent his time traveling to foreign countries and experimenting with different...cultures. His sudden retirement following the 2003 season was a result of several failed drug tests that Williams is adamant that will not be a problem.

"The issue of my past drug problems is not something I will be addressing today, or ever for that matter," Williams said. "Right now my main concern is weeding through the issues that I will be dealing with at UMass. Once I can weed through any problems I may encounter, the positives can stem from there."

One dilemma that Leigh is assisting Williams in is living conditions. Despite his situation, Williams wants to live on campus, rather than stay in an off-campus house well-within his budget.

"Ricky has told me he wants to live in the Central Residential Area, so that's most likely where he will live," Leigh said. "I understand that most athletes live in the Southwest Residential Area, but Ricky likes how Central is higher; he feels the walk up the hill everyday will get him in shape."

If all loose ends are resolved, Williams will join a

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Battle for women in workplace not over yet, panel says

By Megan Daley
Collegian Staff

The battles for women in public policy are not over yet, said the five-person, "Women in Public Policy" panel discussing the subject at a conference in Thompson Hall at the University of Massachusetts on Friday afternoon.

About 30 students and faculty gathered to see Representative Ellen Story (D-Amherst), Dean Lisa Wyatt Ganson, Nothampton Mayor Mary Clare Higgins and Kristin Keel talk about their experiences as females working in the arena of public policy.

Dean Janet Rifkin of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Professor of Legal Studies at UMass was the panel moderator. "I am here to encourage these women to tell us about women in public policy through the lens of personal experience."

Story, the first panel member to speak of her experience in politics, is the State Representative for the 3rd Hampshire District and the first woman elected from her district.

Story said that she never expected to run for office.

"I realized I wasn't pleased with any of the people running, so I ran myself," she said. "I think ... that women hesitate to run for office because they think they have to know something before they run. Men are not hampered by that concept."

Story said she began to realize that men in the legislature meant well, but couldn't make laws for women because they didn't understand all the issues that a woman might worry about. For example, she says that when she tried to get a bill passed to clear up the fact that breast feeding in public is allowed in Massachusetts, the men she was working with "could not deal with it." The bill never passed.

Keel, the second panel speaker, is the Vice President for Financial Planning and Analysis

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Rep. Ellen Story (D-Amherst) participates in a panel discussion about women in the workplace at UMass on Friday.

Pope John Paul II: 1920-2005

By Nicole Winfield
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Finally at rest after years of crippling disease, Pope John Paul II's body lay in state Sunday, his hands clutching a rosary, his pastoral staff under his arm. Millions prayed and wept at services across the globe, as the Vatican prepared for the ritual-filled funeral and conclave that will choose a successor.

Television images gave the public its first view of the pope since his death: lying in the Vatican's frescoed Apostolic Palace, dressed in crimson vestments and a white bishop's miter, his head resting on a stack of gold pillows. A Swiss Guard stood on either side as diplomats, politicians and clergy paid their respects at his feet.

An estimated 100,000 people turned out at St. Peter's Square for a morning Mass and thousands more — tourists, Romans, young and old — kept coming throughout the day, filling the broad boulevard leading to St. Peter's Basilica. They clutched rosaries and newspaper photos of the late pontiff as they stood shoulder-to-shoulder to pray for the soul of "our beloved John Paul."

"Even if we fear we've lost a point of reference, I feel like everybody in this square is united with him in a hug," said Luca Ghizzardi, a 38-year-old nurse with a sleeping bag and a hand-made peace flag at his feet.

Early Sunday, a text message had circulated on cell phones in Rome, asking people to light candles in their windows. "May they light up the road to God for him, the way he did for us," the message said.

Around the world, bells tolled and worshippers prayed in remembrance of the man who reigned for longer than all but two of his predecessors and was credited with helping bring down communism in Europe and spreading a message of peace during his frequent travels around the world.

John Paul, who was 58 when the cardinals elected him the first non-Italian pope in 455 years, also left a legacy of conservatism. He opposed divorce, birth control and abortion, the ordination of women and the lifting of the celibacy requirement for priests.

The mourning stretched from the pope's native Poland, where 100,000 people filled a Warsaw square at the spot where he celebrated a landmark Mass 26 years ago, to the earthquake-devastated Indonesian island of Nias, where a priest led special prayers. In Paris, the great bell of Notre Dame sounded 84 times — once for each year of the pontiff's life — as a crowd of 25,000 massed outside.

In New York, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani joined parishioners who packed St. Patrick's Cathedral for a standing-room-only Mass.

"He showed us how to live and he showed us how to die," said one parishioner, Joan McDermott. "He reached out to people of all faiths, not just Catholics and Christians."

In the Holy Land, Israelis remembered John Paul as a builder of bridges between the faiths, noting how he had embraced Holocaust survivors with kindness and maintained friendships with Jewish friends from childhood.

In Rome, officials were scrambling for a huge influx of pilgrims — up to 2 million of them — seeking to pay final respects to the late pontiff. Starting Monday, the pope's body was to lie in state at St. Peter's Basilica.

The College of Cardinals — the red-capped "princes of the church" who now officially govern the 1 billion-strong Roman Catholic Church — was to hold its first meeting Monday, a pre-conclave gathering expected to plan and set a date for the funeral later this week at St. Peter's Square.

President Bush was expected to attend the funeral, which will draw other world leaders as well as Vatican hierarchy and ordinary faithful. The conclave must begin 15 to 20 days after the pope's death.

Karol Joseph Wojtyla died at 9:37 p.m. Saturday in his apart-

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The body of Pope John Paul II lies in state in the Clementine Hall at the Vatican on Sunday. He died at the age of 84 after battleing a number of illnesses, including Parkinson's Disease.

Bay State mourns Pope John Paul II

By Adam Gorlick
Associated Press

STOCKBRIDGE — They came by the thousands — bused after busload of Roman Catholic pilgrims, mourning the pope's death while celebrating Mercy Sunday at a Berkshire hillside shrine.

It was a day of special significance to those who huddled under umbrellas against a cold rain and slogged through puddles of mud to hear Springfield Bishop Timothy McDonnell celebrate the annual outdoor Mass.

The feast day was instituted by Pope John Paul II five years ago, on the same day he canonized Saint Faustina, a fellow Pole who preached God's ability to forgive even the most egregious sinner.

"The pope died on the eve of this very special day," said Lilian Oguh, who traveled to Stockbridge on Sunday with members of her prayer group from Springfield, N.J. "And that reinforces the message of divine mercy. He showed us how to love and forgive here on Earth. Now he's gone to a better place."

For many of the estimated 15,000 pilgrims who flocked to Stockbridge, this year's Mercy Sunday was both a time to lament the loss of a spiritual leader and an opportunity to reflect on his impact on their lives and look to the future.

"I hope God sends us another pope who was just like him," said Juanita Lopez, 69, from Brooklyn, N.Y. "I hope we have another pope who can bring the world together."

Attendance has been higher in the years since the Congregation of Marians opened the shrine in 1960 and dedicated it to Sister Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who had visions of Jesus.

But the shrine's connection to the pope were recalled by many on Sunday. Sister Faustina died in Poland in 1938, and John Paul II made her canonization one of his top priorities after becoming pope in 1978. He made her a saint on April 30, 2000 the first Sunday after Easter.

"It's a blessing to have John Paul II taken to heaven on the even of Mercy Sunday," said Dorothy Bolduc, of Rensselaer, N.Y. "I couldn't imagine a more beautiful time for him to go."

At the feet of a statue of the pope who died Saturday, Bolduc placed yellow and white roses to honor the colors of the papal flag.

"Our hearts are broken because we won't see any more of the blessings he gave when he waved his hands," said Bolduc, who was wearing a hat emblazoned with a picture of the smiling, waving pontiff. "But there's so much joy in what he left us, which is how we can all live together. He was a pope for all people."

Indeed, the grounds of the shrine were something of a testament to John Paul II's ability to extend the reach of the Catholic Church around the globe. Chinese, Haitian, Filipino and Hispanic groups chartered buses to the event.

"Divine mercy means absolute love," said Guadalupe Pierson, a 60-year-old Nicaraguan who now lives in Bethesda, Md. "That's what this pope stood for. He wanted to unite the world."

During his homily, Bishop McDonnell recalled the pope as a man who was able to overcome the oppression and tyranny of the Nazis in his native Poland and dedicated his life to delivering a message of worldwide peace.

Congressman Olver, Barnes and Noble donate library books to local school

HADLEY — Congressman John Olver (D-MA) said Friday that funding of public libraries with property taxes means educational malnutrition for poor school districts.

"It's just like splitting the pie. The wealthier the community is, the bigger the library they get. The poor communities just don't have the money," Olver said. "They try to set up a distributional mechanism, but they never completely work."

As part of the "One Million Books for the One Million Children" book drive, the Congressman joined the staff of the Barnes and Noble bookstore in Hadley to celebrate the donation of 1,500 books collected since last Thanksgiving in cooperation with the Reader to Reader Charity. This organization is dedicated to bringing books free of charge to needy libraries around the United States. They supply books for all reading levels from elementary and secondary to colleges and universities.

Olver was joined by students and staff from the Memorial Elementary School in West Springfield. The students spent a $300 grant from Barnes and Noble Courtesy of Reader to Reader.

A nine-year-old third grader named Ivan whose birthday was Thursday said it was his first time in the Barnes and Noble. He said the book-buying trip was a birthday gift.

"I like going to bookstores," he said. "Books that you read a half hour, and you didn't finish them, you can take them home."

— *Meng-Yi Liu*



Congressman John Olver, back, left, and members of the Memorial School in West Springfield at Barnes and Noble in Hadley Friday. The school received 1,500 donated books through the program and the book store.

UMass-Boston names chancellor finalists

BOSTON — A search committee named three finalists Friday for the chancellorship of the University of Massachusetts-Boston.

Among them was J. Keith Motley, who has been serving as interim chancellor since Jo Ann Gora, who left in August to become president of Ball State University.

The other finalists are Dr. Michael F. Collins, a clinical professor of internal medicine at Tufts University School of Medicine; and Marvin Krislov, a vice president and general counsel at the University of Michigan.

UMass President Jack Wilson is expected to make a recommendation on the final selection to the university's board of trustees before its next meeting in May.

Motley was UMass-Boston's vice chancellor of student affairs for almost one year before taking the interim position, and before that held several posts at Northeastern University.

Collins was president and chief executive of Caritas Christi Health Care System from 1994 to 2004.

Krislov, who is also an adjunct professor at Michigan's law school and political science department, played a lead role in the university's affirmative action lawsuits.

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The Art of Body Politics

Barbara Baker performs "The Ocean," a dance as part of the Body Politics production, which is about women of color and their body images. The event took place last night at the Cape Cod Lounge.

US attorney eyed by GOP for Attorney General job

By Denise Lavoie
Associated Press



U.S. attorney Michael J. Sullivan

BOSTON — Michael J. Sullivan loved being a district attorney in Brockton. He could look out his office window and see the fruits of prosecuting drug dealers: people walking without fear on the streets of the old mill town, children frolicking on playgrounds.

When Sullivan was nominated as U.S. attorney for Massachusetts, he worried he wouldn't find the job as satisfying. He needn't have worried.

Sullivan took office a week after two planes hijacked from Boston were used in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Since then, he's had a nonstop run of cases that raised the ire of some defense attorneys but made him the talk of political circles.

His tough-on-crime reputation, combined with his clean-cut image and political connections, have some Republicans talking him up as a 2006 candidate for state attorney general. The incumbent, Democrat Tom Reilly, is eyeing a run for governor.

Though Sullivan says he's been too busy in his current job to think about running for another office, those who know him say he's an obvious choice.

"If he hasn't thought about it, he should," said Jim Nuzzo, a GOP political analyst.

"He has done a really good job as U.S. attorney, and it's one of those of those jumping off points

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Lt. Governor Healy defends remarks about the elderly

By Steve LeBlanc
Associated Press

BOSTON — It wasn't Kerry Healey's best day.

The typically articulate Republican lieutenant governor was talking up Gov. Mitt Romney's "smart growth" initiative — designed to combat suburban sprawl, in part by encouraging new housing in town centers.

Somewhere between her brain and mouth, the message got garbled. Instead of touting smart growth, Healey suggested to a reporter for the State House News Service that "overhoused and isolated" seniors would be better off moving into "more appropriate housing" in city and town centers.

The gaffe caused a minuproar, with seniors decrying the statement and Healey protesting that her comments were taken out of context.

It also prompted comparisons between Healey and her predecessor, fellow Republican Jane Swift, who saw her credibility eroded by a series of PR gaffes during her tenure as lieutenant and acting governor.

As Romney flirts with a possible run for president in 2008, Healey's public profile is on the rise midway through her four-year term, and not all the attention has been good.

The governor's office scrambled to control the damage from Healey's comments, hustling her before the television cameras and, a week later, unveiling a senior tax relief package that would help seniors stay in their homes.

In February, she acknowledged it was wrong to allow a state trooper to whisk her through traffic with blue lights flashing when there was no emergency.

That episode conjured images of Swift's now-infamous 1999 helicopter ride, in which she used a state police chopper to fly home to western Massachusetts when she was lieutenant governor.

But Healey's defenders say comparisons to Swift are strained at best and sexist at worst.

"The press has continued to



Lt. Governor Kerry Healy

try to draw those parallels, but I would think that were we discussing men who had occupied similar positions over time probably that discussion would not be happening," Healey said in an interview with The Associated Press.

But she acknowledged that the lieutenant governor's role as a supporting actor can be as much a curse as a blessing. Most of the positive things she does are invisible to the public, while every perceived blunder grabs headlines.

Schiavo case to be used in legal battles

By Robert Tanner
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The arguments surrounding Terri Schiavo will live on in statehouse debate and new laws if an emerging coalition of disability rights activists and right-to-lifers succeed in turning the national agony over her case into a re-examination of when and how our lives come to an end.

So far, only a few legislators in a handful of states have sought significant changes to their laws, which delve the fundamental elements at stake — how a person can set limits on their medical care, who gets to decide what their wishes are, what evidence is needed to prove it.

None have yet become law and the chances for most, if not all, are slim this year, with some legislatures finished and many far along in their work for this session. But both Republicans and Democrats say the arguments aren't going away.

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Millions mourn loss of Pope

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ment of septic shock and cardiocirculatory collapse, the Vatican said.

The mourning began with an overnight vigil in St. Peter's Square. In keeping with Vatican tradition, Cardinal Camillo Ruini, the late pope's vicar for Rome, issued a formal announcement of John Paul's death to the people of Rome early Sunday.

Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the Vatican's No. 2 official, gave the homily at Sunday's Mass at St. Peter's. "For a quarter century, he brought the Gospel of Christian hope to all the piazzas of the world, teaching all of us that our death is nothing but the passage toward the homeland in the sky," he said.

The written text of Sodano's homily called the late pope "John Paul the Great," a title usually designated for popes worthy of sainthood, such as Gregory the Great and Leo the Great. Sodano did not use the title when he delivered the homily, and there was no explanation. Vatican texts, however, are considered official texts even if they are not pronounced.

After the Mass ended, Archbishop Leonardo Sandri, who became the pope's public "voice" in the final weeks of his life, read the traditional Sunday noontime prayer, which John Paul delivered throughout his pontificate.

The crowd applauded, and some fought back tears, when Sandri announced that the late pope prepared the prayer himself before he died — perhaps one of John Paul's last written documents.

"It's a historic event," said Ercole Ferri, a 72-year-old Roman who proudly showed off a list of the six popes he has lived through. "It's not something sad for me. I think of all that he has done."

"I think more about how hard it will be for a new one to follow in his footsteps," he added.

"John Paul held his hand to us young people," said 21-year-old Alessio Bussolotti, who drove to Rome with his fellow Boy Scouts from the Italian city of Ancona. "Now we have to give him ours."

Once the Mass ended, cardinals, prelates, Italian government officials and diplomats gathered in the Sala Clementina of the Apostolic Palace, where John Paul's body lay in state.

His crossed hands clutched a rosary, and his pastoral staff was tucked under his left arm.

"Our Holy Father looks very much at peace. It was very satisfying for all of us to see him so serene," Cardinal Roger Mahony of Los Angeles said after paying his respects. "His life is finished and he gave up his spirit."

At their meetings beginning Monday, the cardinals will read John Paul's final instructions, including his choice of burial place. Most popes in recent centuries have asked to be buried in the crypts below St. Peter's Basilica, but some have suggested the first Polish-born pope might have chosen to be laid to rest in his native country.

In addition, the cardinals will arrange for the destruction of John Paul's Fisherman's Ring and the dies used to make lead seals for apostolic letters — formal gestures meant to symbolize the end of his reign and to prevent forgeries.

On the sidelines, cardinals will certainly be sizing each other up as possible "papabili," or having the qualities to be the next pope.

Cardinal Bernard Panafieu, one of five French prelates who can vote, said Sunday he was hoping for someone "who dynamizes the people — God's people — as John Paul II did. At the same time, a man who has an international sense, of the opening of Catholicism to the world. An open man and at the same time, a man faithful to the great traditions of the Church."

John Paul survived a 1981 assassination attempt, but in his later years was the picture of frailty, weighed down by Parkinson's disease and crippling knee and hip ailments. Although he continued his travels, he was too weak to continue his famous gesture of kissing the ground when he arrived at his destinations.

Hospitalized twice in the past two months after breathing crises, and fitted with a breathing tube and a feeding tube, John Paul became a picture of suffering as his death approached.

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GOP members want Sullivan to run for Attorney General

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for people, particularly for us on the Republican side who don't have an awful lot of offices at our disposal in Massachusetts," Nuzzo said.

Sullivan was first elected to public office in 1990, winning his first of three terms as a state representative from Abington. In 1995, Gov. William Weld appointed him Plymouth County district attorney after William O'Malley died in office.

Six years later, former Gov. Paul Cellucci and White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card — a longtime friend — urged President Bush to appoint Sullivan as U.S. attorney.

Cellucci said he was impressed by Sullivan's work as district attorney.

"He did a lot of work on child abuse and domestic violence," said Cellucci, who went on to become Bush's first-term ambassador to Canada. "Mike Sullivan's leadership in Plymouth County made sure that these cases were handled as priorities and as serious violations of the law."

But some of Sullivan's decisions have prompted sharp criticism from defense lawyers who complain that he refuses to plea bargain and always seeks the maximum sentence — no matter how small the crime.

U.S. District Judge Mark Wolf took the unusual step of criticizing Sullivan publicly for bringing a high volume of gun and drug cases that could be handled by state prosecutors.

Sullivan has also been criticized for seeking the federal death penalty in Massachusetts, where there is no state death penalty statute.

But it's this hard-line, tough-on-crime image that makes Sullivan attractive to Republican leaders, qualities they believe will resonate with voters.

"He's had an opportunity to run a major law enforcement agency here in Massachusetts and his mettle has been tested," Nuzzo said. "Frankly, I think Mike has acquitted himself very well on the job."

Sullivan's critics say he's rigid and uncompromising, and hasn't shown an ability to temper punishment with compassion.

"They appear to be pushing cases to trial that they shouldn't be," said Boston attorney Norman Zalkind, who represented Brima Wurie, a Boston gang member charged in the killing of a rival. Sullivan had initially considered a death penalty prosecution for Wurie, but later opted against it.

Panel speaks workplace gender issues

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at Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. Keel worked more in the public policy area when she worked as the Undersecretary for the Executive Office of Administration and Finance for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Keel related stories about having to deal with men in the workplace. "I feel I have to be very assertive when I first meet men, that any trace of feminine friendliness could set me back."

Keel told of times when she had to deal with a local sheriff who tried to kiss women instead of going for a handshake, and of a time when she found that wearing a shorter skirt helped smooth negotiations with an all-male group.

"I'm almost embarrassed about that now. It's not that I even made a conscious decision to do that, I just realized one day that negotiations were more productive on days when I wore a short skirt."

Higgins, another panel member, has been the Mayor of Northampton for five years, a former city councilor and has experience as a teen-parent childcare worker.

Higgins had been working to help teen parents for years, which she says was her doorway into politics. When she got involved in working for teen housing in Northampton, she was inspired to run for city council because she was unhappy with the current councilors



Rep. Ellen Story (D-Amherst), Kristin Keel, Janet Rifkin and Northampton Mayor Mary Clare Higgins speak about gender issues in the workplace in Thompson Hall at UMass on Friday.

"I didn't run because it was what I had dreamed of, I ran because I was pissed off," Higgins said.

Higgins said that some gender issues were moot for her.

"I'm a lesbian and I'm out about it, so there's really no hope for these guys," Higgins also said that she used humor to diffuse tense situations when dealing with men and that she makes a point to make rounds of the city to show that she is accessible.

Ganson, the final speaker, is the Dean of Science of Engineering and Mathematics at Holyoke Community College. She was also a Director of Vocational/Educational Services for the New York City Department of Corrections and Samaritan Village.

As a young, black woman working in a world mostly run by old, white males, Ganson said that "this was my challenge." Ganson has worked hard toward making education accessible to those in correctional facilities.

"I would see these people and see the skills they had and wonder why they were left behind," she said.

Perhaps the biggest issue that Ganson felt she faced about gender alone was that she expected more from women than she did from men. "Maybe that happens because I'm still looking for role models in these women," she said.

The other panelists all called for the women in the audience to get involved in the realm of public policy saying that women are still the minority and women's issues will continue to be decided by men until women put themselves up as "public servants in positions of power."

Iraqi lawmakers reach out to bring in new leadership

By Tracy Carl
Associated Press



Hajim al-Hassani, a Sunni Muslim, votes Sunday. He was elected speaker of the new Iraqi Parliament.

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Lawmakers broke days of rancorous stalemate Sunday and reached out to Iraq's Sunni Muslim minority for their parliament speaker, cutting through ethnic and sectarian barriers that have held up selection of a new government for more than two months since the country's first free elections in 50 years.

Deputies still face, however, difficult choices for Cabinet posts and failed again to name a new president — broadly expected to be Kurdish leader Jalal Talabani. That choice and those of two vice presidents were put off until a Wednesday session that could mark a major milestone as Iraq tries to build a democratic government and civil society.

Once the president and his deputies are selected, they have 14 days to choose a prime minister, the most powerful position in Iraq's envisioned government hierarchy. That job was widely believed reserved for Ibrahim al-Jaafari, of the Shiite Muslim majority.

Pressure is building on parliamentarians, with some growing frustrated with the slow pace of forming a government, because they have an Aug. 15 deadline to write a permanent constitution — a task that cannot be undertaken until a government is in place.

Sunday's selection as speaker — Industry Minister Hajim al-Hassani, one of only 17 Sunni Arabs in parliament — could signal progress in the political tussle over selecting politicians for key Cabinet posts, a process that has been snarled by disagreement over how to reach out to the Sunnis.

They are believed to make up the backbone of the Iraqi insurgency, were dominant under ousted dictator Saddam Hussein and largely boycotted the Jan. 30 elections or stayed home for fear of being attacked at the polls.

The choice of al-Hassani, however, was not well received in all quarters.

Osama Abdullatah, a 30-year-old architect and a Sunni, said the new speaker's support last year of the U.S. assault on the militant stronghold of Fallujah showed he "does not have beliefs, and will never do anything against his benefit."

Al-Hassani refused to quit as industry ministry even though his Iraqi Islamic Party pulled out of the interim government over the issue.

"How could we just trust such a traitor?" Abdullatah asked.

Former nuclear scientist Hussain al-Shahristani, a Shiite, and Kurdish official Aref Taifour were chosen deputy speakers.

The speaker's job, not the most sought-after positions in the still-forming Iraqi hierarchy, produced more than a week of sometimes angry haggling. A Tuesday session ended in shouting and finger-pointing with reporters hustled out of the chamber to keep them from witnessing more of the angry exchanges as deputies tried to agree on candidates.

"It's time for the patient Iraqi people to be treated with the dignity that God has given them," al-Hassani said Sunday, accepting his new post.

"If we neglect our duties and fail, then we will hurt ourselves and the people will replace us with others," al-Hassani said, urging cooperation among lawmakers.

Voting was by paper ballot, with each legislator allowed to select as many as three names to fill the posts of speaker and two deputies. The top three were Al-Hassani with 215 votes, al-Shahristani won 157 and Taifour captured 96.

Lawmakers appeared largely happy with the choice of the three men, but some expressed disappointment that a president was not chosen as planned.

Schiavo case sets legal debate

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The debate is an effort to strike a new balance between one stance that argues that medical care and morality mean life must be pursued in nearly all cases, and another stance crafted over decades of changing views about death that some may choose to end drastically damaged lives that depend on artificial means.

"I really wanted to make sure we give a default for life and not for death," said Kansas state Rep. Mary Pilcher Cook, a Republican who helped revive a measure that would give courts a greater chance to review decisions to end life-sustaining care, lessening the role of guardians or doctors. "Our most vulnerable citizens are in fact in the most danger of losing their life without any recourse."

She was joined in her effort by disability activists, many aligned with liberal causes, and Democrats in the state House. The measure stalled in the Kansas Senate, however, as the session ended for the year last Friday.

"We don't want to get into the politics of the right or the left or whomever," said Michael Donnelly at the Disability Rights Center of Kansas. "This isn't about politics, this is about how we value or don't value the lives people with disabilities have."

His group had been working for years to revisit the issue, and came together with several conservative legislators to move the bill forward. Elsewhere, the National Right to Life Committee has produced model legislation and is working with legislators in several states.

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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Fantasy baseball and reality

Chris Eckel

So there I was, hunched over my computer making my picks. The annual fantasy baseball draft wars had begun, and I had fired the first warning shot by drafting aggressively. This game seems to be the next best thing to actually being Theo Epstein, so it will have to do for now. I'm pleased with my team, but any and all trades will be considered.

As I was drafting, I caught another CNN report about all the people keeping vigil outside of the building where Terri Schiavo was slowly dying. I thought to myself, either Terri has the largest extended family I'd ever seen, or many of these people weren't actually related or even acquaintances of the poor woman. Once the obligatory interviews montage occurred, it became obvious that none of them was, in fact, even remotely personally familiar with Terri. They were all either curious bystanders, protestors or desperate to appear on television.

I remember the same phenomenon at the Scott Peterson trial. There were thousands of people milling about the outside of the courthouse, seemingly at all hours of the day, just waiting for something to happen. Whenever the prosecution made big progress, a frat party atmosphere broke out. Whenever it seemed like Peterson might be leaving court a free man, the scene turned to a somber vigil. Whenever people were interviewed, it often seemed as though they condemned Scott Peterson and grieved as if they themselves had lost a family member. This seems wholly inappropriate to me.

This vicarious lifestyle demonstrated by all the spectators is enormously disturbing. Big court cases often seem to attract hordes of people who have become "emotionally invested" with some figure in the case. Don't these people have jobs, friends and family of their own? Why must they pour so much of themselves into someone they have never met? When they go home at the end of a long day of praying or protesting for someone they are "passionate" about, do they have anything left to give to those people who actually know and care for them?

This seems like a waste of a day, to get involved in something that doesn't really involve you. Instead, why aren't these people picnicking in the park or taking in a baseball game? I do understand that some may justify their involvement by arguing that they wish to take a stand on a particular issue. In that case, why aren't these crusaders taking part in vigils for thousands of other people who are on life support, and why aren't they standing outside the thousands of courts where lesser-known people are being tried for crimes as serious as those for which Scott Peterson was convicted?

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The answer seems simple. Americans would rather take part in something that the media chooses to glorify than to just be happy living their own lives. Being on the six o'clock news seems to validate for many that they were part of something exciting. This perverted vicarious living is hardly limited to those who stand outside of courthouses and hospitals hoping to blab on about their point of view.

Reality T.V., where people watch other people doing what they wish they could do, is all the rage. Fantasy baseball, which I, in the fine tradition of journalistic disclosure, have mentioned I participate in, is one of the fastest growing leisure industries in the country. (I excuse myself by reasoning that it takes one-half hour per week, not weeks at a time.) Don't even get me started on the parents who seem to take more pride in their child's athletic, academic or other accomplishments than does the child him/herself. If I hear one more story about parents cheating for their kids, or yelling at a ref, I think I'll gag.

Why do we all insist on continually trying out other people's lives by inserting ourselves without much in the way of permission? We need to stop focusing on and ingratiating ourselves into other people's lives. Your life may not be broadcast on CNN every day, but that doesn't mean it's not without value and not exciting. In fact, I'm fairly sure that your friends are doing something exciting right about ... now.

So put down this newspaper (as soon as you read my snappy conclusion, that is), and go out and live your own life, avoiding what are properly the concerns of others. Play some Frisbee or tan on Southwest Beach and count the blessings of each and every peaceful day you aren't on network news. I'm willing to bet Terri would much rather be anonymous right now, don't you?

Enjoy the spring weather, UMass; I'll see you out there as soon as I finish negotiating this blockbuster trade.

Chris Eckel is a Collegian columnist.



Time to mature as students

Bret Devereaux

If you spend any time reading the Collegian's op/ed section, by now you have seen similar campus issues repeated many times. Most of these issues on campus boil down to a few essential issues. Students want their concerns to be treated as significant and real by the administration.

Students want their elected body, the SGA, to be significant and real in and of itself. Students object to the rising cost of attending the University and to what they see as an administration (whose salaries they pay, let's not forget that the school is funded by tax dollars and our money ... and tax dollars really are just our money, as well) that is ignoring them.

In short, the student body wants just one thing: To be treated like adults.

It makes sense. The students at this university, from the lowly undeclared freshmen to the specialized graduate student, are legal adults. We can vote and we can be drafted. We have to pay taxes. We are, for all legal purposes, with the exception of the consumption of alcohol, adults. It seems only fair that we should expect to be treated as such.

However, I would propose that if the student body wishes to be treated like adults as opposed to foolish children, then perhaps it should begin to act the part. Acting the part is a key step in defining your role. For example, if you act confident, other people will respond to your confidence, and you will eventually become confident as a result of what was originally just an act. How much more potent would the effort to act like adults be, seeing as how we are actually adults?

But, the student body as a whole doesn't act as such. Look down for a moment as you walk to class, and note the cigarette detritus and other garbage. Walk outside of the dorms (or at the very least, Baker) and note the broken bits of glass bottles that litter the area below the windows. Stand outside on a Friday, and listen to people just making meaningless noise. Now, I have nothing against having a good time, especially on a Friday, but there's a difference between having a good time and howling like a banshee at 3 a.m.

... if the student body wishes to be treated like adults as opposed to foolish children, then perhaps it should begin to act the part.

Common courtesy is part of being an adult. Making some attempt not to disturb your neighbors, trying to keep the campus at least in some semblance of cleanliness, not dumping your garbage on others: that's part of being an adult.

For those of my readers who are thinking, "Wait, most UMass students do act their age!" I defy you to prove it in the face of a Red Sox World Series win, a Patriots super-bowl run or the fact that we refer to our own University as 'Zoomass.'

Students wonder why the costs of going to school are going up. Perhaps part of the reason might be that the Red Sox beating the Yankees cost the University several hundred thousand dollars. Perhaps the fact that the University is forced to clean up after students is a part of the problem.

If we want our demands to be treated like the demands of mature adults, we should start acting like mature adults, not churlish savages or epicurean children. The student body wants to be taken seriously instead of herded like cattle.

The first part of being taken serious is taking yourself and what you are doing here seriously. This may come as a shock to you, but taking college seriously may mean not indulging in the puerile antics that so often plague this campus.

Perhaps, if we want to be treated like adults, we should act like adults.

Bret Devereaux is a UMass student.

Abstinence preached to a fault



Allison Edles

The Bush administration has, once again, sparked another heated debate that is proving to segregate the country more so than bringing it together. A new Web site launched by the government, 4parents.gov, is currently under fire by advocacy groups who feel that the Web site offers "biased and inaccurate advice to parents on how to talk to their children about sex," according to a CNN.com article. The debate is circled around the fact that abstinence is more heavily enforced on the Web site than safe sex and effective uses of contraception. While the intentions behind the Web site are certainly noble, the advice offered is completely ineffective and useless.

For example, on a section on the site that is labeled "Talk about Condoms" under "Talk Topics," the benefits of proper condom use aren't mentioned until the last paragraph on the page. The majority of the page is spent talking about the down sides of condom use. No where does it mention how to properly use a condom or speak of the benefits that come with its use. Clearly, the biased opinion of the administration is shining through, while offering incorrect information.

Whether it is widely accepted or not, young people are going to have sex. There is very little anyone, government or parents, can do to prevent it. The best bet that any of these people have is to hope and encourage them to do so safely.

Now, I'm not going to come right out and say that the Bush administration is lying to the parents of Americans that this Web site was projected to, but there is something to be said about lying by omission. If people truly want their children to not have sex, falsifying and demeaning methods of contraception is not the appropriate way to handle the situation.

In a society that has liberal tendencies, there are many conservative ideals that people still try to adhere to. For example, while premarital sex is very common among the American population, the ideal that a couple would wait until they are married to have sex is still glorified. While it is not a pragmatic reality, the thought is there and at one point or another, has entered everyone's mind at least once throughout their lives.

There are still many traditions that cannot be broken, simply because of the rarity of those occurrences, not the importance.

Teens as much as people would like to ignore, are not mindless hormone-filled genitalia running around looking to hump anything that's deep enough and long enough. They have sense and know, if not are learning, how to use it.

Marriage is sacred, but has sort of strayed from many of the sacred ideals because of the frequency at which it occurs. On the other hand, with the death of Pope John Paul II, all the traditions and rituals surrounding the demise and reinstating of a new Pope are going to be followed strictly, regardless how realistic and practical they may be viewed through modern eyes.

The site, in effect, does not advise parents on how to handle their teenager and aid them in making the proper decisions regarding sex. However, it does instill a guilt complex among the teens. And while the facts supporting the guilt are all based in science, the reasoning behind the guilt continues to be based in religion.

Regardless of what religious faith a person is following, guilt is there and is the reason behind many of the ideals still being enforced today. For Jews, guilt has become a method of enabling parents to get what they want out of their children. For Christians, it has become something to make sure sin is avoided and the good life lived. Either way, guilt has no place in modern-day politics. The American teenage population is not a combined "bad seed," nor is it the proverbial slut of the greater international area.

Sensible and honest talk with a teenager, along with some graphic pictures of genital herpes, is a perfect way to give them just enough information to be dangerous. Or, better ways to inform teenagers are through examples; told to them, of course, not of them. Teens, as much as people would like to ignore, are not mindless hormone-filled genitalia running around looking to hump anything that's deep enough and long enough. They have sense and know, or if not, are learning, how to use it.

The Web site should not be taken down as many protesters have recommended, but instead should be modified. If teenage sex is really such a discouraging and terrifying danger to this country, then maybe methods of contraception such as birth control pills and condoms should be placed on the government's list of biological warfare and weapons of mass destruction.

It is important to inform teenagers of mistakes they can make. However, parents need to be given a little more credit in how they raise their teenagers.

The Bush administration, as well as any idiot with money and a domain name, can preach as much as they want about abstinence and advise against it whole-heartedly if they so choose. But to ignore and distort the facts surrounding safe sex speaks very poorly of the intelligence and intentions of our nation's government.

Allison Edles is a Collegian editor.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ELIMINATION OF LEFTIST TERRORISTS

I would like to thank Ben Duffy for his insightful analysis and courageous political activism at UMass Amherst, especially in the face of such an oppressive and close-minded environment that has been dominated by the populous and aggressive ultra-left presence on campus.

Duffy's efforts to out the left and its connections to international terrorism — especially of the Arab extremist variety — were particularly enlightening. I have always believed that those who criticize America are consequently anti-American, but I never realized until now that those who do not support America's current war were actually going so far as to support terrorism itself.

As an American nationalist, I immediately ran to the history books and submerged myself in alternative media such as FOX News and CNN so that I might cut through the propaganda and discover other America-haters and terrorist-sympathizers that are threatening our nation. I quickly came up with the names of others who could be added to Duffy's/Dershowitz's list of terrorist sympathizers: Pope John Paul II, Nelson Mandela, Seymour Hersh, Ronald Reagan and the CIA.

Pope John Paul II, in his commitment to such things as human dignity, respect for life and the Ten Commandments, had come out against the current American war against Iraq and the resulting occupation of that nation, simply because a mere hundred thousand Iraqis and 1,500 plus American troops had to die. Freedom isn't free you know, even if you are God's representative on earth. Despite his death, the Pope must be held accountable for his terrorist sympathies and denial of God's true representative on Earth, namely George W. Bush and his Army of Christian Soldiers.

Nelson Mandela, accurately described as a terrorist many years ago by Vice President Dick Cheney for his resistance to Apartheid in Africa (another barbarous nation full of potential terrorists), has reaffirmed his terrorist identity by coming out against the liberation of the Iraqi people by the U.S. military simply because it broke international law and resulted in mass death, starvation, disease and regional instability. What arrogance and shortsightedness.

Seymour Hersh, notorious lefty reporter who broke the story on Abu Ghraib is naturally a terrorist propagandist. Anyone who tries to destroy the moraie of our troops by pointing out that the U.S. sometimes has to play rough to keep us free is simply writing for the benefit of the enemy and attacking the American spirit.

The Abu Ghraib scandal is not a scandal at all, but a triumph of western ideals. Lets see if those terrorists won't change their minds about women's rights after having been sodomized by them and having been smeared with the American Ambrosia of femme-soldier menstrual blood.

Finally, I must reveal the hidden history of Ronald Reagan as a closet leftist and the CIA as a kind of shadow government created and maintained by leftists. Following the logic that all leftists are terrorist sympathizers and that all terrorists are supported by the networks of an international leftist coalition, we must accept that both Reagan and the CIA are leftist pawns.

In their political, military and financial support of Osama bin Laden and Afghanistan's mujahideen in the 70's and early 80's, both Reagan and the CIA are clearly terrorists themselves. By training bin Laden and funding his efforts against the U.S.'s Cold War enemy, the U.S.S.R., Reagan and the CIA basically paid for the passenger fare of those who would crash American airline planes into the WTC in 2001.

Only by smoking out the terrorist sympathizers and murdering the terrorists themselves may this nation both continue its mission of spreading freedom while maintaining itself as a beacon of freedom of thought and political expression for the rest of the world.

Myles Sullivan
UMass student

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"Prayer, which in so many ways expresses our relationship to the living God, is the pope's first duty and his first message, the first condition of his service to the church and the world."

— John Paul, in the early days of his papacy.

"During the last months, God permitted me to experience suffering and the danger of losing my life. He also allowed me to understand clearly ... that this was one of His special graces for me as a man and at the same time ... for the church."

— Pope John Paul II, addressing a crowd of pilgrims in St. Peter's Square after recuperating from the 1981 shooting.



A young Karol Wojtyla



JAY CLARKE KRT

St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City

Pope John Paul II brought Catholicism to the masses

By David Crumm and Patricia Montemurri
Knight Ridder

For more than a quarter century, Karol Wojtyla was the world's spiritual superpower. As Pope John Paul II, his decisions shaped the lives of more than 1 billion Catholics around the world — by far, the largest organized religious group on Earth.

He used his personal charisma in a tireless campaign for a Catholic vision of human rights that helped to topple communism, defend the poor and build bridges to other faiths, especially Judaism.

His followers did not always agree with him, but their affection and respect were obvious in more than 100 tours, when vast crowds around the world were drawn to his outdoor Masses.

"He brought the human face of the Vatican to people of every culture in every part of the world," said Detroit Cardinal Adam Maida. "He showed that the pope is not someone who is locked up in the Vatican, but is truly a man whose mission is bringing the gospel message to the people of the world."

In more than 25 years of travels and Vatican public events, John Paul spoke in person to more people than any other human in history.

"This is the greatest Christian witness of our time," said papal biographer George Weigel.

Historians ranked John Paul as either the third or fourth longest-serving pope, depending on how many years they credited to St. Peter 2,000 years ago. John Paul's impact on the church will be felt for many years to come. He appointed nearly all of the church's top leaders, modernized and clarified the entire code of church laws and supervised a complete revision of the catechism, the official summary of Catholic doctrine.

Though raised in an era of horse-drawn carts, he ended his life recording messages on CD-ROM, hosting a vast Web site, www.vatican.va, and joining passionately in scientific debates on genetic engineering and cloning.

Elected at the relatively young age of 58, he was admired for his courage and vigor. It seemed that nothing could stop him. In his youth, he survived the Nazi invasion of his native Poland and, as a young priest and bishop, survived the communist oppression that settled over his homeland.

Against the odds, in 1978, he became the first non-Italian pontiff since 1523.

When Mehmet Ali Agca shot him in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981, he survived and then turned the near-fatal incident into a moral lesson by visiting his attacker in prison and forgiving him.

As he aged, he was admired for his iron-willed stamina. He kept traveling and celebrating masses despite an abdominal tumor, removed by surgeons in 1992, followed by falls that dislocated an arm and broke a leg. Even when Parkinson's disease made speaking difficult and walking nearly impossible, he persevered.

Over the decades, John Paul devoted much of his energy to challenging the world's political power brokers with his vision of morality and social justice. Presidents and premiers often tried to ignore or take advantage of him, but he was resolutely clear about his vision of human rights even when that vision collided with secular regimes.

In the spring of 2003 in the United States, the combined influence of 36 Protestant and Orthodox denominations at the National Council of Churches couldn't get access to President George W. Bush to deliver an antiwar warning. But, when the pope wanted to weigh in, Bush welcomed Cardinal Pio Laghi at the White House, though Bush knew he was providing a stage for the Vatican's message.

"The president could not turn away the pope's emissary," said Robert Edgar, head of the council in New York. "The pope understood that in this day and age, war is obsolete, and he took a leadership role in speaking out."

The pope could not prevent a war in Iraq, but he is widely credited with playing a catalytic role in toppling the communist regimes in Eastern Europe.

John Paul argued that the communist system collapsed on its own flaws. But former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev acknowledged the crucial influence of John Paul's public support for the Solidarity labor movement in Poland — and his behind-the-scenes negotiations with communist bosses.

John Paul's spiritual legacy stretches far beyond the Catholic Church, said Rabbi James Rudin, coordinator of inter-religious affairs for the American Jewish Committee in New York. That's because John Paul was a pioneer in improving Catholic relationships with the world's other faiths.

In 1986, he became the first pope to visit a synagogue. He embraced Jews as "our elder brothers" and bluntly condemned all forms of anti-Semitism.

Then, in 2001 in Damascus, Syria, he made the first pontifical visit to a mosque and tried to improve relations with Islam.

"He was able to put Catholic-Jewish relations into the mainstream of church life, precisely because he was born in Poland in 1920 and was 19 years old when the Germans occupied his village," Rudin said. "It's precisely because he lived through the Holocaust on the ground in Poland."

A passionate concern for the protection of human life led John Paul to speak out against policies that he believed were threats to life. Through the years, he opposed abortion, capital punishment, nuclear

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The world mourns the Pope's passing

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weapons, assisted suicide and the oppression of workers both by communism and uncontrolled capitalism.

Sometimes, his audiences listened: sometimes, they did not. Despite his staunch opposition to artificial birth control, for example, many polls of American Catholics have shown that couples almost unanimously ignored his teaching on that issue. And, though he forbade any discussion of the ordination of female priests, a majority of American Catholics tell pollsters that they think it's not a bad idea.

Richard McBrien, professor of theology at the University of Notre Dame, said, "Catholics have learned to make up their own minds and consciences. They know that some of the pope's teaching has been too narrowly crafted. They know that some of his pronouncements are an Old-World vision that goes back to his history in Poland."

Wojtyla was born May 18, 1920, in Wadowice, Poland, a village 20 miles south of Krakow, and was given his father's first name, Karol. A month later, he was baptized in the 600-year-old, onion-domed St. Mary's Church, across the street from the family's small apartment.

His mother, Emilia, had been a schoolteacher and his father was a retired army officer who approached his faith with the same strict discipline he had employed in military life.

While Emilia dreamed of seeing Karol enter the priesthood — and the boy certainly was successful at school — young Karol had visions of becoming an actor. He joined theatrical troupes at his school and in his community. Soon, he was acting and directing.

A handsome, athletic young man, he also loved sports: skiing, swimming, hiking, soccer and canoeing.

But there also was a somber side to his youth. Death haunted his family. Six years before he was born, his parents had a daughter who died at birth. When Karol was 8, his mother died. When he was 12, his brother Edmund, a doctor, died. When Karol was 20, his father died.

That was 1941, and Wojtyla also was chafing under the loss of his homeland to the Nazis. He continued participating in underground theater, but he saw Jewish friends disappearing, and he knew that his clandestine theatrics could lead to his arrest.

To avoid deportation, Wojtyla worked first in a limestone quarry and, later, in a chemical factory where his strength was taxed with heavy labor.

In the midst of this despair, he discovered the writings of St. John of the Cross, the 16th-century poet who wrote "The Dark Night of the Soul." The spiritual classic describes faith as the only safe guide through the suffering and emptiness of human life. Wojtyla devoured the works of this saint, and the experience led him to enter an underground seminary in 1942.

One famous example of his hard-edged pragmatism came in the early 1960s, long before he became pontiff. At the time, Pope Paul VI asked Wojtyla to join a special group of advisers to study the morality of artificial birth control. Eventually, a majority of the group voted to urge Paul to approve the practice. Wojtyla found himself in the minority, so he privately sent Paul a long paper arguing against artificial contraception.

Not only did Wojtyla's paper convince Paul to reject the majority report, the words were so eloquent that Paul excerpted sections of Wojtyla's text in the encyclical "Humanae Vitae" ("Of Human Life"). Wojtyla had won, and artificial birth control was officially condemned.

Ultimately, John Paul's religious vision was so broad that he invited leaders of non-Christian faiths to help him break down barriers and discuss shared moral teachings.

He was most successful with Jewish groups, Rudin said. "John Paul will be remembered as the pope who permanently put improved Catholic-Jewish relations into the mainstream of the church's teaching. He has declared that anti-Semitism is a sin against God."

He also was warmly received by many Muslim leaders.

"People pay attention to him because of his personal charisma and his long record of consistently upholding the dignity of every human being," said Martin Marty, the nation's leading historian of religion.

"People aren't moved by moralism anymore, they're moved by stories. And John Paul is a dramatic story: the story of a young actor who lived through World War II, of a priest and bishop under communism, of the first Polish pope, of a man who almost was assassinated."

"The Holy Father has touched the heart of the world," Detroit's Maida said. "People may not always agree with his message, but people respect him because, for so many years, he has been the rock of Gibraltar."



A little extra 'Maroon'

The Mullins Center will play host tonight to the latest young pop musicians, Maroon Five. The female rock group The Donnas will open up for the show that will begin at 7:30 p.m. tonight. Ticket prices are $35 and $25 with a valid UMass ID.

Massive plot holes make Ring 2 fall flat

By Jake Monte
Collegian Correspondent

A lot of hype is being attached to the fact that Hideo Nakata, who rose to fame with the Japanese film "Ringu," directed "The Ring 2." "Ringu" was the first film about the lethal videotape that kills you a week after you view it. It's a similar storyline to "The Ring," very similar in fact, but the differences are notable. "Ringu" is not scary. It's not stylized. It's not cool. It's not smart.

And it is only mildly entertaining. It's a technically proficient film which means it's a bit like bread and water for a month. It will keep you alive fine and there's nothing wrong with it, but don't expect it to be fun. Somehow, this seemed sufficient for Japanese audiences, but I think you'll find "Ringu" to be just as dry and bland as I did.

In any event, Nakata is back directing "The Ring 2," and this film is a totally different experience than "Ringu." Shot in a host of bizarre camera angles, with cuts that leap off the screen accompanied by loud sound effects, Nakata has left the tame directorial approach he took to "Ringu" behind. He must have thought American audiences would be bored by the style of "Ringu," and he's right that they would be, but his new style is no better. The great thing about "The Ring" was that it developed slowly beckoning us into it's world. The sequel shouts "look at me" every scene and the audience feels so nagged and annoyed by the directors approach that they never get engrossed in the film.

It must be said that the entire fault of the film does not lie on Nakata's shoulders. The dialogue is forced and unnatural. Even good actors like Naomi Watts, (Rachel Keller,) can't save the scripts numerous awkward lines. Stephen Dorffman who plays Rachel's son, Aiden, leaves no doubt. For him, it's bad acting. The quiet mysterious quality Aiden had in the first film Dorffman has lost with age. The good acting is done by Simon Baker, Rachel's friend, and Elizabeth Perkins, a psychiatrist, both of whom comprise the only good acting in the entire film, because the dialogue makes Watts look so incompetent.

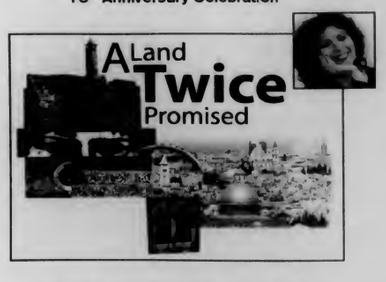
"The Ring 2" has about as many plot holes as films get and more scenes that don't make sense than you'll be able to tolerate. At one point Rachel doesn't know how to get into a strangers home so she searches under three rocks among dozens along side a path and finds a key box embedded in the rock. As the film regresses the questions pile on. Why does Samara's well have a lid on it when it never does when we see it on the T.V. screen? How did the videotape go from Seattle to New Jersey where the characters new home is? How is it possible Samara doesn't know her peanut butter and jelly is being poisoned if she sees everything? Since when can a character go into the T.V. screen and find an entire world, jump off a cliff, and appear back in her home? How does someone climb up the interior of a well made of rocks?

The whole film feels like a cheap imitation analogous to Spam, or bad karaoke. It insults our intelligence with it's simple-minded antics and Nakata, the bad director, becomes the infamous star of the film. Ten minutes in you'll be wondering if you should leave the movie theater and instead just go find some place quiet to twiddle your thumbs.



Rachel Keller (NAOMI WATTS) is learning that there is no place to which she can escape from the evil Samara's cycle of terror and death in the horror thriller 'The Ring Two'.

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Illini turning heads

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coming back to with the Illini is their unselfishness.

"I saw them on film once they made 19 passes to get the shot they wanted," North Carolina coach Roy Williams said.

Not that the Tar Heels coach, seeking the national title that has eluded him for the last 16 seasons, would trade what he's got.

He is in only the second year of rebuilding a program that went from great under Dean Smith to 8-20 under Matt Doherty. When Roy Williams arrived at his alma mater, he looked at the roster and saw what he had. He called the players in and said they had the talent to make the NCAA tournament in Year One, and to be right where they're at in Year Two.

"I believed it not because of my coaching," he said. "I believed it because of the kids."

The Tar Heels finished the season ranked second behind Illinois in The Associated Press poll. Their meeting in the final is the first between Nos. 1 and 2 since 1975, when UCLA's John Wooden coached his last game against Kentucky.

North Carolina is a 2 1/2-point favorite.

"We're not surprised," Head said. "I mean, people have been saying North Carolina was the better team all year."

McCants, who averages 16 points a game and is never short on confidence, certainly thinks the Illini are stoppable.

"I feel Dee Brown, being as quick as he is, our length will be able to bother him a lot," he said. "And Deron (Williams), as quick as he is, I think Raymond will be able to contain him. Luther Head, as high as he can jump, as fast as he can run, I think I'll be able to defend him."



Dee Brown points down the court after an Illinois basket Saturday night. The Illini defeated Louisville in the Final Four to advance to the finals.

Doyle shows how to be a captain

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Tundo hooked up with Doyle cutting to the cage, resulting in the first goal of the game.

Morris assisted his second goal but after that, it was all Doyle.

Doyle took it upon himself to get open and put two more goals past the Penn State keeper, his first coming with just under six minutes remaining in the second quarter.

As he ran back to set up for the face-off, whispers of Doyle could be heard from under the umbrellas of those who decided to brave the weather. Even for someone unfamiliar to the team it was clear that, on that rainy day in April, Doyle was the best player on the field.

With time winding down and the game far out of reach, the Minutemen's second string came on the field and held off the opposition, while putting in a few goals of their own. They played with the passion of players fighting for the "privilege" to play on Garber Field, a sentiment Cannella stresses day in and day out.

Doyle stood on the sidelines, eyes transfixed on the field as if he was ready for more, much more. He pumped his fist after every positive play while clenching it as the tides would turn.

When asked about the play of the second team, Doyle didn't hesitate and with an approving smirk mentioned, "Those guys work the hardest, day in and day out. They come ready for practice and it's always good when they can score some goals."

As the Minutemen stare down the barrel of the rest of the season, they will do so with a type of confidence that cannot be seen on a stat sheet. Cannella has his team working as a single unit, garnering results that have UMass at the upper echelon of Division I lacrosse.

Behind it all are players like Doyle, who is unselfish enough to put statistics behind him, yet talented enough to take over a game.

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BC soars over UMass

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found its stride.

The Eagles came out firing with three unanswered goals between the 14:37 and the 6:10. This tied the game, and by now the momentum had clearly shifted to BC's favor. The Minutewomen seemed shell-shocked, as this game that they were so firmly in control of was slipping away.

The Eagles scored again at the 4:02 mark in the second half to take their first lead of the game as UMass was now forced to answer. After another free position shot sailed wide, there was another foul called against BC, and UMass converted the second chance with 1:09 left in the game to send it to overtime.

The overtime consists of two three-minute periods. It is not sudden death, but scoring first is just as crucial.

UMass won the draw control in the first overtime and Kathleen Typadis had a shot on net just seconds into the overtime. Typadis' shot however, like so many others from the UMass side down the stretch, was saved and BC rode the momentum from that stop to a goal with 2:00 left in the first overtime.

The second overtime started with UMass one goal down and on the ropes. But junior leader Kerri Connerty answered the call with a goal at the 1:45 mark in the second overtime, assisted by freshman Melinda Zwick.

For the last 1:30 there was pandemonium. The ball was loose for most of the time as there was turnover after turnover, the tension mounting with every change of possession.

With 11.1 seconds left the Eagles were charged with an offsides call, giving UMass the ball at the top of the circle and a free look at the net. After receiving a pass, Shelley Boyle put the ball in the net as the sideline erupted, thinking that UMass had the lead. The goal was taken away however by a crease violation.

That was at close as the Minutewomen would get to a victory.

In the third overtime, the Eagles ended the game with a goal with 39.8 left. The disappointment was obvious for the players and coach Bolduc.

"We won draws and controlled the game yet we didn't finish," Bolduc said. "We threw the ball away. We didn't take care of the ball. That's what lost us the game. We just made poor decisions. We outhustled them but we just threw the ball away."



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UMass defender Erica Shapiro gets ready to clear the ball against Syracuse on March 19. Shapiro had three groundballs against BC.

UM breaks records at Garber

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It wasn't an easy week for Penn State, as its normal weekly routine was altered stemming from the tragedy that happened to one of its players, Michael Jacober.

Jacober's parents and 15-year-old brother plus three family friends were all killed on March 26 when a single-engine plane that his father, 51-year-old Jeffrey Jacober, was piloting crashed in Benner Township, Pa. The six onboard were on their way to watch the Nittany Lions play Fairfield that day.

Penn State traveled as a team to Rhode Island on Tuesday for the funeral services and arrived in Amherst on Thursday to practice for the game at Garber Field. Jacober didn't make the trip for the game.

The Nittany Lions scored two quick goals from John Eremus and Patrick Heim to take a 2-1 lead over the Minutemen at the 7:02 mark of the first period, but those were the goals PSU would score until the 13:10 mark of the third quarter, a scoreless drought of 23:52, showcasing another stymieing effort by the UMass defense this season.

"They're amazing," Doyle said of the team's defensemen. "Week in and week out they keep us in the game no matter what, no matter how bad the offense is playing."

UMass was helped by two goals each from Doyle and Jeff Zywicki plus solo efforts from Gene Tundo, Pat Larmon, Morris and Recchione on its 8-0 burst that gave the Minutemen a 9-2 halftime advantage.

PSU's Will Jones opened the second half scoring, but the Nittany Lions were never able to get closer than six goals as UMass added four scores over a 4:10 span to push its lead to 13-3.

Chris Doyle notched his fourth of the game during that span, followed by Yaman's first, Larmon's second and Brett Garber's first.

"Obviously, we like a lot of guys to score. It makes everyone happy. It keeps the defense off balance, but when you get a performance out of the midfielders like we did today, a bunch of those guys scored, it helps keep the pressure off Sean [Morris], and Gene Tundo and Jeff Zywicki."

NOTES: The 18 goals were the most scored by an UMass team since March 15, 2003, an 18-6 win over Brown at Garber Field.

Senior Gene Tundo's goal and two assists put him at 99 career points.

Sophomore goalie Ufosa Guobodia saw his first action of the season, playing the final 12:37 of the game in relief of Bill Schell. Guobodia, who made two short relief appearances last year — making one save and allowing no goals — allowed three goals on Saturday and made no saves.



The Minutemen celebrate after a goal during their game against Brown on March 19. UMass won 12-5.

Celtics snap streak against Hawks

By Charles Odum
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Their confidence shaken by a four—game losing streak, Ricky Davis and the Boston Celtics were intent on getting well against the lowly Atlanta Hawks.

With Davis scoring 20 of his season—high 36 points in the second period, the Celtics raced to a 30—point lead in the first half and held off the Hawks 116—100 on Friday night.

The Celtics shot 69 percent from the field in the first half and 60 percent overall, earning praise from coach Doc Rivers.

"This is a great win for us," Rivers said. "I don't know if we could have shot any better. We were as efficient as we could be."

The Celtics pushed their Atlantic Division lead over second—place Philadelphia, which lost to Dallas on Friday night, to four games. The Celtics, who will play the 76ers at home on Sunday, also have regained a one—game lead over Cleveland in the fight for home court advantage in the playoffs.

"We had to win this one," Celtics guard Gary Payton said. "We couldn't go into that game Sunday three games up and make it a battle. We've got to pick it up now."

The Hawks suffered their 11th straight loss, including nine straight at home. They have lost 24 of 25 games.

"Even though they're the last—place team in the league, their guys still came out and played hard," Davis said. "We wanted to come out and bury them early so it wouldn't be close like the last time."

The Celtics escaped with a 95—91 win over the Hawks in Boston on March 9.

On Friday night, Boston led 32—18 after one period and then quickly pushed the lead to 30 points as Davis dominated the second period.

"It's very hard to stop him," said Hawks rookie Josh Childress, who also set his season high with 26 points. "He can stop on a dime and pull up. It's hard to guard him. What can you do about that?"

Boston won 11 of its first 12 games after acquiring forward Antoine Walker from Atlanta on Feb. 24. The streak put the Celtics in control of their division, but Walker shot only 33 percent from the field in a four—game losing streak that left Boston only three games ahead of the 76ers.

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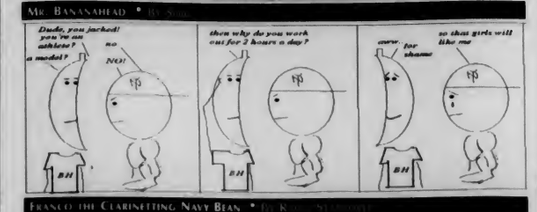
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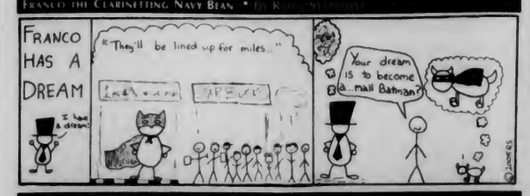
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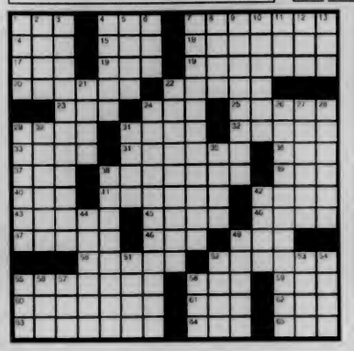
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UMass pounds Penn State

Minutemen's offense shines

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

In what has grown into a trend this season for the Massachusetts men's lacrosse team (6-2 1-1 ECAC), the Maroon and White put forth another solid group effort and properly disposed of another one of its opponents.

A season-high 11 Minutemen scored goals in UMass' 18-8 pounding of the Penn State Nittany Lions (2-5 1-1 ECAC) on Saturday in front of 459 fans at a rain-soaked Garber Field.

Massachusetts returns to action at home on Saturday to play ECAC opponent St. John's at 1 p.m.

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UMass scored the final eight goals of the second half (12 of 13 overall) during a 29:08 span between the first and third quarters and used a career-best effort from Chris Doyle who tallied five points by way of four goals, tied for his career high, and an assist. Doyle only had four goals and two assists through seven games this season heading into Saturday.

"Our offense was working so well today, and I just got a lot of open looks, a lot of eight-yard shots that you always want," Doyle said. "And the offense played well enough today that I got them a lot of those."

"I'm really happy for him," UMass coach Greg Cannella said. "He's been a great leader for us. He's our captain, and I know that he probably feels like he's struggling a little bit, but he's done a lot for us this year, and it's great to see him score and smile and pick up six points. It's just a great performance for him."

Sean Morris, who leads the Minutemen with 20 goals, 10 assists and 30 points, scored a goal and dished out a career-high five assists to tie a career-high six points on the afternoon.

Cannella, who said he was surprised with the margin of victory in the game, was very pleased with his team's focus and attention to certain aspects of the game, especially the face-offs, which the two teams split with 15.

"Our guys came out with a lot of intensity, obviously to rebound from last week, and we did a good job of playing good defense, sound defense, earls the game, and we were able to finish the ball early, which is extremely important for our success," Cannella said.

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COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Senior captain Chris Doyle winds up for a shot against Brown on March 19. Doyle had four goals and an assist against Penn State on Saturday. The Minutemen defeated the Nittany Lions 18-8 for its first ECAC win of the year.

Doyle shines as a leader

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

Chris Doyle stood to the side of Garber Field on Saturday afternoon, helmet off, with his eye black running down the side of his face, slightly penetrating his ear-to-ear grin.

Doyle, a senior captain for the Massachusetts men's lacrosse team, had just had his best game of the season (four goals, one assist) as the Minutemen dominated the Nittany Lions of Penn State 18-8 on a typical rainy day in April.

His friends came over, dressed in garbage bags to protect them from the rain, and patted him on the back as he calmly thanked them for their compliments. He turned to the few reporters that were eager to discuss the game with him and exemplified the mentality that UMass coach Greg Cannella has injected into his team.

He was modest, unselfish and stressed the importance of a team-oriented game.

"Everybody was great out there, we moved the ball around well and got a lot of goal-scorers. The offense was going real well." Doyle mentioned as his friends joked about their buddy getting interviewed.

The word "everybody" is one that Cannella has pounded into his team concept. Even with four Preseason All-Americans (Jack Reid, Sean Morris, Matt Garcia and Doyle) Cannella refuses to separate any of them from the pack. A sentiment reflected by the 11 assists the Minutemen accumulated in Saturday's game.

Cannella, however, was quick to point out that he was proud of Doyle's performance and mentioned that he felt his captain's mentality has been shaken as his stats put up the façade that he was in the midst of a "slump."

Over the first seven games of the season, Doyle had managed only four goals and two assists. However, on Saturday, he showed the Nittany Lions how he earned his preseason honor, right away.

UMass goalie, Bill Schell, cleared the ball after making the first save of the game and attackman Gene Tundo began to set up a play. Nine seconds later,

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Minutewomen fall to BC

By Rob Greenfield
Collegian Staff

WELLESLEY — The day ended in heartbreak for the Massachusetts women's lacrosse team (3-5) Saturday as it lost in double overtime Saturday against Boston College (6-2) under the lights at Babson College.

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Missed opportunities were the theme of the day for the Minutewomen, as they had many chances to put the game away down the stretch, but were unable to convert.

UMass worked hard for the entire game to put itself in the position to win. This was the most frustrating aspect of the loss for coach Carrie Bolduc, who felt that UMass let this one slip away.

"We lost composure and let things get into our heads, like the officiating or a bad call," Bolduc said.

UMass and Boston College had not met in six years prior to Saturday's meeting, and they made this game a memorable one. For the Minutewomen, however, it ended on a sour note, as they dropped their fifth game of the season.

The Maroon and White controlled this game early, playing a physical and aggressive game that accented their individual talent — its first three goals were unassisted.

Kathleen Typadis tallied the first score of the game as she knifed through the defense just 14 seconds into regulation for her team-best 18th goal of the season.

Junior captain Lindsay Cassell scored the second goal of the game just over a minute into the action to give UMass a 2-0 lead.



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Samantha Sepulvina takes the ball down the field against Hofstra on March 23. Sepulvina scored a goal against BC on Saturday.

Cassell went on to score two more goals in the first half to give the Minutewomen the spark they needed from their captain.

After two UMass goals started the game, Boston College answered with its first goal at the 27:51 mark in the first half.

Just three minutes later, freshman Ashleigh Szawlowski scored a free position goal to give UMass the early 3-1 lead. Szawlowski has come on strong of late, scoring 11 goals in the last five games, good for third on the team.

In the first 10 minutes the Minutewomen dominated the action winning draw controls, beating BC to ground balls, and beating them with quickness. UMass went on to take an 8-6 lead going into the half, with Cassell and Szawlowski both with multiple scores.

The game had yielded to some tight officiating in the first half, with many fouls being called leading to free position shots. UMass converted all four of its free position shots in the first half (4-4) while BC missed some opportunities to capitalize (4-6).

For the first 15 minutes of the second half it was more of the same.

UMass was making quality defensive efforts with stops when it needed them, and it was winning draw controls and controlling the possession of the game. The only problem came on the offensive end.

After an early BC goal in the second half the Minutewomen answered with two of their own by Kathleen Typadis (19) and junior Jackie Nesbitt (5). It was 10-7 UMass with 24 minutes remaining in the second half.

Over the next ten minutes the Minutewomen would bombard the Eagles with a slew shots on goal. Free position shots were rampant on the BC end as UMass had opportunity upon opportunity to push the gas pedal and pull away from BC.

However over this stretch none of the UMass shots found the net and after a 10-minute scoreless stretch, BC finally

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Softball postponed

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

Due to steady rain that was continual all weekend, the Massachusetts Softball team (11-9-1 2-0 Atlantic 10) did not play its scheduled A-10 doubleheader against Fordham (14-10 4-0 A-10) yesterday; it was postponed until today at 2 p.m. This is the second time these games have been postponed because of the weather conditions, originally supposed to take place on Saturday at Fordham.

This will be the second A-10 match-up the Minutewomen have seen this season, the first being a doubleheader against Dayton on March 26, which they swept.

Fordham comes into today's contest flaunting a six game win streak and four straight conference wins, while UMass split its home opener last Thursday against Dartmouth.

The last time the Maroon and White faced the Rams was in the first round of the 2004 A-10 Championships, which UMass won 1-0. The Minutewomen won every game against Fordham in 2004, including a 14-6 victory last May.

In this long awaited battle, the Minutewomen will have to work against pitcher and 2004 A-10 Rookie of the Year Sarah Kinney, who is 9-5 in 2005 and holds an ERA of 1.88. UMass will depend on senior KJ Kelly to counter Kinney. Kelly is two homeruns away from breaking the UMass record and has a batting average of .346, which leads the team.

Besides Kelly, the lineup for UMass includes senior Denise Denis (leads the team with 18 RBI) and Hillary Puglia (three homeruns). Freshman Lauren Proctor has impressed teammates during her first season. Proctor has nine RBI and is second on the team in batting average with .345.

The pitching duo of senior Barb LaFogg and junior Jenna Busa will be looking to pick up where they left off. In the doubleheader against Dartmouth last Thursday, the two had 29 combined strikeouts and two runs. LaFogg has a season ERA of 2.49 and has struck out 89 batters in her 15 appearances.

UMass coach Elaine Sortino is confident that this season will not result in same fashion that the 2004 season did when the Minutewomen lost to Temple at home and consequently lost the Atlantic 10 Championship. Sortino was inducted into the NFCA Hall of Fame last year.

UMass has won the past 10 regular season A-10 championships, but Fordham is ranked first in the conference so far this season with its four A-10 wins. The first game begins at 2 p.m. in the Bronx, New York.

Illinois finally earns respect

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The best team in the country all season is an underdog today. By now, Illinois is used to it.

Even though they've only lost once, have tied the NCAA record for wins and have been ranked No. 1 in the country since December, the Illini (37-1) have had trouble getting their due much of the season.

Never has that been more true than in the buildup to Monday night's championship game, when the Illini face North Carolina (32-4) in a matchup being billed as Team vs. Talent.

Illinois is the "Team. North Carolina has the "Talent."

The Illini say they don't take offense to the comparison. Often during their interviews Sunday, though, they found themselves defending the way they're perceived — as the unsung group of guys who "play the game the right way," compared to Carolina's group of stars.

"We have NBA people at our games every time," Illini coach Bruce Weber said. "We're going to have some guys drafted, whether it's this year or next year. But we don't have quite the names, I guess, and athletic guys that maybe they have."

The reason the Tar Heels get the edge starts with Sean May, the 6-foot-9 center who averages 17.1 points and 10.9 rebounds this season. North Carolina also has Rashad McCants, Jawad Williams and Raymond Felton. They'll all go to the NBA soon, as will the sixth man, freshman forward Marvin Williams.

"They'll have a lottery pick coming off their bench," Illinois forward James Augustine said. "They're obviously more talented. But when it comes down to the situation, it's who's the better team" that will win.

Nobody has won more than Illinois — ever. With their 72-57 victory over Louisville in the semifinals, the Illini matched Duke (1986, 1989) and UNLV (1987) for the most wins in a single season.

Like the Tar Heels, the Illini have stars and NBA talent, starting with guard Deron Williams, a tenacious defender and super ballhandler who may have played himself into the NBA lottery, as well.

Another guard, Luther Head, can shoot 3s with the best, as can Dee Brown, dubbed the "One—Man Fastbreak" for his ability to blow by defenders in the open court. Roger Powell Jr. showed an inside-outside game Saturday — making 3-pointers and lay-ups with equal aplomb — that makes him hard to defend.

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Millions mourn the Pope

By William J. Kole
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II's body was carried solemnly on a crimson platform to St. Peter's Basilica, past a sea of more than 100,000 pilgrims who waited for hours Monday under a blistering sun for a glimpse of the late pontiff before his funeral and entombment.

Twelve white-gloved pallbearers flanked by Swiss Guards in red-plumed helmets gingerly marched the body from the Vatican's Apostolic Palace, where it had lain in state for prelates and dignitaries, to the basilica for display to the public. Priests chanted the Litany of the Saints.

Incense wafted through the church where John Paul's body will be laid to rest Friday in an ancient grotto holding the remains of popes through the ages, after a funeral to be attended under heavy security by President Bush and dozens of other world leaders. Up to 2 million pilgrims are expected in Rome to pay their final respects.

As cardinals in their red robes and caps filed past the body, bowing and crossing themselves, a long line of faithful, tourists and Romans who had packed St. Peter's Square slowly snaked into the basilica.

Pilgrims gasped, dabbed away tears and snapped photographs as they circled John Paul's body, clad in a scarlet velvet robe, his head

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COURTESY [illegible]

Candles adorn a picture of the late Pope John Paul II yesterday as millions of people around the world are mourning his death.

UMass professor speaks on behalf of distinguished series

By Gabriel G. Leiner
Collegian Correspondent

Thomas P. Russell, professor of polymer science and engineering at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, gave the final Distinguished Faculty Lecture, "Small Devices from Long Chains: Polymer and Nanotechnology," yesterday.

Most of Russell's work focuses on nanotechnology, the engineering of particles slightly larger than particles of atomic scale. Proportionately, the size one square centimeter relates to one nanometer as the size of our galaxy relates to one square centimeter. Russell has been able to manipulate matrices of rods on this small scale, and has used various methods, such as spin devices, exposure to light, and to ultraviolet radiation, in order to to "change the morphology and force them [the rods] to self assemble in useful structures."

Russell's research interests include using polymers and block copolymers for the fabrication of nanostructured materials and exploring electronic, magnetic, biological and sensory applications of their use. Russell believes that his research has practical applications to other areas of science, such as high storage densities like computer hard drives, energy science, and biology.

Current computer hard drives function when iron oxide particles "magnetize" in a certain way to encode information, almost like that of a bar code. But with nanotechnology, "you can do the same thins with nanomites for magnetic storage, which operate on the same principles, but have the potential to store much more data," said Russell. "Consider being able to store the data contained on twenty-five digital video discs (DVDs) on a disc the size of a quarter."

In the future nanotechnology may also be able to harness energy more efficiently.

"Fifty years from now life will be fundamentally different and we will not be using cars that depend on oil," said Russell. "Every year we get more than 7,000 times the energy we need from the sun, we just don't know how to process it yet," he said.

"Nature uses photosynthesis, and right now we are trying to create something like that process but the polymer matrices break down." Russell cited research at the University of California that may be able to fix this problem.

The research of Russell and others may lend itself to medicine as well, in that the ability to use morphology of rods in nanotechnology can "manipulate a cell so that it has molecules that form a matrix which allows new

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Upcoming construction will cause detours for students

Tunnel system project begins

By Evan Mowery
Collegian Correspondent

The construction of two new underground steam tunnels beginning this month will mark the start of a nearly 100 million dollar reworking of the school's heating and electric systems that will continue until 2008.

"It will be one of the largest projects that the university has undertaken" according to Facilities and Campus Planning project manager John Mathews.

The first of the two steam tunnels and new, underground electric power lines will be installed on the south side of the Campus Center Parking Garage beneath Hicks Way.

The construction of the second set of utility systems, beneath Campus Center Way on the north side of the Parking Garage will begin this July. December 2005 is the expected completion date of this phase of the project, and the landscaping and repaving of areas disturbed by construction is expected to be completed in the spring of the following year. The tunnels will measure 10 feet by 12 feet and will be buried approximately five to 10 feet below the surface.

More construction across campus, from the Parking Garage to North Pleasant Street, will commence next year to rework and expand the more than 50 year old steam piping. Phase 1 of the project will add 500 feet of new tunnels and piping north of the Parking Garage, while Phase 2 coming later on next year will provide an additional 1200 feet of steam pipe and electrical systems — past the Lincoln Campus Center, up to North Pleasant Street.

A brand new, 125,000 square foot Central Heating Plant will be built behind the Mullins Center. The initial construction of this facility began two years ago when 180,000 tons of dirt was moved to the site and left to settle up to two feet, in order to provide adequate working conditions of an area whose deep soils are composed mainly of an extremely malleable clay left over from the glacier and Lake Hitchcock. Contained within the facility's walls will be a state-of-the-art gas turbine, steam turbines, boilers, and water and fuel tanks. Connected with the new system of tunnels, this Central Heating Plant will generate and be responsible for the entire university's steam and electric needs.

Once the steam is produced, It will travel through this network of underground piping to a proposed steam and condensation storage facility, also set to begin construction in the fall, behind the Photo Lab, in the gully.

The function of this two story facility will be to distribute the incoming 13,800 kilowatt, high-voltage electricity from the central heating plant in such a way as to

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COURTESY MEGAN BENNETT/COLLEGIAN

UMass campus has been under severe rennovations including construction to the Newman Center, Library and the Fine Arts Center.

New apartment style dorms

By Hayden Marx
Collegian Staff

The University of Massachusetts is preparing to hire a construction manager to oversee the building of five story apartment-style residential halls located to the west and south of the Sylvan residential area.

Each apartment will have four bedrooms, two bathrooms, a kitchen and a living area. The construction of these dorms will mark the first time since the 1970s that dorms have been built on campus.

The current plan is to complete this project in two phases. The first phase will add 820 to 850 new beds and should be completed by August 2006. Its projected cost is more than $80 million dollars. The second phase will add 650 to 680 new beds and should be completed by September 2007. Combined they will add about 1,500 new beds. James F. Cahill, Director of Facilities and Campus Planning told the Springfield Republican, "The campus would like to have some new beds open by September 2006, but it will all depend on how quickly we can get the construction manager on board."

There are currently six firms with proposals in for the position of construction manager. Suffolk Construction of Boston, Turner Construction of Boston, Gilbane Building Co. of Providence, R.I., Daniel O'Connell & Sons of Holyoke, Dimeo Construction Co. of Providence, R.I., and Clark Construction of Boston.

The job of a construction manager is to supervise and make sure that a building project is completed safely, on time and within budget. What differs on this project is that whoever is awarded the contract will be hired as a construction manager-at-risk. A construction manager-at-risk is named so because they take most of the risk in the building process.

They are paid a fee to work with the architect during the design process. Near the end of the project, they give the client a guaranteed maximum price for the construction. The University benefits from this, in that it does

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Boston Globe writer awarded Pulitzer

By Elizabeth LeSure
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Los Angeles Times won two Pulitzer Prizes on Monday, including the public service award for exposing deadly medical problems and racial injustice at an inner-city hospital. The Wall Street Journal also won two, including one for stories about the plight of cancer survivors.

The Boston Globe's Gareth Cook won for explanatory journalism for detailing the complex scientific and ethical dimensions of stem-cell research.

"The stories wanted to be told," Cook said. "People stepped forward to help me, some anonymously.

"I felt really lucky all year. Everything went right. It was a one-of-a-kind experience."

The Associated Press won for breaking news photography for pictures of bloody year-long combat inside Iraqi cities.

"These folks showed incredible courage this year," AP President and CEO Tom Curley told staffers gathered around the photo desk at AP headquarters. "They took some extraordinary pictures, they captured some incredible moments in history and they did it in a way that made all of us proud."

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Nigel Jaquiss, a former Wall Street stockbroker writing for the alternative newspaper Willamette Week of Portland, Ore., won for investigative reporting for revealing former Oregon Gov. Neil Goldschmidt's sexual misconduct with a 14-year-old girl when he was mayor in the 1970s.

"I'm really surprised — it's just a tremendous honor. I never thought it would happen to me," Jaquiss tearfully told colleagues.

The Star-Ledger of Newark, N.J., won for breaking news reporting for stories about the resignation of former Gov. James E. McGreevey after he confessed to adultery with a male lover. Editor Jim Willse said as many as 100 people had participated in the coverage. "We threw everything we had at it," he said.

The Boston Globe's Gareth Cook won for explanatory journalism for detailing the complex scientific and ethical dimensions of stem-cell research.

The Journal's Amy Dockser Marcus won for what the judges said were "masterful" stories

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Bush awards Medal of Honor to soldier

By John Lumpkin
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Outnumbered and exposed, Army Sgt. 1st Class Paul Ray Smith stayed at his gun, beating back an advancing Iraqi force until a bullet took his life.

Smith is credited with protecting the lives of scores of lightly armed American soldiers who were beyond his position in the battle, on April 4, 2003, near the gates of Baghdad International Airport.

On Monday, exactly two years after Smith's death, President Bush awarded him the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest honor for valor.

"We are here to pay tribute to a soldier whose service illustrates the highest ideals of leadership and love of our country," Bush said in a ceremony in the East Room of the White House. Bush said Smith "gave his life for these ideals in a deadly battle outside Baghdad. It is my great privilege to recognize his great sacrifice by awarding Sgt. Smith the Medal of Honor."

Smith's widow, Birgit, decided that the couple's 11-year-old son, David, would accept the medal on his father's behalf.

"It was a very easy decision for me because, after all, he's the man of the house now," she said Monday. She said she often hears from the men her husband saved, as well as their families. "They're so grateful for what Paul did that day," she said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

It is only the third Medal of Honor given for actions since the Vietnam War, and the first from the Iraq war.

Smith, 33, was the senior sergeant in a platoon of engineers during the 3rd Infantry Division's northward sprint toward Baghdad.

By the morning of April 4, elements of the division had reached Baghdad and captured Baghdad International Airport, a key objective. Encircled Iraqi militiamen and Special Republican Guard forces inside launched counterattacks.

Near the eastern edge of the airport, Smith, a veteran of the first Gulf War, had been put in charge of his unit — 2nd Platoon, Bravo Company, 11th Engineer Battalion — while his lieutenant went on a scouting mission.

Smith's mission was mundane enough — turn a courtyard into a holding pen for Iraqi prisoners of war. The courtyard, just north of the main road between Baghdad and the airport, was near an Iraqi military compound.

Soon after Smith and some of his platoon began work, records show, one trooper spotted dozens of armed Iraqis approaching from beyond the gated walls of the courtyard. Another group of Iraqis occupied a nearby tower.

Smith summoned a Bradley Fighting Vehicle, and he and his troops gathered near the courtyard gate to fight the counterattack. An M113 armored personnel carrier joined the fray.

The Iraqis, perhaps as many as 100, attacked with rifles, mortars and rocket-propelled grenades, or RPGs. Smith threw a grenade over a wall to drive back some of the Iraqis, then fired a rocket.

Incoming RPGs battered the Bradley, which retreated. Then a mortar struck the M113, wounding the three soldiers inside and leaving its heavy machine gun unmanned. After directing another soldier to pull the wounded M113 crewmen to safety, Smith climbed into the machine gun position and began firing at the tower and at the Iraqis trying to rush the compound.

His upper torso and head were exposed as he manned the gun.

"This wasn't a John Wayne move," said Command Sgt. Maj. Gary L. Coker, the top enlisted man in the 11th Battalion, who was near the battle. "He was very methodical. He knew he had the gate and he wasn't going to leave it

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President Bush awards a Medal of Honor to Army Sgt. Paul Ray Smith's son, 11-year-old David yesterday.



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Although the production's price tag may well raise questions as to whether the UMass Building Authority is allocating funds to the best of its potential, Mathews says that the completion of this project is essential.

"[The University] has been in need of a [new plant] since 1972."

According to Mathews, the existing central heating plant's equipment is outdated and some special components made in the 1940's and '50's are no longer available on the market. The existing plant has also experienced fires in its pollution control equipment in the last two years.

Perhaps more importantly, the new plant will produce five times as much electricity while reducing the emission of greenhouse gases, nitrous oxides, and sulfur divide.

"[Reducing these gases] will improve the air quality of the Pioneer Valley" says Mathews.

Working closely with Campus Operations and Academic Departments, Facilities and Campus Planning has organized parking alternatives while the construction is taking place. Despite a large majority of work being done in the immediate area, the Campus Center Parking Garage will still be accessible. The primary concern, according to Mathews, is to minimize obstruction of access to the Student Union and Campus Center. Single lane access will be allowed into the garage and the exiting traffic will be detoured down Flint Labratory.

Key child-witness accuses Jackson of molestation

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — In a halting, emotion-choked voice, the son of Michael Jackson's former housekeeper testified Monday that the pop star molested him during a tickling game in 1990.

The 24-year-old man was called to the stand as prosecutors in the current molestation case against Jackson began trying to show the jury that the singer has a habit of molesting boys.

The witness said that over a span of several years, Jackson twice touched his groin over his clothes during tickling games at Jackson's Los Angeles-area condominium, which he and his mother referred to as "the hideaway," and in a third incident reached under his clothes at Jackson's Neverland ranch.

"We were tickling. He was tickling and I was laughing and the — it was, he was — he was tickling me in the...," the witness said before asking the judge for a break. He wiped his eyes and drank some water.

"He was tickling me. I was wearing shorts again. ... He reached on my leg and I'm still laughing and he reached up to my — privates," the witness said.

As he began to describe the alleged molestation he apologized to prosecutor Ron Zonen for his halting testimony and said: "This took a lot of counseling to get over, just to let you know."

The defense asked that the comment be struck from the record and Judge Rodney S. Melville agreed.

The witness said that Jackson touched him in that incident for two or three minutes and that he remembered thinking, "I should probably go." Asked whom he first told of the incident, the witness said, "Probably God."

—Associated Press



Michael Jackson gets searched by a guard on his way into court yesterday. The Jackson jury heard from a former housekeepers son, who claims Jackson molested him.

Millions paying tribute to Pope John Paul II

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crowned with a white bishop's miter and a staff topped with a crucifix tucked under his left arm.

"His face was suffering," said Sister Emma, a 76-year-old Italian nun who saw the pope's body. "I felt a sense of sadness, even though I know he's in Heaven."

Chicago Cardinal Francis George said the cardinals prayed for about one hour before the procession started to St. Peter's. He said it was "quite moving" to see John Paul "laid out as if he were going to celebrate Mass." George said the pope looked "at peace, but a man who had suffered."

"You see the face of death very clearly," he said. "This is a man for whom I'm extremely grateful."

On John Paul's feet were a pair of the simple brown leather shoes he favored during his 26-year pontificate and wore on many of his trips to more than 120 countries — a poignant reminder of the legacy left by history's most-traveled pope.

"I would like to tell him how much I love him," said Lorenzo Cardone, 9, waiting in line with his parents.

Since the pope's death Saturday, St. Peter's Square has been transformed into an outdoor shrine of thousands of candles, farewell letters and notes scribbled on train tickets and tissues fused in puddles of melting candle wax. The scene was reminiscent of the impromptu tributes that swelled in Paris and London after the 1997 car crash that killed Princess Diana.

"Yesterday there was almost nothing here, and now look at it," said Catherine Pech, who drove 12 hours from Switzerland with her husband and daughter to mourn the pope.

Hours before the body was moved to the basilica, the College of Cardinals — meeting in tradition-bound secrecy — set Friday as the date for the funeral in the first of a series of gatherings preceding their secret vote this month to elect a new pope.

It was not clear if they discussed other issues. Chief Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said there were 65 cardinals attending, while the remaining cardinals were heading to Rome.

John Paul will be buried immediately after the funeral, which will include pageantry reserved for the highest prince of the church. The basilica was designed by Bramante and Michelangelo and dedicated in 1626. It was built on the site where St. Peter is believed to have been buried.

Navarro-Valls said John Paul would "almost surely" be buried in the tomb where Pope John XXIII lay before he was brought up onto the main floor of the basilica. John XXIII was moved after his 2000 beatification because so many pilgrims wanted to visit his tomb, and the grotto is in a cramped underground space.

Son of fallen soldier accepts Medal of Honor

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and nobody was going to make him leave it."

Still, Coker said, "it was absolutely amazing to stand up in that volume of fire."

During a stretch of 15 minutes or longer, Smith fired more than 300 rounds as Pvt. Michael Seaman, protected inside the M113, passed him ammunition.

Then he was struck by enemy fire and mortally wounded. At almost the same time, 1st Sgt. Timothy Campbell ended the threat from the tower with a grenade, and the surviving Iraqis withdrew. Medics tried to save Smith, and he died about 30 minutes later.

He and his comrades are credited with killing between 20 and 50 Iraqi soldiers.

Beyond his position were American medics, scouts, a mortar unit and a command post — all lightly armed and vulnerable.

"Sgt. 1st Class Smith's actions saved the lives of at least 100 soldiers," according to an Army narrative.

Smith was born in El Paso, Texas, and moved to Tampa, Fla., when he was 9. He enlisted in the Army in 1989.

He was known for being tough on the men under his command, Coker, who has returned to Iraq with the 3rd Infantry Division, said in a weekend telephone interview.

But Smith held himself to the same standard, Coker said, and he took care of his young soldiers when they needed it. Back in the United States, when one private's wife fell seriously ill, Smith drove four hours to bring toys to their children.

The other two post-Vietnam Medals of Honor went to Army Master Sgt. Gary I. Gordon and Army Sgt. 1st Class Randall D. Shughart, two Delta Force troopers who died defending the crew of a helicopter that was shot down in Mogadishu, Somalia, in events depicted in the book and movie "Black Hawk Down."

More than 3,400 Medals of Honor have been awarded since the decoration was created in 1861, of which more than 600 have been given posthumously.

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Journalists awarded Pulitzer for writing

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about patients, families and physicians that illuminated the often unseen world of cancer survivors. The paper's other award went to Joe Morgenstern in the criticism category for movie reviews the judges said provided "insight, authority and wit."

Walt Bogdanich of The New York Times won for national reporting for stories about the corporate coverup of responsibility for fatal accidents at railroad crossings.

Two prizes were awarded for international reporting: Kim Murphy of the Los Angeles Times for her reporting from Russia and Newsday's Dele Olojede for his look at Rwanda a decade after its genocidal civil war.

In awarding the public service citation, the judges praised The Times for "its courageous, exhaustively researched series exposing deadly medical problems and racial injustice at a major public hospital."

Julia Keller of the Chicago Tribune won for feature writing for what the judges said was a "gripping" reconstruction of a deadly tornado that ripped through Utica, Ill., in a matter of 10 seconds.

"This is an example of the Tribune's commitment to storytelling," said Keller, who has been at the newspaper for six years.

Connie Schultz of The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer was cited for what the judges called her "pungent columns that provided a voice for the underdog and underprivileged."

A teary-eyed Schultz wore a tiara and held several bouquets of flowers as colleagues sipped champagne and ate pieces of a cake shaped like an edition of the newspaper. She submitted 10 columns on topics ranging from the Ohio's ban on gay marriage to how managers at a restaurant were taking money from the tip jar at the coat check.

"I enjoy having an opinion," said Schultz, a former reporter who became a columnist two years ago. "I get to report on things that drive me crazy and have an opinion about it."

Tom Philp of The Sacramento Bee won for a series of editorials calling for the restoration of California's flooded Hetch Hetchy Valley in the Sierra Nevada mountains.

"Even in editorial writing sometimes you have to wander way beyond the comfort zone, and this was one of those times," Philp said. He called winning the prize "the thrill of a professional lifetime."

Nick Anderson of The Courier-Journal of Louisville, Ky., won for editorial cartooning for his unusual graphic style that produced "thoughtful and powerful messages," the judges said.

Deanne Fitzmaurice of the San Francisco Chronicle won for feature photography for what the judges said was her "sensitive photo essay" on an Oakland hospital's effort to mend an Iraqi boy nearly killed by an explosion.

"I didn't really think 'Pulitzer' at all while I was working on it, but I was thinking, 'This is the most important story I've ever done,'" Fitzmaurice said. "I feel like it really brought the war home to us."

The AP submitted 20 photos, including one showing an American serviceman trying to draw sniper fire with a helmet designed to look like a soldier; Marines praying over a fallen comrade; and Iraqis celebrating the deaths of U.S. contractors whose charred bodies were hung from a bridge in Fallujah.



Journalists rejoice in their office as they find out that thier newspaper was awarded the prestigious Pulitzer Prize.

Professor speaks in final lecture series

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nerves to connect, in a sense allowing for nerves to regrow themselves." In an experiment in which a partially paralyzed mouse was injected with the nanotechnology, the mouse was able to recover some ability to move.

After his lecture Russell was presented with the Chancellor's Medal for exemplary and extraordinary service to the campus. Russell joined the university faculty in 1996 and has been the director of the Materials Research Science and Engineering Center since 1997.

The center unites the efforts of 34 UMass faculty members from the departments of biochemistry, chemical engineering, chemistry, plant biology, physics, and polymer science and engineering, and has research collaborations and outreach programs with more than 12 other institutions. The center has been fostered by 29 years of support from the National Science Foundation for interdisciplinary research.



Professor Thomas Russell speaks to students and faculty yesterday in final distinguished series about "Small Devices from Long Chains."

Prisoners in Baghdad protest transfer of many detainees

By Mariam Fam
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Prisoners at Iraq's largest detention facility protested the transfer of several detainees deemed "unruly" by authorities, throwing rocks and setting tents on fire in a disturbance that injured four guards and 12 detainees, the military said Monday.

Friday's protest at Camp Bucca — which holds about 6,000 prisoners, nearly two-thirds of all those in Iraq — caused only minor injuries before being brought under control, authorities said. It was the third major incident at an Iraqi prison in three days.

On Monday, a suicide bomber driving a tractor blew himself up close to the infamous Abu Ghraib prison, wounding four civilians in the second insurgent attack around the prison in two days.

Al-Qaida in Iraq said 10 of its fighters died in an assault on the same prison Saturday, while the U.S. military put the insurgents' casualties at one dead and about 50 wounded. Forty-four American soldiers and 13 prisoners were injured in the fighting — the latest in a series of large-scale attacks by insurgents in Iraq.

In an Internet posting, Al-Qaida in Iraq claimed about 20 militants scaled the prison's walls and one of them reached a prison tower and yelled: "God is great!" It said two of its fighters were wounded and 10 were killed, including seven suicide bombers.

The statement, which appeared late Sunday, was impossible to independently verify, and it conflicted with the U.S. account.

The U.S. military denied anyone got inside the prison and said no inmates escaped. It said only one suicide bomber participated, while others fired assault rifles, mortars and rocket-propelled grenades.

A U.S. spokesman, Lt. Col. Guy Rudisill, said he did not believe any attackers were captured. He said the wounded insurgents either escaped on their own or were dragged away by other militants.

The military said the insurgents staged simultaneous assaults on multiple locations at the prison, focusing on two guard towers and then using a car bomb to try to penetrate a gate.

Combat helicopters helped push back the attack, which was the largest at Abu Ghraib since insurgents fired mortar rounds into the compound nearly a year ago, killing more than 20 detainees and injuring nearly 100.

Rudisill said prison officials heard an explosion Monday, but he said it wasn't close enough to cause any damage. The blast killed the tractor's driver and injured four Iraqis, police 1st Lt. Akram al-Zubaeyee said.

Abu Ghraib was at the center of the prison abuse scandal last year after photographs were publicized showing U.S. soldiers humiliating Iraqi inmates, including having them pile naked in a human pyramid. The United States holds nearly 3,500 prisoners at Abu Ghraib and about 7,000 elsewhere in Iraq.

Last month, the U.S. military said guards discovered a 600-foot tunnel — dug with makeshift tools — leading out of Camp Bucca, near the southern city of Umm Qasr. The tunnel reached beyond the compound fence, with an opening hidden beneath a floorboard, but no one had escaped, authorities said.

Some Iraqi lawmakers have called for the release of the prisoners at Abu Ghraib, and the National Assembly's newly elected speaker, Hajim al-Hassani, told Al-Jazeera television the topic will be among the first discussed by lawmakers.

"There are some problems regarding the security issue and troubles concerning Abu Ghraib detainees," he said. "These issues will be the main subject we are concerned about in the National Assembly."

President Bush called al-Hassani on Monday to congratulate him on becoming parliament speaker.

"The two leaders expressed confidence that democracy will succeed in Iraq," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said. "The president reiterated our commitment of continued support for Iraq as they move forward."

Iraq's interim prime minister, Ayad Allawi, also congratulated al-Hassani, saying his election was "a hopeful sign as you begin the assembly's tasks, including laying down the constitution."

Annual survey rates cheaper airlines as top five carriers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Airlines that offer low fares and provide service to smaller cities are chipping away at traditional large airlines like United and American, say the authors of an annual survey that ranks airline quality.

Five of the six top-rated airlines are low-fare carriers, and regional airlines are making it onto the list for the first time because they now carry enough passengers to qualify.

Brent Bowen, a co-author of the report and director of the University of Nebraska's aviation institute, said the traditional big airlines may just go away, leaving low-fare carriers and regional airlines.

"Five years ago, low-fare carriers had a 5 to 7 percent market share," said Dean Headley, the study's other author and an associate professor at Wichita State University. "Today, the low-fare airlines have a 25 percent share."

Low-fare carriers are succeeding because they have less complicated, more profitable route structures than the traditional airlines, Headley said. That makes it easier to keep customers satisfied, he said.

The Airline Quality Rating study, released Monday, is based on Transportation Department statistics for airlines that carry at least 1 percent of the 650 million passengers who flew domestically last year.

Five of the top six ranked airlines are low-fare carriers. JetBlue Airways was ranked as offering the best service, followed by AirTran Airways, Southwest Airlines, United Airlines, Alaska Airlines and America West Airlines.

Two regional carriers carried enough passengers to be ranked for the first time: Cincinnati-based Comair, a feeder airline owned by Delta, and SkyWest, headquartered in St. George, Utah. Atlantic Southeast, another Delta-owned feeder airline, made its debut on the list last year.

—Associated Press

A new dorm to be built

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not have to raise funding if the project goes over budget. It also benefits by having all of the people involved together. "It essentially establishes a partnership between the builder, architect and owner," Cahill told the Republican.

"Exactly how many buildings and beds will be added will depend on the market, which hasn't been favorable to the University. The estimates are coming in high. The market is so hot right now. It's the toughest market I've seen in a while," Cahill told the Republican.

But no matter how much housing is created it will be very beneficial for students. Almost ever September for the past few years around 500 students with registered housing have found themselves in temporary housing.

Although some of this trouble comes from students leaving on-campus housing without canceling their housing registration for the next year, a lot of it comes form lack of housing. In a previous interview with The Massachusetts Daily Collegian, Michael Gilbert, Director of Housing Services said that, "UMass has been accepting a bigger core population than it can accommodate for the last two years." This coupled with the fact that for the last four years more juniors and seniors have chosen to live on campus contributes to the housing squeeze.

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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Malnutrition doubles in Iraq

Mike Sances

The curious contradiction was first pointed out to me two years ago in an American foreign policy discussion section. Social conservatives, the teaching assistant observed, have no qualms sentencing someone to death, but rabidly oppose abortions of any sort. At this I laughed, until I heard the flipside: social liberals vehemently oppose the death penalty, but will not object to an abortion within reason.

The contradiction disappears, however, when the two issues — abortion and the death penalty — are viewed not as matters of life and death, but of social freedom and social control.

Juan Cole summed it up best at the end of last week, noting the oddity of a March 31 press conference where the president shifted seamlessly from expressing condolences on the passing of Terri Schiavo to addressing a new report on the failures of prewar intelligence.

Denouncing the press conference as "a sort of Public Relations grave robbery, and among the blackest moments in the history of the presidency," and incredulously trying to reconcile the phrase "culture of life" with one of the most belligerently militaristic presidents this country has ever seen, Cole concludes that the pro-life movement "is not about life at all. It is about social control. It helps establish a hierarchical society in which men are at the pinnacle and women kept barefoot, pregnant and in the kitchen."

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It also explains the contrast between the national hysteria (according to the media, anyway — polls show most of the country opposed the government's intervention in the affair) over "starving" a brain-damaged woman in Florida and the tragic news last week that the number of children suffering from malnutrition in Iraq has "about doubled" since the American invasion began. Jean Ziegler, who heads the Right to Food Office of the United Nations Human Right Commission, directly blamed the invasion for his report's conclusions.

Needless to say, such figures, unlike flying back to the White House from Crawford in the middle of the night, do not make for good public relations. That is why you probably didn't hear about it, and if you did, the headline was likely something along the lines of "U.S. rejects malnutrition claims." Witness the impenetrable response to the report by the American ambassador to the U.N. in Geneva: "First, [Ziegler] has not been to Iraq, and second, he is wrong."

Apparently this is all that is required for the story to be deemed a non-issue by the vast network of corporate mouthpieces misnamed "journalists." Never mind that the U.N. report was based, in part, on American and European studies — or that this was actually the second time the state of Iraq's children had been so defined.

As it happens, the Washington Post had already broken this story last November, though then the number had "almost" doubled. "After the rate of acute malnutrition among children younger than five steadily declined to four percent two years ago," wrote Karl Vick, "it shot up to 7.7 percent this year, according to a study conducted by Iraq's Health Ministry in cooperation with Norway's Institute for Applied International Studies and the U.N. Development Program. The new figure translates to roughly 400,000 Iraqi children suffering from 'wasting,' a condition characterized by chronic diarrhea and dangerous deficiencies of protein."

Note that the interim government appointed by then-proconsul Paul Bremer corroborates the figures in November. A search for an official American response to the earlier report came up empty.

Where are the acts of civil disobedience practiced by the ardent "supporters" of Terri Schiavo outside the Florida hospice?

Where is the opening of American hearts and wallets, like that which we saw in the aftermath of the Asian tsunami?

Remember that this particular atrocity is but one of the innumerable horrors of war that we have vested upon the people of Iraq. Thus, we come upon another contradiction, not between death and life, or slavery and freedom, but between those disasters we create and those we do not. What's happening in Iraq today is something that you, I and everyone else in this country bear direct responsibility for.

Why Americans will go out of their way to alleviate the suffering of some, but refuse to lift a finger toward compelling our government to simply terminate ongoing crimes against human beings no less innocent, is a question I leave for the reader to mull over.

Mike Sances is a Collegian columnist.

A stroll outside the cave

Yousef Munayyer

Every week, I usually write about politics in the Middle East and specifically the conflict in Palestine. I do this not only because it is a subject near and dear to me, but also because the point of a column is to provoke thought and discussion. Since conflict exists because of misunderstanding, we can begin to solve these issues by talking about them. What I hope people will do is to think about certain issues in ways they may have not thought of them before.

Everyone has a particular stance on an issue. Everyone has an opinion. However, not all opinions are valid. This is not to say that only my opinion on an issue is correct. Rather, what I am trying to explain is that I reject any opinion not based on educated reasoning. This does not necessarily amount to a careful study of history and the politics of an issue, but also the careful understanding of other views.

I cannot begin to tell you how many weak arguments I hear because they are only repeated rhetoric. The strongest and most persuasive arguments I have heard are by those who willingly acknowledge the opposing argument and use that knowledge to reshape and strengthen their opinion.

Before I lose you in this sea of logical theory, let me explain what prompted this introduction. This past week, like most, I received a few e-mails to my student account about my column. Those who write sometimes disagree and sometimes agree wholeheartedly with me. However, even though some feedback may be very critical, I consider them all positive. At least they are reading.

From the rhetoric and clichés that appear in some of the critical e-mails, I can tell almost exactly what the person has been reading. Everyone is, of course, a product of their environment. The opinions that I consider to be valid, however, come from those who dare to leave that protective environment which they have been confined to since birth, and have ventured outside of their proverbial cave.

If an individual, after having entertained the arguments of others and having seen what exists outside of their respective bubble, still finds grounds to believe in their original opinion, I can respect that, but I reject someone who argues and refuses to broaden their horizon. In fact, I feel sorry for them.

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At a university like ours, the mind is supposed to open up to new ideas, but some remain sheltered. I feel most sorry for those who spend four years here (and in some cases five, six or seven), and never really learn anything. For them, their university experience exists on the paper which makes up their degree but their mind remains as enclosed and unexercised as the day they walked in.

One correspondence I had this week was particularly telling. After a short barrage about bias and balance in the first e-mail I received, I replied by first thanking the reader for their response and asking them to be more specific. In reply to this, my critic, writing in a somewhat frustrated tone, had ended his/her e-mail by asking if I had ever been to Israel.

I smiled ear to ear when I read that last line. I was happy to respond to this inquiry by talking about my personal history. I told my critic about how I was born in Israel and carry an Israeli passport and citizenship. I went on about how I have traveled throughout Israel, from its major cities to its minor ones, meeting and talking with the people in the country. Also, I noted that as an Arab with American citizenship, I had the opportunity to travel to the occupied territories which is a perspective very few Israelis can claim to have.

What was most interesting about this last e-mail was the fact that I did not receive a reply from my critic. I can only assume that he/she had never entertained the possibility of my background and had realized how close-minded he/she was. I must admit I was somewhat disappointed not to hear back, but I hope that this incident caused my critic to think about their preconceived notions and where they come from. Perhaps this will lead to their eventual awakening.

It is vital to reiterate the principle of conflict resolution through understanding. If you walk through life with the preconceived notions of your childhood, you will only grow physically and pass away having never grown mentally. This is why I believe it is especially important to discuss and debate issues which we do not agree upon.

The conflict in Palestine is my main focus and anyone who wants to learn more about my perspective should let me know. Perhaps we will part in disagreement, but at least we will have learned from each other.

Yousef Munayyer is a Collegian columnist.



With senior year comes apathy

Elizabeth Joyce-Brandt

All I want to do lately is hang out. I want to literally sit around all day with my friends and do nothing but laugh and it's beginning to become a problem. Sure, laziness is the way of life for many college students, but I have taken mine to a whole new level. I've become impossibly irritated with anything that requires my attention such as homework or class. Waking up before 11 a.m. is a real struggle for me, which is problematic due to the fact that I have 9 a.m. classes.

I am no longer the girl who faithfully does her homework before it's actually due. Usually, I'm scrambling to finish it on the bus or in the first 15 minutes of class. I'm not the annoying girl who corrects the professor's use of grammar or spelling on the whiteboard. Instead, I'm the annoying girl who is making up horrible poems about the professors pants (roses are red, violets are black, Professor Perkins is wearing corduroy slacks).

My room is in constant disarray and I've been wearing dirty clothes for the past two weeks. Normally, people with common sense would be bothered by all of these factors. The fact that I am constantly sweating out a homework assignment, looking homeless or annoying classmates should bother me, but they just don't. Instead, I just laugh it all off, chalking it up to senioritis. But could it be more? Could I really be losing my mind just months shy of graduation?

I've seen this happen to friends of mine. A little identity crisis before taking the big leap from the college world to the real world. I've heard of students acting completely out of character in their last semester of college, throwing caution to the wind and doing crazy things. I never thought it would happen to me, but here I am, on the brink of becoming crazy.

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I used to be a fairly smart girl, filled with some useful knowledge about the world around me. I used to be able to hold a riveting conversation without forgetting what I was talking about half way through. This is no longer the case, my friends. Now, I forget what I'm talking about mid-sentence. I'm filled with useless knowledge thanks to shows like "I Love the 90's" and "Best Week Ever."

I now hold conversations about replacing Cory Matthews' little sister on "Boy Meets World" and can keep you up to date with the Michael Jackson trial or tell you how Oprah lost her weight. But if you ask me to help you with a math equation, we're both in trouble. I am obsessed with things that are completely absurd, like my tweed jacket, every Will Ferrell movie, anything pink and French braiding my friend Karl's hair. I can't help it, on a good day I'm working with three brain cells, max.

I have this sneaky feeling that I'm not alone though, so I guess this long winded rant is just a cry for help. Somebody please help me get my brain back before I am released into the real world with absolutely no clue as to what the hell I should be doing. I am afraid that if I am "freed" while in such a delicate state, something horrible will happen. I guess until I get help, I will just be sitting on my couch, laughing at my situation and wondering what is going to really happen come May 22.

Elizabeth Joyce-Brandt is a UMass student.

If steroids were legal in sports

Chris Sweeney

Congress, mass media and all of Major League Baseball have been consumed by the steroids scandal. Everyone is seeking to rid the MLB of these performance-enhancing drugs and move beyond the problem. However, as far as I'm concerned, the approach to rid the MLB of steroids is an entirely inappropriate solution to the problem.

The MLB and the American public should embrace steroids as a step towards a higher form of entertainment. Lets face it, we've all enjoyed seeing records being smashed recently, and when Bonds steps up to the plate, there's always a bit more excitement. Just imagine what the game of professional baseball would be like if all the players were juiced up.

Steroids could push baseball beyond any form of entertainment we've ever seen, and isn't that the top priority of any professional sports association, fan entertainment?

If the MLB provided a choice for players to inject themselves with all types of human growth hormones, the competition would be savage. Those who are so dedicated to winning would use medical science to become Goliath-type figures and crush the ball 700, 800ft from home plate. The home run derby over all-star weekend would be an unprecedented display of hitting ability. Stadiums would be sold out constantly, filled with eager fans hoping to catch one of the many upper-deck home runs.

Though if all players began adopting steroids, hitters would not have it so easy. Outfielders could become faster, and increase their leaping abilities, leading to more robbed home runs. Shortstops and basemen could increase their reaction times, triple plays would not be so rare and acrobatic throws and catches would be the norm.

It gets better though. Pitchers could develop their arms into machines capable of throwing in the triple digits for long stretches. The already amazing natural ability of these men would be enhanced to such a level that entire games would become highlight reels. So many of the players are already so dedicated to winning, that mixing the strenuous mental effects of steroids could add a seriously entertaining psychological aspect to the game of baseball.

We've all seen players kick over the occasional water cooler, scream at teammates or get into it with a fan. I would like to see how they deal with these stresses under the influence of numerous adrenaline increasing, genital shrinking substances.

The peak of excitement during a steroid-fueled baseball game would have to be when a bench-clearing brawl would break out. Twenty or so mammoth men engaged in a vicious fight, armed with bats and some protected with helmets. Imagine if Pedro was "roid raging" when he tossed Don Zimmer to the ground. Sure, the networks and players claim to be ashamed of brawls, but every fan gets a certain kick from seeing some kicks and punches in a baseball game. Steroids could push baseball beyond any form of entertainment we've ever seen, and isn't the top priority of any professional sports association, fan entertainment?

I admit that I have made some assumptions about the ability of steroids that may not be possible. Also, I realize that steroids could lead to some serious health issues that could shorten or end an athlete's life. That is why the MLB should invest in creating medical science teams dedicated entirely to the creation of steroids that could enhance specific abilities and not be so damaging to the body. If scientists can grow a human ear off the back of rat, I think they can develop some pretty insane steroids.

As reality television begins its race to the bottom, steroid-enhanced sports should be the next genre to captivate millions. The big names are already there; fans have most favorites and least favorites; age long rivalries already exist. Let's just help baseball take a step into this modern world with a little injection of medicine. Hell, maybe steroids could even bring the NHL back to life. That game already allows fighting and has amazing athletes flying around on ice, equipped with sticks and pads. Talk about entertainment.

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Anne Frank



The Diary of a Young Girl in Pictures

By Aline Mendelsohn
The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. In the photographs, they are an ordinary family of four.

Here is Edith in 1931, cradling her baby girl. Here is Margot in 1938, standing on the beach in her bathing cap. Here is Anne, posing in a frilly costume before a birthday party in 1934.

Nothing foreshadows the terror they will experience. Nothing betrays the fact that, in a few years, Edith, Margot and Anne Frank will be dead.

The images of the Frank family are featured in "Anne Frank: A Private Photo Album," currently on display at the Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center of Central Florida in Maitland.

The exhibit, on display until May 31, features more than 70 copies of photos of the Franks before they hid from the Nazis for two years in an Amsterdam attic.

"The power of it is that it's not Anne as the icon we have come to know. It's Anne as little sister, as the youngest in the family," says Mary Geary, director of development for the Anne Frank Center USA in New York. "We see them in these precious moments, when life held promise, the promise that every family feels when children are young and have potential."

Anne Frank's father, Otto, was a businessman who loved photography. He took dozens of pictures of his family.

As much as possible, Anne's parents tried to shield their children from the worsening news about the condition of Jews. So after the war started, photos of Anne and Margot show them doing normal things: sunbathing, sleeping, doing schoolwork.

Anne, who collected photos of movie stars, loved having her picture taken, says Ryan Cooper, who befriended Otto Frank in the early 1970s. As she posed for many pictures, she tilted her head in a way that shows she was both conscious of, and comfortable with, the camera in front of her.

"She was a very sprightly, bubbly girl," says Pieter Kohnstam, who was Anne's neighbor in Amsterdam and now lives near Sarasota, Fla. Anne was seven years older and would sometimes baby-sit Kohnstam. "She was a little bit of a dreamer, fantasizing about actors and clothes."

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This specialist says new dietary guidelines can be achieved

By Lisa Liddane
The Orange County Register

Since the new dietary guidelines were issued in January, some health experts have been expressing concern that some of the exercise recommendations may be too steep.

They worry that setting such expectations may intimidate people and make them want to give up before they try.

Here's a recap of the exercise guidelines:

Reduce the risk of chronic disease in adulthood by participating in a moderate-intensity physical activity at least half an hour a day most days of the week. Long periods of more vigorous exercise are better.

Prevent gradual weight gain in adulthood by participating in an hour of moderate to vigorous activity most days of the week while keeping calories constant.

If you've lost weight, maintain the weight loss in adulthood by participating in an hour to 1 1/2 hours daily of moderate-intensity physical activity while keeping calories constant.

The guidelines that call for 60 minutes to 90 minutes are what some people find unrealistic. Call me an optimist, but I think that what's missing is encouragement and advice to help people actually get there.

Shouldn't health experts be showing people that the road to the 90-minute workout is long and starts with small steps, whether you're trying to maintain weight loss or simply build your total fitness?

Take it from someone who's been there. I didn't grow up playing sports and didn't discover the joy of physical activity until about 12 years ago. I joined a gym for preventive health reasons when a friend told me about a two-for-one sign-up promotion. I started with 20 minutes of walking, then running on a treadmill. After about a month of doing this several times a week, I was running half an hour. I took my running outdoors and eventually participated in 5Ks. I also started taking other classes such as hip-hop, cardio kickboxing, boot camp and Spinning. I'd get to the gym half an hour before a class and strength train, then take an hour-long cardio class.

It was one of the best things I've done for my health. Exercise made me feel much more alive and gave me energy, so that I began to look forward to being active.

My husband introduced me to road cycling, and we'd go for rides that lasted several hours in Orange and Los Angeles counties. In turn, I introduced him to indoor cycling. In our pre-baby days, we were physically active two hours a day, longer on weekends, and having a lot of fun along the way.

If dropping unhealthy pounds and maintaining weight loss are your objectives, remember that 60 minutes to 90 minutes are long-term goals. It will take awhile to get there, and you have to take baby steps before you can run. First, choose activities you enjoy. Shoot for 15 minutes, then eventually half an hour. As you develop cardiovascular endurance, add another 10 minutes to 15 minutes. Keep a workout log to track your progress. Be patient with yourself, and appreciate the gradual progress you're making.



Many felt the new dietary guides issued this year were to steep, and may scare people away from keeping up with their health. Liddane says that a slow but steady approach is best.

Son of Knievel: Reality TV

Robbie's 'Wild Ride' now an A&E show

By Jean Prescott
Knight Ridder

Turn your back for a few months, and squatters, notably the Gotti family and "Dog the Bounty Hunter", move into the cable-network home of Jane Austen's reluctant lovers Elizabeth Bennett and Mr. Darcy.

Bye-bye costume dramas, hello reality TV.

Joining those interlopers Tuesday on A&E is a new series that would be of a kind with its predecessors if it weren't for the enigmatic star of the show, second-generation daredevil Robbie Knievel.

Yes, son of Evel, leaper of cars, canyons and such. He smiles broadly, laughs easily and seems to thrive on the attention brought his way by "Knievel's Wild Ride" (10 p.m. ET Tuesdays on A&E).

"Yeah, they just follow us around," he said by phone from a hotel room somewhere in Manhattan last week. "We don't do anything special for them. They want this to be real, and it is real, if you saw it.

"There's a lot of bleeping."

Indeed, the unscripted conversations, one in particular after a biker bar scrap, are nothing if not long strings of bleeps.

It's all part of the panoply, a pageant that stretches all the way back to the gladiators, Knievel says. "Men needing to prove themselves. The cowboys in the old West, too. It's all part of the same thing," and he can't imagine doing anything else. "I've had those hard-labor jobs. No thanks."

He laughs, then sobers at the thought of his dad, from whom he has been estranged but recently reconciled: "I look at him sitting on his bus before an appearance. He's in pain, he's doing oxygen (the elder Knievel has a debilitating lung disease), and I ask him, Dad, why do you keep doing this to yourself?' He says he just loves his fans."

It's not about the mechanics or the engineering or even the achievement, the younger (he's 40-something) Knievel says. "They talk about technology today, but things can still go wrong. You can still black out from G-forces, and it only takes a few seconds. No, it's about the people, and the more the better. I like it when it looks like an ocean of heads. It makes it easier to perform.

"My little girl (18-year-old Krysten Knievel; you meet her in episode two) has got a taste of it, and she's hooked, too," but not on speed and danger. She sings the National Anthem at her dad's performances.

Knievel says people always ask him if he considers himself a daredevil. "So I finally looked it up, and I guess I am bold and reckless like it says. I grew up with a pretty wild father, did my first jump when I was 10 because I just wanted to live up to the name.

"I don't have a death wish, but if I die, I don't want it to be from liver disease."

Knievel will have close to 10 chances to tempt fate this year, most of them on "Knievel's Wild Ride."

Jane Austen must be twirling in her grave.



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The infamous daredevil Evel Knieval's son, Robbie has started where his father left off. He will star in his own reality TV show, "Knievel's Wild Ride" which will air on A&E this season.



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Cybill Shepherd isn't afraid to speak out about constipation

By Carolyn Poirot
Knight Ridder

FORT WORTH, Texas — What's a glamorous superstar like Cybill Shepherd doing here in Fort Worth, early in the morning, talking about constipation before she jets off to Toronto to film a new two-hour CBS television movie about Martha Stewart?

"It's important to get women talking about IBS (irritable bowel syndrome) with constipation," says Shepherd, yawning as she leans back in one chair, her feet, clad in raspberry pink metallic sneakers, up in another. "Six million women suffer from it."

While Martha herself might be the last person to bring up the subject of constipation in polite company, Shepherd, who also played Martha in a 2003 NBC Movie of the Week, "Martha, Inc.," says she has always been outspoken, some would say irreverent, when it comes to health issues affecting women.

"I've been talking about unmentionables for 30 years," Shepherd says. "My first real cause was reproductive freedom, and it still is, but I also helped bring menopause out of the closet. Long before the big controversy over HRT (hormone replacement therapy), I talked about menopause and periods and ways to deal with them on 'Oprah.' In fact, I once walked up to a group of women I hardly knew at a party and said, 'So, about menopause, how's it going with you?' Everybody quit talking and started backing away."

Now, Shepherd is traveling the country talking about IBS with constipation (as opposed to IBS with diarrhea) and Zelnorm, a prescription drug to treat the abdominal pain, bloating and chronic constipation that IBS can cause. She is a spokeswoman for the "Amazing Women" campaign, designed to empower women to seek proper diagnosis and treatment for recurring constipation. Shepherd's tour is sponsored by Novartis Pharmaceuticals, the company that developed Zelnorm.

"I tell women to talk to everyone, your family and friends and mothers and sisters and especially your doctor, even if it is embarrassing," Shepherd says. "I was misdiagnosed for 20 years. My doctor told me it was nothing. It was psychological, all in my head. There's nothing to make you go crazy like being told that pain is all in your head . . . The bloating was so bad that sometimes a costume wouldn't fit from day to day and I would just have to leave it unzipped in back."

She finally went to a new doctor who correctly diagnosed IBS about two years ago.

Traditionally, diagnosis of IBS with constipation has been a problem simply because patients are reluctant to talk about it.

"It's not that it is difficult to diagnose, but people don't talk about their bowels much with their primary care physicians," says Dr. Stephen Furs, a gastroenterologist who participated in a double-blind clinical study on Zelnorm at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. "Doctors weren't asking, and patients weren't volunteering the information needed for proper diagnosis.

"It's not that IBS with constipation is underappreciated, it's just that it can't be readily explained," says Furs. "For years, we attributed it to unresolved stress. That's how it got the reputation for being 'in your head.' We treated it with high-fiber diets and fiber supplements and laxatives, but in most studies those treatments were no better than placebo. I would say about three out of four of my patients who are properly diagnosed get significant relief with Zelnorm." He notes that he has been prescribing the drug since it came out in fall 2002.

"Nothing helped all the symptoms until I got on the right medication," Shepherd says, trying to suppress another yawn as she twirls the office chair she is sitting in around and asks her assistant for a bottle of water and a hard-boiled egg white to help her through the early-morning interview.

"You know it's 5:20 my time (in Los Angeles), and I've been up and at this for a couple of hours already," she points out.

Still, she appears none the worse for the hectic schedule and says that at 55, "it's too late to start lying about my age now" she's feeling better than ever before.

"I've been singing and dancing (on stage) for the first time ever at the Soho Theater in London," says Shepherd, a stage, movie and television actress who recalls dancing on the toes of her father's wingtip shoes, by the time she could walk and singing in her church choir from age 8.

The one-woman show is based on her book, "Cybill Disobedience: How I Survived Beauty Pageants, Elvis, Sex, Bruce Willis, Lies, Marriage, Motherhood, Hollywood, and the Irrepressible Urge to Say What I Think." Published five years ago, the book was on The New York Times bestseller list for seven weeks and will be republished in May. Shepherd hopes to bring the show to New York next fall.

"It doesn't really matter if it's on Broadway, I just need a dance floor," she says. "I once wanted my epitaph to read, 'Dancevery chance you get,' but now I want it to say, 'We'll make this a comedy yet.'"



Outspoken actress Cybill Shepherd has never been inhibited when it comes to speaking her mind about womens issues.

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Millers graphic novel 'Sin City' comes to life on the big screen

By Spencer Ziegler
Collegian Correspondent

"Sin City" is ridiculous. It's a movie that relies on ridiculous voiceovers, ridiculous analogies all pulled off with ridiculous seriousness. But if you can get past that, or better yet, if you can appreciate and enjoy that, then "Sin City" is ridiculously fun.

Robert Rodriguez's movie is actually three movies and it's actually Robert Rodriguez, Frank Miller and Quentin Tarantino's movie as all three shared directing duties. "Sin City" is bookended with the story of Hartigan (Bruce Willis), a beat up, brooding cop with one last crime to solve. If this description sounds like one of those old-time film noir stories then that's because it is. As the movie begins Hartigan is trying to save an eleven year old girl named Nancy from the pedophilic son of a politician. The movie wraps up with Hartigan trying to save a 19-year-old Nancy played by Jessica Alba once again. This is the most personal segment in the film and it frames the movie perfectly.

The middle segment, which is the best part of the film, features a great performance by Mickey Rourke who plays Marv, an ex-con who finds a dame worth dying for. To avenge her death Marv will "kill his way to the truth," as he says by tracking down a silent but deadly cannibal (Elijah Wood) and a corrupt and powerful Cardinal (Rutger Hauer).

The weakest, but still solid, third of the movie is the one about Dwight (Clive Owen), a soft-spoken yet entirely dangerous man who attempts to save Old Town for the prostitutes who run it (Rosario Dawson, Devon Aoki and Alexis Bledel). This is the part of the movie that features Quentin Tarantino's directing as he films a surprisingly violent confrontation between Dwight, the prostitutes of Old Town and Jackie Boy (Benecio Del Toro), a cop whose actions will compromise the truce of Old Town.

'Sin City'
Directed by Robert Rodriguez Frank Miller
Starring Bruce Willis Jessica Alba Clive Owen Benecio Del Toro
Dimension Films
Grade A-

The three segments are loosely connected plot wise, but they are binded together stylistically and thematically. Each are filmed entirely in black and white with splashes of red, blue, green or gold thrown in for good measure. Upon leaving the theatre you really get a sense of this city that Frank Miller so vividly created in his graphic novels.

The acting is actually quite impressive considering the filming and genre of the movie. The movie, much like last year's "Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow," was filmed almost entirely through HD green screen technology, so the actors had to place themselves in the scene mentally while they were acting in front of a large green backdrop. On top of that, the film-noir style presents actors with a difficult task. They have to be completely over the top serious and unrealistically tough without it being hokey.

Some of those in "Sin City" actually thrive under these two difficult conditions. Bruce Willis, for one, gives an effective and enjoyable performance. Others do not. It is evident from the five or so minutes that Josh Hartnett is on the screen that he lacks the necessary machismo that a movie of this style requires. The voice cracking ruins the illusion of him being a bad, scary man. Jessica Alba also struggles, but her excuse is a little more acceptable: she's just not a very good actress.

Alba and Hartnett are the exception. The cast, which is too jam packed to even begin to list, really seems to get Frank Miller's vision and it comes through on screen.

Rodriguez created a movie for the fans: the fans of his other movies, the fans of Frank Miller, the fans of comic books in general. The problem might be that those outside of these categories will not appreciate the movie. But the fact remains that Rodriguez, Frank Miller and Quentin Tarantino made a movie for their fans and sacrificed nothing in doing so and I find that refreshing.



Frank Miller's graphic novel, "Sin City," has been a longtime favorite of fans within the genre. Stars like Jessica Alba, Bruce Willis, Josh Hartnett, Brittany Murphy and Mickey Rourke help bring it to life.

Pictures of Anne

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In "Anne Frank: Beyond the Diary," Ruud van der Rol and Rian Verhoeven recount how Anne placed photos inside the red-and-white checked diary she received for her 13th birthday. Next to one, she wrote, "Gorgeous photograph, isn't it!!!!"

Edmond Silverberg, who lives now in Hackensack, N.J., met Anne through his cousin in 1942, when he was 16 and she was 13.

At that age, three years is a big age difference. Silverberg's parents thought he should see girls his own age. But he says talking to Anne was like being with someone his age, and he enjoyed spending time with her.

They didn't have many recreational choices. Going to movies, riding bikes and using public transportation were verboten for Jews. Instead, the pair went for walks in their neighborhood and talked for hours about their families and friends.

Silverberg saw Anne on a Sunday morning in July and returned to her house that afternoon.

He rang the doorbell.

There was no answer.

"We lived at a time when people just disappeared," Silverberg says. As Silverberg walked away, he hoped the Frank family had found a safer place to stay. But the thought also crossed his mind: He might never see Anne again.

It was around that time that the Franks and another family went into hiding.

After two years, the Franks were arrested and sent to concentration camps.

Only Otto Frank survived.

After the war, Otto Frank recovered Anne's diary and the four photo albums.

Cooper remembers paging through the albums with him. Otto Frank didn't say much as he looked at the photographs.

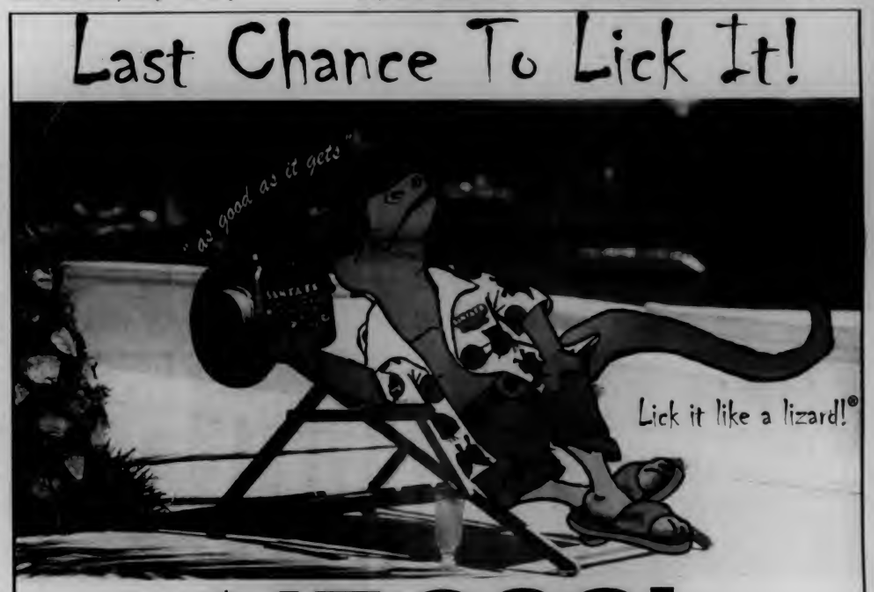
"He remembered the past but he dwelled in the present," says Cooper, who lives in Massachusetts.

Officials at the Anne Frank Center do not know of any photographs taken of the Franks while they were hiding.

The photos taken before then "set the stage for knowing how an ordinary family lived," says Chris Gordon, an English professor at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota.

Moshe Pelli, director of the Judaic Studies program at the University of Central Florida, says the pre-war photos bring a sense of authenticity to the Franks' plight.

"We're talking about real people," Pelli says. "Not just names or nameless individuals or numbers tattooed on the arm. Real people, and they had real lives."



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Alice helps UMass on and off the sidelines

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can't let anything compromise your fiercest weapon.

Growing up on a farm is also why you'll see her outside in the freezing cold towards the end of football season, or why she'll happily brave the spring rains to watch the men's lacrosse team demolish the opposition, as she did this Saturday.

"I love athletics, I love sports, and I love being outside," she says.

What really is impressive about Alice isn't her hardy attitude towards the conditions, but the fact that she's there for the team, win or lose. When the hockey team was struggling to break the 2,000 mark five years ago for game attendance, she was always present, and always cheering.

"Forget the past, tonight's a new game!" she smiles. It's obvious that this is a woman not likely to miss any upsets here at UMass anytime soon.

Her talents extend further than lung power, however. Longevity is one of her more amazing traits, as Alice will be receiving an award this summer from the university for 25 years of service as a secretary. The University should thank her for far more than that.

They should thank her for being someone who truly loves this University, and someone who won't let that turn into a "what have you done for me lately" kind of love. They should thank her for her undying support to everything UMass, and how much they appreciate the time she has invested here, both in and out of the office. Every athletic coach and team should continue to thank her for always remembering that tonight carries a whole new game.

We as students should all be so blessed to have a woman like this at our university, whether it's inside Bartlett or it's at the game. Maybe we could even go as far as emulating Alice, and making it to a few more games and letting out a few more cheers.

But this article isn't about putting more fans in the seats. This article is for you, Alice. May you continue to demonstrate to fans, like this writer, what real devotion means. Congratulations on an incredible 25 years, and we're all excited for many more.

Zach Oelschlegel is a Collegian columnist.

UMass faces Dartmouth

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and cohesive Dartmouth team led by senior defensive player Erin Osborn, the Minutewomen won't be able to afford costly turnovers and missed shots that haunted them against Boston College. Inconsistent play has been the story of Bolduc's squad so far, but for an upset to become reality today UMass will have to be clicking on all phases of the game.

"A lot of what we've been seeing is inconsistency as far as if one thing goes right something else doesn't, we're not having good even things on all levels, whether it's defense, attack or transition, there's always something we tend not to execute," Bolduc said. "I think this team is young however we expect a lot from our young players but at the same time they're learning. Some of it [inconsistency] is attributed to that [youth] possibly, I hate to say that's the reason why."

Most importantly the Minutewomen will have to slow the ball down on offense in order to limit the Big Green's time of possession and shut them down in the one on one aspect of defense.

"As far as Dartmouth is concerned they're a very good attacking team they have a great motion offense, they're very disciplined and they're very strong when they move the ball," Bolduc said. "They tend to get it rolling super fast and get their opponent on their feet, so our defensive unit has to be heads up, just constantly on their toes ready to anticipate. I think we're just going to go in and play our game, slow down their transition and hopefully play really good one vs. one defense, our defense has to be sharp tomorrow."



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Junior Lindsay Cassell goes for a shot against Albany on March 13. Cassell has nine goals for the Minutewomen, good for fifth on the team.

Lady Spartans stress teamwork

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Michigan State will take its gang of five over a couple of blue—chip players any day.

After all, this season has proven the Spartans can win in unconventional ways, without All—Americans, without dominant inside players, even beating the nation's most established women's programs by rallying from seemingly impossible deficits.

At Michigan State, it's all about teamwork.

"You see teams with one or two All—Americans and that team loses," Kristin Haynie said. "That's what makes this team great. If someone has a bad game, someone else can step up."

Adhering to coach Joanne P.McCallie's deep—rooted philosophy is what has led the Spartans out of their mediocre past and onto the brink of their first national title. Michigan State (33—3) faces Baylor on Tuesday night in a matchup of first—time finalists.

As usual, the Spartans have reached the title game with a slightly different script.

While Baylor (32—3) relies primarily on its All—America tandem of Sophia Young and Steffanie Blackmon, Michigan State beats opponents with balance.



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Michigan State's Liz Shimek, right, shoots over UT's Shyra Ely in the first half of their NCAA Women's final four tournament game.

Four starters average double figures although none scores more than 15 points per game. Two other players are scoring nearly eight points per game. It's Basketball 101 at East Lansing, Mich.

"We're not a bunch of all—stars," center Kelli Roehrig said. "But we have so many great players, I think we just complement each other so well."

McCallie seemingly has all the pieces in place.

Haynie is the fleet point guard and the school's career record—holder for steals (341). She was named most outstanding player of the Kansas City Region and the Big Ten tournament, and she averages 10.6 points and 6.8 rebounds.

Blackmon turned Bears around

By Chuck Schoffner
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Steffanie Blackmon saw a challenge at Baylor and jumped at it. Kristin Haynie was told she could win championships at Michigan State and believed it.

Each took a chance at a struggling program with the goal of making a difference. Just look where they are now: On Tuesday night, one of them will leave the RCA Dome as part of a national championship team.

Baylor and Michigan State, Final Four rookies both, have put a fresh face on the title game, getting there after two astonishing comebacks in the semifinals.

No Connecticut, no Tennessee. Just two teams with eager, energetic coaches who arrived in their jobs at the same time — Kim Mulkey—Robertson at Baylor, Joanne P. McCallie with the Spartans — and could be a case study in how a five—year plan can work.

"A lot of brackets are busted and we just have to go out there and get it done," Baylor's Chelsea Whitaker said. "They're hungry and they have a nice young coach and our coach is young. They both just want to start something new at their university."

They already have.

Five years ago, Baylor was the worst team in the Big 12 and Michigan State was only slightly better in the Big Ten, a middle—of—the—pack program that was starting to go stale. Thanks to players such as Blackmon and Haynie, their fortunes have turned.

Baylor (32—3) goes into the final night with a 19—game-winning streak; Michigan State (33—3) has won 17 in a row. Baylor has the more celebrated players with Blackmon and Sophia Young, who helped the Lady Bears overcome a 15—point deficit to beat LSU in Sunday night's semifinals.

But no one in the NCAA tournament has played better as a team than Michigan State, which came from 16 down in the second half to beat Tennessee on Sunday, matching the biggest comeback in Final Four history.

"Ever since summer, we have been dreaming big — Final Fours, pursue championships in everything we do," Michigan State's Liz Shimek said. "It's not a surprise to us because we have worked so hard all year and over the course of the years. We know we belong here."



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Baylor's Sophia Young, left, goes after a loose ball with LSU's Sylvia Fowles in the Final Four.



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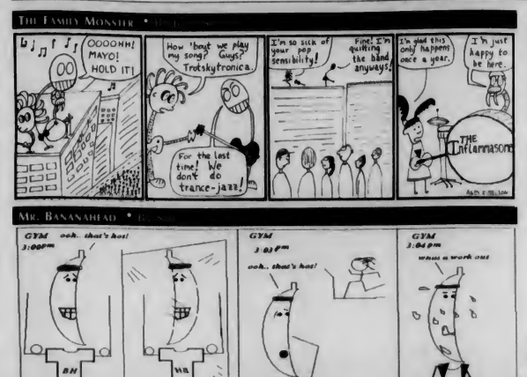
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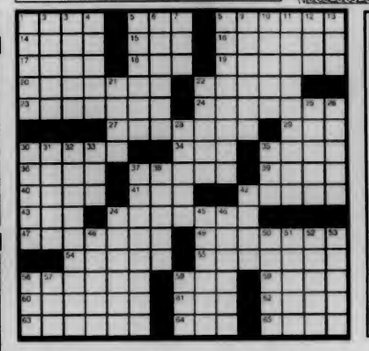
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Another challenge

By Ian Kilpatrick
Collegian Staff

Once again the Massachusetts women's lacrosse team (3-5) will take on a much more experienced top 10 team today when it takes on the No. 6 Dartmouth Big Green (7-0) at 4 p.m. at Garber Field.

This is a big week for the Minutewomen; after taking on Dartmouth it will kick off the Atlantic 10 schedule when they face La Salle Friday and Saint Josephs on Sunday, both at home.

"It's a good chance to recover from Saturday and take care of some of the issues that we had in that game," UMass coach Carrie Bolduc said.



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Kerri Connery has 16 goals this season for the Minutewomen and leads the team with eight assists. UMass takes on Dartmouth today.

"More maybe the mental issues, you know, turnovers at moments, possessions, finishing the ball and composure I think is one of our biggest issues."

For the most part UMass has started well against ranked opponents, most notably against then No. 10 Hofstra and No. 13 Syracuse in which the scores were tight at halftime.

Although turnovers and missed shots plagued the Maroon and White on Saturday, Bolduc is not concerned with her team's persistence to keep improving and fighting despite adversity such as Saturday's hard to swallow defeat.

"They've responded, I think our team is really resilient and they bounce back from adversity very well, I think they've never given up or thrown in the towel. I think for the most part whatever we tell them they usually change, we're hoping that they can continue those changes." Bolduc explained, "Unfortunat-ely we kind of had a lapse on Saturday. There were a little more turnovers than typical, for the first time we didn't finish the ball as well as we have, which killed us."

To stay with the fast-moving

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Minutemen look to end slide

By Todd Foster
Collegian Staff

The season is still young and everyone is finally healthy. Now, the Massachusetts baseball team looks to turn around from a disappointing 3-13 start at its home opener when it hosts Holy Cross today at Earl Lorden Field.

The Minutemen, who are also 0-3 in Atlantic 10 action, have not played a game since March 27 and are currently on a seven-game losing skid. UMass returns their veteran outfield of seniors Jason Twomley and Curt Szado and junior Derrick Durepo after each player had spent time on the injured list this season.

"Any time is a good time to turn things around, but especially since we haven't played for a week and a half," UMass coach Mike Stone said. "We got all our guys back from injury and finally have the line-up we hoped to have at the beginning of the season. So, we are obviously looking to play better."

UMass is looking to bounce back after Xavier exploded for 18 runs, in an 18-3 victory over the Minutemenover over a week ago.The Crusaders have also not played a game in a considerable amount of time. In their last game, the Purple and White spilt a double header against Northeastern on March 26.

The Maroon and White own a 35-26-1 record all-time versus Holy Cross. Since 1997, the Minutemen have won eight-straight meetings, as the inagural meeting dating back to 1894. This year's meeting was originally scheduled to be played in Worcester. Due to poor field conditions, however, the game was moved to Amherst.

For second year in a row Holy Cross will face UMass in its home opener. Last season, the Minutemen took an 8-5 victory with the help of Szado, who hit a game-clinching three-run homer in the bottom of the eighth.

Holy Cross is 4-9, but has a lot of depth in the batting order. The Crusaders, who are yet to play at home, have five players with over 40 at-bats hitting over .275. Senior Tim Potvin is hiting .386 with two triples and 22 hits. Though, the Worcester native tends to strike out a lot with 16 strikeouts so far this season.

On the mound for the Purple and White will be Mike Miller, the only pitcher with an earn run average under five on the staff. Miller is posting a 4.12 ERA after 24 innings work with a 2-1 record and 22 strikeouts going into tomorrow's game.

"Our biggest concern is our ball club," Stone said. "We feel if we play well, we have a good chance to win. So, we are not concerned about what [Holy Cross] is doing, because we feel we have beaten ourselves in some games. [The focus] is to play well and execute."

The trio of outfielders' return will help the lack of offensive production over the last seven games. Without their veteran hitters, UMass has been outscored 44-9 over their seven game skid.

If the Minutemen can manufacture runs, they will have junior hurler Matt Torra on the mound to protect their lead. Torra has been hot this season, posting a 1-2 record with a 1.25 earn run average. He also has 44 strikeouts and only seven walks to go along with a .198 opponent batting average against him. However, Torra is expected to only pitch the first two innings today.

"We are going to spilt up the time, because we haven't played and we need to get some guys some work," Stone explained.

UMass recently had a three-game series against La Salle at Earl Lorden Field postponed this past weekend due to poor field conditions. The weather has not damage UMass' home field only once, as the original home opener was scheduled for March 29 against Sacred Heart, as it was also postponed due to poor field conditions.

"Hopefully, there is not too much rust," Stone said. "We have been doing a lot of things, such as simulating games. I think the guys are pretty hungry right now to play and we should be ready to go."

Bourque leaves BU

BOSTON (AP) — The son of Bruins legend Ray Bourque is leaving Boston University after one season to play junior hockey in Canada.

Chris Bourque, 19, is expected to play for the Moncton Wildcats of the Quebec Major Junior League, the team said Tuesday.

BU spokesman Pete Charbonneau confirmed Monday that Bourque was leaving the school, but referred further questions to coach Jack Parker, who did not immediately return calls on Monday.

Bourque was named to the Hockey East all-rookie team after recording 10 goals and 13 assists in 35 games. He was MVP of the Beanpot tournament after scoring the game-winning goal in overtime against Northeastern in the title game.

The 5-foot-8, 175-pound forward was a second-round pick of the Washington Capitals in the 2004 NHL draft.

Bourque's agent, Steve Kasper, was meeting with Moncton director of hockey operations Allan Power on Monday in Montreal, team spokesman Greg Turner said.

Ray Bourque, a native of Quebec, also played in the QMJL before he was drafted by the Bruins. He was a five-time Norris Trophy winner as the NHL's best defenseman and spent 20-plus seasons in Boston before capping his career by winning the Stanley Cup with Colorado in 2001.

—*Associated Press*

Tribute to a true fan

You'd be hard pressed to go to any University of Massachusetts home game without noticing her. Of course, while you might not see her, you'll definitely hear her.

Zach Oelschlegel

Armed with a small megaphone, wearing anything from a Jacksonville Jaguars jacket to a UMass hockey jersey, and blessed with a pair of lungs sure to make any opera singer jealous, she lets out a cheer easily audible inside the boisterous Mullins Center, or anywhere within 400 yards of Garber Field.

"Go, go, go, go, go, goooo!"

Or, "Here we go U-Mass, here we go!"

"Go Mass, go! Go Mass, go!"

You won't miss the entrance this woman puts on.

Her name is Alice Bishko, Secretary for the Comparative Literature and Film Studies departments by day, and without question, the loudest and most dedicated fan here at UMass. Period.

"I'm not so good with the rules, I just cheer 'em on," she explains.

And cheer she does. Alice can be found whooping for just about every UMass squad, whether that's men's football and lacrosse, or women's soccer, or baseball and softball, or women's club hockey. The men's hockey team has even gone as far as giving her a few jerseys to wear to the games, with "Bishko" stitched across the shoulders.

Don't even try asking which team is her favorite, either.

"I couldn't do that!" she exclaims, almost seeming offended by such a question. You get the feeling it's like asking a mother which one of her children is her favorite.

She's even gone as far as making birthday cakes for team members. One gets a sense of how much these teams mean to her considering she's lived in the UMass area her entire life.

Born in Northampton, she grew up on a farm, and "used to call the cows home." That probably explains those powerful pipes. She's quick to tell you that she doesn't drink or smoke, either. When you're in the business of cheering, you

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Coaching legends inducted to HOF

By R.B. Fallstrom
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Last month, Jim Boeheim and Jim Calhoun became the first college basketball coaches with 700 wins to face each other. On Monday, they shared the stage again, proudly holding jerseys signifying their election to the Basketball Hall of Fame.

"This is, beyond my wife and children, the most special day in my life," Calhoun said. "When I was told the news, it was surreal."

Coach and broadcaster Hubie Brown. Brazilian women's star Hortencia Marcari and LSU coach Sue Gunter also were voted into the Hall. The new members will be enshrined Sept. 8—10 in Springfield, Mass.

The headliners, though, were a pair of Big East Conference coaches who have seemingly been in lockstep. Boeheim won his first NCAA title in 2003, and Calhoun won his second the next year. The coaches are tied for sixth on the career active victory list. Boeheim entering his 30th season next year at 703—241 and Calhoun heading into his 34th at 703—310.

Both also remain at the top of their game. Boeheim has twin 5—year—old daughters and he said he wanted to coach until they were "a lot older."

"Ideally, you'd like to be done coaching when you get to the Hall of Fame," Boeheim said. "It would be nice to say 'This is it.' The reality is, we open with Cornell next year."

Last year, college coaches were shut out in the balloting. This year, the seven former NBA players among the list of 16 finalists — Joe Dumars, Dennis Johnson, Adrian Dantley, Dominique Wilkins, Bernard King, Maurice Cheeks and Chet Walker — ended up on the outside.

"This class represents how difficult it is to get enshrined," said Russ Granik, deputy commissioner of the NBA. "Our Hall is probably unique in sports in that it represents all the levels of the game."

Boeheim said neither he nor Calhoun would have made it were it not for the rise in the 1980s of the Big East. He said Dave Gavitt, the conference's first commissioner, deserves much of the credit.

"The bottom line is if it weren't for Dave Gavitt, none of us would be in the Hall of Fame," Boeheim said. "He had a vision to put this thing together. We went from a nice little regional program to the national scene in one year."

Brown was elected under the category of contributor for his impact on the game as a coach, clinician, broadcaster and ambassador.

He retired as coach of the Memphis Grizzlies this season after being voted the NBA's coach of the year in 2004. He won the same award in 1978 with Atlanta. He won an American Basketball Association title with the Kentucky Colonels in 1975 and eight former assistants have gone on to become NBA head coaches. He also has hosted hundreds of clinics worldwide.

"I don't think you ever wake up when you're doing a job thinking of being in the Hall of Fame," Brown said. "It's a great time for my family and myself and I'd like to thank all of the people that rewarded us."

Gunter ranks third among women's basketball coaches with 708 victories. Her LSU squad went to the Final Four in her last season before she stepped down as coach in 2004 while battling emphysema, an illness that prevented her from attending the ceremony. She was to coach the U.S. women's team at the 1980 Olympics, but the United States boycotted the games.

Hortencia, known by her first name like many Brazilian athletes, averaged 27.6 points while leading Brazil to the 1994 women's world championship. She also helped her country win the silver medal in the 1996 Olympics.

Also at the ceremony, Raymond Felton of NCAA finalist North Carolina was named the Bob Cousy Collegiate Point Guard winner.



LINDA J. PESTER-KRT

UConn head coach Jim Calhoun and Syracuse University head coach Jim Boeheim were named to the Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2005 yesterday.

Minutewomen suffer A-10 losses

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts softball team dropped both games of a doubleheader at Fordham yesterday. The Minutewomen fell 4-2 in the opener and lost 14-6 in the nightcap.

UMass (11-11-1, 2-2 A-10) waited two days to take on the Rams, as games on both Saturday and Sunday were canceled due to rain. The extra time off clearly didn't help the Minutewomen, as they lost to the streaking Rams for the first time ever. UMass had won all 23 games against Fordham previously.

Fordham has now won eight games in a row.

The Minutewomen will look to get back on the winning track when they return home to take on Maine in a doubleheader on Wednesday beginning at 2 p.m.

Fordham (16-10, 6-0 Atlantic 10) took a 1-0 lead on a sacrifice fly in the fourth inning of the first game. The Rams held the lead until the sixth inning when Pam Sulick stroked a two-out, two-run single to give UMass a 2-1 edge.

That appeared to be all the offense UMass pitcher Barb LaFogg would need. LaFogg, who was named A-10 Pitcher of the Week on Monday for the second time this season, was shutting down the Fordham lineup through the first five innings, allowing only two hits.

LaFogg retired the first two batters she faced in the bottom of the sixth, but a walk and a hit batter put two runners on for Fordham's Lisa Busciascio. Busciascio then took LaFogg deep to left center giving Fordham a 4-2 lead it would not relinquish.

LaFogg (8-7) took the loss, despite allowing only three hits.



COURTESY UMASS MEDIA RELATIONS

UMass catcher KJ Kelley has four home runs on the season. Kelley and the Minutewomen were swept by A-10 rival Fordham yesterday.

LaFogg was out-dueled by Sara Kinney (11-5) who went the distance allowing only two runs on four hits.

UMass looked as if it would rebound in the second game, as it took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first. With runners on first and third, UMass' Candice Molinari attempted to steal second. The throw by Fordham's catcher sailed into centerfield allowing Hilary Puglia to score from third.

The lead was short-lived, as the Rams quickly put six runs on the board in their half of the inning. A pair of two-run doubles accounted for four of the runs in the outburst.

The Minutewomen battled back in the second, cutting the lead to 6-4. UMass scratched out three runs with two outs without ever getting the ball out of the infield. Sulick began the rally with an infield single. Kristi Stefanoni followed with a walk and Puglia was hit by a pitch loading the bases for Molinari. Molinari then delivered with a triple to right field, clearing the bases.

Fordham opened the lead to 8-4 in the third on a bases loaded single by Laura Klaiber, who drove in five runs in the second game. Once again UMass rallied, as Denise Denis drove in two runs with a single in the fourth, bringing UMass to within two, at 8-6.

UMass pitcher Jenna Busa (3-4) was unable to contain Fordham's offense, though, and the Rams broke the game open. Fordham scored two unearned runs in the fourth and then tacked on another run on a solo home run by Allison Twarowski in the fifth.

Klaiber picked up two more RBI in the sixth, as Fordham scored three runs, resulting in a mercy-rule win.

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APD hires officers for Road Respect campaign

By Brendan Heck
Collegian Staff

The Amherst Police Department has received a $12,000 grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau as part of a statewide campaign to crackdown on aggressive driving through enhanced enforcement; UMass drivers however, do not support the campaign.

Amherst Police Chief Charles Scherpa announced in a press release that the Amherst Police department will be conducting what the press released referred to as a, "traffic enforcement mobilization," which has been titled "Road Respect."

The Road Respect campaign will use the $12,000 to activate 20 extra police officers to work shifts covering only traffic violations. "The police officers covering the traffic violations will be targeting speeding, illegal rights on red, following too close to another vehicle, and other types of aggressive driving," said Lieutenant Jennifer Gunderson, the Amherst Police Department's spokeswoman for Road Respect.

Upon hearing of the Road Respect campaign, students with vehicles at UMass, for the most part, expressed negative feelings about the increased enforcement.

Students generally agreed that the program was a waste of money and unnecessary in Amherst.

"I think [the Amherst Police] should worry about making traffic less congested in Amherst. Traffic is always so clogged up in Amherst, that is probably why people drive aggressive in the first place," said Jessica Plassmann, a junior Classics Major.

The Governor's Safety Bureau Web site states that the goal of the Road Respect campaign is to, "reduce aggressive driving through education and enforcement of the traffic laws."

When Gunderson was asked about the education aspect of the campaign, she replied, "It is education through enforcement. Usually when a person is stopped by an officer it makes them aware of their driving habits."

UMass students did not agree with Gunderson. Many students were quick to offer anecdotes of, in their opinions, poor reasons for being pulled over. "Every time I have been stopped in Amherst, It has been for silly reasons. I was once pulled over twice in ten minutes for my taillight being out" said Randi Craft, a senior Psychology major.

"Being pulled over for something minor will not change the way I drive," said Laura Bartlett, a senior English Major.

Gunderson feels that the extra numbers of police officers enforcing traffic violations will deter drivers from com-

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ANDREW TAMULYNAS/COLLEGIAN

Twenty new officers have been hired by the Amherst Police Department Staff thanks to a $12,000 grant. The officers will help enforce the new Road Respect campaign.

Best selling author to come to UMass tonight

By Bill Donovan
Collegian Staff

New York Times best selling author Tammy Bruce will be presenting a lecture tonight at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. "How Conservative Politics Empower Women, Gays and Other Minorities" Is a free event open to the public. She believes conservative ideas help empower women and minorities.

Sponsored by the University of Massachusettes Republican Club and the Young America Foundation, the speech features Bruce, a progressive feminist who identifies as pro-choice, gun-owning, pro-death penalty and is openly gay.

An author of two books, she graduated from the University of Southern California with a degree in political science. Her first work, "The New Thought Police," published in October 2001 looks at freedom of expression and its importance as well as the culture wars. She also states liberty is under attack by a rise in Left-wing McCarthyism. "The Death of Right and Wrong: Exposing the Left's Assault on Our Culture and Values" deals with moral relativism in society and is a bestseller.

According to her website, www.tammybruce.com, she became interested in feminist activism in the late 1980s to "contribute to the ongoing effort to ensure safe and legal abortion for all women." Bruce later joined the National Organization for Women, or NOW and was elected president when she was 27 in the Los Angeles chapter.

The youngest woman to get this position, the L.A. chapter's membership doubled from 2,000 to 4,000 in a year under her lead. Bruce served from 1990 to 1996 with NOW as president, gathering activists within the area as well as nationally over many issues, such as women's image in the media, child care, health care, economics, violence against women, and domestic violence. This was the longest one has served in this NOW chapter in 30 years. Also in NOW, Bruce was a member for two years on their national board of directors.

Bruce is the first woman in the coun-

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Hampshire hires president

AMHERST (AP) — A dean from the University of California at Berkeley was named president of Hampshire College on Tuesday.

Ralph J. Hexter succeeds Gregory Prince Jr. to become the fifth president of the small liberal arts college.

"Hampshire College has a unique place among our nation's colleges and I am honored to join the community as its president," Hexter said.

Hexter, 52, said fundraising would be among his most immediate tasks.

The school, which has about 1,300 students, has a $30 million endowment.

Hexter, executive dean of Berkeley's liberal arts college and university dean of arts and sciences, has been a professor of classics and comparative literature there since 1996, specializing in Greek and Latin texts.

He has also taught at the University of Colorado and Yale.

Prince announced he would retire last year after 16 years as Hampshire's president.

—*Associated Press*

Social activist discusses human rights and promotes her new book

By Megan Daley
Collegian Staff

Loretta J. Ross, a social activist for human rights, regaled students and community members Monday night at the Campus Center with stories of her involvement in activism and promoted her book about sexual rights.

Ross began her speech with anecdotes of the events that caused her to become an activist.

Ross grew up in a conservative, military family and only experienced her first taste of the feminist movement that would grow to be a big part of her life, when she became pregnant in high school.

Girls who became pregnant in those days, explained Ross, were usually expelled from school. Ross's family, however, fought this decision and won.

However, Ross admitted that she was not hooked into feminism yet.

Years later, in college, Ross became pregnant a second time and aborted the child.

To prevent further pregnancy, Ross said she was prescribed the Dalkon Shield from A.H. Robins.

The shield, however, caused Ross to become sterile and, after finding out that she was only one of many that this happened to, Ross sued A.H. Robins and won.

At this point though, even after Ross had won her lawsuit, she realized that the Dalkon Shield was still being sold to women in South Africa who "had no one who was going to fight for them."

This led Ross to realize that women needed activists to fight for them, for their reproductive right to have children or to choose not to.

Ross went on to work in rape crisis saying, "I got involved because I



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Loretta J. Ross, social activist for human rights, spoke to students.

was pissed off. I didn't want the things that happened to me to hap-

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Vatican responding in non-traditional ways

By Victor L. Simpson
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Responding to Pope John Paul II's request, the Vatican will depart from centuries-old tradition by ringing bells in addition to sending up white smoke to signal the election of his successor.

Before he died Saturday at age 84, John Paul also made his wish known "to be buried in the ground" and not placed in an above-ground tomb. Archbishop Piero Marini said Tuesday. He will buried in the tomb left vacant after the remains of Pope John XXIII were exhumed from the cramped grotto under St. Peter's Basilica in 2001 and moved to the main floor following his beatification.

John Paul will be laid to rest with a white silk veil on his face, a rosary in his hands and his body clad in liturgical vestments and the white miter.

Following the centuries-old custom for burying popes, his body will be placed inside three coffins — wood, zinc and wood — a design meant to slow decomposition, the Vatican confirmed.

A small bag of commemorative medals issued over the course of his 26-year pontificate, as well as a sealed document featuring a brief description in Latin of John Paul's life, will be buried with him near the tomb that is traditionally believed to be that of the first pope, St. Peter.

John Paul's personal physician told La Repubblica newspaper that the Polish-born pope "passed away slowly, with pain and suffering which he endured with great human dignity."

"The Holy Father could not utter a single word before passing away," said Dr. Renato Buzzonetti. "Just as happened in the last days he could not speak, he was forced to silence."

Marini brushed off rumors that Polish soil would be placed in the coffin, as many Poles had hoped.

"Everybody has wishes. It is impossible to fulfill them all," he said.

One of John Paul's wishes, Marini said, was for bells to ring in the announcement of a new pope to avoid confusion over the color of the smoke coming from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel.

Black smoke signals no decision has been made after a papal ballot, while white smoke means a pope has been elected. The smoke is from the burning of the secret paper ballots, and chemicals are added to heighten the color.

"This time we plan to ring the bells to make the election of the pope clearer," he said, recalling wrong calls in past elections. "This way even journalists will know," an acknowledgment of the Vatican's interest in using the media to get its message across to a worldwide audience.

At least 1 million people have flocked to St. Peter's Square.

An estimated 600,000 mourners streamed past John Paul's crimson-robed body in St. Peter's Basilica during the first 24 hours of viewing, city authorities said. Millions are expected in Rome for Friday's 10 a.m. funeral (4 a.m. EDT), including an estimated 2 million Poles hoping to pay last respects to their native son.

Italy called extra police to Rome and planned to seal off much of the Eternal City to protect a VIP contingent that will include President Bush, former presidents Bush and Clinton as well as the presidents of

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Judge will not lift gag order

By Ken MaGuire
Associated Press

BOSTON — A judge refused to immediately lift a gag order Tuesday against a reporter for The Standard-Times of New Bedford that prevents the newspaper from publishing what it learned about a drug case during a hearing that was meant to be closed to the public.

Instead, U.S. District Judge Robert E. Keeton said he would allow the order to remain in place until Wednesday, to give lawyers a chance to appeal. The newspaper has called the gag order a violation of its First Amendment rights.

The gag order was issued after Ray Henry, a reporter for the newspaper, attended a hearing last week in a drug case. During the hearing, which was supposed to be closed, the judge realized a reporter was in the courtroom and ordered Henry to neither report nor discuss what he heard.

"Every minute that Mr. Henry remains under this order is an infringement on his First Amendment rights," Standard Times attorney Howard Merten told Keeton during a hearing where the paper urged him to lift the order. "He heard things in a court that he has a fundamental and unlimited right to report."

But Keeton said he'll let the Appeals Court decide, on the expectation that prosecutors would appeal the expiration of the gag order.

"This is designed to give every-

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MEGAN DOUGHERTY/COLLEGIAN

Donating for a cause

A UMass student clenches a turnikit in the basement of the Campus Center Monday afternoon. The American Red Cross set up a blood drive for students and faculty to donate blood.



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MAROON 5 ROCKS UMASS

Grammy award-winning Maroon 5 excites fans at the Mullins Center.

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Minutemen lose eighth game in a row with a 7-4 loss to Holy Cross.

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Police break up fight in Southwest, recover knives

TuesdayMarch29

7:55 p.m. Two vehicles were issues traffic citations for speed greater than reasonable on Massachusetts Avenue.

WednesdayMarch30

6:16 a.m. Stephen Mancini, 20, of Walpole, was arrested for possession with intent to distribute a class B and class D substance in John Adams Hall.
3:11 p.m. A person stated their vehicle, which they had reported earlier to be stolen, was located.
8:50 p.m. A vehicle was reported to have been broken into in the parking lot behind Alumni Stadium.
9:16 p.m. A party stated a piece of furniture fell off a vehicle and was broken in the roadway on Governer's Drive.

ThursdayMarch31

7:37 a.m. Following a traffic stop and a K-9 search on Holdsworth Way, Gerald Whitlock, 38, of Southwick, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and possession of a class D substance.
9:55 a.m. Three laptop computers were reported stolen from the School of Management building.
1:25 p.m. A person reported that a subject riding a bike near South College was destroying the lawn and nearly hitting pedestrians.
4:06 p.m. A laptop computer was reported stolen from South College.
9:36 p.m. Following a traffic stop on Massachusetts Avenue, a summons was issued for attaching registration plates to an unregistered vehicle.

FridayApril1

2:20 a.m. Following a traffic stop in the Southwest Circle, Ryan Joseph Hesser, 18, of Longmeadow, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.
10:00 a.m. A group attempting to disrupt a lecture in the Lederle Research Lowrise was asked to leave the area.
10:25 a.m. A person witnessed a subject scratch a vehicle with keys in the parking lot behind Dickinson Hall.
6:13 p.m. Matthew Kneeland, 20, and Michael McCluskey, 20, both of Billerica, were arrested near Kennedy Hall for being minors in possession of alcohol.
8:12 p.m. James Tucker Merrick, 18, of Marblehead, was arrested near Baker Hall for being a minor in possession of alcohol.
8:52 p.m. Trevor Daniel Powers, 18, of Danvers, was arrested in the parking lot across the street from Southwest for being a minor in possession of alcohol.
9:17 p.m. Noah Bonsey, 20, of Cambridge, and Nicholas Carter, 20, of Newton, were arrested in the parking lot across the street from the Whitmore Administration Building for being minors in possession of alcohol.
9:21p.m. Matthew Smith, 18, of Littleton, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol, and Jeffrey Loven, 19, of Littleton, was arrested for possession of a class B and class D substance and being a minor in possession of alcohol. Both were arrested in the parking lot across the street from Southwest.
9:33 p.m. Jose Cortez, 19, of Westborough, was arrested in the parking lot across the street from Southwest for being a minor in possession of alcohol.
10:20 p.m. Alex Jurgens, 18, of Norfolk and Jacob Barker, 18, of Rockland, were arrested near Patterson Hall for being minors in possession of alcohol.

SaturdayApril2

2:30 a.m. A person stated someone was setting off fireworks in the Sylvan Courtyard. The Subjects were identified and their names were given to housing.
5:07 a.m. Petras Gavelis, 21, of Boston, was arrested in the Southwest Circle for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and operating a motor vehicle on a sidewalk.
5:11 a.m. A digital camera was reported stolen from Coolidge Hall. The camera was valued at $400.00.
8:34 p.m. Following a traffic stop, a verbal warning was issued for a headlights violation and a minor transporting alcohol.

SundayApril3

12:35 a.m. David Danforth, 20, of Raynham, was arrested in the parking lot across the street from Southwest for disorderly conduct, destruction of property, and resisting a police officer making a lawful arrest.
1:17 a.m. A person stated that there was a fight on Fearing Street. Knives were recovered.
1:31 a.m. 20-30 people were reported to be mud wrestling and being loud in the Orchard Hill Bowl.
5:36 a.m. Following a traffic stop and a field sobriety test on Massachusetts Avenue, Fletcher Bell, 29, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol.
4:38 p.m. A party stated three vehicles had slashed tires in the parking lot near Grayson Hall.

MondayApril4

7:07 a.m. A person stated a dumpster had been pushed into a vehicle near the Paige Laboratory. The vehicle had damage to the molding around the window and had a hole in it.
3:53 p.m. A person stated a letter was placed on their door that was threatening in nature in Leach Hall.
10:53 p.m. Warren James Alston, 27, of Bronx, N.Y., was arrested on Hicks Way on a warrant charge.

—Compiled by Brendan Heck

New campaign angers students

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mitting these violations. "Their presence alone makes people more aware of how they are driving."

Students agreed with Gunderson on this point. "Now that I know [Road Respect has begun in Amherst], I am a little concerned about driving in Amherst because I am from New Jersey and it seems like they [police officers] are tougher on out-of-staters," said Mike Maloney, a senior Finance Major.

Students also agreed with the Governor's Safety Bureau's Web site, which said that speeding is a local problem. The Web site states, "The speeding fatality rate for local roads is almost three times that of the interstate highways."

"Twenty extra cops is a bit excessive for traffic violations, but I think it's a good idea to crack down at specific times such as Friday nights when kids are coming home from the bar," said Maloney.

"They could put that money towards fixing the roads around here. I think that would make me feel safer as a driver," said Lauren Doyle, a senior Sociologist Major.

The Road Respect campaign began last Monday, and will run through Sunday, April 17.

Ross promotes her new book on sexual rights to students

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pen to anyone else."

Eventually, Ross's work led her to get a job at the Center for Democratic Renewal where she helped monitor hate groups. "I brought a feminist lens into the group," said Ross, "too few women were monitoring the far right professionally."

One of her biggest challenges on the job, said Ross, was working to help reform former hate group members. "The last thing I thought I'd be doing was hanging out with neo-Nazis," said Ross.

Her work, however, brought Ross further into activism.

"I learned that civil rights and sexual rights were just a part of what I should be fighting for. I should be fighting for human rights."

Human rights, according to Ross, include civil, political, economic, social, cultural, environmental, developmental and sexual rights.

Still, Ross said that her biggest focus remained in the feminist movement.

Her knowledge and work in the field led Ross to be contacted to help write a book, "Undivided Rights- Women of Color Organize for Reproductive Justice."

"Undivided rights," said Ross, "it was the perfect title.

Undivided rights are what women of color are demanding. They want all aspects of human rights.

They want undivided rights because they are undivided humans."

The biggest thing that Ross and her co-authors, Jael Silliman, Marlene Garber Fried and Elena R. Gutierres, wanted to avoid was telling a story about what white people had done to black women in the reproductive rights fight. "We wanted to make this a story about what black women did for themselves."

"We wanted to name the unnamed so that people could see things that had not yet been captured by history books."

Ross and her co-authors interviewed many different ethnic women's groups.

"We realized," said Ross, "that we were writing these groups first histories. This was the first time a lot of this information was put into print."

Ross hopes that the book will help unite women of color and reveal connections to them so that they can unite and help each other.

"More attention and funding goes to groups made up mostly of white women. They can't know what is best for the communities of colored women."

One thing that Ross feels connects all women, colored and white is the fact that "attempts to control women's bodies this way are connected to attempts to control our issues."

Ross's speech was the final event in a series called "Recognize This!

I am a woman of color ... and so much more," put on by Alana Health Outreach, the Educator Advocate program of the EveryWoman's Center, the Office of ALANA Affairs and the Woman of Color Leadership Network.

Bruce will speak on conservative issues

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try openly gay to host a talk show on mainstream radio. The "Tammy Bruce Show" ran from 1993 to 1998 on KFI-AM 640. It is now nationally syndicated on KABC in Los Angeles.

Bruce has appeared in newspapers and magazines also. Some of her stories can be found in Front Page Magazine, Men's News Daily, and News Max. Her editorials range from such topics as gay marriage to past presidents such as Ronald Reagan She is a contributor to the Fox News Channel and has been on C-Span as well as PBS. On her Web site, Bruce states she became interested in politics during her childhood reading Ray Bradbury and George Orwell.

According to the UMass Republican Club's Web site, www.umassgop.org, the group is "Is committed to promoting the conservative message through political activism and bringing speakers to the campus."



New York Times Best Selling author Tammy Bruce poses with a radio news show host before appearing on his show.

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Vatican officials set to break traditions

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Syria and Iran.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the cardinals had yet to decide on a date for their conclave to choose a new pope. According to church law, it must start 15 to 20 days after a pope dies.

The next pope is likely to follow John Paul's conservative bent closely — the late pontiff appointed all but three of the 117 cardinals who can vote in a conclave.

Brazilian Cardinal Geraldo Majella Agnelo told Italian state radio Tuesday that he thought a new pope would be chosen quickly.

"I don't think it will be a long conclave," he said, adding that cardinals have had time to reflect beforehand and already should have "clear ideas" when they begin the balloting.

As the cardinals met, buses unloaded huge groups of students, pilgrims and clergy who joined a line stretching for miles along the wide avenue leading to St. Peter's Square and through the streets of the neighborhood around the Vatican.

Philadelphia Cardinal Justin Rigali, who spent years working at the Vatican, called the outpouring the most dramatic he has witnessed.

"This is the fourth funeral for a pope that I personally participated in. I think this exceeds everything," he said. "This is the most extraordinary thing that ever happened."

The doors of St. Peter's Basilica were opened to the public Monday evening. At 3 a.m. Tuesday, the doors were closed for cleaning and the faithful outside started chanting "Open up, open up!" in protest.

Margherita Saccomani, who came to Rome from Tuscany, huddled under a foil blanket with her three children. "I hope it's not curiosity but deep faith that brings people here," she said. "I am here because I want my daughters to experience this."

The cardinals — who are sworn to secrecy on their deliberations — are to review any papers the pope may have left for them.

One may reveal the name of a cardinal John Paul said he named in 2003 but never publicly identified. The name of the cardinal was held "in pectore," or "in the heart" — a formula that has been used when a pope wants to appoint a cardinal in a country where the church is oppressed.

Navarro-Valls said Tuesday he didn't know if the pope mentioned the "in pectore" cardinal in any documents given to the cardinals.



Thousands of people gather in the streets of Rome to catch a glimpse of the Pope's body. His funeral will be on Friday.

Bush using Patriot Act for monitoring

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration has used the Patriot Act's powers to listen to cell phone conversations and examine business records 84 times in 3 1/2 years, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said Tuesday as Congress began considering whether to renew those powers and other sections of the anti-terror law.

Gonzales and FBI Director Robert Mueller urged lawmakers to make permanent all 15 expiring provisions of the law, some of which have aroused civil liberties concerns. Mueller also asked lawmakers to expand the bureau's ability to obtain records in terrorism cases without first asking a judge or grand jury.

"Al-Qaida and other groups remain a grave threat to our country, and now is not the time for us to relinquish our tools in that fight," Gonzales told the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Several lawmakers are introducing legislation Wednesday to curb major parts of the Patriot Act. Their bill would limit so-called "roving wiretaps" that allow authorities to monitor a suspect's cell phones and would raise the standard of proof the government has to meet before getting secret warrants to examine business records.

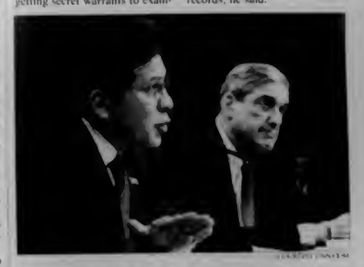
An unusual coalition of groups, including the American Conservative Union and the liberal-leaning American Civil Liberties Union, is backing the new legislation.

Though the Patriot Act prompts strong reactions, the hearing was remarkably subdued, with senators praising Gonzales for his willingness to engage in debate. "That's a grand departure from your predecessor," said Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., referring to former Attorney General John Ashcroft.

Gonzales told lawmakers the provisions have been invoked sparingly since the Patriot Act became law in October 2001, just 45 days after the Sept. 11 attacks, expanding the government's surveillance and prosecutorial powers against suspected terrorists, their associates and financiers.

Authorities have sought roving wiretaps 49 times and business records 35 times, Gonzales said. All the business-record warrants were issued since September 2003.

The government has never used the provision permitting secret warrants for "books, records, papers, documents and other items" to obtain library, bookstore, medical or gun sale records, he said.



Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, right, and FBI Director Robert Mueller testify Tuesday before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Four U.S. troops killed in Iraqi bombing

By Antonio Castaneda
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Four U.S. troops were killed in clashes and bombings across Iraq, the U.S. military said Tuesday, and videos posted on the Internet showed militants purportedly beheading an Iraqi soldier and killing a reported informer.

A joint U.S.-Iraqi attack on dozens of insurgents in eastern Diyala province on Monday left two American soldiers and one Iraqi soldier dead, U.S. military spokesman said. Two U.S. soldiers were also wounded in the attack, which continued into Tuesday.

In Baghdad's southern Dora neighborhood, an abandoned taxi exploded on an expressway near a U.S. patrol on Tuesday, killing another U.S. soldier and wounding four others, said Sgt. 1st Class David Abrams, a spokesman for Task Force Baghdad.

Another explosion targeted a joint Iraqi-U.S. convoy in Baghdad's Amiriyah neighborhood, said al-Amil police captain Talib Thamir. Abrams said a blast occurred but he did not have any details.

A U.S. Marine was also killed Monday by an explosion in the sprawling, western province of Anbar.

At least 1,537 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

Gunmen broke into a house and kidnapped a top Interior Ministry official, Brig. Gen. Ialal Mohammed Saleh, U.S. and Iraqi officials said.

Saleh is involved in anti-insurgency operations in Iraq, but it was unclear why he was abducted. Kidnappings are common, with some abductors seeking ransoms and others making political demands.

Babil police spokesman Capt. Muthana Khalid said 10 headless bodies were found by Iraqi police 30 miles south of Baghdad, but he didn't give any details on exactly where or how the bodies were located. Seven of the victims were identified as Iraqi soldiers, and three others were police, according to Khalid and an Interior Ministry official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

There have been several reports of the discovery of headless corpses, usually believed to be Iraqi security forces, but none have been independently confirmed.

In a purported video posted Tuesday from Al-Qaida in Iraq, a text shown in the images identified the Iraqi soldier as Iassim Mohammed Hussein Mahdi, who appeared to be in his early 20s. The video also showed the black banner of the group, which is headed by wanted Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

The video, posted on a militant Web site that carries most al-Qaida in Iraq statements, could not be immediately authenticated. It showed an unidentified interrogator talking to the man, who said he had received orders from his superiors "to kill the mujahedeen anywhere and without hesitation."

The man was shown squatting on the ground in an empty room, wearing full military gear with his hands tied behind his back. He said he was a member of the Iraqi National Guard's 4th Brigade, but did not say when or where he had been captured by militants.

Mahdi said he "regretted" working with the U.S.-allied Iraqi government and urged "all members of the police, National Guard and army to abandon this work, which is religiously prohibited."

"God's verdict against this renegade, who was tempted by dollars, has been carried out," said a statement shown on the video.

The video later showed Mahdi lying blindfolded on the ground before two masked men appeared. One held Mahdi's legs while the other severed his head with a knife with shouts of "God is great!" heard from the background.

Al-Qaida in Iraq has claimed responsibility for beheading Western hostages and many members of the Iraqi security forces.

A second video posted on the same Web site by another group, Ansar al-Sunnah Army, showed a man who confessed to a militant interrogating him that he worked as an informer to the police in the northern city of Mosul. The militant was speaking in the distinct Mosul accent of Iraqi Arabic.

The man, who identified himself as Hussein Taha Qassim and said he was born in 1968, told the interrogator that he informed the police about the hideouts of four "mujahedeen." He said the police killed three of them and the fourth escaped.

Qassim was shown lying face-down on the ground, and a masked gunman shot him with a volley of bullets from an automatic weapon. The video's authenticity could not be verified.

In a day of stepped-up attacks, insurgents also targeted government and religious officials.

Gag order will not be lifted

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body a right to be heard ... instead of the right of one party to be heard," the judge said. "I should take the law from the court of appeals, not counsel."

The hearing last Thursday was in the marijuana distribution and money laundering case against Arlindo Dossantos Jr., 35, of North Dartmouth. He was charged in 2001 for allegedly running a drug ring in New Bedford and Rhode Island.

Federal prosecutor William F. Bloomer said if the information discussed at the hearing became public it could put people in danger, and could jeopardize ongoing investigations. Witnesses could be intimidated and evidence destroyed, he said.

"There is a very serious risk of harm to individuals and families if a newspaper irresponsibly prints information heard at that March 31st hearing," said Bloomer, who declined to say after the hearing if he would appeal.

Christina Sterling, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office, would not comment on an appeal.

Standard-Times Managing Editor Dan Rosenfeld said readers should be informed about drug cases in their communities.

"We have a responsibility to report what's going on with regard to law enforcement and public corruption to the people of Bristol County," he said outside the courtroom. "This isn't national security. This isn't the Pentagon Papers."

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New pope must bring Catholics into new era

Catholics and non-Catholics have felt the death of Pope John Paul II around the world. He was a man who received respect, admiration and love from all corners of the globe. Some argued that he was too conservative in his ideology, and was holding the Catholic Church back from entering the modern era, but even his staunchest opponents had to admire his way of dealing with people and his love for humanity.

It has been days since the pope's passing, and it will be several more days until his successor is named. While admiration and remembrance are important, as equally important is the voting process currently being undertaken by the College of Cardinals in the Vatican. Some say the voting process will be quick, as John Paul II's extended illness has given most of the cardinals ample time to decide on who they think the next pontiff should be.

John Paul II left his successor with very big shoes to fill, although the next pope can never be expected to live up to his predecessor. Some even think that getting away from John Paul II's way of thinking is the key to the next papacy. Will the next pope finally break the Church's stance on allowing priests to marry? Will he allow women to join the priesthood? Will he come down harder on priests charged in sexual abuse cases?

These are all questions that the newly elected pontiff will have to address. The Church has been criticized for not joining the rest of the world in the 21st century, and the newly elected pope will have the opportunity to do just that. That is not to say that he will completely break with the ways of John Paul II, but rather find a way to modernize the Catholic Church in a way that is best fitting for it as a worldwide institution. After all, if there was one thing John Paul II was good at, it was finding compromise and breaking down partisan walls.

With this said, the potential successors to John Paul II is a list that is both extensive and impressive. There are realistically over a dozen men who are papable, ranging from Africans, Europeans, Asians and Latin Americans. The election of many of the candidates would, in some way, show that the Catholic Church is moving forward.

The election of Nigerian-born Francis Arinze, for example, would show that the Church is expanding beyond Europe into the southern hemisphere, which happens to be one of the fastest growing areas of the Catholic Church. The possible election of the first "black pope" has also drawn a great deal of media attention, and would certainly put Arinze in the media spotlight from the start.

There is also Jorge Mario Bergoglio, from Argentina. He trained as a chemist before becoming the archbishop of Buenos Aires. A highly trained and studied man, Bergoglio would be an interesting, if not controversial choice as successor, given his Jesuit background.

One thing is almost a 100 percent guaranteed: the next pope will not be American. While the United States may be, to some, the "land of opportunity," most people across the globe, especially in Third World countries, disagree with our foreign policy and view us as a distant world superpower.

In the very near future, we will know who the next pope will be. Whoever is chosen, the Catholic Church must make sure they elect someone who can direct the Church into the modern world, while not sacrificing the essence of its teachings. Trying to replace John Paul II is impossible, but finding a man who can continue his legacy, while striving to progress the Church further in new directions, is not.

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Genocide can't go unnoticed

Andrew Freeman

On Nov. 23, 2004 at 6 a.m., forces loyal to the Sudanese government attacked the village of Adwa in South Darfur, according to a report by the U.N. International Commission of Inquiry on Darfur. The town was looted, and many of its inhabitants fled to the mountains. Men who were captured were summarily executed, as was anyone who attempted to escape, while young girls were taken away to be raped. Over 100 individuals were injured, and between 20 and 30 were killed. Such horrific scenes are all too common in the Darfur region of Sudan, where a genocide, or systematic slaughter of a particular group, has been occurring for the last two years.

Sudan has been involved in domestic warfare for decades, but this conflict arose recently, when rebels from Darfur attacked military installations in 2003, hoping to gain greater regional autonomy. The Arab government in Khartoum, faced with a sectional rebellion in the primarily non-Arab African Darfur, began assaulting and displacing much of the population there.

Many attacks begin with the Sudanese government's helicopters or aircraft, striking a village in Darfur, followed by government soldiers and militia on horseback, called Janjaweed, moving in, slaughtering the men and raping the women. An estimated 250,000 people have already been killed, 1.6 million have been made homeless and 200,000 have fled to Chad, according to the Save Darfur Coalition.

The U.N. investigation noted hundreds of instances of "massacres, summary executions, rape and other forms of sexual violence, torture, abduction, looting of property and livestock, as well as deliberate destruction and torching of villages."

This violence was targeted at certain black African tribes, primarily the Masaulit, Zaghawa and Fur. Victims reported the aggressors made such statements as "we are here to eradicate blacks" and "the Fur are slaves, we will kill them."

Neither our government nor our people are doing enough about this.

Although the Bush administration has declared Sudan is committing genocide, its response, ironically, is to turn to the United Nations to handle the problem. Moreover, the American people are tuned out. We loudly mourn Terri Schiavo, or the Pope, while ordinary Sudanese are dying in droves, unheard.

I can go into the legal definitions of genocide, how a finding of it necessitates international response by signatories of the Genocide Convention, and so on, but that is not enough, and hasn't been for decades. The American people, and the world at large, have not done enough to stop needless slaughter, not in Rwanda, nor Iraq, Cambodia, or Bosnia. The only genocide we stopped towards its outset was in Kosovo, and that was the third genocide to occur during the Clinton administration. Platitudes about international law have not been enough — there must be genuine outrage.

We Americans need to take a moral stand against genocide, wherever it occurs, and let that guide our foreign policy in dealing with genocidal regimes. If we are seen as true liberators, saving beleaguered peoples from destruction, that will improve our image worldwide, in addition to saving lives and promoting regional stability.

In Sudan, our government could provide far more logistical and financial support to the small African Union force there. We had spent only $45 million, compared to the European Union's $100 million, according to Refugees International. A no fly zone enforced over the skies of Darfur by our Air Force would prevent Sudanese helicopters and jets from striking at villages. Our government could also push for a broadening of the mandate for the African Union troops already there, so they could respond more aggressively to the Janjaweed attackers.

There are many ways that individuals can help out as well. These range from participating in petition campaigns, to contributing to humanitarian aid organizations like Doctors Without Borders, CARE or Christian Aid that are working in Darfur, to distributing flyers on campus. If enough Americans take action to publicize and denounce the atrocities occurring in Darfur, then there is a chance to stop them.

The following websites provide more information about the crisis and avenues for activism: www.savedarfur.org, www.darfurgenocide.org/, www.genocideinterventionfund.org/

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Vengeance is the new justice

Amelia Sabadini

"That's her. She did it." A skinny dark-haired girl I've never seen before points me at.

"This one." Two women pull me out of the line up. I do not even know what it is that I'm supposed to have done, but I know I'm in trouble, and so I start to shake. This is taken as a veritable confession. "Look what you did to her!" One of the women shouts at me as she drags me in front of the girl who's considerably taller than I am. I have to look up as the girl opens her collar to reveal a red scratch starting at the base of her neck and scoring down her sternum.

"I didn't do it." It only makes things worse. There's a considerable amount of shouting, shaking and wretched rhetorical questions. Then the "fair" thing to do is decided upon and even explained to me beforehand as such: the strange, tall, skinny girl steps forward and rakes her fingernails down my neck. I was four when this happened. It was one of my first lessons in what's considered fair and just in our society.

The kindergarten class where this took place was an absolute zoo on a good day. The girl claimed that I'd been running and scratched her. Even though this probably would've made for a horizontal scratch a few inches lower, I have to admit it's not impossible. Everyone ran around like little demons every morning at that hell hole and there were so many of us in one room. I could've scratched her without knowing it. Still, it isn't just the lack of any semblance of due process that I look back on and curse. It's the fact that very young children were being indoctrinated with the eye-for-an-eye concept of justice.

Do onto others whatever was done to you, isn't justice but vengeance, and there is definitely a difference between the two. Vengeance doesn't care who gets in its way. People say justice is blind, but vengeance is all teeth.

There's no concern for establishing a balance when you're acting in vengeance. What you're really doing is gratifying a destructive impulse. This is not something adults should be encouraging children to do and/or exemplifying as an option in social interactions, and yet, many of them do.

That this interchangeability between vengeance and justice may be quite widespread might help to account for the bizarre and often persecutory manner in which many victims of crime and discrimination are treated. The very word "victim" has all sorts of stigmas attached to it and most of them were pinned on just over the last two decades. I have no idea who actually invented the term "the cult of victim hood," but I do know I've heard it come out of the mouths of some hideously unattractive men in reference to women's support groups, safety networks and women's studies programs.

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At the same time those phrases meant to shun and silence victims like "victim hood cult" and "professional victim" sprang up, another phrase "reverse discrimination" came into use. Whether reverse discrimination is real or not is an argument for another column, its most salient feature here is that it is intended to recast a certain group of people as victims. Now why would anybody want to be seen in that light? Maybe because a certain degree of liberty is assumed to be the rightful due of any given victim? That would explain a large part of the campaign to keep as many people from speaking out about any victimization they may have endured.

It has been my experience that the majority of people who have been victims (some prefer the term survivors) of one kind or another do not want retribution or revenge. What most victims/survivors want is acknowledgement that what happened to them was wrong, unjust, unfair. This may sound like it would be simple, but it's not, especially not when there is so much societal pressure to just be quiet and forget it. As for the dreaded compensation that many people fear victims are out for, it usually consists of changing the social environmental factors that either contributed to or facilitated the wrongs perpetrated against them.

In this respect, victims/survivors are actually more apt to be laboring for justice and not lashing out in vengeance. It may sound like I'm saying that victims/survivors have a leg up on a lot of people when it comes to abstaining from vengeance.

That's not necessarily so in every case, but I do believe your ability to discern between justice and vengeance tends to improve if you've been denied the first and/or accused by the other. The stigma that pushes the idea that all victims are hell bent on vengeance is a symptom of a collective misunderstanding about justice that leaves us all vulnerable to unfair treatment and unmerited wrath.

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Feeling 'blue,' red states?

Thomas Naughton

Poor, poor conservatives. Poor red state voters — life has a way of making one regret one's choices, doesn't it? It's only April of Mr. Bush's second try at playing president and already things are souring quickly. What a shame, conservatives were convinced that their "go-to" guy had a big old "mandate" with a cherry on top, that the nation was about to obey the sign conservatives thought they had firmly planted, reading "right turn ahead."

The voting majority of the nation that was once red with pride over protecting morality and family values now seems blue, purple and even shades of nauseous green over the decisions and actions of its chosen administration — this should be Bush's real terror alert.

The once supportive AARP, the old world of our nation which adheres to dated values that the conservatives claim to uphold, is about to throw their empty prescription bottles at the republicans in a fit of rage over what Bush is planning to do to Social Security. They surely have a right to be miffed; they worked all their lives, believed the conservative promises of the Reagan era, extolled the prosperity of the Clinton days (while badmouthing his personal life), re-affirmed their belief in the republican principals of a staggering economy and military supremacy with a vote for Bush and all they got was a lousy Social Security plan.

The Christian-right is infuriated that neither Jeb nor George Bush took custody of the now dead Terri Schiavo, thereby saving her "life" and allowing her self-ish, but understandably grief-stricken parents to watch her live against her wishes. A conservative, bile-spitting columnist, Ann Coulter said, "Where's the religious fanatic we elected?" In the end, the laws surrounding the Sanctity of Marriage that the conservatives bathe the public in were the laws that undid the Bush boys, as wedding bands truly shackled and hindered their attempt at federal intervention in a private matter.

The old world is slipping away, grasping hard, but slipping nonetheless. Conservatives, drunk with their last gulp of power know the truth: their time is growing short.

How about a round of applause for that War on Terror? Or is it Operation: Spread It ("democracy," that is)? Things are going swimmingly — if you are ok with the fact that 1,534 U.S. soldiers are dead and 5,958 were wounded to bring six weeks of purgatory to the Iraqi government du jour. George, spare no expense for that democracy we all like around here, even though you and our congress defy our own laws at every chance; too bad all that military spending can't buy us a decent Intelligence Agency.

So what if some of the Iraqi's die while being liberated? Staff Sgt. Johnny M. Horne was just liberating a 16-year-old Iraqi boy whom he shot back in 2004, right? And who could forget the proud and "liberated" Iraqis with their purple thumbs thrust proudly in the air after their first time voting in decades?

What exactly did the liberated vote for? No one knows because they have no government. No one can decide the route for this now-Godly and Saddam-free populace to take, but isn't it just neat that they voted? Democratizing is hard, huh? They might never reach an agreement, they might blow each other to smithereens, but dammit at least those smithereens will be liberated and voting.

Get on your bikes people, because our "booming" economy is about to send gas prices through the roof. Speaking of roofs, how's your mortgage interest rate? High, huh? Having trouble finding a good paying job? I know America's conservatively conditioned reaction to domestic disappointment is to blame Bill Clinton, but unfortunately, he has nothing to do with this. You voted for George W. Bush. "It's the (president), stupid." I shouldn't complain, the Governator in California might hear me and call me a "girly-man." Go Team Conservatism, Whoopie!

Jerry Falwell is on his deathbed, John Paul II is resting peacefully and Tom Delay is making quasi-threats of violence against the Supreme Court. The old world is slipping away, grasping hard, but slipping none the less. Conservatives, drunk with their last gulp of power know the truth: their time is growing short.

Look around right now at our nation. All Americans want is a good job with fair wages, affordable gas, equality and politicians in office that we actually respect. This is not idealism or heavy dreaming. Our generation doesn't want what conservatives have to give.

We are the "echo-boom," the children of the baby boomers, and we're growing up. We are the most accepting generation of people to inherit the nation and that is what supremely frightens conservatives. Gay marriage is here to stay, abortion is here to stay, while war, corporate deceit and theocratic influence will be slowly but surely phased out (or at least easily monitored in the case of corporate dramas which seem inevitable in our free market).

Conservatives can try to battle our culture on T.V., radio and in Washington, but the war has already been won. We will make the new laws, we will be the new leaders unfettered by what is antiquated, "moral," unfair and restraining — all things conservative.

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Finding a balance in ourselves

Colin Jones

It's all around you everyday. Light and shadow. Day and night. Wolves and deer, birds and bees. It encompasses all that is natural in the world. Balance. If you stop to think about it, the reason why you know something is funny is because you know what too is sad. Comedy. Tragedy. Light. Dark. They define each other. It works too ... as long as you don't stay in any one place for too long.

Seemingly forever, civilizations and individuals alike have created an infinite number of variations on what constitutes "the self." There is an Egyptian principle called "ka," which is composed of a balance of both how you see yourself and how others see you. During the Middle Ages, the self was thought to be determined by the balance of the four humors (bile, blood, phlegm and something else that I can't remember). Freud said it was the result of the interrelations of the id, ego and superego. The truth is, there is some merit in all of these ideas. But I'd like something a little more concrete. The answer to a question such as "who are we" is, by definition, a subjective one. I think that if we ask ourselves this question, however, most of us would probably, in some way or another, mention four things and who we think we are would somehow be determined by the balance of them.

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The first and most obvious is the body. Physical descriptions are usually the first things that come to mind when we think of ourselves or someone else. And respecting your body is directly related to your quality of life, at least from an objective standpoint. Today, people are taking better care of their bodies than ever before. Personally, I love exercise. Lifting, running and swimming are among my favorite hobbies and the way that your body can and will respond to any stress placed upon it is fascinating. The body is an amazing machine. But that's all it is.

It seems to me that many people overemphasize either it's form or it's importance. For a long time, I did so myself. In truth, though, it's just a shell, a vehicle for moving the person inside around, and like any car, it's only as good as it's driver.

Next we have the mind. Not just education or knowledge, but rather a desire to learn. Don't get me wrong: I feel very fortunate to have an opportunity to be able to pursue higher education, and after having seen so much of the world, I have a new respect for it (which is not to say that I don't skip class from time to time or that I study constantly). However, I now can see that it's a big world out there, and just when you think you have everything figured out, you can realize that you don't. If you're open to it, tomorrow you might learn something else that can show you just how wrong you were.

Third, we have spirit. I've played this one to death in an attempt to find answers to unanswerable questions. I'm not referring to religion, but a way to see beauty and truth in the world; an inner strength that can drive you over the obstacles put in your path and a personal character that extends basic respect and kindness to others. But of course, like everyone else, I act like a jerk more often than I should, and many times I have felt crushed beneath burdens heaped upon my shoulders. It's trying that counts.

I saved the most important and hardest to develop for last. In it, we have the most to gain and lose. It is often lamented, yet curiously forgotten and it's probably the only thing that you need to be satisfied with to be glad to be alive. Heart. Not just sex, or romance, but sometimes putting the needs of someone else in front of your own. Maybe you've shut this area off, succumbing to the tunnel vision caused by personal ambition, or the fear of putting yourself on the line again. Maybe you find your defenses pushing people away, even if it's the last thing you want to do. The thing is, you only live once. So let your guard down and you might be glad you did.

Everyone, including myself, forgets once in a while that tomorrow the sun will rise. Hit the gym. Read a book. Lend a hand. Show someone you care. Getting the ball rolling is the hardest part, and if you look before you leap, you'll think of a million reasons not to do it.

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U.S. and 'good Americans'

Ben Duffy

I read an column in this paper last semester from a foreign student who urged Americans to go abroad and show the world that Americans aren't the war-mongering, inbred, gauche, uncultured imperialists that they think we are. Only when Americans go overseas and apologize for all the "wrongs" perpetuated by the Bush administration will America get an image makeover. We need more "good Americans" out there to act as our ambassadors to the world.

Next year I will be studying in Germany, and I have no intention of apologizing to everyone I meet. You see, I'm not one of the "good Americans." I usually vote Republican, and I support our current war in Iraq. I don't intend to force it down anyone's throat, but I won't grovel for approval either. I'll probably avoid the subject whenever possible, but I refuse to be browbeaten into submission.

I object to the idea that our public image would improve if we all went abroad and acted ashamed of what our country is doing. It would actually reinforce the image. Let me explain.

Stern magazine, one of Germany's most popular publications, recently ran a photomontage called "USA: das gespaltene Land" ("USA: The divided land"). The series of photos was supposed to show Germans the nature of "regular Americans." But the photos told us less about "regular Americans," and more about German stereotyping.

As the title would suggest, the different photos were supposed to represent a "divided land." Not all Americans are bad, you see; just the ones who voted for Bush. Their "fair" representation of America balanced the "good Americans" against the "bad Americans." What's worse is that the second group didn't even resemble human beings. They were caricatures, living stereotypes.

The first photo was a garden-variety redneck. Overweight and fashion-challenged, he poses with a shotgun in hand, and a plethora of guns on the wall to his left. "I was born in Arkansas, in one of the hardest regions of the state," he says. "I've always had to do with guns. I personally own 75 rifles and handguns." They covered the American gun-nut stereotype, something that many Germans already believed anyway. Readers of the magazine were supposed to nod their heads when they saw this picture. Ahhh ... so they are exactly what I imagined.

Contrast that with the young, attractive accountant from Denver. "I believe that we are too arrogant, we think only of ourselves. If President Bush stays, he will ruin our country."

This woman is America's great hope. She's intelligent and professional; and whaddya-know, she agrees with German public opinion. See, Americans aren't all bad.

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And the gallery of stereotypes goes on. There's the Southern Holy Roller. He is described as "god-fearing," which the article juxtaposes against "enlightened," as if the two were opposites. There's also a cowboy from Wyoming who says that "the good thing about 9/11 is that more people are voting Republican." These are both "bad Americans."

Among the few people of color are the black inmate and the Latino oil workers. The black inmate is a figure of sympathy, unjustly persecuted by a racist system. "The USA is a pretty rotten country when seen from in here," he says. The Mexican workers say that their job is dangerous and that "... as Latinos without a good education, we have no other choice." The oil workers are contrasted with a white suburban family. The husband is smiling stupidly, saying, "I have always lived in one of the clean suburbs. In America, everyone has the same chances."

So there it is: America as Stern would like us to see it. It's largely racist, full of Bible thumpers and cowboys, punctuated with redneck gun-nuts. Oh yeah, and there are a few sane people in there too, but they all seem to agree with European sensibilities.

I enjoyed the reaction of Jenny Rodekuhr of Dallas, Texas. Jenny's husband is German, but she doesn't look forward to visiting Germany every summer because she knows she will have to "listen to people endlessly pontificate about the abject stupidity and insidious evil of America." Her husband is shocked about some of the things that his family members believe about America, but he faults the media for perpetuating stereotypes.

Jenny was particularly insightful when she said, "... we tend to view this as anti-American because we recognize that Germans ... don't technically think of the left as American (which is not entirely unfair as the left doesn't much, either), but rather as enlightened global citizens, such as themselves, who are being held hostage by the nutters on the right ..."

And that is why trying to pass yourself off as a "good American" does nothing to improve the American image. It doesn't make anyone think of America any differently; it only confirms in their minds that all intelligent, reasonable people agree with them. That assumption needs to be challenged.

So please, go abroad and be a good representative of America. Be respectful of other cultures; be willing to listen and to learn. But don't act ashamed. Know your facts, stand your ground and let them know that there are intelligent people who disagree with them.

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Date rape needs awareness

Samantha Sharac

In the United States, the typical college itinerary includes introductory courses, underage drinking, house parties and overeating. Another feature that is relatively popular yet widely unmentioned is date rape. I am not inferring that every college student has been involved in date rape. However, the majority of college students have either been directly involved or knows someone who has.

Here at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, there have been 36 forcible sex offenses on campus in the year 2003. The year before, there were 26 forcible sex offenses. In 2001, this campus had 27 forcible sex offenses. UMass Amherst is not the only college campus with problems of sexual assault.

The Counseling Center for Human Development claims, "One in eight college women have been victims of rape." Men are also victims of rape, yet the great majority of rape victims are women. Despite the stereotype of rapists being strangers lurking in dark alleys or behind bushes, in most cases, between 35-75 percent, the female victims are raped by men who they know. This kind of rape is commonly referred to as "date rape" or "acquaintance rape."

Date rape is defined as "forced sexual intercourse in friendship or intimate relationships ... [that] occurs without the commission of another crime, thus making it an act of simple rape and a criminal act, which is difficult to prosecute." Because the victim knows her/his rapist, it is common for the defense to argue that the sexual intercourse was consensual rather than forced. Often victims do not report the crime because they feel partly responsible or they convince themselves that rape is acceptable.

A popular justification of date rape is that s/he was "asking for it." Dressing provocatively, flirting or being a "tease," being in the wrong place at the wrong time and being treated to gifts are often used as explanations for rape. None of these reasons can and should justify rape. To blame the victim is to rationalize rape for consequences of the victim's actions. If sexual conduct is not consensual and the individual verbally refuses unwanted behavior, then the individual is a victim and, following the definition of the word victim, is not to be blamed.

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In addition, to excuse the rapist's actions is to humanize the perpetrator's dehumanizing crime. Explanations of the victim's participating role in the rape also instill fear in people, particularly women, to adhere to certain kinds of behaviors. Most women avoid walking alone at night for the fear of sexual assault, while other women dress "conservatively" as some sort of protection against unwanted conduct. Some men and women feel responsible and pressured to participate in sexual conduct because they are expected to return the favor of being taken out on a date or receiving gifts. There is also the case when individuals feel pressured to have sexual intercourse because they have aroused their partner and do not want to be called a "tease."

Men who sexually assault women or men who are capable of sexual assault share similar patterns of behaviors. According to the Counseling Center for Human Development, men encompass "hostility toward women, misconceptions about women and their needs, domineering personality and unrealistic views of women." Men don't rape because they cannot control themselves; they rape because they want power over their partners.

To help end the prevalence of date rape, men should understand that rape is a violent form of oppression and is unacceptable. There is no reason or rationale for rape. It would be helpful for both men and women to communicate clearly with one another about their comfort level and sexual expectations.

April is Sexual Harassment Month. Educate yourself on these issues to benefit our society as a whole.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

CUTTING PELL GRANTS: A MISTAKE WE CAN'T AFFORD

The administration's recent cuts to federal financial aid for higher education send a clear message to students: when it comes to paying for college, don't count on Pell Grants. College students know better than anyone how important Pell Grants can be when it comes to paying for college — Pell is the cornerstone of financial aid in this country. But now these new cuts, coupled with the failure to raise Pell Grant award levels to keep up with rising college costs and inflation, are slowly but surely pulling the rug out from under students struggling to afford a college degree.

The President talked in his State of the Union address about increasing the size of Pell Grants, but he didn't talk about the number of students who will lose some or all of their Pell funding because of his administration's cuts.

The Government Accountability Office, an arm of Congress, has estimated that more than 50 percent of Pell recipients in states like Massachusetts will see a reduction in their Pell Grant or lose the Grant entirely. And the cuts don't stop there. The changes will have a ripple effect through other financial aid programs. According to the GAO, many students who receive work study, Perkins Loan and state grants will see cuts as well.

While we need to be fiscally responsible, we also need to do more to help students facing record-high tuition costs. I have been proud to support a number of increases to Pell over the years, but I also know that those changes aren't enough — we can't say that we have equal access to higher education in this country until Pell Grants start to catch up with the cost of getting a college degree.

To give the Pell Grant program the support it deserves, I have joined Republican Senator Susan Collins of Maine to introduce a resolution that calls on the Senate to increase the maximum Pell Grant award to $9,000 per student by 2011. I also have joined bipartisan efforts calling on the administration to reverse its rollback of this grant program. Some of this pressure seems to be paying off — the budget the administration released in February proposes a modest increase to the Pell maximum award amount (currently $4,050) and an elimination of the program's current shortfall. But the budget does nothing to stop the rollback that will take Pell money from students and families already struggling with the cost of college.

The choice is simple: do we make substantial increases to Pell Grants in order to support middle and low-income students' access to higher education? Or do we tell those trying to achieve their dream of a college education that they are on their own? Without a strong Pell Grant program, we put a college degree within reach only for those who can pay their own way, and that's a mistake that we can't afford to make.

RUSS FEINGOLD
U.S. SENATOR, D-WIS.

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Songs about UMass

Maroon 5 rocks fans at Mullins Center

By Meghan Healy
Collegian Staff

The Mullins Center hasn't been rocked that hard in a while. After a string of solo performances by some of the biggest names in music, Maroon 5 has resuscitated the venue's 2004-05 season. With Green Day, Velvet Revolver, Tim McGraw, The Dropkick Murphys and Nas all slated to play the Mullins Center in the next six weeks, Monday's show can only be one thing: a sign of good things to come.

But for the casual Maroon 5 fan, the one who knows little beyond the words to all the radio hits or the one who hasn't thought much about them beyond thinking the chick in the "This Love" video is hot, the band's set had to have been an eye opener. If nothing else, Monday's performance should have served to prove all those who had written Maroon 5 off as nothing more than pre-packaged pop with a rock façade very wrong.

The band, best known for their overwhelmingly popular radio hits like "Harder to Breath" and "She Will Be Loved," played a solid 90-minute set, seamlessly blending their radio tunes with the lesser known, but possibly better, tracks off their 2002 major label debut, "Songs About Jane."

Beautifully orchestrated, the concert was not just good music but a good show. The set list seemed to capture Maroon 5 at their best. Radio fans got the chance to hear the different dimensions of the band, with stellar versions of "Must Get Out," "Not Coming Home" and "Tangled" highlighting the roster. "The Sun," a track off "Songs About Jane" filled with intensity, translated well to the Mullins stage, proving to become of the night's best moments. The performance of current Maroon 5 radio favorite "Sunday Morning," complete with a singalong several thousand strong, showcased the group's ability to take a song that's been heard about a million times and make it something new and exciting.

Though each member of Maroon 5 proved their talent about 10 times over during Monday's show it was front man Adam Levine who dominated the Mullins Center from the moment the band played the first note of the first song — their break out hit, "Harder to Breathe." Despite his small stature, Levine filled the stage throughout the show. He also proved to be more than just a pretty face as he nailed his vocals establishing himself as a worthy guitarist and even put in some impressive time behind the drums. Though he had most of the females in the crowd the first time they heard the sincerity and heartache of "She Will Be Loved" on the radio, he had earned the respect of the guys in the audience too within the first few songs.

Perhaps the most surprising aspect of the evening was the performance of opening band The Donnas. An all-girl punks alt-rock band, The Donnas seemed a bizarre choice to open for Maroon 5, a group that has shared the stage with, and consequently is commonly grouped with the likes of John Mayer. It wasn't immediately clear where the rock sound of sometimes "I Love the 90s" commentators The Donnas would figure in. The ladies played a strong set and were fairly well received by the Mullins crowd, despite their opener status. It wasn't until about two songs into the Maroon 5 set that The Donnas' hard work really paid off; it then became clear to all those that had any doubt remaining that they were there to see a rock show all along.





Steve Vai's experimental solo effort "Real Illusions: [illegible] with such legendary rock musicians as Frank Zappa

Vai explores guitar's potential

Vai's concept solo album illustrates his lengthy career

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Steve Vai
Real Illusions: Reflections
RCA

Luckily, Vai knows how to do more than shred; he's also an excellent songwriter. This is especially good news for those who are looking to hear something more interesting than guitar noodling. He is more concerned with melody than showing off his skill, and these songs are evidence of that.

The album is written as a "rock fable," and the story is explained in the liner notes, which is nice, since it would be hard to figure it out otherwise — only four of the songs have vocals. Reading the notes is optional, as the tracks hold up without the story, but it's nice to have them, as they give some insight on what Vai was attempting to do with the album.

The opening track, "Building the Church," sounds a lot like Vai trying to do Satriani's "Why," but this isn't a big problem. They're different enough that Vai can make the song his own; it proves to be an excellent, heavy opener with tons of guitar shredding. It gives way to "Dying For Your Love," an electronics-laden funeral march featuring Vai's vocals. His voice isn't amazing, but he sticks with what he can do, and the lyrics are good enough. The guitar parts are tastefully restrained, but there's still enough of a solo to make you remember whose name is on the cover.

"Glorious" is an up-tempo rock song that shows off Vai's skill as producer, with rich layers of guitar and electronic strings throughout. "K'm-Pee-Du-Wee" takes the opposite route, featuring a single guitar, bass and drums. Vai is able to take advantage of these

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Guitarist reflects on career

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extremes, and both tracks highlight the amount of attention he gives to writing good songs, as opposed to simply playing his guitar.

One of the album's standout tracks, "Firewall," is a funk-inspired rocker, with horns and all. Vai's vocals are much better suited to this style — he takes the opportunity to do some shouting, and his mouth percussion comes as a big surprise — and the background vocals are a nice addition. The shredded guitar solo is unnecessary, but it lits the song and keeps those who bought the album for the guitar parts happy. The next track, "Freak Show Excess," is an aptly-named, prog-inspired track showcasing Steve's guitar acrobatics. The fifty second guitar solo gets a bit annoying, prompting even Vai to say, "alright, that's enough of that nonsense," but looking at the title, you can't blame him for showing off a bit.

"Lotus Feet," the album's other pleasant surprise, is a soulful guitar ballad, as are all seventh songs on Steve Vai albums. For this one, though, Vai ditches the studio band and instead records live with the Metropole Orkest. He interacts beautifully with them, and the result is a unique blend of Vai's guitar rock and their jazz and pop orchestral stylings.

"Yai Yai," one of the album's stranger offerings, shows off some talk box work from Vai that would make Frampton blush with shame, with only an electronic metronome sound keeping time. It's interesting and fun to listen to, but it doesn't have quite the same power that the other tracks have. "Midway Creatures" makes up for the previous song's lack of power with its thundering intro and plentiful guitar solos, and the reintroduction of the band is welcome after nine minutes without them.

The second to last track is called "I'm Your Secrets," and Colson and Bissonette play percussion for Vai, who switches to an acoustic for this song. His vocals sound surprisingly good here, although the lyrics still aren't great and the whispered "cause I'm your secrets" borders on sounding silly. Vai's work on the acoustic is amazing, and this comes off as one of the more musically interesting tracks on "Reflections" as a result.

The epic finale, an eight minute track called "Underneath It All," features Vai's wife, Pia, on harp — the liner notes specify that this is "the big kind with strings," in case their was any confusion — and his son, Fire, gets a speaking part. Steve's vocal parts on this song aren't as good as they were on the previous track, but his vocals have never been the main event anyway. The guitar parts are excellent and tasteful, and he switches between an electric and acoustic throughout the song. The spoken parts are supposed to be confessional, but they aren't very convincing. If nothing else, you at least get to hear Fire Vai speak, and the album never claimed that spoken word was its strong suit.

Overall, "Real Illusions: Reflections" is exactly what a Steve Vai album should be: technically dazzling and innovative but, most importantly, interesting and complete. He manages to create a solo guitar record that might be of interest to people other than guitarists, and in the end, even most guitarists would rather listen to eleven great songs than an hour of obscure scale regurgitation and showboating. Thankfully, Mr. Vai has once again given us the former.

Jon Stewart: stand-up jokester, political opinion shaker

By Julie Hinds
Knight Ridder Newspapers

George W. Bush came out of the 2004 presidential election a winner. So did Jon Stewart.

The host of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" was hands-down the hottest media figure of the campaign season. He was the face on the cover of all the right magazines. The hippest path to reaching the youth vote. The guy John Edwards sat next to when he declared his candidacy. The one John Kerry bantered with in a bid to seem more human.

At times, it seemed as if Stewart could do no wrong. His fake news show was voted the best news and information program by a national group of TV critics. He went toe-to-toe in a debate with Ted Koppel and didn't blink. He ventured into the spin zone with Bill O'Reilly and came out smelling like a rose. And he got CNN's "Crossfire" put on the chopping block. All of which the 42-year-old comedian ducks or downplays.

"By the way, it's only going to get better," he says when asked about his glowing reviews. "Apparently, there will never be a downslide."

What's his life like now? "Nonstop cocktail parties. A lot of glitterati, a lot of people in the know, newsmakers, opinion shakers. As a kingmaker, I have a responsibility to go out and find kings to be made."

This, of course, doesn't explain why he still performs stand-up comedy. He says he does a couple of dates a month to keep in touch with the format where he got his start.

"Ultimately, that's what I'll go back to doing when people have become sufficiently sick of me, that I'm forced once again to barnstorm the country in a beat-up van," he says from the "Daily Show" offices in New York after apologizing for running late with a writers meeting.

His stand-up shows aren't that far removed from what he does behind a desk for Comedy Central. Same sensibility. Some topical material. "A lot more nudity," he says, never content to give a boring answer. "Considerable foul language. A slurred speech that appears to be narcotic-related."

His fans know what he's like. With Stewart, you get smart, pointed jokes and equal parts amusement and outrage at the hypocrisy of those who govern and inform us as a nation.

As a celebrity figure, he's a disappointment to the tabloids. His wife, Tracey, is a veterinary technician. The two had their first child, a son named Nathan, last year. The comedians who started out in the club circuit with Stewart in the late 1980s speak well of him. He wears baseball caps and jeans when he's off-camera. During his "60 Minutes" interview, he shared an ambition that many middle-age guys can relate to: He'd love to be able to dunk.

What he doesn't have, unless he's hiding some inner Peter Jennings, is the kind of gi-normous ego that's to be expected from the biggest names in news and entertainment. For Stewart, dealing with coming off his biggest year isn't a problem because he views it as a ride that's both fun and fleeting.

"It's absolutely taken away any insecurities or self-esteem issues that had built up over my, let's say, 41 years prior of not being praised," he jokes. "It is preferable to being slammed, which I've also had. In general, I just feel that if you're on TV, people like you more than they should or dislike you more than they should. And you just have to try and continue to develop as strong an internal barometer as you can for whether or not your work is stinky."

He scoffs at the notion that he's evolved into an influential figure. (And maybe he should because when he revealed in the fall that he planned to vote for John Kerry, it didn't change the Democrat's fate.) He patiently denies he has practically become a member of the mainstream media and insists he's just a comedian who's part of a funny team that puts out a show.

"People have placed this idea that we're influential upon us, because we don't feel it," he says. "At our best, I think we're an editorial cartoon. At our worst, we're a bratty bunch of kids making poop jokes about Social Security."

When Ted Koppel pressed him about his role as a cathartic outlet of truth in humor for news viewers, Stewart insisted he was just "the dancing monkey." A Rolling Stone cover story raved that "the comedic tone of 'The Daily Show' is all deadpan irony, but the mood behind the scenes is one of intense youthful passion and even fury."

The description makes Stewart laugh, but he admits it's sometimes correct.

"The whole point of our show is to do a comedic show, but about things that we care about. ... What we do is sort of implicit. We take that direct expression and basically try to bury it under the labyrinth of fart jokes and noises. If the show is 30 minutes of stridency, then that's tedious. If you do five minutes of fart jokes, you might buy yourself one didactic moment."

When Stewart replaced Craig Kilborn on "The Daily Show" in January 1999, he was a comedian who had also acted in some movies and TV shows and briefly hosted a talk show in the mid-'90s (it started on MTV, then was syndicated) that was well-reviewed but failed anyway. Since then, "The Daily Show" audience has tripled and its pop-culture presence has multiplied like crazy. The median age of the audience is 33, although the perception is that fans are mostly college kids.

Studies by esteemed research groups have indicated that a) yes, "The Daily Show" is a news source for young viewers and b) its viewers are more likely to know things like campaign issues than people who don't watch it.

But now that the presidential race is history, the challenge for "The Daily Show" is to keep its edge and find targets as rich as the absurdities of the race for the White House. It's not as easy now to figure out what should be the focus each night, Stewart admits.

"We have to search harder to find relevant veins to mine, as opposed to being a little more illuminated by the schedule of the election," he says. "Our production content was driven by the election."

Stewart says the show's elevated profile hasn't changed the way he and the staff work. He doesn't feel an obligation to make jokes about certain topics like Social Security reform or protests in Lebanon because he must lecture his young fans about them. But he also doesn't dodge the tragic. When the Terri Schiavo case took over the headlines, "The Daily Show" led with it, doing a segment that mocked round-the-clock cable coverage. "There is a plug I would like to pull. It is to those stations," Stewart said on the air.

"Comedy is insult to injury," Stewart says. "It's always interesting that people ask what's off-limits to comedy, but not to injury. ... For some reason, making jokes about war is considered worse than war. I always wonder, 'Where do I draw the line?' I draw the line where the world draws the line."

On the list of the show's most frequent targets, the news media may be ahead of the Bush administration. The show's correspondents, performers like Stephen Colbert, Rob Corddry and Ed Helms, revel in standing in front of fake backdrops and blowing hard about whatever topic they're supposedly covering. But it's Stewart who, as the face of the show, mixes most often with the real media, whether he's questioning them as guests or appearing on their shows.

He's got a simple explanation for why media types love to interview him, and it's not pretty.

"Everything we talk about is about them," he says. "They're very fond of hearing about themselves. There's nothing that the media likes to hear about more. Look at all the shows that revolve around the media. My favorite is when a thousand of them head out to the Michael Jackson trial and then they all have a half-hour show on 'Are we doing too much on the Michael Jackson trial?' As though they have no control."

Stewart doesn't have to wonder about what he'll be doing for the next presidential election because he's signed with "The Daily Show" through 2008. He's not interested in speculating about the race yet. He says he doesn't know where the Democrats are heading with their attempts to revive and redefine the party.

"If you have a lead, I'd love to follow it. It appears right now it's much like the way the Harlem Globetrotters used to beat up on the Washington Generals. They're the Washington Generals right now."

Stewart sounds more concerned with crafting next week's jokes than sizing up what the future holds for either party. "I don't think we buy into the whole political paradigm," he muses. "So much of that world right now is a battle for supremacy between partisans. I think I fall on the side of most people, which is 'I'm busy. I wish you guys did all this better.' Most people I know don't define themselves by their party affiliation."



Jon Stewart and "The Daily Show" captivated college audiences this past election year with their witty political commentary. Audience still tune in after the election as ratings continuously climb.

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Feminist voices grow through campus projects



The Clothesline Project: T-shirts decorated by victims of abuse hang along the walkways of the University of Central Florida's campus.

By Jean Patteson
The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — T-shirts of every hue wave like flags from lines strung along the breezeways on the University of Central Florida's Brevard campus.

This is not washday. It is the Clothesline Project, an event held periodically on UCF campuses to raise awareness about violence against women.

Each T-shirt is a signal of anguish or outrage. Each bears a hand-lettered message from a woman in the community: "Victim." "Survivor." "You don't deserve my tears." And heartbreakingly: "R.I.P. Baby Lei. Killed by your granddaddy."

Each shirt also is a bold, bright sign that feminism is alive and well.

"People think there's no reason for feminism anymore," says Lisa Logan, director of women's studies programs and associate professor of English on the Orlando campus. "They think we've achieved gender equality."

Not so, she says. Many women's issues remain unresolved, and feminism is as relevant today as it was in the 1960s and 70s, the tumultuous heyday of the women's liberation movement.

Even on UCF's conservative campus, feminists are a small but increasingly visible and vocal minority — thanks in part to the women's studies program, its emphasis on activism, and its dynamic director.

INSPIRATION ON ISSUES

"Many members of the women's studies faculty inspired and motivated me," says Emily Rull, 23, a leading campus activist.

"There's a lot of work to be done in areas that white, educated, middle-class women take for granted," she says, including workplace inequality, body-image issues, child care and health care.

On campuses across the country, student feminism is on the rise, says Paula Krebs, professor of English at Wheaton College in Norton, Mass., and a founding editor of the journal Feminist Teacher. And increasingly, women of color are joining the movement, along with small numbers of men.

"Especially at more conservative-identified institutions, feminist activists are finding their voices as they increasingly notice that a conservative political and social agenda is undermining women's gains, which has direct consequences for their own freedoms," says Krebs.

The focus on women's issues raised during last year's elections galvanized students to engage in feminist causes, says Elena Di Lapi, director of the Penn Center at the University of Pennsylvania. Those issues included reproductive freedom, gay rights and violence against women in war.

More recently, the firestorm over Harvard president Lawrence H. Summers' comments that innate gender factors might explain the scarcity of women in science prompted a fresh examination of feminist issues, says Ana Maria Garcia, director of women's studies at Arcadia University in Philadelphia.

Unfortunately, says Emily Miceas, professor of American studies at Stetson University in DeLand, "College students often seem reluctant to claim a feminist identity," even though "many students have a feminist consciousness."

The stereotype of feminists as ugly, strident man-haters is probably the reason students are wary of the feminist label, Miceas says.

In class, Logan uses author Bell Hooks' definition of feminism: "a movement to end sexism, sexist exploitation and oppression."

A lot of students fit that definition of feminist without even realizing it, Logan says. As for the notion that feminism is all about male-bashing, she says: "It never happens in our classes."

RESEARCH AND REFLECTION

Logan, 42, is at her favorite cafe, the Starbucks not far from her home in downtown Orlando.

"I come from a line of very strong women," she says. "I just always behaved like I could do anything, because that's what I was taught."

That changed during her doctoral studies at the University of Rochester, when she was examining the personal narratives of early American women, which often included accounts of domestic abuse.

"I was, like, 'Oh, really? This is how it works for women? This is not good,'" she says.

Another feminist was born.

After teaching at Kent State University for three years, she joined the English department at UCF in 1996 and took over the women's studies program in 2001. Since then, she has seen a succession of students experience the same feminist awakening that she had known herself.

"Most students live privileged lives, isolated from the issues we bring to the classroom," she explains. "Then they read about the issues and start to realize it's their responsibility to reach out and do something about it."

To capitalize on this impulse, service learning — or activism — is a key element of all women's studies classes at UCF. "We may matriculate only 300 students a year in the introductory course," says Logan. "So in a university with 40,000 students, how do we make a dent? Well, we create a buzz. We get our students out there doing stuff, and everybody sees them."

She recalls one student running a "wage-gap bake sale," charging men $1 for cookies but women only 76 cents to illustrate the disparity in earning power.

"When students see something like that, they get it," she says. "It's hard to argue that women really want to make less money than men."

In one of Logan's classes, women's literature of social justice, the activism portion focuses on global feminism. Students Brittany Bernstein and Katie Zepp are raising funds for Partners of the Home, a project that helps women grow vegetables in a shantytown near Cape Town, South Africa.

"I'm realizing that there is a lot I can do as an individual to make a difference," says Zepp, 19.

In high school, Bernstein, 22, didn't think feminism was pertinent to her generation. "But, in college, I realized how many issues are unaddressed," she says. "And I realize I am a feminist — not the stereotype of a man-hating radical, but someone with an ideology of equality."

COMMUNITY, SERVICE

Service learning gives students more self-confidence, which leads to action, which leads to change, says Logan. "And that's empowering."

"My hope is that when the students graduate, they're going to remain in this community, making it better," she says.

One such student is Leandra Preston, 30.

After graduating in 2000 with a master's degree in English, Preston taught in the English department for two years before being tapped as instructor and program coordinator for the women's studies program at UCF's Brevard campus in Cocoa.

Now, as Logan hoped would happen, Preston is inspiring other women to become active in women's causes — including Britta Moore, a student who helped with the recent Clothesline Project.

"The project really hit home for me," says Moore, 42. "None of us has the luxury of believing we're far removed from violence. It's going on all around us. As a woman, as a human being, I feel I have a responsibility to be active."

The project also forged in her a sense of kinship with other women, she says — and a new pride in proclaiming herself a feminist.



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Twomley and Santos hit home runs but Minutemen still lose

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went for the double steal.

Buckley, getting caught in a rundown between first and second, allowed Tenaglia to race home, and Buckley was eventually safe at second to bring Holy Cross back ahead 4-3.

Senior Jason Twomley tied it up again in the bottom of the seventh with a monster leadoff solo shot that bounced off the roof of the maintenance building in front of the Mullins Center practice rink.

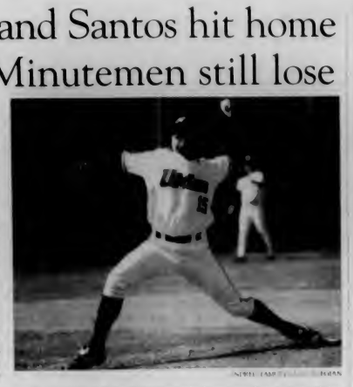
With that shot, the Fitchburg native now has six dingers on the year and has extended his hitting streak to eight games, dating back to game two of the Minutemen's three-game series against New Orleans in late February.

Tarasuik loaded up the bases by allowing a double to Tenaglia, walking Buckley and hitting Potvin square on the back with a curveball that didn't break. Tucker Frawley, hitting in place of Kistler, smashed a single to left-center that drove in two runs and put the Crusaders ahead for good.

Holy Cross tallied an insurance run in the top of the ninth, an error by Santos that allowed Aldrich to score. Aldrich had registered a single off Jason Lavorgna earlier in the inning.

NOTES: Holy Cross reliever Scott Hampe was credited with the save, his third of the year... UMass plays its second of eight straight home games this afternoon when it faces the Hartford Hawks (0-7).

This is the first meeting between the two teams since 2003, when Chris Morgan scorched the Hawks for a double, a home run and two RBI in a 9-2 drubbing of UH.



Senior pitcher Keith Doherty pitched two scoreless innings, giving up one hit with three strikeouts. Doherty is 1-4 on the season.

Fans think players are overpaid

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Many teams struggle to make money while paying rapidly increasing salaries.

The average major leaguer's salary was $2.3 million last year. While that was a slight decline from the previous year, it's twice what it was 10 years ago. Thirty years ago, players made roughly $41,000 on average.

"Baseball players definitely get overpaid," said Cynthia Walker, a pharmacist from Seattle who sees a link with steroid use. "It gives them a competitive edge to be better and they're in better position to ask for big salaries."

About 40 percent of those surveyed described themselves as baseball fans, down from more than six in 10 at the height of the home run chase in 1998 between McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals and Sosa of the Chicago Cubs.

Baseball has no cap on team salaries and its owners don't pool money from local television revenues. Critics of the system say it favors teams in large TV markets like the New York Yankees.

Patsy Hamilton, a 61-year-old resident of Mt. Vernon, Ill., was saddened to see McGwire, who is now retired, repeatedly decline to answer lawmakers' questions about whether he used steroids. But she remains devoted to the game.

"I've always been a St. Louis Cardinals fan," she said.

The steroid controversy has blemished baseball's comeback from a devastating players' strike in 1994 that led to the eventual cancellation of the World Series.

Two on tap for Minutewomen

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ance in last week's home opener against Dartmouth earned her A-10 Pitcher of the Week honors after striking out 15 batters.

LaFogg has had three games in which she struck out at least 12 batters — 14 against Cal State Northridge on Feb. 25, 12 against Florida International on March 6 and 15 last Thursday against Dartmouth.

The other half of the Minutewoman pitching squad is junior Jenna Busa, who has a save on the season and pitched a career-high 14 strikeouts in last Thursday's tie against Dartmouth.

Both Busa and LaFogg, who let up a combined 18 runs in the loss to Fordham, will be pitching against a Maine team that has managed one home run this season.

"After watching the game against Fordham, I saw a few minor adjustments that can really change our game," Sortino said. "No matter how difficult it went, and it was very difficult, we never let up and never stopped playing. None of our defense, pitching and hitting has a confidence problem."

With 26 games left in the regular season, the Maroon and White, which have had eight games canceled this season, now stand at .500.

Although the loss to Fordham puts the team in fourth place in the A-10, eight A-10 match ups remain, the next being against Saint Joseph's on April 15.

Pats ink Terrell

FOXBORO (AP) — The New England Patriots have signed free agent wide receiver David Terrell, reuniting quarterback Tom Brady with a college teammate.

Terms of the agreement, announced Tuesday, were not disclosed.

Terrell was an All-American at Michigan who left after his junior season to enter the NFL draft in 2001. He was picked eighth overall by the Chicago Bears, but in four NFL seasons he has yet to live up to the potential he displayed in college.

Terrell started 15 of 16 games for the Bears last year, leading the team with 699 receiving yards, a career high. His 42 receptions were second on the team.

Terrell was released by Chicago in February after the Bears signed All-Pro receiver Muhsin Muhammad. Terrell, who had another year left on his contract, totaled 128 receptions for 1,602 receiving yards with Chicago.

— *Associated Press*

The most important victory for a legendary coach

By Jim Litke
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Roy Williams started walking slowly up the sideline as the longest three seconds of his life ticked off the clock. Instead of jumping, shouting or even pumping a fist, he calmly reached up to make sure his glasses sat squarely on the bridge of his nose.

After 17 seasons, 16 NCAA tournament appearances, five Final Fours and two losses in the title game, this was one thing that Williams had to see for himself.

Wave after wave of confetti floated down from the domed roof, over the scoreboard that read North Carolina 75, Illinois 70, and twirled in lazy spirals toward the floor. But Williams had no trouble picking his way through the maze to find the people he owed. What began as a receiving line quickly turned into a mosh pit as first Sean May, then Rashad McCants, and the rest of the Tar Heels wrapped their long-suffering coach in bear hugs.

"I'm just so happy for myself, my family and these seniors who went 8-20 and what they went through for four years," Williams said. "They took me for a heck of a ride."

All through the weekend, Williams was on the defensive, trying to explain why the ball always bounced someone else's way in the big one.

It was a torturous exercise, to be sure, listening to one of the best coaches of his generation wade through one painful memory after another, never daring to say there had to be a championship out there with his name on it. Instead, Williams retold the story of how his mentor Dean Smith, had to sweat through seven Final Fours to get his; and how one of the first things Smith did afterward was turn to Williams, his assistant then, and say with relief, "I'm not that much better a coach now than I was two and a half hours ago."

And no sooner had Williams taken his seat in the interview room Monday night, wearing a smile stretched wider than the spread collar on his starched white shirt, than he told reporters gathered in front of him, "I'm no better a coach than I was three hours ago."

That might be true, but the previous three hours required every ounce of knowledge and skill Williams picked up along the way from the playgrounds of Spruce Pine, N.C., through 15 seasons at Kansas, and the last two at Carolina, where he returned to find a once-proud program down at the heels. He had to learn to push the buttons of all those talented kids who came to play for his predecessor, Matt Doherty, and Williams had to do it quick.

Some of it was easy, like getting Sean May to slim down and muscle up so he could play with power instead of finesse. Some of it was much harder, like keeping McCants and the rest of his NBA-caliber squad happy with limited minutes and playing the disciplined inside-out style that Williams devised.

And then, those players had exactly three hours to prove not only what they'd learned, but whether they trusted each other enough to beat a fierce, opportunistic Illinois team.

That meant May had to keep pounding underneath the basket, fighting for nearly all of his 26 points and 10 rebounds. It meant Williams had to play hunches on when to go zone, and when to sit Raymond Felton, his best ballhandler, to keep him out of foul trouble. Most of all, when to sit back as a 15-point lead evaporated to zero and let the team find its own way back.

"For many years down the line, he'll always talk about this 2005 team," May said, "how special we were, and the things we did. You know, how through adversity we stuck together, even when the outside world didn't really give us a fair shot."

It only seemed that way to May, the son of former Indiana great and national champion Scott May, who celebrated his own 21st birthday with one the best performances of his career. If anything, the opposite was true.

Just about everybody expected Carolina to be here, from the Tar Heel faithful, to an alumni class that included Michael Jordan, James Worthy, Phil Ford and Sam Perkins, to revered Coach Smith, and even the pollsters, who put Carolina at No. 4 when the season kicked off.

The biggest question was whether Williams, who had this much talent at Kansas and never went all the way, could finally put the pieces together. At the end of the night, the puzzle fit and Williams took a deep breath and stepped back to assess his handiwork.

"Does it feel as good or better than I thought?" he said. "I never let myself think that far ahead to have any idea of what it was supposed to feel like."

Maybe so.

But just this once, Williams finally saw what a championship looked like with his own two eyes.



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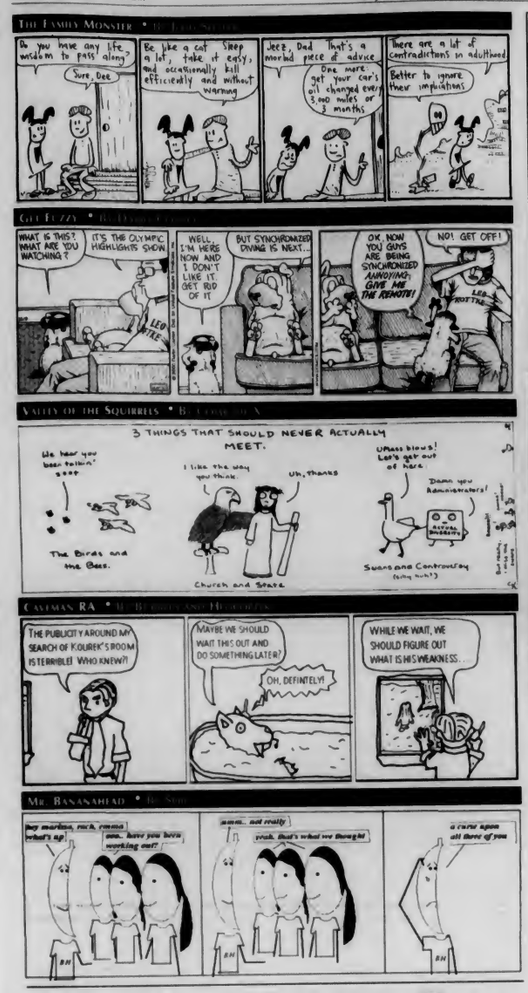
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Minutemen fall to Crusaders

Loss to HC is eighth in a row for UMass

By Brendan Hall
Collegian Staff

Not even a nine-day layoff could work to the Massachusetts baseball team's advantage yesterday afternoon in its home-opener against the Holy Cross Crusaders.

Down 7-4 in the bottom of the ninth, senior leftfielder Curt Szado took to the plate with one out and the bases loaded.

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Playing in his first game since he injured his shoulder against Army back on March 19, Szado had gone 0-for-3 on the day going into his at bat in the ninth. This one was no different, as he hit into a 4-6-3 double play to end the game, giving HC its first win against UMass since 1997, and dropping the Minutemen to 3-14 (0-3 Atlantic 10) on the year.

The double play also brought a close to a day in which the Minutemen found themselves playing keep-up to the Crusaders (5-9) all afternoon.

Amidst a scoreless deadlock through the first three innings (one hit between the two squads), the Minutemen tried to break the silence in the bottom of the fourth with a bit of an unorthodox strategy.

With Bryan Adamski on first and no outs, Szado made a sacrifice bunt to advance Adamski, and in the next at bat centerfielder Derrick Durepo did the same. With two outs and Adamski in a scoring position, Mike Weiner was called out when he couldn't check his swing.

UMass coach Mike Stone says the high-risk maneuver of having the No. 4 and 5 hitters bunt was not the intent.

"The guys missed their signs, we weren't bunting in those situations," Stone said. "Well, I wasn't, but they were. I don't know how they missed the signals, but they did. We had a miscommunication."

Although pitchers Matt Torra and Keith Doherty kept the Crusaders hitless through four, the bats finally cracked through the walls in the top of the fifth after Stone replaced Doherty with reliever Dave Sullivan. Sullivan proceeded to walk his first batter, Steve Buckley, and then gave up a broken-bat single to rightfield to Tom Potvin. Erik Kistler and Mike Marron both hit RBI singles off Sullivan later in the inning.

Anthony Santos provided UMass with a brief lead in the next stanza when he nailed his first career home run, an opposite-field three-run shot over right, to put the Minutemen up 3-2. It was just his fourth hit of the season.



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Sophomore first baseman Bill Rankin fields a throw in time to record an out during yesterday's game against Holy Cross. The Crusaders won the game 7-4.

Holy Cross took the lead right back in the top of the sixth, this time off of freshman Brent Tarasuik (0-1), who recorded the loss. Potvin hit a sac-fly to right, driving in Mike Schell from third. Sweeney was next to bat, and with runners at the corners (Buckley at first, Andrew Tenaglia at third) the Crusaders

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UM gears up for A-10 tourney against Rams

By Jon Pelland
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts women's tennis team (11-6, 3-0 Atlantic 10) is coming into the final stretch of the regular season. Today, the Minutewomen take on Fordham (9-4) at the Upper Boyden Courts for their final A-10 match before the conference tournament.

UMass comes in on a four-game winning streak and wins in five of their last six matches. Last Wednesday, the Minutewomen blanked Rhode Island, 7-0 in Amherst.

The Maroon and White swept every match it played. No singles match went past two sets, and in doubles competition, URI was held below three points in all three matches.

UMass coach Judy Dixon says practice has been going well this week given the recent weather in Amherst.

"We've practiced as best we could this week," Dixon said. "This time of year, with the cold and tough weather, makes it hard to be consistent."

A big advantage for the Minutewomen is that the whole team is healthy right when they need to be, an obvious advantage this late in the season.

Fordham comes to Amherst having its last two matches either cancelled or postponed due to rain. The last time the Rams were in action was March 31 against Stony Brook. Fordham was able to pull out the victory by a score of 4-3.

"Fordham is always good," Dixon said. "They are always good and usually come prepared."

The Minutewomen lead the all-time series with a record of 7-1 against the Rams. The last time these two teams met was April 2, 2004, at a neutral site. Senior captain Sasha Edelstein and junior Dorothy Iwanowicz were both able to pick up singles victories in that match.

Edelstein shutout her opponent 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3. Iwanowicz also blanked the competition 6-0, 6-0, playing in the No. 5 slot.

"We can't take Fordham lightly," Dixon noted. "They are better than last year and always play us tough."

Lately Iwanowicz has been able to give the Minutewomen strong play mainly from the No. 4 position in the lineup. Her singles record of 12-3 is second only to sophomore Michele Spiess's mark of 14-3.

"Even though she has a real good record, Dorothy feels that her tennis game is still improving," Dixon said. "In terms of technique she has a really sound game."

Iwanowicz has also been teaming with Edelstein and junior Susan Johnson in doubles competition. As a duo, Iwanowicz and Edelstein have compiled a record of 4-1 in the No. 1 slot. Johnson and Iwanowicz are 9-5 when paired together.

Even though UMass has been able to win 11 matches this season, Dixon still sees much room for improvement. According to the coach, she feels that the No. 5 and No. 6 slots could be performing better.

"We're going to work at the 5 and 6 a lot in the coming weeks," Dixon said. "Look for Susan [Johnson] and Jana [Bartolini] to vastly improve come the conference tournament."

Another concern expressed by Dixon is the team's lack of experience. The team is loaded with freshmen and sophomores whose age could be a disadvantage as the pressure mounts in the time leading up to the tournament.

"Sasha [Edelstein] and Dorothy [Iwanowicz] need to help the younger kids," Dixon said.

Minutewomen get crushed at home by Dartmouth

By Ian Kilpatrick
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts women's lacrosse team let it get away early yesterday at Garber Field against the seventh-ranked Dartmouth Big Green, as they were on the short end of an 18-6 rout.

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With about 19 minutes left in the first half UMass' Kerri Connerty tied the score at one on a free position shot, but from that point on it was all Green as Dartmouth went on a 10-0 run that lasted almost 17 minutes.

The first half ended with a score of 11-1 as Dartmouth controlled the ball on offense for a good portion of the opening half.

Almost every time the Minutewomen did gain possession, a turnover ensued and put UMass back on defense.

As a result Dartmouth out-shot UMass 25-4 in the first half and 37-17 overall, far fewer than UMass coach Carrie Bolduc's desired team average of 30 shots per game. Bolduc did remain positive after the game though, despite the 12-goal loss.

"Use [the game] to learn and motivate, there's a lot they can learn from it like how tough teams play discipline-wise and what we have to do to play up to that level," Bolduc said.

"The girls aren't down; it kind of sets our standards and expectations even higher for the A-10 season because it's a new season for us that starts Friday."

One bright spot in the game for UMass was the impressive play of junior Kerri Connerty who had five of the Minutewomen's six goals.

"She wants the ball and is becoming a natural leader, and she wants to get the job done," Bolduc said.

"We just need more of that type, we can't have one person like that, and we're working on it. Like I said, we're young, and we're developing. It takes time. It's really not going to come their freshman year."

The youth of the team once again showed against the more experienced Big Green as the Minutewomen seemed overmatched in many aspects of the game, most notably on offense where Dartmouth suffocated the UMass attackers and forced most of the total 16 turnovers they had.

"Defensively we hung with them in the beginning, and really we had momentum," Bolduc said.

"We just had issues catching and throwing the balls ... I think it may have been a different halftime score if we had possessed the ball on attack, and it was as simple as that. They're talented, they're skilled, they're fast, their fast break is good and they have a good goalie, but you know, we can still get there. I think we're just as good."

Although Bolduc won't admit it, the team must be relieved to get through the hardest part of their schedule where they faced four top 15 teams.

Coming up is the Atlantic 10 segment of the schedule starting with La Salle on Friday and Saint Josephs on Sunday, both at home.

"I enjoy the challenge; I think it's good for our team to play [better teams] versus playing [worse teams] because that doesn't prepare us for the A-10's. In a way, I imagine some of these games might be, not effortless," Bolduc hesitated, "but I hope they're effortless, and that it comes easy to them. We're looking forward to A-10's; I think they're prepared and ready."



KAREN WINGROVE/COLLEGIAN

Melynda Zwick drives past a Holy Cross defender on Feb. 26. Zwick has 10 goals and six assists this year for the Minutewomen, good for third on the team in points. UMass lost to Dartmouth yesterday 18-6.

Fans seek justice

By Will Lester
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two-thirds of Americans say baseball players found to have used steroids should be barred from the Baseball Hall of Fame, an Associated Press-AOL poll found.

Player's high salaries were named as baseball's "biggest problem" by 33 percent of those surveyed, followed by steroids at 27 percent and the cost of going to a game at 22 percent, according to the telephone poll done for the AP and AOL Sports by Ipsos-Public Affairs.

Public attention to steroids in baseball was heightened last month by a nationally televised congressional hearing in which sluggers including Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa were called before a House panel.

Most Americans surveyed favor Congress' intervention, and four in 10 said lawmakers should do more.

"Somebody needs to take control of the situation," said Eric Chlebisch, a physician's assistant from Johnson City, Tenn. "In this case, it falls to the federal government."

Baseball players and owners last month put in place a tougher policy against performance-enhancing drugs following increased attention created by a federal grand jury investigation into illegal steroid distribution.

Under baseball's new policy, first-time offenders would be suspended for 10 days. It would take four positive tests for a player to be suspended for a year. Some in Congress contend the policy is too lenient.

Tampa Bay's Alex Sanchez, who has denied using steroids, became the first player suspended Sunday.

Thirty-eight minor league players were suspended Monday for violating the minor league steroids policy.

Although steroids are dominating attention, "the economics of baseball are the big problem," said Fay Vincent, former baseball commissioner. "The big clubs make a lot of money and the little clubs don't."

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LaFogg and Busa slated to start doubleheader

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

After a trip to Fordham on Monday that resulted in two losses, the Massachusetts softball team (11-11-1, 2-2 Atlantic 10) will look to rebound, as it takes on Maine (7-14) this afternoon at home.

This will mark the second home game of the season at the UMass Softball Complex, where the Maroon and White have an all-time record of 86-5-1.

In today's contest, UMass coach Elaine Sortino looks to take down the Black Bears, which, despite a 7-14 record, have not lost since March 20.

One weapon that the Minutewomen are planning to stop is junior pitcher Sarah Bennis, who has a season ERA of 1.77 and 59 strikeouts in nine appearances.

"Don't let their record fool you, Maine is a good team," Sortino said. "We had a tough game with them last year and they made the NCAA tournament, so you can't look at their record and think they're a bad team."

To counter the Maine pitching attack, UMass will depend on its array of batters, who have tallied 13 home runs this season.

The regulars include both first-year freshmen and seasoned veterans.

Senior catcher KJ Kelley leads the team in slugging percentage with a .625 clip and is second on the team in batting average with .321.

Kelley has been playing in all of the recent games, despite a right ankle injury that has caused her to wear a brace.

"[Kelley] is a warrior," Sortino said. "Something like that might be tough for someone else, but not for KJ."

Ahead of Kelley on that list is rookie Lauren Proctor, who has a season batting average of .349, nine RBI and has started every game for the Maroon and White. Although Proctor has turned heads with her 63 at-bats on the season, Sortino knew that she would be an immediate factor during her freshman campaign.

Seniors Hillary Puglia and Denise Denis each have over a .500 slugging percentage, with Denis leading the team in RBI with 20 on the season.

Massachusetts owns a pair of pitchers who will be facing a Maine squad that is led by senior Lauren Dulkis, who has a batting average of .338 on the season. UMass senior Barb LaFogg leads the A-10 with 93 strikeouts on the season and holds a season ERA of 2.65. Her perform-

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UMass senior Hilarie Puglia leads the Minutewomen with seven doubles. The shortstop also has three home runs this season for the Maroon and White.

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Payano has first SGA meeting as President

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

Newly elected President of the Student Government Association Pavel Payano announced at last night's meeting that he plans to hold a roundtable discussion next week in order to voice opposition against Chancellor John V. Lombardi's diversity commission recommendations.

According to the lengthy report issues March 12, the recommendations would cast an umbrella over all of the registered student organizations, clubs and groups on campus. This recommendations has drawn large opposition and Payano and others plan to voice their opinions next Tuesday at 5 p.m. (location TBA)

"I will be hosting an SGA roundtable next week and we will be discussing the Community Action Plan and the Chancellor's plan," he said.

Currently, Lombardi has allowed at question and answer forum for students to voice their opinions and ask for clarifications on certain issues."

"The Chancellor has set up a Q and A segment on Campus Diversity and he will be responding to e-mails about his action plan."

Payano also urged community members to voice their opinions in addition to senate members so that there is diverse feedback. He told Senators that there will be a rally, held by Take Back UMass and the Graduate Employee Organization in opposition of the recent recommendations next Wednesday, at noon at the Student Union Steps.

"[The Commission Recommendations] are not straight forward," Payano said, "we still don't know why [Lombardi] is tackling the SGA."

In the initial report, it was mentioned that a vice chancellor would be hired to uphold the new standards of diversity on campus and that certain elements of the SGA would be overseen by this person, a concept that SGA members disagree with.

Speaker Mark Morrison said that he agrees with Payano that students need to voice their opinions on the report, however he praised both Lombardi and the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Michael Gargano for clarifying the 82-page report.

"Vice Chancellor Gargano also released something to clarify the student affairs portion," he said.

However, he noted that there is still more work to be done.

"We need to draft a collaborative response," Morrison said. "[the Chancellor] said how we would have no say over money, and he's not kidding around this time."

He, like Payano encouraged students to voice opinions.

"We need to get what we want," Morrison said, "and bargaining for what we want from the administration."

Morrison also mentioned that the end of the discussion period about the recommendations will end April 22.

"Then the Chancellor will have time to digest [the issues] and re-write a second draft."

In other orders of business, a motion was drafted by the Administrative Affairs Committee to elect three new senators to the SGA despite the tardiness of the order. Members of the senate criticized the committee for not bringing the order to the meeting sooner and that with only five meetings left, these students would not be able to make informed decisions on important orders of business.

Morrison debated against the election of the senators because of the importance of the final meetings.

"These three cant make informed decisions. I admire their determination [to be in Senate] but they must have some competency."

Morrison noted that during the last three meetings, the executive cabinet will be chosen, a new speaker will be elected and most importantly the budget will be allocated.

He added that new senators are "very impressionable right now," and they should be coming in with "fresh new ideas."

After debate, the special order to approve Lenz Bayass, Elvis Mendez and Tessa Simones failed.

In other orders of business, a motion was passed that creates the "Worcester Breakfast Sandwich" as a meal option in the dining commons instead of the "mundane" scrambled eggs that are served seven days per week.

Last week the Sylvan area government results were not published. Area Governor is Alan Chou, Lit. Governor is Jillian Promisel, Treasurer and Secretary is Andrew Hein.



New Student Government Association President Pavel Payano is planning a roundtable discussion next week to oppose the Diversity Commission recommendations.

Lombardi hosts Q&A session on commission

By Matt Elder
Collegian Staff

Chancellor John V. Lombardi posted a question-and-answer report on the Commission for Campus Diversity's Web site yesterday as he responded to several criticisms on his plan.

On March 12, Lombardi posted a "Draft Action Plan" on the Commission's Web site in which he responded to its initial recommendations. Immediately, many people on campus met the plan with skepticism and Lombardi said he would make revisions.

Various groups on campus spoke out about their anger towards Lombardi's not granting the Commission's recommendation for hiring a new Vice Chancellor for Diversity.

In the Q&A, Lombardi said why he didn't grant that recommendation.

"A Vice Chancellor for Diversity would need to have a significant portfolio of responsibility and the authority to manage the budget necessary to implement that responsibility," Lombardi said on the Web site.

"The segregation of diversity-orientated activities in one office relieves all other parts of the institution of responsibility for these issues."

Many people, including then-Student Government Association President

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French awarded Truman Scholarship

By Jake Monte
Collegian Correspondent

Jesse French, who transferred to UMass last September from Albuquerque New Mexico, was awarded the prestigious 2005 Truman Scholarship, a thirty thousand dollar scholarship award.

The Truman Organization looks for students who show leadership and intellectual ability, and are likely to make a positive difference in the world. 75 students from 65 colleges were selected from the 600 applicants. John Bingham, a political science professor whom French describes as his most influential teacher, recommended French apply for the award, and is the Truman Organization's UMass sponsor.

"Jesse is pretty quiet but at the same time a terrific speaker and listener. He was in my class last fall. That is how I got to know him," Bingham said. "The Truman provides a lot of money so we get a few inquiries about it, but it also takes a lot of work so not too many students want to go through the whole process," he added.

French, however, was willing to tackle the process, and contacted Susan Krauss Whitbourne who directs the Office of National Scholarship Advisement.

He submitted his application sometime in January.

She assisted French in preparing his application. According to Whitbourne, the application process takes about four months because it's a very intricate application.

Part of the application consists of essays, in which French described his leadership service and governmental activities. French also had to come up with a proposal for creating a homeless shelter in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

In his proposal, French emphasized the need for public transportation. He also required that those staying in the shelter be registered to vote.

"This is distinctive in that it presents an opportunity for a population to procure some political power," French said.

At UMass, Whitbourne and her staff set up a mock interview to prepare French.

"We really grilled him," Whitbourne said. "We had about eight faculty. We asked him a lot of questions about his application

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MATTHEW RIDDLE/COLLEGIAN

UMass beer nuts

Members of the UMass Alumni participate in a beer tasting extravaganza last night at the Northampton Brewery in Northampton

Floral experts host flower exhibition

By Jennifer Gorson
Collegian Correspondent

These days, anyone have a wedding fit for a celebrity. Just enlist the help of Deryck DeMatas and Daniel Vaughn, florists for the rich and famous.

On Wednesday last week, the University of Massachusetts Stockbridge School of Agriculture hosted a program showcasing floral designs by the two nationally recognized floral artists. While catering students from Hospitality and Tourism management provided refreshments, the two showed off their event décor expertise.

DeMatas and Vaughn, previously featured in national publications such as In Style magazine, demonstrated their refined technique for two hours to the packed crowd in the Student Union ballroom. They also discussed selecting flowers and the interplay of bloom textures and colors.

From the vast array of fresh flowers set out on the table before them, the two men created centerpieces and beautiful bouquets on the spot. A video screen focused in on the stage, broadcasting the details of their skill to the awed crowd, while light jazz played in the background.

The designers kept up a friendly banter throughout their work, typical of two artists engrossed in creative production and which added to the relaxed yet sophisticated atmosphere of the event.

"Can I get that for $5?" Vaughn joked as DeMatas skillfully put together a bouquet of 100 fresh

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Explosion rocks Northeastern dorm

BOSTON (AP) — A natural gas explosion sent flames shooting through a Northeastern University dormitory on Wednesday, injuring seven people and severely damaging the six-story brick building.

Victims were being treated at area hospitals for minor injuries, including broken bones, cuts and burns, said Richard Serino, the city's emergency services director. The injured included students, faculty, staff and a utility worker sent to investigate the gas leak.

"One person reported he was thrown 10 feet into the air" before he was hit and injured by a falling table, Serino said.

A Boston Fire Department spokesman said the explosion was likely caused by gas leak in the boiler room of Kerr Hall, in the city's Fenway neighborhood.

Students and other onlookers gathered outside as firefighters battled the blaze that followed the explosion. Glass from broken windows was scattered on the ground around the building.

Alex Zinni, a 23-year-old from Mansfield, said he was eating lunch with fellow students around 1:30 p.m. when black smoke and orange flames filled the second-story dining hall.

"I was tossed up, tossed down, and I heard people say, 'Go!'" said Zinni, who was unhurt. "I felt like I was lifted."

He said he ran to safety out the front door of the building, which houses dormitories and a faculty center.

-Associated Press



COURTESY NORTHEASTERN

A Northeastern University dorm suffered $800,000 worth of damage yesterday after a natural gas explosion set the building on fire.



ARTS & LIVING

WHAT A DRAG

Nationally recognized drag performers, the Kinsey Sicks visit UMass just in time for "Gaypril."

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Matt Brochu's letter urges Duff to come to UMass for her undergraduate career.

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UMass softball team sweeps Maine yesterday at home.

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Issues of race addressed

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Eduardo Bustamante, were upset at Lombardi's ignoring of the commission's student affairs recommendations.

Bustamante said that Lombardi's "Draft Action Plan" accepted all 12 of the Commission's academic recommendations, but rejected all 11 of the Commission's recommendations on student affairs.

Bustamante proposed an alternative proposal to diversity-related issues on campus. Lombardi has since posted the proposal on the Commission's Web site.

Many members of the SGA strongly opposed Lombardi's plan since the SGA would fall under the new Center for Student Development that Lombardi proposed. A newly appointed Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs would run the center.

In the Q&A, Lombardi addressed these concerns.

"The draft plan did not fully explain the relationship to the Student Government Association," he said. "The Student Government Association and other student organizations do not have the authority to hire or supervise the University employees who work with various student groups and activities. All of the groups that have permanent University employees currently funded by Student Government have been, and will continue to be organized as part of the Office of Student Affairs."

"SGA will of course continue to have the authority to review expenditures from SGA funds and determine future expenditures each year," Lombardi added.

Ever since the infamous "KKK-9" incident at UMass, diversity on campus has been an issue that many people are concerned about. During the Q&A, Lombardi said why he thought people are so emotional about such issues.

"Issues of race, class and gender in America have been and continue to be very difficult to discuss and often evoke strong emotions," he said. "The most effective approach to these issues is to listen carefully to identify these issues and problems that underlie expressions of pain and anxiety and disappointment."

All of these documents can be viewed on the Commission's Web site at umass.edu/campusdiversity.



COURTESY RAMZI KANAZI

Life in Gaza
Mustafa Al-Kayali, Hekmat As-Sarrage, and Adel Al-Ghoul speke to over one hundred students in the Campus Center Monday night about living in the Israeli occupied Gaza strip.

French aspiring to help improve political policy

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and his specific proposals to help the homeless."

French was interviewed by the scholarship selection committee on March 14 in Phoenix. He was informed that he was accepted on March 29.

"I was very excited and at the same time the first thing that passed through my mind was 'Wow, I've got to call all the people who helped me with this process and thank them.' I'm still getting around to thanking everybody. I was thrilled."

The next step for French is applying for a Marshalls Scholarship and Rhodes Scholarship. If he were to receive those two scholarships he would end up in Oxford, England for graduate school. French has also considered John Hopkins for graduate school. He aspires to work for an organization such as the Brookings Institution, writing articles which contribute to political and economic policy.

The articles are put on a Web site and experts from the New York Times and other major newspapers use them for background information. The articles are also used to by Congressional Committees to make laws.

French says he also has a special interest in neoclassical theory which is the basis for modern capitalism as first laid out by Adam Smith in "The Wealth of Nations."

French's teachers were unanimous with praise for him. Economics Professor Stephen Resnick said, "he has the talent and maturity to do well and I hope he is able to maintain his interest in making society a better place for all its citizens."

Fossil may be oldest ancestor

By Malcolm Ritter
Associated Press

Is a fossil creature that grabbed headlines three years ago really the earliest known ancestor of modern humans? Or does it belong elsewhere on the evolutionary tree?

The answer has been hotly debated, but now two studies argue that it does indeed belong on the human branch.

In 2002, scientists announced finding jaw fragments, some isolated teeth and a skull of a creature nicknamed "Toumai" in Chad. At some 6 million to 7 million years old, the fossils came from around the time of a major split in the evolutionary tree, with one branch leading eventually to humans and the other branch leading to chimps.

The researchers argued that the creature, which they dubbed "Sahelanthropus tchadensis", belongs on the human branch and so is the oldest known hominid. Some others disagreed. In any case, the skull provided a puzzling combination of human and chimp traits and raised what one expert called "a wheelbarrow full of questions" about evolution at that time.

Many scientists now think S. tchadensis was probably a hominid, and more evidence appears in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature. It comes from Michel Brunet of the University of Poitiers in France, who led the team that made the original discovery, and colleagues.

Other experts said the new work strengthens the case for hominid status but doesn't clinch it.

"This isn't a smoking gun," said David Begun of the University of Toronto.

A big question is whether S. tchadensis walked upright, because that's a key characteristic of hominids. Brunet, in an e-mail, said given the available evidence it would be a "great surprise" if it didn't walk upright. But he agreed with other scientists that to be sure, scientists would have to find and analyze skeletal bones that carry signatures of upright walking, like a knee, hip or foot.



COURTESY CNRS/AFP

The "Toumai" fossil may be the oldest ancestor of modern man.

Vatican sets date for conclave

By Victor L. Simpson
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — The College of Cardinals on Wednesday set April 18 as the date for the historic start of the conclave to elect a successor to Pope John Paul II, as the Vatican made final arrangements for the funeral that is expected to draw millions of pilgrims and world leaders to Rome.

The decision came after the cardinals read John Paul's spiritual testament during a pre-conclave meeting Wednesday. Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said, adding that the text would be released on Thursday.

Navarro-Valls said the cardinals would celebrate a morning Mass on April 18, then be sequestered in the Sistine Chapel in the early afternoon to start the conclave.

According to church law, prelates are expected to hold at least one ballot on the first day of a conclave. If no one gets the required two-thirds majority after about 12 days, cardinals may change procedure and elect the pope by simple majority.

The date was set on the third day of preparatory meetings of cardinals who have converged on Rome ahead of Friday's funeral and burial of John Paul.

Pilgrims continued to flock to St. Peter's Square on Wednesday, jamming up streets as they waited to pay their final respects to John Paul, who has been lying in state in St. Peter's Basilica since Monday afternoon.

President Bush also arrived in Rome to attend Friday's funeral and immediately went to St. Peter's Basilica to view the pontiff's body.

Bush, his wife, Laura, former Presidents George H. W. Bush and Bill Clinton, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and chief of staff Andrew Card knelt before the pope's bier in St. Peter's Basilica for about five minutes, their hands clasped in prayer, after being ushered in by a side door.

The general public filed past the crimson-robed body on the other side of the bier during Bush's visit.

More than 1 million pilgrims will have filed solemnly by the crimson-robed body by the end of Wednesday, according to calculations by the Italian civil defense department.

Overwhelmed Italian officials warned people face a 24-hour wait to see the body and said they will cut off the line, which snaked down a wide boulevard, through ancient alleyways and onto a bridge, on Wednesday evening.

The civil defense department was flashing messages on highway panels and sending out text messages on cell phones to warn people of the closure, which will allow officials to clear the basilica on time and prepare it for Friday's funeral, spokesman Luca Spoletini said.

John Paul's spiritual testament, read Wednesday, was a 15-page document written in his native Polish over the course of his pontificate starting in 1979, a year after he was elected.

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NE holds on gay marriage ban plans

By Robert Tanner
Associated Press

It seems a can't-lose proposition: Ask voters to ban same-sex marriages and they consistently endorse the idea, from the South to the West.

Kansas on Tuesday became the latest and 18th state to pass a constitutional amendment barring gay marriage. With conservatives pushing to define marriage as between a man and woman throughout the country, similar proposals are on the ballot in three other states next year and more than a dozen are considering them.

New England has been the major holdout; there, legislators and judges have strengthened rights for gays and lesbians.

Kansas voted by a more than 2-to-1 margin Tuesday to ban gay marriages and civil unions, and voters also ousted the lone gay city council member in Topeka, Tiffany Muller, who had defeated an emphatically anti-gay opponent in the primary.

But Connecticut legislators seemed headed in the other direction Wednesday, scheduling a vote to legalize civil unions. If the bill becomes law, Connecticut would be the only state to do so without a court order demanding lawmakers act.

The New England examples — most decisively Vermont's civil unions and Massachusetts' legalized gay marriages — are seen by ban supporters as the threat that's helping their cause. Advocates for gay marriage also see those examples as a plus, by proving that fears gay marriage will somehow destroy society's social fabric are unfounded.

"The more places that we are able to extend the same rights and responsibilities to all Americans, the more places we've got a light to shine on what's happening," said Jue Solmonese, president of Human Rights Campaign, a gay rights lobbying group.

"Massachusetts, the last time I checked ... is still there. Marriage is still there," he said. "People are going on with their lives, gay and lesbian couples are raising their families and living their lives like everyone else. None of what has been forecasted or what we've been warned about seems to have happened there."

New England states aren't the only ones to offer gay rights activists hope. California, Hawaii and New Jersey also allow for domestic partnerships — though California and Hawaii also have states laws that define marriage as between a man and a woman.

Connecticut offers the strongest recent pro-gay legislation, by extending all rights and privileges of marriage to same-sex couples but without an actual marriage license.

24-year-old held for fatal beating

NORTH ADAMS, Mass. (AP) — A 24-year-old man was being held Wednesday on $1 million bail in the fatal beating of another man.

Jason Ostrander, 24, pleaded innocent Tuesday in Northern Berkshire District Court to killing 47-year-old Edward Tetreault, who was found unconscious shortly after 11 p.m. Monday in a Main Street apartment. He died later at North Adams Regional Hospital.

"This was a vicious beating," District Attorney David F. Capeless said during Ostrander's arraignment.

Autopsy results released Wednesday said Tetreault suffered from fractures, bruising and lacerations around his face.

Associated Press

UMass SAIFD helps in floral showcase

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red roses.

"You hogged the table, I have to get even," DeMatas later added when asked for some extra twine by Vaughn.

The two designers specialize in different pieces. Deryck designed many detailed table settings and centerpieces. Vaughn specialized in hand-tied bouquets that members of the UMass branch of SAIFD, the Student American Institute of Floral Designers, walked down the center aisle to let audience members get a better look at the intricate detail and "movement" involved.

Bouquets included a bridal bouquet that trailed in a cascade with crystals glued to the center of each flower, 50 white tulips with carefully manicured or "defoliated" stems, and chocolate, merlot, and butterscotch tinted roses tied with strung berries instead of ribbon.

Mixing textures is the key to an eye-catching bouquet; as Vaughn said, "never put two shinies or two fuzzies together and you'll be fine."

The event table decor, on the other hand, displayed DeMatas' love for detail. His arrangements ranged from a popular setting for a bat mitzvah to an elegant decoration for a ladies' luncheon.

His centerpieces included a birch log with flowers on it; martini glasses, floating candles, and rhinestones in wooden boxes; and an Asian-influenced beaded mat setting — all of which were accented by beautiful flower arrangements. All of the foliage was gathered from the greenhouse at UMass.

"You guys have the most incredible freesias I've ever seen!" DeMatas gushed.

According to DeMatas, you should not strive for perfection, and just let the flowers be.

"If you can communicate with the flower, it will tell you exactly where to go." Both designers agreed that details and originality are the key strategy for pleasing floristry. Designers need to stretch themselves to avoid creating "just another pot of flowers on the table," said Vaughn.

Each designer's final products were met with enthusiastic applause.

A mutual love of flowers united most of the crowd, busy scribbling notes and taking down information for their own work.

The affable artists drew the audience in with their extensive knowledge, and the beautiful colors and designs, rapidly being produced one after the next, entranced even the inexperienced florist.

"The designers were so enthusiastic — even laymen can get excited about it," said an audience member who drove up for the event because his daughter is in the SAIFD.

The professionals joked that you reduce your income by half by going into the floristry industry, but added, "there's no price tag on love."

Vaughn advises any of those who are interested in going into the business to go to the local chapter's Web site www.saifd.org, which includes information on the well-known program at UMass. Floristry is an art form, and he advises finding a good school and looking out for a professional whose style you admire, and then trying to get a chance to work under them.

DeMatas adds that the most rewarding part of his profession is "bringing joy to the heart." Like a doctor, he said, "it's my contribution to healing the human heart. You're not just selling pretty parties — you're selling emotion."

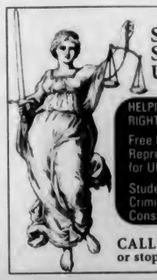
Such is the difference between designing flowers for weddings, birthday parties, and even funerals, where sympathy is the main focus.

On a final note, Dementas said, "enjoying your job is half the battle. I love my work." Luckily, judging from his extensive clientele, the rest of the world agrees.



MELANIE BURFORD/DAILY COLLEGIAN

Nationally renowned floral artists Deryck DeMatas and Daniel Vaughn featured live demonstrations of their floral creations last week.



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Hale sentenced to 40 years

CHICAGO (AP) — Avowed white supremacist Matthew Hale was sentenced to 40 years in prison Wednesday for trying to have a federal judge killed, the same judge whose husband and mother were murdered five weeks ago by a deranged man with no connection to Hale.

Hale, the 33-year-old leader of a group that preaches racial holy war, was sentenced after a rambling, two-hour speech in which he claimed he was the victim and even recited part of "The Star Spangled Banner." He showed no emotion and sat staring at the defense table as the sentence was handed down.

Prosecutors argued for the maximum sentence, saying Hale's crime amounted to an act of terrorism, and the judge agreed.

"Mr. Hale is not concerned about taking someone's life, but rather how to do it without getting caught," U.S. District Judge James Moody said in imposing the sentence. "I consider Mr. Hale to be extremely dangerous and the offense for which he was convicted to be extremely egregious."

Hale was convicted in April 2004 of soliciting an undercover FBI informant to murder U.S. District Judge Joan Humphrey Lefkow of Chicago in retaliation for her ruling against him in a trademark dispute.



White supremacist Matthew Hale was sentenced to 40 years in jail for attempting to murder a judge.

Prosecutors said Hale was furious that Lefkow ordered him to stop using the World Church of the Creator name for his group. Lefkow said the name was trademarked by an Oregon-based church group.

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Mexican immigrants continue to attempt US border crossings

By Olga R. Rodriguez
Associated Press

AGUA PRIETA, Mexico — The number of Mexican migrants trying to sneak into the United States through the Arizona border has dropped by half since hundreds of American civilians began guarding the area earlier this week, say Mexican officials assigned to protect their citizens.

But that doesn't mean the migrants have given up. Most remain determined to enter the United States and say they will simply find other places to cross.

Before Minuteman Project volunteers began patrolling, Mexican officials encountered at least 400 undocumented migrants daily. On Monday, the second day Minutemen were present, they spotted just 198, said Bertha de la Rosa of Grupo Beta, a Mexican government-sponsored group that discourages people from crossing illegally and aids those stranded in the desert.



Courtesy AP/CNN

The number of Mexican immigrant illegally entering the United States are dropping due to American civilians guarding the boarder.

"The fact that we're not seeing them here doesn't mean they are not trying to cross," said de la Rosa, the group's coordinator in Agua Prieta, a town across the border from Douglas, Ariz. "They say they will look for another place or wait awhile — but they are not giving up."

Grupo Beta, along with armed state police officers, began patrolling the Mexican side of the border on Sunday.

Jose Luis Mercado is among those determined to cross.

Mercado, a farm worker from central Mexico state, was one of 10 migrants who walked through the desert all night Monday and early Tuesday before they were abandoned by the smuggler they had paid to get them across the border.

"He just said it was too risky to cross and to wait for him, but he never came back," Mercado said.

Mercado, like most migrants trying to cross into the United States from this dusty border city, had been unaware of the Minuteman Project, despite extensive news media coverage of the group.

He and his companions were resting in a ditch littered with plastic bottles, clothes and empty tuna cans when they were spotted by Grupo Beta agent Hector Salazar.

Discovery launch put on hold

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.(AP) — The rollout of space shuttle Discovery to the launch pad was briefly put on hold Wednesday after a crack was discovered in the foam insulation on the external fuel tank. But NASA later said the crack was no reason for concern.

The flaw was discovered as the spacecraft was being readied for the first shuttle launch since Columbia fell to pieces two years ago, a disaster blamed on a chunk of foam that fell off the tank during liftoff and gashed one of the wings.

NASA spokeswoman Jessica Rye described the flaw as a hairline crack and said that after sending images of it to the tank's manufacturer in Louisiana, the space agency concluded it did not need to make any repairs.

NASA then began moving Discovery from its assembly building to the launch pad, after a delay of at least two hours.

Because of Columbia's disintegration over Texas in 2003 — and the deaths of all seven astronauts aboard — the tank has been extensively redesigned for Discovery's flight.

"It doesn't sound like it's a major issue, but because the foam is a sensitive issue we want to make sure we're in a safe and right configuration," Rye said when the crack was discovered.

A delay in the moving of Discovery to the launch pad could upset NASA's plans for a mid-May liftoff. The launch window runs from mid-May to June _ a period dictated by the position of the international space station, the shuttle's destination.

The Discovery was being moved on a 5.5 million-pound transporter, a huge platform on caterpillar tracks, along a specially built road that is almost as wide as an eight-lane highway. The 4.2-mile journey to the launch pad was expected to take hours, since the transporter moved at only 1 mph.

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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Jennings' absence will mark the end of an era

The network news broadcast industry has been drastically changed for everyone over the past six months. First, Tom Brokaw stepped down from his anchor post at NBC's news desk, followed promptly by Dan Rather leaving CBS. Now, Peter Jennings, ABC's nightly news anchor since 1965, has announced during his Tuesday night broadcast, that he has been diagnosed with lung cancer. This is truly the end of an era of great broadcast journalists, one that America will never see again.

In addition to the three major headliners, Ted Koppel, anchor of ABC's "Nightline," will also be stepping down, following Barbara Walters, who recently resigned as the host of ABC's "20/20." America has become so used to seeing the great broadcasters that these changes come as quite a shock.

Jennings, who will begin his chemotherapy treatment on Monday, has committed to stay on as anchor during his rehabilitation. The fact that he has decided to remain on the air shows his true dedication to his job and the American people who have come to rely on his broadcasts. Chemotherapy can be very taxing on a human's body, causing one to become very weak. Jennings' determination to get through this and his willingness to share his condition with the American people is a truly admirable quality, which just adds to the list of reasons why he is so important to American broadcast news.

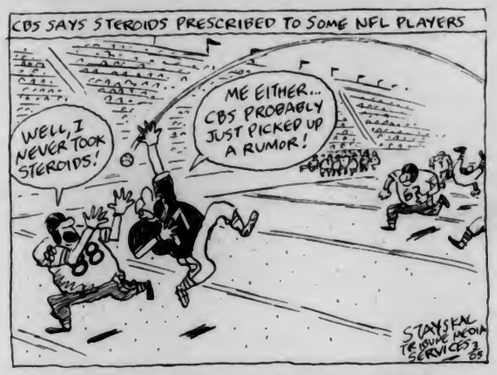
Today's generation of young people grew up with Jennings and his contemporaries. They're our version of Walter Cronkite. In a time when society is changing and there are so many varying opinions and movements throughout the country, it is vitally important to have a wide array of broadcast journalists that can gain the American people's support and understanding. These anchors were able to gain the trust of the country at a time when trust is hard to win.

Jennings is asking his viewers to bear with him, as his voice will be hoarser from time to time during his broadcast. His broadcasts, because of him filming during his chemotherapy, will also prove to millions of Americans that it is possible to live and function in a stressful day-to-day job with cancer. Jennings will not only be a role model to cancer patients everywhere, but he will also be under the stressful eye of the nation during his turmoil.

At 66 years old, to undertake this task and have it followed through on his terms shows great determination, and a huge amount of respect is warranted to him from every one of his viewers.

Jennings is the last great nightly news anchor that Americans can look to with trust and admiration. He has the experience and he has the wherewithal to do what he does to perfection every night. It's not an easy job, regardless of how many years of broadcasting you have behind you. In the upcoming months, it will be imperative for the American public to give their support and understanding to Jennings, even more so than they do every night. He is truly the last of the greats and America should let him know that our hearts are with him.

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An open invitation to Hilary

Matt Brochu

It's officially ok for me to start dating Hilary Duff. In case you haven't heard, she's a college girl now, cramming in a few online classes in her free time through the Harvard Extension School. Unfortunately, when she made this announcement on her Web site a month ago, she chose to omit the word "Extension" and in doing so implied that she went to the "real" Harvard. And let me tell you, the Harvard kids were wicked pissed.

Within days, the editorial staff of "The Crimson," Harvard's school newspaper, published an "Oh no you didn't, girl" editorial calling Duff a "loser and a chicken" because she wouldn't man-up and "live la vida Harvard" like the rest of the students. There was more to the letter, and there were parentheses all over the place, but I decided to respond by inviting Hilary to take classes at the University of Massachusetts instead.

Dear Hilary,

The Crimson Editorial Staff has spoken. You — chicken. Them — cool. It's really that simple. Withdraw from your (online) classes and pack your (virtual) bags, because everyone should care what their (substantially less famous) classmates think. Look, telling your fans you take classes at Harvard may not be a crime, but to these hardworking future pricks of America, it's pretty damn close. This may not make sense to an innocent (amazingly talented) girl like yourself, so I'll put this in terms you can understand.

Let's say your boyfriend, 26-year-old Joel Madden of Good (luck convincing the Duffs you aren't a pervert) Charlotte, decides to buy you some Louis Vuitton underwear. Later on you come to find out he bought them from a dude named Ray Ray manning a folding table in New York City who loves rainy days because "them umbrellas sell quicker than crack rock."

Now, not only do you feel stupid for telling your friends that the Louis Vuitton bras all over your breasts were real, but you've alienated the owners of real Louis merchandise all over the country in the process. Just imagine how poor little Daisy (Jessica Simpson's lapdog) feels when she takes a dump in her own personal LV carrier after your callous desecration of the brand name she trusts most. Now you know how the Harvard kids feel. I hope you're proud of yourself.

It's pretty evident that the Harvard student body doesn't want you. Who cares? Welcome to the club. It's called "Everybody," and we meet at the bar (blatant Drew Carey rip-off).

Let's not make a mountain out of a molehill. Almost 23,000 little dorks applied to Harvard this year. In terms of demographics, this crop includes a 28.3 percent increase in applications from African Americans, along with a 15.5 percent rise in applications from Hispanic Americans, and a shocking 47 percent increase in applications from National Spelling Bee participants with nervous ticks. Overall, 51 percent checked off the "Female" box (of these, 78 percent prefer Star Trek: Voyager over Star Trek: Deep Space Nine), and 49 percent checked off the "Male" box (of these, 91 percent have never touched a boob).

So what does this mean for the overwhelming majority of Harvard hopefuls? Over 20,000 of them received the dreaded thin envelope on March 31. Not that this is anything new. Each and every year, thousands of potential Harvard students are rejected (by members of the opposite sex), despite possessing numerous attributes that many (mathletes and present-day Urkels) would find attractive. This leaves you with one possible solution: screw Harvard and enroll at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Face it, Harvard is so yesterday. UMass is so today. Sure, we may not have newfangled video lecture technology, but that's nothing a few autographed Lizzie McGuire posters couldn't fix. Besides, we could care less if you endure the authentic ZooMass experience. It's probably not in the best interests of your career to flash the crowd at Red Sox riots or get Taser'd by UMass Police at the annual Hobart Hoedown, anyway.

We (safety school rejects) are humble enough to appreciate each and every component of the Hilary Duff experience. Plus, you wouldn't have to play fourteenth celebrity fiddle to lesser talents like Mira Sorvino and Tatyana Ali, who have Ivy League street creds merely because they kicked it on campus with the commoners. At UMass, you'd immediately vault Bill Cosby (did his undergrad at Temple anyway) and Kina from MTV's "Road Rules" (much shorter in person) to become our primary celebrity spokesperson on all school-related matters.

You see, (blatant "Good Will Hunting" rip-off segue) the sad thing about a girl like you is in 50 years, you're going to start doing some thinking on your own and you're going to come up with the fact that there are two certainties in life: 1) You didn't need to go to Harvard, and 2) You dropped way-too-many grand on an education you could have gotten for the price of an internet connection, an affordable rate-per-credit, and a few Busch Light 30-packs (standard for each student).

So that leaves just one question to be asked: What size hoodie do you wear?

Hope to see you soon,
Matt Brochu,
Matt Brochu is a Collegian columnist.

Examining the alive, the dead and the line that divides them

Aaron Wodin-Schwartz

This editorial has no real thesis in the advocational sense — that is, I will not be preaching any point of view or issuing a call to action. This is merely an article meant to discuss certain facts in this week's hot-topic current events in ways that many may not have considered. Perhaps this will enable my readers to reference these events with a fuller understanding of their position in the socio-political scheme of things, or maybe I'm just contributing to the heap of reiterated hype. Regardless, here goes.

To this point our beloved Collegian has been refreshingly devoid of editorials concerning either the over-sensationalized/over-politicized Terri Schiavo case or the passing of the pope. It has also been neglectful of the artificial life support question common to both of them. Nevertheless, I assume that we've all heard of Terri Schiavo, and I think it's safe to assume that we've also heard mention at one point or another over the years of Pope John Paul II. What we have not yet discovered en masse is a side of these issues that has been disturbingly neglected given its pertinence to the actors involved and the moral framing of the issues.

Three interesting discussions come to light: the late pope's view of artificial life support, Bush's association with artificial life support, and the federal government's relationship to the states.

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The first concerns the discussion of the morality of pulling Schiavo's feeding tube and whether or not this was murder tacitly supported by the state, the state mercifully allowing an incognizant woman to die, or something in between. Most of the protests to her passing were made along religious lines, and made by predominantly religious people. Thus, the issue has been painted as a typical "moral issue," similar to gay rights and abortion, in which the secular and the religious are at odds with one another. The untold story here is that in the weeks prior to his death Pope John Paul II declined a feeding tube to artificially prolong his life.

This doesn't seem so radical of a revelation, yet it does undermine our image of the discussion and of the conflicting sides and interests involved. If we are to assume that the only certainty in life is death, then artificially prolonging life constitutes "playing God" and removal or refusal of artificial life support does not. This is why John Paul II declined a feeding tube and why some religious groups might benefit from considering this individual case within the greater context of their general philosophies before vehemently opposing a "state acting as God."

Then there is the oft-ignored discussion of Bush's connection to life support. We all know that he and his brother pressed for the reinsertion of the feeding tube and that he even went so far as to sign abnormal legislation allowing federal courts to review a state issue — an incident that has raised more than a few eyebrows at the Supreme Court. What many remain unaware of is the legislation regarding artificial life support that Bush signed as governor of Texas. The fact that President Bush signed into law in Texas a bill — the Texas Futile Care Law — that gives health care providers the right to end human life according to local doctor judgment as well as patient inability to continue paying (see the case of Sun Hudson just a few weeks ago as well as that of Spiro Nikolouzos) is certainly important, especially given his decision to sign the Schiavo legislation and his rhetoric concerning a "presumption in favor of life." It also makes it ironic that he would favor federal meddling into the right of states to make and enforce their legislation in this area.

And it is this federal meddling in what are legally defined as state affairs that has most startled otherwise indifferent spectators of the Schiavo episode. First of all, why is this the Congressional discourse on healthcare instead of the achievement of universal healthcare or even fair insurance benefits? Second, how can the US Congress possibly convene and pass laws relating specifically to one woman? Is that not a trite and ideological abuse of individuals' powers as Senators and Representatives?

And finally, on what grounds did the government allow a state issue to suddenly be decided by federal courts simply because they disagreed with the state ruling? I don't recall anyone even scurrying to provide the flimsy justification that I would have expected. This is, again, a usurpation of governmental powers and it is curious that a federal appeals court should even consent to hearing the case at all. Dangerous legal precedents were quietly set as this case made its way through the various courtroom proceedings, even though the initial ruling was never overturned.

It appears that things are not as over-simplified as they seemed …

Aaron Wodin-Schwartz is a Collegian columnist.

A day in the life …

Ben Feder

This is for all of you who want to know what it is like inside my mind from day's beginning to end.

Oh man, it's morning.

Oh boy, better wrap a towel around my waist.

That was a solid Lindsay Lohan dream last night.

OK, starting my day. Gotta get clean.

This shirt should get me action at the day's end.

Shampoo might help more though.

Damn, "Billy Madison" is funny.

Ok, time to dry off. This shirt won't get me anything. These pants might.

Shaving is cool. Why do girls complain about shaving their legs? I damn near rip my jugular every morning.

Boobs.

Jugular is a funny word, so is dynamite. I guess a lot of words are funny if you think about it. Dynamite.

I'm hungry. Need breakfast. Class in 20 minutes. I have lots of time. Need a sandwich.

Boobs.

Should I go to class? Yes. There are girls in class. It's so cold out. Damn, no girls in revealing clothing.

Boobs.

The elevator is the most impersonal place in the world; no two people who meet on an elevator will ever like each other. How tall is that guy? I want to be taller. Oh figures I get off the elevator and hot girls get on. I need a beer. Beer later. Get to class early and sit next to the girl you secretly love. Wait, which one is she again? The blonde? No, that's after lunch. Oh right, the red head.

This class is boring. Whoa, this kid next to me is falling asleep. He's bobbing his head. Oh, he's out. This class is really boring. This class has to be over soon. Forty-five minutes? Thank God that's over.

I need food. Sandwich. Eat. Swallow.

Boobs.

Hey, why don't I check everyone's away-messages on my buddy list? I have to use the bathroom. Number one or number two? I think I'll surprise myself.

When it comes right down to it, Jennifer Garner and Hilary Swank may very well be the ultimate threeway. Stop thinking about threeways. Concentrate on a twoway. Like lesbians? No, like you and a girl. I should be more honest with women. That cute girl down the hall used to like me I think. And I liked her. So why didn't I ask her out?

I wonder if football players ever soil themselves at the line of scrimmage.

Boobs.

Flush.

Back to the room. How did that Lucky Charms song go again? Hearts, clovers, stars, and rainbows? No, no. I think it was that. No, it had rainbows. I said rainbows. Rainbows, hearts, stars, clovers, balloons. "Balloons" is a funny word.

Class in ten minutes. Skip it. Play Madden. Isn't there a paper due? Tomorrow. I'll start it later. Madden first.

Phone is ringing. Maybe someone wants to have sex with you. No one who would call me would want to have sex with me. You never know. Damn, It's mom. Jesus, you were talking about sex with your mom. Shut up. Mom wants to know why I'm not in class. Tell her you're sick.

Stomach ache. What is this, First grade?

I wonder if my parents still have sex? Don't think about that. That's how people get warped. Dinner. Need food.

Boobs.

Cooking. Well, if you call throwing stuff in boiling water cooking. This is why people get married. Why? Your father cooks. True. I need to learn how to cook. Girls like guys who cook. I should work out more, too. I'll start running. Tomorrow. I'll also start learning to play that guitar I bought last summer. Doesn't it need a new string? The G-string I think. Hah, that's funny, "G-string." Wow. I need a girlfriend. Also, I need a beer.

Television and dinner were made for each other. What's on? Hmm, no one is home. "Desperate Housewives." Better make sure the "last channel" button is set to ESPN in case roommates come home. Truthfully, I do enjoy reading the articles in Playboy.

Bored. Might as well go to bed. Can't sleep. Formulate your top-100 girls-you-want-to-sleep-with list. 100: Nicole Kidman. 99: Blonde women from CSI. 98: This is dumb. I'm going on-line. Everyone is in bed or still out. How come I can't talk to the girls I see at bars. Their friends are always blocking guys. Sure, blame your own insecurities on other people.

You know, there really should be more representation of women in the math and science fields.

Maybe if I was taller I could talk to girls. Girls say size doesn't matter but we all know it does. Doesn't it? My stupid friends probably scared them off. I hang out with idiots.

Lie down with the lights off. Too bad there isn't anybody next to me. Too bad there isn't more than one person next to me. Stop thinking about threeways.

Boobs.

That's better.

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Kinsey Sicks drag into FAC

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UK Pianist quietly building an audience

By Shawn Price
The Orange County Register

LOS ANGELES — Matt Hales is about to be a real pop star. Maybe.

He's a dutiful pop star in training as he swigs a beer and fights a cold in a corner of L.A.'s Velvet Margarita. He just finished a gig across the street at the Hotel Cafe and is visibly ailing, but politely engages the mostly industry crowd that floats around him.

He's enduring this maybe part again, because he already knows what it's like to be done.

His first album, "Strange and Beautiful," under his nom de plume, Aqualung, arrived on these shores two weeks ago to critical acclaim after he built a following in Britain. But in 2002, he was a 30-year-old former prodigy whose band, the 45s, had broken up, its moment in the spotlight passed, its record contract evaporated and the future very bleak.

"It was pretty awful," he says. "You get accustomed to living on a knife edge when you're a musician. I really had to consider getting a real job. There are worse things, but my dream has always been to do this. So I did what any sane person without a job does, and called anybody that I had ever worked with to let them know I was available."

And then Hales says he took "this needle-in-a-haystack kind of thing."

A friend asked him if he had a song ready to use for a Volkswagen commercial. "I must have been number 102 on a list of 103 of people they called. I had one song, and I hadn't finished it."

He recorded the song "Strange and Beautiful" in his living room that night. It created such a storm of interest from Britons who tried to find it after hearing it on the commercial that it landed him a new contract.

The piano-driven, bittersweet pop confectionery of Hales' self-titled debut and its 2003 follow-up, "Still Life" spun off hits in Britain and eventually had U.S. filmmakers and TV producers swooning, too. Films like "Whicker Park" and TV's "Smallville," "Nip/Tuck" and "The O.C." have used his songs.

Hales has followed an unlikely path to success, one that has never been without music.

His parents owned a record and bookshop in Southampton, and Hales grew up absorbing everything he heard. Though a classically trained pianist who composed and performed his first symphony as a teen, the Beach Boys' "Pet Sounds," the Beatles' "Rubber Soul" and Stevie Wonder's "Songs in the Key of Life" had a huge effect on him, he says.

"I suppose it all mixes together inside. I can't untie it and tell what bits are what. People think that because of my training, I look at music intellectually. Music is something that comes from inside. All this stuff I know comes in handy, but it has nothing to do with the writing. There's a song that has a debt to Chopin but it had the sound that captured the feeling I had in myself. It's just a question of the language you use. You can't isolate yourself from your influences."

And he says his personal reinvention was a matter of simply following his gut.

"There was no design. I just knew that if something felt right, I wasn't gonna think twice. I'm just gonna trust it."

Despite the new batch of personal songs, Hales wanted a name, if not a real band, to shield himself, and chose the name Aqualung. However, he was unaware that people would confuse him somehow with Jethro Tull, which recorded the 1971 album "Aqualung." He admits to surprise and mild annoyance and insists there will be no one-legged flute solos.

"There's something in being called Matt Hales that might have limited it," he says. "And there's something nice in anonymity. In the end, you have your face and your name, and I wanted to keep them. The label suggested I change it, but I don't want to confuse everyone by changing my name to the Matt Hales Experience."

He's quite pleased with the word-of-mouth manner in which his music has caught on, and despite everything he's been though, he's still reluctant to be marketed too much by Columbia Records.

"When you cross a certain point in the mainstream, people will think, 'Oh, that's what everybody's buying so I'll buy it, too,' but people bought it because they really wanted it and that's nice. But if they happen to number several million that would be OK."



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Matt Hales is making a name for himself in the US. His songs have been used in commercials and on shows like "The O.C."

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PART ONE:

I used to be that girl that always got away. The girl that could talk her way out of anything, charm anyone, and escape virtually any potentially negative situation that involved punishment. I wouldn't say I am a bad person; however, I have been known to be naughty from time to time.

When the events of last weekend unfolded, I couldn't help but wonder; why now? Out of all the times to be arrested, how could I be punished for this? My two friends and I had thought it would be a nice idea to have a cigarette while finishing our drinks on the steps of their house. In the midst of our upbeat conversation, a beige Toyota sped up onto the curb and screeched to a halt in front of the entrance.

"ID's please," two police officers ordered as they jumped swiftly out of the car.

We were stunned in disbelief. My friend jumped up and replied, "Sir, do you mind showing me your ID first?"

The man with the baseball hat flashed him what he didn't want to see.

"Amherst Police, we need ID's."

We rummaged through our bags, purses, wallets, breathing sighs of relief that we were all over age. The cops stood in front of us, unsure of what measures to take, until I decided to steer them in the right direction.

"Officers, please. We are very sorry for the offense. We were just having a cigarette, and our drinks are disguised properly. We are of age, please, we will spill them out and go back upstairs."

I flashed them a sweet smile and crossed my fingers. The officers looked hesitantly at each other until one of them noticed my two friends.

"Hey, don't we know you two?"

They stared back at the officers blankly and shrugged. The cop with the baseball hat nodded.

"Yup, these are the guys that we arrested two weeks ago for a noise violation." Our hearts sank. How did they remember that? I looked up at the officer and pleaded, "Sir, I don't have any previous offenses. Please let us go, we do apologize."

They had already made their decision.

"I'm sorry, we wouldn't normally do this, but Amherst has a new zero-tolerance policy. Please place your hands behind your back. You are under arrest."

Their policy made sense, but under arrest? That didn't make sense. I was dressed too nicely for the occasion.

As we waited handcuffed on the sidewalk for the police car to arrive, I felt an overwhelming feeling of helplessness. My heels were digging into my legs, my legs were scraping against the concrete ground, my nose was itchy, and worst of all, I had to pee.

"Officer, I really need to use the bathroom. Do you know how long this will take?"

He looked at me as if I was completely oblivious to the severity of the situation. But his eyes suddenly softened when he realized I really had to go.

"We'll be at the station shortly, okay? It won't be too long now."

He smiled kindly as he helped me up off the ground. I held my breath to hold back tears of frustration and self-pity. "Thanks," I replied.

I shook my legs out to revive the circulation, and clenched my jaw tightly as the cuffs dug deeper into my wrists.

"Ouch! Can you loosen these a little?"

Everyone laughed, and I was glad I could elevate the mood for the moment. We were transferred separately: my two friends in one car, me in the other. I stared out the window helplessly, watching other students enjoy their freedom without the thought that they too might one day be in the same situation.

The police car parked inside of a tightly surveillanced garage, and three other officers came out to escort us inside. One of them carefully took my arm and guided me to the entrance. I was tripping all over myself, I had little balance without my hands and my legs were trembling vigorously. I was placed in a single cell, my bladder on the verge of explosion, and my mouth parched by thirst. I noticed a single steel toilet, without toilet paper, in the corner. A camera pointed directly onto it, but there was nothing I could do to relieve the constant pain, for I was handcuffed.

Is this a sick joke, or what? I shook my head and crossed my legs tightly. This was going to be a very long night....

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Hey guys, time to get in gear for Spring

By James H. Burnett III
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

For many American men, being told you do anything "like a girl" is considered an insult.

Throwing. Hitting. Running. You get the idea.

But fellas, if you haven't figured out yet what makes for a hot wardrobe, it's about time you learned to shop ... like a girl, or better yet, a woman.

While many women understand the concept of buying clothing, mixing and matching items to create multiple outfits, many men shop by mannequin, purchasing outfits that don't work with other clothes.

Following the plastic guy's lead is not always a bad thing if you're stumped, says our expert, Clinton Kelly, co-host of The Learning Channel's "What Not to Wear," the show that helps the hapless dress to fit their bodies and ages.

Kelly suggests you follow these tips:

Shop for pants first. "Start on the bottom. Generally men's trousers don't come in as many colors as women's. They tend to come in neutral colors, like black, charcoal gray, khaki. If you stick with neutral on the bottom, that's gonna make your life 100 percent easier, because with a neutral color as a foundation, you can wear something more colorful on top."

Look for neutral-colored pants with a little flair. "You can do a navy pant, a neutral color, with a pinstripe. . . . a lighter blue pinstripe, for example. You can take your cue from the pinstripe, and maybe wear a light blue sweater or shirt. You have to take your cues (for compiling outfits) from the garment itself. Maybe it's a windowpane pant with a little red in it. Look for a red shirt or sweater to match."

Buy business suits with mixing and matching already in mind. "The idea of breaking up

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One of this season's best trends is pairing a neutral suit top with some washed out jeans or wearing the pants with a colorful solid top. This look is easily attainable and wallet friendly.

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For all the men who seriously cannot dress

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a suit is so easy to do. Get a neutral suit; get it tailored to fit you. And simply take your cues and wear the pants with a nice colorful sweater. Take the jacket and wear it with nice jeans and a T-shirt."

Make your fabric patterns complement rather than clash with one another. "Women have a little more difficulty than men, because there's so much more color and pattern out there. They're more likely to buy something really colorful on the bottom and then have a tough time finding a good top to match. Guys have a tough time mixing and matching pattern, period. The thing for guys to learn is you want one pattern to be more dominant than the other. If you wear a pinstripe on the bottom, you can do a bold check on the top."

Be bright. "Every single designer showed bright colors (during New York's fashion week). I think aqua is a great color for guys, like a turquoise. It's a color most guys are really comfortable with and should try to wear in really bold solid shirts."

Go preppy. "Try something like a 'Great Gatsby' look, something like a cable-knit deep-V-neck sweater with contrasting trim."

Rough it. "A great denim blazer would also be good this spring, to sort of dress down a nice outfit from the top down. And then there is the safari-looking jacket with pockets on the front of the chest."

Air out your feet. "The average guy might not wear a sandal, but a safari-looking sandal, leather with lots of hardware, would be a good item."

Jazz up your jacket. "A favorite look of mine is pocket squares. They add a little bit of elegance, a little pizzazz to a sport coat."

Don't waist your midsection. "The bold belt buckle is continuing for men. Get yourself a nice thick belt and bold buckle for casual looks, in jeans, etc."

Cover your eyes. "The aviator sunglasses, not going away. It's such a classic look for guys.



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This season is all about bright colors, like turquoise. Mixing comfortable casual and more dressed up pieces is a handy tip for styling.

Hilarious Amherst play a true original

By Jared Demick
Collegian Correspondent

Who would have thought that hell could be so much fun? That's exactly what the cast and crew of Amherst College's performance of "Three Days in Hell" managed to do for a couple hours on Saturday night.

The play was a wild, irreverent, and hilarious spectacle that mixed skilled comedic writing with finely tuned acting, keeping the audience laughing the whole time. Written by Amherst College student Jonathan Wemette, the play was a farcical take on the traditional Christian story of the three days that Jesus spent in hell between his crucifixion on Good Friday and his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

According to tradition, Jesus ventured into hell in order to save the souls of those who unfortunately were trapped there, which included the souls of such people as virtuous pagans. In Mr. Wemette's play, Jesus comes to hell in order to do just that, only there are some comedic complications.

In the beginning of the play, Satan, an irritable neurotic that makes Woody Allen look relaxed, has been planning a romantic evening with his secretary, Karen, who he's had a crush on for 500 years. However, God calls him and interrupts his plans with an unexpected surprise.

God tells him that his son, Jesus, has just been crucified and that he's coming to stay in hell for three days. Forced to cancel his dinner with Karen, Satan is enraged, but he has no choice but to concede to the Almighty.

Right after this, guests arrive on Satan's doorstep. However, they are not Jesus, they are Barnabas and Tryphon. According to tradition, these two men were thieves that were crucified along with Jesus; however, in the show, they are also Jesus' bag boys.

These two prove to be wonderful characters that constantly vex both Jesus and Satan as Barnabas is a long-winded talker who hatches ineffectual schemes, while Tryphon is highly reminiscent of Herman Munster. While waiting for Jesus to arrive, Barnabas and Tryphon get to know Satan and they begin to take an interest in his feelings for Karen.

Eventually, they hatch a plan to turn this neurotic basket-case into a charming man. Then Jesus arrives in all his flawless splendor, which the play wonderfully and irreverently renders as annoying. Meanwhile, Barnabas and Tryphon try to make Satan into a more presentable date. Jesus himself has an elaborate plan which involves taking people out of hell, but there is something fishy about it.

Barnabas, Tryphon, and Satan eventually find out what it is when they look in the bags that Jesus wants no one to touch. The bags contain lists of people who are going to be saved by God. However, the kicker is that God mandated that Tryphon must stay in hell while Barnabas and Karen go to heaven. In their panic, Barnabas and Tryphon hatch a plan to have Karen fall in love with Satan. This way, she will agree to stay, allowing a space to open up for Tryphon.

However, the plan is doomed from the start as Satan bumbles his way through the date creeping Karen out and infuriating her when she finds out that he is trying to hide the Messiah, her obsession, from her. Consequently, Karen joins the other saved souls and departs for heaven.

Barnabas, unable to endure the thought of spending an eternity away from Tryphon, decides to stay and this decision causes Jesus to have a comical meltdown.

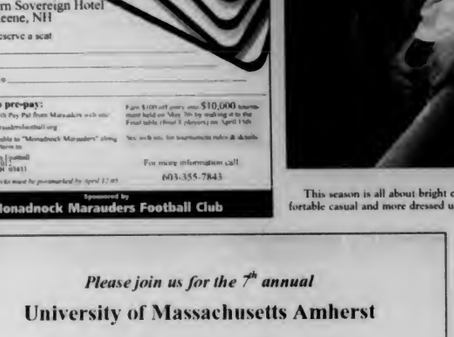
The play ends on a whimsical note with Satan, Tryphon, and Barnabas learning to get along with one another.

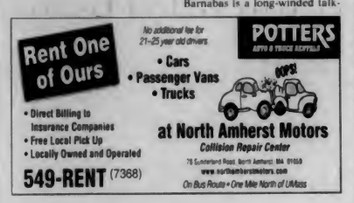
This comedy was simply masterful. Mr. Wemette manages to be irreverent toward established religious icons and traditions, without being disrespectful. His play was a joy to watch as it managed to capture the best of comedies in the tradition of writers like Tom Stoppard while adding his own unique stamp. The play was full of witty lines and snippets of dialogue that subverted religious traditions by melding them to the techniques of the sitcom and the Hollywood buddy flick.

However, a great script cannot come to life unless it is handled by actors and a director who understand its nuances and strengths. Mr. Wetteman was fortunate to have such a wonderful cast perform his play. Each of the actors managed to inhabit their characters completely. One instantly thinks of John Timothy as Tryphon who somehow managed to not change his expression once in the course of the whole play. Sean George was great as Barnabas as he captured his character's use of exaggerated gestures. William Unsworth, in his performance as Jesus, simultaneously made his character seem flawless and annoying. Honora Talbot's turn as Karen revealed the forthright callousness resident in her character, a callousness that could only be matched by Brain Lewis's self-pitying, petty, and insecure Satan. Mr. Lewis managed to portray Satan as an insecure, deeply wounded person with a vast complexity of motivation. Such depth of portrayal in comedy is very rare.

All in all, Three Days in Hell was a surprisingly and consistently hilarious play, where great writing and great acting managed to come together and create something more than the sum of its parts. One gag followed another, and for a brief moment in time, hell, that place of eternal damnation, didn't seem so bad after all.











MLB salaries a record

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Baseball's big-money boom pushed the average salary to a record $2.6 million on opening day, and the New York Yankees' payroll of just under $200 million topped five teams combined.

Following a rare drop in 2003, the average climbed 5.9 percent to $2.63 million, according to a study by The Associated Press.

"That means we're going in the right direction," San Francisco Giants outfielder Marquis Grissom said. "When they go up, it's always good."

Three Yankees were among the top five in salary: Alex Rodriguez, at $25.7 million, was No. 1 for the fifth straight year, Derek Jeter was fourth at $19.6 million and Mike Mussina was fifth at $19 million.

San Francisco's Barry Bonds, who started the season on the disabled list following knee surgery, was second at $22 million, followed by Boston's Manny Ramirez at $19.8 million.

While the players on the Yankees' opening-day roster totaled $205.9 million, cash received by New York in trades, notably last year's deal to acquire A-Rod from Texas, cut their payroll to $199.77 million.

"I'm just hoping that they'll let me in a card game or something around here," new Yankees pitcher Jaret Wright, who signed a $21 million, three-year contract, joked during spring training. "I don't know what the buy-ins might be, but I might have to take out some money out of my house or something."

New York is spending more than the $187 million total of Tampa Bay ($29.9 million), Kansas City ($36.9 million), Pittsburgh ($38.1 million), Milwaukee ($40.2 million) and Cleveland ($41.8 million).

"That doesn't mean we're going to go out and give up," Kansas City first baseman Mike Sweeney said. "We have talent and heart, and if you play with heart, you can win games."

While the NFL and NBA have salary caps, baseball does not. The current labor contract expires after the 2006 season.

"Sometimes in baseball it's better being the underdog because you can sneak up on somebody," Pittsburgh outfielder Matt Lawton said. "It's been like this the last couple of years, but the deal's up in 2006 and, hopefully, we can get something done (to make it better) — but without a salary cap. Nobody wants that."

The World Series champion Boston Red Sox were second to the Yankees, with their players adding to $121.3 million. The New York Mets were next at $104.8 million, followed by Philadelphia ($95.3 million) and the Los Angeles Angels ($95 million).

While the Yankees have had the top payroll each year since 1999, they haven't won the World Series since 2000. Boston was second last year when it won its first World Series title since 1918. The 2003 champion Florida Marlins were 20th and the 2002 champion Angels were 16th.

"At times it can be frustrating. But there's nothing we can do," Tampa Bay outfielder Carl Crawford said. "We've just got to keep focusing on what we can do and go out and play."

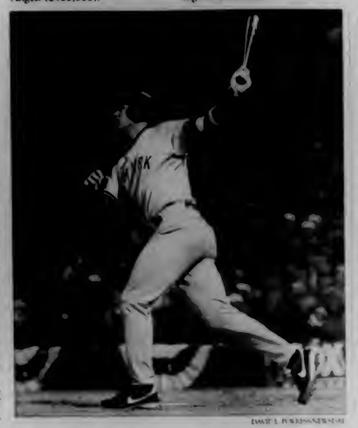
Last year, the average salary wound up dropping 2.5 percent, the first decrease since the 1994-95 strike and only the third since record-keeping began in 1967.

Teams then committed $1.29 billion in major league contracts to 146 players who filed for free agency after the World Series, led by the New York Mets' $119 million, seven-year deal with Carlos Beltran. All that spending prompted Pirates owner Kevin McClatchy to say: "I don't know what happened, maybe they drank some funny water, but they all decided they were back on the binge."

McClatchy advocates a salary cap. The current system includes a luxury tax, and three teams paid last year: the Yankees ($25 million), Red Sox ($5.2 million) and Angels ($900,000).

"I think the playing field economically is better," commissioner Bud Selig said. "Certainly we have work to do, but it's better than it was 10 years ago. I look at places like Detroit, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati, and there's excitement everywhere."

After dropping for three straight years from 425 to 374, the number of players making $1 million rebounded to 390. The median salary, the point at which an equal amount of players is above and below, rose to $850,000 from $800,000, still below the 2001 high of $975,000.



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New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez, who is working on a 10-year, $252 million contract, has the highest salary in baseball.

Minutemen falter in ninth

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just didn't get it done," UMass coach Mike Stone said. "We gave up four runs in the eighth inning. Everything is we."

The Minutemen (3-15 0-3 Atlantic 10) almost mounted a comeback in the eighth inning. After sophomore Michael Weiner popped out only a few feet from the fence, Garrity continued to get on base by finding the gap in right for a single, then advanced to second on a passed ball.

Rankin then sent a longball to center field, where O'Connell made a spectacular over-the-shoulder catch. As O'Connell threw the ball in, the Hartford bench screamed at shortstop Bill Perry to check second base to see if Garrity waited while attempting to tag up. Once Perry stepped on the bag, the umpire called Garrity and ended the inning. The call sent Stone flying out to the middle of the field to argue the call.

"I felt the umpire missed the call," Stone said. "Otherwise, I wouldn't have come out."

In the fourth with the score knotted at two, the Maroon and White jumped out to an early lead on the strength of a three-run rally. Catcher Bryan Garrity started things off by ripping a fastball on a 3-1 count down the left field line for a standup double. Rankin followed Garrity with a frozen rope to left field that Josh Topp bobbled, and the error allowed Garrity to scored uncontested.

As momentum started to build in UMass' favor, designated hitter Dan Coudy launched a long shot over the left-center wall for a two-run homer to extend the lead to 5-2.

"[The rally in the fourth] felt good throughout the whole game, except for the way it ended," Stone said.

Hartford nearly pulled off a triple play in the seventh inning. Senior Derrick Durepo's bunt was caught by a diving Pete Moraski, who also pitched three shutout innings to close out the win. Moraski quickly fired the ball to Perry at second, who nearly got senior Jason Twomley at first for the third out. The blown bunt was the second bunt turned into a double play on the day.

"You don't feel good about those things," Stone said. "We practiced a lot, expect to execute, and we didn't."



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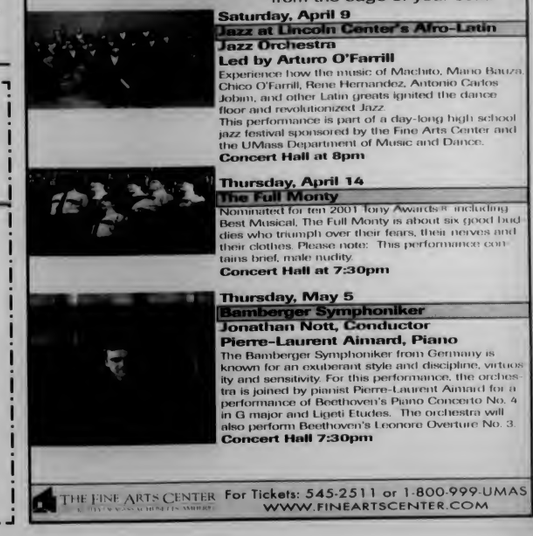
Freshman pitcher Jason Lavorgna pitched 1.2 scoreless innings and struck out one batter in UMass' loss to Hartford yesterday.











UMass sweeps Maine

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pitchers, and we really use that to our advantage."

"I think both of them keep getting better," Sortino said. "I think Jenna was extraordinary today. They both give us tremendous confidence. This is a good hitting team and to know that two or three runs are going to do it for us is a nice position for us because we're certainly capable of putting two or three runs up every time out there."

LaFogg got the start in the first game and picked up where she left off in her last home start. In her last outing at the UMass Softball Complex, LaFogg tossed a one hit shutout. Yesterday the senior hurler was almost as impressive, as she allowed only two hits and one unearned run.

LaFogg (9-7) flirted with a no-hitter through the first five innings, but surrendered two hits in the sixth. She relied on the strikeout to shutdown Maine, as she recorded 13 in the game to bring her A-10 leading total to 106.

UMass employed a balanced attack on offense, led by freshman Lauren Proctor who went 3-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored. Proctor extended her hitting streak to 13 games in the opener, but saw the streak come to an end when she went 0-for-3 in the second game.

In Game 2, UMass jumped out to an early lead, and Busa never let Maine get within striking distance.

In the first inning, senior Denise Denis drilled a line drive that deflected off of the Maine first baseman and into centerfield, scoring sophomore Candice Molinari from third.

Denis picked up her second and third RBIs of the game in the third when she doubled in senior Hillary Puglia and Molinari. Maine then brought Sarah Bennis in from the bullpen, and she silenced the UMass offense the rest of the way.



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UMass rightfielder Denise Denis had two hits and 3 RBI in Game 2 of the team's doubleheader sweep over Maine yesterday in Amherst.

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Yanks choke in ninth

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homer in the bottom half.

Mike Timlin (1-0) got two outs for the win. His first pitch hit Jeter in the left shoulder and then deflected off his head, knocking Jeter's helmet off and sending him sprawling to the dirt.

He remained in the game to run the bases, but was replaced at shortstop by Rey Sanchez in the ninth.

The Red Sox got a strong outing from knuckleballer Tim Wakefield, who allowed only three hits in 6 2-3 innings — including solo homers by Rodriguez and Martinez.

Making his first start of the year, Mike Mussina gave up nine hits but worked out of trouble all afternoon. Helped by three double plays, he limited the Red Sox to two runs in six innings.

With Kevin Brown on the disabled list, right now Mussina is the lone holdover from last year's rotation.

Kevin Millar's two-run single gave Boston the lead in the fourth.

Rodriguez homered to center in the bottom half, his first of the season. Martinez tied it at 2 when he connected in the fifth, his first since returning to the Yankees.

A fan favorite in New York while winning four World Series titles from 1996-01, Martinez got a huge ovation and popped out of the dugout for a curtain call.

NOTES: Millar left in the sixth inning with a cramp in his left leg. After going 3-for-3, he was replaced by David McCarty. ... The Red Sox have not been swept in a three-game series to start season since 1996 at Texas.

Tiger still the Master attraction

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Tiger Woods is still the main attraction at the Masters.

A half-dozen grown men were walking along the 11th fairway Wednesday morning when they scampered into the woods and huddled around a golf ball, gawking as though it were a meteorite that descended onto Augusta National.

They kneeled over and held their cameras inches from the ball — a swoosh on the right side and "TIGER" printed on the top — and clicked away. Other fans came over and started passing the men their cameras for more pictures.

And it was only a golf ball.

The guy who hit the tee shot some 50 yards off line — right of the trees, right of the gallery and into a small forest of Georgia pines — never showed up. A marshal eventually broke up the crowd and heaved the ball to Woods' caddie.

Woods is used to this kind of star treatment at Augusta National, where he shattered scoring records as a 21-year-old and already had three green jackets by the time he was 26.

But he no longer is the main event.

Phil Mickelson is the defending champion when the 69th Masters begins Thursday, and many believe he is primed to join Woods, Nick Faldo and Jack Nicklaus as the only back-to-back winners of a green jacket.

His victory Monday in the BellSouth Classic was his third of the year. And his confidence soars even higher just driving down Magnolia Lane, walking upstairs to the champions locker room, being on a golf course where a year ago he birdied five of the last seven holes to capture his first major.

"Being able to come through when I needed to gives me a little of extra confidence," Mickelson said.

Vijay Singh is No. 1 in the world, and has been for all but two weeks in March. And while his only victory this year came in the second week of the season, he is the only player who seems to be around the top of the leaderboard no matter where he plays.

"Vijay is the one that is playing the best at the moment," Sergio Garcia said.

Ernie Els is seeking redemption at Augusta National. Retief Goosen is seeking recognition. Those two South Africans, along with Mickelson and Singh, all have won majors in the nearly three years since Woods last captured a coveted Grand Slam event.

"If you look at guys who are at the top in the world ranking, and the guys who have won major championships, you know they can handle the heat," Woods said. "You know they're not going to make a mistake."

He hasn't had this much competition since winning the first of his eight majors at Augusta National in 1997.

On perhaps the most famous stage in golf, the latest battle begins to unfold Thursday with a Masters that is being billed more as a free-for-all than a heavyweight prize fight.

And while top players are getting most of the attention, another familiar theme threatened to intervene.

A line of violent thunderstorms began working its way toward Augusta National even as the undercard, the Par 3 Tournament, was being held Wednesday.

Weather already has interrupted play in eight of 14 tournaments, and one forecast said the course could get as much as an inch of rain about the time the Masters gets under way.

"See you Friday," Woods said jokingly as he left the course after a nine-hole practice round, knowing that his 1:33 p.m. starting time might be pushed back.

Perhaps the adage this year will be the Masters doesn't start until the back nine Monday.

If nothing else, rain figures to soften an Augusta National course that has been firm, fiery, fast and frightening, with players remarking they had never seen the greens this fast so early in the week.

That could be an advantage for the longer hitters, although accuracy is underrated at the Masters. And to see Woods send his tee shot on the 11th hole so far to the right only raises more questions about his game.

No one doubts he can win because he is the best at limiting his mistakes, and because he already has won twice on the PGA Tour this year, including a stirring rally to beat Mickelson at Doral.

But which Woods will show up?

One week he looks like a world beater.



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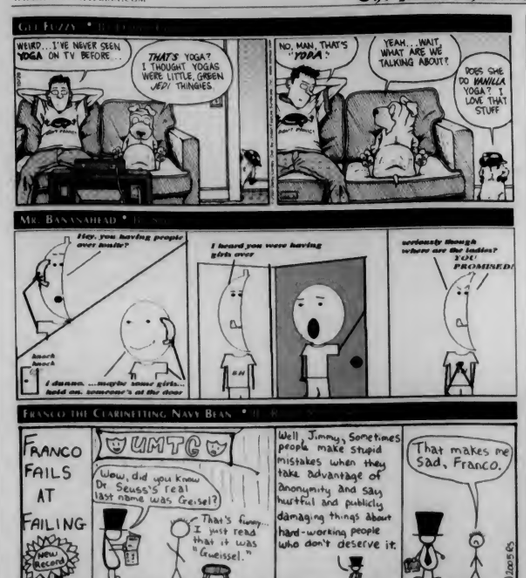
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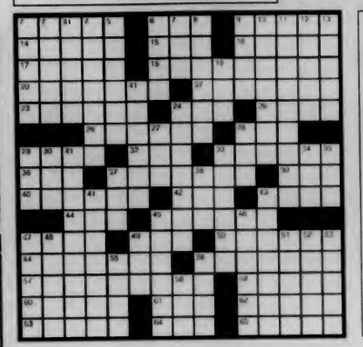
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UM sweeps double dip

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

After dropping two games at Fordham on Monday, the Massachusetts softball team got back on the winning track by sweeping Maine yesterday in a double-header at home. UMass won the first game 5-1 and took the second game 3-0.

UMass	5
Maine	1

UMass (13-11-1 2-2 Atlantic 10) will be back in action on Saturday when it hosts George Washington for a doubleheader beginning at noon.

The losses to Fordham, which marked the first time UMass had ever lost to Fordham in 23 meetings, were still very much in the minds of the UMass players and coaching staff when they took the field against Maine.

UMass	3
Maine	0

"I think the Fordham game caused us to look at some things and the way we're executing," UMass coach Elaine Sortino said. "It was sort of a blessing in disguise. The kids responded really well in practice with the adjustments that needed to be made, and obviously they paid off today."

"We were very upset with the Fordham game," junior pitcher Jenna Busa said. "When a team that we know we can dominate beats us, we were like 'a pissed off tiger' as our coach would say. Today Barb [LaFogg] and I were furious enough to take it to them."

Busa and LaFogg took out their frustrations from Fordham on Maine yesterday, as the two pitchers combined to allow only one unearned run and three hits in the two games. The duo also combined for 22 strikeouts.

"It's a lot of fun when we can both play off each other," LaFogg said. "We're different types of

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ANDY TAMULYNAS/COLLEGIAN

UMass pitcher Jenna Busa recorded nine strikeouts and only allowed one hit in seven innings of work against Maine yesterday at the UMass Softball Complex. UM returns to action on Saturday against George Washington.

Minutewomen use speed as weapon

By Eric Atlas
Collegian Staff

Solid batting, pitching and fielding are all valuable assets to any softball team, but one facet of the game that the Massachusetts softball team has been honing in on is speed. The idea of quickness may not seem like a genius idea at first, but the results show that UMass coach Elaine Sortino's strategy has been effective.

How fast a team is and how it utilizes that speed is directly correlated with how well a team steals and bunts. In the first half of yesterday's double-header against Maine, sophomore Candice Molinari was an example of how Sortino is emphasizing the running game. In the first inning, Molinari hit a dribbler to second base that went from an average ground out to a single — purely because of speed.

Molinari went on to steal two bases in Game 2 and also advanced to first base on a bunt to the pitcher. After yesterday's games, Molinari is tied for first in the Atlantic 10 for stolen bases with 15 and has yet to fail an attempt.

As a team this season, the Maroon and White have proven that utilizing speed and stealing bases is something that can change the outcome of a game. In the 13 wins accumulated by UMass this season, the team stole a total of 25 bases; in the 11 losses — eight. Others who have been effective stealing this season are senior Hillary Puglia (five) and freshman Lauren Proctor (four). Along with the starters who have put up the numbers, Sortino has also been utilizing the act of substitution as a way to exercise the speed on the team. After junior KJ Kelley had to nurse an ankle injury two weeks ago, Sortino would often replace her with pinch runners such as freshman Sarah Hurd and sophomore Michea Holness.

The other aspect of the game of softball that requires speed is bunting. While bunting is a technique that is intended to advance runners, it is a bonus for the team if the person bunting is fast enough to make it to first base. Molinari leads the team with six bunts on the season, including one in Game 1 yesterday.

Fielding is another part of the game that requires a certain amount of speed. In yesterday's Game 1, specifically, there were two plays that displayed the players' ability to field the ball. With one out in the fifth and LaFogg pitching four hitless innings, Maine rolled out back-to-back line drives to left field and right field that came close to becoming homeruns.

Senior Denise Denis and Molinari snagged those balls, closing out any hopes of a possible run in the fifth inning. Molinari leads the team with a perfect fielding percentage on the season.

While it may seem like a necessity for a softball team to attain players who are exceptional at the plate, Sortino looks for versatility rather than focusing in one specific area of the game.

Denis may not appear like someone who can power the ball out of the park, standing at 5-foot-5 and boasting blazing speed, but her four homeruns on the season are tied for the team high. Denis had two hits and three RBI in yesterday's wins. Sortino stresses that her team is skilled and able at every position and that the confidence level of the team as an entirety is high.

Another victory

By Jon Pelland
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts women's tennis team just keeps rolling along.

Yesterday the team improved its record to 12-6 overall and a perfect 4-0 in Atlantic 10 play with a 7-0 defeat of Fordham (10-5 3-1 A-10).

The complete sweep of Fordham marks two shutouts in a row for the Minutewomen. On March 30 they blanked Rhode Island by a score of 7-0. The win extends UMass' winning streak to five matches.

Also for the second consecutive match, UMass was able to beat all of their singles opponents in straight sets. Fordham, however, did put up a much bigger fight than URI. Of the six singles matches, three could have easily gone Fordham's way.

"The team is very confident right now," UMass assistant coach Celeste Frey said. "Sasha [Edelstein] pointed out to the team that we have never beaten Fordham 7-0."

Senior captain Sasha Edelstein was able lock up her match at No. 3 by a score of 6-1, 6-4.

UMass star sophomore Michele Spiess won her match at No. 1 6-4, 6-0. The first set between Spiess and Rams freshman Ellenoira Featherston was very close as the two battled back and forth. Spiess turned it up in the second set dominating Featherston the whole time. Spiess had her on her toes the entire match and Featherston was visibly fatigued towards the end.

Picking up wins at No. 2 and No. 4 for the



ANDY TAMULYNAS/COLLEGIAN

Dorothy Iwanowicz won both of her matches yesterday. The Minutewomen shut out Fordham, 7-0.



ANDY TAMULYNAS/COLLEGIAN

The UMass women's tennis team has won its last five matches, shutting out its last two opponents.

Maroon and White were freshman Masha Pozar and junior Dorothy Iwanowicz. Pozar beat junior Christina Papa 6-2, 6-1. Iwanowicz downed sophomore Lisa Vulin 6-4, 6-3 in the closest match of the day.

Before the match UMass head coach Judy Dixon mentioned that the No. 5 and No. 6 slots in the lineup needed to step up and perform better. Junior Susan Johnson and junior Jana Bartoloni both did exactly that.

Johnson defeated fellow junior Danielle Spigner 6-3 6-0. Frey commented that it was a big match for Johnson because Spigner played in the No. 3 spot for the Rams last season.

In the No. 6 hole, Bartoloni took care of junior Elizabeth Murray in straight sets 6-1, 6-3.

"We're working harder with them and focusing on those two," Frey said. "Susan is playing much better and Jana is definitely stepping up again."

The Minutewomen were able to pick up the doubles point for the seventh straight match dating back to March 14 when they defeated Tennessee-Chattanooga.

None of the doubles pairings gave up more than two points to Fordham. The team of Johnson and Iwanowicz outmatched Featherston and Papa by a score of 8-2 in the No. 1 slot. The duo of Pozar and Spiess picked up the win at No. 2 also by a count of 8-2.

Rounding out the doubles competition were Edelstein and Bartoloni, who won by a landslide, 8-1.

With the win over another A-10 foe, UMass should enjoy a favorable seed in the conference tournament in College Park, Maryland on April 22-24. Dixon and Frey have, however, warned their team about not getting too over confident.

"We've been talking to the team and telling them that any A-10 match can go either way," Frey said. "Yes, we've won, but, a lot of them have been by one point."

UMass collapses late

By Todd Foster
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts baseball team put its highest run total of season on the board yesterday, but Hartford senior Luke Trahan's two-run shot in the top of the eighth inning sealed a 7-6 win for the Hawks at Earl Lorden Field.

Hartford	7
UMass	6



ANDY TAMULYNAS/COLLEGIAN

Sophomore infielder Bryan Adamski had one hit and one RBI in UMass' loss to Hartford yesterday.

After cutting the lead to one run, Trahan took a change-up from UMass pitcher Scott McGovern over the left field fence to take the lead and eventually the game. Trahan drove in three of Hartford's seven runs while going 2-for-4 with two runs scored.

"It feels good," said Trahan about his game-winning shot. "We have been struggling lately, and I have been struggling at plate recently.

"I knew he was going to throw me something off speed. The last four pitches he threw me were all off speed, and I just waited back on it. It's good momentum before we start conference play next week."

Down 6-3, Hawks third baseman Adam Bowster sparked the winning rally with a single up the middle. In the next at-bat, first baseman John Cuscovitch smashed a double into the left field corner, and Bowster easily scored from first, cutting the lead to 6-4.

Catcher Mike Crowley responded with another single up the middle, and he was replaced by pinch-runner Matt O'Connell. With runners on the corners, second baseman Frank Cipolla grounded out to Anthony Santos, but Cuscovitch managed to score from third.

This got the Hawks (2-7) within one before Trahan ripped his game-winning two-run homerun..

"We had the lead, it was our ball game and we

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Sox overcome Rivera

By Mike Fitzpatrick
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mariano Rivera let another lead slip away against Boston. Alex Rodriguez made a costly error, too, and this time the Yankees couldn't recover.

Playing without ailing manager Terry Francona, the Red Sox rallied for five runs against Rivera in the ninth inning and beat New York 7-3 Wednesday to avoid a season-opening sweep.

Francona was taken to a hospital in the morning with tightness in his chest. He was resting there comfortably awaiting test results, the team said during the game. Bench coach Brad Mills filled in for Francona.

"We've been talking to the team and telling them that any A-10 match can go either way," Frey said. "Yes, we've won, but, a lot of them have been by one point."

The teams play three more games next week at Fenway Park beginning with Boston's home opener Monday, when the Red Sox will receive their World Series rings.

Rodriguez and Tino Martinez homered for the Yankees, who went ahead in the eighth without a hit. Gary Sheffield drove in the tiebreaking run with a sacrifice fly.

Rivera entered in the ninth with a 3-2 lead for the second consecutive day, and blew it again. He issued a leadoff walk to Bill Mueller before consecutive singles by Mark Bellhorn and Johnny Damon loaded the bases with none out.

After Trot Nixon struck out, Manny Ramirez hit a routine grounder to Rodriguez at third. He should have been able to get at least a force play at the plate and possibly a game-ending double play, but he hobbled the ball and the tying run scored.

David Ortiz drove in the go-ahead run with a dribbler to the right side, and Edgar Renteria made it 6-3 with a two-run single.

Rivera was lifted after walking Doug Mirabelli and walked off the mound to a smattering of boos. The final run scored on Felix Rodriguez's wild pitch.

Rivera allowed five runs _ one earned _ and three walks in two-thirds of an inning. He also gave up three hits.

The All-Star closer has blown his last four save chances against the Red Sox, including two in the 2004 playoffs, and six opportunities in all since the start of last season.

He yielded Jason Varitek's tying homer in the ninth on Tuesday, but Jeter bailed out Rivera with a game-winning

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Antiwar Coalition holds talk about 'back door draft'

By Leia Hlustick
Collegian Correspondent

A former Texas National Guardsman and a military counter-recruitment activist spoke out against the United States military's "back door draft" at the "What is the Back Door Draft?" event, sponsored by the UMass Antiwar Coalition at the University of Massachusetts on March 30.

Carl Webb, the Texas National Guardsman, has been involved with the military since 1982, according to his Web site, carlwebb.net. After years away from active duty, he re-enlisted in August 2001, which he said was "very bad timing."

His three-year contract was to end in August 2004. However, in July 2004, he says his contract was nullified under the military's "Stop Loss Program," and his term of service was extended against his will.

When Webb says he was notified that he would be sent to fight in Iraq, he made the decision to refuse, although it meant that he could face up to five years in prison. He stressed that his main concern is not the "involuntarily extended service" of the Stop Loss program, but the war in Iraq.

"I would still be opposed to this war even if I was under contract," he said. "I refuse to participate in a war based on greed."

Webb criticized some parts of the anti-war movement for emphasizing the message of "support our troops" and for conventional protest tactics.

"I'm more concerned that 100,000 Iraqis have died in the last two years, and one million Iraqis have died since 1991, which is when this war really started," he said.

The speaker stressed that he is not a pacifist, and would fight for a cause that he believed was just.

"If I was a Jew in Europe in World War II, or a slave in the antebellum days, or a Native American resisting colonialism, I would have used violence," he said.

The second speaker, Millie Guzman, is the military counter-recruitment officer who works with Latinos Contra La Guerra (Latinos Against the War) in Hartford. She argued that military recruiters use lies and deception to trick high school students, especially those who are working class, black or Latino students, into joining the military.

"The recruiters don't tell people about things like Stop Loss," Guzman said.

Guzman argued that the military is not a friendly place for women and racial minorities, claiming that three quarters of Blacks and 61 percent of Latinos experience racism in the military, while the large majority of women recruits experience sexual harassment, and one in three is raped. She added that while 30 percent of enlisted soldiers in the military are minorities, only 16 percent of officers are, adding that one third of all homeless people are veterans.

"There isn't much room for advancement," she said.

Both speakers stressed that Bush's "No Child Left Behind Act" ties school funding to disclosure of students' personal information to military recruiters. The recruiters can then use this information to craft personal pitches to students.

Guzman stressed that parents can request that their child's information be withheld from the military, but that schools often do not make parents aware of this.

"The information can be contained in one sentence, in fine print, at the back of a 200 page student handbook," she said. She added that a lot of the work that her organization does is educating students about their rights, including their right to not have their information given to recruiters, and the right to refuse to take military placement tests.

Both speakers believed that a draft will be announced very soon, possibly in the next few days, and will be put into effect this summer.

In response to a question from the audience, the speakers suggested that while the military does provide job training, people had the right to job trainings without having to kill or die.

"The military shouldn't be a job training program," Guzman said. "The money being spent on the war would be better spent on education, job training and social services."



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No More Bears!

Members from Comedy Jam 2005 promote its upcoming event outside the Student Union yesterday by holding a mock protest against bears. The "Fear Bears" campaign is on-going.

Pastor pleads not guilty to swindling millions in scam

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — A Baptist pastor pleaded not guilty Thursday in federal court to swindling $1.5 million from lenders and home buyers in a real estate scam.

The Rev. Paul J. Starnes, 39, leader of the Morning Star Church in Springfield, was released on $25,000 unsecured bond by U.S. District Court Magistrate Kenneth Neiman and ordered to return to court on June 1. His lawyer, Kevin Murphy, would not comment on the case.

David McCoy, 42, pleaded innocent to similar charges earlier this week and was also released on a $25,000 unsecured bond.

A third man indicted in the alleged scheme, Marc Brown, 45, also pleaded innocent and was released Thursday on the same conditions as his co-defendants. His lawyer, Charles Groce, did not immediately return a telephone call to The Associated Press.

The men, who all face money laundering and wire fraud charges, are accused of conspiring in a land-flip scheme. The practice typically involves buying depressed properties, paying off appraisers to inflate their values, recruiting poor, first-time buyers and drafting phony financial documents to obtain mortgages. While people involved in the deals see a profit, the new homeowners often default on the mortgages.

Federal authorities say the buyers were promised money back at the closings, or repairs on the homes that never happened.

Prosecutors say Starnes formerly owned Trinity Mortgage Brokerage Inc. and was a partner in Trinity Land Co., which purchased and sold properties in the Springfield area. They say Brown

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Falling debris in I-93 tunnel causes change in contractors

By Steve LeBlanc
Associated Press

BOSTON — Turnpike officials are suspending all work directly above the Big Dig tunnels by the contractor responsible for Tuesday's construction gaffe that sent dirt and gravel raining down on traffic.

Turnpike Chairman Matthew Amorello called the gravel glitch "simply unacceptable" and said Modern Continental Co. will be barred from doing any more work above the tunnels until Big Dig officials can review the company's protocols to make sure all future work is carried out in a safe manner. Turnpike officials said the company will still continue road surfacing and other types of construction work that did not cause Tuesday's problem.

"It is up to Big Dig contractors to perform their work in a way that doesn't affect public safety," Amorello said in a statement Wednesday. "I have ordered project officials to review how Modern Continental's work is being handled to make sure we don't have another incident like Tuesday's."

Modern Continental issued a written statement Wednesday saying the company is "committed to maintaining the highest standard of safety on our work sites." The company said it anticipated a speedy return to work above the tunnel.

"We immediately initiated a comprehensive investigation in cooperation with the subcontractor and determined that it was an isolated incident and have taken corrective measures to ensure that it does not happen again," the statement said.

The debris fell from an overhead air shaft in the rehabbed Dewey Square tunnel, which serves as the southbound Interstate 93 tunnel, sometime after 11 a.m. on Tuesday, forcing the temporary shutdown of two lanes of traffic.

The falling debris, which

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CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Automobiles travel through the I-93 tunnel in Boston shortly after it first opened in December 2003.

New Iraqi president takes oath of office

By Tract Carl
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Cementing Iraq's first democratic government in 50 years, one of Saddam's Hussein's most implacable enemies took his oath as president Thursday and quickly named another longtime foe of the ousted dictator to the powerful post of prime minister.

The new government's main task will be to draft a permanent constitution and lay the groundwork for elections in December, although some worry that the two months of political wrangling taken up in forming the leadership hasn't left enough time.

The swearing-in ceremony came just two days short of the second anniversary of Baghdad's fall to U.S.-led forces and underlined the growing power and cooperation of the Shiite Arab majority and Kurdish minority — groups that were long oppressed by Saddam's regime.

There were stumbles, though.

After his inaugural speech, interim President Jalal Talabani, a Kurd, walked off the stage, and members of the National Assembly and onlookers began to disperse and television feeds were cut.

Talabani came back about 10 minutes later and had to shout to a dwindling crowd that the President's Council — Talabani and his two vice presidents — had, as expected, selected Shiite Arab leader Ibrahim al-Jaafari as interim prime minister.

Senior Kurdish official Barham Salch blamed the misstep on miscommunication, saying lawmakers didn't realize the ceremony hadn't ended with Talabani's speech.

Some Shiite lawmakers felt snubbed.

"We hope that they forgot," said Abbas Hassan Mousa al-Bayati, a top member of al-Jafaari's Shiite-dominated United Iraqi Alliance. "This happened because of bad management."

Al-Jaafari didn't seem upset, telling reporters afterward: "This day represents a democratic process and a step forward."

"I'm faced with a big responsibility, and I pray to God that everyone will work hand-in-hand and that their efforts will lead to progress and development," he added.



KEVIN LAMARQUE/REUTERS

Outgoing Prime Minister Iyad Allawi, left, greets incoming Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari in Baghdad on Thursday.

Fallout in Boston chancellor search

BOSTON (AP) — Two members of the search committee charged with hiring a new chancellor at the University of Massachusetts-Boston have resigned, saying confidential information about candidates and committee deliberations had been leaked to the public.

"I am outraged that the process has been subverted by a massive breach of confidentiality," UMass-Boston economic professor Mary Stevenson wrote in a resignation letter to UMass president Jack Wilson.

"The ensuing politicization of the process and the ways in which the committee's work has been undermined has, in my view, done great damage to the University," she wrote.

Stevenson and Dennis Austin, a trustee for the five-campus university system and a UMass-Boston alumnus, left the committee's final meeting in protest on Friday before the vote on the three finalists.

The finalists are Michael F. Collins, a Tufts Medical School professor and former head of Caritas Christi Health Care; Marvin Krislov, general counsel at the University of Michigan, and J. Keith Motley, the interim chancellor and its first black leader.

Wilson is expected to recommend one of the three to the board of trustees next month.

Although each member of the search committee signed a confidentiality pledge, the names of some candidates, including Collins, circulated before Friday's vote.

Austin told The Boston Globe on Wednesday that his resignation from the committee was meant as a statement about the failure to protect candidates.

—*Associated Press*

New AIDS drug could help babies born to infected mothers

By John Solomon
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Controversial U.S. research in Africa that violated federal patient protection rules was nevertheless conducted well enough to support its conclusions that the AIDS drug nevirapine could be used safely to protect babies, an expert scientific panel has concluded.

"The committee finds that there is no reason based in ethical concerns about the design or implementation of the study that would justify excluding its findings from use in scientific and policy deliberations," the Institute of Medicine panel said in a report first obtained by The Associated Press.

The report, released Thursday, will have implications in both Africa, where medical officials are debating whether to withdraw the drug, and in the United States, where investigators are examining whether U.S. research is complying with federal law.

The report was be welcomed as good news at the National Institutes of Health, the federal agency that funded the nevirapine study in Uganda and which has been engulfed in months of controversy but has insisted the drug is safe.

"NIH expects that the findings by the IOM will restore confidence in the validity of the conclusions of this study, allow the controversy surrounding the issue to subside and facilitate policy decisions that seek to promote the health of newborns at risk of HIV infection," the agency said in a statement.

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CORRECTION

In the Wednesday, April 6 edition of the Daily Collegian, we incorrectly identified a UMass student giving blood as holding a "turnikit" (spelled incorrectly) in a photo.

We apologize for this error.

Campus Perspectives

By Jamie Lau

What's your favorite thing to do in the warm weather?



"Staying outdoors and getting some ice-cream."

junior
Crystal Nwarolr
Economics major



"Play wiffle-ball in the sun."

senior
Dave Foley
Chinese major



"Dress to kill. LOL! Walk around campus with my friends."

sophomore
Margaret Frempong
Pre-nursing major



"Get out of boots and sneakers and finally wear sandals again."

freshman
Erin FitzPatrick
Undecided



"Go outside and take nice long walks to admire my surroundings."

senior
Philip Seton
Computer Systems Engineering major



"Going out with friends and shopping."

senior
Lola Ashafa
Economics & Communications major

Pastor faces eight-year prison sentence if convicted of fraud

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and McCoy were brokers at the mortgage company.

Assistant U.S. Attorney William Welch would not comment on the case.

Starnes and Brown face up to eight years in prison if convicted. McCoy faces a maximum of 12 years.

Prosecutors said all three men used Albert Innarelli as their attorney to sign off on documents critical to the alleged scams.

Innarelli, 46, of Agawam, and nine defendants pleaded innocent in September to federal charges that they netted about $15 million between 1997 and 2002 using a similar scheme.

—Associated Press

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More changes after new Big Dig mishap

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caused minor damage to three cars and an ambulance, came from the air shaft that connected to an aboveground tunnel vent that contractor Modern Continental Construction has been demolishing.

A spokeswoman for the Turnpike Authority said two lanes were shut down to investigate the problem, and then reopened them within minutes when it became apparent there were would be no further debris to follow.

Modern Continental issued a statement Tuesday apologizing for the incident, and emphasizing that the dislodged debris had nothing to do with the structural integrity of the tunnel.

The incident came the day after the Federal Highway Administration released a report saying that the project "is structurally sound and remains safe for traffic."

Turnpike officials emphasized that the falling debris was a demolition issue, not a construction issues.







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EDITORIAL OPINION

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it"
-Voltaire

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Drop the Debt

Ethan Burke

The 19,000 people who die each day from poverty-related diseases pass on without much notice from people who live comfortably in America. We would rather look away thinking, 'America cannot solve the problems of the world. We have our own problems.' We must face the hard reality that our government is not just failing to address the plight of the poor, but is actively supporting policies that cause impoverishment and misery.

Far from aiding poor countries, wealthy countries and the international financial institutions, they control drain resources from poor countries in the form of debt collection. Contrary to popular belief, the net flow of money is from poor to rich. For example, on average, Africans pay $1.51 in debt service for every $1 they receive in aid. The current system resembles a new form of colonialism where the poor are being exploited to further enrich powerful countries.

The debt crisis began in the period of decolonization in the decades following World War II. During the 1960s and 70s, leaders of developing nations were encouraged to borrow vast sums of money from the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund foreign nations and private creditors. Rising interest rates in the 80s caused debts to skyrocket and poor nations are now saddled with unpayable debts spiraling out of control.

Debt has become a new form of bondage where unborn children inherit a legacy of exploitation making survival a challenge never mind prosperity.

One reason to drop the debt is that it has already been paid. The enormous Third World debt is the result of compounding interest. The principle loan has been repaid several times over. Nigeria is one extreme example where the original loan was $5 billion; Nigeria has paid back more than $16 billion, but still owes $37 billion. Nigerians have seen the rate of poverty rise to seventy percent while they continue to pay back wealthy creditors.

What's more, those who must bear the debt burden did not receive loans. Funds from loans were mostly sent right back to G7 countries by purchasing military equipment, importing foreign goods and contracting multinationals for large development projects. The beneficiaries are big corporations, a tiny collaborating class within the developing country, and corrupt leaders who often become fabulously rich. Wealthy nations that dominate international financial institutions encouraged lending to regimes such as Saddam Hussein in Iraq, General Suharto in Indonesia and the racist apartheid government in South Africa knowing funds would be spent on palaces, private jets, torture and repression. In a situation that would be funny if it weren't so grotesque, people must now pay for their own oppression, with interest.

Even nations that have faithful leaders seeking to lift their country out of poverty are trapped within the system. Highly indebted countries with sinking economies have little choice but to turn to the IMF for relief. The IMF loans come with conditions attached as part of structural adjustment programs. SAP's generally demand lower barriers to trade, devaluation of currencies, privatization of state owned industries, wage restrictions and worst of all cuts social spending.

Surrendering a nation's economy to private firms and cutting social spending has increased poverty and further indebted the poor. Corporations are in paradise being invited to exploit natural resources, employ cheap labor, and purchase state owned industries, often at incredibly undervalued prices.

Rather then promising more aid for development, simply canceling the debt will allow nations to access their own resources. It is estimated that between $7.5 and $15 billion is needed annually to fight HIV/AIDS in Africa while Africa pays out $13.5 billion in debt service every year— handicapping the HIV/AIDS battle at the beginning. Every African nation spends more on debt payments than on healthcare. Governments have had to impose fees for primary education causing enrollment to decline to 50 percent for children six to 11 years old in sub-Saharan Africa. Former Tanzanian president Julius Nyerere asked, "Must we starve our children to pay our debts?"

There are signs of hope. When pressing other nations to forgive Iraq's odious debt and help pay for reconstruction, President Bush voiced support for canceling third world debt. Several US Congressmen have re-introduced the JUBILEE Act prescribing 100 percent debt cancellation for fifty nations without conditions attached.

Debt has become a new form of bondage where unborn children inherit a legacy of exploitation making survival a challenge never mind prosperity. Our true power to change the world lies in our ability to influence policies at home. Change is within our reach and to fail to act is to accept one's role in the perpetuation of world poverty and suffering.

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'Losing My Religion'

Erin McNamee

A funny thing happened while I was watching the news coverage of Pope John Paul II's illness and death: I finally realized why he was such an influential leader, both to Catholics and to the rest of the world.

Having been raised as a Catholic, I wondered why I didn't already know more about the Pope. Moreover, why wasn't I more appreciative of this man for whom millions of people the world over are mourning? And most importantly, why were some of my friends saying things such as, "What's the big deal?" or "He was old and ill — did these people expect him to live forever?"

These statements may sound crass and insensitive to devout Catholics or older generations, but to my generation they are valid questions.

As CNN news anchor Aaron Brown repeatedly pointed out during the network's relentless coverage of the Pope's life and death, most young people aren't old enough to be cognizant of the impact the Pope had on the world in terms of his humanitarian and peace-making efforts. While he was extremely conservative in terms of Catholic doctrinal matters (among other things, he opposed abortion, the ordination of women, stem-cell research and same-sex relationships), the Pope was a beacon of hope to many in a world ravaged by war, hate and hunger.

Archbishop Sean P. O'Malley of Boston, a close friend of the Pope, summed up the Pope's legacy best. "Pope John Paul II was not only the vicar of Christ on earth, but also a world leader who changed the course of modern history. In the Pope's dedicated mission of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, he exhibited great love for youth and the poor and was untiring in promoting social justice, the family and the gospel of life. Our lives, and our world, are forever changed for the better because of the Holy Father's vision and his passionate commitment to the truth and human dignity."

Rev. Richard P. McBrien of the University of Notre Dame points to the Pope's liberal side: "John Paul II was a strong liberal on immigration, war and peace, social justice and human rights, and if the next Pope is at least as socially progressive as John Paul II, that will be a plus."

Although at the time I did not grasp the enormity of the historical events unfolding around me as the Pope grew gravely ill and eventually passed away, I found myself drawn to the television for much of last weekend. I became fascinated by the stories of his youth, his life-long friends, and the many ways he served the world's people, Catholic or not.

I'm not sure if I'll ever go back to being a Catholic again, but I do miss the core of Catholicism ... And if there's one thing that I think made Pope John Paul II great, it's the way he beautifully embodied these ideals.

But one story in particular stands out in my mind that I think reveals the essence of Pope John Paul II. On May 13, 1981, the Pope was shot in the abdomen in St. Peter's Square. He nearly died from the wound, yet not only did he publicly forgive his would-be assassin, the Pope actually visited the man in prison.

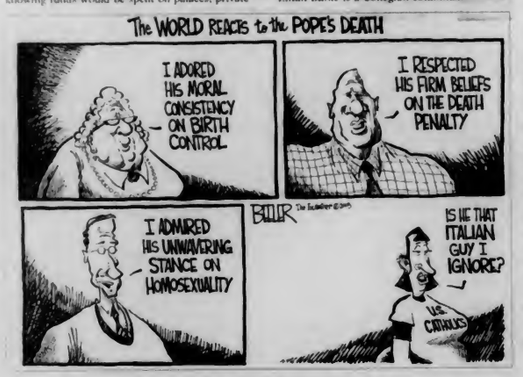
This story made me realize what I miss about the Catholic religion: the emphasis on forgiveness. As a lapsed Catholic, I've been thinking a lot about faith and religion recently. I remember the days when my life was practically shaped around religion — CCD classes, church every Sunday, the pomp and circumstance of various sacraments and even altar serving. Now, the only thing I do that's remotely spiritual is pray.

I blindly accepted the religion I was born into until I began forming my own moral and political beliefs. Suddenly the Catholic Church seemed like a hypocritical, antiquated organization. How could I invest in the Church's teachings that every individual is a child of God when the Church itself regularly discriminates against certain groups of people? And once the sex abuse scandal emerged, I felt like I was compromising my dignity by supporting an organization that went against my beliefs.

I'm not sure if I'll ever go back to being a Catholic again, but I do miss the core of Catholicism, which is the emphasis on forgiveness and prayer. And if there's one thing that I think made Pope John Paul II great, it's the way he beautifully embodied these ideals. While I may not have agreed with everything the Pope stood for, I understand the feelings of sadness over his passing. I can only hope that the next Pope will be able to find a balance between modernizing the Catholic Church and continuing the precedent of kindness and care for the world's people set by Pope John Paul II.

Information from The Boston Globe was used in this column.

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Campaign only makes things worse

Lisa McLaughlin

"Road Respect." It sounds good, doesn't it? Everyone could use a little more respect on the road. Respect for pedestrians. Respect for seatbelts. Respect for the designated driver. Respect for the right-of-way. Respect for the authority of police.

As many of you have heard, the "Road Respect" campaign was recently initiated by the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau. The GHSB allocated $500,000 in federal grant funds to state and local police for extra traffic enforcement in Massachusetts in hopes to curtail aggressive driving.

The campaign began on April 4 and will continue through April 17. The Amherst Police Department is using the $12,000 they received from the GHSB to activate 20 extra police officers to work shifts covering only traffic violations. Apparently, pigs fly and there's aggressive driving in Amherst. Give me a break. If anything, the drivers here are too polite. My advice is to be cautious this week, good drivers. We all know that locally, this campaign is set to target college students because we're a bunch of delinquents whose pockets aren't empty enough already.

Personally, I am very grateful that I don't have a car at UMass. I can deal with the free, minor inconveniences of waiting for the bus or walking 20 minutes to and from campus. Otherwise, like many of my friends, I would constantly be robbed by parking tickets and towing fees. Not to mention having to pay $150 a year to park my car in the unpaved, yellow-sticker, sorry excuses for parking lots. Add that, on top of the quarter meters that charge a dollar an hour, with a limit of two hours (one could write a book on the wrong-doings of parking services alone). Thanks, but no thanks. I'd rather spend my money on oh ... groceries. And rent. And maybe textbooks.

It's no lie that Massachusetts drivers can be real jerks, though. Here is a classic example. One day I was walking home from high school and it was pouring out. I had no umbrella, and no hood. I had to cross a busy street on my journey, where there were several very obvious, freshly-painted crosswalks. That day, I waited at a crosswalk and must have watched more then 100 cars rush by. Nobody would let me cross. Not a single one. Some people's lives are just too important to stop for five seconds and let a drenched, miserable-looking teenage girl cross the street.

At UMass, the crossing situation is bad for the opposite reason. It has gotten to the point where pedestrians feel like they don't have to look both ways, and can simply step out into the street and anybody will stop for them because they're Jesus walking on the water. If you do this, please stop. You back up traffic and cause gridlock in the intersections at the north and south ends of campus. You make the buses arrive late so the people riding them are late to class.

Also, pedestrians need to be aware that some people driving through campus, especially on weekends, are not from around here and will not stop for you. I'm not saying that it's right to drive like a jerk; I'm just telling you not to be stupid and look before you cross.

My suggestion is to use this $500,000 to aid in the effort to alleviate the traffic and parking situation in Massachusetts. The reason why people drive so aggressively in and around Boston is not because the drivers are all jerks, but because the traffic is ridiculous and there is nowhere to park most of the time. It's a pain in the neck, and people understandably get frustrated. Pulling drivers over and fining them isn't going to do anything but make them more angry and frustrated, and that doesn't solve anything. Let's get to the bottom of this problem and try to solve it in a more effective manner by implementing better civil planning and having more affordable and accommodating parking areas.

Lisa McLaughlin is a Collegian columnist.

Campus events need student support

Mike Anmuth

The point of each weekly column is for me to editorialize something, to state my views and opinions on whatever issue that I see fit for that week and hope that people either agree or disagree with me when I write it. Sometimes, I like to change it up a bit and talk about things about which I'm passionate, often themes like University of Massachusetts athletics and other events happening on campus. This week will be one of those passion columns.

Coming up in the next week is the UMass Mac Expo on Wednesday, in the Student Union Ballroom between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. I have seen the advertising around for it and since I'm somewhat of a not-so-hidden geek, I tend to want to find out more about these things. Being that I cannot live without my iPod, especially for long trips, I was interested when I saw a huge Apple logo on the posters and flyers displaying this upcoming event. Apple, in case you didn't know, is the company that makes the iPod as well as a bunch of computers that look rather like an iPod and some other really nifty objects.

... Campus events need students to come see them, so if you have an inkling of interest, stop by and take advantage of the hard work by your peers in organizing events, setting them up, financing them and arranging their subtleties.

So, I did what anyone does when they're curious about an event on campus; I went on the Internet and looked it up. I probably could have done various other things like went to the office of the Macintosh User Group, the student organization putting on the event, but the Internet is faster and more exciting and I could check my mail at the same time while pretending I was reading the eReserve for whatever class I happened to be procrastinating doing work for at the moment. Sure enough, I learned all about the event and its location, and since my iPod has become an indispensable part of my life, I figured that an exposition of a bunch of Apple products could be kind of interesting.

I'm told there will be plenty of things to see at the event, from Apple products and software (including my beloved iPod and the zillion things made for it) to music and movies and lions, and tigers, and bears, oh my. Perhaps there won't be any wild animals, or bad allusions to old films, but looking at the list of activities which will be on display makes me want to stop by the Ballroom and take a first-hand look. Since one of my hobbies is procrastination, and not just on class readings, this Wednesday will make a perfect opportunity to stop in and see some exhibits.

Somewhere in here, I'm supposed to write an opinion, so if excitement counts as an opinion then I have that one squared away. I'm a rather large fan of events on campus and I try to go to different ones of different types as my schedule permits, from athletics to events like this Mac expo and even to things like the majors fair last semester. If I didn't have a major, I would have been just as excited about that one, too. The point I'm trying to make is that campus events need students to come see them, so if you have an inkling of interest, stop by and take advantage of the hard work by your peers in organizing events, setting them up, financing them and arranging the subtleties, like advertising and promotion.

Supposing this column leads into the greater point, that is to get involved on campus in activities, this is just another good way. It's spring time, the weather is warm and soon enough, we'll be entering the summer and going home to our respective towns and cities to do home things and forgetting about the town of Amherst for a couple of months. For this remaining month and some odd weeks, get involved by going to events (there are still many happening) or club meetings or watching the athletics or participating in intramurals, or do all of them, and end up managing to still attend class every once in a while.

Basically, there's a Macintosh exposition coming up on Wednesday and you should go to it because it's exciting, it's run by some really good people and it's a good way to get out of doing your homework for class, which is the basis and reason why I recommend lots of things. The spring has sprung and while everyone is sitting on the green listening to their iPod, check out some of the other things that Apple makes while getting involved in an event on your campus. Hey, you might just see me there.

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The Mars Volta
attempt to shatter genre boundaries





By Ian Jones
Collegian Correspondent

The Mars Volta's debut album, "De-Loused in the Comatorium," was praised for its prog-inspired rhythms, technical proficiency and fire-breathing intensity, and proved that there was a lot more to Cedric Bixler and Omar Rodriguez than their previous band, At The Drive-In, would imply. With their latest effort, "Frances the Mute," the Mars Volta have taken all of that and applied it to an even more complex and ambitious theme: a story based on a diary found by former bandmate Jeremy Ward, who died of a drug overdose in 2003, which tells of an orphan searching for his biological parents.

The Mars Volta
'Frances the Mute'
Universal

The band's current lineup features Cedric Bixler-Zavala and Omar Rodriguez-Lopez of At The Drive-In on vocals and guitar, respectively, and Omar takes over as producer on this album. Jon Theodore of Golden returns on the drums and Juan Alderete de la Peña — he went by the simpler John Alderete when he was playing with Paul Gilbert in 80s metal band Racer X — takes over for Flea on bass. Ikey Owens of Sublime/Long Beach Dub All-Stars, returns on keys and is joined by Omar's younger brother, Marcel. Flea and John Frusciante of the Red Hot Chili Peppers both return for guest appearances, John on guitar and Flea on trumpet.

But what do they sound like? It's a hard question to answer in large part because Cedric and Omar try so hard to defy classification. One minute they're a fast, angular burst of progressive fury, the next a slow wash of electronic noise, then perhaps afro-Cuban rock with Cedric wailing in Spanish, which cuts to three minutes of birds chirping. Indie-prog? Emo-jazz-fusion? Something like that.

The fifteen tracks on "Frances" make up five actual songs, none of which are the album's title track — you'll have to pick up the single for "The Widow" if you want to hear that. The album instead opens with a song about the album's protagonist, called "Cygnus. Vismund Cygnus," which starts with Cedric singing over Omar's acoustic guitar and soft strains of strings and explodes into prog theatrics, with Omar's screeching guitar and Jon Theodore's manic drumming in the foreground. Juan Alderete proves that he can hang with Flea, and Cedric begins to show off his voice. This fades to a soft drum beat with Juan's bass, and Omar comes back in for an extended guitar solo, after which the band returns to their previous intensity. The song ends with electronic noise and the sounds of a highway, before leading into the next track.

"The Widow" is the album's only single, probably because it's the only song on the album that doesn't last for more then ten minutes. Omar brings the acoustic guitar back out, although the song is riddled with electric solos, and Jon tones down his drumming a bit, while Juan supplies a slow but solid bass line. Ikey lays down a nice organ track and Flea shows that he can play a mean trumpet. Cedric's vocals are the focus of this song, although his lyrics are still as confusing as ever. This lasts for a little over three minutes before Cedric's voice becomes a distorted wave of noise, introducing the next song.

"L'Via L'Viaquez," the album's most interesting song, begins with Cedric singing in Spanish over a mid-tempo rock song, but switches to a lazy afro-Cuban mood, urged on by Ikey's work on electric piano, and Cedric switches back to English. This turns into distorted percussion that explodes into one of the most intense guitar solos on the album, and the whole thing repeats again. The song fades out with Omar's angular soloing over the same afro-Cuban beat and Cedric's distorted singing.

The next song, "Miranda That Ghost Just Isn't Holy Anymore," opens with the sound of birds chirping and a ghost-like electronic noise, with echoes of Cedric's high-pitched wail in the background. Flea's trumpet announces Omar's effects-laden guitar, and Juan sets a slow pace, while Cedric comes in and shows off his range. Jon joins in at around the eight-minute mark, and the song slowly fades back out to Flea's trumpet.

The album's final song, called "Cassandra Gemini," is an epic musical journey clocking in at over thirty minutes, and it features awe-inspiring performances by each member of the band. Omar breaks off into angular shredding, Cedric switches between a soft moan and a soulful wail, Ikey shows off his speed on the keys while strings play above him and Jon and Juan provide an intensely complex background to work with. The album fades out as it began, with Cedric singing over Omar's acoustic and soft strings, and a wash of electronics fades to silence.

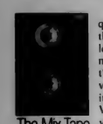
For all its complexity, "Frances" is both intriguing and easy to listen to, and the transitions from blazing intensity to pure ambient noise are greeted as natural pieces of the songs they make up. Cedric and Omar have both become better musicians since "De-Loused," and their song-writing abilities have become simply astounding. If "Frances" is this good, the future holds some amazing possibilities for the Mars Volta.







From classical numbers to rock ballads, the piano is timeless



The Mix Tape
Matt O'Rourke

The piano is quite possibly the most timeless instrument, with little change or variation since its invention. With the advent of electronic music, keyboards have allowed the piano to progress into the modern era, and musicians have taken advantage of the two, time and time again. This week's mix tape explores the piano through a variety of mediums, and the artists who incorporated them into their music.

"Please Forgive Me"- David Gray (5:35)

Singer-songwriter David Gray's great crossing-over album, "White Ladder," opens with this track. A simple piano melody, backed by synthesizers and drummer Clune's impressive rhythm, kicks the song into high gear. Gray's lyrics are the backbone of his music, as he sings, "Throw a stone and watch the ripples flow/Moving out across the bay/I like a stone I fall into your eyes/Deep into some mystery." This simple imagery combined with a basic melody leads into an acoustic guitar feature, as the track comes full circle. So much is present in "Please Forgive Me" as is in all of Gray's music, that the listener will find his or herself tapping their foot along to the beat.
(IHT, 1999)

"Levon" – Elton John (5:24)

Elton John is known for his bright melodies and for the most part, feel-good music. "Levon" however, captures a dark period of time in world history— during the Vietnam War. "He was born a pauper to a pawn on a Christmas day/When the New York Times said, 'God is dead'/And the war's begun/Alvin Tostig has a son today." Elton sings while continuing to play bright chords on piano while backed by powerful strings. The track is perfect for when the times aren't going the way one expected, and especially in times of war. It may go without saying that Elton John's voice is superb-hitting the highs and lows at the right moment every time and never missing a beat. The emotion of the music is easily felt by the listener, and this type of passion is what all musicians should strive to achieve. Although the actual story within the song is a bit eccentric, the experience is enjoyable overall.
(Rocket/Island 1971)

"Brick" – Ben Folds Five (4:43)

Considered by some to be the "Elton John of the new generation," Ben Folds' hit song "Brick" is next. Instantly recognizable by the first three chords, "Brick" is the first truly dark track on this week's tape. Albeit a depressing track, Ben Folds Five tells us that we cannot always find happiness in everything we think we need— even if that may be a significant other. One may even go so far as to try and convince themselves of this, as he sings "Then I walk down to buy her flowers, and sell some gifts that I've got." The group was a unique act for rock music— a standup bass, piano, and drums. Their impression is still lasting today, as Ben Folds continues to tour solo, and the group's albums are considered to be classics in their own right.
(550, 1997)

"Gravity" – Embrace (4:38)

Fans of Coldplay, Travis, or any other major British pop band of the past 10 years will find themselves immediately attached to Embrace. While they may sound very similar to the aforementioned groups, Embrace still manages to create a brilliant pop song (and Coldplay is given proper credit for helping them with their latest album in the linear notes). With vocals similar to that of Train, Danny McNamara has crafted a soothing and layered love ballad about everyone's favorite force of nature. The brilliance lies in that as much gravity pulls us down, it also pulls us together, the band writes. Piano has a straightforward role in this track, however its simplicity is key to the entire song— as it pulls everything together. "Gravity" is a track that can be appreciated on first listen, but after multiple listens, one can find more to love.
(Independiente/Epic, 2004)

"Angry Young Man"- Billy Joel (5:28)

It should come as no surprise that the "Piano Man" himself has made it on to this week's tape. However, "Angry Young Man" is an underappreciated track. The piano can only be described as "insane" in this song. Using his pointer fingers as human drumsticks, Joel blasts away on the keys for the opening segment of this track soon to be joined by master drummer Liberty DeVito. Joel and DeVito seemingly duel each other for the best percussionist, fighting to see who can produce the most speed before later joining up in the first verse. "Angry Young Man" is surefire track for fans of fast punk or ska-music (i.e.- the Mighty Mighty Bosstones). The cohesiveness of Joel's piano with the rest of his band is unparalleled, and it's no surprise considering their 30-year career together.
(Columbia, 1976)

"Airbag" – Christopher O'Riley (3:47)

This track is perhaps one of the most interesting concept albums released in recent years. Christopher O'Riley, a master of classical piano, has recorded an entire album ("True Love Waits") devoted to Radiohead, where every track is a cover, only on piano. Appealing (obviously) to fans of Radiohead, rock music, or classical, "Airbag" is a fast, dynamically varied, and beautiful. O'Riley attempts the impossible and succeeds as he plays every part, including vocals, on piano. Heavy chords featuring dark undertones are danced upon by the light melody. Even Johnny Greenwood's drowning guitar solo is covered brilliantly, as the O'Riley builds for the final moments of track. O'Riley has fashioned a piece of musical genius, one that both classical aficionados and rock enthusiasts are sure to appreciate.
(Odessey, 2003)

Total Running Time: 29:42

Despite a few flaws in gameplay, EA Sports still delivers 'BIG'



"Fight Night Round 2" allows players to train against such boxing legends as Evander Holyfield and Muhammad Ali.



"FIFA Street" is more difficult than other games in the "Street" series, which may frustrate novice players.

Press Start to Play
Reid Davenport

Gaming giant Electronic Arts has pumped out more hits than Ron Art-est in recent months. Games such as "MVP 2005," "Fight Night Round 2," and "FIFA Soccer" are some of their most recent hits, but with the hits there come a few misses.

It is not an easy task to follow up the highly anticipated "MVP Baseball 2005," yet EA managed to release another highly anticipated sequel with "Fight Night Round 2." The game has greatly improved since the original hit shelves last year. The fighters take more realistic damage, the fights overall are more realistic, the opponents have gotten tougher, and EA has added new techniques for your fighter's vast array of punches with the 'EA Roundhouse' specials.

"Round 2"'s first upgrade that will please fans of the original are the cutting and swelling trainers. These are key guys to have as they will reduce swelling and bleeding during matches to allow your fighter to last longer. With money you earn in career mode, you can buy guys that are better at one portion or another.

"Round 2" also plays with more realism than the 2004 version. The rings will take you from fighting in training facilities, to small venues, to big time arenas. The arenas' graphics are very detailed for something that is nothing more than background eye-candy. The boxers are closer to the real thing as they can lose their 'stuff' if they just constantly punch.

"Round 2" delivers a solid hit for fans of the first "Fight Night," but the game play can become drawn out after a while. It makes for an excellent alternative for fighting games to play with your gaming buddies; in your room or even, online. Enjoy mastering the technique of throwing the roundhouse specials while beating on greats like Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, Evander Holyfield and Roy Jones Jr.

"Fight Night Round 2" is an excellent follow up that leaves players waiting for the next installment, while "Fifa Street" was not as impressive. Using EA's hit franchises "FIFA Soccer" and their EA Big 'street' line of games seemed to create a winning combination, yet the game leaves something to be desired.

"FIFA Street," while not a strong hit, shows a lot of promise. They have installed the right music, teams, players, and abilities that are needed for a street soccer game to be entertaining. It is the difficulty, at times, which may bother players. A team that may be ranked to able to beat you five times out of five will be easily taken down, even if you are at a novice skill level.

'Fight Night: Round 2'	'--'FIFA Street'	'Rugby 2005'
Playstation	Playstation	Playstation
Publisher: EA Sports	Publisher: EA Sports BIG	Publisher: EA Sports
Developer: EA Sports	Developer: EA Canada	Developer: HB Studio
RPG	RPG	RPG

The game does have a solid ground to improve on to create a smash sequel for EA Big in the future, but right now "FIFA Street" resembles "Fight Night 2004." Meaning it has all the makings to be a big hit, such as having the unique style building ability to make a player a powerhouse or a speed-demon, but just falls short of having something to keep players interested.

If you ever wanted to know why sports that are not highlighted on ESPN do not get video games. "Rugby 2005" would be your answer. For American fans of the sport, they might be disappointed to the game's 2004 follow-up.

While the game forces you to learn how to play before you can go into a game, it will not help unless you are fully aware of the rules of the game. Even then, it is doubtful you will be able to manage the controls well enough to then explain it to your friend, who has no idea about the sport.

"Rugby 2005" is undoubtedly a big disappointment for American fans that might be looking into the sport through this game. The matches seem to go forever, or at least until you decide that losing 10-0 is about as much as you can deal with before pulling the plug. But for those who are fans of the sport, it might be worth the risk.

Even despite a few flaws in the last two games, EA has always been the innovator for great sports games. With ESPN and 989 Sports proving to be tough competition in the sports genre, EA recently dropped prices of "MVP 2005" to around $30. "Fight Night Round 2" and "Fifa Street" are available on all three major consuls. "Rugby 2005" is available for X-Box, PS2 and PC.

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The many sides of Queen Latifah

By Mike Szymanski
Zap2it.com

Queen Latifah commands a room just by walking in with her dangling earrings and long colorful robe-like clothes. She's smiling as she walks in to an interview with Zap2it.com because she happy with her successes, her career and her hair.

"People need to go to the beauty shop," she says. "Someone rubs your head, they wash it, they fix it, and I mean they're touching on you for a good hour or so once a week. So this is like your therapy."

Not only is she a Grammy-winning rapper, but she has had runaway box office success with her movie with Steve Martin, "Bringing Down the House," and has a best supporting actress Oscar nomination for her role as Mama Morton in "Chicago."

Everything she touches seems to turn to gold, but she quips, "I'm trying to get it to turn to diamonds. Damn it, I've got to get my alchemy on."

Not only has she taken a character introduced in "Barbershop 2" and brought it to Atlanta for "Beauty Shop," but she's producer of the film, too. And sure, she's clowning around with the actresses on the set, giving pet names to Djimon Honsou and Mena Suvari, making Andie MacDowell and Kevin Bacon crack up, insisting Sherri Shepherd, Alicia Silverstone and the other girls in the shop go to hairdressing boot camp and racing golf carts on the set with Alfre Woodard, who's in one of her funniest roles to date.

"My natural personality is to just clown and joke but yeah, I like my little golf cart," Latifah demonstrates swerving as if driving a cart. "I got that thing down to a perfect slide. Alfre always wanted to race me."

The fellow actors knew she was the boss, but she didn't act like it. "I just always wanted to have some control over my future," she says. "I wanted to be a part of the decision-making process."

And so, she decided her own hair stylist would be a consultant. "Who knows better than her?" Latifah insists. "It was all a team effort."

Director Bill Woodruff tells Zap2it Latifah demonstrated on acting once the shooting began, but was still good at putting out fires when needed as producer. "She knows how to trash talk and have fun, and knows when to focus, and everyone likes her," Woodruff says.

Indeed, although her film takes place in an African-American neighborhood at a beauty shop, she says, "It's not a black film or a film just for black people. It's really about relationships."

Latifah has always had a wide variety of friends and fans. "I had the kids, the grandmothers, gay, straight, black, white, everything in between. It's always been this broad sort of audience that has been down with Queen Latifah. So I think that it's a beautiful thing because that's how I look at the world."

And, it's not beyond her that she can command her own projects and play a romantic lead and be a plus-sized African American woman. "Beauty comes from the inside. It does start in here," she says. "Most women don't even need a lot of makeup. They just put all this crap on their faces and clog up your pores, get pimples and stuff."

And, almost daily, when she's trying to relax in a bowling alley or kicking back with friends, she has women come up to her and say how they identify with her. "There's no greater reward than having a positive impact on someone. Girls have come up to me and said, 'I look up to you. I used to feel insecure about myself, but looking at you and how you carry yourself is great.' There are grown women in their 40s and 50s saying the same thing."

So of course, sharing the first on-screen kiss with handsome hunk Djimon Honsou, the Academy Award nominee for "In America," was a special perk for her.

"She took it easy on me," Honsou says shyly. "But I'm very happy that I had my first kiss with her. I have so much love for the lady."

She says she'll never have bodyguards or cocoon her life from the rest of the world. Heck, she's even doing press interviews on her 35th birthday while her friends prepare a party for her across town in Hollywood. On the street, fans love talking to her and she admits, "People find me very approachable, but sometimes it wears you're ass out. It's only a problem when it's like 50 people, or one person every 10 minutes, but it's harder for the people around me who can't carry on an uninterrupted conversation."

For Latifah it's important to continue to connect with her fan base. "They see a big girl who carries herself with confidence and that example really helps a lot of young girls who look up and say 'Oh well, she's not a little girl but she's still doing it and she's making and she's wearing it well.' They need that. I mean I needed it and I didn't have it." Latifah laughs.

"There weren't too many people out there I could look up to who looked like me. So somebody now has someone out here who looks more like them who can still be that somebody making it and doing the things that they love and of course, being romantic, well shoot."

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Minutemen face Red Storm

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coach, but I think our guys are focused. I think we've gotten the message across that St. John's is not coming up here to lay down. They're a proud program right now ... and we're going to have to play very well in order to win the game."

St. John's is playing in its first lacrosse season since 1994, when the school decided cut the program.

Its first order of business as far as bringing the team back was to hire a very well respected and successful coach, and the Red Storm figured that Rick Sowell would be their man. Sowell, a four-year midfielder for the Baltimore Thunder of Major Indoor Lacrosse in the early 1990s, took Dartmouth to its first ever NCAA tournament in 2003.

Comprising an 11-3 record, Sowell was bounced in the first round of the tournament by Final Four qualifier and national powerhouse Syracuse, 15-13, in his fifth and final year at the helm for the Big Green.

Sowell strictly used 2004 as a time to recruit and rebuild the new program from the ground up, as indicated by the 26 rookies on the squad. Even with the team's inexperience, Cannella is quick to applaud the Red Storm players for buying into Sowell's system so quickly.

"It's taken them only a few months [to get the system working] from the fall to now," Cannella said. "He recruited his first year when he didn't coach, and they just recruited all of these top-notch kids. This fall, they bring in all of these young guys, and they work hard in the fall and improve... I think it's happened pretty quickly. The kids have bought into it, and they have tremendous athletes there. I think they're a very good team."

Cannella also said the most difficult task his Minutemen have tomorrow will be playing against a group of players for the first time ever, something of a rarity in conference play. Though the team still has access to St. John's game tapes, he said the unfamiliarity the teams have with one another will certainly play a factor.



Andrew Tamilynas/Collegian

Senior defender Rich Guyre sets up on defense against Brown on March 19, UMass won 12-5.

UMass seeks vengence at BU

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The Minutewomen have only faced Quinnipiac three times in the history of the program. The Bobcats have taken two of those matches with the lone win for UMass coming last year.

On April 12, 2004 the Maroon and White took down the Bobcats 5-3 at home. Senior captain Sasha Edelstein and junior Dorothy Iwanowicz were both able to pick up victories in both singles and doubles competition. Junior Jana Bartoloni was able to pick up a point in her singles match.

The Terriers have dominated the Minutewomen throughout the years. Of the ten times the two schools have faced each other, UMass has yet to pick up a victory over BU. The lopsided series dates all the way back to 1978.

UMass last fell to the Terriers on April 8, 2004. The match was very close, but BU came out on top 4-3. Iwanowicz was able to pick up a point for the Minutewomen, winning her her No. 5 tilt 6-4, 7-5.

Dixon, however, isn't worried about her team.

"These kids can compete," Dixon noted. "We have kids this year that can step up and show their ability."

Following its match against BU on Saturday, UMass wraps up its regular season with Senior Day on Monday against Holy Cross (4-9), in Amherst.

Originally, the A-10 tournament was scheduled to be played next weekend but recently it was moved back to April 22-24. Dixon says she scheduled three matches in four days to close out the season because she wanted her team to be in peak condition for the tournament.

"I did it this way because I wanted our team to be match tough for the A-10's," Dixon said. "Now we have 10 days in-between our last match against Holy Cross and the start of the tournament."

This time of year is when the Maroon and White usually take on Quinnipiac and the Terriers. Dixon added that she wanted to close out the season with Holy Cross on Senior Day, hopefully, with a win.



Andrew Tamilynas/Collegian

Junior Jana Bartoloni returns a shot during her match against Fordham on Wednesday. The Minutewomen swept Fordham 7-0.

UM goes for four in a row at home

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Kelley and seniors Denise Denis and Hilary Puglia. Kelley has four homeruns on the season with a team-high slugging percentage of .617, while Puglia has racked up three homers and 14 RBI. Denis leads the team with 23 RBI on the season. Senior designated player Pam Sulick has started almost every game for the Minutewomen and has done so in a way that has built confidence among the team.

"I think that team chemistry is critically important to a team and I think our chemistry is really, really good," Sortino said. "I think the nice part about our team is that every kid feels valued and they can make a contribution and they're not just along for the ride."

Despite the fact that many members of this group are leading the A-10 in several categories - Molinari in steals with 15, LaFogg in strikeouts with 106, Hilary Puglia in doubles with 7 - nobody on the team is caught up in the statistical portion of the game and that's the way Sortino likes it.

"They could care less [about stats], they just want to win," Sortino said. "It's the philosophy of our program. The kids that we have, they have to buy into it in the beginning that what the team does is far more important than what any individual does."

The Maroon and White will take the field tomorrow against GW, with Game 1 of the doubleheader beginning at 12 p.m. at the UMass Softball Complex.



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Junior pitcher Jenna Busa delivers a pitch during the Minutewomen's 3-0 shutout of the Maine Black Bears on Wednesday.

A-10 season starts for UMass

By Rob Greenfield
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts women's lacrosse team will start its Atlantic 10 schedule at 3:00 this afternoon at Garber Field against La Salle. This will be the middle game in a three-game homestand for the Minutewomen that concludes on Sunday against another conference opponent, Saint Joseph's.

Execution is the main theme for coach Carrie Bolduc and company, as UMass prepares to rebound from a two game skid (losses to Boston College and Dartmouth) and enter the most crucial stretch of the season.

"We need to execute and do the simple things," Bolduc said. "It's the beginning of a new [conference] season and [the players] are well aware of that. Everything counts and matters. With that mentality they know that the small things are going to count - the simple things like catching and throwing."

The Minutewomen struggled Tuesday against a ranked Dartmouth squad that pressured the ball and forced 16 turnovers, but the feeling has been that the game against Dartmouth was not a discouraging loss and that better preparation is needed.

In the preseason, the Minutewomen were picked in a coaches poll to finish second in the A-10 after a third place finish last year (4-3) and the promise of an incoming recruiting class. The Maroon and White are 27-10 all-time in conference play; second only to Temple (36-2).

There is bad news for La Salle tomorrow as the Minutewomen are 6-0 in opening conference games and 6-0 against La Salle in the six times the teams have played. Last year's contest between these two teams yielded a thrilling bout that ended with a UMass victory in five overtime's. Then-freshman Samantha Sepulveda, with UMass down 12-11, scored a goal with 12-seconds remaining in regulation to send it into overtime. The Minutewomen took it from there.

Coach Bolduc has emphasized the importance of the conference schedule, even calling it a new season, a good mindset for a team that went 3-6 in its first nine games. La Salle will be the start of the A-10 season for the Minutewomen, who are in need of victories.

"We need to win these games," Bolduc said. "Both teams are very good and well coached. They're athletic, they're feisty and they don't give up. They are A-10 teams. Everyone is out to get to the finals so they are going to do whatever it takes and we need to come in with that same mentality."

Like rivalries, these conference games will all be hotly contested because of their importance, and the dynamic of the game could change with the intensity.

"Strategy-wise sometimes they'll change things up," Bolduc said. "Sometimes we'll change things up. It's always heated in conference."

UMass' next opponent will be the Saint Joseph's Hawks on Sunday, making it two conference games in a row. The Minutewomen are 10-1 all-time against the Hawks, including a tight 13-11 victory last year. When facing these two teams, Bolduc again came back to the age of the UMass squad, the youngest in the A-10 conference.

"They have a lot of experience and we don't so they are going to be tight games," Bolduc said. "We're going to have to play to the last minute and come up big. We're prepared to play them. We know that both teams are good teams and that we have to play our best to win."



Senior Judy Kestner clears the ball during the Minutewomen's 18-6 loss to Dartmouth on Tuesday. UMass plays La Salle today.

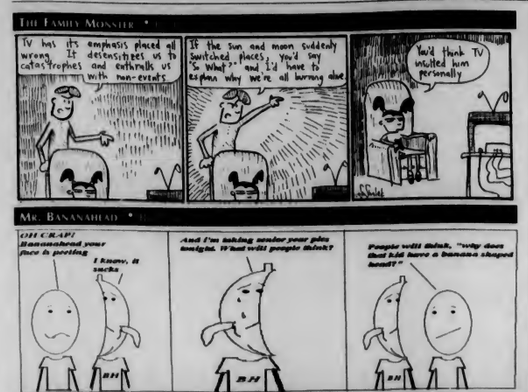
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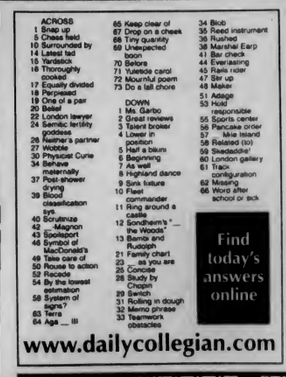
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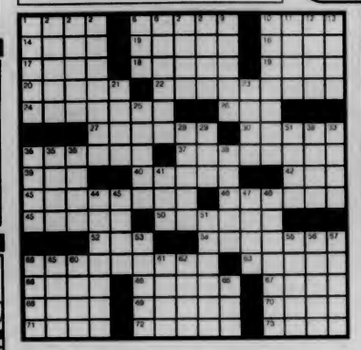


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A new Storm on the horizon

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

On one side of the field will be a program with rich tradition, a 6-2 record and a locker room full of players who are trying to keep themselves in contention for a birth in the NCAA tournament.

On the other side will be a team that is fielding its first lacrosse squad in 11 years, sporting a 2-7 record which includes four straight outcomes on the wrong side and a locker room full of 26 freshmen.

Tomorrow at 1 p.m. at Garber Field, these two sides will meet, as the No. 10 Massachusetts men's lacrosse team (6-2 1-1 ECAC) will hook up with the St. John's Red Storm (2-7 0-3 ECAC) in a conference matchup.

The Minutemen are coming off their best showing of the year, an 18-8 trouncing of Penn State, and UMass coach Greg Cannella said his team's preparation was a key factor.

"We reminded them that you played well last week because you worked hard last week, and you earned it," Cannella said. "And you've got to come back and prove it and earn it again every week."

Though the two teams are striving for different things this year, Cannella is still working hard to make sure his group doesn't slip up and fall victim to an upset before the schedule grows increasingly harder as April progresses.

"Success and failure are never final," Cannella said. "We talk about that what you did last week doesn't matter at all to St. John's because they're going to come out fired up, and it's 0-0 at the beginning of the game, and they have as good an opportunity as we do to win the game.

"You worry about [overlooking an opponent] as a

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Junior midfielfer Jamie Yaman runs down the field during the Minutemen's game against Brown on March 19. Yaman has four goals and an assist this season for UMass.

No auto-bid for ECAC

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

In college athletics the conference championship is always the immediate goal.

It is typically the game that solidifies postseason dreams for the nation's elite and provides a window of opportunity for smaller schools that would normally get overlooked by the selection committee of its respective sport.

However, in 2004 and this season, the East Coast Athletic Conference (ECAC) will award a championship trophy that indicates the best team in conference but will not, on paper, give an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

In order for a conference to have an automatic qualifier (AQ), it needs to have at least six schools competing together for two years. In Division I lacrosse, there are only two conferences that do not have an AQ, the ECAC and the ACC.

The Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) is a four-team league (North Carolina, Duke, Virginia and Maryland) and has not had an AQ in lacrosse in its history. However, the overall power of the conference has caused this to be a non-issue.

"In our case, with the fewer number of teams, it sets us up a little bit better, because we have a strong and dominant league in men's lacrosse," ACC Director of Championships Davis Whitfield said.

For the ECAC, which currently has six teams, the lack of an AQ stems from a redistribution of teams over the past four years, which caused it to fall below the quota of six during the 2004 season.

Stony Brook switched conferences after the 2001 season when its entire athletic department changed allegiances to the America East Conference. This change left the ECAC with the bare minimum number of participants.

After the 2003 season, University of Maryland - Baltimore County (UMBC) and Navy followed suit, with UMBC joining Stony Brook in the America East Conference and Navy switching over to the Patriot League.

With the ECAC down to four teams it lost its AQ and was in search of new competition. It added St. John's, Hobart, and Loyola for this season, but since the seven-team league had not been together for two years, it could not regain its AQ.

"We were seeking institutions interested in this league with a commitment in lacrosse on campus suits this conference," Commissioner of the ECAC Phil Buttafuoco said. "We tried to get [the ECAC's AQ] back, but it didn't happen."

The ECAC will also be adding Fairfield University next season, rounding out an eight-team league.

Even though the number of participants will and has been over the set quota, the ECAC will not receive an automatic bid until the 2007 season.

Even with the lack of an AQ, Buttafuoco is confident that it will not negatively affect the conference. With three teams in the top 20 (Georgetown No. 5, Massachusetts No. 10, and Hobart No. 15) and one receiving votes (Loyola with 10) the ECAC stands as one of the strongest conferences in Division I lacrosse and will provide each team with enough quality opponents to garner an at-large bid.

"I don't think it hurts our conference because of the great competition, week in and week out we have some of the strongest teams," Buttafuoco said.

Unlike the ECAC, the ACC has a conference tournament at the end of the season, giving each of the four teams a shot at the conference championship. This year the ACC has three teams in the top six (Duke No. 2, Virginia No. 3, and Maryland No. 6), yet North Carolina (2-6, 0-2 ACC) can potentially bring home the conference crown.

Whitfield mentioned that the Tar Heels could still make the NCAA tournament if they win the ACC tournament, due to the two quality wins, and the prestige of the ACC.

UMass coach Greg Cannella, who is adamant that his team approaches every game with the same tenacity, understands the importance of the ECAC getting back its AQ, but mentioned that it doesn't change the way a team approaches the season.

"We like to think that our conference is a strong conference, so whether you have an automatic bid or not," Cannella said. "If you play six quality opponents and are named the conference champion, you should have a good shot at the tournament."

UM softball team looks to keep momentum

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

Since sweeping the doubleheader against Maine on Wednesday, the Massachusetts softball team (13-11-1 2-2 Atlantic 10) is hoping to start a trend that revolves around the concept of winning. The Minutewomen won their first two A-10 games against Dayton on March 26 and proceeded to drop the next two conference games against Fordham. Tomorrow UMass looks to take its conference record above the .500 mark as it hosts A-10 foe George Washington (8-18 3-1 A-10).

"I know we have to pick up where we left off, I know these are very important games to us," UMass coach Elaine Sortino said. "The conference is our doorway to postseason play and they're obviously critically important games."

While GW is primarily made up of young players - 13 freshman and two sophomores - the Maroon and White will have to slow down the likes of GW freshman outfielder Jackie Yaniga and the rest of the Colonial batters. In her 26 starts, Yaniga has accumulated a conference-high eight homeruns with 30 RBI and a slugging percentage of .841. UMass will also have to deal with freshman infielder Caroline Howe, who has amassed 23 hits and 11 RBI during her first collegiate season. The Minutewoman defense is counting on shutting down the Colonials, as it did to Maine on Wednesday. The defensive game is something that Sortino is focused on with sophomore infielder Amanda Morin holding a fielding percentage of .946.

"If things are close I'll go with the better defender as oppose to the bat, because I just believe that hitting comes and goes, but defense is what keeps you there," Sortino said. "I just think we have a very strong defensive team. I think defense is critically important."

The keys of the defensive play for UMass are senior pitcher Barb LaFogg (9-7) and junior pitcher Jenna Busa (4-4), who have impressed Sortino in their play this season. LaFogg leads the A-10 in strikeouts with 106 and has an ERA of 2.44 on the season, while Busa pitched nine strikeouts and allowed one hit in the Game 2 shutout against Maine. Sortino was pleased with the work her pitchers put in against the Black Bears, with the duo limiting Maine to one run and three hits. Sortino saw that performance a vast improvement from the two losses against Fordham last Monday.

"We went back and looked at that tape [against Fordham] and we wouldn't have looked at it that way unless [the loss] happened to us," Sortino said. "And looking at that tape gave us some simple adjustments to give us those two pitching performances."

The other side of the game includes an assortment of batters who have collectively scored runs all season. Freshman outfielder Lauren Proctor leads the team in batting average with a mark of .362 and has 10 RBI on the season. Prior to Game 2 against Maine, Proctor recorded at least one hit in 13 straight games, but that record ended as she did not register a hit against the Black Bears. Proctor is joined by two other freshmen on the team, infielders Stacy Cullington and Sarah Hurd, who both started in last Wednesday's games against Maine.

The season regulars consist of sophomore outfielder Candice Molinari, junior catcher Kl

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The UMass softball team swept Maine on Wednesday and is preparing for an A-10 contest against George Washington tomorrow.

UM faces Quinnipiac

By Jon Pelland
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts women's tennis team (12-6 4-0 Atlantic 10) enters the final weekend of the regular season today against Quinnipiac (7-7 2-0 Northeast Conference), in Hampden, Conn. Tomorrow the Minutewomen take on in-state rival Boston University (8-6) at the Upper Boyden Courts.

UMass enters the matches on fire coming off shutouts of A-10 rivals Rhode Island and Fordham. The Minutewomen are also on a five-game winning streak and have won six of their last seven matches. In those seven matches, they have taken the doubles point every time. UMass coach Judy Dixon credits her assistant Celeste Frey for her team's dominance in doubles.

"Celeste worked tirelessly this winter on doubles," Dixon said. "Doubles are important because they are such a momentum builder and we've won a lot of our matches with the doubles point."

The Bobcats also come into to the match on a high note. On April 1 they blanked the Wagner Seahawks 7-0 in a NEC face off. The win made it seven of nine for Quinnipiac.

Also this week it was announced that Quinnipiac senior Liz Ader was named the NEC Women's Tennis Player of the Week for going 4-0 against Wagner and Army. In a loss to Army and a win against Wagner, Axler was able to win half of her matches.

BU on the other hand, comes in into the match losing four out of the last five matches. The Terriers, however, were able to stop a four-match losing streak on April 2 with a win over Dartmouth, in Boston. They defeated Dartmouth 5-2 by taking five of the six singles matches that were played.

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Minutemen try to end skid against Duquesne

By Todd Foster
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts baseball team will look to break a nine-game losing streak when Duquesne travels to Amherst for a three-game weekend series at Earl Lorden Field. Saturday a doubleheader is slated to begin at noon, followed by the second game at 2:30. The third game will be on Sunday at noon.

Duquesne (6-16) has not had an easy time outside of Pittsburgh this season, posting a 5-12 record on the road. This will be UMass' first Atlantic-10 series played at home.

"It's a good opportunity for us to play well," UMass coach Mike Stone said. "I thought right from the beginning that the Atlantic 10 schedule was set up well for us. We just need to play well."

The Minutemen put up a season-high six runs this Wednesday at home, but gave up four runs in the eighth inning to lose a heartbreaker, 7-6, to Hartford. After starting pitcher Jeremy Demers gave up three runs in 5.1 innings, reliever Scott McGovern was able to put an end to Hartford's threat in the sixth, but gave up four runs in the seventh.

"We're concerned [about the pitching depth]," Stone said. "After about seven pitchers, we dropped off significantly. Looking back, you always want to look towards the weekend. A-10 weekends are our bread and butter games, but maybe we should have kept [Demers] in longer because we needed a win. Though, I was confident in the decision at the time."

Though they would have preferred a win, the Maroon and White can see development in their younger players. The freshmen catchers, Dan Coudy and Pat Garrity, show this improvement as both players had stellar games on Wednesday.

Coudy hit his first career home-run against Hartford while going 2-for-4 with two runs batted in from the designated hitters position. Garrity was the most consistent at the plate, reaching base safely in all four of his plate appearances and going 2-for-2 with two walks, including his second walk coming back from a 1-2 count.

"He's going to be a good player," Stone said. "He's adjusting, but he hasn't played like a freshman. He has shown a lot of maturity and is just getting adjusted at the plate after struggling early. I think he will be a solid catcher who will help the pitching staff and that's key for a catcher."

The Duquesne pitching staff has a solid bullpen in setup pitcher Matt Melillo (2.24 earned run average) and closer Nick Jones (4.22 ERA, one save). The starting rotation is a different story, as only one of the starting pitchers with two or more starts has an ERA under five. Junior Bob Hartle sports a 4.85 ERA, but he is 0-2 in three starts. Stone believes getting as many runs as possible is more important than getting early runs against the shaky starting pitchers.

"We just trying to get runs every inning," Stone said. "It's hard to choose when you score runs. It's nice score early, get a lead and gain confidence going into the later innings. But we just need score as many runs as possible."

The UMass batting average has risen over the last few games, but Stone feels there is still work needed to be done.

"I think we still need to hit better," Stone said. "Our team batting average has gotten higher, but it's still not where it should be. Our team batting average is .200 and theirs is .264 with three kids hitting over .300. We need to do more things offensively and that's not necessarily getting hits. There are a lot of different ways you can contribute offensively without getting hits."

The doubleheader will feature UMass pitcher Matt Torra in the first game and Brian Doherty in the second. Torra and Doherty combined to give up only one hit in the first four innings of the 7-3 loss to Holy Cross. The third game will feature Demers, who pitched 5.1 innings on Wednesday.



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Senior pticher Keith Doherty delivers a pitch against Holy Cross on Tuesday. Doherty is 1-4 in six appearances this year for UMass.



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Sophomore Michele Speiss returns a shot against Fordham on Wednesday. Speiss was named UMass Athlete of the Week on March 29.

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Phil Saviano tells his story about clergy abuse law suit

By Nina Lowy
Collegian Staff

Last week on April 5, Phil Saviano, a survivor of clergy sexual abuse, spoke at the University of Massachusetts. Saviano's story is an unprecedented one being the first Massachusetts victim who was able to settle a clergy-abuse lawsuit without signing a confidentiality agreement.

Saviano recalls most of the abuse occurred when he was twelve years old, and living in a small town outside of Worcester. He described the abuse as a "grooming process."

In the beginning, Saviano and his friend, who was also molested by Father David Holley, were asked to do simple chores around the church, such as moving boxes, in exchange for 50 cents for an ice cream. This eventually turned into the priest showing the young boys sexually explicit playing cards with pictures of men and women on them, and discussion about sex. The abuse began when the priest repeatedly asked for oral sex from Saviano in the basement of the church. Saviano remembers the priest's grip around his wrist when he tried to pry it off.

"It was a huge conflict for me. I wanted the groundskeeper to look in and see [through the window], and I didn't want him to see," Saviano said.

After eighteen months, Holley left the church and nobody asked any questions as to why. Saviano survived high school despite being insecure and developing depression. He graduated college from UMass in 1975 with a degree in zoology, and received his master's degree in communication from Boston University. In the 1980's he began to do publicity for concerts. It was not until

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Phil Saviano a clergy sex abuse survivor speaks at UMass.

Former Clinton aide, author speaks during Gaypril event

By Megan Daley
Collegian Staff

The "down low," a term that is now being used to describe men who are in relationships with women, while secretly having sex with other men is a myth perpetuated by the media said a speaker at the University of Massachusetts Thursday evening.

Keith Boykin, a former Clinton aide and author of the book, "Beyond the Down Low: Sex, Lies and Denial in Black America," was the keynote speaker for the Stonewall Center's Gaypril events.

The myth of the down low, said Boykin, came from the misinformation of one man, J.L. King. King's book, "On the Down Low," claims to reveal that there is a new phenomena of men, especially black men, who are living on the down low, and that this phenomena is contributing to the AIDS epidemic.

Boykin said that this was not the truth, asking where the evidence of such a phenomena was.

"How can you study someone on the down low, someone who is doing something in secret? Once they come out to tell you that they're on the down low, they aren't on the down low anymore," he said.

Boykin also pointed out that the facts that King presented about the down low were wrong.

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Northampton fashion designer addresses domestic violence

By Kim Seymour
Collegian Staff

A Northampton fashion designer spoke out against the domestic violence that stole the lives of her daughter and grandson at a conference Friday in the Campus Center.

Yoko Kato immigrated to Western Massachusetts from Japan in the 1960s with the hopes of beginning a new life with her American husband.

After the birth of her two daughters and years of domestic abuse, Kato left to start over as a single mother. Working full-time during the day and attending fashion design school at night, she successfully opened a bridal store in Northampton in 1980. Owning her own business enabled Kato to send both of her daughters to college.

Her youngest daughter fell in love and became pregnant after one year of higher education.

"My daughter came home from college and met a boy," Kato said. "He did everything for her. He came to her at the wrong time of her life."

Opting to have the baby, she dropped out of school. When the baby, Cedric, was 18 months, Kato's daughter decided to leave the father, who was not providing any support. According to Kato, one night in 1993, Cedric's father went to her daughter's apartment. After a heated argument over child support, he grabbed a knife and stabbed Cedric and his mother 57 times.

"Nine of the stabbings were through the baby's heart and her heart. That's how tight she was holding him," Kato said. "She tried to fight back. She fell with the boy in her arms. After stabbing her below the eye, the knife was stuck in her eye socket, that's why he said he stopped."

Kato now travels the nation speaking out against domestic violence. She has even returned home to Japan to improve women's living conditions. In 2002, Kato contributed to the passing of the first law in Japan against domestic abuse. She said her motivation to be an activist came six days after the death of her daughter and grandson when she joined a group of demonstrators against domestic violence at the court house in Northampton.

"Before [the deaths of my daughter and grandson] I wasn't a good person," Kato said. "I wasn't one who would do things for other people. I was busy trying to raise my children the way I wanted to. But [after their deaths] people were helping who didn't know my daughter."

Kato was just one of the speakers at the conference on abusive relationships, organized by UMass senior Christina Knowles, who decided to do this conference as her honors thesis project.

"Many people think women must do something to provoke abuse," Knowles said. "Society as a whole has little regard for abused women. Knowledge is empowerment."

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"Trust your instinct, even as an outside observer," she said. "We should be careful not to judge - that everybody needs support."

Also at the conference were Mary Kociela, director of Domestic Violence Projects at the Northwestern District Attorney's office and Russell Bradbury-Carlin, director of MOVE program at the Men's Resource Center. All of the speakers made sure to mention that domestic violence does not only refer to men abusing women and not all men are abusers.

GEO rallies for contract negotiations



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Hundreds of members of the UMass community rally on campus voicing thier displeasure with the contract negotiations with the UMass administration.

Student Government Association Trustee Matt Murphys displays a sign showing his support for the Graduate Employee Organization's efforts to negotiate a contract with UMass.

By Matt Belliveau
Collegian Staff

The Graduate Employee Organization and the University of Massachusetts have been bitterly negotiating back and forth over a new contract for more than a year.

After repeated efforts to settle an agreement at the bargaining table, GEO has decided to make an effort through a number of demonstrations to voice their displeasure in and throughout campus.

The GEO of UMass is a labor union that represents 2400 graduate employees. UMass graduate students first started to assemble in the late seventies but have worked as a union for 15 years. Every three years the GEO and the University have worked together to negotiate a new legally binding contract.

"Our bargaining teams began negotiating with each other last March. Every contact negotiation in the past has been a struggle, but not to this extreme. In these negotiations the university has been consistently unwilling to give us anything but regressive cutbacks," said Jed Murr, Vice-President of GEO.

These "cutbacks" include lowering GEO's real wages and an increase in the costs of healthcare and childcare.

The officers of the Massachusetts Society or Professors, the union for faculty, recently endorsed a statement in support of GEO in its attempt to secure a fair contract.

"We oppose the University's attempts to off-load health insurance costs onto graduate student employees and equally we oppose the imposition of these costs on departments.

We believe the administration can and should find a better way to meet these costs without creating burdens for graduate students and faculty.

Asking Graduate students employees to pick up these additional costs would negatively impact our ability to compete with other institutions in recruiting strong graduate students."

The proposed new raises would increase GEO member's salaries by 2 percent every year.

"Which sounds great," said Murr. "But the cost of living increase is 3.8 percent per year. So we wouldn't be receiving raises that stay current with the costs of living on campus."

"A lot of our members are already living below the poverty line. On top of that, the University is asking us to pay hundreds of dollars a year for

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Cardinals begin choosing Pope

By Niko Price
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Cardinals began "an intense period of silence and prayer" before their conclave to choose the next pope, saying Saturday they would stop speaking publicly to protect the strict secrecy surrounding the centuries-old tradition.

The throngs of pilgrims who attended John Paul II's funeral Friday flowed out of Rome, leaving mainly tourists in a quiet, rainy St. Peter's Square. The Vatican said a decision on calls to put John Paul on a fast track to sainthood would rest with the next pope.

Italian Cardinal Francesco Marchisano celebrated the second Mass for John Paul in St. Peter's Basilica, a daily rite over nine days that began with the funeral Mass. His homily praised "this infinite humanity" that he called the late pope's hallmark.

The Vatican also released photographs of the pope's tomb, a white marble slab, slightly raised off the floor and tilted, with the Latin letters IOANNES PAULUS PPII, and the dates of his 26-year reign. It also bears the first two letters of Christ's name in Greek, a common symbol with roots in early Christianity.

The grave is in the small grotto once occupied by the sarcophagus of Pope John XXIII, which was moved into the main floor of St. Peter's Basilica after his 2000 beatification because so many pilgrims wanted to visit his tomb.

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Parishoners planning to protest church closings

By Michael Kunzelman
Associated Press

BROOKLINE — Members of seven parishes ordered closed by the Boston Archdiocese vowed Sunday to continue holding round-the-clock protest vigils despite Archbishop Sean O'Malley's decision to reopen two of the churches.

Parishioners said O'Malley and other senior church officials employed a flawed and arbitrary process for deciding which churches will reopen and which will remain closed.

"Your bureaucrats have served you badly," Council of Parishes co-

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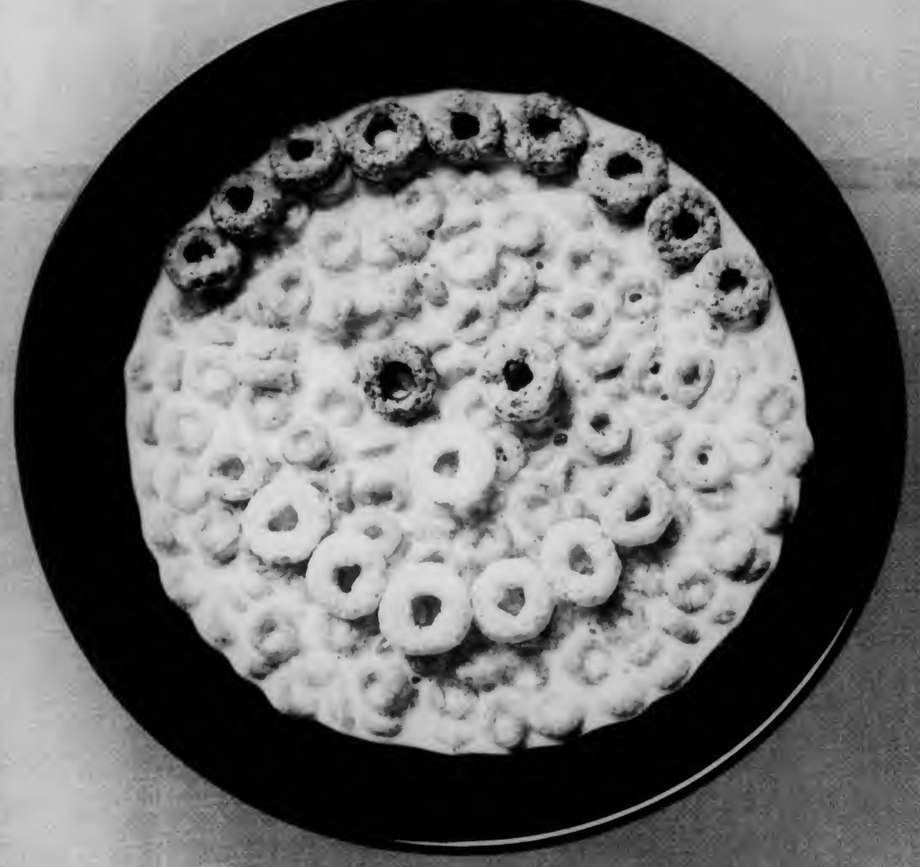
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Members of UMass community protest contract negotiations

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healthcare. Asking graduate students with families to pay a huge amount of money for Childcare which will in effect make it impossible for some graduate students to work here," said Murr.

Presidents of the other state colleges in UMass have stepped up and lobbied for their employees to get 4 percent wages and were successful. UMass President Jack Wilson, Massachusetts' highest paid state employee, has yet to voice any concern towards raising GEO member's wages.

When asked to comment on the union negotiations, Susan Chinman, labor relations specialist for UMass, wrote in an email to The Daily Collegian that the University is "working hard to reach a contract settlement with GEO that satisfies both sides' interests and concerns. We believe that the details of bargaining should remain at the bargaining table while negotiations take place."

According to Murr, The Boston Globe and other publications have reported recently that there has been a dramatic decline in tenured-track faculty members at UMass.

"As there are less and less tenured-track faculty, the university looks towards other groups to perform to carry out the labor. These groups include adjunct faculty members and graduate student employees. So if they can pay us less it saves them financially," said Murr. "And these cuts have nothing to do with the state-wide budget cuts. Our research shows they can afford to pay us fair wages, they can afford to give us free healthcare, and they can afford to give us affordable childcare."

Over 600 members and allies of the GEO recently held a "Mass March" around the campus of UMass to demand a fair contract from the University. The large crowd, the biggest at a UMass rally protest in years, marched through various crosswalks on North Pleasant St. and Massachusetts Ave., bringing traffic to a standstill. The marchers walked through the Whitmore Administration building and delivered several hundred letters to Chancellor John Lombardi in support of GEO's demands.

GEO is also planning a number of other demonstrations to be carried out in classes and throughout campus.

"We have faculty support that allows us to speak to classes about Chancellor Lombardi's plan and the general attacks on diversity and educational access and also the details of our contract campaign. Just informing students to what's going on and how they can get involved."

"We've already begun planning events that would make it impossible for the University to run everything as they would like to. These demonstrations will continue until the university begins treating their graduate employees fairly. We have already run "flying pickets" in which we go into buildings for brief periods of time to be very visible and disruptive. Class-rooms. Libraries. Cafeterias."

GEO has also organized a boycott of classes on April 21. The boycott would include GEO members as well as UMass students.

"This act isn't a rejection of our faculty, whom we greatly respect," said Murr. "It's a rejection of an administration who won't prioritize students, teachers and textbooks. By going to class, we pretend that the assault on student and employees rights isn't happening. By not going to class, we resist and say we won't fulfill UMass' expectations until they start to fulfill our expectations for a fair labor contract, for student autonomy and support for diversity."

Although there is obvious conflict between the University and GEO, Murr believes there is still hope for an agreement between both sides.

"We still meet with them every Friday. I have hope that we will force them to give us the fair contract that we deserve," said Murr. "We do an enormous amount of teaching and work that happens at UMass. We're a big reason why the level of under-graduate education is so high and why UMass holds the level of prestige that it does. Because we are such an important group on campus and because our members are increasingly willing to act to make sure we are treated correctly, I believe a deal will eventually be reached."



Hundreds march on campus last week protesting the ongoing dispute between GEO contracts and the UMass administration.

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Saviano exposes clergy sex abuse scandal and sues

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1997 that Saviano turned towards public activism and founded the New England chapter of Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests.

Saviano went through life up until 1992 thinking that Holley had been caught. Then one morning while reading the Boston Globe, he read about two victims of clergy-abuse who went public—victims of David Holley.

"That was my life changing moment, when I saw the article in the Globe about the two were who were molested in the 1970s," explained Saviano.

At this point, the public exposure began. Saviano hired Boston attorney Eric MacLeish and filed the first priest-abuse lawsuit in Massachusetts against the Worcester diocese. The Worcester diocese offered Saviano $15,500 if he signed a confidentiality agreement— a legally binding document. His lawyer threatened to resign from the case because Saviano refused to sign it.

"I couldn't talk to news media, couldn't share experiences with a support group. I couldn't even talk to my friends about it," said Saviano. He felt abandoned by the diocese and his lawyer. He was even encouraged to plead guilty and to claim he had never met Holley's other victims. Saviano began a short correspondence with the imprisoned Holley, who was locked up in New Mexico, after receiving a 275-year sentence.

"I didn't get the answers I was looking for, so settled with the court instead of going to trial," Saviano explained. What he did get from the letters however, were merely "priestly sentiments." The lawsuit was filed in May of 1993, in order for Saviano to get access to the priest's records, and was settled in April of 1996. Saviano became the first victim who was able to settle a clergy-abuse lawsuit without signing a confidentiality agreement.

He proceeded to call the Boston Globe to diffuse his story through the public. He then had to face his family. He told his three brothers and father his story on a Sunday, the day before the story ran in the Globe. At this time, Saviano's mother had already passed away. His father "was angry and accused me of bringing the scandal to our hometown," recalls Saviano.

Six weeks later, on February 1, 1993 another story and photograph covering Saviano ran on the front page of USA Today. "The issue is like quicksand," he compared. International news media began to pursue Saviano and he declined an invitation to go on Good Morning America.

Saviano founded the New England chapter of SNAP, which is a national organization that began in 1990 in Chicago. Today there are over 50 chapters. Saviano maintains the organization's website, snapnetwork.org.

"It is possible to heal. Part of the process is to verbalize with other survivors. Your experience which was so consuming may not have been so unique after all," explained Saviano.

His reply to thoughts about the Catholic Church was, "I'm going to choose my words carefully, something you can print," Saviano said chuckling.

"Church has missed many opportunities to make the world a better place to live in. It's not a friend to women or to gays in society. It doesn't have a positive legacy in the way it's treated children. It's done a lot of good in the world, but there's so much more it could be doing," Saviano said.

The event was presented by the Everywoman's Center Rape Crisis and Violence Prevention Programs, the Men's Resource Center and the UMass Stonewall Center.

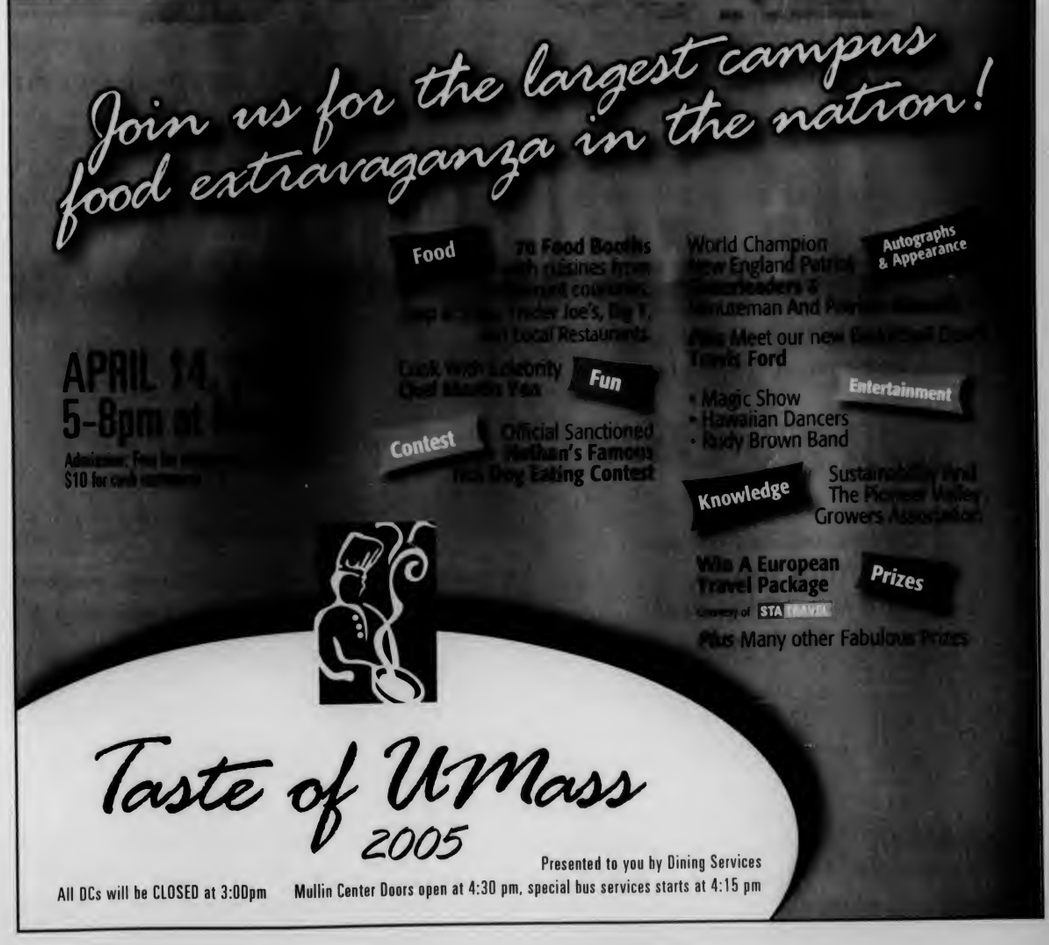
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In Friday's paper Bob McGovern referred to the ECAC as the East Coast Athletic Conference. The ECAC stands for Eastern College Athletic Conference.

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Cardinals to begin secret process of choosing Pope

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The unanimous vote Saturday by 130 cardinals to maintain public silence about John Paul's successor was unprecedented. But in an era of continuous news updates and constant speculation, Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls called the media ban an "act of responsibility."

He asked journalists not to ask the cardinals for interviews and said they should not take the prelates' silence as an act of "discourtesy."

"The cardinals, after the funeral Mass of the Holy Father, began a more intense period of silence and prayer, in view of the conclave," Navarro-Valls said. "They unanimously decided to avoid interviews and encounters with the media."

At least two cardinals later turned down requests for interviews.

The lack of access to the cardinals was unlikely to stem the speculation about John Paul's successor, with worldwide interest peaking in what could be a tight competition between reformers and conservatives.

Navarro-Valls said 115 prelates will participate in the conclave, which will begin April 18 — all the cardinals under the age of 80 except for Cardinal Jaime L. Sin of the Philippines and Cardinal Alfonso Antonio Suarez Rivera of Mexico, who are too sick to attend.

John Paul took the name of an additional cardinal — kept secret apparently to protect him from a government that represses religious activity — to the grave.

Cardinal Karl Lehmann was quoted by the German newspaper Allgemeine Zeitung as saying race and background will play a role in the choice of the next pope, but there were no clear favorites and "probably also no firm alliances."

"One must be moved through voting, contacts and discussion to a consensus," he was quoted as saying.

John Paul was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years. Some cardinals have called for a Latin American pope to reflect the huge number of Catholics in the region. Others have said the papacy should return to an Italian, while there are contenders from elsewhere in Europe, as well as from Nigeria and India.

St. Peter's Square, which was packed during the funeral by 250,000 pilgrims and dignitaries from 138 countries, was quiet a day later under a steady rain. Cafes and souvenir shops along nearby Via della Conciliazione reopened, finally freed of the crush of pilgrims.

"I can't talk to you," said a man hawking religious trinkets, key chains and figurines. "After 10 days without work, every second counts."

The exodus of pilgrims was wrapping up Saturday as visitors carrying backpacks, folded flags and rolled-up sleeping bags headed for train stations and parking lots on the outskirts of the city. Few stayed around to see the sights.

"We have come here only to pray," said Ula Maciejowska, 33, who was heading home to Oswiecim, Poland. "We will come another time to shop."

Rome's Mayor, Walter Veltroni, said Rome's population of 2.6 million doubled over the past week, giving a lower figure than earlier police estimates of 4 million visitors. He said 1.3 million people filed past John Paul's body.

Remarkably, the mayor said not a single incident of purse-snatching or theft was reported from Vatican City, the diminutive state that in 2002 was reported to have the highest crime rate in the world, mostly incidents such as pickpocketing.

He said Rome's main train station and the square at Tor Vergata University, where John Paul held a huge Youth Jubilee in 2000, will be renamed after the late pope.



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Several Cardianls from around the world mourn the death of the Pope. Pope Jean Paul II was buried Friday and the Cardinals will now begin the process of choosing a new Pope.

People to protest church closings

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chairman Peter Borre said of O'Malley's top deputies, including Bishop Richard Lennon.

The council, a lay group, celebrated a "Mass of solidarity" Sunday at the Infant Jesus-St. Lawrence Parish in Brookline, one of the seven parishes where members are holding 24-hour vigils.

After the Mass, which wasn't sanctioned by the archdiocese, council members gathered in front of reporters to respond to O'Malley's decision to reverse the closing of St. Albert the Great in Weymouth.

O'Malley also announced last month that St. Anselm church in Sudbury will reopen as a chapel and celebrate a regular Sunday Mass.

Cynthia Deysher, a council co-chair, said she and other St. Anselm parishioners are grateful, but they won't end their vigil until they know the details of O'Malley's plan to reopen the church as a chapel affiliated with a Framingham parish.

"Some of it requires faith, but that's what Catholics are used to," she said.

About a year ago, O'Malley announced plans to close almost a quarter of the archdiocese's 357 parishes. He attributes the need for church closings to a shortage of priests, changing demographics and a financial crisis brought on in part by the cost of clergy sex abuse lawsuits.

Archdiocese spokeswoman Kelly Lynch said Sunday that O'Malley knew his decisions "would not please all people affected by them."

"It remains the hope of the Archdiocese that these vigils conclude peacefully," Lynch added in a prepared statement.

O'Malley based his decision to reopen St. Albert and St. Anselm on a recommendation by a church reconfiguration committee he formed.

Council members urged O'Malley to expand that committee's role in guiding the church closing process.

"Expand this committee to bring in Boston's real Catholics, people who have kept their faith while losing their trust during the terrible years of (Cardinal Bernard Law)," Borre said.

Warren Hutchison, a parishioner at Infant Jesus-St. Lawrence, said his parish is "fighting a battle of numbers" because it isn't as large as St. Albert.

But the Brookline parish is financially sound and isn't costing the archdiocese any money, he argued.

"We simply want an opportunity to bring parishioners back in the pews," he said.

St. Albert's parishioners plan to end their vigil once their church officially reopens. Mary Akoury, who co-chairs St. Albert's parish council, said O'Malley's decision to reopen her church doesn't change her view that the process is flawed.

"Vibrant, thriving parishes were closed," she said.

"Our heart goes out to those that continue to be in vigil. We know the pain that they are feeling."

Borre said council members waited until Sunday to hold their press conference out of respect for Pope John Paul II, whose funeral was Friday.



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Cardinal Law who has been accused of child molestation is preparing for protest from parishoners because of the forced closing of several Massachusetts churches.

UMass-Boston needing repairs

BOSTON — Officials at the University of Massachusetts at Boston say the campus parking garage needs $50 million in repairs, or else there is a risk of structural failure in 10 years.

The 640,000 square-foot parking garage also serves as the foundation for five of the seven buildings at the UMass-Boston campus. Officials are concerned that deterioration of the garage threatens those buildings as well.

Inside the garage, wooden posts help shore up the supports. Nets hang from the ceiling to catch loose pieces of concrete from falling on cars and pedestrians.

Campus officials say the garage was poorly designed and built and is also sustaining damage from being in a saltwater environment.

The campus, built on a former landfill facing Dorchester Bay, was designed as a single megastructure, its foundation made of concrete slabs inlaid with steel rods.

Ellen O'Connor, the university vice chancellor for administration and finance, said the concrete was of a lower quality than it should have been, and the steel bars were placed too close to the surface. As a result, the concrete has crumbled more quickly than expected and the steel has been exposed to the elements.

The university is closely monitoring the condition of the garage and would stop using buildings before there were any risk of collapse, and the structures would be demolished before they failed, O'Connor said. She said the campus is still safe.

The opening of a new $75 million campus center on the UMass-Boston campus has provided students and staff with a stark contrast to the poor condition of the garage. The new building "sets a standard of beauty and usefulness, and it's whetted appetites for what the rest of the place could be like," O'Connor said.

—*Associated Press*

Boykin dismisses common myths during Gaypril event

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King treated the down low as though it was a new issue. Men having sex with other men even while they are in relationships with women has been happening for a long time. Boykin used Alexander the Great, who was married, and his lover Hephastion as an example. "The only thing new about the down low is what we call it."

Boskin also stated that being on the down low was "not a Black thing." The governor of New Jersey, a man with a wife and children, has come out of the closet, said Boykin. "The governor was white and the governor was on the down low. The difference is, when white men do it, we move on.

When black men do it, we want to analyze it to see what is wrong with the black community."

Another misconception that Boykin says King's book perpetuated, is that the down low is "a gay thing." Men who cheat on their girlfriends/wives with other women are on the down low too, Boykin pointed out several examples of this found in songs, such as Brian McKnight's "On the Down low," which is about him cheating on his girlfriend with another woman.

"So we had all these references throughout the nineties, and we laughed about these infidelities. Then we found out gays were doing the same thing and suddenly we became alarmed.

"The down low became an excuse for the AIDS epidemic among African-Americans."

Boykin said that, if the down low was to blame for AIDS, then why has it only caused concern so recently, rather than when the AIDS epidemic was at its peak.

People on the down low do not cause AIDS, said Boykin. "In order to pass on the HIV virus, you need to first be infected with the HIV virus." Boykin also told that black women with AIDS were surveyed and only 1.6 percent of them cited sex with a bisexual as a possible reason for infection.

The real problem with the misinformation that King has provided, said Boykin, is that it has been spread by the media and is now perceived to be the truth.

"One man's misinformation has managed to create a media frenzy....It was an easy story that demonizes black men and stigmatize black women," he said.

The idea that the down low is such a major reason for AIDS is also dangerous, said Boykin. "Black women are being taught that if they spy on their lovers and look out for the down low, that they will be safe." The idea that stopping the down low will stem the AIDS epidemic, is distracting us, said Boykin, from programs that really could help prevent HIV infection.

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Restoring one man's legacy



Matthew Reid

Back in 2000, ESPN released its list of the 100 greatest North American athletes of the past century. The list was impressive, topped by the likes of Michael Jordan, Babe Ruth and Wayne Gretzky.

The list contained seven boxers, including Muhammad Ali, at the third position.

Buried at the very bottom, in one hundredth place, was Jack Johnson.

For his career, Johnson compiled a 79-8 record with 46 knockouts. He could have been of those special few who, despite playing so long ago, go down in history as one of the all-time greats in his respected sport, like Ty Cobb did in baseball, or Red Grange did in football.

However, history has all but forgotten the name Jack Johnson. Why? Simple. He was a victim of circumstance. The circumstance being he was black.

Johnson is sometimes referred to as the "other Jackie" to break the color barrier in sports. In 1908, almost 40 years before Jackie Robinson broke into the major leagues, Johnson became the first black heavyweight champion of the world when he soundly defeated Tommy Burns in 14 rounds.

Granting a presidential pardon wouldn't erase the decades of disgrace that this country has placed upon Johnson's career as a boxer and life as a human being, but it would be progress.

The son of former slaves, Johnson dealt with racial struggles his entire life. Some say Burns wouldn't even have fought a black contender if it weren't for the fact that he was guaranteed $30,000 to large purse back then) to do so. His most publicized fight was against Jim Jeffries, a former heavyweight champion who sportswriters re-ferred to as "The Great White Hope."

Johnson lived a flamboyant life, filled with fast cars, loud music (he played in his own jazz band), a Hollywood-style entourage and lots and lots of women. It was the last one that got him into so much trouble.

In 1913, at the height of his career, Johnson was convicted under the Mann Act for transporting his white fiancee across state lines. According to the United States Department of Justice, the Mann Act, enacted in 1910, prohibited the "transport of females across state lines for immoral purposes." Its primary intent was to "address prostitution and immorality."

Johnson's fiancee, Lucille Cameron, worked as a brothel. Johnson was taking her away from the brothel at the time he was caught by police. The Mann Act was put in place to address the issues of prostitution and immorality in the country, but the fact that Johnson was the first to be convicted under it was no coincidence. Johnson was open about his preference for white women, and made it clear that he felt himself superior to the white heavyweight champs of the day. Many white men at the time, both in boxing and in general, thought he was a threat to society.

Did Johnson do anything wrong? That depends on how technical you want to be. At the time, the laws were clear, although they seem absurd by today's standards. But does Johnson deserve to have his legacy tarnished because of the backwardness of the generation he grew up in? Absolutely not.

Thankfully, steps are being taken to remedy the situation. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., is leading an effort in Congress to pass legislation for a pardon for Johnson.

Last year, the Senate passed a version of the McCain bill, but the House did not vote on it. Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., is now pushing the House version of the bill, according to CBSnews.com.

In a letter to President George W. Bush pushing for the pardon, McCain wrote, "Johnson's conviction was motivated by nothing more than the color of his skin. It injured not only Mr. Johnson, but also our nation as a whole."

The issue over Johnson's potential pardon is not a partisan one, either. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., D-Ill., and Democratic Massachusetts Sens. Edward Kennedy and John Kerry also endorse the pardon. The same can be said for documentary filmmaker Ken Burns, a staunch opponent of the Bush Administration and the creator of the PBS film, "Unforgivable Blackness: The Rise and Fall of Jack Johnson."

Racial equality in the United States has come a long way since the days of Jack Johnson, both in terms of sports and in general. Black athletes, specifically, are prevalent in all major American sports. Most of us who watch sports regularly don't even register that an athlete is white or black when watching a game.

But when you think about it, making Johnson's pardon simply a "fight for African American equality" is only part of the issue. It is more than a black man being pardoned for an unjust conviction. It's about admitting the past wrongs of our country's legal system, and working towards the process of healing and forgiveness.

Granting a presidential pardon wouldn't erase the decades of disgrace that this country has placed upon Johnson's career as a boxer and life as a human being, but it would be progress. As Rep. Jackson put it, the pardon would "reaffirm America's dedication to fairness and justice for all." It would be the first step in restoring the legacy of one of the greatest heavyweight champions of all time. It would finally clear the name of someone whose name deserves to be cleared.

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Apathy on its way out



Becky Martins

Apathy is becoming a growing trend in today's world. Whether it is in regards to politics, current events or just concern for others, people are slowly losing interest in simply having interest at all.

As college students, we are of the age in which boundaries are pushed. We venture out for the first time and experience life solo. We find ourselves away from the watchful eyes of parents, teachers etc. and left to make our own decisions. One would think having such freedom would allow us to begin finding ourselves and shaping our own "person." However, many people seem indifferent to understanding life at a deeper level and remain stubborn to enlightenment or change.

Most commonly, individuals appear to be apathetic to the world around them. I even experienced this firsthand when trying to find a topic for this column. For inspiration, I asked my peers if they felt passionately about any current event occurring globally, nationally or locally. Yet I was met only with many versions of the same response: "I don't watch the news, read the newspaper, etc. so how would I know?"

It is disheartening to think people have no interest in what is happening around them, whether they are directly involved or not. Yes, we may feel unaffected in our UMass Amherst "bubble," but that is no excuse to forget about reality outside of it. At college, we are learning to become tomorrow's leaders, but this surely cannot be achieved if we do not look beyond our own problems.

What is even sadder of a realization is that this extreme lack of concern is affecting younger generations. Upon going home for Spring Break, I visited my old AP English teacher from high school and spoke to his current class about college life. At first, the question/answer session went well, but then a comment was made that was shocking. One of the students randomly spoke up halfway through our meeting, saying, "You know what I hate, people who are into politics."

At first, all I could do was remain speechless, trying to comprehend that someone could think, let alone verbalize, such an idea. I tried to stress the importance of standing for something to the class, hoping no one else thought similarly. But essentially, the question of "Was this girl an exception or did more people actually think similarly?" was on my mind the rest of the day.

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Apathy, however, also extends beyond not watching the news, hating politics, etc. Though it is becoming increasingly better, some individuals still have a lack of concern for their peers and problems they face. As made evident this fall, UMass has work to do in uniting its student body regarding racial, religious and lifestyle differences. Incidents that occurred on campus have driven some people apart and made it an even harder task of gaining campus-wide acceptance.

But if people tried to relate to others, though they may not be able to fully, would there be such ill will? Obviously, the world is not a perfect place and issues will always exist among people. However, fewer of them would remain today if they had not occurred at all. Too often, when someone cannot "understand" where another person is coming from, they ignore the potential severity of a situation.

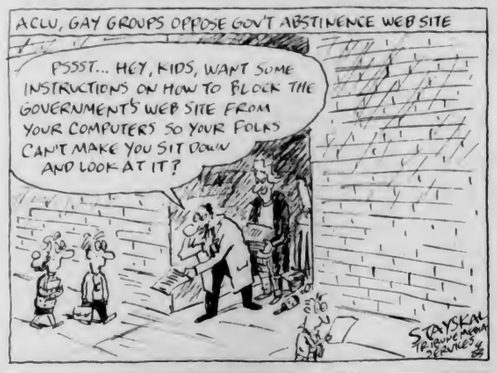
The other individual's problems become insignificant. Those affected are thought to be simply "overreacting." But if this indifference was lifted and people showed true concern and desire to help their peers, the world would be a more positive place. Fewer problems would be created, those existing would be mended and there could be hope for a better future.

In essence, it is time people have an opinion but remain open-minded to other ideas. We should be both aware and involved in the world around us, since one day we will be in charge of it. For if we are not, how can we possibly function successfully within it?

Thus, my advice to everybody is to step up and truly become a "member" of society. Politics may not be the most interesting of subjects, but learn where you stand. Current events may not always prove exciting, but be aware. We, as people, may have differences but also realize we have many common points, as well.

As former NFL Quaterback Steve Bartkowski once said, "If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

GOING TO COLLEGE FOR FREE?

As a college student, it is difficult and even daunting to think about where you'll end up when your four years at UMass are finally over. Perhaps you will continue your education and obtain a master's or a PhD. Or maybe you'll put down the books for good and join the work force.

Whatever you decide to do, it's almost a guarantee that you (and nearly all your fellow classmates) will be in debt and paying off loans for years. In the 1999-2000 school year, 64 percent of students nationwide were handed their diplomas with average debts of approximately $17,000.

The cost of public higher education is becoming a huge issue for lower and middle class students. Here at UMass Amherst, the costs for in-state students alone have skyrocketed to a dizzying 50 percent increase in the last five years.

The empty seats next to you that were once filled may not be a sign of a lazy classmate, but instead could be one that was forced to drop out of school because he or she could not afford the steep financial stresses that current public higher education had placed upon them.

This vital issue, however, is not without a feasible solution. Education is a fundamental right, and should therefore be made available to all those who seek to obtain it, regardless of economic background or class. The foremost question is "how is this accomplished?" And the answer is simple and often overlooked: make it free.

Most people would now say, "well someone has to pay for this." Yes, this fact is unavoidable. The federal government would be responsible for this aspect of the equation.

In 2001 the tuition and fees for four-and two-year institutions were about $32 billon. So how could Uncle Sam pay for our educations when the total cost is a number like that?

A perfect example of the solution is the post-WWII G.I. Bill. This Bill paid for all higher education for eight million veterans, and was extremely successful. A similar plan to make all public higher education free could also be possible if the federal government took certain steps.

A reduction in military spending by a small fraction, a repeal of Bush's tax cuts to the upper one percent of the United States population, or the elimination of corporate tax loopholes are all separate ways that the 32 billion dollars for free public higher education could be obtained. Each suggestion by itself would be more than enough to finance the endeavor.

If an idea like "free college" is such a good idea, then why hasn't anyone been doing anything about it? Across the country there is a national effort to make this goal possible. Here in the Bay State, the Massachusetts Free Higher Education Campaign is working for you and your classmates, as well as for future public college/university students. You may not know it, but this campaign is also alive and well here on the UMass campus.

On Wednesday April 13, there will be a public hearing on the Crisis in Higher Education and about the Free Higher Education Campaign itself. Students and community members will be reading their own testimonials about their struggles with the cost of public higher education. This will be followed by a discussion of the Free Higher Education Campaign with a panel of local legislators and professors. The event takes place at 4:30 p.m. in the Graduate Student Lounge, in the Campus Center. Keep your schedules clear and your eyes open for this important event.

Jill Tessier
UMass student

Caterpillar's danger in the middle east

Ramzi Kanazi

Wednesday, April 13 has been declared the International Day of Action Against Caterpillar. I have spoken about Caterpillar, Inc. in a previous column concerning divestment from Israel. This company has been selling bulldozers to the state of Israel and the Israel Defense Forces since 1967 and in recent years, has undergone significant criticism for continued, direct sales and leasing of their equipment to the state. Several law firms have filed a joint lawsuit against the company.

Caterpillar's website claims that it "strives to meet the responsibilities of global citizenship." In their code of conduct, they state, "Wherever we conduct business or invest our resources around the world, we know that our commitment to financial success must also take into account social, economic, political and environmental priorities."

So why is Caterpillar being criticized and sued? Their business practices seem to run contrary to their statements. Several human rights groups, including Amnesty Inter-national and Human Rights Watch, have alerted Caterpillar, at least since 1998, affirming that the use of their equipment is in contradiction to international law. As early as 1989, the United Nations condemned house demolitions conducted by Israel, which were then recognized as being in violation of international law. Israeli soldiers used Caterpillar bulldozers to demolish those houses.

Again, the problem with Caterpillar stems from its negligent sales to Israel. The company sells bulldozers that are or can easily be armored and equipped for the purpose of wreaking havoc on Palestinians and their homes.

According to one of the firms filing a lawsuit against Caterpillar, The Center for Constitutional Rights, the suit is being filed "on behalf of the parents of Rachel Corrie, the 23-year-old American peace activist and student who was run over and killed by a Caterpillar D9 bulldozer on March 16, 2003." Soldiers intentionally crushed a young woman who was trying to prevent a Palestinian pharmacist's house from being demolished.

She stood in front of it waving her hands while wearing a bright orange top. Two soldiers operated the bulldozer; one was "spotting." The bulldozer then pushed a pile of debris on her legs, trapping her. A number of non-violent protestors yelled and screamed, alerting the bulldozer operators that she could not move, but the machine consequently ran over the young student with it's blade down and did so a second time in reverse. Rachel was pronounced dead shortly thereafter.

The Israeli government and the IDF engage in operations that would make a suicide bomber blush. Because this incident involved a young American peace activist, Caterpillar was notoriously thrust into the media over two years ago. The fact that soldiers used its equipment in numerous human rights violations prior and would continue to use it in this manner was clearly illustrated to the company. Caterpillar must now contend with a lawsuit.

Since 1967, over 10,000 Palestinian homes have been destroyed. The government of Israel routinely engages in collective punishment, destroying the homes of suspected combatant's families. Many of the alleged are not even the terrorists that Israel surmises. The fourth Geneva Convention prohibits collective punishment, and the international community has criticized Israel for this.

Again, the problem with Caterpillar stems from its negligent sales to Israel. The company sells bulldozers that are or can easily be armored and equipped for the purpose of wreaking havoc on Palestinians and their homes. Just as organizations that endorse Palestinian militant groups have their assets frozen and undergo investigations, companies that support Israeli state-sponsored terror must be held accountable.

A city in Ireland may soon vote to become the first Caterpillar Free Zone. According to Electronic Intifada, a leading online portal covering the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Limerick City's "motion calls on the City Council to ban the use of all Caterpillar plant and machinery on Council worksites from Jan. 1, 2006, and calls on all traders in Limerick City to implement a voluntary ban on the sale of Caterpillar merchandise."

A number of U.S. cities, including Santa Cruz, CA, have passed resolutions supporting House Concurrent Resolution 111, which calls upon the U.S. government to investigate the death of Rachel Corrie. We should take it further and follow the lead of Limerick City, encouraging our legislators to work for the establishment of Caterpillar Free cities in the U.S. as well. Organize meetings in your town to support similar measures. Call or write your state representatives. Do something on campus. (After watching what's going on with Chancellor Lombardi and Vice Chancellor Gargano, it might be easier to do something where you can actually make a difference. You know: start with less authoritarian regimes.)

I explains that Caterpillar shareholders will meet to discuss a "resolution on the sale of bulldozers to Israel" in two days — April 13 — the International Day of Action Against Caterpillar. Now is the time to flood the company with letters and emails urging it to stop aiding illegal home demolitions. Human Rights Watch has sample letters that people can use when writing to Caterpillar.

It's time that we in America apply our moral standards universally. If we choose to impose sanctions against our "enemies" for their rogue actions, then we should discourage similar behavior from those, which we claim as allies. Help stop Caterpillar now.

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'Spawning' a nation of comic book fans



Campus Collectors

By Mackenzie Issler
Collegian Correspondent

Wednesdays are a key day in the life of a comic book collector. On this day, new issues hit the shelves in comic book stores across the country.

Robert Grover, a resident of Amherst, and a UMass alum, has been running comic book stores for the past six years. Presently, he works at Sidekicks Inc in Hadley, Mass.

According to Grover, anywhere from 50 to 100 people go to his store on Wednesdays. The customers range from children to the elderly. "My oldest customer is 72," he said. He, himself, has been collecting since 1974.

Graham Jorge, a junior Communications major at UMass, is a dedicated comic book collector. In his ideal world, he would be able to buy comic books every Wednesday, but like most college students, money is scarce.

Much of Jorge's day revolves around comic books. If he is not reading one, he is on a message board of his favorite comic book writer, Brian Michael Bendis, discussing the latest in the realm of comic books. "I get into my own world when I am reading any book, but especially so with comics," he said.

"Powers" by Brian Michael Bendis and "Y The Last Man" by Brian K. Vaughn are two of Jorge's favorite comic book series.

"Powers" is not your typical superhero comic, according to Jorge. The main protagonists in this comic are two detectives who deal with superpower related homicides. "It is not about the capes, it is more of a crime drama," he said.

"Y The Last Man" is about a boy named York, and his monkey Ampersand. These two are the only surviving males after a plague occurred and killed everything with the Y chromosome.

Jorge had his first experience with comic books when he was ten-years-old. His mother, a registered nurse, would buy him packs of comic books from the nearest Cosco. The pack would contain various comic books.

"She bought them for me to keep me busy, so I would be quiet and not complain when we were driving, and when we were going to one of my brother's soccer games," said Jorge.

"Spawn" was the first comic book that Jorge actively followed. He fell out of comic books for a couple years. "I was just really broke, and I was playing a lot of soccer," explained Jorge. In college, a senior English major gave him a comic book to read, and this rekindled his passion for comic books. Currently, he owns thousands of comic books, all of which are bagged and boarded, in comic book boxes under his dresser. His collection keeps growing, because the stories continue on.

Comic book collecting is

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Is collecting an addicting practice?

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very addicting. The stories are very engaging and interesting. A collector has his or her initial experience with comic books, and it exposed to a world that they did not know existed. The collector keeps going make for more, so he or she can finish the story.

Comic book collecting is not simply about following the latest superhero and villain. Comic books contain elaborate storylines, complemented with beautiful art work. From their inception, comic books were never meant for kids. It is has always been a medium that deals with adult issues.

There are comic books of every genre. There are horror comics. There are comic books about living life in modern day society and dealing with relationships and failures. There are comic books about the insecurities about being teenager, voices cracks and all. There are comic books dealing with the hard issue of death. There are superhero comics.

"It is not just about capes, it is about individuals who have these outstanding powers," said Jorge. Some comic books take on very serious subject matter, such as the Holocaust and Middle Eastern relations. No matter what you are looking for, a story exists about what you want in comic book form.

Comic books do not just depend on the written word. The written word is complemented beautifully with the artwork contained in its pages. These two work together to produce a story, both portrayed by word and visual art.

It is not an unusual sight to see Stephen Swift with a cigarette in on hand and a book in the other. An English major at UMass, had his first encounter with comic books, due to his father.

"He brought a big box down from the attic when I was four or five, and I got hooked," said Swift.

At a young age, Swift was attracted to comic books because of their visual nature. He liked the sequence of pictures, and the combination of colors. Now, he has learned to appreciate the way the narrative is produced through the symbiosis of text and the visual element.

Rather than releasing the story in single issues over the course of months, the graphic novel contains the entire story in one large text. Swifty, as friends call him, said "That might just be because keeping with the series makes me crazy...I like to devour what I read, not wait a week or two for the next installation," he said.

Swift likes to evaluate the different literary and visual elements of the graphic novel. He evaluates the literary elements, such as foreshadowing and the different themes present in the novel. He also gives attention to the visual aspects, such as the use of color and the repetition of symbols, both literary and visual.

"Jimmy Corrigan's The Smartest Guy on Earth" by Chris Ware is a favorite of Swift. It is his favorite to the extent that he wrote a 15-page paper defending it. It is a graphic novel that spans three generations of men in the Corrigan family in Chicago, Illinois.

Comic book collecting is not just a male dominated-hobby. Presently, the rising groups of consumers are teenage girls that are attracted to manga. Manga is a Japanese style of comic. They are short little books, with their own unique visual style.

A fantasy enthusiast and admirer of manga, Bethany Sherwood is a junior English major at UMass. Three years ago, her interest in manga was sparked after seeing the movie, "Battle Royale." She then wanted to know about the manga that the movie was based on.

One of Sherwood's favorite manga series is "Uzumaki" by Junji Ito. This series is about a small coastal Japanese town that is overrun with spirals, and the spirals influence on its inhabitants. The spirals slowly possess or turn the people of this Japanese town mad.

"His (Junji Ito) work is classically illustrated, which makes his subject matter all the more jarring — at first, you're merely struck by how beautiful Ito's work is, and then you're caught off guard by what's occurring on the pages," she said.

Comics are a more accepted medium of storytelling now, than they once were. With the heightened presence of comics in the popular culture and success of movies like Spider Man, more people are being exposed to comics, increasing the number of readers. As so well put by Graham Jorge, "Give it a try before you knock it."



The illustration of Junji Ito has been the subject of much discussion amongst comic book fans as of late, including UMass students.

Teaching help from Archie and Batman

By Billy Defrain
Daily Nebraskan (U. Nebraska)

LINCOLN, Neb. – Rocco Versaci was looking for a new way to get students interested in literature.

Tapped to teach the English 270: Pop Literature class at Palomar College in San Marcos, Cal., Versaci said one of his biggest concerns was lighting student apathy toward literature.

So he gave his students comics.

And now, "I have students reading ahead and rereading. I have students coming up to me saying they're excited for the next reading."

The class was so successful that Versaci was able to create a new class at the college: Comics as Literature.

"People think of Archie and Batman ... it's really a much more complicated art and literary form than people give it credit for," Versaci said.

This semester the class — with consistently full enrollment — has two texts: "Watchmen," written by Alan Moore, and Issue 13 of the literary magazine "McSweeney's," devoted entirely to comics.

Versaci said part of why he likes teaching comics in class is to destroy people's stereotypes of the often-maligned medium, reminding his students that it wasn't too long ago film as an academic study wasn't accepted in the academic world.

And Versaci's not alone. Comic classes have surfaced across the country, but not always with ease. So the National Association of Comics Art Educators — a non-profit, comic advocacy group - was formed to help teachers promote not just comic literature but comic drawing classes as well.

"There's a lot of people that are teaching comics as studio classes and within English departments who teach comics as fiction," said Ben Towle, assistant director of NACAE.

"It can be a hard sell to a dean or a head of a department," Towle said, so the group created a Web site, Teachingcomics.org, as an online resource with academic papers on comics, syllabi, handouts and study guides for teachers wanting to start a comics class.

Just as the aim of a traditional literature class isn't necessarily to prepare students for a career in writing or publishing, comics are a means of building visual literacy, Towle said.

"I've found it's an easier sell to sort of affirm people's stereotypes ... it can be helpful to have a lot of comics that are similar to what you'd read in an English 101 class, books about normal people," Towle said.

Titles like "Ghost World" by Daniel Clowes and "American Splendor" by Harvey Pekar, given more attention from recent movie adaptations, exploit not the fantastic but the mundane, making comics a more accessible medium for some people — or at least less juvenile — than the stereotypical caped superheroes in tights.

The tricky part in getting teachers and administrators to open up to comics, Towle said, is that "comics as a medium are judged by its worst examples ... there's no escaping the fact that there's some bad stereotypes of comics, much of it well deserved ... but the fact that Danielle Steele writes novels doesn't mean you shouldn't read 'Great Expectations.'"



COURTESY FINE LINE FEATURES

Paul Giamatti starred in "American Splendor," the autobiographical film about the life of comic book creator Harvey Pekar.

"Not to say that 'Watchmen' is a bad book, but when you open it up it's a bunch of people in tights," Towle said. And for a faculty member proposing a comics class to a department chair, that's not always helpful.

Yet Versaci said he didn't have much difficulty in getting English 290: Comics as Literature approved. Neither did English graduate student Eric Sergeant when he proposed using "Watchmen" as text for an English 101 class here at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Sergeant said the graphic novel seemed like an obvious choice for the class, which is centered on themes of playing god in literature.

"We're trying to show multiple levels. Comics are a good way to get people thinking like that, and 'Watchmen' has some great character development."

Sergeant likened a good comic to a good film, where the director has complete control of everything inside the frame.

"Every panel moves the story forward for a certain reason," Sergeant said.

But for teachers like Sergeant and Versaci, the most important thing is to get students thinking and reading about literature.

"A really talented artist and writer can combine a word and an image to create a new meaning in a completely different way," Versaci said.

New novel revisits Wolfman's 'Crisis'

By Bill Radford
The Gazette (Colorado Springs, Colo.)

It was an unparalleled crisis for DC Comics heroes _ and a must-read for comics fans.

In 1985, the 12-issue "Crisis on Infinite Earths" transformed the DC universe by eliminating the concept of multiple Earth's parallel worlds with different versions of DC's heroes.

In the process, some characters, such as Supergirl and Barry Allen, a.k.a. the Flash, were killed. Many more were simply wiped out of existence.

Whether the sprawling series by writer Marv Wolfman and artist George Perez achieved its goal of simplifying the DC universe is debatable. But its impact is undeniable.

Twenty years later, Wolfman is revisiting "Crisis" with a novel being released this month by ibooks.

But don't look for a simple novelization of the famed comic-book series.

"There was no reason to replicate in prose what was in the comic, so I had to come up with something that was far more interesting than that," Wolfman said in a phone interview from Tarzana, Calif.

The result is "very much a brand-new concept in many ways," he added.

The hook he found was to have the Flash narrate much of the story. In this case, dead men do tell tales. Though the Flash is killed off about halfway through the comic-book series, his ability to move through time means he could visit the story at any point, even events that happened after his death.

"I wanted to do a story about what it's like to actually be the character," Wolfman said. "These books are told at a distance, especially something like 'Crisis,' which had 400-something characters.

"But this, this is a very personal story. It's about Barry."

It's not just the Flash's point of view that is different. Although the major scenes from the comic-book series are still there, such as the death of Supergirl, Wolfman also added much new material.

The last time he had tackled a novel was 30 years ago, so he was a bit daunted by the challenge. "I really wanted to make sure it was well-written. A novel is more internal and more descriptive than a comic book. Comics visualize the story for you. Here I had to visualize it for readers who had never read 'Crisis.'"

You don't have to know decades of DC continuity to understand the novel, Wolfman said. "It's very much the type of story that someone brand new can enjoy."

Meanwhile, DC is building up to a new crisis, "Infinite Crisis," in the fall. The company is mum on the details, but the just-released "Countdown to Infinite Crisis," a tale encompassing much of the DC universe, makes clear that something big is in the works. As DC says, the clock is ticking.



It was recently announced that a film version of the DC Comics creation, Wonderwoman will soon be in the works.

WHO IS YOUR WONDER WOMAN?

Silver Pictures recently announced it had signed Joss Whedon, creator of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," to write and direct a movie featuring DC Comics' Wonder Woman.

The movie looks to be in good hands. Whedon knows how to craft stories featuring strong women and he knows comics: Check out his topnotch writing on Marvel's "Astonishing X-Men."

So now the big question is: Who will play Wonder Woman? Whedon told TV Guide that casting is the furthest thing from his mind, but it's not too early to start speculating. A few years ago, my first and only choice would have been Catherine Zeta-Jones. I still wouldn't mind seeing the 35-year-old actress in the role if she can be torn away from those T-Mobile commercials but Whedon says he'll probably be looking for someone in her 20s.

Who's your choice? E-mail your casting suggestions to me at comics@Tgazette.com.

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Minutemen topple St. John's

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ECAC) were sparked by a tremendous effort by their freshman goalie, Dave Saccente, who made a career-high 18 saves, most of them coming in the highlight reel variety.

"He made so many point-blank saves," Morris said, "robbed me about two or three times, Jeff [Zywicki] two or three times, Geno [Tundo]. A lot of credit goes to their goalie. He played excellent."

"Anytime you make 18 saves in a game, regardless of what the score is, you did a great job," Cannella said. "He was solid in there. Obviously, he kept them in the game early, and throughout the game he was the reason why they were in the game."

St. John's also played a tough zone defense through periods in the game, particularly the first half, concentrating on eliminating UMass' inside offense that is so dangerous because of the cutters who have the ability to find holes and finish the ball off a pass.

"When they went to the zone that one time, they shut us down pretty good on it, and I don't know why they switched out of it because we weren't beating it," Zywicki said. "Their defense was keeping it inside and giving us the outside shots and making us beat our men. Eventually, once we figured it out, we got it done."

The Minutemen built a 5-1 lead with 2:09 to play in the first half, but goals by SJU's Tom Michaelsen and Justin O'Donnell – who scored four times in the contest – cut the edge to 5-3 heading into the half.

UMass came out of the gates scorching in the third quarter, though, using six consecutive goals from Tundo, Pat Larmon, Zywicki, Morris, Garber and Clay Stabert to push the advantage out to 11-3.

O'Donnell answered the call again and closed out the third period scoring with a goal at the :02 mark of the third frame to get the Red Storm within seven, but UMass notched the first three goals of the fourth quarter to give it a 14-4 lead.

Zywicki opened the run with his fourth goal of the game, then sophomore Mike Gangas and freshman Fred Federico each contributed with their first career goals to round out the Gorilla offense.

The Maroon and White scored the first two goals of the game off the sticks of Zywicki and Chris Doyle before O'Donnell got the Red Storm on the board with 4:9 seconds to play in the first quarter.

Goals by Morris, Brian Jacovina and Zywicki to open the second quarter gave the Minutemen a four-goal lead before St. John's trimmed the margin to two before halftime.

NOTES: UMass senior attackman Gene Tundo's goal at the 13:58 mark of the third quarter gave him his 100th career point. It only took him 72 seconds to score his 101st point, as he recorded an assist on Pat Larmon's goal, which gave UMass a 7-3 lead...

Minuteman defenseman Dan Whipple picked up a career-high eight groundballs. He had 17 on the season heading into the game, also his career total, as he didn't record any last year, his freshman campaign.

"Danny has been one of the hardest workers we have," Cannella said. "He's first to every meeting, every practice, every film session, first guy there all the time. It's not a coincidence why he's performing the way he is."...

The 1,506 fans who showed up at Garber Field on Saturday were a season-high through UMass' five home games. The previous high was 938 on March 19, a 12-5 UM victory over Brown. Last year's biggest crowd was on May 8, when 2,300 fans came out to watch UMass' season finale, a 9-6 upset over No. 10 Rutgers...

Red Storm freshman midfielder Justin O'Donnell scored twice in the waning seconds of the second and third quarters. He cut UMass' lead to 5-3 when he beat goalie Bill Schell with 2:4 seconds left in the first half, and he scored his third of the game and 16th of the year with 2:5 seconds to play in the third quarter...

This is the first edition of the St. John's men's lacrosse team since 1994, when the university dropped the program. The team was reinstated in 2003 when SJU axed football. Coach Rick Sowell spent all of 2004 recruiting before this season got underway. The Red Storm field 26 freshmen, and nine of them start.



GUILLERMO KAREN/BMDB

UMass senior goalkeeper Bill Schell lunges for a save during the Minutemen's 14-6 victory over St. John's on Saturday afternoon.

UMass keeps on rolling

By Jon Pelland
Collegian Staff

Saturday's match was an epic four-hour battle between two very evenly matched tennis teams.

The Massachusetts women's tennis team (14-6 4-0 Atlantic 10) was finally able to exercise its Boston University demons, beating the Terriers (8-6) 4-3 Saturday in Amherst. In 10 previous meetings between the two schools, UMass was unable to register a victory in any of them. The series dates all the way back to 1978.

"Nobody beats UMass eleven times," UMass coach Judy Dixon proudly proclaimed.

Today is Senior Day in Amherst as the Minutewomen take on Holy Cross (4-9) at the Upper Boyden Courts.

The deciding point could not have been any more dramatic for the Minutewomen, which came from sophomore Michele Spiess in the No. 1 singles slot. Spiess defeated BU freshman Gina Sabatino 6-1, 6-7 (6-8), 6-3, in a match that lasted nearly two and a half hours.

Spiess and Sabatino were very evenly matched all throughout the entire match. In the second set Sabatino battled from behind to force a tie breaker and ultimately took the set.

Twice in the third set Sabatino was down to match point but kept battling and pushed Spiess until the very end. Determined to win the match for her team, Spiess buckled down and closed the door on Sabatino and the rest of the Terriers.

By the closing games of the third set, Sabatino was visibly exhausted but Spiess showed no ill effects of the long match.

"From match one until now, Michele has never wavered and her record speaks to that," Dixon said. "She's tough as nails and a really good competitor."

Dixon also had nothing but high praises for the performance of Sabatino.

"She was amazing," Dixon said. "She was down luv-40, she was down match point twice and each time she got more aggressive and took more chances."

The turning point of the match against BU came with the victory of senior captain Sasha Edelstein in the No. 3 tilt. Edelstein defeated junior Aimee Charest 2-6, 6-0, 6-1.

"Sasha is the emotional leader like I say all the time," Dixon said. "When she turns it around you can hear her and you can feel her and the team starts to ride on that. When she started to play well in the third set you could feel everybody really starting to lift."

All season long Edelstein has been the catalyst for the Maroon and White and she showed why on Saturday.

After getting dominated in the first set, Edelstein looked to be down and out but came out in the second set on fire. The rest of the match she outplayed and outwitted Charest in route to the victory.

Also picking up singles points for UMass were freshman Masha Pozar and junior Jana Bartoloni. In the No. 2 singles Pozar defeated BU sophomore Erin Katims in straight sets 6-1, 6-1.

"Masha has been playing well for the last four or five matches and her confidence is up," Dixon said.



ANDREW TABLEMAN/COLLEGIAN

The UMass women's tennis team defeated Boston University for the first time in 10 meetings.

Bartoloni competed in her usual No. 6 slot on Saturday. She was also able to beat her opponent, junior Cheri Lapane, in straight sets 6-2, 6-3.

Dropping their matches for the Minutewomen were juniors Dorothy Iwanowicz and Susan Johnson.

Iwanowicz lost to freshman Katarina Draganova in straight sets 4-6, 0-6 while competing in the No. 4 slot. The entire match Iwanowicz was visibly frustrated, throwing her racket down between each game.

Johnson's No. 5 match was one of three singles matches that went all three sets. Terrier junior Monica Shepherd defeated Johnson 3-6, 6-2, 4-6.

"Susan played a very good match that could have gone either way," Dixon said. "She broke her only other racket in the third set so she wasn't even able to finish the match with her own racket."

For the first time in eight matches the Minutewomen weren't able to pick up the doubles point.

"We lost the doubles point which is difficult for us," Dixon said. "We rely on that doubles point."

The lone doubles victory came from the No. 1 duo of Johnson and Iwanowicz. The two were able to defeat the team of junior Laura Ahmes and Katims by a score of 8-6.

The match was very close the entire time. Iwanowicz and Johnson did struggle at one point losing five straight games.

Losing at No. 2 were Spiess and Pozar by a count of 8-5. Edelstein and Bartoloni also lost in the No. 3 slot, 8-5.

On Friday the Minutewomen extended their winning streak to six matches defeating Quinnipiac 6-1 in Hampden, Conn.

Picking up singles victories for the Minutewomen were Spiess, Pozar, Edelstein, Iwanowicz in the No. 1-4 slots respectively. Bartoloni also picked up a win in the No. 6 position.

UMass swept the doubles matches to pick up the point for the seventh straight match. Victors included Iwanowicz and Johnson at No. 1, Spiess and Pozar at No. 2 and Bartoloni and Edelstein at No. 3.

UMass gets swept at home

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The Minutemen responded in the fourth when senior Derrick Durepo scored on a wild pitch after he singled to lead off the inning.

Duquense added an insurance run in the seventh to push the lead to 3-1.

In the bottom of the seventh, sophomore Anthony Santos reached base after being hit by a pitch. With a runner on first and down by two runs, senior outfielder Jason Twomley smashed a homerun over the right center fence in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game at three and send it into extra innings.

Twomley hit safely in all three games this weekend to extend his career-best hit streak to 11 games. Twomley went 4-for-12 on the weekend with two home-runs, five runs batted in and three runs.

"Twomley is playing very well and he is finally turning into the player I thought he could be," Stone said. "He's producing and hitting the ball when it matters. That's what we need more of and I wish people would feed off him a little bit."

Junior pitcher Matt Torra went ten innings, giving up three earned runs on 11 strikeouts before being replaced in the 11th. Junior David Sullivan then took the mound and gave up three runs, though only one was earned.

UMass could not respond and dropped the decision, 6-3. Torra now has a 1.50 ERA in seven starts with a 1-2 record. Adam Haun picked up the win for the Dukes, pitching the four extra innings and allowing just two hits.

"[Torra] was outstanding," Stone said. "He's been great every time and it's unfortunate that we can't get enough runs to help him. We should have won that ball game. When he goes out there, I expect to win."

In the second Saturday game, Duquense again got the board first when Grecco hit a solo homer over the right field fence.

UMass took the lead on Twomley's second homerun of the afternoon came in the second inning when he launched a 400-foot plus shot off the ice rink and gave UMass 4-1 lead. A wild pitch that scored freshman Brian Garrity made Twomley miss the grand slam by one pitch.

Duquense quickly responded with three runs off four hits to lead off the inning, including Morrison triple to right center to tie the game.

Minutewomen fall to Hawks

WOMEN'S LAX from page 10

UMass's preparation.

"Yeah we watched films, I mean the girl's got 43 goals coming into this game so yeah we watched a lot of tape, we studied her and I pretty much knew her in and out," St. Hilaire said. "She only scored today from about eight meters, which is pretty good. I think I was well prepared for her and she's a phenomenal player, she's a freshman and she's already got 43 goals so she's obviously doing something right."

A less obvious hero of the game was sophomore defender Erica Shapiro who took control of her team's struggling transition game and single handily cleared the ball throughout the game. A frequent problem has been turnovers while clearing the ball, but Shapiro eliminated that flaw by securing the ball on both ends of the field.

"I think Erica Shapiro did a great job, she took the ball by the horns and ran the ball through the midfield probably 10, 15 times and she's so big, so strong, so confident out there, just wanting the ball, she knew what to do with it and was smart with it," UMass head coach Carrie Bolduc said. "Saint did a good job containing their freshman No. 20, Kath (Typudis) certainly put the ball away, you know everyone did a good job overall but Erica did a really nice job for us running through the midfield which is what we needed. It's almost like under pressure we tend to do better."

Any success the Minutewomen have had this year has been short lived though as they haven't won two consecutive games. The outcome looked hopeful for UMass on Sunday against Saint Joseph's as they came back from down three and scored five straight goals to take a 7-5 lead with 20 minutes left in the game. However, the Minutewomen failed to score again in the game and allowed the Hawks to score the game's last five goals.

Not coincidentally, UMass's senior leader St. Hilaire left the game for good as she hobbled off the field with 15 minutes remaining. From that point on the Minutewomen were outplayed by the Hawks' offense and had trouble gaining possession.

"It could have been, but you know you can just blame it on one person, I think other people can do her job just as easily so she's not our entire team," Bolduc said.

Kelley still focused on winning

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injury. In the games preceding her injury, Kelley had to make due with her lame foot, sometimes hobbling to first base and working through the injury. Sortino saw a big improvement in the practices leading up to the GW as Kelley proved her recovery when knocking the ball out of the park.

"It was great contact. That was a shot," Sortino said. "I was pleased to see her at the plate look like that. She really gave a great effort."

Kelley, along with her teammates, look at statistics and records as a unimportant facet of the game with one idea in mind: winning. After a collapse against Fordham a week ago, losing two games, and a 2-2 A-10 record, Kelley looked at the win against GW as an essential. Although she made history, it is the win that Kelley truly cared about.

"Whether it's the No. 1 team in the league or the last team in the league, it doesn't really matter," Kelley said. "Each team can win on any given day."

The record-tying homerun was part of a seven hit, eight run third inning for UMass that capped off the shutout. Senior pitcher Barb LaFogg was pleased with the performance by Kelley and is appreciative of the hitting job her teammates put out.

"I think it's absolutely great to have the team behind me scoring a lot of runs, where I could just worry about attacking the pitch," LaFogg said. "We were really fortunate that the team was hitting great in the first game."

With 26 homers accumulated over her career, Kelley is now just one away from standing alone in the record books. She is one of many players under Sortino that hold numerous records in both UMass and the Atlantic 10.

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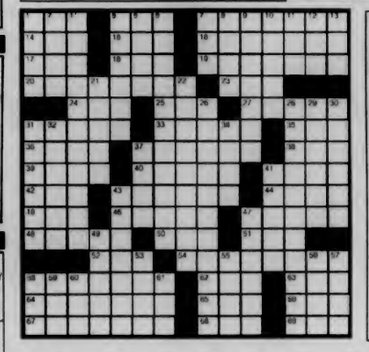
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libra • Sept. 23-Oct. 22
This year is the year to start wearing shorts, if ever there was a year.

scorpio • Oct. 23-Nov. 21
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UMass rolls over St. John's

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

After St. John's rallied to score two goals in the final 76 seconds of the first half to cut the lead to 5-3, Massachusetts men's lacrosse coach Greg Cannella ripped into his team during intermission.

From there, his players responded with the first six goals of the third quarter to help dispose of the Red Storm by a score of 14-6 at Garber Field on Saturday.

UMass	14
SJU	6

The Minutemen (7-2 2-1 ECAC) take the field again when they travel to Hobart on Saturday to take on their newly added ECAC opponent.

Jeff Zywicki and Sean Morris once again paced UMass to victory, as Zywicki scored four times and Morris contributed with two goals and three assists.

Morris, who was recently added to the Tewaaraton Watch List and leads the team with 13 assists and 35 points, plus is tied with Zywicki for a team-high 22 goals, has notched eight assists in the last two games.

"My teammates are just getting open and finishing the ball," Morris said. "Before, [defenders] weren't sliding so fast, and I was just getting my shots off. Now, it's either I'll get [the shot] or I won't, and somebody will be open. I'm able to just dish the rock, and guys are finishing."

He also attributed the team's solid second half to Cannella's halftime speech.

"The coach really laid into us at halftime and really challenged us, and we were able to respond in the second half," Morris said. "I think we played well in the first half, but we just didn't finish our opportunities."

The Red Storm (2-8 0-4

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COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Senior attackman Jeff Zwicki takes the ball down the field during the Minutemen's 14-6 victory over St. John's on Saturday. Zwicki had four goals in the game increasing his season total to 22 on the season, tying him for most on the team.

Minutemen fall at home to Duquesne

By Todd Foster
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts baseball team is still searching for an answer to its losing streak after dropping a pair of close games to Duquesne on Saturday, 6-3 in 11 innings and 6-5. But Sunday was a different story, as UMass was shut out 9-0 by the Dukes to conclude the weekend series at Earl Lorden Field.

Duquesne	6
UMass	3

Duquesne's weekend sweep pushes UMass' losing streak to 12 games. The Minutemen's next chance to break the streak comes when they host Connecticut at Earl Lorden Field Tuesday at 3 p.m.

"It's a game of streaks and we got to start on a different kind of streak," UMass coach Mike Stone said. "I didn't expect this to happen. We're back at full strength and we expected to play better. I knew this year was going to be difficult, but I didn't think it would be this difficult.

"We just need to stay positive and play like we expect to win. We got to make breaks for ourselves. It's a struggle."

Duquesne	9
UMass	0

Duquesne benefited from seven unearned runs in the fifth and sixth innings on Sunday. The Dukes opened up an early 1-0 lead on UMass in the top of the first when junior Steve Maiolo's single that scored redshirt freshman Nolan Pena.

In the fifth, Duquesne broke the game wide open with five runs on two-out rally. Maiolo started the rally when he reached on an error by shortstop Bryan Adamski.

After two flyouts and sophomore Joe Erletic's double, freshman Dante Plassio reached on a walk to load the bases for freshman Patrick Kimutis, who singled down the right field line to drive in two runs. Pena followed suit by ripping a single through the left side to score Plassio from third. Freshman Eric Morrison then doubled down the left field to score both runners.

All five runs in the fifth were unearned due to Adamski's error. The Dukes added two more unearned runs in the sixth.

Demers was the losing pitcher in the effort, moving his record to 1-5 after giving six runs, with only one earned on 12 hits; he also struck out four. Redshirt freshman Jermey Gerger received the win after pitching five scoreless innings, allowing four hits and three walks.

In the first game on Saturday, Duquesne notched a run in the second and fourth inning to jump out 2-0.

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Minutewomen sweep Colonials

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

It was a tale of two games that produced two different outcomes as the Massachusetts softball team (15-11-1 4-2 Atlantic 10) swept George Washington (8-20 3-3 A-10) in a doubleheader last Saturday at home.

The Minutewomen return to the field tomorrow when they play the University of Connecticut.

UMass	11
GW	0

After a non-conference doubleheader last Wednesday in which the Maroon and White swept Maine, UMass proceeded to pickup where it left off.

Game 1 featured a lopsided score as UMass defeated GW 11-0, increasing its win-streak to four. The run scoring began right off that bat in the first inning, with the Minutewomen heating up early. Following a steal home by junior KJ Kelley, freshman Lauren Proctor singled to right field, driving senior Denise Denis in for the second run of the day. After a scoreless second inning, the Minutewomen ran up the score in the third, with virtually everyone in the lineup getting into the action. Proctor added to her first inning hit by bringing in two more scores with a RBI double to center field.

UMass	2
GW	1

"We hit the ball really well," senior Hilary Puglia said. "We know what we're capable of and we feel good about what we did."

With the game opening up for the Maroon and White, Puglia doubled, driving in junior Kristi Stefanoni and then Kelley produced two more runs as she homered to left field (her 26th home run of her career, which ties a school record). With the score at 11-0 after the third, the game was ended in the fifth inning due to the mercy rule (if a team is ahead by ten or more runs at the end of the fifth inning, the game is called). The 11 run differential was the biggest UMass has earned all season and the players were pleased with the win.

"It's a huge win, being 2-2. Every Atlantic 10 game from here on out is huge," Kelley said. "We're looking to dominate each and every one of those games to go to Rhode Island for that A-10 Championship."

Throughout the five innings, senior pitcher Barb LaFogg allowed one hit while striking out 11 batters. LaFogg (10-7) continues to add to her yearly strikeout count, which is now at an A-10 high 117 in her 18 appearances.

The second game of the day turned out to be a different story than the previous blowout. The hitting slowed down for UMass and the Colonials continued their offensive slump. Although the Minutewomen racked up 11 runs in the first three innings of Game 1, they went on to manage just one run throughout over six innings of Game 2. The only run was the result of a solo homerun by sophomore Amanda Morin, which was rocked over the right field fence.

"Well the pitcher didn't throw us very many strikes. I think we were just hanging around like we were going to see the same pitching we saw in the previous game where we saw a lot of strikes," Sortino said. "We were fortunate that Amanda put that ball out early and she got a hold of that pitch."

Defensively, the Maroon and White continued to grasp a one run lead as junior pitcher Jenna Busa, who recorded 10 strikeouts on the day, did not allow a single run or hit in the first five innings. Down by one with one inning left in the contest, GW managed to tie it up in the seventh with starting pitcher Gabby Culp singled, driving in the tying runner.

At the bottom of the seventh, Sortino hoped to break the deadlock. Morin led off, getting on base off of an error. Sortino made the decision to put pinch hitting sophomore Amanda Acampora in the lineup. The sophomore then advanced the runners, singling a grounder up the middle that the GW pitcher was unable to handle.

"Bringing in Acampora, who I think, if the ball's going to be on the plate, she's a good run and hit kind of person," Sortino said. "She did what she needed to do, put the ball on the ground. Coming in off of the bench, that was a huge hit."

With two on base, the rest was left up to Puglia, who then cranked out a linedrive to center field, giving UMass the win. Puglia had three hits and one RBI. In Game 2, while Morin's homerun was the first of her career. Holding the Colonials to one run the entire day, the Minutewoman defense felt proud of its accomplishment.

"Jenna pitched a good game, so it was good that we could get her some runs," Morin said. "I just thought we had to push back, they were coming at us and we had to push harder back at them."

With the down to the wire win, UMass adds to its 77 unbeaten games at the UMass Softball Complex and records its second straight doubleheader sweep.



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Freshman Lauren Proctor leads the Minutewomen in average, batting .365 on the year.

Kelley ties school HR record

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

Fans, players and coaches alike knew the day was going to come sooner or later.

Ever since junior catcher KJ Kelley recorded her fourth home-run of the season on March 6, the crowd hushed every time she stepped up to the plate, wondering if it would happen at that moment in time.

On Saturday, in an 11-0 blanking of George Washington, Kelley jogged up to home plate, and ended her 15-game homerun dry streak. As the ball cracked against her bat, it then rocketed over the scoreboard and into the parking lot behind the UMass Softball Complex. The homerun was her fifth of the season and the 26th of her career, which ties the all-time record at UMass.

"It really felt good for myself to have contact with the ball," Kelley said. "It was just a good feeling to see it going."

Although she uncharacteristically failed to homer over a span of more than a month, Kelley missed one game and played sparingly in another due to a right ankle injury that forced her to wear a brace. Prior to Saturday, Kelley led the team in slugging percentage with a mark of .617 and recorded a four homeruns on the season (tying a team high), but had not been hitting the long ball as much as she wanted.

"I've been struggling here as of late," Kelley said. "So it really felt good for myself to have contact with the ball."

UMass coach Elaine Sortino agreed that Kelley had not been making the contact on the ball before the win over GW, but attributed a lot of it to Kelley's



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Junior KJ Kelley steps up to bat during the Minutewomen's double-header against GW. Kelley tied the school home run record at 26.

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UMass splits A-10 weekend

By Ian Kilpatrick
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts women's lacrosse team (4-7 1-1) began their Atlantic 10 section of the season this weekend by beating La Salle (6-6 0-1) 12-11 on Friday afternoon then gave up a two goal lead to Saint Joseph's (4-4 1-1) in the second half on way to losing 10-7.

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The Minutewomen will return to action on Friday when they travel to Olean, New York to take on the 7-3 Bonnies of St. Bonaventure.

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Lindsay Cassel put away two goals against La Salle including the game winner with under two minutes left in the game. The Minutewomen then successfully ran out the clock without a mistake, an improvement for a team that has been inconsistent thus far.

The win kept UMass undefeated in Atlantic 10 openers and 7-0 against La Salle all-time. Freshman standout Kathleen Typadis, who is well on her way to setting the freshman scoring record for UMass, scored a career high five goals, putting her season total at 24 goals to go along with six assists. Kerri Connerty, who has 27 goals so far, added three against the Explorers and talked about the importance of finally winning a close game.

"This is the Atlantic 10's so we needed to come out strong, we had a tough schedule with a lot of top 20 teams, 15 teams so we needed to come out today and prove that playing all those teams was worth it," Connerty said. "They [tough games] taught us never to give up, which I felt was shown today specifically. We're fighters."

Another component of the win was senior captain Kristin St. Hilaire's flawless defense on La Salle's outstanding freshman Emily Bonczek, who entered the game with an amazing 43 goals. Bonczek was held to three goals, all of which she had to work for due to

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Ford Focus campaign launched by S.O.M.

By Dan Terk
Collegian Staff

This semester the Advanced Promotional Strategies class offered by the University of Massachusetts School of Management is working with the New England Ford Dealers and the advertising agency JWT to promote the Ford Focus on campus.

The 20 students in the class have formed an actual marketing firm that they have named "Red Line Marketing." The students have complete creative control over the campaign, which will culminate in a large festival type event called Focus Fest '05 on April 19.

"We had to build a marketing campaign from top to bottom," said Alexandra Weltman public relations department head of Red Line Marketing. Weltman is a senior and one of the few communication majors in the class that mostly consists of marketing students.

Red Line Marketing, in addition to the public relations department, also has a research department, an events department, and a creative/media department, as well as a head coordinator.

Through this program students have been given the chance to "implement all the skills we have learned in our various courses because we have a real client and a real budget with real money" said Weltman.

Josh Fajardo, a member of the public relations department and a junior on the Red Line Marketing team said, "this is the closest thing I have to actual experience."



DAN TERK/COLLEGIAN

Members of the UMass School of Management's "Focus Fest '05" stand outside S.O.M. last Wednesday. The marketing class could receive a $3,000 prize for promoting the automobile.

Before the actual campaign was implemented, Red Line Marketing had to make a presentation to members of the New England Ford dealer's board of directors as well as members of JWT. "While we are the ones coming up with everything creatively," said Weltman, "everything does get run by [the board of directors and JWT]."

After the campaign has come to an end, Red Line Marketing will make another presentation, which will walk though the entire campaign from start to finish, highlighting everything that was done as well as the effectiveness of Focus Fest '05.

The partnerships between companies and students on college campuses are established by a company called EdVenture. The School of Management students at UMass are not the only students to be given this amazing opportunity. Six other schools in the New England are also part of EdVenture's program.

The school that is deemed to have the best campaign by the New England Ford Dealers and JWT will win $5,000, with the second place team winning $1,000. There are also scholarships and internships that individual students can apply for.

"[The campaign] is not really to make students buy the cars…just to get them thinking about it" said Fajardo.

The New England Ford dealers and JWT do not expect that Red Line Marketing and its counterparts on other campuses will actually convince students to go out and buy a Ford Focus. Their goal is to simply get college students to look at the Focus and to enhance its image.

In the past the advanced promotional strategies class, lead by marketing professor Kathleen Debevec, worked on ad campaigns for CitiBank, the GMC Jimmy and the Honda Element.

For more information on Red Line Marketing and Focus Fest '05 visit their Web site at ww.focusfest.info

Israeli beatboxer to play at UMass

By Matt Hoffman
Collegian Staff

Yuri Lane, a human beatboxer, will be presenting in the Cape Cod Lounge on the University of Massachusetts campus at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

Lane is a human beatbox and vocal magician who presents, "From Tel Aviv to Ramallah," a hip travelogue of peace that weaves Palestinian and Israeli voices into a tapestry of the Middle East. He has lived on both sides of the 1967 Green Line, discovering the cultural divide between Israelis and Palestinians as well as the numerous commonalities of the two cultures. He brings the Middle East to life and the vision of Jewish-Arab co-existence through the hip-hop medium of beatbox combined with acting and dance.

This program is the second part of a three-part "Radical Conversation Series," Ruthie Oland, a member the Jewish Campus Service Corps Fellow at the UMass-Amherst Hillel House managed the project.

"This is going to rock. You have never seen anything like this before," said Ruthie.

The idea for this "Radical Conversation Series" was initiated by Oland because she is interested in the arts and culture, which is the reason behind why she was drawn to the Pioneer Valley area.

"I feel that every time I go to a cultural event in this area, I always bump into lots of Jews. Yet none of these events are intrinsically Jewish," Oland said.

"So, why not combine the two?" she said jokingly.

"There's a huge history and emphasis on social justice and progressive ideology in the Jewish tradition," she said.

Examples include Karl Marx and US Supreme Court Judge Ruth Bader Ginsberg, where the Torah commandment "Justice, justice, you shall pursue" hangs on her office wall. Many people involved who were involved in the Civil Rights movement were Jewish, including former presidential candidate Joseph Lieberman (D) who marched in the southern United States to ensure that people of all backgrounds would be allowed the right to vote.

"The reason I am including a conversation piece in each of these events is that I'd like to inspire and celebrate the connection between social justice, political progressiveness and action, with Judaism" said Oland.

When asked how much one person can do in terms of being socially progressive, Oland quotes a passage from the Talmud, a Rabbinic commentary on the Torah.

"It is not your job to complete the work [of saving the world], but neither are you free to abstain from it."

This Series is being co-sponsored by UMass Hillel House, UMass Radical Student Union, UMass Arts Council, Jewish Cultural Council and made possible in part by a Kolker-Saxon-Hallock Family Foundation Engagement Grant.

Police arrest one student in Coolidge

A University of Massachusetts student has been arrested in connection with reports filed by UMass Police Sunday that someone had entered a Coolidge Hall dorm room and struck another person with a belt.

UMPD Sergeant Joseph Mieczkowski said police have determined who the alleged suspect was and obtained an arrest warrant. The suspect was then found and arrested yesterday. Mieczkowski also said that a video camera is believed to be involved.

According to witnesses, police were reportedly keeping watch outside of Coolidge Hall yesterday afternoon before making an arrest around 6:00 p.m.

"There still might be other incidents in the dorm that we are now falling upon." Mieczkowski said.

The party, whom police declined to identify, has been charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and breaking and entering in the night-time for a felony.

—*Casey Novak*

New bill to allow more gay marriages

By Steve LeBlanc
Associated Press

BOSTON — As more states move to outlaw gay marriage, some Massachusetts lawmakers are hoping to make it easier for any same-sex couple to legally marry here.

They're pushing a bill that would lift a state law dating back to 1913 that bars Massachusetts from performing any kind of wedding for an out-of-state couple that would be banned in the couple's home state.

"We like it when couples who are straight come to Massachusetts. Why should we be afraid of gay and lesbian couples coming to Massachusetts?" Josh Frieder of the Freedom to Marry Coalition said.

The proposal is one of eight bills to be heard on Beacon Hill as lawmakers wade back into the gay marriage issue Tuesday, this time minus the throngs of impassioned protesters and phalanxes of satellite trucks that marked a debate last year on a proposed state constitutional amendment.

The 2003 decision by Massachusetts' top court to allow gay marriage has spurred a national backlash. Under the decision, gay couples began marrying in Massachusetts last May.

Kansas recently became the 18th state to pass a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage. Alabama, South Dakota and Tennessee plan elections next year on constitutional bans.

The court decision has also spurred opponents of gay marriage inside Massachusetts.

State Rep. Emile J. Goguen, D-Fitchburg, is sponsoring several of the anti-gay marriage bills, including a new proposed constitutional amendment that would ban gay marriage without providing a civil union option.



COURTESY JASON MICCOLO

Supporters and protestors of gay marriage stand outside the Massachusetts State House in February 2004.

Bolton endures UN confirmation hearing

By Barry Schweid
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — John R. Bolton, a blunt diplomat whose nomination as U.S. ambassador to the U.N. is opposed by most Democrats and some in the foreign policy establishment, pledged Monday to help strengthen an institution that has occasionally "gone off track."

The Bush administration is committed to the success of the U.N., Bolton, the undersecretary of state, said on the first day of his confirmation hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He told lawmakers that "we view the U.N. as an important component of our diplomacy."

President Bush's selection of Bolton last month has stirred controversy because of his expressions of disdain for the United Nations and the blunt criticism he has leveled at North Korea and other countries and arms control treaties.

The committee's top Democrat, Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, expressed his "grave concern" about Bolton's nomination, citing doubts about his "diplomatic temperament," his statements about the U.N. and international laws and treaties, and his leadership on weapons threats in places like North Korea and Iran.

"In my judgment," Biden said, "your judgment about how to deal with the emerging threats have not been particularly useful."

Sen. George Allen, R-Va., however, called Bolton "the absolute perfect person for the job."

Bolton, 56, has served in the past three Republican administrations and been one of his party's strongest conservative voices on foreign affairs issues. He is now the administration's arms control chief.

Bolton was asked about the impact on American standing overseas of the flawed U.S. intelligence on weapons of mass destruction in Iraq — displayed with much fanfare at the U.N. by former Secretary of State Colin Powell. "Unquestionably the failure to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq has led some people to question our goodwill and credibility," Bolton responded.

He noted that the U.N. has both strengths and weaknesses and said that if confirmed he would try to help forge a stronger relationship between the United States and the United Nations, "which depends critically on American leadership." He said he aimed not just to promote American interests at the world body.

Bolton also took a critical tack, saying the U.N. General Assembly needs to focus more on human rights violators and international terrorism.

"We must work to galvanize the General Assembly to focus its attention on issues of true importance," he said.

"Sadly, there have been times when the General Assembly has gone off track," he added, citing the "abominable" resolution that equated Zionism with racism. It



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John Bolton, sits before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Monday. He was confirmed as US ambassador to the UN yesterday.

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Some upset over Law's Pope Mass

By Rachel Zoll
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Cardinal Bernard Law, whose failures to stop sexually abusive priests sparked the worst crisis in American church history, led a Mass for thousands mourning Pope John Paul II at St. Peter's Basilica on Monday after police whisked away a victim protesting outside.

Law celebrated the Mass without disruption, saying in his homily that Italian, Polish and other pilgrims were inspiring in their huge tribute to John Paul. Nearly 3 million mourners flooded Rome for the pontiff's funeral last week.

"In these incredible days, the pope continues to teach us what it means ... to be a follower of Christ," Law said, reading slowly in Italian. "Our faith has been reinforced."

After the service, several worshippers from Europe said they had never heard of Law. American parishioners said they recognized him, but questioned whether the protest was appropriate right after the pope died.

"It's not the time or the place," said Mary Beth Bauer, who lives in



AP PHOTO/ALESSANDRA TARANTINO

Cardinal Bernard Law

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For the record

In yesterday's edition of the Daily Collegian, an incorrect caption was placed underneath a photo of Cardinal Bernard Law on page four. The caption read that Law was accused of child molestation, which is incorrect.

Although Law was at the center of the Boston Catholic sex abuse scandal two years ago, he was never accused of sexual abuse.

The caption also read that he is the subject of protests surrounding church closings throughout the state, which is incorrect. The current leader of the Boston Catholic Archdiocese is Archbishop Sean O'Malley.

The Collegian sincerely apologizes for these errors and any confusion they might have caused.

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Government reopens debate on breast implant restrictions

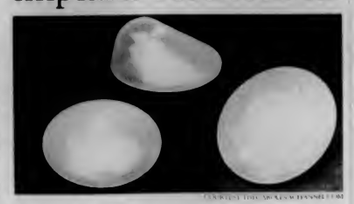
By Lauren Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Thirteen years after most use of silicone-gel breast implants was banned, the government reopened emotional debate Monday on whether to lift the restrictions — despite lingering questions about how often the devices can break inside women's bodies and how bad those breaks really are.

In an extraordinary daylong hearing, dozens of women, many in tears, told federal health advisers of pain and crippling health problems when silicone leaked from broken implants into their breasts and beyond. Others, angry at their difficulty in getting what they called the most natural-feeling implant to rebuild cancer-ravaged breasts or to enlarge small ones, urged the Food and Drug Administration to lift its near-ban.

"My plan to be more beautiful was ironic," said Rebecca Smith-Miles of Michigan, describing how rocklike scar-tissue formed around her gel implants within two years. "I was uglier by the day."

"They poisoned my mother."



Silicone breast implants are currently the subject of government debate. Many feel the silicone implants cause health problems.

said a tearful Brenna Dowd of Boise, Idaho, speaking after her mother, Pamela, told of surgeons having to scrape silicone off her chest wall from broken implants. Pamela Dowd said she still suffers disabling pain, but that, like many implant recipients, she has been denied health insurance.

On the other side, women happy with the gel implants charged that U.S. hurdles to get an option widely available overseas are unfair — and that silicone is used in other medical devices without concern.

"We all deserve to feel beautiful, and if not beautiful at least normal," said Anna Daly of Nashville, Tenn., who received silicone-gel implants in a research study after breast cancer surgery last year. She said today's main option, salt water-filled implants, sloshed in her chest and often wrinkled.

"We have a right to decide what is right for our own bodies," agreed Virginia Silverman of Orange County, Calif., who received gel implants in 2001 and called saline implants too uncomfortable.

Some Catholics upset with Law

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Maine and had followed the abuse crisis and Law's resignation.

But some Catholics said seeing the cardinal presiding over Mass at one of the most significant sites for their faith was another sign that the Vatican did not understand the betrayal parishioners felt that he protected guilty priests.

Barbara Blaine, founder of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, and Barbara Dorris, also a leader of the advocacy group, said the Vatican's choice of Law devastated victims.

"We believe he should take a back seat and stay in the background so Catholics can grieve without having to have the sex abuse scandal in their face," said Blaine, who had flown into Rome just hours before the Mass.

At St. Peter's Square, Blaine planned to distribute fliers, but was quickly surrounded by Italian officers who moved her without incident outside the plaza. The officers did not respond when asked why she was removed, but Blaine said they told her that news cameras were not allowed.

Blaine said she felt compelled to travel to the Vatican from her home in Chicago after learning of Law's public role in memorializing the pope. The Mass is one of nine daily services for the pope for the period of mourning called Novemdiales.

Law resigned as archbishop of Boston in December 2002 after unsealed court records revealed he had moved predatory clergy among parishes for years without telling parents their children were at risk. He has apologized for his wrongdoing.

More than 550 people have filed abuse claims in Boston in recent years, and the archdiocese has paid more than $85 million in settlements. The scandal erupted in Boston in January 2002 and spread nationwide, causing what American Catholic bishops have called the worst crisis in the U.S. church.

After Law's resignation, the pope appointed him archpriest of St. Mary Major Basilica in Rome, one of four basilicas under direct Vatican jurisdiction.

Some church leaders have said the Vatican chose Law to celebrate the Mass because he leads an important church, not as a personal honor.

FBI manhunt launched for S.C. murder, rape suspect

By Pamela Hamilton
Associated Press

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — Authorities have launched a nationwide manhunt for a smooth-talking ex-convict who is suspected of killing two people and who once vowed he would never return to prison in a book he co-wrote with two professors.

Stephen Stanko, 37, is suspected of strangling a female librarian he lived with and shooting a man to death before stealing his pickup truck. A teenage girl also says Stanko raped her.

"He is very dangerous," Horry County police Lt. Andy Christenson said Monday. "Anybody who's capable of doing what he did ... is considered armed and dangerous."

Stanko was released from prison nearly a year ago after serving 8 1/2 years of a 10-year sentence for kidnapping.

Stanko was known as someone who didn't mind talking about his life in prison, so those who knew him were surprised to learn of the new allegations.

"He seemed to feel comfortable letting people know that he was an ex-con," said John Gaumer, who was in a library book group with Stanko. "It didn't seem to bother him."

Stanko co-wrote "Living in Prison: A History of the Correctional System With an Insider's View" while in prison with the help of two criminology professors.

One of the professors, Gordon A. Crews, told Florence television station WBTW he knew Stanko was having a hard time adjusting to life on the outside.



Stephen Stanko is the subject of an F.B.I. manhunt.

"Nobody wants a convicted kidnapper working at Best Buy with them," Crews, a criminal justice professor at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island, "The last time I spoke to him, he was very, very depressed. He was on the verge of giving up," Crews said.

Several calls to Crews and the other professor, William Gillespie, were not returned to The Associated Press.

A week ago, Stanko was fired after working for a month as a salesman for Stucco Supply in Myrtle Beach. Jeff Kendall, the company's general manager, described Stanko as a smooth talker who was upfront about his time in prison, but was unreliable and brought in few sales.

"He wanted to do everything," Kendall said. "I was the one that gave him a chance. I said, 'I'll give you a chance, but from there, it's up to you.'"

Police said one of the victims was 43-year-old librarian Laura Ling, who shared a home with Stanko and was found strangled Friday. The other victim, 74-year-old Henry Lee Turner, was found shot to death in his home Saturday. Stanko and Turner knew each other, but it was not clear what their relationship was, Christenson said.

"We believe that Stanko has targeted senior citizens in the past in an effort to scam them out of money," Christenson said.

US contractor is kidnapped in Iraq

By Tract Carl
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A U.S. contractor was kidnapped Monday in the Baghdad area, the latest in a string of abductions that have forced many foreigners to work here under armed guard. A pickup truck also exploded near a U.S. convoy as it patrolled a crowded market in the troubled city of Samarra, killing at least three people and injuring more than 20 others.

Three suicide bombers also hit a Marine outpost in western Iraq, wounding three Marines and three civilians in an attack claimed by Iraq's most feared terror groups.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman said the American contractor, who was working on a reconstruction project, had been abducted around noon. He refused to release an identity or other details, but said the contractor's family had been informed.

In Samarra, a troubled city 60 miles north of Baghdad, a pickup truck blew up near a U.S. patrol, killing three civilians and wounding more than 20 others, including four U.S. soldiers, officials said. One soldier was evacuated for medical treatment, and the others were treated and returned to duty, the U.S. military said.

Loudspeakers urged residents to donate blood as the wounded poured into the hospital. Most of the injured were women and children, hospital official Abdul Nasir Hamid said. The incident was in the Sunni Triangle, a stronghold of the insurgency.

Early Monday, suicide bombers tried to crash two cars and a fire truck into Camp Gannon in the western desert, but "the drivers of the vehicles were stopped short of the camp by forces manning the checkpoints," a U.S. military statement said.

The vehicles exploded, wounding three Marines and three civilians and causing slight damage to the concrete barriers and a nearby mosque, U.S. officials said.

Insurgents also fired at the camp, which is in the town of Qaim near the Syrian border, and a U.S. attack helicopter destroyed a car carrying a gunman, officials said. It was unclear how many insurgents and suicide bombers were killed in the assault.

Bolton undergoes confirmation to UN

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was repealed in 1991, with Bolton playing a leading role as a State Department official.

Sen. Richard Lugar, the Foreign Relations Committee chairman, talked at length about the controversy over Bolton, saying opponents have criticized him as "abrasive, confrontational and insensitive."

"In the diplomatic world, neither bluntness nor rhetorical sensitivity is a virtue in itself," the Indiana Republican said. "There are times when blunt talk serves a policy purpose; other times it does not."

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., said he had serious questions about Bolton's "commitment to the U.N."

"It is critical we have someone with respect for diplomacy, who believes in the United Nations despite its flaws," he said.

"I'm surprised the nominee wants the job he's been nominated for, given the many negative things he's had to say about the U.N.," Biden said.

Three protesters briefly interrupted the proceedings, standing up in succession with pink T-shirts and banners, one reading: "Diplomat for hire. No bully please."

Critics of Bolton cite his comment from that 1994 speech that it would not matter if the top 10 stories of the 39-floor U.N. headquarters building in New York were lost.

"There's not a bureaucracy in the world that couldn't be made leaner," responded Bolton.

Committee Democrats also have circulated a portion of a 2-year-old Senate Intelligence Committee report questioning whether Bolton pressured a State Department intelligence analyst who tried to tone down language in a Bolton speech about Cuba's biological weapons capabilities.

According to committee aides, among critics being contacted by committee Democrats is Christian P. Westermann, a department intelligence officer who has clashed with Bolton.

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On extremism in Israel

Yousef Munayyer

We often hear about Palestinian extremists. There is a constant barrage of rhetoric in the media about how a "Palestinian partner" must first control the extremists on their side before they can be talked to. Rarely, however, do we hear about the extremists on the other side, the Israeli extremists. Recently they have been quite noticeable due to the tensions evolving around the disengagement. We must now put this in the context mentioned above. In other words, can the Palestinians deal with an Israeli partner if that partner cannot control his extremists?

In the Israeli political spectrum, which is wide and varied, there are members to the right, which are dealing, or have already dealt, a deadly blow to the peace process. These members are the Israeli colonists and their supporters. A colonist has chosen to live on illegally occupied land and their presence is maintained by military force. Their colonies, which take up portions of the West Bank and Gaza including vital water supplies, are well protected and are connected to each other and Israel by roads that are exclusive to Jews.

Yet these colonists are not only causing suffering for Palestinians, they are beginning to cause major headaches for everyone else in the Israeli political system. The Gaza disengagement plan, which is a unilateral initiative by Ariel Sharon and is also problematic, has caused the extremist Israeli colonists to protest the actions of the government.

In Gaza, roughly 8,000 colonists live under military protection among 1.5 million Palestinians, the vast majority of which are refugees. These colonies not only occupy disproportionate amounts of land, but they also take up extremely disproportionate amounts of water for a very dry and most densely populated spot in the world. Over the removal of 8,000 colonists, who are living on illegally occupied land, the Israeli extremists and their supporters are voicing vehement resistance.

These colonists are unmistakably religious fundamentalists who chose to live on this illegally occupied land because of the religious connection they believe they have with the land. The fundamentalist nature of these extremists is a large part of the problem. It is not that there is no room for them in the United States and Western Europe where many of them come from, or in Tel Aviv for that matter. On the contrary, they are insistent on living on illegally occupied land and they have become a burden on everyone else.

Though there is mandatory conscription in Israel, in most cases, the colonists do not serve in the army. They are excused because there life is devoted to the scriptures. Yet this is problematic to many Israeli soldiers who feel that they are defending these religious fundamentalists unjustly.

This Sunday, in an ongoing response to the disengagement plan which has grown more and more tense, colonists were planning on demonstrating en masse at the revered noble sanctuary. The site in Jerusalem, sacred to both Jews and Muslims, has been the target of Israeli extremist violence before, and Sharon's visit amidst hundreds of armed guards in 2000 sparked the second Intifada, or uprising. It was only in the face of thousands of riot police that the expected demonstrations diminished.

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The violent reactions have come as a response to the disengagement plan that involves 8,000 people. The fundamentalists are so angered by this plan that they are calling Israeli police who control demonstrations "Ges-tapo." In recent weeks, Sharon also announced that the largest colony in the illegally occupied West Bank, Ma'ale Adumim, would be expanded by 3,500 homes and this has drawn criticism from the international community and members of the U.S. government who see it as detrimental to the peace process. Imagine what would happen if all illegal colonies were evacuated and the land returned to the rightful owners?

The answer to that question is too hard for Sharon to bear and for this reason he has had to be comforted by the United States, which has declared it will support Israel's retention of major population centers in a final status agreement.

Israeli extremists pose a serious threat to their own government, to the Palestinians and most importantly, to a just peace. We can all surely say that this is one big mess and trying to untangle it would mean political suicide for Sharon, but has anyone paused to think about the roots of this problem?

Israeli colonies did not exist in the West Bank before it was illegally occupied in 1967 and every colony which has been built there since has been built contrary to international law. In fact, colonial activity increased even after Israel entered into a peace process based on a two-state solution. Now, with his political life on the line, Sharon has to decide between following the law and supporting extremist colonists in the West Bank.

Unfortunately, with Israel and Sharon in the past, international law has always come in second place and things aren't looking to good this time either.

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Thongs with no consideration

Stacy Kasdin

I was sitting in the Blue Wall the other day enjoying my lunch when my eyes began to wander. People-watching makes for a good source of secondary entertainment to sandwiches. My eyes fell on a girl chatting with a friend with her back turned towards me. Half her butt was hanging out of her jeans, covered only slightly by her light blue thong. Now, I can tell when my shirt is up slightly higher than normal and half an inch of my back that doesn't normally show is showing, so I can't imagine how it would be possible for her not to realize that half her butt was no longer in her pants. Though, I also can't imagine why, if she did realize it, she would just continue this indecent display, particularly in an eating establishment.

The thong: my arch nemesis. Now I'm not saying I don't understand why people wear thongs. I realize there are a few very legitimate reasons to wear them. Some people feel that certain pants and skirts look less unattractive when one has a panty-line, and if someone is comfortable wearing a thong to prevent this, by all means go ahead.

Also, if you are in a relationship with someone and wearing thongs is something you choose to do for them, fine, what you do in the privacy of your own rooms and homes is your business. If you happen to be an underwear model and are getting paid to model thongs, well you're probably making a lot more money than I am, so congratulations. If for some reason you just find them unbelievably comfortable, well, I suppose that's your prerogative. I don't quite understand how an elastic string up your butt can be comfortable, but hey, if you think it is, go for it.

The simple fact that thongs exist is not what makes them my arch nemesis. What really bugs me about thongs is that although I don't personally own any, I see them everywhere, and I'm not talking about hanging on racks in stores. I can't remember a day when I didn't see a single thong hanging out of someone's pants or skirt, and believe me I'm not looking for them, they're just always there.

There's a reason underwear is worn under the clothes. It's supposed to be an intimate article of clothing that you don't show off to anyone and everyone who happens to be sitting behind you in class. Between the thongs coming out the top of people's skirts and their butts about ready to come out the bottom, there's just no mystery to anyone's body anymore. There was a point in time when you only saw so much of someone's body when you were married to them, or at least dating them, but now it's just a free-for-all.

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Granted, I haven't dated any girls lately, and guys don't seem to have that same sort of revealing style, but I feel that if I were dating a girl, I probably wouldn't want her showing herself to every guy on campus. I also think that maybe seeing so much of someone before you know a single thing about them makes getting to know them a little less appealing, because you've already seen all there is to see.

Now, I know many people aren't putting quite so much analytical thought into their clothing. I know it's warm out, and I know these clothes are what the stores are selling. I know that it feels good to know you look good, and to know that people are looking at you because of it, but if you are attractive, you're still going to be just as attractive no matter how much skin you're showing.

A little modesty goes a long way. I'm not saying to wear skirts to your ankles all the time, or overalls and turtlenecks year-round, but have some consideration for those who would rather enjoy their sandwich sans butt. More importantly, have some consideration for yourself. What should really make you feel good is the knowledge that people find you fun to hang out with and interesting to talk to. Looking good is fine, but it would be a shame if that were the only reason anyone ever paid any attention to you. Here's a thought, next time keep your thong in your pants and show off your conversational skills instead. It might make you feel better than any double-take look or whistle ever has.

Stacy Kasdin is a Collegian columnist.

The cost of the Iraqi conflict

Todd Hanaburgh

Recently the U.S. military's official death toll in Iraq reached 1,500 soldiers. To see their names and photos (when available) go to: http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2003/iraq/forces/casualties/. There has been a U.S. Department of Defense ban on media coverage of the U.S. troops' bodies returning from conflict since the previous Bush Administration's Gulf War. This helps to keep the public's mind off of the negative side of war, or the "3 Ds": death, destruction and dismemberment. Admittedly, it is easier to advert public scrutiny of the legality of a war if we are reminded less of its cost and casualties.

The monetary cost of the Iraq conflict, despite original projections by the administration, has surpassed $200 billion and with Bush's newest request of an additional $80 billion, is rapidly approaching $300 billion. Bush's Fiscal Year 2006 Budget for the Department of Defense is a record high of $419.3 billion (a 41 percent increase since 2001), and doesn't include the per annum cost of operations in Iraq (demonstrated to be between $100 billion to $150 billion).

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Instead, Bush will petition Congress for additional emergency funding on an as-needed basis. Aside from being a colossal waste of taxpayers' money, the U.S. invasion and subsequent occupation of Iraq is also illegal by international and domestic standards.

Although the president has the power to send troops to places in which there is an imminent threat to national security (War Powers Resolution of 1973), he does not have the power to declare war. That is an exclusive power of Congress (Article 1, Section 8, Clause 11 of the U.S. Constitution). While Congress did, in fact, approve of the use of force by providing funding for operations, it has not declared war since World War II.

So all of the talk about being a nation at war and supporting the war effort is bunk. There must be no special concession made to the federal government as a result of the so-called state of war. There is no war in Iraq, there is a U.S. occupying force in Iraq. At nearest definition, it could be called the Iraq conflict. However, this distinction did not deter the U.S. government from sending over 8.7 million young Americans to Vietnam during the Vietnam conflict (another U.S. military operation erroneously referred to as a war). 58,000 of which died.

With no end in sight, the violence rages on in Iraq. We currently have about 110,000 soldiers stationed there. The total U.S. wounded in action is over 11,500. The news media purports that U.S. deaths have decreased (55 in January 2005, 41 in February 2005, 31 in March 2005), claiming a winding down of the insurgence.

However, the same kind of trends can be seen throughout the span of the conflict. Seventy-three were killed in November 2003, 25 in December 2003, 35 killed in January 2004, 12 killed in February 2004. There's hope, right? No, 33 were killed in March 2004, followed by 127 soldiers in April 2004. There is no winding-down. Some analysts contend that the average life span of an insurgency in the region is roughly 10 years. We are in the dawn of this insurgence.

But enough about U.S. troops, what about the other guys? The Iraqi people, remember them? The U.S. Department of Defense has not provided a report for the public on this issue. Neither have any of the other coalition members taken it upon themselves to make an accurate count, but modest estimates of the civilian casualties in Iraq number between 17,000 and 20,000 people.

One of the best online sources for the civilian death toll in Iraq is www.iraqbodycount.net, which compiles news reports and official reports from several sources, including Iraqi morgues, to tally their figures. The Web site also quotes General Tommy Franks of U.S. Central Command as saying, "... We don't do body counts ..." The reports of Iraqi civilians wounded are even more sketchy, ranging between the moderate 100,000 to a wild, yet plausible, half million plus.

Could this be correct? Is this justice and freedom at work? According to a recent Reuters News article by Luke Baker, insurgents, terrorists and Iraqi criminals have killed about 6,000 Iraqi civilians since 2003. This means that U.S. and Coalition Troops have killed at least two to three times as many Iraqis, in the same two-year period. Is it surprising that we are known as the bad guys in their neighborhood?

This war was supposed to be about Weapons of Mass Destruction, but there were none. It was supposed to be about liberating the Iraqi people, but they are prisoners of violence. It was supposed to be about stopping the spread of terror, but our president said, "Bring 'em on." It makes me ashamed to be American.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STOP HYPOCRISY IN MIDDLE EAST

After reading the most recent article by Ramzi Kanazi, I would just like to point something out to the readers and students at UMass that they might not know. Mr. Kanazi comments that Israel destroys Palestinian homes for no reason and that their tactics would "make a suicide bomber blush." What he doesn't tell us is that the homes Israel destroys belong to those same recently deceased suicide bombers after they take out a city bus or a restaurant.

Palestinians are warned time and time again that if they stage attacks against innocent civilians in Israel, they will be punished, and if they decide to blow themselves up and leave pieces etched in the minds and fears of Israeli citizens, then the least they can expect is for the house they used to live in will be plowed over. Imagine if all America did after Sept. 11 was to go to Afghanistan and Iraq and only knock over the homes that the terrorists lived in — the world would be outraged. So little punishment for so big a crime.

However, when Israel seeks to punish those responsible for killing innocent people, they are the focus of international condemnation and hatred. It's time for the world to recognize that Israel has a right to defend itself and should not be looked down on for doing so. The same goes for Caterpillar, a company that is out there to make a profit.

Nobody has said anything about the United States and companies in the '30s and '40s investing in Nazi Germany to make some money. It's their right to invest and sell to whomever wants to buy. Israel buys these bulldozers legally, and Caterpillar sells them legally. It's time for the world to stop the hypocrisy and either condemn everyone equally or let the world's corporations conduct their business in the best way they see fit.

Marc Lerman
UMass student

GEO PROTEST DISRUPTS LEARNING

I will preface this by saying that I have had a number of outstanding, Graduate student TA's for many of the large lecture courses I have taken here at UMass over the past three years. Their dedication to helping students learn has always been exemplary, and I have never had any of the bad experiences with TA's that I have had with some UMass professors. However, on Friday, as I sat in Herter Hall in a discussion section, taught by a graduate student, I began to lose respect for the organization, as they try to lobby for a new contract with the administration.

I just don't understand how an organization that prides itself on dedicated service to undergraduate students thinks it is a good idea to protest while classes are going on. It's one thing to rally outside, march around campus, chant, bang on drums, whatever. However, to enter academic buildings and disrupt classes is utterly ridiculous. In my opinion, it is the equivalent of holding a clean water rally while polluting an ocean or river.

If I were the head of the GEO, I would be ashamed, and if I were a member of the GEO, I would want whoever planned that rally fired. You may realize that us undergraduates have zero influence whether or not you get pay increases; it's the people over in Whitmore that have the say. Turn your wrath over there, and don't disrupt my education.

John Munro
UMass student

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Angels grace the Fine Arts Center

By Jared Demick
Collegian Staff

If you haven't seen the UMass Theater Department's production of Angels in America: The Millennium Approaches yet, then I strongly advise you get out of your dorm room (which we all spend way too much time in anyway) and see it this weekend.

If you don't, you will be missing a performance of extraordinary power, one that touches upon both the deepest and most immediate problem that we all face: the need to be loved. While cleverness comes in abundance in theater, plays that deal with humanity with such compassionate honesty are rare.

Tony Kushner's Pulitzer-prize winning drama explores the America of 1985, the era of the Reagan dynasty and also the beginning of the AIDS epidemic. Skillfully weaving politics and personal relationships together, Angels is amosaic of characters culled from all walks of life from gay drag queens to Valium-addicted wives to powerful governmental players. What draws their stories together is the fact that they are all confronted with the dreadful prospect of irreversible changes in their lives.

The characters Prior and Louis are a gay couple falling apart because Prior has been diagnosed with AIDS. They both love each other terribly, but Louis cannot stand to watch someone he loves die so he walks out on Prior. Prior finds himself facing his terrible illness alone and the thought of this terrifies him.

Another character, Roy, also must battle AIDS alone. In Roy's case, his loneliness is self-imposed as he ruthlessly used people to gain power in the government. Roy also savagely tries to hide the fact that he is homosexual. This fear of embracing one's sexual orientation also afflicts Roy's protégé, Joe. Joe is a Mormon who has been taught that he should suppress his homosexuality and this belief traps him in a sexless marriage with Harper, his Valium-addicted wife. Harper, tortured by the lack of affection that she receives from Joe, retreats into elaborate fantasies that dangerously blur her sense of reality. The play, through its relentless exploration of the full range of emotions residing in all these complex characters, reveals that despite our differences, we are all undeniably human and linked by that very blessing and/or curse.

The play itself juxtaposes side-splitting humor and devastating tragedy in order to bring about the healing, bittersweet catharsis that Greek playwrights dreamed about. The cast is wonderful in this production and they so skillfully portrayed their characters that, at times, one felt that they were no longer acting. Evan Fuller (Roy) was particularly impressive as he captured the helpless rage that his character possessed with a passionate intensity. Thomas Patrick Naughton (Prior) and Courtney Roy (Harper) brought a sense of vulnerability to their performances that demanded sympathy from the audience. Ed Ahern gave a wonderfully restrained turn as Joe that highlighted even the subtlest changes his character underwent. Michael Marceline (Louis) was thoroughly annoying which is what made his performance great as his character was a self-torturing neurotic. Wesley Montgomery pulled double duty as a hip talking figment of Harper's imagination and a drag wearing friend of Prior's.

There were also wonderful minor performances by others, which helped to make the production collectively strong. The stage itself was bare as props and scenery were constantly rotating and the changing scenery added to the play's sense of transience. Probably the greatest feat that the cast and crew managed to pull off was making performance seem complete. This is no easy task considering that The Millennium Approaches is only the first part of Angels in America.

One character, Louis, proclaims in a long diatribe that, "There are no angels in America". However, after spending three hours absorbed by a compassionate portrayal of our collective struggle to come to terms with change, one is inclined to think that maybe the angels reside in us all.

Angels will be performed at the Rand Theater in the Fine Arts Center on Thursday and Friday at 8 pm and on Saturday at 2 pm.

Daring, comedic, poetic, and brutally honest, Angels in America: The Millennium Approaches truly is a singular experience that no one should miss.



Eating Disorders: Schiavo case holds many lessons

By Howard Cohen
Knight Ridder

MIAMI — Lost amid the controversy over Terri Schiavo's feeding tube and the recriminations surrounding her recent death is the heightened awareness of eating disorders.

Medical records suggest Schiavo's condition was caused by bulimia and a severe potassium imbalance in her blood, which led to cardiac arrest and brain damage.

"The most important message, and which hasn't gotten the press, is that all of this came about because of her apparent eating disorder," said Joanna Popper, a Miami Beach documentarian who was bulimic for eight years until she sought help from a therapist.

"I didn't want to live like that anymore," said Popper, 32, who along with Arne Zimmermann, coproduced the new video, "The ABC's of Eating Disorders: The Documentary."

"So many eating disorders start as a little diet and ... turn into deadly habits. Here was a beautiful woman who went down this path, not able to deal with the emotions going on in her life. So many people out there are also caught up in this emotional battle and don't know how to deal with what is going on in their life. They don't see that it's going to be such a big deal."

It's treated, she said, like "an accelerated diet."

Nearly 10 million women and one million men are affected by anorexia nervosa or bulimia nervosa, and an additional 25 million suffer from a binge eating disorder, according to the Seattle-based National Eating Disorders Association.

Moreover, eating disorders are hitting younger girls, including the preteen set, and more men. An April 2001 report in the Journal of the American Psychiatric Association said one male suffered from anorexia for every four females; for bulimia, it's one male for every eight to 11 females.

But eating disorders are seldom covered by medical insurance, a reality Popper and the association feel should be a wake-up call in the wake of Schiavo.

Popper says shame often keeps victims from seeking help.

"If there were less shame, better insurance, involved for people with eating disorders, many people would come out faster and get help. Denial is a big part just like with alcoholism. But part of that denial may come from the fear of having other people know what you are doing and what their perception of you might become," said Popper, who became bulimic at 21.

She didn't tell anyone she was bulimic at the time, not even while seeing a therapist.

"I know I was always concerned with looking good and appearing strong and invincible when I had an eating disorder.

"But if eating disorders were treated as something that happens to 'normal' people and not only shown in the very extreme cases and celebrities, it might be easier for people to stop and accept that they have a problem, stop denying, and get the help they need."



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Joanna Popper of Miami Beach, Florida, suffered from bulimia for eight years before successfully treating the disease. She has coproduced a documentary to aid in further discussions about the crisis of eating disorders.

Making Memories

Two women meet after 22 years

By Michael Granberry
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Jennifer Blakley had been waiting for this moment for 22 years. "I have butterflies, yes I do!" she said. "I do. This is my first time to be nervous. I haven't been nervous. I haven't been. You'd be surprised how calm I've been about it."

Jennifer was talking fast. Her husband was bemused. Because Matt Blakley knows that 22 years of expectations don't exactly mesh with "calm."

At any moment, Jennifer, 33, would come face to face with fate. Her pen pal of more than two decades — a Danish woman she had never met or spoken to on the phone — would land at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport.

Hanne Magnussen, 36, would walk through the revolving door of Gate 30 at the Terminal B baggage claim area and take their friendship to a new level. She and Jennifer had thought about this moment since 1983, when Ronald Reagan was president and the Cold War was still, well, cold.

Hanne would bring with her a husband and two children and 22 years of shared memory. "I don't know what to say," Jennifer said to her husband.

"Well," Matt said, "why don't you just say ... 'Howdy'?"

Trying anything at that point to calm down his wife, to make her laugh, he reminded her of what their 7-year-old son had been saying all week: "When are our Danishes coming?"

A FRIENDSHIP BLOSSOMS

When Jennifer was 13, growing up in Pearland, Texas, a friend — who ceased to be a part of her life long ago — told her about a pen pal company. So, she dashed off a letter, asking for a female correspondent. "and six weeks later, I got a postcard in the mail with Hanne's address," she said. "So, I wrote her."

Soon, the letters were flying back and forth, at least once a month, a pace the two have maintained for two decades plus. At one point, they exchanged audiotapes, and once, Jennifer sent Hanne a videocassette. (She had to rent special equipment just to watch it.) So each had heard the other's voice, despite never having shared a live conversation.

In the beginning, they shared only the normal girl stuff — favorite foods, favorite colors, favorite music (Duran Duran). Most of all, they exchanged thoughts and feelings and concluded that they were eerily similar, despite being separated by continents and cultures.

"We really grew up with each other," Jennifer said. "We could tell each other secrets! After all, who would she tell in Denmark?"

As the girls became young women, dating became topic No. 1. Around the same time, both fell in love — with quiet men, valued as much for being calm as compassionate. Their lives took a parallel path yet again when the women got pregnant.

"Our daughters are the same age — 11," Jennifer said. "And her other daughter is almost the same age as my second son. So we talked pregnancy a lot."

Jennifer graduated from Texas A&M University and became the loyal wife of an active-duty officer of the U.S. Marine Corps. For nine years, they were hunkered down in such outposts as Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Hanne grew up in Hjoerring, Denmark, and now works for a computer company there. She and her family live 15 miles away, in the small seaport town of Hirtshals.

Waiting at the airport, as the baggage-claim moment drew near, Jennifer marveled at the fact that she and Hanne have managed to feel even closer, despite the demands of adulthood. Today, the Blakleys have three children — Allison, 11, Kyle, 7, and Zachary, 5, to the Magnussens' two — daughters Lisa, 11, and Emilie, 6.

At any moment, "the Danishes" would plant their feet on Texas soil.

ANTICIPATION BUILDS

A few hours before leaving for America, Hanne sat at home in Hirtshals, nervous as a cat. But, make no mistake, it was a "good" nervous.

"It's amazing!" she said by telephone. "I've known her longer than I've known my husband. We go so way back. I can't even remember our first letters. I remember she sent me gum, and it was so different from our gum. We wrote a lot about movies and food. After we had children, we got closer, I think. We talked about more family stuff. Feelings.

"We could talk about marriage and when we felt happy, when we felt ... upset. We could argue with our husbands and talk about that. We talked about everything — religion and terrorism. When the World Trade Center was hit, I wrote her right away."

E-mail, of course, has elevated the correspondence to a new dimension, though e-mail, both women say, is a mixed blessing. When cyberspace came into vogue, the letter-writing stopped. Because of e-mail, Hanne was able to notify Jennifer within hours that her 11-year-old daughter had been hit by a car while riding her bike. And Jennifer could bare her soul on a daily basis in 2003, when her husband was called up by his Reserve unit and deployed for most of the year in California.

"I'm nervous she will be disappointed — with me," Hanne said. "And I'm nervous about a lot of other things. Will we get along? Will our kids get along? I know her so well, and yet we've never met. We've never even talked on the phone!"

Despite being tempted, Hanne refused to call Jennifer on her last birthday. She even refused to call the day before departure, to provide updated flight details.

"I don't care if it's a big airport," she said. "We'll just have to walk around until we find each other. We can't speak until we actually see each other! I want nothing to spoil this."

WORTH THE WAIT

Showtime!

For Jennifer, "the moment" had arrived. Peering beyond the revolving door, she saw a 22-year relationship walking right at her. "There they are!" she screamed. "Oh, my gosh! Oh, my gosh! She sees me, too!"

And then came the waves, cascading gales of girlish laughter, followed by an endless hug. It was a warm embrace between women who have shared so much — adolescent angst, courtships ending in marriage, the rigors of childbearing, the sorrow of wars and terrorism.

"Oh, my gosh!" Jennifer said. "How are you? Oh, my God, oh, my God! How are you? I don't believe it. I don't believe it."

"This is surreal!" Hanne said, her arms still clinging to Jennifer.

"Hey, that's my word!" Jennifer said. "I can't believe you're here. Just look at me. I'm shaking."

Hanne's husband, Jon Magnussen, said his wife had grown eerily quiet as the moment drew near.

"Expectations," he said with a smile.

Soon, the Magnussens and Blakleys would be heading north, into the Texas night, gearing up for a fortnight in which nine people would share the same house. It would be two weeks of baseball and barbecue, Easter egg hunts and even a bit of Duran Duran.

"I was worried, but not any more," Hanne said with a smile as big as Texas. "She's absolutely wonderful. She and her family are everything I dreamed they would be." To the naysayers: Ha!

OK, so that was Saturday night, March 19. How was it going nearly two weeks later?

Never better, Jennifer said. Night after night, she marveled at the fact that her pen pal of 22 years was sitting across from her at the evening table. She also feels vindicated, for more than one friend had waxed skeptical about the prospects of the meeting she and Hanne had prayed for since 1983.

"I think we knew what to expect more than anybody else," Jennifer said. "Everybody else kept telling us we didn't know what to expect. But we were right."

"We were right," said Hanne, who has discovered in person that she and her pen pal have more in common than she ever thought they would. "We're alike. We think alike about a lot of stuff. And we're kind of the bossy types. We like to control people. We like to organize stuff!"

As the women looked at each other and laughed, Jennifer shook her head. She still can't believe all the naysayers, the ones who kept saying she ran the risk of feeling disappointed after meeting her pen pal in person.

They were wrong, she said — meeting a lifelong friend in person is 100 times better than getting a letter or an e-mail.

"Now it's her turn to visit me," Hanne said. "So do it now, Jennifer. Book your flight to Copenhagen. We can't afford to wait 22 more years."

FIND A PEN PAL

Founded in 1950, World Pen Pals helps facilitate the type of relationship that Hanne Magnussen and Jennifer Blakley enjoy.

In its July-August 1999 issue, Zillions magazine gave World Pen Pals its "recommended/top category" rating for pen pal organizations.

To contact them: 845-246-7828, www.world-pen-pals.com; PO Box 337, Saugerties, NY 12477

Other penpal resources.

— www.epals.com, whose "global network" connects 101,882 classrooms, 4.6 million students and educators in 191 countries for classroom-to-classroom projects in the world's "largest online classroom community."

— www.pen-pals.net claims to offer "exciting pen pals worldwide. Contribute to World Peace through understanding and good communication." Contact Lorrin & Nina Lee, Pen-pals.net founders: 808-949-5000; 500



Twenty-two years ago, Jennifer Blakley looked into finding a friend through a penpal company. Through them, she was introduced to Hanne Magnussen, another young girl in Denmark. The two traded stories with each other consistantly until they finally met in person this year.

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Woods shows he is beatable

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One of them was a 3-wood that he crushed down the middle. The other was a towering 8-iron that covered the flag and dropped 15 feet behind it. The birdie putt was good all the way, and Woods began his celebration when the ball was still a foot from the cup.

Woods is beatable, but his record is now 9-0 with a 54-hole lead in the majors.

"I went out and shot 68 around here on Sunday, which is a very good round," DiMarco said. "And 12 under is usually good enough to win. I just was playing against Tiger Woods."

Woods now has won the Masters with three swings — a powerful swing he brought to the PGA Tour in 1996, a refined swing crafted with Butch Harmon that took Woods to a sweep of the majors, and a new swing philosophy taught by Hank Haney that remains a work in progress.

Woods has been criticized by some and scrutinized by most for changing a swing that brought him nine victories in 2000 and left him miles ahead of any challengers. Woods spoke more of validation than vindication Sunday evening.

"Hank and I have put some serious hours into this," Woods said. "I read some of the articles over the past year of him getting ripped, I'm getting ripped for all the changes I'm making. And to play as beautifully as I did this entire week is pretty cool."

Woods will not play for three weeks, returning to the Wachovia Championship the first week in May. The next major test comes June 16-19 in the U.S. Open at Pinehurst No. 2, where Woods tied for third in 1999. A month later comes the British Open at St. Andrews, where he completed the career Grand Slam in 2000 with an eight-shot victory.

The PGA Championship in August is at Baltusrol, and the PGA of America on Monday promoted its major by noting that Woods has never played in New Jersey, and tickets are going fast.



COURTESY PHOTO/DAILY TEXAN STAFF

Phil Mickelson puts the green jacket on Tiger Woods after he won The Masters yesterday.

Kelley seeks HR record

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Kelley is now in a three-way tie atop the school's all-time home run list with Scooter Wheeler and Brandi Cross. Sortino believes it will only be a matter of time until Kelley has the top spot to herself.

"I'm not surprised," Sortino said of Kelley tying the record in only her junior year. "I think she'll shatter it. Those kinds of records are part of our history and tradition, and especially since we've had such a long line of previous success, it's great for our players to see new young players breaking those records. It's good for the program."

Kelley was not the only player for the Maroon and White to have a big day against GW, as Puglia went 5-for-7 in the two games to raise her batting average to .353. The senior shortstop is second to only Proctor (.365) in batting.

Sortino expected the team to have a potent offense and feels its greatest asset is its depth.

"I think offensively our kids have been doing a good job at the plate," Sortino said. "I think they're getting more comfortable and confident, therefore, they're becoming more productive. We're scoring more runs easily. Our running game is coming together. Our lineup isn't dependent on one or two people. Different people come through at different times. We're strong [the positions] 1-9, and on our bench."



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Sophomore Amanda Morin steps up to bat against George Washington last weekend. Morin had her first home run on Saturday.

UMass has match postponed

By Jon Pelland
Collegian Staff

Senior Day for the Massachusetts women's tennis team (14-6, 4-0 Atlantic 10) has been postponed until next Monday.

The Minutewomen were slated to take on Holy Cross yesterday at the Upper Boyden Courts. The match will mark the final home match for UMass senior captain Sasha Edelstein.

So far this season Edelstein is 12-8 primarily out of the No. 3 slot in the UMass lineup. She is also 9-7 in doubles competition when paired with junior Iana Bartoloni.

Currently the Minutewomen are on a seven-match winning streak that includes wins over A-10 rivals Temple, Richmond and Fordham. This past weekend the Maroon and White was able to pick up two key victories.

On Friday they defeated Quinnipiac, 6-1, in Hampden, Conn. UMass was able to defeat in-state foe Boston University for the first time in 10 tries on Saturday.

The postponement of the match should benefit the Minutewomen as the A-10 tournament begins April 22 in College Park, Maryland. Having their final home match one week later gives the team less time in between competition.

It was also announced yesterday that UMass sophomore Michele Spiess and freshman Masha Pozar have earned A-10 weekly honors.

Spiess received the A-10 Performer of the Week Award for the third time this season. She also won the award on February 21 and March 28. In the past week Spiess went 5-1 in her matches against Fordham, Quinnipiac and BU.

Overall this season Spiess has the best record on the team. In singles competition she is 17-3 normally in the No. 1 slot. The duo of Spiess and Pozar is 12-8 in the No. 2 slot.

Pozar was awarded the A-10 Rookie of the Week Award also for the third time this season. She was Rookie of the Week on March 14 and March 28. Pozar also went 5-1 for the Minutewomen last week.

Pozar is showing a lot of potential this season playing mainly in the No. 2 position for the Minutewomen. So far this year the rookie is 13-8 in singles competition.

Red Sox recieve World Series rings

By Mark Pratt
Associated Press

BOSTON — Two of them have moved on to other teams. One has retired.

But Derek Lowe, Dave Roberts and Ellis Burks were all back in Boston on Monday to accept the World Series rings they earned as members of the Red Sox last season and all received among the loudest ovations from the Fenway Park crowd.

"This is a once in a lifetime thing," said Roberts, who is now with San Diego, but received permission from the Padres organization to attend the event.

"Winning the World Series after 86 years was very special and...I didn't want to miss out on this."

Lowe said he was still puzzled by the Red Sox lack of interest in re-signing him but was happy to be back, if only for a day.

"I was standing next to Jason (Varitek) and I said 'You're lucky, you get to play here for the next four years,'" said Lowe, the right-hander who signed with the Los Angeles Dodgers during the off-season, and also had permission from his new club to attend. "Because there's really nothing like it...I'm very fortunate to be in another rivalry on the west coast, but nothing matches this."

Lowe said the Red Sox never contacted him about coming back, not even to say they were not interested. "That was the thing I was most disappointed at," he said.

"They run a really good business here and they obviously made the decision to go with (Matt) Clement and (David) Wells over Pedro (Martinez) and myself," he said.

Lowe had a less-than-scintillating 14-12 record and a 5.42 ERA during the regular season, but was the winning pitcher in the clinching games of all three of Boston's post-season series. He received one of the loudest ovations of the pregame ceremony when he walked from the home team dugout.

"The fans have always been great to me," he said.

And he knows the fans will remember the good over the bad.

"If you ask people in five years what was my record in 2004, no one's going to remember, people are going to remember the playoffs," Lowe said.

Fans will always remember Roberts' contribution to the Red Sox first championship in 86 years, even though he played less than half the season with the club.

The speedy outfielder hit .256 with the Red Sox after a trading deadline deal that brought him from the Dodgers, but he will be remembered for the stolen base in Game 4 of the American League Championship Series against the New York Yankees that started Boston's unprecedented comeback from a 3-0 deficit in the best-of-seven series.

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Minutewomen face UConn

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts softball team (15-11-1 4-2 Atlantic 10) will look to extend its season-long four-game winning streak today when it travels to Connecticut to face the UConn Huskies at 4 p.m.

The two rivals are meeting for the first time this year, but they have met 82 times previously and UConn (11-18) holds a slight edge in the all-time series, 41-39-2. UMass coach Elaine Sortino expects her team to be challenged by a UConn team that has been up-and-down this year.

"UConn looks like they're having a roller coaster kind of year and I think we are too in a lot of ways," Sortino said. "We're getting a little bit more consistent everyday, but we still have a ways to go. It's a tremendous rivalry."

UMass has been struggling to find consistency all year, but it appears that the team may finally be hitting its stride. The Minutewomen have outscored their opponents 21-2 in their last four games.

While the offense has begun to come around lately, it's been the pitching that has carried UMass during this stretch.

The duo of Barb LaFogg (10-7, 2.32 ERA) and Jenna Busa (5-4, 2.70 ERA) has been almost unhittable against, as they haven't allowed an earned run in the four games.

In LaFogg's last two starts, the senior right-hander has allowed only three hits and one unearned run, while recording 24 strikeouts to run her A-10 leading total to 117.

Busa has been equally as impressive allowing a total of four hits and one unearned run in her last two starts. Busa's dominant outings came after her worst start of the season at Fordham, where she allowed 14 runs as part of a double-header sweep by the Rams.

"Barb gets better every game," Sortino said. "She gets a little more sure of what she can do and how to go about it. I think the Fordham disaster was a wake-up call for Jenna. She made some changes and adjustments that have had a dramatic affect on her pitching the last two games."

The offense has been led all year by Hilary Puglia, KJ Kelley and Lauren Proctor.

Kelley, who has been battling an ankle injury, had a big day on Saturday in UMass' doubleheader sweep of George Washington. The junior catcher ended a 15-game homerless streak with a drive over the scoreboard in left field in the third inning of the first game.

The homer was Kelley's team-leading fifth of the season and the 26th of her career.



Senior pitcher Barb LaFogg throws a pitch against George Washington last weekend. LaFogg has 10 wins for UMass this year.

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UMass tries to stop bleeding

By Todd Foster
Collegian Staff

Since 1900, the Massachusetts baseball team and the Connecticut baseball team have been part of a close rivalry. Though both teams are at different ends of the spectrum this year, the Minutemen (3-17, 0-6 Atlantic 10) will host the Huskies (20-9, 4-4 Big East) today at Earl Lorden Field with the first pitch scheduled at 3 p.m.

UConn own a 72-69-3 advantage over UMass in the 105 year-old series. This is the second time these teams have met this season, with UConn defeating the Maroon and White 9-0, on March 22 in Bridgeport — the alternate location due to poor field conditions in Storrs. The Minutemen scattered five hits in the game, while the Huskies struck out 13 batters and walked none.

"There has always been a good rivalry between us and UConn," UMass coach Mike Stone said. "The former coach here, Dick Bergquist, and Andy Blaylock, the former coach at UConn, had a great relationship. Then Andy and I always had a great relationship, but now they got a new coach there. There has always been that UMass-UConn thing and it's a fun rivalry, but there is no bad blood at all. I'm looking forward to it."

The new Huskie coach is Jim Penders, who had spent 11 of the last 13 years as a student athlete and an assistant coach with the program before being named head coach in 2003. Penders was a standout for the UConn Huskies as a four-year letterman. He was the co-captain of the 1994 Huskie squad that advanced to the NCAA championship. That year, he held a batting average of .354 with seven homeruns and 46 runs batted in as a senior.

Penders has put together a squad without many holes. The team batting is at a mark of .294 with six different players hitting over .300. Rightfielder Tony Mallozzi is at the top of the list with .382 BA.

On the hill, there is depth in both the bullpen and the starting rotation. Posting a team earned run average of 3.27, the team acc has been Rich Sirois, who has a record of 5-2 with a 2.06 ERA with nine complete games and 32 strikeouts.

The bullpen has put up the most impressive numbers with two players giving up only three earned runs in 33.1 innings. Ted Garry sports a 0.79 ERA with a record of 1-1 and three saves. The second part of the deadly duo is David Erickson, who has two saves and 29 strikeouts in 22.1 innings pitched.

"I thought they were a good ball club," Stone said. "They hit the ball well. They're scrappy. They play good defense and have good pitching. They look like a solid team and their record shows that at 20-9. They are one of the better teams in New England."

UMass is on a 12-game skid after losing three games this weekend to Duquesne. The Maroon and White are being out-hit by .106, as it is batting .198 as team while opponents are hitting .302. However, senior Jason Twomley will look to continue his 11-game hitting streak.

"We have to learn to leave the disappointments behind and start moving forward," Stone said. "That's a key thing, as well as in the ball game. If kids continue to bring their disappointments out of the field, we can't be effective. That's part of the game. People strikeout and make outs, it's going to happen. Baseball is streaky and hopefully we are at the end of a streak."

On the hill, the Minutemen are struggling to find depth in the rotation and bullpen. With the team ERA at 5.84, junior Matt Torra has been the only consistent performer with a 1.50 ERA. Though, freshman hurler Aaron Smith will get his action as a UMass pitcher tomorrow versus a dangerous Huskie line-up.

"He's one of the guys we really wanted to have on our ball club," Stone said. "We think he's going to be a good pitcher. He's got to get his feet wet and get him a start. We got to get more younger players into the ballgame that will help us in the future."



Senior outfielder Jason Twomley leads the Minutemen in batting average, hitting .396 this season.

Francona back on the bench for Sox

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

BOSTON — Terry Francona wasn't feeling very well when he woke up Monday morning. At least he wasn't worried.

Doctors already had "checked everything they could think to check" after he suffered tightness in his chest last Wednesday, he said. "I got my OK the other day."

So on Monday, the manager of the Boston Red Sox ran out of the dugout toward the first base line where he was the first member of the World Series winners to receive his championship ring during a ceremony before the home opener against the New York Yankees.

"I'm just glad I'm available to be here to get introduced," Francona said before the game. "What I really care about today is I want us to win. That's what I needed to get back to.

"We're 2-4 and I'm miserable."

He managed the first two games of the season against the Yankees then was taken to a New York hospital before last Wednesday's final game of the series. He also missed a three-game series in Toronto that ended Sunday.

On the team bus to Wednesday's game, "I had some tightness in my chest. I think I had classic signs of heart problems," Francona said. "It runs in my family so much that it sent up a lot of red flags. I think it scared me a little bit, too."

He still had his sense of humor Monday when he joked about the way closer Keith Foulke gave up two runs in the ninth inning before retiring the side in Boston's 6-5 win on Friday.

"If I didn't have a heart attack then, I'm never going to," Francona said.

He did come into his Fenway Park office briefly Sunday.



COURTESY GETTY IMAGES

Terry Francona, the head coach of the Boston Red Sox was back on the bench for Opening Day.

"I'm not sure I had to, but it was a good excuse to get out," Francona said. "It's just because I've been in bed for five days. I just need to get my strength back."

Team physician Dr. Thomas Gill has said that tests showed no evidence of a serious heart problem and that Francona's chest pains probably were caused by "a recent viral illness." And Francona said he wasn't feeling well the last two weeks of spring training.

"I was really struggling but I wouldn't give myself a day off and I probably should have," he said. "I think I probably ended up paying the price."

Red Sox beat Yanks at Fenway

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press

BOSTON — Nine decades in the waiting and five months in the planning, the Boston Red Sox celebrated their 2004 World Series title on Monday with gaudy rings, a jumbo pennant and the best sign of all for a repeat in '05: a victory over the rival New York Yankees.

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Tim Wakefield pitched seven strong innings and Doug Mirabelli homered to give the Red Sox an 8-1 win over the Yankees, who played compliant guests by watching and clapping during the hour-long ring ceremony and then fumbling away the game.

Mike Mussina (0-1) allowed seven runs — four earned — on seven hits, three walks and five strikeouts in five innings. Alex Rodriguez, the focus of much Boston ire during the off-season and the fans' taunts during the game, misplayed a grounder for an error that let in three Red Sox runs as they made it 7-1 in the fifth inning.

Jason Giambi received mild boos in his first road game since his off-season was tarnished by the steroids scandal.

With manager Terry Francona back in the dugout, the Red Sox took a 2-0 lead on Mirabelli's second-inning homer and made it 4-0 on Kevin Millar's two-run single in the third. After Rodriguez singled, stole second and scored on a throwing error by Boston shortstop Edgar Renteria, Rodriguez gave back three runs with an error in the bottom half.



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Manny Ramirez slides into third in Game 3 of the American League Championship Series at Fenway Park in Boston, on October 16, 2004.

Woods ranks among the best

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — All the images paint a picture of Tiger Woods returning to the pinnacle of golf.

A shot that ranks among the most amazing ever at Augusta National. The intense face bursting with raw emotion when the winning putt dropped on the 18th hole. His fist punching the air with an uppercut, his roar drowned out by a delirious gallery. The red shirt beneath a green jacket.

Woods won the Masters for the fourth time and returned to No. 1 in the world Monday.

CBS Sports said the overnight television rating was 10.3, up 41 percent from last year and the highest for a final round at the Masters since Woods won in 2001 to become the first player to sweep all four majors.

The victory Sunday at Augusta National put him back on track to go after Jack Nicklaus' record of 18 majors. Woods now has nine majors, tied with Ben Hogan and Gary Player, and he is still only 29.

But there was something different about this victory.

Woods no longer looked invincible with a final-round lead in a major, spitting up three shots on the final nine holes. No one feared him, least of all Chris DiMarco, who outplayed Woods in every aspect of the game except when it mattered - with a putter in his hand.

Having gone nearly three years without a major while retooling his swing, it appears that this might be the start of a new era for Woods. If that's the case, it might be different in one area.

Nothing seems to come easily.

Woods won for the third time this year, and none of the finishes were particularly inspiring.

He had a one-shot lead in the Buick Invitational and went for the par-5 18th green in two over the water. But he missed a 2-iron so badly that it came up 20 yards short, and only stayed dry because it landed so far to the right.

Woods pulled ahead of Phil Mickelson in the Ford Championship at Doral with a dramatic birdie on the 17th hole. But with a chance to put him away on the 18th, Woods missed the green and had to scramble for par.

And he had a two-shot lead over DiMarco until making bogeys on the last two holes.

The old Tiger would not have given his opponents any hope.

The new Tiger keeps everyone guessing to the end.

Ultimately, all that mattered to Woods was slipping into his size 43 Long green jacket for the fourth time, joining Nicklaus (six) and Arnold Palmer (four) as the only players who have won the Masters at least four times.

And despite the shaky finish, the lasting image of Woods is that he always manages to get it done.

"At least I didn't lose it on the last hole," Woods said. "I got into a playoff, and then I hit two of the best golf shots I had hit all week."

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Dillon to remain with Patriots

By Mark Jewell
Associated Press

BOSTON — Running back Corey Dillon could remain with the New England Patriots for the rest of his career under a contract extension signed Monday that could run for up to five years and earn him more than $25 million, his agent said.

The 30-year-old Dillon had been set to receive $3.85 million next season in the final year of his current contract, but the Patriots began negotiating a new agreement in February after he helped lead the team to its third Super Bowl win in four years, said the agent, Steve Feldman.

"They stepped up and took care of him, even though he's on the wrong side of 30," Feldman said. "This deal allows him to end his career as a Patriot."

The agreement guarantees Dillon $10 million over two years and could be extended for up to five years and a total $25 million in base pay and various bonuses, Feldman said.

Patriots spokesman Stacey James couldn't confirm the deal.

The 225-pound Dillon rushed more than 1,000 yards in the first six of his seven years with the Cincinnati Bengals before suffering a groin injury in 2003. He lobbied to be traded to a winning team and got his wish before last season when the Patriots swapped a second-round draft pick for Dillon to bolster their ground game.

He responded by rushing for 1,635 yards last season - a career-high and Patriots season record - and 12 touchdowns. In the Patriots' 24-21 Super Bowl win over the Philadelphia Eagles, Dillon gained 75 yards on 18 carries and scored on a 2-yard run. He also had three receptions for 31 yards.

After the victory, he said all he needed was the right situation to bring out the best in him.

"God put me in a good place and surrounded me with good people. This whole thing has been a true blessing. ... This is what it is all about," Dillon said.

Feldman said Dillon was "absolutely thrilled" with his contract extension.

The Bengals built their struggling franchise around Dillon in the 1990s, and he became one of only four players in NFL history to run for 1,000 yards in each of his first six seasons. The groin injury in 2003 - the first significant injury of his career - limited him to 11 starts and 541 yards that season.

The Bengals tired of his complaining about not getting the ball enough and his wishes to move to another team. But before the 2004 season, he signed a five-year, $26 million deal with Cincinnati.

To join the Patriots, Dillon agreed to restructure the last two years on his contract, softening the Patriots' salary cap hit for 2004.

Dillon, who turns 31 in October, played college ball with the University of Washington and was a second-round pick in 1997, the 43rd overall. He broke Jim Brown's rookie record by running for 246 yards against Tennessee.

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Well-known author speaks

By Bill Donovan
Collegian Staff

Tammy Bruce, a New York Times best selling author gave her presentation, "How Conservative Politics Empower Women, Gays and Other Minorities," on Wednesday in the Student Union Ballroom. Bruce explained how she became interested in activism and told the large crowd in attendance the importance of individualism.

"It's up to you as individuals, people like us, who are making up the new American revolution," stated Bruce. "The moment you except personal responsibility, the power is extraordinary."

The event was presented by the UMass Republican Club and Young America Foundation.

Bruce, author of two books, "The New Thought Police," and "The Death of Right and Wrong: Exposing the Left's Assault on Our Culture and Values," spoke of her time she spent with the National Organization of Women, of which she served as president for six years as well as two serving on its national board of directors.

Bruce became active with feminist movements and social issues such as safe abortions in the 1980s. Early on she joined a group called All Fired Up, which was

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Tammy Bruce, award-winning author spoke to students last week about her book, among other topics.

Commission and Lombardi issue timeline

On Monday, University of Massachusetts Chancellor John V. Lombardi posted the second draft action plan on the Commission for Campus Diversity's Web site.

While the plan gave more details about various recommendations made by the commission on March 1, no major changes were included.

Lombardi posted his initial plan on March 12 and it immediately drew harsh criticism from various members of the University community, especially those involved in student government.

Lombardi's initial report was 17 pages and the second draft, "On Improving Campus Diversity," was 33 pages. The second draft also gave a direct response to all 15 of the commission's recommendations that it made after a four-month study. Lombardi also addressed the campus' response to his report.

"We recognize the complexity of the issues we address, the long history of achievement on which we draw for insight and inspiration, and the intense commitment expressed by so many voices reflected in the Commission report," Lombardi said in his report.

"We have no illusions that the measures outlined here will win universal approbation from every campus constituency," he added.

Besides his idea for a new center, the Center for Student Development, that would group together various groups on campus, Lombardi also was under fire for not accepting the commission's number one recommendation.

"Appoint a senior level administrator with adequate staffing,budget and resources to report directly to the Chancellor to review and coordinate all diversity and inclusion activities at the Amherst Campus," the commission initially recommended.

On Monday, Lombardi stood by his refusal to grant this recommendation, citing his response in his initial draft.

Then-SGA president Eduardo Bustamante was extremely upset at Lombardi's plans, and he made an alternative proposal that appears on the commission's Web site.

All mentioned documents can be viewed at www.umass.edu/campusdiversity.

— Matt Elder

Five College area students set to kick off Relay for Life Friday

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

Students consumed with last-minute fundraising efforts are preparing to "walk" to a cure for cancer this weekend during the third annual Relay for Life.

The event is a culmination of year-long fundraising efforts by students in the five-college area participating in a common cause.

The relay, which takes place at the Amherst College track will begin this Friday afternoon and linger into Saturday afternoon. Students from the University of Massachusetts and the Five-College area will lace up their sneakers and walk around the track for 18 straight hours — with all donations going to the American Cancer Society for patient services and cancer research.

Among the hundreds of students, the UMass radio station WMUA 91.1 FM will be there to provide music and there will be food that has been donated from local area restaurants as well as showcasing six local bands, a comedian, prizes, games and t-shirts.

Co-chairs and UMass students Missy Ivanoski and Nicole Lohr anticipate a great weekend.

"This is an opportunity for students in the five-college area to meet each other and gather for a common cause," Ivanoski said.

The participants have made up teams and team names, and raised money in efforts to campaign for cancer research. Last year, collectively, the teams raised over $45,000 for the American Cancer Society, and according to Lohr, "had a wonderful time participating in the event."

"It is important for people to get involved, whether it is walking, fundraising or volunteering," Lohr said. "Cancer is a disease that effects everyone, and it is important to realize the severity."

Ivanoski added that, "people come to the relay to honor those who have survived cancer to remember those we have lost the battle and survivorship is the reason why we relay."

Lohr also added that this event is a major fundraiser while participants have great time camping out in tents and socializing with friends. "It is always a really fun night," she said, "everyone stays up all night."

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Students walk around the track at Amherst's Pratt Field last year during the second annual Relay for Life. This year's relay kicks off Friday.

Student launches popular Web site

By Meghan Healy
Collegian Staff

The idea for umasslinks.com came to Dan Reed as a means for convenience. He wanted a homepage that allowed him to search the Web and also made all the links a typical University of Massachusetts student may want available at his fingertips.

"I wanted Google as my homepage," Reed said. The 20-year-old sophomore felt that making a search engine his homepage left him without easy access to the parts of the Internet that he as a student also needed to use on a regular basis. From there it wasn't a very big leap to the site up and running today.

"Umasslinks.com emulates Google, but has more to offer," Reed said. "It still opens up with that search box right there but there are other links too." Among those links are SPIRE, OWL, the UMass Amherst version of Web CT, People Finder and even a local weather forecast. On a more national scale, visitors to the site can check the latest Red Sox scores and hit up their Hotmail inbox, all with a click on umasslinks.com.

Reed, a School of Management major who lives in the Southwest residential area, found the site took on a new shape as he began sharing it with friends and other members of the student body.

"It is a collage of ideas all developed by students," said Reed. "I just brought it together." It became apparent as he started developing umasslinks.com that the demand for something like it was not just present but was high. "I found a lot of people willing to contribute."

Although Reed found the site developing into a useful resource he knew it was missing something. "When I got the idea to add the numbers for restaurants, that was when the site really started to click."

The advent of restaurant links on the site led Reed to include links to the actual menus right on the site. "People like the look of the menu. They don't like when they can't locate an item on the on-line menu," said Reed.

"We have actual scans of the real menus on umasslinks.com so you're not missing out on anything."

Reed felt that the online ordering craze that has recently developed isn't flourishing because it is too much of a change from what students are used to. "Paperless menus are an alternative that can catch on," he said. The menu is available online but students still have the choice to order by phone. The use of the same menus we are all used to seeing shoved under our dorm room doors makes it more simplistic for users. "We are giving you a very visual, easy to use site," said Reed.

Launched earlier in the semester, umasslinks.com's reputation has already begun to spread via word-of-mouth. "We get about 4000 hits a day," said Reed. "[Monday] was our highest recorded hit day, with 4503 people visiting the site."

The Web site originally did not have the domain name umasslinks.com. "It used to be one of those free sites [like Geocities] but I felt like for the site to really catch on I needed a '.com' [address]," Reed said. "It has really increased the popularity."

It was in February that the site found itself a permanent home on the Web. "We started umasslinks.com in the beginning of February, adding the newest hit counter on Feb. 14," Reed said.

"Basically it is just me," said Reed of the creative team behind the Web site.

With a little help from a cousin who is a Web designer, Reed has made umasslinks.com a multifunctional stop for the busy student.

"I would say its an all-in-one package as a homepage," said Reed. "You have Google, all the UMass sites and more all at one place."

The future of umasslinks.com looks bright. Reed recently launched a version of the site for Bentley College. "It gives students in business hands-on experience," said Reed. "They get to work for a real business and sell our service."

He has his eye on other schools as well. "We are opening up at Kent State next week." Sites for Bridgewater State College, University of Connecticut and University of Rhode Island are also in development.

On its home turf, umasslink.com will look to expand in the coming year. A make over is on the way in the next few weeks. "We are looking into redesigning the site right now, making it more packaged," he said.

Reed has even planned for a table in the Campus Center at the start of the fall semester to raise awareness about the site and give away promotional items.

Receiving over 50 emails in just over two months and welcoming over 90,000 visitors since February, it is clear that umasslinks.com is well-received by the UMass student body.

"The great thing about our site is that it creates a community," said Reed of umasslinks.com. "The students are shaping the site."



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Dan Reed, a student at the University of Massachusetts works on his Web site, "umasslinks.com." The site is currently receiving over 4,000 hits a day and features popular links to frequently visited Web sites.

Hatch lays out new budget fund plan

By Casey Novak
Collegian Staff

Trends in the University of Massachusetts' general budget fund and the impact of the Capital Plan was discussed in great detail by Joyce Hatch, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, on Thursday at the 640 Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate.

Hatch began her presentation by delivering "good news" concerning the University's current budget situation.

"This year we are very stable. That still may not make a lot of people happy since we still have many things that are under funded, but the freefall of budget cuts over the last three years has stopped," she said.

In 2004 alone, Hatch said the budget cuts amounted to over $36 million. The strategy that was used to address this deficit was to increase student fees as well as receive bargaining increases.

One question that Hatch said she is frequently asked regards where all the money that has been raised through higher student fees is going and why it isn't enough to cover the budget cuts.

"Student fees definitely helped to offset the budget cut. So why wasn't that enough to solve the problem?" Hatch asked.

Although student fees have gone up by 40 percent during the last two years, she said that cost increases such as salaries to any non-unit members of the faculty as well as the utility budget also increase every year.

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Reaction group holds first meeting

By Meaghan Geisler
Collegian Correspondent

Over the past two years in Darfur, Sudan, more than 180,000 people have been killed and more than two million have been displaced from their homes and villages. The Genocide Reaction Committee will have its first meeting this Wednesday addressing these issues.

The Genocide Reaction Committee has been formed by Chris Turk, a sophomore political science major at the University of Massachusetts. With the Genocide Reaction Committee, he said hopes to raise concern on campus about the situation in Sudan.

For the past two years there has been a war going on between the Janjaweed, a militia group, and two rebel groups, the Sudan Libertarian Army and the Justice and Equality Movement. The Janjaweed have been attacking villages, where the kill men and rape and kill the women. This current conflict has left a million children malnourished.

There has been international pressure on the Sudanese government to disarm the Janjaweed, but the Sudanese government has shown little evidence of doing so. Although disarmament has been the main concern of the international community, other issues such as, malaria, AIDS and food and water shortage are other problems as well. The UN has predicted that over the next 18 months four million people will

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Camping out for a cause

The brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon will be camping out all night April 11 through 15 to help find a cure for cancer. The brothers will be accepting all donations at their site across from the Student Union.

Faculty Senate talks about new Capital Plan

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Financial aid and curriculum fees must also be considered, according to Hatch.

"Since student fees went up by 40 percent, the cost of financial aid must also go up to cover the difference," she said. "And the increase of fee waivers for all the graduate students does go up also."

Hatch also noted that payment for some debt that was borrowed years ago for infrastructure was now kicking in, accumulating to $9.9 million.

"The point is that with the loss of state funds and cost increases of 38 million, we balanced the budget with student fees and the campus budget," Hatch said, summing up the past two years.

Looking ahead, Hatch addressed the issue of student fees by saying that she is committed to keeping increases down to three percent for the next few years.

Also discussed was the future of utility costs at the university. She said that $42 million has been invested in order to conserve energy on campus.

"We will be converting from coal primarily to gas, but oil as a backup," Hatch said. "The good news is that it will be more efficient and cleaner — the bad news is that by dropping coal, which is the cheapest form of energy, the cost increase would normally be about 3 million ... but we are able to offset that with some of the energy savings and other things we are doing."

Hatch continued her presentation by discussing the current budget for the Capital Plan.

"This year we are putting in an additional 5.4 million into the Capital Plan out of our operating budget," she said. "Next year it will go up by about 3 million, the next year 4 [million] and so on. This is in addition to the 30 million that is already in our operating budget, which will go towards remodeling and other major projects."

Hatch said that the Capital Plan's budget amounts to about $544 million over a five-year period. She added that a state contribution of only 11 percent is expected.

"The majority of the money (about 87 percent) will be funded through UMass Building Authority borrowing, campus borrowing for the energy project, or the campus revolving pool," Hatch announced.

According to her, new building construction costs will amount to about $200 million, since only 34 percent of the buildings on campus are reported to by in "good" condition.

"After spending only half a million dollars, that statistic goes up to 40 percent," Hatch said. "But we have a long way to go before we can really fix the campus."

Conservative speaker visits UMass

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made up of lawyers, accountants, as well as others concerned with women's reproductive rights. Bruce told of a time when many abortion clinics in California were being blocked by groups of males against the act. These men gave out maps to clinics, and Bruce's group gave out some of their own; which took people elsewhere.

"I want feminism and unlocking every door within it," added Bruce. "I want every choice to be available so you can have a choice."

Later, Bruce enrolled in NOW, working for such issues as childcare, economics, and healthcare.

According to her website, www.tammybruce.com, after becoming the NOW's president, she brought people together and campaigned against domestic violence, violence against women, and the image of women in the media.

"NOW showed me the height of the abortion wars," explained Bruce. "I joined because activism can improve lives for everyone. Blacks, homosexuals, and women need it."

Putting an emphasis on individuality, Bruce noted her accomplishments in NOW and All Fired Up; but also pointed out what she did not like about them.

"You join a group because you feel different and identify with people in it," said Bruce. "However, you become absorbed into it and are erased within the framework of the group. The irony is you have to conform. There were times when serving in NOW when I was told to go along with something I did not think was right. Other times, I just sat back or had to lie about my feelings."

Bruce said looking back, she is proud of many of her accomplishments.

"As I've rethought all of my positions, I own them. I don't need the approval now to be accepted. I finally find it okay that I don't have to be someone for somebody else," Bruce commented.

Bruce used the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks as an example where people as individuals worked together in overcoming hardship.

"Stripping yourself from a group can be related to the plane that went down in Pennsylvania during 9/11," stated Bruce. "In those moments for all of the people on the flight, whether they were gas, black, or of other color; they were human beings who knew what they were doing in that moment. All of those factors melted away, they worked together against the terrorists."

She also explained how other politicians try to label her Bruce, who is pro-choice, a gun owner, for the death penalty and is openly gay is a Democrat who has voted for such presidents as Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton, and President Bush.

"I refuse to leave the Democratic Party," added Bruce. "I get emails from people calling me a poser. I am what I say I am and so are you. You are what you say, regardless of what the group you belong to says."

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Reaction committee to meet

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be affected by the food shortage in Darfur.

At the Genocide Reaction Committee meeting, Turk said he wants to address some of his plans. One of his main goals is to start fundraising here on campus and eventually in surrounding communities.

"I want to raise concern on the issue by building a voice out of UMass that will hopefully grow into a compelling force," Turk said. "The point of starting the committee is first and foremost to raise money to immediately support those who are suffering in Sudan through fundraising activities."

Turk also hopes to be able to work with other groups that are concerned with the situation in Sudan because he said that this isn't something that he wants to keep local to UMass. He hopes to be able to reach out to the communities surrounding UMass and get them involved as well.

Another organization that Turk is hoping to get involved with the Amnesty International Office located in Somerville.

The Amnesty International Office is a non-profit organization that addresses human rights issues.

Turk's hope is that if enough people voice their concern across the country then hopefully the United States government will react to the Sudan crisis.

He believes that if the U.S. started a peace keeping mission in Sudan many other countries will join in the movement.

The Genocide Reaction Committee will have its first meeting on today at 8 p.m. in Kennedy dormitory on the nineteenth floor in the lounge.



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Scholarship awards

University of Massachusetts professor emerita, Virginia A. Beal speaks at the 17th annual Virginia A. Beal Lecture and Dinner, held at the Log Cabin in Holyoke on Monday. Beal presented five scholarships, three in her name, to UMass graduate and undergraduate nutrition majors.

Rumsfeld urges government to avoid politicizing military

By Robert Burns
Associated Press

SALAHUDDIN, Iraq — On a whirlwind tour of Iraq that included his first visit to the Kurdish region, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld urged the emerging national government on Tuesday to avoid politicizing the Iraqi military.

At a news conference in a shaded courtyard surrounded by young pear trees, Rumsfeld was asked whether Iraqi officials he met earlier in Baghdad had given him assurances about continuity in the senior leadership of the Iraqi security forces.

"It's not so much a matter of continuity as a matter of competence, of capability," he said in an appearance with Massoud Barzani, who has joined political forces with his former Kurdish rival, Jalal Talabani. "It's a matter of not causing undue turbulence in the Iraqi security forces and not setting back the important progress that's been achieved."

Last week, Talabani was selected as president of the transitional government now being formed and will lead the country until constitutional elections scheduled for December. Some in the Bush administration fear the new interim government will force out political rivals who have been working with U.S. officials since Iraq regained sovereignty last June.



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Defense Secretary Rumsfeld.

Rumsfeld said Washington hopes to see in the new government "highly competent people who are not going to politicize security forces" but will keep to the current strategy of maintaining a U.S. presence until Iraq's own forces are capable of defeating the insurgents.

President Bush, meanwhile, visited with soldiers at Fort Hood, Texas, and said the war in Iraq is "entering a new phase" as Iraqi security forces and government institutions become more capable and self-reliant.

"America and its coalition partners are increasingly playing more of a supporting role," Bush said. "Like free people everywhere, Iraqis want to be defended and led by their own countrymen. We will help them achieve that objective so Iraqis can secure their own nation. And then our troops will come home with the honor they have earned."

The president met privately with the families of 33 soldiers who were killed.

Bush likened the April 9, 2003, toppling of Saddam Hussein's statue in Baghdad to the fall of the Berlin Wall, calling it "one of the great moments in the history of liberty."

As is his practice on trips to Iraq, Rumsfeld held what he calls a "town hall-style" meeting with a few hundred soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division, the main U.S. force in Baghdad. He pinned Bronze Star medals and Purple Heart awards on several soldiers and participated in the re-enlistment of about 100 soldiers.

The best-remembered Rumsfeld encounter with troops was his question-and-answer session last December with National Guard soldiers in Kuwait, many of whom were preparing to head to Iraq. One soldier complained to Rumsfeld about inadequate armor for his unit's vehicles, and Rumsfeld's response was seen by many as dismissive of the armor problem.

Three men indicted on charges of plotting various terrorist attacks in the United States

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Three men have been indicted on charges they plotted to attack financial institutions in New York, New Jersey and Washington.

A four-count indictment unsealed Tuesday accuses Dhiran Barot, Nadeem Tarmohammed and Qaisar Shaffi of scouting the New York Stock Exchange and Citicorp Building in New York, the Prudential Building in Newark, N.J., and the International Monetary Fund and World Bank in the District of Columbia.

The three men, already in custody in England, were charged with three conspiracy counts and providing material support to terrorists.

"They are indicted here and whether or not they actually ever are extradicted here I guess is a matter of discussion," said New York Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly.

"But I think it's important, both substantively and symbolically important, that you come here, you do this type of surveillance, we're not going to forget."

U.S. officials claim that Barot is a senior al-Qaida figure, known variously as Abu Eisa al-Hindi, Abu Musa al-Hindi and Issa al-Britani, who scouted prominent financial targets in the United States at the behest of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden.

Prosecutors say the men conducted surveillance on the buildings between August 2000 and April 2001, including video surveillance in Manhattan around April 2001.

U.S. officials have previously described detailed surveillance photos and documents, which they believe came from Barot, which were found on a computer that was seized in Pakistan last summer.

That information prompted the government, in August, to raise the risk of a terrorist attack to "high" for those specific financial institutions. The color-coded threat level for the rest of the nation remained at yellow, or elevated, the middle of a five-point scale.

Federal authorities, who acknowledged the threat was based mainly on years-old intelligence, said the decision to raise the threat level was based on an abundance of caution and because of the lengthy planning and plotting record of the terrorist network known as al-Qaida.

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The Citigroup Center in New York City is one of the suspected targets in the alleged terror plot.

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Authorities uncover plot that would target the East Coast

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The decision was made during a summer of unease over the possibility that terrorists might launch attacks on the political conventions or otherwise try to disrupt the presidential election. In March, bombs on trains in Madrid killed 191people days before Spanish elections.

Critics ascribed the elevated threat level to political calculations by the Bush administration.

The threat level was lowered to yellow for the buildings in November.

The men were among eight people arrested in England on terrorism-related charges in August.

Barot, 32, was charged there with possessing reconnaissance plans for the U.S. institutions and notebooks containing information on explosives, poisons, chemicals and related matters "of a kind likely to be useful to a person committing or preparing an act of terrorism."

Tarmohammed, 26, was charged there, along with Barot, with possessing plans of the Prudential building. Shaffi, 25, also was charged in Britain with possessing an extract from the "Terrorist's Handbook" on the preparation of chemicals, explosive recipes and other information.

The U.S. intends to seek their extradition once the British prosecutions are completed, Justice Department spokeswoman Tasia Scolinos said.

Their trial in England is expected to begin in January, according to the Crown Prosecution Service.

British proceedings and any sentences would have to be completed before extradition could be possible, the Crown Prosecution Service said. The service also said that until then, none of them would be available for interrogation by U.S. agents.

German man captured after holding school girls hostage

By Matt Moore
Associated Press

ENNEPETAL, Germany — German police commandos slipped into a house where a knife-wielding man was holding four schoolgirls hostage Tuesday, surprising the suspect and taking him into custody while rescuing his captives after a five-hour standoff.

The man inflicted a superficial knife wound on the stomach of a 16-year-old hostage, whom he held with three 11-year-olds, before he was captured by a police SWAT team that entered the red brick house at the end of a cul-de-sac shortly after 6 p.m., lead investigator Ulrich Kuhne said.

Police earlier said the suspect, identified as a 50-year-old Iranian asylum-seeker who has been in Germany since the 1990s, was injured as he was overpowered, but Kuhne gave no further details.

The man apparently wanted to be allowed to bring his children from Iran to Germany.

The SWAT team acted with particular caution, because the man was known to have psychological problems and the house in which he held the girls was owned by a hunter who had rifles and handguns on the premises, Kuhne said.

"Thank God, he did not use that opportunity," Kuhne said.

Police jumped the man after he had bound his four captives together to take them to the bathroom, Kuhne said.

The man had pulled the girls off a public bus he commandeered and forced them into the basement of the home at about 1 p.m.

The bus was packed with children on their way home from school in the town of Ennepetal, between the cities of Duesseldorf and Dortmund.

The mother of one child said the man told them he wanted to bring his family to Germany from Iran, a motive backed up by a letter in Arabic that police found on the bus, said investigating prosecutor Wolfgang Rahmer.

Renate Schulte said her 16-year-old son, Marvin, who fled after the man forced the bus driver to stop, told her the man read a statement saying his children were in Iran and he wanted to be allowed to bring them to Germany.

The man then herded some of the children to the back of the bus and tied several of them together by their belt buckles with a cord. He told the children to stay calm and said he wanted to talk to the German government, Marvin Schulte said.

"He didn't seem aggressive," the teenager said. "He said we should stay quiet and he didn't want to harm us."

The man forced the bus driver to stop and hustled the group of captives off the bus, but apparently let several of them go."

Students wrap-up fund raising in preparation for relay event

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According to the rules of the relay, there must be at least one participant from each team walking throughout the night — which leaves time for people to rest, eat or sleep.

The festivities will kickoff Friday at 6:30 p.m. with the opening ceremony, which is often very emotional for students.

"Students share their personal stories and how their lives have been affected by relatives with cancer or their own personal stories," Lohr said.

After the ceremony, there is a survivor lap, where participants and cancer survivors initiate the relay with the first lap.

At 9 p.m. the luminary ceremony will begin where hundreds of candles will be lit in honor or in memory of a cancer patient.

Personal notes and anecdotes are written on the paper bags that add a personal importance and massage about the disease. Last fall, relay volunteers held a miniature event called "Light the Night" event on the Campus Center pond and lit hundreds of luminary.

"It was great to see so many people involved," Lohr said, "so many people filled out the [messages] at the Campus Center."

UMass students still have time to fill out a luminary today in the Campus Center.

Volunteers will be at a table in the Campus Center Concourse.

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event is still in its early stages on college campuses, however, but according to the press release, has raised millions of dollars nationwide.

Relay For Life began in Tacoma, Wash., in 1985 after one dedicated cancer-fighting advocate walked around a track for an entire day, and raised $27,000.

After the instant success of the relay concept, many groups and organizations started their own relays and the event became the "American Cancer Society's signature fundraising event," according to Relay's press release.

The relay was introduced among college campuses just three years ago, but according to Lohr, the success is overwhelming.

According to the American Cancer Society, five schools participated in relay in 2001, the number quickly climbed to 63 schools the following year. Nationally, Relay for Life has raised over $246 million over 3,300 events last year. This year more than 125 college campuses will participate in relay.

"We hope that someday cancer will be eliminated through our efforts," Ivanoski and Lohr said, "We have seen the dedication and witnessed the time students have put forth into this great event and we are looking forward to kicking off this Friday."

If you would like to donate to Relay for Life in the Five College area, please visit the Web site at www.acsevents.org/relay/fivecolleges.



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Authorities gain access to a home in Germany where a "knife-wielding man" was holding four German school girls hostage for over five hours. One of the girls was wounded.

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Church right to allow Cardinal Law into conclave

Cardinal Bernard Law is a name that, to many, puts shame on the Boston archdiocese and the Catholic Church. Yet, despite the stigma carried with him, Law continued to show his devotion to the religion and to Pope John Paul II when he led a Mass on Monday, mourning the pope's death at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City.

Contrary to his denial and ignorance of priest pedophilia accusations during his tenure as Archbishop in Boston, Law still remains as one of the 115 members of the Cardinal conclave to elect the next pope, in addition to maintaining his title as chief priest of the Basilica of St. Mary Major. It is through his continued service to the Catholic Church that Catholics around the world are reminded of what kind of man John Paul II actually was, and what kind of man is needed to fill his shoes.

After denying the allegations against Boston's pedophile priests, Pope John Paul II did not reprimand or chastise Law, but rather, appointed him to a high Vatican post. This alone showed the pope's great knack for forgiveness, and demonstrated a quality that is very rare among religious figures, especially when concerning such grave accusations.

However, many believe that the pope was too lenient. The fact that there are mixed reviews about John Paul II's actions shows the need for the new pope to be more firm and crack down harder on sex offenders within the Church.

Also, by Law being allowed into the conclave, it shows that the Catholic Church is openly facing the problem of priest sex offenders, as opposed to hiding it in the closet. The whole issue is one that the Church could do without and has brought great shame and controversy to Catholicism as a religion. By allowing Law, a centerpiece in the sex scandal, to be a part of the conclave, the Church is telling its followers that they are not ignoring the problem and are going to make sure it won't happen again. Law is serving as a symbol to everyone that the Catholic Church will no longer tolerate such behavior.

There were many similarities between Law and John Paul II with regards to their leadership skills and their religious mindsets. Both were trained in close-knit clerical societies that rewarded those who stood by the Church and denounced those who strayed from it. Law did just that, he stood by the Church when it was under fire ... by denying the accusations. His method, to solve the problem, was one that dug the Church deeper into the hole that they're trying to get out of now. While the pope was an example of loyalty that was to be looked at and praiseworthy and admirable, Law's loyalty was just the opposite.

Giving Law a chance, and standing by John Paul II's decisions to allow him to still be a part of the Catholic Church, is something that is needed in order for the Church to move forward into modern times. There are many other issues that the Church will have to face, and if they can get over this hurdle and elect a pope that will not allow this to happen again, the Catholic Church can easily move forward with the rest of the world.

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Giving back to the Earth

As Earth Day approaches swiftly (it is next Friday), we should all try to take a moment to be thankful for the many things that the bountiful Earth supplies us with, things that we sometimes take for granted, and forget to appreciate fully.

Joseph St. John

Without the Earth, there would be no clouds in the sky, there would be no rivers or trees, there would be no mountains or lakes. Without the Earth, we could not get to and from class. There would be no ground to walk on. We could not quench our thirst at the water fountain after a long afternoon of playing Frisbee under the hot sun on the field near our dorms if there was no water to drink, or fields to play on, or dorms to live in.

We could not be with the people we love and look up to the moon if there were no Earth for the moon to play with. There would be no birthdays or holidays for anyone without the Earth. There would be no food, plants, or animals.

With Earth as our only resource, the giver of the ground that we walk on, our fountain of life and our supplier of precious air that fills our lungs, she deserves to be taken care of. She is a friend, and friends should be appreciated and loved dearly. When the Earth is kind and gives us a nice glass of lemonade after allowing us to drive in nice cars and eat the glorious foods she gives us, we should be saying, Thank you Earth. I owe you one, and make a mental note to do a favor for the Earth sometime. What better time to do a favor for Earth than Earth Day?

Each of us is really small compared to the Earth, so each of us cannot repay the Earth for all of the majesty it gives, for every breath it supplies us of clean oxygen, and every pretty view from a mountaintop. But a person can show thanks and respect to the Earth in many ways that a big friend like the Earth can appreciate. Friends like to be loved, treated fairly, honestly, and not forgotten and used. The Earth likes to have songs written about it, and to be the hero in great stories, but most of all it loves to share its bounty with all of the creatures and plants that accompany it on its great journey through space, because it would get lonely without its many close friends.

With Earth as our only resource, the giver of the ground that we walk on, our fountain of life and our supplier of precious air that fills our lungs, she deserves to be taken care of.

That is why the Earth needs to be reminded every now and then that its friends really are its friends, and are not just using it for a free ride. A card and a bouquet of flowers are nice things to give to a friend to show them that you care, but the Earth doesn't need a card or a bouquet of flowers, it already has fields filled with flowers, and factories full of cards. What the Earth really wants for her coming Earth Day is for humans to help her out by cleaning up some of the messes they've made recently, and learn how to not make so many messes in the future. That's what she really wants.

This year, if each of us thinks about ways to limit our personal messes, perhaps the Earth will thank us, and promise to keep carrying our friends and children on its wonderful journey around the sun for a little longer. Maybe we could think about the energy we consume in our cars, and our fancy juice box packages that we throw away, and in the lights we leave on when we go outside, and the water we let run while we brush our teeth. We could think about the type of fuel we are using, and see that some are making the Earth ill, and dream of cleaner ways to run our nightlights and toasters without letting our good friend Earth have to sacrifice its health.

One thing that I hope to do for the Earth is to learn all I can about renewable energy and to find out how I can help make it more widely used. A bit of research and a few letters to some politicians is a cheap rent to pay for a summer of swimming, bike riding, Frisbee playing and everything else that is wrapped up with summer. It's a rent that I know I'm not forced to pay, but something I feel obligated to pay.

I hope the Earth will appreciate it.

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Tragedy in the Statistics

Notorious dictator Joseph Staiin, no stranger to death, once declared, "The death of one person is a tragedy. The death of millions is a statistic." Today, the death of Pope John Paul II is a tragedy. But for most of us, the death of millions around the world from AIDS is a statistic.

Andrew Freedman

AIDS stands for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, a condition in which the body's immune system is destroyed, leaving the victim open to opportunistic infections that would ordinarily be handled easily. AIDS develops from the virus HIV — human immunodeficiency virus — which is spread through unprotected sexual contact, sharing of needles between drug users, transfusion of infected blood, and from an infected mother to her child.

AIDS has no cure, and no vaccine to prevent it, and research into these is unlikely to produce either quickly, due to the virus' extremely rapid mutation. Treatment for AIDS usually involves years of expensive antiretroviral drug therapy, and these drugs can prolong life with the disease. In the United States and other high-income nations these drugs are widely used and deaths from AIDS have fallen: although nearly one million Americans had HIV or AIDS in 2003, only an estimated 14,000 died, according to the CIA World Facebook Web site.

If the AIDS epidemic is mostly under control in our country, it is rampaging across Africa. The further south one travels down the map, the higher rates of AIDS and HIV are. At the southernmost region of Africa, in the countries of Swaziland, Botswana, South Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe, and Lesotho, over 20 percent of the population has HIV or AIDS, according to a report by UNAIDS. In the small country of Swaziland, around 200,000 people, or 38 percent of the population, had AIDS/HIV at the end of 2003, and 17,000 had died that year.

Try to conceptualize those statistics: 38 percent, or 200,000 people. 200,000 is greater than the population of Springfield or Worcester, and around a third of the urban population of Boston. 200,000 is over eight times the student population of this campus. Next visualize every person you know, and imagine one third of them having AIDS or HIV, perhaps without even realizing it, and you'll begin to see the scope of the crisis.

... AIDS is not just a matter for governments — the sheer scale of the crisis demands a response from citizens as well.

It gets worse. Deaths from AIDS have left approximately 60,000 orphans, some undoubtedly having the disease themselves, according to UNAIDS; an estimated 15,000 households are run by orphan children. The average life expectancy is 37 years for Swaziland's population according to the World Factbook, in large part because AIDS spreads through entire families, from husband to wife or mother to child. A whole generation is growing up with the likelihood of an early death.

Although AIDS is worst in Africa, especially the far south, it is also a major problem in many other parts of the world. AIDS is spreading through Southeast Asia and China, through Eastern Europe and Russia, through Latin America and the Caribbean. In 2004, over 3 million people died from AIDS, with over 20 million total dead and nearly 40 million currently living with the virus, according to Avert.org.

What can be done? In 2003, President Bush pledged $15 billion to help fight AIDS in Africa, according to www.africaaction.org. This was a nice gesture, but it was disingenuous: some of the money went to fund research in the US, the spending didn't begin until 2004, and brand-name AIDS drugs would be purchased over cheaper generic drugs. In short, it wasn't a full $15 billion, and it wasn't a real solution.

Moreover, the Bush administration has been pushing abstinence-only programs in various countries, mostly to appeal to his Christian supporters who view premarital sex as a sin. Abstinence education, in this country and others, is a waste of resources, more of a moral statement than a coherent program; people are going to have sex, and discouraging them from doing it is fruitless. Moreover, Human Rights Watch found that these programs had been spreading falsehoods in Uganda, declaring premarital sex "deviance" and that condoms are ineffective at stopping sexual transmission of AIDS. Such lies cost lives, discouraging individuals from using condoms when they have sex, thereby facilitating the spread of the disease.

A better governmental proposal would be the disbursement of at least $20 billion every year for AIDS treatment and prevention, throughout Africa and the world. However, AIDS is not just a matter for governments — the sheer scale of the crisis demands a response from citizens as well. Speak out, raise money, volunteer — because each one of nearly 40 million people suffering from AIDS is a potential tragedy, not a statistic.

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Journalism behind the lines

Embedded journalism is a concept that was first conceived during World War II, and has most recently been a primary source of information from the second Gulf War. In the context of war, the term refers to journalists who engage in a military training session, are sent to the war zone and allowed to accompany the army platoons and missions. They can do so, however, only on the grounds that their reporting does not compromise any of said missions.

Evan Mowery

I would like to hold that embedded journalism is beneficial not only to the coverage but to the stories themselves and the journalists covering them. They have been the subject of scrutiny that is a bit negative in nature recently so I'd like to throw out a nice counterpoint.

In the first Gulf War, the coverage of the front lines was spotty at best. Only after the fighting occurred and smoke cleared did the actual events have a chance to emerge. Embedded journalism solves this problem. Correspondents now live their lives, eat, sleep, and carry on into battle with those fighters. The frontline access allowed has been able to further the public's perception and overall knowledge of the war. It captures a complete mosaic of everything that occurs on the battlefield and everyone affected.

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The journalist's credo of seeking truth and reporting it is in prime example here. As Thomas E. Ricks, Military Affairs Reporter for the Washington Post says, "to accurately report war you must have witnessed it firsthand." This idea pertains not only to war but to almost anything that a journalist would hope to report. First hand experience is a universally accepted necessity for true and accurate reporting.

Among the many journalist credos, maintaining balance is of the utmost importance. Embedded journalists would have more ease in carrying this ideal out to its full extent.

When a journalist is on the outside of the war, it is easier to avoid its inevitable unpleasant aspects, such as death, destruction and the everyday face of the lives it affects. It would be all too easy to step back and declare the gulf war a thrilling victory by courageous and brave young Americans.

While this may be true to some extent, the shadowy underbelly of the war has not been exposed. Embeds can witness firsthand the mistakes and acts of pure cruelty that these so-called virtuous individuals are inflicting on a public that has no voice. An entire different portrait of the war could be painted in which the Americans were heartless, invading tyrants who decimated poor, defenseless Iraqi towns. But a journalist on the outside, looking in, that was never on the frontline, could never see either the kindness of America's forces or the tyranny that they might well have caused. The balance is severely lacking.

A benefit of embedding on a level that I believe all journalists can appreciate is the safety that comes by being surrounded by and veritably cared for by a convoy of military troops, safety that is in short supply in war torn lands. Freelance, unilateral reporters must bribe their rides and brave the hostile environment with very little protection, braving harsh and perilous terrain lacking even a bullet proof vest or a gas mask. They place themselves in serious danger simply by trying to earn their paychecks.

I would like to express my belief that embedding journalists will improve those journalists' credibility and skill as professional reporters.

As they are embedded with the soldiers and so dependent upon them for protection, a problem that journalists might encounter would be how does one stay fair and balanced and maintain a professional level of distance without allowing themselves to become emotionally attached? One could call this a problem but I prefer to call it an essential training tool for fair and balanced reporters. Such situations as reporting in war torn lands might well test their very mettle and put them in as extreme conditions as they will ever encounter in their lives. If, through all this, that level of distance can be maintained, if they can live with the soldiers, eat with the soldiers and face the battle with the soldiers, but at the end of the day, write what is needed, regardless of who it may hurt, the reporter will be that much stronger for it.

Another benefit that the journalist can hope to take from their embedding experience is to be surrounded on all sides by those patriotic and driven Americans who would love to cast the war in a favorable light by adding their own spin to certain events. The journalist must be able to see through this propaganda and focus on what the issues really are. Therefore, any chance that they might have to test their skills in such a manner can, with no doubt, be construed as beneficial.

So give them a break. That's all I ask. They're good people doing their job in a tough situation. Cheers to them.

Evan Mowery is a Umass student.

Write for Ed/Op by submitting a column to Matt or Allison in the newsroom.

Overwhelmed and under-communicative

You're competent, active and energetic. You can get your work done, earn money at a job and still make time for your favorite extracurricular activities. The busier you are the more the momentum of the work will carry you along. So you think and so you start your fall semester by taking on seven courses, two jobs, a weekly columnist position, and a club sport. It sounds like a lot to your Mom and friends, but the jobs are less than 15 hours per week total, three of the courses are single or two credit colloquiums, and the sport is ... well, just a club.

S.J. Port

The weeks begin to fly. The jobs are taking more time than you thought they would. In addition to your paid hours you have to spend time getting to and from work; in weekly staff meetings, and time interacting with the people you call colleagues. Most weeks you're actually spending 20-25 hours a week on "working," but still only being paid for 15. The stress of both jobs is starting to wear on you. By the time you get home at night the vision of your own homework, mounting in piles across your desk and bed, brings on a massive headache.

The three supposedly "easy" courses turn out to be more work and stress than you imagined. Your other four courses are non-stop reading and writing. You spend so much time at your computer that you develop carpal tunnel syndrome. On top of this, you've developed a strange eye infection, and have had to go home every other week to see an eye specialist in Boston. Perhaps sleep could cure the eye infection? No time to experiment.

The one happiness in your life is your hockey team. Your teammates and the exercise manage to make you smile on days when people wonder if your dog just died.

Your aunt in Indiana dies suddenly. You call the Dean of Students Office and they send out an email to all of your professors that a death in the family has occurred. For a week you miss your courses, your job, your practices and games, only to return exhausted by the travel and loss.

You are now behind in your work. You think, "It's a big University, nobody's going to notice if I only do all of this half-assed."

You'd like to drop some of your responsibilities, but you've made promises to your jobs, your teammates and yourself. You love everything you do, but are starting to hate getting out of bed — that is on the rare occasion you actually get in bed to sleep.

The semester ends and your work is not done, but you return home for break anyway — with three incompletes. You fall asleep at the Christmas dinner table; you can't stay awake for more than three hours at a time.

it's a big University, and even those of us who know it best can get lost. It's an impersonal University, and even those of us with contacts in the administration, faculty and staff can feel left behind.

If you read the above paragraphs and didn't think, "this person is nuts," then reread them — you too are probably lying to yourself about how many hours there really are in a day. The mistakes I made may seem obvious, but humor me for a moment while I spell them out.

If everything you are responsible for does not fit on a schedule (read as: chart with all the hours of all the days of the week on it) then you have to cut some things out. And, yes, you are to include sleep and self-determined study hall hours on that schedule. People will understand that you've over committed; just don't repeat the mistake every semester, learn your lesson and move on. Professors, bosses, colleagues and friends will respect that you would prefer to do a few things well than fail in your responsibilities to everyone — including them.

If you're halfway through a semester and you're pulling regular all- nighters; you're ill, depressed, struggling with personal issues, or just simply overwhelmed or disenchanted talk to your advisors and professors and make the effort to seek advice. I didn't seek advice until the semester was over and quicksand was pooling into my mouth as I began — finally — to gurgle for help. Believe it or not your professors have been in your shoes, and have heard and seen it all. They are very likely to understand if you approach them honestly; do not make up stories or exaggerate circumstances — a good lie is always harder to tell than the truth. Approach your professors with respect for their authority but also with an understanding of how deep you're under and how long it will realistically take to finish the course — if you can finish it. Suggest, but do not demand, a time frame in which to have the work done.

If you cannot finish the course, lay it out with the professor and your dean. You can withdraw from a course with a late withdrawal until the last week of a semester. Students also have the option to retroactively withdrawal after the conclusion of a semester in some serious cases. (Most advisors at the University will tell you that "serious" cases are not rarities by any means.) Again, go to these advisors with an idea of what would help you most, instead of just a pitiful empty pout.

If you bring honest reasons for your predicament to the administration they will be honest and reasonable in return. If they are not, which in my own experience is rare, go to your dean, you advisor, the dean of student life and so on — hell, email Lombardi as a last ditch effort — but first respect the hierarchy of authority.

Quitting a job is easier than you think. Your foremost job during college is not to make money, build a resume or understand the professional universe. Your foremost job is to get the most out of your courses, learn to be a student and thinker, and focus your interests while expanding your view of the world through the lens of your chosen field. If you work to pay for school consider extra loans. The financial aid office will be able to help you, if you actually show up in person instead of barraging them with emails and phone calls. You already have a career as a student, anything on top of that is a second, third or fourth job.

That said, it's rare that anyone can handle and succeed in more than five courses at once. Expect to take summer or winter courses if you want to graduate in four years but are a double major, or someone who needs to take fewer than the expected five courses each semester. Be careful about the courses you chose. Lay out a plan to graduate in time with an advisor.

If you've never met your advisor — or an advisor of some kind — what are you waiting for? Better yet, what are you paying tuition for? Don't feel like you're wasting your professor, advisor, coach, or boss' time by dropping in to talk to them or to ask for help; most of them hold office hours for students who never show up.

It's a big University, and even those of us who know it best can get lost. It's an impersonal University, and even those of us with contacts in the administration, faculty and staff can feel left behind. But those of you who know when to ask for help — and get over your own egos to do so — will get the most out of this University.

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Weather affecting mood?

Today, in Amherst, the weather is a cool 48 degrees and slightly cloudy. People in Key West, Fla. are enjoying a sunny 75 degree day. Which would you prefer? I am sure that they majority of you would choose Key West.

Joshua Stephens

In general, sunnier, warmer weather has a positive affect on a person's mood and colder, cloudier weather has a negative affect. Some can develop Seasonal Affective Disorder, also known as fall-winter onset and a spring-summer remission.

Seasonal Affective Disorder is thought to have a direct relationship to weather. It actually does not; SAD appears in people when the seasons change. It is a rare disorder and is thought to be related to the body's temperature and hormone regulation. It is known to occur more with women than men. People with this disorder experience depression with fall or winter onset. They may gain weights and have a lessened drive to do anything. SAD can be treated with light therapy. Most people with the "winter blahs" or cabin fever do not have SAD.

Weather does play a role in determining mood. Although it might not be as direct as some think, it is definitely there.

Many believe that weather affects mood, but this is not necessarily true. According to Mathew Keller, a University of Michigan post-doctoral researcher, "Everyone thinks weather affects mood, but the biggest tests of this theory in 2000 found no relationship, so we went back and found there are two important variables: how much time you spend outside and what the season is. If you go from winter to spring and spend enough time outside, there's a noticeable change (www.sciencedaily.com)."

Keller and his colleagues collected and analyzed information from many different studies, in order to further investigate this theory. He found that the perfect temperature for Americans was about seventy-two degrees. Also in his findings, he discovered that people must spend at least 30 minutes outside in nice weather for their mood to actually increase.

Seeing spring is around the corner, it is important for people, especially college kids, to make an everyday attempt to go outside for at least a 30-minute period. Doing this can help your overall health by "improving mood, memory and broadening cognitive style (Keller)." The University of Michigan also found that by staying indoors, while the weather outside is nice, may actually decrease mood and cognitive ability (sciencedaily.com).

Being a college student at a large populated university, I see thousands of people everyday. Not only do I see them, I see the emotions and moods that they wear on their sleeves. It's noticeable that spring is bringing out better moods in people. After talking to a few people, they also agreed that the nice weather has made them noticeably happier. I asked Kevin Kelleher, a friend of mine, how weather has affected him? "The sun gives me initiative to do things. I wake up in a better mood and look forward to getting outside." Kevin simply replied.

This winter has been an extremely long one and with spring finally arriving, people are smiling more and have more interest to do work and go to classes. Although Mathew Keller believes that there in no direct relationship with weather affecting mood, I believe that just by the sun being out, moods are boosted. Weather does play a role in determining mood. Although it might not be as direct as some think, it is definitely there.

Joshua Stephens is a UMass student.

Laundry, posers and pee-bombs

Defenestration: a throwing of a person or thing out of a window.

Dylan Smith

A heap of boxers would be the sight every few weeks in the "kid's" bathroom in my house, nestled in the corner by the sink. I was elementary school age, still sporting the sweet one shoulder backpack, and I blamed this pile of dirty underwear on laziness after morning showers. But it was really an excuse to argue with my parents, and eventually, a chance to see laundry fly. Well, not fly, but at least defy the weight of gravity for a brief and glorious moment. The pile would grow and grow, and after a few weeks it was time for D-Day.

D-Day, often on a Sunday morning, was my parent's nonsense approach for the quick disposal of the foul smelling undergarments that were decomposing by the sink. A voice would yell, "Dylan, Mom's about to defenestrate your boxers!" I would race to the second floor bathroom, hoping to catch a glimpse of it. "Defenestration Day" was serious entertainment. My mother, or whoever, would scoop up the boxers, and simply heave them out the window. "No, Mom, I was about to pick them up!" I would exclaim in my best dramatic yelp. I would watch them flutter down to the garden below in a scattered fashion. Quietly, I would walk outside and collect them, trying to hide the huge grin that was plastered across my face.

At twelve, there was a week of school in May where we had a substitute teacher in algebra that was notoriously late for class. Since he was a rather corpulent fellow, and our class followed lunch, we speculated that perhaps his frequent trips to Taco Bell detained him. In this portion of class where grade D meat was sliding down Mr. Jamieson's esophagus, the most popular way to pass the time among the segregated boys side of the classroom was paper football.

I had an embarrassing experience earlier in the year with paper football that affirmed my burgeoning adolescent existence of awkwardness. I didn't realize that you shouldn't put the uprights directly in front of your face and took a direct hit to the cornea. Luckily my sight returned, but my social status was under review by the board. I was currently a "poser," which sucked. Trying to avoid another unfortunate incident, and maintain my tenuous position in middle school's social hierarchy, I opted to make paper airplanes and toss them out of the window to pass the time.

They would sail swiftly along the fresh vernal breeze as I daydreamed about the "Saved By the Bell" episodes I would watch that afternoon on TBS. I imagined I floated along with these airplanes, trusting the wind to guide me through the air. I had never stopped to notice if, or where, these planes had landed.

On the Friday of that week, I watched my first flight start to finish. The wind suddenly stopped, my airplane dropped rather clumsily and slammed into a tree. I leaned out the window to see my airplane crippled, with the nose scrunched up like an accordion. Apparently the wind, like posers before it, also sucked sometimes. Distraught from this reality, I returned to my desk and put "Thriller" in my Discman. As the words of "Beat It" rang in my ears, paper footballs occasionally crossed my field of vision in a parabolic arc (approximately $y=2x+4$ as estimated by my TI-83 that day, in between games of mofrog).

Someone will take a snapshot of me flaunting a wide grin as I soar amongst the clouds, giving thumbs up for the camera with one hand and the middle finger for Whitmore with the other.

As a sophomore in college, the window in my dorm room broke during the winter, so my roommate knocked the screen off to shut it. This unscreened window soon became the single source of all litter surrounding Emerson Dorm that spring. College binge drinking abetted this new mutation of D-Day.

My friends and I would get drunk and launch our bottles out of the window. Then we would have to pee, but the bathroom was all the way down the hall, so we'd urinate in the empty bottles and throw those out the window. These pee bombs would explode on the rocks below, and we would all cheer of course.

We were half-hoping that an RA would come with a complaint. "At approximately 3:45 a.m. on Tuesday, March 5, it was reported that beer bottles of urine were being thrown from your window in 334 Emerson."

The next Defenestration Day is almost here. However, D-Day on May 22 won't involve any boxers, paper airplanes, or pee bombs (well, I wouldn't rule this one out). I weigh about 200 pounds, so, I'll need at least five or six people to actually pick me up for a good toss out of the window. "Ok, we're going to need bottle-peers on the legs, underwear-disposers for the shoulders!" I'll try to study the currents as much as possible that day, but in the end I'm sure I'll just scream, "Throw me!" And they'll heave me into that familiar spring air, with my best "Superman" pose possible (Christopher Reeves-era).

This flight will be all my own, with the defenestrating party eagerly leaning out of the window. Someone will take a snapshot of me flaunting a wide grin as I soar amongst the clouds, giving thumbs up for the camera with one hand and the middle finger for Whitmore with the other. I also might throw in some Jordan inspired tongue-hanging-out action. My gown and cape (worn for superhero effect) will flap in the wind.

And I don't worry about the possibility of a crash landing anymore. I mean, do you think I'm an idiot? I'll scrounge up some mattresses or something from the dumpster in my parking lot that morning, it's cool. You think I would let people just throw me out of a window like that without taking any precautionary measures? Especially drunk pee-bombers? I mean I am getting a degree in history. So, please, spare me the "Jackass" comments. It's covered. Anyway, at least I know I can hire a plastic surgeon for the nose job if anything else. This is America isn't it? Just look at Michael Jackson, now that's the American dream in action. Just beat it, beat it, beat it, duh duh duh ...

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The Left's grand strategy

The days of Bill Clinton's stardom have, kicking and screaming, come to a close. Even as the Democratic "rock star" boards a plane to attend the Pope's funeral in Rome, Clinton's days of romping through the White House in all his tawdry glory are long gone. What's more, the Democrats' most recent hero in the crusade against Bush, John Kerry, had only received tepid support from the New York Times editorial page and even some staunch Bush haters. It seems as though Mr. Kerry, not President Bush and his campaigning cronies, gave Americans a growing list of reasons as to why we should continue to call him Senator.

Sean Drummy

Some have argued that it is only a matter of time until a Liberal backlash sweeps through the "red states" in light of Bush's deep push into America's moral and economic principles. However, as Machiavelli once put it: "A man should never risk failing because he thinks it is likely that he will be rescued." But that is precisely what the Left and their "the Neo-Cons are doing themselves in" attitude is banking on. With the University of Massachusetts being a place of higher learning, one would expect that the editorial page of the Collegian and all other forms of local media would be teeming with new ideas to revitalize the Left's grand strategy. Someone, somewhere has to be thinking up a game plan that will put the Democrats back on the offensive and give Bush and his religious rightwing nut jobs what's coming to them. While in this bubble of Liberalism, this isolated chunk of the world that champions "free thought" and "innovative ideas" (provided it isn't Conservative, of course), it may look as if the rest of the country is right on the same page as the politically minded here.

The politics of ridicule, scorn, and contempt do not impress anyone, especially the voters that were undecided up until the last stages of the elections. Continuing the daily retinue of diatribes and conspiracy theories against Bush. .. is futile, or even risible.

This is not so.

Whether it be Michael Moore showing off his impressive repertoire of French film awards and bolstering his eating disorder with revenue from "Fahrenheit 911" or the troves of protesters turning out for the Republican National Convention to give Arnold and pals a piece of their Leftist minds,' the Left is bringing nothing to the political table and they are paying dearly for it. And what of the validity of the Left's grievances? One would be hard pressed to find a Republican that believes his or her party has the monopoly on all the right answers. Many of the criticisms brought up in Left-of-Center documentaries like "Hijacking Catastrophe" may very well prove accurate. However, these ceaseless attacks on Conservatives didn't get any more seats in Congress or, yes I'll beat this dead political horse once again, a Democratic president.

What this past round of elections teaches us is that disdain for the incumbent, no matter how intense it may appear here, will not propel a similarly lackluster candidate into that big, round office in the White House. The politics of ridicule, scorn, and contempt do not impress anyone, especially the voters that were undecided up until the last stages of the elections. Continuing the daily retinue of diatribes and conspiracy theories against Bush and all his accomplishments is futile, or even risible. I know I have had a good laugh or two at some of the political editorials I've read in the Collegian. Not because I found the author's point to be invalid, but because incessant groveling does more to keep my Republican friends and I entertained than to help undo the "unspeakable evils" of the Bush administration. I find it very hard to believe that vindictive responses to conservative opinions expressed either in this paper or Fox News (the worst "F" word on campus) are met with worry and insecurity by their authors. Indeed, the whining and frustrated tirades that come on a weekly basis have now truly reached an intolerable, vapid state. This is an institution of "innovation" and "higher thought"?

Stop complaining and prove it.

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Making Waves

Britain's latest rock act echoes 'Processed Beats' of hip-hop and classic rock









By Carey Zigouras
Collegian Correspondent

An explosive combination of electronic dance beats and indie rock, Kasabian's self-titled debut album will attract fans of both these genres. The catchiness of certain songs, especially in the beginning of the album, will attract others. The band, named after the prime witness in the Charles Manson case, Linda Kasabian, lures listeners when they discover information such as this and this has helped create their mysterious image to attract listeners.



The band hails from Leicester, England and consists of lead singer Tom Meighan, Sergio Pizzorno on lead guitar and keyboards, Christopher Karloff on guitar and keyboards, and Chris Edwards on bass. Together, these four Brits have created music heavily influenced by Primal Scream and The Stone Roses and hope to bring this sound to America ... even though we've already heard it. However, Kasabian does show that they are brilliant interpreters of their influences, and this record demonstrates their potential to develop their own individuality.

The record opens strongly with "Club Foot," a track that begins with an opening electronic sound that builds up into the harder beat. We are introduced to Tom Meighan's voice that sounds like Liam Gallagher of Oasis, who the band has toured with. Choosing to repeat simple lines and phrases in a drone-like way adds to the mood they are trying to create.

The next track speeds up the space-like mysterious sounds of "Club Foot" into more of a dance song. It's hard not to be turned on to the catchiness of the rising and falling of the beats on tracks like "Processed Beats." The lyrics aren't particularly mind-blowing on any of the tracks, but their simple style of creating captivating rhythms is what makes them rock in the beginning of the album.

"I.D." is a standout track on the album. The opening begins with what sounds like a video game but beautifully morphs into a more ethereal sound. The shift from the previous dance track into an series of undulating beats which smoothly wander into one another show their versatility. Even more effective is the subtle guitar strokes at certain moments throughout the song that add another layer to the music without overdoing it.

The slow, short intro to "Cutt Off" is so intriguing that disappointment ensued when the actual song kicked in. By this point the songs start to sound no different than the other tracks. Meighan's rambling of lyrics might be more effective if he chose to utilize his voice more than speaking. The echoing of the lyrics by the other band members is also too similar to the droning found on earlier tracks and is without the energy found on those songs. This pattern continues on the rest of the record.

"Butcher Blues" at first seems like an interesting take on the blues with an untraditional sound. However, the repetition of "I just can't stop losing control" left behind a burdem that even an electronic take on the blues couldn't prevent. At this point the energy from the beginning of the album has been spent. The intensity from the beginning of the record reappears again at the second-to-last track "Ovary Stripe." But overall the second half is much less vibrant than the first.

Because the album starts off so strong, it is a bit of a disappointment midway when the fuel runs out too soon. However, the beginning of the album is still worth a listen. Meighan has a lot of potential to use his voice more rather than speaking. Kasabian has an allure that has the potential to be enhanced, as the beginning of the album alone shows that they are onto something. With more developed lyrics and stylistic tuning they might have the listener for keeps.

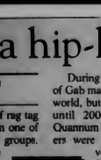
Across the pond

Kasabian's United States debut album combines elements from Oasis, DJ Shadow, and the Rolling Stones. Their first single "Clubfoot" opened on the British Pop Music charts at number 5.

California hip-hop arrives in NoHo

By Nathan Rothstein
Collegian Staff

In the early-1990s, a group of rag tag musicians came together to form one of hip-hop's first California hippie groups. The Pharcyde, hailing from the Oakland area, broke into the national scene with Bizzarre Ride in 1992. The group featured exciting rhyming; soulful hooks and maybe the best hip hop song of all time: "Passing Me By." Pharcyde was able to tell their story with dynamic lyrics, but also use innovative music techniques.



A half a decade later, another group from northern California came together to revive their hip-hop scene. For several years, they stayed below the radar scene, but with the help of Okayplayer.com, they hit the hip-hop big time in 2002. The group, Blackalicious, consists of an emcee and a disc jockey. Rightfully so, the emcee has picked a name true to his style. Gift of Gab, who is a pleasure to listen to when he is on the microphone, is smooth, calm and eloquent.

During the mid-90s, DJ Xcel and Gift of Gab made noise in the hip-hop underworld, but did not make a studio album until 2000. Before their signing by Quannum Records in 1999, music listeners were attracted to Gab's articulate voice and ability to master the English language and Xcel's use of jazzy, funky, hip hop beats. The problem many times with underground hip-hop is the lack of musical understanding from the artists. Great hip-hop is a combination of many genres of music, and Blackalicious is a group that understands variety. Building from their first album, the group continued to test their musical limits on their second album, Blazing Arrow. With the help of Jurassic 5, Jaguar Wright, Ben Harper and Gill Scott-Heron, this group made one of the premier hip-hop albums of 2002. The album also included the production of Questlove from The Roots and Cut Chemist of Jurassic 5. On the songs "Nowhere Fast" and "Aural Pleasure" Blackalicious finds the neo-soul sound, but also makes it their own.

Spring boarding from his success with Blackalicious, Gift of Gab began to work on a solo project. Last May, he released his first solo album, "4th Dimensional Rocketship is Going Up." As hip hop history shows, only a few former group members can hold their own on a solo project, and Gab does just that. His rhymes are elegant, and his voice remains assertive, but also laid back. It is a unique sound that allows him to grow as an artist and continues to impress people with his exquisite tongue twisters.

Tonight Gift of Gab will perform at Pearl Street. Joining him on stage will be Lateef the Truth Speaker, who as his name suggests, speaks nothing but the truth. Lateef is a member of the California hip-hop underworld and has appeared on both Blackalicious albums. He is also a member of the hip-hop group Latryx, who made a couple songs in the late 1990s, but were pushed to the side by one record company after another. Now, after making his name known with Blackalicious, Lateef is ready to show fans, he is actually the truth. If you are doubting these rappers names, or just want to hear some fun, low key hip hop, jump on Bus 43, and head to Pearl Street.



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California's underground hip-hop artist Gift of Gab did not release his first studio album, titled "4th Dimensional Rocketships Going Up," until 2000.

Former student athlete starts program to help people of Nigeria

By Darryl E. Owens
The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — Boma Ekiyor had been abroad for two years, but when the University of Central Florida student returned to Nigeria in 1999 to visit his family, he realized little had changed.

As before, the same pockets of wealth. Same pockets of poverty. Same political instability.

What had changed was his outlook.

"I would go to the areas of extreme wealth and go, 'Wow. Look at these houses, they're beautiful,' and then go to areas that were slummy and go, 'Oh my goodness, this is terrible.' I kind of saw a lot of the things that I thought were normal (while growing up) as real issues."

Six years later, Ekiyor, 28, plans to change mindsets with a concept conceived during that enlightening Nigerian trip.

The former University of Central Florida football star has launched Youth Converts, a foundation that will be set up in Africa and use sports as a carrot to teach Nigerian children leadership and conflict-resolution skills. The goal: impelling future generations to transform the turbulent region.

The maiden mission, contingent on grants and the largesse of a fund-raiser at UCF, is planned for July.

Growing up under tyrants, Ekiyor saw beatings and heard whispers of deadly reprisals that illustrated how evil flourishes when good men do nothing.

The remedy, he says, lies in an often co-opted African maxim.

"It takes a village to raise a child, Africans came up with that proverb," he says. "It's something that Africans need to re-embrace because that's the only thing that's going to help African countries."

SOCIETY OF OPPRESSION

Nigeria is Africa's most populous country, a republic still reeling from the ravages of colonialism. Independence from England came in 1960, and in 1963, Nigeria became a republic. However, two coups in 1966 ended civil government and ushered in a military regime.

In 1976, a year after another coup ousted that regime, Ekiyor was born. His father, Edward, a lawyer, soon moved the family from the Niger Delta to Lagos, the capital. Because of his father's station, Ekiyor enjoyed the comforts of upper-middle class life, including an Anglican education, a vestige of colonial days.

But not even his status shielded Ekiyor from Nigeria's turmoil. He remembers that during one coup, he and his siblings were forbidden from venturing outside "because my parents were afraid of stray bullets."

Order was implemented by the fist. Once, a solider boarded a bus and refused to pay. When the driver pressed for the fare, the solider dragged him into the streets. Ekiyor watched in horror as the man kicked the driver.

"It was harrowing," he says. "You saw it all the time."

Nigerians, he says, hoisted soldiers onto a pedestal. Uniforms signified power. Kids dreamed of suiting up and pressing a boot on the neck of citizens.

"It was terrible because you're in a society growing up, and you see all these things, and you don't see anyone doing anything about it," he recalls. "You almost accept that oppression is the way of things, that's the way it's supposed to be."

Not everyone accepted that standard. Speak out against things you don't like, Edward Ekiyor coached his kids.

"I saw how he handled himself," Ekiyor says, "and that gave me confidence."

It was a confidence he expected to carry to Lagos State University. But, his plans changed when the school was shuttered after a deadly power grab.

His fallback: coming to America.

COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

At Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Fla., Ekiyor discovered football. After a year, he transferred to the University of Central Florida, on the advice of his father, who suggested he taste diversity. Besides, his brother, Emil, was a football star at UCF.

As a defensive end at UCF, Boma Ekiyor became expert at delivering hard tackles to change the direction of running backs. But, after that 1999 trip, he couldn't shake a calling to change the direction of Nigerian youth.

In Nigeria, he says, "community involvement is not huge. They'd rather blame the military government and say people in government are stealing money and are corrupt. I mean, they are," he gives a sardonic laugh, "but that's not the sole reason. You have to start taking responsibility."

Not that he had the answer for Nigeria's ills. All he knew was that his time in the States "kind of changed my mentality a little bit, whereas as an individual, I knew I could actually wake up and do something."

After graduating from UCF with a degree in international business and marketing in 2002, he consulted his sister, Thelma Ekiyor, who was working with West African Network for Peacebuilding, which teaches conflict resolution, and brother Emil, who had formed a charitable foundation.

From that, the plan for Youth Converts was mapped.

PRACTICAL LESSONS

After about 16 years of military rule, Nigeria returned to civilian rule under President Olusegun Obasanjo in 1999. He won a second term in a turbulent 2003 election, Nigeria's first civilian transfer of power.



COURTESY PHOTO/BETH HOD

Nigerian-born Boma Ekiyor made his way through college as a defensive end on the University of Central Florida's football team. He has developed a program using sports to teach children conflict management skills.

Obasanjo has investigated human-rights abuses under martial rule, freed political prisoners and targeted corruption. Ekiyor praises his presidency, credit tempered with reality: Obasanjo faces the burden of easing the country's tribal and religious clashes.

Likewise, there are myriad grass-roots issues facing sub-Saharan Africa. Ekiyor concedes many non-native groups are doing good work in Africa. "but it's gotten to the point where (Africans) just look outward and say, 'Someone help us, someone help us.'"

Ekiyor plans to make oversight trips to Nigeria, but he envisions Youth Converts becoming a self-sustaining empowerment group, administered by Nigerians. The mission: teaching leadership and conflict resolution.

"For someone like Mr. Ekiyor to go back to his homeland and be able to bring hope and joy to so many youth is quite admirable," says Larry Curry, a Youth Converts advisory board member. Its mission mirrors that of the Center for Urban Leadership and Community Development, an Orlando faith-based family- and community-empowerment group that Curry founded. "I believe (Ekiyor) desires to be a voice to a generation who has no voice."

The foundation's first project involves teaching children in the oil-rich Niger Delta, ravaged by deforestation and tarred by oil spills, practical ways of approaching community and environmental concerns.

Youth Converts will adopt a curriculum developed by Roots & Shoots, a global environmental and community-service program founded by Jane Goodall to inspire youth. To combat the growing pollution and deforestation in the Niger Delta, Youth Converts will lead kids in tree-planting and water-purification projects. Meanwhile, West African Network for Peacebuilding will teach conflict resolution.

It all comes wrapped in a sports ribbon. "Sports is a major instrument for drawing youth away from their negative ways," Ekiyor says. The draw in July will be a basketball exhibition at a Nigerian gym, and with luck, Ekiyor hopes the Youth Converts will help "create sport complexes and create educated citizens through sport."

Why should Americans care?

For one thing, enlightened self-interest: "Nigerian oil powers many of our cars and industries," says Sheryl King, a Youth Converts board member.

Indeed, Nigeria is the fifth largest supplier of oil to the United States. Americans should realize, Ekiyor says, that political unrest in Nigeria can have a big effect in this country.

"What if the pumps were shut off for months?" he says. "African issues are something I think people need to pay attention to."

Sending Priority Mail? Read the fine print before licking the stamps

By Dave Lieber
Knight Ridder Newspapers

FORT WORTH, Texas — Celeste Rogers of Arlington, Texas, says she is done with the United States Postal Service. As done as an old 34-cent stamp. "I'm never using the post office again except for stamps," she says.

Her problem? She learned the hard way that Priority Mail is not always a priority.

Because she didn't read the fine print on the big sign at the local post office, she didn't realize that the advertised "2-3 days average delivery time" is no guarantee. But even the fine print is not much help.

"Some restrictions apply," the sign states.

What does that mean?

For Rogers, a Tarrant County, Texas, law enforcement investigator, it means that for the past week the single mom and her son thought he had lost the chance to compete for a college scholarship. Her son, Dylan, a high school senior, needs every penny he can muster to pay for college.

Rogers believed she was ahead of the game when her persistent nagging of Dylan to finish his essay for a foundation based in Midland, Texas, paid off. He completed the scholarship application, and she took it to the post office.

The application said the envelope must be postmarked no later than March 29. She mailed it March 24, so she thought she was golden.

But just to be sure, she paid $4.30 for Priority Mail: the standard $3.85 rate, plus 45 cents for tracking and delivery confirmation.

On March 31, the day before the deadline for receipt of the applications, she checked the tracking number on her computer. The package had not been delivered.

When she complained to the post office, she says a postal worker told her, "It's still in transit."

She recalled responding, "If I had put a stamp on it, it would have been there already."

"Yeah, you're right," was the postal worker's answer, she says. "But you should have sent it Express Mail, because it's not guaranteed."

She felt like April Fool's Day had come a day early.

She contacted this column, which relishes the chance to learn something new. On occasion, I use Priority Mail, too, thinking the promised two- to three-day delivery is the real deal.

But PostalWatch, a Virginia-based advocacy group that monitors the postal service, conducted a study of Priority Mail in 2003. Rick Merritt, the group's executive director, told me that promises about Priority Mail constitute "less than truthful advertising."

He added, "The postal service has left the American people with the belief that Priority Mail is an equivalent service to two-day service from a private service. That is not true."

His study concluded that "the Postal Service has misrepresented Priority Mail for nearly a decade. ... Consumers derive no tangible benefit by sending a letter via Priority Mail versus First-Class Mail."

Three years ago, the Postal Rate Commission's consumer advocate reported, "Approximately 33 percent of 3-day Priority Mail is not delivered by the end of the third day."

As a solution, PostalWatch recommends using a 37-cent stamp instead of paying the higher cost.

That's unfair, says Boyd McKinney, postal service spokesman for North Texas. With Priority Mail, he says, the mailed piece gets special packaging, hand sorting rather than machine sorting and "it actually flies in many cases, as opposed to getting trucked."

And then there's tracking and delivery confirmation.

Which, sadly, gave Celeste Rogers, well, nothing.

Within the Fort Worth postal district (Fort Worth and Arlington and west to Abilene, Lubbock and Amarillo), McKinney said, statistics for 2004 show that the two- or three-day delivery goal was met about nine out of 10 times.

But Midland, farther west, is in another region, and sometimes, he said, "in a small market, there are transportation problems."

McKinney told me to read the sign's line print more carefully.

"It doesn't say, 'Two days guaranteed,'" he said. "It says, 'Two to three days average.'"

Rogers, who made a lot of calls to complain, says that if she hears one more postal worker tell her, "It's not guaranteed," she will scream.

"I am furious," she says. "My head is about to explode."

Her son says, "I am pretty angry, too, but my mom more than compensated for me."

The spokesman told this column that the postal service made two errors: The package wasn't scanned when it left the Midland station, if, in fact, it ever did. The other is apparent non-delivery.

The postal spokesman added, "We are prepared to provide a note to the foundation for Ms. Rogers and ask that the foundation would waive the deadline and accept their application."

The foundation told Rogers Thursday that it would allow her to send a second application.

She still wants others to know that the post office is "advertising this Priority Mail as something that it isn't."

Her solution?

"FedEx," she says.

So you know: a two-day package to Midland — guaranteed — costs $9.08 with DHL Express and $8.63 through FedEx. UPS doesn't handle two-day delivery from Rogers' local post office to Midland.

Express Mail through the postal service, which includes insurance, is $13.65 and up.

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Co-Ed cycling: Going where the boys go



COURTESY KARL FROELICH

Suzie Goodwin, of Plano, Texas, as the Superdrome in Frisco, Texas, prepares for practice on an indoor track. Recently cycling has grown in popularity due to the Summer Olympics and the success of Lance Armstrong in the Tour de France.

By Paula LaVigne
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — OK, guys, you like cycling ahead anyhow, so go.

Go on. Git. See ya later, hot shots.

All right, ladies, listen up.

Don't you just hate that? You're cycling along at a pretty good pace when the testosterone rushes by in a pack of wannabe Lance Armstrongs.

And you wonder, "Will I ever be able to keep up?"

Basic physiology puts women at a disadvantage. We have less lung capacity and muscle mass, which is why experts say the top male cyclists will continue to speed past the top female cyclists.

But that doesn't mean you can't hang with the boys.

Just think like Armstrong.

Kristin Armstrong, that is.

Kristin Armstrong (no relation to Lance) is a member of the T-Mobile Professional Cycling Team. The Boise, Idaho, resident also competed in the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece.

Even she knows what it's like to be left behind by the guys sometimes, but she says women can use the gender gap to their advantage.

"It's not a physical thing. It's a mental barrier," she says. "You have to go there with confidence. I always figure to get stronger I have to train with the men, and I don't want to hold them back."

Kristin Armstrong says women need to come into coed cycling knowing all the basics such as how to fix a flat, how to ride a straight line and how to communicate with other cyclists.

Start out cycling in small groups of women to get over the initial wariness of riding in a pack, she advises. And take advantage of any special women's bike clinics.

She mentions one forming in her town where women learn what type of bike to buy, what to eat and drink and how to ride together.

"I think that's a great step in the right direction for women because there's a lot of women out there who want to be lit on the bike but don't know how to integrate themselves in these groups of men," she says.

Women should learn to see training with men as an opportunity to push themselves to be faster and stronger, says Plano, Texas, cyclist Suzie Goodwin. Goodwin has won multiple women's cycling events and has set world records at the master's level.

You can often catch her zipping around Frisco's Superdrome track, where her husband, Tim Goodwin, is the track director.

"When you're the strongest woman ... you can go race with the men, and there are obviously men who are stronger than you are," she says. "I think it's easier for women to improve and get stronger than it is for men. A woman can go and train with the guys, and no one thinks anything of it."

At first, though, women cyclists have to be OK with not being able to keep up and sometimes being "dropped" or left behind, she says. As women improve, they'll find that they can keep up with some of the men, she says.

"In reality, women are one-third weaker in the upper body and almost equal in the lower body," she says. "We don't ride as fast, but the gap is closing as the stronger the women in general become."

For women who want to take that drive beyond making a point with their male counterparts, there are several racing opportunities both locally and nationally, says Jim Miller, director for the women's endurance program with USA Cycling in Colorado Springs, Colo.

A lot depends on how you're naturally built, he says, but capable women cyclists generally reach peak performance faster than men.

Women are likely to be older than men when they start racing, and that's often because cycling is their second sport, Miller says. The average age for the women starting on the U.S. national team is about 30, he says.

Both Kristin Armstrong, 31, and Suzie Goodwin, 38, came to cycling second. Armstrong was a triathlete, but had to switch to a lower-impact sport after osteoarthritis was diagnosed in her hips in 2001.

In-line speed skating was Goodwin's first love, but she switched to cycling after it became almost impossible to find speed-skating sponsors.

Women's cycling still doesn't garner the attention or sponsorship money that men's cycling does. And most people don't even know there's a women's version of the Tour de France.

The trend in more women pursuing the sport, despite the obstacles, does make it feel more personable, Kristin Armstrong says. She recalls watching a race in Idaho where the announcer called out the women's names as they cycled past, and before she named their sponsor she announced the cyclist's profession. That doesn't happen in men's races, Armstrong says.

"About 75 to 80 percent of these women were doctors, lawyers, nurses," she says. "They had stuff figured out in life, but their passion was bike racing and they're making that happen."

So, ladies, what are you waiting for? Those men really aren't that far ahead anymore.

RIAA to sue 25 UMass downloaders

By Ted Bridis
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The super-fast "Internet2" network that connects universities researching the next-generation Internet is also apparently popular among college students who download pirated music and movies.

Entertainment groups said Tuesday they intend to sue hundreds of students accused of illegally distributing copyrighted songs and films across college campuses using the private research network, which boasts speeds hundreds of times faster than the Internet.

How much faster? Internet2 researchers once demonstrated they can download a DVD-quality copy of the popular movie "The Matrix" in 30 seconds over their network, a feat they said would take roughly 25 hours over the Internet.

The Recording Industry Association of America, the trade group for the largest labels, said it will file federal lawsuits Wednesday against 405 students at 18 colleges — including four in Massachusetts — with access to the Internet2 network. The Motion Picture Association of America said it will file an unspecified number of lawsuits against Internet2 users.

The recording industry said it found evidence of more illegal activity at 140 more schools in 41 states and sent warning letters to university presidents.

The RIAA is filing suits against 25 students at Boston University, 11 at Harvard, 22 at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and 25 at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

RIAA spokesman Jonathan Lamy said students are identified in the lawsuits by their Internet protocol addresses and that the association plans to seek court orders requiring schools to disclose the names.

"We don't know who they are," Lamy said, "but it's possible students have been contacted already by the universities."

MIT spokeswoman Denise Brehm said the school contacted about 20 individuals who are targets of the RIAA lawsuits and advised them to reach out to a lawyer.

"But we're not taking (disciplinary) action against them," she added.

UMass spokesman Ed Blaguszewski said students at the Amherst campus are required to sign a written agreement saying they won't use the high-speed system to access or distribute copyrighted material.

"We take very seriously our responsibility to manage our network," he said. "This is clearly a widespread cultural and social problem."

Internet2 is used by several million university students, researchers and professionals around the world but is generally inaccessible to the public.

"We don't condone or support illegal file-sharing," said Internet2's chief executive, Doug Van Houweling. "We've always understood that just like there is a lot of file-sharing going on on the public Internet, there's also some file-sharing going on on Internet2."

The recording industry said some students were illegally sharing across Internet2 as many as 13,600 music files — far more than most Internet users — and that the average number of songs offered illegally by the students was 2,300 each.

"We cannot let this high-speed network become a zone of lawlessness where the normal rules don't apply," said Cary Sherman, president of the recording association.

Van Houweling cautioned universities against filtering data to block illegal activity in ways that would slow the network's performance.

He said Internet2 does not attempt to screen illegal files from the vast amounts of data flowing over the network because of technical limitations and privacy concerns. He said Internet2 also enjoys liability protection in the courts as long as the organization can't be shown to be responsible for material flowing over the network.

"It's possible to attack this problem in ways that do compromise the performance," Van Houweling said.

The lawsuits illustrate the aggressiveness of the entertainment industry in trying to stifle piracy even on up-and-coming technologies, as it continues to individually sue thousands of computer users accused of sharing copyrighted songs and films over the public Internet.

The recording industry said the lawsuits also pierce the perception by Internet2 researchers that they operate in a closed environment that entertainment groups can't monitor.

"We are putting students and administrators everywhere on notice that there are consequences for unlawful uses of this special network," Sherman said.

The RIAA declined to explain how it could detect piracy over Internet2 except to say it acted lawfully. Internet2's corporate members include Warner Brothers Entertainment Inc., a subsidiary of Time Warner Inc., a leading music label.

Even Internet2 officials said they were unaware how the entertainment companies traced the purportedly illegal activity on their network.

"They haven't shared with us," Van Houweling said. "We have provided no special access to any of those organizations that would enable them in some nonstandard way to gain access to this information."

Harvard spokesman Joe Wrinn said students are warned that they risk losing their Internet access if they are caught illegally distributing copyrighted material.

"We encourage students to follow the law," he said. "When they don't, they suffer the consequences."

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DiMarco still without major

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reason for that.

He had at least joined some exclusive company Sunday, even if it's not the kind he wants to keep.

Not since Tom Watson at the 1978 PGA Championship and 1979 Masters has someone lost back-to-back major championships in a playoff. Craig Wood is the only other player with that distinction, having lost in 38 holes in the finals of the 1934 PGA Championship, then in a 36-hole playoff to Gene Sarazen at the 1935 Masters.

Sarazen got into the playoff with a shot that put the Masters on the map, a 4-wood for double eagle on the 15th. Woods ultimately got into a playoff with a shot for the ages. His chip behind the 16th green made a U-turn at the top of the slope, came to a full stop at the edge of the cup and then got the green light from above, drupping in for birdie.

DiMarco is the first player since Tom Lehman to play in the final group of a major at least two straight years without winning. Lehman was in the last group at four straight U.S. Opens, and had at least a share of the lead in three of them.

Now, DiMarco must be careful to avoid joining the wrong crowd.

"I think I proved to a lot of people that I can play under the heat," the runner-up said.

That wasn't DiMarco, though.

Those words came from Bob May after he matched Woods shot-for-shot in high drama at Valhalla in the 2000 PGA Championship, the only other major Woods won in a playoff.

Golf is loaded with players who show their mettle in a major, but end their career as just another runner-up. Ed Sneed at the Masters, Mike Donald at the U.S. Open, Brain Watts at the British Open, Mike Reid at the PGA.



TODD BENNETT/THE STAR

Tiger Woods celebrates after knocking down his winning birdie putt on the first playoff hole Sunday.

Even multiple close calls in a major doesn't guarantee anything, as Colin Montgomerie and Chip Beck can attest.

DiMarco has proved to be a top-rate golfer. He has played in the Tour Championship the last five years. He won a crucial singles match at the Presidents Cup, and was the only American with a winning record at the Ryder Cup last fall.

"There is no back-off in him," Woods said.

There is no major championship on his resume, either, at least not yet.

DiMarco wants to be known for more than giving the No. 1 player in the world the light of his life on the grandest stage in golf. He is universally respected today. He might be part of a trivia question tomorrow.

Only a major can change that.

Spurrier looks to start fresh

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holes created by players kicked off the team.

After a season-ending brawl in a game against Clemson last year, nine players were arrested in the off-season and team members complained that the program had lacked discipline. Spurrier booted several players, including last year's leading rusher, Demetris Summers, from the squad.

"We're all trying to do what's best," Spurrier said. "It's their ultimate responsibility. They chose to do things, and they knew they'd get what they deserved."

Spurrier, who turns 60 next week, said the squad's off-field situation has not altered progress, although he realizes the impact of public perception.

"It's embarrassing, and we don't like it," he said. "We can't let it dampen our spirits. We won't let three or four guys make all of us look bad."

College game suits him, Spurrier could be the best makeup for that black eye.

The coach with the Southern drawl and a reputation for taking verbal jabs at opponents is a welcome figure on the college football landscape. South Carolina is his third stop; he also coached Duke from 1987 to 1989.

Spurrier's start at South Carolina reminds him of his first year at Florida in 1990. The Gators had not experienced a seven-win season in four years before Spurrier arrived. They went 9-2 his first season and finished first in the SEC.

They were not credited with the title, however, because of NCAA violations committed under previous coach Galen Hall. In 1996, the Gators won the national championship; Spurrier was 122-27-1 at Florida.

Spurrier believes South Carolina has every reason to become such an elite program.

South Carolina's program took a significant step up the college football ladder when Holtz took over, reviving a program that in 1998 had gone 1-10.

After enduring an 0-11 season in 1999, Holtz, who is friends with and a golfing buddy of Spurrier, led the Gamecocks to 8-4 and 9-3 seasons and back-to-back wins in the Outback Bowl in 2000-01. That was the school's best two-year stretch in history. But since then, the Gamecocks have been closer to the bottom of the SEC, going 5-7 in 2002 and 2003, and 6-5 last year.

It is up to Spurrier to take his team to the top, something he could not do in the pros.

Spurrier said his experience in the NFL — failing to implement his famous Fun 'n' Gun offense — was not much fun at all. He left two years into a lucrative five-year contract.

"There was not a lot of camaraderie," he said. "But that's not an excuse. It just didn't work out."

Spurrier said he feels not only like a new coach, but also a new man. The college game, in which he can operate more freely with unscripted plays, he said, is what suits him.

"This is the best coaching job in America," he said. "This is the exact place I needed to go to coach."

He spoke passionately about South Carolina's facilities, fans, recruiting ability and administration.

"For some reason, they just didn't achieve much," Spurrier said.

Then what has been missing all those years? Maybe Spurrier, his players say.

"I think so," senior cornerback Tremaine Tyler said. "He's the type of coach you know will put points on the board."

Since Spurrier's arrival, they say, the Gamecocks have a new sense of determination and desire. When Spurrier dismissed players from the team, he delivered a wake-up call.

"That's what every coach needs to do," Tyler said. "The team got more focused. Each player started looking at one another."

Spurrier's Fun 'n' Gun is still looking for a triggerman to help the Gamecocks handle a tough schedule. They play at Georgia, Auburn and Tennessee before facing a much-anticipated meeting against Florida at home on Nov. 12.

Through spring practices, Spurrier, who won the Heisman Trophy for Florida in 1966, has given equal compliments and criticism for his quarterbacks. Redshirt sophomore Blake Mitchell is probably the closest he has to a drop-back passer. Mike Rathe, who is applying for a sixth year of eligibility, redshirt freshman Antonio Heffner, and walk-on Brett Nichols also are competing for the spot.

It's not unusual for Spurrier to rip their performances after practices. But working with Spurrier is still a dream come true, Mitchell said. He pores over a playbook much longer and more complicated than last year's every chance he gets.

"You have to study it a lot or be lost," said Mitchell, who is from Georgia. "Even growing up I liked Florida a lot. You grow up dreaming of playing in that offense."

Controversy surrounds Lowe

By John Nadel
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A day after participating in Boston's World Series celebration, Derek Lowe expressed surprise at the fuss he caused by wearing a Red Sox jersey.

"The jersey was made for that ceremony," Lowe said Tuesday before the Dodgers played their home opener against the San Francisco Giants. "It was just part of it."

His sartorial choice was a subject of debate on sports talk radio and television. Lowe was handed the jersey shortly before the celebration began, and gets to keep it or give it to charity.

Lowe, who won the last game of all three postseason series, flew to Boston to be part of the ceremony honoring the franchise's first World Series champion since 1918, as did outfielder Dave Roberts, a former Dodger who plays for the San Diego Padres but is on the disabled list. Lowe signed a four-year, $36 million contract with Los Angeles during the offseason, and the Dodgers were off Monday.

Lowe said he believes the 34-minute ceremony offered closure for him and the Red Sox.

"Absolutely, 100 percent, and it's good," he said. "The guys on the 2005 team, they don't want to see us around. I'm happy it's over with. The main thing is, no one on our team, they didn't care.

"It was good, a first-class deal," he said of the ceremony. "It wasn't too long. From my standpoint, it was good to see a lot of the guys."



JACK DEMPSEY/BOSTON HERALD-AP

Derek Lowe, who signed with the Dodgers during the winter, came back for Boston's championship ring ceremony on Monday in a Sox jersey.

Manager Jim Tracy and pitchers Odalis Perez and Scott Erickson supported that notion.

"Absolutely not," Tracy said when asked if Lowe's wearing the Red Sox jersey bothered him. "There are people who have played this game a long time who never had an opportunity to experience what he did yesterday."

Perez said much the same thing.

"The way they did it was good," he said. "I believe it was nice for him. It was 86 years, man. Roberts and Lowe — well done. If that happened to me, I would (wear the jersey), too. The goal is to win."

Said Erickson: "Eighty-six years or six years, what's the big deal? That was last year."

Lowe spoke after completing a bullpen session. He was hit just above his right elbow by Craig Counsell's liner in the fifth inning of a 5-4 loss at Arizona on Sunday.

"That was an inch and a half away from complete disaster," Tracy said, expressing the opinion that Lowe's elbow was that close to being broken. "That ball was really smoked. When he fell down at first base is when I took a deep breath when I left the dugout."

Lowe said that while he has a bruise where the ball hit him, he expects to take his regular turn Friday night against the San Diego Padres.

"It's good," he said of his arm. "I look forward to getting back out there — my first game pitching at home."

Schilling ready for Yanks today

BOSTON (AP) — Curt Schilling will have a clean record and a fresh sock when he starts against the New York Yankees on Wednesday night.

His bloody sock made its first appearance the last time the Red Sox played the Yankees, a game that put Boston a win away from the World Series. The stakes won't be as high this time, but the occasion will have special meaning: Schilling's first start of the season .

"It'll be good for him," Boston right fielder Trot Nixon said.

Following Pedro Martinez's decision to sign with the New York Mets, Schilling went to spring training as the undisputed ace of Boston's staff after going 21-6 in his first season. But he was set back by surgery in early November to repair a torn tendon and a cartilage defect in his right ankle.

Early in spring training, he had hoped to start the opener at Yankee Stadium on April 3. But he pitched in just one major league exhibition game and went on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to March 26.

Now he's eager to get started.

"Good," he said Monday when asked how he feels. "Ready to go."

He posted poor numbers in a minor league rehabilitation start but said afterward, "I felt great."

Pitching for Boston's Triple-A Pawtucket team at Indianapolis last Thursday, Schilling allowed seven runs and 11 hits, including two solo homers, in six innings.

"Going into today, I wanted to get mentally ready," he said after the game in which he threw 104 pitches. "No fatigue. I felt strong. I'm going to go out and compete against the Yankees on Wednesday. I'll be ready."

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Minutewomen rally to win

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big today," Sortino said. "Back-to-back homeruns by a freshman and sophomore — that's pretty amazing."

Extra innings started with both teams not surrendering a run in the eighth inning. Despite UMass getting the bases loaded with one out in the top of the ninth inning, it was unable to take advantage and the game was sent into the 10th after a quiet outing for the Huskies in the ninth.

With the game on the line in the 10th, the Maroon and White were desperate for another offensive burst. A Molinari steal to second base left senior Denise Denis as the deciding factor.

As she has done numerous times throughout her four-year career at UMass, Denis proceeded to hit a sacrifice fly that drove in Molinari and consequently gave UMass the win. The hit was Denis' 24th RBI (team-high) on the season and Molinari is now perfect on the season, successfully stealing 17-of-17 times (A-10 best) over a span of 28 games.

The rookie, Proctor, continues to lead the Minutewomen in batting average with a mark of .359 and has 14 RBI. The record-breaking performance brings Kelley's homerun total to seven on the season, and she leads the team in slugging percentage with a mark of .739.

"I thought we did real well. We continued to fight back," Sortino said. "We could have gone home after the seventh being behind, but we did real well and stuck with it."



ANDREW TAMLETANI/COLLEGIAN

UMass junior hurler Jenna Busa delivers a pitch to the plate. She struck out two Huskies yesterday during the Minutewoman victory.

The close victory over UConn consisted of junior Jenna Busa and senior Barb LaFogg on the mound. Busa struck out two and let up five hits in 4.1 innings, while LaFogg allowed one run and recorded six strikeouts in a total of 5.2 innings.

LaFogg added on to her strikeout count for the season, which now totals 123 in 19 appearances. With a record of 5-1, Busa holds an earned run average of 2.73 on the season. In the four games prior to yesterday, the Minutewoman defense only allowed two runs, shutting out two of those teams.

UMass returns to home today against another Connecticut team, playing the Blue Devils of Central Connecticut that have won three of its last four. This doubleheader, which will take place at the UMass Softball Complex, was originally scheduled for March 29, but was postponed due to rain.

Today's game is the start of a string of home outings for UMass, with six being played between today and Sunday. The Maroon and White are riding a five-game winning streak and are also boasting a streak of 77 unbeaten games at home alive.

UMass ends 12-game slide

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The Minutemen came charging out of the gates, scoring four runs on UConn's John Slusarz in the first inning. Slusarz walked Derrick Durepo, who then advanced to second on a wild pitch. Bill Rankin bunted the ball, but it was timed poorly by UConn third baseman Matt Untiet, who threw the ball away, scoring Durepo.

Slusarz proceeded to walk Twomley, who was walked five times in the game, and he advanced to second on a fielder's choice to throw out Curt Szado at first.

Adamski was then hit by a pitch to load the bases, setting up a three-run double by Garrity.

Smith gave up a run in each of the next two innings, and then gave up two in the fourth, when Stone gave him the hook.

"We started with Smith and he did all right getting his feet wet with his first start at Division I," Stone said. "We jumped out of the gates, and it looked like we were going to blow them out, but then we slowed down a little bit in the middle."

The Huskies got good use out of junior right-hander Joe Smeraglino, who pitched 5.1 scoreless innings, while recording five strikeouts and only three hits.

He and MacDonald combined for 7.1 innings, giving up five hits and striking out six.



ANDREW TAMLETANI/COLLEGIAN

Sophomore Bill Rankin has hit at a .218 clip so far this season. UMass takes the field again tomorrow against Northeastern.

Notes: UConn assistant coach Chris Podeszwa was ejected from the game after an argument with the home plate umpire in the bottom of the sixth inning. The umpire had to pause the game in the bottom of the eighth when Podeszwa was seen watching from behind the right field fence. Coaches aren't allowed to see or hear the game once they have been ejected from an ECAC game ... Twomley had his 12-game hitting streak broken after getting walked five times.

NHL to resume negotions next week

By Ira Podell
Associated Press

NEW YORK — When NHL labor talks resume, a new plan will be up for discussion that attempts to blend elements from both sides' vision of how players will be paid.

Negotiations will probably resume next week, during which a new, hybrid concept — which addresses the relationship between player costs and league revenues — will be brought to the table, a source close to the negotiations told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Tuesday.

The NHL has maintained that it prefers a link tying player costs to league revenues, while the union has mostly rejected that idea. This new, mixed plan would appear to incorporate elements from both concepts.

Previous compromise discussions have failed to yield signs of progress toward ending the lockout that began seven months ago.

It was thought that talks would resume this week, but as of Tuesday there was still difficulty in scheduling a meeting, the source said. Next week's likely bargaining session would come at a busy time for the NHL, which already has a board of governors meeting planned for Wednesday.

The last bargaining session, held April 4 in Toronto, went better than others since the 2004-05 season was canceled in February. NHL chief legal officer Bill Daly said there was now a good understanding across the table of where the sides are and that he was hopeful there would be continued progress.

Last Thursday, commissioner Gary Bettman and union executive director Bob Goodenow had dinner with some general managers and players in Michigan, where the GMs convened for a meeting. Bettman and Goodenow had a drink together at the hotel bar later that night, and tentatively planned to hold more official talks soon.

On March 17, the NHL made two proposals to the players' association — one containing a link between player costs and league revenues, and another without the relationship.

But the "de-linked" offer had a short shelf life, and the deadline for the union to accept that kind of deal expired last Friday.

It was the second time that type of offer was made to the players' association, and the second time the NHL pulled it off the table. The league first made the overture two days before the season was canceled, and the union responded by dropping its opposition for a salary cap.

The latest unlinked proposal set each team's salary cap at $37.5 million. The linkage offer limited player costs to 54 percent of the league's revenues.

In a related matter, the National Labor Relations Board is still investigating two charges the NHL has made against the players' association.

Pats to play Saints

FOXBORO (AP) — The New England Patriots will play host to the New Orleans Saints in a nationally televised preseason game.

The Pats also travel to Cincinnati for the second year in a row to play the Bengals in an exhibition.

The Super Bowl champions open their 2005 preseason at Cincinnati on Aug. 12.

The Patriots lost to the Bengals 31-3 in the preseason last year, but beat the Bengals during the regular season 33-28.

New England plays host to the Saints on Aug. 18, and is also scheduled to play New Orleans during the regular season.

The Patriots travel to Green Bay for the first time since 1997 on Aug. 25 to play the Packers, then conclude their preseason schedule against the New York Giants on Sept. 1.

It will be the fourth time in the last five years that the Patriots and Giants have played in the preseason.

The regular season schedule will be announced on Wednesday.

—Associated Press



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New England Patriots running back Corey Dillon will carry his team to Green Bay and Cincinnati in the 2005 NFL preseason.

Celtics drop 76ers

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Paul Pierce scored 27 points, including the go-ahead basket in the final minute, and the Boston Celtics moved closer toward clinching the Atlantic Division title with a 105-98 victory over second-place Philadelphia on Tuesday night.

Allen Iverson scored 28 points and Kyle Korver added 17 for the 76ers, who fell three games behind Boston with five games remaining.

Philadelphia holds the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference, one game behind Cleveland and one game ahead of New Jersey.

Antoine Walker had 18 points and Ricky Davis scored 16 for Boston, which saw a 5 1/2-game lead in the division slip to two games since March 19.

Back in the lineup after missing one game with two sprained thumbs, Iverson was 9-for-21 from the field and had 11 assists.

Chris Webber, returning after missing five games with a sprained left shoulder, wasn't a factor, finishing with eight points and seven rebounds.

Pierce broke a 98-all tie with an 18-footer with just under one minute left. After Marc Jackson missed a short jumper, Gary Payton's free throw gave the Celtics a 101-98 lead.

Jackson missed another jumper and Payton iced it with two free throws with 19 seconds left.

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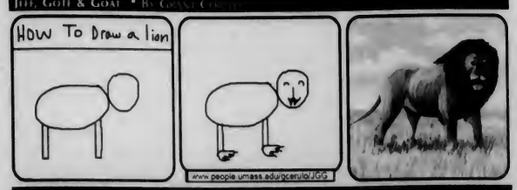
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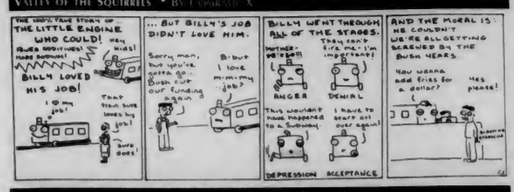
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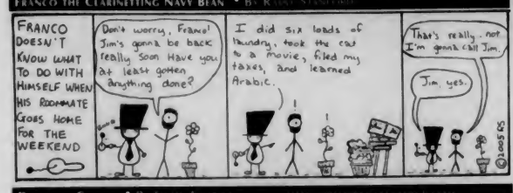
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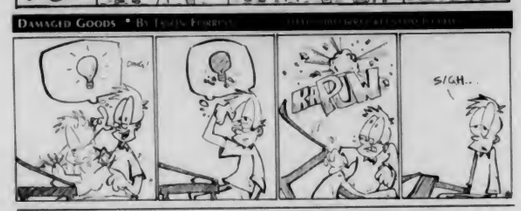
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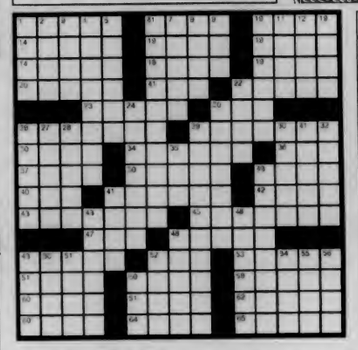
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Franczek's heroics end skid

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

Freshman third baseman Ryan Franczek heard the metallic "ping!" and watched as his second hit of the game split two UConn infielders. He pumped his right fist and stopped at first base. He knew he had just won the game for his team.

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Yesterday at Earl Lorden Field in Amherst, the Massachusetts men's baseball team (4-18 0-6 A-10) defeated the UConn Huskies 5-4, off a single from Franczek with the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth inning. The win snapped a 12-game losing streak for the Minutemen, dating back to March 16, a 4-2 loss to Bucknell.

UMass returns to action tomorrow when it faces Northeastern at home at 3 p.m.

The ball was literally bouncing the Minutemen's way in the ninth inning when Bryan Adamski nailed a line drive down the third base line. The ball appeared to be an easy grounder, but it ricocheted off the bag and bounced over the head of UConn (20-10) third baseman Pat Mahoney.

"I saw that and thought that maybe there was a light at the end of the tunnel here," UMass coach Mike Stone said.

UMass catcher Bryan Garrity bunted the ball short, but it was misplayed by UConn catcher Steven Malinowski, who threw the ball over the second baseman's head, advancing Adamski to third.

Huskies pitcher Joshua MacDonald, who went two innings with one earned run, intentionally walked Jason Twomley to load the bases. MacDonald was prompted to walk the UMass slugger after he smashed the first pitch of the at bat foul over the right field wall.

UConn coach Jim Penders pulled MacDonald and replaced him with freshman sensation David Erickson. Erickson came into the game with an astounding 0.82 earned run average in 12 appearances with two saves.

Franczek, who only had two hits on the season before yesterday, cracked a curveball between first and second base, knocking home Adamski to win the game.

"My adrenaline was going, and everyone was yelling. I just tried to block it out as best as I could," Franczek said. "I saw the pitch. It was a curveball, and I got it down. I tried to hit the ball hard, or get it to the outfield, then I saw the two kids dive for it and stopped at first base."

UMass pitcher David Sullivan recorded the win for the Minutemen after going a near-flawless 5.2 innings, giving up one hit while recording three strikeouts. Sullivan replaced freshman hurler Aaron Smith in the fourth inning after Smith gave up a game-tying fourth run.

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ANDREW TAMULEVICH/COLLEGIAN

The Minutemen snapped a season-long 12-game losing streak with their dramatic, ninth-inning victory over Connecticut yesterday.

Minutewomen rally for 10th-inning win

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

In a record-setting afternoon, the Massachusetts softball team (16-11-1 4-2 Atlantic 10) squeaked by the Connecticut Huskies (11-19) in a non-conference duel that lasted a total of 10 innings. The come-from-behind win over the Huskies marks the second contest in a row that the Minutewomen have won in the final inning.

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UMass continues its game-filled week today at home as it faces Central Connecticut in a doubleheader beginning at 3 p.m.

"We kept with it, and we've come from behind and held leads," UMass coach Elaine Sortino said. "The leadership is very good and the freshmen and sophomores are stepping it up big."

The afternoon began in the first inning with junior KJ Kelley breaking the all-time homerun record for UMass by cranking a line drive over the 250-foot fence. This homer gave the Minutewomen the lead, but UConn quickly battled back, when freshman Allie Gendron recorded an RBI double, tying the game at 1 apiece. After two scoreless innings by both teams, the Maroon and White jumped ahead again.

Following a steal by sophomore Candice Molinari, senior Pam Sulick doubled, tacking on two more runs, with Molinari and pinch-running sophomore Michea Holness crossing the plate. Connecticut opened up the floodgates in the fifth inning, however, recording five runs off six hits.

Down 6-3 in the sixth inning, Kelley increased her career home-run tally to 28, with another drive over the center field fence. Following a scoreless outing in the bottom of the sixth inning for the Huskies, UMass had one inning to comeback.

The fate of the game was left on the shoulders of two underclassmen, freshman Lauren Proctor and sophomore Amanda Morin. The duo gave the Minutewomen exactly what they needed, hitting back-to-back homeruns, and tying up the ballgame. The four homeruns on the day tie a UMass record that was set on March 27 against La Salle.

"Our younger players came up

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Northeastern hires Cronin

The Northeastern men's hockey team hired Greg Cronin to be its next head coach, NU Athletic Director Dave O'Brien announced yesterday, ending the search for Bruce Crowder's replacement that lasted just under a month.

The Huskies chose not to renew the contract of Crowder on March 16. Crowder went 15-18-5 in his ninth season at the helm, leading Northeastern to an over-achieving sixth-place finish in Hockey East before being swept by New Hampshire in the first round of the conference playoffs.

"We wanted a coach who is passionate about hockey, understands what it takes to win and expects to win," O'Brien said on Northeastern's athletics' Web site yesterday.

"Under Greg Cronin's leadership, we are looking forward to an exciting and ambitious new era for Northeastern's men's ice hockey program."

Cronin will finish coaching the Islanders' AHL affiliate Bridgeport Sound Tigers, who will play three more games before the season wraps up on Sunday. The Sound Tigers are 35-37-4-1 this year.

Last year, his first as the Bridgeport coach, he led the team to a franchise-record 98-point season and 41-23-12-4 record and was also named the coach of the PlanetUSA team in the AHL All-Star game.

Cronin has been with the Islanders since 1998 and has held several different coaching positions, including assistant coach of the NHL squad for five seasons.

Cronin also served as an assistant coach for five seasons under Sean Walsh at Maine in the 1980s. In 1995-96, he led the Black Bears to a 27-12-2 record as interim coach and also brought the team to the Hockey East finals.

He played for Colby College from 1982-86.

A Boston native, Cronin's father, Don Cronin, was the Northeastern team captain in 1958-59, and his uncle, Gerry Cronin was the NU team captain in 1960-61.

—Jeff Howe

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Greg Cronin will replace Bruce Crowder on the NU bench.

Closers facing tough opening

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

Mariano Rivera blows two saves against Boston, Keith Foulke gives up a game-ending homer to Derek Jeter.

Cleveland's Bob Wickman wastes a ninth-inning lead against the White Sox, and the very next day Chicago closer Shingo Takatsu gives up three homers in the ninth against the Indians.

"Those guys are not going to save every game they pitch," said Colorado manager Clint Hurdle, whose bullpen failed to hold a pair of leads against San Francisco last weekend. "And once there's one chink in your armor, it affects your confidence."

While position players and starting pitchers get into game shape during spring training, closers can't really get parallel experience. For them, it's not the innings or pitch count that matter: Their specialty is being able to pitch with no margin for error, needing to get only three outs most of the time.

"There's really no way that you can simulate the regular season in spring training," Houston closer Brad Lidge said. "Right now, maybe the ball isn't bouncing the right way for Rivera and some of those guys, but over the course of the season it evens itself out. My guess is by the middle of the season, people won't even remember."

There were 39 blown saves in 99 games through Monday, according to the Elias Sports Bureau, up from 35 in the first 102 games of last year.

Rivera, who converted 53 of 57 save chances last year, has blown four straight against the Red Sox, including two in last October's AL championship series. Twelve of his 28 blown saves since the start of the 2001 season have been against Boston, and some fans at Yankee Stadium booed him last week after his second failure in a row.

"It's always good or bad," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "If you're a closer, either you do it or you don't do it. You're successful, or you're a failure."

Texas closer Francisco Cordero has blown two of four save chances, giving up a homer to Anaheim's Darin Erstad on an 0-2 pitch in the ninth inning of the Rangers' loss Monday. Cordero converted 49 of 54 chances last year and allowed just one homer.

Mets closer Braden Looper had 29 saves in 34 chances last year, but right now he has to shed memories from his first appearance this year, when he gave up home runs to Adam Dunn and Joe Randa in a 7-6 loss at Cincinnati.

Looper's performance cost Pedro Martinez a win in his Mets' debut and started New York on a season-opening 0-5 slide.

"I've definitely given up my share of whatever you want to call it," Looper said. "But on opening day, it stinks."

Wickman had converted 12 straight chances dating to last season heading into last Wednesday's game at Chicago.

He entered with a 3-0 lead but gave up hits to four straight batters in a span of eight pitches, including consecutive homers by Paul Konerko and Jermaine Dye, and the White Sox won 4-3.

Takatsu had a 5-2 lead in the ninth the next day but gave up home runs to Casey Blake, Coco Crisp and Ronnie Belliard, and the Indians won in 11 innings.

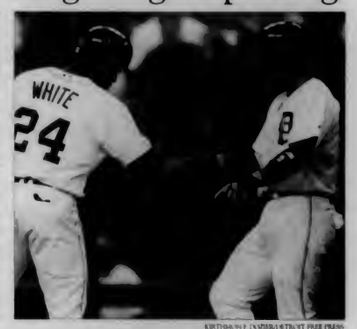
On Sunday at Detroit, Wickman gave up an RBI single to Carlos Guillen before retiring Ivan Rodriguez on a grounder to preserve Cleveland's 7-6 win.

Wickman admitted Wednesday's meltdown remained on his mind.

"I'm thinking, 'Here we go again,' just like everyone else," he said.

Colorado set a major league record with 34 blown saves last year, when the Rockies bullpen totaled just 36 saves. Hurdle tries to get his closers back on the mound as soon as possible after a bad games.

"It happens. They're humans," he said. "You don't have a pause button with a closer without controversy. You try to find better matchups or matchups that are more conducive to his strengths."



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Carlos Guillen (right) collected an RBI single on Sunday off Cleveland closer Bob Wickman, but Wickman rebounded for the save.

DiMarco feeling the spotlight

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

Chris DiMarco had a satellite truck parked outside his house and a long list of television and radio interviews to do, the kind of treatment usually afforded a Masters champion.

DiMarco was only the runner-up.

The guy with the green jacket, Tiger Woods, was on the other side of town in Orlando, Fla., meeting VIPs from Accenture, one of his sponsors, for a Monday outing planned long before he won his fourth Masters.

Rarely does second place draw so much attention.

"I went out and shot 68 around here on Sunday, which is a very good round. And 12 under is usually good enough to win," DiMarco said after his playoff loss. "I just was playing against Tiger Woods."

That's what made this runner-up finish so compelling. That's why the loudest cheers were for DiMarco along the back nine at Augusta National, and even during the closing ceremony, when Woods paid tribute to "one heck of a competitor out there."

It was almost an afterthought during the final round that DiMarco had been here before — not just in the final group at the Masters, but in a playoff at a major. Seven months ago at Whistling Straits, he missed an 18-foot birdie putt on the final hole of the PGA Championship, then lost in a three-way playoff to Vijay Singh.

But that was different.

Justin Leonard should have won the PGA except for a balky putter. DiMarco slipped into contention with a 1-under 71, the only player among the final 11 groups who broke par on a vicious course. The memory of DiMarco from Whistling Straits is that he had a birdie putt on the 18th hole and left it short.

He was the model of grit and determination at the Masters.

DiMarco shot 41 on the back nine Sunday morning to finish his third round, turning a four-shot lead into a three-shot deficit to a player who had never lost the lead in the final round of a major.

No one gave him a chance.

It was a two-man race from the start, and DiMarco never backed down. Despite giving up 80 yards at times off the tee, DiMarco was inside Woods for birdie on all but five holes. He was aggressive, fearless. He tried to make birdies on his last two holes and left himself 6 feet for par, then made both those to force a playoff.

This was quite a change from last year at Augusta National, when he was tied for the lead with Phil Mickelson going into the last round and shot 76 to quickly take himself out of contention.

"I don't think I was ready to win," DiMarco said. "This year, I was ready to win. I really felt like I could win it. And coming out the way I did, I will be ready to win next year."

Next year?

What about the next major?

There already is some thought that DiMarco should move to the top of the list as the "best player to have never won a major," but only because his final round is still fresh.

DiMarco has only won three times in his 10 years on the PGA Tour, none against particularly strong fields. There's a

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TODD BENNETT/THE STATE

Chris DiMarco reacts after missing a birdie putt on the 17th hole on Sunday in the final round the of the Masters. He lost to Tiger Woods.

Spurrier looking for new start

By Shannon Ryan
Knight Ridder

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Visor snug, shades on, and the sun beaming over a Southern college football field. Is there any other way — or place — to picture Steve Spurrier?

The new University of South Carolina coach, a love-him-or-hate-him figure at Florida for 12 years, is back in familiar territory in the Southeastern Conference. After a disastrous two-year stint in the NFL, where he was 12-20 as head coach of the Washington Redskins, Spurrier said he feels rejuvenated roaming a college sideline again.

"It's a new life here," Spurrier said after a scrimmage last week.

Associating Spurrier with the Gamecocks rather than the Gators and obliterating the memory of those dreadful years in Washington will take some time. Nothing a banner season can't fix.

And seasons like those are hardly common for the Gamecocks.

Spurrier's return to the college ranks has not exactly been a breeze, either, since he was hired in November to take over for retiring Lou Holtz.

Despite all those years thumping South Carolina while coaching at Florida, Spurrier is a popular man here. Last week, 1,000 fans showed up for a midweek scrimmage. The weekend before about 2,500 arrived.

In addition to bolstering his own reputation, Spurrier wants to make South Carolina — typically an SEC nonfactor — a title contender. That means transforming a run-oriented team into one of his hot, signature, slinging Fun 'n' Gun units and finding ways to plug

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PVTA proposing cuts on summer bus routes

By Matt Pilon
Collegian Correspondent

To account for increased costs of fuel and employee health benefits, the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority is again proposing an elimination of certain routes for next year.

Fuel and health benefits make up 27 percent of the entire budget, according to Director of Procurement and Transit Planning, Sandra Sheehan. The increased costs will mean an expected $800,000 budget gap, the Daily Hampshire Gazette reported Sunday.

The state will fund 43 percent of next year's PVTA budget. The rest must be acquired through federal and local means. The increased operating costs are not reflected in the state's budget, according to PVTA officials, which has been at a relative standstill.

Before any final decisions are made, the PVTA plans to hear public comments on the proposals. There is a public hearing today at noon at Springfield City Hall in room 220. The PVTA is also accepting written comments.

Among the proposed cutbacks are mostly weekend and summer routes.

"We're keeping what we consider a core-service model," Sheehan said.

This is so that people can still get to and from work during the week, she said.

The Florence Heights Sunday route, the Saturday Northampton to Williamsburg route, and the summertime Sunday Nort-hampton/UMass route are being considered for elimination during the school year. The Saturday Palmer shuttle has also been proposed to be cut.

The PVTA is also proposing to eliminate summer time Sunday routes to South Deerfield, Sunderland, and Belchertown from the Amherst area. Seven Sunday Springfield routes are also being considered as well as a reduction in Northampton to Holyoke services.

While the majority of the workforce will still be able to get to and from work, it is the weekend riders who will feel the greatest effects. Most weekend riders are senior citizens who need the bus to get to the grocery store or pharmacy or area residents who work weekends.

Northampton resident Ronald Carter, 76, says he rides the bus to CVS to pick up prescriptions on the weekend because he does not own a car. If the blue 43 route is cut on Sundays in the summer it will be an inconvenience, he said.

"I still need my medication during the summer, and if this bus stops running on Sundays, that means I have to go on Saturday. It's not the end of the world but it makes it harder," he said.

Written comments can be sent to: PVTA 2808 Main St., Springfield, MA 01107



MICHAEL BOOSTER/COLLEGIAN

Students board a PVTA bus on North Pleasant Street on the UMass campus yesterday. PVTA has recently announced that several bus routes may be cut this summer due to increased gas prices and employee health benefit costs.

RIAA may not pursue UMass lawsuits

By Matt Elder
Collegian Staff

Although the Recording Industry Association of America filed lawsuits against 25 students at the University of Massachusetts for illegally downloading MP3 songs, the president of company said yesterday he doesn't think the RIAA will follow up on various lawsuits.

Along with UMass, the RIAA is suing students from 17 other campuses across the country, but the president said that the problem is a lot more widespread.

Cary Sherman, the president of the RIAA, said in an internet chat with collegiate reporters that he has notified the 140 universities about the problem on their campuses.

"Chances are we will not take further action against these particular infringements, but we're reserving the right to do so. In any event, we will certainly take action against future infringements," he said.

Students across the country are continuing to use the "Internet2" network to transfer files, both legally and illegally. However, the files that are now mainly traded on "i2hub" are MP3 files, which are copyrighted songs.

Sherman said that his company is not releasing the names of schools or students who were named in the lawsuits.

The network, created by former UMass student Wayne Chang, was not the target of Sherman's anger.

"We have no problem with Internet2. It is a neutral network that is capable of outstanding beneficial uses. It just happens to be being misused by some file-sharers who think it's a convenient way to steal music," Sherman said in the chat.

According to UMass Director of News and Information Ed Blaguszewski, the RIAA contacts the University almost every month to let them know about users on the server that create a lot of traffic on the network.

"It's a complex process here," Blaguszewski said. "[Downloading music on i2hub] is against University policy. It's against the law."

Blaguszewski said that when all students enter the University, they sign papers saying that they will not illegally download songs on the server. If they do, they face sanctions by the Student Code of Conduct.

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SGA plan addresses issues of diversity

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

Several members of the Student Government Association, including members of the executive cabinet and the Student Center for Education Research Advocacy, drafted a Community Action Plan that they introduced during last night's Senate meeting.

The committee that drafted the plan in response to Chancellor John V. Lombardi's diversity recommendations has followed the lead of former President of the SGA Eduardo Bustamante. Bustamante, who vehemently opposed various elements of Lombardi's plan, took the initiative to create a response to the recommendations. The committee members felt that it is necessary to complete a revised plan.

Executive cabinet member, Barak Sared, a member of the committee, criticized certain members of the committee claiming that their interests in diversity are somewhat null because of their history in the SGA.

"This is supposed to reflect senate leadership," Sared said, "two of [the members] are former KKK-9 members and one of them is Pat Higgins' roommate."

Sared said that although he thinks that the drafted plan is important, he added that it is equally important for the senate to rethink the members commitment to diversity.

"Their past issues with diversity [on this campus] should be considered," he said.

Speaker of the SGA Mark Morrison, who was also a committee member, praised the aforementioned senators involvement in the committee.

"Everyone was invited [to the committee]," Morrison said, "attacking people for their past mistakes is tactless."

Morrison said that the members of the infamous KKK-9 "have learned their mistakes." Last March members of the SGA and other campus groups were photographed drinking alcoholic beverages in a University office and mocking a caricature of a Ku Klux Klan Grand Wizard. The controversial photos led to many members resigning from the SGA.

"People need to grow up," Morrison said, "this is just ridiculous, and as far as Senate leadership, they are the people who want to be here."

The report, which was introduced to the Senate last night, is a detailed description about points that the SGA agrees with

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Professor says Democrats are acting like Republicans

By Hayden Marx
Collegian Staff

Democrats have lost seven out of the last ten presidential elections, and according to Gerald Friedman, professor of economics at the University of Massachusetts, there may be a "connection between democrats losing and democrats acting like republicans."

Friedman says the Democratic Party has undergone many changes over the last decade that are not necessarily for the better.

"Now look at it today. We've lost seven out of the last ten elections and republicans control both houses," Friedman said during his discussion "How to Stop Losing" on Tuesday.

He said the reason the Democrats are losing elections is because they have become too much like the Republicans in their economic views. Bad economic analysis has prevented the Democrats from campaigning and governing effectively.

Traditionally, democrats supported large government and wanted to protect individual rights through public regulation. Today, Friedman says democrats have begun to follow the Republican model of thinking — that the best way to guarantee the economic success of the country is to promote it at the individual level.

In this way, the Democrats have become like socially liberal republicans. "Given the choice of a socially liberal republican and a hardcore republican, people will gloss over the economic issues and vote on the social ones," said Friedman.

"We need a clear agenda," he added. "People think they know what republicans stand for. They don't know what democrats stand for."

For instance, Kerry lost the white working class workers vote by 23 percent. "They voted republican because they saw no reason to vote democrat," said Friedman.

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ANDY TAMULEVICH/COLLEGIAN

Economics Professor Gerald Friedman gives a talk Tuesday night about why Democrats have lost the last seven of ten presidential elections.



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Mind your manners

Students practice their table manners during an etiquette dinner at the Top of the Campus Center Tuesday night. The dinner was run by Carol McGuiggan, an etiquette professional.

Student granted DC semester study; meets Kerry and Clinton

By Jake Monte
Collegian Correspondent

University of Massachusetts sophomore Erinn Larkin, a political science major, is among nine students nationwide accepted to the Semester in Washington Program at The George Washington University.

While spending the spring semester in Washington D.C., Larkin has been busy meeting some of the country's top politicians, taking courses, and working at an internship at the National Committee for an Effective Congress.

Larkin is taking Political Management and Campaigns and Elections courses at George Washington. Campaigns and Elections is a practicum devoted to the 2006 New Mexico senate race.

"The students develop a campaign plan for their candidate, including consideration of all the factors that a real campaign must consider," said program Director Gregory Lebel. "They also conceive, tape, edit, and finalize a thirty- second television ad for their candidate."

At the National Committee for an Effective Congress, Larkin works four days a week.

"Basically I work with databases entering data from the 2004 election — incident reports, unfairness of some precincts towards democratic voters," said Larkin.

She describes Washington D.C. with great fondness.

"I'm a city person so I like it a lot better than UMass. It's fascinating. It's just so fast-paced that it's literally difficult to keep up with what's happening in the city."

The list of famous politicians

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A request for UMass Dining Services to purchase local foods for on-campus dining commons.

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Tufts frat closed for hazing

MEDFORD, Mass. (AP) — Tufts University has closed a fraternity for one year following a hazing incident in which an intoxicated student lost consciousness and stopped breathing, a school spokeswoman said Tuesday.

The Tufts chapter of Delta Tau Delta already was on probation for alcohol-related violations when the unidentified student was hospitalized Feb. 26 for excessive drinking, according to Tufts spokeswoman Kim Thurler.

Fraternity members called the campus police after the student lost consciousness and stopped breathing. He was revived and has since made a full recovery, according to Thurler.

The student's excessive drinking was "something the fraternity was encouraging" as part of an apparent hazing ritual, Thurler said.

"It was associated with a pledge event," she added. "We regard that kind of activity to be a serious hazing incident."

Chapter president Noah Ornstein denied that the student, a freshman, was pressured to drink.

"There was no forced consumption on any level," he said. "The amount of alcohol consumed was determined by each student individually."

Last Friday, the school's Judiciary Committee on Fraternities and Sororities — a panel of administrators and students — voted unanimously to close the fraternity for one year, effective May 22, the date of Tufts's Commencement ceremony.

—Associated Press

Rudolph pleads guilty to bombing

ATLANTA (AP) — A defiant Eric Rudolph pleaded guilty Wednesday to carrying out the deadly bombing at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and three other attacks, saying he picked the Summer Games to embarrass the U.S. government in front of the world "for its abominable sanctioning of abortion on demand."

"Because I believe that abortion is murder, I also believe that force is justified ... in an attempt to stop it," he said in a statement handed out by his lawyers after he entered his pleas in back-to-back court appearances, first in Birmingham, Ala., in the morning, then in Atlanta in the afternoon.

Rudolph, 38, worked out a plea bargain that will spare him from the death penalty. He will get four consecutive life sentences without parole for the four blasts across the South that killed two people and wounded more than 120 others.

Rudolph expressed remorse in his statement only for the Olympic bombing, saying "I do apologize to the victims and their families." In all the attacks, he said he intended only to target "agents of the Washington government" or "abortionists."

—Associated Press



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Eric Rudolph pled guilty yesterday to the Olympic bombing, as well as three other attacks.

Befuddled beluga found in river

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Curious boaters were hampering a wayward whale's return to the ocean Wednesday as the animal meandered up and down the Delaware River about 70 miles from open water, officials said.

The 12- to 15-foot white beluga whale was spotted Wednesday near the Burlington-Bristol Bridge, about eight miles south of where it was first spotted a day earlier, said Sheila Dean, of the Marine Mammal Stranding Center.

The whale had made its way upriver from Delaware Bay past Philadelphia and Camden to spend much of Tuesday swimming in a loop near Trenton. Its presence drew crowds of onlookers to the banks of the river while television news helicopters hovered overhead.

Authorities hope the whale will find its way south to open water. Dean said boaters trying to approach the whale have hindered that progress, creating a "harassment problem."

It is a violation of federal law to try to feed, capture, hunt or harass marine mammals. No arrests had been made.

"Our enemy here is too much attention," said state police Sgt. Stephen Jones. "We want the whale to get his bearings and continue south without interference from too many curious onlookers."

Center director Bob Schoelkopf said the whale may be a juvenile unable to fend for itself in the open ocean, or an adult that chased a school of herring up the river.

—Associated Press



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A 12-to-15-foot belgua whale similar to this one was found swimming in the Delware River, Tuesday.

Dems turning worse

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Friedman believes that the best way to fight this is for the Democrats to return to their roots. These roots are located in the New Deal Democrats from 1947 to 1973. The New Deal Democrats believed that the goal of state policy should be to enhance the opportunities for everyone. Under this agenda, policy benefits would be given out according to need.

Friedman said the least fortunate people should get the most help because they are receiving the smallest benefit from living in our society. By returning to these roots, the Democrats would give reasons for the working class voter to vote for them — a necessity if they hope to win any future elections.

Friedman has been involved with the Democratic Party for most of his career. He first worked on a political campaign in 1970. He is the author of "State-Making and Labor Movements: France and the United States", as well as many other articles on the history of organized labor in the United States and Europe.

Student meets major politicans

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she has met is impressive: John Kerry.

John Edwards, Al Sharpton, Howard Dean, Barack Obama, and Bill Clinton. Her favorite politician who she recently met is House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, who Larkin describes as a wonderful speaker and a successful woman in a male-dominated field.

Larkin said one of the best parts of the experience for her has been the diversity of opinions she has encountered.

"I think just having the Washington perspective on politics is extremely important. It's important to broaden your perspective. UMass is very liberal and you really get only one side.

My roommate here is an evangelical Christian, which is kinda like a dirty word at UMass, so that in itself has been an experience."

Larkin has a 3.9 GPA but her acceptance to the program was based more on campaign experience than grades. Since 2001, Larkin has worked for Jim Langevin, a congressman from Rhode Island, doing survey research and fundraising. Jobs like that one helped her get accepted to the Semester in Washington program.

Langevin was among the people who recommended Larkin for the Washington program. When it comes to her work, Larkin believes in going the extra mile.

For instance, when the George Washington program gave applicants the choice of writing one of two optional essays, Larkin wrote both.

When Larkin found out she was accepted, she was in her dorm room in Crabtree in Northeast.

"I was a little bit shocked and totally surprised and happy. Washington is my mecca so I was thrilled to be going there and living right down the street from the White House."

Larkin isn't sure what she wants to do when she finishes school. She says many students in the program come back to Washington to work in Congress, the media, at an advocacy group, or professional organizations after graduating.

"[Success is] setting a goal and accomplishing it. That's what is comes down to. Tiny goals," she said.

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SGA newsletter proposed

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and parts that it doesn't. For example, the committee members did admit that they "agreed with the spirit" of the commission's mission statement, however they "unanimously rejected" the clause that stated that the University will have control of the SGA's budget allocation.

The complete detailed draft plan can be seen on the Student Government Web site.

In other orders of business, the Public Policy Relations committee met this weekend and drafted a plan to create a SGA newsletter. According to Chair of the PPR committee, Tristan Brown, the newsletter will be a monthly insert into the Massachusetts Daily Collegian. He enthusiastically said that this newsletter can create "legitimacy of the SGA." He also said that students could become more aware of events and issues that the SGA is dealing with.

"It would create an informed student body so that students are always up to date with what we do," Brown said. "This is a great tool in helping the SGA gain legitimacy."



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SGA President Pavel Payano and other SGA members discussed the Community Action Plan unveiled at last night's meetings.

"Brown also said that the monthly newsletters could coincide with the 'Back to the People Meetings' and students could meet with senators in the dining commons during the meetings as well as have something to read.

Also, the Senate voted to allocate $2,985 to the Sylvan Area Government for the "Sylvan Extravaganza" slated to take place May 7.

According to Sylvan Area Governor Alan Chow, the money is essential for the extravaganza to take place.

"We are going to have five bands and mission improvable will be hosting," Chow said, "There will also be a dunk tank, laser tag and food."

Contract worker held hostage

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"When you become a student, you sign a condition of terms," Blaguszewski said. He added that after the RIAA e-mails the University the student's IP information, the University discontinues the student's OIT access, and the students must go talk to the Help Desk before their internet is reinstated.

According to Blaguszewski, once the students are contacted, they often cease their the illegal activity. He did say, however, that sometimes students don't know how to properly rid their system of the software, and that causes troubles. He said that the University receives about 50 IP addresses a month.

"We make it very clear to the students that they risk a permanent loss from the system. The students then get it that they're doing something illegal," Blaguszewski said.

If students continue illegal activity on the network, Blaguszewski said, they face discipline by the Dean, according to the Student Code of Conduct. Punishment can range from a conversation to a suspension.

Blaguszewski also said that he doesn't know if any of the students in the lawsuits have already been contacted by OIT about their use of the system.

Even though this is a problem, Blaguszewski said that the University knows that it can't confront every student who violates a copyright law by downloading a song.

"We don't get into the business of scrutinizing every traffic on the network," he said. "We take action when we are alerted by the RIAA."

According to Sherman, the average user has about 2300 MP3 files, and about 2,900 files, on their computer. The user with the most had about 13,000.

While Blaguszewski and Sherman both understand that file sharing s probably here to stay, they need to educate people about how it is illegal and can negatively impact anyone.

"These lawsuits are getting a lot of publicity, which means that the message will get out far and wide," Sherman said in the chat. Sherman said that 44 schools have currently worked out deals so that students at their university can legally trade music.

Blaguszewski said that he too feels that the students should be educated as to what is legal, and what is not.

"The students need to take responsibility for their actions," he said. "The University network is being misused."

Sherman said that the minimum penalty is $750 per work infringed. He said that they usually settle for far less — about $4000 per case.

"Suffice it to say that this is not a profit-making venture," he said.

He said that it is estimated that the music industry loses anywhere from $700 million to several billion dollars from illegal activity.

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Flu samples limited by officials

By KEVIN FREKING
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Even as they sought to reassure a wary public, federal health officials detailed plans Wednesday to restrict the number of labs that can handle deadly flu viruses like the ones sent to thousands of facilities worldwide.

"We are working on the side of caution," said Dr. Julie Gerberding, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Labs around the world tracked and destroyed samples of the deadly flu strain, which has been included in a kit designed to test a lab's ability to identify viruses. The CDC was trying to determine why the deadly H2N2 flu virus was included in the first place.

"We are very concerned that this particular strain of virus was used for proficiency testing," Gerberding said.

Gerberding repeatedly described the risk of somebody contracting the virus as minimal. "If an unusual virus had emerged, we would have known it by now," she said.

Still, she said, the agency was intent on ensuring that every sample shipped to more than 4,000 labs in 18 countries or territories had been destroyed. So far, about 1,000 labs have sent statements to the College of American Pathologists confirming the samples they received were destroyed.

The World Health Organization's influenza chief, Klaus Stohr, said he was "relatively confident" most of the samples outside the United States would be destroyed by Friday.

Canada, South Korea, Hong Kong and Singapore have destroyed their samples, while Japan was doing the same, WHO said. Taiwan and Germany announced that they had destroyed all their vials.

The germ, the 1957 H2N2 "Asian flu" strain, killed between 1 million and 4 million people. It has not been included in flu vaccines since 1968; anyone born after that date has little or no immunity to it.

The samples were sent, beginning in September, as part of a testing process that measures a laboratory's proficiency in detecting various strains of influenza. The College of American Pathologists directs the testing and contracted with Meridian Bioscience, a company based in Cincinnati, to distribute the test kits.

A Canadian lab alerted WHO last month that the kit included the 1957 strain.

Gerberding said it was not clear why such a dangerous strain of influenza was included in the test kits.

"It's impossible to believe they did not know they were dealing with H2N2," Gerberding said.



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Federal health officials released plans yesterday to limit the number of labs that can house deadly flu virus samples.

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Progressives talk of ordination of women

By Rachel Zoll
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Despite a 26-year papacy that shut down talk of changing the all-male priesthood, progressive Catholics are convinced that the ongoing clergy shortage and rising number of female lay leaders in American churches will eventually create pressure for the Vatican to ordain women.

Until then, many women activists hope to build their influence with appointments to higher-ranking positions in dioceses, Catholic universities and even the Vatican.

"I basically think the next generation will see the ordination of women," said Lisa Sowle Cahill, a theologian at Boston College and past president of the Catholic Theological Society of America. "That change will not emanate from the top, but from the grass roots or local churches which the Vatican will then recognize."

Catholics who support this view say they are speaking mainly about trends in North American and European churches. In the United States, at the end of Pope John Paul II's pontificate, more lay people than clergy were working full-time in American parishes and many of those lay leaders were women. They served, for example, as Eucharistic ministers, who distribute Holy Communion in places where there is no priest. In Europe, the push for women's ordination is supported by the Catholic reform group We Are Church and others.

Advocates are aware that women in parts of the world where Catholicism is growing fastest — Africa and Latin America — have dramatically different concerns and may not think about becoming priests. Poverty, domestic violence, education and health are more pressing issues for Third World Catholic women, many of whom adhere to a very conservative view of faith and embrace traditional roles for men and women.

Also, no one expects the next pope to change course from John Paul, who unequivocally backed a men-only priesthood.

However, in churches in the United States, many progressives believe numbers and time are on their side. Most religion instructors are women, and more women are becoming diocesan chancellors, canon lawyers and theologians. The two top lay people that U.S. bishops appointed to help them respond to the clergy sex abuse crisis were women: Illinois Justice Anne Burke led the National Review Board, a watchdog panel the bishops set up, and Kathleen McChesney, a former FBI agent, was the first director of the bishops' Office of Child and Youth Protection.



Courtesy CNA.com

Progressive Catholics are encouraging the Vatican to ordain women.

No suit will be brought for Wendy's finger chili

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A woman who claimed she scooped up a human linger in her chili at a Wendy's restaurant has decided not to sue the fast-food chain, her lawyer said Wednesday.

Anna Ayala is dropping her claim because the police investigations, DNA tests, a search of her home and intense publicity have "been very difficult for her emotionally," Attorney Jeffrey Janoff said.

He would not say if the decision was prompted by a report a woman in Nevada had lost her finger a month earlier in a leopard attack, and that it might be related to Ayala's claim.

Police in San Jose, Calif., said they were investigating a possible connection to Sandy Allman, the owner of several exotic animals who lost her digit in a leopard attack Feb. 23 in Pahrump, 60 miles west of Las Vegas.

"We're talking to the woman who lost the finger," San Jose police spokeswoman Gina Tepoorten said.

Allman's lawyer, Philip Sheldon, said his client had "absolutely no connection with Ms. Ayala."

He said Allman, 59, last saw the tip of her middle finger packed with ice on a hospital emergency room table. She left after doctors told her it couldn't be reattached.

Tepoorten added authorities have gotten tips from around the country about lost digits — including one woman who claimed she lost a finger while breaking up a dog fight "and apparently the hospital lost her finger."

Ayala was visiting relatives in San Jose on Wednesday and could not be reached for comment, said her son, Guadalupe Reyes, 18.

The teenager said Ayala doesn't known Allman. "Mom doesn't even know how to get to Pahrump," Reyes said, adding that his mother was distressed by all the attention.

"The way I see it, it's like a big show," Reyes said. "Everyone's saying this and that. It's ridiculous. People are just trying to get the $50,000" reward offered by Wendy's.

Efforts to contact Allman were unsuccessful.

Tepoorten said Ayala was not considered a suspect. "She's not our main focus in the investigation," Tepoorten said, without elaborating.

Ayala, 39, was at a Wendy's restaurant in San Jose on March 22 when she claimed she scooped up the 1 1/2-inch-long fingertip. She later filed a claim with the franchise owner, Fresno-based JEM Management Corp., which her attorney had said was the first step before filing a lawsuit.

Court records show Ayala has a history of making claims against corporations, including a former employer, General Motors and a fast-food restaurant. She acknowledged getting a settlement several years ago after her daughter was sickened at a Las Vegas restaurant.

"Lies, lies, lies, that's all I am hearing," she said last week after her home was searched last week by police. "They should look at Wendy's. What are they hiding? Why are we being victimized again and again?"

Clark County District Attorney David Roger said Wednesday documents relating to the warrant had been sealed.

Wendy's spokesman Denny Lynch declined to comment on Ayala's decision to drop the lawsuit, but said a reward hot line will stay open. "It's very important to us to find out what really happened at the restaurant," he said.

Wendy's maintains the finger did not enter the chili in its ingredients. All the employees at the San Jose store were found to have all their fingers, and no suppliers of Wendy's ingredients have reported any hand or finger injuries, the company said. Officials also still had not confirmed whether the finger was cooked, as initial news reports indicated.

The Santa Clara County Coroner's Office was using a partial fingerprint to try to find a match in an electronic database but came up empty. DNA testing is still being conducted on the finger.

—*Associated Press*

Lawmakers hear testimony to increase EC

By Theo Emery
Associated Press

BOSTON — When the 12-year-old rape victim and her mother arrived at the hospital, doctors began caring for the traumatized girl. But they didn't mention or offer emergency contraception that could have prevented the girl from becoming pregnant.

Three months later, the girl and her mother were horrified to learn the girl was pregnant — a story that occurs too often in Massachusetts, according to Dr. Karen Lifford, who recounted the story to lawmakers hearing testimony Wednesday on bills that would increase access to the so-called "morning-after" contraception.

"It's not an uncommon story," Lifford, medical director of Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts, said of the girl outside the hearing room. "This is a specific example of a scenario that we see repeated in different forms on a weekly basis."



Courtesy Advocates

Yesterday, supporters urged lawmakers to increase access to emergency contraception.

For two years, lawmakers and supporters have been pushing legislation to increase access to emergency contraception. Last year, the Senate approved legislation, but it stalled in the House and never came to a vote.

Lawmakers say chances for approval of the legislation have improved, and on Wednesday, the Committee on Public Health took up the issue as supporters and opponents came to testify about the medication. Six other states have enacted similar legislation.

The medication is a hormone in pill form which is most effective taken within 72 hours of intercourse. Emergency contraception stops pregnancy by preventing ovulation, stopping the egg from being fertilized by sperm, or stopping a fertilized egg from attaching itself to the uterus wall. It is different from RU-486, which aborts a fertilized egg.

The legislation would require hospital emergency rooms to provide information about the contraception and offer the medication itself to rape victims. The legislation would also allow women to get the pills from pharmacists without a doctor's prescription. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has not approved its sale for over-the-counter purchase.

Supporters also say emergency contraception would reduce the number of abortions by 50 percent, because unwanted pregnancies could be stopped before a fetus develops.



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Understanding campus activism

Aaron Wodin-Schwartz

In recent weeks, the University of Massachusetts has witnessed an encouraging outpour of student energy and RSO mobilization in the name of our right to a participatory education and to conduct our own affairs in peace. I applaud those individuals that have stepped up and continue to selflessly devote their time and energy to defending our university for all of us. I remind those that have remained removed from these affairs that it is never too late to learn about the issues and become involved, and I encourage you to do so. Join the GEO walkout/student boycott on Thursday, April 21 (it's a Monday schedule due to the holiday) by boycotting your classes and/or heading out to the Student Union to educate yourself and get in on this exciting and noble action.

Some students have complained that GEO and Take Back UMass rallies are self-contradictory since they undermine the very educational process that they purport to defend. Why don't these groups direct their attention toward Whitmore, and why don't they seek their success through the standard channels provided them by university protocol?

Now is a time for students to become informed and come together as a powerful, unified body in our demand to create the university that we desire and are capable of having.

Aside from this position's disregard for the future of the university, it also defeats its own critique by misinterpreting the source of the classroom disruption and by proposing that GEO and Take Back UMass do either what they have already done or pursue channels that the administration has already eliminated as viable options. More unfortunate than this gross muddling of the facts is the potential discontinuity it creates in a student body that, at least for the moment, shares an explicit and common interest that requires an uphill fight.

In truth, the most drastic restructuring of the university in 30 years is going down almost entirely behind closed doors. The radical restructuring of 30 years ago was a pro-student movement brought about by students' own activism and resulted in most of the privileges we enjoy and take for granted today: active RSOs, independent student business and media, etc. Now, in what is becoming an increasingly unabashed anti-student regime, the Lambardi/Gargano junta seeks to capitalize upon the general sentiment of apathy on campus by rolling back these hard-won student prerogatives and expanding administrative control over all areas of student life and academics.

At the same time, the university is in blatant violation of its obligations to graduate employees who continue to work without the new contract promised them, and have now been told that the administration refuses even to honor the terms of the old contracts. Working for years now without proper reimbursement, it is only out of the sheer goodwill and dedication to education of the GEO that UMass has been able to keep on functioning. Now being told by the administration that they must accept pay cuts even as healthcare, childcare, and housing costs increase, these already under compensated professionals are simply incapable of conducting "business as usual."

And what of the tactics employed by the GEO and Take Back UMass to voice their defense of student liberties and graduate employee rights? Truth be told, both groups have been exceedingly well behaved. In fact, their respect for university rules and quotidian affairs may spell their eventual demise since it permits the Lombardi Administration to ignore the urgency of their claims and execute unimpeded its anti-student objectives. Attempts to engage in constructive student-administration dialogue have failed, though not for want of student initiative or involvement, and our voices have been met with what might most aptly be described as ruthless administrative disrespect. As it is, marches have been aimed at Whitmore while buildings that are academic in nature have remained untouched — though this leaves unacknowledged the reality that we should not and may not continue our learning and teaching under current conditions.

In short, now is a time for students to become informed and come together as a powerful, unified body in our demand to create the university that we desire and are capable of having. This is our university, funded by our taxes and our tuition payments, and we have the authority to defend it from the invasive and authoritarian administration that seeks to convince us otherwise. Go home, think it over, and get involved.

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'R' is for 'Rule-breakers'

Thomas Naughton

Well kids, the letter of today is 'R,' like the 'r' in Thursday. The letter 'R' is also seen in other places, like the (R) after an elected official's name which stands for the political party they represent. What political party does "(R)" stand for? "Republicans" at least, but more accurately, "Rule-breakers."

Republicans love to break the rules. They may follow those Ten Commandments they're always jabbering about, but as for rules they are sworn to uphold and protect, their theme song is Judas Priest's, "Breakin' the Law" (they sing the song quietly I imagine, however, considering that the crooner of the original tune is a "sodomite").

What rule of the day have our Rule-breaker friends set their sights on as of late? Filibuster. That's right — a 200 year old rule that grants the minority contingent of our governing body the power to extend debate and thus prevent a vote on a particular issue. This is scary for the conservatives who arrogantly believed that they would be able to control anything they wish in the wake of a second Bush victory with the memory of Sept. 11 still fresh on the mind of the nation.

The filibuster is a tradition; isn't that what the Grand Old Party is steeped in? Why try to break the rules now? If conservatives are so tradition-happy, why would they tinker with one of our oldest systems of checks and balances?

If democrats succeed in filibustering during controversial Supreme Court nominee hearings, republicans will really have to follow the laws they've sworn by; they won't be able to rely on conservative plants on the bench to cast dark shadows over the execution of the law. That simply will not do for the republicans of this country. They voted for repression, economic disparity, religion in schools, gays on a far away planet, scarlet letters for abortion patients, government gags on the press, arts flushed down the crapper, and enough war to kill you, your son or daughter, and 1,500 of your closest friends.

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Republicans figure that if their conservative judges take a seat on the federal bench, they will really have power. They can intervene into private family disputes (RIP, Terri) without a blink of an eye. They can overturn laws like Illsy dominos and restore our nation to the quaint, "traditional" values of the time approximately six years after the end of WWII, when women "worked in the home," marriage was sacrosanct, abortion was unheard of, homosexuality was a mental disorder, interracial relations were heresy, and the nation lived in fear of nuclear attack.

I hope they succeed. I hope the filibuster is scrapped and heinous conservative judges rock the courts. I hope the republicans go so crazy with power and faith and mandates and God that they turn this nation into a police state. I guess when we see the kind of horror that conservatives have in mind firsthand, when it strikes us deep and without reprieve, only then will we understand what kind of terrible fate we face when we place it in the hands of religious and political extremists. People are already seeing this kind of terror on a low, soft setting. What will happen when conservatives pump up the volume?

All this talk of the conservative agenda is enough to make one sad — or bored. Its too bad columnists don't have puppets like on Sesame Street. If we did, I don't think any column would get so upsetting. So kids, lets continue "R-Day" with more instances of Rule-breakers doing what they do best. Imagine the following being spoken by a puppet, just like a conservative columnist. This is fun.

Bill O'Reilly breaks those rules like nobody's business. He claims that the "spin" stops with him and his show, yet his favorite thing to do is interrupt people, cut their microphones, or tell them to "shut up." Isn't that a type of filibuster? More importantly, aren't his actions controlling the "spin"?

Conservatives can't even uphold social rules. In America, if you are caught in a sex scandal, we as a public are supposed to mull it over for years and years (Monica and Bill puppets enter stage right), yet Bill O'Reilly can tell the public that his phone-sex follies are a non-issue? Rule-breaker.

George W. Bush is really concerned with terrorism. He endorses laws to fight terrorism at home and abroad, yet he seems to not even care when his Texas tagalong Tom Delay makes threats against federal judges using some of the same language as the Taliban. Rule-breaker.

Conservatives care a lot about decency. Janet Jackson is a big harlot for bearing her breast at the Super Bowl, yet Dick Cheney can use every swear in the book at a televised press conference and no one says a thing. Rule-breaker.

We could go on and on, kids, but public broadcasting is an enemy of the conservative hand that is gearing up to grip the nation. When you're watching politicians on TV, remember what (R) stands for, eat your vegetables, and break a household rule, just like the President. This message was brought to you by the letter "I" and the number 1.

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'Farm to School' deserves support

Emily O'Brien

The one thing most students say about dining commons food is that it lacks a fresh, flavorful taste. So, what if you could enjoy good quality, freshly picked produce grown locally when you head for the dining commons?

By attending today's Taste of UMass event and lending your support to the "buy local" campaign, you could help make this happen. A booth that supports buying locally will be on hand at the event for students to taste locally grown fruits and vegetables harvested from Pioneer Valley farms.

Buying locally grown food improves the quality of produce we eat, preserves our farmlands, and stimulates the local economy. As students of UMass, it is important that we support the local community.

One way we can do that is to demand Dining Services get involved with the local Farm to School Program, which promotes the use of locally grown produce in schools.

Dr. Anne Carter, professor of Plant and Soil Sciences, who runs the program locally, says that the booth will expose students to the finer quality and taste of local produce.

"Students are used to eating produce that has been transported thousands of miles," said Carter. "The quality becomes compromised. Plain and simple, it just doesn't taste the same as what's grown in our backyards."

The goal of UMass Dining Services is to buy 15 percent of its food from local farms; as of now, it's only buying 10 percent. Dining Services buys a select amount of produce locally, including all its squash and about 88 percent of the apples served.

The Pioneer Valley Growers Association (PVGA), a cooperative of farmers that will be represented at the Taste of UMass event, provides carrots, potatoes, corn, tomatoes, and cabbage, but is unable to keep up with University's demands. The Farm to School program advocates expanding the local buying base to other farms.

In the summer of 2004, Carter received a grant of $7,000 from Project Bread, an anti-hunger program, to jumpstart a division of the national Farm to School program in Western Massachusetts. The program, which now includes seven area schools, connects schools with local farms and improves the nutritional value of food available in school cafeterias.

By demanding Dining Services to buy more local food we can help to improve the quality of food in the dining commons, protect the environment, and sustain the local farming economy.

Although the focus has been on K-12 schools, the program is expanding into local colleges. For example, Hampshire College currently serves local milk in its dining halls. Carter and students in her Community Service Learning course are working on a campaign to get UMass to buy more local produce.

Carter says a number of administrative barriers stand in the way of UMass buying more local produce. "The University is basically bound to get its produce from distributors offering the best deals, and often, those aren't the local farmers."

Then there is the problem of the sheer size of the university. Farmers face shorter growing seasons, and are generally of a smaller scale, so they find it difficult to produce the kind of volume needed to supply the 20 campus dining facilities, which serve more than 5 million meals a year.

Carter and her students note that buying locally does not necessarily mean spending more. Previous Farm to School experiments have shown that once food service directors establish a relationship with local farmers, they often see a profit.

The next step in enhancing the quality of food available in the campus dining facilities is to devote time and energy to developing an effective "buy local" program that is beneficial for both the University and local farms.

As students of UMass and residents of the Pioneer Valley, we are responsible for protecting and preserving the environment that surrounds us. By demanding Dining Services to buy more local food we can help to improve the quality of food in the dining commons, protect the environment, and sustain the local farming economy.

So, go to the Taste of UMass, make a stop at the "buy local" booth, experience the garden fresh taste of locally grown produce and see why buying local is a better choice for the University and you.

Emily O'Brien is a UMass student.

The greatest day

Matthew Burke

It seems that the news is always dominated by things that are generally considered negative. Whether it is an Ebola outbreak in Africa or a Marine killed in Afghanistan, there always seems to be something to remind us of the evil in the world — staring at us on the front page of every newspaper. Rarely are the stories uplifting. When they are, they must be cherished. Perhaps that is why people love sports.

Sports have become the escape that most of us need to stay sane in a world that sometimes seems terrible. We get through the tough stuff on the front pages and quickly lose ourselves in the news about the Red Sox or the Celtics, Patriots or the Bruins. Which is precisely why Monday was the greatest day we, the New England sports fans, have had in the longest time. Not only did we see Bill Russell, Bobby Orr, Richard Seymour, and a smiling Tedy Bruschi throw out the first pitch at Fenway Park, but we were able to see the Boston Red Sox get their World Championship rings. It was one of the greatest days of my life.

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To fully understand what happened yesterday, you have to be a die-hard, card-carrying member of the "Nation." I'm not talking about the Sox fans that got into it heavily after they saw the booze-induced rioting that is a part of our collegiate celebrations. I'm talking about the people like me who still have Ellis Burks' rookie card tacked to their wall at home, or a Wade Boggs poster from 1987, a Bobby Doerr autograph, or a piece of the original Green Monster's face that was torn down in the '70s and replaced by a new, tin façade. For the diehards, for those of us who never thought we'd see the day, Monday's ring ceremony at Fenway will never be forgotten.

We witnessed first hand what the epitome of class is in the return of Derek Lowe and Dave Roberts. Lowe spoke of longing to remain in Boston, I'm sure pissing everyone off in Dodgerland and also reflected on the lack of respect our ownership gave him in not even returning his calls to try and negotiate a deal after the close of last season. He was there anyway, wearing a Sox jersey, smiling, and tipping his cap.

Where was Pedro Martinez? The Sox pursued him hard and actually matched his demands before he signed with the New York Mets. The day of the ceremony, Pedro was in New York, where they unveiled a billboard the size of his ego with his picture on it. Word in the New York press is that he told the Sox ownership to shove the ring.

D-Lowe showed he was the bigger man, the classier individual, and a Red Sox immortal. Roberts is probably lesser known around the league, but leaving the Padres and wearing a Sox uniform for one more day was a very classy thing to do. Even my man, Ellis Burks, came back to say goodbye after retiring at the end of last season. He started his career here and he ended it here after many stops in between. I couldn't be happier for him, because this day was not only for the players who took the field and actually beat the Yankees in grand fashion. No, it was also for those who played for the Sox the last 86 years, and for those who watched. For many fans, a title never came in their lifetime.

The highlight of the day for me was seeing the legends of Red Sox past on the field. The championship banner was raised by an old man whom some say was beset by the curse ... Johnny Pesky. In the 1946 World Series against the St. Louis Cardinals, Pesky had held the ball on a relay after Harry Walker's base hit to left center field. Enos Slaughter scored all the way from first base on the play to defeat the Sox that day, and lead to a World Series victory for the Cardinals.

Pesky would say after the game, "I'm the goat. I never expected he'd try to score. I couldn't hear anybody hollering at me above the crowd. I gave Slaughter at least six strides with the delay. I know I could have nailed him if I had suspected he would try for the plate. I'm the goat — no doubt about it."

Seeing him almost sixty years later raising the banner with tears in his eyes was very emotional for anyone who ever loved baseball. They have yet to retire his number because he wouldn't retire even at age 85, almost as if he needed to stay on until his business was finished in Boston. It is now, even though we wish he could stay forever.

In the spirit of Pesky, Teddy Ballgame (Williams), Robert Pershing Doerr, Dom Dimaggio, Jim Lonborg, Carlton Fisk, Fred Lynn, Dwight (Dewey) Evans, Nomah (Nomar Garciaparra), Wade Boggs, The Rocket (Roger Clemens), The Gator (Mike Greenwell), Mel Parnell, The Hit Dog (Mo Vaughn), Luis Tiant, Rico Petrocelli, Jim Rice, Cy Young, The Babe (Ruth), Jimmy Collins, Duffy Lewis, Billy Buck (Bill Buckner), Tris Speaker, Harry Hooper, Bill (The Spaceman) Lee, Joe Cronin, Jimmie Foxx, and Carl Yastrzemski, the Sox hoisted a new banner. Now we can rest easy the curse is officially gone and we have a new reason to smile.

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Nas, Fabolous, Drop Kick Murphy's hit the Mullins Center for Spring Concert

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For the University of Massachusetts, the Spring Concert has been the most anticipated event of the year for UMass students. The event, put forth by the University Productions and Concerts [UPC], WMUA, SGA and the Student Activities Center, has had headliners such as Ludacris, 50 Cent, and Busta Rhymes over the past few years. While the headliners in the past have been big names, students have appeared to be disappointed with the events. But this year's headliners, an interesting set-up of music styles, may pack the Mullins Center.

The first act that has been added to the list is famed hip-hop artist, Fabolous. Recently, the hip-hop star released his third album entitled, "Real Talk," featuring the hit single, "Breathe."

"My songs are not just catchy songs and good beats," Fabolous said on his website. "That's easy. I study my own songs and I'm a big critic of myself. I won't be happy until I feel like everything is hot and I'm perfectly satisfied."

Fabolous, with his heavy beats, cocky attitude, and a solid line of hit songs, will undoubtedly prepare a packed Mullins center for a high-energy concert.

The next act added to the list is controversial rapper Nas. The New York native has had a career full of hits such as "Hate Me Now," "One Mic," "If I Ruled the World (Imagine That)," and "I Can." Nas' controversy spoused when it became rumored that he had "sold out" for commercializing himself with MTV videos. He then got into a heated lyrical battle with popular rap artist Jay-Z.

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Part two of Eve's awful night: yoga and pilates in a gross jail cell



Original Sin
Eve

PART TWO:

I must have waited thirty minutes before the officer with the hat unlocked my cell door.

"Walk this way please," he ordered as I turned toward him.

"Where are we going?" I asked, half standing with my legs still crossed.

He looked at me and sighed deeply. "I'm taking you to another room, we will be finished shortly."

I grimaced in pain as he led me down the hall. "Officer, I really need to use the bathroom, can I just go now before anything else?" I was actually pleading for temporary relief.

"Well, the last time I checked, it would be kinda hard to pee with cuffs on!" he scoffed in reply to his own wit. I rolled my eyes and entered an intimate, closet-sized room with a camera faced directly in front of a blank beige wall. "Stand against the wall, and place your feet on the markers."

A tired looking female officer began frisking me head-to-toe but stopped when she reached my midsection. "Should we remove the belly ring as well?" She looked at the officer with the hat and he shook his head.

"No, that should be fine. But take everything else off." My eyes widened in fear. She took my earrings, my rings, my hair elastics, my belt, and my shoes. I was completely stripped of my identity.

"Are you going to put me in those cute striped jail clothes, too?" I asked sarcastically. Neither of them answered. I looked across the hall and noticed my friend pacing his cell furiously. He looked like a wild animal trapped helplessly amongst the corruption of man. I couldn't help but smile. Moments later, I had answered questions, given my fingerprints, and finished a fairly friendly conversation with the man that arrested me without reason. "No hard feelings," he said as he put me back in to the cell, this time, without the cuffs. "Now you can use the bathroom all night long." he slammed the door shut and walked away.

I scanned the room for an escape route by instinct. I looked at the toilet, then at the camera facing the toilet. I was defeated. There was absolutely nothing I could do but curl up in the corner, away from the toilet and camera, and cry.

Meanwhile, my angry friend decided to use his time to preach to his cellmates. "We must rise up against the f#nsert expletive) system! The police are supposed to protect us, the innocent citizens of this country! Instead they arrest college kids to get a paycheck. They don't care about us! They just want to please their boss! I didn't kill anyone, I follow the laws! This system needs to be changed! Let me hear an A#insert expletive)men!"

I heard them clap their hands, bang on the walls, and begin singing as if we were in a Gospel church. I wiped my tears off my face and began laughing. Suddenly, my cell door swung open and two Smith girls entered. I sat up and felt sudden relief that I had company. "Hey, what are you in for?"

They sat down and explained their story. Coincidentally, it turned out that they had hosted a party that I was on my way to that evening. "Well," I said. "At least I didn't miss anything." They laughed briefly and then the room fell silent.

"Hey, let's do something. Does anyone know any calming techniques to pass the time?"

One of the Smith girls leapt up and answered, "Let's do some Yoga! I know enough to guide us through a routine!" We all agreed this was a great idea. We scrambled to our chosen spots and began.

Breathe in. Breathe out. Reach arms over your head. And down again. One. Two. Three. And up.

I believe this lasted long enough for all of us to gain new perspective of our situation. Maybe security would too. After we were completely stretched out and motivated, the second girl offered her skill, "Hey, I know Pilates!" We all smiled and began her routine.

Lift up. Go down. Left to right. Breathe in and out.

We were breathless by the end, but our abs would thank us the next day. I finally understood how people get so fit in jail, what else could anyone do?

We collapsed onto the floor and caught our breath. "I don't know how people can survive prison without going insane!" I said. They both nodded in agreement, and suddenly the cell door re-opened.

"You're out," the officer said to me. I stood up quickly, and looked over at them. "Bye guys, I'll see you in court." They waved goodbye and I made my exit, passing my two friends in the cells across the hall. "Bye boys. Have a good night!" I smiled playfully and re-accessorized myself.

Another officer grabbed my arm tightly and shoved me out the back door without a word. I looked around the vacant lot in confusion. It was cold, dark, and pouring rain. I had no idea what time it was, or if my friends had come to pick me up. All I knew was I needed a cigarette. I walked to Main Street and turned on my phone, seven new voice messages, and a text from my girlfriend that she is on her way. I sat down and listened to them.

"Hey, it's me. I'm in Amherst for one night only. Where are you? Call me back when you get this." It was my one love of last year. Just my luck. I put my phone down and sighed heavily. What a night.

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Sonic Youth still 'Kool Thing'

BY NICK ROMANOW
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Sonic Youth
Academy of Music
Northampton
April 14th

Very few bands in modern music have been influential, experimental, and important; all while flying in very plain sight of the mainstream radar. Sonic Youth, Northampton residents and international experimental-rock deities, may be the biggest and best of them all (ignoring Radiohead, who certainly fit the criteria but owe a tremendous debt to Sonic Youth for setting and breaking the mold). The fact that Sonic Youth has been performing for over twenty years, the past fifteen of which have been on a major label despite little-to-no MTV and radio support, is impressive but is merely secondary to the sheer quality of their work.

The band will be performing a special benefit show at the Academy of Music tonight in Northampton as part of a brief U.S. tour before flying over for a string of shows in Europe next month. While these shows may ostensibly be promoting the band's latest album, last summer's "Sonic Nurse," fans and newcomers alike should look forward to a diverse set list. While "Nurse" tracks are bound to be peppered in (which is welcome as the album is as endearing, creative, and likeable as anything the band has done), the band probably will play songs from all stages of their career, as this is what they usually do.

As good as Sonic Youth's recorded output is, there is an inimitable quality to their live show that makes a Sonic Youth appearance a must-see. For one, there is the charm of seeing a band full of 40-somethings, especially singer/guitarist Thurston Moore and singer/bassist/guitarist Kim Gordon, that still look and act like the 20-nothings they were when the band started. Even guitarist/singer Lee Ranaldo and drummer Steve Shelley, who show their age a bit more then Moore and Gordon, have the energy and inherent coolness that Sonic Youth is known for. Of course, what the band is really known for is their musical talent, and though they load their albums up with track after track of amazing and mind-blowing songs, they are most alive on stage.

Aided by guitarist/bassist Jim O'Rourke, who was added as a fifth member just a few years ago, the band opens up the already expansive songs and often mutate into, or out of, extended jam sessions full of feedback, noise, and astounding atmosphere. If the idea of Sonic Youth jamming "Expressway To Yr Skull" for about 20 minutes doesn't appeal to you, then firstly, this show is not for you and secondly, what on earth is wrong with you?

Even the most grizzled, old-school Sonic Youth fans happily admit that every show is a new and unique experience. The band straddles a very unique line of being able to jam and improvise brilliantly for extended periods of time while being able to stay definitively away from being a 'jam band.' Sonic Youth never loses track of a song or the audience, they are simply and quite literally musical geniuses.

In addition to being a huge treat for old fans, the live show is also the best place for a new fan or curious party to really check out Sonic Youth. The band has such a large recorded body of work it is intimidating. In concert, not only is there a chance to preview songs from all eras of the band's career, but also experience the creative energy and playfulness that may be lost on a CD. The songs themselves aren't nearly as unapproachably odd as some press would lead you to believe. While sometimes songs are washed out in a sea of noise it's not out of the ordinary for Sonic Youth to have rocking riffs and hooks such as in fan favorites like "Teenage Riot", "Kool Thing", and "Catholic Block" (in fact, even non-fans have to admire the dazzling, but not flashy, guitar playing and songwriting). Compared to their favorite avant-garde composers Sonic Youth is essentially pop music, and the band seems to love being stuck in between pop, alternative, punk, and the truly avant-garde.

Fans of the band know that a Sonic Youth performance is a can't-miss event but for those that have never heard the legendary band before and want to give it a shot: the Academy of Music in Northampton seems like the best place to head to.



The Northampton based group, Sonic Youth, has been known for over 20 years as the go-to "cool" band in MA. Even after years of performing, the group remains influential, experimental, and important.

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New alternate reality Web site game generates quite a buzz

BY ELLEN LEE
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The pay phone on the Berkeley, Calif., street corner started ringing at the pre-arranged hour.

"Don't hang up," said the woman on the other line. "If you really are who I think you are, I must tell you something."

The cryptic telephone call contained a clue to an unusual game that thousands of players around the globe were playing.

Called "I Love Bees," the game sent players racing to pick up calls from the San Francisco Bay Area to Australia, examining Web sites for hidden messages, and solving online puzzles and riddles. Their mission: to piece together the mystery of an artificial intelligence from the future that had crash-landed in the present and taken over ilovebees.com, the supposed Web site of a Napa, Calif., beekeeper.

"I Love Bees" is part of an emerging genre known as alternate reality gaming, the latest incarnation in the thriving $10 billion gaming industry.

Think of an alternate reality game as a conspiracy come to life, one that the players must investigate and bring out into the open. Or an interactive story whose plot is affected by the players. Players become immersed in a fantasy world as they interact with the game's characters through e-mails and telephone calls. Players often compare it to falling through the rabbit hole, a la "Alice in Wonderland."

"It's like reading a really good novel that will reach out and grab you," said Steve Peters, founder of the Alternate Reality Gaming Network, a Web site devoted to just that. Alternate reality games "go beyond that. It creates a universe in our universe that is real and dynamic."

The original alternate reality game debuted in 2001. A team from Microsoft Corp. created "The Beast," which promoted the futuristic Steven Spielberg film "A.I."

That same group has now gone on to form 42 Entertainment in Emeryville, Calif., banking on the surging interest in alternate reality gaming. Last year, it produced "I Love Bees" as part of the marketing campaign for Microsoft's wildly anticipated Xbox game "Halo 2."

The success of "I Love Bees" is fueling increased interest in the genre and its potential as a form of viral marketing. Simultaneously, alternate reality gaming as a

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The new alternate reality game, I Love Bees, was launched earlier this year. The game focuses around the website, ilovebees.com, shown above. The site is designed to look like a typical amateur site.

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Artists announced

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Nas has recently been dealing with rival rap artists 50 Cent for lyrics imposed against him, but he is more concerned with his work than replying to the comments. Nas should be ready to keep the crowd energy on high.

This year's headliner will no doubt have a giant line of students waiting for hours to get their hands on the best tickets to be as close to this native band as possible. They gave a memorable theme to a history-making series of events in 2004. This year's headliners are, Boston's own, Dropkick Murphy's.

The Dropkick Murphy's are possibly the biggest punk band out of Boston since the Mighty Mighty Bosstones. Formed back around 1995, they have grown from a simple punk group to a Celtic-punk hit. They have sold out nine of their past ten shows and are set to be part of this summer's Warp Tour. Their unique Celtic-Punk sound helped propel the band as they moved up from being an underground band that sold around 150,000 records just by word of mouth, to the big time, bag piping, boys of Boston.

The band got even bigger last year by producing the hit single "Tessie," which was labeled as the song that would help break an 86-year-old curse. Even after they had their hand at pushing the curse out of Boston, the song was used in the new "MVP Baseball 2005" video game by Electronic Arts in celebration of the Red Sox's victory.

After a string of mild Spring Concerts that had all the talents, but just could not deliver strong performances, this year's artists will undoubtedly be set to blow the roof off the Mullins Center on May 1 at 6:30pm. Tickets go on sale Friday April 15 at 10 a.m. at the Mullins Center Box Office. Tickets are free for UMass students with a valid ID, $15 for Five College student with valid IDs, and $35 for the general public. UMass students must present their own IDs to receive a ticket.

New game, I Love Bees, reshapes genre

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whole has also attracted more and more players as access to the Internet, and such online tools as instant messaging, blogs and chat rooms, have become more pervasive. Already, the television show "Crossing Jordan," the short-lived series "Push, Nevada," and BMW are among those that have used an alternate reality game element to attract viewers and consumers.

Alternate reality gaming is also getting academic scrutiny. "I Love Bees" is the subject of an exhibit at the University of California at Berkeley exploring the game and its impact on culture and society.

Seeing a game like "I Love Bees" succeed is exciting, said Greg Neimeyer, an assistant professor of art practice, film studies and new media at UC Berkeley, who has been studying it. But he added that it also raises questions about blending reality and fantasy.

"Games provide relief from daily life," he said. "If they're not separate from daily life, it's not going to work anymore. The real risk is you don't know if you're playing a game or not."

Part of the thrill for players, however, is that the game is shrouded in mystery. No one knew the identity of the game designers, the so-called Puppetmasters who pull the strings of the game. No one knew how the game would unfold. Microsoft deliberately stayed mum on the connection between "I Love Bees" and "Halo 2."

At first, no one was even sure the game had begun. Last summer, a movie trailer promoting "Halo 2" ended with the brief flicker of the Web site "Ilovebees.com." Jars of honey were also sent to 16 players active in the alternate reality gaming community.

Nevertheless, news of the game spread quickly through word of mouth and online postings. In the first two days, more than 100,000 people hit the Ilovebees.com site.

Players who went to the Web site saw an innocuous Napa beekeeper's home page that appeared to have been hacked. A few weeks later, a series of global positioning system coordinates were listed. Players did not know it at the time, but they marked the locations of pay phone booths that the game designers had scouted out in advance.

"No one knew what was going to happen," said Adam Bliss, a UC Berkeley math graduate student who had assembled on the Berkeley street corner on the first day the telephones started ringing. "I'm not a morning person, and not much will get me up at that hour, but I had a hard time sleeping because I was excited about what was going to happen the next day."

When the telephone rang, Dan Fabulich, a software engineer who lives in Berkeley, picked it up. "It was a very, very exciting moment," he said. "There were dozens of people around. We looked at each other and were like, what do we do?"

Fabulich answered the phone and spoke to the pre-recorded voice of Melissa, also known as the "Operator," one of the central characters of the game. He was prompted to answer a trivia question to show he was familiar with the game and was rewarded with a clue.

Players like Fabulich and Bliss became part of online communities, where they worked as a unit to piece together the mystery. They developed software to map the GPS coordinates and to organize teams of players to go out and pick up the calls, which were scattered around 1,400 phone booths. One even braved a hurricane to answer a call.

Behind the scenes, the Puppetmasters at 42 Entertainment worked feverishly to keep the game thrilling. They created a special database to handle the pay phone calls and hired actors to play the characters in the game. To pump up the drama, the game's characters sent personal e-mails to the players and made live calls at all hours of the day. The game was constantly on. The Puppetmasters deliberately planned the next chapter in the narrative only a few weeks in advance so that the players could affect it.

"If Moby Dick were an alternate reality game, you would see a whale go by," said Sean Stewart, a science fiction author who was one of the key designers of "I Love Bees" and "The Beast." "Ahab would call you or a harpoon would come out of a television set."

Added Elan Lee, the lead designer of "I Love Bees" and "The Beast". "The premise that the game offers is it's an opportunity to live the life of an action adventure hero. It's an opportunity to make your life bigger than it is. I think no matter who you are, there's something about that promise that is really appealing and exciting."

But unlike traditional games, "I Love Bees" lasted just three months, leading up to the release of Halo 2. The game acted as a prequel for the action in Halo 2, as aliens known as the Convenant invade Earth and threaten its existence.

Did it work? Absolutely, said Chris Di Cesare, director of global Xbox marketing at Microsoft, who commissioned the project for an undisclosed sum.

On its first day, "Halo 2" sold 2.4 million copies, amassing $125 million in sales, and has since sold a total of 6.5 million copies. Granted, Halo 2 already had an intense following. But the "I Love Bees" campaign broadened that audience, reaching out, for instance, to the science fiction fan base, Di Cesare said. It also generated buzz, so to speak, as word about "I Love Bees" spread.

"It was a bit of a gamble, to try something like 'I Love Bees,'" he said. But "the dollars paid off."

The founding members of 42 Entertainment have also taken a gamble. Founded about a year ago, the company is betting that it can make money by producing alternate reality games as a subtle means of advertising, particularly to target an audience that has become immune to traditional advertising.

"Instead of building a larger neon sign, we create subtle and hidden campaigns that they find on their own," said President Joe DiNunzio.

The company estimates that some 10 million unique visitors hit the "I Love Bees" Web site and checked out the game. Of those, 2 million followed its progress from behind the scenes. About 10,000 played the "I Love Bees" game intensely. Word spread, too, as players answering telephone calls in public were forced to explain to perplexed spectators that they were participating in a promotion for "Halo 2."

"The genre is still in its infancy," Lee said. But since "I Love Bees," "the demand for more projects like this and to innovate like this has been extreme. We're really excited."

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Nationals prepare for Diamondbacks in first home game

By HOWARD FENDRICH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — As a kid in the 1940s, Bowie Kuhn ran the hand-operated scoreboard for the original Washington Senators at now-departed Griffith Stadium. As the commissioner of Major League Baseball decades later, the native Washingtonian tried in vain to keep a team in the nation's capital.

On Thursday night, Kuhn plans to be among the 46,000 or so in the RFK Stadium crowd when the Nationals make their home debut against the Arizona Diamondbacks — the city's first regular-season major league game since Sept. 30, 1971.

"It's a very sentimental thing for me," Kuhn said. "It was just a matter of time before baseball returned."

The night caps a series of celebrations marking that return: the first spring training game, an April 5 exhibition game and dress rehearsal at RFK, and the April 4 opening day game at Philadelphia. If this is the last party, it's also the biggest, with President Bush slated to throw out the ceremonial first pitch and more than two hours of pregame festivities featuring appearances by 10 former Senators.

"Everybody's looking forward to it," pitcher Zach Day said. "We know it's going to be a long day, but everybody's excited for the day to come."

Washingtonians have pined for a ballclub to call their own ever since the Senators left for Texas 34 years ago. That was the last time any major league team switched cities; it also was the second time D.C. lost a club.

This time, Beltway baseball fans are the beneficiaries of dwindling local support for the Montreal Expos, who were given a new town, a new nickname and new uniforms. But the roster is mostly unchanged, and the Nationals' only real household name belongs to someone who won't use a bat or glove Thursday: Frank Robinson, a Hall of Fame player who 30 years ago became the majors' first black manager.

Still, the Nationals are tied for first in the NL East after beating the Atlanta Braves 11-4 Wednesday to improve to 3-4, all on the road. Every other major league club already has hosted a game this season. Then again, after more than 12,000 days between home games, what's another couple of weeks, right?

Kuhn felt a personal sense of disappointment when he couldn't persuade Senators owner Bob Short to keep the team in the city or to sell it to someone who would.

"This is a happy day for Washington and a very sad day for Canada and Montreal. Montreal was given every chance, and it's about time Washington got its chance," Kuhn, 78, said in a telephone interview. "I can hardly wait to see what happens. We know how they support the Redskins. I'm looking for something like that for a good, competitive Nationals team."

Seemingly no matter the quality of play, the buzz around town is as loud as the team's bright red caps with the curly white "W" that have become ubiquitous from Capitol Hill to Georgetown.

Baseball is back!

"We expect a lot of excitement. The fans are going to show up and root for us," third baseman Vinny Castilla said. "They've been waiting for this for a long time."

Nearly 2 million tickets already have been bought for the 81 home games — the Expos drew fewer than 750,000 last season — and Joseph Deoudes might just be the most powerful person in Washington these days. The Nationals' director of ticket sales is certainly among the most popular, fielding calls from congressional staffers, lobbyists, lawyers and others hoping to score seats for the home debut or later in the season.

"People are going to crazy, foolish lengths to get seats," Deoudes said. "I'm so behind on voice mails, and a good number of them are people trying to work any angle possible to get in."

This is, after all, a city where trading on influence isn't merely a way of doing business, it's a way of life. As Nationals president Tony Tavares put it: "People can be a little bit more insistent in this marketplace."

Tavares and the rest of the team's front-office staff only recently moved into their headquarters at the stadium, where last-minute touchups were made Wednesday.

Hundreds of extra chairs were being set up on the field in front of the stands, the sort of additional seating used for World Series games. At the nearest Metro station, a yellow sign with black block letters announced, "Stadium this way," and a giant arrow pointed to an escalator.

With less than a day left, it wasn't quite clear what to call the site of the big game — negotiations were continuing on a multi-million-dollar deal to sell the stadium's naming rights.

AP Sports Writer Paul Newberry in Atlanta contributed to this story.

UMass looking for answers



Sophomore Bill Rankin and the UMass baseball team have yet to win an A-10 game. Rankin has 12 hits in 20 starts for the Minutemen.

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first pitch of the day, junior Brian Nutting doubled to deep center to score Bush. Following suit in the next at-bat, freshman Mike Lyon, who went 3-for-6, sent a line drive to left field for a three-run homer. Lyon's first career collegiate home run started the early beginnings of a blowout. After adding two more runs, Northeastern held a commanding lead, 10-0, after only three innings.

The top of the Huskies' (10-14) order, junior Chris Emanuele, junior Arunas Sidhu and Heriot, did most of the damage, going 5-of-12 with two homers, seven RBIs and seven runs scored.

"I guess you'd have to be impressed, though I try to look at it from our point of view," Stone said. "[Northeastern] swung the bat well, but we didn't execute pitching-wise. Without a change-up or curveball, you're going to get hit, and that's what happened."

"We're looking for [pitchers] to step up and help us win games," he added. "It's a tough search right now."

On the mound, Huskie freshman Kris Dabrowiecki (3-1) limited the Minutemen to three singles in five innings. He struck out four batters and only walked two. Northeastern relievers Jim Madison and Tim Bush combined to pitch four innings and allowed only two hits while striking out five batters.

Though Twomley's 12-game hitting streak ended two days ago, freshman Pat Garritty continued his hitting streak to eight games after going 1-for-2 yesterday. However, Twomley received a walk in his first at-bat of the game to finish his consecutive walk total at six.

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UM keeps home streak alive

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Morin said. "Pitchers have been pitching me outside, and I'm finally going with it."

The Minutewomen started slowly in the second game, falling behind 1-0 in the third inning, but once again they put together a big rally, scoring four runs in the fourth and five in the fifth.

The Maroon and White scored all of its runs in the fourth with two outs. Stefanoni drove in Lauren Proctor and Morin with a double, and leadoff hitter Hilary Puglia followed with a two-run homer to left-center. Stefanoni recorded five RBIs on the day.

In the fifth, UMass greeted new pitcher Danielle Cyr with five straight hits, resulting in five runs and the second mercy-rule win of the day.

Three consecutive singles by KJ Kelley, Denise Denis and Pam Sulick scored one run and left runners on first and second. Proctor doubled in two runs with a shot to the gap in left-center, and Morin followed with a triple to almost the exact same spot. Morin scored the final run on a wild pitch.

Jenna Busa went the distance to improve her record to 6-4, only giving up one run on one hit while fanning six.



Senior pitcher Barb LaFogg improved her season record to 12-7 in a win yesterday. LaFogg has an A-10-high 132 strikeouts this season.

Long road for UMass

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"We have to shut down cutters for St. Bonaventure in particular," Bolduc said. "One of their better players is Kelly Chevez, and we have to be aware of where she is on the field. We have to shut down their fast break. They have three goalies that are splitting a lot of time, but they are all very good so we have to finish and take care of mental mistakes."

The Minutewomen's Achilles heel this year has been closing out their opponents. Against Boston College on April 2 and St. Joseph's on Sunday, UMass had the chance to put the game away but could not convert. The statistics, however, speak to another problem.

"We're the number one finishing team in the Atlantic 10," Bolduc said. "Unfortunately, we don't shoot enough. We only average 21 shots a game, and that kills us. We just don't shoot enough. Especially against the better goalies like St. Joseph's, we tell them that if there is a better keeper that you have to shoot more. We're working on having more shots on goal, and then hopefully then we'll come up with more W's."

After tomorrow's game against St. Bonaventure, the Minutewomen will play Sunday against Duquesne on the road. The Duquesne squad will be UMass' toughest conference opponent this season, as the Dukes are 8-2 overall and have gone undefeated in three conference games this season (St. Bonaventure, Richmond, George Washington).

Against St. Bonaventure and Duquesne, UMass is 10-1 all-time, going 5-0 against St. Bonaventure, and 5-1 against Duquesne.

Tyson returns to ring

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Mike Tyson simply laughed after he listened to his next opponent's manager promise an upset.

Then, after standing toe-to-toe with Kevin McBride to pose for photos, Tyson clasped the Irish fighter's hand, patted him on the back and winked.

Is this a kinder, gentler Iron Mike?

"I don't get into the stare-downs and the talking trash. I'm older, so I'm not really too much into that," Tyson said Tuesday. "I don't want to punch a guy in the face before the fight starts."

This from the man who brawled with Lennox Lewis three years ago at a news conference announcing a bout, who vowed to eat Lewis' children, who bit off a piece of Evander Holyfield's ear, who was convicted of rape in 1992.

On Tuesday, in town to announce his fight at the MCI Center on June 11 against McBride, Tyson seemed to alternate personas.

At times, he was introspective or doted on his three children who joined him on stage. At others, he came close to being the Tyson everyone has come to expect: the curiosity promoters hope can still sell tickets and pay-per-view buys even though he's 38 and lost two of his past three fights.

He talked about sinking into depression, called McBride "real cute," labeled himself "probably the worst husband in the world," and told a PR person running the show to "chill out" when she pointed out it was time for more posed photos.

"I just hope these people of Washington, D.C., are prepared to handle this," Tyson said. "It's going to be a train wreck."

It will be the former champion's first fight in nearly a year, and just his second in 28 months. In his most recent outing, at Louisville on July 30, he was stopped in the fourth round by Danny Williams after tearing cartilage in his left knee. Tyson had surgery — the knee is fine, he said Tuesday — and he's been training in Phoenix for three weeks.

The 6-foot-6 McBride, 32-4-1 with 27 knockouts, was originally supposed to be Tyson's opponent for that July bout. Make no mistake, though, this fight is entirely about Tyson. McBride's name wasn't even uttered by master of ceremonies Rock Newman until nearly 20 minutes into Tuesday's event.

"It's a no-win situation for me," said Tyson, 50-5 with two no contests and 44 knockouts. "If I knock him out in two seconds, he's a bum. If he gives me a shellacking, I'm a bum."

For his part, McBride vowed at least three times: "I'm going to shock the world."

"You have to respect every heavyweight in the business, because all it takes is one punch, and I have that punch. I have no fear of Mike Tyson," McBride said



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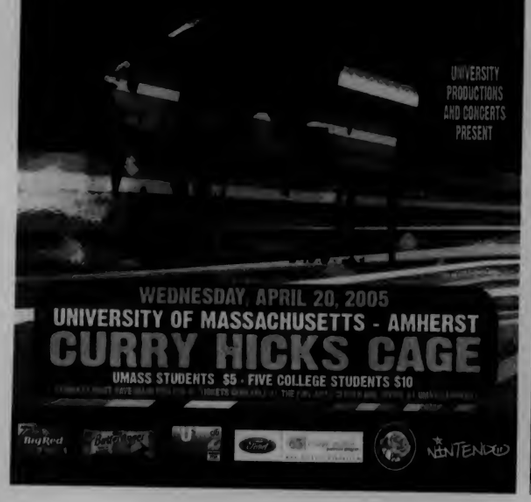
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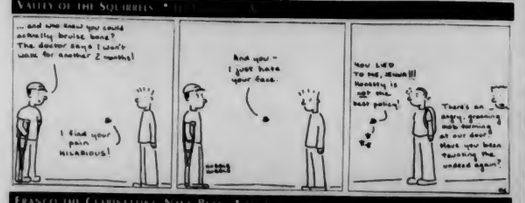
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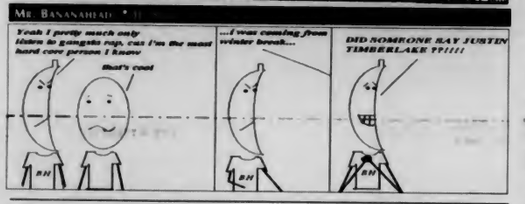
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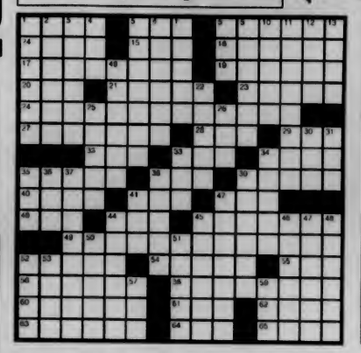
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Bats come alive in doubleheader

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

Aided by big innings and the long ball, the Massachusetts softball team swept Central Connecticut State (7-18) yesterday in a doubleheader at home. UMass (18-11-1 4-2 Atlantic 10) won both games via the mercy-rule, 8-0 in the opener and 9-1 in the nightcap.

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UMass wraps up a six-game home stand this weekend with doubleheaders against two A-10 foes. UMass will look to extend a season-long seven-game winning streak against Saint Joseph's on Friday at 3 p.m. before taking on Temple on Sunday at noon.

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CCSU	1

In Game 1 yesterday, UMass jumped all over CCSU starter Erin Monroe in the first inning, knocking her out of the game after scoring seven earned runs in only 0.2 of an inning.

The Minutewomen sent 12 batters to the plate in the inning, collecting six hits and benefiting from four walks. The big blow came on a three-run homer to left-center by number-nine hitter Kristi Stefanoni.

The home run was the first of the junior's career and gave UMass a 7-0 lead.

"I didn't really think the home run was that big because we had scored prior to that," Stefanoni said. "It was just a momentum builder. What the team did prior to that to get on the board and to get us started really helped us."

Sarah Madris came in to relieve Monroe and finally got the Blue Devils out of the first. Madris combined with Samantha Keltos to quiet the UMass bats the rest of the way, allowing only one run over the final 3.1 innings.

The seven-run cushion was more than enough for Barb LaFogg, who once again was dominant at home. LaFogg is a perfect 4-0 at the UMass Softball Complex, and improved her overall record to 12-7. LaFogg recorded nine strikeouts, bringing her A-10 leading total to 132.

UMass secured the mercy-rule win in the fifth inning after Amanda Morin led off with a triple and scored on a pinch-hit single by Jasmine Edwards.

Morin had a big day, going 4-for-5 with two triples and two RBIs in the two games. The number seven batter joined Stefanoni as a big contributor from the bottom of the order.

Candice Molinari sparked the offense from the number-two hole, going 4-for-5 on the day with a walk and a run scored. Molinari was successful on three stolen base attempts, raising her A-10 leading total to 20-for-20.

"Whether it's the leadoff or the number-nine batter, we all contribute," Stefanoni said. "There's no difference between any of us. I love being down there [at the bottom of the order]."

UMass coach Elaine Sortino was pleased with the contributions from the bottom half of the order, especially Morin, who has been on a tear lately.

"I thought Amanda Morin was outstanding today," Sortino said. "I thought all along that this team would have great equality in their ability to drive the ball. Getting the ball in play is critical, and I think we're doing a good job of it."

"I've been doing better at practice, and I've just been seeing the ball really big."

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Move over: Junior KJ Kelley is new home run champ of UM softball

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

There have been only a select few Massachusetts softball players who can say they have hit 26 home runs over the course of their collegiate careers.

Former UMass softball regular Scooter Wheeler did it in 2002. Teammate Brandi Cross then did it in 2003. The two alums were the only ones to reach the mark of 26 homers over a span of two years, until last Tuesday, when junior catcher KJ Kelley shattered the record, placing her on a pedestal.

Coming into the 2005 season, Kelley's teammates and coaches were not focused on when, or how, the home run record would be broken, but with two years remaining in her college career, time was on her side.

In a 7-6 loss against Bethune Cookman on March 6 at the 2005 Doubletree Worth Invitational, Kelley recorded her fourth home run over a span of eight games this season.

Two homers remained for the record, but Kelley's bat quieted down through the rest of March and the beginning of April. With her career count standing still at 25, an ankle injury then limited Kelley's playing time for the end of March.

After a home run dry streak of over a month, Kelley hit No. 26 and consequently tied the record in a win over George Washington on Saturday. It didn't take long (three days), however, for her to get No. 27.



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Junior KJ Kelly recorded her seventh home run of the season in a win against UConn on Tuesday. Kelley now holds the all-time career record at UMass with 28 homers.

The record breaker was in a non-conference battle against the UConn Huskies on Tuesday afternoon. The homer was the first run of the day — but would not be the last — in a back and forth shootout between the rivals. Down 6-3 in the top of the sixth inning, increasing her record tally was not the primary intentions of Kelley, but she recorded No. 28 to keep UMass in the game. The Minutewomen went on to win the game in a close one-run lead in the 10th inning.

Breaking home run records is something Kelley has become familiar with, as she also broke the record at her high school in Rainier, Ore., hitting 20 by the end of her senior year.

Kelley picked up where she left off in high school when she recorded eight homers during her freshman campaign for the Maroon and White. The chunk of her home runs came during her sophomore year when she hit 13, tying an A-10 record and breaking the single-season record at UMass.

While home runs are what Kelley is notable for in the record books, UMass coach Elaine Sortino sees Kelley as an all-around contributor. Kelley holds a team-high slugging percentage with a mark of .759 and has 18 RBIs on top of her seven home runs on the season. Kelley is also third in the A-10 in doubles on the season.

With a team that has three freshman contributing to each game in 2005, drilling homers appears to be a contagious act lately, as Kelley is not the only Minutewoman hitting balls out of the park.

Six homeruns have been hit in the last four games by players other than Kelley. Junior Kristi Stefanoni hit one in Game 1 of yesterday's doubleheader, and senior Hilary Puglia nailed one in Game 2. Two understudies of Kelley, freshman Lauren Proctor and sophomore Amanda Morin, hit back-to-back homers in Tuesday's nail biter against UConn, and Morin recorded her first career homer in last Saturday's GW victory.

Minutemen routed by Huskies

By Todd Foster
Collegian Staff

After pulling off a dramatic win in the last inning over UConn Tuesday, the Massachusetts baseball team could not produce at the plate, on the mound or even in the field yesterday, as Northeastern pounded the Minutemen, 14-0, at Earl Lorden Field.

The Minutemen (4-19 0-6 Atlantic 10), who finally broke their 12-game losing streak against UConn, look to rebound from yesterday's loss against Saint Joseph's this weekend in their last home series before a seven-game road trip. Saturday will feature an afternoon doubleheader slated to begin at noon with the third game scheduled for Sunday at noon.

Northeastern	14
UMass	0



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Junior pitcher Matt Torra and the UMass baseball team are struggling this season. Torra leads the team with an ERA of 1.50.

The Huskies' offensive output produced 14 hits, including three home runs, as opposed to the Minutmen's five hits. The 14-0 defeat is the worst loss suffered by the Minutemen since their 18-3 loss to Xavier on March 27.

"I wasn't impressed at all with our effort today," UMass coach Mike Stone said. "We didn't compete on the mound, and I felt offensively that we gave up. We didn't compete and you can't do that. There is no excuse for that."

In the top of the second inning, the Huskies loaded the bases on an infield single, a walk and a hit batsman. With the bases juiced, senior Jeff Heriot sent a towering shot to deep left-center that eventually found its way over the fence for a grand slam and a 4-0 lead.

Northeastern (10-14 3-0 America East) put the game out of reach in the next inning by putting up a six-run effort. Senior Tim Bush kicked off the rally in the first at-bat of the inning with a double off the left-center wall. After Bush advanced to third on a ground out, sophomore Dan Milano walked to put runners on the corners.

UMass starter Brent Tarasuik was pulled after giving up six runs on three hits in 2.1 innings pitched and was replaced by redshirt freshman Chris Sargory. On Sargory's

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Two on tap for UMass

By Rob Greenfield
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts women's lacrosse team will look to take control in the Atlantic 10 conference this weekend, with crucial games tomorrow against St. Bonaventure (7-3) and Sunday against the Duquesne Dukes, who are currently first place in the Atlantic 10 (8-2).

After a 12-11 victory against La Salle on Friday and a 10-7 loss to Saint Joseph's on Sunday, the Minutewomen go on the road looking to better their in-conference record. UMass has had a full week to prepare for this weekend's road games, and coach Carrie Bolduc believes that they are ready.

"I think the girls are focused," Bolduc said. "I think it's a matter of knowing the game plan, being mentally prepared and just playing our game."

The Minutewomen departed the campus at 4 a.m. this morning to catch a 6:45 flight to New York. The brutal schedule could prove to be a deterrent for the UMass squad, as for most of the team this will be a first-time experience (13 of 24 are freshmen).

"It's our first long trip for our freshmen, so we've got a lot going on this weekend," Bolduc said. "These girls know how to adjust. That's the good thing about kids is that they know how to adjust. We have a lot of time tomorrow traveling, and we'll get there early so we'll have a lot of time to relax so we'll be OK."

The Maroon and White head into tomorrow's contest with a 4-7 record overall and a 1-1 record in conference, while St. Bonaventure has not won a game against an Atlantic 10 opponent, losing to Duquesne, George Washington and Richmond. The conference games have caused Bonaventure its most trouble, as the Bonnies have gone undefeated outside



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Sophomore defender Erica Shapiro and the women's lacrosse team prepare for a road schedule.

of the Atlantic 10 (7-0).

Kelly Chevez, in particular, has caught the attention of the UMass coaches as she emerges as St. Bonaventure's main threat, along with leading scorer Nicole Motondo (25 goals). Chevez is tied for the lead in points with Motondo with 37, and has posted 18 goals and 19 assists through 10 games.

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Bush honors Patriots again

By Glen Johnson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush welcomed the New England Patriots to the White House on Wednesday, something that has become a tradition as the team has won the Super Bowl during three of his four years in office.

"You know, the commentators would say, Well, they're not the flashiest bunch, they're not the fanciest bunch,'" the president said during a ceremony in the Rose Garden, the team's three Super Bowl trophies glittering in the sunlight on a table. "They just happen to be the best team. They're the team that showed that when you play together, when you serve something greater than yourself, you win."

The team defeated the Philadelphia Eagles on Feb. 6 in Jacksonville, Fla., by a score of 24-21.

About 30 players from the team's normal 54-man roster attended, including quarterback Tom Brady and linebacker Tedy Bruschi, who is recovering from a stroke suffered just after he played in the Pro Bowl in February. Bush saluted Bruschi, saying, "I congratulate you on showing such incredible courage on the field and off the field. There's a lot of people that were praying for you, I know."

The president credited the team with inspiring the Boston Red Sox, who won their first world championship last fall in 86 years. He also thanked a group of seven players, including linebacker Larry Izzo and offensive lineman Matt Light, who flew down early and visited with wounded soldiers at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., and Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

"I think you saw firsthand the definition of courage when you saw those young soldiers who had been wounded that are working hard to overcome their injuries. I can assure you that your visit helped lift their spirits," Bush said.

Brady told reporters later, "To go there and see those troops, ... it makes what we do seem so unimportant."

The Patriots presented the president with a team ball from Super Bowl XXXIX. Head coach Bill Belichick, who was teased by the president for wearing a business suit, also presented Bush with one of his trademark gray hooded sweat shirts, triggering laughter from an audience that included Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., Sen. John Kerry, the Massachusetts Democrat who was Bush's opponent in last fall's presidential election, and Rep. Martin T. Meehan, D-Mass., a Patriots season ticket-holder.

There were two other moments of laughter.

Recalling last year's team visit to the White House, Bush told the team: "I think I said last time there's a chance you'll be back. I wasn't sure about me." As the audience laughed and Bush winked at Kerry, the president added: "I'm confident I'll be back next year. And the way you've been playing, there's a good chance you will be, too."

Team owner Robert Kraft also broke up the audience when he noted the team's string of recent visits and said, "Next year, if we're blessed to be here, we'll follow Senator Kennedy's advice and bring the cheerleaders."

Someone sitting in the audience near Kennedy and Kraft said the senator actually suggested that Kraft bring the Patriots cheerleaders to the military hospitals, not the White House.

Fenway parking pricey

BOSTON (AP) — Mayor Thomas M. Menino, saying "I blew my top" when told someone paid $100 to park while attending a Red Sox game at Fenway Park, said he will ask the City Council to cap fees and stop private lot owners around the ballpark from gouging baseball fans.

"We are going to come up with a strategy to make sure this doesn't happen in the future," said Menino, who found out about the $100 tab while attending the Red Sox home opener Monday. "My goal is to have control over the fees. This may be the market, but it's not right."

On game days, gas stations, some retail centers and at least one hotel dedicate parking spaces for fans. Monday, several lots charged $60, and Leahy's Mobil station on Boylston Street charged a Boston Globe photographer $100 to park.

There is no telephone listing for Leahy's Mobil.

A worker at VIP Parking said his lot charged $50 for Monday's game, and said he knew of no place other than Leahy's that charged $100.

"I don't think there's any set system," said Jordan Flower, who works at another lot near the ballpark. "It's basically how greedy you are. It's not based on any numbers; it's just based on greed."

Menino said Tuesday that he will ask the City Council to approve an ordinance to cap parking fees. The exact rate will be determined after a meeting with the lot operators later this week.

During last fall's baseball playoffs, Menino appealed to the operators of 23 city-licensed private lots to voluntarily lower rates.

"The mayor didn't get the voluntary compliance" he sought, said Thomas J. Tinlin, acting commissioner of the Boston Transportation Department.

City officials also want to stop lots from charging more for some games than others, a practice they said began during the Red Sox' championship season last year.

"We need to have price certainty," Tinlin said. "It's unfair for consumers who go to a Yankees game to have to pay $100 and those who go to a Tampa Bay Devil Rays game pay $20."

If lawyers determine that the city cannot regulate the parking fees by ordinance, officials will file a home-rule petition at the Statehouse seeking permission to regulate the fees.

Red Sox spokesman Charles Steinberg said he did not know that any parking lots overcharged fans attending Monday's game. The Red Sox own two lots, but he told the Globe he did not know what the team charged.

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Sudanese genocide is subject of UMass discussion

By Meaghan Geisler
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The University of Massachusetts Genocide Reaction Committee held its first meeting Wednesday on the 19th floor of Kennedy Hall. The committee discussed future plans and ideas about the humanitarian issues in Darfur, Sudan.

Currently there is a genocide happening in Sudan. There has been a war going on between a militia group and two rebel armies in that nation. Over the past two years there has been international pressure on the Sudanese government to disarm the militia group, but there has been little evidence of them doing so. The Bush administration has recently declared this situation Genocide, but has not committed any peace keeping troops to the region.

Fourteen people showed up for the meeting on Wednesday. One of these 14 people was Thon Aylei, a 21-year-old sophomore at UMass. He has been living in the United States for four years after moving to this country from Sudan. He says he had to leave Sudan because of a war when he was four years old. He was sent to refugee camps in both Kenya and Ethiopia, where he lived for a total of 11 years.

Aylei stood up in front of the committee and explained that he has been looking for a way to help the people in Sudan, and the Genocide Reaction Committee has made that possible.

Chris Turk, 19, is a sophomore political science major here at UMass. He has taken the responsibility of starting the Genocide Reaction Com-mittee. At the meeting he talked about things that were happening in Sudan, such as more than 180,000 people being killed, and more than two million people being displaced from their homes. He also addressed his plans for the committee. Every one of the fourteen people had questions and shared their ideas with the rest of the group.

Turk started off the meeting by discussing what he has been doing to get the committee started. He is currently in the process of registering the committee with the UMass. Once a mission statement is passed in about the committee, UMass will approve it, and they will have access to funding from the school.

Turk is not aware of any other committees on campus that are directly involved in raising funds for Sudan, but is more than willing to work with other groups that are interested in these issues.

A table will be set up within the next week in the Campus Center for the committee and they are waiting to find out what room they will be able to use in the Student Union for their meetings.

One of Turk's main goals is to work with other groups that are concerned with the situation in Sudan, as well as people in surrounding communities. He is currently working on setting up a meeting with the principle of Amherst, High School. He hopes to be able to set up a benefit dance at the high school, to send funds to Sudan.



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UMass students, from left to right, Sara Reynolds, Sean Tierney, and Ellen Gerlach sit in on a discussion by the Genocide Reaction Committee Wednesday evening in Kennedy Hall.

The students at the meeting all were very eager to offer their assistance. Some of the students volunteered their time to pass out flyers in front of the dining halls and another student offered to help put together a food drive.

"I feel like the people who showed up really seemed to be passionate about the issue and I feel the agenda was well received," Turk said after the meeting.

The next meeting will be held on April 20, where each member hopes to bring at least two more people with them. It will be held at 8 p.m. on the 19th floor in Kennedy Hall.

MPAA joins i2hub lawsuits

By Matt Elder
Collegian Staff

Much like what the Recording Industry Association of America did earlier this week, the Motion Picture Association of American filed various lawsuits yesterday against college students, including those at the University of Massachusetts, involved in illegally downloading files online.

On Wednesday, the RIAA sent out lawsuits to select college students that downloaded files from the popular "i2hub." Unlike the RIAA, the MPAA did not disclose how many lawsuits were issued. The RIAA is suing 405 college students from 18 colleges, including 25 students from UMass-Amherst.

The RIAA is also sending out notices to 140 college presidents, informing them about the illegal activity on their campuses. A spokesperson for the MPAA said they are not disclosing how many students are involved because that is not their purpose.

"We're trying to send a message," said Ann Caliguri. She said that the MPAA's message is to bring people who illegally download files online to justice.

The defendants in the lawsuits will be named as "John Doe" because MPAA says they do not know their identities, only their i2hub user names. The MPAA must subpoena the universities involved to reveal the users' Internet Server Protocol address, which would reveal their identities.

Even though the two companies filed their lawsuits at similar time, an anonymous source in the MPAA said that the two did not purposely plan to file suits so closely together.

"The decision to file was made separately," the source said, adding that the RIAA and the MPAA do share information.

The source said that the amount of money to MPAA is seeking varies between lawsuits.

The source also said there's a lot that goes into how much the company seeks, mainly how many movies are downloaded.

"These suits range from a few thousand to hundreds of thousands [of dollars]," he said. According to RIAA President Cary Sherman, the MPAA suits typically settle for about $3,000, which is a little smaller then the amount in which RIAA suits are commonly settled.

Those involved in the suits say that filing the lawsuits sends out a message to college campuses.

"It brings attention to the problem," the source said. "In the case of i2hub and its creator our message is simple," said Motion Picture Association President and CEO Dan Glickman in a press release. "We know who you are and we strongly encourage you to stop facilitating the illegal downloading and trading of movies."

Even though both lawsuits have been issued at college campuses, Caliguri said that the only reason college students are the focus is because they have easier access to things like i2hub.

"Universities tend to be a problem," she said. "College campuses have seen an increase in illegal file sharing."

Caliguri said that access to high-speed internet on college campuses makes downloading easier.

The MPAA said that they are not against advancements in technology, and that simply downloading these hubs are legal.

"Using Kazaa is not illegal," Caliguri said, adding that people break the laws when they start to download and share files.

Caliguri said that Monday at 1:23 p.m. PST, there were 7,070 people who were connected to

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Biology professor receives $900K for bacteria research

By Matthew Pilon
Collegian Correspondent

University of Massachusetts professor of biology Margaret A. Riley recently received a four-year $900,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health to study the increasing problem of bacterial antibiotic resistance.

Riley studies the often-ignored area of bacteria's evolution and natural defense systems. She plans to use the funding to support graduate research and teaching, and to purchase research supplies, which Riley called "extraordinarily expensive."

The ultimate outcome of the research has been to develop a "more ecologically sound approach that does not overwhelm the bacteria," Riley said.

According to Riley, for the past 20 years many doctors have been doing just that: using antibiotics in viral settings, an approach Riley called "useless," in industrial and agricultural settings.

"We've simply abused [antibiotics]," Riley said.

She says the result of this has been that certain antibiotics , such as those that were once effective in treating urinary tract infections, ear infections, and other bacteria-related illnesses have lost their effect. She notes that most doctors will now just prescribe cranberry juice for a urinary tract infection rather than the now useless antibiotic Trimethiprin.

Riley says the Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) bacteria causes staph infections. As the name implies, this particular bacteria has become resistant to the antibiotic Methicillin, which happens to be the only known effective treatment of MRSA. Currently, if the immune system is weak and a staph infection occurs, death can result, Reilly says.

According to the Center for Disease Control, nearly two million people get an infection in the hospital each year. Of the two million, about 90,000 die as a result. According to Riley, this costs taxpayers approximately $2 billion a year.

The ample grant has given Riley the opportunity to address these problems head on.

"This grant, being as large as it is, will allow me to focus on the research and not worry about the money aspect," she said.

Riley has also created a Springfield-based company called Origin Antimicrobials in conjunction with a Smith college biology professor to market new ecologically sound solutions to the medical community.

Riley's research is conducted in collaboration with the University of Washington and the University of Seattle. For her research, Riley plans to use animal bacteria collected in the outback of Australia with UMass undergraduate alumnus Dr. David Gordon of the Australian National University with whom Riley has worked for the past 15 to 20 years.

According to Riley's research, it is now believed by many in the scientific community that bacteria have been capable of developing resistance since the beginning of time as opposed to an earlier view that resistant bacteria are a recent development.

The bacteria collected in Australia will have little if any exposure to classic antibiotics and therefore will be perfect to screen for the gene that confers the antibiotic resistance. Riley will explore and contrast the evolution of antibiotic resistance of the natural bacteria to that of the clinical bacteria. A successful outcome will hopefully lead to more effective antibiotic therapies that will be used to cure bacteria-related illnesses.

Van Meter janitor claiming discrimination by University

By Kathryn Sullivan
Collegian Staff

For more than 10 years, a man named James Castine carefully swept the remnants of parties past at Van Meter Hall in the Central Residential Area at the University of Massachusetts.

To students there, he was known as "Jimmy Star," a name he derived from his Native American grandmother, Star Rivers. This was also the stage name he has used for years while performing with bands, which he says played music ranging from "Jimmy-Hendrix style" rock to country.

Prior to his position as a maintenance worker at UMass, Castine owned a successful hair salon with his wife, who retained the business after their divorce. After the divorce, he came to the University seeking employment. Although janitorial work was not his first choice, he took the position on a temporary basis.

Eleven years later he still worked at UMass because he says he fell in love with the beauty of the Central area and enjoyed the relationships he formed with students, many of whom would often plead with him to join them in jam sessions. A self-proclaimed "neat-freak," Castine fit naturally into his position and was good at it — evaluations of his work were consistently positive.

But Castine can no longer be found in the halls of Van Meter. He has taken early retirement, which he feels he was forced into unfairly by the University.

Castine suffers from the life threatening disease, Hepatitis C, which he contracted during a 1992 blood transfusion. According to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the blood supply has been carefully checked for the virus since July 1992. Castine had contracted the disease just months before.

Hepatitis C is a blood-borne virus that can lead to liver damage, liver failure or death. Nearly four million Americans, including approximately 100,000 Massachusetts residents, are currently infected with the virus. Many do not experience any symptoms and are unaware of their diagnosis. By May of 2003, Castine's blood counts showed the virus was infecting his body at alarming rates.



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This Van Meter Hall bathroom is one of the places where a maintenance worker claims discrimination against him took place.

On May 27, 2003 Castine informed his supervisor, William Bartos. Supervisor of Janitors, that he would have to begin treatment for his Hepatitis C, which would consist of a 48-week planned schedule of Interferon therapy.

He provided proof through a letter from his doctor, Dr. Mohamed Eldaly, M.D., in which he recommended that "Mr. Castine work on a light duty schedule during the duration of his treatment."

According to Castine, Bartos' response to his request set off a series of events that has affected his life for the past two years.

"Mr. Bartos let me know that if I needed modification due to this disability than I will just have to go home," Castine said.

In an official document signed by Mary Jane Quinn, Special Assistant in the Chancellor's office, who has become the spokesperson for the University on this matter, it is stated that "Mr. Bartos patently denies making any representation to Mr. Castine regarding modifications or saying that Mr. Castine would have to go home."

Castine, who desperately wanted to retain his position at the University, informed his doctor the following day that he would not be proceeding with his treatment. He says he feared losing his job, which would cause him to lose his health benefits. Given the severe nature of Hepatitis C and the intensive medical treatment that would be required to sustain his life, this was a gamble Castine says he was not willing to take. Without any health insurance it would be nearly impossible for him to afford treatment necessary for him to survive his illness.

He informed his supervisor of his decision and returned to his normal duties for the University.

As the students began filing out of the dorms for the summer, the maintenance staff prepared for their summer cleaning duties. In past summers, Castine had performed what he calls "detail work," which involved careful, intricate cleaning of the facilities.

This summer, however, Bartos assigned Castine to cleaning garbage cans in the basement of the building for most of the three months.

The Chancellor's office later defended this move stating in an official letter that, "several factors contributed to Mr. Castine's assignment of cleaning waste baskets (not garbage cans) from student dormitory rooms."

The letter went on to explain that this was a clearly identified task of his position — this task was also assigned to four or five other maintainers — and that the decision was made due to his request for light duty while additional information was being sought from his physician.

Castine, however, maintains that he was never notified that this was his "light duty" and that this

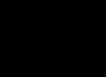
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sophomore
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"No. Shared music is a quick and easy way for students to pass around a great art form, why get punished for that?"

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MPAA joins RIAA in suing students

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I2hub downloading 99.21 terabytes of information. The top user had 328 movies. Caliguri said that 99 terabytes is roughly the same amount of movies that sit in a Blockbuster video store.

"These people are swapping them entirely for free," she said.

Both the source in the MPAA and Caliguri offered other solutions instead of illegally downloading movies, including various Web sites that offer downloading movies for about $4. These sites include rukus.com and cdigix.com, among others.

Janitor claiming his work was scrutinized by bosses

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was the first in a series of events that would lead him to believe that he was being discriminated against for having Hepatitis C.

From this point forward, Castine reports that his work was often overly scrutinized and his supervisor and other higher-ranking staff members would personally check the quality of his work. Sometimes several high-ranking staff members would check the bathrooms in one day.

He claims that on several occasions supervisors would actually come into his workspace to watch him work and critique his procedures, which he had fine-tuned for efficiency purposes over the past decade.

Another employee, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, claims that although these actions were not outside of the jurisdiction of the supervisors, this level of monitoring was relatively unheard of in the past.

Castine filed a discrimination complaint with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination in June that stated that for the past three months, "UMass at Amherst discriminated against me by subjecting me to unequal terms and conditions of employment, failing to reasonably accommodate me and threatening to terminate my employment because of my disability."

Tensions continued to mount between Castine and his employer over the next couple of months. He claims during this time he was regularly humiliated and treated with hostility at work. In September, the University filled a response with the MCAD. A response that Castine feels was premature and underhanded because MCAD typically schedules a hearing with both parties, in which the defendant is able to address the accusations, after they complete their formal investigation. In the response, signed by Quinn, it stated that the University "patently denies each of these allegations."

University officials also stated that they had accommodated him and were still awaiting further information from his doctor, which Castine had not yet produced. The letter also disputed his handicap stating that he "has not made a valid allegation that he is a qualified handicapped person" and "he has never claimed that his impairments are of a permanent or persistent nature."

According to the National Hepatitis C Coalition, " There is no true cure for hepatitis C."

In the fall of 2003, Castine was assigned new duties which included maintaining two six-story stairwells instead of one four story stairwell and heavy snow shoveling, to which his doctor wrote a complaint to Edward Mone, Senior Operations Manager and Chancellor John V. Lombardi.

In the letter from Dr. Eldaly stated, "You are allowing further harassment to occur" and "Mr. Castine clearly has an abusive supervisor with the objective to drive Mr. Castine out of his job, his livelihood and his medical treatment."

Castine's complaint to the MCAD was denied due to lack of evidence. He appealed his complaint, adding two witnesses to his claim, and was again denied. Castine wrote one final letter to MCAD in February in which he queried "Are you a state institution protecting another state institution?"

Castine has taken early retirement from his position.

Bartos and his superior, Mone, were contacted but were unable to comment.

Lombardi and Quinn, were unable to be reached for comment.

For The Record

In yesterday's Collegian, we incorrectly stated that the Recording Industry Association of America was considering dropping its lawsuit against 25 UMass students for downloading copyrighted material. This statement is incorrect. We encourage our readers to read today's page one story "MPAA joins i2hub lawsuits."

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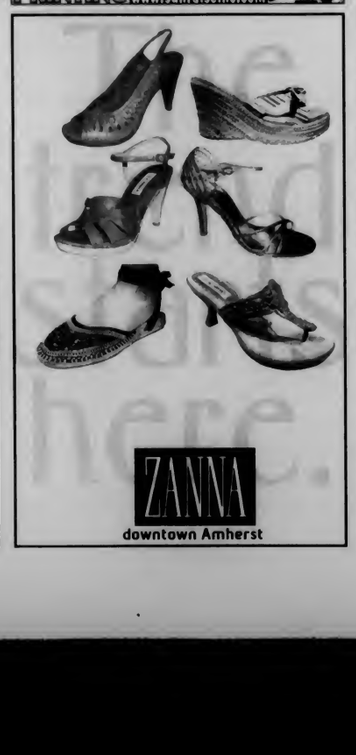
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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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The real story of a true hero



Jeff Howe

I remember trying to hit home runs over the shrubs in "left field" in my backyard, thinking that I was Mo Vaughn and pretending that the four-foot tall shrubs were the Green Monster.

I remember hanging out down the street, hitting "3-pointers" from inside the free throw line because I was imitating Larry Bird.

They were a couple of my heroes at the time, the people I truly wanted to be in 20 years.

Besides the jokes I could rattle off about Mo's escapades in Providence or Larry Legend's inability to dunk after the age of 30, I'm now realizing that those aren't the people who are true role models — not just for kids, but for anyone.

This isn't a judge on their character, nor is it an I-should-have-been-more-mature rant about how 10-year-olds shouldn't worship athletes, but rather strong political figures, successful entrepreneurs or religious personas.

Because, when it comes down to it, I wouldn't believe a word I was saying if I tried taking that stance.

This is mainly just a reflection on the people who really, truly matter in this world, and in our lives.

My friend, Joseph Curtis, or "Joey," just returned home from a year of duty in Iraq, where he made routine transportations in and out of Baghdad and Fallujah, two cities that have seen the height of military combat since the war began. His conveys withstood enemy fire at a regular pace, listened to constant anti-American racial comments and were flat-out unwanted during their entire time there.

While he should only gain from this experience, by enlisting in the Reserves, he put his family, his country — people he didn't even know — before himself.

Like most, he didn't choose to go to Iraq. He was sent there.

He signed up for the Army Reserves so he could financially make his way through college, but that "one weekend a month, two weeks a year" campaign was blown way out of proportion when Bush turned the Middle East into his personal game of "Contra."

Joey didn't have one of those patriotic moments that some soldiers have: wanting to fight for American freedom because it was the right thing to do.

What he did do, though, was fulfill an obligation he had to the American government.

I respect that, and I honestly believe it is a privilege to know him.

He gave up his days of throwing couches into dorm elevators and tossing chairs into fires during riots at the University of New Hampshire — where we both went to school for three semesters — and learned how to use a machine gun, protect the lives of everyone he fought with and for, and began to understand a level of respect none of us who haven't served could quite imagine.

I am proud of him.

Because while he could have been one of the many who decide that life is too tough and done nothing about it, he did a lot to make sure everything kept moving forward.

While he should only gain from this experience, by enlisting in the Reserves, he put his family, his country — people he didn't even know — before himself.

And that takes more courage than most of us are born with or could even — for one single second — dream of having.

I absolutely envy that.

Because of his tour of duty, he was forced to "celebrate" his 21st birthday in an Iraqi desert in the midst of sandstorms and mortar showers while every single one of his friends transformed from being under-aged to a regular college bar-hopper.

I remember a day last spring when I complained about it being too cold, and I talked to him later on Instant Messenger, only to hear him relay a story of an attack he withstood the night before when he lost one of his friends to a fatal gunshot from an Iraqi nationalist.

I remember complaining another time about how humid it was outside, and he told me he couldn't stay unprotected in the Iraqi sun because the heat was so strong that it acted more like a brick oven than a tanning bed.

Joey got a two-week leave period last September, and he came back a very different person — not too different — but his maturity skyrocketed, and his demeanor was as strong as ever.

Our friendship hasn't changed since we both departed from UNH, but when he left for boot camp, we were two young college kids trying to make our way through life.

Now, he has returned to New Hampshire as a war hero with life experience you couldn't pay a college tuition to obtain.

That is Joey's story.

And I feel proud and honored that I can tell it.

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Not so nuanced after all

Ben Duffy

Words have a way of coming in and out of vogue the same way that clothing can. After following politics for a while, I've noticed that there is usually a "word of the year." The word of the year for 2004 was "nuanced."

Democrats have a more "nuanced" understanding of world issues, we were told. Those Republicans lack any real understanding of the complexities of the geopolitics. All they understand is flag-waving and aggression. We should leave the business of running the nation to the smart kids, the Democrats, with their "nuanced" approach.

They must be joking, right? The Democrats grounded their 2004 campaign on useless and inaccurate catchphrases. "Bush lied, kids died" was probably their favorite. Others include "Bush is stupid," and "Where's the WMD?"

Trying to talk to liberals about any of these knee-jerk catchphrases reveals that they don't have a nuanced bone in their collective body. Complexity is not their strong suit.

Let's talk about the liberals' favorite gotcha line, "Where's the WMD?" WMD were just one of several legitimate reasons for going to war. The Congressional resolution granting the President the authority for war listed 23 clauses, and 14 had nothing to do with WMD whatsoever. Only two actually mentioned weapons stockpiles. The other seven "WMD clauses" referred to WMD in the context of Saddam's refusal to comply with UN resolutions.

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But if the libs were truly "nuanced," they might understand that this war was not about WMD. Instead, it was about Saddam's 12 year history of obstructing weapons inspectors. It wasn't WMD, but the enforcement of UN Resolutions prohibiting WMD. Think that's splitting hairs? It isn't. It's an important distinction, and something anyone with a sense of "nuance" should understand.

After the 1991 Gulf War, Saddam Hussein agreed to the terms of surrender spelled out in UN Resolutions 687 and 689. Iraq was prohibited WMD and long-range missiles. UNSCOM, a UN entity, was appointed to enforce the provisions of the surrender. It uncovered 690 tons of chemical agents, 48 missiles and 50 warheads. The Iraqi government obstructed UNSCOM on several occasions, but UNSCOM was generally diligent and thorough in its duties. It was so diligent, in fact, that Saddam ejected UNSCOM from Iraq in 1998.

UN weapons inspectors would not return until 2002, and only as an effect of US military pressure.

This second team of weapons inspectors was Hans Blix's UNMOVIC. Blix admitted that he was never given unconditional access to all sites in Iraq. Saddam still wouldn't come clean.

In October 2002, Bush appealed to Congress for the authority to act against Iraq, if necessary. He laid out his reasons in the 23 aforementioned clauses. A majority of both parties granted it to him.

His next step was to appeal to the UN. In November 2002, the UN Security Council approved Resolution 1441 by a vote of 15 to zero. It was the seventeenth resolution passed, all of which demanded essentially the same thing: that Saddam allow weapons inspectors to confirm his disarmament. After the sixteenth time of asking nicely, the UN finally threatened "dire consequences" if Saddam did not comply.

Saddam defied Resolution 1441. He failed to heed his "final warning," and the hour came to put up or shut up. The US decided to put up. A league of resistant nations begged for another resolution. They said that they weren't sure that the US had an airtight case. Despite approving the "dire consequences" threatened in UN 1441, they still remained indecisive.

Colin Powell went to the UN to persuade the non-believers. It was silly, not to mention backwards. It wasn't Colin Powell's responsibility to prove that Iraq possessed WMD; it was Saddam's job to prove that he didn't. And after twelve years, two weapons inspections teams, 16 "just-kidding" resolutions, and one "last ditch effort" resolution, there was every reason to believe that Saddam Hussein did indeed possess WMD.

It didn't even matter. If Saddam was allowed to get away with it this time, third world dictators across the globe would view the UN with contempt.

The Iraqi UN delegation swore that they had disarmed, expecting the world to accept Saddam's "scout's honor" as their only evidence. That was sufficient for France, a veto-wielding member of the security council, which decided that it would not authorize force under any circumstances. France gave itself a pat on the back for its "commitment to peace." France showed absolutely no commitment to UN Resolution 1441, which it had approved only two months before.

Don't be fooled. There was no commitment to peace; there was a shirking of responsibility and a commitment to allowing Saddam to act with impunity. Since the unfolding of the UN Oil-for-food scandal, we now know just how much the French had to lose if Saddam fell.

The US worked with the UN, and the UN failed to enforce its seventeenth and "final" resolution. And what were we supposed to do then? Walk away, leaving this dangerous situation unresolved?

If you're a liberal, you'd probably answer yes. That would have been "peace."

But we didn't walk away. The US, UK, and 47 other nations refused to back down. In March, after all other options had been exhausted, the coalition invaded Iraq. After several months of not finding WMD's, the rally cry of the Left became "Where are the WMD's?"

The US and its allies did what they had to do. Ever since that day, we have been ridiculed by cowardly and corrupt nations who flinched when it was time to take action.

That is the "nuanced" answer to the question "where are the WMD's?" So please, if you enjoy being obtuse, continue with the stupid catchphrases. But if you like "nuance," then open your eyes. With or without WMD's, this war is justified.

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Blurring the lines of baseball

Katlyn Harding

We might as well have been naked with big red targets painted on our bodies. There we were, in enemy territory, drowning in a sea of navy blue, white and pinstripes. Walking into Yankee Stadium on Opening Day wearing Red Sox gear from head to toe is an invitation for harassment. But surprisingly, both the Yankee and Sox fans threw us a Wakefield knuckleball that not even Doug Mirabelli could have anticipated.

Earlier that day, my friends and I decided to walk around Times Square, decked out in all the Red Sox apparel we own. Yup, we were those obnoxious Sox fans that New Yorkers love to hate. To make a long story short, while eating lunch in the window of a café, a man came up to the window and beat his fist on it. Expecting to see angry Yankee fans, instead we looked up to see him open his jacket to reveal a Boston Red Sox 2004 World Champion T-Shirt. He smiled and gave us the thumbs up, and we returned it, as if we were old buddies sharing a joke that only we knew.

This type of inside-joke carried on all the way to Yankee Stadium. While walking through the treacherous bleachers and swarms of Yankee fans, occasionally we would hear a "Go Red Sox" whisper, the voice then disappearing as fast as Pedro's loyalty to the Dirty Water. We finally pushed our way through the enemy to our seats. Surprisingly, we were surrounded by a substantial amount of Red Sox fans, which gave us a level of comfort that we did not think possible in our situation.

As the game started, the people around us began to adjust into their mindsets for the game. This included very inebriated Red Sox fans around us, and very inebriated Yankee fans everywhere else. This was a recipe for disaster, and my friends and I were smack in the middle of it.

Surprisingly, both the Yankee and Sox fans threw us a Wakefield knuckleball that not even Doug Mirabelli could have anticipated.

The enemy fans tried valiantly to start a "Let's Go Yankees" cheer for the whole game, and offered many different expletives to us, none to which we had any intention of doing. After too many innings of hearing the same, tired cheers from these bad-mouthing fans, their comrades had heard enough. Throwing pieces of pretzel, or whatever food was available, I dare say that Yankee fans began harassing their own kind, their own blood.

A couple rows down from us, some of my friends from UMass were also in the bleachers. Right next to them, a Red Sox fan was trying to enjoy the game. Throughout the entire game, a fan behind this man harassed him with all the Yankee that he had in him. Which must have been quite a lot, because the Red Sox fan got so fed up with the snide comments, he turned around and head-butted the Yankee fan in the face. Blood began pouring down, while the Red Sox fan laid on a couple of punches, for good measure. Call it a lack of concern, but no police arrived to break up the fight. When the Red Sox fan decided the Yankee fan had enough, he left the game, without being handcuffed first.

I understand the rivalry between Red Sox and Yankee fans. I love the Red Sox, but this type of incident is what ruins the game for everyone. We got harassed as well, but you didn't see any of us turn around and beat the stripes off a Yankee fan. Red Sox fans are better than that, we should know better than to resort to blows. Let the dirty aspect of baseball stick with the stadium the Yankees call home.

My friends and I survived Yankee Stadium, and upon departure, I realized that it was not what I thought it was going to be at all. Although their players sometimes act dirty, their fans do not necessarily represent this stigma. And even though Fenway Park is much more of a friendly ballpark, that doesn't mean our fans always follow suit.

Before you think that I am selling out my home team, hold on. After watching the ceremony and baseball game on Monday, it was evident that the entire city of Boston was celebrating a win for the ages, while the Yankees sheepishly looked on. They were experiencing what baseball really is about. Even Mariano Rivera tipped his hat and smiled when our Red Sox fans gave him a hearty applause (for his performance in the first series at Yankee Stadium) because he knows it's all part of the game. And that Red Sox fans are the best baseball fans in the nation.

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Easing the transfer

Mike Anmuth

When students come to college for the first semester of their freshman year, they are given many opportunities to get integrated and acquainted with their new college. Here at the University of Massachusetts, some of these opportunities are events like the Club Fair and the First Week activities in, appropriately, the first week of the fall semester. These getting-to-know-you activities are crucial as men and women make the transition from high school and the in-between summer into college, the next scheme of their lives. Still, as many activities and opportunities as freshman receive, a distinct group of new students are often left out of the picture, transfer students.

I realize that there is a distinct difference between freshmen and transfer students, the biggest of which is the going to college for the first time versus leaving one college to pursue another. Students who have attended college previously are surely acquainted with college life, whether they are coming from a community or junior college or perhaps leaving one four-year institution for another. Acquaintance with college life, however, does not guarantee that one will be instantly acquainted with life at their new college, or that their experiences will instantly transfer from one area to another.

With a transfer student organization, like many other RSOs here on campus, the university would not seem like such a daunting and inaccessible place but rather a smaller, tight-knit community.

What is needed on this campus and other campuses that accept students for transfer is a transfer student organization, an extracurricular organization that is designed with the purpose of getting transfers crucial information about the college, providing hints and tips that may not have been addressed at the brief transfer orientation, and mostly, acting as a social network for transfers to get to know one-another. This is crucial in places like UMass where juniors and seniors are not guaranteed housing on campus, especially if transfer students are coming from community colleges where they already have two years of credits under their belts. I am not saying that the current system of handling transfer students is inadequate; I think the transfer orientation is very worthwhile. However, I believe that there are areas of knowledge that could be expanded for these students with the help of a student organization designed specifically for that purpose.

I attempt to speak from experience and this issue was highly relevant to me in the fall when I transferred into this university. I fully encourage everyone to get involved with this campus in whichever way works best for you, whether it's by joining extracurricular clubs and organizations, going to sporting events, or by the many other ways which I have addressed time and time again in these columns. It is both desirable and enjoyable to be involved with your university, to be able to call it home in both a literal and a figurative sense, and I feel this is especially critical for transfer students who may not have had the integration provided for freshman, such as participation in a residence hall RAP program.

Transfer students are welcomed to this university wholeheartedly, offered a brief orientation and then expected to assimilate quickly in their semester of entrance. While many people do achieve this goal rather quickly, either through the methods I listed above or by networking in the residence halls, to some transfers it is a lofty goal. I continue my proposition of a transfer student organization by simply stating that with a transfer student organization, like many other RSOs here on campus, the university would not seem like such a daunting and inaccessible place but rather a smaller, tight-knit community. In order for all of our students to feel comfortable, whether they are freshmen or transfers, policies and procedures must be instituted to provide for their entrance and acclimation to this campus.

Every week I offer an opinion on different topics, some of them containing more grandeur than others, some of which I have very strong feelings and some of which I write because I believe it is an issue which needs addressing. As a transfer student to UMass, I have experienced first hand the issues of which I'm speaking in this article, and I have wished for such an organization that I have proposed.

Working with students and faculty, I believe that we can establish an organization to make transfer students feel at home and create a welcoming atmosphere for new students of all levels, and make this university feel like home to both those new to college and those who wish to finish their degree here at the University of Massachusetts.

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STEREOPHONICS

TURN UP THE VOLUME



'LANGUAGE, SEX, VIOLENCE, OTHER?' PROVES TO BE A BRILLIANT MIX OF OLD AND NEW

By Nick Romanow
Collegian Staff

The first lyrics of "Superman," the opening song on UK rockers Stereophonic's new album "Language, Sex, Violence, Other?" are "you don't know what it's been like meeting someone like you" and judging from the fuzzed-out bass and jagged bursts of electric guitar that permeate the song it's quite obvious that singer/guitarist Kelly Jones has undergone some sort of drastic change. In 2003 the band released their fourth album, "You Gotta Go There To Come Back," and while the album was immensely successful in Europe it failed to catch on in the US as the band had hoped. The band parted ways with drummer and founding member Stuart Cable not long after the album's release. While "You Gotta Go There ..." was a more experimental and expansive album and, while there were some rockers it, the band's previous album "Just Enough Education to Perform," were most notable for the strong presence of acoustic guitar.

But Jones and remaining founding member, bassist Richard Jones, realized this time out that they had to plug in and turn the volume up. While "Superman" is a brooding, mood-setting opener the album that takes a sharp turn into "Doorman" a frenetic fast-paced rocker, which finds Jones yells for a rude security guard to "suck my banana". Despite seas of adoring fans and spending the past few years under stadium lights it seems Jones is pretty angry.

"Language, Sex Violence, Other" isn't either a complete departure nor is it quite the return to the band's stomp-rock roots that they promised. Rather it's somewhere in between and that's what makes the album shine. "Brother" is a driving, pounding arena-rocker that is carried by Jones' trademark gravel voice and "Pedalpusher" barrels pumps adrenaline through the speakers, and there's something about "Deadhead" that creates a simultaneous feeling of getting beaten to the ground and winning the fight of your life.

The album, despite its loud nature, succeeds in the atmospherics that "Just Enough Education to Perform" had to quiet down to show off. In every song the guitars seem to cut right through the track and Jones' voice has a very subtle, haunting tone that threatens to drone but always snaps right back. Look no further then "Devil" a song that goes from a nearly scary verse riff into an explosive chorus. There is a subtle hint of new wave in the colors that float all over the album. No two songs sound the same but "LSVO" is a cohesive, well-constructed album that almost feels like one piece.

Even the album's slower tracks, such as the first single "Dakota" and "Rewind" stay all-electric which makes for a very strong dynamic. "Rewind" rides over U2 guitars and "Dakota" is full of boarder-line sappy lyrics (the chorus is "you made me feel like the one") but, in true Stereophonic's form it's pulled off with a charm and an inherent cool that just makes you want to play the song over and over again ("Dakota" is especially addictive).

The Stereophonics
'Language, Sex, Violence, Other?'
V2 Records

While the album has already had great, and expected, success in UK and no doubt old fans of the band will love this album. However now the time comes for the band to anxiously watch how it performs in the US. "You Gotta Go There..." had some minor success but the band seemed to disappear back into the studio, practically disowning the record (Jones claims they were too stoned when they made it), before it really caught on. And perhaps that was for the best. While most fans would disagree with the dismissal of "You Gotta Go There...", "LSVO" certainly is a more complete, if not superior, work. It is almost upsetting to see how much the band cares about American acknowledgement, though fortunately it hasn't started to affect their writing. While the Stereophonics certainly deserve success in the US like they've had overseas they should be able to sleep at night knowing that they've, yet again, made a great album. Stereophonics aren't nearly the most experimental rock band around but perhaps American rock radio hasn't caught on because the band is beyond the mindless, soulless, derivative rock that pervades the airwaves. That being said anyone that's looking for a loud, intense, and sincere (without being overly earnest) rock album that is outside the radio-rock formula would best make do to seek out "Language, Sex, Violence, Other."



Pearl Street offers a listen to M. Ward's 'Transistor Radio'

By Ian Jones
Collegian Correspondent

Many people are familiar with M. Ward for his appearances supporting Bright Eyes on tour, but beyond their roots music inspirations, Conor Oberst and Matt Ward are not all that similar. The collaboration makes sense, though. Ward is much like Conor at his folksiest and catchiest, but his voice is lower and more pleasant. Where Oberst is whiny at times and always high-pitched, Ward is bluesy and scratchy; he sounds as if he's spent years singing his heart out in smoky clubs.

M. Ward
Pearl Street Northampton Tonight

After the breakup of his band, Rodriguez, the Portland, Oregon-born M. Ward wrote his first album, "Duet for Guitars #2." It was released by Howe Gelb of Giant Sand on his Ow Om Records, and that and his sophomore album, "End of Amnesia," attracted the attention of legendary indie rockers Superchunk, who released his third record, "Transfiguration of Vincent," on their Merge Records.

Ward's soft, scratchy voice provides an excellent foreground for his understated guitar work behind. It is gravely and bluesy, while at the same time light and dreamy, and it works well with Ward's blend of American folk music and Brian Wilson-pop. His acoustic guitar work is complex and expertly applied, but never flashy, even on instrumental tracks. Instead, it forms a background for well-written compositions that showcase Ward's songwriting abilities.

On his latest album, "Transistor Radio," M. Ward collaborates with Jim James of My Morning Jacket, Jenny Lewis of Rilo Kiley, Vic Chesnutt, Howe Gelb, and Rachel Blumberg of the Decemberists and Norfolk & Western, who are supporting him on this tour. The album is a tribute to radio during it's golden age, and Ward appropriately opens it with an instrumental cover of the Beach Boy's "You Still Believe in Me," a strange and dreamy mixture of folk guitar and pop that lets you know what you're in for. Ward's voice is the star of the album, though, and he leads the listener on a journey through radio nostalgia. The album's vintage feel could get irritating, but Ward is able to pull it off, and his sincere lyrics are tempered with just enough dry wit to make the smile on your face as you listen a bit bigger. The songs all look deeply at 50s, 60s and 70s pop rock, and Ward pulls what he wants out of each and makes it his own. "Radio" concludes with another instrumental rendition of a familiar song, this time Johann Sebastian Bach's "Well-Tempered Clavier." The mood is similar to the first track's, and again highlights Ward's ability to take something old and make it entirely his own, coming off as sincere the whole time.

With each album, Ward gains more respect and popularity from musicians and music fans alike, both for his talents as a songwriter and guitarist, and his unique voice. It's nearly impossible to listen to one of his albums without becoming a fan, and if he continues releasing records this good, he's bound to be big.

M. Ward will be playing at the Pearl Street Night Club in Northampton on tonight at 8:30 PM in the Ballroom. Tickets are $15 at the door.



COURTESY MERGE RECORDS

Despite having toured with Conor Oberst of Bright Eyes, singer-songwriter M. Ward's sound remains distinctive. His latest album features Jenny Lewis of Rilo Kiley and Jim James of My Morning Jacket.

'The Wu-Tang Manual' brings the RZA to local bookshelves



"The Wu-Tang Clan Manual Enter the 36 Chambers Volume One," was compiled by group member The RZA. Spanning across four books, the "Manual" contains the group's biographies, philosophies, and songs.

By Lori Bartlett
The Oracle

TAMPA, Fla. — Before Ol' Dirty Bastard's untimely demise, he was famous for his antics, most notably going onstage at an awards show and accepting an award The Wu-Tang Clan didn't actually receive, and then informing the audience that, "Wu-Tang is for da children." Wu-Tang may not be entirely appropriate for "da children," but it is good for the general audience and has more musical depth than many give it credit for.

No one combines such an eclectic mix of social commentary, philosophy and hard-hitting beats quite like The Wu-Tang Clan. The RZA, aka Bobby Digital, aka The Abbot, compiled a book that gives the world insights into the nine famous hip-hop masters.

"The Wu-Tang Manual: Enter the 36 Chambers, Volume One" is a brief look at all that is Wu-Tang. Book I is a basic listing of the members, their nicknames, histories and skills. Vivid black and white photographs make up the book's primary illustrations.

Book II reveals the Wu-Tang's sources of spirituality, philosophy, martial arts fascination and the importance of chess and cinema. The manual lists spiritual influences as diverse as the Bible to Buddhism. The second book closes with a slang dictionary full of explanations for many Wu-Tang-isms. An example is a "haggler," defined as a bothersome individual or a "bald-headed person who looks like boxing champ 'Marvelous' Marvin Hagler." In Book II the RZA also explains in a section about organized crime why almost every hip-hop star has a Scarface poster.

Using the Wu's definitions as a basis, Book III dissects nine of the Wu's most popular songs. The list includes "C.R.E.A.M." "Bring Da Ruckus" and "Protect Ya Neck." All of the song's lyrics are listed verbatim, and sidebars explain lyrics that may not have an obvious explanation on first listen. In "C.R.E.A.M." the RZA explains that when Inspectah Deck says, "Ready to give up so I seek the Old Earth," he means to get advice from his mother.

The closing installment of Book IV discusses hip-hop and the Wu's place in the community. The art of rhyme, technology and sampling are all techniques the RZA divulges, as well as some of the Wu's preferences.

'The Wu-Tang Manual'
By The RZA
Riverhead Trade

The paperback book looks slick with its silver embossed cover and easy-to-read layouts. Though the book is an easy read, it is relatively packed with information. Not solely for the hip-hop enthusiast, it explores such a wide variety of topics that something is bound to interest an otherwise-uninterested audience. The RZA explains at the beginning of the book that it is not a complete work in any way, but an overview of the important parts of this hip-hop inegagroup. He states to consider it an "accompaniment to the album Enter the Wu- 36 Chambers."

The book details the success of the Wu-Tang members in television and movies. Method Man scored a hit movie called How High with Red Man. The duo also had a short-lived and similarly themed show in 2004 called Method and Red. The RZA and his cousin, the GZA, appeared in the film Coffee and Cigarettes in a scene with Bill Murray, and also made appearances on Chappelle's Show, representing Wu-Tang.

The RZA will likely have continued success with his interesting view of the world and well-articulated methods of expression. The book closes with a few pages entitled "The Saga Continues," in which the RZA encourages readers to seek their own truth and knowledge. Hopefully, the saga will continue for the remaining members of the Wu-Tang Clan and they will keep producing such quality work.

Thinking about purchasing a used car? Ask an attorney first

Ask the Attorney
Michele L. Leaf

Q. I just bought a car from another student last week for $1500. The seller told me the car was in good condition. It passed the state inspection, and then I took it to mechanic to look over the car and found out that the engine is not in good shape. At minimum, it needs a valve job I don't have the money for this repair. Can I make the seller pay?

A. When you purchase a car from a dealer, the Used Vehicle Warranty Law requires the dealer to give you a written warranty for 30, 60, or 90 days, depending on the mileage of the car. This warranty requirement is not applicable to private sales, so you have no way to make a private seller liable for repairs. Although you don't have a right to demand a repair, there are several situations where a private buyer can return the car to the seller and demand a refund. The Lemon Aid Law applies to sales by private parties as well as dealers, but you are not eligible to utilize this law because your car passed the state safety inspection. Under this law, if the car fails the state mandated inspection within 7 days of purchase and the cost to repair is estimated at more than 10% of the purchase price, the buyer has a right to return the car for a refund.

There is a provision in the Used Vehicle Warranty Law that could apply to your car, if you can prove that the seller knew about the engine problem and concealed this from you. One possible way to document this is to speak with the mechanic who serviced the car for the seller, if you can find out who this is. In most instances, the seller's knowledge will be very difficult to prove, so the right is rarely exercised successfully.

Your question highlights the importance of carefully checking out the car before buying it. The time and expense will be well worth it. A buyer should not take a seller's word that a car is in good condition, or that any problems noted are minor. It is very important for a buyer to test drive the car, and then check the vehicle history through carfax to make sure that it was not in a major accident and that it was never bought back as a lemon. Then, for any car still under serious consideration, the buyer should hire a trusted independent mechanic to do a pre purchase inspection. Based upon the information from this mechanic, a buyer may be able to negotiate a reduced purchase price, or may decide not to buy the car.

In summary, you have no legal right to make the seller fix the car. In fact, the lack of required warranty is one reason that cars bought by private parties are usually less expensive. However, even though the seller has no legal obligation to pay for the repair, he might agree to share the repair costs with you in order to avoid the time and expense of legal action.

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Minutemen travel to take on Statesmen

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from the national rankings this week, a factor that Cannella tabbed as a clear motivational factor for his opposition.

"This is a very talented team," Cannella said. "That's the first thing we said to our guys, we're going into a hornet's nest. They may have lost three games in a row, but this is an excellent team and a team that will want to get back on top. A win against us will probably do it for them."

After two consecutive lopsided wins at home for the Minutemen — 18-8 over Penn State on April 2 and 14-6 over St. John's on Saturday — they will take the road for the first time in three weeks. UMass' only two losses this season have been away from Garber Field, and they have come in two of its last three trips out of the Pioneer Valley.

Cannella has been concentrating on keeping his squad mentally tough in order to not let that happen again tomorrow.

"We call it 'game Teflon,'" Cannella said. "Like a Teflon pan, things have to bounce off of you whether they're good or bad. You have to be focused for the 60 minutes when you play. If something happens good in the game, great, it's still 0-0, that's how we have to look at it. If it's bad, that's OK, we'll get it back the next time.

"You really have to have that mindset in the game, especially in the game of lacrosse, how fast it is and how quickly you can score...Talking to the guys, nothing in the external, in whether it's the environment, whether it's the field, the fans, whatever it is, we tell them it can't effect you."

Hobart is one of three new teams (St. John's and Loyola) in the ECAC this season, and the two clubs have not faced each other since 1985, before six Minutemen were even alive.

NOTES: The Minutemen announced the signings of seven members of the Class of 2009 yesterday. Joining the team next year will be attackman Timothy Balise (Wilbraham, Mass./Minnechaug Regional H.S.), midfielder Nicholas Glasser (New City, N.Y./Clarkstown H.S.), defenseman Diogo Godoi (Concord, N.H./Bridgton Academy), midfielder Dennis Lynch (Milton, Mass./Milton H.S.), defenseman Brennan Mack (Cortland, N.Y./Cortland H.S.), attackman Nathan Russell (South Hadley, Mass./South Hadley H.S.) and defenseman John Stone (Carlisle, Mass./Trinity Pawling H.S.).



COURTESY KAREN WINKLER

Sophomore Brett Garber is looking to down Hobart. Garber has nine goals this season.

Eight A-10 contests remain for softball

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ple to handle the ball like Candice Molinari, or a kid like Lauren Proctor who hits very well for us and hits for her average, and a kid like KJ who will hit it out of the park."

"It's Critical," Sortino said. "What we've been talking about this year, which has been different from other years, is people coming in, pinch hitting, pinch running because they can make a difference."



COURTESY KAREN WINKLER

Junior Kristi Stefanoni and the UMass softball team are looking towards the A-10 championship. Stefanoni a home run on the season.

The pinch hitters in the lineup are made up of sophomore Amanda Acampora, freshman Stacy Cullington, junior Lesley Ferrara and senior Jasmine Edwards. Sophomore Michea Holness has come into the game as a pinch runner in 14 games this season.

On the mound in 2005, it has been the pitching duo of senior Barb LaFogg and junior Jenna Busa. The team has depended on the two aces, who have won five shutouts this season. LaFogg leads the A-10 in strikeouts with a total of 132 and hold a team-high ERA of 2.09. Her counterpart, Busa, has a season record of 6-4 and has an ERA of 2.65 over a span of 19 appearances. Despite the plethora of runs scored by the Minutewoman offense, Sortino is adamant that without defense, wins will not come.

"As great as offense is, offense comes and goes, defense wins championships," Sortino said. "And consistency and doing things right is going to win a game and win a championship."

With 19 games left in the regular season, the pressure is on for the Minutewomen to add to their season record. Eight A-10 games remain to be played and with 17 straight regular season A-10 championships, the stress is building for the Maroon and White.

"It's important because we have to find a spot, to be one of those four teams come the weekend of May 10th, to be at the Atlantic 10 championship," Sortino said. "That's our doorway to the NCAA tournament. It's a conference game, it's big. I can't say enough about how important these games are."

The Minutewomen currently hold a seven-game winning streak and 77 unbeaten games at home. Play begins this afternoon at the UMass Softball Complex with Game 1 beginning at 3 p.m. against Saint Joseph's.

Recruit will play point guard for UM

LOWE from page 8

Ford, who came to UMass after leading Eastern Kentucky University to the NCAA Tournament, had been recruiting Lowe early on. Once his stock started to rise, Ford began to back off, knowing a bigger program would likely pick him up.

"We recruited him very early at Eastern Kentucky, but then we realized how hot he was getting so we got off of him a little bit," Ford said. "Once we got the job here, we knew this was the level he could play at and we were lucky to get him."

Aside from UMass, Lowe had narrowed down his decision to UTEP, Maryland, Virginia Tech and Fordham. Ford mentioned that he chose to play for the Minutemen based on their immediate need for a point guard, the campus, the Mullins Center and other basketball facilities.

Since Lowe is a true point guard, Ford is still recruiting for guards, but is not heavily recruiting any more true point guards.

"We're looking for guards period, they can be combo-point guard, but not necessarily true point guards," Ford said. "That's what he is, he is a true point guard and can't play anywhere else, but we need a little more depth at those other positions."

One of Lowe's defining moments was shutting down Sebastian Telfair, who was the No. 13 pick by the Portland Trailblazers out of high school in 2004, in the 2004 State Championship game. He held Telfair to 14 points in the 66-52 victory.

Although UMass has used its point guard as a scoring option over the past four seasons, with Anderson scoring over 1,000 points in his career, Ford is pleased with the defender he is getting in Lowe.

"He's an incredible defender, one of the best on the ball defenders. He literally shut down Sebastian Telfair, not many if any players did that in high school," Ford said. "He's not a point guard that is going to go out and score 20 points, but that's not necessarily what we need."

Steroids and MLB

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Pirate named Barry Bonds turned into a freak of nature when he arrived in San Francisco, as well as his publicize roid rage on the media. We also saw two guys, Sosa and McGwire, both break a 36-year old homerun record in the same year.

So, we all saw this coming, but why do we continue to give Canseco the satisfaction of making more money off the mistakes of others than he did himself? It's completely absurd.

While others put in extra time in the weight cage or ran the extra mile, these guys just popped a needle in their arms to gain that edge on the competition. Call me corny, but what message does that send to Little Leaguers, or more importantly, high school players across the country? Take this drug or you won't succeed? This is a serious problem Canseco says he wants to fix, but I don't believe that for a second. He just wants the spotlight, the most media attention and the dollar bills.

So, let's do the best possible thing, IGNORE CANSECO. Don't watch his interviews. Don't listen to what he has to say. And most of all, do not, I repeat do not, buy his book. The scandal is evident and will be taken care by the authorities, not Jose Canseco.

Let's not ruin baseball with the mistakes of a few.

Todd Foster is a Collegian Columnist.

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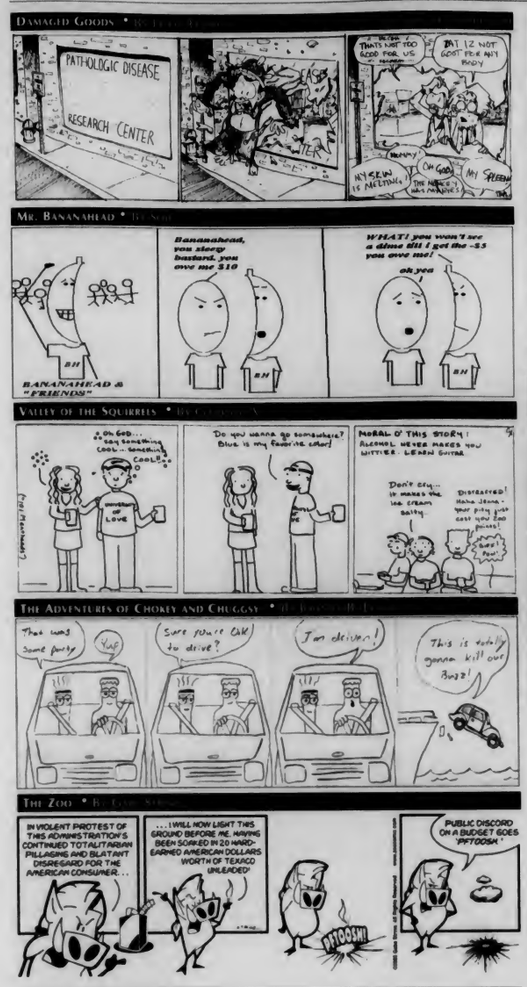
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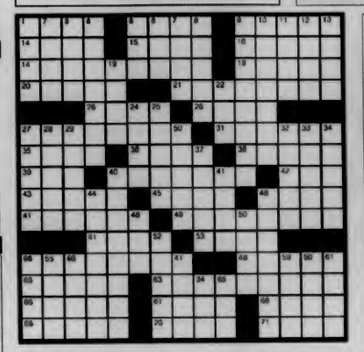
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UM to be put to test

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

This game may well serve as the biggest springboard for the Massachusetts men's lacrosse team all season.

The Minutemen (7-2 2-1 ECAC) travel to Geneva, N.Y. to take on the Hobart Statesmen (5-4 1-2 ECAC) tomorrow at 1 p.m., exactly seven days before they host their biggest obstacle to an ECAC championship in No. 5 Georgetown, and 14 days before the most anticipated game on the schedule, a home dual with annual national powerhouse, No. 6 Syracuse, in the middle of UMass' Spring Weekend.

With one conference loss under UMass' belt, it can ill afford to drop another ECAC matchup, as the Hoyas are still undefeated in conference at 2-0.

Hobart's attack is paced by senior Nate Hill (15 goals, 15 assists, 30 points) and freshman Daryl Veltman, who was just tabbed ECAC Lacrosse League Rookie of the Week following his eight-point performance (four goals, four assists) in a 19-13 loss to Penn State last week. Veltman leads the Statesmen with 18 goals this season and has contributed with 11 helpers.

UMass coach Greg Cannella is concerned with the fast pace the Statesmen will play at, and he is also worried about the matchup problems his team may have with Hobart tomorrow.

"They're very athletic," Cannella said. "They have some tremendous guys with some great skills on offense, and they have a very big and physical defense.

"They'll chase you around defensively. They have some sharpshooters on the offensive end. Nate Hill is as good as we're going to see as an attackman.



COLLEGIAN KAREN WINGER

Senior Jeff Zywicki and the UM lacrosse team looks to take control of the ECAC tomorrow.

"They have three really good middies in the first midfield group, so it's tough to match up with them."

Hobart, which was the 12th-ranked team in the country at the end of March, is currently riding a three-game losing streak that dropped it

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Redemption time for UMass

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

On May 14, 2004, the Massachusetts softball team (18-11-1 4-2 Atlantic 10) was stunned twice, falling to both Temple and Saint Joseph's at home. These losses broke the Minutewomen's national record of 73 straight home games and ejected UMass from the 2004 A-10 tournament. This afternoon at 3 p.m. and Sunday at noon, the Maroon and White will have a chance for retribution as they will take on both teams in doubleheaders, playing the Hawks today and the Owls on Sunday. Both games will take place at the UMass Softball Complex.

Since an A-10 doubleheader loss against Fordham on April 4, the Minutewomen have gone on a seven-game win streak, while outscoring their opponents 45-9 runs. The improvement in hitting and the abundance of runs scored is something that UMass coach Elaine Sortino has stressed all season.

"I feel good, the kids have worked hard at hitting," Sortino said. "I think we've worked hard at being disciplined within the frame of putting the ball in play, swinging at good pitches, not just swinging at anything."

On Tuesday, in a contest at UConn that lasted 10 innings,



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Hilary Puglia and the UMass softball team have two doubleheaders this weekend. Puglia leads the team in doubles with 10 on the season.

six of the eight Minutewoman starters recorded at least one hit, while four home runs were cranked out in the 7-6 UMass victory. Less than 24 hours later, the Minutewomen swept a doubleheader against Central Connecticut, winning Game 1 with a score of 8-0 and Game 2, 9-1.

The ones that have been amassing the numerous hits include junior KJ Kelley, who has seven home runs on the season and recently broke the all-time career record at UMass with 28 career homers. Sortino is pleased with the contributions from everyone on the team, with each batter chipping in something different.

"We have different kinds of hitters," Sortino said. "Those that swing to just get the pe-

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ANDREW TASH/COLLEGIAN

Sophomore infielder Bill Rankin and the Minuteman baseball team will play tomorrow against A-10 foe Saint Joseph's at Earl Lorden Field. The Maroon and White have posted a 4-19 record so far this season.

Ford inks Lowe as first signing

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

It has been less than a month since the Massachusetts men's basketball team named Travis Ford its head coach, and he has already addressed one of the major issues facing the team while naming his first recruit of the off season.

Point guard Chris Lowe, out of perennial powerhouse Mount Vernon High School in New York, signed a National Letter of Intent for UMass on Wednesday, putting a true point guard on a roster lacking depth at the position.

The Minutemen lost captain Anthony Anderson and former-JUCO transfer Chris Chadwick to graduation after this season, leaving a major gap on the depth chart. With only Maurice Maxwell, primarily a swing man, to step up, the signing of Lowe was a welcome addition.

"He's a winner, he's an incredible defender, he tends to make people around him better, he works extremely hard at his game and he's the type of point guard we were looking for," Ford said.

Lowe, who stands at 6-foot and weighs in at 160 pounds, was a two-year starter for coach Bob Cimmino at Mount Vernon. He helped the Knights win the New York State Class AA championship in 2004, compiling a 27-3 record. This season Lowe and the Knights went 20-4, but lost in the championship game.

During this past season Lowe averaged 12.9 points, 6.5 assists, and 4.5 steals per contest. He was named to Westchester County's Section I First Team and a Second Team Journal News All-Star.

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COURTESY KAREN WINGER

UMass basketball coach Travis Ford enters his first season at UM.

Canseco similar to McCarthy

Finally, baseball season has returned. It's time to see the new and old faces of your favorite ball club battle for a chance at the World Series Trophy, but there seems to be a new battle being waged.

A suspicious battle where fingers are being pointed, accusations being made, congressional hearings being held and lawyers receiving phone calls. Has our great American pastime entered a period of darkness and doubt? Have we not learned from history where this will end up?

Welcome to the golden age of steroids.

In most recent headlines, a Southern California writer made accusations about former two-sport superstar Bo Jackson citing that his career-ending hip injury was due to his steroid usage. Though the writer has since apologized for the article, Jackson, who has been out of professional sports since 1994, was willing to release every single blood test he has ever taken. Bo knows touchdowns and homers, but Bo don't know steroids. But why are we attacking one of the greatest athletes of all time's reputation after his career ended tragically by a freak accident over a decade ago? It just doesn't make sense, but that's the era of athletics we live in.

The BALCO and Juiced era has officially made baseball into a mockery of truth, justice and tell-all books. Everyone from the corky Sammy Sosa to the absent-minded Mark McGwire to Viagra spokesman Rafael Palmeiro appeared before the House Government Reform Committee in March to discuss the use of steroids in the majors. Besides Palmeiro's honest approach, McGwire tried to hide the obvious from everyone by pleading the fifth and Sosa all of a sudden was no longer bilingual. More speculations became evident and baseball's good name was dragged through the mud even worse. To think this speculation and demand for the truth all came from a book entitled "Juiced" written by McGwire's Bash Brother in Oakland.

For such serious accusations to be made, a credible source must be present and that credible source is none other than Jose Canseco. No, that's right, Jose Canseco. The same Canseco who put on the worst pitching performance of all time. The same Canseco who dated Madonna in one of those "look at us" Hollywood-type relationships. The same Canseco who made the most embarrassing error of all time by heading a ball over the fence for a homerun. The same Canseco who made himself a laughing stock in baseball towards the end of his career. Trust me, Canseco as a credible news source was a shocker to everyone who witnessed his downfall since his glory days in Oakland.

Canseco, who is an admitted steroid user, is the leading rat, or narc if you will, in the search for steroid-popping cheaters like himself and made himself into a modern-day Joseph McCarthy.

If you forgot your high school history, McCarthy was the Wisconsin senator conducting a "witch hunt" for Communist within the United States and said he had a list of 57 known Communists within the country. Though the list, originally put together by the FBI, had some admitted Communists on the list, the majority had drinking problems or were sexual deviants.

Both Canseco and McCarthy hold a lot in common. Both drove witch hunts inspired by personal inspirations and empty accusations, as McCarthy wanted to be president before being busted and Canseco simply wanted more money. Also, Canseco is obviously trying to make people remember who is he and sells his dirty laundry by selling out all his old teammates in Oakland and Texas.

Another comparison that can be made between Canseco and McCarthy is they love to manipulate the media. Do I think Canseco is lying about the alleged users to create a certain public image of himself? Yes and no. Canseco and McCarthy were not trying to do the "right thing" as they both had publicized in their hunts for justice, but they both used the media to create fear and speculation within the general public to make themselves more well-known and in Jose's case, richer.

The third and final similarity is both men have absolutely no character or sense of decency. Who goes ruining people's lives by accusing of something they may or may not have done without any evidence or proof besides their word? McCarthy was eventually caught up in his lies, lost his honor and developed a serious drinking problem. As for Canseco, Madonna's former boy toy is being sued for $500,000 by two men who claimed Canseco and his twin, Ozzie, beat the crap out of them outside a South Beach night club.

Though Canseco is sad excuse for a human being, let's be honest, you notice how a skinny

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Home game brings excitement

By Joseph White
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Players were serenaded with chants of "Lets go, Nats!" at a VIP luncheon seven hours before the game started. Leaders in Congress announced there would be no votes after 5 p.m. so lawmakers and staffers could attend the game. Everyone anticipated President Bush resuming a 95-year-old tradition of throwing out the ceremonial first pitch.

The official return of major league baseball was an all-day party Thursday in the nation's capital. In a city that went 12,250 days, since 1971, without hosting a regular season big-league game, Thursday night's Washington Nationals home opener against the Arizona Diamondbacks was a joyous exclamation point for celebrations that began 6 1/2 months ago with the announcement that the Montreal Expos were heading south.

"I'm numb. I'm raking it all in," said Mickey Vernon, who turns 87 next week and was one of 10 former Washington Senators honored throughout the day. "It's been a long while coming, but for those with patience, something good comes along."

The game wasn't scheduled to start until 7:05 p.m., but the day was jump-started with a $1,500-per-table luncheon hosted by NBC's Tim Russert. The Nationals players, travel-weary after arriving the night before following a nine-game road trip, chuckled and otherwise tolerated endless photo-ops with big-name sponsors before being led into the hall by a high school marching band to the cheers of 1,000 of the city's top businessmen and political figures.

Needless to say, the players never got this kind of treatment in Montreal, where crowds were small and some "home" games were farmed out to Puerto Rico to raise money, but they also looked like a group that couldn't wait for the hype to die down.

"It's a lot of stuff we're not used to," outfielder Brad Wilkerson said. "Montreal seemed so much easier. It's taxing, but I'd rather have it that way than no recognition at all."

There already have been numerous milestone dates in baseball's return to Washington, which had been without a team since the expansion Senators departed for Texas 34 years ago. There was the relocation announcement on Sept. 29, followed by the opening of spring training and the first spring training game in February, an exhibition game against the New York Mets at RFK on April 3, and then the season opener at Philadelphia a day later.

But the last of the welcome-back parties was the biggest. Tickets were for the 46,000-seat RFK Stadium were hard to come by, even for some well-heeled Washingtonians. The game offered natural openings for some friendly Republican-Democrat banter. Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., a New York Yankees fans, noted the Nationals' opponent hailed from the home state of Republican Sen. John McCain.

"And, of course," Lieberman said. "I wouldn't miss a chance to see Sen. McCain's team lose."

Some 95 minutes of pregame ceremonies were scheduled before the game, including the presidential first pitch, a tradition that began exactly 95 years ago to the day when William Howard Taft tossed out a ball before a Senators-Athletics game on April 14, 1910.

Bush, a former part-owner the Texas Rangers, was the 12th president given the honor of throwing out a first pitch in Washington, and the first since Richard Nixon in 1969. After the Senators left, presidents performed the ceremony in other cities; Bush did the honors in St. Louis last year.

The Nationals had the scoreboard ready: The name George W. Bush was written on the scoreboard with the "W" written in curly script, mimicking the design on the Nationals' hats.

"Somebody said, 'How do you describe the presidency?' I said it is a decision-making job. I've got a decision to make today. Do I go with a fastball or do I go with a slider?" President Bush said at a meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors before the game.

Barriers were erected near the stadium, part of the extensive security measures taken before the president's arrival, and all fans were directed through metal detectors.

The Nationals are the last team to play a home game this season, which is probably for the best given the compressed schedule for renovating the stadium. Officials are still trying to figure out how to keep the Nationals' new batting tunnel from flooding.

Perhaps the biggest surprise is that the Nationals arrived as a first-place team, having won two out of three against the Atlanta Braves to improve to 5-4 in the NL East. Washington is playing with much of the same roster that finished last in 2004 in Montreal, although the players are finding they have much greater fan support than they had in Canada.

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Relay for Life raises $70K for cancer research

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

After nine months of preparations, fund raising and recruiting, this weekend's Relay for Life volunteers raked in nearly $70,000 for the American Cancer Society, nearly doubling last year's totals.

Students from the Five-College area volunteered their efforts, hard work and determination to raise money for cancer research, education, awareness and advocacy. Teams were then created and Friday night, students kicked off the third annual relay — walking around the track at Amherst College for 18 straight hours. The teams collaborated and competed with one another to raise money from local area sponsors, family and friends.

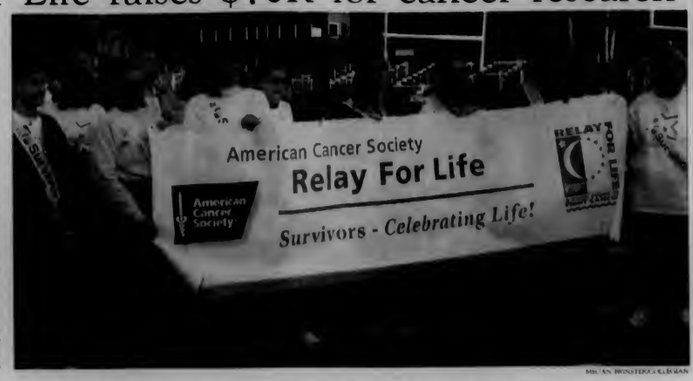
University of Massachusetts seniors and co-chairs of the event Melissa Ivanoski and Nicole Lohr were both anxious and excited to lead the event.

"It's a lot of hard work, but seeing results like these make is worth it," Lohr said.

Last year, the Relay raised $45,000, a goal that was well surpassed by students and sponsors. This year, both Lohr and Ivanoski set a lofty goal of raising $60,000.

Online Chair for the event, Dan Lee said that the majority of the fund raising came from online donations — a newer fund raising strategy that proved to be successful.

"We set up the Web site and we already raised $42,000, with more coming in," Lee said, "Last year we raised $13,000 online. It is the easiest way."



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Members of the Amherst community participate in "Relay for Life" Friday night at the Amherst College track. Volunteers walked the track for 18 straight hours and raised over $70,000 for the American Cancer Society, which will go towards cancer research.

Dozens of teams participated in the Relay, all using different strategies to fund raise. Team "Drop it like a W" from UMass copied links from the Relay Web site into their instant messenger profiles.

Team Captain Christine Marchefer said that her team had also raised a large amount of money from family members and some of the team members, like senior Carolyn Markey of UMass got her inspiration from personal experience.

"I bought a purple scarf which is a Relay item and all the money goes to the American Cancer Society," Markey said, "we will be wearing it somehow on us all night."

UMass seniors Kelly Hess said that her reason for relaying is for the good cause of the event and it reminds her of her

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Group testifies about high tuition

By Katie Huston
Collegian Correspondent

University of Massachusetts students and local community members testified about their financial struggles to attain higher education at a public hearing on Wednesday at the UMass Graduate Student Lounge.

The hearing was sponsored in part by the Massachusetts Free Higher Education Campaign (FHE). FHE, a UMass registered student organization, is part of a growing nationwide campaign working for federal funding of tuition and fees for all students admitted to public colleges and universities.

FHE claims it is a response to the national crisis in public education funding. FHE says tuition costs at state colleges and universities are skyrocketing as a result of inadequate financial resources. Members of the hearing also said private, interest-bearing student loans are replacing need-based grants, forcing students to go into debt or forego college altogether.

Massachusetts currently ranks 47th in the nation for per capita spending on higher education. The cost of attendance for in-state students has increased nearly 50 percent in the past five years, from $10,107 in 1999 to $15,197 in 2004-05.

According to the Web site www.freehighered.org, the federal government could fund tuition and fees at all public colleges and universities by rolling back President Bush's proposed estate tax repeal. Tuition and fees at two- and four-year public institutions in 2001 totaled approximately $32 billion; if the federal government eliminated the tax cut for the top 1 percent of earners in America, it would save about $82.4 billion a year, the Web site says. Corporate tax loopholes passed by Congress in 2002 lost $170 billion in corporate taxes in 2003-04, more than enough to fund public education.

Students and community members testified about their difficulties to obtain a college education in the face of these economic obstacles before a hearing board that included State Representative Ben Swan (D-Springfield), Associate Professor of Science Dean Robinson, President of University Staff Association Donna Johnson, United Auto Workers Local 2322 President

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RFK Jr. to speak to UMass students

By Michael Busack
Collegian Staff

Attorney, author, and environmental activist, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. will speak to University of Massachusetts students tonight as a part of the UMass Distinguished Visitors Program.

Kennedy will be speaking his new book titled "Crimes Against Nature." The book's title is a reference to what Kennedy's views of the decisions and actions of George W. Bush during his term as president.

In the new release, Kennedy describes the president's actions as virtually disastrous, concerning the current state of the country's environment. He states that he has feelings of "fury" over the Bush administration environmental policy.

"Texas has long been one of the most polluted states in the country, but rather than remedy the situation, George W. Bush set out to destroy virtually all attempts to clean up the state's tainted air, water, and land," said Kennedy in an excerpt of the book. "Under his watch, Texas had the worst pollution record in the United States."

The book, however, is not the first time that Kennedy has spoke out against the president's environmental policy. In a December 2003 issue of Rolling Stone Magazine that shares the title "Crimes Against Nature," Kennedy says that President Bush "championed a short-term pollution-based prosperity, which enriched his political contributors and corporate cronies by lowering the quality of life for everyone else."

The son of the late Democratic presidential candidate, Robert F. Kennedy senior, continues throughout his book to say that the President is attempting to weaken forest protection laws, and put polluters in charge of agencies that are created in the purpose of protecting the environment.

Kennedy, 51, is a senior attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council, and chief prosecuting attorney for the Riverkeeper organization. He is also founder and president of the Waterkeeper Alliance, which, according to their Web site "connects and supports local Waterkeeper programs to provide a voice for waterways and their communities worldwide."

Kennedy is also a Clinical Professor and Supervising Attorney at the Pace Environmental Litigation Clinic at

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Nursing school enrollment numbers declining nationwide

By Erik Matthew Rothmayr
Collegian Correspondent

Despite efforts by the University of Massachusetts and the federal government, the shortage of nurses is worsening here and across the country and could be five times worse in 15 years.

Undergraduate enrollment in nursing on this campus doubled this academic year compared to last year, according to Eileen Breslin, dean and professor of the UMass School of Nursing. Beginning this year, a class of nurses is graduating every December and May.

"The fact of the matter is we are preparing more nurses now than in the history of our country at UMASS and across the United States," Breslin said.

Under the Nurse Reinvestment Act of 2002, qualified nursing applicants who agree to serve as nurses for at least two years at a health care facility with a critical shortage of nurses are granted scholarships to attend schools of nursing.

The bill helps by "getting behind the nurses who take care of us every day," said US Senator Barbara Mikulski, D-Md. in a Congressional report last July. "It provides incentives to encourage people to enter the nursing profession and make it a career."

Nevertheless, the nursing shortage is now at six percent fewer nurses than needed and is projected to worsen. A report last year on enrollment and graduations in nursing programs says that 15,944 qualified applicants were rejected from entry level baccalaureate nursing programs because of insufficient numbers of faculty, clinical training sites, classroom space, clinical preceptors, and budget constraints, according to a report the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

According to Dr. Ann Cary, director of long distance learning programs at the UMass School of Nursing, "There is frustration in the faculty of not being able to meet the demand for nursing education."

Thirty-five applicants out of 120 had to be turned away at the school of Nursing, Breslin says, because of the lack of faculty and clinical resources to support them. Between 1995 and 2003, 19,820 fewer students took the official licensing exam for nurses nationwide, according to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.

Another factor in the shortage is an aging workforce of nurses. A study in the June 14, 2000 Journal of the American Medical Association says that between 1983 and 1998 the average age of working registered nurses increased by 4.5 years to 41.9. It projects that in 10 years, 40 percent of working registered nurses will be 50 years or older. As registered nurses retire, the supply of working registered nurses is projected to be 20 percent below requirements by the year 2020.

According to Cary, "The citizens of Massachusetts need to be concerned about that, it's a risk to patients health to not have enough nurses in a community. It's a community health and public safety issue."

Moreover, the aging baby boomer population will affect the number of nurses needed. Between 1995 and 2010, the number of people in the United States between the ages of 65 and 84 is expected to grow 13 percent, according to the National Center for Policy Analysis. By 2030, about 70 million, or 20 percent, will be 65 or older. Experts project a shortage of health care workers, particularly of registered nurses, by 2020, when the majority of baby boomers reaches the age when most medical attention will be needed.

"This is not on anybody's radar screen. People don't have any nurses to care for them. That's a problem," Breslin said. "The public is going to have to do more self-care, the family is going to have to assume more care. The work of nurses is going to shift because there won't be many of them," she said.



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Taste of UMass

Over 70 booths were set up during "Taste of UMass 2005" held by UMass Dining Service at the Mullins Center on Thursday evening. *For more picture of the event, turn to page 3.*

Heinz not running for office

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Chris Heinz, the stepson of U.S. Sen. John Kerry who was widely rumored to be considering a run for Congress, said Monday that he won't seek office in 2006.

The son of the late Sen. John Heinz III had stumped for Kerry during his unsuccessful presidential bid last year, sparking rumors that Heinz would follow that with his own campaign against U.S. Rep. Melissa Hart. Heinz, 32, is the youngest of John Heinz and Teresa Heinz Kerry's three children.

"I'm definitely not doing it in 2006. I've thought about it in my life, but it's just not right at this particular time," Heinz told The Associated Press by phone from New York City, where he lives.

A Yale graduate with a master's degree in business administration from Harvard, Heinz said he is working with some friends in private equity to develop businesses.

"There's just other stuff I want to do," Heinz said.

Heinz said he believes he and his family have moved on since the presidential election, but that he is disappointed in the country's current leadership.

State Democratic chairman T.J. Rooney, who is also a state representative, said he spoke to Heinz after the November election about a possible run. Rooney said Democrats would welcome Heinz if he decides to run in the future.

"Clearly, anytime a candidate that has the potential of a Chris Heinz, anytime they decide this isn't the right year, is disappointing," Rooney said.

During the presidential campaign, the curly, dark-haired Heinz was often compared to John F. Kennedy Jr. in looks and lineage. He was named one of last year's 50 hottest bachelors by People magazine.

Just before last year's presidential election, Heinz registered as a Democrat in the Pittsburgh suburb where his family has a home.

—*Associated Press*



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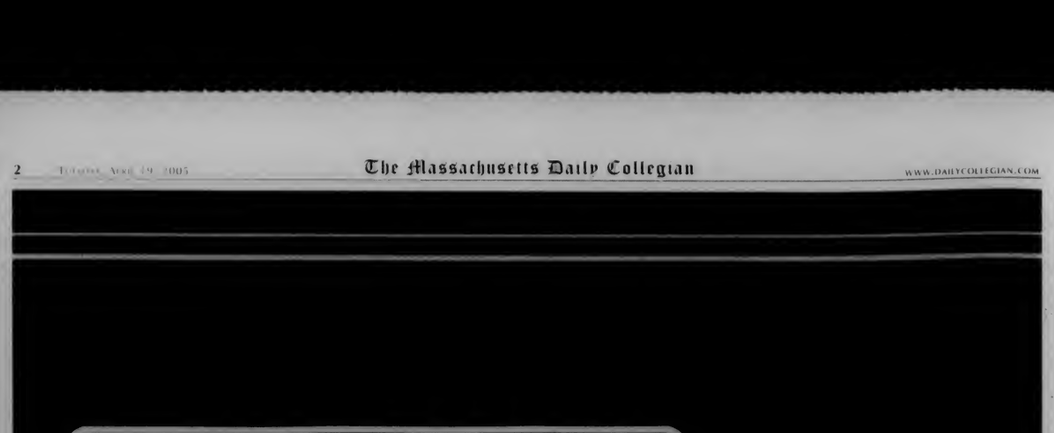
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Students experience Taste of UMass 2005

The University of Massachusetts Dining Services held its annual "Taste of UMass 2005" Thursday night in the Mullins Center. The event featured 75 food booths displaying samples of cuisines from around Amherst and the world.

Dishes representing 20 different countries as well as Stop and Shop, Trader Joe's, Big Y and local restaurants were offered. Nathan's Famous Hot Dogs hosted a hot dog eating contest for a grand prize trip to Coney Island for a televised hot dog eating competition.

Entertainment included a magic show, Hawaiian dancers and the Rudy Brown Band.

Internationally known celebrity chef Martin Yan was a featured guest of the event, as well as the New England Patriots cheerleaders, Sam the Minuteman and new UMass basketball coach Travis Ford.

—*Dan O'Brien*



Matthew Reich/Collegian

An employee of the Bluewall scoops some ice cream for a UMass student. Several Bluewall specialties were served at the event.



Matthew Reich/Collegian

Dietitian were on hand to supply students with information about healthy nutritional lifestyles.



Matthew Reich/Collegian

UMass Dining Hall employees serve the massive amounts of food that were on hand for the event.

Kennedy to speak tonight at UMass

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Pace University School of Law in New York. He also served as the Assistant District Attorney in New York City, and worked as an advisor on several political campaigns.

The event will be held tonight at 7 p.m. in Bowker Auditorium, and is free of admission. A book signing will follow the event in the Cape Cod Room in the Student Union. The event is also being sponsored in part by the Student Government Association Finance Committee.

Walk remembers victims of cancer

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aunt who battled and beat breast cancer and for her grandmother — who lost her life to the disease just one year ago.

"It is hard, because anyone can become a victim of cancer," Markey said.

Before the event kicked off both Lohr and Ivanoski shared their personal reason for relaying that brought a notion severity and motivation to fight the disease. Ivanoski said that she relays for her mother Chrisitne Ivanoski who battled breast cancer and survived.

"[Her battle] was absolutely devastating, but that is why I am here today," Ivanoski said.

Lohr lost her father Thomas Lohr to cancer a few years ago and she emphasized the importance of the event, stating that it is the American Cancer Society's top fund raising event, last year alone raising over $200 million nationwide.

Perhaps the most inspirational part of the event was the lighting of the luminary around the track. Hundreds of candle lit bags lined the track and bleachers either in honor of a cancer survivor or in memory of someone who lost his/her life to the disease. People had written personal stories and anecdotes on the bags that remained lit for the entire night. Additionally, bags were placed and lit on the bleachers spelling out "hope."

"Students especially really enjoyed that luminary lighting," Ivanoski said. "We had a table set up in the Campus Center and so many people wanted to help out."

After the personal introduction eager participants began the walk behind the UMass Honor Guard and cancer survivors, including Christing Ivanoski, a UMass professor and student.

Teams, however, did not have difficulty walking all night, as entertainment was provided throughout the night. Disc Jockeys from the UMass student radio station, WMUA-FM donated their equipment, providing upbeat music and Djing. Also, there was a comedian, gift certificate giveaways and local bands. Dozens of local area restaurants also donated food and beverage to the participants.

"It is such a great feeling knowing that the whole community gets involved," Lohr said, "and it is so awesome to know that everyone here is having such a great time."

Both Lohr and Ivanoski admitted that final totals would not be reached for a few weeks because more donations tend to trickle in after the event, however, they are both overwhelmed by the support of the community and five-college area.

"We are so proud of everyone who got involved," the co-chairs said. "People don't necessarily realize that cancer affects everyone at some level and it is great to know that young people can really make a difference."

Students concerned over tuition

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Ron Patenaude, and UMass Student Government Association President Pavel Payano.

Students from single-parent households and low-income backgrounds testified about their families' personal struggles to afford higher education. Other students discussed the challenges of working while going to school.

Melissa Partington shared that her financial situation has affected her competitive eligibility for graduate school because she has no time to participate in other school activities.

"I'm supposed to build a competitive resume, but I'm finding that very difficult to do," said Partington, who works 30 hours a week.

Other students and alumni discussed the difficulties and stress incurred by student loans. Graduate student Jon Zibbell criticized welfare and childcare policies that contradict UMass' supposed commitment to all citizens of the state as a land-grant institution.

"There's a whole war on the poor going on here at UMass," said Zibbell, a single father who struggled through his undergraduate career on welfare and will graduate owing $80,000 in loans.

These conditions are excluding lower-income students, and forcing UMass to recruit wealthier students and out-of-state students who will bring money to the school. Several speakers criticized the resulting lack of diversity at UMass and its detrimental effects on their education.

"UMass has been a failure at providing an environment conducive to learning from all types of individuals," said undergraduate Leta Hlustick, a junior. "We need to stop looking at education as a privilege and start looking at it as a right."

The hearing was the first of several events FHE has planned for the semester to raise awareness across campus and across the state.

"What we're doing right now at UMass is educating the student body about the FHE, which is a really big idea that our citizens have the right to demand that our government act responsibly and provide universal access to higher education," said Carrie Sallgren, an FHE member.

FHE is currently working to get endorsements from other UMass RSOs, to organize campaigns at other public colleges and universities in Massachusetts, and to create a grassroots movement that can connect with the nationwide campaign.

The hearing was sponsored by the Massachusetts' Free Higher Education Campaign, the Massachusetts Society of Professors (MSP), the Community Education Project in Holyoke, the Student Center for Educational Research and Advocacy (SCERA), the Graduate Employee Organization (GEO), the Graduate Student Senate (GSS), Take Back UMass, the ALANA Caucus, and the Associated Students of Massachusetts (ASM).

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National and International News

N. Korea nuclear reactor shutdown worries US officials

By Barry Schweid
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The apparent shutdown of a nuclear reactor in North Korea is raising concerns among Bush administration officials that Pyongyang has finished producing spent fuel rods laced with weapons-grade plutonium.

A U.S. official familiar with the situation said there could be at least two other possibilities, neither of which was troubling: that the reactor had run into mechanical trouble or that North Korea was bluffing to raise anxieties.

In the past, North Korea has claimed to have taken major steps in its pursuit of a nuclear weapons arsenal, but U.S. analysts say only some of those claims are genuine. Even so, North Korea is believed to have already produced at least one atom bomb, and the United States, China, Japan, South Korea and Russia are trying through so-called six-nation talks to negotiate elimination of the nuclear weapons program.

North Korea had agreed to return to the bargaining table last September after a three-month hiatus but since then has refused to resume the talks.

Reflecting growing impatience, White House spokesman Scott McClellan said the administration would consult with its partners about taking the issue to the U.N. Security Council if the talks remain sidetracked.

"That's one possibility," McClellan said. "If they refuse to come back to the talks, then we will have to consult with our partners and look at the next steps," he said, without offering any timetable for action.

At the State Department, spokesman Richard Boucher said: "They need to come back to talks if they are going to solve their problems, and that's where our focus remains."

Responding to North Korea's persistent call for direct talks with the United States, Boucher said, "We are willing to go back to the talks without preconditions" and the United States had a "direct dialogue" with North Korea in past rounds.

The shutdown of the reactor in North Korea's main nuclear complex at Yongbyon was detected by what U.S. analysts refer to as "overhead imagery," which could involve spy satellites.

The idea is to look for cessation of smoke or for significant changes in the readings of thermal or radar counts, said a U.S. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"This is entirely feasible, but for us to know for sure, we'd have to be physically there ourselves and this is no longer the case," said Melissa Fleming, a spokeswoman for the International Atomic Energy Agency.

She confirmed that the reactor would have to be shut down for the fuel rods to be extracted.

In Seoul, meanwhile, Kim Sook, director-general of North American affairs at South Korea's Foreign Ministry, told KBS Radio that a shutdown of a nuclear reactor at the Yongbyon complex had been confirmed.

Yongbyon houses a 5-megawatt reactor that generates spent fuel rods laced with plutonium, but they must be removed and reprocessed to extract the plutonium for use in an atomic weapon. They can be removed only if the reactor has been shut down.

North Korea restarted the reactor after expelling U.N. monitors at the end of 2002.

"We have to wait and see the intentions and the measures North Korea takes in the future," Kim said.

North Korea's persistent refusal to resume negotiations has provoked behind-the-scenes quibbling among the United States and its partners over bargaining tactics.

But there is a consensus on offering North Korea economic incentives and international acceptance if it would agree to stop developing nuclear weapons.

A U.S. scholar who recently visited North Korea said earlier this month that officials there told him they were preparing to unload fuel rods from the Yongbyon reactor during the next two months, adding to the urgency of resuming nuclear talks.

"They will have more plutonium unless there is a freeze," Selig Harrison, a Washington-based researcher, told reporters in Beijing after his trip.

Washington, D.C. man is named teacher of the year

WASHINGTON — At 31, Jason Kamras has figured out the best way to turn his math students into relentless learners is to never stop being one himself.

"I'm always looking at my lessons, looking at my approach in the classroom, stepping back and saying, 'What works? What didn't work? Who can I talk to?'" Kamras said. "That constant process of pushing the goal posts down the field has made me be a better teacher."

The nation's best, in fact. Kamras, an eight-year instructor at John Philip Sousa Middle School in Washington, was named Tuesday as the 2005 Teacher of the Year.

The title turns Kamras into a roving ambassador for his profession for one year, and his main message is one of equity — meaning more money and help for schools in poorer areas. He wants to rally support, starting with President Bush, whom he is scheduled to meet at a White House ceremony Wednesday honoring Kamras and all the state teachers of the year.

"The collective voice of teachers can be very powerful," Kamras said. "If we advocate for our children and demand resources that we know they need, we can have a great impact. We need to tell our stories and let the public know the challenges our children face."

Kamras is the 55th teacher to win the award and the first from the District of Columbia.

He is credited with reshaping the math curriculum at his school by using technology, adapting lessons to different learning styles and giving classes a real-world context.

A photography fan, Kamras has also created a program that teaches students how to use digital cameras, edit images and create photo essays about their lives and their communities. The students visit diverse areas of the nation's capital and exhibit their projects.

Kamras, who has a bachelor's degree from Princeton University and a master's degree from Harvard University, has taught math and social studies in his years at Sousa Middle School.

A committee of representatives from 14 national education groups chose Kamras from among the state teachers of the year, who were nominated by students, teachers and administrators.

The winning teacher is selected based on abilities to inspire students, earn the respect of parents and colleagues, serve as a community leader and withstand a demanding schedule.

The National Teacher of the Year Program, a project of the Council of Chief State School Officers, is sponsored by ING and Scholastic, Inc.

—*Associated Press*

White House critical of Israel's delay in Gaza Strip

By Mark Lavie
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Monday he favors a three-week delay in Israel's planned pullout from the Gaza Strip and four West Bank settlements this summer, ostensibly because of a Jewish mourning period marking the destruction of the biblical temples.

A postponement could give the ill-prepared government more room to plan for the withdrawal, but would also give Jewish extremists more time to organize resistance.

"I'm positively inclined toward this. We simply have to make it as easy as possible," Sharon said told reporters during a train ride Monday.

Israel, meanwhile, announced plans to build 50 more homes in a West Bank settlement — a week after President Bush said such construction should stop.

The White House was critical. "Israel should not be expanding settlements and the Palestinian leaders need to act to dismantle terrorist organizations," spokesman Scott McClellan said.



Courtesy whitehouse.gov

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, left, sits with President George W. Bush at the White House in May 2002.

Yonatan Bassi, head of the administration handling evacuation of the settlers, suggested at a Sunday Cabinet meeting that the beginning of the pullout from Palestinian territories be put off from late July to mid-August. He noted the three-week mourning period many Jews observe before the day that marks the destruction of the biblical temples — Tisha B'Av, which falls this year on Aug. 14.

Bassi, an observant Jew, raised the issue after "an internal struggle and talking to rabbis," said his spokesman, Haim Altman.

Sharon said he would put the proposed delay to a vote at a Tuesday meeting of a Cabinet committee appointed to oversee the withdrawal. Without citing any sources, Israel TV said Sharon had decided to delay the pullout.

Sharon aide Asaf Shariv said the government had originally hoped to complete the withdrawal by Sept. 1 — in time for settlers' children to start the education year in new schools.

In the 20 days before Tisha B'Av, observant Jews don't shave, cut their hair, listen to music or get married, but work is permitted. Jewish law does not specifically prohibit moving houses during the mourning period, but some say that would violate the spirit of the three-week observance.

A senior Israeli official, speaking on condition of anonymity, noted Tisha B'Av is associated with many tragedies and expulsions in Jewish history and said there were concerns about adding the Gaza evacuation to the list.

Responding to reports that the government was not prepared for the pullout, the official said the evacuation could go forward as originally planned, but additional time would be helpful.

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EDITORIAL OPINION

Gay union opposition flawed

Chris Eckel

I happen to be a Massachusetts resident born in Boston. Such an upbringing certainly has many benefits, such as being born in a cradle of education and making me the rabid supporter of two world-champion teams. However, it also has some serious drawbacks. For one, the rest of the country hates us. If you ask some, we are snobs. I just prefer to think that we're better than other states in some ways, and that we know it. One of these ways, unquestionably in my mind, is that Massachusetts allows for gay marriage.

Full disclosure time: I am a white, Roman Catholic, moderate, straight male. Thus, I may come across as a fairly unlikely advocate of gay marriage; however, I find it entirely detestable that gay marriage is not recognized across the United States.

Many religious leaders seem to be coming out against gay marriage because it goes against the traditional definition of marriage being a "relationship between a male and female." Now, I'm neither a theological scholar nor am I next in line to become the pope. However, I did attend CCD for the whole 10 years, and my father was a Master Catechist, so I feel somewhat qualified to comment on this whole line of reasoning.

So, the arguments against gay marriage are about as reliable as Mariano Rivera. Churches are pushing a particular point while ignoring the overarching themes of the teachings of their spiritual leaders.

As far as I recall, Jesus Christ stood for universal love and tolerance. Remember that whole being crucified thing? One of the last things he asked of his father (you know, God) was that he would forgive those who had betrayed and condemned him. Sounds like a guy who's all for love and acceptance. Doesn't quite sound like a fellow who would condemn two people for loving each other, regardless of their gender. Last time I looked, fellow deities such as Buddha and Brahma also stressed the importance of love and understanding, and they weren't picky about whom they allowed into their circle of acceptance.

Many claim that gay marriage threatens the "family values" of the typical straight nuclear family. All those homosexuals families moving in next door would surely start riots, turn straight children gay and destroy marriages. Turns out, it doesn't seem it has worked out that way. Denmark has allowed for gay marriage since 1989, and believe it or not, is still standing - the gay married couples apparently forgot to bring the Apocalypse back with them from their honeymoons.

To borrow from Shakespeare, nothing "... is rotten in the state of Denmark." Let's bring it closer to home - good old Massachusetts. Surely the state that allows for gay marriage must be a den of moral depravity whose citizens spit on the sanctity of marriage, right?

Actually, that's a bit of a stretch of the truth. In fact, Massachusetts has the lowest rate of divorce for heterosexual couples among any of the 50 states. How about those other states that cry out about the importance of marriage?

The Associated Press, using data from the U.S. Census Bureau, determined that the highest divorce rates are actually found in the Bible Belt. The AP article asserts "The divorce rates in these conservative states are roughly 50 percent above the national average." So much for the importance of holding a family together, y'all.

So, the arguments against gay marriage are about as reliable as Mariano Rivera. Churches are pushing a particular point while ignoring the overarching themes of the teachings of their spiritual leaders. In a world filled with so much hatred, war and moral decay, shouldn't those who preach compassionate understanding accept loving relationships in all their forms? As for those who decry gay marriage as a threat to the stability of American married culture; well, clean up your own closets before you go looking for trouble elsewhere.

I might be too young for it, but I seem to recall studying an era where people clashed over what sort of rights people different from them should have. There was much debate, but in the end, legislation was passed that made all people equal in the eyes of the law. Turns out the Civil Rights Act of 1964 worked out pretty well, huh? Forty years from now, I have no doubts that the era banning gay marriage will be seen as just as shameful as the era of refusing to serve a black man at a lunch counter.

A person is always entitled to his/her opinion, or else editorial columnists like myself wouldn't serve very much of a purpose. I just wonder why people are so intent on restricting their recognition of a beautiful thing to a narrow definition. Don't be afraid to recognize the unique wonder of lifelong ardor as expressed through marriage in all of its forms; the world is lacking love sorely right now. On that note, I'd like to wish happy spring and summer weddings to all of my friends, both gay and straight.

Chris Eckel is a Collegian columnist.

The darker side of terrorism

Yousef Munayyer

We can sit down for hours and attempt to define "terrorism." It is likely that we will not be able to come up with an acceptable definition. If different security organizations in this country cannot agree on one definition, then we are likely to give up before we can figure it out. However, there are certain things we can limit the definition to help clear up the picture.

Anyone who was following the news last week will have likely heard of Eric Rudolph. If you have not, here are the bare bones: Rudolph recently admitted responsibility for the bombings that killed two and injured 120 at the Olympics in Atlanta in 1996. What was his motivation? To show his disapproval and strike back against a government which condoned the killing of children or, as he saw it, abortion.

The media, both print and television, called him a "bomber." Headlines ran about the "Olympic bomber" and how he had confessed to the crime. Then something struck me. I remember being around the television in 1996 when the Olympic Games were dominating the sports world here in the United States. I remember watching the footage after the bombing on television, seeing police cars and police footage. And I also distinctly remember the cunning news anchors telling the world that this Terrorist act is likely the work of Arabs. They were wrong.

Just as they were wrong when the Alfred P. Murrah building in Oklahoma City exploded and the immediate reaction was to blame it on Arab Terrorists. Instead, we later found Timothy McVeigh responsible, a homegrown American, who only recently received a Bronze Star for fighting in the First Gulf War. Yet when the sketches came out and the hunt was on for McVeigh, the attack was called a bombing, "terrorism" was not part of the picture.

This was a crime by a white man that broke the law, it could not be terrorism. His motivation? Revenging against the Government for its stance on gun control. This hit McVeigh the hardest as he watched the Branch Davidian complex in Waco, Texas burn. In his view, the attack that killed 168 and wounded up to 500 others was in defense of the constitution.

Ted Kaczynski sent explosives to people through the mail. Not only was he white, but he received a privileged education attending prestigious schools like Harvard, and eventually earning his PhD. Then one day he was tired of it all, bought some property in rural Montana and began his attacks, which, over a period of nearly two decades, killed several. His motive? Expressed in his 35,000 word manifesto, he hated the direction society was taking, he hated the role technology was playing and he hated leftists whom he claimed were a corrupt "psychological type" (look whose talking). He would later be called the "Unabomber."

So why is it that these criminals are spared the Terrorist label? Were their crimes humane? Absolutely not. Did they not inspire terror? Of course they did. Did they not have some political objective? Yes. So why aren't they called 'Terrorists' and why are their acts not called 'terrorism?'

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The answer is rather simple. "Terrorist" is a label reserved for outsiders. It is not something an American can be. Terrorist is the opposite of American. This is the line that the media has been carrying. Eric Rudolph, Timothy McVeigh and Ted Kaczynski, along with many others, prove that "Terrorist" is a name given to those who are different, mainly people who are not American, or in most cases, not white.

When a few Puerto Ricans attacked congress in the 1950s, shooting and injuring innocent people, they were and are to this day labeled Terrorists. Not shooters or freedom fighters (the term many prefer). There are all kinds of other exceptions this black and white system cannot deal with. Because of this, we get cases like Jose Padilla, who has been labeled an enemy combatant, but has not been charged with any crime. We also get cases like Johnny Walker Lind, or the "American Taliban" who moved to Afghanistan before the war began. The system simply cannot deal with these exceptions because there is no real definition for terrorism.

Terrorism, as the media has us believe, is an act committed by evil outsiders, usually they will be bearded or wearing something resembling a towel on their head. If not, they may be in disguise, but you can surely spot them for their darker skin so keep your eyes peeled. If anything here in the U.S.A. blows up, some dark-skinned terrorist is probably responsible, unless we find out otherwise, then it's just a white-skinned bad apple.

Yousef Munayyer is a Collegian columnist.



Iraq intelligence a success

Mike Sances

Finally, some good news. I hope you will join me in breathing a sigh of relief now that we know that Iraq didn't have any chemical, nuclear or biological weapons. Although the latest report, issued on March 31, is being spun as a "failure" of American Intelligence, we have to remember that if Iraq really did have WMD before we invaded two years ago, then the administration was taking a huge gamble, jeopardizing millions of lives both at home and in the Middle East. This is, quite simply, because the invasion would likely have provoked the use of the very weapons we allegedly sought to defuse. So be thankful they were not, or else we might not be here today.

If Iraq had WMD ready to launch before the war, Hussein would have probably used them. We can't say for sure now, of course, but it should be common sense that a country is much more likely to use its WMD as a means of defense if attacked than if not (what do you think would happen if the U.S. Air Force bombed North Korea tomorrow?). If Iraq did not have WMD ready to launch, then what George Bush called on March 6, 2003 the "single question" — disarmament — was already answered, and thus the invasion not justified on his own grounds.

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The language of a "single question" aside, feel free to replace "ready to launch" with "ready to pass to terrorists," and the results are the same.

This was hardly lost on George Tenet, director of the CIA at the time. So upset was Tenet by these obvious conclusions that he decided to publish an Oct. 7, 2003 letter, originally addressed to Senator Bob Graham of Florida, in the New York Times on Oct. 9. Wrote Tenet, "Baghdad for now appears to be drawing a line short of conducting terrorist attacks with conventional or C.B.W. chemical and biological weapons against the United States.

"Should Saddam conclude that a U.S.-led attack could no longer be deterred, he probably would become much less constrained in adopting terrorist actions. Such terrorism might involve conventional means, as with Iraq's unsuccessful attempt at a terrorist offensive in 1991, or C.B.W.

"Saddam might decide that the extreme step of assisting Islamist terrorists in conducting a W.M.D. attack against the United States would be his last chance to exact vengeance by taking a large number of victims with him."

The threat was hardly limited to Iraqi terrorism. For example, on March 3, 2003, then Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge declared it "fairly predictable" that "we can anticipate more noise in the system, more threats, because of a potential invasion." Ridge was only echoing a classified intelligence bulletin issued by the FBI the month before, which, according to the New York Times, warned that a war on Iraq "could unleash acts of anti-American violence by extremists who do not belong to Al Qaeda or other Middle Eastern terrorist groups, but sympathize with their grievances against the United States."

This is but a sampling of the consensus at the time, and since then. In January of this year, the National Intelligence Council, the CIA director's nonpartisan think tank, announced that the war has turned Iraq into one giant terrorist training camp, providing terrorists with "a training ground, a recruitment ground [and] the opportunity for enhancing technical skills," and that "some of the jihadists who are not killed there will, in a sense, go home, wherever home is, and will therefore disperse to various other countries."

In September of 2003, it was revealed that British Prime Minister Tony Blair had been warned before the war by his intelligence service that the invasion would increase the chance of terrorist attacks against his own citizens. There was apparently a brief row in Britain about this, but the Prime Minister survived intact, and is widely expected to be reelected on May 5.

Here at home, there has been an alarming lack of any such controversy. On Friday, Knight Ridder quietly reported that Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has elected to stop publishing the State Department's annual report, "Patterns of Global Terrorism," after 20 years. Apparently, that 2004 saw more terrorist attacks than any other year in the report's history — 625, not including attacks on American troops in Iraq and Afghanistan — was a little embarrassing. (The previous record was 175 terrorist attacks in 2003.)

The intelligence community got the important stuff right: the Iraq war has made us less safe, exactly as they predicted. The true failure was one of judgment. And the fact that we aren't all screaming hysterically over this should frighten us more than any suicide bomber ever could.

Mike Sances is a Collegian columnist.

Letters to the Editor

CLASS BOYCOTT NECESSARY

I will be boycotting my classes on April 21 and I want to encourage all students on campus to do the same. On the first day of Spring Break, Chancellor Lombardi released a proposal to reorganize student affairs.

However, this proposal runs contrary to the needs and wants of nearly all the students, faculty and staff of UMass. Lombardi wants to reorganize all of our organizations, RSOs, advocacy agencies and other student-run programs to be controlled under a new branch in the administration.

The disgusting transgressions of the administration are also affecting our graduate students. The graduate students have been bargaining for a contract for over a year now. The University refuses to give them real wage increases, but moreover wants to make them start paying more for healthcare, and take away their childcare and same sex health care benefits.

So why boycott? What will this change? I pay for my classes too, but my question for you is, how can you not boycott? By not boycotting, you are telling Chancellor Lombardi that you don't care about this University; that you think students can't handle their own affairs and that we are too ignorant to manage our own money. We need to show the administration that we are not the uninformed apathetic student body that they assume we are. We need to show that we cannot continue with an administration that treats us as children and attempts to control our affairs and money.

That is why I'm boycotting. I will be taken seriously. I will not play the role they want me to play anymore. I will be listened to.

Shannon A. Keller
UMass student

BOYCOTT PART OF MOBILIZATION

This Thursday, undergraduate students at UMass Amherst will be boycotting classes to express their opposition to the usurpation of student agencies by the University administration. On the same day, graduate students at UMass will be holding a walkout to protest the abysmal terms offered to them at the bargaining table.

Two weeks ago, over 60,000 students marched through the streets of Montreal disrupting "business as usual," demanding financial assistance for those who could not otherwise afford a college education.

For the past week, 11 campuses of the University of Puerto Rico have been shut down due to a student strike aimed at canceling an anticipated tuition increase.

Last week, students at the University of Missouri set up an alternative learning center in the main quad called "Tent State." This weekiong teach-in was organized and directed by students. Students cancelled classes for that week on account of an unresponsive university administration. Both Rutgers University and UC Santa Cruz are holding similar events this week.

Three weeks ago, graduate students at the University of Michigan went on strike to demand a fairer contract that would guarantee a livable wage.

This week, graduate students at both Columbia University and at Yale University are on strike demanding that the University recognize their collective bargaining and allow them to unionize.

Without any sort of coordination, these diverse student groups from across the continent have called for mass mobilization around issues of student autonomy and rights to a livable wage. This is not merely a matter of "everyone's doing it"; this spontaneous action is in response to a frightening trend that we have all identified: the trend towards privatization of resources, centralization of authority and disregard for the democratic process. I believe this massive display of student power will reach the eyes and ears of those in charge, and that this successful mobilization could prove to be a turning point in this ongoing battle to preserve individual agency.

Don't sit this one out. Come down to the Student Union on Thursday and see what democracy looks like. What you will see are people standing up for their most basic human right: to have some control over the conditions in which they live, work and study. The UMass administration would like us to think that students really have no say in what happens on campus. History has proved them wrong, and Thursday's events will once again do the same.

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Pilates isn't all that perfect

By Lisa Liddane
The Orange County Register

As Pilates continues to be one of the most popular exercise formats today, more studies are emerging to examine its benefits. Many longtime practitioners swear by benefits such as flexibility and muscular endurance. Some claim that Pilates can help people lose weight and improve cardiovascular conditioning.

A new but unpublished small study shows that Pilates can enhance muscular endurance, particularly in the abdominals, but may be limited in improving cardiovascular conditioning and helping with weight loss. Michele Olson, a professor at Auburn University in Alabama, presented the study recently at the American College of Sports Medicine Health & Fitness Summit & Exposition in Las Vegas.

The heads-up news: Pilates becomes a better calorie-burning activity only after you've become more proficient. Olson and her team measured the amount of calories burned during beginner, intermediate and advanced Pilates mat workouts for 12 adults. The following findings are a reality check, especially for beginners who count on Pilates for weight loss.

Beginning Pilates was of a low-moderate intensity comparable to active stretching, so it doesn't burn a lot of calories. The intermediate workout was of a moderate intensity level similar to speed walking at 4 to 4.5 mph. The advanced workout was of high-moderate intensity equivalent to basic stepping on a 6-inch platform.

The longer the workout, the more calories burned during intermediate sessions. A 30-minute session at an intermediate level burned 180 calories, and continuing the workout for 15 minutes burned an extra 90 calories.

The good news: Some Pilates mat exercises were better than basic crunches for targeting the abs. The researchers measured abdominal muscle activity during key Pilates mat exercises. Participants performed five Pilates ab exercises, then basic crunches. The researchers found that most of the Pilates exercises challenged the rectus abdominis, the muscle along the middle of abdomen.

The Pilates teaser exercise and roll-up worked out this muscle more than did the crunch. The teaser starts with a lying position and requires one to come up in a seated V-position, extending arms and legs while maintaining balance.

In the roll-up, one starts by lying on the back and extending arms above the head and finishes sitting up with legs and arms extended.

Pilates exercises also are better than the basic crunch in challenging the external obliques, the muscles on either side of the abdomen. The crisscross was especially effective for the external obliques. The crisscross is similar to the abdominal exercise called the bicycle. One places hands behind the head while lying on the floor, then brings the head and torso up while moving the elbow toward opposite knee.

You don't have to be a Pilates student to do these mat exercises. Learn to do them correctly in a private lesson with a well-trained instructor and add them to your routine.



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Fitness expert Lisa Liddane supports the theory that Pilates is great for muscle conditioning but is less helpful for cardiovascular conditioning or weight loss. Calorie burning becomes more effective after becoming proficient.

Blackilicious rocks out at Pearl Street

By Nathan Rothstein
Collegian Staff

There is only one thing better than a happy rapper from California. Two happy rappers. Gift of Gab and Lateef The Truth Speaker were at Pearl Street on Wednesday night to bring happiness back to hip-hop.

Who said hip-hop was dying and had lost its fun? Definitely not these guys. When they arrived on stage a little after 10:30, the crowd was highly anticipating the combination of music plus the words that go with it. For almost an hour, DJ Mike Realm had mixed together a nice brand of hip-hop, soul and classic rock to get the dancing juices flowing. Though after spinning for almost an hour, the crowd was losing attention and ready to hear the main act.

Gift of Gab, one half of Blackalicious, stands about six feet tall, and comes from the overweight rapper school of thought. His stage presence is already gigantic before he even says a word, but as soon as he does, his talent comes alive. His mouth moves like a butterfly flapping its wings as he spits rhyme after rhyme. Unlike Twista, his words are more identifiable, and a more enjoyable, smarter listen. Joining him on stage was Lateef the Truth Speaker, who was a pleasant surprise. Not having the same notoriety as his California peer did not stop Lateef from being so confident. The minute he arrived on stage, he was already pumping his fist and blasting words into the microphone. The crowd immediately fed off his energy, letting him and the Gift of Gab guide them through a night of underground, yet still entertaining hip hop.

Blackilicious
Pearl Street
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April 13

Whenever hip-hop is being performed, crowd participation is vital to the success of the show. Luckily, both Gab and Lateef knew the proper elements of a hip hop show.

After every two songs, they would tell tales about the road that would lead into perfectly synchronized renditions of their songs. Forty minutes into the show, Gab claimed he was "mic hogging" and allowed the dj and his backup singer to take from stage. Though the crowd would never accuse the main act of hogging anything, it was nice to have some soul in between the rap sandwich.

The crowd appreciated many of the songs, but things did not pick up until Gift of Gab went back to the songs that made him famous. After the interlude, Gab took his Blazing Arrow playlist and exemplified his exquisite talent. The songs off Blackalicious' second studio album are complete musical masterpieces. They include a soulful hook, provided by the back up singer, masterful rap verses, a la Gift of Gab, and impressing dj cuts, also included in the Pearl Street package.

By the end of their set, the crowd would not leave, and the performers had no interest in leaving early. Both Lateef and the Gab looked out in the crowd raising their hands up and down, as the crowd roared more. While they stood smiling, knowing they had done their part, the crowd laughed and cheered, realizing hip-hop was fun again.



Blackilicious, a rap group comprised of Gift of Gab and Lateef the Truth Speaker kii the stage at Pearl Street last Wednesday.

'Amityville' creeps you out but isn't great

By Jake Monte
Collegian Staff

The previews for The Amityville Horror alone should arouse feelings of trepidation. By now we all know the formula for the haunted house horror movie.

The happy family, complete with a few kids, innocence, and some humor thrown in, moves into their dream home. The dream home, of course, has a bad history. And the screenwriter, in this case Scott Kosar, has to figure out a way for them to stay in the house once the evil begins.

The Amityville Horror, directed by Andrew Douglas, begins by showing us Ronald Defeo killing his entire family at the behest of voices and murderous urges. This portion of the film is surprisingly good — very intense and well done. Then comes the stereotypical family. There's George Lutz (Ryan Reynolds) who plays the stepdad to Kathy Lutz's (Melissa George) three children. This is one of those box-set melodramatic families complete with a whining rebellious cynical teenager and the time-honored question of, "Will the kids accept George?" which is never resolved. The two younger kid actors have a go at acting cute and, before long the moviegoer, may feel possessed by some murderous urges of your own.

Once the family moves into the home, the evil begins. As the film progresses, the home that looked like a dream mansion in the beginning gets more and more frightening. Kudos on the choice of the house — very creepy. The music sustains the tension, playing even in the beginning portion of the film as the foreboding backdrop to the happy families innocence.

Ryan Reynolds, from Blade Trinity, is known for his improvised humor, and brings his own brand of comedy to the beginning portion of the film. It's slightly funny and this breathes some life into the standard horror movie beginning.

George gradually becomes possessed as the evil in the house gets to him. Apparently, he's not just possessed, but is going in and out of possession. This is one of the film's main weaknesses. We don't know where the real George ends and where the evil George begins. Most of the time he's so monstrous that we have to feel he's completely possessed and incapable of discovering any decency he has inside. Other times, he shows his true self and we wonder where he's been all this time. It really gets out of control when George drops his head, eyes straight ahead, in classic T-1000 fashion, and goes after his family like Jack Nicholson in The Shining. We feel like saying, "Who is this guy anyway?"

The film is as predictable as horror films get and worst of all there are a lot of lines that fall dead. At one point, a priest who has recently been in the house and been violently attacked by a supernatural preponderance of insects, says to the Kathy in a deadpan voice, "Your house frightens me." And we're like "Ya think?"

Many lines like this are laughable, and the last thing you want in the climax of a horror film is the audience laughing.

The Amityville Horror is creepy, engaging, and has a few good scares, just don't expect anything original. This is standard store-bought horror with brand new packaging and that's about it.



Ryan Reynolds stars in "The Amityville Horror", a re-make of the 1979 classic scream flick. The movie centers around a possessed house where a massacre had taken place earlier.

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UMass downs Hobart

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UMass turned around and scored five goals before halftime, led by Sean Morris who had two in the period. The Minutemen gave up one goal to the Statesmen during this stretch, as Nate Molinari ended the drought with 7:55 left in the period.

Morris had a career game, finishing with five goals and three assists. The eight points was a career-high for Morris, who is currently in the running for the Tewaaraton Trophy, an award indicating the best lacrosse player in the nation.

"He played a great game and finished his opportunities, which is great to see. He made a couple of great feeds," Cannella said. "I think Sean and the rest of the guys were able to step up to the challenge they faced"

Morris had the last goal of the half, but the Minutemen were unable to capitalize on a man-up opportunity with time dwindling and the game tied at 7-7.

After a timeout, Zywicki settled the ball near the Minutemen's sideline, couldn't set up a play and lost the final possession. As the team's went into the locker room, Cannella screamed at Zywicki as he jogged past.

"I was upset because we were a man up and if you hold onto the ball going into the half you get the possession back and we'd be a man up," Cannella said. "We talked about it in the huddle, we get upset about it because we expect the guys, especially seniors to step up. Jeff is mature enough to come out and not let that affect him and still play well.

Morris mentioned that Cannella was adamant about his team coming out with intensity into the second half.

"He said to us, 'We are not leaving this locker room until you are ready to play.'" Morris said. "When coach says words like that it really gets me going."

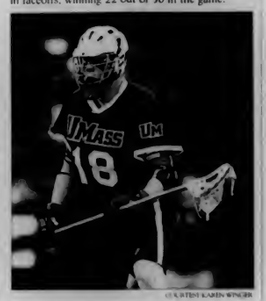
Apparently Zywicki was ready to leave the locker room and canceled out his mistake from the end of the half. Zywicki the first goal of the second half less that a minute into the period, giving the Minutemen a 8-7 lead, their second lead of the game.

UMass outscored Hobart 7-5 in the second half, with a strong defensive effort from Jack Reid, who shut down Nate Hill, the Statesman's second leading goal scorer.

Hill has 15 goals and 15 assists on the year for Hobart., but was unable to notch either against Reid and the Minutemen. Hill had six shots on the day, but was never able to get a clear shot on Schell.

"We put Reid on him," Cannella said with a laugh when asked about his game plan to shut down Hill.

The Minutemen were able to chip away at the Statesmen's lead due to cohesion on offense, but lost most of the hustle battles. Hobart had 38 ground balls to UMass' 34, and dominated the Minutemen in faceoffs, winning 22 out of 30 in the game.



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UMass defenseman Jack Reid shut down Hobarts' second leading scorer Nate Hill on Saturday.

UMass has confidence in Reid

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UMass goalie Bill Schell was able to watch Reid's performance up close throughout the day.

"I don't think he let Nate do what he likes to do, whether it was going right or going left, the moves that he usually pulls off," Schell said. "Jack just shut him down.... If you put Jack on the number-one guy, you don't really worry about it."

Reid has seen his defense improve on an individual level this year, but he credits his teammates for shutting down Hill, too. "I feel really comfortable with my defense, personally, but it really comes down to our unit," Reid said. "Our unit is great. We talk a lot. I've got two other great long poles with me, and we've got Dan Whipple running up top.

"It's just a solid unit, and it's the unit that is getting it done. That's what allows the numbers to be put up that we have. It's not a personal battle, it's just the team defense that's getting it done together."

While shutting down Hill, Reid also found the time to pick up six ground balls and force four turnovers, two of those at the expense of his marked Statesman attacker.

UMass coach Greg Cannella knew his star defenseman would be up to the task of containing Hill, as it has grown to be commonplace this season.

"We told Jack that he was covering him," Cannella said. "We challenged Jack, told him it was one of the best guys you're going to face, and we're going to ask that you do a job on him, be disciplined with him. That was it. Jack did a really good number on him... When we challenge him, he's at his best."

And his opponents are at their worst.

Torra shines in losing effort

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Freshmen third basemen Ryan Francoeur went 2-for-2 with both hits coming as a pinch hitter during the eighth inning rally.

Adamski continued a strong weekend with a break-out performance in Sunday's victory by going 3-for-5 with two runs scored and five runs batted in to lead the offensive charge. Adamski also had a game-tying single in the bottom of eighth in game two on Saturday while going 3-for-9 with three RBIs on the day.

"[Adamski] could play better, but I'm pleased to see him finally coming through with the bat," Stone said. "I still think a lot of guys can play better. Not just getting the hits, but by playing good, sound defense."

UMass ace Matt Torra went 10.2 innings as the starter for the first game on Saturday, but still could pull out the win as the Hawks won 4-2.

Torra gave up only three hits and one earned run while striking out a career-high 16 strikeouts. After giving up a single in the second inning, Torra retired 23 consecutive batters before giving up a double in the tenth inning. The Pittsfield native only threw 107 pitches on the day.

"It is frustrating, but everyone is frustrated about the way we played because we lost 11 one-run games," Stone said. "We got to get over the hump somehow, but [Torra] has done a great job. He's definitely pitched well enough to win and then some. We just need to produce more."

Despite a monstrous two-run homerun in the fourth by Jason Twomley, his ninth of the year, the Minutemen could not find a way to beat the Hawks in extra innings. The homerun was Twomley's ninth of the year.

The Minutemen were up 5-3 when senior hurler Keith Doherty was replaced by junior David Sullivan after Doherty loaded the bases. In his first batter faced, Sullivan gave up a grand slam to Hawks third baseman Nick Baldasari. UMass responded with two runs in the bottom of the seventh, but could not respond to the Hawks' run in the eighth, losing 8-7.

Minutewomen turn it around

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in order in the bottom of the seventh, as UMass went quietly, save for a solo homer by Stacy Cullington, which resulted in the 11-3 final score.

"I thought our pitchers really struggled in the first game," UMass coach Elaine Sortino said. "They really weren't able to do what they wanted to do with the ball. That, coupled with four errors, really put our backs against the wall. We hit the ball pretty well, but we hit a lot right at them."

UMass batters were kept off balance all game by Temple pitcher Richelle Villescas. Villescas went the distance for the win, allowing only six hits.

"We didn't really do much other than that first inning," junior catcher KJ Kelley said. "Hitting comes and goes, and sometimes it's not there. We hit the ball but it went right to them."

UMass responded in Game 2, again getting on the board in the first. Puglia led off with a single to right, and Amanda Morin, who extended her hitting streak to 11 games in the second game, followed with a double to left off Villescas. Kelley then connected on her team-leading eighth home run of the season to left-center.

A single by Denise Denis then chased Villescas after only four batters. After Sulick bunted Denis over to second base, Lauren Proctor poked a single to left to score Denis and give UMass a 4-0 advantage.



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Junior pitcher Jenna Busa has gone 8-4 on the year for the Minutewomen while sporting a 2.57 ERA with 83 strikeouts.

Temple got a run back off of Busa in the third, but the Minutewomen responded with six runs in their half of the inning. UMass batted around, as the first six batters all reached safely.

The big hit in the inning came off the bat of Lesley Ferrara. Ferrara got the start in the second game in the place of Molinari who left the first game after fouling a ball off her knee, and delivered with a three-run homer to break the game open. The home run was the first of the junior's career.

Busa (8-4, 2.57 ERA) held Temple scoreless in the fourth and fifth innings to complete the 10-1 mercy-rule victory.

Both Sortino and Kelley were encouraged by the improved performance in the second game.

"I was happy because we kept swinging the bats and we had a lot more to show for it," Sortino said. "More importantly, Jenna did a better job on the mound and our defense played better."

"We knew we had to come-back," Kelley said. "We know we have the talent on our team to beat any team in the conference. We knew we just had to step it up so we really took it to them in the second game."

The results on Friday were far more favorable for the Minutewomen, as they pounded out 21 runs on 28 hits in the sweep of St. Joe's (13-17 2-4 A-10).

Things did not get off to a good start for the Minutewomen, however, as LaFogg surrendered two runs in the first inning of the first game, ending a stretch of 23 innings without allowing an earned run at home.

UMass tied the score at two in the third as Kristi Stefanoni singled and scored on Puglia's triple to right. Molinari then slapped a liner to short that was mishandled, allowing Puglia to score.

The Maroon and White scored three more runs in the fifth to take a 5-2 lead. Proctor, the team's leading batter with a .368 average, led off with a single and advanced to second on a wild pitch. Morin then ripped a single off the first baseman's leg. Sarah Hurd, Puglia and Cullington each followed with RBI singles.

LaFogg gave one run back in the fifth, but UMass put the game away with three runs in the sixth. In Game 2, UMass fell behind 1-0 in the second inning, but erased the deficit with a huge third inning, in which UMass sent 14 batters to the plate, collected 10 hits and scored nine runs.

The first 10 batters in the inning reached base safely, with a two-run triple by Proctor and a two-run single by Kelley doing much of the damage.

UMass secured the mercy-rule win with four more runs in the fourth, extending its lead to 13-1.

Busa got the first of her two wins on the weekend, allowing just one unearned run and two hits.

Even though the Minutewomen won three of four this weekend, Sortino sees room for improvement.

"We're very disappointed," Sortino said. "We need to be better so we have a good trip to Boston College."

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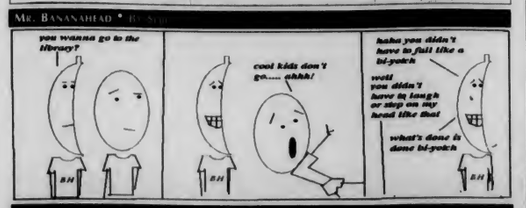
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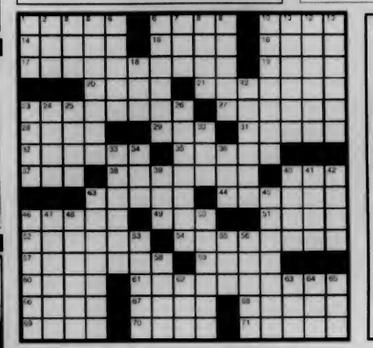
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A Hobart Hoedown

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

GENEVA, N.Y. — The Hobart College lacrosse team gathered in a tight circle on the side of Boswell Field before its game against No. 10 UMass on Saturday. The Statesmen shouted, jumped up and down, then turned around to give the Massachusetts men's lacrosse team (8-2 2-1 ECAC) its toughest first quarter of the season.

Hobart (5-5 1-3 ECAC) jumped out to a 5-2 lead in the first stanza, but the Minutemen came back with 12 goals over the next three periods and defeated the Statesmen 14-12, in its third ECAC game of the season.

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UMass returns to action on Saturday to take on No. 5 Georgetown at Garber Field for a 1 p.m. face-off.

Hobart sophomore Chris David put up a hat-trick in the first quarter, with two of the goals coming unassisted. David scored the first goal of the game with 14:03 left, off a hustle play in front of the net, which caught UMass keeper Bill Schell off guard. David would finish with four goals in the game.

Jeff Zywicki answered less than three minutes later, but Statesman Mike Conklin responded soon after. The Minutemen were getting beaten to the ground balls, losing the battle in the first period 10-to-4, which led to several Hobart goals.

"We didn't really change anything, we just told our guys to settle down," UMass coach Greg Cannella said. "A couple of those opportunities came off of loose balls and he came in and started to pick at them. We just had to talk, talk through the picks and get organized."

The Statesmen started where they left off at the beginning of the second period, when Conklin received a pass from Daryl Veltman (who scored the last goal of the first period) and beat Schell, putting the score at 6-2.

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COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Sean Morris had five goals and three assists for UMass against Hobart College on Saturday afternoon. Morris' eight points are a career high. Morris also leads the Minutemen in goals with 27, while dishing out a team-high 16 assists.

Reid shines on defense for UM

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

GENEVA, N.Y. — It's hard to imagine that in a game that saw 26 goals, 77 shots, four hat tricks and an eight-point performance from Sean Morris, there was actually a tremendous defensive effort thrown into the mix during the game between the Massachusetts men's lacrosse team and Hobart on Saturday.

UMass junior defenseman Jack Reid manned up on Hobart's leading scorer, Nate Hill, and shut him down all afternoon, keeping Hill off the scoring sheet for just the second time this season.

Hill, who entered the day with 15 goals and 15 assists for a team-leading 30 points, was just two points shy of tying Jamie Breslin's career mark of 138 points, the most Division I points in Hobart history.

The senior Statesman will look to add to his 136 career points and break the school record at St. John's on Saturday.

"It was [Hill's] Senior Day, and it was a personal thing," Morris said about Reid's outlook heading into the game. "He needed two points to become the all-time scorer, and all week Jack was taking it personal."

Reid, who usually matches up with the opposition's most dangerous offensive player, has not allowed the man he has guarded to score in four of UMass' last six games.

Hill had recorded at least a goal and an assist in four consecutive games, and had notched a point in his last eight outings.

During his week of preparation for Hill, Reid's scouting routine, which is highly regarded by his teammates and coaching staff, included watching Hill's game tapes and putting them to use on the practice field.

"Me and Brian Iacovina were working with him all week and really preparing him," Morris said after the game. "Jack does the scouting report well and scouts every opponent out of respect, and it doesn't surprise me that he shut him down."

"Nate Hill was a big focus for our defense," Reid said. "We figured he scores about four or five points a game. If we could take some of those points off the board, we'd give ourselves a good chance to be close at the end.

"I focused on him all week. I was watching a lot of video, doing a lot of extra stuff in practice. He was my main focus all week, and I did my best to get the job done."

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Mixed results for Minutewomen

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts softball team saw its 82-game home regular season unbeaten streak end on Sunday, but still managed to win three of four games at home against Atlantic 10 foes over the weekend.

UMass (21-12-1 7-3 A-10) opened the weekend with two blowout wins over Saint Joseph's on Friday, winning the first game of the doubleheader 8-3, and taking the second game 13-1.

On Sunday, the Temple Owls visited Amherst and trounced UMass 11-3 in the first of two games. The loss was only the third ever by UMass to an A-10 opponent at the UMass Softball Complex and just the sixth regular season loss since the park opened in 2000. UMass rebounded with a 10-1 win in the second game of the doubleheader.

The Minutewomen's next three games will be on the road, as they travel to Boston College for a single game today at 4 p.m. and then travel to face Saint Bonaventure for a doubleheader on Friday. UMass returns home on Sunday to host a doubleheader against North Carolina State.

UMass appeared to be on its way to extending its season-long nine game winning streak in the first game with Temple, as the Minutewomen struck first.

Hilary Puglia led off the bottom of the first with a homer over the wall in left-center. Candice Molinari followed and was hit by a pitch, and then stole second base. Molinari is perfect on the year on stolen base attempts, and her 25 steals ranks first in the A-10 and 14th in the NCAA.

After Temple got two outs, Pam Sulick hit a double off the left field wall to score Molinari and give UMass a 2-0 lead.

UMass held the lead until the third inning, when Temple scratched together three runs to take the lead. Temple (12-24 1-7 A-10) tacked on three more in the fifth to extend its lead to 6-2, as UMass pitcher Barb LaFogg was uncharacteristically ineffective.

LaFogg (13-8, 2.35 ERA) was plagued by control problems all afternoon as she walked three batters and hit two others. Her lack of control was especially costly because three of the bases on balls came with the bases loaded, forcing in three runs.

Jenna Busa came on to relieve LaFogg in the sixth and struggled as well. Busa allowed one run in the sixth, and left with the bases loaded in the seventh. Busa was charged with five runs (two earned) in only one inning of work.

Freshman Maggie Feix came on to make her collegiate pitching debut with the bases loaded and nobody out. The Owls pushed four more runs across in the inning, all of which were charged to Busa, to give them an 11-2 lead.

A dramatic comeback was not

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UMass takes one of three

By Todd Foster
Collegian Staff

After a pair of close losses on Saturday, the Massachusetts baseball team used a six-run outburst in the eighth inning to win 12-9 on Sunday during the third game of a weekend series with St. Joseph's at Earl Lorden Field.

The Hawks needed extra innings in both games on Saturday to defeat the Minutemen, 4-2 in 11 innings in the first game and 8-7 in eight innings in the second. UMass responded on Sunday by putting up a season-high 12 runs on another season-high with 17 hits in the victory.

The Minutemen are set to play in the annual Beanpot Classic with their first game against Harvard at LeLaucher Field in Lowell, Mass. First pitch is thrown at two p.m.

Holding a 6-1 lead in the top of sixth inning, the Minutemen almost gave away the game with three errors that cost them five unearned runs. St. Joseph's produced a run in the seventh, eighth, and ninth, but the six-run effort in eighth secured the Maroon and White win.

"I'm relieved that the baseball game is finally over and we're ahead," UMass coach Mike Stone said. "We made things difficult on ourselves by giving away a 6-1 lead. Jermey Demers pitched a great game, but we got to play better defense, but we finally came through when it mattered and that was good."

UMass jumped out to an early 5-0 lead in the first inning. The first two hitters, junior centerfielder Derrick Durepo and sophomore first baseman Bill Rankin, started the rally with two back-to-back singles. After a balk by St. Joseph's starter Robert Unkel, senior rightfielder Jason Twomley walked to load the bases with no outs.

Following senior leftfielder Curt Szado's sacrifice fly to score Durepo, sophomore third baseman Byran Adamski launched his first career homerun over the left field fence to clear the bases and take the 4-0 lead. Freshman Zach Thomas hit in freshman Brian Garrity for the final run of the rally.

Each team added a run in the fourth to make the score 6-1 before the five unearned runs given up by UMass in sixth.

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COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Stepping up

Freshman Kristen Bakanowski goes for a jump during the Brown Invitational yesterday. Bakanowski came in third place overall while the Minutewomen finished in sixth as a team. The Minutemen also participated in the Brown Invitational and came in sixth place as well.

Crew team takes home Knecht Cup

By Jon Pelland
Collegian Staff

For the second straight year the Massachusetts women's crew team lifted the Knecht Cup, taking the varsity eight race in Saturday and Sunday's Knecht Cup Regatta.

In order to win the cup the Minutewomen had to defeat 27 others schools which included two other Atlantic 10 schools, George Washington and Rhode Island.

"It was a great weekend for us," UMass coach Jim Dietz said. "It was very impressive to have three A-10 schools in the final."

The UMass varsity eight checked in with the winning time of 6:43.8. George Washington came in second with a time of 6:50.2 and URI came in sixth, finishing the course in 6:57.4. Also participating in the final were Sacramento State, Gonzaga and Marist.

The boat that captured the cup for the Maroon and White included Ellen Maskrey, Lea Jakobsen, Gabrielle Papineau, Hannah Brewster, Stephanie Hopf, Katie Berger, Faith Harkins and Catherine Garlepy. Kristina Ferraro was the coxswain for the boat.

"The varsity eight is the premiere race in the regatta," Dietz said. "They've bounced back from some disappointing loses to Syracuse and Columbia and hopefully they'll be able to show their speed this weekend [in the A-10 tournament]."

Also picking up victories for UMass were the varsity quad and Jakobsen in the singles.

The varsity quad was able to hold off Kansas and Rhode Island to win the race with a time of 7:54.80.

Jakobsen defeated teammate Garlepy to take the varsity single race. Jakobsen had a time of 9:58.20 while Garlepy checked in at 10:05.50.

Another bright spot for the Minutewomen this past weekend was the varsity four. The boat which consisted of rowers Kristen Boyce, Allie Bahn, Jess Bridge, and Jackie Tuell with Allison Medoff on the coxswain finished fourth. They were able to finish higher than any other A-10 school that entered the race.

The duo of Harkins and Papineau came in second place in the varsity pairs with teammates Melissa Stewart and Tara Guinan came in third place. Harkins and Papineau finished in 9:37.8 while Stewart and Guinan were almost a minute behind at 10:36.60.

All-in-all, Dietz felt that it was a very productive weekend for his team.

"It was good for us to see how we are against other A-10 schools," Dietz said. "The lower boats were able to learn a lot this weekend."

This weekend coming up the Minutewomen are slated to compete in the Atlantic 10 Conference Championship in Camden, New Jersey. The regatta will take place on the same exact course as the Knecht Cup. UMass will be going for its tenth straight A-10 championship.

"Consistency is going to be key for us this weekend," Dietz said. "I hope we can show our speed."

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GEO encourages class boycott Thursday

By Mike Sances
Collegian Staff

Tensions between administrators and student leaders escalated this week with plans for a class boycott and student walkout set for Thursday. The joint action, which will also include a teach-in and a barbeque with live music, is being put on by the Graduate Employee Organization, engaged in bitter contract negotiations with the University for over a year now, and the undergraduate group Take Back UMass, who have condemned Chancellor John V. Lombardi's Draft Action Plan, first issued last month.

In addition to several faculty members who support the walk-out, author Barbara Ehrenreich, whose best-selling book "Nickel and Dimed" is required reading for students in the university's Labor Studies department, will be speaking on the Student Union steps at 1:00pm.

Ehrenreich, whose writing focuses on labor issues, has also been published in the New York Times Magazine, the Washington Post Magazine, the Atlantic Monthly, and the Nation.

The Chancellor's proposal, released on the first day of Spring Break last month, was immediately denounced by then Student Government President Eduardo Bustamante, who in an opinion piece in the Massachusetts Daily Collegian called it the latest step in "a longstanding plan by a high-ranking UMass official to usurp the autonomy of the SGA and silence the voice of dissenting students."

Although released as a response to the Commission on Campus Diversity, Bustamante and others were quick to point out that while all twelve of the Commission's recommendations relating to academic affairs were included in the Chancellor's proposal, all eleven other recommendations, those relating to student affairs, were not.

Instead, the Draft Action Plan outlines the creation of a new Center for Student Development, which will centralize control of

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COURTESY GEO

A mother and her child gather last month to protest the University and the contract negotiation.

RFK Jr. criticizes environment policy

By Michael Busack
Collegian Staff

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. spoke to an enthusiastic crowd in Bowker Auditorium last night, addressing a wide range of subjects, varying from the Bush administration's environmental policies to the need for campaign finance reform.

"This administration doesn't understand America," Kennedy said. "They don't understand the values that are worth dying for."

The central theme of Kennedy's lecture focused on many of the thoughts that are discussed in his book titled "Crimes Against Nature: How George W. Bush and His Corporate Pals are Plundering the Country and Hijacking our Democracy." The book, which was released in early August of 2004, attacks the President's policies, stating that President Bush has rewritten American environmental laws to favor industrial polluters, and replaced the environmental leaders in his administration with corporate executives who were at one time responsible for companies that were most guilty of polluting.

Kennedy also pointed some blame towards the American media, saying at one point in the lecture that "we are becoming the most entertained, but least informed people on Earth."

"They are not telling us the stories that are affecting our lives," Kennedy said.

Kennedy said that many people who have been critical of environmental reform have cited financial woes as the main reason for their opinion. He stated that he believes that in contrary, environmental support is support of a free-market capitalism.

"There's no stronger advocate for free-market capitalism than myself," Kennedy said. "The Bush administration however believes in capitalism for the poor and socialism for the rich."

"You have to remember the domination of government by business is called fascism," Kennedy added as the crowd cheered.

Often drawing to references of his father Robert F. Kennedy and his uncle President John F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy Jr. spoke a great deal about family, values, God and nature during his wistful address to the near-capacity audience. He even at one point jokingly referred to the husband of Maria Shriver (daughter of Kennedy sister Eunice Kennedy Shriver) and Governor of California, Arnold Schwarzenegger as his "cousin."

Kennedy spoke fondly, and nostalgically of family, at one point mentioning his tours through Europe as a boy with his "Uncle Jack," saying that "everywhere we went we were met with hundreds, sometimes thousands of people, and it was all because they wanted to be near an American politician."

Kennedy says now America has become "the most hated country on Earth."

At the conclusion of the speech, Kennedy held a short question and answer session, in which audience members were allowed to participate. One student addressed Kennedy's comments about the

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Campaign targets Apple computers

By David Fonseca
Collegian Staff

A national campaign to reduce electronic waste has targeted Apple Computers for failing to develop a recycling policy that would prevent harmful toxins found in its products from polluting the environment.

The Computer Take Back Campaign has made Apple the focus of its effort to reduce electronic waste, the fastest growing municipal waste stream in the United States.

After encouraging computer industry leaders Hewlett Packard and Dell to update their recycling policies, The Computer Take Back Campaign has accused Apple of lagging behind the competition by not enacting recycling polices that match their forward thinking image.

"Apple seems to be the only company saying 'no' right now, and we're not really sure why," said Rob Chamberlain, a representative of the University of Massachusetts branch of the Computer Take Back Campaign.

"They have this really progressive image, and it just isn't matching up with their actions."

"It's odd because when the Computer Take Back Campaign targeted Dell, they finally came around and started advocating our campaign, and so has HP," Chamberlain added.

Apple currently complies with legislation in Europe and Japan that requires companies to set up take back programs for retired products.

It is only in the United States that Apple has yet to set up any such programs.

In addition to not setting up

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Conclave elects Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger as pope

By Nike Price
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — The smoke wafting into the sky Tuesday appeared to be white, but was it? Nobody could be sure as 17 agonizing minutes ticked by on the ornate clock atop St. Peter's Basilica. Then the bells below began to toll and people screamed in joy.

More than 100,000 faithful overflowed St. Peter's Square and spilled into the streets of Rome to cheer as Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany emerged from the red velvet drapes of the basilica as Pope Benedict XVI.

"Benedetto!" the crowd chanted. "Viva il Papa!" National flags waved above the multitudes. People from six continents hugged their neighbors and jumped in joy. Many shed tears of bliss; some wept in disappointment.

"We love you!" screamed Hans Gonzalez, 31, of San Francisco, pumping his arms in the air.

The announcement of a new pope kept everyone guessing to the end. People had been packing the square since Monday evening to watch the Sistine Chapel chimney for signs of the election. Black smoke meant an unsuccessful ballot; white smoke — accompanied by bells — meant the cardinals had chosen a new pope.

When the smoke went up at 5:45 p.m., it seemed white. But after two false alarms in as many rounds of voting, no one was sure.

People argued about the color of the smoke. Some sections of the crowd were silent; others jumped in the air chanting, "Habemus papam!" — "We have a pope!" Waves of applause gave way to the silence of uncertainty.

As the minutes passed many began to believe the smoke had been black, because no bells were ringing. "When it blows in front of the wall it really looks white, but where are the bells?" asked Jose Ignacio Rodriguez, 28, of Puebla, Mexico.

There was a brief flutter when the bells rang at 6 p.m., but the cheers died down when they stopped. They had been ringing the hour.

Only two minutes passed before they started up again, and it was official.

People screamed and climbed onto their chairs. Wild applause spread through the crowd.

"Oh my gosh, this is insane!" said Amy Turnipseed, 21, of Bakersfield, Calif.

Italian Carmela da Lazo, 65, called home to deliver a matter-of-fact report: "The bell is ringing," she said. Then, she added: "Ciao."

People rushed toward Vatican City from across Rome, many of them running to try to catch a glimpse of the new pope as he appeared on the balcony. More than 100,000 people crowded into the square and into surrounding streets.

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Thousands gather to remember Oklahoma City bombing tragedy

By Kelly Kurt
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Children who lost their parents in the Oklahoma City bombing recited the names of the dead, and mourners gently laid bouquets on empty chairs symbolizing each victim Tuesday as they observed the 10th anniversary of the nation's worst act of domestic terrorism.

In a church that served as a temporary morgue after the blast, more than 1,600 people remembered those who died with 168 seconds of silence starting at 9:02 a.m., the moment that the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building collapsed into a heap of desks, concrete, and bodies on April 19, 1995.

They also honored the survivors, the rescuers and the endurance of a damaged city that former President Clinton said "made us all Americans again."

"Oklahoma City changed us all. It broke our hearts and lifted our spirits and brought us together," said Clinton, who was in office on the sunny morning that Timothy McVeigh brought his bomb and hatred for the government to the city in a Ryder truck.

Across the street at the Oklahoma City National Memorial, in the grassy field where the building once stood, 168 empty chairs were a solemn reminder of the carnage of a decade earlier. Teddy bears were placed on miniature chairs representing the 19 children slain in the building's day-care.



Former President Bill Clinton, second from the left, stands alongside Vice President Dick Cheney among others at a ceremony in honor of those lost in the Oklahoma City bombing.

Juanita Espinosa wiped away tears as she stood in front of the pint-sized chair of her cousin, 2-year-old Zackary Chavez.

"They found his head one week.

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Newly-elected Pope Benedict XVI greets the crowd in St. Peter's Square yesterday after white smoke spewed from the Vatican, signifying the decision of a new pope.

Massachusetts hopeful for pope

BOSTON — At the epicenter of the clergy sex abuse scandal that brought unprecedented changes and multimillion-dollar settlements to the Roman Catholic church, Massachusetts Catholics were hoping — but not hopeful — that the next pope would help to reform a church some believe is out of step.

The selection of German Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger as the next pope was greeted Tuesday as a gain for the status quo and a setback for critics who see the clergy sex abuse crisis as an outgrowth of an unaccountable, topdown hierarchy.

"He tends to regard the abuse crisis as a result of the decadence of American society seeping into the seminaries and into the clergy, with the understanding that the American press exaggerates it because it's interested in sensationalism and titillation," said Stephen Pope, chairman of the theology department at Jesuit-run Boston College.

He said Ratzinger's recent sermons and his service since 1981 as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith have earned him a reputation as a fierce critic of efforts to reform church hierarchy.

"I don't think he considers the crisis to be one of power, and a reflection of the need for real changes in the way church decisions are made," Pope said.

Ratzinger, 78, was a close confidant of his predecessor, Pope John Paul II, who died on April 2.

The dean of the College of Cardinals used his homily at the Mass dedicated to electing the next pope to warn the faithful about tendencies that he considered dangers to the faith: sects, ideologies like Marxism, liberalism, atheism, agnosticism and relativism — the ideology that there are no absolute truths.

Ratzinger has disciplined church dissidents and upheld church policy against attempts by liberals for reforms, and sees obedience to church doctrine as crucial.

Springfield Bishop Timothy McDonnell said in a statement that Ratzinger's selection has given the church "the gift of continuity, the gift of grace and the gift of ongoing pastoral ministry. The people of the Diocese of Springfield promise our new Holy Father their affection, their fidelity, and their prayers, we know that God will grace him with the ability to lead and to strengthen all God's people."

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Correction

The Collegian incorrectly stated in the headline and first paragraph of yesterday's nursing school article that enrollment in nursing schools were declining, however, nursing enrollment doubled this academic year compared to last at the University of Massachusetts.

Closing arguments given in murder trial

BOSTON — Lawyers for two brothers charged with murdering a 22-year-old homeless woman claimed their clients are scapegoats, blamed for the crime by a "cast of society's misfits."

Ana White and Lauren Alleyne, both 21, avoided life in prison when they pleaded guilty to helping kill Jo Nachwey on Nov. 3, 2001. In exchange, they testified against four men who allegedly plotted the murder to send a message to other recruits in their fledgling gang.

In their closing arguments Tuesday, lawyers for Ismael Vasquez, 27, and his 22-year-old brother, Luis, claimed the women are liars who couldn't keep their stories straight when police questioned them.

Elliot Weinstein, Ismael Vasquez's attorney, described White as a "manipulative, deceiving sociopath" who laughed, joked and sang along with Alleyne in the back of a police cruiser after they were arrested.

"These young women have a powerful reason to blame others," Weinstein said. "Would each lie to regain their freedom? Would each lie to avoid spending the rest of their lives in state prison? Of course they would, and they did."

Alleyne signed her plea agreement three days before the trial started, five months after White cut her deal.

"She saw the deal Ana White was getting," said Luis Vasquez's lawyer, Michael Doolin. "As a result of that, she's a parrot and she's a copycat."

—*Associated Press*



A member of the jury in the Harvard murder trail inspects a blood-stained pair of jeans yesterday during the trial.

Ivy League students strike

By Matt Apuzzo
Associated Press

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Hundreds of graduate students at Yale and Columbia kicked off a five-day teaching strike Monday, a coordinated movement that organizers hope will force Ivy League administrators to recognize them as a union.

It is the first ever multi-campus strike for Ivy League graduate student teachers, who face an uphill battle to win recognition. The National Labor Relations Board ruled last year that graduate students at private universities are students, not workers, and cannot form unions.

To win union recognition, universities would have to voluntarily grant it — something they have refused to do.

The graduate students have pledged not to teach classes, grade papers or host review sessions this week. Their demands include health care for family members and a grievance process that would allow student teachers to raise concerns with the universities.

Yale and Columbia administrators say the strikes should have minimal effect on classes. The unions predicted hundreds of teaching assistants would walk out, but the exact number would not be known for days because graduate students teach classes at different times.

"All the classes and sections scheduled today appear to be covered, either because the grad student involved is not participating in the strike or because the faculty have made other arrangements," Yale spokesman Tom Conroy said.

Union organizers have found Ivy League campuses the ideal backdrop for a national drive to bring graduate students under the union umbrella. But Monday's strike represented a new tact. Rather than fighting individual administrators, which has proven unsuccessful, unions hope coordinated efforts will force a sea change in the Ivy League.

"We're in a fight against the Bush administration, who refuse to recognize graduate students as teachers," Connecticut Secretary of State Susan Bysiewicz, a Yale graduate, said at a morning rally with about 250 pickets and supporters.

Bysiewicz certified last year that the pro-union group at Yale represented about 500 graduate student teachers. New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer made a similar certification for the group at Columbia, which claims about 1,000 members. Both moves were strictly symbolic.

At Columbia, graduate students were scheduled to take buses to City Hall, where several union members said they planned to testify about unions in higher education.

"Quite a few classes have been either canceled or moved off campus," said Dehlia Hannah, a philosophy graduate student at Columbia.

Yale organizers did not ask that classes be moved off campus.



Students from Yale and Columbia University take part in a five day walk-out strike yesterday.

GEO set to rally tomorrow for negotiations

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all forty core student organizations — including the Student Government Association, Office of African Latino Asian Native American Affairs, Everywoman's Center, Greek Affairs, Legal Services, WMUA, UVC-TV19 and the Daily Collegian — and place them in the hands of a new Associate Vice Chancellor. The Center would also take control of over two hundred Registered Student Organizations.

"What concerns us the most is that his proposal will strip the independence and autonomy of the student organizations on campus," said Mushy Leiblum, a junior Social Thought and Political Economy major and member of Take Back UMass, the undergraduate group. "We're talking about a power grab."

Asked about the process for the Draft Action Plan's approval and implementation, Jeff Napolitano, also a member of Take Back UMass, replied bluntly, "There is no process. It's whatever the Chancellor wants." While there is a feedback period for the plan, critics view it as largely symbolic. The feedback period is set to expire by the end of this week.

The Graduate Employee Organization is cosponsoring Thursday's events, and has urged all Teaching Assistants and Resident Advisors to attend GEO rallies instead of classes. The union, which represents over 2400 graduate employees, is protesting the same failed contract negotiations that provoked a March 31 rally of some 600 GEO members and supporters. Members allege that the university is refusing to back down on proposed cuts to wages and benefits, including health and child care.

Meghan McDonough, a graduate student and mother of a three-year-old child, was especially concerned with the plan to shut down the University Child Care service. "UCC has been a real resource for me on campus and a lot of others," she said, adding that the daycare program made it possible for her to work toward her Master's.

"I think the university is trying to move toward running this place like a business, and not like

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Campaign targets Apple for not reducing electronic waste

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any take back programs of its own, Apple has also lobbied against legislation in Maine that would require companies to take back obsolete products.

One of the goals of the Computer Take Back Campaign has been to raise awareness among Apple users and employees.

At the UMass Mac User Group's second annual Mac Expo, members of the Computer Take Back Campaign were on hand to pass out information sheets and postcards that will be filled out delivered to Apple CEO Steve Jobs.

"I talked to members of the Mac User group about our campaign a few days ago, and they were totally enthusiastic about it," said Chamberlain.

"So the strategy now is to get them involved. They seem like a really tight network, and they also seem like they are really interested in progressive movements."

Dave Isbitz, President of the UMass Mac User Group agreed that it was time Apple to step up their recycling policy. "I totally applaud [the Computer Take Back Campaign], Apple needs to get with the times."

According to the Computer Take Back Campaign's Web site 133,000 personal computers are retired and replaced each day.

Contained in these computers are hazardous materials such as plastic, lead, cadmium, chromium, and mercury, all of which can pollute groundwater when placed in landfills.

Despite the hazards of electronic waste, only ten to 15 percent of unwanted PCs are recycled in the United States. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the amount of electronic waste in landfills will increase four fold in the next few years.

"It's a big problem that doesn't get a lot of coverage," said Rob Chamberlain.

"It's not something you see on a day to day basis, and their isn't really anybody pushing for it to be visible."

According to "unApple: An Alternative Annual Report," found on the The Computer Take Back Campaign's Web site, there will be 10.5 million old Apples in need of recycling in the United States by the year 2008.

These retired computers will account for 1.4 tons of lead.

Discarded electronic equipment currently accounts for 40 percent of the lead found in landfills in the United States.

Thousands visit the site of the Oklahoma City bombing

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and his body another week," she said. "It's still too much to think about."

Regina Bonny, a retired undercover agent with the Drug Enforcement Agency who was pulled from the debris, placed wreaths and flowers on the chairs of four slain co-workers. "I pray over them. I talk to them," she said. "I'll never let anyone forget them."

McVeigh was convicted of federal conspiracy and murder charges and executed on June 11, 2001. Conspirator Terry Nichols is serving multiple life sentences after being convicted in federal and state court.

"I'm on the road to forgiveness," said Jannie Coverdale, who lost her two young grandsons, Aarun and Elijah, in the blast. "I will feel much better once I can forgive Tim McVeigh and Terry Nichols."

Vice President Dick Cheney also spoke at the ceremony, telling survivors and family members of victims that goodness has overcome the evil of the blast in the last 10 years.

"All humanity can see you experienced bottomless cruelty and responded with heroism," Cheney said. "Your strength was challenged and you held firm. Your faith was tested and it has not wavered."

In a statement, President Bush said Oklahoma City "will always be one of those places in our national memory where the worst and the best both came to pass."

Clinton got a chuckle when he mentioned the Survivor Tree, the elm that was heavily damaged in the bombing and is now a leafy green reminder of it.

"Boy, that tree was ugly when I first saw it (in 1995), but survive it did," Clinton said.

"Trees are good symbols for what you did. You can't forget the past of a tree. It's in the roots, and if you lose the roots you lose the tree. But the nature of the tree is to always reach for tomorrow. It's in the branches."

Behind him sat living symbols of hope: four fidgeting children who survived the blast.

P.J. Allen, Brandon and Rebecca Denny and Christopher Nguyen reminded the crowd of the memorial's creed, "May all who leave here know the impact of violence. May this memorial offer comfort, strength, peace, hope and serenity."

The former president and the vice president stood and applauded them.

Kennedy addresses UMass

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corruption of the Bush administration, asking him to elaborate on what makes this administration "any more corrupt than any other."

Kennedy seemed not to flinch at the question, stating that he always says that 95 percent of republicans are corrupt, and 75 percent of democrats are corrupt.

Kennedy, 51, is a senior attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council, and chief prosecuting attorney for the Riverkeeper organization. He is also founder and president of the Waterkeeper Alliance, a group of attorneys that supports local Waterkeeper programs. He has contributed articles in the past to the New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Atlantic Monthly, Esquire, The Boston Globe and The Washington Post. He is also the former Assistant District Attorney of New York City.



Robert Kennedy Jr. visits UMass to speak. Kennedy criticized the Bush administration on the environment al policy.

Graduate students to protest Chancellor's plan and contract

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a democratic and publicly funded institution," McDonough said, linking the Chancellor's plan with the proposed cuts in graduate employee wages and benefits.

Nationwide activism by graduate students has been on the rise in recent months. Graduate students at Columbia and Yale are striking this week in order to gain union recognition. At Harvard, students launched a campaign calling on the their school to divest from a Chinese firm linked to the genocide in Sudan, succeeding earlier this month. Also, in Boston last Wednesday, students demonstrated on the Boston Common in support of the faculty union at Emerson College.

Historian and local activist Howard Zinn, author of "A People's History of the United States" endorsed Thursday's events at the University of Massachusetts early in the week. "I would like to express my solidarity with the graduate students at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst," Zinn said in a written statement. "Graduate students have too often been exploited as cheap labor by academic institutions, and it is refreshing to see them organizing and demanding their rights."

On Tuesday, flyers encouraging students and staff to boycott Thursday's classes were ubiquitous on campus. At press time, many classes for Thursday, which is a Monday schedule due to the long weekend, had been cancelled. Nearly 200 professors had signed a statement pledging not to punish their students for missing class tomorrow.

Picketing is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. around Lederle, Bartlett, Herter, and Thompson Halls, with a teach-in to be held at the Student Union. At noon, a barbeque will be held on the Student Union lawn. Threnreich will be speaking at 1:00pm on the Student Union steps, followed by another teach-in.

Chancellor Lombardi could not be reached for comment. A spokesman for the university, Ed Blaguszewski, maintained that "the university is open for business (and) classes are scheduled" for Thursday.

Blaguszewski declined to estimate how many students will choose to forego classes tomorrow. "We'll see what happens," he said.

Reaction among students ranged from indifferent to supportive. Kristen Bollo, a junior sociology major, said she sympathizes with the graduate students. "They're the facilitators of this entire institution," she said, adding that her experience with teaching assistants here has been very positive.

While no student interviewed disagreed with the sentiments behind the demonstrations, some questioned how much a walkout would really change.

"I don't really see how this will affect the situation, beyond making it harder for me and my professors to have class," said Joe Liskowsky, a senior who is majoring in physics.

But Napolitano denied that the boycott would hurt students' education. "The fact of the matter is, we're trying to make it so that student's diplomas are worth more when they get out of here. We're calling for administration accountability, more tenured faculty," and graduate students who are treated fairly, he said. "We're looking at the long term of this."

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National News

Judge to consider accepting guilty plea from terrorist

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal judge is considering for the second time in three years whether to accept a guilty plea from Zacarias Moussaoui, the only person in the United States charged in connection with the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema's decision is expected to hinge on whether she believes Moussaoui is mentally competent to make the decision, lawyers who have followed the case said Tuesday.

The judge summoned lawyers on both sides of the case to a closed courtroom in Alexandria, Va., on Tuesday to discuss a letter Moussaoui sent the court indicating his desire to plead guilty. The letter's contents are under seal but a legal source said Moussaoui indicates his desire to plead guilty. The source spoke only on condition of anonymity because the letter has not been made public.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys in the case declined to comment about the meeting. However, the source said Brinkema plans to meet with Moussaoui sometime this week.

Among the issues the judge will have to consider in deciding whether to allow the plea is the strained relationship Moussaoui has had with her and his lawyers since his indictment in December 2001, as well as his desire to use the legal proceedings to put U.S. foreign policy on trial.

"A judge has to be satisfied that the defendant is mentally fit to make such a plea and also to be sure that the defendant understands what his rights are, and that means having advice of counsel," said Stephen Dycus, a professor at Vermont Law School.

In this case, Moussaoui often has been at odds with his court-appointed lawyers, accusing them of wanting to have him executed. He fired them, but Brinkema kept them on a standby basis and later revoked Moussaoui's right to defend himself.

His legal team has argued strenuously against the death penalty, and is likely to oppose the guilty plea if it includes the possibility of a death sentence.

"Pleading guilty waives all legal challenges to the government's case against you, so defense lawyers in capital cases really don't like their clients to plead guilty," said Michael Melik, also a Vermont Law School professor.

A separate trial to determine his sentence would follow any plea.

The government has accused Moussaoui of participating in an al-Qaida conspiracy to commit terrorism that included the 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington. Moussaoui, a French citizen, tried to plead guilty in 2002 but took back the plea a week later.

His trial has been delayed three times. In March the Supreme Court declined to review an appeals court ruling denying Moussaoui direct access to three al-Qaida witnesses, who he believes might support his contention that he was not involved with the Sept. 11 planning. The court also allowed the government to seek the death penalty.

Majority Republicans push for confirmation from Bolton

By Anne Gearan
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Majority Republicans pushed for swift confirmation of sharp-tongued John Bolton as U.N. ambassador Tuesday in a rancorous committee session. The Senate's top Democrat raised the possibility of trying to block the nomination when it reaches the full Senate.

A pivotal Republican senator said he would support Bolton, giving the nomination a crucial boost.

Republicans hold a 10-8 majority on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which was preparing to vote on Bolton's nomination, and eight of the 10 had said they would vote for Bolton. Sen. Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island became the ninth, saying shortly before the panel met he would support the nomination reluctantly.

"Under the regrettable circumstances, I'm as comfortable as I can be," Chafee told The Associated Press. "The president gets to choose his team. Most importantly for me, he's going to be on a short leash with a choke collar."

Meanwhile, the White House said President Bush had no second thoughts about Bolton despite critics' complaints about his treatment of subordinates and dismissive comments on the U.N.

Democrats on the committee repeatedly asked for delays in the vote, but a spokesman for chairman Richard Lugar, R-Ind., said Lugar saw no reason to delay.

"I do not think the concerns raised about Secretary Bolton warrant our rejection of the president's selection for his own representative to the U.N.," Lugar said in a statement prepared for Tuesday's session.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan, asked if Bush had any reservations about Bolton's fitness for the post, replied: "Absolutely not."

Bolton has addressed all questions about his record and behavior by testifying before the committee and offering additional answers to the panel in writing, McClellan said.

Bolton is a harsh critic of the United Nations bureaucracy and thus a provocative choice to be Washington's representative to the world body. Most of the allegations that have accompanied his nomination, however, concern his personal dealings and judgment.

The allegations attempted to paint Bolton as an imperious hothead who dressed down junior bureaucrats and withheld information from his superiors in his current job as the State Department's arms control chief.

There were repeated questions by senators at his confirmation hearing last week concerning what Bolton may have done to punish or pressure underlings who crossed him. A senior colleague called him a "serial abuser."

Bolton denied he did anything improper, but said he had "lost confidence" in two intelligence analysts who disagreed with him.

Salaries don't mimic inflation

BOSTON (AP) — For the first time in eight years, increases in college faculty salaries failed to keep up with inflation, according to a new survey.

The 2.8 percent increase in average salaries this year exceeded last year's 2.1 percent gain, but real salaries fell because of higher inflation, according to the American Association of University Professors' most recent annual survey, released Monday.

Average faculty salary for all ranks at all institutions was $68,505. Salaries for full professors at private universities rose 4 percent to $127,214, while at public research institutions they rose 3.5 percent to $97,948.

Overall, women faculty earned on average $59,508, about 80 percent of the $74,004 average for men — a ratio that is the same as it was in 1996-97. At the level of full professor, women earn on average 88 percent of men's salaries.

The report by the Washington-based AAUP said a disproportionate number of women hold lower-ranked faculty positions, and they are more concentrated at associate degree or baccalaureate colleges, where salaries are generally lower than at research universities.

But the AAUP also said the discrepancy is likely even higher than its measurements indicate, because the survey only includes full-time faculty, and women are also disproportionately represented among part-timers.

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Remembering those lost

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International News

Hotel fire in Paris kills twenty-four

By Verena Von Derschau
Associated Press

PARIS — A night watchman's girlfriend who placed candles on the floor to set the scene for a romantic tryst but then left in a rage over his drunken state may have accidentally caused last week's hotel fire that killed 24 people, prosecutors said Tuesday.

The woman, who was detained Monday, told police she placed a dozen burning candles on the floor of the breakfast room of the Paris Opera hotel, then threw piles of clothes on the floor and left after she became angry that her boyfriend was drunk.

The prosecutors' office announced it was opening an investigation for "fire caused involuntarily, manslaughter and involuntary injuries." The woman, identified only as 31-year-old Fatima, was placed under investigation — a step short of being charged — Tuesday evening, judicial officials said. She was in custody.

The night watchman, whose name was not released, was in a coma. France-3 television said the man was "between life and death" after having jumped from an upper floor window during the fire. The report could not be confirmed.

Several guests trapped by the blaze died by jumping from windows of the overcrowded, six-story hotel during the fire, which was Paris' worst in recent memory. A 1973 blaze in an eastern Paris school killed 20 people, 16 of them students.

Officials raised the death toll Tuesday to 24, including 11 children. Twenty-seven people remained hospitalized, 14 in serious condition, officials said. The nationalities of the dead have not been released, but the budget hotel housed many African immigrants and other people without means who were placed there by social services.

Bouquets of flowers decorated the perimeter of the scorched hotel following a demonstration on Monday by two advocacy groups, Right to Housing and Rights First, to denounce "the scandalous treatment the government reserves for the poor and the needy."

Social services have relocated the survivors to another hotel in a Paris suburb, while families continued their search for loved ones.

The statement by the prosecutors' office said Fatima was the girlfriend of the night watchman and went to the hotel at his request.

The suspect told criminal investigators that she "could be" at the origin of the fire that started shortly after 2 a.m. Friday in the second-floor breakfast room, the prosecutors' office said.

"After a violent dispute that she blamed on the inebriation of her companion, she finally left the hotel, throwing several piles of clothes on the floor in a fit of rage, without paying attention to the candles," prosecutors said in a statement.

The 32-room hotel in Paris' 9th district, which is popular with tourists, was meant to accommodate 61 people, but at least 90 people were known to be living there. It only had a single exit.

Police originally suspected an accidental fire caused by a technical problem. The hotel's fire prevention system had been checked March 24 and four recommendations to improve safety were issued, but the problems were not serious enough to close down the hotel, police said.

Still, Interior Minister Dominique de Villepin said Sunday he plans to work quickly toward new measures to reinforce fire regulations, suggesting they could be ready within weeks.

Iraqi lawmakers demanding apology

By Thomas Wagner
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqi lawmakers adjourned in protest Tuesday and demanded an apology after a Shiite legislator linked to a radical anti-American cleric tearfully said he was handcuffed and humiliated at a U.S. checkpoint.

It was the third consecutive day that Iraq's interim parliament was sidetracked from its job of setting up a government and writing a constitution.

Beyond the sandbags and blast walls of the U.S.-protected Green Zone, where the National Assembly meets, at least a dozen Iraqis were killed and more than 60 wounded in a series of attacks, including two that targeted the army and its recruits.

Al-Qaida in Iraq, the nation's most feared terrorist group, claimed responsibility for the worst attack, a suicide bombing near an army recruitment center in Baghdad that police said killed at least six Iraqis and wounded 44.

A car bomb in western Baghdad targeting a U.S. patrol wounded seven Iraqis, police and hospital officials said.

Laith Abdullah, the husband of a woman injured in the attack, angrily criticized the legislature for worrying more about its rights than the violence. "The government should be concerned about all the people getting hurt," Abdullah said.

But in the National Assembly, lawmaker Fattah al-Sheik stood and cried as he described being stopped at a checkpoint on the way to work Tuesday. He claimed an American soldier kicked his car, mocked the legislature, handcuffed him and held him by the neck.

"What happened to me represents an insult to the whole National Assembly that was elected by the Iraqi people. This shows that the democracy we are enjoying is fake," al-Sheik said. "Through such incidents, the U.S. Army tries to show that it is the real controlling power in the country, not the new Iraqi government."

Al-Sheik's small party has been linked to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, who led uprisings against the U.S.-led coalition in 2004. On his way home after the session, gunmen fired on al-Sheik's convoy, but he escaped unharmed, police and his party said.

The U.S. military said its initial investigation indicated that in the morning, al-Sheik got into an altercation with a coalition translator at the checkpoint. U.S. soldiers tried to separate them and "briefly held on to the legislator," while preventing another member of al-Sheik's party from getting out of his vehicle, a military statement said.

"We have the highest respect for all members of the Transitional National Assembly. Their safety and security is critically important," U.S. Brig. Gen. Karl R. Horst said in the statement. "We regret this incident occurred and are conducting a thorough investigation."

During a one-hour adjournment to protest al-Sheik's treatment, lawmaker Salam al-Maliki read an assembly statement demanding an apology from the U.S. Embassy and the prosecution of the soldier who allegedly mistreated the legislator.

Hajim al-Hassani, the parliament speaker, said: "We reject any sign of disrespect directed at lawmakers."

Each day this week, the legislature's opening session on current affairs has extended well beyond the scheduled 30 minutes. Legislators have discussed traffic jams in Baghdad, Saddam Hussein's alleged war crimes, claims that hostages were being held south of Baghdad and al-Sheik's complaint.

Conclave elects Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany as new pope

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Some priests and seminarians in clerical garb broke into a run. Nuns pulled up their long skirts and jogged. Shopkeepers closed early, and drivers honked their horns when they got stuck in the crowds. Police tried to direct traffic, but to little effect.

The throngs met their new pontiff with cheers and horns, then went silent and knelt on the cobblestones as Benedict gave his first blessing as pope. Moments later, the faithful erupted again in cheers, chants and hymns.

"This is the perfect miracle, being here and seeing the new pope," said Maria Jose Mora, 44, a banker from Spain.

"I have, like, butterflies in my stomach," said Teresa Madden, 20, of Steubenville, Ohio. "I just want to laugh."

Not everyone was happy, however. Jose Silvano, a 40-year-old travel agent from Brazil, called Ratzinger an "ultraconservative."

"He is the right pope for the cardinals, but not for the people," Silvano said. "We were hoping for a South American, a Brazilian, a pope who would work for the neediest and the rights of women and children."

Niels Hendrich, 40, of Hamburg, Germany, jumped up and down at the prospect of a new pope — but then gave only three halfhearted claps when he learned who it was.

"I am not happy about this at all," he said. "Ratzinger will put the brakes on all the progressive movements in the church that I support."

But many in the crowd were clearly thrilled with the choice of Ratzinger.

"The cardinals elected a good and holy man who was close to Pope John Paul II," said Mark Wunsch, 27, a religious philosophy student from Denver. "He'll be a wonderful and good leader in preaching the truth and love."

Many in the crowd had made their favorite cardinal known since the beginning of the conclave. A group of Hondurans waved their national flag in support of Oscar Andres Rodriguez Maradiaga. Brazilians chanted for Claudio Hummes. A group of young Italians held up a banner playing off a liquor ad — "No Martini, No Party" — in support of Carlo Maria Martini.



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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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Class boycott not a good step toward change

The Graduate Employee Organization is planning a boycott of classes tomorrow to make clear to the administration that their contract negotiations will not be tolerated. In addition to the boycott, which the GEO is encouraging all students to participate in, there will also be a rally held to drum up support for their cause and make clear their complaints and concerns. This boycott, however, is not the appropriate way to go about handling the situation and is being used as another reason to skip class. The GEO's message is lost to their act of defiance.

It is certainly understandable how the graduate students disapprove of the raising of their fees. And, in a town such as Amherst, where living costs are comparably expensive, to raise those fees without raising their wages is unjust. But, the act of a boycott will not help to raise those wages.

For one thing, the boycott was not well explained. There were no alternatives given to not attending classes, classes that undergraduate students pay for and must be held. Students have seen the flyers around campus directing them to boycott their classes, yet there has not been a clear reason why or what students are supposed to do instead of going to class.

The aim of this boycott is to get the attention of the administration, to get them to listen to the GEO and reconsider their contracts. It is no concern of the administration whether or not students skip classes. In the end, the onus is on the individual students to go to class and perform the work accordingly. To the administration, this will be seen as just another excuse to skip class, which completely outweighs and silences any valid points the GEO was hoping to make.

For students to not even have the option of a class is absurd. They are paying a very large amount of money to be a student here and attend classes. And members of the GEO, which is primarily made up on graduate teaching assistants, are supposed to be proponents of education, as well as being students themselves.

Additionally, Resident Assistants have been abusing their rank as advocates to residents by putting up fliers for the boycott. To encourage their residents to skip class without giving them an alternative is troubling and violates the role that RAs play in residence halls. They should be engaging in discussion among their residents about the issues brought up by the GEO, not encouraging them to cut class because everyone else is doing it.

There are many other more effective ways that the GEO can go about achieving their goals. A sit-down discussion with Chancellor John V. Lombardi, voicing their discontent and their concerns is a more appropriate method of dealing with the situation. The administration would be more likely to take their thoughts and objections into consideration if they were presented in a calm, rational manner. Boycotting class serves little purpose except to deny UMass students the right to an education.

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Women's rights to their bodies

Amelia Sabadini

I was introduced (formally) to "frustration-aggression theory" in the Psych 360 course I took just last semester. This theory basically states that the more entitled a person feels to something the more frustrated they'll feel if they don't get it and, subsequently, the more apt they are to behave aggressively. In light of this, I have to wonder about the preponderance of magazines consistently featuring near-naked women and the declaration "for men" on their covers.

I suppose I should make it indisputably clear that I have no problems with depictions of nudity or anything that approaches it so long as the depictions are derived from consenting adults. It's the words that are troubling. The proclaimed exclusion of women from the magazine's audience is only half the offense. The other half is infinitely more insidious. It is the subtle but unrelenting implication that women's bodies are "for men."

Of course these magazines aren't the only mediums to assert that men are entitled to women's bodies. It also happens to be integral to the Judaic-Christian creation myth. Maybe this would explain the recent advent of pharmacists refusing to fill birth control prescriptions for female patients? The surface explanation offered for these refusals is that they are perpetrated in the interest of saving the lives of unborn children.

This seems strange given how any pregnancies resulting from a pharmacists' meddling with prescribed birth control would be unwanted and as such have a heightened probability of ending in abortion. It also doesn't add up when it's taken into consideration that many birth control pills work by causing the formation of a mucus plug at the cervix (this normally happens in pregnancy) so it's like having a diaphragm in all the time.

Some pills do work by inhibiting the implantation of eggs in the uterine lining and this is considered tantamount to abortion by some people. From there it becomes a debate about when life starts. However, putting that aside for a moment, what about the fact that the pharmacist has no way or right to know if the patient is taking the birth control pills for contraception or to regulate menstrual cycles or alleviate the very painful symptoms of endometriosis?

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A pharmacist's refusal to fill any prescription reveals a dangerously arrogant supposition that their knowledge of the patient's health supercedes that of the prescribing physician. How can there be any thought of indulging such irresponsible behavior? Perhaps because so far, these refusals have only happened to women who were attempting to responsibly oversee their own reproductive activities.

As of now, these pharmacists' deviations from professional conduct have concurred with the notion that women do not have sovereignty over their own bodies. Unfortunately, this seems to be a notion that many people are willing and even eager to propagate despite that it is fundamentally oppressive and unjust. Were it not that so many people have no problems with usurping a woman's control of her body, then there would be no states with pharmacist refusal laws.

According to the National Women's Law Center's Web site (updated April 14), three states (Arkansas, Mississippi and South Dakota) have passed laws that let pharmacists refuse to fill prescriptions if doing so would infringe upon their personal beliefs. Similar legislation has been introduced in 26 states. The Access to Legal Pharmaceuticals Act that was just recently proposed in congress would only allow a pharmacist to refuse to fill a prescription if and only if there was another pharmacist on duty at said pharmacy that could (or rather would) fill the prescription. If this bill passes, it will offer some reprieve from the caprices of pharmacists who are deciding to divinely accredit themselves the authority of medical doctors.

Whether or not the access bill passes, pharmacists will still be allowed to refuse to do their jobs for certain people. How is this not considered out right discrimination? Pharmacists who refuse to fill birth control prescriptions are getting away with limiting the health care of a certain group of people. They're acting from the assumption that they are more entitled to maintain their peace of mind and positive self image (these are what religion and moral codes boil down to) than a given patient is to receive prescribed medicine. The fact that such behavior is being sanctioned only demonstrates that within our country a woman's basic human rights to control over her body and her life can be superceded by a stranger's sense of entitlement.

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The new 'axis of evil'

Ethan Burke

Lofty rhetoric can't disguise the Bush administration's true intentions. The "war on terror" and the "axis of evil" are two slogans that portray the United States in an epic struggle between the protectors of all that is just and right against absolute evil. In this fairy tale world, President Bush can make statements like, "either you are with us, or against us."

The war on terror and the label "terrorist" has been used to justify war on Iraq, and by various government agencies to crack down on dissidents. Bush's Education Secretary even called the National Education Association, a "terrorist organization." There are an increasing number of comments suggesting the war on terror may spread to Latin America where there is a new "axis of evil."

Jack Epstein of the San Francisco Chronicle, reported April 30, 2004 in an article titled "General Seeks Boost for Latin American Armies," that General James Hill of U.S. Southern Command requested funds to "combat international terrorism" in Latin America. Hill described the threat of "traditional terrorists" including drug traffickers, urban crime gangs and paramilitary and guerrilla groups tied to drug trafficking. He warned of "emerging terrorists" described as "radical populists" who tap into "deep-seated frustrations of the failure of democratic reforms to deliver expected goods and services."

These "emerging terrorists" or "radical populists" (which are apparently the same), are tapping into Latin Americans frustrations over neo-liberal economic policies that have led to increased poverty, lack of education and health care and a general decline in standards of living.

Ginger Thompson of the New York Times writes about concerns over the resurgence of the Sandinista leader Daniel Ortega in Nicaragua in an article published April 5 titled, "Old Foe of the U.S. trying for a comeback in Nicaragua."

She quotes Rumsfeld, who is particularly concerned that Nicaragua's Congress blocked the destruction of surface to air missiles that he believes "can be operated by terrorists, by revolutionaries and others," who "are anxious and willing to kill people."

Thompson writes, "Washington is worried once again that its old nemesis might win, this time with consequences for a new global war, on terrorism. Even though the elections here are more than a year and a half away, and even though Mr. Ortega's chances seem slim, the Bush administration is taking no chances and has begun concerted efforts to stop him." The United States recently suspended aid to Nicaragua as punishment for not destroying the missiles,

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sending the clear message that Nicaragua better not elect Ortega.

Efforts to undermine democracy in Nicaragua should come as no surprise given the Reagan-Bush administration's consistent disdain for democratic governments that resist U.S. economic dominance in Latin America.

Nicaragua suffered devastating terrorist attacks throughout the 80s at the hands of the U.S. sponsored contras, which continued its massacres and bombings until Nicaragua elected a U.S.-backed candidate in 1990.

Economic threats against Nicaragua are reminiscent of threats last year leveled at El Salvador. Numerous U.S. officials threatened to suspend aid, withhold remittances, revoke work visas and deport Salvadorans living in the U.S. if El Salvador elected the popular Frente Farabundo Marti para la Liberación Nacional candidate over the U.S.-backed candidate. The people of El Salvador succumbed to threats and elected the U.S.-backed candidate.

Rumsfeld has commented on Venezuela possibly purchasing 100,000 AK-47s from Russia saying, "I can't imagine why Venezuela needs 100,000 AK-47s. I can't imagine what is going to happen to 100,000 AK-47s."

Why would Venezuela need arms? Two coup attempts in the past five years against democratically elected President Hugo Chavez might be cause for alarm. One coup attempt in 2002 had short-lived success ousting Chavez for 48 hours before massive demonstrations brought Chavez back into power.

The 2002 coup attempt had all of the hallmarks of past CIA coups including meetings between Chavez's ouster Pedro Carmona and U.S. officials and funding of Chavez's opponents by the U.S. group with the Orwellian name "The National Endowment for Democracy." Carmona received a warm welcome in Washington after the overthrow of democratically elected Chavez.

Otto Reich, one of the many Reagan-Bush officials shuffled around the administrations, published an article in the National Review warning of troubles in our "peaceful neighborhood." Reich describes the danger posed by the "terrible two," Fidel Castro and Hugo Chavez, who are encouraging resistance that is engulfing Latin America with "irrational hostility" toward the U.S.

I don't expect Otto Reich to acknowledge the violent crimes against Latin America, the U.S. role in undermining democracy or the economic policies that have led to increased poverty throughout Latin America causing "irrational hostility." I hope most Americans can look past the emotional rhetoric of a "war on terror" against "evil" and a Metallica T-shirt. I found her to be very difficult to get help from. In fact, it almost seemed as though she viewed me as some sort of an annoyance, distracting her from the more important work that she needed to focus on. Later in the semester, I went again to the same advisor, with the same questions. This time, I was wearing a nice turtleneck sweater. The way I was treated was entirely contradictory to the previous visit, and I found her not only to be very helpful, but also genuine.

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There is no 'us' and 'them'

Colin Jones

They're all true. Those annoying little phrases you've been hearing all your life. About moccasins. And glass houses. And stones. But we all do it anyway. We judge. We assume. Someone told me once, a long time ago, that when you assume, you make an ass of you and me. Sure it's corny, but she was right. You can't rely on first impressions. They're often based on how someone looks, or their behavior in a single moment.

Even our conception of someone that is formulated over time, the product of a number of successive interactions, can be incorrect. Unless you know someone well enough to really understand who they are, why and where they're coming from, you should always give them the benefit of the doubt.

Our reluctance to do exactly that is something that I have seen, time and time again, both first-hand and with others. There have been many times when I have been at a party, or walking around campus, and have heard conversations in which someone's character is torn to shreds. I'm always left wondering why.

These types of discussions are rarely warranted. Even when friends of mine are talking, harshly criticizing someone they barely know, I'm often curious as to what the person in question had done to prompt such a response. Not surprisingly, it generally was some insignificant faux pas, or something equally unimportant and pointless. There is no need to take things that aren't personal so personally.

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So why do we do this? I'm tempted to say that it usually stems from our insecurities. It is unfortunate that we feel the need to tear others down in order to bring ourselves up. Also, I sometimes get the sense that there is a tendency for us to have expectations from someone, based on our initial impressions. This can cause us to unconsciously demand them to behave in a certain way and when they don't fill the role we've typecast them in, we somehow feel cheated.

The thing is, we're all complex. None of us are transparent, and we're all different things to each other. To one person, you might be a confidante. To another, a party animal. And to someone else, a gym buddy. We're always in flux, shifting gears from one situation to another.

For me, one of the more interesting things that I have noticed is how differently the same person will respond to me depending on the way in which I'm dressed. I remember going to see one of my advisors at the beginning of the year. The first time I went, I was wearing my leather jacket and my Metallica T-shirt. I found her to be very difficult to get help from. In fact, it almost seemed as though she viewed me as some sort of an annoyance, distracting her from the more important work that she needed to focus on. Later in the semester, I went again to the same advisor, with but rather aspects of ourselves that fall over them. Like a camera only records what the photographer sees, the viewer determines the view. We see what we want. We see how we want. We only see ourselves.

For this reason, it would be impossible for us to always be objective, to take everything at face value and to always give everyone the benefit of the doubt. But we can try. For example, maybe you come across an acquaintance, a friend of a friend or someone who used to live on your floor. When you stop to chat with them for a minute, they seem kind of guarded, a little standoffish.

Your natural inclination would be to assume that they were acting distant because of their feelings towards you. And while that might be the case, more often than not, it isn't. Really, you don't know why they acted the way they did; maybe they failed their last exam, or broke up with their girlfriend. If you can stop and think, separate yourself from the situation; your initial perception of their behavior won't taint your future interactions with them.

There are billions of people in this world. We all play a role in each others lives, no matter how small or large, but sometimes it is easy to forget that the story isn't just about us. The next time you feel like a victim, or that you're the subject of some vast underground conspiracy, stop and remind yourself that maybe it isn't about you. Sometimes the best way to improve a picture might be to remove yourself from the middle of it.

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SING FOR ABSOLUTION

By Matt O'Rourke
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Tonight, the Muse will rock the Cage with Hysteria, and that's not a bad thing. One of Britain's hottest rising acts is invading campus today accompanied by opening act Razorlight spunsored by MTVU's Campus Invasion Tour '05. The tour has already hit other college campuses in New England, including the University of Connecticut and Providence College.

In an interview with the Daily Collegian, Muse drummer Dominic Howard, 27, said the tour has been off to a great start. "In Atlanta, we probably saw our most enthusiastic crowd [thus far]. On most of this tour though, people are discovering us for the first time."

For those who do not know them, the Muse may at first seem to sound like Radiohead or the late Jeff Buckley fronting a hard rock band. Like most British bands of the past decade, the Muse had to overcome such comparisons and they have. The Muse are heavier and darker in their overall tone, but that's not to say Radiohead didn't influence them in their early stages.

"We aren't compared to [Radiohead] back at home, but that's because we've established ourselves. Any comparisons were dropped after our first album. 'Showbiz.' I suppose that's what people do though, you can't really respond to it," Howard said.

The story of how the Muse came to be isn't dissimilar to that of many other bands. The trio, lead singer Matthew Bellamy, bass guitarist Chris Wolstenholme, and drummer Dominic Howard were all childhood friends with a strong affinity for music. Taking inspiration from Nirvana and various British bands, the group began performing together. Their first band, Rocket Baby Dolls, was formed for a high school band competition.

"All that to say that the, well, the attitude meant a lot to us. So we won. And I think that psychologically it changed many things in our heads. Because we came to lose, we expected to lose. And we were angry somehow. And we had just realized at this time that we could replace lots of things. We realized that emotion, the vibrations that you create are as important as your technical skills. We had just discovered something: music is a matter of emotion," Bellamy said in an interview on micros.net.

Soon after, the band changed their name to "Muse," after becoming fascinated with an eclectic old man in their hometown of Teignmouth.

"It was a time when all the young people in town were becoming attracted art and music. There was this sort of strange old man who said a muse had descended on our town, and we were fascinated by that," Howard explained.

The group began playing gigs around England and were discovered by Taste Media after playing a show in a Cornish Village. It wasn't long until the band was signed to Madonna's record label Maverick, and recorded their first album, "Showbiz," which has sold over 700,000 copies worldwide. Their second album, "Origin of Symmetry", included the hit single "Plug-in Baby" which reached number 11 on the U.K. music charts.

However, the Muse didn't really cross the pond until their latest studio album, "Absolution" put out by Warner Brothers Records featuring a dense layer of sound with heavy piano and guitar. Howard's Jimmy Chamberlain inspired drumming is also quite apparent in the opening tracks.

The band was soon on a world tour, landing gigs at such massive festivals as Glastonbury in England and Coachella in Indio, CA. "Coachella was an amazing festival," Howard said, "it feels really good to share a stage with such talent as Nine Inch Nails and Coldplay. It was hard though, since we're not used to playing in a desert when its 115 degrees outside. We struggled to get through our set."

As one can imagine, worldwide tours do take their tolls on the artists. "Traveling is the best and worst part of the tour. We are lucky enough to be able to go to so many places and see so much, but at the same time we aren't as lucky. In some cities we only see the venue," said Howard. To keep themselves entertained, the group often sits down for games of Texas Hold'Em, and Dominic also watches Arrested Development.

The Campus Invasion Tour, features some new material the band has been working on, three new songs to be exact. "They're not titled yet, they're still in the experimental phase. Its great, and something to look forward to in a set," Howard said. The band plans to begin recording their next studio album when they return to England in June.

The Muse's set will be mostly songs from Absolution, as its their latest album and what American fans are mostly familiar with.

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Meshuggah redefines the metal genre with 'Catch Thirty Three'

By Patrick Rennick
Collegian Correspondent

Meshuggah (translated from Yiddish as "crazy") has always been somewhat of an enigma in the metal scene. Ever since their debut, "Psykisk Testbild," (Psychological Test Picture) this experimental Swedish metal band has constantly improved and expanded upon their unique mathematically precise style. "Catch Thirty-Three," Meshuggah's newest release, progresses forward from 2004's "I", a conceptual one-track EP. Although "Catch Thirty-Three" is divided into 13 tracks, the album is one long piece divided into four distinctive movements.

Meshuggah
'Catch Thirty Three'
Nuclear Blast America

In 1995 Meshuggah seized the attention of the metal community with, "Destroy, Erase, Improve." With this album, Meshuggah proceeded to tear down previous conventions of what metal music could be, creating in the wake an epitome to be envied and revered. After a two-month European tour and the EP "True Human Design," Meshuggah continued to shatter expectations with the brutally aggressive, "Chaosphere." 2002's "Nothing" was praised by some fans and detested by others. In the spirit of their constant evolution Meshuggah incorporated the use of 8-string guitars to achieve a unique, heavier sound. The music also changed as well, focusing more on mathematically precise riffs and masterful timing.

"Catch Thirty-Three" incorporates the technical calculations of, "Nothing," the experimentation of, "I", and the brutality of "Chaosphere" and "Destroy, Erase, Improve" to create one of Meshuggah's strongest and most mesmerizing releases to date.

The first movement of the album consists of the first three tracks. Immediately one can distinguish Meshuggah's trademark sound of machine-like, technical rhythms. Jens Kidman follows with growling yet precise vocals, "the struggle to free myself from my restraints becomes my very shackles."

"The Paradoxical Spiral" marks the beginning of the second movement. The track name seems to be evoked from the main riff. Crushing bass and guitar rhythms are weaved around a continuous distorted guitar piece in a sonic spiral. Meshuggah continues to pound this moment of serenity into another relentless jam session with eerie melodic solos.

An all encompassing machine-like voice (Tomas Haake) introduces the third movement. Set against a rotating, engine-like droning, this computerized monologue discusses complex themes of self-awareness. An ominous guitar passes replaces the dialogue. This passage is slowly complemented by bass guitar to create a sense of impending doom. Upon the passage's climax, Meshuggah's brutal guitars roar forward; layering fierce riffs and paranoid solos. "In Death is Life" raises the album to new levels of intensity building upon the previous track with gut-wrenching vocals and tightly controlled chaotic riffs.

The assault finally winds down after 10 solid minutes. A brooding riff is born out of the chaos. Immediately themes of hysteria, isolation, and confusion are aurally brought forth. It is now that the title of the song, "In Death is Death" becomes clear. The second half of the track is what could be considered a musical interpretation

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Mathematical precision and progressive tracks are core elements in Meshuggah's latest studio effort.

Klezmatics break barriers with music

By Nathan Rothstein
Collegian Staff



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Widely acclaimed African American gospel singer Joshua Nelson adds soul to traditional Jewish folk songs.

Jews and Blacks have had a long history of shared oppression. The two groups also have a history of tension and conflict, but luckily there is music to bridge gaps.

In 1986, in New York City's East Village, a group of musicians came together to form The Klezmatics. They started with classic Yiddish folk songs and traditional Klezmer music (Klezmer is the traditional music of Jewish celebrations in Eastern Europe, a musical genre which inspired American jazz musicians such as Benny Goodman in the early decades of the twentieth Century), and later merged with the soul/gospel genre music.

On their eighth studio album, The Klezmatics collaborated with a talented singer from the South, named Joshua Nelson.

Nelson himself is Jewish, and is also African-American. When asked about his style, Nelson said in a press release, "I make Jewish music and give it a soul sound. They call it the gospel sound. But technically it is soul Jewish music. If you can put soul in Christian music, you can be Black and put soul in Jewish music." In this live CD, that was recorded last summer in Berlin, Nelson and the Klezmatics learn how to mesh their two genres together. With the different mixes of gifted musicians, a beautiful, harmonious sound is generated.

The Klezmatics with Joshua Nelson
Tonight
Bowker Auditorium
UMass
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Nelson's voice is reminiscent of the late, great Mahalia Jackson, and one of her songs is included in the concert. Jackson was gospel music's first big crossover, who was appreciated by both blacks and white. Her music has inspired many current artists, and her songs have been covered by many musicians. The live album also includes a song by the legendary Sam Cooke. Cooke is best known for his thought provoking classic number, "A Change is Gonna Come," started his career as a gospel singer. His religious side is shown on "Oh Mary Don't You Weep", which is covered by the Klezmatics.

Though Nelson provides memorable additions to the group, the Klezmatics shine when they go back to their roots. The album begins with a traditional a Jewish number that is sung at the Passover Seder. Eyliyohu Hanovi is a solemn piece that has a very gothic, ancient sound. Even though it has been used for centuries, The Klezmatics are able to make it their own. They take a widely-known song and cover it in a unique, special way. It is very difficult to use a song that is easily identifiable and make it sound as if you wrote it, though the Klezmatics have accomplished this difficult task.

The Klezmatics and Joshua Nelson had a wonderful time working on the setlist for the Berlin concert together. Their idea was to cover the Passover seder in their concert using a combination of Black spirituals and Jewish traditional songs, and they followed their goal accordingly. They also speak about their compatibility that allowed for a more coherent music working experience. In the end, they were very pleased with the finished product, and the crowd in Berlin agreed. It was a joyful night, and their thrilling performances continued wherever they went. The band's energy was accepted quickly by the different crowds from around the world, and they should be a pleasure to watch when they come to University of Massachusetts.

Tonight at 8 p.m. The Klezmatics and Joshua Nelson will be at Bowker Auditorium to play songs off their new CD, "Brother Moses Smote The Water." The concert is free to five college students, and should be a great way to get a taste of both Black and Jewish cultures, and listen to some great music.

Information for this article was taken from a Klezmatics press release.



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The Klezmatics have toured extensively throughout Europe and are recognized as one of the best Jewish musical groups in America.

Alvin Ailey's Revelations

By Michael Busack
Collegian Staff

For the past 45 years, the Alvin Ailey Dance Theater has built a company that has made a large impact, not only in dance, but also in African American art and music in America. This weekend, the group will bring its unique act to the famous stage of the Wang Theatre in Boston.

Alvin Ailey was a mere 29 years old when he first premiered his tenth ballet, "Revelations," a performance completely choreographed by Mr. Ailey, became known as his biggest success. Critics have sighted Ailey's death in 1989 as one of the biggest blows to dance and performing arts in the twentieth century.

The inspiration for Ailey's "Revelation," a show that will be performed this weekend at Wang Theatre Performances, came from different sources, including his memories as a child and relationships with revolutionary African American writers James Baldwin and Langston Hughes.

"Revelations began with the music. As early as I can remember I was enthralled by the music played and sung in the small black churches in every small Texas town my mother and I lived in," Ailey said in a anniversary celebration quoted on the group's Web site alvinailey.org. "No matter where we were during those nomadic years, Sunday was always a church going day. There we would absorb some of the most glorious singing to be heard anywhere in the world."

Ailey says that he has early memories of the gospel songs played during services like "Wade in the Water." He says that it is these memories that helped him to create all of the feeling and emotion that are apparent in "Revelations."

"My plan was to make Revelations the second part of an all-black evening of dance. First would be the blues in Blues Suite, then spirituals in Revelations , then a section on Kansas City jazz (and) a section of contemporary music," Ailey continued to say in the release. "The aim was to show the coming and the growth and reach of black culture."

Ailey has created 79 ballets in his storied life, but the Alvin Ailey Dance Theatre was not created entirely to showcase the artist's work. The dance company has showcased more than 170 works by over 65 choreographers.

Since Ailey's death, Judith Jamison was appointed Artistic Director of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. Jamison was discovered by the acclaimed Agnes de Mille and in 1964, she had her New York debut with American Ballet Theatre. Ailey created many roles for Jamison, and consequently believed she was the best choice to continue his legacy.

Alvin Ailey American Dance
Now - April 24
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The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater is being presented at the Wang Theater by by the Bank of America Celebrity Series and is sponsored by Tufts Health Plan and CBS4. The presentation is part of the 2004-2005 Dance Series, co-presented by Bank of America Celebrity Series and The Wang Center for the Performing Arts, and sponsored by The Little Family Foundation and TIAA-CREF Media Partner WGBH.

Shows will run Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m., and there will also be a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, and a 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday. Ticket prices range from $32 to $67.



COURTESY ALVIN AILEY DANCE THEATER

Many critics of ballet have said that the Alvin Ailey Dance Theater is been one of the most influential performance groups of the twentieth century.

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of the mystery of death, a long deep look into that unknown, inevitable void.

Without pausing for a breath, the deep melodic passage that finished the third movement gives birth to an unstoppable juggernaut of intensity. Defying conventions, the track evolves into a visceral technical display combining riffs and layering instruments seamlessly. Amidst the onslaught a bellow flies alongside it all clocking in at 17 seconds. As if this vocal shock has created a hole, the riff floods right back in, paving the way for the final track of metal Armageddon. A melodically profound riff blends in marking the eventual winding down of the movement. This slow, gloomy riff becomes progressively slower like a dying machine and proceeds into a sinister solo.

"Catch Thirty-Three" marks a giant progressive step for Meshuggah. The album displays both the band's technical mastery in addition to their seemingly limitless progression and creativity. This deep conceptual album sets new standards for the entire metal genre. "Catch Thirty-Three" is not merely an album but a journey, a voyage into a sonic landscape of wonder and crushing intensity.

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Plan to put smells in film doesn't pass the sniff test

By Jack Mathews
New York Daily News

You've heard of snuff movies? Sony has patented an idea for sniff movies.

According to the British magazine New Scientist, the Japanese electronics giant hopes to develop a device that will bombard viewers with pulses of ultrasound that will stimulate neural activity in our brains and have us smell something we're seeing on the screen.

Not only that, but we'll be able taste on cue and, possibly, have the sensation of being touched.

If they get this thing right, we could be watching "Sideways" and smell and taste that hint of "nutty Edam cheese" in the glass of Pinot Noir that Paul Giamatti is raving about. If they get it wrong, we might feel Giamatti's lips on Virginia Madsen's, which would not be satisfying to a large number of us.

A Sony spokesperson assured New Scientist that the process would be "non-invasive," but come on! I don't care how you get into my cortex and start yanking my neurons, it's invasive.

For people who worry about the radio waves entering their brains via cell phones, or getting too close to the microwave, the idea of paying their way into a dark place to be assaulted with ultrasound has to be vexing. But even if the sound waves are proven to be physiologically harmless, how about the psychological impact of losing control of your senses?

It's one thing to be stopped to smell the roses, but what if Quentin Tarantino wants us to know how it feels to have our throat slit?

This is a worse idea than subliminal advertising, worse than autosuggestion.

This is pure sensationalism!

Then, again, the whole idea might be an Edsel.

Previous attempts to involve viewers more directly in movies have generally failed miserably.

The most successful has been 3-D, but it remains an optical novelty, while such inventions as Smell-O-Vision, Sensurround, Percepto and Illusion-O had shorter film careers than Mariah Carey.

Smell-O-Vision, a process that pumped odors into theaters through an elaborate system of plastic pipes, was used just once, for Jack Cardiff's 1960 "Scent of Mystery." On cue, up to 30 different odors — from bread and bananas to garlic and gun smoke — were released at each viewer's seat. They weren't amused, and Smell-O-Vision's chief investor, Michael Todd Jr., lost a fortune.

Percepto, an invention used by exhibition hustler extraordinaire William Castle on his 1959 horror film "The Tingler," was a less expensive failure. When characters let out screams in the movie, some viewers did, too, thanks to electrical buzzers that zapped them in their seats.

The next year, Castle tried Illusion-O for the movie "13 Ghosts." This time, audiences were provided devices similar to 3-D glasses that allowed them to see ghosts that were otherwise invisible.

Sensurround was far more ambitious but equally doomed. It involved placing 1,600-watt bass speakers around the theater. Cued to action in the film, the speakers literally shook the audience up. While testing Sensurround before its 1974 debut with "Earthquake," plaster was jarred loose from the ceiling of Hollywood's famous Grauman's Chinese Theater, compelling management to suspend a net over the audience's heads for the run of the movie.

Four more pictures, including the World War II epic "Midway," were released in Sensurround, but complaints from viewers who didn't appreciate being shaken out of their seats in adjacent theaters convinced exhibitors to give it up.

Sony's yet-unnamed process sounds more like science fiction than research and development. But we have to be diligent. If Hollywood is ever able to zap viewers with an ultrasound wand and make garbage smell like roses, that's all we'll ever see.

Trio in desert make 'Sahara' hot at theaters

By Mike Szymanski
Zap2it.com

They all knew they had to become close for the big-budget movie "Sahara."

After all, Matthew McConaughey's character has known Steve Zahn's character since they were 6.

"These guys have been together since kindergarten, which is kind of crazy," Zahn says. "I mean, that's like beyond married."

And then, Penelope Cruz's character falls in love with McConaughey's roguish Dirk Pitt, and the trio unites as a team of reluctant adventurers.

What no one planned for is that the two actors would actually fall in love off-screen, too.

"I think it was unexpected for everyone, especially them," says director Breck Eisner about McConaughey and Cruz. "It wasn't 'til we were done that I learned about it. I love it. They seem so happy together."

The director points out that his stars' relationship may not help the movie at the box office. "Often it hurts," he notes. "I doesn't drive people to the movie if they're not interested."

Cruz remains careful about discussing her new relationship — having already been through a media whirlwind after her fling with Tom Cruise just after he split with wife Nicole Kidman. She never met McConaughey before filming, and she says she was captivated by his sense of humor.

"I think that he's the perfect person to play this character because he has a charm that the character needs to have," Cruz says. "On the set, it was the three of us together everyday for five months. We laughed a lot, but we had to be very focused."

The actors each have their favorite moments while filming in Morocco. Cruz taught the guys some Spanish — especially swear words — and says, "We played a lot of charades." McConaughey recalls strumming his guitar around the campfire as desert nomads joined them. Zahn says he enjoyed the competitive nature between them as they learned tricks from a Navy SEAL instructor.

"We knew that you couldn't rely on some computerized wizardry, you had to believe these people and their friendships," says Zahn. "Sometimes you see friends do movies and they don't seem like friends. It's some weird artistic thing that happens."

"Sahara" is based on treasure-hunting characters in Clive Cussler's series of books. The guys are looking for a Civil War battleship, which they find in a West African desert, and along the way they meet a doctor, played by Cruz. Bad guys are constantly shooting at them, and they don't always know why, so they're always on the run.

That caused a few scrapes for the stars.

"One time I ripped my calf muscle pretty bad, I was running across this gully to get away from a sniper," Zahn says, rubbing his leg.

"I had to learn how to ride a camel," adds Cruz, who was scared of the big animals at first. "I ended up galloping next to a train at 40 kilometers per hour. I became best friends with my camel."

The director confirms: "Of the three, she was the best rider. She didn't want to stop."

Eisner is the son of former Disney chief Michael Eisner, and this is his first major film. His challenge was to make the characters connect.

"They hung out in London for a week going to bars and hanging out socially, which was important," he says. "Then they came to Morocco a few weeks before we began shooting to do military training, so they had that background together. They just love each other and have a shorthand with each other, and that translates to the screen."

The cast and crew faced treacherous sandstorms and sweltering heat as well as locusts (visible in the final scene) while shooting. But the cast took it in stride, and the three stars often high-fived each other after making it through another day on the set.



COURTESY PARAMOUNT PICTURES

Matthew McConaughey, Steve Zahn and Penelope Cruz star in "Sahara." The film follows explorer Dirk Pitt (McConaughey) searching for a Civil War battleship which mysteriously ended up in the desert of West Africa.

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Connerty the heart of UMass

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demanding and potentially frustrating assignment.

Naturally, not only does Connerty embrace the challenge, she thrives on it. She loves her underclassmen's endless amount of energy and fight and even uses it to keep her going on those exhausting days. She'll admit it can be frustrating at times, but also knows that once her young proteges come of age, the benefits will be well worth the struggles.

"Being a leader, it's easy because they're so excited to learn new things," Connerty said.

And if the rookies can play with a little more consistency by Atlantic 10 tournament time, Connerty's team will be a dangerous one.

Still, don't be fooled by Kerri's pleasant words and sweet demeanor. She wants to win; in fact it is the sole thing that motivates her and she seems poised to do anything it takes to do so, whether it's scrapping for a groundball, pumping up a teammate with cheer or gracefully weaving and cutting towards the cage for a much needed goal.

Kerri also attributes a lot of her inspiration and success to teammate, roommate and fellow leader, Jackie Nesbit.

"I'd say my roommate Jackie Nesbit [pushes me the most]," Connerty said. "I look to her if I'm down or anything. I think she's also a spark on the team, and I definitely look to her to keep me fired up. She's the same way I am; she'll come up big with a ground ball then psych everyone up.

"I look to her to maintain composure and excitement. She's an emotional leader. We're very much on the same page as emotions, so I look to her if mine are a little out of whack."

The similarities between the two force them to keep up with each other and constantly play as hard, or as well, as possible.

Just as it looks from the tin Garber Field bleachers, it comes easily for Kerri, not in the sense that she got where she is without hard work, in the sense that leading on and off the field is just part of who she is.

Connerty inspires. Her words are serious, confident and honest. And, startlingly, you learn all of this the first time you meet her, but her coach of three years rightly sums Kerri up as a player and a person.

"Kerri is passionate, she cares, she's a serious person, a natural leader, definitely a motivator, one who inspires, one who people can look up to and want to be like. She's consistent, and she cares about her teammates and team, and her performance day to day. She'll do great things beyond lacrosse in life."

The Minutewomen are struggling, which is to be expected with all of their youth. Yet, they are still full of hope and much of it. Not all of it, as she'd say, but a lot can be attributed to the commitment, ambition and character of Kerri Connerty.



KERRI KAREN RINGER

Junior midfielder Kerri Connerty has scored 62 goals and recorded 24 assists for 86 points in her UMass career.

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Minutewomen drop two over weekend

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well against Duquesne in the first half and even in the second half. They did some good things. It's a lot of game situations. In the second half we draw control and fast breaks."

The Duquesne game was much of the same for the Minutewomen. After Duquesne took a 2-1 lead early in the half, UMass riled off four straight goals to take 5-2 lead midway through the first half. The Minutewomen led the Dukes 6-4 at the half after playing well in the first half against a tough team for the second game in a row. The second half, again, was a different story.

After taking a 7-4 lead with a goal by freshman Jeanette Villapiano five minutes into the second half, the Dukes scored four straight goals to take an 8-7 lead. After a goal by Typadis to make it 9-8 UMass, Duquesne again scored four straight to take a 12-8 lead and all but put away the Minutewomen. UMass would score two more to make it 12-10 before the Dukes tossed in the final goal with just seconds left to secure the win. Bolduc found the silver lining in the loss.

"Duquesne is a really physical team, and they were fouling and not getting a lot of calls in their favor," Bolduc said. "But we played well. I think they underestimated and weren't ready and prepared for us that we were really going to rally back after a couple of Atlantic 10 losses. They thought they had this game in the bag and that's what this team is about."

The second half lapses have been a thorn in the side of the UMass women's lacrosse team this year, and it has not found a solution to the problem. Halftime seems to be the Minutewomen's biggest foe, as the game break has proven to deaden the UMass intensity and provide a spark for the other team.

"I think if we didn't have a halftime we'd be better off," Bolduc said. "I think their coach got their team fired up. They ended up getting up by one and then possessed the ball and went into a stall for 15 minutes. We had to pressure out and then once we pressured out they drove and scored, so it's tough to break that once a team gets up by one like Duquesne did."

UM wraps up perfect season at home

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All of the singles matches that UMass won did not advance past the minimum two sets.

Spiess was able to defeat Holy Cross (6-13) junior Carrie Simmons 6-0, 6-0. Spiess was in the driver's seat the entire match, outplaying Simmons in every aspect of the game.

Pozar continued her winning ways and her bid for the A-10 Rookie of the Year by collecting her 14th singles victory this season over junior Katie Irwin. Pozar defeated Irwin by a score of 6-1, 6-1.

Holy Cross continued to be outmatched at the No. 4 slot as Johnson easily beat freshman Meg Moran 6-2, 6-1. The difference in experience between the seasoned veteran and the rookie was evident on the court.

Bartoloni's match was delayed as Holy Cross sophomore Meredith Bacon was in the W.E.B. Dubois Library apparently studying for an exam. Bacon's lack of focus could have contributed to her being handily defeated 6-1, 6-0.

The only singles loss of the day came from freshman Kristin Dipiero in the No. 6 slot. Dipiero was filling in for junior Dorothy Iwanowicz, who was absent from both the singles and doubles lineups.

"Dorothy is trying to hit her stride for the A-10s," Dixon said. "She's trying to stay focused, and she has the most aches and pains on the team so I decided to give her the day off."

The absence of Iwanowicz gave the rookie Dipiero some much needed court experience as she is the next in line to step up if any of the UMass regulars goes down with an injury.

Dipiero's match started off in her favor as she took the first set 6-4 over fellow freshman Katie Guarino. She then slipped in the second and surrendered the set to Guarino by the same 6-4 score.

The third and deciding set went into a tie-break that was ultimately taken by Guarino 10-8. Although Dipiero battled to force the overtime she struggled and showed her lack of experience in the tie-breaker.

"[Dipiero] is an excellent tennis player, and she has tons of talent," Dixon said. "But she has been able to show it yet because she just hasn't gained the maturity that she needs yet."

The Maroon and White started the match on the right foot by taking the doubles point. UMass won two of the three doubles matches.

Spiess and Pozar teamed up to take the No. 1 match by a score of 8-1. Edelstein and Bartoloni easily won at No. 2, 8-0 and junior Lesley Fisher and Dipiero dropped their match at No. 3 8-1.

UM opening up the Beanpot

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Despite a strong offensive performance in their last game, the Minutemen still nearly gave away the game defensively. Their four errors on Sunday brought their weekend total during the Saint Joseph's series to 12 errors.

The Maroon and White have been struggling defensively over the course the season, as they have 48 errors as a team opposed to their opponents' total of 37.

"I expected them to play better and to play well [defensively]," Stone said. "We had a conversation with the team, and we expect more. We expect more in execution, competitiveness, focus, concentration, whatever you want to call it. We just need to step it up."

As the Minutemen prepare for the in-state tournament, the 8-7 loss suffered in the second game on Saturday was their ninth one-run loss of the season, a significant factor in their record if some of those games would have swung the other way.



ANDREW TAM/COLLEGIAN STAFF

UMass pitcher Keith Doherty has struck out 20 batters in 14 innings of work for the Minutemen this season. They take on Harvard today.

"We still need to be better," Stone said. "This past weekend, to be honest, was embarrassing. We should have beat St. Joe's three times and should always beat St. Joe's. We expect more of ourselves and not only expect it, we've got to get it. We're sometimes satisfied with doing what's expected or mediocre, but that won't work. So, that's real important."

Red Sox sign Tim Wakefield to one-year contract extension

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

BOSTON — Tim Wakefield, the longest-tenured player on the Boston Red Sox, agreed Tuesday to a $4 million, one-year contract extension through 2006 that gives the team up to three additional option years at the same salary.

The 38-year-old knuckleballer is getting $4.67 million this year in the final season of a three-year contract. If Boston exercises its option for 2007, the Red Sox get an option for 2008, and if the team exercises the option for 2008, it also gets an option for 2009.

In each year of the deal, Wakefield could earn $1.5 million in performance bonuses and $800,000 in award bonuses.

"It takes a lot of pressure off me to be able to know that I'm going to be here for a long time and I can just go out there and do my job," said Wakefield, who is off to a strong start in his 11th season with the Red Sox.

General manager Theo Epstein said he wasn't aware of any similar contracts in baseball.

Wakefield's deal "demonstrates that both sides really wanted to keep Tim here for as long as possible," Epstein said. "A contract such as this that has a lot of club options going forward can reward Tim for his performance and reward the club by keeping him here in a Red Sox uniform."

The pitcher stressed that he wants to retire with Boston and wants to pitch for as long as possible. Other knuckleballers have pitched successfully well into their 40s.

If the Red Sox chose not to exercise their option at any point, Wakefield could become a free agent.

"If that situation arose, I don't know what might happen then," he said.

Wakefield signed with the team in 1995 while Dan Duquette was general manager. Wakefield has moved back and forth from the bullpen to the rotation. He is a six-time finalist for the Roberto Clemente Award, a community service award presented by the commissioner's office.

Wakefield is 2-0 with a 1.37 ERA in three starts this season. He is second on the team's career list with 390 appearances, third with 1,866 innings, third with 253 starts and seventh with 116 wins.

He also has 1,343 strikeouts for the Red Sox — ahead of Cy Young and behind only Roger Clemens and Pedro Martinez.

Wakefield is 116-99 with 22 saves and a 4.28 ERA for the Red Sox, and 130-111 in his career, which began with Pittsburgh.

Fenway fans facing possible charges from Boston police

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

BOSTON — Boston police are seeking misdemeanor criminal charges against two fans who were involved in a scuffle with New York Yankees outfielder Gary Sheffield during the eighth inning of a Yankees-Red Sox game at Fenway Park last Thursday.

Police on Tuesday asked a clerk magistrate to decide whether a disorderly conduct charge is warranted against the fans, according to Officer John Boyle, a department spokesman.

Boyle wouldn't name the two fans, but Red Sox officials have revoked season tickets from Christopher House, a Boston man who appeared to make contact with Sheffield while he was chasing down a ball in the right-field corner of Fenway Park.

The team also banned a fan who spilled beer on Sheffield from buying tickets this season. The Red Sox did not release the fan's name.

The charge, disorderly person and disturbing a public assembly, is a misdemeanor.

It wasn't immediately clear if court officials at Boston Municipal Court have scheduled a date for the hearing. If a clerk magistrate decides that criminal charges are warranted, the two fans would appear before a judge.

Meanwhile, Sheffield could find out soon whether he'll also be punished for his role in the confrontation. Sheffield and his agent, Rufus Williams, planned to meet Tuesday with Bob Watson, vice president in charge of discipline in Commissioner Bud Selig's office. Williams called Boston's actions a "good thing."

House, in a statement issued Monday through his attorney, David T. Norton, said he had "no intention" of striking Sheffield and that he does not believe he made contact with the outfielder. Sheffield said he was hit in the face.

A message left at Norton's office was not immediately returned Tuesday.

On the play in question last Thursday, Sheffield was running along the 3-foot high right-field fence, chasing a hit by Jason Varitek, when House reached over it with a sweeping motion and appeared to make contact with the player.

Sheffield picked up the ball, made a shoving motion toward House, then threw it to the infield. He then turned toward House but did not touch him. A security guard jumped over the wall and stood between House and Sheffield.

UMass rolls through Eagles

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her third home run of the season, increasing the UMass lead to four. Morin hit her first career homer in a doubleheader sweep against George Washington on April 9 and then proceeded to record two more since then, including the one yesterday.

A scoreless fourth inning transferred to heavy hitting in the fifth for UMass. In the first at-bat of the inning, senior Hilary Puglia put the game away with a homerun to left field, which was her sixth dinger of the season. Despite gathering the three, the home runs were hard to come by with the wind gusting towards the field in Chestnut Hill.

"The wind was really blowing into the field, but we were able to get those hits," Sortino said. "It's tough to win at home, but it's even tougher to win on the road."

The final inning of the day was a scoreless one for the Minutewoman offense, and Busa put the Eagles to sleep, despite two runners being left on base.

Contact with the ball is something that the Minutewomen have displayed thoroughly recently, with junior KJ Kelley breaking the UMass home run record last week. After her record-breaking week, where she amassed 11 doubles, Kelley was honored as the Atlantic 10 Player of the Week.

Amongst the rest of the A-10, many members of the UMass softball team are fairing well and leading the conference. Proctor has the highest batting average in the Atlantic 10, with a mark of .368, with Kelley second on the list. Sophomore Candice Molinari is a perfect 25-of-25 in the stolen base department, and Puglia has amounted 11 RBIs, with both of those categories leading the conference.

With three weeks left before the A-10 Championships, 14 games remain in the season. Six of those games will be against A-10 teams and 10 of them will be decided at home.

The Maroon and White will play in two doubleheaders this weekend, with the first on Friday against St. Bonaventure and the second being played against North Carolina State on Sunday. The games against St. Bonaventure, (which is undefeated in the A-10 at 6-0) will be important to the UMass season, as it has dropped three A-10 contests, including an 11-3 blowout loss against Temple on Friday.

Ahead of the Minutewomen in the conference standings are the Bonnies and Fordham, which swept UMass on Apr. 4. The BC Eagles will have its chance for retribution, as they will face off against UMass again in Amherst on May 4.

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Northeastern's Ezekiel eyeing first-day NFL draft selection

By Mark Pratt
Associated Press

BOSTON — Throwback. The word keeps coming up when people talk about Liam Ezekiel.

"I'm old enough to remember guys like Dick Butkus and Ray Nitschke, and he's a little bit of a throwback to that type of linebacker," said Rocky Hager, the head coach at Northeastern during Ezekiel's senior year.

"He has that tough, throwback mentality," said Ezekiel's agent, Joe Linta.

It is probably the highest compliment anyone can pay Ezekiel, a four-time All-Atlantic 10 Conference player and two-time first-team Division I-AA All-American.

Now, the 6-foot-1, 245-pound linebacker has chance to become the first Northeastern player drafted by an NFL team since the Cincinnati Bengals took tight end Dan Ross in the second round in 1979. Draftboardinsider.com has projected Ezekiel to go as high as the fourth round in the April 23-24 draft. At the very least, he hopes to be signed to a free-agent contract.

"Obviously, it would be exciting to be drafted, but I am not banking on it," he said. "I'm one of those guys who would play for free if they let me. I just want to get into a camp and show what I can do."

Anyone who played or coached against him in the Atlantic 10 already knows what he can do. Ezekiel has been terrorizing the league's offenses for four years and finished as Northeastern's career leader in tackles with 489.

Now he has to prove to pro scouts and general managers that a I-AA player can compete against far tougher competition.

"The competition level isn't the same at I-AA," he said. "The exposure isn't the same."

For the past few months, he has been trying to get that exposure in other ways.

He played in the East-West Shrine game in San Francisco in January, where he had six tackles playing against mostly Division I-A players.

He then attended the Competitive Edge Sports camp in Atlanta from late January to late February to work on speed, conditioning and strength — again with many I-A players who expect to get drafted. "Pretty much all you do there is work out, eat and sleep," he said.



Northeastern linebacker Liam Ezekiel committed to the Huskies under current UMass football coach Don Brown. Ezekiel could be drafted as high as the fourth round.

He went to the NFL Combine in Indianapolis in late February with dozens of other players who expect to get shot at the pros. They don't just test physical skills at the combine, but administer psychological and IQ tests.

"Nowadays, you can't just be a physical specimen to play in the NFL," he said. "You have to have a brain to learn the complex defenses."

He also attended a Pro Day at Boston College, where NFL scouts evaluated prospects from New England colleges.

All those experiences taught him the same thing — he can compete with the best college football players in the nation, even if he did play at a I-AA school.

"I always knew I could compete with them, but I guess after doing all these things it has reassured me a bit," said Ezekiel, who has a 36-inch vertical leap, runs the 40-yard dash in 4.62 seconds and has a maximum bench press of 475 pounds.

He is also aware that some of the top players in the NFL played at I-AA schools, including Philadelphia Eagles receiver Terrell Owens (Tennessee-Chattanooga), New England Patriots safety Rodney Harrison (Western Illinois) and two-time league MVP Kurt Warner (Northern Iowa) who will play for the Arizona Cardinals next season.

Ezekiel was actually recruited by a number of I-A colleges out of Arlington High School, and committed to play at West Virginia. But he missed the Bay State and his family, and came home after just a day, before participating in a single Mountaineers practice.

Don Brown, the former Northeastern coach now at Massachusetts, had recruited Ezekiel out of high school and gladly gave him the school's final scholarship four years ago.

Hager was the beneficiary of Ezekiel's final year of collegiate eligibility, when he was named a finalist for the Buck Buchanan Award, which goes to the top defensive player in I-AA.

"When I got the job at Northeastern I talked to a couple of guys on the Temple staff who had coached in the Atlantic 10 and they told me Liam is the kind of guy you build your defense around," Hager said.

"He plays the game with a consistent intensity. In the coaching world we say he has a great motor. He does all the things you like to see from a linebacker. He doesn't run around his blockers, he holds through them. He has a nasty streak on the field, and that helps make him the prototypical inside middle linebacker in a 4-3 concept."

But Hager suspended Ezekiel indefinitely last season because of an "incident" at practice. No other details were given and Ezekiel missed only one game, against Hofstra, before Hager lifted the suspension.

Linta, Ezekiel's agent, has a track record of representing lower division players. "We've done pretty well with guys like him in the past and a lot of people in the NFL respect my opinion," said Linta, who played football at Yale. "My motto is 'We only need one team to like you.'

"Whatever team gets him will be getting a real leader and once he gets in it will be very difficult to get rid of him," Linta said.

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2005 QB draft class full of mediocrity

By Bob McGinn
Knight Ridder

GREEN BAY, Wis. — There hasn't been an unmitigated bust at quarterback in the NFL draft since Akili Smith was the third overall selection by the Cincinnati Bengals in 1999.

If the Detroit Lions give up on Joey Harrington (third pick, '02) and the Baltimore Ravens give up on Kyle Boller (19th pick, '03), two more quarterbacks who were handed starting jobs by default will go down as failures.

Smith, Harrington and Boller are linked to Jeff Tedford, just about the hottest coach in the college game. The dilemma for personnel people is what to make of this year's Tedford-tutored quarterback, California's Aaron Rodgers.

Tedford worked wonders with Trent Dilfer (sixth pick, '94) as offensive coordinator at Fresno State from 1993-97. Then he salvaged the careers of Smith during the first year of his four-year stint (1998-2001) as coordinator at Oregon and Boller during the first season of his ultra-successful three-year tenure at Cal. Harrington spent four years under Tedford at Oregon.

The other quarterback whom Tedford has had drafted was A.J. Feeley (fifth round, '01). He also coached David Carr as a freshman at Fresno State when he played very little.

As much respect as NFL people have for Tedford's ability to develop winning quarterbacks on Saturdays, they have an equal degree of disdain for how his proteges have fared on Sundays.

"They all throw the ball the same way," a personnel director for an AFC team said. "What have those guys done? Nothing."

"They're all so mechanical, so robotic," another scout said. "They're so well-schooled. I think Rodgers is in that same mold."

Rodgers didn't have an offer coming out of high school in Chico, Calif., so he went to nearby Butte (Junior) College in 2002. Tedford discovered him after one season, Rodgers was able to obtain his release and he signed with Cal.

In two Pacific-10 Conference seasons, Rodgers started 21 of 25 games, completed 63.8 percent of his passes for 5,469 yards, 43 touchdowns and 13 interceptions.

Recognizing that the crop of senior quarterbacks was weak, Rodgers declared a year early and, incredibly enough, now has a chance to be the first player selected.

"I think he has a good chance of being a bust just like every other Tedford-coached quarterback," an NFC personnel director said. "Thing I struggle with is he gets sacked a lot. Brett Favre can change his release point and find different windows. This guy is very rigid mechanically."

A Journal Sentinel poll this month of 13 personnel people asked each to rank their top five quarterbacks in order, with a first-place vote worth five points, a second-place vote worth four and so on.

Utah's Alex Smith, the other big-name junior, drew 11 firsts compared to two for Rodgers and had 63 points compared to 53 for Rodgers. After that, it was Auburn's Jason Campbell with 25, Akron's Charlie Frye with 17, Georgia's David Greene with 16, Arizona State's Andrew Walter with 13, Purdue's Kyle Orton with seven and Louisville's Stefan LeFors with one.

However, one of the two scouts that put Rodgers No. 1 conceded that he wasn't in the same class of the quarterback group last year that included Eli Manning, Philip Rivers and Ben Roethlisberger.

"But if you don't have one, where do you get one?" Chicago Bears general manager Jerry Angelo said. "You can say, 'Hey, I don't want to take him here, it's too rich.' But if you say, 'I can win with the guy,' and I certainly think you can with both of these guys and maybe three or four of them, you've got to take them."

Scouts say Smith probably isn't as ready to play as Rodgers and might not have as strong an arm. However, Smith rates a slight edge on superior height and athletic ability.

"Smith is an exceptional runner, I think he's a leader and he can air it out," Tony Softli, Carolina Panthers director of college scouting, said. "He has all the skills you're looking for."

Are these two quarterbacks worthy of a projected $22 to $25 million in guaranteed money? Or are they at the top of a draft sorely lacking in genuine franchise prospects essentially because of the position that they play?

"Frankly, I don't know," Indianapolis Colts President Bill Polian said. "Am I certain Aaron Rodgers will come in and be the guy to lead my team to the Promised Land? I can't say that. I'm not even sure I can say that about Alex Smith.

"I'd stop after the top three quarterbacks this year. I think it's the Grand Canyon after that."

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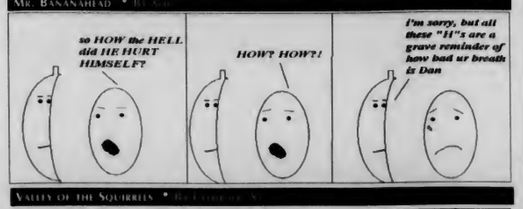
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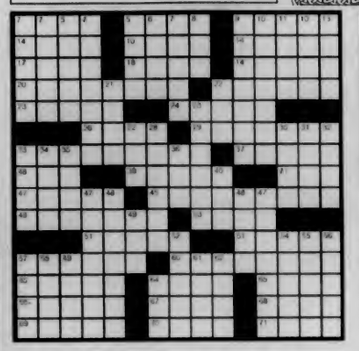
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Rise from the bottom

Kerri Connerty is the heart of the UMass lacrosse team

By Ian Kilpatrick
Collegian Staff

On a crisp fall day in Amherst two and a half years ago, a freshman by the name of Kerri Connerty approached her new coach and asked her an assertive and sincere question, "What can I do to play?"

First year coach Carrie Bolduc knew that Connerty, the first freshman to approach her, would be a special player on her lacrosse team from her youthful exuberance.

Today, Connerty stands poised about 10 meters from her opponent's goal and moves effortlessly through the defense with fluent quickness and a serenity that seems to settle her team at the most critical of times. Her mouth works as quickly as her stick with words of direction, encouragement and praise.

To the observer, it can seem at times like she can score whenever she wants without any help, but that is where the true heart of Connerty's game and personality comes into play.

Yes, she leads her team in assists and points, but don't be surprised if she has no clue or if she doesn't think it's important. You hear them less and less these days in an increasingly "me-first" athletic world, but you've heard the cliches: "I couldn't have done it without the team" or "everyone played well, it was a team effort," but they rarely seem genuine or more than just said to say the "right" thing.

When Kerri Connerty says things like this, she means them and may even get pretty mad if you don't believe her.

"We have great captains that get us together," Connerty said. "All have their own roles just as I have my own role. If I have a good game or do good things, it's just because my teammates around me, they got me open, they work off ball, it's definitely not fully me."

Bolduc offers a different perspective.

"I think her work ethic and her willing to improve is just phenomenal," Bolduc said. "She, every summer, works on something new, whether it's her fitness or her quickness or speed, whatever it is. She has done things on her own to improve, and every year she comes back stronger and stronger. I think that her drive, her motivation as an individual, has made her who she is today as a player and as a person as well."

As humble and kind as Connerty is off the field, ironically it's her forcefulness and passion to be the one responsible for her team's fate that has gotten her to where she is today.

She just won't admit it.



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Leading a group that has nine freshmen, Kerri Connerty has been a consumate teammate this season.



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Kerri Connerty has scored 29 goals and has tallied a team-leading 11 assists for a team-best 40 points.

"I think I've just had a good season," she said. "I don't think that I work harder or do anything more than anyone else. My teammates work very, very hard, and their hard work is why I do well in games."

It almost sounds too perfect and nice to be true, but she's sincere.

Connerty isn't a leader on your typical team though; she's got much of the responsibility of bringing along an unheard of nine freshmen, which is one

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UM lax comes up empty over long weekend

By Rob Greenfield
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts women's lacrosse team finished a two-game road stint on Sunday, in which it dropped two tight games to conference opponents St. Bonaventure and Duquesne over the weekend. The Minutewomen fell to 4-9 on the season and 1-5 in-conference.

The wins over UMass moved St. Bonaventure to 11-3 on the season, and Duquesne moved 10-2 on the year, with each team boasting a 4-0 record in the conference, making the Bonnies and the Dukes the top two teams in the Atlantic 10.

On Friday, the game started out familiar enough, and ended with what has become a common theme for this team. The first three goals were scored by UMass with the first St. Bonaventure goal coming at the 18:31 mark by Kelly Chevez.

Freshman Kathleen Typadis scored at the 17:16 in the first half to make it 4-1 UMass, before St. Bonaventure ripped off four straight goals to take a one-goal lead. The Minutewomen responded with three of their own to take a 7-4 lead into halftime. That is where it fell apart.

After the Bonnies chipped the lead down to 8-7, junior captain Lindsey Cassell scored to make it 9-7. After Cassell's goal, St. Bonaventure opened the flood gates with six straight goals, giving it a 13-9 lead. UMass answered back with three straight of its own, but it turned out to be a last-gasp effort, as the Bonnies scored the last four goals of the game to seal the deal.

The team didn't have much time to think after the St. Bonaventure game, as they were on the road to Duquesne just a day later. UMass coach Carrie Bolduc knew that the team had to recover quickly.

"Right after St. Bonaventure, they bounced right back," Bolduc said. "They performed really

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Morris keeps piling up awards

What does scoring eight points, including the game-winning goal, in an all-important come-from-behind win against an ECAC opponent earn someone?

Well, it all depends on which day of the week it is.

Massachusetts men's lacrosse attackman Sean Morris scored a career-high five goals and added three assists for a career-best eight points in UMass' 14-12 victory over the Hobart Statesman on Saturday afternoon in Geneva, N.Y.

On Monday, Morris was tabbed, along with UMass softball catcher KJ Kelley, as the UMass/Dinn Brothers Athlete of the Week.

Yesterday, Morris was named ECAC Riddell Lacrosse Offensive Player of the Week for the second time this season. He was also recognized with the honor on March 2 after scoring a then-career-high four goals plus an assist in UMass' 18-2 3-1 ECAC) season opener, a 12-7 win at Hofstra.

Fellow UMass attacker Jeff Zywicki received the award last week for his four-goal showing in the Maroon and White's 14-6 drubbing of St. John's.

After falling behind 6-2 in the second quarter on Saturday, the Minutemen went on a 6-1 scoring run to take an 8-7 lead. Morris scored two of those goals during the run, including one in the final two minutes of the first half to tie the score at 7.

Morris also scored the 13th Minuteman goal of the afternoon, which proved to be his third game-winner of the season.

He leads UMass with 27 goals, 16 assists and 43 points through 10 games this year.

Massachusetts defenseman Jack Reid was named to the ECAC Honor Roll for keeping Hobart's then-leading scorer Nate Hill (15-15-30) pointless for the first time in nine games.

The No. 9 Minutemen take the field next on Saturday against the No. 3 Georgetown Hoyas at Garber Field at 1 p.m.

—*Jeff Howe*

Minutewomen roll through BC

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

With the temperature at a balmy 70 degrees, the Massachusetts softball team (22-12-1 7-3 Atlantic 10) defeated Boston College 5-1 yesterday at Shea Field.

This non-conference contest was the first road game for the Minutewomen in a week and followed a doubleheader split against Temple on Sunday.

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The Maroon and White are scheduled to travel again this Friday, as it takes on St. Bonaventure in a doubleheader.

Against the Eagles, it was more of the same for UMass, which scored runs early and shut down the opposition's offense. The defense was led by senior Barb LaFogg, who allowed four hits and struck out four through five innings of play. LaFogg has accumulated an A-10-high 154 strikeouts this season and holds a record of 14-8.

In the fifth inning, with two on base, LaFogg was able to get out of a jam and left the game pitching five scoreless innings. Her counterpart, junior Jenna Busa, came into the game in the sixth inning to relieve LaFogg and let up two hits and one run off of an error. This marks the second save for Busa this season, who has 84 strikeouts in 23 appearances.

"Barb gave us a good appearance, and the team played good overall defense. She really kept the ball moving around,"



ANDREW TAMULYNAS/COLLEGIAN

UMass pitcher Jenna Busa recorded her second save of the season in the team's victory over Boston College yesterday in Chestnut Hill.

Sortino said. "Jenna also had a good day, with that only run coming on an error."

The group that leads the A-10 in team batting heated up early in this contest when sophomore Amanda Acampora stepped up to pinch hit for junior Kristi Stefanoni. Following a single by senior Pam Sulick, freshman Lauren Proctor doubled to right field. This set up Acampora, who homered, giving the Minutewomen a 3-0 edge in the second inning. This marks the first homerun of Acampora's collegiate career and her fifth R B I.

"[Acampora] is becoming very confident with her hitting," Sortino said. "I feel that she is finding her strength in that area of the game."

The Maroon and White did not slow down in the third, as sophomore Amanda Morin hit

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Beanpot on tap for Minutemen

By Todd Foster
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts baseball team is coming off its fifth win and its best offense production of the season going into the annual Beanpot Classic. The Minutemen will face off against Harvard today at LeLaucher Field, the home of the Lowell Spinners. The game will begin at 2 p.m.

Then, the Minutemen play in one of the most historic and famous ballparks in the entire world, Fenway Park, tomorrow. Depending on the outcome of the Harvard (17-10 10-2 Ivy League) game, UMass will face either Northeastern (12-15 5-1 America East) or Boston College (23-11 9-4 Big East) in the second day of Beanpot action. The consolation game is the first game on Thursday at 2 p.m. followed by the championship at 5 p.m.

"I actually pushed if we couldn't get Fenway for both days to play in LeLaucher, which I think is a really nice ballpark," UMass coach Mike Stone said. "I'm really excited about it and to get into to Fenway, that's real special."

In last year's Beanpot, the Maroon and White lost a heartbreaker when it dropped a 4-3 decision to Northeastern in the opening round. Former Minuteman starter Devin Barnett turned in a solid outing going eight innings and, at one point, retiring 14 straight batters before allowing the winning run to cross the plate on a balk.

Following the opening round loss, the Minutemen rallied for three runs in bottom of the seventh to tie Harvard, 4-4, to go into extra innings, but they had no response for Harvard shortstop Zak Frankes' three-run shot over the left field fence in the top of the eighth, leading the Crimson to a 7-4 win.

"It's a special tournament atmosphere," Stone added. "Last year, it wasn't quite the same because we were at Brockton. But this year with the incentive to playing the championship game at Fenway, it should be real."

With senior Jason Twomley continuing to play strong offensively, a few other UMass players started to break out this weekend. Sophomore Bryan Adamski had a huge weekend, going 6-for-14 with his first collegiate home run. The Tiekyo Post transfer also posted eight RBIs on the weekend after having only five total previously.

Two freshmen showed improvement during the Saint Joseph's series as shortstop Zach Thomas and third baseman Ryan Franzcek both came up with clutch hits. Thomas came up with an RBI single during a six-run eighth-inning rally. Franzcek went 2-for-2 at the plate with both at-bats coming during the eighth-inning rally.

"It's good to see the offense getting hits, but we need to be executing in a more meaningful situation," Stone said. "When we have the bases loaded or RBI situations, the guys who have shown consistency in other areas need to step up and execute. That's what it's all about."

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ANDREW TAMULYNAS/COLLEGIAN

Bill Rankin applies the tag on a Holy Cross baserunner earlier this season. Rankin and the Minutemen play at LeLaucher Park in Lowell today. The second round of games takes place tomorrow at Fenway Park.

Just another win at Boyden

By Jon Pelland
Collegian Staff

There seemed to be a recurring theme at the Upper Boyden Courts this spring. The Massachusetts women's tennis team (15-6 4-0 Atlantic 10) just kept winning.

The Minutewomen won all of their outdoor matches in Amherst this season.

The latest victim came on Monday when UMass was able to defeat Holy Cross 6-1. The win marked the eighth in a row for the Minutewomen and their ninth win in 10 matches.

Monday was also Senior Day in Amherst as senior captain Sasha Edelstein was honored before the match for her career at UMass.

Minutewoman head coach Judy Dixon is sorry to see Edelstein go.

"She is probably the best leader I've had here, and I've been here 11 years," Dixon said before the match.

Singles wins for the Minutewomen came from Edelstein at No. 3, sophomore Michele Spiess at No. 1, freshman phenom Masha Pozar at No. 2 and juniors Susan Johnson and Jana Bartoloni at Nos. 4 and 5 respectively.

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The UMass women's tennis team made it through the regular season without losing a home match.

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Students react to impending RIAA, MPAA lawsuits

By Matt Elder
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Students across the University of Massachusetts reacted to the lawsuits that the Recording Industry Association of America and the Motion Picture Association of America are filing against university students.

UMass Legal Services says that some of the students have already sought advice. "The recording industry is very meticulous at what they do," said Steve Mammarella, a Legal Assistant at Legal Services.

Last week, both the RIAA and the MPAA filed lawsuits against college students who illegally download music and movies on the "Internet 2 hub" (i2hub) network. The RIAA disclosed that UMass had 25 students who were being sued, while the MPAA would not release that information.

Even though college students were the targets of this round of lawsuits, RIAA CEO Cary Sherman said in an online chat that his company is not specifically after students.

"College students are not the primary target. Of the lawsuits brought to date, we've sued a relatively small percentage of students as compared to the general public," he said.

Sherman also said that his company sent out letters to 140 universities informing their presidents about the downloading problems on their campus.

Since the legal process started last week, Mammarella said that now is the time that students should take advantage of Legal Services.

Once the student has received the subpoena, they have a short period of time in which they can "quash" it, Mammarella said. Quashing a subpoena is when the student tries to say that the respective industry does not have grounds for their information—like what they have downloaded and their IP addresses.

According to Mam-marella, Legal Services has talked to some students who have received letters from the RIAA and MPAA. He said that lawsuits can demand up to $10,000 per song downloaded.

Sherman said in his Internet chat that the average user had 2,300 MP3 files and one user had 13,600 MP3's.

Many students at the university voiced their displeasure of the lawsuits as they wondered why the industries would go after college students, who usually do not have much money for a legal settlement.

"I think it's crazy," said Kyle Murphy, a senior civil engineering major. Murphy said that he didn't know that downloaded music was illegal, and that he hasn't seen any warnings in any of the programs, and that can be a cause of the problem.

"If you download Kazaa, there's no warning," he said.

Lynne Starek, a senior civil engineering major, said that she understood why the industries are going after college students.

"I can see why they're doing

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Motorcyclist hit by car near Lederle

A male motorcycle driver incurred what witnesses described as minor injuries as a result of being struck by a motor vehicle yesterday afternoon, just outside the University campus.

The accident which occurred at the intersection of Governors Drive and North Pleasant Street involved the driver of a Green Ford Aerostar that contained only the driver of the vehicle, and a motorcyclist who was driving a Honda Shadow motorcycle. Police declined to identify both male drivers yesterday evening.

Police say the driver would receive a citation for the incident, though the accident remains under investigation by the Amherst Police Department.

According to a witness at the scene of the accident who asked to remain unidentified, the driver of the Aerostar was heading inbound on North Pleasant street toward campus when he failed to stop, striking the motorcycle. The witness said that the victim, who police also declined to identify, complained of back and neck pain, and was put in a stretcher before he was quickly taken to the hospital in an ambulance for medical treatment.

"He looked as though he was going to be ok," said the identified student. "He was talking, and awake, but he was complaining a lot about his back hurting so they brought him to the hospital."

The incident is one of the more serious accidents to occur on campus since 19-year-old Ciara Tran of Dorchester, Mass. was struck as a pedestrian this semester. Tran, a freshman student at UMass was critically injured in the incident.

Earlier this month, Amherst Police Department received a $12,000 grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau as part of a statewide campaign to decrease the amount of accidents and incidents of aggressive driving, by increasing enforcement.

The Road Respect campaign will use the $12,000 to activate 20 extra police officers to work shifts covering only traffic violations specifically. The campaign began on April 4 and ended April 17.

— *Michael Busack*



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Amherst Police officers tow away a motorcycle involved in a car accident at the intersection of North Pleasant St. and Governors Drive yesterday. Witnesses say the motorcyclist suffered minor injuries.

Parks recognized for marching band success

By Cameron Methner
Collegian Staff

The sights and sounds of the UMass Marching Band and Concert Band come together with practice and dedication from the students. However, the leadership comes straight from the hands of their director George N. Parks.

This is Park's first job, and has been for 28 years.

Two days after finishing his graduate studies program, Parks interviewed and was appointed the director of a 350 person marching band. For George Parks, music has been an ever-present part of his life. Parks says his high school band director, Mr. Rehberg was a great influence on him.

"He was a great teacher and mentor. He put me on the track to become what I am today," Parks said.

Parks played the tuba and went on to study music education and tuba performance in his undergraduate career at the University of Delaware and graduate career at Northwestern University.

Parks led the Bands of America Honor Band, which performed in the 2005 Tournament of Roses Parade this past New Year's Day. An annual event since 1890, the two-and-a-half-hour spectacular of 50 floats, 20 equestrian

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Payano avoids censur at SGA meeting

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

Some members of the Student Government Associated attempted to censur President Pavel Payano last night, claiming that he has not managed the SGA office properly, and that he has passed initiatives without the consent of the Senate body.

A motion was drafted citing atlleged inefficiencies of the office use, specifically proper office supply use and the notion that the SGA as a body has been viewed as having the same agenda as other student groups like Take Back UMass and the Graduate Employee Organization — both groups in which Payano is a member.

Chair Lindsay Higgins made an announcement prior to the meeting's start declaring her dissatisfaction with the student body for assuming that the SGA is advocating for the GEO student walk-out today.

"The SGA as a whole does not approve of the walk-out," Higgins said. "We need to reach some resolution."

When a frustrated Payano addressed the Senate during his officer report, he said that seeing this motion was a "total shock."

He admitted that he spoke with Speaker Mark Morrison Tuesday night about issues concerning proper office use, however, he said that he did not expect to see a motion written.

"You are trying to censure me because I support several student groups," Payano said, "I have the freedom to address my own opinions."

Payano also said that he thought it was "weird to discuss who can print stuff and who can't."

According to Morrison, the SGA office had ordered "two boxes of paper" two weeks ago, the same time Payano was sworn in as president, and now all of the paper is gone.

Morrison accused members of Take Back UMass, the Student Center for Educational Research and Advocacy and GEO of using the office's printer and paper for pushing their own agendas.

"This wasn't a surpirise to President Payano," Morrsion said. "I told him that there would be a motion [yesterday]."

Morrsion also accused Payano of supporting the aforementioned student groups publically without consenting with the Senate body.

"When he is working as President, he should have the entire SGA behind him."

According to the SGA by-laws, the President holds the responsibility to maintain the office, until the executive cabinet is appointed.

Several of the senators that sponsored the censure motion added that this was not a personal attack on Payano, but rather an attack on the situation, that he happens to be residing over.

"This motion is attacking me," Payano said.

Morrison said that the basis of this motion is to distinguish Payano's involvement with these groups and the SGA.

The class boycott has been advertised throughout campus and Morrison said that he wants to reinforce that the SGA as a collective body is not supporting the walkout.

The alleged printing use was of fliers and signs promoting the walkout.

The vote to place the motion onto the agenda, failed, however, and the vote of censuring was never voted on. There is however, according to Senators a chance that the motion will be approved in committee meetings later this week.

In other order of business, Senator Sean Bliss announced that the pilot plan for the reverse vending machines is underway.

Two machines would be located in the Southwest Residential Area next fall and students could recycle cans and bottles, redeeming the money on their U-Cards.

"We hope that this pilot is successful so we can get more of these [machines]," Bliss said, "It would be really awesome if it could be turned into a student-run business."

Two executive Cabinet members were voted into the SGA last night. Tru Lang was appointed to the office of the Secretary of Registry and Miraisha Leiblum was appointed to the Secretary of Public Policy and Relations.



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SGA President Pavel Payano addresses the Senate reagarding the issue of a possible censur. He was accused by some senators of stealing office supplies for personal uses.



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Speaker Mark Morrison at last night's SGA meeting.

Harvard Square murder trial hears closing arguments

By Jay Lindsay
Associated Press

BOSTON — Three small-time gangsters and a heroin junkie made up "a killing team" that must be convicted for stabbing and beating to death a 21-year-old homeless woman on a Boston rail bridge, a Suffolk County prosecutor told a jury Wednesday.

In his closing argument, Patrick Haggan said victim Jo Nachtwey was terrified as they drove to the bridge because she knew the men planned to kill her. She first tried to jump from the moving car and then agreed to have sex with the gang leader in the desperate hope he'd protect her, he said.

But the three men had already decided to murder her to send a message to a rebellious faction of their fledging gang, Haggan said. They got a drug addict to do the actual stabbing by threatening to kill him, as well, he said.

"This was a cowardly, vicious and senseless murder and each and every one of the defendants wanted it to happen or chose to allow it to happen," Haggan said. "The time for accountability is now," he said.

The jury was expected to begin deliberations on Thursday morning after more than six weeks of testimony, said David Procopio, a spokesman for the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office.

Ismael Vasquez, 27; his brother, Luis Vasquez, 23; Harold Parker, 31; and Scott Davenport, 31, are all charged with first-degree murder in the death of Nachtwey, a native of Hawaii who hung out in a section of Harvard Square called "The Pit" with other young drifters and homeless, some of whom the gang leaders tried to recruit to steal for

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Marching band director recognized

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groups, and 25 marching bands puts all other parades in the shade. As Parks says, "For college basketball, it's the Final Four; for pro football, it's the Super Bowl; for bands, it's the Rose Parade."

The Honor Band is made up of a select 330 high school students from 206 different schools and 42 states.

"They were excellent players and I enjoyed being involved with kids of that caliber," he said.

Parks works with Bands of America, specifically their Summer Leadership Programs, which is why they chose him to lead the Honor Band during the parade.

For the better part of 2004, Parks was involved in preparing the band to perform in front of millions of spectators and millions more through television.

"To have the Honor Band on National Television and to hear UMass announced too was amazing," he said.

Parks took the students through a five-day "crash course" where they learned the parade route, worked on playing as an ensemble and playing together. A week in advance they received the music so that they were able to play when they traveled to California; they also were sent videos that demonstrated the basic moves and styles to follow. Parks and ten or so band members made the video last summer.

Working with students for so many years Parks has come to realize that it takes a great deal from both him and the students to make a great marching band.

"I expect a very high effort, and they put so much into playing well," he said.

Jen Warner, a UMass junior who has been playing flute in the marching band since freshman year says that, "He lives and breathes marching band. He is inspirational, energetic, and he loves what he does."

Parks brings a sense of honesty to conducting and expects the same from his students. But for Parks it is all in how you say it.

"You would much rather be destroyed by false praise, and to be real honest I would rather give false praise. Brutal honesty is important but it is all about tone. You need good tone to play in and conduct a band," he says.

"Parks has been recognized as an astounding band leader," says UMass News Spokesperson Ed Blaguszewski.

"From the university's point of view Parks is one of the most effective, enthusiastic, and visible ambassador for the university."



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Minuteman Band Director George Parks sits in front of the Louis Sudler trophy, the top collegiate marching band award in the country.

Parks has won many awards for his dedication. These awards include the Massachusetts Conductor of the Year Award and the University's own Chancellor's Medal for Distinguished Service.

"You show people that you're good, you don't say it," he said.

Murder places Deerfield on edge

DEERFIELD (AP) — A pregnant 21-year-old gas station clerk killed on the job was strangled, and the store's cash register is missing, authorities said Monday.

Brandy Waryasz, of Turners Falls, was found lying on the floor by a customer who came into Deerfield Sunoco Service Station at about 6:45 p.m. Saturday, Northwestern District Attorney Elizabeth D. Scheibel said. The customer called 911, and Waryasz was brought to Franklin Medical Center in Greenfield, where she was pronounced dead on arrival.

Scheibel said Monday that an autopsy showed Waryasz was strangled. She said there were no suspects in Waryasz's slaying, but authorities were following leads.

Waryasz's death is the first homicide in Deerfield in about 30 years.

—Associated Press

Prosecutors portray stabbing

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them.

Prosecutors said Davenport stabbed Nachtwey a dozen times, then Luis Vasquez cracked nunchucks on her skull to silence her screaming. They then allegedly rolled her body into the Charles River.

Haggan said Nachtwey was chosen for execution in part because her boyfriend led a revolt of the gang recruits who refused to steal after the boyfriend questioned whether the gang leaders were frauds, and also because she was left behind when the others were sent out to steal. "They took the easy target, the easy prey," Haggan said.

Earlier Wednesday, Davenport's lawyer asked the jury for a "merciful verdict" of innocent for his client. In his closing, John Courtney said Davenport hooked up with the others earlier only because he knew they could get him heroin, then drove with them to Boston because he was too high to take his car himself.



Harold Parks looks over his shoulder while examining photographs of clothing which police say has bloodstains.

Davenport didn't even know Nachtwey when Ismael Vasquez and Parker said they'd kill him if he didn't stab Nachtwey, Courtney said. "Scott Davenport was put in the position of having to decide whether he lived or he died," Courtney said. "They took Scott Davenport and said, 'You're going to kill for us.'" But Parker's lawyer said Davenport was trying to deflect the jury's attention from the fact that he was Nachtwey's killer.

During closing arguments, defense attorneys also attacked the two key prosecution witnesses, Ana White and Lauren Alleyne, both 21, who avoided life in prison when they pleaded guilty to helping to kill Nachtwey by holding her down as Davenport stabbed her.

Students' opinions differ over lawsuits

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it. College kids are major offenders," Starek said. "However, we're not the people to sue."

"I wouldn't even know it was illegal," she said, adding that she thought it was okay to use programs like i2hub.

"I don't think that it's fair that they are actually trying to get money from college students," said Youri Zabbal, a linguistics graduate student.

"There isn't an easy answer," he said. "The whole thing is a mess to begin with."

Alex Borcau, a senior communications and Spanish major, said that she thought that students could use a monthly service to download their songs.

Borcau's idea is one that Sherman agreed with in his chat.

"So far, 44 schools have done deals with legitimate online music services so they can offer their students a legal way to get music," he said.

Legal Services is located in 922 Campus Center. Lawyers operate on a sliding scale fee basis.

Mass. population on the decline, study says

By Matt Apuzzo
Associated Press

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — New England stands to lose about 20 percent of its congressional seats over the next quarter century as political power follows population booms in the South and West, newly released census data shows.

Population projections released Thursday by the U.S. Census Bureau project much slower growth in New England. They also paint a picture of a region that is increasingly elderly, especially in Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine, where statisticians expect a dramatic spike in the number of residents over 65.

If the projections hold true, Massachusetts would lose two of its 10 congressional seats, Connecticut would lose one of its five and Rhode Island would lose one of its two, according to an Associated Press analysis of the data.

That diminished political clout threatens to make it harder for New England lawmakers to push regional issues such as transportation and home heating costs onto the national agenda.

The states also will have to grapple with how to afford the costly social services required by their aging population. Experts say lawmakers won't be able to rely on Washington to fund those programs, as states around the country jockey for money to deal with aging baby boomers.

The Census Bureau projects that by 2030, 26.5 percent of people living in Maine will be over 65, a percentage that would trail only Florida's projected 27.1 percent.

"That means more concerns about budget pressures for health care, more concerns over rising housing costs when it's already getting difficult to add to the supply," said Jeffrey Carr, the state economic forecaster in Vermont, which is projected to see a 149 percent increase in the number of residents over 85 years old. "There's a million ramifications to this."

The federal government allocates seats in the House of Representatives every 10 years based on census data. Massachusetts lost a seat in 1980 and another in 1990 and Connecticut lost one in 2000.

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Schools suing feds for underfunding ed programs

By Ben Feller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's largest teachers union and school districts in three states are launching a legal fight over No Child Left Behind, aiming to free schools from complying with any part of the education law not paid for by the federal government.

The lawsuit, expected to be filed Wednesday in the U.S. District Court for eastern Michigan, is the most sweeping challenge to President Bush's signature education policy. The outcome would apply only to the districts involved but could have implications for all schools nationwide.

Leading the fight is the National Education Association, a union of 2.7 million members that represents many public educators and is financing the lawsuit. The other plaintiffs are nine school districts in Michigan, Texas and Vermont, plus 10 NEA chapters in those three states and Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Utah.

Education Secretary Margaret Spellings, as the chief officer of the agency that enforces the law, is the only defendant.

The suit centers on a question that has overshadowed the law since Bush signed it in 2002: whether the president and Congress have provided enough money.

The challenge is built upon one paragraph in the law that says no state or school district can be forced to spend its money on expenses the federal government has not covered.

"What it means is just what it says — that you don't have to do anything this law requires unless you receive federal funds to do it," said NEA general counsel Bob Chanin.

"We want the Department of Education to simply do what Congress told it to do. There's a promise in that law, it's unambiguous, and it's not being complied with."

The plaintiffs want a judge to order that states and schools don't have to spend their own money to pay for the law's expenses — and order the Education Department not to try to yank federal money from a state or school that refuses to comply based on those grounds.

Spending on No Child Left Behind programs has increased 40 percent since Bush took office, from $17.4 billion to $24.4 billion, federal figures show. The Bush administration has repeatedly said schools have enough money to make the law work.

Yet the suit accuses the government of shortchanging schools by at least $27 billion, the difference between the amount Congress authorized and what it has spent. The shortfall is even larger, the suit says, if the figures include all promised funding for poor children.

The suit, citing a series of cost studies, outlines billions of dollars in expenses to meet the law's mandates. They include the costs of adding yearly testing, getting all children up to grade level in reading and math, and ensuring teachers are highly qualified.

To cover those costs, the suit says, states have shifted money away from such other priorities as foreign languages, art and smaller classes. The money gap has hurt schools' ability to meet progress goals, which in turn has damaged their reputations, the suit says.

Plaintiffs include the Pontiac School District in Michigan; the Laredo Independent School District in Laredo, Texas; the Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union in Brandon, Vt.; and six of the school districts that are part of Rutland Northeast in south central Vermont.

Moussaoui's guilty plea could bring death penalty

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Zacarias Moussaoui, the only person in the United States charged in connection with the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, plans to plead guilty to charges that could bring him the death penalty, officials said Wednesday.

U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema scheduled a hearing Friday in Alexandria, Va., at which Moussaoui is expected to plead guilty to all six counts of a federal indictment first filed against him in December 2001, the officials said. They spoke on condition of anonymity because the judge has ordered both sides not to discuss the case publicly.

The government has charged Moussaoui with being part of an al-Qaida conspiracy to commit terrorism that included the 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon that killed nearly 3,000 people.

Moussaoui, a French citizen, could face the death penalty, although his sentence would be determined in a separate legal proceeding that would follow any plea. Federal prosecutors plan to pursue the death penalty at that time, said one of the government officials.

Moussaoui attorney Frank Dunham Jr. said he would not comment.

The case has been marked by delays, protracted arguments over access to al-Qaida members in U.S. custody and erratic, belligerent communications from Moussaoui himself. Moussaoui tried to plead guilty in 2002, but took the plea back a week later.

The indictment accuses Moussaoui of conspiracy to commit acts of terrorism, commit aircraft piracy, destroy aircraft, murder government employees and destroy property. The first four charges carry a maximum sentence of death.

Brinkema met with Moussaoui on Wednesday, the government officials said. After the meeting, the court issued a statement saying she planned to accept his guilty plea.

Lawyers who have followed the case said Brinkema's decision to accept Moussaoui's admission of guilt would hinge on whether she believed he is mentally competent to make the plea, which his court-appointed lawyers have opposed.

The trial has been delayed three times. Last month, the Supreme Court declined to review an appeals court ruling denying Moussaoui direct access to three al-Qaida witnesses, who he said might support his contention that he was not involved with the Sept. 11 planning. The court also allowed the government to seek the death penalty.

Eliminating a trial would spare Brinkema the difficult task of working with prosecutors and defense lawyers to craft unclassified summaries of statements by the three al-Qaida prisoners — the compromise courts created to allow Moussaoui some access to their testimony.



Zacarias Moussaoui

17 detainees released from Guantanamo Bay Navy base

By Paul Haven
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Seventeen Afghans came home Tuesday in one of the biggest known releases from the U.S. jail at Guantanamo Bay, and one quickly accused the U.S. military of abusing him despite warnings from a senior Afghan official to keep quiet about any complaints.

A Turk suspected of ties to al-Qaida was also freed from Guantanamo and sent back to Turkey.

The releases lowered the number of detainees classified as "enemy combatants" at the U.S. Navy base on the tip of Cuba to about 520 from about 40 countries, a Pentagon spokesman, Maj. Michael Shavers, said.

The detention center has drawn strong international criticism, and U.S. court rulings have chipped away Bush administration rules that denied the prisoners many legal safeguards. Some freed detainees have charged they were mistreated and tortured, and multiple investigations are looking into abuses at detention camps in Guantanamo and Afghanistan.

The detainees include suspected Taliban and al-Qaida members captured during the U.S.-led invasion toppled the repressive Taliban government in late 2001.

Shavers said the 17 Afghans and the Turk were cleared of suspicions of terrorist links during a tribunal review process that ended recently. Five others cleared in late March already were sent home and 15 more are awaiting transfers.

"We're always looking at opportunities to transfer additional individuals," Shavers said when asked if more releases were expected.

Year-long investigation results in arrests from Internet drug ring

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Twenty people in the United States and abroad were arrested on charges they ran Internet pharmacies that illegally shipped narcotics, steroids and amphetamines to teenagers and other buyers around the world, federal authorities announced Wednesday.

The arrests were the result of a yearlong investigation by six federal agencies of online pharmacies that often operate in the shadows of the Internet, with no fixed address and no way to track where they are located, Drug Enforcement Administrator Karen Tandy said.

The drugs were shipped to buyers with little or no effort to verify ages or medical need, allowing teenagers or drug abusers easy access to addictive and dangerous drugs, officials said.

Tandy and officials from the FBI, Customs, the Internal Revenue Service, Food and Drug Administration and the Postal Service were to formally announce details of Operation Cyber Chase at a news conference Wednesday.

Among the organizations targeted was a Philadelphia-based Internet pharmacy that allegedly smuggled prescription painkillers, steroids and amphetamines into the United States from India, Germany, Hungary and elsewhere, repackaged them and sold them throughout the world, Tandy said.

U.S. arrests took place in Fort Lauderdale and Sarasota, Fla.; Abilene and Tyler, Texas; New York City and Rochester, N.Y.; Philadelphia; and Greenville, S.C. Authorities also made arrests in Australia, Costa Rica and India.

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International News

Defense Dept. sued by AP for documents

By Larry Neumeister
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Government documents related to military hearings for Guantanamo Bay detainees are of "urgent concern" to the public and should be released, according to a lawsuit filed by The Associated Press against the Defense Department.

The lawsuit, filed Tuesday in federal court, stated AP has been able to report only anecdotally on 558 tribunals conducted since August to let detainees challenge their incarceration at the Cuban base. The news agency said the proceedings were "unquestionably of great interest to the public."

It asked the court to order the government to turn over transcripts of all Guantanamo detainees' testimony along with written statements by the detainees and any documents they have submitted.

A telephone message left with a spokesman for government lawyers in Manhattan was not immediately returned Tuesday. The telephone of a Defense Department employee handling AP's administrative appeal went unanswered.

The news agency submitted a Freedom of Information Act request in the fall, but it said the Defense Department has refused to provide the documents and has not processed the company's appeal of the government's failure to act.

AP maintained the information was a "matter of urgent concern" as it reports on constitutional and foreign policy issues presented by the government's handling of hundreds of detainees since January 2002.

Israeli army begins Gaza move out

By Yanis Zohar
Associated Press

NEVE DEKALIM, Gaza Strip — The Israeli military began removing shipping containers from a base in the Gaza Strip on Wednesday, the army's first concrete step toward a planned pullout this summer.

A crane lifted the containers onto flatbed trucks, which drove out of the base of the Southern Brigade in the Jewish settlement of Neve Dekalim, the largest in Gaza. In all, 30 containers containing furniture, computers, weapons and uniforms were to be removed Wednesday, the army said, though the base won't be completely dismantled until the end of the withdrawal.

The equipment was removed as Israel's government considered delaying the start of the pullout by three weeks to Aug. 15. A decision is to be made by the end of the week. Both Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz have sent mixed signals on whether they favor a delay.

Sharon on Wednesday was quoted as saying that he expects Palestinians to loot Jewish settlements immediately after Israeli forces leave the Gaza Strip. U.S. officials have urged Israel and the Palestinians to coordinate the withdrawal, in part to ensure an orderly transfer of the 21 Jewish settlements in Gaza.

"Immediately after the Israeli army leaves there, everything will be looted," Sharon told senior Cabinet ministers on Tuesday, according to the Yediot Ahronot daily. The comments were confirmed by a participant who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Sharon's prediction would imply that he believes planning is futile, and that chaos would ensue in any event once Israeli troops pull out.

50 bodies discovered in Iraqi river

By Sameer N. Yacoub
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The bodies of more than 50 people have been recovered from the Tigris River and have been identified, President Jalal Talabani said Wednesday. He said the bodies were believed to have been those of hostages seized in a region south of Baghdad earlier this month.

Another 19 Iraqis were shot to death and left lined up against a bloodstained wall in a soccer stadium in the town of Haditha, about 140 miles northwest of Baghdad, an Iraqi reporter and residents said.

Talabani did not specify when or where the bodies were recovered from the Tigris. He gave the information in response to a question about the search for hostages reportedly seized from the area around Madain 14 miles south of Baghdad.

Shiite leaders and government officials claimed last week that Sunni militants had abducted as many as 100 Shiite residents from the area and were threatening to kill them unless all Shiites left. When Iraqi forces moved into the town of about 1,000 families over the weekend, they found no captives, and residents said they had seen no evidence anyone had been seized.

"Terrorists committed crimes there. It is not true to say there were no hostages. There were. They were killed, and they threw the bodies into the Tigris," Talabani said. "We have the full names of those who were killed and those criminals who committed these crimes."

In Haditha, taxi drivers Rauf Salih and Ousama Halim said they rushed to the stadium after hearing gunshots and found the bodies lined up against a wall. The reporter and other residents counted 19 bodies and said all appeared to have been shot.

Residents said they believed the victims were soldiers abducted by insurgents as they headed home for a holiday marking the birthday of the prophet Muhammad.



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Iraqi firefighters try to extinguish a fire after a car bomb exploded near a US convoy in Baghdad Wednesday. The explosion was just one of several violent incidents in the region over the past two days.

The reporter did not see any military identification documents on the bodies and it was not possible to verify the claim, which may have been based on a previous incidents, including one in October when insurgents ambushed and executed about 50 unarmed Iraqi soldiers as they were heading home from a U.S. military training camp northeast of Baghdad.

U.S. and Iraqi military forces had no report of any killings at the stadium.

Militant violence has surged in the past week, especially in Baghdad, with explosions often going off one after another in the morning.

The first car bomb exploded near a U.S. convoy in an area of western Baghdad where the notorious Abu Ghraib prison is located, setting an oil tanker on fire, said police Maj. Moussa Abdulkarim. Two Iraqis were killed and five wounded, said Hussam Abdulrazaq, an official at the nearby al-Yarmouk Hospital. The U.S. military had no immediate information on the incident.

The two other car bombs exploded in southern Baghdad. One missed a police convoy but hit a civilian car, killing two Iraqis and wounding four, said police Capt. Falah al-Muhamadwai. The other exploded in a parking lot near Bilat al-Shuhada police station in Dora area, wounding four civilians, said police Lt. Hassan Falah.

In Sadr city, a poor section of eastern Baghdad, gunmen in a speeding car fired on policeman Ali Talib as he walked toward his car, killing him, said Col. Hussein Abdulwahid of the local police force. In another part of east Baghdad, gunmen attacked a Health Ministry car, killing the driver and wounding an unidentified passenger, said police Col. Hassan Jaloub.

South of the city, one policeman was killed and two were seriously wounded when their patrol was hit by a roadside bomb in the town of Muwaiiha, said police Capt. Muthana AL-Furati.

On Tuesday night, an attack by a suicide car bomber near an American patrol in southern Baghdad killed two U.S. soldiers and wounded four, said Lt. Col. Clifford Kent, a spokesman for America's 3rd Infantry Division. Seven Iraqi civilians also were wounded, an official at Al-Yarmouk Hospital said.

In the southern city of Basra, Abdulal al-Batat, a former aide to Saddam Hussein's half brother, Sabawi Ibrahimal-Hassan, was killed Tuesday by gunmen outside his home, said police Lt. Col. Karim al-Zaydi.

Al-Hassan, who was suspected of financing insurgents after U.S. troops ousted Saddam in 2003, was captured in Syria and turned over to Iraqi authorities in February.

Al-Qaida in Iraq, the nation's most feared terror group, claimed responsibility for Tuesday's worst attack, a suicide bombing near an army recruitment center in Baghdad that police said killed at least six Iraqis and wounded 44.

The weeklong surge in violence comes as Shiite and Kurdish leaders try to form a Cabinet that will also include members of Iraq's Sunni minority, believed to form the backbone of the insurgency. Talibani told reporters that officials hope to announce the new government Thursday.



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Business as usual at UMass

Aaron Wodin-Schwartz

If you are reading this article while sitting in a classroom, then you are performing business as usual and need to get up and leave.

The same questions arise once again: why won't the GEO and those pesky activist undergraduates allow the University to function normally today? What could it possibly benefit them to disrupt the very education that they pay for? And why would the administration even care if they go have another futile protest out on the sunny grass; aren't they just tiring themselves out without carrying on a real fight?

The simple explanation is that "business as usual" has been anything but usual. Painful budget cuts, rising tuition and fees, decreasing tenure-track faculty, questionable administrative conduct toward students, faculty and student organizations, and administration violation of trust and contract with the graduate students have all characterized "usual" at the University of Massachusetts over the last couple of years.

"Usual" is both cruel and unusual, and has been for some time now. It would be pure myth to assert that the student taking of arms is either novel or vain. It is generations old and it is necessary.

Even in transient terms, it is in our interest to promote a vibrant and autonomous student life at our alma mater and thus expand University activities and its name

And yet it is also original. I expect that today will prove to be the beginning of something special. This is not a protest, but a disruption; a show of student force. It is a celebration of us, of our struggle, and of our plans for our University. I hope that today is not reactionary, for it must not be conducted simply in opposition to the attempts of others to undermine our program. Today should be spontaneous and constructive for us and move us on our own terms toward where we would like to be as a student body in control of its own present and future.

And I hope I am proven right when I say that this is not just a day of partying passed off as political, but rather the manifestation of a growing movement on the North American continent back toward active student participation in education and the conditions for schooling. Entirely independent and spontaneous such manifestations have already made themselves felt across the nation this semester, and even more so in Canada and Puerto Rico, suggesting to me that students everywhere are simultaneously becoming cognizant of both their sovereign power over the University as well as the threat posed to their freedom and education by decreasing budgets, increasing fees, and fascist top-level administrators and legislators.

Student action has been both an intrinsic reaction to these conditions as well as entirely creative and autarkic ways of taking control of our communities, with a shift from the former to the latter as activity intensifies and multiplies. And indeed, the University is much more than a place of study — it is our home and our life and our forum for socialization and formation. The mentality and structure of the school will be reflected in the attitudes and expectations of graduates, and it is thus of the utmost importance that the running of our school be based upon the respect that we demand as young, contributive individuals and our values in life outside of the University.

Today we do not conduct business as usual, and so the University does not either. If we choose instead to embark upon a journey of construction and change, then so too must the University. Our University experience is transient and yet our legacy here does not have to be. Even in transient terms, it is in our interest to support the GEO so that UMass may continue attracting topnotch graduate students to teach and thereby uphold its prestigious reputation. Even in transient terms, it is in our interest to promote a vibrant and autonomous student life at our alma mater and thus expand University activities and its name. Yet we must stand up now and decide what we want, where we must go as a student body, and for the good of future student bodies. The University will follow.

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Wrong approach to activism

Zach Oeschlegel

Typically, I like to take my tests here at UMass in relative peace and quiet. I like to sit down, answer the easiest questions first, building up a little confidence, and then finish the test on the harder questions. I like to take five minutes during the test and write nothing, and ponder the essay question for a while.

One could probably see some very visible irritation on my face when members of the Graduate Employment Organization (GEO) stormed into Herter Hall during the middle of my Soviet Russia test, and proceeded to march through the halls chanting, banging on makeshift drums, and shredding my test routine.

In vain, my professor tried to get them to shut up. He was completely ignored, as for the next couple minutes the demonstrators continued their march down the hall.

A line had been crossed. Protesting inside of Whitmore or outside the student union or outside an academic building is completely reasonable, as that is within a person's free speech rights. But when it comes down to disrupting other student's right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, by stealing valued test time that I have paid for, something isn't right.

As my professor continued to plead with them to stop so we all could concentrate, a demonstrator replied, "This is how you get a fair contract." My professor stormed back into the room disgusted.

In reality, GEO is less likely to receive a fair contract because they stormed an academic building. The idea here is to fight campus apathy towards the issues surrounding our campus, and to raise awareness for what's going on, but it's having a negative effect. I'm pretty sure there wasn't anyone in my class thinking to themselves, "Man, I'm really glad GEO is getting the word out about their contract situation."

Who does the average student think GEO is? Do they think of TA's for their Friday discussions, or people grading their papers, or do they think of crazed protestors running around their academic building? Instead of inciting more student activism, what entering academic buildings does is piss students off. Instead of gathering support for a cause, it makes students push back in a negative way. For instance, as GEO is a main force behind the class boycott tomorrow, their disruption of my class made it less likely I would show up in support of said boycott. Instead of showing students why they should support GEO, more reasons were given to continue doing nothing.

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What does GEO do to get students on their side? Be creative.

Last week, there was a demonstration outside by the student union which included a mock soccer game pitting students versus the administration. There was a play by play announcer describing the action as the "administration" decided to cheat during the game by whipping out tasers (actually a can of silly string) and shocking the team of students.

Most students who saw that, whether they agree with the demonstrators or disagree, found it to be pretty funny. Why settle for typical rallies, marches, and the like when you can think outside the box and get people's attention in ways that aren't so normal? Why does a successful demonstration have to be a loud one, too? Why do people have to be disrupted to get attention?

It's foolish to think getting people angry will make them angry for your side. Then again, as the argument follows, it's not GEO's fault they had to storm a few academic buildings. They did it because the administration is giving them a bad contract, so GEO is free to pass the blame for their obnoxious actions onto Gargano and Lombardi. Using that line of thinking, we could just go into any store we like and steal, because it's the state's fault for making us so poor from these high tuition payments.

The problem with the demonstrations on campus is how they alienate so many people afterwards. It's difficult to put on an impressive demonstration without doing so, but it's a goal worth having. In tomorrow's boycott, demonstrators cannot have a "with us or against us" mentality, especially with students who don't skip class. This isn't going on strike, with anyone who does break the proverbial "picket line" becoming a scab. GEO and other organizations shouldn't need to steal other student's tuition money simply because they're not happy with their own financial situation, either. I'm hoping tomorrow's boycott reflects that. Sometimes, all students want to do is just go to class.

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The subtle whispers of Italy

World Perspectives

Paige Cram

As my time in Italy comes to an end, I've found myself frequently in the position of trying to sum up a semester — or really, a lifetime — worth of experiences in a single statement. Questions like "How was it?" or "What was your favorite part?" are common and also unfathomably difficult to answer. How can I possibly recount the past four months of my life in answering such a general question?

No one will ever be able to understand the essence of this country without living here, and unfortunately not everybody gets the incredible opportunity with which I have been blessed. With that in mind, explaining a semester in Italy with something like, "it was great," or "I really liked (insert generic monument here)," seems like an injustice to those who are unable to experience it themselves. But the only way I can even begin to describe what it is like to be here and what this trip has meant to me is by letting the things that I will miss most speak for themselves.

I live in an apartment with three other students right in the historic center of Florence. Nestled between the second largest church and the largest museum in the city, our neighborhood is both lively and touristy. Since the weather turned warm, everyone who makes money off of these tourists has been out full force.

There are street vendors and gypsies that tend to annoy even the foreigners, but the street musicians perform an invaluable service. They don't play guitars like the homeless people you see in New York subways; they play violins, stand-up bases and of course the traditional mandolin. The result is this incredibly quaint, distinctly European sound: a combination of strolling down cobblestone streets, boat rides on the river and candlelit dinners. These musicians can be heard all over the city at various times of day, but every afternoon, there is a group that performs the only tune they seem to know right down the street from our apartment. And every afternoon my roommates and I gather around a bottle of wine and open the window to allow the music to float freely in and act as a soundtrack to our daily adventures. I've lately found myself humming that familiar tune and can only hope that my memory will serve me equally as well when I return, since none of these artists would ever dream of selling CDs.

Living in a city, there is always something happening at all hours of the day and night. It's no surprise that we hear sirens constantly: police sirens, fire sirens, ambulance sirens. But even that sound reminds you that you are no longer in America; you are in a place that is extremely proud of and likes to remember its past. Every siren sounds just like those in old fashioned movies, the ones that take you back to the time of World War II. There's something decidedly romantic about the old-fashioned blare that we hear from morning 'til night. It's easy to imagine all the great writers, historians and scientists of that time listening to that same sound as they went about their daily lives here in Italy.

Mandolin music, old-fashioned sirens, church bells and the constant opening of wine resonate all over this country ... this is what it's like to be in Italy.

It's no news that Italy is a mostly Catholic country and therefore has churches on every corner. And to every church, there is a bell tower. Every hour, on the hour, the bells of the city ring out in unison, and because of their large number, there is no escaping the sound. There are five churches right near my apartment, and every morning their dinging and donging finds its way into my dreams and I eventually awake to be greeted by their echo. The bells are the first thing I hear in the morning and usually the last sound I hear before I fall asleep. It's a noise I have gotten so accustomed to that I think, from now on, it will feel incredibly silent to live anywhere else.

Italy is the number one producer of wine in the world, so naturally, drinking wine is part of immersing ourselves in the culture here. The sound of the wine cork popping and the gentle gurgling of the wine when it's first poured have become all too familiar to us, and while I'm sure wine bottles make the same sounds in the States, the atmosphere will be altogether different. Those sounds, combined with all the others, make having a bottle of wine with my roommates a complete experience, not just a daily activity.

My entire semester here and the true spirit of this country can only be summed up by these sounds; it's the quintessential romantic experience. You appreciate every breath of air here and every second that passes because everything is so incredibly beautiful that it literally takes your breath away. Mandolin music, old-fashioned sirens, church bells and the constant opening of wine resonate all over this country ... this is what it's like to be in Italy.

That has been my favorite part about living here: the food is incredible and the people are endlessly entertaining, but the small ways in which this country speaks to you are what I will miss the most. The way it gently whispers to you of its history, its desires, its passions and its hopes, ever so subtly, so that you'll only catch it if you're paying attention. Luckily, for the past four months, I have been.

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Just call me 'Golds'-member'

Matt Brochu

Much like the enemy dojo in "The Karate Kid," the Freshmen 15 strikes first, strikes hard, and shows no mercy. Fortunately those 15 pounds never found me ... at least until this year. It was no time at all until I found my solution: the as-seen-on-TV "Fitness Made Simple" videos. But then it hit me. Why would anyone pay money to look like "Fitness Made Simple" guy? He looks like he jumped right out of the "Thriller" video. So I joined Gold's Gym instead.

Keep in mind, Gold's isn't like most gyms. Most gyms have water fountains that smell like boxer briefs and bong water. Gold's gives out Poland Spring water bottles upon entry. Most gyms have an unqualified, unapproachable staff. Gold's has a qualified staff that I would approach one-by-one at McMurphy's if I were single. Most gyms make their playlists by taking good bands and playing their best songs. Gold's makes its playlist by taking mediocre bands and playing obscure songs from their somewhat unsuccessful sophomore albums.

Listen up, Gold's Gym of Amherst. All in all, you have an excellent facility with excellent equipment manned by an excellent staff that does everything in its power to keep me trim, toned, and tempted to touch at all times. But here's the thing — roughly 25 percent of the people who attend your gym suck.

There's no reason to freak out just yet. All you need to fix this problem is to follow the lead of Fenway Park. Although the customer is always right at friendly Fenway, if a fan reaches onto the field of play and slaps an opposing player (threatening to mess up his stupid little mustache), his season tickets are immediately revoked. Similarly, if a Gold's Gym member does something that annoys Matt Brochu in an Old Navy commercial sort of way, then he/she should be ejected and banned from the premises immediately. The following offenders fit this description:

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Notebook-carriers

We get it. You're committed to obtaining the maximum workout whenever you lift, but is the Trapper Keeper really necessary? If you need to carry a notebook around at all times to tell you what to do, that's your choice. But let me be the first to wish you luck on maintaining a serious relationship because if you can't remember how many sets of incline flies you did on Thursday, there's no way in hell you're going to remember the date of your anniversary.

Unnecessary tattoos

Most tattoos have one thing in common with sexually transmitted infections: they happen after one too many shots of Jäger, but that's not the case for you guys. It's pretty obvious that the inked trail of barbed wire encircling your biceps was planned way back when "No Fear" T-shirts were cool, but did you ever stop to think about what it may look like 40 years down the road? Just ask the naked old dude in the locker room who had a mermaid and the name of his girlfriend, Fran, tattooed on his right arm after the war. Nowadays, if you look really closely, you can barely make out a bloated manatee named Fart that jiggles when he dries off his back after a shower.

But guys aren't the only ones at fault here. Granted, I'm a huge fan of feminine lower back tattoos, but girls should stay away from ancient Chinese characters at all costs. Nothing against China, but if Tammy the Tattoo Artist tells me she failed out of New England Tractor Training School, there's no way I'm going to trust her to put the right symbol on my back. It's a disaster waiting to happen. One day you're running around telling all your friends that your new body art means "Spiritual Happiness," and the next day you're running off to get it removed because a good Samaritan was nice enough to tell you that the array of lines and zigzags stenciled above your hot pink thong is a billboard that actually says "Slept with 100 Men." Fat guys who don't do cardio. Props to you for working out in the first place, but there's a lot more to fitness than chest, delts, and back. Sure, most guys would be embarrassed if they could only bench press half their body weight, but in your case, it's an accomplishment.

But don't you worry, Gold's Gym of Amherst. You haven't lost me as a member. I know what brings all the girls to my yard, and you're a big part of it. I realize that some things are beyond your control. No matter what you do, some guys will continue to sound like they're giving birth to a pony while doing bench press, some girls will continue to wear unbelievably tight pants (which is like a deer wearing an orange reflective vest during hunting season), and everyone will continue to look constipated while doing shrugs.

You can, however, control the people I've mentioned above. Although making fun of them gives me something to do between sets, it's getting old.

Now if you'll excuse me, I have a tanning appointment to get to.

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Seussical hops into the Student Union Ballroom

By MICHAEL BUSACK
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Most people have at times questioned the limits and possibilities of life, love and imagination, but few people would have guessed that the answers to these questions can be found in the words spoken by an elephant named Horton.

The UMass Theater Guild will present some of Dr. Seuss' most ingenious, and imaginative thoughts this weekend in their production of the "Seussical the Musical."

Known by most critics for its historically horrible run on broadway, "Seussical" is the Lynn Ahrens & Stephen Flaherty musical adaptation of some of the most well known works of Dr. Seuss. While the Broadway version was a flop, Tim White, the shows producer says that it just wasn't done right.

"It didn't do well on Broadway, but that was because it is a show aimed at kids. Why would parents drive their kids all the way out to Broadway to see a show," White said. "Once it started touring it really began to pick up because more kids were able to come see it."

'Seussical the Musical'
April 21-22
8 p.m. (Sun. 2 p.m.)
Student Union Ballroom
$5, $8

White was elected by the Theater Guild as the producer for the 2004-2005 school year. In that time he has been responsible for the production of both "Seussical," as well as the Larry L. King's musical "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas."

"It's been really smooth," said White about the process of creating the Guild's stage version of "Seussical." "The challenge about this show is that it is slightly an opereta. It is all basically about music."

The story is told by possibly the greatest master of ceremonies, none other than the legendary Cat in the Hat. The plot winds through many of the ideas of Seuss' most popular books, such as "Horton Hears a Who" and "Green Eggs and Ham.

While the subject matter doesn't rival that of the "Ten Commandments," the show mixes elements of whimsical music, upbeat dancing, and Seuss' eloquent, yet childlike way of expressing some of

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Red Bull to host auditions for orchestra

By MICHAEL BUSACK
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Red Bull isn't just a drink anymore. In fact the energy drink that has had a reputation for giving students that late night something extra is launching in to the arts.

After a recent art exhibit that explores the manipulation of the Red Bull can, manufacturers of the product will now host 60 collegiate musicians from the eastern United States in a Red Bull orchestra.

The group has titled this new group of musicians as the Red Bull Artsechro (think Orchestra backwards), and on Oct. 2, 2005, the orchestra will transform traditionally classical music in to a nightclub of sorts, complete with a DJ. The promotional group says on their Web site that "the twist in this concerto lies in its star, a very modern artist — the turntable."

But wait, before the skeptics judge this event as just another joke promotion, wait until you hear where they are going to perform. Yes, the group plans to entertain in the Mecca of Music, the Church of Classical — Carnegie Hall.

A true DJ knows that a turntable can be used as a musical instrument just the same as your average oboe or clarinet. The turntable can be controlled for pitch, variation, speed, and overall sound — this is an instrument. But just as much as every DJ may know this fact, they also must know that rarely do they receive respect for this skill because most spinning relies on spontaneity.

DJ Radar, the mind behind the turntables in the Red Bull Artsechro, searched for a valid way to communicate with his fellow musicians, but in order to do so, he had to seek the help of Composer Raúl Yáñez.

Yáñez and Radar worked together to create a composition they have dubbed "Concerto for Turntable." The revolutionary piece of work actually transcribes a turntable in to a traditional music staff system.

Red Bull is trying to attract the most innovative of musicians to perform in this event. The skill that is needed for the show to go off without a hitch is demanding because the musician needs to both have a knowledgeable love for classical musical, as well as an interest in modern music as well.

All applicants to the Red Bull Arsechro must be college students, who have the opportunity to apply through the Web site, redbullartsechro.com by both submitting a video, and filling out a questionnaire, or there is an option to apply with on site auditions. Auditions will be held at New York University from April 2-3, Julliard School on May 8, and the University of Arts in Philadelphia on April 30, and for all the UMass hopefuls there will be an audition on April 24 in Boston at a location to be determined.



COURTESY RED BULL

Celina Charlier, above, plays her flute. She auditioned for the "Artsechro" that was put together especially for Red Bull.

In touch with Brit

The truth comes out: She's preg.

That's right, America's favorite tabloid fodder Britney Spears announced via Web site that she and her spouse, husband Kevin Federline are indeed pregnant. The post showed up on britneyspears.com on April 18, stating, "The time has finally come to share our wonderful news that we are expecting our first child together."

Looking back over the past five years of popular music it is completely undeniable that Britney Spears has had a direct and intense impact on the popular culture scene. From cola deals to shoe ads, her own fragrance, a (platinum) greatest hits CD and DVD set spanning four albums of material, and now a role as an executive producer on her new reality TV show, her presence in the pop genre is incredibly shaping.

In reality though, when she first stepped out into a high school corridor, shaking her pigtails and bottom simultaneously, she was a mere 17 years old. She quickly rose to fame, known best for her ingenious brand of image duality, a literal turn on the word re-invention. In a span of a few singles she could flip back and forth from the innocent girl next door, born and bred in the Bible-belt or a sensual, sexual being — even though she was just a girl of eighteen or nineteen.

Though this skill was Britney's greatest boon in working and planning her career, it also ensured a continuous backlash, even as her career expanded, including movies and work with major producers from every genre of music. Whether Britney claimed virginity or dressed as fashionably acceptable as she could, the subject of conversation was always about whatever provocative stunt she had most recently pulled.

The year 2004 was a whirlwind of negative publicity for the pop star. Though typically viewed in a sexy if not positive light by tabloids for the majority of her career, the pictures used of her on the cover became increasingly ugly. Where publicity stills or red carpet photos were usually used, paparazzi shots depicting her as a trashy, has-been celebrity, gaining weight and spinning out of control became increasingly common. She got married only months after annulling her 55-hour marriage to childhood friend Jason Alexander. Who was the new beau? Back-up dancer Kevin Federline, who came complete with toddler Kori and a pregnant girlfriend, actress Shar Jackson. This is certainly not the best press for Britney who was already being portrayed as living on a downward spiral.

This is when Britney got serious. After months of letting her life be painted sinful by the media she began to speak out to her fans via her Web site. She began by writing letters titled, "Truth be Told". She touched on topics ranging from her holiday activities to whatever new rumor is being run by the media.

It is a breath of fresh air that she is finally speaking up with a desire to be understood. Perhaps it will present a challenge to her artistry and force her to become more personal in her music and performance, driving her to better herself.

She is using the posts to reach out, and is now releasing her private home videos on her new show, Britney Spears might be the biggest pop star of our generation, and shes clearly desperate to talk. I think more of us should help her out and stay open to listening.

Chris Gazzara is a Collegian Columnist

Seasonal Allergies?

By HARRY JACKSON JR.
ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

ST. LOUIS — In the spring, when young trees' fancies turn to thoughts of love, their playful pollen makes more than 40 million Americans miserable.

The first seasonal allergy outbreak of the year recently got under way, beginning the annual nine-month onslaught of pollen and mold spores. But doctors say recent developments make suffering unnecessary.

"People don't have to live with their allergies," said Dr. Raymond Slavin, director of allergy and immunology for St. Louis University School of Medicine. "There's very much that can be done, and you don't have to consider uprooting your family, leaving your good job, leaving your friends and moving to another part of the country."

A lot of people still view allergies as just a nuisance, said Dr. Leonard B. Bacharier, a pediatrician at St. Louis Children's Hospital and an assistant professor with the Washington University School of Medicine.

"People with allergies will tell you that their life is less good, their quality of life is down, they're less productive at work, they don't sleep well at night," Bacharier said.

Common allergy symptoms include a runny nose; coughing and sneezing; red, itchy eyes; hives and headaches, according to the National Institutes of Health.

A lot of folks fear that the mild winter means an intense allergy season. Not so, say doctors. Granted, it probably started two weeks early, late February instead of early March, as trees and bushes started blooming without interference from low temperatures and frost. But a longer season doesn't mean a worse season, Bacharier said.

The Midwest is in an ideal location for allergens, says Slavin. The year-round allergen, mold, grows on grains, and anyone within 200 miles gets a daily dose. Trees are a problem from about March to June, grasses from about May to August and ragweed from August to the winter. Add to this a caldron of humidity and it's an allergy sufferer's headache, literally.

Still, doctors say, the options for treating allergy symptoms have grown immensely in the past 10 years.

ALLERGY REMEDIES

The means of fighting allergy symptoms haven't changed much in the past few decades:

First, seal the house. Clean it, cover bedding with plastic, lower the humidity and pull out the carpet if you can afford it.

Use the improved allergy medicines, including antihistamines, decongestants and steroid nasal sprays.

Consider immunotherapy allergy shots designed to reduce sensitivity.

MEDICATIONS

The biggest breakthroughs in the past decade have been allergy pills and steroid nasal sprays. They work and don't cause drowsiness the way older medications do.

Terry Seaton, professor of pharmacy practice at St. Louis College of Pharmacy, Seaton suggests allergy sufferers work with an allergist to select the best drug or combination of drugs. Over-the-counter drugs aren't meant to be long-term remedies.

The antihistamines that have beaten drowsiness are Allegra, Zyrtec and Clarinex (the prescription version of Claritin), says Seaton.

Of the drugs, doctors and Seaton agreed that Clarinex is the weakest.

As for Zyrtec, about 10 percent of users still complain of drowsiness. In fact, the Food and Drug Administration doesn't allow the manufacturer to claim that it won't cause drowsiness.

Allegra, the heir to the breakthrough drug, Seldane, is considered the most trouble-free and is the friendliest with other medicines or alcohol.

Seaton said to disregard claims that a drug is for indoor or outdoor allergies, all allergy drugs fight allergies, regardless of whether the culprits are indoors or outdoors. Meanwhile, allergists are singing the praises of steroid nasal sprays. They can be used alone or with another allergy medicine. The sprays offer relief for people who can't use pills or people who need more than pills alone.

"The most effective thing you can do is combine nasal and oral antihistamines," Seaton said.

More stubborn symptoms may require a decongestant, Seaton said.



The first seasonal allergy attack has recently begun, which brings with it nine months of pollen and mold spores. Common allergy symptoms include a runny nose, coughing, sneezing, and itchy eyes.

Allegra comes in a decongestant form, Allegra D. The decongestant is pseudoephedrine, the same ingredient that's in Sudafed, the nonsedating, over-the-counter decongestant.

If symptoms are bad enough to require sleeping them off, there's still Benadryl, says Seaton. It's one of the drugs used in emergency rooms when dealing with anaphylactic (life-threatening) allergic reactions, which accounts for its designation as a "rescue" medication.

But it can make you quite sleepy. "It's also marketed as a sedative," Seaton said.

New drugs are coming along all the time to fight allergy symptoms from multiple directions. For example, there's Singulair, which fights allergies differently than antihistamines do. Also, there's a very expensive injection available for people and children who suffer allergies and asthma that cause them to be hospitalized. It's restricted because it's expensive, up to $25,000 a year.

WHAT ARE ALLERGIES?

Allergy symptoms are triggered when the immune system detects a foreign protein. The immune system is a family of killer cells and organisms normally smart enough to know when an invading protein is harmless.

However, some people's immunity family has a stupid cousin named immunoglobulin E. IgE is an antibody that likes to pick fights with harmless proteins. The IgE antibody attaches itself to what's called a mast cell, another immune-system component, and when the IgE grabs an allergen, pollen, dust-mite feces, pet dander, the mast cell secretes histamines.

The mast cell, another family member that missed a couple of days at school, thinks its protecting cells when it's actually irritating them.

The reactions of the body's tissues to the histamines is inflammation and irritation that can be mild to deadly. The deadly extreme is the anaphylactic reaction, with inflammation that causes swelling and closes breathing passages.

An antihistamine drug tries to neutralize the histamines released by mast cells. Decongestants constrict blood vessels to help dry out tissues clogged by mucous, which is why people with high blood pressure should be cautious about over-the-counter decongestants. Steroid sprays reduce inflammation and promote healing.

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Eve hits six months and wants him out



Original Sin

Eve

I tend to fall into new relationships with old patterns. I don't know if I attract these men, or if I am easily smitten by this specific type. I do know that the bond seems to break over the same exact reasons every single time.

Does this mean I keep repeating the same mistakes? Or am I just overly optimistic about correcting myself? The inevitable trend begins as follows: I meet the man, I pursue the man, I get the man, and the man stays permanently. And then I break it off.

This might sound slightly harsh, however, it is what is in between that counts. With every personality (introverted, extroverted, mean, fun, high, strung, calm) there are specific flaws with the type. I am attracted to outgoing, attention-seeking, energetic, sensitive-behind closed doors-types. Unfortunately, their faults include possessiveness, jealousy, and emotional instability. Could there be a correlation between extroverted men feeling insecure? In my experience, I would have to say "yes."

Somewhere near the six-month mark, my relationships turn ugly. Either I chose to end the ugliness, or I continue to live with it until I can't bear it any longer. I believe I have just reached this crossroad now. Where do I begin?

I would like to say our relationship had always been easy until more recently. However, we were hot and cold from the very beginning. I, having anxiety attacks when exclusivity came up as topic, he, having heart attacks over my past experiences and relationship history.

He despised my past, and I feared our future.

Neither of us could live in the moment. Somehow we managed to survive through these unnecessary arguments, passing them off as typical relationship glitches, but by the end of the day they always seem to surface. "Who was that guy at the bar you were so friendly with? Who was that on the phone? How do you know him? Who are you going with and why? Why do you still talk to him if you have a history?"

I reacted angry, frustrated, and defensive toward his questions, pleading for him to understand my past is past. But he points out my past continues to live in the present. I remind him how difficult it is to avoid certain guys on campus, at the bars, or even in my classes. He continues to feel threatened, scared, and helpless over the fear that one day he will lose me.

When he describes these feelings to me, I can't help but feel surprised, flattered, and extremely annoyed to hear what he is saying. He is the type that most women and men wait their whole lives to meet: a moral, caring, nurturing character that is loyal to almost anyone he knows. He is fascinating and exciting, and he can make anyone feel loved and protected.

I would say he is a unique and incredible catch. I fear losing him. But how can an insecure guy truly believe me when I tell him this?

The answer: he won't.

And that is the center of the crossroad. He will never feel secure with me, and I will never be able to erase my past. His flaw is acceptance. My flaw? Well, I might have to say denial. Could it be that I cause men to feel this way?

Sometimes I wonder if I am too honest about my past, too open of a person, or even too friendly with my guy friends. Or could it be the type of men I am attracted to? Maybe if I dated someone completely opposite to what I know we could have a whole new set of misunderstandings. Whatever the case, I must admit that insecurity arguments are becoming a continuous, redundant fashion as with all of my past relationships. And to be quite honest, it has never been so tiring.

Eve is a Collegian Columnist

Wrestling a world: touching lives in need

By Dale Guldan
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MILWAUKEE — When the world learned of the destruction left in the wake of the tsunami in South Asia, many cried for the dead and the living. Many donated money and goods. Some wished there was something more they could do to help.

But few traveled 13,000 miles to Sri Lanka to help rebuild a country whose coast was decimated by one of the worst natural disasters of our time.

When Phill Klamm, a wrestling coach at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, heard the news, he thought about the people whose lives had been washed away.

He and former UW-Whitewater wrestlers Matt Werner and Tony Wright created Wrestling the World (wrestlingtheworld.org), an organization dedicated to helping people in need.

This was not the trio's first charitable effort. In 2002, they helped victims of a tornado in Pierce City, Mo., bringing supplies, food and muscle.

The working group of 13 that visited Sri Lanka ranged in age from 18 to 66.

They left the United States March 16 for a 10-day trip with 1,000 pounds of supplies, gifts, computers and cash to be used in four major school rebuilding projects. After traveling for three days, the group was welcomed by enthusiastic school children at Sri Sumangala School in Weligama, who surprised the group by greeting each member with a flower lei and an hourlong program of prayer, song and dance.

With the help of local contacts, provided by Sobitha Samaranayake and Athula Gunawardena, associate professors in math and computer science at UW-Whitewater, the group continued on to Galle, Matara and Kalutara. The group is planning a return trip to Sri Lanka this summer.

Several members of the group kept journals. Here are excerpts:

Werner, 27, a physical education teacher at Milton High School: "While working at the Sambodhi home, I met and worked alongside a 16-year-old. . . . His friends called him Lucky. Despite our difficulty in communicating, we shared a common bond - we both had a love for futbol (soccer). Lucky was a great kid, worked hard and never complained. Each day he worked in his bright yellow sandals . . . he was always smiling in those sandals. On our last day working, we took a lunch break, headed to the beach. . . . We split into teams and played barefoot soccer in the hot, thick sand using those bright yellow sandals as goals."

Lindsey Thiemann, 24, fifth-grade teacher at John Muir Elementary School in Madison: "I was painting a door to the administration office and had the assistance of about 10 girls offering various degrees of 'help.' After talking about Harry Potter, our families, their free time and future plans, one girl turned to a teacher and said something in Sinhalese. I looked to the teacher for a translation and she told me, 'She said that you are the best present you could have brought.' "

Amy Roselle, 26, speech pathologist at Whitewater School District: "A smaller group of us were planning on traveling back to Matara to deliver supplies promised earlier in the week, but we had to wait to make sure everything was coordinated at Sambodhi before we left. Waiting had become an expected part of the trip, so to pass the time I tried to greet a woman standing near the bus. A simple 'hello' turned into signed communication and pictures telling the story of her daughter who was killed by the tsunami. She didn't cry or become emotional. She just wanted to share her story with someone who cared."

Blayne Roselle, 26, business analyst at Hewitt Associates in Lincolnshire, Ill.: "At several of the sites we worked at, we were greeted with flowers and huge smiles. . . . A vivid recollection was how the people felt that they deserved what happened to them. A little girl told me that they were being punished. She said it was because they were disrespecting nature and being too greedy (especially with the mining of the coral) and the tsunami was their punishment."

Willie Myers, 66, retired wrestling coach and athletic director for UW-Whitewater: "My emotions throughout the venture were high. . . . I felt God's presence. . . . I found it most enjoyable to work hand in hand, right alongside the many volunteers that came to help."

Kelsey Staudacher, 18, high school senior in Fort Atkinson: "My heart ached for the people who lost loved ones and belongings. It was wonderful, though, to help such people with amazing perseverance. We were a link in a long line of reconstruction."

Erica Leary, 18, high school senior in Fort Atkinson: "Pictures and words can in no way depict the poverty those people experienced. . . . I had no way to empathize with what they had been through, but I walked away amazed at the simple happiness and contentment they had with their few possessions."

Wright, 23, senior at UW-Whitewater majoring in art education and student assistant wrestling coach: "The work was difficult at times due to the conditions and tools that we were not accustomed to. . . . We played tag in the schoolyard and a simple high-five seemed like the coolest thing on Earth to them. . . . They were fascinated with the cameras, and we enjoyed playing back the events we just captured."

Melea Renk, 28, kindergarten teacher at Lakeview Elementary School in Madison: "I guess I had this idea of what Sri Lanka and the tsunami disaster would be like. I imagined seeing pain, hurt and sadness on their faces. I never expected to see and experience what we did."

Phill Klamm, 27: "As I look back, it wasn't the playground we built, computers we gave or even the sewage system we cleaned. . . . The biggest impact was our presence, the hugs, the sweat and, oh, the candy. . . . I eagerly look forward to this summer planning our return."



Matt Werner, former UW- Whitewater wrestler, joined with Tony Wrighi and Phill Klamm to create Wrestling the World, an organization that spends its time helping people in need all over the world.

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Pick a passion and run with it

By Julie Deardorff
Chicago Tribune

Dean Karnazes has run 262 miles _ 10 consecutive marathons _ without stopping. He has raced 146 miles across Death Valley, Calif., in searing 120-degree heat. And perhaps most remarkably, Karnazes has downed an entire Hawaiian-style pizza while running, without getting indigestion.

Clearly, he is not like the rest of us.

Yet Karnazes, who recently breezed through Chicago to promote his spirited memoir, "Ultramarathon Man" (Tarcher/Penguin, $19.95), does have some insights that can help mere mortals who either want to push past their perceived limits or simply jump-start their sedentary lives.

It's true, Karnazes is a genetically gifted and dedicated athlete who can run insane distances without getting shin splints or other common injuries. But like anyone, this 42-year-old husband and father of two also faces ordinary challenges: finding motivation and time to work out, eating right, pushing through low moments in races, and balancing exercise, family and work.

"The question I always get is, 'What motivates you?'" Karnazes said during an easy 5-mile jog along Chicago's lakefront. "In that question, I hear some searching. People wonder, 'How do I get active?'"

Part of his answer is that something needs to click or resonate from within. "Whether it's a traumatic event or an inspiring book, it's got to spark a flame," he said.

Karnazes' own transformation began 12 years ago, on his 30th birthday. He had his Lexus, his corporate job in San Francisco and a depressing feeling that something essential was missing. So after a night out drinking with the boys, Karnazes decided to "live life on my own terms." He wobbled home, blew a kiss to his sleeping wife and set off for a 30-mile, all-night run. Never mind that he was wearing shoes used for gardening and hadn't logged a significant run in 15 years. "A switch had been flipped inside me," he wrote. "I was transformed from a drunken yuppie fool into a reborn athlete."

Karnazes survived the life-changing jaunt and even enjoyed the subsequent muscle spasms and inflammation. The aches and pains made him feel vibrant and alive. He has since become a fanatic, scampering up mountains and around the South Pole. He ran 100 miles to the start of the Napa Valley Marathon in California, then completed the race in 3 hours and 15 minutes. He finished a 199-mile team relay race _ as a one-member team.

What he learned from running was that pursuing a passion is more important than the passion itself. "Immerse yourself in something with heartfelt desire," he said. "Even if It's basket weaving, and do it to the best of your ability."

To start, pick something you enjoy doing. Ultrarunners are associated with pain, but these people are hooked on many things about the sport, including the euphoric feeling that a long run can bring. If it were truly torturous, they wouldn't stick with it.

Karnazes loves the simplicity of running, but he also windsurfs and mountain bikes to cross-train and relieve boredom. "Make it fun, carry a credit card and run to Starbucks for a latte, and make it a priority in your life, as important as your career," he said.

Then, use baby steps. When something that feels overwhelming is broken down into little segments, it's easier to push through. In one race, after running 155 miles non-stop, Karnazes collapsed on a curb. He had 45 miles to go but found he couldn't get back on his battered feet. When he finally lurched upright, his immediate goal became a reflector about 20 feet down the road. Then he saw a bush, 50 steps ahead. Soon he was stiffly shuffling along, as if wearing two leg casts.

"Get outside and challenge yourself," Karnazes said. "Compete with yourself to see if you can make it to a tree. Then a stop sign. Soon you'll be clicking off the miles."

Finally, never underestimate the power of your mind. Physically, Karnazes, who is now training for a 300-mile run, benefits from his near-perfect biomechanics. He also eats smart, fueling up with whole grains, whole fruits and vegetables and wild salmon while avoiding trans fats or partially hydrogenated oils.

But he learned from a junior high school coach that legs can take you only so far. "Running great distances is mostly done with your head . . . and your heart," Karnazes wrote. "If we could just free ourselves from our perceived limitations and tap into our internal fire, the possibilities are endless."



COURTESY ULTRAMARATHONMAN.COM

Dean Karnazes, known as Ultra Marathon Man, just penned a memoir of the same name. He is known for his incredible athleticism.

Theater Guild does Seussical

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life's most complicated emotions. Through color and extravagant shapes and images, the Guild has done a remarkable job in constructing the set in a manner that is reminiscent of Seuss. In fact, the only thing more colorful then the language and imagery of the show is the scenery.

"We tried to shoot for a Tim Burton inspired theme for our set," White said. "I think it worked out well. We really only had five days to put all of it together," he remarked about the short amount of time the Guild was given for physical production of the set in the Student Union Ballroom.

The show stars only Theater Guild members including John Courtney as the Cat in the Hat, Mariidath Wilson as JoJo and Brian Kelly as Horton.

"I think it is going to go very well. The cast is unbelievable this year," White said. "It is up to par with the performance we are looking for."

As in any show, the Theater Guild had high hopes for ticket sales. White says that he has been very pleased with the group's success in this department, and believes that the performances will do well.

"Tickets are selling really fast because It is such a big show," he said. "People are calling from all over to get tickets.

The show will run tonight through April 23 with shows at 8 p.m. There will also be a special matinee performance given on Sunday, April 23 at 2 p.m.

"It's a family friendly show," White said. "I think it is something really anyone can enjoy."



Tonight the Theater Guild, a student run performance troupe, will bring it's rendition of "Seussical the Musical" to the Student Union Ballroom. The Guild has been preparing the show since February.



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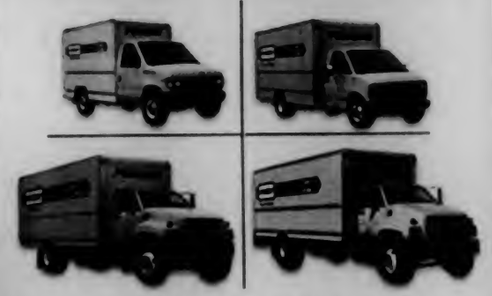
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Atlantic 10 women's lacrosse down to two dominant teams

By Rob Greenfield
Collegian Staff

The Duquesne Dukes and George Washington Colonials became two of the top 20 ranked teams last week, with Duquesne occupying the No. 19 spot and GW at No. 20. Duquesne is 10-2 on the season as it has steamrolled its way through the Atlantic 10, boasting a 4-0 conference record, an eight-game winning streak, while remaining the only team without an in-conference loss.

The Dukes' only two losses have come to ranked opponents — Duke and Ohio State — and Duquesne has pulled off impressive victories, including an overtime bout with George Washington. Duquesne broke the top-20 after wins last week against UC Davis and UMass.

The game against Duquesne was George Washington's only loss against a conference opponent and only its third loss of the season as it runs a close second to the Dukes in the Atlantic 10 with an 11-3 overall record and a 4-1 record in-conference.

This year, GW is treading new waters, as it notched its first victory against a ranked opponent in the program's history, beating No. 17 Towson, 11-10 in overtime. GW will face UMass this weekend, as it plays its fifth conference game of the season and is looking to improve upon its 1-3 record against the A-10.

Like uncle, like niece

George Washington senior Laura Hostetler was awarded Atlantic 10 Player of the Week, and freshman teammate Caitlin Garman received Rookie of the Week honors. Both received the awards for their performances last week.

Hostetler tied the GW single-game record with 10 points, notching six goals and four assists on April 15 against Saint Joseph's. The next game, on April 17 versus Colgate, she became the Colonials' all-time leading scorer with a two-goal, two-assist effort.

Hostetler, who is former NFL quarterback Jeff Hostetler's niece, has posted 19 assists so far this season, a GW record, and has scored 45 goals, matching her career-high.

Garman does goalie duty for the Colonials and has performed well this season with seven wins, one shy of the single-season school record. Against Saint Joseph's on April 15, she made six saves and let up only five goals, the lowest ever in an A-10 match.

Two at the top

The A-10 conference was up for grabs at the beginning of the year, but has now cleared up a bit with two teams — George Washington and Duquesne — establishing them as the elite in the conference.

They are the only two teams with four wins in the conference and boast records that give them distance from the third place team, Temple. The Owls have been the perennial powerhouse, but have slumped back to third place after a fast start and a No. 16 national ranking.

The Owls have a 6-5 overall record and a 2-1 record in conference. The rest of the conference bottoms out with only inconsistency remaining. Richmond is 3-2 in the A-10 but 5-7 overall. La Salle is 8-6 overall but 1-3 in-conference and UMass has had tight games with some of the elite teams but has only been able to scratch out four wins. St. Bonaventure rounds out the bottom of the division with an 8-4 overall record but all of their losses have been to A-10 teams.

USC star set for draft

By John Nadel
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A year later than originally hoped, Mike Williams finally gets a shot at NFL stardom and the big bucks that go with it.

Williams was a two-time loser in 2004, first in his attempt to become eligible for the draft a year earlier than NFL rules allow, then in an effort to play his junior season at Southern California.

Despite having not played a game in over 15 1/2 months, his stock has risen to the point where he seems a lock to picked among the top 10 in Saturday's draft.

The Minnesota Vikings, choosing seventh, are a possible destination should Williams be available. After trading Randy Moss to Oakland, they have a serious need at wide receiver.

"I don't know where he's going to fit in the draft. There's a lot of people who need a guy who can score touchdowns like he can," USC coach Pete Carroll said of Williams, a 6-foot-4 1/2, 232-pounder with exceptional hands and route-running ability.

Carroll should know, having been an NFL head coach for four years before becoming the Trojans' coach in 2001.

Gil Brandt, the Dallas Cowboys' vice president of player personnel from 1960-89 and now the NFL's draft consultant, likens Williams to former Cowboys standout Michael Irvin.

The 21-year-old Williams played two years at USC, catching 81 passes for 1,265 yards and 14 touchdowns as a freshman in 2002, then making 95 receptions for 1,314 yards and a school-record 16 TDs the following year.

After a court ruled in February 2004 that Ohio State's Maurice Clarett was eligible to play in the NFL, Williams left USC, hired an agent and said he was turning pro. That made him ineligible for the Trojans.

Williams was projected as a first-round draft pick, but an appeals court overturned the earlier ruling and upheld the NFL's right to bar players who had been out of high school less than three years. That rule applied to both Williams and Clarett.

After the appeals court ruling, Williams severed ties with his agent and began the process of applying to the NCAA for reinstatement: returning to USC, taking summer classes and seeking to have his academic eligibility restored.

But the NCAA turned down his request last August, two days before the Trojans' first game of the season. Williams finished his USC career as the fourth-leading receiver in school history despite playing only two years.

"Mike is a very mature individual. He's handled the entire process very maturely," agent Tony Fleming said. "I don't think he has any regrets. I think he feels like the decisions he made, he made as an adult and he dealt with the consequences. He's taken everything in stride and kept going. I've never heard him say a bitter word."

Through his agent, Williams declined to be interviewed for this story.

Carroll said he doesn't believe the fact Williams sat out last season will affect his status.

"If Mike had broken an arm or something, it might have been construed differently," Carroll said. "I have the utmost confidence in Mike — he's going to make a tremendous draft pick."

That seems to be the prevailing sentiment. ESPN's Mel Kiper rates Williams No. 1 overall in the draft.

Clarett ready for his time in pro football

By Joe Milicia
Associated Press

Maurice Clarett's long, strange trip to the NFL is nearing its end. Maybe.

It's been more than two years since Clarett scored the touchdown that gave Ohio State its first national title in 34 years.

Then came legal troubles, NCAA violations and a failed lawsuit against the NFL. A player once spoken of with the kind of awe reserved for a young talent like LeBron James had become synonymous with controversy and poor character.

Now, Clarett is saying and doing all the right things — enough, perhaps, for a team to select him in this weekend's NFL draft.

"He's definitely a second-day pick," said Gil Brandt, the NFL's draft consultant. "He's really tried to turn his life around."

Brandt knows Clarett hasn't dazzled anyone with his speed. After a disastrous showing at the NFL combine, Clarett improved last month at a private workout near his hometown of Warren, Ohio, running a 4.67-second 40-yard dash.

But Emmitt Smith and Jerome Bettis didn't run that fast either, Brandt said.

"He might be a player that just doesn't run fast, but somehow gets the job done," Brandt said.

Don't look for Clarett to get drafted any earlier than the fifth round, said Mike Mayock, a draft analyst for the NFL Network.

"This is pretty good running back class coming out this year. I'd much rather go with a proven track record of durability," Mayock said. "Is somebody going to say let's take a chance? Yes."

Brandt points to Clarett wrestling the ball away from Sean Taylor after an interception — one of the most memorable plays of Ohio State's 31-24 victory over top-ranked Miami in the 2003 Fiesta Bowl — for an example of why Clarett is worth drafting.

It was a play that took great football sense, something his representatives have been promoting in recent weeks.

"Maurice is one of these guys who you can do all the drills in the world, you put a football in his hand and he turns into a different kid," said his attorney, David Kenner. "That's Maurice. He's been doing it since he was 5 years old and I don't see any reason to believe it should change now."

Clarett rushed for 1,237 yards and 16 touchdowns as a freshman at Ohio State despite missing three games with injuries.

Then the trouble started.



Phil Masturzo/Akron Beacon Journal

Though Maurice Clarett's first collegiate game seemed like ages ago, he is finally ready to shoot into the NFL. After trying to enter the draft in his freshman year, Clarett has been waiting around for nearly two years.



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Late-round steals dominate


Eric Athas

Stop talking about Alex Smith for a minute. I already know that Braylon Edwards is a prototypical receiver, and I don't need to hear about how many yards Ronnie Brown is going to rush for next season.

Year after year, as April rolls around, it seems as though the NFL nation is focused on the first round of the NFL Draft — and that's it. There are six other rounds that are certainly overlooked by fans and history proves that the later rounds can produce gems.

I will be the first to admit that I do not sit around and intensely gaze at the TV screen for all seven rounds, but that does not lower the significance of them. The most cliche example I can think of happens to be one of the most recent late-round steals, and that is the New England Patriots QB Tom Brady.

The three-time Super Bowl, two-time MVP, winner was selected in the sixth round (199th overall) of the 2000 draft as a "sub par" QB. The first signal-caller taken in that particular draft was Chad Pennington of the New York Jets — how many championships has he won?

For the most part, the players involved in the first round get more hype on draft day than they ever get the following season on the field. Out of the past four No. 1 overall picks — Philip Rivers (after a trade to the Giants), Carson Palmer, David Carr, Michael Vick — only one of them (Vick) managed to make it to the playoffs.

In last year's draft, the top 10 prospects did barely anything in comparison to No. 11 pick Rookie of the Year Ben Roethlisberger, who was the third overall QB taken.

While constructing first-round mock drafts can be entertaining, in retrospect, picking the sleepers in the draft can be a lot more perplexing. There are a few underrated prospects that do standout in this year's draft, however, and when they are taken following the first round, you can bet they will have a chip the size of Mel Kiper's hair-do on each of their shoulders.

Northern Colorado's Vincent Jackson is projected as a late second-round pick at wide receiver, and with this being the age of big receivers, Vincent could turn out to be a playmaker wherever he winds up. At 6-foot-6, 241 lbs., Jackson accumulated 1,582 yards and scored 11 touchdowns in 2004, while averaging a whopping 17.3 yards per catch.

He also is leaving the Bears a senior, something rare in an age that has become acquainted with drafting players straight out of the womb.

If you want to play the numbers game, just take a look at Kansas State's running back Darren Sproles. With 4,979 yards and 48 touchdowns amassed during his collegiate career, this guy can straight out play. There's just one problem — he's small. Not just small, but 5-foot-6, 181 lbs. small. While his size is a main reason that Sproles will not be taken early, there is no question in his ability, speed and strength. At the NFL Combine, Sproles bench pressed 225 lbs. 23 times.

For some perspective on how much strength Sproles has, Clifford Dukes, an outside linebacker out of Michigan State, recorded 22 reps in the 225-lb. bench press. Sproles may be a gamble, but he may also turn out to be a dangerous steal.

When the first round draftees shake commissioner Paul Tagliabue's hand on national television and hold that new shiny jersey in the air as they carefully attempt to put the team cap on without messing up their hair, they may turn out to be spectacular during the 2005 season.

But of course, don't overlook the ones that will be watching the draft from home on TV.

—Eric Athas is a Collegian Columnist

2005 NFL DRAFT

Picks 17-32

17. Cincinnati Bengals — Travis Johnson — Defensive Tackle — Florida St.
Bengels couldn't stop a running back last season if they were paid to. Wait...?

18. Minnesota Vikings — Marcus Spears — Defensive End — LSU
When you can't play defense, draft good defensive players. Good concept.

19. St. Louis Rams — Jammal Brown — Offensive Tackle — Oklahoma
When no one on the right side can block, draft someone who can block on the right side.

20. Dallas Cowboys — Dan Cody — Defensive End — Oklahoma
An Oklahoma Sooner who will play in Texas? This state rival will work out for Dallas.

21. Jacksonville Jaguars — Justin Miller — Cornerback — Clemson
A little soon to draft Miller, but he will fit in perfectly in Jaguars' scheme.

22. Baltimore Ravens — Roddy White — Wide Receiver — UAB
6-foot-1, 205 pounds, 4.42 second 40. Isn't this what Baltimore is looking for?

23. Seattle Seahawks — Fabian Washington — Cornerback — Nebraska
Does it even matter? Seahawks collapse after Thanksgiving anyway.

24. Green Bay Packers — Aaron Rodgers — Quarterback — California
Aaron Rodgers, meet Brett Favre. Good luck, kid.

25. Washington Redskins — Jason Campbell — Quarterback — Auburn
He's a better value at 25 than either Rodgers or Smith is in top-3.

26. Oakland Raiders — Heath Miller — Tight End — Virginia
Trying to get into Al Davis' head is impossible. Let's just go with Clarett.

27. Atlanta Falcons — Thomas Davis — Safety — Georgia
Great compliment to DeAngelo Hall in the Atlanta defensive backfield.

28. San Diego Chargers — Barrett Ruud — Linebacker — Nebraska
When scouts refer to you as a "tackling machine," things are going well for you.

29. Indianapolis Colts — DeMarcus Ware — DE/OLB — Troy
His speed will make him a phenomenal player on Indy's turf.

30. Pittsburgh Steelers — Matt Jones — QB/WR/TE — Arkansas
Kordell, Hines Ward, Antwaan Randle El, now Matt Jones.

31. Philadelphia Eagles — Reggie Brown — Wide Receiver — Georgia
Eagles need a receiver no matter what happens with T.O.

32. N.E. Patriots — Channing Crowder — Linebacker — Florida
Pats will take best player out of linebackers/cornerbacks available at 32.

'Showtime' ousted by Oakland

By Janie McCauley
Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The man who calls himself "Showtime" is leaving the Oakland Raiders, and both sides appear happy to be parting ways.

The Raiders traded disgruntled cornerback Phillip Buchanon to the Houston Texans for two draft picks Tuesday, nearly four months after he publicly ridiculed the franchise with no warning leading into the final game.

Texans general manager Charley Casserly confirmed the deal Wednesday, but said it won't be official until Buchanon passes a physical and the NFL completes the required paperwork.

Oakland will receive a second-round and third-round pick in this weekend's NFL draft.

Texans coach Dom Capers praised Buchanon's speed and athletic ability.

"This gives us another young player at a position that is hard to come by," Capers said. "He has all of the things that you look for in that position. He has the natural skill to come in and play for us."

The Raiders had been trying to trade Buchanon in recent weeks. The team talked to the Washington Redskins about the self-assured Buchanon, who typically refers to himself in the third person and arrived at training camp in 2003 as a second-year pro in a limousine and wearing a fancy pajama suit.

Oakland traded its first-round draft selection, seventh overall, to Minnesota for Randy Moss and won't make its first pick until sixth in the second round, 38th overall. With the Buchanon trade, the Raiders will pick 47th overall. They already had the 69th pick in the third round and now also will receive one of Houston's two picks that round.

Buchanon, the Raiders' first-round pick in 2002 out of Miami, went off about the organization just four days before Oakland (5-11) ended another disappointing season with a home loss to Jacksonville.

"I mean there is a lot of stuff that goes on here and it ain't right," he said at the time. "I am not feeling too good here. I am not happy with the organization. Things ain't good right now. I know that."

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Travis Ford looking to student body for basketball's revival

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former students who once populated this campus. UMass was their team. As the Maroon and White stormed up the national polls and into the Final Four, its following was as rabid as you'd find anywhere in the country.

After nearly a decade of mediocrity, however, it's difficult to find an undergraduate on this campus who can differentiate Maurice Maxwell from Cedric Maxwell.

For Ford, that is the foremost example of what needs to change in order to bring basketball fervor back to the Pioneer Valley: the students need to realize that they are arguably the biggest factor in bringing the type of basketball they want to see to the Mullins Center.

"We've got to get the student body to adopt this team again," Ford said. "We want the games to be an event, where the students dress up and get excited for them. We want them to own this basketball team and make up the loudest student section in America.

"But to accomplish this, we want any suggestions we can get from them to help figure out what we can do to make it appealing for them."

Ford knows his Minutemen will be fun to watch. He describes his style of play on both ends of the court simply as "aggressive" and preaches that his team will be outworked by no one. But without the aforementioned help from the student body, his efforts will go unnoticed and his pleas will fall on deaf ears.

The deed to the Massachusetts basketball program is there for the taking, and Travis Ford wants the students to buy it. All that's left is for those same students to show him how to sell it.

"Keep in mind I'm only 35 years old, and it wasn't too long ago that I was a student too," Ford said. "I want to get out to the places they go and get in touch with them on levels they understand and want to know me on.

"I want them to feel like I'm one of them, because that's what I want to be."

The Collegian wants you, the students, to help us give Travis Ford feedback on how he can best go about interacting with you and encouraging you to support UMass men's basketball. E-mail any suggestions you may have via to sports@dailycollegian.com.

Armstrong not fast in Georgia

By George Henry
Associated Press

MACON, Ga. — A day after announcing he will retire after the Tour de France, Lance Armstrong took it easy in the opening stage of a tuneup for cycling's most prestigious event.

Armstrong spent Tuesday in a pack with his teammates at the Tour de Georgia, avoiding risk of injury and finishing 15th in the race's first stage.

"We didn't go very fast," Armstrong said. "In fact, we went flat-out slow for most of the day. I was trying to stay out of trouble, and the guys did a good job staying out in front and keeping me out of the way."

In announcing his retirement plans Monday, Armstrong indicated the Georgia race could end his competitive career in North America, but he might consider another practice event in May to stay fresh for the Tour de France.

The 33-year-old Texan won the 648-mile Tour de Georgia last year, and went on to win the Tour de France for an unprecedented sixth straight time.

Robert Hunter, a South African racing for the Phonak Hearing Systems of Switzerland, won the 128.8-mile first leg in 5 hours, 47 minutes, 52 seconds. With fans lining the streets of downtown Macon, Hunter edged his front tire past Ben Brooks to earn the yellow jersey.

The Tour de Georgia continues Wednesday in Fayetteville and ends 122.7 miles later in the northwest town of Rome.

In Tuesday's racing, each of the top 56 finishers was credited with times of 5:47.52. Brooks, who races for the U.S. team Jelly Belly, and third-place finisher Michele Maccanti of Italy, also were credited with a time of 5:47.52.

"It wasn't a traditional kind of sprint," Brooks said of the finish. "The hill makes it kind of hard. You've got to have good position. I had a good shot, but Robbie's a world-class sprinter."

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UM ready for A-10s

By Jon Pelland
Collegian Staff

This weekend in College Park, Md. should be an enjoyable one for the Massachusetts women's tennis team (15-6 4-0 Atlantic 10). On Friday the Minutewomen will play their first round match of the 2005 Atlantic 10 Tournament.

UMass is coming off their best regular season since they last won the A-10 Tournament in 2001. That was also the first they made an appearance in NCAA tournament in program history, where they fell to Arizona State in the Regionals.

Currently, UMass is on an eight-match winning streak and have won nine of their last 10 matches. Its success this season should pay off as the Minutewomen are projected to be seeded No. 1 and no lower than No. 2 according to the tentative coaches' polls.

If UMass is seeded No. 1, it will most likely play the winner of Duquesne (9-10 1-3 A-10) and St. Joseph (5-8 2-2 A-10), who will play Friday at 10 a.m.

The Minutewomen have only played Duquesne three times in their history. All three times the Maroon and White have come out on top. The two schools did not meet this year in the regular season; however, they squared off with the Dukes in last year's conference tournament, winning the quarterfinal match 4-0.

Senior captain Sasha Edelstein was able to pick up a singles victory against Duquesne in that match.

Saint Joseph's has only faced UMass twice and has lost both matches. The two haven't seen each other since 2002.

According to UMass coach Judy Dixon, should UMass advance past Duquesne or St. Joe's, they will most likely play rival Temple in the semifinals.

"UMass and Temple is always a grudge match," Dixon said. "They hate losing to us."

UMass does have a few concerns going into the weekend. One is the play and health of junior Dorothy Iwanowicz, who usually competes in the No. 4 slot for the Minutewomen. Iwanowicz sat out UMass' regular season finale against Holy Cross this past Monday.

Dixon stated that Iwanowicz was absent from the lineup on Monday mainly because she has the most "aches and pains" on the team, and she has struggled as of late. Dixon has also said in the past that Iwanowicz favors indoor play rather than outdoors, and the forecast for the weekend is playing right into her favor.

"This weekend is supposed to be cold and rainy, so Dorothy will be going into her match happy to be playing indoors," Dixon said.

"Dorothy loves indoor matches."

All year, Iwanowicz has been a stellar player for the Minutewomen. This season she went 14-4 in singles competition, mainly from the No. 3 and No. 4 positions. Lately she has been teamed with junior Susan Johnson in the No. 1 doubles competition. In that slot, the duo is 4-3.

Another concern for Dixon's squad is the inexperience of some of the key members of the team. This will be the first conference tournament for sophomore Michele Spiess and freshman Masha Pozar.

"They're nervous because they know the opportunity to play in the NCAAs is at stake," Dixon said.

Spiess has been the standout on this very talented UMass squad. This season she has posted the best record on the team at 17-3 and has been looked to numerous times to come up with a big win when the team needed it. Spiess has also teamed with Pozar to compete in doubles competition, going 12-8 from the No. 1 and 2 slots.

Pozar has made strong case to win the 2005 Rookie of the Year award in the A-10. She has already won Rookie of the Week honors twice this season, once on Sept. 21 and again on March 28. She has gone 13-8 this season, mainly from the No. 2 singles slot.

Pats have different draft views

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

FOXBORO — The New England Patriots go into the draft with a team that already looks different than last season's champions.

Ty Law and Troy Brown were released and Tedy Bruschi had a mild stroke that could sideline him at least for this season. Still, coach Bill Belichick isn't counting on immediate contributions from the players he picks this weekend.

"It is not always what a guy can do on the first opening day of his rookie year," he said. "We have seen a lot of players that have changed their value to the team as they have improved, whether it be after the first year or after the second year."

That growth process worked so well that the Patriots won three of the last four Super Bowls, an amazing accomplishment but one that extends their season and cuts into their time to plan for the draft.

"I'm glad that that was the situation," Belichick said. "But, it is still putting three months worth of work into two or two and a half," he said. "There is nothing we can do about it."

He and his staff haven't had to spend much time studying the top 10 to 15 players available since the Patriots have the last picks of the first and second rounds. That gives them fewer options to trade for a better pick than they had last year, when they had the 21st and 32nd picks but kept both.

Their third pick is the 100th overall, a compensatory choice for losing free agents. Their own third-round choice was traded to Arizona for cornerback Duane Starks. They're not allowed to trade the compensatory pick.

"That really limits what you can do in the first two rounds," Belichick said.

The key for Belichick is how a drafted player performs within the Patriots' system once he becomes familiar with it. And that player could be chosen in a late round rather than on Saturday's first day of the draft, when the first three rounds will take place.

The Patriots took quarterback Tom Brady in the sixth round in 2000, a choice Belichick called the best of his career.

But he also took wide receiver David Givens in the seventh round in 2002 and center Dan Koppen in the fifth round in 2003. Then there's Brown, an eighth-round pick in 1993 who turned into an outstanding wide receiver and even saw considerable action at defensive back last season.

With an eye toward controlling their salary cap, the Patriots released Brown and should be set at wide receiver after signing veterans David Terrell and Tim Dwight. Belichick said Brown could be re-signed.

"I don't want to comment on any of those personal conversations," he may have had concerning that possibility, he said.

The Patriots could use help in the draft at defensive back after releasing Law following 10 years with the team. And Bruschi's condition — along with the release of linebacker Roman Phifer — creates a need at that position.

Belichick shed no light on the likelihood of Bruschi playing this year.

"I think that Tedy has made a number of comments about his situation, and I would just defer to him on any of those. I don't have anything to add," he said.

Even if Belichick isn't counting on Bruschi for the coming season, that may not influence him to draft a linebacker.

"If you are looking for a certain type of player, there is going to be a group that really appeals to you," he said, "and there is going to be another group that you just really don't have much use for but are going to be drafted because other teams will be looking for those types of players."

Since the Super Bowl, the team has added linebackers Monty Beisel from Kansas City and Wesly Mallard from the New York Giants.

But Belichick said his current roster doesn't have much of an impact on his draft plans.

"I don't think if you start drafting by need or try to come out of the draft and say, 'Well, we needed and guard and we got a guard. We needed a receiver and we got a receiver,' " he said. "But, if they can't perform and fill that role for you competitively on the field, then you really haven't done anything."

Even if he doesn't pick a linebacker or defensive back, he can still add productive young players. Before last season the Patriots signed free agent rookie Randall Gay and he ended up starting most of the games at cornerback.


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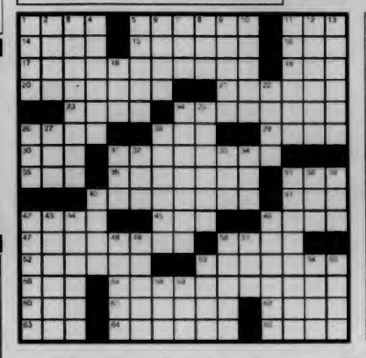
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Ford wants students' help

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

Travis Ford wants to make something abundantly clear: He didn't come to Amherst just to coach basketball. He came here to make UMass basketball fun again for the students of this campus.

The new Massachusetts men's basketball coach also wants to remind those same students, who can likely compile a list of more than a thousand various things they did other than attend Minuteman games over the past few seasons, that he needs their help more than anything as he tries to breathe life back into a struggling program.

With that in mind, Ford is prepared to wage an all-out siege on dorms, dining commons and any other places the off-absent UMass student body may be hiding to prove what a hot ticket his Minutemen will be, and why those same students should want to come and watch them when they take to the Mullins Center hardwood next winter.

"I want the students to get to know me and my staff personally, and not just as the basketball coaches," Ford said. "The biggest thing is just getting out there and getting connected with the students; telling them about their team, what style of basketball we're going to play, what our schedule is going to be like and what we're going to do to make the games exciting again."

Arriving on the heels of the unsuccessful four-year regime of former coach Steve Lappas, Ford has not been provided with a model as to how he should go about producing excitement around his team on campus.

One of the major criticisms of Lappas was his inability to connect with the program's dormant fan base, and similar shortcomings in drawing more than a smattering of those fans to the 9,493-seat Mullins Center.

Ford plans to change that, and fast. Yet, without the help of the students themselves, he will be left to stab in the dark at what will really work in bringing a little bit of 1996 into 2005.

"I'm going to make myself accessible, but I want to know: what can I do to get you [the student] involved?" Ford asks. "I want the games to be something they look back on in 10 or 15 years and remember that they were there and all the fun they had, and say 'Hey, UMass is my team.'"

There is no question that for many

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MATTHEW REILLY/COLLEGIAN

Travis Ford wants the students to turn the team around

ECAC will finish with a dog fight

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

With the final few weeks of the lacrosse season on the horizon, the ECAC is once again going to be a fight to the finish. Although the Georgetown Hoyas are leading the conference, the UMass Minutemen and Penn State are both 3-1 and a game behind. If it were to come down to the Nittany Lions and the Minutemen at season's end, UMass has the tiebreaker, stemming from its 18-8 victory over Penn State on April 2.

Big Dogs on Campus

The Georgetown Hoyas have been one of the hottest teams in the ECAC this season and have continued their dominance over the past week, downing conference foe Loyola 14-10 on Saturday and out-of-conference opponent Mt. St. Mary's on April 13, 14-10. Both games were on the road.

Georgetown is currently in first place in the ECAC, going 3-0 in conference, and is also ranked No. 3 in the nation. The Hoyas continue their road-trip this Saturday when they face the UMass Minutemen in Amherst.

The Hoyas had a couple of players earn ECAC honors this week, with Brodie Merrill winning the Defensive Player of the Week award and Brendan Cannon taking the Rookie of the Week honor. Merrill is also a Tewaaraton Trophy candidate and leads the Hoyas with 69 ground balls.

A Change of Fate

The Loyola Greyhounds have been on a bit of a skid recently, dropping their last three games to Syracuse (April 9), Georgetown on Saturday, and UMBC on Tuesday. Previous to its loss to Syracuse, Loyola had won four games in a row, including three at home, defeating Wagner (13-7 on March 15) and ECAC foes St. John's (6-3 on March 19) and UMass (6-5 on March 26). Loyola won its fourth game against ECAC opponent Rutgers on the road.

The Greyhounds have one more conference game left in the season when they face off against Hobart College on April 30. The game will be their last home contest of the season before they head to Baltimore to take on John's Hopkins, who is currently the top-ranked team in the nation.

Going Streaking

The Massachusetts men's lacrosse team has been one of the best teams in the country over the past two weeks, defeating three straight ECAC rivals. The Minutemen defeated Penn State (18-8 on April 2), St. John's (14-6 on April 9), and Hobart (14-12 on Saturday).

UMass loses in Beanpot

By Todd Foster
Collegian Staff

LOWELL — In the opening round of the Beanpot Classic, the Massachusetts baseball team pulled within one run of Harvard, but could not stop the Crimson from pulling away for an 11-5 victory at LeLaucher Park.

Down by two runs in the top of the seventh, the Maroon and White had two runners on first and second with two outs. Senior right fielder Curt Szado took advantage of the RBI opportunity and singled through the left side to score sophomore first baseman Bill Rankin, who had walked two batters earlier.

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With senior left fielder Jason Twomley on second and Szado at first, sophomore third baseman Bryan Adamski was hit by a pitch and loaded the bases for freshman catcher Bryan Garrity. On a full count, Garrity ripped a solid shot to right side that hit off the back foot of Adamski for the final out of the inning, as a base runner cannot come in contact with a live ball. Though ruling had Adamski called out on unassisted by the second baseman, Garrity was awarded a hit.

"I was shocked, because the runner was suppose to be in motion, and we got a hard hit ball," UMass coach Mike Stone said. "I'm thinking 'we're going ahead right here.' So, I was taken by surprise."

Harvard capitalized by going on a five-run rally in the bottom of the seventh to push the lead to six and nail home the victory.

Harvard third baseman Steffan Wilson, who eventually closed out the game on the mound for Crimson, hit a leadoff single to start the rally. After Wilson was moved to third on a sacrifice bunt with another runner on first, shortstop Morgan Brown hit an RBI single to score Wilson.

In the next at-bat, second baseman Brendan Byrne hit a chopper that looked like a sure assist for freshman shortstop Zach Thomas, but the ball took a high, bad bounce over his head for a hit and an RBI.

With two in scoring position, center field/third baseman Chris Vance hit a deep triple to right-center to score two more and push the score to 10-5. Left fielder Ian Wallace added the final run of with a bloop single to shallow center to score Vance.

"We didn't play well enough to win," Stone said. "We just beat ourselves. Once again, we found ways to beat ourselves. I can't say much about [Harvard]. They just play better."

Wilson put on an impressive performance with the bat and on the mound. The Harvard freshman sensation went 2-for-4 with two runs, a walk and an RBI. After starting the game at third, Wilson pitched 2.1 scoreless innings and gave up one hit to earn the save. Wilson leads the team in batting average, hitting .356, and also has four saves on the year. There was a milestone achieved by Harvard senior catcher Schuyler Mann, who hit his 23rd career home run in the fifth inning to tie Harvard's career home run record.

The Minutemen will play at Yawkey Way in historic Fenway Park today when they take on the loser of the game between Northeastern and Boston College at 2 p.m. in the Beanpot consolation game.



ANDY TAMUSZ/NASH/COLLEGIAN

Matt Torra and the Minutemen lost in the opening round of the Beanpot yesterday.

It's time to go NFL drafting



Jeff Howe

Maurice Clarett, welcome to the National Football League. Just don't take anyone to court this year, and you might be alright.

Mike Williams, kudos to you, too. It's time to prove to Paul Tagliabue that you really are ready for the big show, even though you already were at this time last year.

It's draft time, baby, and the San Francisco 49ers are on the clock.

Yes, the NFL Draft. It's time for Mike Tice to show up late — which he can do twice in the first 18 picks this year — it's time for stocks to rise, dreams to shatter and the San Diego Chargers to waste another pick.

Sorry, the Chargers did a pretty decent job last year, but even George W. Bush can walk without falling once in awhile.

Just in case Californians are worried about their local teams having a successful draft, though, it's now San Francisco's turn to mess everything up.

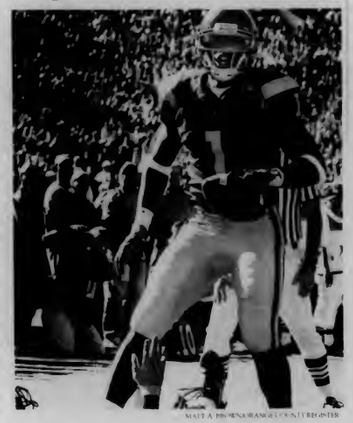
If the 49ers select one of the two "top" quarterbacks in Aaron Rodgers or Alex Smith, they will have done their organization and fans a huge injustice.

Neither signal caller has the ability to take over a franchise, let alone one that is in such shambles as San Fran's.

And both of them would be lucky to grace the top-20 of any draft board in just about any other year. As it is, one of them could fall as low as No. 24 to the Packers this year.

What the 49ers should do doesn't seem to be too much like rocket science, either. Trade the pick, move down to somewhere between No. 5 and No. 8, select USC wideout Mike Williams, and go home happy.

Besides, the second tier of quarterbacks — Jason Campbell, Charlie Frye, Jason White, David Greene — could all stabilize an offense to a similar degree as Smith or Rodgers, and a few of them will still be around by the time San Fran picks again at No. 33.



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If the 49ers were smart, they would draft USC wide receiver Mike Williams, but time will only tell.

No matter who the 49ers pick, they still aren't much more than a five-win team next year, which should all but guarantee them a top-3 selection in the 2006 draft.

That means they would be in prime position to select golden boy and California hero Matt Leinart, who could spend the rest of his career hooking up with former teammate Williams a la Joe Montana to Jerry Rice.

Sounds easy, doesn't it?

What isn't easy, however, is what the Auburn program is about to do.

Running backs Ronnie Brown and Carnell Williams are about to be the first halfback tandem from the same school to be selected in the top-20 of the draft.

Ever.

Even more astounding is the fact that they could both be drafted in the first five picks.

Maybe the most interesting selection in Saturday's first four rounds is Cleveland's No. 3 pick, which will be up to Bill Belichick's protégé Romeo Crennel. The Patriots' former defensive coordinator could scoop up one of the two quarterbacks, any of the top-three running backs or a game-breaking wide receiver in Braylon Edwards or Williams.

Watch out for a pick that could be as wobbly as a Trent Dilfer lame duck deep ball, though. Crennel could drop a jaw or two by locking up Texas linebacker Derrick Johnson, who could be the most talented player in the Class of 2005.

Anyone who watched the Pats steamroll through the NFL over the past few years would know exactly how important the linebacking corps was to their defense. Hey, it's just a suggestion.

Happy drafting, everyone.

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Collegian 2005 Mock NFL Draft

There are a lot of questions in this draft, and they begin at the very beginning with the San Francisco 49ers.

Who will they pick? Rodgers, Smith, Edwards, Williams, Brown?

We didn't make these predictions based on trades, though we can admit there should be a ton of movement during the first two hours of the draft on Saturday.

You may notice a few alarming things about our picks. Maybe the most confusing is the absence of California quarterback Aaron Rodgers from the first half of the list. The fact is, if Rodgers or Smith slips past Tampa Bay and Arizona, neither one will be picked until Green Bay gets its turn at No. 24.

So without further ado, the San Francisco 49ers are on the clock with the first pick of the 2005 NFL Draft.

— Jeff Howe, Eric Athas, Dan Duggan, Ian Kilpatrick and Jon Pelland

NOTE: Picks 17-32 are on page 11.

2005 NFL DRAFT

Team	Player	Position	School
1. San Francisco 49ers	Alex Smith	Quarterback	Utah
Smith is by no means a franchise quarterback, but the 49ers seem happy regardless.			
2. Miami Dolphins	Ronnie Brown	Running Back	Auburn
The Dolphins need to rid their fans of all things named Ricky Williams.			
3. Cleveland Browns	Braylon Edwards	Wide Receiver	Michigan
The Browns could go in other directions, but Edwards' talent can't be passed up.			
4. Chicago Bears	Mike Williams	Wide Receiver	USC
Rex Grossman needs someone to throw to. Mike Williams will make him better.			
5. Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Carnell Williams	Running Back	Auburn
The Bucs will ride their Cadillac in style all the way to third in the division.			
6. Tennessee Titans	Antrel Rolle	Defensive Back	Miami
Lose Samari, gain Antrel. The Titans just keep on Rolle-ing.			
7. Minnesota Vikings	Derrick Johnson	Linebacker	Texas
Johnson forced more fumbles than anyone in NCAA history. Not bad at 7.			
8. Arizona Cardinals	Cedric Benson	Running Back	Texas
One thing the Cards need to do is find a replacement for Emmitt Smith.			
9. Washington Redskins	Adam Jones	Cornerback	West Virginia
"Pac-Man" and Sean Taylor will anchor this defense for a long, long time.			
10. Detroit Lions	David Pollack	Defensive End	Georgia
Dream scenario for the Lions at No. 10, as they badly need a defensive end.			
11. Dallas Cowboys	Shawn Merriman	OLB/DE	Maryland
The 'Boys need a D-end and outside linebacker. Merriman gives them both.			
12. San Diego Chargers	Troy Williamson	Wide Receiver	South Carolina
Fastest wide receiver in the draft is a good fit for a team without many holes.			
13. Houston Texans	Alex Barron	Offensive Tackle	Florida State
Can someone block for David Carr? Anyone? Please?			
14. Carolina Panthers	Mark Clayton	Wide Receiver	Oklahoma
A little early to call on Clayton, but he'll fit nicely for Delhomme's air attack.			
15. Kansas City Chiefs	Carlos Rodgers	Cornerback	Auburn
Chiefs need the best defensive player available. Rodgers isn't bad at No. 15.			
16. New Orleans Saints	Marlin Jackson	Cornerback	Michigan
Jackson needs a little grooming, but the potential is certainly there.			

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GEO class boycott attracts hundreds

By Mike Sances
Collegian Correspondent

Hundreds of people converged on the lawn of the Student Union at the University of Massachusetts Thursday as part of a class boycott staged by undergraduate and graduate student groups.

Meanwhile, Gov. Mitt Romney made an unannounced visit to the campus in the midst of a three-hour, campus-wide picket by members of the university's graduate student union.

The boycott had been in the works since last month and had been promoted extensively around campus while being organized by the Graduate Employee Organization. GEO claims it was held in response to a year of deadlocked negotiations between the union and university administrators, who the union says won't back down from their proposal of cuts in real wages, health and child care benefits.

Beginning at 9:00 a.m., GEO members picketed all major classroom buildings on campus, holding blue signs, walking in circles, singing chants and generally making as much noise as possible with the help of makeshift drums.

"I think it's ridiculous that they're trying to basically take money out of our pockets," said Noah Enelow, a graduate student in the economics department who picketed between Goodell and Thompson halls. "We are the people that make this university run."

Jesse Barba of the sociology department rejected claims that alternative means hadn't yet been exhausted. "We've tried that before," he said, referring to the idea of a sit down session with Chancellor John Lombardi. Barba stressed that he would have preferred the situation hadn't lead to a boycott, but that his group's position was "not even that extreme.

"You owe people a decent compensation for what they do," he said.

The Massachusetts Society of Professors, headed by UMass sociology professor Dan Clawson, the resident assistants union, and members of the undergraduate group Take Back UMass also participated in the picketing.

The sunny weather attracted large groups of visitors to campus yesterday, bringing with it tour guides leading bemused groups of prospective students and their parents through numerous picketing sites and subsequent festivities on the Student Union lawn.

Bicyclists also enjoyed the sun yesterday, as scores of protesters rode up and down North Pleasant Street and all around campus in support of the day's events in an action known as "Critical UMass."

At noon, picketers traveled to the lawn from their respective picketing sites, merging with the several hundred spectators already participating in the ongoing teach-ins, who cheered their arrival. Ware River Club provided live music, while a long line quickly formed for hamburgers and hot dogs. Within an hour, the rally had reached a peak of nearly 1,000 people.

Beneath a black- and red-lettered banner reading "It's Your University: Take It Back," and pieces of paper read-

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CHARISSE TAKE BACK UMASS

Hundreds gather on the lawn in front of the Student Union yesterday as part of GEO's class walkout. The group organized the walkout to protest stalled contract negotiations between the graduate union and the University.

Deerfield murder has locals baffled

By Adam Gorlick
Associated Press

DEERFIELD — It was late last summer when Bryan Hall won $136 from a slot machine, walked into the first jewelry store he saw and bought Brandy Waryasz an engagement ring.

Dropping to a knee on Atlantic City's boardwalk, he proposed to the girl he met in grade school. She accepted, and soon had a surprise for him: she was pregnant.

It was supposed to be a new start for 21-year-old Brandy, who had separated from her first husband and was saving up from her job at a Deerfield gas station to pay for a divorce lawyer.

Those plans shattered last Saturday when someone strangled her and left the body on the gas station floor before taking off with the cash register. Brandy was seven months pregnant.

As police tried to solve this quiet town's first murder in 26 years, Hall and Waryasz's family were preparing to cremate his fiancee and the unborn son they were going to name Dane.

"She's the only girl I ever met in my entire life who cared about me," said Hall, 21, who recently learned he had qualified for a loan to buy a house in Turners Falls, where the couple wanted to raise their baby close to Brandy's family.

"She wanted to create a life for us," he said. "Everything we did, we did together."

They met about 11 years ago in grammar school. Brandy dropped out of high school after marrying a man from New



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Brandy Waryasz, 21, was murdered at a Deerfield gas station Saturday.

Hampshire, but that relationship soured and she came back to Massachusetts.

"He's been out of her life for quite awhile," Brandy's mother, Ruth Cousineau, said of her estranged husband.

Brandy reconnected with Hall and studied for her GED. She moved into an apartment in Turners Falls with her mother, sister and uncle, who got her the part-time job at the gas station on a flat, well-traveled stretch of Routes 5 and 10.

"I feel so guilty because I got her the job," said Jerry Cousineau, 37. "But I would never imagine something like this would happened in Deerfield."

A quaint rural community about 35 miles north of Springfield, Deerfield is home to one of New England's best preserved Colonial villages and the prestigious Deerfield Academy prep school. Three-hundred years ago, it was the site of the bloodiest Indian attack of early American history, but today the town is better known for attracting tourists to Yankee Candle's flagship store.

Brandy spent Fridays and Saturdays at work reading Harry Potter books and chatting with customers. She was the attendant who always smiled when washing down a windshield and never got annoyed when drivers stopped to ask for directions, said her boss, Barbara Rhinehardt.

It seemed that nothing — whether it was her nagging migraines or personal troubles — could wipe a smile from her face.

"She's always showed up at work singing," Rhinehardt said.

Last Saturday, a customer told Rhinehardt he was going to become a regular because Brandy was so pleasant.

"Later that day, she was dead," Rhinehardt said. "I can't believe anyone would do that to someone so nice."

Police say they are following several leads, but would not elaborate. No suspects were publicly identified by Thursday. The gas station, owned by A.R. Sandri Inc. of Greenfield, wasn't outfitted with security cameras.

Conn. Gov. signs gay civil unions into law

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Connecticut on Wednesday became the second state to offer civil unions to gay couples — and the first to do so without being forced by the courts.

About an hour after the state Senate sent her the legislation, Republican Gov. M. Jodi Rell signed into law a bill that will afford same-sex couples in Connecticut many of the rights and privileges of married couples.

"The vote we cast today will reverberate around the country and it will send a wave of hope to many people, to thousands of people across the country," said Sen. Andrew McDonald, who is gay.

The state House passed the measure last week but amended it to define marriage under Connecticut law as between one man and one woman. The Senate approved the amended bill Wednesday 26-8. The law takes effect Oct. 1.

"I have said all along that I believe in no discrimination of any kind and I think that this bill accomplishes that, while at the same time preserving the traditional language that a marriage is between a man and a woman," Rell said.

Vermont is the only other state to allow civil unions. Massachusetts allows gay couples to marry. But those changes came about after same-sex couples won court battles.

Last summer, seven same-sex couples sued in Connecticut after being denied marriage licenses; the case has not been resolved.

Roman Catholics and pro-marriage activists plan a big rally Sunday in opposition to the bill.

Marie Hilliard, executive director of the Connecticut Catholic Conference, said the civil union proposal "got more legs than we ever hoped it would get." About 44 percent of the state's 3 million residents are Roman Catholic.

Brian Brown, head of the Family Institute of Connecticut, said his group intends to keep the issue squarely before the public.

"Our mission will be to let every person know in the state of Connecticut which lawmakers voted to redefine marriage, and which lawmakers voted to protect marriage," he said.

Anne Stanback, executive director of Loves Makes a Family, said her group would probably begin talking to lawmakers about gay marriage— though she acknowledged it's not likely the issue will be taken up next session.

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Connecticut Gov. M. Jodi Rell speaks to the media Wednesday after signing into law a bill that will afford same-sex couples in that state many of the rights and privileges of married couples.

Guilty verdicts in Harvard Sq. gang murder

By Ken Maguire
Associated Press

BOSTON — Three gang members and a heroin addict were convicted of murder Thursday for stabbing and beating a 21-year-old drifter to death and dumping her body into the Charles River.

Despite more than six weeks of sometimes conflicting testimony, the jury in Suffolk Superior Court deliberated for less than a day before finding Ismael Vasquez, 27, his 23-year-old brother Luis, Harold Parker, 31, and Scott Davenport, 31, guilty of first-degree murder.

Parker and the Vasquez brothers were also convicted of kidnapping Jo Nachtwey, a recent arrival from Hawaii who hung around Harvard Square with other young homeless people. The kidnapping charge against Davenport was dropped earlier Thursday.

Luis Vasquez was also convicted of rape. All four face mandatory life term at their sentencing, scheduled for Friday morning.

A woman was escorted out of court after she began screaming and crying as the verdicts were read.

"Jo Nachtwey was the ultimate innocent victim," prosecutor Patrick Haggan said. "She was known on the streets of Harvard Square as someone who didn't belong. She was described as an angel, like a child. She was brutally murdered."

Defense attorneys said they would appeal and criticized the jury for deliberating for just five hours after weeks of testimony.

The Vasquez brothers and Parker were the leaders of a fledging gang that Nachtwey and her friends had been recruited to join. Davenport was a heroin addict who was along for the ride because the other three defendants could get him drugs, his attorney said.

In closing arguments, Assistant District Attorney Patrick Haggan said Nachtwey was terrified as they drove to a railroad bridge spanning the river between Cambridge and Boston because she knew the men planned to kill her to send a message to a rebellious faction within the gang.

She first tried to jump from the moving car and then agreed to have sex with Luis Vasquez, the gang leader, in the desperate hope that he'd protect her, he said.

But the men had already decided to kill her, Haggan said.

"This was a cowardly, vicious and senseless murder and each and every one of the defendants wanted it to happen or chose to allow it to happen," Haggan said.

Key witnesses for the prosecution included two 21-year-old women, Ana White and Lauren Alleyne, who avoided life in prison by pleading guilty to manslaughter and agreeing to testify against the four others.

They were sentenced to 12 years in prison, and with time served are due to get out around 2010.

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CORRECTION

Yesterday the Collegian incorrectly stated SGA President Pavel Payano was accused of stealing SGA office supplies. We apologize for this error.

Campus Perspectives

By Jamie Lau

Did you boycott class today? Why or why not?



"No, although I agreed with the reason for the protest; I did not find that by me missing classes it would benefit anyone. By not going to class it would only hurt my academics."

Paul Schunk
junior
Healthcare Management Major



"Yes, but not 'boycott,' slept in because I was at SUB until 4:30am finishing the set of "Seussical the Musical."

Meghan Fraser
junior
Psychology Major



"Yes, to go to the protest."

Marit Mendelsohn
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"No, had the day off!"

David W. Arena Jr.
senior
Animal Science/ Criminal Justice Major



"No, I don't have classes on Mondays and Thursday was a Monday schedule. I probably would have though."

Charlotte Williams
senior
Theatre Major



"No. I had an exam."

Adam LaRoche
junior
Marketing Major

GEO rally overshadows Gov. Romney's visit

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ing "BOYCOTT" in across the windows of the SGA office, students and professors spoke on topics ranging from same-sex benefits, child care, wage cuts, Chancellor Lombardi's Draft Action Plan, globalization and the Iraq war.

Benefits for same-sex partners is one of GEO's major sticking points with the university. Vanessa Adel, a graduate student and teacher, accused Romney of eliminating same-sex benefits to improve his chances for a potential run for the presidency in 2008.

"This is not a financial issue. This is a callous political ploy," she said.

Barbara Ehrenreich, author of the book "Nickel and Dimed," which chronicles her time spent living undercover among the American working poor, spoke of the events at UMass in a national context. "We need to wake up and realize that there is a war going on here," she said. "There is a larger nationwide context here." Ehrenreich said that while she could barely survive on seven dollars an hour during her jobs for "Nickel and Dimed," graduate students at UMass make even less, at about $12,000 a year—well below the poverty line.

By early afternoon, organizers were declaring the walkout a success.

Bartlett, Machmer, and Thompson had only one or two students all day, said GEO member Mark Nelson, claiming "tremendous support from the 22,000 undergrads on campus, because they know we're right."

But while the event had been billed as centered around undergraduate issues as much as it was around the graduate union's contract negotiations, much less was said regarding the Chancellor's Draft Action Plan, which the undergraduate group Take Back UMass has denounced as a "power grab" of control from student groups.

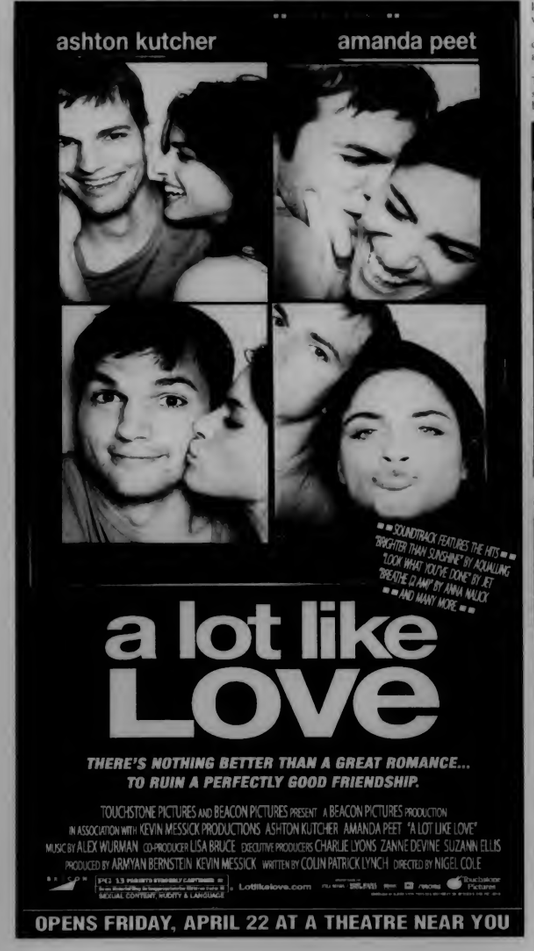
Early in the day, it was learned that the campus would be receiving a visit from Romney, who was scheduled to attend a meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education at 10:15 a.m. in Goodell Hall. Protesters decided to give the governor a special welcome, taking advantage of the public meeting by filling up the rear of the room with around thirty silent demonstrators. As wooden stakes are not allowed indoors due to the picketing code, the demonstrators held the signs with their hands.

Outside, the sounds of picketers chanting, "No contract, no peace," along with cheering, clapping, and the banging of plastic bottles and drums, were clearly audible during the governor's talk. Romney allowed for two questions, both from non-student members of the Board of Higher Education, before abruptly moving on to another engagement at the Mullins Center.

Romney spoke briefly to the Board on issues ranging from the state budget to the recent effort to create a public law school in Massachusetts as part of the UMass system.

But most of the governor's remarks concerned compensation for the state's public university presidents. The governor stressed that such compensation should not be increased by over two percent annually.

"State employment doesn't pay as well as private sector employment," Romney said.



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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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Walkout proved educational

Lisa McLaughlin

Like several other people on this campus, I've gotten the impression that GEO is one of those groups who protest everything for the sake of protesting. Why? Apparently to ease their insufferable boredom with life. So when I first heard about yesterday's class boycott, I rolled my eyes thinking, "GEO is at it again."

Over the past two weeks, I continued to hear about it. I was handed fliers and perpetually screamed at by neon posters saying, "A21: No Business As Usual!" I heard stories from other students that GEO members were storming classrooms shouting and banging drums— sometimes disrupting exams. I thought that if I was handed one more of those annoying little fliers, I was going to lose it.

Then I tried to be rational. I kicked into devil's advocate mode. I realized that these people are clearly very angry about something, and that they desperately want to be heard. "Why?" I asked myself. "What is the big deal here?" I needed to hear their side of the story. If I were in their shoes, would I do the same thing?

So as most of my peers used the boycott as an excuse to sleep in, I got my butt out of bed to get to campus by 9 a.m. for a different kind of education. I thought that I'd be damned if I didn't at least learn something when classes were cancelled, especially since my family and I are paying so much for me to come here and learn.

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I learned that graduate teaching assistants are paid only $12,000 a year for the work they do. That's less than $7 an hour in a 35-hour workweek. I could make more than that working at Blockbuster or the local movie theater. If I was only making that much, I might as well resolve to do jobs any 15-year-old could do for the rest of my life if I want to be able to pay rent, buy groceries and support my family.

I was told by Jed Murr, the Vice President of GEO, that the typical work week for graduate student employees is somewhere between 40 and 60 hours. This includes teaching, studying, doing research and taking care of children, where applicable. There is hardly any time to hold a part-time job, unless you think that failing academically and becoming an insomniac is a good idea.

Wages this low for our skilled graduate student instructors is wrong.

The administration has forced people to live in poverty and face the heartbreaking decision of dropping out of school because they simply cannot afford it. Everybody deserves a chance to make a better life for themselves and their loved ones, no matter what their economic standing is. Denying people this right is denying them the fundamental rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness that was preached by the founders of this nation.

I also learned that the university is cutting healthcare to domestic partnerships. Yes, same-sex couples can get married in Massachusetts, but this puts them more at risk for discrimination. Many of the rights they obtained in Massachusetts do not apply in the rest of the United States. They cannot adopt children in 43 states: they cannot get a divorce unless it is in this state. A same-sex spouse, if not yet a U.S citizen, can be refused visas, or even deported.

I listened as slam poetry artist "Soulfighter" shook the ground with his loud, resonating voice. I was especially chilled when he said, "For every lost child in poverty, we'll find a receipt ... if this is a dream, I ain't buying it."

Many believe that this boycott didn't accomplish anything, but I believe it did. I received a real-life, in-your-face education yesterday, and I hope that others were similarly affected. You don't have to agree with GEO or the way they conduct things, but have an open mind and seek understanding before you criticize their efforts. There's a reason why they're frustrated and upset. You would be too. Yes, they can be annoying, but nonetheless, they're trying to get a message across. Listen, learn and decide for yourself whether or not it's the right message for UMass.

Lisa McLaughlin is a Collegian columnist



Is it really breaking news?

Erin McNamee

I'm through with you, CNN. You're dead to me, Headline News. And don't even look at me, FOX News.

As you can see, 24-hour news channels and I are in a fight. We're not even on silent-nodding terms. We're done. Finished. Kaput.

My hatred of 24-hour news networks officially solidified two weeks ago when a friend told me about CNN anchor Wolf Blitzer's various transgressions. Most notably, on April 8 Wolf Blitzer and Judy Woodruff hosted a special edition of "Inside Politics" with "Crossfire" co-hosts Paul Begala and Robert Novak to discuss Pope John Paul II's funeral. Begala and Novak are Catholics, a fact Blitzer didn't let them forget.

Blitzer basically accused Begala, on live television, of not being a good Catholic simply because he's a liberal. Begala was obviously taken aback and attempted to defend himself, but instead of apologizing or moving on, Blitzer admonished him with this patronizing remark: "Don't be so sensitive."

Is this what constitutes "news" in our country these days? Instead of getting facts and intelligent analytical commentary, we are forced to watch two grown men bicker over personal issues. I believe that in this instance, Begala was entitled to defend himself, but Blitzer was totally out of line. As a result of Blitzer's comments, what was intended to be a show discussing the Pope's funeral for God's sake (pun intended) quickly spiraled into an airing of dirty laundry and personal vendettas.

What's worse is that many people seem to have become addicted to the constant availability of "news" these channels provide, so much so that they have come to expect it from every other channel on television. For instance, I tape a certain daytime television show that I won't name here for fear of public ridicule, and at least once a week it's interrupted for so-called "breaking news" updates.

First of all, these "breaking news" reports often contain five minutes at the beginning and end of the report containing nothing but ludicrous dramatic music and graphics. The urgency of the pounding drums and the solemnity of the blaring trumpets are obviously intended to stop you in your tracks, because who knows, maybe there's been another terrorist attack or perhaps a serial killer has been apprehended. You know, "real" news of the life-changing variety.

But there's rarely anything "breaking" about these reports at all. For instance, my show was interrupted for over 20 minutes the other day while video feed showed black smoke pouring out of a chimney. Now, I know this signaled the first official, yet unsuccessful, vote on the new pope, but come on. You interrupted my program for 20 minutes to show black smoke coming out of a chimney? If I really wanted to know what color smoke was pouring out of a chimney in Rome, I wouldn't have been watching so-and-so's mother's cousin's half-brother try to marry his ex-wife's sister.

As a result of Blitzer's comments, what was intended to be a show of discussing the pope's funeral for God's sake (no pun intended) quickly spiraled into an airing of dirty laundry and personal vendettas.

No. Instead I would have been glued to some 24-hour news network watching an overweight, balding, excessively perspiring man scream at people just because they don't happen to share his same exact views on underwater basket weaving.

Is it any wonder that younger generations of Americans are apathetic about politics and foreign affairs? With all these bozos screaming at and insulting supposed "guests" on their television programs, it's hard to distinguish what's actually important from what's simply ratings fodder.

Suppose I see that Bill O'Reilly is going to have guests on his program to discuss the morality of stem cell research and I tune in because I'm interested. Most likely what's initially a calm, fact-based conversation will quickly devolve into a pissing contest proliferated by an overabundance of testosterone and not enough brains.

I'm not saying that regular network news channels are perfect, but 24-hour news channels are just getting ridiculous. Rather than try to educate you on what's happening around the world, these networks, for the most part, have taken to trying to entertain you for 24-hours straight.

Lately it seems every time I turn on CNN it has some insipid Barbie Doll-like host with an ingratiating southern accent trying to empathize with the parents of a kidnapping victim. Or worse, Larry King bullying his guests into submission with his God-awful suspenders and complete absence of a brain.

This lack of competency on 24-hour news networks has me convinced that I get a better grasp of what's going on in the world just from watching VH1's "Best Week Ever." At least that show doesn't put all those comedians in one room and let them yell at each other. And even if they did, I'm sure those guys would have more intelligent, coherent ideas to put forth. Best of all, we'd only have to deal with them once a week for a half-hour at a time. Sounds like paradise to me.

Erin McNamee is a Collegian columnist.

Life as a penguin, post-UMass

Michael Anmuth

As I near the end of my junior year of college, I think back to when I was considerably younger and answering the question of, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" While I have changed the answer over the years many, many times, I can't help but think that one thing has remained constant; I couldn't make up my mind then and I cannot make up my mind now.

From wanting to be a dog groomer to a writer to a computer analyst to all sorts of things, when I got to college and went through 12 different majors, there has been a constant ambiguity in the vision in my mind of being in the working world. Somewhere between switching from a Public Relations major to an English major, or maybe it was between English and Philosophy (they all tend to blend after a while), something became perfectly clear to me, I have no idea what I want to be when I grow up.

I decided simply and sophisticatedly that as long as I could be whatever I wanted to be, like my mom told me when I was little, that I'm going to be a penguin. That's right, a penguin.

Today while contemplating this question again, I decided simply and sophisticatedly that as long as I could be whatever I wanted to be, like my mom told me when I was little, that I'm going to be a penguin. That's right, a penguin. Now, I know what you must be thinking, that it would be a difficult task to morph from an undergraduate Sociology major to an animal that waddles and lives in the North Pole, but I've had stranger aspirations, so this is just another on the list.

When I was freshman, I was a business major and we had a class called Introduction to Business where we learned business ethics and murals, as well as tips on how to dress appropriately for business functions. If I were a penguin, I can guarantee that I wouldn't have to worry about the difference between business casual and business formal, because I would be wearing a tuxedo all of the time. Who wouldn't conduct business with someone wearing a tux all of the time? It's like you're dressed for negotiations around the clock.

Not only would I not have to worry about getting dressed for success, I would also have a career set out for me. I would spend my days wandering around the arctic, sliding around on my belly, looking for fish, and well, that's pretty much all I would do with my days, come to think of it. Maybe it is more interesting to attend classes now and be able to stand around the water cooler later than it would be to have to look for fish all day. Besides, I don't really like the taste of fish, so that might cause some problems down the line.

If you have read some of my other columns, you know that I have a large emphasis on school spirit and giving back to the University by participation in activities. As a penguin, not only would I come back as an alumnus to lecture undergrads about the advantages of going abroad, but I would surely have to comment that if the students hated the cold that is Massachusetts weather, the arctic makes it seem like a tropical paradise by comparison.

Since I have seen various animals occupying the space in front of Stockbridge Hall numerous times throughout the year, I don't think a penguin lecturing students would be so far fetched. And hey, maybe then I could get a doctorate in Marine Biology or Animal Husbandry, which might come in handy in the North Pole.

While I would clearly take this idea and run with it, sadly, I cannot become a penguin after graduation or any time for that matter. I have to face the question of what I want to be when I grow up sans changing into anything besides a graduate with a Sociology degree. Grad school is looking rather good at the moment, and then I can take more time and more student loans to figure out what I really want to be without stepping foot in the real world. I am rather sure I'm not alone in these plans, considering that so many people have no idea what they want to do with their lives.

It is a good dream to be a penguin and with reincarnation, I might be able to fulfill it in my next life. Until then, I'm going to continue going to classes, spend my last year here attempting to get into grad schools and looking longingly at the snow to think what might have been. Anyone else want to go slide around on your belly while figuring out what to do in life?

Michael Anmuth is a Collegian columnist.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BOYCOTT CAUSES MISSED OPPORTUNITY

I would like to comment on Thursday's class boycott from the perspective of a faculty member who has not signed the unfortunately named "non-penalty" petition. The activism and initiative shown by our students in support of the GEO cause is laudable, and the cause certainly worthwhile. It is a real pleasure to work alongside students who are so deeply and actively engaged. I do not agree, however, with the medium of a class boycott.

Class time provides students and instructors an opportunity to put their heads together and consider broad scientific, social, cultural and political issues that we all face. I personally consider that time extremely valuable, and do not think it should be squandered for a political cause, however just.

To suggest that instructors might "penalize" students for a class boycott is to miss the point — penalties will emerge instead in the form of missed opportunity.

Jeff Podos
Assistant Professor of Biology

BOYCOTT PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH A VOICE

In your editorial "Class Boycott not a Good Step Toward Change," you suggest that GEO should have looked to other methods of addressing its concerns regarding UMass' unfair proposals regarding wages, healthcare, childcare and benefits for same-sex couples. It is worth noting here that every week for the last 58 weeks, GEO has sat down in discussion with representatives of Chancellor Lombardi's office to talk about our grievances and try to find a fair and equitable middle ground. Throughout these 14 months of discussions, the university has refused to accept any contract that does not result in cuts to real wages and increased fees. Graduate students are not being heard in discussion, so we have to be heard in action.

Although your editorial claimed that no alternatives have been planned, in fact GEO, Take Back UMass and the Massachusetts' Society of Professors have planned an incredible event including numerous faculty speakers and the nationally known author Barbara Ehrenreich, author of "Nickled and Dimed." This event, which also includes a barbeque and live music, will be an educational experience for all. This alternative to class has been publicized with further details about the purpose and nature of the walkout/boycott on fliers and on the GEO website at www.geouaw.org. This action is not an excuse to skip class, it is an opportunity to learn, discuss and to be heard.

By walking out, we are not denying UMass students their education. We are demanding a fair, equitable and accessible education for all. This walkout/boycott is not just about graduate student wages, but also about everyone's ability to afford to study here at UMass. The larger UMass community recognizes the need for this event, which is evident in the fact that more than 200 faculty members have signed a statement of support. By going to class, we pretend that the assault on student and employee rights isn't happening; we continue to act normally and do what's expected of us. By not going to class, we resist and say we won't fulfill UMass' expectation until they start to fulfill our expectations for a fair labor contract, for student autonomy and for support for diversity.

Joshua C. Stearns
UMass graduate student

GRADUATE REACTION ABOUT IDEOLOGY

The University of Massachusetts has a wonderful opportunity to not only improve its graduate programs, but also the living standards of the graduate employees who do a significant portion of its teaching and research. But it is squandering this opportunity.

The UMass budget is looking better now than it has in quite some time due to steadily rising state allocations, increased tuition and new policy which allows it to retain the tuition money it collects on campus. And if either the House Ways and Means budget or Governor's FY06 budget passes (both low-end budgets), UMass-Amherst's income from both state allocations and tuition/fees combined will still be 25 percent higher in 2005-2006 than it was in 2001-2002. In terms of the economic package it offers its graduate employees, UMass Amherst currently ranks sixth out of a list of seven of its self-identified academic peers. Yet, instead of using the improvements to its budget to rectify this situation, UMass has signaled a willingness to let its vital graduate programs rot. Right now, in its contract negotiations with its graduate employees, UMass, in conjunction with the Governor's Office, has proposed a reduction in child-care benefits, a wage package that doesn't even keep up with the rate of inflation and a massive increase to the cost of health insurance.

And in a move that clearly signals how UMass has become an arm of the Romney agenda, it is now proposing to eliminate benefits for un-married, same-sex couples at the university. Despite the legalization of gay marriage in the Bay State, many Massachusetts employers who previously offered health benefits to same-sex couples opted to retain those benefits as is, according to an article in the Aug. 22, 2004 edition of the Boston Globe. But not UMass.

The University's proposals to cut its graduate teachers and researchers aren't based on a financial reality, but on an ideology coming from the Governor's Office: an ideology that is anti-gay and anti-union.

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For most, the advent of spring is all about young love, sunbathing and baseball. But for fans of extreme music in the northeast, the gentle entrance of spring is engulfed by the infernal call of the annual New England Metal and Hardcore Fest. For the next three days, fans of all things heavy will make their pilgrimage to the Palladium to witness a plethora of metal and hardcore acts in a yearly offering of sonic rage, unleashed upon the city of Worcester.

This year's lineup marks a further progression in the festival's diversity. What started seven years ago as a predominantly metal show, has over the years become a diverse venue, displaying multiple genres of extreme music. The 2005 lineup is sure to serve some jarring shifts between acts. Saturday will see Flower Metal vets Sonata Arctica rub up against Canada's most psychotic purveyors of pure aural torment Strapping Young Lad. While on Sunday, Egypt Obsessed Death Metallers Nile will set the stage for the legendary master of falsetto King Diamond. On that very same day, Poland's Behemoth will unleash its cult-influenced brand of blackened death metal just before North Carolina's Between the Buried and Me dazzle crowds with their seamless fusion of jazz and progressive hardcore. For the open minded metal fan, varied lineup choices such as these make Metal Fest a real treat.

Fans of more traditional acts need not despair, as this year's festival also features the return of some classic acts. Attendees of the festival will witness both the return of Floridian Death Metal godfathers Obituary and the reunion of Canadian crazies Cryptopsy. In a shocking turn of events, Cryptopsy's original vocalist Lord Worm has decided to return to the band after taking a break from his job as a kindergarten teacher, ready to dish out sonic pure metal fury to eager fans.

As has been seen before in the past, this year's event will continue to cater to the tight-knit Massachusetts hardcore community. Local Acts, Since the Flood, The Red Chord, All That Remains and Unearth will all take spots on the main stage while, Blood Has Been Shed, The Acacia Strain and Hell Within will all see time on the second stage.

Other Headliners include the Swedish triple threat of Hypocrisy, Soilwork and Dark Tranquillity. Fans of experimental grind-metal will be pleased to find Colorado's Cephalic Carnage headlining the second stage on Sunday with their incomprehensibly complex style.

One band that many are sure to have their eye on is the Canadian metal sextet 3 Inches of Blood. Showcasing an intriguing style reminiscent of the fantasy metal of the 80's and some flourishes of hardcore, many attendees are likely to be intrigued by this band, featuring the dual vocal assault of power-metal influenced Cam Pipes-and screamer Jamie Hooper. The band will be performing Sunday on the main stage.

Saturday evening will be reason enough for some die-hard fans to attend this year's event. In an unforeseen reunion former Misfits front man, Glenn Danzig will be performing with another former Misfits member, Doyle. While this appearance will most likely draw fans of both the artists individual efforts, many are eager to here the two perform some classic Misfits covers.

For lovers of the underground, the New England Metal and Hardcore festival continues to be can't miss show. Friday, Saturday and Sunday are chock full of legendary and cutting edge bands. If you're looking for a balanced attack of metal and hardcore, look no further than the Worcester Palladium this weekend to satisfy your appetite.

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Students put colleges in copyright war over file-sharing

BY JOEL CURRIER
ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

Universities are finding themselves trapped at the center of a bitter battle over bandwidth, caught between the entertainment industry's crusade to end copyright piracy and tech-savvy students' casual sharing of songs and movies.

The competing interests converged at a Digital Expo at Washington University, bringing together representatives from entertainment and technology with seven companies that market "peer-to-peer" file-sharing networks to colleges. The goal of the vendor fair and panel discussion Thursday night was to educate students about legal alternatives to trading copyrighted materials.

"I don't want to pay to download songs. If I really like something, I'll just buy the CD," said Scott Abrahams, 19, of Northbrook, Ill., a sophomore who estimated that he has collected thousands of digital music files on his computer, a playlist long enough to run for two weeks nonstop.

Students said the perception is that there's little risk of getting caught downloading copyrighted music and movies (they call it "ripping" or "burning") online. Some said they would be more willing to pay if their schools made it cheap and convenient.

"If (the university) were to sponsor something, I think it would make it more of an approachable option for us," said senior Jeffrey Dorr, 21, a senior pre-medical student from Miami.

That's what some schools, including Washington University and the University of Missouri at Columbia, are doing. They seek to weed out illegal sharing by arranging deals with a bevy of new digital wholesalers licensed to provide libraries of digital music and movies to colleges.

Recording and film industry representatives at Thursday's event said they embrace innovation and encourage technology companies to pursue legal alternatives to Internet piracy.

Technology has changed the entertainment business model by forcing it to cater to changing consumer demands for digital music, said Mark P. McKenna, a St. Louis University law professor representing the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a San Francisco digital rights group.

As a result, universities face the challenge of balancing academic freedom against a duty to police digital piracy on campus, explained Rebecca Brown, Washington University's associate general counsel.

Several large institutions, such as the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Pennsylvania State University, Purdue University and the University of Maryland, recently partnered with file-sharing companies to provide students legal access to digital media.

On March 29, the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments in the closely watched Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios Inc. v. Grokster Ltd. case, a test of whether copyright holders can sue digital file-sharing networks that allow people to freely download and distribute songs and movies. A ruling is expected this summer.

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FOR THE STUDENT LIFE/MARK MAGRUDER

Freshmen at Washington University in St. Louis listen as Sarah Kays, a Peer Impact representative, talks to them about choosing her firm's "peer-to-peer" file-sharing network.

iWork makes design affordable

BY MIKE WENDLAND
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Sooner or later, every computer owner gets the urge to make something slick. And that takes us to desktop publishing and graphic design software.

Today, I have two programs to suggest, representing both ends of the design application extremes.

At the lower end ($79) is Apple's new Pages program, part of its iWork application suite that also includes Keynote, Apple's answer to the ubiquitous Microsoft PowerPoint presentation program.

After first being blase about Pages, I am now ga ga over it. The more I use it, the more blown away I am by its elegance. Alas, it only works with Apple computers, but with all the people who have been switching to the Mac platform recently, we need to talk about it.

At the higher end of the design software category ($699) is Adobe InDesign CS. It's not for the everyday user. But this program is so powerful you could design a slick magazine, a book or an album cover. It's used by commercial designers and comes in PC and Mac versions.

In between and above these programs are lots of older, perhaps better- known products, Microsoft Publisher ($130), Broderbund's Print Shop ($50), Corel Ventura ($699) and QuarkXPress ($999), to name the best known. But better known doesn't necessarily mean better. Pages and InDesign are generating lots of buzz at the expense of their long-in-the-tooth rivals.

Let's start with Pages. It's clean, crisp, very flexible and so easy to use you don't even need to read the instructions. Style is what sets Pages apart. It comes with about 40 design templates that cover everything from invitations to newsletters, brochures, press releases and school or business reports.

I'll use Pages for my annual family Christmas letter and for that alone, I'd pay the $79. You can drag pictures and images onto it, resize them and place them by using your mouse to pull or push the corners to the proper perspective. Just one click inserts tables and charts or changes colors and font styles.

Probably the neatest thing about Pages is how you can import and export it into Microsoft Word or the popular PDF format used to make an image of the page that can easily be sent by e-mail.

I've played around with most of the other design software over the years, and Pages beats them all in ease of operation and the sheer beauty of its output. It's immediately usable by kids and even computer-challenged adults.

That's not the same for InDesign CS. You'll definitely need the instruction manual to be able to start using this program.

But InDesign is not targeting consumers. It's for professional designers or heavy business users. You could pretty much design this entire newspaper with InDesign.

If you've used Adobe's other big-league graphics programs, Photoshop or Illustrator, you'll feel at home in InDesign. Forget templates. You create from scratch here, using things like a story editor, layers, transparencies and measurement and style palettes.

What makes InDesign so neat is its advanced typographical controls that let you create truly professional-looking typefaces. There are a lot of plug-ins that add extra creative controls, but since it would take pretty much an entire column to explain each InDesign feature, suffice it to say that there's a big learning curve.

It's worth it. If your business or organization wants to do desktop publishing for annual reports, catalogues, advertising or booklets, InDesign is the tool. For the rest of us, there's Pages.

Either way, we're talking about software that makes it possible to create documents so stunning you'd think they came from a big-time agency.

Mofro masters southern style

BY CAREY ZRGOURAS
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Mofro's second release, "Lochloosa," from Swampland Records, continues the self-proclaimed front-porch soul of their 2001 debut, "Blackwater." The band is comprised of JJ Grey, Daryl Hance and a series of visiting musicians who each add their own touch to this saucy fusion of bluegrass, funk, rock, and the blues.

Mofro 'Lochloosa' Swampland

The band lists their favorite albums and influences on their official website, which include Otis Redding's "Good to Me" live from the Whiskey-A-Go-Go and live albums from Bill Withers and Donny Hathaway. Also found on their website is a recipe for some Blackberry Cobbler, and this is exactly what personifies Mofro and their music. This group of musicians strives for nothing more than creating an homage to their roots and to the place that they have lived their entire lives. This album stems from the homesickness the band experiences while away on tour, and perhaps one of the best things about it is the lack of pretension. Honest and simple, these creative instrumentalists and storytellers are more concerned with soul than anything else, and it is their consistent passion that makes this record worthwhile.

The title track alone could stand as a microcosm for what Mofro is all about. There are no complex lyrics, and the band has no pressing need to prove their versatility by crossing genres because although they do, it never feels forced. Rather, they choose simple storytelling and an honest sound without being boring. One can picture these boys jamming outside of their house, and this particular track is named after a local lake in their hometown. These images, which show the pride and passion from which Mofro stems their music, dominate the album. Lines such as "All we need is one more damn developer tearing her heart out" show their anger at the modern-day destruction of the place where they grew up and their passion for nature. They are possessive of the inspiration which reflects into their music.

"Dirtfloorracka" shifts to a funk-influenced vibe that can simultaneously invoke the repressed dancer in all of us and be a track to just relax to. The southern twang and attitude of this track give this album the edge it needs so that every song is different enough to keep the listener interested.

The lyrics of "The Wrong Side" are a great example of JJ Grey's storytelling abilities. The song speaks of his inability to let go of the past, and how he still looks back to lost time though he knows it's gone forever. At first it sounds cliche, but although JJ Grey is an adult he speaks from the perspective of a teenager on the wrong side of the tracks and the words are constructed to seem like someone who is still connected to the confusion of youth.

"Ten Thousand Islands" slows things down and highlights their blues influences. The combination of smooth slide guitar sounds and the reverberating harmonica mostly flows along, but is also interrupted by periods of heavier rock. This song also continues the pattern of songs on this album that can be for either throwing a barbecue or just laying down.

Throughout "Lochloosa," Mofro master southern style and attitude without being corny, and this is the type of record that can be played the entire way through, because it never loses touch with the laid back grooves containing deeper meaning. A nice mixture of slower ballads and up-tempo guitar infused tunes will keep the listener engaged. Mofro have proven their consistency of passion and soul, yet have not remained stagnant in their musical development thus far. There is honesty and pride in the things they write about in these songs, and the music has edge and personality while maintaining a simple feel, as well. Their commitment to feeling rather than showing that they can regurgitate the influences of others sets them apart, and leaves listeners wondering where they'll take it next.

Colleges fight copyright war

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Technology companies fear that a ruling for the studios could stifle innovations, such as digital television recorders and music players. In the past, lower courts have said that technology companies cannot be held liable for how customers use their products, even if it's illegal.

Those decisions relied on a 1984 Supreme Court ruling in the case of Sony Corp. v. Universal City Studios, the "Betamax case," in which the court rejected the studios' attempt to block the sale of the home video player/recorder.

"In the dorms, you've got kids who love music, kids who understand technology on a regular basis and kids who have access to high bandwidth," said Jonathan Whitehead, 37, a Washington lawyer representing the Recording Industry Association of America. "It's sort of like a perfect storm."

It is no coincidence, Whitehead said, that the industry has seen a 22 percent drop in record sales since the file-sharing program Napster hit the market in 1999.

Research suggests that fee-based digital downloading is growing in popularity. A survey released last month by the Pew Internet & American Life Project said about 36 million Americans, an estimated 27 percent of all Internet users, have downloaded music or video files. The survey also showed that the percentage of Internet users who have paid to download music has increased by 4 percent since January.

A one-month survey released in February by the consumer research firm Ipsos-Insight said nearly half of American downloaders 12 years and older, or 24 million Americans, had paid to download music.

So far, at least 45 colleges and universities have signed deals with file-sharing companies. By subscribing, students benefit from discounted rates and don't have to worry about breaking the law. Schools save money on the cost of bandwidth, the speed of data traveling over the Internet, by storing digital content on campus computer servers. Schools also save time otherwise spent investigating complaints from the record and film industries.

Companies represented at Thursday's fair were Ruckus Network, Cdigix, Movielink, Apple, Napster, Soniswap and Peer Impact.

Washington University students approached the school's administration about finding legal downloading alternatives after a popular campus file-sharing program was shut down in February last year. That spurred an overnight protest and a spontaneous early morning rock concert outside a campus residence hall. Since then, students have turned to a slew of other file-sharing programs on campus, said Margaret Bauer, 21, a junior from Florissant and editor in chief of Student Life, the student newspaper.

Unless students can get music cheaply and conveniently, Bauer said, there's little incentive to pay because they don't expect to get caught.

"I feel like if it's easier to do it illegally, then they'll do it that way," Bauer said. "It's just another bill to pay each month and that's a pain."

The file-sharing programs vary slightly, but most charge monthly fees for unlimited access to millions of songs and movies from major producers. Some schools pass on the cost by including subscriptions in their fees. Washington University and Mizzou say they are exploring both options.

"It's so hard to go from not paying to paying," said Ben Rapaport, 20, a Washington University sophomore from Scars-dale, N.Y., who has collected about 8,000 songs on his computer.

Illegal file sharing at Mizzou spiraled "so out of control," said Beth Chancellor, director of telecommunications there. She said campus piracy has waned since April 2003, the month that record and film industries filed a combined 400 official copyright complaints against Mizzou students. The university plans to have a commercial file-sharing service in place by fall.

Students at Northern Illinois University, in DeKalb, Ill., have tested a file-sharing service from Ruckus Network since the fall, said Cindy Phillips, director of customer support services. Phil-lips said students enjoy watching movies on their dorm-room computers but will have little incentive to pay for digital music once the trial period ends next month.

St. Louis University and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville are not yet in the market, but the University of Missouri at St. Louis is considering it, officials said.

The University of Illinois is waiting to see which file-sharing services survive legal and commercial tests before subscribing to one for the school's 55,000 networked computers, said Mike Corn, the university's director of security services and information privacy.

"We watch this constantly. This is not one of those issues that's going away," Corn said. "If we guess wrong, we can't afford to lose a lot of money."

Whoever the Supreme Court says is responsible in the showdown between entertainment and technology, universities will likely try to keep tempo with a culture of digital dichards high on bandwidth.

"I don't think they'll ever be able to get rid of file sharing," said John Klaesmann, 20, a Washington University sophomore from Augusta, Ga. "They'll never be able to shut it down."



Laid-back soul and unique storytelling give alt-country group Mofro an edge in southern rock. Their second album, "Lochloosa" draws influence from Otis Redding among other notable artists.

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UMass looks for win

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came back from five goals down to defeat Hobart College last Saturday, 14-12, in front of a rabid opposing crowd.

Pacing the Minutemen has been the play of Sean Morris and Jack Reid, who are both on the Tewaaraton Trophy watch, an award indicating the best lacrosse player in the nation.

Morris leads the team in goals (27) and assists (16), while Reid has shut out four of the last six players he has gone up against.

The Hoyas, however, have two players of their own in search for this honor, with midfielder Andy Corno and defender Brodie Merrill still on the list. Corno recently became the only player in Georgetown history to get 500 groundballs; his six against Loyola last weekend put him at 501.

Merrill won the ECAC defensive player of the week award for his performance in the Hoyas 7-4 victory over the Greyhounds. Cannella is not sure where Georgetown will use its star defender, but knows he is useful anywhere on the field.

"He's great between the lines and on the wings and face-offs and creating havoc wherever he is on the field," Cannella said. "He's done very well in the midfield, so they may plan him there. If they play him down on Sean, I'm sure he'll create a lot of havoc too. He's a heck of a player, one of the best in the country."

Also pacing the Hoyas has been the play of brothers Pete and Brendan Cannon. Brendan, a freshman attack man, was named the ECAC Rookie of the Week this week for his two-goal performance against Loyola. Pete also contributed two goals in the game.

The Cannons have combined for 15 goals on the year.

Georgetown has 25 players with at least one point this season, illustrating Cannella's biggest concern, that the Hoyas have a lot of good athletes. Cannella sees Georgetown as a talent-laden team and hopes that the Minutemen do not let the opposition dictate the flow of the game.

"What you worry about is letting Georgetown's athletes take over, they have tremendous athletes and they run very well," Cannella said. "This is an explosive team from top to bottom. From their goalie defense, to their midfield, to their attack, so that is what worries you."

Tomorrow's game will be the second to last home game of the season for the Minutemen, with their last coming against Syracuse on April 30. Cannella sees the importance of playing at home, but feels it is more important for his seniors.

"Anytime you get a chance to play at home it's a great thing, especially for the seniors, where this is one of the last games they'll play at home," Cannella said. "It's good for those guys mostly."



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Senior Gene Tundo and the Minuteman lacrosse team will take on No. 3 Georgetown tomorrow.

Home stretch for UM softball

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the A-10 and the ECAC Player of the week. She was also selected as the UMass/Dinn Brothers Co-Athlete of the Week, along with UMass men's lacrosse player Sean Morris.

While Kelley has produced all year out of the three-spot in the lineup, one of the biggest factors in UMass' recent strong play has been the contributions from the bottom half of the order.

The player who has stood out the most during the recent hot streak for the Minutewomen has been first baseman Amanda Morin.

Entering a doubleheader against Maine on Apr. 6, Morin was in a 2-for-46 slump and had a batting average under .100. The number-seven batter has since gone on a tear at the plate, as she brings a career-high eleven game hitting streak into this weekend's action.

During that stretch, Morin hit three home runs and raised her batting average to .255.

"She was struggling, but she made a lot of adjustments and worked hard at her game," Sortino said. "A lot of times hitters think they'll just break out of it, but she actually worked to bring herself out of it."

Batting one spot ahead of Morin in the lineup has been freshman left fielder Lauren Proctor, who has quietly had a terrific season from the sixth-spot in the order. She has led the league in batting for most of the year, and currently boasts the top batting average at .368.

Proctor is also in the top-10 in the league in on-base percentage, hits, RBIs and total bases, and will certainly be considered a strong candidate for A-10 Rookie of the Year.

"She's a good hitter," Sortino said. "People ask me if I'm surprised about her, but I knew she would be an impact player in our program. She's very strong offensively, she's got a good head on her shoulders and she has a passion to play softball that comes out."



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Freshman Sarah Hurd and the UM softball team are slated to play in two doubleheaders this weekend. Hurd has a batting average of .233.

Miller is excited

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The 34-year-old Miller had 12 points, winding up with 25,279 for 12th place in NBA career scoring.

"Now it's on to the playoffs

"We've got a chance. Obviously, we won't be at full strength, but who really cares?" Miller said after the game. "Everyone starts 0-0. Maybe we can get on another little hot streak like we were two weeks ago or something. We've got to find ways to win ball games."

O'Neal, who played only 43 games because of the suspension and a shoulder injury late in the season, averaged 24 points a game; Jackson, who played in just 50 games because of his suspension, averaged 18.7. Guard Ismail Tinsley averaged 15.4 but played in just 40 games with a variety of ailments and is still on the injured list with a bruised foot.

Injuries, illnesses and suspensions cost Indiana a combined 456 player-games, including 195 games by the five who were projected at the beginning of the season to be the starters, but ended up not playing a single game together.

"We needed to regroup," Jackson said. "I think we can go out there and play basketball."

This will be the third straight year the Pacers and Celtics have played in the opening round of the Eastern Conference playoffs.

Two years ago, Boston won the series 4 games to 2. Last year, Indiana swept the Celtics in the first round, beat Miami 4-2 in the second round and lost to Detroit 4-2 in the conference finals.

"We'll have to piece it together. Boston, to me, has been one of the surprise teams this year," said Pacers coach Rick Carlisle, a former Celtics teammate of Pacers president Larry Bird.

Men's lax set for war

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Washington's Retreat?

One thing is for sure, though — with these two rosters stacked with a ton of firepower, there won't be anything resembling the Burgoyne Surrender.

Since the 2005 NCAA Division I men's lacrosse schedule came out, tomorrow's game was immediately tabbed to be two of the best hours of lacrosse anyone would see all season long.

And the No. 3 Hoyas are finally here, in the Pioneer Valley, ready to shoot it out.

Both sides sport identical 8-2 records, but the Hoyas are a perfect 3-0 in the ECAC while the Minutemen are on their heels at 3-1, with a 6-5 slip-up at Loyola on March 26 as their only conference blemish.

In short, these two programs control their own destiny in terms of winning the ECAC championship, nothing out of the ordinary, as the last five conference titles have been owned by one of these two schools.

But UMass wore its only ECAC crown in 2002 during that stretch.

Georgetown has simply bulldogged its way through the conference over the past few years, and the Maroon and White have its chance to end the Hoya reign.

This game is huge.

It's not huge like UMass and Syracuse, one of the best lacrosse rivalries in the sport's history.

It's huge on a different level.

Tomorrow's game could potentially seal an NCAA tournament berth for the winner, and coupled with another hiccup before the end of the season, a loss could mean an early summer break and no opportunity for a free trip to Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia at the end of May for the national championship.

It's a safe bet to say these teams will be ready.

"Our guys, they better be excited," UMass coach Greg Cannella said. "This is one of four games we have left, and if you're not excited for the No. 3 team in the nation coming into town, then you probably shouldn't be doing this."

Amen to that.

UMass needs to defend its turf, but the Hoyas are looking to conquer a new territory.

The two sides have mapped out their strategies. Georgetown will bring its pair of Cannons and a hidden Trapp, but the Minutemen will counter with a defense that is locked and loaded with a casing of Schells and the plan to make their enemy raise their White flag.

The battle of the new millennium is just hours away.

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Baseball can't pull through

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responded with a four-run rally of their own in the bottom of the sixth.

Sophomore second baseman Anthony Santos, who was 3-for-4 on the day, lead off the inning with a single, followed by sophomore first baseman Bill Rankin's single two batters later. Senior center fielder Jason Twomley walked to load the bases for senior left fielder Curt Szado, who was hit by a pitch to walk in Santos.

Adamski drove in Rankin and put two in scoring position when he was thrown out at first by the second baseman. Freshman catcher Bryan Garrity responded with a two-run single to right gap to put the Minutemen within one run.

"I've expected [Garrity] to be a good player and he's the kind of guy who wants to be in that situation," Stone said of his catcher. "He plays hard all the time regardless of the situation and he's always battling. He's a competitor and he's proven that."

Delaney's two-run homerun put Boston College ahead by three, but the Maroon and White started a last chance rally in the ninth.

Pinch hitter freshman Andy Tuetken made the most of his only at-bat by putting a lead-off line drive double off the top of the Monster. After another Santos single, Tuetken scored on Rankin's groundout to third before Twomley struck out to end the game.

"We were a little slow getting started offensively, but we showed character coming back and hit the ball to get it to 6-5," Stone said. "We got to keep us closer and it's a struggle when we struggle to get people out."

BC pitcher Nick Asselin went 6.1 innings with allowing a hit until the UMass rally.

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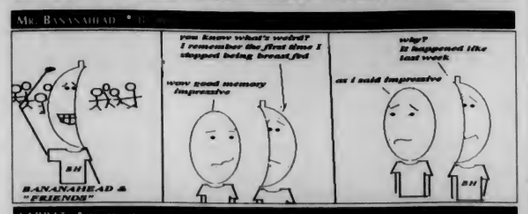
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half like they play in the first," Bolduc said. "For the most part they kind of start it but they have to play like they do in the first half and finish."

Turnovers and missed shots have plagued the inexperienced Minutewomen all year, but their numbers have steadily improved throughout the season as the underclassmen have seen more and more action. The team seems to remain confident going into their next game regardless of what happened in the last.

"We feel confident, attitude and morale is up, girls continue to work hard," Bolduc said. "We're seeing good things from leaders that we haven't seen so I think we'll see some good things this weekend."











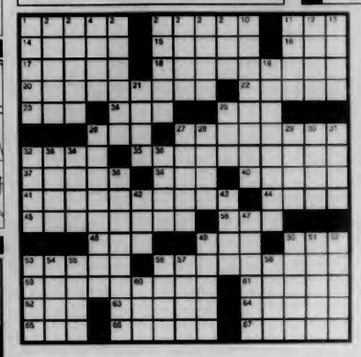
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"I want to put a ding in the universe."

—Steve Jobs

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UMass, Georgetown fight for top

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

In most cases, when the first place team in the conference plays the second place team, it's considered a pretty big game. However, Massachusetts men's lacrosse coach Greg Cannella won't tell you that.

Cannella sees tomorrow's home game against No. 3 Georgetown (8-2 3-0 ECAC) as another test challenging his team's consistency. However, with a victory over the Hoyas, the No. 9 Minutemen (8-2 3-1 ECAC) would move into sole-possession of first place in the ECAC with only one conference game left to play, a 1 p.m. match up with Rutgers on May 7.

The Maroon and White will host the Hoyas at Garber Field at 1 p.m. tomorrow and will return to action on Tuesday, when it faces the Crimson of Harvard in Cambridge.

Although Georgetown boasts the No. 13 scoring defense in the country (7.60 goals per game) and has won four out of the last five ECAC titles (with the Minutemen winning one in 2002) Cannella is confident that the best preparation is to approach each game the same.

"We can't prepare differently or play differently than we have in the past, if we do that, then we'll be in a lot of trouble," Cannella said.

Perhaps staying consistent is exactly what the Minutemen need. Since March 26, when UMass dropped a 6-5 game to ECAC opponent Loyola, the Maroon and White have won three in a row over conference opponents.

The Minutemen dominated Penn State (18-8 on April 2) and St. John's (14-6 on April 9) and

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COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Senior Jeff Zywicki and the UMass lacrosse team will look to take control of the ECAC as they play Georgetown tomorrow at Garber Field. Zywicki has accumulated 24 goals and five assists in 10 starts this season.

"Gorilla" warfare



Jeff Howe

In colonial America, when this country was trying to fight for its independence from the British, hand-selected groups of the most elite soldiers were often called into duty in times of great importance.

Able to be "ready in a minute's notice," these highly trained groups of militia were aptly known as the Minutemen.

Now, the No. 9 Massachusetts men's lacrosse team, the newest version of Minutemen who reside right here in Amherst, have been given much more than just 60 seconds to prepare for their next opponent, the Georgetown Hoyas.

But to any Gorilla fan, the Battle at Garber Field on April 23, 2005 might just stack up to the Battle of Lexington and Concord just 230 years ago on April 19, 1775.

Will the crowd see a remake of The Siege of Boston, or will D.C.-based Georgetown mimic

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UM seeks A-10 win

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts softball team has a big weekend of games, beginning with today's important doubleheader at Saint Bonaventure beginning at 3 p.m. On Sunday, the Minutewomen will host a doubleheader against North Carolina State at noon.

The games with Saint Bonaventure (10-15 6-0 Atlantic 10) are especially important, as the Bonnies are currently in second place in the A-10 and one spot ahead of UMass (22-12 7-3 A-10).

A sweep today would give UMass a shot at extending its streak of 10 straight A-10 regular season championships. UMass is two games behind first place Fordham (26-12 8-0 A-10) with only four conference decisions left after today. While Saint Bonaventure should be a tough opponent, UMass comes into today's contests with a great deal of confidence. The Minutewomen have won 11 of their last 12 games, and have never lost to the Bonnies, leading the all-time series 35-0.

UMass coach Elaine Sortino plans on keeping things simple against Saint Bonaventure and expects the results to favor the Minutewomen if they execute. "These are very big games," Sortino said. "We're looking to pitch well, hit well and field well. If we do that, we'll be fine."

After battling with A-10 foe Saint Bonaventure, UMass will face the Wolfpack (36-22) on Sunday if the rain in the forecast holds off. This marks the first regular season home game for UMass against an Atlantic Coast Conference opponent. This is also the first meeting ever between the teams.

This match-up is unusual for the Minutewomen because they typically do not face teams from the southern region after the first month of the season, but Sortino feels these games against a top opponent will be a good barometer for how good her team is.

"I think they're a strong team," Sortino said. "It'll be good competition from another region. It'll be good for us to get away from our conference and the region. It's a good predictor for us in terms of how we stack up against other regions. It's a good opportunity to see them this late because normally we don't see a team like this until the NCAA Tournament."

One of the players Sortino will be looking to come up big this weekend is catcher KJ Kelley. Kelley broke the school's career home run record last week and raked in numerous honors in the wake of this achievement.

Kelley was named as both

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Minutemen fall short to BC at Fenway

By Todd Foster
Collegian Staff

BOSTON — The players walked through the first base gate in awe as they stepped onto the biggest sports stage in New England, historic Fenway Park.

The Massachusetts baseball team battled from behind to come within one run of Boston College in the bottom of the sixth inning. However, UMass' comeback hopes were erased when senior left fielder Jason Delaney smacked a two-run home run over the Green Monster to secure an 8-6 victory for the Eagles.

The home run was Delaney's second career home run over the famous left field wall as he hit his first last season during the NEIBA all-star game.

The Minutemen next travel to White Plains, N.Y. to play Fordham in a three-game weekend series at Coffey Field.

"Everybody is going to be a little bit nervous when they play here," UMass coach Mike Stone said. "That's part of it, just getting used to playing when you are nervous is important, too. So hopefully, we can use this over to the weekend. We need to play well this weekend and get it done on the weekend."

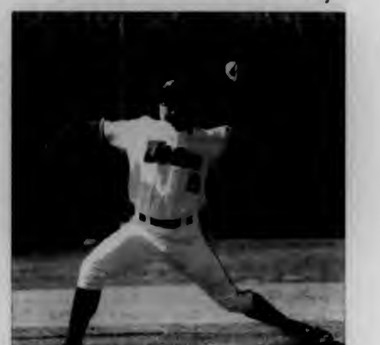
After three hitless innings from both clubs and one UMass run, Boston College jumped out to a 4-1 lead in the top of the fourth. Center fielder Drew Locke broke the ice with an infield single to shortstop.

Following a pop out to shortstop, Delaney got an infield single of his own to put two on base. Catcher Shawn McGill drove in Locke with a single to tie the game and advance Delaney, who made to third on next at-bat on senior Mike Flynn's single to center.

With the bases loaded, designated hitter Ryne Reynoso was forced to walk to score Delaney and put the Eagles up 2-1. Second baseman Jonny Weiss then busted the game open, with a two-run single to center field for the third and fourth runs of the inning.

The Eagles tallied a run in the fifth and sixth to make the score 6-1, when the Minutemen

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ANDREW TAMLYN/COLLEGIAN

Senior Keith Doherty of the Minuteman baseball team came up short in yesterday's game against BC. Doherty has 20 strikeouts on the season.

Rolle ready for draft

By Susan Miller Degnan
Knight Ridder

MIAMI — Antrel Rolle dashed around his apartment last week like a cornerback on a mission, unpacking this bag and packing that bag, throwing out spoiled food, sorting dirty laundry and putting away loose papers.

The previous day he arrived back in Miami after an all-night flight from San Francisco, courtesy of the 49ers. In three hours he would head to the airport for a flight to meet with the Detroit Lions. The next morning he would fly to Washington to meet the folks from the Redskins.

And then, Rolle said, the fun would begin.

"After that," Rolle said, "I'm chillin' and waiting for the draft."

Saturday, the University of Miami's former prize cornerback will be in New York, along with a few other projected first-rounders, as the NFL's guest for the opening day of the draft at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center.

Rolle, who grew up in Homestead, Fla., said he is blessed not only because he stayed healthy after choosing to return for his senior year, but because he doesn't have to wonder whether an NFL team will choose him.

"It has been a great process, and in all honesty, it's a blessing being fortunate enough to be in this situation," Rolle said. "I'm worried about being a top 10 pick when other guys are worried about just being drafted, period."

Rolle is expected to be the top cornerback in Saturday's draft, though Adam "Pac-Man" Jones of West Virginia also is highly regarded. Rolle has a soft spot for his hometown team, but said he'll play hard wherever he lands.

"My dream day would be going as the first defensive player taken off the board and ending up with the Dolphins at No. 2 overall," Rolle said. "I'd love to play for Nick Saban. He seems like he's a technician, a perfectionist. That's the kind of coaching I've been used to, and that's the kind of coaching I think I need to continue to have — someone who doesn't let you slack, someone who wants perfection all the time."

But Rolle knows better.

"I only set expectations for myself when I know I can achieve them, when it's just me in control," Rolle said. "Titans? Redskins? Arizona? Miami? I don't know. I have no control over the draft and crazy, crazy things happen on that day. There can be trades all over the place.

"I'm just ready for some football, no matter who it's with."

Do or die time for Maroon and White

By Ian Kilpatrick
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts women's lacrosse team (4-9 1-3 Atlantic 10) enters this weekend with its back against the wall. In order to make the A-10 tournament, they will have to win the rest of their Atlantic 10 match-ups including George Washington (11-3 4-1) on Sunday.

Before GW though, is a less meaningful, yet tough game against out of conference opponent Longwood (10-2) at 3 p.m. today at Garber Field.

At this point the opposing teams for the Minutewomen are irrelevant as every game is a must win and comes down to them playing their game the right way.

Last year UMass was on the ropes as well and came away with a three seed out of four teams in the A-10's by upsetting the number one seed Duquesne in its last A-10 game. This weekend, It's up to the upperclassmen to convince the nine freshmen that there is still hope and a reason to fight, which shouldn't be hard for the feisty youth.

"We have to win the next three games A-10-wise and it depends on how some of the other teams do as well," Coach Carrie Bolduc said. "It's still a little early to tell where we'll finish, but bottom line we have to win the three in order to be 4-3 on the season. We got to the A 10's last year being 4-3 and we beat the number one seed team, that's what got us there so it really depends what GW does."

Teams in do or die situations like UMass can either rise to the occasion with desperate play or pack it in and let the season slip away.

UMass is on a three game skid, while Friday's opponent, the Longwood Lancers, have won the last three. Even though a loss wouldn't mathematically end its season, it doesn't want to go into the biggest games of the year on a four game losing streak.

"They know [they can't lose], certainly the upperclassmen know based on last year and how everything fell down," Bolduc explained. "A lot of them had given a lot when we lost to GW last year in overtime by one, they thought it was over but they kept fighting and because of that big win against Duquesne the number one seed last year we were able to get in and ended up being number three, not number four."

There are a lot of combinations of wins and losses that would give the Minutewomen a post-season birth, but that isn't on their mind. What is on their mind is their growth as a team and what they have to do today in order to win.

"We have to finish. I think we were really close at Duquesne almost finishing and my team's just figuring out to start the second

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Playoffs on the way

By Steve Herman
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Reggie Miller still has some unfinished business before he leaves basketball for good.

The Indiana Pacers threw a raucous, emotional retirement party for their all-everything player after his final regular-season game. But he still has the playoffs, starting Saturday at Boston, and one last chance to win a championship ring that has eluded him for 18 years.

It won't be easy.

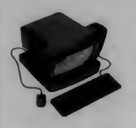
A season that began with high expectations and a realistic chance for an NBA title crumbled that night in November when a Detroit fan hurled a cup of beer that landed on Ron Artest, who charged into the stands at The Palace and triggered a wild free-for-all. The Pacers won the game but lost Artest for the rest of the season.

Jermaine O'Neal and Stephen Jackson also drew lengthy suspensions for their roles in the brawl, and injuries began piling up as everyone else had to log more playing time. Still, with a seemingly rejuvenated Miller leading a late surge, the Pacers won 11 of their final 16 games and finished at 44-38 with Wednesday night's 85-83 victory over Chicago.

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Sports Weekend Web Poll

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2. Alex Smith
3. Aaron Rodgers
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Lombardi's comment period has now ended

The public comment period for the University of Massachusetts community to respond to Chancellor John V. Lombardi's draft action plan ended on Friday.

After he receiving much negative feedback about his report on the commission's initial recommendations, Lombardi pushed back the public comment period. In a press release, he said a final campus plan will be posted on the commission's Web site April 29 that will include budgets and an implementation schedule.

Lombardi posted his initial report on the commission's Web site March 12, which drew immediate criticism from the UMass community. Then-Student Government Association President Eduardo Bustamante said that he was upset at the Chancellor for ignoring the commission's student affairs recommendations.

Bustamante made an alternative proposal in which he embraced all of the commissions initial recommendations that it made on March 1. Lombardi then posted the proposal on the commission's Web site.

Many groups on campus were upset at Lombardi's refusal to grant the commissions main reccomendation: to hire a new Vice Chancellor of Diversity.

At a UMass Faculty Senate meeting last month, Lombardi said that he would push back the public comment period. Over 100 people showed up to the meeting to voice their displeasure over the plan.

Earlier this month, Lombardi hosted a question-and-answer session online in which he addressed some of the student's criticism. He stood by his refusal to hire a vice chancellor.

Instead, Lombardi said that he plans to group together many student organizations into a new Center for Student Development. He would hire an Associate Vice Chancellor to run the center.

To pay for all these changes, Lombardi said that he would use campus funds for a Chancellor's Tax, which would cost $800,000. The tax would be made up of existing university funds.

All the mentioned documents can be viewed at the commission's Web site at www.umass.edu/campusdiversity.

—*Matt Elder*

Politicians focus on state crime lab repairs

By Theo Emery
Associated Press

BOSTON — In March 2004, police investigating the death of Christa Worthington took a DNA sample from her garbage man, Christopher McCowen, by swabbing the inside of his cheek.

It had been more than two years since her death, and police were taking a second look at about three dozen suspects with tenuous ties to the slain fashion writer.

It took several months for the sample to make its way to the State Police Crime Laboratory. Nine months after that, chemists there matched his DNA to that of Worthington's killer. On April 15, the 33-year-old McCowen was finally charged with murder, aggravated rape and armed assault. He pleaded innocent.

The slow pace of the DNA testing has drawn attention to a frequent complaint by the state's prosecutors: the crime lab is understaffed and underfunded and has had to closely ration how many DNA tests local law enforcement agencies are allowed to submit. Waiting nine months for results is not unusual.

"It is not a question of the science of the lab," said Cape & Islands District Attorney Michael O'Keefe, whose office is prosecuting McCowen. "The lab is excellent. The people there are dedicated. The issue is one of capacity."

Since McCowen's arrest, legislative leaders and the Romney administration have pledged to double the resources of what they say is a chronically underfund-

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Arson destroys Alpha Tau Gamma garage

Two intentionally set fires around the University of Massachusetts campus kept firefighters busy and caused thousands of dollars worth of damage this past weekend.

The first fire resulted in the evacuation of Grayson Hall in the Orchard Hill Residential Area at midnight Friday after two trash cans were set on fire in a student lounge, says UMass spokesperson Ed Blaguszewski.

The second fire started around 2 a.m. in a garage behind a house at 118 Sunset Ave. causing $12,000 worth of damage. The house is owned by Alpha Tau Gamma, a fraternal organization for students of the UMass Stockbridge School of Agriculture.

There were no injuries in either incident, according to officials.

The Grayson Hall fire caused damage to the lounge walls and ceilings. All lounges in the building are now locked to prohibit student use, Blaguszewski said.

Amherst Fire Chief Keith E. Hoyle told the Springfield Republican that investigators determined the fire at the fraternity was intentionally set, although he did not give specifics. No arrests have been made and police are investigating the incident, he said.

One snowblower was destroyed in the garage. No vehicles were reported damaged.

The heat from the fire was so intense that it caused part of the house to catch fire 25 feet away. Firefighters had to tear through some of the walls on the third floor and portions of the roof to fight the flames.

The house sustained minimal damage. Once the fire had been extinguished, Amherst Building Inspector Bonnie Weeks was called to inspect the building after code violations were discovered inside.

The violations reportedly included blocked exits and renovations issues, which were not related to the fire. Residents were allowed back inside after the violations were corrected, Weeks said.

James Mulcahey of Providence, R.I., a 1960 Stockbridge graduate and treasurer for Alpha Tau Gamma Inc., told the Republican 12 active fraternity members live in the house.

Once located on fraternity row on North Pleasant Street, Alpha Tau Gamma relocated to Sunset Avenue after purchasing the property in January 2003. The fraternity has been renovating the house and making improvements, Mulcahey said.

The house has been home to several fraternities since the 1940s.

A different UMass fraternity, Delta Upsilon had its house burn to the ground on North Pleasant Street in October 2001 as a result of an unattended candle. Fire investigators determined several smoke detectors had been covered in plastic bags during that fire, which delayed notification to the Fire Department.

—*Dan O'Brien*



ALEX HOROWITZ/COLLEGIAN

This garage behind the Alpha Tau Gamma fraternity on Sunset Ave. was destroyed by arson early Saturday morning. The building is just one of two that suffered fire damage caused by arson around the UMass campus this past weekend.

World famous magician performs for students

By Matthew Pilon
Collegian Correspondent

World renowned Christian magician Andre Kole and his team of magicians brought a unique act of faith-based illusion to the Campus Center auditorium Thursday evening.

Kole, who has been named Magical Inventor of the Decade, has performed in 76 countries and has collaborated with David Copperfield on over 100 stage and television illusions. Kole said that he has dedicated much of his career to debunking fraudulent claims of paranormal activity. He cited communication with the dead and psychic phenomena as examples of these false paranormal acts, giving a brief history of each.

Kole also researched psychic surgeons for Time magazine in 1973. In his book about his experiences, Miracles or Magic, Kole says he writes "Strictly from a magician's point of view, apart from the moral and ethical issues, watching these healers was fascinating. They performed their fake operations using some of the most clever sleight of hand that I have ever seen."

Kole told the audience a brief biography of his career in illusion. He said that at one point in his life he struggled to invent three new magical effects every day.

Dramatic fanfare blasted through the sound system as the lights dimmed. Kole appeared to materialize through an upward-facing industrial fan under a billowing red sheet. His illusions ranged from levitating five feet in the air to Pink Floyd's "On the Run" to making a 12 foot, several hundred pound replica of the statue of liberty disappear, recreating of one of his most famous illusions. The recorded voice of David Copperfield introduced the trick:

"My name is David Copperfield. In a moment you will witness one of the most remarkable illusions ever attempted on stage, anywhere in the world. Ladies and Gentlemen, Andre Kole."

Kole claimed to possess no supernatural powers and told the audience about an ongoing offer of $1 million to anyone who can perform a supernatural act that Kole cannot figure out.

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Welfare Rights Union founder visits UMass

By Mishy Leiblum
Collegian Correspondent

Cheri Honkala, an organizer for poor people's rights, spoke in the Campus Center on Wednesday about her experiences with poverty and with political organizing.

Honkala founded the Kensington Welfare Rights Union (KWRU), one of the best-known poor people's organizations in the United States, in 1991. Based in Kensington, a "North Philadelphia neighborhood that is the poorest district in the state of Pennsylvania, the KWRU provides poor people with mutual support, a political voice, and the organizational means to participate in a movement for change. KWRU describes itself on its Web site as "a multiracial organization of, by and for poor and homeless people."

In her talk, Honkala described the moment that led her to become an activist, which took place while she was homeless and squatting with her 9-year-old son, Mark, in an abandoned house in Minneapolis, Minn.

"It was winter.The heating went off in the house," she said, "and I had to hold my son against my body to prevent him from freezing to death."

Honkala's narrative was peppered with jokes and half-jokes. At one point, she described herself as "very successful at civil disobedience."

"You have to be successful at getting into jail, and then successful at getting out," she said.

She also bragged about her two children, passing pictures of them to the audience. Honkala's son, Mark Webber, is a Hollywood actor who has had lead roles in the films "Snow Day" and "Winter Solstice." He continues the work of his mother, living simply while donating all the money earned from his films to the poor people's movement. He also twice successfully sued the city of Philadelphia for police brutality, in one case for being strip-searched and cavity-searched before a roomful of police officers when he was 13-years-old.

Describing some of the activities of the Kensington Welfare Rights Union, Honkala noted that it mobilized many people to attend marches and protests, such as the protests against the last two Republican Party nominating conventions. In addition, the KWRU runs "human rights houses" for victims of domestic violence and for people in the

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Education Abroad provides students with options

By Samantha Smith
Collegian Correspondent

The University of Massachusettes Education Abroad Office in Hills put on a study abroad open house Wed. April 20 to welcome all students wishing to study overseas in the upcoming semesters.

The open house served very useful in providing an abundance of information regarding where students can go, what they can study, and the costs of each location. Many helpers were present to answer any specific questions students may have had, and to offer them cookies and a raffle to win $100 off their study abroad fees.

Assistant Director of Education Abroad, JoAnn Bernhard explained that the affordability of education overseas is "not as good as it used to be," saying that this was due to the cost of UMass increasing, and "the prices of studying abroad are geared toward UMass prices."

"There are also extra travel expenses which a student wouldn't normally have," Bernhard said.

Another factor which effects the costs, she said, is the value of the dollar, which seems to be decreasing more each year. Along with the decline of the dollar's value, Bernhard explained that "other countries are now understanding that studying abroad is a financial opportunity for them, so they're raising the prices."

Regardless of the prices, however, the experience itself seems worth whatever extra costs may apply, Bernhard says.

"[There are] a good variety of places to go," she said. "A student can go to any continent except Antarctica."

Along with having the opportunity to see a new country and experience a different culture, students can also fulfill UMass gen-ed requirements and classes for their majors or minors. Therefore, their time spent abroad will go towards graduating and getting a diploma.

Though the price may be an important factor, the programs are said to be only slightly more than the cost of UMass, and financial aid can cover the most fees.

"We send approximately 800 students abroad a year," Bernhard said. "If you include those who go in January and the summer, about 1,000 go."

Another program which Bernhard spoke positively about is the Student Exchange program held at UMass.

"We do more exchanges than most state universities do," she said. "It's a really important program because we are trading our students with students from other countries."

There were a good deal of students at the open house, showing interest in traveling to a variety of places. From Ghana to Egypt, China to France, everyone there seemed to want to go somewhere different. Freshman Clara DeNascimento showed a particular desire to go to France her junior year at UMass.

"I'll probably take French when I'm there, maybe some Global Education requirements," DeNascimento said. "Hopefully by then I'll have decided what I want to do and I can take classes for my major."

Overall, the Global Education open house proved to be extremely informative in an easygoing and friendly manner, and helped those who wanted to know more about what is involved with studying overseas.



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Three UMass students discuss their options for traveling abroad next semester during the Education Abroad Office's open house April 20.

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last stages of AIDS, making up for the city's inadequate facilities.

She described the process that people go through when they want to become members.

"Whatever they need, we pull out all the stops to get it for them. It could be a single parent who needs the piping in their house fixed for $600, so that the Department of Human Services doesn't take their children away. We will find a way to get it fixed for them. In return, they commit to go through our political training, and to join one of the committees of KWRU, so they can give back to others, just as they have received."

The KWRU also sends representatives to international events like the World Social Forum, forging close ties with poor people's movements in other countries, such as the landless peasants' movements in Brazil and India.

"In today's world, you can't do anti-poverty work in the U.S. alone", she claimed.

Speaking about the connection between poverty and university issues, she stressed the importance of activism on college campuses to keep higher education affordable, singling out the Free Higher Education Campaign as a worthwhile target.



COURTESY KENSINGTON WELFARE RIGHTS UNION

The founder of the Kensington Welfare Rights Union, Cheri Honkala holds a child while promoting her activist causes.

Besides her work with the Kensington Welfare Rights Union, Honkala also organizes with the Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign, which fights for the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

"The Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign includes 100 organizations nationwide," she said. "It has groups from the Coalition of Immokalee Workers in Florida, to farmers in Kansas."

One of the main current activities of the Campaign is organizing truth commissions nationwide, modeled on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of post-apartheid South Africa. This involves collecting testimonials from poor people about their experiences, and will culminate in a national Truth Commission this June.

The event was sponsored by the Student Center for Education, Research and Advocacy.

Magician Kole puts on show at UMass

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"No one has even passed the preliminary test yet," Kole said.

Kole also warned of the dangers of deception, alluding to politics in a subtle manner.

"When anything, no matter how absurd it is, is presented in a serious manner through a medium where honesty is presupposed, anyone can be deceived," he said.

Kole spoke of the miracles performed by Jesus, a topic he was challenged by Time magazine to investigate "as a magician and a skeptic." He said that his investigation changed his life, because he came to the conclusion that Jesus could have faked the miracles.

"Jesus did not have three tractor trailers full of magic equipment following him around the desert," Kole said.

Toward the end of the performance, preceding Kole's statue of liberty illusion, the audience was led through a short prayer in which Kole instructed those willing to "invite Jesus into your life."

Kole instructed the audience to question everything that they see.



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Magician Andre Kole performed at UMass last Thursday.

"I encourage people to be skeptics, but you can't deny the facts in front of you," he said.

Kole's new book is called The Psychology of Deception. Past books include Astrology and Psychic Phenomena, Miracles or Magic, Tricks and Twists, Mind Games, and From Illusion to Reality.

The event was sponsored by the UMass chapter of Campus Crusade for Christ, an international organization advocating religious ideas of which Kole is a representative.

Quabbin Reservoir reaching capacity

BELCHERTOWN (AP) — Quabbin Reservoir is threatening to reach capacity for the first time in seven years, leading reservoir managers to release 150 million gallons a day over spillways to reduce the flooding risk.

The Northeast's largest reservoir reached more than 99 percent of its 412 billion gallon capacity over the past week, threatening to hit the 100 percent mark last reached in the spring of 1998.

The Quabbin provides drinking water to most of eastern Massachusetts as well as to South Hadley, Chicopee and Wilbraham in the west.

Because of its size, the Quabbin is both slow to draw down in time of drought and slow to fill up afterward, said William Pula, reservoir superintendent for the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation.

"If we did get a drought now, the reservoir probably wouldn't be in a drought condition for two years. We have three years worth of water supply in the reservoir," he said.

Pula said some of that history was revealed in late 2002 when the reservoir fell to 75 percent of capacity after a stretch of dry weather.

—*Associated Press*

Impending deportee afraid for his life

BOSTON (AP) — Tears stream down Frank Enwonwu's face as he sits behind the glass barrier of a jailhouse visiting room and explains why a return to his native Nigeria would be a death sentence.

Immigration officials are intent on deporting Enwonwu, nearly two decades after he was arrested at Boston's Logan International Airport smuggling five ounces of heroin into the U.S.

Enwonwu, who says his crime was a "one-time mistake" born out of financial desperation, heads to court Wednesday in a last-ditch effort to block his deportation.

The 55-year-old father of three hopes to convince a federal judge that he is in danger of being jailed, tortured and killed if he is sent back to Nigeria.

"I'm not going to survive a day in Nigeria," Enwonwu said during an interview last Wednesday in a Boston jail.

His anguish turns to anger as he accuses the government of breaking a promise to let him stay in the U.S. in exchange for becoming a federal informant.

"I trusted them and they betrayed me," he said.

Federal authorities deny Enwonwu was promised asylum in exchange for his cooperation, which resulted in the convictions of at least three drug traffickers.

"The government's case boils down to this: He's a drug-smuggling criminal alien who should be deported," said Manny Van Pelt, spokesman for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

—*Associated Press*

Crime Lab suffering budget limitations

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ed crime lab.

The lab is located in a former elementary school in Sudbury, with satellite offices in Agawam and Danvers. The lab does a wide range of forensics testing, including DNA, fingerprints and drug analysis.

The DNA lab itself occupies just 840 square feet, where a dozen chemists handle about 300 DNA tests per year. That's roughly one-sixth of the state's demand, according to lab director Carl Selavka.

Each month, the state's 11 district attorneys are allowed to submit up to four DNA samples, meaning investigators must prioritize cases and put DNA testing for less important cases on hold.

"All the DAs are ludicrously handicapped in the number of cases that they can present to the lab," said Geline Williams, executive director of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association.

For the Worthington investigation, O'Keefe negotiated a special deal with the lab that allowed him to submit up to 10 samples per month, in addition to his district's regular allotment.

Until late last year, state officials had eased the lab's workload by farming out DNA samples taken from convicted felons to outside firms. The state monitored the work by randomly retesting one out of every 10 convict DNA samples, but the FBI decided that all outside DNA work had to be rechecked before the results could be sent to the FBI's Combined DNA Index System, The Boston Globe reported.

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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Karma in the United States

Todd Hanaburgh

I believe that there is some truth to the principle of karma, its effects touching all beings and collectives, including nations. The United States of America is no exception.

There are many histories in the world and likewise, many here in the USA. We have all heard the beautiful and idealized history fed to us in our youth. Who can deny that we were all lied to about Christopher Columbus when we were children? Who can deny the sidestepping action of most middle school teachers avoiding the fact that many heroes of the American Revolution were slave owners, and thus were not fighting for the freedom of all, but for the freedom of only some men?

We often forget the genocidal actions of our own government during the so-called Indian War, an active military campaign that lasted roughly 100 years and was followed by the systematic encampment and forced movement of hundreds of thousands of people.

A frenzy of nationalism broke out as the United States proclaimed a "Manifest Destiny" of extending her borders "from sea to shining sea." Through war, genocide, chance, opportunity and deceit we obtained our objective. Our nation was built on the backs of slaves treading upon stolen land. We are a nation founded by profit and materialism. That is the ugly side of U.S. history in a nutshell. This is what some may call an "alternative history," yet it is more accurate than the idealized history Americans are taught in primary and secondary schools across the nation. We must take the good with the bad in any effective introspective.

Both the United States and Canada had "Internment Camps" where citizens of Japanese origin were sent during WWII, their Constitutional Rights abridged and rescinded with no reparations made. White Americans, to draw another WWII parallel, have also mistreated black Americans in the South.

The victors of any battle are the ones who write history. They spin it to serve their interests. Our nation is no different. If we admit our wrongs, then we must also be held accountable, and accountability is not easy to live with. Therefore, some things must be swept under the rug. But karma is not so easily avoided; for every action there must be an equal and opposite reaction, and to maintain balance, energy is neither created nor destroyed. Karma keeps working whether we admit our wrongs or not.

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This leaves us in a very difficult position. It is not always easy to do the right thing. It is not always easy to discern what the right thing is. For example, it is too late to give the land back to the Native Americans, we can't go back to our proper homelands, we cannot raise the dead, nor can we turn back time. There is no possible repayment for the wrongs we as a nation have inflicted upon our own people, much less the rest of the world. However, we may start to improve the future by becoming more conscious and careful of our actions.

Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. said, "We must rapidly begin to shift from a thing-oriented society to a person-oriented society. When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, materialism and militarism are incapable of being conquered."

It is this very issue that is at the core of our problems as a nation today. We value things more than people, we outsource good jobs in the name of profit and we force children, in Indonesia for example, to labor 15 hours per day manufacturing whatever's hot on eBay. We get up in the morning, we go to work (where most of us produce nothing of use), and we get home to watch T.V. and program our minds. We invade nations over rumors or lies; we bomb buildings and make terror so that we can feel safer at home. As of this moment, we deserve everything we have coming to us.

Todd Hanaburgh is a Collegian columnist.



Devotion sours without return

Becky Martins

Is there ever a point when someone appears "too available?"

I have previously made points about the behavior of the average college guy. I spoke from experience, labeling some "boys" as indifferent to anything non-physical. But today though, I stand by my original thoughts. I have had a small change of heart. Sure, many young men may not have their priorities straight and steer clear of everything remotely emotional. However, I now also realize certain females seem to make up for the male gender's lack of sentiment and ruin their own chances of feeling something meaningful.

Too much of anything can be a bad thing. Rarely does something good come of excess. If something is abused, typically, only negative consequences follow. Essentially all of these ideas can be applied to many aspects of life. But in this case, when using the word "availability," I speak of one specifically: the way we come across to others.

There are those people who build hypothetical walls around themselves to disallow the chance of anyone getting close. Rarely do they take chances in regards to expressing emotion.

Consequently, it becomes hard to get close and figure such personalities out.

Then there are those who wear their "heart on their sleeve." Often enough, they are overenthusiastic about whatever situation comes their way. Too soon and all at once, this type of person throws him or herself at another, expecting nothing but good things in return. But the truth of the matter is this is hardly the case.

Too often, it is these individuals who end up feeling hurt when reality does not match their expectations. Such people lose faith in others and generalize that everyone is the same: unresponsive and uncaring. They feel as if they were slapped in the face when the good deeds they once performed are not paid back to them when needed. Sadly, though, it is not an easy task to change one's natural ways. For this reason, it is all too common for such behavior to rear its ugly head time and time again.

We all know people who come on too strong. It may be a friend, who expects attention at all points of the day. We cannot forget that certain individual who would do anything for anyone, yet is rarely met with equal treatment. Then there is the person who never seems to have good luck with his or her love life. We eventually find ourselves less sympathetic toward this individual as we begin to see his or her situation more clearly. Maybe the world is not simply filled with bad people who enjoy inflicting emotional pain on others. Instead, it is also possible certain people simply set themselves up for future hurt.

Maybe the world is not simply filled with bad people who enjoy inflicting emotional pain on others. instead, it is also possible certain people simply set themselves up for future hurt.

It would be a lie to say this is a gender-specific problem. Personally, I have come across a number of guys who are always "head over heels" about someone, yet the interest is never returned. In reality, however, I would say females are more apt to follow this common trend of "over-availability."

Too often I see girls who are quick to make excuses for any type of poor treatment from men due to the intensity of their feelings. They are willing to do anything at any time for guys who would surely never return the favor. Some even believe any attention is better than none and allow themselves to be treated with no respect. It is sad how some people can lower their personal standards enough to justify such behavior. But I guess some people are either blind or indifferent to the way they come across to others and do not see the problem.

It is time people get a handle on their actions. Sure, it is easy when you like someone to get over-enthusiastic about things, but there reaches a point when enough is enough. If a line is crossed, the door only succeeds in making him or herself looks desperate, or worse, pathetic. Like many times before, he or she is left hurt, confused at why another situation turned sour. But the reality of the situation is, without learning from past mistakes nothing will change.

Women as well as men must realize their own self-worth and understand the negative effects of being "too available." Nothing good will ever last if we continue to make the same errors, just with different people. Instead, we must understand everyone deserves to be happy and should not justify poor treatment with excuses. For if we do, we are just as guilty — of cheating ourselves.

Becky Martins is a Collegian columnist

Left falls behind in politics

Andrew Freeman

One of the things that's surprised me since I started writing for the Collegian is how widely read this paper is. Thanks to the miracle of the Internet, I can read screeds from as far away as Georgia or Virginia that are posted as feedback after my columns. Whether it's an anti-left comment declaring I have no moral authority, or an anti-liberal rant urging me to study finance, I have found these comments insightful.

Today's column, as you may have guessed, is about addressing some of the misconceptions about this seemingly monolithic body we know as "The Left." Political conservatives have been waging a war of words against this institution, and almost invariably the rhetoric contains the following elements.

A typical posting declares that the Left dominates the media and academia, that it is unpatriotic, that it is opposed to America's values and that it supports the terrorists, among other charges. Next, "straw men," or individuals with ideologies that are portrayed as extreme, are trotted out to buttress these denunciations of liberals. If you ever wonder why John C. Conservative rants ad infinitum about George Soros or Michael Moore, it's because he views them as easy targets. Finally, because conservatives have been in power in recent years, they declare that liberals have no new ideas or platforms, and that the liberal agenda is a failure because they haven't won control of the government.

Before I discuss these further, let me say that some on the Left engage in the same behavior. When I collected money for MASSpirg several summers ago, the sheet that I read to raise funds emphasized conservative straw men such as Pat Robertson. Still, the volume of conservative vitriol is several orders of magnitude higher than that of its liberal counterpart. There is no liberal counterpart to Fox News, and there is only one liberal talk radio station, Air America, compared to the many conservative ones.

To dispute a few common charges, the media and academia are not fundamentally concerned with politics, so allegations of bias are misleading.

Universities and media corporations are focused primarily on survival, expansion and political adventures. In colleges, most classes have few if any political overtones — how many management or biology teachers will be criticizing the Bush administration rather than teaching their subjects?

Furthermore, journalists are often very trusting; Howard Kurtz of the Washington Post wrote nearly a year ago that his paper downplayed stories that contradicted the government's claims that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction.

Secondly, it is foolish and misleading to portray liberals as a monolithic movement, with one common agenda. If anything, the problem is that the political left is too divided at the moment over such fissures as the conflict in Iraq and what course to take to reclaim power, while the political right has fallen into lockstep behind the leadership of the Republican Party. President Bush has not vetoed a single piece of legislation— such has been his dominance of Congress and the legislative agenda. But the Democrats have been scattered in their reaction: most supported the war resolutions and appropriations, some supported his tax cuts; even Ted Kennedy famously collaborated with Bush on the No Child Left Behind Act.

Lastly, many liberals do have ideas for improving the country but they are largely moot since the Republicans control Congress and would prevent their implementation. As for the origins of such control, people vote for a candidate for many reasons and it would be folly to assume that all of them believed in the supremacy of the conservative worldview; indeed, most Americans display a profound lack of knowledge on politics. For example, a Harris poll in October of 2004 found that 41 percent of Americans believed that Saddam Hussein helped the hijackers carry out 9/11.

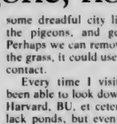
I think much of the bile thrown at liberals is there to affirm conservatives' identities. In the realm of politics, it is not enough for some to be in favor of a platform — you have to be opposed, stridently, to another ideology, and with it a group of people. You have to feel persecuted by that group for your identity to shine, to really mean something. That group takes on gargantuan proportions — it controls everything — you are hounded at every turn, the entire culture is arrayed against you. This philosophy transforms mere political identity into a central component of the Christian religious tradition: martyrdom.

This is not a realistic way to view the world — it encourages extremism, hatred and ultimately, violence — and everyone, liberal and conservative, should avoid it.

Andrew Freeman is a Collegian columnist.

The swans are gone, now what?

World Perspectives



Gilad Skolnick

It's been difficult being away from my friends and university for a whole year studying thousands of miles from UMass at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. But the hardest part has been being away from UMass' pride and joy, its symbol of greatness: the trumpeter swans of UMass. I am still in a state of shock, more befuddled than ever before, since that day when I was told of the sad news on an IM saying, "they're going to go, a part of UMass is being given up." I cried, I sobbed and I yelled. I denied, but alas I came to a realization that I was powerless in the matter.

It was March 22 when it was made public that the swans were being deported to the Livingston Ripley Waterfowl Sanctuary in the sketchy town of Litchfield, Conn. Life has not been the same since.

This goes without a doubt as UMass' biggest mistake thus far, and I shall plea with all those who are in power to think a bit more deeply about such a dangerous and inappropriate move. The swans are not just floating pieces of fowl, but inspiring symbols of overcoming hardship and struggle. I remember those cold winter days when I knew I couldn't make it to that 9 a.m. class in the cold freezing Amherst weather, but then I thought, if those two swans can brave the elements then who am I to hide inside? I'm sure we each remember our own individual swan moments, when the swans were there for us, and now where are we for them?

One swan has died, another gone MIA and is presumed dead by our state's leading swan expert and former politician William Bulger; letting their deaths go in vain would be terrible.

Running away from your problems is not a message that I am proud to see UMass push. I remember my first day of freshmen year, frightened and confused — the hordes of people, the massive intimidating library, the huge campus; I looked over from the Campus Center and saw the swans confidently eating some grass, and I knew that if they could make it at UMass, so could I. The physical plants excuses are terrible as well, needing "peace and quiet." Perhaps every UMass student who needs more "peace and quiet" should run away as well?

Where do we draw the line? I bet the squirrels could use a bit more quiet too, maybe we should ship them off to an animal sanctuary in some dreadful city like Litchfield, and maybe the pigeons, and geese and ducks as well. Perhaps we can remove the trees in UMass, and the grass, it could use less trampling and human contact.

Every time I visit another university, I've been able to look down at it, whether it is NYU, Harvard, BU, et cetera, for many such schools lack ponds, but even those that do have such, lack the essential part of any pond, its swans. Now UMass has plunged deep into the cesspool of misery that other such swan-less schools share.

One swan has died, another gone MIA, and is presumed dead by our state's leading swan expert and former politician William Bulger; letting their deaths go in vain would be terrible. They'd be turning over in their grave if they knew that their fellow comrades were giving up on a dream, a dream that man has had throughout the ages, of students and swans living together in an institute of higher learning, in peace.

I shall make weekly visits to the swans next year, for this cruel punishment of solitude from humans is enough to make the smartest of swans lose its sanity, and I hope you all do too. For the meantime, I suggest we each find our own inner swan, our inner courage, to help us get through this.

If the swans really need more quiet and are not willing to show any ounce of flexibility, perhaps a soundproof swan-housing unit could be erected. It could have a heated swan pool for those cold winter nights, possibly with some jet streams to help ease those tense neck muscles. Maybe even a grass dispenser and a CD of relaxing "pond sounds" to put them to sleep. I'm sure solutions can be found.

I was even more astonished that UMass claimed it couldn't take proper care of the swans, even though we have an entire Vet and Animal Science program. If there is one problem UMass should be equipped to handle, of all problems, it should be this.

It was Thomas Hood, the renowned 19th century poet who I'm sure you're all familiar with, who said it best when he wrote, "There's a double beauty whenever a swan swims on a lake with her double thereon." Now I ask you, where's the beauty?

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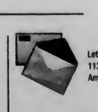
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Smith meets Stoppard

'Arcadia' suits Smith talent



By JARED DEMICK
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Generally, theater tends to have a polarizing effect upon its audience. Due to its tenuous nature and immediacy of emotion, a performance either awakens something deep inside the audience or leaves them cold and antagonistic. Saturday night's performance of "Arcadia" at Smith College was a rare exception as it was a performance that one simultaneously liked and disliked. In more specific terms, it was a wonderful execution of a badly written play.

"Arcadia" is a relatively recent work from a giant of modern theater, Tom Stoppard, a playwright most famous for "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead," and the screenplay for "Shakespeare in Love." However, while Stoppard has a prestigious reputation in the world of theater, his work is often criticized as being slight and arcane. "Arcadia" is not exempt from this criticism as it name drops obscure allusion after obscure allusion. The play raises some very perplexing and pertinent questions such as how does one make sense of this chaotic world. However, the play ends up being nothing more than a convoluted intellectual puzzle that revels in its own cleverness.

Also, while many Stoppard plays are absolutely hilarious ("On the Razzle" immediately comes to mind), the comedy in "Arcadia" is tired. Imagine Samuel Beckett collaborating with a washed up vaudeville act on a play based off of random entries from the encyclopedia and you would have "Arcadia."

The play weaves together two plots that both happen in the manor of an aristocratic British family, one in 1809 and the other in the present day. The basic premise is that on this manor owned by the Coverly family, two scholars, Bernard Nightingale, a Byron expert, and Hannah Jarvis, a writer researching about the estate's garden, are investigating a couple of mysterious events that occurred in 1809. Indeed, the events that did happen in 1809 are worth investigating as deceit and intrigue collide to create a huge mess that hurts a lot of people.

The lady of the house, Lady Croom, is furious over the renovations of the estate and the lack of propriety of her guests. Her daughter, Thomasina, meanwhile, is vexing her tutor, Septimus Hodge, with theories that disprove Newtonian physics while Hodge himself is trying to cover up the fact that he has slept with a guest's wife. To top it all off, the flamboyant Lord Byron, a friend of Hodge's, is insulting and offending people left and right. Meanwhile, in the present day, Bernard wrongfully believes that he has discovered that Byron killed a guest in a duel. The play lets both plots come to their tangled ends and even throws in some long digressions on Chaos Theory.

While Stoppard's play is annoying in its inability to engage the audience emotionally, the cast and crew of this performance were spectacular and managed to give a shine to a dull script. The set was wonderful as it was attractive and authentic to the time period, but not distracting. The acting was impeccable as the cast was uniformly strong.

The actor Peter O'Toole once said, "dying is easy, comedy is hard", yet the cast made it all seem so effortless with their innate understanding of just how to draw a laugh. This was no easy feat considering the lack of material in the script. Particular standouts were Keith Boynton (Bernard), Nicholas Dahlman (Ezra Chater), and Meredith Badler (Thomasina) whose manic, energetic performances both enraptured and entertained the audience.

Also noteworthy was UMass's own Chamaio Cheyenne-Rindge (Septimus) who also has given great performances in UMass plays such as "All's Well That Ends Well" and "The Curse of the Starving Class." Mr Cheyenne-Rindge really accentuated his character's chronic irritability and deceitful nature with an intense, understated performance. The only critique of the presentation is the director's decision to have his characters speak with British accents. While this helped to give the play authenticity, it was done amatuerishly as they were bad, overly simplified imitations of British speakers.

All in all, the cast and crew made it a pleasure to sit through such an intolerable play and that is the highest compliment one can give. The ability to take a mediocre script and transform it into a pleasant show takes real talent and an ability to shrewdly correct defects. The cast and crew at Smith showed themselves to be true professionals and worthy additions into the world of theater.

Pearl Street gets 'funked' up with Granola Funk Express

By BRIAN DUFFEY
COLLEGIAN STAFF

North Carolinian nomads and musical fusionists, Granola Funk Express, performed in Northampton Wednesday night and put on an impressive display before a large, energetic audience. These eclectic musicians were joined by U-Melt, who opened the show at Pearl Street Night Club.

Granola Funk Express
Pearl Street
Northampton
Feb. 21

U-Melt, native of New York City, describe their music as, "organic progressive groove." They have been together for about a year and a half and have done roughly two hundred shows from Maine to Alabama. When their set began, the crowd was small and the energy was weak.

Slowly the crowd began to grow and people began to dance. Their jammish, climactic pieces were catchy. Yet, their agreeable sound was not unlike many other groups that would classify themselves under the jam genre.

U-Melt will be returning to the Valley on May 12th, where they will headline a show at the Iron Horse in Northampton. Their album, "The Unbelievable Meltdown," is now available.

Granola Funk Express is a diverse musical group that originated in the woods of Florida at a Rainbow Gathering in 1994. The Granola Funk Express kitchen served free vegan food to those who attended these communal events. In addition to providing food, they established a theatre to supply various forms of entertainment. One form of entertainment included free-form poetry or rhyming that was commonly accompanied by a drum or beat box.

The Granola Funk crew would perform on street corners in cities all over America to earn enough money to travel to different Rainbow Gatherings, all the while improving their lyrical abilities.

Over time, the music became more serious and the group settled in Asheville, North Carolina in 1996. Granola Funk Express, whose members are all familiar with life on the road, began touring and earned underground notoriety primarily through word of mouth. Almost ten years later, the band continues to tour feverishly and create a wide array of music that is always unique and original.

Veteran GFE guitarist Josh Blake says that he still enjoys traveling the country, despite having three children and a partner back in Asheville.

"I love doing what I'm doing. The band is a vehicle to see the country and meet new people we're all travelers," Blake said.

Granola Funk associate, TopR, opened the second portion of the night's festivities. This Bay Area representative is a skilled freestyler whose words aren't quite as positive and optimistic as most of those performed by GFE.

"I'm a very pessimistic, dark person," he said. Despite the difference in the lyrical specifics, TopR says that he shares many of the same views as the members of GFE. His style and delivery is much more dramatic and angry than of the GFE emcees.

His performance was received warmly. His relentless energy left the crowd screaming. He was joined on stage by GFE wordsmith, Foul Mouth Jerk. The duo is currently working on a project titled "Vomit is the New Confetti," for the group Vice Squad. Foul Mouth explained that the album's content is self-explanatory, "drinking, f***ing, stealing, and gambling."

TopR's final song, "Watching the World End, is a deeply personal, cynical piece that talks about his unwillingness to conform to societal expectations and his reliance on liquor. TopR says that growing up on the drug-ridden California streets has left an indelible mark on his psyche that prevents him from spitting up-beat lyrics. TopR feels that it is essential to release inner frustrations, to prevent unfortunate events from occurring. This emcee is talented and hungry. His solo album is titled, "Legalize Murder."

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Many critics agree that the artists that form the Granola Funk Express are not the average group, but their formula has had much success. The group performed last week for a packed crowd at the Pearl Street Nightclub.

Elephants, Cats and Who's...Oh My!

By JOE PIEDRAFITE
COLLEGIAN STAFF



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The members of the UMass Theater Guild have been practicing five times a week since February in order to prepare for their recent performance of the Dr. Seuss inspired musical titled "Seussical."

Somewhere in the opening number of "Seussical the Musical," the Cat in the Hat, who serves as our proverbial narrator through the Seussian oeuvre, says something like "I hope you're prepared, to be scarder than scared! Cause this ain't mother goose!" No truer words have been spoken in the entire musical theater cannon. I was prepared to be scareder than scared. Fortunately, the UMass Theatre Guild's production of "Seussical" was not quite the disaster I had been bracing myself for.

Luckily (or not, depending on who you talk to), I had seen the original production of "Seussical" in the fall of 2000 when it played Boston's Colonial Theatre prior to its Broadway opening and enjoyed it a great deal. Even before the Boston engagement started, the production had been plagued with problems; costume designer Catherine Zuber was fired and replaced with William Ivey Long and Rob Marshall came on as a "second pair of eyes" to help director Frank Galati, and eventually ended up replacing him altogether by the time the show hit New York in November.

There were some problems with the show in general, but I found it to be overall inoffensive, fun and enjoyable piece of musical theater. The critics (in both Boston and Manhattan) clearly thought otherwise, and "Seussical" became the whipping post of the 2000-2001 theater season. It didn't help that other hugely successful musicals opened during the season as well ("The Full Monty" and a little show called "The Producers") and "Seussical" fell into obscurity and ran for a little less than 200 performances.

Sadly, all of the problems that I had with the show in 2000 were evident in the UMTG production. The oodles of books and stories that Dr. Seuss wrote is not natural source material for a musical. In fact, it seems that Seuss would be extremely difficult to musicalize, let alone tell one coherent story. That's where my major issues with "Seussical" lies; it tries to tell too many stories in too short amount of time.

Writers Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens (who found enormous success with their adaptation of E.L. Doctorow's novel "Ragtime" in 1998) have assembled some of Seuss's best know characters, The Cat in the Hat, Horton the Elephant, the Who's, Gertrude McFuzz and Mayzie LaBird among others, but each character is severely underdeveloped. Due to Seuss's uncanny ability to rhyme, Flaherty and Ahrens were forced to be extremely creative when coming up with the book of the show, and took a few liberties and invented quite a few words.

The main storyline revolves around Horton the Elephant and his quest for saving the planet of Whoville that he finds on a clover "On the 15th of May, in the Jungle of Nool". Of course, as in all musicals, Horton has to overcome numerous obstacles to save his beloved Who's, and this where the other various Seuss characters come into play. I was able to overlook the paper thin-ness of the plot earlier because of the attractive casting of the parade of Seuss characters, but in the UMTG production, most of the actors seemed to be trying a little to hard to impress the audience with their mastery of the Seussian language.

All of the leads had more than adequate voices; it was the numbers that included most of the ensemble that were the biggest disappointment. Granted that the Student Union Ballroom is not a place that is conducive to live theater, but I was seated towards the front and had a hard time hearing and understanding the cast in the opening number and throughout other subsequent ensemble numbers throughout the show. I appreciated costume designer Rainy Stanford's attempts at designing fun and colorful costumes, and for the most part they were successful, the Wickersham brothers and the Cadet uniforms especially, but at times they were a little less than inspired, mostly the members of the Circus McGurkus and the residents of Whoville.

All is not lost in world of Seuss however. Laura Clark was adorable as love-struck Gertrude McFuzz and John Courtney gave a wonderfully campy performance as a tap dancing Cat in the Hat. The Wickersham brothers were also great, decked out in camouflage gear and their quirky choreography, thanks to Erin Odell. Brian Kelly delivered a sweet performance as Horton, and Kim Ayers had the right set of pipes to do the Aretha Franklin-like Sour Kangaroo justice. Director Jenniler Parsons and scenic designer Lindsey Robitaille are to be commended for making the most of the cavernous space that is the Student Union Ballroom and providing a staging that while at times was uneven, kept a fairly quick pace throughout the show. One scene that worked particularly well for me was the "McElligots Pool" number. It was fun and creative, and showed just what kind of potential "Seussical" could have risen to.

There seemed to be a recurring theme throughout "Seussical," that anything was possible. I suppose, that with "Seussical" anything is possible, and the UMTG unfortunately didn't fully realize all of the possibilities that "Seussical" could have been. "Oh the things you can think"

Rockin` with granola

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Granola Funk began their performance with a ritualistic Ohm, or prayer, and immediately rocked this small Western Mass venue. Their opening tune about the manner in which opinions and attitudes are formed set the tone for the night.

The group performed the tune, "Everybody Get High." This GFE classic had the crowd screaming and jumping. Granola Funk lyricist, Agent 23, ignited the crowd with his onstage antics during this marijuana anthem. This married father of one, is finishing a new solo album, "The Road Less Traveled." Agent 23, AKA Cactus, is also working on a variety of production projects for a number of musicians, including Scotty Rock from Deep Banana Blackout.

Granola Funk's performance included instrumental grooves that had everyone shaking. They also displayed their freestyle capabilities, an element that the crowd enjoyed. Although their words were not always crystal-clear, their lyrical abilities are serious and legitimate. This group, particularly the contributing emcees have the potential to gain heavy hip-hop recognition in the near future.

GFE performed "It Doesn't Really Matter," as the encore. This head-nodder features Adam Strange on lead vocals. This tall, lanky D.C. native is also no stranger to the road. He left home at sixteen to follow the Grateful Dead. Strange says that he loves playing in Northampton. He met his current girlfriend at Pearl Street two years ago.

Following the show, GFE's Cactus was all smiles. "Tonight was excellent," he said. He felt that the crowd's energy enabled the group to perform at a high level.

Jamie Mason of Cheshire, Connecticut saw GFE for the sixth time.

"Every time I come to see them it's awesome, I always have a good time."

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UMass downs Hoyas

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offense down until Cannon was able to find some open room to get off another shot from straight on.

Schell stopped the shot but was unable to keep it in his stick, and the Hoyas collected the ground ball. The Massachusetts defense suffocated Georgetown's attack, and Brendan Cannon — Pete Cannon's younger brother — could only get off a low shot to Schell's left that was saved as the clock hit zero.

"It was obvious that I was struggling at the beginning of the game, and the rest of the team kind of carried me there," Schell said. "The last 30 seconds I was kind of relaxed, and said that we really needed this and I got [the saves]."

The Hoyas took over in the third quarter, shutting down the UMass attack and tying the game at 9 heading into the final 15 minutes off goals from Nick Miaritis, Dave Paolisso and Sean Denihan.

Georgetown took its first lead of the day at the 12:13 mark of the fourth quarter when Pete Cannon beat Schell up high on an extra man opportunity.

The lead was short-lived, though, as the Minutemen answered just 49 seconds later when Chris Doyle fell down, regained his footing, spun around a pair of defenders and beat D'Andrea low to tie the score at 10.

Jake Deane helped UMass out by winning the next two faceoffs that led to two more goals by Zywicki and Morris to extend the Minuteman advantage to 12-10 with 6:17 to play.

In a first half that was mostly dominated by the two defenses, play started to pick up in the final minute before the break. Morris picked up his second goal of the game with 47 seconds to play to give UMass an 8-5 lead.

Georgetown won the ensuing faceoff, called timeout with 30 seconds on the clock and scored just 15 seconds out of the huddle on a Pete Cannon bounce shot.

Jake Dean won the next faceoff for the Minutemen, quickly got rid of the ball to Jeff Zywicki, who was able to find Morris, who got off a bounce shot that beat D'Andrea with 1.2 seconds left in the half, giving UM a 9-6 lead.



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

A Mixed Bag

Anthony Santos had a hit, an RBI, and a walk in UMass' 8-4 loss to Fordham yesterday in Jamaica, N.Y. The Minutemen won one out of the three game weekend series against the Rams.

Spiders topple over Minutewomen

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Departing senior captain Sasha Edelstein competed against Courtney Klein in the No. 3 tilt. Klein took the match, defeating Edelstein 6-3, 6-1. Edelstein will be sorely missed by the Minutewomen as she has been described by Dixon as the team's heart and soul.

Junior Dorothy Iwanowicz and junior Susan Johnson both lost their matches in the No. 4 and 5 spots respectively.

Iwanowicz was defeated by Meghan Wolfgram 6-2, 6-2 and Johnson lost to Beatrice Grasu 6-0, 6-4.

Before the tournament, Dixon had said that Iwanowicz was struggling and trying to right her game. Despite her loss on Sunday, Dixon believed Iwanowicz kicked up her level of play.

"She definitely accomplished that," Dixon said. "She stepped it up all weekend and even told people that she and her game were back."

UMass lost the crucial doubles point by losing two of the three matches played. In the last meeting it was the doubles point that allowed the Minutewomen to win.

Johnson and Iwanowicz lost their No. 1 match against Cox and Wolfgram by a count of 8-4.

The No. 2 doubles match was hard fought battle between the teams of Spiess and Pozar and Richmond's Carter and Klein.

"We were down 5-1 at one point," Dixon said. "We caught up and forced three match points but Richmond came up big in the tie break."

The Spiders won the tie break and took the match 9-8.

Bartoloni was able to pick up another win for the Maroon and White when she teamed up with Edelstein in the No. 3 slot. They defeated Grasu and Zivanovic 8-6.

After the match Dixon said she told her team to keep their heads up.

"This is a solid tennis team," Dixon said. "I just told them to keep their heads up and to hold the whole tournament in their hearts. We'll be back next year."

Wolfpack sweep Maroon and White

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

A week after losing its first home game in 82 decisions, the Massachusetts softball team (24-14-1 9-3 Atlantic 10) dropped two more home games yesterday against North Carolina State in a doubleheader sweep.

The Minutewomen will look to get back on their feet tomorrow in a doubleheader against Harvard.

Throughout the afternoon, the Maroon and White only managed five hits and four runs, and were shutout for the first time since Mar. 5.

"I thought North Carolina did a good job executing," Sortino said. "I was disappointed in our execution today. I was very disappointed in our defense."

Despite not registering a hit, UMass took an early lead in Game 1 after three batters were walked by N.C. State pitcher Abbie Sims. Senior Pam Sulick flied out to center field, allowing sophomore Amanda Morin to score, and giving the Minutewomen a one run lead.

The differential was quickly erased in the second inning as the Wolfpack came back and recorded four runs, three of which were earned off of a double to left field. UMass cut the lead in half in the bottom of the second inning, however, when senior Hilary Puglia drove in junior Lesley Ferrara.

With N.C. State increasing the score 5-2, the Maroon and White looked to its homerun champion, junior KJ Kelley, to begin a potential comeback. With four previous hitless innings by the Minutewomen, Kelley proceeded to hit a homerun to left field.

A scoreless sixth inning by both teams was followed by dramatic seventh. A homerun by N.C. State made the score 6-3. Morin, who had a 14-game hitting streak coming into yesterday's games, homered to right field in the final inning. With two batters on base, the Minutewomen were unable to take advantage and consequently dropped Game 1, 6-4.

"Defense wins championships, it really does," Sortino said. "We certainly generated against a pitcher whose ERA is 1.4. We put four runs on the board, that should have been enough to win the ballgame."

Game 2 brought a much different story, as UMass was unable to gain a single run and recorded two hits. Junior pitcher Jenna Busa pitched three scoreless innings, but was unable to slow down the Wolfpack hitting squad, which scored six runs over the course of three innings.

With four of the six runs earned, the fielding proved to be a problem for the Maroon and White, which had trouble both catching fly balls and handling groundballs in both games.

"Simply taking care of the little things: making routine plays, catching fly balls," Kelley said. "You have to keep the game simple and make the routine plays. We make those plays and we win that game."

Facing 26 batters, N.C. State pitcher Shaina Ervin struck out eight of them and allowed two hits against a team that recorded 16 hits in a doubleheader sweep against St. Bonaventure last Friday. Both of those hits came from senior Denise Denis.

"The second game we just didn't show up to hit," Sortino said. "Hitting will come and go like that. We let them get a big inning because we can't field a couple of ground balls."

While diving for a line drive in the infield in the fourth inning, Puglia injured herself and had to exit the game for the day. Freshman Stacey Cullington came into the game and proved to be a bright spot for a struggling UMass defense.

"We know that when somebody goes down, you just have to step it up," Kelley said. "Everybody on this team is capable of going out there and starting a game."

Cullington has two homeruns and eight RBI in her first collegiate softball season and has a fielding percentage of .889. The two other rookies on the team are Lauren Proctor and Sarah Hurd, who have made several appearances as newcomers.

Proctor is second on the team in batting average with a mark of .348 and has accumulated 24 homeruns on the season. Hurd has amounted seven hits and two RBI in 2005.

Despite the two losses, the Minutewoman offense leads the A-10 in several categories. Kelley and Puglia both lead the team in RBI with 29 each, while Denise Denis is third with 28.

Sophomore Candice Molinari has an A-10-high 26 steals on the season and has yet to fail on any attempt. Sulick has a homerun on the season and is fifth on the team in RBI with 15.

Defensively, the Maroon and White have depended on its duo, senior Barb LaFogg (15-9) and Busa (9-5). LaFogg leads the A-10 in strikeouts with 169 on the season and Busa has 94 K's in 25 appearances.

With a week that consists of five home games, the Minutewomen will look to rebound from their two-game skid and will rely heavily on their defense.

"If you don't have defense, you can't win," Kelley said. "Today was an example of that."



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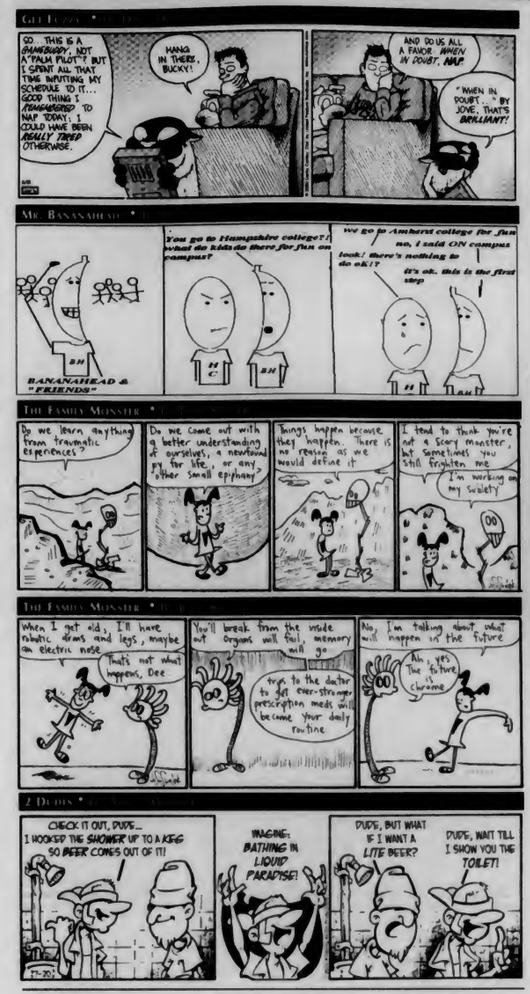
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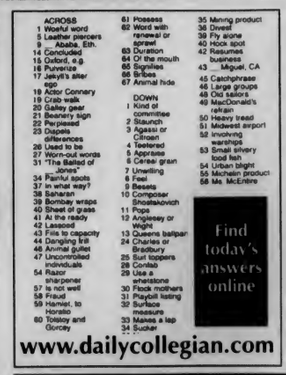
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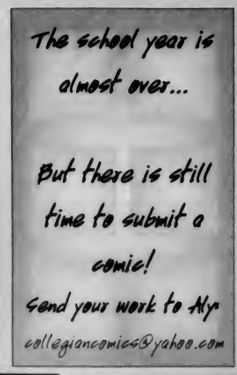
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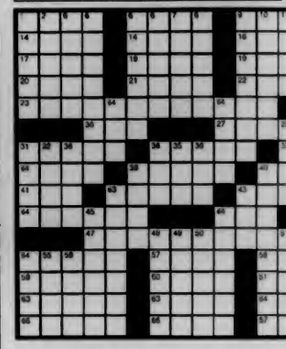




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Top Dogs

UMass takes first place in the ECAC with win over Hoyas

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

There is a changing of the guard in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference.

The No. 9 Massachusetts men's lacrosse team put itself into position to win the ECAC for the second time in the last seven seasons by knocking off No. 3 Georgetown 13-12 in front of 1,224 fans who braved through torrential downpours on Saturday afternoon at Garber Field.

With the win, the Minutemen (9-2 4-1 ECAC) leapfrogged the Hoyas (8-3 3-1 ECAC) into first place of the ECAC. Georgetown has won the conference championship in five of the last six years, the only exception being UMass in 2002.

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In an intense finish, UMass goalie Bill Schell stopped Brendan Cannon's last-gasp shot to tie the score with time expiring, and the Minuteman sideline erupted and charged out onto the field toward their net minder to celebrate what UMass coach Greg Cannella deemed as one of the top-10 biggest victories of his 11-year coaching reign in Amherst.

"I'm going to remember the end of the game for the rest of my life," Schell said after the game. "That's why you play athletics. You play for big moments."

"We told our guys [Friday] night that this is a game the coaches would rather play in or watch than coach," Cannella said about the game's importance. "Certainly, you don't have that opportunity as a coach, but it's still a great pleasure to go out there and watch our guys do their job."

With the win, UMass now controls its own destiny in terms of winning the conference championship, and it will take home its first crown in three years with a win at Rutgers on May 7.

Before that, however, the Minutemen will travel to Harvard tomorrow to take on the Crimson at 3 p.m. and return home on Saturday against historic rival Syracuse at 1 p.m.

"You don't get it any better than that," UMass' leading scorer, Sean Morris, said. "It's the type of game where Friday night all you do is think about it, you wake up, all you do is think about it, think about it, think about it. Then you get [to the game], and it's raining out, it's muddy, and you get down and dirty. It was fun, a lot of fun."

With just under five minutes remaining in the game, UMass attackman Gene Tundo curled around the Georgetown cage and beat goalie Rich D'Andrea to put the cap on a 4-0 run and give the Minutemen a 13-10 advantage.

The Hoyas responded, though, as the Minutemen were trying to ice the game just 30 seconds later. Jeff Zywicki found himself open in front of the net, but D'Andrea stoned his shot, allowing Georgetown to take over the ball.

Pete Cannon bounced a shot past Schell for his fourth score of the day with 3:43 to play in the game and cut the lead to two.

The Hoyas were able to kill off a one-minute slashing penalty whistled on sophomore defenseman Jerry Lambe with 2:45 to play, gaining them another possession as time was waning down.

Georgetown continued to keep the pressure on UMass when Cannon rocketed a high sidearm shot past Schell with just 62 seconds left on the board, trimming the Minuteman advantage to 13-12.

The Hoyas won the ensuing face-off, called a timeout and slowed their

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COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Senior Gene Tundo scored two goals in the Minutemen's 13-12 victory over Georgetown on Saturday. With the win, UMass moves into first place in the ECAC.

Ford inks Life to NLI at UM

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

Massachusetts men's basketball coach Travis Ford has cut right to the chase in addressing the biggest hole on his roster.

Ford announced Thursday that National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) All-American James Life has signed a National Letter of Intent (NLI) to play basketball for the Minutemen, and will come to Amherst with two years of NCAA eligibility remaining.

Life's signing follows the recent announcement that Mt. Vernon (NY) High School standout Chris Lowe has also signed an NLI, doubling the amount of scholarship guards on UMass' roster following the graduation of seniors Anthony Anderson and Chris Chadwick.

"We are thrilled to have James joining the UMass basketball family," Ford said. "He is a Junior College All-American who was among the top scorers in the country. James is a deadly shooter from the perimeter that we were seeking.

"[He] lives and breathes basketball [and] is a gym rat who will be a great addition to our team."

Life, 6-foot-4 190 pounds, was honored as the Florida Community College Association Player of the Year in addition to his All-America accolades after scoring 25.4 points per game last season for Manatee Community College in Bradenton, Fla.

He was also named the NJCAA Region VIII Player of the Year, Florida State Player of the Year and Suncoast Conference Player of the Year.

"We are very proud of James, not only for what he has accomplished on the basketball court, but for how he has developed as a person and as a citizen," Manatee head coach Brac Brady said. "He has represented himself and the school well since he has been with us."

Life was widely considered as the best junior college player in the Sunshine State, and will join the Minutemen after reconsidering a verbal commitment to Utah State.

GW ends UMass' season

By Rob Greenfield
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts women's lacrosse team (4-9 1-3 Atlantic 10) came into last weekend needing to win the rest of its conference games to make the Atlantic 10 tournament. The first step in that challenge, however, would not come until Sunday against No.20 George Washington.

Last Friday, the Minutewomen took the field to face the Longwood Lancers in their last non-conference game of the year. The Lancers came into the contest with a 10-2 record, with both losses coming against A-10 teams (St. Bonaventure and George Washington).

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The Minutewomen made it Longwood's third as they defeated the Lancers 17-14 at Garber Field. However, with a 14-8 loss against George Washington on Sunday, UMass' hopes for an A-10 tournament appearance will have to wait until next year.

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This UMass squad has made it a habit of starting fast and limping to the finish line this season. This time the Maroon and White jumped out of the gate and did not look back.

After freshman Jeanette Villapiano scored her third goal in the last two games to push UMass to a 2-1 lead with 26 minutes to go in the first, Longwood sophomore Cathleen Strain tied the game at 2-2 with 23:20 left.

UMass took over from there. With two straight goals by freshman Ashleigh Szawlowski and another by sophomore Samantha Sepulveda, the Minutewomen took a 5-2 lead with 20 minutes remaining in the half.



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Sophomore Lauen Reid notched an assist during UMass' 11-5 win over Longwood on Friday.

Sepulveda had three goals on the day but also contributed in other aspects of the game, controlling the ball for the Minutewomen in the midfield and off draw controls.

"Sam [Sepulveda] did a lot in the midfield," UMass coach Carrie Bolduc said. "She came up with a lot of key draw controls for us. She didn't have to do a lot of defensive work so we used her more in the midfield and she didn't get as fatigued as usual."

UMass rolled to an 11-5 halftime lead and didn't look to be slowing down as they dominated the action from the opening draw. Coach Bolduc had said that halftime was the Minutewomen's worst enemy and a momentum killer. Holding on to half-time leads has been the Minutewomen's greatest challenge this season, and Longwood gave UMass a reason to worry again.

Forty-five seconds into the second half, Longwood junior Jen Shipp scored to make it 11-6 in what started to look like another UMass collapse. But the Minutewomen quickly put to rest any notion that they were going to lay down in this game.

The Maroon and White answered with four straight goals with two notched by Szawlowski, en route to a career-high four goals.

The must win, however, was George Washington.

It was a tough opponent with a freshman goalie — Caitlin Garman — on her way to the Colonials' single season record for wins. Colonials' sophomore Laura Hostetler — the niece of NFL quarterback Jeff Hostetler— has 65 points on the season with 46 goals and 19 assists. It was a battle for the Minutewomen who fought until the end and were not done justice by the 14-8 score.

The pre-game match up was a good one, with the defending A-10 Defensive Player of the Year (Kristin St. Hilaire) battling with Hostetler, who is second in the A-10 in goals and assists per game, while leading the A-10 in points per game. It was the best at each position going at it for 60 minutes in a heated conference game; fans and coaches alike enjoyed the action.

"It's fun. It's a challenge," Bolduc said. " Saint [Hilaire] is so competitive and rises to a challenge and you can see that Hostetler rises to a challenge too. [Hostetler] steps up her play even more so it's fun to watch. You can see the battle of the two individuals out there working hard."

St. Hilaire, a senior, is known for her defense, but she provided a spark for the Minutewomen on the offensive end by scoring her first career goal. The UMass sideline erupted when she put it in the net, with her teammates quick to congratulate her.

The Minutewomen went into the half down 5-4 after a three goal run by the Colonials gave them the one goal lead going into the break. This was an adjustment for the Minutewomen who have gotten used to taking leads into the second half.

"This was the first time in the second half that we've had to hunt and not be the hunted," Bolduc said. "This is the first time we've been down in a long time and had to rally back."

Talented freshmen show promise

By Rob Greenfield
Collegian Staff

The recurring theme for the Massachusetts women's lacrosse team has been their youth. It has been in the game plan, the expectations, the program's future aspirations, and the immediate success of the team. There has been some strategic things — like possessing the ball and killing clock — that coach Carrie Bolduc has had to hold off on because of the team's inexperience. But on the bright side, this team is very promising.

Success, in terms of winning, will not come this year as UMass was eliminated from the Atlantic 10 tournament yesterday by George Washington, moving their record to 5-10 on the season and 1-4 in conference. However, the best remedy for the loss will be patience, as UMass is boasting a freshmen class full of scorers and potential impact players.

First and foremost in this group is Kathleen Typadis, who has had an immediate impact since the start of the season, posting three consecutive hat tricks in her first three games, the first time that has happened for a freshman in the last decade. Her talents are undeniable and there are no 'ifs' when talking about Typadis. Over the weekend, she broke the UMass freshmen scoring record previously held by Joanna Dignazio with 40 points. Typadis added the freshmen goals record to her resume as well, as she scored four goals this weekend (two in each game) to get her total to 36, to pass Dignazio with 35. Typadis ended the weekend with 43 points, three better than Dignazio's 40.

Freshman Ashleigh Szawlowski has hit mid-season form after an injury in the fall sidelined her until the spring. After she worked the kinks out, her true talent has shown through, as she has become a reliable player for coach Bolduc down the stretch of this season. She scored a career-high four goals against Longwood on Friday.

"As the season progresses, we're seeing her develop a little later because she didn't have the fall," Bolduc said. "Obviously you can see the things she is capable of."

Against Longwood, the depth of the team's freshmen class was glaring, as Jeanette Villapiano, Katie Bottini, Alana Jakas, and Julie Papaleo all received significant playing time. Villapiano scored two goals against Longwood and two the game before against Duquesne. Bottini made her third career start yesterday against the Colonials and scored a goal in the Longwood game. Typadis, Szawlowski, Bottini and Jakas also scored against the Lancers, making it five freshmen that made the stat sheet, a monster effort in a significant win.

"The more games we have the better they are going to be," Bolduc said. "It was the same thing in the fall. We maximized the number of games so we could get more experience in game situations. They're really coming into their own. You can see what they're capable of in time."

About two minutes into the George Washington game, Szawlowski hit a streaking Typadis who then put it in the cage for the first goal of the game. It is a combination that UMass fans will have to get used to, as coach Bolduc is hoping that time will only help these underclassmen.

Minutewomen fall in A-10 final

By Jon Pelland
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts tennis team learned first hand yesterday, at the Atlantic 10 Conference Championship Tournament, the meaning of the phrase all good things must come to an end.

The Minutewomen were not able to pull out the championship match against the Richmond Spiders yesterday in College Park, Md. UMass fell 5-1 to the Spiders under a cold and windy Maryland sky.

"They came out fired up to beat us," UMass coach Judy Dixon said. "Their energy was a little intimidating to us in the beginning. Today they were just the better team."

UMass had defeated Richmond 4-3 earlier in the season when the schools squared off in Philadelphia. Dixon said she believed the Spiders were out to gain revenge for that loss.

"Richmond picked up their level of play by at least 20%," Dixon said. "They had a lot of support down there from fans and parents."

One factor that worked against the Minutewomen was that fact that star sophomore Michele Spiess and senior captain Sasha Edelstein were sick with bad colds all weekend.

"Michele was probably only competing at 50%," Dixon said. "The whole weekend took a toll on the both of them."

Only junior Jana Bartoloni was able to pick up a singles victory for the Minutewomen. She defeated Jelena Zivanovic in the No. 6 slot by a score of 6-3, 6-2.

"It was a good match for Jana," Dixon said. "She was able to beat the girl she lost to the last time we played Richmond."

All the other UMass singles competitors were downed in straight sets by the Spiders.

Star sophomore Michele Spiess was defeated by Lindsay Cox in the No. 1 slot. Cox won by a count of 6-1, 6-4. Dixon believes that Cox is a leading candidate for this year's A-10 Performer of the Year award.

The No. 2 match was won by Richmond's Robin Carter. She beat UMass freshman Masha Pozar 6-2, 2-1. The match was not completely played out because by that time the overall score had already been decided.

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UMass student is recipient of prestigious Barry M. Goldwater scholarship award

By Dan Terk
Collegian Staff

Heather A. Harrington, a junior at the University of Massachusetts is the recipient of the prestigious Goldwater Scholarship, which is awarded to students in the math and science fields who have demonstrated high academic achievement.

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship was established in honor of Senator Barry M. Goldwater who was both a Senator and a solider, and is awarded to no more than 300 students across the country each year. According to the programs Web site, the purpose of the scholarship is to create more highly skilled mathematicians, scientists, and engineers.

Harrington as well as two other students were nominated from UMass. Harrington is the fifth UMass student to win the Goldwater Scholarship.

A native of Concord, MA, Harrington is an Applied Mathematics major with a minor in philosophy. She has a great interest in mathematical biology, something that she hopes to make a career out of one day.

Harrington would like to continue on in academia to obtain her PhD and become a professor. She is currently a teaching assistant, which she says has only increased her interest in teaching. "It's rewarding to know that I can share something I am good with others," said Harrington, "I think that is why all professors teach."

A member of the Commonwealth College and of the Women's Varsity Crew team Harrington stays very busy with her classes and her research.

Harrington, as well as a few other undergraduates, have recently completed research on developing a mathematical model for how chemical inhibitors prevent the growth of tumors in the cornea.

"[The scholarship] is really great because it means that other people believe in me and want to support me in what I am interested in," explained Harrington.

The two advisors of the research team, Professor Nathaniel Whitaker and



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Heather A. Harrington.

Professor Panayotis Kevrekidis, were both very proud of her. "They both did a lot as they guided us each step of the way," said Harrington.

"She's the perfect person to get this type pf scholarship," said Whitaker, "I think she's going make UMass proud."

Another advisor who was instrumental in Harrington's success was Professor Susan Whitbourne, the director of the Office of National Scholarship Advancement (ONSA). Professor Whitbourne worked with Harrington throughout the application process and Professor Whitbourne was also with Harrington when she found out she had won, which was an exciting moment for both.

"The Goldwater Scholarship is a tribute to Heather's hard work and her research efforts.

Applications for these highly competitive awards are evaluated as scientific grant proposals and must be on the cutting edge," explained Whitbourne. "Heather did an exceptional job throughout the tough vetting process."

Professor Whitaker noted that "It's very, very rare for an undergraduate to pursue research opportunities with such enthusiasm" as Harrington. In addition to her research at UMass Harrington also studied at the Park City Mathematics Institute in Utah last year. This summer she has been selected to study at the Mathematics and Theoretical Biology Institute at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Harrington however does not spend all her time in classrooms and laboratories. She is a very active member of the Amherst

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Murder suspects get life in prison

By Jay Lindsay
Associated Press

BOSTON — The nightmares about his daughter's death stay with Bernie Nachiwey well after he wakes up. He says he hears the voice of his "little Jo" crying for help, even feels the stab wounds that killed her on a Boston railroad bridge.

"It's like a living death," he said. "It's like nothing anybody can ever know."

On Friday, a judge ordered the four men convicted of Jo Nachiwey's November 2001 murder to serve their mandatory life sentences at the state's maximum security prison in Walpole.

Ismael Vasquez, 27, his 23-year-old brother Luiz, Harold Parker, 31, and Scott Davenport, 31, were convicted Thursday of first-degree murder in the death of Nachiwey, once a promising language student from Hawaii who dropped out of community college and ended up homeless in Boston.

Prosecutors said the Vasquez brothers and Parker planned Nachiwey's death to send a message to rebellious members of the gang they recruited from among the young drifters who hung around Harvard Square. Davenport testified he did the actual stabbing after his life was threatened.

"These people are a disease in the human population and they need to be excised from the population of humanity," Bernie Nachiwey said in an emotional victim impact statement delivered by audiotape in Suffolk Superior Court on Friday.

Nachiwey's parents live in Hawaii and did not attend the trial because they said it would be too painful.

More than a dozen court officers were in the room for the sentencing and one stepped between Davenport and the others after Parker said several words in Davenport's direction. Davenport initially accused Parker of doing the stabbing.

Afterward, a relative of the Vasquez brothers who did not identify herself called the conviction an "injustice" and another criticized the brevity of jury deliberations, which defense attorneys also said was far too short to fairly decide the complicated case.

The jury deliberated about five hours after more than six weeks of testimony.

Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel Conley said the state simply had a compelling case.

"To say the jury didn't do their job, they didn't understand the facts, is way off base, in my opinion," he said.

Juror Todd Herriott, 35, a college administrator, said the panel took its job "very seriously."

"Whether it was five hours or five weeks I believe we would have come to the same conclusion. The evidence against all four defendants was overwhelming," he said.

Prosecutors said Nachiwey was murdered because her boyfriend had led a revolt within the ranks of the gang.

Davenport, a heroin addict, hooked up with the group earlier in the day because he knew they could get him drugs. He testified that he stabbed Nachiwey after Parker and Ismael Vasquez threatened to also kill him if he didn't.

Prosecutors said Luiz Vasquez silenced Nachiwey's screams by striking her in the head with nunchucks.

Two 21-year-old women accused of subduing Nachiwey while Davenport stabbed her, Ana White and Lauren Alleyne, pleaded guilty to manslaughter and testified against the men. White will be sentenced to 12 years while Alleyne will receive 12 to 15 years.

Jo Nachiwey grew up in Makawao, on the island of Maui, in a strict family where the girls weren't allowed to wear clothes that showed their legs. Jo's father picked her name because the two vowels were believed to be a powerful combination in his native language.

She was conversant in Russian, German and Italian and received a certificate for excellence in conversational Spanish from her high school. According to her resume, she hoped to use her language skills as a flight attendant.



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Luiz Vasquez, 23, listens to his sentence during the hearing last Friday. Vasquez and three others were sentenced to life in prison for first degree murder committed in 2001.

African speakers shed light on culture, elephants

By Cameron Metiner
Collegian Correspondent

Several lecturers spoke to students last Thursday in Southwest about four African countries, emphasizing the importance of culture and resources.

The first presenter, Alfred Kikoti, 34, who is from Tanzania, is studying African Elephant Ecology at the University of Massachusetts. Kikoti presented a brief history on Tanzania and the issues of women's right of the Maasai tribe. He showed pictures of varying Tanzanian landscapes and of Mount Kilimanjaro, which he says he has climbed 14 times. Kikoti mainly focused on his favorite thing in Tanzania, the elephants.

"I call them 'guys' because I admire them," he said.

Kikoti has been involved with the Kilimanjaro Elephant Research Center, which studies elephants outside of National Parks. He gave insights into the herd dynamics and the intelligence of elephants.

"The oldest female elephant is the one who leads the herd, they remember the most. If the herd loses her then they could be lost," he said. Kikoti also gave the crowd some interesting facts about them as well, "Mud to them is soap, and it's how they wash," he said.

Godfrey "Arnold" Ssali, from Uganda is studying Public Health and gave an in depth depiction of Uganda's history. Ssali concentrated on the problems that are facing Uganda at this time.

"1986 was the first reported case of AIDs, Uganda then started a crusade for behavioral change. We have progressed from 40 percent to four percent just from education," he said.

He was able to bring some facts about the historical struggle that Uganda experienced out into the open, describing Uganda as a proud and noble "warrior nation."

"Uganda is part of the Rift Valley and there is a great deal of resources, a typical day at the market is full of fruit," he said.

Ssali also focused some on the animal life in Uganda, "There are so many hippos and they are quite hot-tempered, there is also a rich bird population."

The next presenter was Doctor Mohmed Good who is the Resident Director of Prince/Crampton and received his doctorate in International Education from UMass Amherst. Good is from Somalia and was in the traditional dress of his country. He was able to bring a detailed political history of Somalia.

"There exists a deep connection between the three countries (Somalia, Ethiopia, and Republic of Djibouti), since they all come from the same people."

He spoke a great deal of the improvements of the country by the military, which took over in 1969.

"Eight-thousand military trucks were used for the literacy program to reach the rural areas."

Peter Asuzu, 22, is studying Electrical Engineering and is from Nigeria. Asuzu presented last and spoke mainly about Lagos, the capital of Nigeria and his hometown, the land and the people.

"Nigeria is just a little larger than Texas, with a population of 134 million, and so many people in that space you can guess the problems that we face," Asuzu said. He talked about famous athletes and his favorite artist in Nigeria.

"My favorite artist, Fela Kuti, did crazy stuff like he married 47 women and played concerts in his underwear." Asuzu concluded his presentation with mentioning that Hakeem "the dream" Olijuwan was from Nigeria.

The African presenters were organized by Roderick Anderson, a graduate student, and Arash Mashayekhi, a junior studying electrical engineering and is a Resident Assistant, they both live in the Prince/Crampton cluster.

The cluster is home to grad students and international students too.

"Every year there are 45 to 47 countries represented in the cluster and 38 U.S. states too. There is such a diverse population. That is why we started this program, this is something you can't learn in books," says Good.

GA toddlers found dead

WARRENTON, Ga (AP) — Two toddlers who were reported missing from their home over the weekend were found dead in an algae-covered sewage pond a few hundred yards away Monday after a two-day search.

The cause of death was not immediately disclosed, and Georgia Bureau of Investigation spokesman John Bankhead said it was not known whether the youngsters were the victims of foul play. Autopsies were planned.

Nicole Payne, 2, and her brother, Jonah, 3, were reported missing on Saturday from their lakeside house about 100 miles east of Atlanta. The children's mother called authorities to report that the toddlers vanished after she went into another room. Police said their mother found the front door open and the children gone.

Bankhead said green algae made it difficult to see the children when authorities first searched the 1 1/2-acre pond, situated at the end of road behind the family's house.

The pond — part of the city's sanitation system — is surrounded by a fence, but has several holes where a child could easily get through.

Police Chief Jim McClain said that earlier in the day Saturday, the children got out of the house. He said Nicole figured out how to unlock the front door and gate and left with Jonah at around 4 p.m. A neighbor returned the children a half-hour later, he said.

Authorities said Nicole needed a breathing machine daily and her brother was on medication for an unspecified condition.

On Sunday, agents from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation questioned the children's mother, Lottie Kain. Authorities said more than one person was given a polygraph test. They would not comment on the tests.

Up to 100 law enforcement officers searched for the youngsters, using heat-seeking devices, infrared radar at night and cadaver dogs. Searchers combed the woods, and divers looked in a lake.

The children's disappearance shocked and saddened people in Warrenton, a town of narrow, two-lane roads known mostly for the sweet potatoes at Jane's Restaurant.

Stephanie Johnson, walking with her 22-month old daughter, Ella, said she had been praying for the family.

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Spring is here!

Trees around the campus pond are in full bloom as spring weather invades UMass.

Security breach at Logan causes six flight delays

BOSTON (AP) — A security breach that forced the partial evacuation of a terminal at Logan International Airport on Monday was not a serious threat, officials said.

An unidentified woman was seen on a security tape entering the Terminal B boarding area through an exit around 11:10 a.m., Transportation Security Administration spokeswoman Ann Davis said.

The woman was a passenger who left the area, turned around and re-entered through the same exit, then left again 90 seconds later, she said.

"We suspect she walked back through the exit lane inadvertently," Davis said. "Nonetheless, we needed to take all precautions."

Airport security evacuated the American Airlines portion of the terminal to conduct a sweep. Passengers were re-screened before they were allowed to return to the boarding area around 2 p.m. A total of six flights were delayed.

Davis said the woman apparently left the airport after leaving through the exit door.

"We don't anticipate being able to identify her," she said.

—Associated Press



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A woman walks through a medal detector at Logan yesterday during a security breech.

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Spring snow blankets Ohio

By Andy Resnik
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — An unusual spring storm dumped nearly 2 feet of wet snow on parts of the Midwest and Appalachians, covering newly sprouting plants, snapping power lines and taking a bite out of baseball.

"We've been kind of spoiled because the weather was so nice last weekend," said Tina Adams, 37, who described about 18 inches of snow in her yard in the northeast Ohio town of Chardon. "The kids got to go outside, play baseball and now we're stuck inside again. It's like the seasons have reversed."

The two-day weekend storm brought temperatures as much as 25 degrees below the normal of around 60 as snow fell across parts of Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, eastern sections of Kentucky and Tennessee and western North Carolina.

Police in Indiana said snow-covered pavement contributed to two traffic deaths.

Northeastern Ohio was hardest hit, with 21 inches of snow in North Royalton, 15 in Solon and Tina Adams' 18 in Chardon. Cleveland got 12.4 inches including 1.6 inches Monday morning. Dozens of school districts closed in the area Monday because of slippery roads.

Up to 16 inches of wet snow had fallen on parts of Michigan's Thumb peninsula and Detroit's northern suburbs, the National Weather Service said. Wind gusting to 40 mph created drifts 3 and 4 feet high on the Thumb.

"A week ago we were wearing shorts and tank tops," said Misti Hunt, a bartender in the Thumb town of Bad Axe, where some roads were impassable Sunday evening.

In the Appalachians, 8 inches fell at Terra Alta, W.Va., more than double what was forecast. On Grandfather Mountain in western North Carolina about 5 inches of snow fell, the temperature dipped to 16 degrees and wind gusted to 139 mph, meteorologists said.

The weakened storm system headed toward the northeast on Monday and any additional snow accumulation was expected to be light.

The Detroit Tigers postponed two weekend home games against the Minnesota Twins because of the wretched weather.

The cold likely will harm some fruit trees, but perennials and planted garden seeds should be OK, experts said. Farmers were wary of the cold wave's effect on seed they planted early.



Associated Press

An Ohio resident trudges though wintry weather yesterday as an April snow storm blasts the area — dumping nearly two feet of snow.

Afghan drug lord apprehended in New York yesterday

NEW YORK (AP) — A reputed Afghan drug lord who authorities say operated with the protection of the Taliban has been captured and faces charges that he tried to smuggle more than $50 million worth of heroin into the United States, authorities said.

Bashir Noorzai, who is on the U.S. list of most-wanted drug kingpins, was ordered held without bail at his initial court appearance in Manhattan. If convicted, he could face a maximum sentence of life in prison.

The full circumstances of Noorzai's capture were not made public. Prosecutor Boyd Johnson told a judge that Drug Enforcement Administration agents arrested the defendant Saturday in New York, but he did not elaborate.

Noorzai, 44, wearing a full beard and a dark blue polo shirt, remained silent during the brief hearing. He was given a court-appointed attorney, David Greenfield, who declined to comment outside court.

Prosecutors say the smuggling attempt involved about 1,100 pounds of heroin.

U.S. Attorney David Kelley said that between 1990 and 2004, the defendant and his organization "provided demolitions, weapons and manpower to the Taliban."

"In exchange, the Taliban allowed Noorzai's business to flourish," he said.

The Taliban protected Noorzai's opium crops, its heroin laboratories in Afghanistan and Pakistan and its drug transportation routes out of the country, prosecutors said.

Last year, the White House added Noorzai and nine other people and organizations to the list of most wanted drug lords. The White House gave Noorzai's name as Haji Bashir Noorzai.

The Taliban militia had ruled Afghanistan until it was toppled by the United States in late 2001. Taliban-led militants are still operating along Afghanistan's mountainous eastern border with Pakistan.

Kelley refused to comment on reports that the defendant has ties to the al-Qaida terrorist network.

"It's not something that's part of the case," Kelley said.

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Correction

In yesterday's article featuring magician Andre Kole, the Collegian incorrectly quoted Kole as saying, "Jesus could have faked miracles." It should have read, "Jesus could not have faked miracles."

Harrington receives prestigious award

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community in which she has participated in many volunteer activities including the Make-A-Wish foundation and Shelter Sunday. She also volunteers at local nursing homes and for food, clothing, and toy drives.

As a member of the UMass Woman's Crew Team, which won their tenth consecutive Atlantic 10 Conference Championship on Saturday, Harrington has practice two times a day and races on the weekends which keeps her very busy.

In addition to all this Harrington also some how finds time to be a member of the Northampton Bridge Club, the Math Club, the Biological Sciences Club, play intramural softball, and still maintains a high GPA.

"I don't think most undergrads have had the opportunities I've had," said Harrington, "I'm rowing with an Olympic coach…conducting research and I'm an undergraduate grader for a calculus class. I really appreciate all of the support I've received from my professors and ONSA."

Bush discusses rising oil prices

By Jennifer Loven
Associated Press

CRAWFORD, Texas — President Bush on Monday pressed Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Abdullah to help curb skyrocketing oil prices that are hurting American families and businesses, and a top adviser said a Saudi plan to increase production would have an impact.

"When you increase the capacity by a significant amount, which they are talking about, that can't help but have a positive downward effect on prices," said Bush's national security adviser, Steve Hadley.

As Bush and Abdullah met for several hours at the president's ranch, the Saudis presented a plan — outlined last week in a speech by Saudi Oil Minister Ali Naimi — to increase production capacity to 12.5 million barrels per day by 2009 from the current 11 million limit.

If necessary, Saudi Arabia would eventually develop a capacity of 15 million barrels per day. The kingdom now pumps about 9.5 million barrels daily.

The talks also included Middle East peace initiatives, the pace of democratic change in the desert kingdom and counterterror efforts.

But the president, aware that record-high gas prices are hurting his popularity, put that issue at the top of the agenda.

"The crown prince understands that it is very important ... to make sure that the price is reasonable," Bush told reporters as he and Vice President Dick Cheney awaited the arrival of the Saudi officials.

Bush said he would appeal to Abdullah's self-interest, telling him that persistent high crude prices could erode the long-term market for Saudi Arabia's biggest source of revenue. He said he would urge Saudi Arabia to make the necessary investment to increase its production capacity, especially in light of the fast-growing, energy-gobbling markets in China and India.

"A high oil price will damage markets, and he knows that. I look forward to talking to him about that," the president said. "We'll talk about his country's capacity."

The president then pivoted to the domestic scene, prodding the Senate to follow the House and pass the comprehensive energy strategy he supports. "Now is the time for something to happen," Bush said.

Abdullah and his small entourage were nearly a half-hour late. Bush gave Saudi Arabia's de facto ruler a warm embrace and a kiss on both cheeks in welcome. Bush kept a firm, guiding grip on his guest's hand as they walked up the path, past a field of bluebonnets that the president took care to point out, to a new office building on a corner of the sprawling ranch.

Bush's goal of spreading democracy across the Arab world faces a difficult test in Saudi Arabia, a longtime ally ruled by a monarchy.



Associated Press

The war of the beers

Stacked cases of Busch Light and Milwaukee Best Light are seen in a local liquor store. Just as the war over light beers has reached a fever pitch, Miller Brewing Co. has decided to open a new front in the economy beer segment. Anheuser/Busch Inc. currently rakes in 53 percent of the beer market.

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Commuter rail crash kills dozens in Japan

By Mari Yamaguchi
Associated Press

AMAGASAKI, Japan — Investigators focused on excessive speed and a 23-year-old train driver's lack of experience after a crowded commuter train jumped the rails on a curve Monday and plowed into an apartment building, causing Japan's deadliest rail accident in four decades.

Rescuers worked into the night trying to free survivors from twisted rail carriages left when the train hit the nine-story building's parking garage, killing at least 57 people and injuring 441. It was not clear if any bystanders or apartment residents were among the victims.

Early Tuesday, rescuers working under floodlights pulled out a conscious but seriously injured 46-year-old woman and took her to a hospital, police official Hiroshi Yamatani said.

Two men were trapped in the same car. They were conscious and receiving emergency medical care but rescuers were hampered by worries about leaked fuel, said Shuhei Matsuda, an Amagasaki fire department official. Others also were caught in the wreckage and feared dead.

Distraught people rushed to hospitals looking for relatives who might have been injured or killed.

Takamichi Hayashi said his elder brother, 19-year-old Hiroki, might be among those still in the wreck. He said Hiroki had called their mother twice on a mobile phone from inside one of the train cars hours after the crash but remained unaccounted for.

"He told my mother: 'I'm in pain. I'm not going to make it,'" Hayashi said.

Jammed with 580 passengers, the seven-car train derailed at 9:18 a.m. on a curve near Amagasaki, about 250 miles west of Tokyo, then plowed through an automobile and slammed into the wall of the building's parking garage. Two of the five derailed train cars were flattened and one was bent around a corner of the building.

Officials said no cause had been ruled out but added that investigators suspected speed and the driver's less than a year on the job.

The driver — identified as Ryujiro Takami, 23 — was unaccounted for.

He got his train operator's license last May. A month later, he overshot a station and was issued a warning, railway officials and police said. Passengers said he also stopped too far past a station platform Monday just before the crash.

Tsunemi Murakami, safety director for train operator West Japan Railway Co., said it had not been determined how fast the train was traveling.



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Extensive debris litters the city of Amagaski, Japan after a massive commuter train crash. The commuter rail is believed to have jumped off the track, killing at least 71 people.

Suspect denies September 11 affiliation

By Daniel Woolls
Associated Press

MADRID, Spain — The man accused of leading a Spanish al-Qaida cell denied charges he helped organize the Sept. 11 attacks by arranging a final planning meeting, telling judges Monday he had nothing to do with that act of "terrible savagery."

Imad Yarkas, the main suspect in Spain's case against al-Qaida, described himself as a hardworking father of six who struggled to make ends meet.

He took the stand on Day 2 of the trial of 24 terror suspects — Europe's biggest court case against radical groups with alleged ties to Osama bin Laden's terror network. If convicted, he faces a symbolic sentence of almost 75,000 years in prison — 25 years for each of the nearly 3,000 people killed in the 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Two alleged accomplices also face charges that they helped plot the Sept. 11 attacks, and 21 others are charged with belonging to a terrorist group, illegal weapons possession and other offenses.

Yarkas, arrested in November 2001, denied leading a cell of radical Muslims with ties to al-Qaida, or knowing two of the alleged Sept. 11 ringleaders.

Yarkas, 42, a Syrian-born Spanish citizen, was questioned about a Spanish indictment that accused him of arranging a July 2001 meeting in the Tarragona region of northeast Spain where suicide pilot Mohammed Atta and purported Sept. 11 operations coordinator Ramzi bin al-Shibh allegedly discussed the final details.

Prosecutor Pedro Rubira provided no evidence. He simply asked Yarkas if he arranged such a meeting.

Yarkas said he had not. "I don't know Ramzi bin al-Shibh. I don't know Mohammed Atta," he said.

He called the Sept. 11 attacks "terrible savagery," adding: "I didn't have anything to do with it."

Yarkas also was asked about an August 2001 telephone conversation in which a Moroccan associate allegedly called him from London and said people he knew "had entered the area of aviation and had even slashed the throat of the bird," according to a translation from Arabic contained in the September 2003 indictment against Yarkas.

The judge in charge of the terror investigation, Baltasar Garzon, has said the conversation suggests that the Moroccan, identified as Farid Hilali, was involved in the Sept. 11 plot to hijack airliners. Hilali remains jailed in Britain fighting extradition to Spain.

Pope Benedict XVI meets with Muslim community Monday

By Nicole Winfield
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — A day after reaching out to other Christians and to Jews in his installation Mass, Pope Benedict XVI met Monday with members of the Muslim community, assuring them the church wanted to continue building "bridges of friendship" that he said could foster peace in the world.

Benedict made the comments while meeting with religious leaders who attended Sunday's installation ceremony, saying he was particularly grateful that members of the Muslim community were present.

"I express my appreciation for the growth of dialogue between Muslims and Christians, both at the local and international level," he said.

He noted that the world is marked by conflicts but longs for peace.

"Yet peace is also a duty to which all peoples must be committed, especially those who profess to belong to religious traditions," he said. "Our efforts to come together and foster dialogue are a valuable contribution to building peace on solid foundations.

"It is therefore imperative to engage in authentic and sincere dialogue, built on respect for the dignity of every human person, created as we Christians firmly believe, in the image and likeness of God," he said.

Later, Benedict kiddingly told an audience of German pilgrims that at one point during the conclave he viewed the idea of being elected pope as a "guillotine," and he prayed to God to be spared selection.

"As the trend in the ballots slowly made me realize that — in a manner of speaking, the guillotine would fall on me — I started to feel quite dizzy," a smiling Benedict said, clearly joking. "I thought that I had done my life's work and could now hope to live out my days in peace. I told the Lord with deep conviction, 'Don't do this to me.'"

Speaking in his native German, Benedict, 78, told the audience that a cardinal slipped him a note of paper reminding him what he had preached about Christ calling Peter to follow him even if he did not want to go.

"Evidently, this time he didn't listen to me," the pontiff said.

Benedict was interrupted several times by applause and cheering, and he seemed to enjoy the welcome from his countrymen, smiling and chuckling. He apologized for being late, saying the meeting with the religious leaders had been "heartfelt" and had gone late.

"The Germans are used to punctuality," he joked. "I'm already very Italian."

The Vatican did not say which Muslim leaders attended the meeting, which was closed to the press.

It did release a list of those who attended Sunday's Mass, including Saeed Taghavi, head of the office of religious minorities in Iran's culture ministry, and the head of Rome's central mosque.



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Pope Benedict XVI speaks to a crowd of thousands Sunday during his first papal ceremony. The Pope spoke yesterday to the Muslim community.

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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A new look at Lombardi

David Lawrence

It seems that every time we read an article about the SGA's doings, some high-ranking member is releasing a statement opposing whatever Chancellor Lombardi is up to. In fact, if you knew of only students' actions and statements, you'd think our Chancellor had some secret vendetta against them.

Believe it or not, he doesn't.

As the man in charge here at UMass, the well-being and success of the students is actually among Lombardi's top priorities. It is part of his job description. He has had the best interest of UMass students in mind whenever he has made a decision or recommendation or even, as he is most recently noted for, when he issued his Chancellor's draft plan for diversity.

You may have recently been told that Lombardi has plans to take over the SGA, the Collegian, WMUA and every other RSO on campus. You've probably read or heard the comments of SGA leaders claiming that Lombardi is "tackling the SGA." At the GEO rally last week, one ill-informed speaker proclaimed that the plan gave Vice Chancellor Gargano control of all the RSOs. This is a rumor which has no basis; it simply isn't true. The source of this rumor is a misreading of Lombardi's recent first draft action plan.

The administration and the student government are both on the same team; there is no need for the high level of animosity that we have seen lately.

In the plan, he calls for these organizations to develop new diversity programs, and sets up a system to ensure their implementation, but he does not, by any means, request control of them. Though organizations would receive extra money from the administration to implement diversity protocols and would be formally given a new administrative office, the SGA would still keep all of its existing financial control. This is hardly "tackling the SGA."

Ironically, it is the SGA that has been tackling Lombardi. They seem to be under the impression that Lombardi is not fighting for the students just as hard as they are, but instead, fighting against the students. The administration and the student government are both organizations charged with the task of helping students. The administration and the student government are both on the same team; there is no need for the high level of animosity that we have seen lately.

Unfortunately, some members of the SGA seem to think that they are fighting against Lombardi. They talk like they aren't on the same team as him and they act like they aren't fighting for the same things that he is. These students come up with all manner of ways to criticize him, and it is getting out of hand.

You've probably also heard that Lombardi and the administration are racist or discriminatory. I've read these comments several times and it seems to be the accepted opinion among some members of the SGA and campus at large that our good Chancellor just has it out for minorities. The example that is commonly brought up is the "International Student Fee" debacle of last year.

There was never anything wrong with the International Student Fee, we should get that straight. The administration didn't care if you were black, white, gay or straight: if you were from outside the U.S., you paid an additional fee for your time here at UMass Amherst and that was that. It was analogous to the ongoing discrimination against non-Massachusetts residents that we give the euphemism "out-of-state tuition."

I am from out of state, and just like every other out-of-state student, regardless of my ethnicity or sexual preference, I pay an additional fee for my time here at UMass Amherst because I am from outside of Massachusetts. It is not geographic "discrimination." There is nothing wrong with charging higher fees for out-of-state students, and there was nothing wrong with charging higher fees for International students (who are by definition also from out-of-state, incidentally). The IS fee should not reflect poorly on Lombardi or the administration, but somehow it is brought up in the context of anti-Lombardi sentiments.

The result of the confrontational stance the SGA has taken with Lombardi is a significant reduction of the group's overall power. You see, the SGA's ability to doll out money to the RSOs isn't all that significant in terms of campus politics. What is significant is their position as the student conduit to the administration, and the student voice to the outside world in general. When the SGA severs itself from the administration with wild claims of discrimination or hostile takeovers, they destroy their own credibility. Without credibility as an organization, the level of influence the group holds with the administration is significantly reduced.

The good news is that Lombardi, as someone who is trying his best to improve life for the students, sincerely wants to work with the SGA and the students in general. He has demonstrated this recently by showing extreme patience and openness with the moves he has made surrounding the diversity commission; extending deadlines and opening himself up to students. If group members start playing like they are on his team, I'm sure he'll be more than willing to play their game. Without a doubt, that is the healthiest and most efficient way to really get things done for all of the students here at UMass.

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Uniformity dangerous in 'The O.C.'

Samantha Sharac

Aside from its shallowness and materialism, "The O.C." seems to misrepresent men and women, particularly women, during its one-hour show time. "The O.C." is by no means a realistic documentary of Orange County, Calif. "The O.C." is intended to be entertaining.

"The O.C." centers around characters with an abundance of wealth and privilege. The underprivileged in this Orange County are the poor and overweight. People of color seem to be invisible in the show. Senior citizens are also excluded. All the women showcased in this show are thin and white while the men are also white as well as muscular and tall.

Why is a show that excludes the populations who are over 55, middle class or poor, overweight and non-white, seem to be such popular entertainment?

Entertainment is often unrealistic and usually tries to imitate or create appealing fantasies. Entertainment is art that aims to please the audience. Why are the images of "The O.C." considered to be entertaining? Are images of thin WASPs really that fantastic for so many people that they just cannot seem to wait for the next episode of "The O.C.?"

In 2005, there is a hope that casting directors will ensure that more "average" people would be included in a television show. It is unfortunate that so many people have to be excluded for a show to be deemed entertaining.

The lead female character Marissa, played by Mischa Barton is, I believe, a horrible portrayal of a young, contemporary American woman. Barton is extremely thin and also often underdressed. Fox should consider more appropriate attire for Barton's waiflike body. First, Barton may catch pneumonia. Second, and more importantly, it would be creditable for Fox to require Barton to cover up, say her razor-sharp collarbone for example, for the sake of the young, impressionable females who watch the show.

Young females may understand that the emaciated looks of Barton and other sickly entertainers are not necessarily real. However, women with low self-esteem and body dissatisfaction are prone to eating disorders, often anorexia nervosa and bulimia. Such diseases also have psychological consequences and such emotions usually override one's rationality of what's real.

Having watched "The O.C." for the first and last time, I find that Marissa's contribution to the plot of the story is of mostly nonverbal actions of smiling, blinking and staring.

Barton's character epitomizes the negative images of women in the media; especially the nonverbal and simplistic plots. Her attribute to the storyline is that of few words. Marissa rarely pursues her own goals; rather she places her attention on being a helper for others. What a revolutionary media figure for women.

The character that she plays is a terrible stereotype of a young, modern woman. Barton's character Marissa lacks intelligence as well as the means of supporting herself. Marissa is most often helping the male figures in her life, sometimes by looking pretty or standing in the background with an expression of perplexity.

To improve the representations of people, Fox could introduce some creditable roles to "The O.C.," among other television shows. Fox could include more diverse characters in the lineup. Additionally, in between Marissa's stares and references to popular culture, Fox could possibly tackle the concept of developing Marissa into a more verbal, thinking figure. Now that would be good entertainment.

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Students can degrade UMass

Stacy Kasdin

This is my senior year of college. I'm graduating in a month. At first, the thought of graduating terrified me; the thought of moving into an apartment where I'll have to clean my own bathroom; the thought of having to cook all my own meals and more importantly, finding a job where I'll make enough money to purchase the food for my meals, not to mention pay my rent. However, things are pulling together. I have a job interview lined up for May in my destination city of choice. I've become quite adept at bargain shopping. Most importantly, whether I'm ready or not to move into the real world, I am certainly ready to leave college, because the more I witness some of the ridiculous things that occur on this campus, the more I realize I'm sick and tired of this crap.

The first mistake I made pertaining to my senior year of college was staying on campus. Nearly every night I am kept awake by people setting off fireworks outside my building, dumpsters being knocked over or police sirens chasing these those people down. On calmer nights, I'm simply kept awake by my hallmates, who choose to have loud conversations directly outside my door, despite the fact that they have a perfectly good empty dorm room in which these conversations could take place. If you want to stay up late and have a good time, fine, but don't keep up those of us who are trying to sleep.

As for those using their evenings for destruction of property, well, it's not funny. The money being spent to replace the burnt trash cans, the couches that get thrown off the balconies; the money spent to strengthen the police forces and security on campus is money that is being taken away from our educational programs. If we stopped destroying this university, maybe we could give it a chance to improve.

We complain that our lounges don't open up until mid-spring semester. Well why should a room be opened when its sole purpose will be a place to throw things from? Furthermore, this isn't only disturbing the peace and costing massive amounts of money, but it is an extreme safety hazard. Suppose someone is walking below when that couch goes flying off the balcony. I know for a fact people have been walking below balconies and gotten lit cigarettes thrown into their hair. A couch would hurt a lot more than a cigarette.

So we've established a lack of respect for the school's property. The second sickening thing I've noticed on this campus is the lack of respect many students have for each other and themselves. I enjoy a glass of wine or a mudslide now and then, but I don't understand how people can allow themselves to get so drunk they would think nothing of urinating in the middle of a public hallway, or worse, some stranger's dorm room that was accidentally left unlocked.

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This has occurred on multiple occasions in this semester alone. I've returned to my dorm on more than one occasion to find someone vomiting all over the grass people sit out on during sunny days. What is so great about being drunk that it's worth risking your health, your dignity and your relationships with your fellow students?

That brings me to a Web site that was recently brought to my attention. This site, umassboobs.com, is not affiliated with the University, but with our school's nickname in its address I feel it represents us in some way. As of Sunday, April 24, this site boasts 27 topless photos of female UMass students, some of which include those student's faces. I've seen the "Girl's Gone Wild" commercials, and I always comment on how I don't understand what compels these women to degrade themselves for five seconds of fame.

This is not the same as being a porn star or a stripper because, while they are not professions I would personally pursue, they are professions nonetheless. They are getting paid. These young women are not getting paid. They are simply exposing themselves to whoever wants to look (and those who'd rather not). It pains me to think that many who read this column and see that Web site address will not be outraged but enthralled, will not visit the site to post a complaint on their "shout out," page but to ogle at these women and their lack of self-respect.

I'm not losing hope in the University. I know there are a lot of construction plans for improvement to take place over the next few years. I sincerely hope these lovely sounding new buildings are not destroyed with fires and urine stains. I hope the lot of students engaging in the destruction of their campus and themselves get their acts together and realize that nothing good can come of this behavior. I hope everything works out for the best, but right now, listening to the dumpsters being toppled over outside my window, I'm sure glad I won't be here to witness it, for better or worse.

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The Hookah revolution

Yousef Munayyer

You may have seen them on campus and you may even be smoking out of one right now. The hookah, also known as the argile, shisha, nargile, hubbly-bubbly and so on, has caught fire on this campus like a freshly lit coal.

Perhaps some of you have no idea what I'm talking about. The hookah is a water pipe used to smoke flavored tobacco (or other things, but what you do with your hookah is your business). Its origins are not quite clear. We can say with some degree of certainty that it originates somewhere between India and Iran, but exactly where is unsure. It is evident that the hookah met the western world through the Ottoman Empire, which ruled over much of the Arab lands in which the Hookah was popular.

In the 19th century, it became very much a symbol of the east. The pipe fascinated orientalists coming from the west, frequently documenting its presence in their travel logs. It became so fashionable at one point that pictures could not be taken unless the hookah was present. It was to be recorded as part of a culture, part of a people.

It all hit me earlier this month on the first sunny day. Like animals that have grown tired of hibernation, everyone was outdoors in bathing suits and shorts, even though it was only 60 degrees. Yet there, spread out in between clumps of sunbathers were several hookahs. The hookah revolution is here.

Today that fashion craze is back. It started up again within the last 10 years. I am not quite sure how it happened, but I watched it evolve. I remember a few years ago when friends of mine and I were spotted on campus with one; we were looked at as if we were walking around with the Holy Grail. People would frequently stop by and ask what it is and ask to smoke, once their skepticism wore off.

Now this is no longer the case. In the few years I have been at this University, I have watched the boom happen right here in what is surely a microcosm of hookah culture worldwide. Surely this is tied to marijuana culture and its popularity on college campuses, but the hookah revolution has spread further then the grassy hippie-filled fields of universities.

The hookah is now present in many Arab American households. It has become a way to symbolize the heritage. It has become a way to hang on to what you are so far away from. In fact, the hookah in the Arab household has also become a fashion statement. Much like "The Da Vinci Code" in the trendy-posing-as-educated white homes, if you cannot find a hookah in an Arab house, their authenticity as Arabs may be questioned.

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Unfortunately, it saddens me. It saddens me that the hookah has become the ambassador of Arab culture. It is not even originally Arab, though it is widely popular in the Arab world today. Hookahs, along with belly dancers, have become the symbols of Arab culture in America today. The civilization, which brought the world the Arabic numeral system and algebra; preserved Greek philosophy for centuries and developed chemistry and medicine while Europe was in the dark, is now represented here in the U.S., not by these accomplishments, but rather by scantily clad dancing women and smoking devices.

These accomplishments of ancient Arab civilization are centuries old, yet modern Arab civilization has a rich culture filled with literature, art and music, all which are drowned out by the hubbly-bubbly.

Part of the blame for this lies on Arab Americans who struggle to assimilate with American culture and are thrilled by the attention they get when some one is inquiring about their "bong" or about a woman that can shake. Arabs here in the United States have an obligation to be ambassadors of a proud culture and cannot allow the demands of a culture driven by consumerism and sexuality to affect the message they carry into the western world.

The hookah revolution is the resurrection of an unhealthy trend. Surely it offers a glimpse of the east, but only as well as a cigarette defines western culture to the rest of the world. On college campuses, there is a slightly higher understanding of Arabs then in the rest of the country. In many places around this country, Arabs are still seen as rag wearing terrorists, yet at universities, they are symbolized by hookahs and dancing women.

I am by no means asking anyone to give up his or her hookah. That would just be terrible. Yet, it is our duty, Arabs and Americans alike, as the future of educated America, to change the stereotypes about Arab culture and broaden the understanding of foreign lands here at home.

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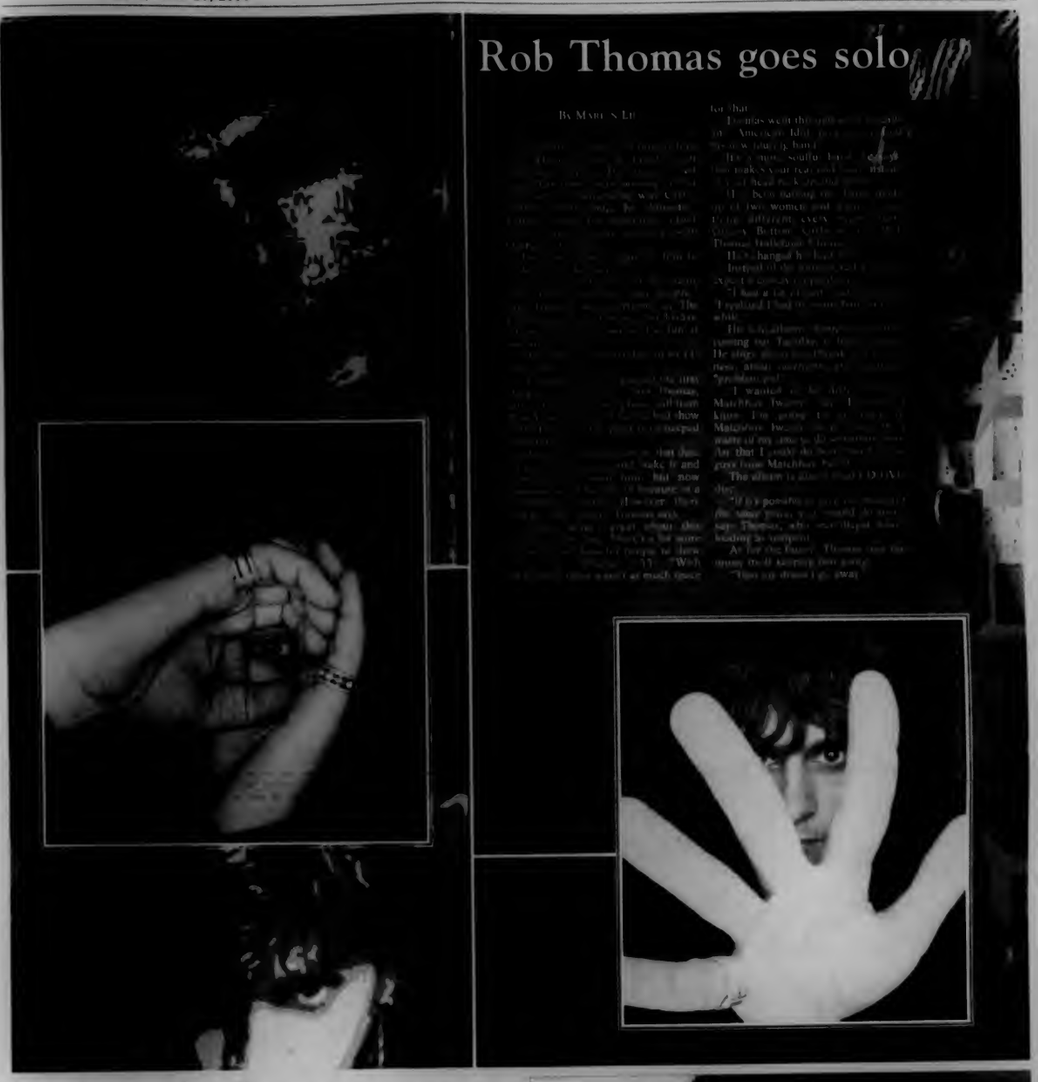
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Rob Thomas goes solo

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Grab a pole: Striptease comes to the gym circuit with heat

By Vikki Ortiz
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

CHICAGO — The girls had been waiting, so when Antonio Coke arrived, he went straight to the corner of the aerobics studio, popped in a sultry CD and hurriedly pushed a large, square platform with a silver pole to the front of the room.

"Welcome," said Coke, a 5-foot-8, 180-pound dance and fitness instructor with muscles bulging out of his sleeveless T-shirt.

"Everyone got a pole?"

Poles are a necessity for this class, called Cardio Striptease and offered every Monday night at Crunch Fitness, a trendy Lincoln Park neighborhood gym. The class promises a rigorous workout using sexy moves, naughty looks and sensual choreography. Stripper bodies and layered clothing are optional, but participants also shouldn't be surprised when Coke hands out feather boas.

For years, Cardio Striptease has been wildly popular at the fitness chain's New York, Miami and Los Angeles branches, fueled in part by the publicity gained when celebrity Carmen Electra took an interest in the workouts. But it was discontinued at the Orange County, Calif., Crunch because the area's conservative clients weren't, well, turned on by the trend. Management at Chicago's flagship Crunch gym worried people in the buttoned-up Midwest might be reluctant as well.

Nope.

Since the Chicago Cardio Striptease classes began last year, there routinely have been anywhere from 20 to 30 people of all sizes, mostly women, thrusting their pelvises and crawling on the floor in each class. Participants are encouraged to slap their booties, use "come hither" gestures and crawl between each other's legs. At a recent class, Coke taught participants several sets of eight-count moves, one of which culminated with all participants on their backs, legs in the air, spread eagle.

"It's a huge workout," said Alexis Leventhal, a 24-year-old high school teacher and Cardio Striptease regular. "It's like a dance class, just a little bit sexier."

Her friend and fellow teacher, Carolyn Briggs-Gaul, 32, said she's told some of her students about the class, which she sees as a lighthcarted way to get into shape.

"You see yourself in the mirror doing all these crazy moves and you end up laughing half the time," Briggs-Gaul said.

Coke said he makes up most class routines spontaneously. He's never had any professional dance training, except for a few months in New York when he worked as a stripper to help pay the bills.

The classes are just one of many innovative group lessons that Crunch, which boasts the motto "No Judgments", offers. The class before Cardio Striptease is called "Bounce," where members work out on mini-trampolines to music. On Sunday mornings, there's "Gospel Aerobics," in which a full gospel choir serenades a sweating exercise group.

"People are just waiting for something like this to come along, and they say, 'Finally, I can come out of the box,' " said Richard Marshall, the 36-year-old general manager of the Lincoln Park Crunch, of the classes.

Shae Bitton, 22, almost could have passed for a shy girl, sitting quietly by herself on a bench outside the Crunch aerobics studio before a recent Cardio Striptease class started.

Moments later, Bitton was dancing and whipping her shoulder-length brown hair from side to side. The TV sales rep said she was lured into the class because she missed dancing, which she did for most of her childhood. After one Cardio Striptease class, Britton said she was hooked.

"Oh, yeah," she said. "This will be my Monday ritual."



Model actress Carmen Electra made headlines when she began endorsing Striptease workouts through her own video excercise series. She helped the new trend take residence in cities like New York and Miami.

Kidman and Penn flourish but 'Interpreter' lacks cohesiveness

By Jake Monte
Collegian Correspondent

Sean Penn seems like he's at his best when he's playing a thug, or a character with a well-developed dark side, but in "The Interpreter," he proves he can play an "everyman" just as well.

Penn plays Tobin Keller, an FBI agent assigned to investigate a mysterious U.N. interpreter, Sylvia Broome (Nicole Kidman), who claims she has heard the inklings of an assassination attempt on President Zuwanni, an African head of state. When the assassins begin to threaten the life of Broome, Keller is forced to unravel her mysterious origins and political persuasions. Broome's past is full of skeletons in the closet, one of which includes her brother, who is murdered in Matabo, Africa in the early part of the film.

"The Interpreter"
Directed by Sydney Pollack
Starring Nicole Kidman Sean Penn
Universal Studios
Rated PG-13
Grade C

The script is written by veterans Scott Frank, Charles Randolph, and Steven Zaillian. Scott Frank wrote "Dead Again and Get Shorty". Steven Zaillian wrote "Schindler's List", "Searching for Bobby Fisher", and countless other successful films. The writing has the tightness that bespeaks of old pros but the characters don't push the story along as much as the writers do. Keller believes Broome is lying about the assassination plot, but this doesn't jive with how smart we know Keller to be. We know she's telling the truth, so why doesn't he? It's the little contrivances that make this story just shy of really being impressive.

Director Sydney Pollack, who you may remember ruined the promise of "The Firm", proves he can make the same mistakes twice.

"The Firm" was stylized when it shouldn't have been and the climax was a mess. You know those films that just seem to have materialized on the screen, so effortless and natural, as if they were never acted in or directed? "The Interpreter" isn't one of them. The story doesn't move of it's own accord, the director pushes it. In the final act of "The Interpreter", which is a little too similar to "In the Line of Fire", Pollack employs about ten quick flash-back scenes that feel forced and incompetent. It is like a director stuttering and asking over and over, "Does it make sense yet?"

This last half-hour is the worst part of the film. The very last scene feels glued on like an afterthought post-It note. The best aspect of the film, however, and reason enough to see it, is a centerpiece involving a host of characters from different sides all boarding the same bus as Broome. It is a very suspenseful scene partly because Kidman plays it with a steely persona masking her obvious inner angst. It is brilliant acting as is the rest of her portrayal, and the sequence is superb.

The message of the film is very good. Broome sums it up when she says, "Vengeance is a lazy form of grief." "The Interpreter" is every bit worth seeing, but you may feel you've just seen a very good film ruined by the director and screenwriters who can't seem to step aside and let the movie do what it should do best: just be.



Nicole Kidman portrays Sylvia Broome, a U.N. interpreter who receives a chilling phone call about a plot against an African head of state. Sean Penn, usually the bad guy in films, stars opposite Kidman as an FBI agent.

Overcoming test anxiety: we can survive the end of semester

You've participated in class, done all of your homework, studied hard, and you think you have a grip on the material. But then the day of the test comes. Suddenly, you blank out, freeze up, zone out, or feel so nervous that you can't get it together to respond to those questions you knew the answers to just last night.

If this sounds like you, you may have a case of test anxiety, that nervous feeling that people sometimes get when they're about to take a test.

It's pretty normal to feel a little nervous and stressed before a test, just about everyone does. And a touch of nervous anticipation can actually help you get revved and keep you at peak performance while you're taking the test. But for some people, this normal anxiety is more intense. The nervousness they feel before a test can be so strong that it interferes with their concentration or performance.

WHAT IS TEST ANXIETY?

Test anxiety is actually a type of performance anxiety, a feeling someone might have in a situation where performance really counts or when the pressure's on to do well.

Like other situations in which a person might feel performance anxiety, test anxiety can bring on "butterflies," a stomachache, or a tension headache. Some people might feel shaky, sweaty or feel their heart beating quickly as they wait for the test to be given out. A student with really strong test anxiety may even feel like he or she might pass out or throw up.

Test anxiety is not the same as doing poorly on a certain test because your mind is on something else. Most people know that having other things on their minds, such as a breakup or the death of someone close, can also interfere with their concentration and prevent them from doing their best on a test.

WHAT CAUSES IT?

All anxiety is a reaction to anticipating something stressful. Like other anxiety reactions, test anxiety affects the body and the mind. When you're under stress, your body releases the hormone adrenaline, which prepares it for danger (you may hear this referred to as the "fight or flight" reaction). That's what causes the physical symptoms, such as sweating, a pounding heart and rapid breathing. These sensations might be mild or intense.

Focusing on the bad things that could happen also fuels test anxiety. For example, someone worrying about doing poorly might think thoughts like, "What if I forget everything I know?" or "What if the test is too hard?" Too many thoughts like these leave no mental space for thinking about the test questions. People with test anxiety can also feel stressed out by their physical reaction and think things like "What if I throw up?" or "Oh no, my hands are shaking."

Just like other types of anxiety, test anxiety can create a vicious circle: The more a person focuses on the bad things that could happen, the stronger the feeling of anxiety becomes. This makes the person feel worse and, because his or her head is full of distracting thoughts and fears, it can increase the possibility that the person will do worse on the test.

WHO'S LIKELY TO HAVE TEST ANXIETY?

People who worry a lot or who are perfectionists are more likely to have trouble with test anxiety. People with these traits sometimes find it hard to accept mistakes they might make or to get anything less than a perfect score. In this way, even without meaning to, they might really pressure themselves. Test anxiety is bound to thrive in a situation like this.

Students who aren't prepared for tests but who care about doing well are also likely to experience test anxiety. If you know you're not prepared, it's a no-brainer to realize that you'll be worried about doing poorly. People can feel unprepared for tests for several reasons: They may not have studied enough, they may find the material difficult, or perhaps they feel tired because didn't get enough sleep the night before.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Test anxiety can be a real problem when someone is so stressed out over a test that he or she can't get past the nervousness to focus on the test questions and do his or her best work. Feeling ready to meet the challenge, though, can keep test anxiety at a manageable level.

Use a little stress to your advantage. Stress is your body's warning mechanism — it's a signal that helps you prepare for something important that's about to happen. So use it to your advantage. Instead of reacting to the stress by dreading, complaining or fretting about the test with friends, take an active approach. Let stress remind you to study well in advance of a test. Chances are, you'll keep your stress from spinning out of control. After all, nobody ever feels stressed out by thoughts that they might do well on a test.

Ask for help. Although a little test anxiety can be a good thing, an overdose of it is another story entirely. If sitting for a test gets you so stressed out that your mind goes blank and causes you to miss answers that you know, then your level of test anxiety probably needs some attention. Your teacher, your adviser or a tutor can be useful resources to talk to if you always get extreme test anxiety.

Be prepared. Some students think that going to class is all it should take to learn and do well on tests. But there's much more to learning than just hoping to soak everything up in class. That's why good study habits and skills are so important, and why no amount of cramming or studying the night before a test can take the place of the deeper level of learning that happens over time with regular study.

Watch what you're thinking. If expecting to do well on a test can help you relax, what about when people expect they won't do well? Watch out for any negative messages you might be sending yourself about the test. They can contribute to your anxiety.

If you find yourself thinking negative thoughts ("I'm never any good at taking tests," or "It's going to be terrible if I do badly on this test"), replace them with positive messages. Not unrealistic positive messages, of course, but ones that are practical and true, such as "I've studied hard and I know the material, so I'm ready to do the best I can." (Of course, if you haven't studied, this message won't help!)

Accept mistakes. Another thing you can do is to learn to keep mistakes in perspective, especially if you're a perfectionist or you tend to be hard on yourself. Everyone makes mistakes, and you may have even heard teachers or coaches refer to mistakes as "learning opportunities." Learning to tolerate small failures and mistakes, like that one problem you got wrong in the math pop quiz, is a valuable skill.

Take care of yourself. It can help to learn ways to calm yourself down and get centered when you're tense or anxious. For some people, this might mean learning a simple breathing exercise. Practicing breathing exercises regularly (when you're not stressed out) helps your body see these exercises as a signal to relax.

And, of course, taking care of your health, such as getting enough sleep, exercise, and healthy eats before a test, can help keep your mind working at its best.

Everything takes time and practice, and learning to beat test anxiety is no different. Although it won't go away overnight, facing and dealing with test anxiety will help you learn stress management, which can prove to be a valuable skill in many situations besides taking tests.

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Many factors contribute to test anxiety and end of semester stress. With finals creeping up, being prepared for the exams, as well as the stress they bring with them, will be a sure-fire way to minimize anxiety.



A true Jack of all trades

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the school home run record is, her teammates and coach understand the significance of setting a career record in only her junior year.

"She might not think it's a big deal, but we all think it is," junior pitcher Jenna Busa says. "She came into this program as a freshman and took charge. She started every game her freshman year. She was very successful right off the bat. It was very exciting for us to see her break the record."

"Any records that have been standing for a while are obviously worth breaking," coach Elaine Sortino says. "It means that we're still getting great players here, because Brandi Cross and Scooter Wheeler were great players in this program. I think it's a sign of how much she's worked on her hitting. She's really come a long way since her freshman year."

Setting a school home run record was nothing new for Kelley. The Rainier, Oregon native set the school record at Rainier High School with 20 career home runs.

Establishing the home run record only highlighted an incredible high school career. Kelley was a four-time All-COWAPA League selection and won the league MVP as a senior. Kelley was also a three-time All-State pick and was a finalist for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award. Perhaps Kelley's most amazing feat in high school was becoming the first athlete ever to win three COWAPA League MVP awards in one year, as she won the award for basketball and volleyball as well.

Obviously with such an illustrious high school career Kelley was a highly touted recruit, and Sortino knew she was exactly the type of player she wanted to build her program around.

"I thought when we recruited her we recruited a prolific hitter," Sortino says. "I met with her on July 1, the first time we can have off-campus contact. I was one of several coaches that talked to her that day. She liked me and I liked her and that was about it."

When Kelley arrived at UMass Sortino played her at third base. Kelley manned the hot corner for her first two years, but after catcher Jamie Cahalan graduated, Sortino knew she would need to find a new catcher this year.

Knowing she would need a strong leader behind the plate, Sortino decided to move Kelley to catcher, even though she had never played the position. While Kelley says the change was an adjustment, she has played like a seasoned veteran behind the dish.

"It's a big difference," Kelley says. "I haven't really been a catcher on a team so it's been a change. But I've taken the responsibility and I'm making the best of it. The team has confidence in me, so that makes me more confident. I like being in control."

Sortino has been impressed with how smoothly Kelley has made the transition.

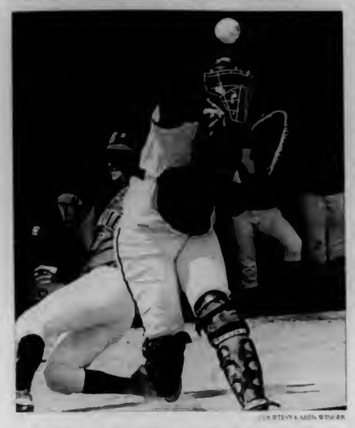
"There aren't too many people running on her," Sortino says. "She has an arm like a cannon. It's nice to have that defensively. She does a good job giving us information about how pitchers are going. She's the only player that everybody on the team looks at. It's a strong leadership position, and she fits that role pretty well."

One of the biggest jobs Kelley has as a catcher is to handle the pitching staff, and she has done an excellent job at that, as UMass is second in the A-10 in pitching (2.44 ERA).

"I love having KJ behind the plate," Busa says. It's very different having her behind the plate than having Jamie. Jamie was two years older so I didn't feel as comfortable as I do now throwing to KJ. We're the same class and we know each other better. She knows what works for me and I know what works for her. We have a very good relationship, and I'm very confident in her behind the plate."

It's already been a big year for Kelley, as she's broken the home run record and made the seamless transition to catcher, but now that she has that out of the way her focus will be on getting the Minutewomen to the postseason.

UMass has made 10 straight trips to the NCAA Tournament, and with Kelley leading this year's team, there's a good chance this year's team will make it 11 in a row.



KJ Kelley goes to throw out a runner during the Minutewomen's game against NC State last weekend. Kelley used to play third base for UM.

Track teams finish in fourth

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

Four was the magic number as both the men's and women's track and field teams finished fourth in the UConn Select Invitational this weekend. The meets consisted of a mix of individual records and team effort.

The women's competition was given a jump-start by freshman pole-vaulter Kristen Bakanowski, who not only placed second overall, but also recorded the second best vault in UMass history. Bakanowski also qualified to compete in the ECAC Championship after recording a mark of 3.66 meters and was honored as the Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week for her contributions.

Other production came from junior Christina Huff, who placed second overall in the 100-meter dash, with a time of 12.68. In the 200-meter dash, Huff recorded a time of 25.70, which was good for fourth place.

The long distance category was lead by a first-year runner, freshman Christina Derosa, who finished second in the 5,000 meter run with a time of 17:55.48. A veteran countered Derosa's mark, as senior Alexis Anzelone gave the Minutewomen an edge with her fourth place finish in the 3,000 meter steeplechase.

After amassing 61.5 points throughout the day, the Maroon and White finished behind four teams, UConn, Brown, Rhode Island and Albany, with URI and Albany tying for third place.

While some will be participating in the Penn Relays this Thursday and Friday, the team as a whole gets back into action on Saturday in a rematch against UConn.

On the men's side, junior Chris Brayley was a contributing factor as the men beat out Central Connecticut and Quinnipiac for fourth place. Brayley placed second in the 100 meter dash, with a time of 11.23. Another second place finish came from senior Henry Smith, who gave the team eight points with a mark of 14.27 meters.

Javelin thrower, senior Mike Carr, recorded the only first place finish for the Minutemen, with a throw of 57.23 meters. In a day that featured a combination of rookies and veterans, freshman Nathan Barksdale placed third in the 400 meter dash, junior Steve Miceli placed fourth in the 200 meter dash, with a time of 22.99.

The men will take part in the Husky Invitational this Saturday before heading to Richmond, Virginia for the Atlantic 10 Championships on May 7.

This season has been up and down to the Minutemen as they came in sixth place at the Brown Invitational on Apr. 16 and finished seventh out of 36 at the New England Championship on Feb. 26.

UMass gets two in NFL

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Cowboys and Buffalo Bills, will be fighting for a spot on a roster that traditionally only holds two fullbacks, though the Bengals have two others signed right now in Jeremi Johnson and Doug Easlick.

"He's real happy about the situation," Peebler said of his former teammate. "They have one fullback that is a starter (Johnson) and one other one they brought in in January (Easlick). I know they only keep two fullbacks on the roster so I know he is going to be fighting for that second spot. I think he's in a good situation. It just depends on how he goes in and handles it."

Both players left UMass last semester to train for the NFL and a chance to earn this opportunity, a decision Brown fully supported.

"The reality is those guys really wanted to chase their dream, and you've got to get after it at 100 percent," Brown said. "If things don't work out, they can always come back and finish their degree. I'd rather have them do it that way than [not focus on] school and have them finish it that way."

Peebler concluded his career with the Maroon and White as one of the best wideouts to ever step on a UMass football field. He finished his collegiate career with the second most receiving yards in school history (2,395), second most receiving touchdowns (27), second highest career per-catch average (19.4) and third most career receptions (123).



Rich Demers, a former fullback for UMass was picked up as a free agent by the Cincinnati Bengals. Demers had 13 touchdowns for UM.



Former UMass wide receiver Jason Peebler was picked up as a free agent by the Philadelphia Eagles. Peebler had 27 touchdowns for UMass.

"I can bring explosiveness, but I'm also a little bit of a bigger receiver, not height-wise but weight-wise, so I feel that I can come across the middle and take some hits from the linebackers without it really phasing me," Peebler said. "I can go deep. I can go up and get balls.

"Pretty much, I'm just really trying to fit in on the special teams area. That is my ticket to get on the field is the special teams area so I'm just going to do everything I can to get into that area as well."

Demers played in two seasons with the Minutemen after transferring from UMass Lowell, which dropped its program. He rushed for 846 yards and caught 47 passes for 350 yards in his two years. Demers also scored 13 total touchdowns during his time at UMass.

"Those two guys have worked their tails off, and I know it's a dream come true," Brown said. "I'm just happy, obviously, it's kind of a culmination of a four-year period. Not too many guys get to make that next jump. They have an opportunity, and I know they'll make the best of it."

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Ready for the long haul

By Todd Foster
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts baseball team has a busy week ahead of it with six games in six days.

The first contest will be today against Quinnipiac at 3 p.m. in Hamden, Conn. Then on Wednesday, the Minutemen travel to Chestnut Hill to play Boston College in a rematch of last week's Beanpot Classic consolation. After the two road games, they return to Amherst for a make-up game with Scared Heart on Thursday before their three game series on the weekend with St. Bonaventure.

"The traveling doesn't concern me," UMass coach Mike Stone said. "I look at the pitching performance that concerns me more than [traveling]. The people in the pack of pitchers need to step up and give us some solid pitching performances. We are just looking for quality innings out of the pitchers."

The UMass team earn run average (ERA) is 5.75 opposed to its opponent's overall ERA of 2.68. Junior right-handed starter Matt Torra and junior reliever David Sullivan are the only pitchers with ERAs under four.

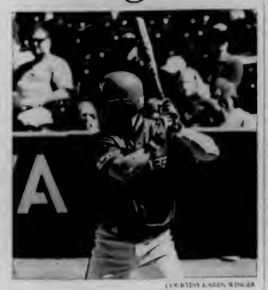
The UMass offense has improved over the last two weeks, posting its first convincing win of the season with 13-1 victory over Fordham. However, the Rams took over two of three games in the weekend series.

Senior right fielder Jason Twomley continues to lead the Maroon and White in several major offensive categories. The left-handed slugger leads the team in batting average (.392), runs (28), hits (31), runs batted in (21), total bases (69), slugging percentage (.873), on-base percentage (.529) and home runs (11).

With Twomley leading the way, other players are starting to find their stride. Sophomore Bryan Adamski had back-to-back weekends with homers. Two weekends ago against Saint Joseph's, Adamski hit his first career homerun and followed that up with his first career grand slam this past weekend in White Plains, N.Y. against Fordham.



Right-handed pitcher Jason Lavorgna is 0-2 on the season and has posted a 5.62 ERA for UMass.



Senior outfielder Jason Twomley leads the Minutemen in home runs (11) and average (.392).

"I think we are making progress towards everyone hitting the ball a lot better," Stone said. "Twomley has been impressive. There is no question he has been solid. Other people during the first game on Saturday stepped up in the clutch and we need more of that, but this weekend was better offensively."

As the team starts to collect more runs, it will need to find a replacement for their junior center fielder and No. 2 hitter Derrick Durepo. The Ware native has suffered a hamstring injury that will likely sideline him for the remainder of the season.

"I think he's going to be out for the season," Stone said. "I'd be surprised if he came back. He gutted it out, did as much as he could and played through as much pain as he could. He's probably needs to rest it for three weeks to a month. It'd be a bonus if he could come back and play, but I doubt that will happen."

Quinnipiac (15-14, 10-4 Northeast) has won 10 out of their last 11 games. Junior third baseman Bryan Sabatella was named Northeast Conference Player of the Week for April 25 after hitting an impressive .812 (13-for-16). The NEC triple-crown candidate is 32 in his last 46 at bats, which is a .696 BA. He also has posted four homeruns and 17 RBIs in his last 12 games.

"With a kid like [Sabatella], you can't let him beat you. If there is an opportunity to pitch around him or walk him, we'll do that. You just can't let guys like that beat you," Stone said.

Thursday's match-up against B.C. (26-14, 11-5 Big East) will be the second time these two teams have meet over the course of a week. During Thursday's game at Fenway Park, Eagles right fielder Jason Delaney launched a game-winning two-run homer over the Green Monster to give the Maroon and Gold an 8-6 win and third place in the Beanpot Classic.

B.C. starter Nick Asselin pitched five hitless innings before giving up a single to sophomore second baseman Anthony Santos.

UMass gears up for Harvard

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the game to be closer than it looked on paper.

"I was at the Brown game they weren't really destroyed, it was a good game," Cannella said. "It was snowing that night, it was so cold I couldn't write, so imagine how hard it was for those guys holding sticks."

The Crimson have a very tight offensive front, with 11 players currently in the scoring column. Leading the way for Harvard has been the play of Brooks School, who has 16 goals (a team high) and three assists.

Zach Widbin, Jake Samuelson, and Evan Colbert have also been big for the Crimson. The three have combined for 26 goals on the year.

"I think they are an attacking group, I think they attack the cage." Cannella said. "They have the horses to do it so you have to watch them, they aren't holding the ball back."

The Crimson have also received a boost from its freshman keeper, Evan O'Donnell. O'Donnell has started every game this year for Harvard and has 99 saves, with a respectable 8.48 GAA (goals against average).

O'Donnell had a stellar performance against the Bulldogs, where he had a season-high 13 saves.

Cannella sees O'Donnell as another example of excellent recruiting which the Crimson have done over the past few seasons. He also sees that this younger group is more comfortable at home at Jordan Field, where they are 4-1 on the season.

"They have a really good team. They've had a great couple of recruiting classes that have been great for them." Cannella said. "They play a lot of young guys and are very talented on both sides of the ball. I'm sure they are really comfortable at home."

If the Minutemen pull out the victory today, they will win their 20th New England title. UMass is set up for the championship after defeating Yale, Brown, and Sacred Heart in NEILA play.

NOTES: UMass coach Greg Cannella was named the US Lacrosse Coach of the Week after the Minutemen's 13-12 victory over Georgetown on Saturday... Sean Morris, the leading scorer of the Minutemen and in the ECAC (47 points), is one of the 16 finalists for the Tewaaraton Award, the top honor in college lacrosse.



Brett Garber has 10 goals and seven assists on the season for the Minutemen. UMass takes on Harvard today for a 3 p.m. face-off.

Minutewomen set for Crimson

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts softball team will play eight of its final 10 games at home, beginning today with a doubleheader against Harvard at 3 p.m.

In recent years, this many home games would almost certainly translate into a dominant finish to the season for UMass. But things have been different this year for the Minutewomen at home.

UMass (24-24-1 9-3 Atlantic 10) entered the season with 72 consecutive regular season home wins, but has lost three games at the UMass Softball Complex this season, including both games of a doubleheader against North Carolina State on Sunday.

UMass has still been strong at home this year, posting a 10-3-1 record, so the slate of home games to close the regular season should put the Minutewomen in a good position for the A-10 Tournament.

Over the final two weeks of the season, the main objective for UMass will be to lock up the No. 2 seed in the A-10 Tournament. Fordham has a stranglehold on the top spot, as the Rams are undefeated in A-10 play, with only four conference games remaining. Fordham swept the Minutewomen in a doubleheader earlier this year, and therefore holds the tiebreaker over them.



Pam Sulick has a home run and nine doubles this year for UMass. Sulick is also batting .284.

"Our goal is to keep getting better for the tournament," UMass coach Elaine Sortino said. "We've been a front-runner in the tourney for years. We're in a different position this year, but all that matters is how you play those three days."

With a sweep on Friday at St. Bonaventure, UMass pulled to within a game of the second place Bonnies. Before returning to conference play on Friday with a doubleheader against LaSalle, UMass will face Harvard today, and Connecticut tomorrow in a single game.

UMass will look to put an end to its two-game slide today against Harvard (15-15 6-2 Ivy League), a team it has dominated in the past, leading the all-time series 15-0.

On the mound today for UMass will be Barb LaFogg and Jenna Busa. LaFogg has anchored the rotation all year, starting 22 games. LaFogg has 15-9 record with a 2.14 ERA, while her 169 strikeouts are 38 more than any other A-10 pitcher.

Busa has also been strong on the mound, sporting a 9-5 record to go along with a 2.56 ERA and 94 punch-outs.

A big factor for UMass down the stretch will be the health of shortstop Hilary Puglia. Puglia left the second game against NC State when she injured her shoulder diving for a ball in the hole. Puglia is day-to-day with a separated shoulder, and Sortino does not expect her to play today.

"It's better for us to save her," Sortino said. "We have two conference games Friday that are important. Obviously this will cause us to shift the batting order around, but when things go wrong is when a great team steps up."

The injury comes at an unfortunate time for Puglia as she was having a big weekend. Puglia went 3-for-7, with live RBIs and three runs in the two games against St. Bonaventure on Friday. Puglia hit two home runs in the games, bringing her season total to eight, one behind team leader KJ Kelley.

Puglia has been steady all year at the top of the order for the Minutewomen, as she leads the team in runs, hits, doubles, total bases and is tied for the lead in RBIs. While Stacy Cullington is capable of filling in for Puglia, UMass will need the reigning A-10 Player of the Year healthy in order to make a run in the postseason.

A culture of success at UMass

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Part of the demand is the early morning regiment that the women must go through. Every weekday morning that the Minutewomen train, they meet under the Calvin Coolidge Bridge anywhere from five to six o'clock in the morning and go.

There they meet, sometimes before the sun rises, and share the water with Amherst College and other schools in the area. After practice the team gets breakfast together, goes to school, and gets ready to do it all over again.

"It is a crazy culture under that bridge," Dietz said. "You look and can see dozens of kids rowing for their schools. We get Amherst, Smith, just a bunch of colleges in the area."

Most east coast schools are forced to practice in the early morning because it is the only time the water is calm enough to effectively train. UMass, however, is not in this situation as the Coolidge Bridge stands over some of the calmest water on the east coast.

The Minutewomen are forced to do this because the University does not set aside blocks of time for athletic training as other schools do, most noticeably in the Ivy League. Each day these schools are allotted a few hours in the afternoon to train, whereas UMass does not.

"A lot of those schools (Ivy League) have time during the day to work out and train," Dietz said. "I'm sure the Chancellor could do something about this, I know that professors have control over when their classes are."

Although crew is not typically a sport in the limelight, there is a definitive subculture that spans much further than the Pioneer Valley. Throughout the A-10 there are schools with underfunded programs, filled with athletes that are looking for the next step, the next challenge.

"I think we are all on the same level in the A-10," Dietz said. "Obviously there are schools that have more money, but throughout my time here the conference had been pretty even."

Even with this even playing field, the Minutewomen have shown that the A-10 is their conference. Perhaps it's the coach who pushes his team through the mist of frosty Western Massachusetts mornings, or maybe its the tradition that fuels the program.

Either way there is a culture of winning at UMass, one that goes deeper than the waters its team dominates.

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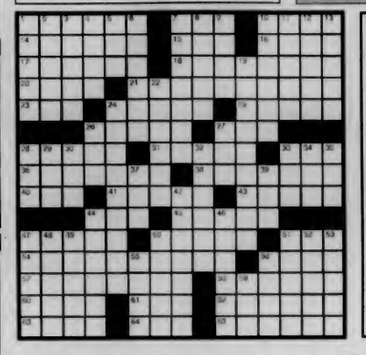
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UMass gets set for Harvard

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

After its biggest win of the season, a 13-12 victory over then-No. 3 Georgetown on Saturday, the No. 8 Massachusetts men's lacrosse team (9-2 4-1 ECAC) will face two enemies today when it travels to Cambridge to face Harvard.

The Crimson and itself.

UMass coach Greg Cannella, who has been harping on the importance of every game this season, is concerned that many are looking past Harvard (5-5 2-3 Ivy League) after such an impressive win.

"We talked to them yesterday (Sunday) about that and we'll talk about it at practice. We'll talk about it until the game is over," Cannella said. "As good a win as it was this weekend, Harvard doesn't care, they had a big win of their own, they're carrying a lot of confidence. Winning on Saturday isn't going to make it easier tomorrow."

With its victory over Harvard, UMass moved into sole possession of first place in the ECAC. The Minutemen can take home the conference crown if they can defeat ECAC rival Rutgers on May 7.

Similar to the Minutemen, the Crimson are coming off a huge victory this past weekend. Harvard dominated then-No. 16 Yale 11-4 at home, in a game, which the Crimson controlled from start to finish. Harvard allowed two goals in the first quarter, but held the Bulldogs scoreless, until they put up another two in the fourth.

"It's a big game for both teams. It's another opportunity to prove ourselves as a team. Mentally and physically it's going to be hard on us," Cannella said. "We have to travel to play a good team coming off a great win."

The win broke a four-game losing streak for Harvard, who lost to Denver (9-8 on April 2), Cornell (16-6 on April 9), Brown (12-3 on April 12), and Princeton (12-4 on April 16). Previous to the streak, the Crimson won four out of its first five games.

Both UMass and Harvard played Brown, yet the Minutemen thumped the Bears 12-5 at home. Cannella, who went to Harvard's game against Brown, saw

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COURTESY KARIN WINCER

Sean Morris winds up for a shot against the Georgetown Hoyas on Saturday afternoon. The Minutemen won the game 13-12 and moved into sole possession of first place in the ECAC. UMass faces Harvard today at 3 p.m.

Peebler and Demers sign as free agents

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

Two former players on the Massachusetts football team signed NFL free agent contracts yesterday, a day after the NFL Draft concluded in New York City.

Wide receiver Jason Peebler signed on with the NFC Champion Philadelphia Eagles, and fullback Rich Demers signed with the Cincinnati Bengals. Both players concluded their senior seasons last fall, when the Minutemen finished 6-5.

Peebler may be in the more ideal situation, as he is entering a team with serious questions in terms of their wide receivers.

Terrell Owens is in the middle of a contract war with the front office, and Freddie Mitchell's status with the team is uncertain due to his continuous acts of self-promotion during last year's playoff run. The Eagles also only selected one wideout in the draft, taking Reggie Brown from Georgia in the second round with the 35th overall pick.

"That's why I chose to go there," Peebler said. "You come out as a free agent, and you've got a couple options. I went and looked at the depth charts and looked at who they brought in, and I think this is the best fit for me.

"It's pretty much a dream come true. You've got to look at it from a business standpoint, though. I've got to go out there and not drop a ball and just take care of business."

If Owens does solve his contract issues — he wants an extension and more money — Peebler is excited to be able to work with someone he used to cheer for. Growing up in California, he was a San Francisco 49ers fan, where Owens began his NFL career, and idolized Jerry Rice.

"I think I can learn a lot from [Owens]," Peebler said. "He's been in the league for 10 years. I think he can be a real good teacher, not necessarily teaching me stuff visually, just watching things he's done and things he's learned to hopefully pick up on some stuff."

Peebler received a good amount of attention from several NFL teams, and he was listed as high as a sixth-round pick on some draft boards around the league. He had an extensive interview with the New York Giants, worked out in Santa Clara with the San Francisco 49ers and also talked with the New England Patriots.

"I pretty much knew that I would have a home when the draft ended," Peebler said. "[The draft] is good because everyone sees that you get drafted, but in the long run, I think this is the best situation for me."

Ironically, he spent most of his time in the offseason working out in Philadelphia, and he attended the Eagles' Super Bowl rallies in February.

Demers, who also received interest from the Dallas

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Purely powerful

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

On a team loaded with as much talent as the Massachusetts softball team, it's hard to pick just one player that stands out.

There's Hilary Puglia, last year's Atlantic 10 Player of the Year, a smooth fielding shortstop and consistent contributor at the plate. There's Candice Molinari, UMass' version of Ichiro, who slaps the ball all over the field and uses her blazing speed to be one of the best base stealers in the country.

Then there's Lauren Proctor, the freshman outfielder who has stepped right into the lineup and has led the A-10 in batting most of the year. And of course there is the dynamic pitching duo of Barb LaFogg and Jenna Busa who consistently shut down opposing offenses.

But even with all of this talent, in softball it is often the player that wows the crowd with the long ball that stands out the most. And for the past three years KJ Kelley has been the one delivering tape-measure home runs for the Minutewomen.

The junior catcher hits for average and plays flawless defense, but it is the home runs she is capable of hitting that causes the buzz around the UMass Softball Complex every time she steps to the plate.

Kelley, an All-Conference selection in each of her first two years, has been consistently putting up big power numbers since she arrived at Amherst. Kelley hit eight homers in her freshman season and followed that with a single season school-record 13 homers last year.

With 21 home runs in her career, it appeared that Kelley would break the career record of 26 in no time this year. And Kelley got off to a hot start, hitting four dingers in the first month of the season to put her within one of tying the record.

But Kelley was stuck on the doorstep of the record from March 6 until coming to the plate in the third inning of a home game against George Washington on April 9. Kelley stepped up to bat and smashed a mammoth homer over the scoreboard in left field to tie the mark set by Scooter Wheeler (in 2002) and Brandi Cross (in 2003).

While it took Kelley over a month to tie the record, it took her only one game to break it. In UMass' next game at UConn, Kelley went deep twice to put the old record in her rear view mirror. Kelley has since gone on to hit two more home runs to bring her career total to 30 and her season total to a team-leading nine.

What has been most impressive about Kelley's pursuit of the record is that she really hasn't pursued it. She doesn't try to hit home runs. It's just that her swing and power tend to generate deep drives, and she's happy with the results as long as she's getting hits.

"I could care less if it's a home run or a base hit," Kelley says. "As long as it's a hit and it helps our team, that's all that matters."

This attitude certainly helped Kelley as she got closer to the record, and the home runs stopped for a while.

"I really don't think too much about droughts of hitting home runs," Kelley says. "I think more about droughts with getting hits. Of course it (the record) was in the back of my head because everyone brings it up, but it wasn't one of my main focuses. My goal was more to push the team. I really don't think much of it. It feels good to break it, but I just try to get hits. It's just a bonus."

While Kelley's modesty doesn't reflect how big of a milestone

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COURTESY KAREN WINCER

Junior catcher KJ Kelley broke the school record for home runs (26) this year. Kelley broke the single season record (13) last year.

A tradition of winning

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

Crew is a culture for some, one that requires a collective strength, mixed with a tremendous time investment. At the University of Massachusetts, this same culture exists, except there is an added bonus, this culture includes winning.

On Saturday afternoon, in Cooper River at Pennsauken, NJ, the Massachusetts women's crew team accomplished a feat that no other university has done in Atlantic 10 history; it won its 10th straight conference championship.

After winning both the Varsity 4 and the Varsity 8 races, the Maroon and White knew it had clinched the title. However, there was nothing easy about this race, as the Minutewomen saw the Dayton Flyers take them to the wire, winning two races, both Lightweight events.

UMass finished the afternoon with 45 total points while the Flyers tallied 39, good for second place.

Minutewomen coach Jim Dietz was confident about his team's chances to win the A-10 championship after winning the Knecht Cup on April 17. Dietz, however, was taken back by Dayton's talent and mentioned that he was "relieved" when it was all said and done.

"We made up these t-shirts," Dietz said while pointing at a box of A-10 Championship shirts. "When we were going into the last few races, and Dayton was in the lead, I was hoping that we left them on the bus."

Dietz was named the A-10 Coach of the Year award for the seventh time during his tenure. Dietz, who is in his 12th year as UMass' head coach, has turned the Minutewomen into one of the preeminent squads in the nation, while dealing with an underfunded program.

This is where the culture of crew meets well-coached athleticism.

Throughout his tenure, Dietz has never had an abundance of scholarships, yet he has consistently put together the best team in the A-10 conference. Every year, nearly 70 women go out for the team, looking for a sport and a shot at being a Division 1 athlete.

They come in and soon find out that crew is not just another sport at UMass, its hard work, running, and a slew of physical demands that quickly separate the contenders from the pretenders.

"We get a lot of girls that are great athletes in high school and want to take their talents to the next level," Dietz said. "We get basketball players and soccer players, but after the first few practices we find out who really wants to be a part of this team."

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Members of the UMass crew team poses for a picture after it won its 10th straight Atlantic 10 championship on Saturday. The Minutewomen beat out the Dayton Flyers by six points on the afternoon.

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Glaciologist speaks on climate change

By Ashish K. Saiu
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Internationally recognized glaciologist Lonnie Thompson from Ohio State University spoke at the University of Massachusetts about Rapid Climate Change with Earth Systems, past, present and future.

The talk was held at the Bernie Lecture at the Goodell Building on April 25, 2005 organized by The Environmental Institute at UMass.

Dr. Thompson who was recently awarded the Tyler Prize for environmental achievement, an award regarded by some in the field as equivalent to a Nobel Prize, spoke about the importance of glaciers for the tropics.

He has written more than 200 scientific articles and his projects have been in collaboration with 15 countries. He has led nearly 80 expeditions to recover ice cores from the Peruvian Andes, China, Pamir and Tien Shan of the former USSR, Mt. Kenya, Africa, Franz Josef Land, Russia, Bolivia, Greenland and Antarctica.

Ice cores are circular blocks of ice that are obtained by drilling deep into the glacier. The ice core is later transported to the laboratory for analysis.

From the ice cores one can obtain information on temperature, humidity, vegetation changes, volcanic history, microorganisms, dustiness, and anthropogenic emissions. He spoke about the extensive infrastructure required to store these ice cores and how it revealed information dating back to B.C's.

Dr. Thompson showed pictures of Quelccaya Ice Cap, the largest tropical ice cap on earth, which lies in Peru and how this ice cap had retreated since 1977.

The ice core obtained from Peru was dated back to 200 B.C. From the analysis of this ice core which the present technologies one could see anions like chloride actually increased in that region during the years 1780 and 1350 A.D. The reasons for increase cannot be estimated because of lack of data. Also, a well-preserved insect was found, all the right shape and features, which dated back to a range of 1640 to 540 years old.

Some of the interesting features included pictures from Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa where he showed pictures of a glacial ice cap that had retreated from 12 square kilometers in 1910 to 2 square kilometers in the year 2000.

Seventy percent of the worlds population lives in the region of 30 degrees North and 30 degrees South latitude. It is in this region that 80 percent of the worlds agriculture takes place and 20 percent world's births originated in the twenty-first century and so it is important to study how glaciers effect these areas. "Temperature profile makes tropics unusual," said Dr. Thompson.

Glaciers are a valuable paleo-climate archive which is being lost, which also threatens the world's water reserves as sources of rivers stem from these glaciers. Crops, irrigation, municipal waters and hydroelectric all depend on these glaciers. It also has an impact on tourism. Mount Kilimanjaro itself gets about 25,000 visitors every year.



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Dr. Lonnie Thompson.

Three men arrested in armed robbery

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

Three Amherst citizens have been apprehended in conjunction with an armed robbery that took place Sunday morning in Van Meter Dormitory.

Lt. Thrasher from the UMPD said that the arrests were made "because of a couple of things — good police work and video communication."

Seventeen-year-old Christopher Brooks of 51 Valley View Dr. in Amherst was apprehended yesterday morning on charges of assault in a dormitory while armed and armed robbery. Two other suspects were apprehended last night, however, their identities have not been released, although Thrasher said that they are believed to be "in their twenties."

The three suspects, all of whom are not UMass students, allegedly entered Van Meter at 4:30 a.m. Sunday morning and "ransacked the victim's room," Thrasher said.

Incidentally, a fire alarm sounded just as the suspects threatened the victim, and the suspects exited the building, but not before security cameras captured their identities.

"[The fire alarm] was unrelated — it was dumb luck," Thasher said.

Although Lt. Thrasher could not comment on the motive for the crime, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life Michael Gargano said that he thinks, "that it is over drugs."

Both Lt. Thrasher and Gargano admitted that the once controversial cameras installed last summer helped tremendously in the investigation efforts.

"The truth of the matter is, is that the cameras really do help solve significant crimes on campus," Gargano said, " I don't think that we would have been able to apprehend [the suspects] without the cameras."

According to the UMass News Director Ed Blagezeuski, it was the distribution of the incriminating footage that led to the warrants. "The pictures were distributed in a number of ways," Blagezeuski said, "the cameras were helpful."

Last summer the cameras were installed without the permission of the Student Government Association, who collectively opposed the installation, citing that they were an invasion of privacy, however, Gargano disagrees.

"The same kind of activity has occurred in Southwest and without the cameras we wouldn't be able to get the true identity of the issue — it is helpful with all thefts," Gargano said.

Cameras are installed in all of the dormitory buildings in both the front and the back entrances, and according to Thrasher, the timing of the suspects entering and leaving the building coincides with the time the incident took place.

The victim, whose name has not been released, is not suffering any physical harm, however, "he is suffering emotional harm — he had a gun to his head and a pillow case over his head," Thrasher said.

"Both Gargano and Thrasher said that the suspects entered the building because of "tailgating," a frequently used method of letting strangers into the dorms.

"Students just see someone waiting to get in and they open the door for them," Gargano said. "Students need take high levels of precaution everyday."

The two subjects who have not yet been identified will be arraigned in court this morning. For more information on the incident, UMPD urges you to contact them at 545-2121.



COURTESY UMASS PHOTO

Van Meter Hall sits on the top of the hill in the Central living area. Three suspects have been apprehended for robbing a room at gunpoint.

Students turning to poker for income

By Jill Bergeron
Collegian Correspondent

Some UMass students are discovering a way to earn money without performing any labor: poker.

Some students say that gambling earnings have become their newest source of income.

By gathering with fellow poker players, sometimes on campus, frequenting online poker Web sites and attending poker tournaments in the New England area, some young adults are winning spending money while attending college.

Accounting senior Mike Albert has found much success in the game.

He said he gets together with his friends to play two or three nights a week.

"I usually make $120-$140 each week," he said. "This is my spending money."

Katrina Shabo, a senior majoring in art, said her "interest is more skill-related. I wanted to be as good as I possibly could at it ... anyone can play a hand of poker here and there, [but] it takes real intellect to beat the game."

After playing three times a week since September, Shabo said she has acquired the talent necessary to win enough money to "get by at school without a job."

Majoring in art, she said, results in many expenses that her poker earnings help to pay.

Freshman finance major Mark Belmarsh said what drew him to play the game initially was "the money," but he and his friends get together an average of four nights a week because "there's not much else to do."

His interest in the game has won him up to $120 in one night, although he's played only since September, he said.

Belmarsh said his main source of income and that of many of his peers is poker.



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A student uses the Internet to play poker.

He even sought to have the Undergraduate Leadership Council sponsor a campus tournament in November.

"All of the Undergraduate Leadership Council and probably 50 other people that I didn't even know [were] coming up to me about it," Belmarsh said. He said he approached building supervisors around campus at Boyden, the Student Union, the Dining Commons and the Campus Center, but could not rent any space to hold the tournament.

"None of them liked the idea of the cash prizes and gambling," Belmarsh said. "but some places were just, like, booked up and didn't really have space to hold the tournament."

He also said he could not get a required gambling permit for the event.

"I don't think the school really appreciates gambling too much," he said, "so they were all skeptical about letting us have it here."

While poker brings money to several lucky students, others say it's just as easy to lose it. Accounting junior Glenn Haegle, who said he has been playing poker for about a year, has won up to $200 on several occasions, but at times has "lost a lot ... around $500." What keeps him in the game?

"Addiction," Haegle said.

Senior English major Dan Hillman said he has been playing poker for two years. He and his friends took up the game together, playing cards whenever they were bored.

"I lost a lot of money at first," Hillman said. He said the only way anyone can improve game is by losing money.

"Now I'm playing with my friends about two times a week, winning tournaments and making up to hundreds of dollars," Hillman said.

While some students who play poker are finding they don't need jobs because their earnings can pay for their weekly necessities, the majority seems to understand that after graduation they must enter the work force

Now, in his last semester at college, Hillman said he'll get a job after graduation, but will continue playing poker recreationally.

Fellow senior Albert said, "I will probably stop playing poker after college.

I only play with my friends at night when I have free time. When I'm working I won't have enough time to play.

My income from poker in college will be supplemented by my income from my job when I graduate."

GA toddlers' deaths ruled as drowning

WARRENTON, Ga. (AP) — Autopsies confirmed Tuesday that two toddlers found dead in a sewage pond after disappearing from their home drowned, and the coroner said there appeared to be no sign of foul play.

Jonah Payne, 3, and his 2-year-old sister, Nicole, were reported missing Saturday by their mother, who said they vanished after she went into another room. She said she found the front door open and the children gone.

Their bodies were found Monday in an algae-covered pond a few hundred yards down the road.

Autopsies found no significant injuries to the children's bodies, said Georgia Bureau of Investigation spokesman John Bankhead. Warren County Coroner Paul Lowe said there appeared to be no foul play.

Authorities continued their investigation, reinterviewing family members and neighbors.

"The parents are still very much in shock and mourning," said family spokesman Jaye Jones. "They are only able to speak for a couple minutes at a time before being overcome with tears and sobbing."

Earlier on the day of the youngsters' disappearance, Nicole figured out how to unlock the front door and gate and left with Jonah, police said. A neighbor returned the children a half-hour later.

—*Associated Press*



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Lend your ears ...

Steve Berkowitz, senior vice president of Sony Legacy Recordings, will be giving a lecture titled "Music, Business, Passion, Life" today at Memorial Hall.

Teacher found dead, estranged husband suspected in murder

WOBURN (AP) — A teacher was shot and killed by her estranged husband, who then turned the gun on himself, days after he learned she may have been having an affair with someone she met on the Internet, authorities said Tuesday.

The bodies of Sylvie Desilets, a 31-year-old middle school teacher, and her husband, Ajit Chordia, 33, were discovered Monday evening at a Woburn apartment complex after a downstairs neighbor heard muffled gun shots and called police.

The neighbor, a retired police officer, reported seeing blood dripping from his ceiling about 20 minutes after the shots were fired, Woburn Police Chief Philip Mahoney said.

Desilets had been shot three to four times in the head and torso with a semiautomatic handgun, while Chordia had one apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, Middlesex District Attorney Martha Coakley said.

Desilets, a native of Sherbrooke, Quebec, and her husband moved from Canada to Woburn three years ago to teach French and Spanish at Daniel Joyce Middle School. Her husband worked for a financial institution in Burlington, but Coakley didn't name the company.

Woburn Superintendent Carl Batchelder called Desilets a dedicated teacher who often stayed late to work with students.

"Sylvie was the kind of teacher that every parent would love to have," he said.

In January 2004, Alyssa Presti, a seventh-grader at the same school, was stabbed to death along with her mother in their Woburn home. Convicted sex offender Michael J. Bizanowicz is awaiting trial on murder charges in a case that prompted lawmakers to push for closer monitoring of sex offenders.

"This is just deja vu," Mahoney said. "These things just rip you apart."

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Amherst resident arrested in armed robbery

Friday April 22

6:27 p.m. Ryan Buckley, 19, of Middleton, Conn., was arrested on Cance Road for being a minor in possession of alcohol.
6:54 p.m. Daniel Resca, 20, of Reading, was arrested near Baker Hall for being a minor in possession of alcohol.
8:59 p.m. Lindsey Farina, 18, of South Boston, was arrested in the Southwest Circle for being a minor in possession of alcohol.
9:54 p.m. Victoria Hodgerney, 19, of Worcester, Jenniler Smith, 19, of Livingston, N.J, and Joseph Kayer, 19, of Worcester, were all arrested for being minors in possession of alcohol in the parking lot across the street from the Hagis Mall.

Saturday April 23

4:52 p.m. Bruce Castonguay, 19, of Chicopee, was arrested near Patterson Hall for being a minor in possession of alcohol and resisting a police officer making a lawful arrest.
10:24 p.m. Terrence Sullivan, 19, of Dorchester, was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol and possession of a class D substance. Timothy James Kochis, 20, of Harvard was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol. Both were arrested in the parking lot behind Sylvan.

Sunday April 24

4:04 a.m. Christopher Brooks, 17, of Amherst, was arrested in Van Meter Hall for assault and being armed with a firearm.

Monday April 25

Following a traffic stop on Massachusetts Avenue, Adam Swerdlow, 20, of New Canaan, Conn., was arrested for the misuse of a Registry of Motor Vehicles document and a marked lanes violation.

—Compiled by Brendan Heck

Former Governor Weld considering NY governor

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Former Massachusetts Gov. William Weld said Tuesday he is seriously considering running for governor of New York if fellow Republican Gov. George Pataki doesn't seek a fourth term next year.

Weld, who spoke to The Associated Press by telephone from Kentucky, said he would also stay out of the race if former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani runs.

"I'm very close to both those guys," said Weld, a lawyer who moved back to his native New York in 2000.

Weld was elected governor of Massachusetts in 1990 and easily re-elected in 1994. He ran for U.S. Senate in 1996 but was defeated by Democratic incumbent John Kerry. He resigned as governor in 1997 when then-President Clinton nominated him to become U.S. ambassador to Mexico, but the nomination was blocked.

If he won the governor's race, he would be only the second person in history to serve as governor of two states.

There has been growing speculation in New York political circles that Pataki is eyeing a run for the GOP nomination for president in 2008 and will not run for re-election, although he has not tipped his hand.

Later Tuesday, during a lunch with reporters, Pataki praised Weld as a "very good governor" and a "very bright, talented person." But Pataki said others also fit that bill. The current governor said he would make a decision about seeking a fourth term "within the next few months" and that he was not ruling out a run for president.

"I think he's going to run for president, but I don't know," Weld said when asked about Pataki's plans. "I have actually not spoken to him about that."

As for Giuliani, his top political adviser told the AP earlier this month the former mayor was too busy with private business interests to run for governor or for U.S. Senate against Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton next year.

Weld said he was not considering running against the former first lady, noting they were old friends, having worked together as young lawyers on the Watergate hearings in 1973-74.

"I think governor is a better job," he said.

"It's certainly an intriguing possibility and it depends on what the governor decides, what Mayor Giuliani decides and to some extent how the business I'm involved in develops," he said.

Weld is a partner in the New York investment firm Leeds Weld & Co.

Sam Houston is the only two-state governor in history, having served in Tennessee from 1827 to 1829 and Texas from 1859 to 1861.

Weld expects to make a decision this fall. State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, a Democrat, has already announced he is running for governor.

"I think he would be very strong," Weld said. "I think I could beat him. I think he could beat me. It'd be pay-to-get-in. Neither of us is a shrinking violet."

Weld said he was very close to Pataki on some issues, supporting strong environmental initiatives as well as abortion and gay rights but parts company on Pataki's strong advocacy of gun-control legislation.

—Associated Press

State Senate backs final version of stem cell research bill yesterday

BOSTON (AP) — The state Senate overwhelmingly backed the final version of a stem cell research bill on Tuesday, even as supporters acknowledged that some thorny questions remain unresolved — including whether women should be paid for their donated eggs.

The bill, which encourages embryonic stem cell research in Massachusetts, was approved by a 34-2 vote, meaning the Senate could easily override an expected veto by Gov. Mitt Romney.

The legislation approved Tuesday by the Senate is a compromise between two separate versions approved last month in the House and Senate. It would allow scientists to create cloned embryos and extract their stem cells for research.

Supporters say the research could lead to the cure or treatment of diabetes, Parkinson's disease and spinal cord injuries. But critics it will allow scientists to create new human life just to destroy it, and that there are other kinds of stem cell research that don't require the creation of new embryos.

Under current state law, scientists conducting stem cell research first need the approval of the local district attorney. The bill would remove that requirement, give the state Health Department some regulatory controls and ban cloning for reproductive purposes.

The bill also creates a 15-member biomedical research advisory council to hold public meetings and provide lawmakers with an annual report on the new research. Among other things, the panel would be charged with investigating whether women should be compensated for their eggs.

State Sen. Cynthia Creem, D-Newton, said allowing the sale of eggs could lead to the exploitation of women who need money or who don't fully understand some of the risks involved in donating eggs.

State Rep. Brad Hill, an opponent of the bill, also said he was concerned about the possible exploitation of women. He said there's no rush to approve the bill now.

"We wanted to take a little bit slower," he said. "We don't want to see women abusing their bodies."

The final version of the bill now heads to the Massachusetts House, where it could be debated as early as next week.

Romney had vowed to veto the bill, which also appears to have more than enough support in the House to override a veto.

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National News

Jobs, Apple retaliate against publisher

By Greg Sandoval
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Apple Computer Inc. has retaliated against the publisher of an upcoming unauthorized biography about chief executive Steve Jobs by removing dozens of other technology books sold by the publisher from Apple stores around the world.

Apple removed the books last week from all 104 of its stores after failing in a month-long attempt to persuade John Wiley & Sons not to release "iCon Steve Jobs: The Greatest Second Act in the History of Business," which is to go on sale within the next six weeks, the publisher said.

The book-spurning is only the latest attempt by Apple executives to crack down on writers who publish or distribute unauthorized or secret information about the computer maker. It's a strategy that experts in brand management say is likely to backfire, only adding to the notoriety of Apple's critics and encouraging sales in countless other bookstores.

"Pulling books off the shelf is a little draconian," said Rob Frankel, a brand consultant. "It reeks of repression."

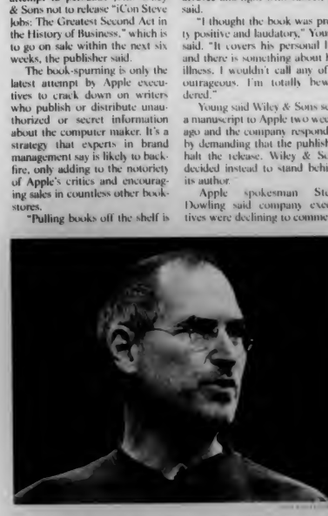
"This is not the first time anybody has said anything good or bad about Steve Jobs," Frankel added. "He has a much better public brand image than one book could ever dispel."

The book's author, Jelfrey Young, says Jobs has nothing to fear from "iCon." It's a chronicle of Jobs' rise as an innovator and entrepreneur and includes details about his personal life such as his divorce and fight with cancer, he said.

"I thought the book was pretty positive and laudatory," Young said. "It covers his personal life and there is something about his illness. I wouldn't call any of it outrageous. I'm totally bewildered."

Young said Wiley & Sons sent a manuscript to Apple two weeks ago and the company responded by demanding that the publisher halt the release. Wiley & Sons decided instead to stand behind its author.

Apple spokesman Steve Dowling said company executives were declining to comment.


Steve Jobs, founder of Apple Computers Inc., is retaliating against a publisher who is printing unauthorized copies of a book about Jobs.

Insurgent attacks increasing in Iraq

By John J. Lumpkin
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After a post-election respite, the pace of insurgent attacks in Iraq has increased in recent weeks to approach last year's levels, Pentagon officials said Tuesday.

"Where they are right now is where they were almost a year ago, and it's nowhere near the peak," said Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in a Pentagon press conference.

That's about 400 attacks a week of all kinds: bombings, shootings, rocket and mortar attacks, Pentagon officials said. About half cause significant damage or injure or kill someone.

Though they vary daily, those figures are close to the rate of attacks that took place through much of last year, except for spasms of violence in Najaf, Fallujah and elsewhere. In pre-election violence in January, the number spiked to twice the usual rate.

The frequency of attacks is one measure of the strength of the insurgency in Iraq, and the success of the efforts of the U.S.-led coalition to combat it.

But Myers and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld disputed a suggestion that the figure demonstrates a lack of progress in Iraq. Rumsfeld said the focus of U.S. forces has been training Iraqi security forces rather than directing counterinsurgency operations.

"The United States and the coalition forces, in my personal view, will not be the thing that will defeat the insurgency," he said. "The people that are going to defeat that insurgency are going to be the Iraqis. And the Iraqis will do it not through military means solely, but by progress on the political side and giving the Iraqi people a sense that they have a stake in that country."

Myers pointed to the creation of new government institutions. "I think we're definitely winning. I think we've been winning for some time," he said. "If you look at where we are, we've had elections. They're about ready to form a government, albeit slower than perhaps some would have hoped, forming the Cabinet and so forth."

A U.S. defense official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said post-invasion attacks in Iraq were at lower levels — 150 to 200 per week — until April 2004, when uprisings occurred in Najaf and Anbar province. The first pictures of tortured prisoners from the Abu Ghraib prison were also made public that month.

Afterward, the rate of attacks doubled, to around 400 or more per week, the official said. The number spiked during U.S. offensives in Najaf in August and Fallujah in November.

In January, as Iraq prepared to hold its elections, the numbers increased to as high as 825 attacks in one week, the official said. Afterward, the number dropped again to 400 per week in February and 350 in March, leading to some hopes that the insurgency — a mix of Saddam loyalists and foreign terrorists — was finally ebbing because of the elections.


A soldier watches as a car bomb explodes outside of Baghdad.
Associated Press

Marine faces questioning about combat

By Aaron Beard
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — A former Wall Street trader who rejoined the Marines after the Sept. 11 attacks is now faced with the consequences of another choice — the split-second decision he made in a combat zone.

Defense attorneys for 2nd Lt. Ilario Pantano and military prosecutors agree that the Marine shot and killed two Iraqis last year in a search for a terrorist hideout. But they do not agree on circumstances surrounding the shootings.

Defense attorneys say Pantano was doing his job. Prosecutors say it was murder, and were expected to present their evidence at a preliminary hearing set to begin Tuesday at Camp Lejeune.

The case has stirred debate on whether troops should be second-guessed for decisions made in fleeting seconds of combat. A North Carolina congressman has urged President Bush to intervene and dismiss charges against the 33-year-old New Yorker.

Pantano also has become a popular subject for conservative radio hosts, and his mother, Merry, has started a Web site in his defense.

"This Web site has raised awareness, which is what we has hoped it would do," Merry Pantano said Tuesday on ABC's "Good Morning America." She said supporters "do not understand how a warrior in combat can be charged with premeditated murder for self-defense for defending his men."

Rep. Walter Jones, a Republican, has said Pantano was doing nothing more than "defending the cause of freedom, democracy and liberty in his actions."

The Article 32 hearing, similar to a civilian grand jury hearing, is held to determine whether to recommend a court-martial or other punishment. An investigating officer will then make a recommendation to the commanding general of the 2nd Marine Division, who determines whether to proceed to trial or modify the charges.

If convicted of murder at a court-martial, Pantano could be sentenced to death. He has asked to waive the investigatory hearing and proceed straight to a court-martial.

A call to military defense attorney Maj. Phillip Stackhouse was not returned Monday afternoon. Base spokesman 2nd Lt. Barry Edwards declined to comment Monday.

The case stems from an April 15, 2004, incident in which Pantano's unit was ordered to search a house in Mahmudiyah, Iraq. Marines stopped Hamaidy Kareem and Tahah Ahmead Hanjil as they tried to drive away.

According to charges, Pantano ordered other troops to remove the suspects' handcuffs and look away, then shot the pair in the back, vandalized their vehicle and hung a sign over their corpses bearing a Marine slogan: "No better friend, no worse enemy."

In a statement, Pantano told investigators the two men had their backs to him and continued talking to each other despite warnings to be quiet

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International News

Last soldier welcomed home

By Sam F. Ghattas
Associated Press

MASNAA, Lebanon — Syria's last soldier in Lebanon walked across the border Tuesday, welcomed home with cheers and flowers after a modest farewell from the Lebanese, a quiet end to a once indomitable 29-year military presence that was the key to Damascus' control of its neighbor.

With the Syrians gone, Lebanese now look ahead to an election that should prove freer of Syrian influence but still runs the risk of sinking into violence. Lebanon's anti-Syrian opposition is hoping to defeat Damascus' political allies at the ballot box.

The withdrawal would have been unthinkable only a few months ago. But amid series of strategic blunders by Syrian President Bashar Assad, Damascus came under relentless international pressure that intensified after the Feb. 14 assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri. The United States in particular is keeping up demands for an end to Syria's influence.

After weeks of Syrians vacating their posts — with celebrations by Lebanese elated to see them go — Lebanon's pro-Syrian leadership was eager to give a dignified finish to the pullout.

Top military brass from both sides exchanged medals at an hourlong ceremony at an air base near their shared border, and they emphasized the nations' close ties will continue.



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Soldiers celebrate the homecoming of the last soldier to walk over the border. The soldier was welcomed with cheers and flowers from Syrians.

A Syrian commander told Lebanese troops at the ceremony: "Brothers in arms, 'til we meet again." The Lebanese replied, "'Til we meet again" — using the Arabic phrase "ila liqaa," a breezier goodbye than the more formal "farewell."

"Brothers in arms, thank you for your sacrifices," a Lebanese commander then told the Syrians.

Lebanese army commander Michel Suleiman pledged continued cooperation and credited the Syrian army with ending the 1975-90 civil war and rebuilding Lebanese forces. "Together we shall always remain brothers in arms in the face of the Israeli enemy," Suleiman said.

The two dozen or so Lebanese who stood at the border were less charitable as they watched the last 250 Syrians leave — remnants of a one-time mighty force of 40,000 that ran the country virtually unchallenged since arriving as peacekeepers in 1976.

"I feel like someone who was suffocated and jailed and has finally emerged from jail," said Shaaban al-Ajami, mayor of the Lebanese border village of Majdal Anjar.

"We don't want to say goodbye. We are happy to see them leave," said Hussein Mansour, 27, who stood at the border holding the lone Lebanese flag.

Opposition leader Walid Jumblatt was delighted.

Clinton urges tsunami efforts

By Nick Wadhams
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The world's response to the tsunami could serve as a blueprint for future disasters, but only if donors don't give up on people in Southeast Asia who still need help, former President Bill Clinton said Monday.

Clinton, the U.N. envoy for tsunami recovery, told a conference of U.S. executives that there is still much to be done to help the region after the Dec. 26 disaster. He said now was the most difficult time — initial relief efforts are over but the region has a long way to go until it fully recovers.

"If you do something that works well, then other people will copy it. We need to leave something here that will be copied," Clinton said. "We have got to prove that we can see this through in an honorable and effective way."

The conference at the United Nations saw U.N. emergency relief officials meet with the Business Roundtable, an association of 160 leading U.S. chief executives. They discussed coordination among companies that wanted to contribute to relief efforts and the U.N. agencies and non-governmental organizations doing the work.

Hank McKinnell, CEO of the drug company Pfizer and chief of the roundtable, said the most important thing to learn was speed — how to get companies to respond as fast as possible when disasters happen.

"I can only say that we in the private sector want to do the right thing and in times of crisis we want to do it quickly," McKinnell said.

An undersea earthquake of at least magnitude-9.0 off Indonesia triggered a tsunami that traveled across the Indian Ocean, killing at least 126,000 people in Indonesia, almost all of them in the Aceh province, and another 48,000 in 10 other countries.

So far, the United Nations says, there have been $6.7 billion in pledges, about $2 billion of which has been either been guaranteed or distributed, according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

Japanese mourn train crash

By Mari Yamaguchi
Associated Press

AMAGASAKI, Japan — At least he was alive.

Hours after Japan's worst train crash in decades, rescue teams found Hiroki Hayashi in an open space in the wreckage with his legs badly hurt, but he was still conscious.

Workers, however, faced a major hurdle: they couldn't get the 19-year-old college student out. Rescuers could pass him water and put him on an intravenous drip, but he was pinned down by slabs of metal and the bodies of victims.

Firefighters feared sparks from an electric drill would ignite spilled fuel.

"We had to use hydraulic-equipped machines to pry open a space," said Hideki Maeda of the Amagasaki Fire Department.

Early Tuesday, rescuers finally freed Hayashi from the wreckage 22 hours after the crash in Amagasaki in western Japan, the final survivor pulled from the shattered train. As of early Wednesday, the death toll was 81, with more bodies expected to be uncovered. At least 456 people were injured.

"He really endured a lot, despite hours of pain," firefighter Shohei Matsuda said.

Hayashi's survival was remarkable considering the devastation of the accident. Cruising at a reported speed of 65 mph, the commuter train hit a curve in Amagasaki, 250 miles west of Tokyo, and tumbled from the tracks. The speed limit was 43 mph.

Several cars of the train smashed into an apartment house just beside the rails, with the flattened shell of one wrapped around the corner of the building. The crash was Japan's deadliest train disaster since 1963.

On Tuesday, agents swept through eight offices of train operator West Japan Railway Co., carting away cardboard boxes of documents. The probe into possible professional negligence has focused on the actions of the 23-year-old driver — who has not yet been accounted for — and the speed of the train.

Investigators examining the accident site said they had found the train's "black box," a computer chip that stores information about the time and train's speed in the final seconds before an accident. But they cautioned it would take time to analyze the contents.

The seven-car train was packed with 580 passengers at the time of the accident near this Osaka suburb. Monday's accident was the worst rail disaster in nearly 42 years in this safety-conscious country, which is home to one of the world's most complex, efficient and heavily traveled rail networks.

The driver — identified as Ryujiro Takami — got his train operator's license in May 2004. One month later, he overran a station and was issued a warning for his mistake, railway officials and police said.

Investigators said the driver may have been shaken after overrunning the station just before the crash by 130 feet and falling 90 seconds behind schedule. Speculation was high that the driver may have been rushing to make up lost time.

Hayashi was panicked between the crash and his rescue.



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Dozens try to clean up the rubble left in the city of Amagasaki, Japan after a commuter train derailment left 81 dead and hundreds injured.

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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Destruction serves as warning for Hoedown

With spring approaching, campus-wide acts of senseless violence also begin to sprout. Between fires and armed robbery recently occurring on this campus, University of Massachusetts students can no longer feel safe in or outside their dormitories. Behaviors such as these cannot go unnoticed, nor can they go without punishment, and rightly so.

The first fire that occurred took place on campus in the Orchard Hill Residential Area. Two garbage cans were set on fire in a student lounge, causing Grayson Hall to be evacuated at midnight. The inconvenience of the situation to all of Grayson's residents is of the least concern in the matter. It is behavior like this that only proves to the administration that it is more than necessary for the UMass Police Department to posses and use TASERs on students.

The second fire happened in a garage behind a house owned by Alpha Tau Gamma, a fraternal organization for students of the UMass Stockbridge School of Agriculture. The fire started at 2 a.m. and there were no reported injuries, including the fire at Grayson. The amounts of damage caused in both situations resulted to over a combined $12,000 in repairs and were both deemed to be intentionally set. If the intention was to make the Amherst Fire Department work for their money, it wasn't well received.

In addition to the fire, there was an armed robbery that took place in Van Meter dormitory early Sunday morning. A handgun was involved in the scenario and the whole incident was caught on videotape. Short of bag searches upon entry and random room sweeps, there is no sensible way for an event like that to be prevented. Bag and room searches were things that have been brought up in the past by members of the administration as ways to keep problems like this from happening, but were met with great opposition.

Chancellor Lombardi has an obligation to all the students that attend this University to make the campus and the environment as safe as possible. Students are paying hard-earned dollars to try and achieve an education in a safe atmosphere. His suggestions may have seen extreme when first mentioned, but with armed robbery and active fires taking place in campus dormitories, what other choices is the administration left with?

The use of TASERs is certainly a scary thought that will soon become a scary reality next semester. However, the recent incidents that have occurred on campus prove the administration's points in purchasing them. This also fairs as a warning to all students planning to participate in the upcoming relocated Hobart Hoedown planned for Saturday night on Main Street. Though the location of the event is rumored to have changed, there is nothing to suggest the nature of the party won't change from the last two years.

Senseless destruction and violence should not be what makes a party fun, nor should it be what attracts masses of people. The stupidity of the recent destructive events on campus should be a red-hot warning to the campus community to have a good time, but to remain civilized and safe.

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Church changes U.S. society

Andrew Freeman

If you want to know what Christianity in America is really about, you needn't go to church. A simple two-word phrase will do it for you: "Jesus Dolls."

Beverly Hills Teddy Bear Co. has created a series of dolls called "Messengers of Faith," which include Jesus, Mary, Moses and David. The foot-high dolls are "fully posable," recite verses from the Bible and are "great for collectors, to," according to the company's Web site, www.one-2believe.com.

Jesus dolls are just one element in a fascinating trend in today's society: the merger of Christianity and consumer capitalism. This plays out in countless ways: "What would Jesus do?" bumper stickers, Christian bracelets and faith-based instant messaging buddy icons.

The ties between commercialism and Christianity are deep. The sociologist Max Weber wrote, in his 1905 essay "The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism," that some Protestant theology encouraged individuals to enrich themselves. This was a break from the disdain for materialism and greed that had characterized previous years, particularly the Middle Ages. This embrace of wealth and material success fosters the growth of today's Christian mass-market.

The market for Christian goods is enormous. One of the highest-grossing films last year was "The Passion of the Christ," which, for its extremely violent portrayal of Jesus' death, made over $370 million, according to www.boxofficemojo.com. The "Left Behind" series of novels by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins, which depict an interpretation of the Apocalypse, have sold between 40 and 50 million copies, according to money.cnn.com, and the series is also represented in audio books, children's books and even a movie on DVD.

Increasingly, Christianity in the United States has become commoditized, and its adherents have become an emerging market for products. This is leading to a coarsening of religion. People trumpet their religious identity in the same way they announce their child is an honor student: on a T-shirt or bumper sticker.

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For many, this is not a problem. They believe that all aspects of their life should represent their religious identity. I think that such visible portrayals of piety are often false. If you believe it with your heart, that should be rewarding enough in and of itself, and you needn't proclaim your faith to the world. Jesus distinguished between hypocrites and true believers, urging the latter to "go into your room, close the door," when they pray, as opposed to the former, who pray "in the synagogues and on street corners so that people can see them," (Matthew 6:5-6).

Moreover, some of these products promote a very violent and hateful version of Christianity. The "Left Behind" novels depict slaughter and genocide, while "The Passion of the Christ" features the lashing of Jesus with a whip and accompanying gore, with caricatures of Jews looking on. Such bloodlust contrasts with the pacifist and tolerant philosophies of Christianity.

While such works claim to be based on the scriptures, that is misleading. "The Passion" was heavily inspired by the writings and visions of an early 19th century nun, Anne Catherine Emmerich. Minister William Cork writes, on www.wquercus.com, that Em-merich's book, "reflects both misunderstanding and ignorance of the scripture," as well as embraces the widespread anti-Semitism of the time.

In the case of the "Left Behind" novels, the concept of the rapture on which the books are based is far from universally accepted in Christianity, with followings only among conservative Christians. The rapture hails from a doctrine called Premillenialism that the Church declared a heresy in the fourth century, and which was resurrected around 1830, according to www.religioustolerance.org.

I am not entirely sure how to confront these commercialist trends. On one hand, there is the possibility that religious belief will become weaker. If this serves to lessen the power of violent fundamentalism, then it would be positive, but it could also lead to the decline of churches and religion overall.

On the other, making Christianity more mainstream and commercialistic may compel society, business and culture to become more Christian, ostracizing atheists and members of other religions. This has happened already in politics, as the Republican Party is dominated by its fundamentalist Christian base, which is silencing more moderate or libertarian elements.

One thing is for certain: the collision of Christianity and Capitalism is a defining force of our times, and it will change American society, for good or ill.

Andrew Freeman is a Collegian columnist.

Punk rock dream come true

Thomas Naughton

"Oooh, I don't think I can do this," I said under my breath while watching the crowd of people enter the cramped venue my band was playing.

It was my first big show as the new vocalist of the band I had recently joined, Pushing For Summer (I didn't come up with the name, so don't make fun of me). The band was comprised of kids I had grown up with, but as I watched the huge crowd of hardcore boys stomp towards the front, I felt completely alone. The other vocalist, Matt, who screamed exclusively while I unleashed my show tunes-yelp, smirked at me; he knew I was about to pee the bed.

I was 17, gay and absolutely not "hardcore." I don't remember standing out so much in a crowd of such diversely weird-looking punk rockers. We were opening for the ugly hardcore heroes, BANE, for reasons I still don't understand, and when I opened my mouth and began to sing, the looks on their faces that read "what the hell are you doing?" are still burned into my memory — looks that I wouldn't remember getting again until I went to my first gay bar.

The fact that many of the 'hardcore' kids still came to my shows, said nice things to me, didn't shut me out or beat me up showed me that things were absolutely changing.

I'm too "punk rock" (whatever that is) for the gays, too gay for the punk rockers. Growing up, I never really had any gay punk role models, except, perhaps, for my childhood friend and super-crush Nick Fitt, Morrissey of the Smiths and Makeoutclub.com mogul Gibby; all of which frequently "jumped the shark" with regards to committing to homosexuality or sexual labels in general.

In punk music, the closest I could get to discernable "role-models" were Pansy Division. Pansy Division made their gayness a joke, which was certainly a way to deflect jabs from the notoriously homophobic punk rock community. They were to punk rock what 70s Blaxploitation Films were to the movie industry: boundary breakers; laughable, perhaps damaging, but boundary breakers nonetheless.

I could hang onto people like Rob Halford, Freddie Mercury and Michael Stipe all I wanted, but when it came down to visibility within the community of which I was immersed, the aforementioned crooners were of the past and did not apply. Around the time I began singing in PFS, I saw a documentary by Martin Sorrondeguy (formerly of Los Crudos), the lead singer of a new all gay-male hardcore band, XLimpwristX. I became friends with XLimpwristX guitarist Mark Telfian who was also the ex-vocalist in the New York hardcore mainstays, Hail Mary.

I realized that an emergence was occurring. Like Riot-Grrrl of the early 90s, which punched a small hole in rock for women to raise their voices. These gay male punk rock veterans were punching a new hole in the musical landscape by becoming visibly gay. On an admittedly small level, (I was in a local band) I was apart of this emergence.

I never revealed in my lyrics that I was singing about males, I didn't have to. The fact that many of the "hardcore" kids still came to my shows, said nice things to me, didn't shut me out or beat me up showed me that things were absolutely changing.

I started singing for a new band, The Lead Hour (lead like the metal), after PFS broke up. I wanted to keep the momentum going. I had a job to do, remain visible and not give up. The straight guys of my band deserved medals of honor for not making me feel like an alien, for believing in me and most of all, for not being ashamed to be my friend and collaborator in a punk rock scene where the word "faggot" still flies out of teenage mouths freely (regardless of how "enlightened" punk and hardcore listeners claim to be).

The Lead Hour had two strikes against it: an openly gay male vocalist and a female pianist/violinist/vocalist. However, as said before, an emergence was occurring. A few people at a show would make fun of my voice or say gross things about Allie, our triple threat, and they would wait for the other members of the crowd to join in. I remember this ritual because it would happen at almost every show. I'd wait and watch while the two or three jerks in the back called me a "homo" to see if others would join them.

And then nothing would happen. No one would laugh with them, most of the time. The audience would keep their eyes to the front, to my friends and I while we played our hearts out. That showed me why I was there, why it was important for me to stand out and bear being embarrassed and afraid.

Then I noticed a new crowd of people at these shows: teenage gay boys. They would talk to me after the show, tell me how much they liked the music, how much they wanted to be in a band and sometimes, how much it meant to see me onstage not hiding. I started calling them "baby-gays," and I realized that if they can feel like they have a voice in me, even on a minute, local band-level, something I never had at their age, perhaps my gay-teen punk rock dream really has come true.

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Decoration or destruction?

Jessica Rich

For generations, there have always been trends and fashions that most people conform to; whether it was the bell-bottom and tie dyed craze that took place in the 1960s and came back in the 1990s, or the present day Ugg boots phase. However, there is one phase that has never lost its stylishness: tattoos and body piercing. But why is this obsession with "self-mutilation" a popular pastime? Do some people actually consider this act as "beautification?"

Being a young girl in this American society, most girls are expected to get their ears pierced on both earlobes. It's pretty, it's sophisticated and it's what girls do. So when I was only six years old, my mother took me to get my ears pierced. I screamed and cried after the jeweler put these two holes through my ears. "Beauty hurts" my mom always told me. About 10 years later, my friends and I decided to get our cartilage pierced on our left ear as a symbol of our friendship.

The next year I got two more holes on my earlobes, which didn't hurt as much as the first set, but was not that pleasing either. Finally, this past month, I got my cartilage on my right ear pierced, just as a spur-of-the-moment decision. What is the point of putting numerous amounts of holes in your body, you might be asking. For the look? For the pain? Or just for fun?

According to Radar Love, a body modification artist in Anniston, Alabama, "this has been underground for years, but it has finally gone mainstream in the last five to 10 years ... Western civilization, and the United States primarily, is the only civilization to shun body piercing.

Everywhere else in the world it is a status symbol." Most people who you come across with piercings do it for decoration or as a form of self-expression or even just to go with the crowd. For example, the typical college female comes into a piercing studio for the "way-too-common" belly button ring. It's a cute, yet sexy, way to express yourself, so why not?

Shannon Larratt, the editor and publisher of bmezine.com (a full-spectrum body modification publication) once stated in an article, "... that if you speak ill of someone simply because they've chosen a star or a kanji symbol to express themselves, that you're a moron. It's not relevant what language a person is speaking — what's relevant is what they're saying and if anyone else is listening." Many people with tattoos can relate to what she is saying. It's so easy for people to criticize other people, but once you know where they are coming from, you will never understand their tattoo, or them.

Within my first month of coming to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, I went into Amherst Center with my new friends one weekend. We found a tattoo parlor, Mom's Tattoos, and at this point I found out all of my new friends have already been "inked." They all had only one tattoo, except for my suitemate's brother who had seven at the time. We went inside because her brother wanted yet another tattoo. It has always interested me to find out the stories and sentimental value behind each tattoo. Even though certain tattoos are considered "mainstream" or "overdone" — star, cross, rose, heart — no one is at liberty to judge you or your tattoo since they have no idea the significance it holds to you.

In the back of my mind I always wanted one, but what would I get? Where would I get it? What would my parents say? It had to be something I was happy with and actually wanted; it's going to be with me for the rest of my life, and it had to be perfect. Everyone always says that the feeling of the needle across your skin when you get a tattoo feels like a bee sting.

So the irony behind a bumblebee tattoo would be humorous because I am allergic to bee stings. Nevertheless, I didn't think that I would actually go through with it.

Joking about getting inked and actually doing it are two completely different things. I made up any excuse possible so that I wouldn't have to get it that day; I hate needles, I didn't have my picture with me, I didn't have enough money. However, I knew that if I didn't do it that day, I would never get it done.

Fifteen minutes before the tattoo parlor closed, I finally got up the courage to get it done, and asked if they had enough time to do one last small tattoo. Once everything was ready, he comforted me and continued to remind me how minimal the pain is. At first it was awkward, there was a man I just met drawing a bumblebee on my backside trying to make small talk, and my friends peeping around the corner. But before I knew it, it was finished. Everyone tells me they're addictive, and now I know why; the adrenaline rush and the anticipation for how it will turn out.

People of older generations might disagree with this rush of "beautification" that teenagers and young adults do to their bodies. However, whether your modification is permanent or temporary, there's that motive behind every mark you make on your body. You will always remember that day you got it, who you were with and your eagerness to see how it will look when it's finished.

Jessica Rich is a UMass student.

SUBMIT A LETTER OR OPINION



Take me to 'Funkytown'

Kenny Mulligan

I'm a small town kind of guy. So you can imagine how overwhelmed I was when I took a trip into New York City recently. I had been there before, but I was merely a fifth grader, with ADHD, too hopped up on Ritalin to really have any appreciation for the grandeur of it all. What really caught my attention this time around was the ferociously beating heart of all consumerism, called Times Square.

As I stood on the sidewalk with wide eyes and a gaping mouth, my head tilted up at the mesmerizing array of bright flashy lights and spinny things. About five minutes passed before people began tossing loose change at my feet, mistaking me for a hobo. I was perplexed. Had I remembered to blink that whole time? The harsh scrape of my eyelids across my corneas was evidence enough that I hadn't.

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Sure, nature is great. Mountains are great. The Grand freaking Canyon is great. But how long does nature take to create all that crap? She takes her sweet time is what she does. Man created Times Square, and it has grown and still grows even faster than a gestating fetus from zygote to birth. It was as if Whoros, the Greek god of consumerism, had stood beside a commercially barren Times Square and cracked one off into the face of a once benevolent city. It was beautiful and pornographic at the same time.

Later on, as I stepped out of the Virgin Records Megastore, which was way more 'mega' than any store in which I had ever set foot in, it looked like the evening sun was still shining. But after walking five feet beyond the exit, I finally saw a large enough patch of sky to realize that it was really nighttime and that the luster emanating from the overlooking signs had blessed the streets with an eternal evening glow. I'd like to see Mother Nature do that.

I must also say that this place made me feel like a movie star. Pestered from every single direction with every step I took, I reveled in a sense of personal significance. "All these people want to talk to me. They all have presents for me." Albeit, just about all of those presents were fliers for goods and services for which I didn't even think it was possible to flier, at least as a law-abiding citizen. Seriously, it was like walking through a thousand UMass Campus Centers.

At one point, I found myself in the Times Square Toys 'R Us. What caught my attention most in that store was a "Shrek" version of the classic medical malpractice simulator, Operation. It was ostensibly the same game. It just had Shrek in place of that dopey, anatomically impaired, red-nosed freak of nature. I could picture, in my head, a family sitting in the living room on board game night, drinking hot cocoa or something of equally generic wholesomeness. I then imagined a little boy gritting his teeth at that father responding, dreaded buzzing sound, and his "Sorry Johnny. You killed Shrek."

Finally, Saturday came, and I hopped a bus out of the city. I felt like a shell of a man. My mind was defiled and had been penetrated from all directions, in ways too kinky to describe. I thanked God that I could finally relax and enjoy my assortment of $15 souvenir coffee mugs.

Had I liked New York? Or was I disgusted by the chaotic commercialism, pollution, crowdedness and the overall rudeness of the people? Then again, I couldn't deny how enchanted I was by the glitz, the glamour and the awe-inspiringly meticulous arrangements of millions upon millions of tiny flickering lights. Is it possible to have such a reluctant affinity for something? To want more and more, yet have some grand desire to just say, "No, none of that hedonistic crap for me. It only does more harm than good."

If only there was something else in my life that had the same effect on me. Then I might be able to elaborate on these quandaries; perhaps have some greater understanding of it all. Arriving at no conclusion, I lit up a cigarette and said, "Eh, screw it."

Kenny Mulligan is a UMass student.

Inciting riot by campus' design

S.J. Port

The architecture and layout of the University of Massachusetts' campus are major factors in a campus design that fosters riotous behavior.

Here in Amherst, 90 miles west of Boston, lies the University of Massachusetts' flagship campus. The University appears as a metropolitan mirage to visitors approaching through the rural back roads of the valley around Amherst proper. Southwest's cement towers stand out against the mountains; they are the first thing new arrivals see of the campus.

In the architecture of the University, Southwest is the largest student living area in the middle ring of the Campus. Fifty percent of students living on campus, approximately 5,400, cohabitate together in the centrally located Southwest area, which contains all but one of the largest residential buildings on campus, according to the University's Housing Web site.

Composed of five identical towers (Kennedy, John Quincy Adams, John Adams, Washington and Coolidge) and 11 low-rise dormitories and three of the campus' five dining halls, Southwest is set around a quadrangle area through which the majority of its residents pass several times a day.

It is there, in the quad that the infamous UMass riots always begin.

The architecture of the five identical 22-story towers around a cement quad at the center of Southwest creates a sense of being anonymous and of being able to get "lost in the crowd." The way the buildings block the view of the "outside world" gives Southwest the feeling of being its own city, making it easier to commit acts, like riots, without the consciousness that might come in different living structures. Unidentifiable from the masses, students feel Southwest is an area in which to commit these isolated criminal acts, as demonstrated by the riotous behavior following recent athletic events.

Once people are out in the middle of Southwest, they are confined by the tight living space created by the boundaries of the towers and low-rises, and sometimes even by the shear numbers of bodies around them. Southwest's reputation precedes itself enabling news students and visitors to rationalize their behavior.

When riots have moved to more open areas, like the Campus Pond or Northeast, not only are fewer students arrested (perhaps, in part due to their ability to escape authorities) but also the activity is generally less destructive and more quickly dispersed.

It is ironic that the Southwest towers are named for five men known for their contributions to our systems of law and government. Four of the towers are named for Massachusetts' most presidential sons, John Adams, John Quincy Adams, Calvin Coolidge, and John F. Kennedy; the fifth is named for founding father George Washington. The majority of students have probably not made this connection, suggesting that the image of law on campus is invisible — or possibly dead — to most students.

The built space in which law and justice is delivered is perhaps the most obvious example of visualizing law, however at UMass Amherst the only building associated with this is the administration's home in Whitmore. Residents of campus do not have an image of law or justice at UMass.

Law, in the modern period, doesn't want to be seen — politics is what we see. However, it is law by definition, not politics, which takes away the deviancy of something. Without an image of law on campus we are left with only politics.

The campus media, specifically The Massachusetts Daily Collegian, presents community members with visual glimpses of the actions and reactions, as well as textual detail and discussions of such, but not necessarily the consequences of criminal activity on campus. The police report is the only regular example The Collegian provides of the consequences of inappropriate behavior by students.

Punishment is meant in part to be shaming, which in turn is dehumanizing, effectively suppressing the rebellious or controversial speech/actions of the "criminal." However, to shame an individual the process must be public and the audience engaged, without attention the punisher has less power and the gravity of the punishment is less. The authority of the administration lies in the attention it is given by the community. At UMass, the Student Government Association is given broader press than administrators or authoritative decision making bodies like the Faculty Senate.

As punishment becomes less public, law enforcement becomes more public. At UMass the number of law enforcement departments required to suppress student rioting has drawn attention 90 miles to the west in the state's capitol, Boston. However budget cuts have withdrawn protective programs like late-night dorm escorts from different points of campus from the student's eye, making actual enforcement bodies fewer and less visible to the people who need to see it the most: students.

The University of Massachusetts must revolutionize the design of its campus — starting with the newly planned additional dormitories and then attacking poorly designed older residential areas. That said, students are responsible for their actions — good or bad.

However, the University must consider significant changes to the living atmosphere at UMass in order to quell the destructive behavior of students and inspire attitude changes in the ranks.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS ARE JUST THAT

Remember when private conversations where just that...private. Not in today's world.

In the short time it took me to walk across campus from the School of Education to Whitmore and back, I was privy to several extremely personal conversations. Not that I wanted to be, mind you. The people sharing their deepest thoughts were all talking on cell phones in voices that would make stage whispers seem soft spoken. What part of "if you talk as if the person is down the street from you then everyone within a 10-foot radius is going to hear you" don't these people understand?

A few of the conversations unwittingly shared with me went something like this:

"No, Ma, I'm not coming home. I don't care, I going to stay over at Jim's house. Oh, yeah, we'll be sleeping in separate rooms." At this point, the young woman speaking was beside me. She looked straight at me and rolled her eyes the way my daughters do when they think I have asked a stupid question.

Then there was from another coed, "Yeah, well I am going to talk to him. You know it. He's so hot."

The best or maybe I should say worst was shared near the entrance of the campus center. I'm still shaking my head at this one.

"Hey there honey, you were so good last night." The remainder of the conversation, which had captured the attention of several other people, was rather graphic in the details of just what "honey" did to be so good. Spare me.

After 50 something years of life, I can venture to say that almost nothing shocks me anymore. I am definitely not a prude, but I do believe emphatically in keeping my private life private. I would like to think that others feel the same.

Cell phones are very handy tools to have. They are great in emergencies. They do have their place in our world. However, when they are used as extensions of our audio-visual systems, something just doesn't seem right.

If we are all walking around with cell phones plastered to our ears, we miss so much. How are we going to hear the delightful call of the birds in spring? What if that potential "special someone" calls us from across the street? We could even miss the opportunity to answer a request for help from someone in need.

Life is short. Opportunities to see beauty abound in this glorious spring season. The people we pass each day all have stories to share, if we are open to it. All we need to remember is that there's a big difference in sharing each others stories in quiet conversation, face to face, one on one and announcing to the world what is happening in your life over a cell phone.

Linda Neas
UMass graduate student

I don't believe in fairytales

Ryan Welsh

In the house that I grew up in, every Sunday morning was a battle. My sister and I would both fight my parents as much as we could in an attempt to avoid the second most boring hour of the week, church; the first being CCD. Despite the abomination I had for Catholic lessons, I really didn't make the choice to become agnostic until I was in my freshman year of high school.

Coming from the freedom of a public school into the conservative environment of a Catholic high school, one could imagine the possibilities for conflict. For the entire four years I was in high school, I was required to take numerous religion classes that explained more than just Christianity. This, for the first time, really enabled me to understand the religion, and how strong followers act and feel as a result of these beliefs.

The catalyst of my conversion was the book "Cosmos," by Carl Sagan. I always knew space was enormous, but I never really had an appreciation for the overwhelming reality of trillions and trillions of other planets being just as inhabitable as earth. It is an accepted estimate among scientists that there are anywhere from a billion to a trillion stars in a single galaxy. Around every one of these stars there are planets orbiting them, many of which are of the same distance to their star as earth is from the sun.

To go even further, Carl Sagan, said, "There are more galaxies in the cosmos then there are grains of sand on the earth." With these unfathomable numbers, it would be incredibly ignorant to assume that there aren't billions, if not trillions, of planets that support life; some in the form of bacteria and others in a state that is simply inexplicable.

This hypothesis on its own is enough to challenge everything any religion has ever taught.

Assuming that every religion that was ever practiced was wrong, one might question why religion was ever created. The answer to this question really isn't that hard to understand. People are needy, and in general, pretty stupid. Contemplating such questions like, where one goes when they die, or how they got on the earth can be overwhelmingly complicated thoughts.

However, despite the complexity of these questions, people need answers to them, and often the answer is one that makes them happy. For example, there is a perfect being that loves you and has unconditional forgiveness for anything that you may do, so that, in turn you can spend an eternity in paradise. In my personal opinion it is a lot nicer to believe this; it is probably why religion is so popular.

People will believe whatever they are raised to believe. There have been numerous examples of this throughout history, such as the Hitler youth, the belief that the world is flat or simply the idea that if one dies attacking an opposing religion, they are a hero. It is unreasonable to expect people to question such beliefs that they were raised to practice, especially one, if opposed, could result in having them brutally killed and sent to an eternity in the fiery pits of hell.

So, people choose to accept these beliefs and reflect them in their everyday lifestyle due partly to fear and partly to ignorance.

The other part of religion, especially Christianity, that turns me off is the overall nature of those who lead it. The Vatican's track record isn't nearly as perfect as people think. Throughout history, there have been numerous "mistakes," such as the church's acceptance of slave trade and their policy of non-involvement during the Holocaust. Although these things are surprising, they don't question the overall validity of what they preach.

However, there is one event the church underwent that could raise some suspicion. The First Vatican Council spent the majority of their time sorting through the gospels. The reason for this is because, prior to the council meeting, there were 31 gospels, not the four we have today: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The reason for this was because the gospels contradicted one another at parts, making it increasingly difficult to attract followers.

Religion is also hypocritical. I say this because every religion preaches peace, and we all know that history is nothing but peaceful. It forces conflict by having people preach their different moral values, as based on their religion, in an attempt to have them incorporated in with society. If one religious group has conflicting views with that of another, there is no happy medium; it always results in a fight. As George Carlin once said, "More people have died in the name of religion than any other reason. All you have to do is look at Northern Ireland, the Middle East, the Holocaust, the Inquisition, the Crusades and 9/11 to see that the more devout religions are, the more they see killing as being negotiable."

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UMass and all it has to offer

Evan Mowery

When I tell people I am a high profile member of the University Gallery's elite security group, I am usually met with a blank stare for a second or so, occasionally accompanied by the appearance of a thin line of saliva that has gradually built itself up and has decided to hang down and wave in the breeze like a shoelace. Then, if the person has been attending this fine establishment as long as I have, he or she will usually begin with a barrage of questions regarding where this place is and why they had never heard of it. Having worked in the gallery every semester of the last three years, I have lost count of the amount of times that I have engaged in conversations of this nature.

They seem fascinated at the things that I relate; deeply motivated to see some of the fine pieces that have been on show recently. Even more so, how they have managed to pass by what was lying right under their very noses.

... Regardless of your future career, you never know where inspiration is going to come from. It may just be waiting for you down in a grey, cavernous pit of a room.

Welcome to the University Gallery. I'm Evan, your freakin' tour guide and you are the patient observer, who will gape in awe as you listen to what I am about to tell you. No, you won't really but it's always nice to hope.

First of all the place is located underneath the ... dum dum dum, Fine Arts Center. It's right there. You walk by it; you might even walk through it, every day single day of your college career. You might have even seen the set of doors right next to the FAC box office, the ones with the fine bold letters emblazoned across the glass of the door announcing the gallery's immediate access point. "Come to me," it seems to call. "Enter and bear witness to new and enchanting products of human creation that you have never seen before." Don't the words "University Gallery" in large white print inspire such delusions in you? Maybe I'm just crazy.

Step through the doors and enter the gallery's cavernous confines. You will be greeted by other smiling professionals like myself who will inquire as to the fine make up of your day thus far. But this fine greeting is only the beginning.

After the guards' greetings, which will no doubt restore any faith that you might have lost regarding the decency and kindness of the human race, you will have the choice of turning either left or right. Regardless of which path that you choose to take, your life experience will be forever changed.

Never in your life will you think back upon your college experience and say "wow, I really wish that I could have stood in a garage of a room and ponder art when I was a senior at UMass. I would have liked to see the concrete contrasted with, for example, the cluster of large mud caked, straw filled birds nests that Ranjani Shettar used to make. Oh, and the cakes of adhesive that dissolve slowly to reveal an angel underneath. Those works were my favorite. Seeing them might have inspired me to take that last class instead of dropping out and taking a job as a proctologist's assistant. Oh, well."

OK. You might say that anyway. I can't stop you. Proctology is a very highly esteemed profession in the medical world, so I'm told. You might, instead, be saying, "Wow, I am so glad I went to see those works at the University Gallery. They inspired me to finish my college career strong and fulfill my dreams of becoming a fully licensed proctologist." Anyway, regardless of your future career, you never know where inspiration is going to come from. It may just be waiting for you down in a grey, cavernous pit of a room.

I write at this moment not with any intention to persuade anyone of you to take a walk through the University Gallery. As a member of the security personnel, the last thing that I would want would be more crazy college students running rampant in the place, with their attitudes and crazy haircuts, playing with everything they can get their grubby little fingers on, and leaving their raunchy smells all over the place.

Instead, I would like to inspire in all of you to go out, explore and take some time from your busy schedules to do something for yourself. Just think of all the cool inventions, like fake poop or puke, that wouldn't have been invented if people stayed all academic and busy their whole lives.

So if you come by with the intention of changing your life around, please remember to spend a little time talking to the charming group of security elite that are giving 110 percent of their energy to please you art lovers and are always up for a good conversation. But leave your bag at the door, use a pencil and don't touch the art unless you want that 110 percent of the security energy to come down upon you like so many ferocious and rampaging wild beasts. And no photography, damn you.

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Ashton Kutcher and Amanda Peet talk up 'A Lot Like Love'



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LOS ANGELES — Outwardly, it looks like Amanda Peet and Ashton Kutcher are an item. They stroll into an interview together, practically hand in hand. He's protective of her, she lets him pull her chair out for her. They pepper their banter to each other with "honey" and "sweetie."

On screen, their director Nigel Cole says, "I'm amazed how sizzling the two of them come across when they're together. I wish I could take credit for that."

Of course, Kutcher is teamed with actress Demi Moore in real life, and Peet has no comment about her personal life. Yet the two of them are aware that they come across well as a couple who dance around their feelings for each other over a seven-year period in their latest movie, "A Lot Like Love."

"We actually read an actress in Los Angeles, and it wasn't working," Kutcher begins.

"You read 20 people," Peet interrupts. "You can tell the truth."

"We read other actresses and the chemistry wasn't just right," continues Kutcher. "We wanted someone who had the combination to be vulnerable, but also to be funny. I've seen Amanda and she's beautiful, very funny and able to be vulnerable."

Peet looks at her co-star skeptically as if she's being "Punk'd" and then says, "I guess that when we auditioned with each other we fell in love with each other, or I fell in love with Ashton."

In the story, Kutcher's character meets Peet's character on an airplane and they have a quick sexual encounter in a tiny bathroom. She's a New York Goth-like character and he's a kid who's still living at home. They reconnect over a period of years and eventually realize their encounters feel a lot like a real love for each other.

Peet says her character's early years remind her of growing up in New York. "I was a hipster, kind of an artsy person, it was my Goth phase — or at least I tried to be like that. Actually, I was kind of a prude in high school and I did my homework and I went to college. But I identified with this artsy, tough girl."

In reality, both of the young actors are rather cynical about love. Kutcher, 27, admits, "I'm somewhat of a love cynic in that I don't know if it's truly 100 percent attainable every day, but I think that to me love is when your desire for someone else is greater than your desire for yourself — or equal to that."

Peet, 33, adds, "I certainly don't believe in love at first sight. I definitely believe in a lot of chemistry and lust at first sight. But I think that love is something that takes work. As you can see in the movie, I think that timing is everything."

Both of the actors admit doing crazy things for love.

Peet laughs, "I've tried to make a move at the wrong time. I've thrown pebbles at someone's window. I've gone after them when there's another woman in the picture."

And Kutcher recalls a long-distance relationship. "One of the craziest things I did was when I was in Canada shooting a film and I flew in to Los Angeles for 30 minutes to see a person and then flew back out to Canada. I had a 30-minute window where I could see them, and they weren't there. They showed up with about 15 minutes to go. And then I had my 15 minutes and I was gone."

Kutcher says his more-than-15-minutes in the proverbial fame spotlight is always a bit stunning to him. "I often wonder what I'm doing here, why am I sitting in front of this microphone talking to you? Why me?"

When Kutcher is told that his director compares him to legendary star Cary Grant, the young actor is floored. "That's very generous of him, wow!"

But Kutcher disputes Cole's rendition of the nude scene that the two stars performed in the desert. They were posing for an artistic photo shoot, and the director says, "Ashton has a great body, one that I would give 10 years of my life for, and yet he was so hesitant to get naked."

"No, no, I like being nude as often I can, as much as I can be nude I try to be nude," he smiles and then corrects himself. "Seriously, no, it's not that great for me. For other people I like them being nude, but not me so much. You're completely exposed. I had this thong with like a catcher's mitt to wear. It was a little awkward."

Peet adds, "Luckily it was halfway through the shoot, so we already knew each other well, and it was shot on a soundstage, not really in the desert. It worked."

"We were so self-conscious, I think we weren't looking at anything else except ourselves," says Kutcher, pausing and then adding "Well, I was looking at her."

"Oh, I was looking, too," she giggles. "Never mind!"



Fan celebrates nearly 30 years of 'Star Wars' with collection

Enthusiast discusses toy fascination, new film

By Joe Guy Collier
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WESTLAND, Mich. — If Obi-Wan Kenobi and his green friend Yoda could visit the home of John Muse, they would come away with just one conclusion.

"The Force is strong in this one."

Muse, a 35-year-old business consultant, has seen the "Star Wars" movies too many times to count. In 1998, he co-founded a Michigan club for "Star Wars" enthusiasts.

And in a room not that far, far away, he has hundreds of pieces of "Star Wars" memorabilia — everything from a Boba Fett bobble-head to a giant Darth Vader Pez dispenser that plays the ominous Imperial March when the head is tilted open.

Thursday through Sunday, Muse and thousands of other "Star Wars" fans were in Indianapolis for "Star Wars" Celebration III. The convention was a prelude to the May 19 release of "Revenge of the Sith," the sixth and final installment of the "Star Wars" series.

Muse wouldn't miss the movie or convention for the universe.

"It's the last hurrah," says Muse, standing in the midst of his "Star Wars" shrine. "It's the last one. It answers all the questions."

Twenty-eight years after the original "Star Wars" movie hit theaters, the franchise continues to draw allegiance unmatched in the entertainment world.

The first five "Star Wars" movies are among the top 25 U.S. box office draws of all time, earning a combined $1.8 billion domestically and $3.4 billion worldwide, according to industry tracker Box Office Mojo. The sixth movie is expected to be a blockbuster as well.

But "Star Wars" goes beyond the theater. It has spawned clubs, conventions and an endless stream of toys.

Last weekend in Indianapolis, grown-ups, many with kids of their own, donned Storm Trooper suits and Jedi outfits, parading around as though they were members of an intergalactic community.

"It's not just something they do on weekends," says Matthew Kapell, 35, a Wayne State University anthropologist and historian who studies popular culture. "It's almost a religion."

The "Star Wars" franchise has been successful because creator George Lucas stuck to a simple, universal story about good vs. evil and a hero's attempt to save the day, says Kapell, co-author of a book titled "Finding the Force in 'Star Wars'" expected to be released later this year.

"Ordinarily, seeing a film is something that's very passive," Kapell says. "With the 'Star Wars' films, it's something where people can participate."

The love of "Star Wars" started at an early age for Muse. His parents took him to see the original "Star Wars" when he was 8 years old. Before the summer was out, Muse had seen the movie six or seven times. (Among "Star Wars" fans, the original is known as "Star Wars: Episode IV, A New Hope," marking its place in the series.)

"At the time, it was such a different movie," he says. "It

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COURTESY RAMIAH KUCKER

"Star Wars" fan John Muse, of Westland, Mich., is pictured at his home with his "Star Wars" collection.

'Star Wars' fan shares life-long love of toys

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had everything you needed. It had the villains and the good guys you could identify with. ... It had the effects that hadn't been seen before."

A year after the movie hit theaters, "Star Wars" action figures filled toy stores. Muse received a few figures for Christmas. When he could scrounge together a couple of bucks, he would buy another at the nearby Kmart.

As he hit his teens, he put most of his "Star Wars" stuff away. But about 10 years ago, he noticed a renewed interest in "Star Wars." Interest soared when word spread that Lucas was making three prequels to the original "Star Wars" trilogy.

In 1998, a year before "Episode I: The Phantom Menace" was released, Muse and four others formed the Michigan "Star Wars" Collectors Club. It has grown to about 80 members.

They have their own Web site, www.mswcc.com, meet six or seven times a year to talk about the movies and collectibles, and frequently attend conventions together.

Members of the club aren't too concerned about being called sci-fi geeks. They aren't, after all, known as "trekkies," a label given to followers of that other sci-fi franchise.

The meetings and conventions are simply a way to reconnect with a major event of their youth, says Scott Chapman, a 34-year-old graphic artist from Utica.

"It's a sense of community," he says. "You can walk up to anyone in the room and start talking and you're on the same page."

Muse attended the past two conventions building up to "Star Wars" Episodes I and II. The first was in Denver and the second in Indianapolis. He also has a tribute to "Star Wars" at home.

"I don't usually clean in here," says wife Tracy, standing at the entrance of what has become John's "Star Wars" Room.

Tracy had never seen "Star Wars" before she met John, but she likes the movies and supports his hobby. She didn't, however, plan to attend the convention in Indianapolis. A four-day adult pass cost $110. One-day passes were $40.

"Eventually, I would probably get bored," she says. "I want him to go and have fun."

Muse never seems to tire of "Star Wars." In his "Star Wars" room, a series of shelves and bookcases wind around the walls with displays of collectibles. The top shelf is lined with a series of plastic character heads, Yoda, Luke, Darth Vader and Chewbacca. It creates something akin to a "Star Wars" Mt. Rushmore.

On the lower shelves, Muse has used the 4-inch action figures to recreate famous scenes from the movies. On one shelf, he has set up the cantina scene from the original "Star Wars." Han Solo and Chewbacca sit at a side table in a bar filled with dozens of strange-looking characters.

In the corner of the room, on a large shelf, Muse is still piecing together what likely will be the most magnificent display: the Emperor's landing from "The Empire Strikes Back." The scene will require hundreds of Storm Troopers lined up in formation.

Fortunately, Muse has hundreds of Storm Troopers. He buys them by the box. He has more than 1,000 figures in all.

The room displays only a fraction of his collection. His collection of the original 130 figures isn't even in his house.

"They're in an undisclosed location guarded by dogs," he says, only half-joking.

Muse won't cough up the location of his vintage collection. It includes a Boba Fett figure still in its case that's valued at more than $1,000. He estimates the entire collection would sell for $15,000 to $20,000.

On eBay last week, more than 50,000 "Star Wars" items were up for auction, including several vintage collections that already had received bids of more than $3,500.

"We want to keep them safe," Muse says about his most prized action figures.

Muse isn't sure how long he'll continue to collect the figures and be so active in the "Star Wars" community. He has a 3-year-old son, Joshua, who is more interested in Hot Wheels than the Force. Joshua's not old enough to appreciate "Star Wars," Muse says.

The Muses also hope to have more children, which could push the figures out of their "Star Wars" room. "They might move down to the basement," Tracy says.

For at least the next month, though, Muse will bask in "Star Wars" glory. He'll likely be in line at midnight for one of the first showings of "Revenge of the Sith."

The movie will end almost 30 years of "Star Wars" immersion for fans like Muse. "Revenge of the Sith" brings the story full circle, tying the newest three movies to the old movies.

"This will fill in all the gaps and all the holes," Muse says. "Then you can move on. You can close the book on it at that point."

Well, sort of. More action figures are on the way. There's also speculation about a TV series.

"If they start making a TV show, I don't know that I'll buy into that," Muse says.

He has to draw the line somewhere.

Experimental rappers bring funk to Iron Horse

By Matthew M. Burke
Collegian Staff

When somebody from the University of Massachusetts is exceptionally talented — and the rest of the country takes notice — it is immensely important that the University community also extends its support. In the case of UMass' own Cold Duck Complex, most of you may have already been to a show to get down with the Duck. Nevertheless, Cold Duck Complex will be rapping its way into the Iron Horse Music Hall in Northampton on Thursday and they hope the UMass massive come out in force to support them. Cold Duck will no doubt bring their phenomenal stage presence to the Iron Horse. The show starts at 10 p.m.

Cold Duck Complex
Friday
Iron Horse
Northampton
$8 (advance), $10 (door)

Cold Duck has received numerous accolades over the past several years since they started playing their jazz fusion-funk/island influenced blend of hip-hop that is trademarked by their bone rattling beats and electrifying bass lines. They were the Valley Advocates 2004 Best Hip-Hop Artists and won the battle of the bands here at UMass in 2003. This earned them a slot on the bill that featured 50 Cent, Reel Big Fish and Rahzel at the Mullins Center. Their sophomore album, "Figureheads," reached as high as number 11 on CMJ's North American hip-hop charts. They have toured extensively here in Massachusetts as well as New York and have established a good reputation for rocking the house. They also appeared on MTV University and opened for Esoteric, Soulive, Gramola Funk Express, 7L, Ordinary K and the Addison Groove Project. They have just completed dates in Rhode Island, New York and New Hampshire all the while enrolled in classes here at the University.

Cold Duck Complex is a trio made up of Makaya McCraven on drums, Joe Cardoza on bass, and Jeff D'Antona on keys. They back up Platypus Complex — better known as Casey Hayman — whose lyrics range from the goofy to the introspective. Hayman is a brilliant front man who never seems to slip up in his pursuit of extraordinary lyricism. McCraven's three-piece kit work is equally as amazing and he is truly a sight to see as well as hear. As far as the rest of the band goes, D'Antona and Cardoza are as talented as the rest of this UMass based outfit, and what they lack in stage presence they make up for in skill.

"This show should be a humdinger," McCraven said. "These shows [when we come home] are always our best."

Opening the show is Outernational. They are an N.Y.C. based jazz fusion/Latin/ dancehall/ hip-hop quintet whose political message is just as important as their outstanding stage performances and lead singer Miles Solay's smooth and powerful raps. They often play at rallies for their political causes and have toured with everyone from Wyclef Jean to Tom Morello (Rage Against the Machine, Audioslave) who had nothing but great things to say about them in interviews.

The show promises to be a great night of hip-hop, so come out and support UMass' own Cold Duck Complex as they make a bigger name for themselves and put UMass on the hip-hop map.



UMass alumni Cold Duck Complex blend funk, jazz, and hip hop on their latest studio album, "Figureheads."



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Rapper wants to be country's first black star since Charley Pride

By Mario Tarradell
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Cowboy Troy can't walk into a concert venue without turning heads. He knows there's no way a 6-foot-5-inch black country rapper can escape the curious stares. Especially when he's wearing a Superman T-shirt. The spotlight, he admits, can be intimidating.

"There are times where if you let it wear you down, you can feel the pressure," says the 34-year-old Dallas-raised artist. "There are times when I find myself walking through venues and I can kind of feel the looks from people.

'Oh, so he's the one.' I walk through places and I can hear the whispers. When the lights come on and the music starts and you're out there on stage and you hear the people cheering, clapping, it's pretty cool."

It's also historic Cowboy Troy Coleman is country music's first rapper, a purveyor of what he calls "hick-hop," a mixture of authentic country instrumentation, hip-hop rhythms and flowing, rhyming words.

And if he's successful, he will become the first black country artist to break out since Charley Pride almost 40 years ago.

Cowboy Troy first attracted the attention of country fans in 2004 during Big & Rich's tour. He rapped on "Rollin' (The Ballad of Big & Rich)," a cut from the pair's 2-million-selling debut album, "Horse of a Different Color."

When he performed that rap at last year's Country Music Association Awards in Nashville, he was the first black artist since Pride to take the stage at the awards show.

"That's pretty interesting to me on a historical basis and pretty humbling at the same time because they didn't have to let me do it," he says. "They could have said, 'No, no, that's not where we want to go.' But the CMA board was very gracious and very kind to me in allowing me to participate."

The buzz on him grew louder after five months on the road with Big & Rich opening for country superstar Tim McGraw. McGraw was so impressed with Cowboy Troy's rapping abilities that he asked Coleman to write a rap to perform during "She's My Kind of Rain," one of McGraw's hit country ballads.

"You already had this rap on a major-label release and then you've got one of the biggest names in country music saying, 'Hey man, we want you to do something like that on my set,'" says Coleman. He rapped during "She's My Kind of Rain" every night until the end of the trek.

He also wore a Superman T-shirt every night of the tour. It was supposed to be a onetime goofy sight gag, but the crowd and the other musicians on the tour loved it, so it became his uniform.

"I ended up having to buy five or six of them," he says. "You wash one five times in one week and eventually it starts fading. ... I retired it at the end of the tour."

Now Coleman's on his own. "Loco Motive," which arrives in stores May 17, is the first release on Big & Rich's label, Raybaw, which stands for "red and yellow black and white." He hopes to capitalize on the success of Big & Rich's album and the media attention showered on the Muzik Mafia, the no-boundaries artist collective formed by Big Kenny and John Rich. That collective includes sizzling newcomer Gretchen Wilson ("Redneck Woman"), Cowboy Troy and a cast of quirky musicians and offbeat characters.

"It's important that Cowboy Troy is the first one because it kind of goes along with the whole Mafia theme of music without prejudice," says Cory Gierman, general manager of Raybaw Records and one of the founders of the Muzik Mafia. Coleman's time on the Big & Rich tour helped, too.

"He was the first one to get the exposure. So we decided to kick it off with him and get the train rolling."

Every track on "Loco Motive" showcases Cowboy Troy's way with rhymes. His robust voice glides smoothly over country-rocking instrumentation. Big & Rich sing on three cuts, and McGraw and Muzik Mafia members James Otto and Jon Nicholson each sing on one track.

The lead cut on "Loco Motive" is the rock-and-hip-hop-influenced "I Play Chicken With the Train," a loose metaphor for his battle to stare down the country music world:

"People said it's impossible ... not probable ... too radical/But I already been on the CMA's ...," he raps.

"I'm big and black, clickety-clack/And I make the train jump the track like that!"

For Troy Coleman, that country, rock and hip-hop combo was the soundtrack of his high school days.

He was enthralled with music, all kinds of it. He moved from the country sounds of Charlie Daniels, the Oak Ridge Boys and Jerry Reed to rockers Kiss, Kansas, Eagles, ZZ Top and Foreigner. But he had a penchant for rappers LL Cool J, Sir Mix-A-Lot, Run DMC, Ice-T and Ice Cube. Rapping was a fun pastime that got him noticed.



Cowboy Troy Coleman of Dallas knows he stands out in his field, being country's only black rapping cowboy. Calling his style "hick-hop," Coleman became inspired by Tim McGraw after five months of opening for him on tour.

COURTESY MICHAEL MCVAY

"I was kind of messing around with it, listening to the cassettes back then at the house and I had my headphones on hitting the rewind button over and over. I kept hitting that rewind button so I could deliver it just like the guys did on the tape. It became kind of a party trick. I messed around with that from time to time. I remember one time doing that in front of a group of students and they would say, 'Didn't know you could do that.'"

Coleman decided to give it a shot. He kept in contact with John Rich, whom he met in Dallas in 1993 when Rich was a member of Texassee, which later became Lonestar. By 1999, Cowboy Troy was making trips to Nashville, unsuccessfully trying to stir up interest in his unique style. That's when Rich introduced him to Big Kenny. Four years later, when Big & Rich were recording their debut CD, Rich called Cowboy Troy with the proposition of a lifetime.

"'Rollin' didn't originally have a rap part in it," he says. "And they asked me to write a rap part for it. They said they had gotten the go-ahead from the label to put the rap in there. They wanted me to be on the record. That was just nuts for me. I was like, 'Sure!' It began to sink in that I was going to make an appearance on a major-label release for mass consumption. I was trying to wrap my mind around it at the time."

Today, Cowboy Troy's life is on a roller coaster. He and his wife, Laura, relocated to Nashville. He's promoting the upcoming "Loco Motive" with the usual media interviews and personal appearances. But he knows the album might face an uphill battle.

In a genre guilty of supporting the conventional and ignoring the experimental, his one shot is make-or-break. Unconventional artists such as Cowboy Troy either explode instantly or fizzle quickly. But like Big & Rich, a top-selling act not often played on the radio, Cowboy Troy has honky-tonks on his side.

Big & Rich's mix of traditional country, rock, hip-hop and some Southern gospel appeals to the young fans who crowd the clubs every weekend. Walk into any honky-tonk and before long you'll hear the DJ play a rock tune or a hip-hop track. And when that happens, everybody flocks to the dance floor.

"I'm one of those people at the bar jumping out on the floor dancing around when those songs came on," says Coleman. "I knew there were other people out there like myself that enjoyed those combinations of music: rock, rap and country, all in one song."

The first sign country music could be hip enough to accept Cowboy Troy came when rap rocker Kid Rock morphed into Southern rock before completely embracing his inner hillbilly on 2003's "Kid Rock." Then Big & Rich sold 2 million albums.

And country rap may not be the big stretch it appears. In the original square dancing, the announcer was essentially rapping to an Appalachian beat.

"Cowboy Troy is what he says he is," says Paul Worley, head of the artist and repertoire department for Warner Bros. Nashville and a co-producer of "Loco Motive." "We did not make him up. He's a 6-foot-5 black rapping cowboy that grew up in Dallas loving all kinds of music, and yet his first love is country music. ... So when I started hearing some of these songs, I thought, 'We gotta do this 'cause it's great.'"

UMassAmherst Student Activities Center
UP TO THE MINUTE

Sunday, May 1
University Productions and Concerts (UPC) presents
2005 Spring Concert
Nas, Fabolous, and Dropkick Murphys
Mullins Center, Doors open 6pm, Showtime 6:30pm
Tickets are FREE for UMass Amherst students with valid ID.
$15/Five-College students $35/general public

Tuesday, May 3
The Republican Club presents
Dan Flynn
Campus Center 163C, 7pm

Wednesday, May 4
Music Injection Wednesdays
Bring your lunch and get a healthy dose of live music between classes!
Student Union, South Steps, 11am – 1pm.
Rain location: Cape Cod Lounge

International Movie Series
Goodbye Lenin
Directed by Wolfgang Becker
Campus Center, 163C, 8pm FREE

Thursday, May 5
2nd Annual Festival of the Arts
Be amazed by the musical, dramatic, and artistic talents of your fellow students. Come find your inner artist at the interactive art displays!
Fine Arts Center Plaza, 12pm-3pm, rain or shine!

Saturday, May 7
Black Mass Communication Project (BMCP) presents
Funk-O-Thon
With DJ James "Showtime" Bennett
Curry Hicks Cage, 9pm – 2am
$8 UMass Amherst students / $15 General public
Must have college ID for entrance.

Monday, May 9
Arab Students Club presents
A Talk by the Syrian Ambassador:
View from the Middle East
Bowker, 7pm FREE

Stonewall Center presents
Queer Awards Ceremony & Graduation
Memorial Hall, 7pm

Tuesday, May 10
Mass PIRG presents
The Used Book Funeral
Library Lawn, 10am – 3pm

Wednesday, May 11
The Big Chill Carnival and BBQ
Library Lawn, 2pm – 6pm
Free food, incredible rides, great giveaways, and amazing music.
Rain date: May 12 FREE

Thursday, May 12
Tension Breakers
Save the drama for yo' momma, but let us help relieve your stress.
Sugar, Massage, and aromatherapy!
Campus Center Concourse, 10am – 2pm FREE

Student Alliance for Israel presents
Israeli Independence Day
Music and Kosher food!
Pond Lawn, 5:30pm FREE

Mix it Up Dance Series: *Country*
Come hear the greatest country music and learn the dances that keep the Texas two-steppers on their toes.
Free giveaways for all!
Student Union Ballroom, 8 pm-10 pm FREE

Friday, May 13
The Ultimate-Chill Disc Tournament
All skill levels welcome. Prizes for the winning teams and sport bags for everyone who participates!
Sign up in teams of 8 by May 6.
Email chill_disc@yahoo.com for more information.
Pond lawn, 12 noon FREE

Saturday, May 14
Vocal Suspects presents
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Campus Center Auditorium, 8pm
$2/UMass Amherst students $5/general public

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Freshman has future

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Typadis has joined the ranks of the UMass women's lacrosse team with 13 other freshmen on a 24 person roster. This is a huge amount of underclassmen for UMass coach Carrie Bolduc to handle, with a young team always in danger of catching the immaturity bug.

However, as coach Bolduc has repeated countless times, the youth on the team responded well to the adversities of a full lacrosse season and provided a spark when needed.

This year's women's team — like the Boston Red Sox — has a cast of interesting and colorful characters. Although their antics fall well short of throwing back shots of Jack Daniels before games, Typadis will admit that this isn't your run-of-the-mill squad.

"We're pretty crazy," Typadis joked. "We go to the campus pond to try and catch fish sometimes."

Fishing in the pond? Maybe these girls have gone off the deep end, but it has been these types of stunts that have become emblematic of the freshmen identity. Typadis fits right in.

When the team started going on road trips at the beginning of the year, three freshmen started a band that they called "Agoo". Typadis led the gang and rocked out on the acoustic guitar, while freshmen Julie Papaleo and Kristina Twichell helped with the vocals and the song writing.

The lyrics are in a dialect that, apparently, no one can understand except a select few on the team. While they haven't been getting together as of late, they are still writing lyrics chock-full of inside jokes and comic relief.

The lacrosse schedule is intense and time consuming all year long, but — along with playing the acoustic guitar — Typadis finds time to watch various reality shows on MTV, and she is an admitted "OC"-watcher (many people watch it but there are very few who can admit it). She is an avid Red Sox fan and her favorite player is — of course — Johnny Damon, with Jason Varitek running a close second.



Kathleen Typadis has been a leader for the Minutewomen, despite only being a freshman.

ANDREW TAMBURINO/COLLEGIAN

Her athleticism goes well beyond the lacrosse field. She was a soccer player in high school and plays pick up basketball once in a while. While most of us are sinking in to the coach watching "Sportscenter", Typadis is always outside when she can be, using all of her athletic skills that have stood out so much at Garber Field this year.

It is appropriate that Typadis started her career off playing with the guys, and no coincidence that the "Rocky" movies are some of her favorites. Typadis plays tough and prides herself on hustle. She is the type of player in sports who you love to have on your team, but hate to see on the other sideline.

"My expectations of myself are very high," Typadis said. "So if I'm not doing what I know I should be doing, I get frustrated. I don't think about anything else except what I can do to win."

Her affable personality is complemented by an intensity that is reflected in her play. But she has not become the player she is without some help. It doesn't hurt to have the defending Atlantic 10 Defensive Player of the Year push you around in practice every day. That would be senior captain Kristin St. Hilaire, who — along with junior Kerri Connerty — has become a guiding influence for Typadis on and off the field.

"Kerri [Connerty] has been working with me every day and telling me what I need to work on constantly. And I like that," she said. "Saint [Hilaire], as a defender, there's no one better than her. They're very good to me."

There was an intimidation factor going against the Atlantic 10 Defensive Player of the Year, however.

"She's pretty intimidating," Typadis said. "I had to become more multidimensional. But once I knew I could face her I knew I'd be alright."

St. Hilaire, a fifth-year senior, is as tough as they come — you don't become defensive player of the year without knowing how to throw a few elbows. And she has seen a little bit of herself in Typadis, as the freshmen has brought the aggressiveness to the offensive end of the field this year.

"She's feisty like I am," St. Hilaire said. "Which is good because you usually don't see that in attackers. It's nice to have that mentality down at the other end [of the field]."

Over the weekend, St. Hilaire matched up with George Washington sophomore attacker Laura Hostetler who leads the Colonials in multiple offensive categories, and is in the top 3 in the Atlantic 10 in goals, assists and points. That was just the usual for St. Hilaire, as most of the time she gets matched up with the other team's best. Her biggest praise, however, was reserved for Typadis.

"She challenges me just as much as I challenge her," St. Hilaire said. "I haven't played against an attacker this year that's better than she is, so it's good to get out there everyday and play against her. She's hard to read and you never know what she's going to do. She's the hardest person I've had to guard throughout my career."

And this is coming from a defender that regularly chews up the A-10's best attackers. But Typadis' game demands this kind of attention, as she has lead the team in scoring this year, and is right behind Kerri Connerty for the team lead in points. Connerty, along with St. Hilaire, has helped Typadis progress and develop a multidimensional offensive game.

"She has so many new elements to her game," Connerty said. "She's gotten more knowledgeable about what's going on, on offense. In the last couple of games, we've seen her mature in terms of coming up with something big, or not getting down. She's also talking more now and becoming more of a vocal leader."

Twomley hones in on record

BASEBALL from page 14

be making errors."

First baseman and star hitter Bryan Sabatella was neutralized by the Minutemen, finishing only 1-for-5. However, the hitters ahead of, and behind Sabatella were on fire. Sophomore centerfielder Tim Binkoski and Magee both 3-for-5, with a home run and four RBI.

Freshman third baseman John Delaney also had a stellar game, going 4-for-4 with two RBI.

"The problem was they had other good hitters around [Sabatella]," Stone said. "Their number three and five hitters were good left-handed hitters. That made it tough to pitch around [Sabatella] that we started to pitch to him. Early in the game the pitchers didn't have the command to do it."



ANDREW TAMBURINO/COLLEGIAN

Sophomore Bryan Adamski and the UMass baseball team will look for redemption against Boston College tomorrow.

Pacers, Celts knotted at one

By Steve Herman
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Stephen Jackson has a message for all those Celtics fans who were taunting Reggie Miller during the first two games of Indiana's first-round playoff series against Boston: Thanks.

"When I played against him, I never said anything to Reggie because once you upset him, he's going to wake up and drain five straight 3s," Jackson said. "That woke him up, and we needed Reggie to have the type of game he did."

A rejuvenated Miller, faced with the possibility of his final playoff series, showed he's still capable of postseason magic. He quieted the crowd at the FleetCenter in Boston with 28 points, including a game-clinching basket in the closing seconds, and the Pacers tied the best-of-seven series with an 82-79 victory Monday night. Game 3 is Thursday night in Indianapolis.

As for the mocking chants, the 39-year-old Miller said he's heard far worse in his 18-year career.

"I'm just trying to play hard and finish my tenure here. Sometimes you just let sleeping dogs lie," said Miller, who plans to retire at the end of the playoffs. "I haven't talked trash in six or seven years in a playoff series."

Miller had only seven points in a 102-82 Pacers' loss Saturday.

"All I can say is, please keep chanting his name," Pacers center Scot Pollard said. "Make him angry. Please Boston fans, make Reggie Miller angry."

Boston's Paul Pierce said the Celtics let Miller find a groove early.

"As a scorer, once you hit your first couple of shots, then it's going to be tough to stop you the whole night," Pierce said Tuesday. "We have to do a better job finding him in transition, be a little bit more physical, not let him catch the ball as easy as he did last night because he was a major factor last night."

Neither team practiced on Tuesday. The Celtics, who watched tape of Game 2, plan to practice at home on Wednesday before flying to Indianapolis.

Boston coach Doc Rivers said the Celtics lost the game on defense, even though the Pacers scored only 82 points.

"The game was so slow in my opinion we could have played better defense, as crazy as that sounds," he said. "And then showing them the last seven minutes (on tape) would make anybody who was a Celtics fan cry. It really would. It was bad basketball."

Miller, who donned a Superman T-shirt for warmups during a first-round series against Milwaukee in 2000, when the Pacers reached the NBA Finals, has been playing the role again out of necessity. Ron Artest, the NBA's defensive player of the year in 2004, was suspended almost the entire season, and Jackson and Jermaine O'Neal also received lengthy suspensions following the November brawl with fans in Detroit.

Injuries also devastated the Pacers.

O'Neal, a four-time All-Star, also missed time with a shoulder injury that's still not completely healed. Guard Jamaal Tinsley played in only 40 games because of a variety of ailments and missed the past 29 games because of a bruised foot, although he is on the 12-man playoff roster and still hopes to play against Boston.

"Reggie Miller in the playoffs, and after what happened in Game 1, we all knew he would come back in a big way," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said.

Steroids remain as an issue

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said in remarks prepared for testimony Wednesday before the House Government Reform Committee and released by the league Tuesday. "We have not had all the answers but we have worked with leading institutions and top scientists to seek to stay ahead of an ever-changing curve."

The change in the testosterone ratio threshold mirrors the practices of the International Olympic Committee and World Anti-Doping Agency.

Wednesday's hearing is a follow-up to last month's session in which lawmakers questioned baseball players and officials about that sport's steroids policy.

Tagliabue and players' association executive director Gene Upshaw are among 10 witnesses scheduled to appear, including one former player, Steve Courson, an offensive lineman who has spoken out against steroid use.

Upshaw said the changes to the NFL's drug policy were not brought about by the congressional attention.

"This is something we do every year. Annually, we review our policy, and if there are changes to keep up with science, we do it in the course of our annual review," Upshaw said. "This is no reaction whatsover to appearing before this committee. To tell the truth, we've been doing this for years."

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Zywicki sparks UMass in win

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Connolly's goal set the score at 3-1, and served as a spark for the Minutemen's offense, which would net four more goals in the next four minutes.

Chandis again was called for a foul with seven minutes remaining in the period, as he was given a minute in the box for pushing. Jeff Zywicki, who had four goals in the game, scored on the man-up opportunity after stick-faking Macleod on the outside of the crease.

"I think that goal Connolly got when we were a man up helped get us going. It pulled us away by two then we went on a little run there," Zywicki said. "That definitely did help us, those penalties."

One of the more impressive performances came from the Minutemen's defense, which was able to shut out the Crimson for nearly 37 minutes, during their 7-0 run. This scoreless streak was the longest for UMass this season.

Leading the way on defense for the Maroon and White was the solid play of Schell, who recorded nine saves in the game.

"Billy [Schell] saved those guys when he needed to. I'm not sure how many saves he had, but he was stellar today," UMass coach Greg Cannella said.

"Defensively, we just have to keep on playing; sometimes the offense isn't going to score 14 goals, so we've got to hold them down," Schell said. "If you've got to win 2-1, then whatever, that's the way it's got to be."

With the win, the Minutemen won their 20th New England title. UMass has won four out of the last five titles.

"I had no idea about it until before today's game when guys were saying it to get fired up," Zywicki said. "We didn't make that big a deal out of it, it's just another game, just another game to win."



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Jeff Zywicki led the Minutemen to a victory over Harvard, scoring four goals against the Crimson. UMass will meet its next opponent on Saturday at Garber Field.

Morris, who leads the Minutemen in goals (32) and assists (18) had a goal and two assists in the game. Morris was not pleased with the way the offense came out and mentioned that he was relieved when the game was over.

"Offensively, I didn't think we were there today at all. We just weren't clicking, it was 2-1 at halftime, I don't we've ever been 2-1 [at halftime] since I've been here," Morris said. "We were able to bounce back in the third. In the fourth we were able to kill the clock and hold them down on D."

One thing Cannella was impressed with was the hustle of some of his offensive players. He mentioned that both teams were tired after last weekend, but was pleased with the way some of his players responded to fatigue. With three minutes left in the first quarter, Zywicki chased down the ball from halfway across the field in an attempt to keep it inbounds. He dove and swung his stick, but the ball trickled harmlessly out of play as Zywicki hit the ground hard.

A minute later, Zywicki and Morris chased down starting keeper O'Donnell and checked the ball loose, regaining possession.

"I think he (Zywicki) was a little frustrated. I think all those guys were out trying to do a lot, and it wasn't happening for them," Cannella said. "It was great to see, when they're struggling on the offensive end, to do the extra things. Jeff did a good job with that."

'Cuse is next on tap

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tle tripped up.

"When we started out pretty slow, I was a little worried, but once we started picking things up in the third quarter, I knew that we'd be alright," UMass senior attackman Jeff Zywicki said.

He was speaking of the slim 2-1 lead his Minutemen had with just inside 24 minutes left to play in the game.

Then, in a span of 2:47, UMass rallied for five straight goals in five consecutive possessions to stretch its advantage to 7-1, virtually ending any glimmer of hope the Crimson had and slamming shut that trap door that had an open invitation for the Maroon and White.

The Minutemen staved off a small flurry of Harvard goals in the fourth quarter and headed back to Amherst with an 8-5 victory snuggled tightly in their hip pockets.

"It's good to get through it," UMass coach Greg Cannella said. "We talked about it the other day. It's a setup game, and a difficult one, so it's good to get through it and get the W, so we're happy."

"It's tough," junior attackman Sean Morris said. "Everyone was sore [Monday] and Sunday. It's tough to get your legs back, and we got so hyped up on Saturday, and we had to get hyped up again today...Now it's said and done, and we're on to Syracuse, and it's time to step our game up."

When the game ended, the noticeably worn-out Minutemen breathed a huge sigh of relief and a weight the size of the W.E.B. Du Bois Library lifted off their collective shoulder.

After receiving a day off on Sunday, the players only had about one full day to prepare for the Crimson, who were coming off an impressive 11-4 trouncing of No. 16 Yale.

And just like that, Cannella knew on Monday that Harvard didn't and wouldn't care about UMass' two Old-West-like showdowns that were surrounding this game.

One player who will benefit from this extra outing before Syracuse makes its way to Amherst is goalie Bill Schell, who made nine saves, with five of them coming in the fourth quarter.

"It's good because I'm seeing a lot of shots to help me get ready for Syracuse, so that kind of keeps me kind of fresh," Schell said. "I don't lose my edge too much."

Zywicki, who scored a game-high four goals including the eventual game-winner, admitted that it was a tough task to completely concentrate on Harvard, but also said he likes the thrill of playing three games in eight days.

"Anytime you get to play more games instead of practicing all week, it's a great week, especially when you get Georgetown, and then Harvard and then 'Cuse, three of our big rivals," Zywicki said. "It's awesome... We've got to prepare for 'Cuse now, and I can't wait for the weekend."

At least now, with this trap door embedded in the team bus' rearview mirror, they can afford to get ready for that orange circle that has been drawn around April 30 since the season began.

Softball wins two

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moved up a base on a fly out by KJ Kelley.

Denise Denis then hit a fly ball to center that scored Morin easily. Molinari also tagged up and tried to advance to third. The throw from the centerfielder to third was offline allowing Molinari to score the game-tying run. Busa (10-5) set down the Crimson in order in the top of the seventh setting up the dramatic finish. Both teams received strong pitching efforts in the first game yesterday, as the game was scoreless for the first three innings.

UMass pitcher Barb LaFogg (16-9), who was named co A-10 Pitcher of the Week for the third time this season on Monday, was strong on the mound and received excellent defense from her teammates.

The play of the day was turned in by the UMass defense with runners on first and second and one out in the fourth inning. Harvard's Danielle Kerper laced a grounder up the middle that Cullington laid out to snare. Cullington attempted to get the force out at second but her flip to second baseman Kristi Stefanoni was late.

While the play at second was taking place, Lauren Stefanchik attempted to score all the way from second. Stefanoni fired a strike to home where Kelley did a superb job blocking the plate. Kelley caught the throw and tagged Stefanchik out after she was unable to touch the plate. Harvard got on the board first in the fifth on three consecutive singles to take a 1-0 lead.

The Minutewomen answered in the sixth inning, as Candice Molinari led off with a double over the left fielder's head and scored on a single to the right-center gap by Kelley. Maggie Feix came on to run for Kelley and was moved to second on a bunt by Denis. After a hit batter and a strike out, Cullington came to the plate with two on and two out.

Cullington connected with a shot to right field that bounced on the top of the wall and went over, giving UMass a 4-1 lead it would not relinquish.

Following the two come-from-behind wins, Busa was happy to see that her team was able to come through in the clutch, but believes the Minutewomen need to come out and score early so they aren't always playing catch-up.

"It gives us the notion of knowing that no matter what position we're in we can do it," Busa said. "We've come from behind a lot this year. We need to be more ready at the beginning of the games, but we're used to it now. The one thing we should work on is scoring first. Sometimes we press, but mostly we stay calm and composed."

Wells out with sprained foot

BOSTON (AP) — Red Sox left-hander David Wells will go on the 15-day disabled list after he sprained his right foot in Monday's 8-4 loss to Baltimore.

Manager Terry Francona said Tuesday that Wells could be out for more than a month.

He injured the foot in the fourth inning as he tried to field Javier Lopez's slow roller. He hobbled back to the mound but remained in the game for five more batters before leaving.

Left-hander John Halama will take Wells' spot in the rotation and start next Tuesday in Detroit.

Wells (2-3) gave up six runs and eight hits in 3 2-3 innings on Monday.

He entered the game with a 15-inning scoreless string over his past two starts, both Boston shutouts.

— Associated Press

Pats ink Scott

FOXBORO (AP) — The New England Patriots signed free agent cornerback Chad Scott on Tuesday after he was released by the Steelers following eight seasons in Pittsburgh.

Scott, 30, was a Steelers starter for six-plus seasons before he injured a knee in October. He was unable to win his job back after returning in December and spent the rest of the season and the playoffs as a reserve.

Pittsburgh needed to get under the salary cap and Scott's salary was the highest among Steelers defensive starters. He was due to make $3.8 million in 2005 under the $25 million, six-year contract he signed in 2001.

—Associated Press

NFL tough on steroid abuse

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NFL is tripling the number of offseason steroid tests each player can face, part of several changes to the league's drug policy that officials will tell members of Congress about Wednesday.

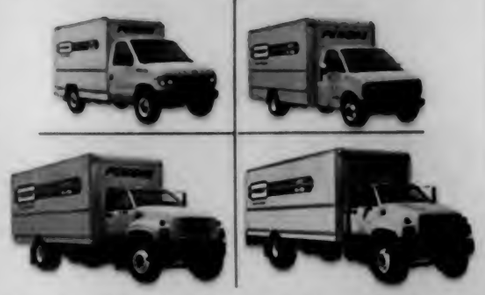
Players now will be subject to a maximum of six random drug tests during each offseason, up from two, NFL spokesman Joe Browne said Tuesday.

The league and union also had recently agreed to add new substances to the list of banned performance enhancers, to put in writing previously agreed-to policies to test for designer steroids, and to lower the testosterone ratio threshold.

"For two decades, the NFL has had very strong programs in place to rid its locker rooms of performance-enhancing drugs," commissioner Paul Tagliabue

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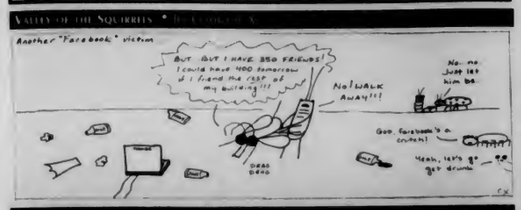
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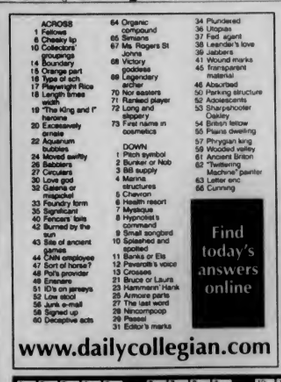




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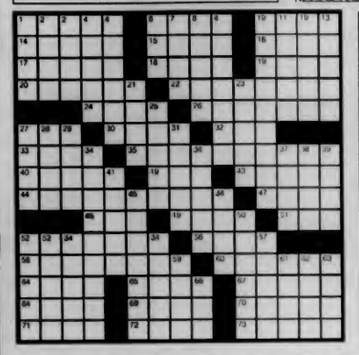
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COUNTDOWN TO SYRACUSE: 3 Days

UM keeps on rolling

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

CAMBRIDGE — Both the No. 8 Massachusetts men's lacrosse team and the Harvard Crimson had a lot of momentum coming out of last weekend. However, all of that came to a screeching halt as the teams entered Jordan Field yesterday afternoon.

The Minutemen (10-2 4-1 ECAC) had just defeated ECAC rival No. 3 Georgetown 13-12 on Saturday, while two hours east, the Crimson (5-6 2-3 Ivy League) dominated Ivy League nemesis, No. 16 Yale, 11-4.

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UMass was able to outlast Harvard 8-5, using a seven-goal run over the second and third periods, but both teams came out of the gates slow and combined for a mere three goals in the first half.

The Maroon and White returns to action this Saturday when it takes on Syracuse at Garber Field at 1 p.m.

Harvard outscored the Minutemen 4-1 over the final 18 minutes of the game, sparked by a man-up goal by Brooks Scholl with 3:04 to go in the third quarter. Senior defender Aaron Paskalis, who was called for slashing, caused the penalty.

The Minutemen had a total of five penalties on the game, with the Crimson capitalizing on two of the man-up opportunities.

"You don't want to be fouling all the time; it gives the other team opportunities," UMass keeper Bill Schell said. "We got a little lackadaisical there, we just needed to calm down and finish the game off."

Penalties, however, ended up contributing to the 7-0 Minutemen run that would prove to be insurmountable.

With 9:18 left in the third quarter, Harvard's Zach Chandis received a 30-second penalty for slashing. On the following possession, Ryan Connolly received a perfect pass from Sean Morris and put the ball past backup goalkeeper Craig Thomas.

Thomas went in with 13:50 to go in the quarter, when starting keeper Evan O'Donnell was injured trying to clear the ball. Thomas was then pulled for Colin Macleod, after giving up four goals in less than eight minutes.

Macleod gave up another two goals over the next 21 minutes, but Thomas was given the loss.

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Junior Sean Morris and the UMass lacrosse team fought off Harvard for the team's 10th win yesterday. Morris leads the team in goals (32) and in points (50).

Minutemen avoid a trap

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

CAMBRIDGE — There it was, a strip of turf 110 yards long and 60 yards wide. It was about 100 yards off the bank of the Charles River, just on the other side of Storrow Drive in Cambridge.

It was called Jordan Field, home of the Harvard Crimson (5-6 2-3 Ivy League), who would be eagerly awaiting the arrival of the No. 8 Massachusetts men's lacrosse team (10-2 4-1 ECAC).

The Minutemen were fresh off a 13-12 survival-test victory over conference rival and third-ranked Georgetown, a game that ended just 72 hours before yesterday's face-off, and a win that gave them first place in the ECAC, plus the chance to win their first conference championship in three years.

UMass was only four days away from taking on No. 7 Syracuse — historically, its biggest rival — at Garber Field, on Senior Day and smack dab in the middle of Spring Weekend.

Yesterday was scheduled to be a cooling off/warming up period for these Minutemen, but when Mother Nature, New England's best friend, unleashed a snow storm in the area on March 9, the originally scheduled date between the Crimson and Gorillas, this game was pushed back, way down toward the bottom of the schedule.

Forty-eight days later, sandwiched between the mighty Hoyas and the powerhouse Orange.

It was an old-fashioned trap game, and for a while, Harvard had UMass a lit-

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Typadis takes UM by storm as rookie

By Rob Greenfield
Collegian Staff

It all started with a boys' lacrosse clinic in Medfield. Kathleen Typadis was in fifth grade and went — along with a couple of neighbors — to try it out for a day. She wasn't well prepared, bringing whatever athletic gear she had to get her through the afternoon. There weren't any girls' clinics then, so the boys' clinic was the only ticket in town.

It was only appropriate that it started out this way for Kathleen Typadis, who now owns the UMass rookie scoring record as well as the goals record. She began her freshman year on a torrid pace, scoring hat tricks in her first three games, one coming against the top-10 ranked Boston University Terriers.

After a game against Albany on Mar. 13, just four games into the season, Typadis was named the Atlantic 10's Co-Rookie of the Week. She was officially on the radar screen.

If you looked at the UMass squad in warm ups, Typadis — in her 5' 2" frame — would not stand out. What separates her from the competition is not just her athletic ability, which is what her teammates and the rest of the league would find out.

Typadis plays with a fire that is sometimes overwhelming to the competition, as she has consistently dissected defenses with her own two feet. Her intensity shows through in her personality and her game. When she runs at full speed, there are few on her team or in the conference that can catch her. But Typadis will have none of this talk, being as modest as she is talented.

"These [teammates] have helped me out with everything," Typadis said. "I can't take any credit for it. I have so much more to learn. Everyday I feel overwhelmed with what I need to work on."

The freshman began this year without a clue as to how it would turn out. It was actually a toss up between soccer and lacrosse for Typadis, as to which she would try to play in college. Needless to say, she made the right choice.

"It was between [lacrosse] and soccer." She said. "And I thought I had a better shot at [lacrosse] because it was new, and because it was new to me too."

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ANDREW TAMILTNAS/COLLEGIAN

Freshman Kathleen Typadis leads the UMass lacrosse team in goals with 34 on the season and is second in assists with seven.

Cullington sparks softball in comebacks

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

Stacy Cullington got her first career start at shortstop for the Massachusetts softball team yesterday in a doubleheader at home against Harvard. Cullington got the start in the place of one of UMass' best players Hilary Puglia, who injured her shoulder on Sunday.

Any nerves the freshman may have had, however, did not show, as she came up huge in both UMass wins over the Crimson.

Cullington delivered in the first game with a three-run home run in the sixth inning to break a 1-1 tie, and give UMass a 4-1 win. In the second game, Cullington singled with one out in the bottom of the seventh and eventually came around to score the game-winning run in a 4-3 win for UMass.

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"I was so worried about filling in her shoes," Cullington said of stepping in for Puglia. "I just really tried to focus. I came in with almost no experience at shortstop since I've been here, so it was nice to be back there."

UMass (26-14-1 9-3 A-10) will look to carry the momentum from yesterday's games into today's home match-up with Connecticut at 5 p.m.

UMass mounted late-game comebacks in each contest, including a wild play to score the game-winner in the second game.

Locked up in a 3-3 tie in the bottom of the seventh, Cullington chopped a single to leftfield with one out. She advanced to second on a single by Jenna Busa. Following a strikeout, UMass had runners on first and second with two out.

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Harvard	3

Amanda Morin then hit a seemingly harmless grounder to short, but the shortstop bobbled the ball and had no play. Cullington caught Harvard offguard by continuing on to home. The throw from the shortstop to the plate was late and Cullington slid in safely under the tag giving UMass the 4-3 win.

"I was sending that runner home because I didn't want to go into extra innings," UMass coach Elaine Sortino said. "Stacy had a full head of steam so we just went with it because we knew it was going to take a great throw to get her."

UMass dug itself a hole in the first inning of the game, committing two errors that led to two unearned runs.

Harvard (15-19) held the 2-0 lead until the third inning, when Busa helped her own cause at the plate. The junior pitcher led off with a bloop single to right-center and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Sarah Hurd. A ground out by Morin advanced Busa to third, and she came in to score on a wild pitch.

This was the second consecutive game in which Busa has batted in addition to her regular pitching duties. She hopes to have solidified a spot in the lineup with a 2-for-3 performance.

"I've been trying to nag coach to let me hit since freshman year, and all I got was one at-bat freshman year," Busa said. "I hit in high school and in summer ball, but Coach just wanted me to focus on pitching. Once I got the mechanics down, coach said she wanted me to hit and I've picked it up really quickly. I feel very confident up at the plate."

While Busa came through at the plate, Sortino was more impressed with how she was able to battle through the shaky defense behind her and keep the game close.

"She pitched a great game for us," Sortino said. "She didn't deserve any of those runs scoring. She could have folded, but she kept her head."

Harvard added to its lead in the sixth inning, scoring a run on a single that followed a two-base error on a dropped fly ball. The run gave Harvard a 3-1 lead, with all three of the runs being unearned.

The Maroon and White responded with two runs in the bottom half of the inning to tie the score. Morin led off with a single, and Molinari followed with a single in the hole between third and short. Both runners

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Quinnipiac outlasts Maroon and White

By Todd Foster
Collegian Staff

Senior outfielder Jason Twomley continued to show off his hot bat by smashing two home runs in a 12-6 loss to Quinnipiac yesterday at Bobcats Field. Twomley has now hit 13 home-runs, which moves him into third place for the UMass single season home runs record.

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The Minutemen return to action today when they travel to Chestnut Hill to take on Boston College in a rematch of last week's Beanpot Classic consolation game. The game is slated to begin at 3 p.m.

Twomley, a Fitchburg native, has hit three homers in his last four games. He finished 2-for-4 with three runs and two runs batted in. His .500 batting performance boosted his season batting average to .398.

The senior outfielder is now six behind Billy Knight, who hit 19 home runs in 1995, and one behind Aaron Braunstein's 14 dingers in 1997.

"[Twomley is] proving that he should be in the top group," said Stone when asked where Twomley ranks among UMass all-time best sluggers. "He sits back on the ball, has good balance, sees the ball well and swings at good pitches. I wish more people would watch what he's doing. He's got a good approach."

Despite Twomley's offensive outburst, the Minutemen made four errors and gave up six earned runs to the Bobcats.

UMass jumped out to an early 1-0 lead when Twomley hit his first homer of the game over the right center wall, in the top of first inning.

The Bobcats came right back with three runs in the bottom of the frame. Following a single and walk, senior designated hitter Brien Magee sent a three-run blast over the right field fence to give Quinnipiac a 3-1 lead. They followed that up with three unearned runs in the bottom of the second inning to take a five run lead after two innings.

"We just didn't do enough. We didn't make the routine plays," Stone said. "We got off to a 1-0 start, then we got into a hole. If you give the opposing more than three innings, instead you give them four or five outs, they start put up runs on you."

UMass cut the lead in half by putting two runs in the top of the third inning. Sophomore Michael Weiner hit a two-RBI single up the middle to score senior outfielders Curt Szado and Twomley.

Weiner went 3-for-4 with four RBI on the day.

"[Weiner] had a good game," Stone said. "The key for him is to keep his front shoulder and head down and extend his arms. That's what makes him hit the ball hard."

Defensively, the Minutemen kept giving in to Quinnipiac to score more runs. After adding a run in the fourth and fifth inning, the Bobcats added four more runs in the sixth, including to two unearned, to give them a comfortable 12-4 lead after six innings.

"It's frustrating," Stone said. "You see the light at the tunnel, then you move backwards. You focus on an area and we move forward in that area, then we move backwards in another. What it comes down is we need to play better defense. People are making errors who shouldn't

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The UMass baseball team fell to the Quinnipiac Bobcats 12-6 yesterday, despite heavy hitting by the Minutemen.

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The great debate

Steven Weish, left, David Havelick and Doctor Diggs, right, debate over gay marriage as part of The Pride Alliance's "Gaypril" events.

SGA allocates funds to over 100 RSOs

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

The Student Government Associations Senate heard a new budget plan last night that will be voted on and executed next year — several allocations, however, are contingent upon the implementation of Chancellor John V. Lombardi's Action Plan.

Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee Colin Delargy has spearheaded his committee over the past several months, processing and evaluating the amounts in which student groups, Registered Student Organizations and governing groups will be allocated for the 2006 fiscal year.

"We have been working really hard to grant budget requests," Delargey said, "We have been promoting the agenda of the SGA through these RSOs."

Delargey admitted that although the budget was a tedious project, many of the allocations are contingent upon the Chancellor's plan, which would either eliminate some of the groups, or rather fund the groups under new jurisdiction and not the SGA.

What Delargy described as an "unprecedented occurrence," the SGA may wind up with over $600,000 extra In its finance reserves category.

"The funds are contingent this year," Delargy said, "under certain circumstances and because of the Chancellor's Plan. If the [Chancellor's Plan] goes into effect like we believe it to be, than the SGA will be relieved of funding the Office of African Latino Asian Native American Affairs."

In the budget plan, $181,508 had been allocated to the OAA however, if the aforementioned action plan passes, then that money would go directly back to the finance reserves.

In terms of actual groups that received the money that they had requested, Chair Delargysaid that he and his committee tried to grant everyone what they wanted, however there were a few unforeseen obstacles.

"This was an issue that we weren't prepared to deal with," Delargy said, "but certain groups had less than ten members and according to the [SGA] bylaws, an RSO must maintain no less than ten members. Any group that does not meet that is ineligible for funding."

Delargy said that ten groups were denied funding because their group could not meet requirements, however, over 100 groups were granted funding.

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Jolt Gum gives students a caffeinated chew

By Hayden Marx
Collegian Staff

It's only been about a year since the GumRunners Company first introduced their new caffeinated gum, Jolt Gum. Although the idea of caffeinated gum isn't new, GumRunners hopes to succeed where others have failed by marketing the gum through the licensed Jolt Cola name, and by adding substantially more caffeine than other products.

Jolt Gum comes packaged either as a two-piece trial packet that sells for $.0.39 or a twelve piece pack that sells for $1.19. It comes in two traditional gum flavors, spearmint and icy mint. Each piece of gum contains about 45 milligrams of caffeine, the same as in most sodas or half a cup of coffee. GumRunners says it'll take about five minutes of chewing for the full effect of the caffeine to kick in. It's the best deal out there, unless you can find a good cup of coffee for $0.40.

Jolt Gum has quickly become an underground hit with college students at the University of Massachusetts.

Freshman Henry Goldfarb noted its effect saying, "I defiantly felt more alert afterwards when I was skateboarding, I would chew it again."

Junior James Poro had a similar if slightly less positive reaction, "The flavor didn't last long, but it kept me awake."

The sales for Jolt chewing gum are soaring today, but the product has not always seemed so promising.

In 1986, Wet Planet Beverages entered into the very competitive drink market with a highly caffeinated energy drink called Jolt Cola. At the time, major corporations were banking on selling their sodas by catering to a health-conscious market though offering the products with reduced sugar and caffeine.



COURTESY HAYDEN MARX

The logic at Wet Planet Beverages followed that if less is more, then more must be a lot more. The idea caught on as Jolt Cola quickly became a success.

Jolt's name has remained well known, even years later. When GumRunners founders Kevin Gass and Laurence Molloy surveyed one thousand consumers in 2000 they found that 80 percent still knew the jolt slogan ("all the sugar, twice the caffeine.").

"That was, like, the light-bulb flash over our heads," said Gass told the Brendan Koerner of New York Times. "At that point, we came up with putting Jolt in a gum."

The process involved in bringing their idea to life was a hard one. Caffeine has a very bitter taste that's hard to hide. Gass estimated that it took them over two years and four tons of test pieces in order to get the gum ready for the market. The testing process was finally finished thanks to food scientist Mauricio Bobadilla, a man who is known as MM, "Magic Man," at company headquarters, who was able to find the perfect mixture of the six sweeteners that are used in Jolt Gum.

Brendan Koerner of the New York Times wrote that Gass compared Bobadilla's work to that done by acoustic engineers, who use inverse sound waves to block out noise.

However, not all student reviews have been positive.

Freshman Paul Egri said, "While studying at the library, I ended up going through an entire pack just trying to get an effect. In the end, it I ended up getting a slight buzz, but I also felt sick."

Junior Mike Busack also noted a similar feeling from the caffeine buzz, "It is much different than coffee. Coffee drinkers can easily recognize the affects that coffee has on their body as caffeine. With Jolt gum, the buzz it gives you is very unique. It doesn't feel right."

When asked about the effectiveness of their gum, GumRunners representatives point to the fact that the United States Army recently included Jolt Gum in an experimental line of ready-to-eat meals. On the battlefield, soldiers have to stay awake and alert for long periods of time. In these tests, Jolt Gum proved just as effective as coffee, if not better in some respects.

Unlike coffee, gum does not have to be brewed nor does it require bathroom breaks after its usage.

In terms of safety, GumRunners say their product is as safe as coffee or energy drinks. The danger in these products are that their caffeine content can boost the heart rate and blood pressure of the individual, dehydrate the body and prevent sleep. However the risk is considerably low. GumRunners also remind users that Jolt Gum is "not a substitute for sleep".

Three debate how to spend found treasure

By Jay Lindsay
Associated Press

BOSTON Simple luck helped Tim Crebase and two friends find a stash of cash buried in his yard. Splitting up the money without damaging their friendship may take more skill.

It was a rainy day that prevented Crebase and friends Barry Billcliff and Matt Ingham go to their roofing job, so they began digging around his Methuen yard to dig up a shrub whose roots were creeping into a nearby set of stairs.

About a foot down, Crebase said, he hit some soft wood. More digging cracked open a can and he saw the cash.



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Tim Crebase, center, holds a handful of vintage bills he found yesterday.

After grabbing it, Crebase said he ran screaming to show Billcliff and Ingham, and they helped him uncover about eight remaining cans. The total stash was about 1,800 bills dating between 1899 and 1929 and piles of gold and silver certificates. Exactly who buried it at the home in Methuen, about 30 miles north of Boston — and why — is unknown.

But at least Crebase and Billcliff disagree about who controls the treasure, estimated to be worth as much as $75,000.

Crebase, 24, says he's the one who made the find and has the final say about the money, though he'll do what's best for everyone.

"I'm the one who found it," Crebase said. "Without my decision, nothing's going to happen."

But Billcliff, 27, said that's not true.

"If one penny is spent, we all have to agree on its use," he told The Associated Press in a separate interview on Wednesday. "The truth was, I handed him the shovel, I told him where to start digging."

Despite the dispute over who controls the money, the friends appear to agree on what they should do with at part of it: putting some of it into Ingham's rock band, called Till We Die. Both say the band, which Crebase described as "aggressive rock," can make it big with some help.

Ex-owners of liquor store seek Bulger's winnings

BOSTON (AP) — Two alleged extortion victims of fugitive mobster James "Whitey" Bulger want a piece of Bulger's $1.9 million share of a winning Massachusetts lottery ticket, but federal officials say most of the lottery payout is gone and it's too late for anyone to stake a claim.

Chief U.S. District Court Judge William G. Young notified the U.S. Marshals Service on Tuesday that Stephen Rakes and his ex-wife Julie Dammers — who allege they were forced at gunpoint to sell their South Boston neighborhood liquor store to Bulger in 1984 — have a $23.5 million claim against Bulger, because he did not appear in court in January to contest their civil lawsuit.

Bulger and his longtime sidekick, Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi, fled in advance of their 1995 indictment for federal racketeering and extortion.



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James "Whitey" Bulger

The Marshals service said the money already has been distributed to federal and state authorities.

However an attorney for Dammers believes the government still has some of Bulger's assets.

"We're just seeking what our clients are legally entitled to," said Boston attorney Paul Gannon.

In 1995, federal prosecutors seized Bulger's one-sixth share of a 1991 Mass Millions jackpot totaling $14.3 million, alleging he had paid the real winner $700,000 in cash for his share as part of a money-laundering scheme to give himself a clean source of income.

Bulger collected his annual lottery check of $119,408 for four years until he fled. Since July 1995, the government has been collecting those winnings, which are to be paid out through 2010.

The mothers of two women allegedly killed by Bulger, his brother John and one of his sisters also have made unsuccessful claims for the winnings.

Bulger, 75, is accused of killing Olga Davis' daughter, Debra Davis, in 1981, and Marion Hussey's daughter, Deborah Hussey, in 1985. Flemmi has admitted to his role in those murders and others, and is serving a life sentence in prison.

— *Associated Press*

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Due to a reporting error the Daily Collegian reported that the band Cold Duck Complex would be performing tonight. The band will actually perform Friday, April 29th.

National News

Jesse Jackson calls for Bank of America to give to poor

By Paul Nowell
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Rev. Jesse Jackson urged Bank of America Corp. Chairman and CEO Ken Lewis at the bank's annual meeting Wednesday to continue community reinvestment initiatives that his predecessor started.

"This bank is prospering while the middle class and the poor are going down," Jackson told Lewis during the public portion of the otherwise highly scripted meeting. "This bank needs to be the trigger for economic growth and opportunity."

Hugh McColl preceded Lewis as the bank's leader.

In response, Lewis told the civil rights leader he would make members of his management team available to discuss any issues that Jackson wanted to address. The two men met privately Tuesday night, Jackson said.

"I think Ken Lewis is doing a fine job as chairman," Jackson said in an interview before the meeting. "The biggest issue we have with them is that they are a huge institution with a huge responsibility."

Last year, Charlotte-based Bank of America announced plans to make $750 billion in community development lending and investments nationwide over the next decade, beginning this year. At least $100 billion of the goal will be directed to the Northeast, which was formerly served by Fleet, bank spokesman Terry Francisco said. Bank of America also plans to make $1.5 billion in philanthropic grants over the next 10 years.

Jackson, a two-time presidential candidate and founder of the Rainbow-PUSH Coalition, said he was not focusing only on Bank of America with his criticism of corporate America.

"The wealthy are so protected in this country while the poor are off the radar screen," he said, adding that he planned to take his concerns to shareholders of other large companies such as General Motors Corp. and The Coca-Cola Co.

Asked how much Bank of America stock his organization owns, Jackson pointed his finger and said: "Just enough to get in that door."

For the second straight year, attendance was fairly sparse at the bank's annual meeting. The auditorium where it was held was far from full and many of the several hundred attendees were bank employees.

In his remarks, Lewis said 2004 was a year in which the bank pulled off the "seamless integration of Fleet (FleetBoston Financial Corp.)" along with strong internal growth.


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The Bank of America Corp. building

Gore blames GOP

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Vice President Al Gore on Wednesday blamed Republican "lust for one-party domination" for the GOP campaign to change Senate rules on filibustering judicial nominees, and he assailed religious zealots for driving the effort.

Wading into the political fight that has roiled the Senate, the 2000 Democratic presidential candidate and former Tennessee senator warned that altering rules that have served the nation for 230 years would result in a breakdown in the separation of powers.

"What makes it so dangerous for our country is their willingness to do serious damage to our American democracy in order to satisfy their lust for one-party domination of all three branches of government," Gore said of the GOP in a speech. "They seek nothing less than absolute power."

The Senate is bracing for a showdown over Republicans' threat to use their majority to change the parliamentary rules to ban judicial filibusters , a tactic in which opponents can prevent a vote on a nomination with just 41 votes in the 100-member body.

Minority Democrats have used the filibuster to block confirmation votes on 10 of President Bush's appeals court choices, arguing that the nominees are too conservative for lifetime appointments.

Gore bemoaned the "outright threats and intimidations" of judges by some Republicans after recent court rulings, warning that independent judges would cower for fear of retribution.

He also cited recent comments from leaders of two conservative organizations ... the Family Research Council and Focus on the Family — about disenfranchising certain courts or denying them funds.

"This aggressive new strain of right-wing religious zealotry is actually a throwback to the intolerance that led to the creation of America in the first place," Gore said as many in the audience stood and applauded. The speech was sponsored by the liberal group MoveOn's political action committee.

— Associated Press

Bush calls for technology to solve energy issues in U.S.

By H. Josef Hebert
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush called for construction of more nuclear power plants and urged Congress on Wednesday to give tax breaks for fuel-efficient hybrid and clean-diesel cars. He also said he was powerless to bring down high gasoline costs.

Calling the problem one of not having enough energy supplies to keep pace with demand, Bush said technology will provide the answer in the long run by allowing development of more domestic energy sources.

"Technology is the ticket," said Bush, calling today's tight energy markets "a problem that has been years in the making" and will take time to resolve. He said he was determined to spur development of more nuclear power, coal, oil and renewable energy and again called on Congress to provide him with a national energy agenda

"This problem did not develop overnight and it's not going to be fixed overnight. But it's now time to fix it," Bush told a group of small-business owners in his second speech on energy in a week.

The high cost of gasoline, followed by a winner of record heating bills, has begun to have both economic and political fallout and is believed to be pulling down Bush's popularity.

The president said he knows "many people are concerned" about the high gasoline prices that now average more than $2.20 a gallon nationwide, but he lamented that he can't do anything about it.

"I wish I could," he said. "If I could, I would."

In 2000, when he was seeking the Republican nomination for president and oil was nearing $28 a barrel, Bush criticized the Clinton administration for high fuel prices and said the president must "jawbone" oil producing nations and persuade them to drop rates.

Some congressional Democrats have called on Bush to use the government's emergency oil reserves to try to force crude prices down — or at least stop diverting oil into the reserve. The White House repeatedly has rejected such a move, arguing the reserve is only for addressing supply disruptions and should be filled to capacity.

MA employee contracts finalized

By Steve LeBlanc
Associated Press

BOSTON — The Romney administration said Wednesday it had finalized contracts with 32,000 state employees, from clerical professionals to social workers, who have been working without contracts.

Another 7,000 workers remain without a contract including some state police, corrections officers and nurses.

Administration officials said those contracts amounted to less than a 2 percent pay increase per year over a three year period, from July 1, 2003, through the end of June 2006.

Romney budget chief Eric Kriss said the administration wanted to make sure costs remain stable given rising health insurance and the state's still tenuous fiscal condition.

He also repeated the administration's opposition to retroactive pay during contract negotiations for years when workers were without contracts. He called the retroactive pay "insidious."

Kriss said the key to maintaining living conditions for workers is to boost productivity. He pointed to the decision to use global positioning system technology to help track snow plow drivers as an example of the state getting more for its money.

Union leaders said they settled reluctantly when it became clear the administration wouldn't budge. They also criticized the administration for paring back worker benefits.

Michael Grunko, president of the SEIU Local 509, which represents social workers and case managers, said the union had to give up key benefits to settle the contract, which has yet to be ratified by members. Maternity leave, much of it unpaid, was cut from 52 weeks to 14 weeks. Family medical leave was also cut.

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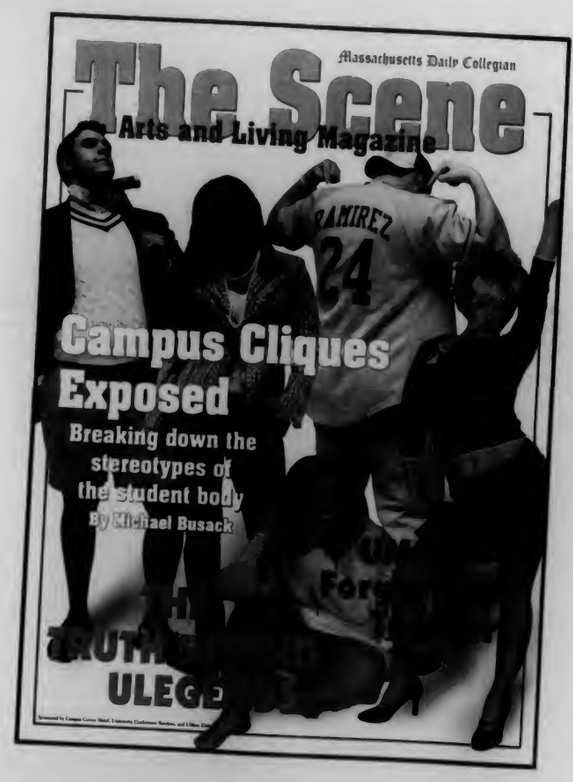
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International News

Sri Lankan bus crashes with train while dashing over tracks, killing 35

By Krishan Francis
Associated Press

POLGAHAWELA, Sri Lanka — An intercity passenger train collided with a bus that tried to dash through a railroad crossing in northwestern Sri Lanka on Wednesday, killing 35 people, officials said.

The passenger bus, apparently racing another bus, slipped past a warning gate and tried to cross a railroad track at Polgahawela, a small suburban town surrounded by rice and coconut farming villages some 50 miles northeast of Colombo, the capital.

Police said they arrested the driver of the bus, who was found at a local hospital with minor injuries.



A bus collided with a train in Sri Lanka, killing 35 yesterday.

Hospital and police officials said 35 people died. The bus was reduced to a mangled heap of metal after it caught fire. Open suitcases with passengers' clothes strewn on the track and on the sides.

Sixty people were injured in the incident, area Police Chief Asoka Ratnaweera said.

Most of the injured were taken to nearby hospitals. Thirteen victims suffering serious head and chest injuries were rushed to the National Hospital in Colombo, hospital director Hector Weerasinghe said.

All the victims were aboard the bus, which was dragged by the train for about 100 yards after the collision.

Railway employee E.M. Jayaratna, who was on duty, said the automatic gate had closed as the train was approaching.

"There were other vehicles waiting, but this bus overtook them and came near the gate," he said. "They thought they would manage to speed up and cross, but it did not happen."

World's largest jetliner takes flight

By Laurence Frost
Associated Press

BLAGNAC, France — Cheered by tens of thousands of onlookers, the world's largest jetliner touched down Wednesday with puffs of smoke from its 22 outsize wheels, ending the historic maiden flight for a plane that Airbus hopes will carry it to market dominance.

The A380's four-hour sortie past the snowcapped Pyrenees removed any doubt that the behemoth capable of carrying as many as 840 passengers is airworthy. But it did little to convince skeptics, led by U.S. rival Boeing Co., that the plane will prove profitable.

About 30,000 people watched the takeoff and landing, police said, many from just outside the airport perimeter, where whole families spent the night awaiting European aviation's biggest spectacle since the supersonic Concorde's first flight in 1969.

Applause reverberated across the airfield and adjacent Airbus headquarters in this town outside the southwestern city of Toulouse as test pilots Claude Lelaie and Jacques Rosay emerged from the big white plane with a blue tail, waving happily, with their four fellow crew members.



Officials pose next to the A380 Airbus, the world's largest jetliner, which seats as many as 840 passengers.

Flying the plane was as easy as "riding a bicycle," Rosay said. Engineer Fernando Alonso said the crew enjoyed an "extremely comfortable" flight.

Son of Togo's late dictator wins election

By Bryan Mealer
Associated Press

LOME, Togo — The son of Togo's late dictator won a resounding victory in a presidential election, sending enraged opposition supporters into the streets Tuesday. Protesters built flaming barricades and used machetes and nail-studded clubs to battle police and soldiers, clashes that left more than 100 people injured.

Faure Gnassingbe won 1.3 million votes, or 60 percent, while main opposition candidate Bob Akitani took 841,000, or 38 percent, electoral commission Chairwoman Kissem Tchangai Walla said.

Sunday's balloting in this impoverished West African nation was marred by violence and allegations of vote-tampering.

The military had installed Gnassingbe as president shortly after his father, Gnassingbe Eyadema, died of a heart attack Feb. 5. Eyadema's 38 years in power had made him Africa's longest-ruling dictator. Amid heavy international pressure, the 39-year old son agreed to an election.

After the results were announced, mobs of young men raged across the capital of Lome, setting stacks of tires ablaze and unleashing plumes of smoke that darkened the horizon. Through the afternoon, security forces with tear gas and concussion grenades scattered the protesters.

"Freedom for Togo!" they shouted, taunting police through clouds of tear gas. "Come and take us!"

An Associated Press reporter saw two men who had been shot and saw several soldiers beat a suspected looter with clubs, kicking him in the head once he fell.

The young man's mother ran onto the scene, stripping naked in protest and wailing: "Oh God, they're going to kill him!" As the youth was loaded into a military truck, she screamed, "Please don't take my son!" and the man was later released.

By late Tuesday, more than 100 people injured in the day's clashes had been admitted to Lome's main hospital, said Red Cross official Abram Morel. They included several gunshot victims and people who'd been beaten by protesters and security forces, he said.

Shops belonging to Lebanese merchants were looted and merchandise strewn in the streets. Windows of the Chinese Embassy were smashed in by rocks, and nervous guards peeked through slits in the gate.

Opposition party officials had urged supporters to protest the election results.

"Faure can't win this election and everyone knows it," Jean-Pierre Fabre, secretary general of Akitani's political party, told Radio France Internationale.

"The opposition is calling all its members to react and to stop this from happening," he said, without specifying what actions supporters should take.

Hundreds of opposition supporters rioted Sunday, angry at reports that the ruling party stole ballot boxes or stuffed them with votes for Gnassingbe. A foreign diplomat said three men were shot to death near Lome's airport, but it was unclear by whom.

Akitani went into hiding as the voting took place, saying he feared for his life, and his whereabouts were not known.

The U.S. Embassy had six teams of observers in the field, according to State Department spokesman Adam Erell. There was no immediate word on their findings.

A spokeswoman for the 15-nation Economic Community of West African States, which had 127 observers in Togo, declared the elections fair, saying votes uncounted amid violence Sunday in Lome weren't enough to cause concern.

"The polls satisfy the criteria of credibility and international standards," Adrienne Diop, a spokeswoman for the regional body, said Tuesday.

Walla said the results must be certified by Togo's constitutional court in coming weeks but are considered the final tally.

In the opposition ghetto of Be, often the scene of clashes between demonstrators and police, giant trees had been felled to block the roads.

Hundreds of men rallied around burning tires and garbage, raking machetes across the pavement and hurling stones at soldiers with slingshots.

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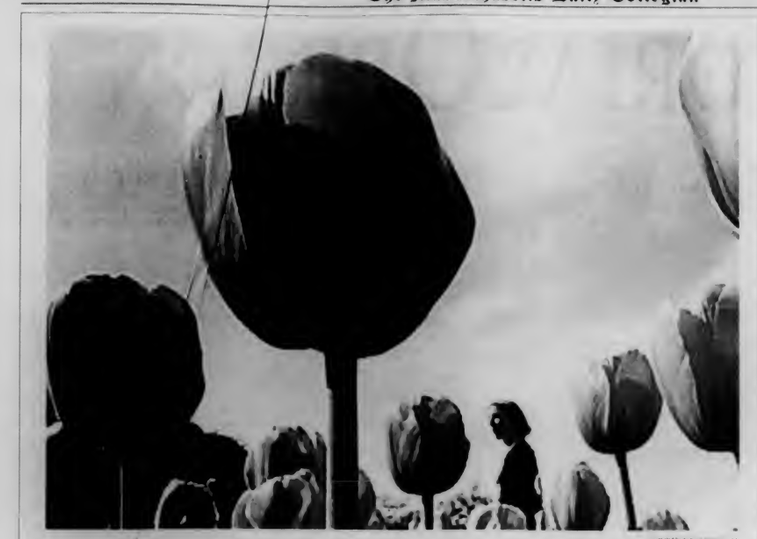
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Increase made in Spring Concert funds

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Specifically, the plan is written to allocate money to these groups based on past usage. Particularly, RSO's this fiscal year spent nearly half of their allocated money, therefore, the committee recognized that with rollover money from this year ($60,000 plus) that RSO's were to receive slightly less this year.

Contradictory to the RSO allocation, the Spring Concert funding increased in the 2006 plan by 25 percent. "This is so they have a little more money to work with to put on more events," Delargy said.

Delargy also urged student group members to recognize the finance reserves fund, where groups can request for emergency funding any time during the year. He emphasized that if the Chancellor's Plan does get implemented, than that reserve fund will be larger than it has ever been.

Delargy urged Senators to come to next week's meeting, as they will be voting to pass the budget for the 2006 fiscal year, citing that "it is really important that everyone be here."

In other orders of business, Senator Brain Long invited Director of Facilities and Campus Planning James Cahill to speak to the Senate about the Capital Plan, its mission and its cost.

Cahill addressed the Senate with diagrams of new construction that will occur on campus beginning in July. Including a new 1,500 bed dormitory, central heating system and science labs.

"There hasn't been this much construction in the 20 years that I have been here," Cahill said, "this is going to affect every person on this campus."

Cahill added that this $544 million project will span over the next several years, and each project, from building, to maintenance, to upkeep will overlap one another. Cahill assured the Senate that this plan has been in the works for several years, and necessary precautions have been evaluated. For instance every year that the project goes on, 1.5 percent of the money spent will be put into a fund that will be on reserve for maintenance purposes only. Cahill said that he thinks that this kind of plan, "will not let something like this happen in the future."

Jackson's ex-wife testifies against popstar

By Linda Deutsch
Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — Michael Jackson's ex-wife, the mother of two of his children, testified Wednesday in his child molestation trial that the pop star asked her to make a rebuttal video on his behalf in the aftermath of a damaging television documentary about his life.

Taking the stand with Jackson looking on, Debbie Rowe was asked by prosecutor Ron Zonen how she knew Jackson, and she said, "We've been friends and we were married."

She said she knew Jackson for 20 years before they were married, but when asked if they had ever lived together, she said, "We never shared a home."

Rowe was a nurse for one of Jackson's plastic surgeons when they married in 1996, and they had two children together — 8-year-old Prince Michael and a 7-year-old daughter named Paris. The couple filed for divorce three years later. Jackson has a third child, Prince Michael II, whose mother has remained anonymous.

Jackson is accused of molesting a 13-year-old boy in February or March 2003, giving him alcohol and conspiring to hold the accuser's family captive to get them to rebut the "Living With Michael Jackson" documentary in which the singer tells an interviewer he lets children sleep in his bed, though not in a sexual way.

Prosecutors expect Rowe to testify that she was pressured to praise Jackson in a video made after the documentary aired in order to gain visitation with her children. The mother of Jackson's accuser has claimed a video she recorded, praising Jackson as a father figure to her children, was done from a script.

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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Saving the Hoedown

Matthew M. Burke

I have been here for four years. It has surprised me that many of my friends have gone to UConn and other nearby schools for their spring weekends. It is pretty sad that most of our students have to go to other schools because they feel that their own cannot provide something as simple as an appropriate release at the end of a long year of classes. It hurts us seniors to go out like this. We pay a lot to be here, and something as simple as a big bash would certainly boost morale and give us something to be proud of. Not to mention it would be fun.

I am almost ashamed that our beloved state school's spring concert cannot compare to other schools' of similar caliber. Academics are unequivocally important, but so is the college experience. This school will have trouble attracting students if they think that candidates do not look at the complete package. I wouldn't recommend UMass to high school seniors now as I did in years past. This all falls on the heels of rumors that the Hoedown has changed it's location this year. The police will almost certainly take issue again.

The problem we have at UMass is that the cops don't respect us and we don't respect them. They break up parties too early, and we irrationally destroy things.

The Hobart Hoedown was, at one point, a UMass institution. My older friends smiled with utter pride and joy when I first got here and they told me of the Hoedown. That first year I went to the best party of my life. I will be talking about it for the rest of my days — as I now must head into the "real world" — but for people like my little sister, who is a sophomore, that party may never come again.

I wanted to find out a legitimate solution, so I asked several people who have frequented UConn's celebrations. What did they feel made it so successful year in and year out? Why were we having problems at UMass? I am not alone in my views that we must save the Hoedown and stop the exodus of UMass students from going to other colleges to have a good time.

For starters, I had to be educated about UConn's famed celebrations. The first person I asked was two-time visitor Noelle Willecke (senior, Psychology major). Willecke gave me the background of UConn's festivities that were once a footnote to those at UMass.

"There is a huge party in lot X. There are about three or four thousand kids there," she said. "Then there is another huge party in an apartment complex called Celeron." She described a scene far different from the tumultuous UMass experience. "The cops were cool. They'd walk around in their riot gear and pose for photos with students. The kids didn't burn things like they do here, they had respect for the cops."

How could our situation be so sour? I was in disbelief until two seniors that went this year backed up Willecke's claims.

"I went to UConn last Thursday," said Eric Atkinson (Economics major) as Dan Borecki (Accounting and Economics major) agreed. When asked if they went to UConn solely for the reason that UMass was lacking in such festivities, all three were unanimous. "Definitely. I would say this one party I went to at UConn destroyed a good 99 percent of the festivities here at UMass," Atkinson said. "I know a lot of UMass people go," Willecke added.

Atkinson would later divulge he met around 15 people from UMass at Celeron that he didn't know beforehand. "Yeah, I know when I go there that you aren't going to get tear gassed or shot with rubber bullets," Borecki quipped. "The cops even set up a medical tent for emergencies."

The problem we have at UMass is that the cops don't respect us and we don't respect them. They break up parties too early, and we irrationally destroy things. Living in close quarters with families and other disgruntled townspeople doesn't help either. "I think the cops overdo it here," Borecki said. "This town thrives off of the business from the students that go here. We shouldn't be arrested every time we want to have a little fun."

The students, myself included, all reiterated that the police are just as much to blame for the destruction as the students, stating that if they weren't so quick to break things up, tensions would be eased. They also said that the police at UConn made arrests and had everything under control, yet they let the students have their fun.

This needs to happen here. Maybe the SGA or a student delegation could improve this part of students' lives. Meet with the police and Hobart and act as an intermediary. Restore the trust and respect. Give us our institution back. Stop the exodus and once again instill pride in UMass. Maybe they could even call in the UConn Police Department to train ours (or at least teach them how to coexist with us).

If Hobart is not willing to host it, then its site should be moved. "I think what's happened in the past has to be blamed for the current situation," Atkinson said. "I think they should relax and let the students have their fun, but control the situation so that it doesn't become out of hand."

I agree, as do most students. This is one senior's last wish, save the Hoedown for future generations. Don't let this wonderful school go down the tubes. Borecki put it best, "If they move it, I will be there." Most of us will also be there, but until things change, the real spring weekends are being held elsewhere for UMass students and its hurting our university.

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Examining campus diversity

Aaron Wodin-Schwartz

Campus diversity is a hot topic on pretty much any given campus in the United States today, since most universities have a self-identified inclusion problem when it comes to racial and ethnic minorities from at home and abroad. Though the problem arises as one of class — minorities disproportionately occupying the lowest rungs of the socioeconomic ladder — it does not detract from the racially exclusionary result.

So why is this such a problem? Well, first and foremost, there's the health and wealth of the university. By reducing the sampling size of students and adjunct teaching staff, universities necessarily deprive themselves of quality minds to learn, teach and generally improve the efficacy of their hallowed halls.

By systematically limiting minority and foreign-born entrants, universities also cut down on the cultural vibrancy of and contributions to campus dialogue. Also, many schools tacitly oppose such interchange and broadening of horizons by not actively promoting diversity integration and by maintaining irresponsibly uncritical, Euro-centric curricula that no longer fit world scholarship and contemporary campus demographics.

Then there's the issue of the mission of the university. Is the purpose of higher education to perpetuate or even deepen society's ills and the gaping deficit between U.S. and foreign thought, or is it to be an institutional force seeking to remedy these shortcomings? Universities, being modernist institutions, are based upon the assumption that human activity can alter the conditions in which humans live for the better.

Now that we've at least begrudgingly accepted that the classist stratification of minorities is resultant of deliberate and often malicious policy, we realize the importance of institutional correction to begin to undo the damage done. Indeed, the purpose of all education is to advance a society toward the ideals of its values. Some would argue that the generally close-minded and exclusionary nature of universities today reflects the idealization of entrenched white values of exclusion and supremacy. I, on the other hand, would like to think that we've just drastically underachieved in our progress toward liberty, equality and justice.

Failure to abridge the racial/ethnic/class divide, whether at the local, state or federal level, is failure of public education to fulfill its mission.

Besides, shouldn't the university experience reflect life beyond the ivory tower?

In public universities, whose principal contributors are tax payers whose demographics and classed experiences go severely underrepresented in the institutions that they support, the responsibility is to the wider community is absolute. Disproportionate extraction of resources from the underprivileged classes and under funding or absence of programs that benefit them is, of course, one of the more notorious deficiencies of capitalism. It is also particularly neoclassical capitalism, but has gone on as long as governments have decided to favor big business over people.

Yet the scope of the public education system is much wider than the classroom: it is a primary social institution and must act accordingly. Failure to abridge the racial/ethnic/class divide, whether at the local, state or federal level, is failure of public education to fulfill its mission.

There is talk amongst conservatives, presumably embittered at the primacy of centrist values and dilapidated half-efforts at diversity on U.S. campuses, of appropriating the diversity argument and skewing it to mean inclusion of more traditional white-folk from the Midwest and elsewhere. Ideological diversity, they claim, is the true shortcoming of the contemporary university: the poor, underrepresented and conservative Right.

They have control of the entire government, almost all university administration and the framing of every public discourse, yet they are under brutal and unwarranted attack from the rising tide of quasi-liberal, underpaid teachers subverting the human mind on isolated islands of "free" thought in certain areas of the country. Oh yes you poor embattled souls, let us God-forsaken "liberals" change our progressive ways and instead embrace pre-1937 as our one true future. United we stand.

Clearly, those among this school of thought are not interested in actual diversity, but simply in forcing the floor to be extended to even more supremacist and socially regressive ideology than our everyday discourse already contains. I really shouldn't be so surprised anymore, but I suppose there is still some shred of naïve innocence somewhere inside of me that is shocked to see this movement gaining ground.

Now, when diversity is addressed on the national level, it is usually regarding a critique of some quota program or other enacted to counteract the long history of racist, classist public policy. The continued prevalence of discrimination and non-diversity is left largely untouched.

At UMass, we have the privilege of vocal minority organizations, and we are fortunate to have greater attention devoted to diversity issues than other places. We are now in the process of deciding the direction and purpose of our university; real diversity, not redhead-from-Iowa diversity, must factor greatly. This is an important matter and our relevancy as an institution depends on it.

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Questioning age restrictions

Jaime Collins

Why, at 18, can we be considered legal adults, though are not considered responsible enough to drink? Why can we fight for our country, die for our country, but not drink a beer? How is it okay to be prosecuted in the court an an adult, but not okay to have a drink at dinner? I know that these are questions that are asked over and over by many college students, especially after running into trouble with underage drinking, though these questions are redundant.

No one knows why this is the situation, and I am pretty sure we will never get an answer to it. I want to explore the drinking age on a different level, and go back to when and why the minimum purchasing age was raised.

The National Minimum Drinking Age Act of 1984 was made to raise the purchasing age in the United States to 21. This law came into place after an excessive amount of drinking and driving cases began to arise. Therefore, in order to reduce this problem, the government made a law to increase the purchasing age to 21.

Though, as Ruth C. Engs, a professor at Indiana University, states, "Research from the early 1980s until the present has shown a continuous decrease in drinking and driving related variables which has paralleled the nation's, and also university students' decrease in per capita consumption. However, these declines started in 1980 before the national 1987 law which mandated states to have 21-year-old alcohol purchase laws."

This information shows that the decrease in drinking and driving began before the drinking age was changed. Why was there this sudden decrease? Was it the actual change of the drinking age, or was it more awareness to what happens when mixing alcohol and getting behind the wheel of a car. As Engs states, this change happened before the increase from 18 to 21-year-old purchase laws. For that reason, I do not believe the boost in drinking age had all too much to do with the decline in drinking and driving incidences.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, "In most countries, the minimum age for driving licensure is older than or equal to the drinking age, unlike the United States, in which all states allow licensure well before drinking is permitted."

This new information was very interesting to me. Why, in the United States, can one begin to drive before they can drink? This did not make sense to me. I then began to question myself, and take the other side of the drinking age argument. By allowing someone to begin driving and also drinking at the age of 18, wouldn't this increase the amounts of drinking and driving incidences?

MADD, a program for Mothers Against Drunk Driving, shows the statistic that, "In 2002, an estimated 17,419 people died in alcohol-related traffic crashes; an average of one every 30 minutes. These deaths constitute 41 percent of the 42,815 total traffic fatalities."

In France, in 1993, there were an estimated 8,005 fatal car accidents which were alcohol related. My point is, in France the legal drinking age is 16. Furthermore, the legal driving age is 18. How come the fatality rate due to drinking in driving in France is so much lower than ours in the United States? Should we change our rules like many other countries?

I think that we are doing something wrong, and we should pinpoint it, and change it. As far as I can see, our alcohol consumption/purchasing ages and our minimum driving ages are backwards.

Jaime Collins is a UMass student.

Making UMass your home

Rail Maharramov

It was bitter enough I didn't understand this to the fullest extent until I left my sweet home for studies at UMass. Since then, logistics, including housing, turned out to be my biggest nightmare. Soon enough, I came to realize that studying was the easy part of the student life. Finding a "good" or "acceptable" apartment, in a good location with good people turned out to be the most difficult exam in my life. Not surprisingly, until now, I have managed to score a maximum C on all my housing exams and still fight or suffer from the consequences of incomplete decisions regarding housing.

It has been said that necessity is the mother of innovation. After several painful tenancy experiences, I have started to think more and more about the real nature of tenancy and housing. A long time spent thinking, coupled with my increasing knowledge about market failures, helped me to get a better grasp of the issue. Soon, I realized that the housing market and especially the tenancy market are dominated by information asymmetry.

Information asymmetry is a condition when the lack of the full information about the quality and nature of goods and services causes a suboptimal level of production and consumption of those services and goods. Information asymmetry in the tenancy market exists both for landlords and for students. However, it seems that landlords with more control over their apartments and better access to resources, have solved this problem for themselves. They have invented very complex lease contracts, requiring a deposit equal to the one-month's rent of the house and the first and last month's rents in advance.

The mechanism that equips landlords with all the power to control tenants and the market is very well designed. The advantage landlords have over the tenancy market does not end with this. They have also an advantage in selection of tenants. They are the people who make the last decision about who will stay in their apartments and for how long. References from the faculty, if a student is new to the area, or from past landlords, significantly ease the landlord's decision-making.

However, when we look at the student side of the coin, we clearly do not see even the little resemblance of the power that landlords enjoy. Indeed, students are severely disadvantaged, and can be considered as silent victims of the inefficient tenancy market. Students do not stay in the area as long as landlords do. They have no way to leave the valuable information they have collected to new or existing students. This might be because, simply, they do not have time. Secondly, nobody asks them for this.

One may point out to the Commuter Services and Housing Resource Services the effectiveness of their work, which is at least debatable. My personal experience with them is that they are helpful, but only to a limited extent. They usually provide good information about the list of apartment complexes in the area, real estate companies and the less than helpful map of the city. Second, students need to suffice with the information that their landlords provide to them. You would bet that usually this information doesn't cover the entire story of the apartment, and certainly contains little if any information about possible defects, the way landlords would approach possible conflicts or differences in interpretation of the contract, etc.

Despite this, provisions of reference letters from past tenants could address this particular type of information asymmetry problem. However, upon hearing them, most people would only laugh at its absurdity. The way things worked has always been from landlords to students. It is landlords who ask for references from previous landlords; they are the ones who dictate their terms of the contract. Reference letters from past tenants would seem too much of a change to introduce into the life of tenants and landlords.

This is especially unrealistic when we have a shortage of good housing in the area. Students also do not have the opportunity to "vote with their feet" amid studies. This is very true when s/he is a couple months away from finishing the academic year. So it is not hard to see that students are amid an important impasse. The sad thing of the story is that, currently, several student organizations have paid almost no attention to this very important problem that concerns almost all students.

Certainly the problem needs more in-depth research and analysis. As it is seen, the major problem emerges with information asymmetry and the lack of enough information that would enable students to make right decisions about housing that really meets their needs and expectations.

My proposal for addressing this problem may seem too simple or unacceptable to many. But I think that with careful design, it can significantly address large portions of the problem. What I propose as the solution is the addition of a separate Web page called "Review of Apartments" to the Web site of the Commuter Services and Housing Resource Center.

This site would be designed to provide students with an opportunity to share their feedback about apartments they rented, type of problems they faced during their tenancy, as well as pluses and minuses of the apartment. This would enable new and existing students to check reviews left by previous student residents to learn real qualities of the apartment they intend to rent and to make well-informed decisions. This is a win-win situation. The only losers are landlords interested to hide something from prospective tenants.

The solution of the above mentioned problem not only would make the student life more interesting and satisfactory, but it also has potential to attract more students to UMass and raise the profile of student life in the area in the long run. Making UMass a sweet home is certainly within reach.

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Matt Pond PA plays to 'Winter'

By Ian Jones
Collegian Staff

For those not familiar with Matt Pond PA, there are just a few things you should know about them. First, they are fronted by singer and guitarist, Matt Pond. Second, they are from Pennsylvania. Third, and probably most important, they have spent the last seven years or so winning praise for their "chamber-pop" sound, a combination of Pond's somber songwriting and the band's sweeping string arrangements.

Their latest effort, "Winter Songs," is a seven song EP. Taking a quick glance at the liner notes, the concept seems a bit gimmicky. "In the height of summer, these were some songs that reminded us of winter. We only want what we can't have." At least the title makes sense.

The first song, "Snow Day," is a saccharine indie-pop song laden with bright guitars, strings and Pond's wistful vocals. I suppose it's very appropriate to begin a record about longing for winter with a song about a snow day, and it sets the mood of the record nicely. It's also the only song on the record featuring lyrics written by Matt Pond, a somewhat unusual fact, considering the praise he has received for his songwriting.

The second and fourth songs on the record, "Fall Two" and "Winter One," are somewhat boring instrumental tracks. "Fall Two" is essentially Matt playing guitar for a minute-and-a-half with strings behind him. "Winter One" is a slower version of the same thing, but with a nice organ in the foreground. Both seem an awful lot like filler, especially on a record that only has seven songs to begin with, but they aren't bad.

The other four songs on the albums are covers, starting with the third track, Neil Young's "Winterlong." Matt Pond PA actually do the original a lot of justice, although it sounds a lot like one would expect it to. Besides the dreamy surf guitar solo in the middle of the song, the song is lot like the original, which isn't a bad thing.

Richard and Linda Thompson's "I Want to See the Bright Lights Tonight" gets the same treatment as "Winterlong." It sounds good, and certainly does justice to the original, but it's basically the same thing, especially with the strings mimicking the original song's horns. If anything, this track sounds even closer to its original version than "Winterlong" does.

The most interesting song on the record is probably Lindsey Buckingham's "Holiday Road." It was originally on the soundtrack to National Lampoon's Vacation, and was a rather goofy track designed to compliment the movie. Matt Pond PA make it dreamy and folksy, with a strong background of organ and strings, and plucked acoustic mixed with echoing sound of the slide guitar. Matt's soft tenor adds depth to the song's airy feel, and the band manages, more than on any other track, to effectively make this song their own.

The final song is a cover of Neutral Milk Hotel's "In an Aeroplane Over the Sea," and although it parts with the Lo-Fi charm of the original, it more than makes up for that with strings filling in for the various instrumental parts and the same washed-out surf guitar replacing the original's acoustic strumming. Matt's voice seems as suited to the song as Jeff Mangum's did when I first heard NMH's version, and he gives it a sense of longing that Mangum never did.

All things considered, this record is definitely not as strong as the band's full-length releases. There are a few standout tracks —"Holiday Road" and "In an Aeroplane Over the Sea"—but unless the concept sounds very interesting, this probably isn't a worthwhile purchase for anyone but a devoted Matt Pond PA fan.



Matt Pond PA recently released a seven track EP, a compilation full of songs that are reminiscent of wintertime, like "Holiday Road" by Lindsay Buckingham and Neil Young's "Winterlong."

Ibarra brings the Kulintang

By Bradley Farberman
Collegian Staff

You can tell a lot about a person just by lookin' at 'em. You, for instance. You've been jonesin' for some live Filipino trip-hop all week. You just didn't know where to find it.

Consider it found. Tonight at 8 p.m., avant-garde percussionist and composer Susie Ibarra will hit Bezanson Recital Hall's cozy stage with her "Electric Kulintang" project, and you'll be sorry if you miss it.

Plus, you'll have to apologize to Ibarra's sparring partner in the Kulintang, percussionist Roberto Rodriguez. And you don't want to have to say you're sorry to a cat who's played with rock legends like Paul Simon and Joe Jackson, and Downtown figures like Marc Ribot and John Zorn (and Miami Sound Machine... go figure).

Oh yeah, and he plays with Ibarra, no small credential in itself. Modern Drummer magazine called her "absolutely explosive behind the drumset," and Downbeat magazine called her "one of the best and brightest young drummers to come out of New York (or anywhere) in the last few years."

Lots of other people call her, too. Infamous jazzers like Dave Douglas and William Parker, Derek Baily and the aforementioned Zorn. She's even toured with indie-rockers Yo La Tengo.

She's appeared on over sixty recordings since 1994, both as a leader and as a sidewoman.

So what can't she do? Well, she can't stay in one place very long. If she's not gettin' it on with her Kulintang duo, she might be performing with the Susie Ibarra Trio (featuring violinist Jennifer Choi and pianist Craig Taborn), Mephista (her band with pianist Sylvie Courvoisier and laptop-ist Ikue Mori), rockin' out with bassist Mark Dresser or gigging solo. She might even be teaching at esteemed places like Mills College, Bard College and the Walker Art Center.

Or, she might be playing the Kulintang (and it's time you folks at home knew what that was!). Hailing from the Philippines, the Kulintang is a percussion instrument characterized by seven or eight gongs which is an essential part of Filipino culture.

It should also be an essential part of tonight's performance, the final installment in this season's Magic Triangle Jazz Series, the spring counterpart to the fall's "Solos and Duos Series"). So come check out Susie Ibarra's Electric Kulintang (featuring Roberto Rodriguez) tonight at 8 p.m., at the Fine Art Center's Bezanson Recital Hall. There's no reason not to: tickets are only $7 for students ($12 for the public) plus, you need some Filipino trip-hop in your life. You really do.



Susie Ibarra hits Bezanson tonight. Though known for her versatility with percussion, she will be showcasing her skills on the Kulintang.



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Eve goes adult with Peter Pan



Original Sin
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I nicknamed him Peter Pan the moment I realized he will never let himself grow up.

I find it refreshing to watch a man in his late twenties act like a college student, especially while dealing with the aches and pains of a nine-to-five job, a majority of his friends already married and divorced, and a salary that most men in their late 40s would envy. I rarely question why he finds it exciting to hang out with me, because I know that somehow he must find our connection just as refreshing.

In other ways he serves as a mentor, someone who is wiser than me but values our friendship regardless of age. However, it is inevitable that he leads two separate lives: one of responsibilities that most adults must succumb to, and the other, the life of a typical 18 year-old. A few weekends ago, he decided to put two and two together, and it failed to even out.

"Hey, will you be my date for an event my office is putting together," he asked.

He sounded in need of some company other than his co-workers, so I agreed without second thought. I wore my most sophisticated outfit, conservative and sleek, and made my way over to his apartment. I couldn't help but smile when he greeted me in an untucked button-down shirt and jeans.

"Come on, let's get drunk! It's an open bar tonight!" He took my arm and we walked to his car.

"Don't you have to dress up or something," I asked, knowing that he was trying desperately to prove a point. "Yeah, whatever. No one cares." He laughed my comment off and started his car. When we arrived, I noticed this was a black-tie event with a fifty dollar cover. My eyes widened when he pulled out two tickets, and parked his car in front of a fire hydrant.

"Let's go, this party needs us!" He leapt out of the car and we made our entrance into the main hall.

I looked around, startled to find that for once, I looked incredibly young. Everyone was way over 30, filthy rich, and balding. The women looked worn out, years of drinking and smoking had damaged their skin, a life time of eating stuck to their thighs and bellies, and too many highlights and hair straightening left little signs of innocence to what was left of their beauty.

"Am I going to look like this in ten years?" I sadly asked Peter Pan. He looked at me and smiled, "Yup, probably. Just keep going to the gym, it might help a little."

He pulled me past the masses of grown-ups, all of which turned to stare as we walked past. Women of all ages shook their heads; men raised their eyebrows and gave Peter Pan the "nice catch" head nod. I had never been more uncomfortable, but I sucked it up and kept walking.

"Hey, I want you to meet my boss. He's really rich you know, and he loves blondes!" He elbowed me as if I have a history with old rich men—which, by the way, I don't—and pulled me closer to his idea of an adult good time.

We reached the bar, surrounded by post-college alcoholics, dirty rich men that sat to the side, and his boss, a middle-aged single man, who likes women of all ages.

"And who is this young woman?"

He smiled provocatively as he took my hand into his own.

"This is my very good friend. She loves to dance. Hey, you should take her Salsa dancing sometime!" He nudged me closer to his boss.

"Ooh, do you like nice Italian restaurants also my dear?" His boss winked at me and waited for my response.

"Um, no thank you. I, um, I, go to school far, far away, but thank you for offering." I looked over to Peter Pan furiously, and excused myself from the conversation. He ran after me, completely oblivious as to why I would be upset. "How could you do that? This is not a matchmaking party! I am not here to be auctioned off to some nasty old man!"

He looked at me and put his hand on my shoulder.

"Don't you think it's time to get into a serious relationship again? You're graduating soon, and you need to start worrying about the future. I mean, you can't be single forever!" I couldn't believe the words had come out of his mouth. Especially his mouth.

He has been single for years, anti-monogamist, and in denial since he graduated college seven years ago.

"I mean, I'm a guy. It's okay for me, but you don't want to turn out like these women. Soon you will realize how old you really are and get scared that you are alone. I'm just looking out for you."

My face was boiling red and I clenched my jaw to stop myself from saying something I might regret.

"Thank you for your concern, but I'm fine. And I'll be fine. I have years before I need to worry about that. And stop projecting your insecurities onto me!"

There. I said it. He stopped short and looked at me in surprise. We left the party in silence that night. Not angry, just equally terrified with the reality of our situation.

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No jalopies for these students, first class rides all the way

By Leslie Brody
The Record

HACKENSACK, N.J. — Alex Tsaur loves his sporty black Audi S4. It has soft leather seats, satellite radio, all-wheel drive and a moon roof. When leased last fall, it was worth more than $50,000. Tsaur says he earned it, by pleasing his parents with A's and B's in school.

In the wealthy enclaves of North Jersey, 18-year-old Tsaur is hardly unusual driving a prestige car at a tender age. His beloved Audi has good company in the seniors' parking lot at Tenafly High School. One recent afternoon, the 122 cars sparkling in the sun included 13 BMWs, eight Mercedes-Benzes, seven Lexuses and six fellow Audis, plus a sampling of Volvos and beefy sport-utility vehicles.

"It's Tenafly," Tsaur says with a shrug. "It's one of those towns where you're pressured, kind of obligated to get a nice car. Your friends have a nice car, you have a nice car. It's a social thing.

"Girls see you more," he adds. "They see you have a nice car, they know you're rich."

And fast. As Tsaur squeals out of his parking spot, he swerves to avoid a car backing up. The noisy scene is commonplace after the last bell rings at affluent local high schools, where students often boast more expensive rides than their teachers.

Across the country, the number of cars sold to teens has zoomed, from 4.76 million in 1985 to 7.78 million in 2003, according to CNW Marketing Research, which tracks auto sales. So has the share of parents footing the bill. Twenty years ago, parents fully paid for 19.5 percent of teens' cars. By 2003, that had risen to 38 percent.

Yet only a tiny slice of all those motoring American teens are driving prestige or luxury cars, just one in 100, according to CNW. That would seem to indicate North Jersey's youth are especially well-wheeled.

The parents who are willing to sign the leases or sales contracts say they are seeking safe cars for their kids, but others say such reasoning is misguided.

Side airbags, anti-lock brakes and other safety features are easy to find on moderately priced cars, notes Phil Reed, a senior editor at Edmunds.com, a car rating service. He says he's frequently "stunned" by the high-end cars parents are buying for children.

"There seems to be a tendency, especially for dads, to want to buy cars they think will make their sons or daughters popular," he says. "I think it's a huge mistake, but the whole concept of buying a car that will make you happy is deep in the American psyche."

Reed also warns against giving teens sports cars: "If you buy a teenager a performance car, he'll drive it like a performance car. That's the last thing you want."

Andrew Troyano, a senior at Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan, N.J., has an inkling. He got a ticket for driving his black BMW Z3 convertible at 39 mph in a 25 mph zone.

"Cops always follow me as soon as they see me," he says.

Others confess, with a hint of pride, that they often speed.

Some students work for their wheels. John Swierkocki of Wayne, N.J., paid $6,000 toward the 1999 Land Rover his parents bought last month for his 17th birthday, paying $20,000 secondhand. He made $4,000 as a golf caddie last summer and plans to earn more to put in a sound system. "I'm half spoiled," he says with a smile.

Scott Covitz, 18, juggles two jobs, one at a gas station, the other at a telemarketing firm, to cover the insurance and $320 lease payments on his 2004 Infiniti G35, which cost roughly $40,000. His teachers at Northern Valley "assume I'm a spoiled rich kid, but my dad makes me pay for it," he says. "I take pride in paying for it myself."

Others treasure nearly new hand-me-downs from parents or siblings. Sarah Brennan, a 17-year-old at Northern Valley, is thrilled to have her brother's black 2001 BMW 330Ci while he's at college.

"I'm really lucky," she says. "It's every teenager's dream." The sense that passers-by might judge them harshly, or that jealous students might "key" their cars, upsets some of the young drivers; they say they study hard and help their parents by chauffeuring siblings around.

Some families aren't comfortable talking about these cars at all. Several parents never responded to a reporter's query about the high-end cars they had given their teenagers. Four who did call back declined to discuss their choices. As one father tartly put it, "What I do for my kids is nobody's business."

And some students admit feeling sheepish when they pass teachers in cheaper cars.

"I kind of feel a little awkward," says Nima Zahedi, a 17-year-old Tenafly junior who switches between his parents' two Mercedes. "They probably think, why does a junior have this kind of car?"

But another Tenafly student, who owns a BMW, and whose mother insisted that he not be identified, has no such qualms. "They chose to be a teacher and knew what kind of salary they were choosing," he says. "I know teachers who drive BMWs, too."

Brook Zelcer, an English teacher at Northern Valley, drives a 1999 Toyota RAV4. Growing up in Fair Lawn, N.J., he says, he was happy to use his family's clunker, a Buick Skylark. Now, he says, it's disturbingly common to hear students say, "I got in an accident in my BMW, so my dad bought me another one."

Zelcer says lessons about the value of saving and charity, and the downside of buying more than you need, are often ignored.

"Their parents' voices speak through them. They say if you work hard for your money, why can't you spend it the way you want? All kinds of rationalizations to justify selfish behavior and indulgence," he says.

Indeed, for these families, the ritual of buying a first car may be one of the rare areas where teens and parents are thinking alike.

Students argue their parents are "wrong about everything," Zelcer says, "except when it comes to politics or ways to spend money. Then it's 'my father or mother knows everything.'"



Alex Tsaur, 18, stands outside his New Jersey home with his 2004 Audi S4. He reflects a growing trend among parents that buy their teenage sons or daughters high end cars.

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Indiana must struggle through injury bug

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some irritation there," coach Rick Carlisle said. "He really didn't do anything in practice today, including walk-through stuff, so it's going to be a day-to-day deal."

The Celtics, who won the first game by 20 points, plan to keep pushing the ball up the court to force Indiana into a faster tempo.

"We're a running team. They're not," Boston's Gary Payton said. "If we run the basketball, that's an advantage for us."

It's also been the Celtics' game plan to double-team O'Neal, who missed 22 games late in the regular season with a sprained right shoulder and has averaged 10 points on 33 percent shooting in the playoffs, far below his season average of 24.3 points a game. But that's also given Reggie Miller and Anthony Johnson more opportunities to shoot.

"I'm under tough circumstances right now and I have to find a way to be a good decoy," O'Neal said. "If they're going to put two guys on me, I've got to find the open guys and make sure those guys get the ball. If I'm in the paint, I've got to block shots, rebound, be a presence. That's how I see myself in this series."

Miller, held to seven points in the series opener, scored 28 points in Monday night's game.

"You just keep chasing him," Boston coach Doc Rivers said of the 39-year-old Miller, who plans to retire at the end of the playoffs.

"You hope the officials don't keep falling for the flops, the grabs, the holds, the kicks. Reggie's a good player, but it's amazing what he gets away with," Rivers said. "That's a concern for us. He's on a farewell tour and you're worried about the sympathy calls."

It wasn't sympathy, just a patented Miller move, that got Indiana the clinching basket in the final seconds Monday night. He saw Ricky Davis come at him, so he pulled up short, dribbled past him and put up a shot on the run to give the Pacers their final points.

"He did what he's supposed to. He's a shooter. You get wide open looks like that, that's what he's going to do," Payton said.

Carlisle said with all the injuries, the Pacers need to generate easy baskets.

"The other night, we had 16 fast-break points. A lot of them were early, in transition. We still have to look for those opportunities," he said. "The tempo's important, but we must still look for opportunities to be aggressive as long as we play with the right kind of efficiency."

O'Neal said Indiana's defense will determine the winner.

"If we score 82, and they score 81, we win," he said. "Defense is where we've got to rest our hats. We just can't get into an open-court scorefest, because we're not that type of team. We don't have that weapon now because guys are banged up."

BCS looking for a shake-up

By Bob Baum
Associated Press

PHOENIX — The Bowl Championship Series is looking for a few good men and women who know something about college football.

The purpose: To establish a new poll to help determine the teams that will play for the national championship.

BCS member athletic directors made it clear at their meeting Tuesday that they prefer starting a new poll to replace the Associated Press rankings, rather than making radical changes to their formula, BCS coordinator Kevin Weiberg said.

"We continue to look at a poll that would potentially include a panel of voters that would be comprised of individuals who have had experience with the sport, either as administrators, coaches, perhaps former players, things of that kind. That's where we're putting most of our focus at this point," said Weiberg, the Big 12 commissioner.

Also on Tuesday, the Fiesta Bowl organization was awarded the first national college football championship game under the new, expanded Bowl Championship Series format.

Beginning in the 2006 season, there will be a new game to determine the BCS national champion, a contest separate from the four existing BCS bowls — the Fiesta, Orange, Sugar and Rose. In essence, it means that two more schools will qualify for a BCS contest.

As is the case under the current system, the teams that finish first and second in the BCS rankings will play for the championship.

The first title game under the new format will be played Jan. 8, 2007, at the Arizona Cardinals' new stadium set to open in the fall of 2006 in Glendale, Ariz. The Fiesta Bowl will be played in the same stadium a week earlier, on Jan. 1. The stadium also will be the site of the 2008 Super Bowl.

The formal announcement of the Fiesta selection came only hours after Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano signed legislation that would require the stadium authority to grant use of the new facility for college football. The bill also turns sales tax revenue from ticket sales and other transactions of the BCS games over to the Fiesta Bowl.

The provisions will mean about $1.75 million in revenue, Fiesta Bowl executive director John Junker said.

Weiberg stopped short of saying the Fiesta would have been bypassed had the bill not become law.

"But clearly we would have some questions that would have to be answered about the financial commitments the Fiesta Bowl had made to us," Weiberg said.

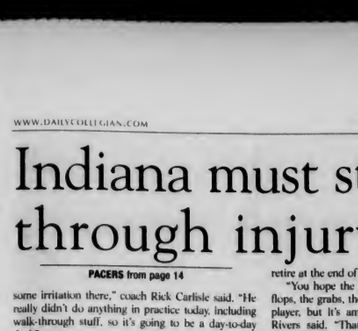
The announcement means the sites for the championship game will continue in their current rotation — Fiesta, Sugar, Orange and Rose. In all cases, the sites will host the national title game a week after their regular bowl games.

The second of the three days of BCS meetings centered on finding a replacement for The Associated Press poll as part of the formula to determine the two teams that play for the championship. Weiberg said that while other more radical changes aren't off the table, simply replacing the AP poll seems to be the preferred alternative of the BCS schools.

After last season, the AP asked the BCS to stop using its poll. That left the ESPN-USA Today coaches' poll as the lone human-voting poll in the BCS calculations.

BCS officials have rejected any suggestion that the coaches' poll and the computer rankings are enough. They want another poll.

The BCS has promised a decision on the new formula by July 15, but Weiberg said it could be done sooner. Discussions will be held during the next two weeks to try to resolve the poll issues.



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Auburn running back Ronnie Brown drives through Tre Smith (22) and Vincent Fuller of Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 3.

Congress talks 'roids with NFL

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"Some people might think that this is a fairly weak policy," said Rep. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt.

While boosting strength, steroids can lead to heart attacks, strokes, cancer, sterility and mood swings; using most steroids without a doctor's prescription for medical purposes has been illegal since 1991.

The NFL began testing in 1987, added suspensions in 1989, and instituted year-round random testing in 1990. Fifty-four players have been suspended.

"The percentage of NFL players who test positive for steroids is very low," Waxman said. "Is this because the policy is working or is this because players have figured out how to avoid detection?"

Tagliabue and Upshaw were among 10 witnesses scheduled to appear, including two doctors who supervise the NFL's testing, and two high school football coaches, one of whom suspended 10 of his players for using steroids.

Gary Wadler, a member of the World Anti-Doping Agency that oversees Olympic drug testing and penalties, knocked the NFL policy for leaving out amphetamines, and he urged the league to adopt blood testing to detect Human Growth Hormone.

In contrast to the March 17 baseball hearing, when several active or retired stars were subpoenaed to testify to much fanfare, only one former player was invited Wednesday: Steve Courson, an offensive lineman for the Pittsburgh Steelers and Tampa Bay Buccaneers from 1978-85. He has admitted using steroids and blames that for a heart condition.

Courson delivered his statement to dozens of empty chairs: Only one member of the committee was present, because others left for a floor vote. Later, when asked by Waxman what percentage of pro football players use steroids today, Courson said: "That would be very hard for me to determine. I've been out of the game for 20 years."

Baseball banned steroids in September 2002 and instituted mandatory 10-day suspensions this season. The National Hockey League does not test players for performance-enhancing drugs, while first-time offenders are suspended for five games in the National Basketball Association.

In the NFL, a first positive test draws a four-game ban — a quarter of the season — and a second gets a six-game suspension. Only two players failed tests twice, and they both retired.

Bettman meets with Bertuzzi

By Ira Podell
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Todd Bertuzzi and Steve Moore were in the same room, but nowhere near each other — and not at all close to a return to the NHL.

Bertuzzi needs permission from commissioner Gary Bettman to resume his hockey career. Moore needs a much better medical report because he's still feeling the effects of Bertuzzi's blindside punch to his head nearly 14 months ago.

Moore might never play again because of the vicious hit Bertuzzi dealt him during a game in Vancouver on March 8, 2004.

Both players came to New York on Tuesday — Bertuzzi to plead his case for reinstatement, Moore to detail why he feels Bertuzzi should not be allowed back in the NHL yet.

They didn't cross paths.

The NHL waited a long time to have this reinstatement hearing, and the league isn't going to rush into a decision on whether to let the Canucks forward back on the ice.

Bertuzzi was suspended indefinitely following the hit. Moore, who was playing with the Colorado Avalanche, was left with a broken neck, a concussion and no guarantee that he'll still be a professional hockey player.

"Because we think that Steve's recovery and rehabilitation is a very important factor in the commissioner's consideration, we've made it clear that unfortunately Steve is not where he would like to be medically," Moore's lawyer, Tim Danson, said outside the NHL offices. "We have some serious obstacles ahead, and as a consequence it's our view that reinstatement at this time would be premature."

Moore stood by Danson but declined to answer any questions because the hearing is still unsettled — as is a civil case he filed in Denver against Bertuzzi, the Canucks and several others involved with the team.

Bertuzzi and his agent, Pat Morris, eluded reporters before and after the hearing, which lasted more than seven hours.

Morris didn't immediately return calls to The Associated Press.

The NHL had two doctors present at the hearing, as well as chief legal officer Bill Daly and league disciplinarian Colin Campbell.

Bertuzzi went into the hearing first, followed by Moore, and then a return by Bertuzzi.

"At the conclusion ... Commissioner Bettman took the matter under advisement," Daly said in a statement. "There is no immediate timetable for a decision."

The players' association monitored the hearing by conference call for procedural and fairness perspectives and didn't have a role on behalf of either player.

"It was a very good and thorough hearing," Danson said. "It was a very serious hearing and we are very pleased by the process."

With the Avalanche ahead 8-2 in the game that would turn uglier, Bertuzzi grabbed Moore from behind, punched him on the side of his head and then landed on top of Moore, driving his head into the ice. The bloodied Colorado player was removed on a stretcher.

The attack was seen as retaliation for a hit Moore put on Vancouver star Markus Naslund that left the Canucks captain with a concussion and sidelined him for three games.

Bertuzzi missed 13 regular-season games and seven others in the 2004 playoffs while losing nearly $502,000 in salary. He also was barred from playing in Europe by the International Ice Hockey Federation.

His return to the NHL is predicated on him being cleared by the commissioner. If not for the lockout that wiped out the entire 2004-05 season, this meeting with Bettman likely would've taken place long ago.

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Alex Smith ready for work in San Francisco

By Daniel Brown
Knight Ridder

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — About five minutes before NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue announced the San Francisco 49ers' decision to the rest of the football world, Coach Mike Nolan placed a long-distance phone call to Alex Smith in New York.

"Are you ready to go to work?" Nolan asked.

"I'm ready to go to work," Smith replied.

With that, Smith essentially punched in as a 49ers employee. His job duties include nothing less than reversing the course of a plummeting franchise.

Nolan selected the Utah player Saturday with the No. 1 pick in the draft, making Smith the fifth consecutive quarterback chosen in the top spot. The 20-year-old is accustomed to winning, having gone 21-1 as a starter over the past two seasons.

Is he ready to go to work? Nolan learned the answer earlier this month, during Smith's private workout in Salt Lake City. As the quarterback finished his warm-up tosses and was getting ready to show off his arm, the 49ers asked him to jump rope, make figure eights with the ball and perform a number of similarly preposterous drills.

Not once did Smith ask why. Not once did he cock an eyebrow or shake his head. He simply did what he was told.

Nolan likened it to asking his kids to take out the garbage or make their beds. He does not want to have to explain. "I don't want you to ask questions," he said. "I want you to go do it."

After Smith performed dutifully, Nolan concluded that this was 6-feet-4 inches and 217 pounds of clay he could shape as he remakes the 49ers.

Is he ready to go to work? In the weeks leading up to the draft, the 49ers analyzed a studio's worth of game film. They identified four attributes that separated Smith from the rest of the pack: decision-making, athletic ability, accuracy and anticipation.

A few hours after Smith was chosen Saturday, 49ers offensive coordinator Mike McCarthy stood in a darkened film room and aired highlights of his newest pupil. On one play, two of Smith's receivers bolted toward an opposing cornerback. As soon as the defender turned his hips toward one receiver — it happened in a fraction of a second — Smith launched the ball to the other, hitting him in stride for a huge gain.

"Most young quarterbacks would have to wait for the receiver to get open," McCarthy said. "With Smith, you're talking about a guy who can make good decisions, even under duress."

With Smith, people tend to talk more about his brain than they do his arm. Smith's dad, Doug, is the principal at Helix High School near San Diego. His mom, Pam, is a public-service worker. Alex grew up in a home that emphasized education. He amassed so many advanced-placement credits in high school that he was able to graduate from Utah with a degree in economics in two years. His grade-point average was 3.74.

And then there was football. Smith was as much a part of Utah's film room as the rewind button. Dan Mullen, then the Utes' quarterbacks coach, so trusted Smith's understanding of the offense that he would give him approval of game plans.

"There are a lot of people whose intelligence in the classroom doesn't translate to the football field, but with him it does," said Mullen, now at Florida. "He can get to his second and third reads quickly because he's so analytical that he knows what's going to happen."

Sometimes, instead of watching game films, they would flip on an NFL game.

"Alex would say, 'I've got a stronger arm that most of these guys,'" Mullen recalled. "His arm strength was already above average when he got to us, but it's gone through the roof. He's only 20 and he's put on 20 more pounds over the past two years. He has as strong an arm as anyone I've been around."



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New San Francisco 49ers quarterback Alex Smith poses with 49ers coach Mike Nolan (left) and owner John York after being selected as the first overall pick in the National Football League Draft on Saturday.

As Nolan considered the No. 1 pick last week, arm strength was about the only advantage that Cal quarterback Aaron Rodgers held over Smith. The Utah player had the edge in mobility, upside and what Nolan called intangibles.

It helps that Smith has football in his blood. Doug Smith played football at Weber State in Ogden, Utah. Smith's uncle, John L. Smith, is the head coach at Michigan State.

"You have to be proud," John L. Smith said. "You've seen how he's developed and you know how he is. But he's still Alex. None of this has gone to his head. He's just a good, hard-nosed kid who can handle a kick in the butt. He's built himself a heck of a resume."

At Utah, Smith once threw 180 consecutive passes without an interception. Overall, he completed 66.3 percent of his attempts, with 47 touchdowns against eight interceptions. He also rushed for 1,072 yards and 15 touchdowns.

It was his performance in a game against North Carolina last season that convinced Kyle Whittingham, then Utah's defensive coordinator, that Smith was something special. At the end of the first half Smith got a rare chance to operate under the two-minute drill, and he led a 10-play, 99-yard touchdown drive that took 1 minute, 53 seconds.

"That right there was a thing of beauty," Whittingham, now Utah's head coach, said.

Nolan envisions Smith doing the same thing for the 49ers, perhaps soon. He said Smith would enter training camp with a chance to wrest the starting job from Tim Rattay. The rookie, for his part, is ready to go.

"If I had it my way, I would start," Smith said. "When and where is going to depend on a lot of things: first of all me and how I adapt; how I take the coaching; how fast I learn the system; and how fast I develop. I think Coach Nolan is smart. He's not going to throw me into the line when it's a bad situation for me. He's going to get me in at the right time and really let me grow."

Smith seems to embrace the spotlight. He had only taken a handful of snaps for Utah when he inherited the starting job because of an injury to the incumbent, Brett Elliott. Smith's first start was in a game against Cal on ESPN.

When his mother mentioned that the game would be nationally televised, wondering if her son would be nervous, Alex hardly sounded rattled. "Oh, good, Uncle John will get to see it," he said.

Smith directed two fourth-quarter scoring drives to lead the Utes to a 31-24 victory. It marked the first time he came out in front of Rodgers. On Saturday, it happened again.

Lopez family no stranger to Olympics

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — When they were kids, they used to hang posters to hide all the holes and dents they had kicked into the walls of their garage.

These days, the Lopez family walls are adorned with gold medals, including a new batch they won earlier this month at the taekwondo world championships when all three siblings, Steven, Mark and Diana, won titles on the same day.

"I cried. I didn't cry for my victory, but I cried when my sister did it," Steven said. "I saw history being made before my very eyes."

Researchers at the U.S. Olympic Committee believe the Lopezes are the first three siblings to be crowned as world champions at the same time.

Steven, 26, has the best resume. He won the welterweight title in Madrid on April 15, and that goes with two Olympic gold medals and two other world championships.

Diana, 21, and Mark, 22, each won their championships two days after Steven — Diana in the women's featherweight division and Mark in the very next bout for the men's featherweight title.

"I saw her on the medal stand and it looked like she was about to cry on the medal stand," Mark said. "I got emotional. That was funny, because here I am, ready to fight and getting teary-eyed. I got in the ring, controlled myself, did what I needed to do and got the result I wanted."

They are coached — surprise, surprise — by their 31-year-old brother, Jean, a 1995 silver medalist at world championships who got into the sport first and was the one the three younger Lopezes followed.

Their parents, Julio and Ondina, came from Nicaragua to the suburbs of Houston, which is where the kids learned their martial arts skill.

Jean's success lured Steven into the sport. Steven's success sucked in Mark and, in turn, his success got Diana interested.

Diana remembers being left behind with her mother while her dad took the boys on trips to big tournaments all around the world.

"We'd get phone calls at 2 a.m. saying, 'We won,'" Diana recalled. "After the phone calls, I was always telling my mom, 'That's what I'm going to do. I'm going to call you some day and tell you I won.'

"They always pushed me to do other sports, like volleyball and swimming, but I wanted to do what my brothers did."

She did, and now all three are aiming to take their historic act to the Beijing Olympics, three years away.

"As long as we stay on the right path, stay committed, I think all of us could make the Olympic team in 2008 and hopefully be as successful as we were at these world championships," Steven said.

Often they are asked what their parents fed them growing up.

In reality, there was much more to it than that.

"Our parents instilled a work ethic," Steven said. "It was about working together and being strong together and trying to do the best we could in whatever we do."

The Lopezes enrolled their kids in taekwondo not knowing it would be an Olympic sport, "but for the martial arts part of it," Steven said, "being able to defend ourselves. It was something we did together."

When they showed talent, they started going to big regional tournaments, then the junior Olympics, and on and on. Jean's success was the first inkling of history in the making.

"We had the same genetic makeup," Steven said. "So, I knew if I did what he did, I could stand on his shoulders and my brother and sister could stand on my shoulders and be able to achieve greater success in a shorter and quicker time."

If there was one drawback, it's that taekwondo isn't, well, a very docile sport. Often, those practice kicks and bouts in the garage would lead to damage — damage the kids tried their hardest to cover up.

"My parents spent a lot of money fixing walls that got kicked into," Jean said.

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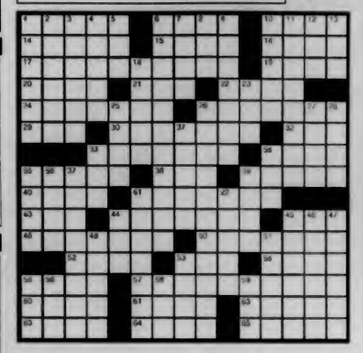
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By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

As a result of rain that drenched the UMass Softball Complex yesterday, the Massachusetts softball team's (26-14-1 9-3 Atlantic 10) scheduled game against the Connecticut Huskies (18-24 6-10) was postponed to a later date that will be announced in the near future.

With the weather improving, the Minutewomen will take action tomorrow at home against A-10 foe La Salle at 3 p.m.

The game against UConn was a rematch of the comeback thriller that took place on Apr. 12, in Storrs, Conn. In this 10-inning decision, junior KJ Kelley cranked two home runs, with the first coming in the opening inning, and the second occurring in the sixth.

Freshman Lauren Proctor and sophomore Amanda Morin hit back-to-back homers in the seventh, which consequently sent the game into extra innings. The game came to a halt in the 10th when senior clutch hitter Denise Denis flied out and drove in sophomore Candice Molinari, giving the Maroon and White the edge, 7-6.

After the close call against UConn, UMass went on to win 11 out of their next 14 games and increased its team statistics.

Junior KJ Kelley now leads the team in three categories: home-runs (9), runs batted in (30) and overall batting average (.376). Her RBI numbers and batting average also lead the A-10.

As of late, Morin has been stepping up on the offensive side, and she has accumulated four home runs and 11 RBIs, with the majority of them coming during the past 15 games.



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UMass sophomore Candice Molinari eludes the tag while sliding into second base. Molinari has batted .297 with 6 RBIs and 28 runs scored.

Another young contributor is Proctor, who has started all 41 games for the Minutewomen this season. During that time, she has put up 24 RBIs and 39 hits.

Defensively, it has been the team's pair of pitchers who have split time on the mound. Senior Barb LaFogg leads the A-10 in strikeouts with 176 and has an ERA of 2.09. LaFogg was recently named the A-10 Co-Pitcher of the Week for her performance during three games last week. In those games, LaFogg went 2-1 and held an ERA of 0.78.

The other half is junior Jenna Busa, who is 10-5 on the season. Busa has a tally of 98 strikeouts in 2005 and has an ERA of 2.42.

With only seven games left in the season, the Minutewomen are beginning to prep for the A-10 championships , which begin on May 12. UMass stands at second place in the conference, with Fordham at the first-place slot.

Minutewomen out of running for Atlantic 10 tournament

By Rob Greenfield
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts women's lacrosse team (5-10 1-4 A-10) is winding down the 2005 season, as Sunday's loss to the George Washington Colonials (13-3 5-1 A-10) mathematically eliminated the Minutewomen from the Atlantic 10 tournament. UMass has two games this weekend, the first against the Temple Owls on Friday, and the second on Sunday against Richmond.

Playoff picture

After ending UMass' playoff aspirations on Sunday, the Colonials have clinched a postseason appearance for the first time in the program's short history, while staying anchored in first place in the A-10. Duquesne, Temple and Richmond have also clinched spots in the A-10 tournament.

Duquesne (10-3 4-1 A-10) follows the Colonials in the second spot, also posting double digits in the overall wins column with 10.

Temple is in third with an 8-6 overall record and a 4-1 in conference record, followed by Richmond in the fourth and final playoff spot with a 6-7 overall record, but going 4-2 against A-10 opponents.

Respect your elders

On Sunday at Garber Field the Minutewomen will celebrate the team's upperclassmen on Senior Day, as defender Kristin St. Hilaire, goalkeeper Joey Rubin and defender Judy Kestner will all be moving on.

These are the only three seniors on a roster chalk-full of underclassmen, and leadership has been essential for the growth of this young squad.

St. Hilaire is second on the team in ground balls with 42, behind junior Jackie Nesbitt with 51. The senior captain also energized the team with her offensive play on Sunday against George Washington as she scored the first goal of her career on a free position shot.

Spreading the wealth

A total of 14 Minutewomen have put the ball in the net for UMass this season, including a couple of players who made the stat sheet last weekend.

Freshman Alana Jakas scored her first goal of the season last Friday against Longwood and St. Hilaire notched her first goal against the Colonials on Sunday. Freshman Jeanette Villapiano has scored four goals in the last three games to make it six on the season. She has also taken over draw control duty for the Minutewomen and performed well in the role.

Freshman Katie Bottini made her third career start on Sunday against George Washington as playing time for role players has increased for coach Carrie Bolduc of late, leading to a more spread out attack.

Sister, Sister

UMass has been on the recruiting trail for next year as it has looked to its assistant coach to bring in the new talent. Former All-American-turned-assistant-coach Tracey Drown played for UMass last year before making the move to the sideline. Holly Drown, her little sister and high school All-American, signed a National Letter of Intent to play at UMass next year.

She will wear number 22 after her sister. The younger Drown was the 2004 New Hampshire Telegraph Player of the Year and a two-time All-New Hampshire selection. UMass also signed high school All-American Kaytlin McCormick and two Massachusetts natives, Julie Pasquantonio and Jamie Whiteway.

Schilling the next to join DL

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox starting rotation took another hit Wednesday when the team said ace Curt Schilling would be out at least two weeks with a bruise on his right ankle.

General Manager Theo Epstein called the injury a "mild bone bruise" on the same ankle he had surgically repaired during the off-season, but Epstein said the bruising was higher on that ankle. Still, team doctors believe the injuries are "indirectly related."

"That general area has been through a lot," Epstein said.

Schilling, 1-2 with a 7.13 ERA this season, said he felt a sharp pain when he threw a pitch to Travis Lee during the sixth inning of Saturday's loss at Tampa Bay.

"I knew when I threw the pitch I had done something," he said. "I think it was the hardest pitch I've thrown all year."

At first, he thought the pain was caused by the breakup of scar tissue from the surgery, so he didn't immediately tell anyone. But it didn't feel any better the next day, or when he tried to throw during his regular off-day workout on Monday. Team doctors did a bone scan on the ankle Monday night and found the bruise, Schilling said.

"It's not part of the surgery," he said. "The ankle bone was just not ready to take the force I put on it the other day."

Doctors told him that if he continued pitching on the ankle "there was a very legitimate possibility that we could break the bone and the season would be done," Schilling said.

The announcement came less than 24 hours after the team said left-hander David Wells would miss at least a month because of a sprained right foot. Left-hander John Halama replaced Wells in the starting rotation.

"Having them both go down in 24 hours makes it dramatic," Epstein said. "But we can withstand that. ... It's that type of adversity that really defines a team."

Schilling will wear a removable boot on the ankle. The team did not say who would fill his spot in the rotation.

Schilling injured the ankle toward the end of last season, leading to his now-famous "bloody sock" performances during the team's World Series run last year. He had surgery after the season to repair a ruptured tendon sheath.

Epstein said he didn't think Schilling rushed through his rehabilitation.

"His ankle felt fantastic (during spring training)," the GM said. "His ankle felt 100 percent. This was unforeseen."

The loss of Schilling and Wells leaves the Red Sox with just three members of their season-opening starting rotation — Matt Clement, Tim Wakefield and Bronson Arroyo.

Wade Miller, who is working his way back from a frayed rotator cuff, was scheduled to make a rehabilitation start for Triple-A Pawtucket on Thursday. But he's not expected to return to Boston's rotation until mid-May, Epstein said.



ROBERT CABRERA/BOSTON HERALD DISPATCH

Curt Schilling was placed on the disabled list yesterday because of a bruise on his right ankle, the same ankle he injured last year.

Rivers angry with 'sympathy'

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press

WALTHAM — Celtics coach Doc Rivers is kicking up a fit about Reggie Miller.

During Boston's first-round playoff series against the Indiana Pacers, Rivers has been campaigning for the referees to be on the lookout for Miller's attempts to draw foul calls. On Wednesday, Rivers said he is worried that officials will give Miller "sympathy calls" as he heads into retirement.

"You hope the officials don't keep falling for the flops, the grabs, the holds, the kicks," Rivers said after practice for Game 3, which is Thursday night in Indianapolis. "Reggie's a good player, but it's amazing what he gets away with. That's a concern for us. He's on a farewell tour and you're worried about the sympathy calls."

One of Rivers' complaints is that Miller goes up for a shot and kicks his legs out to ward off a defender and draw a foul. The move has been illegal since Rivers' playing days, he said, when Spud Webb used to try it.

But it's not for everybody.

"It's a great move if you can get away with it," Rivers said. "Most guys would fall over backwards when they try to kick."

Miller has announced that he will retire after the season, his 18th in the NBA. He has scored more than 25,000 points, with an NBA record for 3-pointers and a reputation as one of the best clutch performers in league history.

Before the series started, Rivers practically begged reporters to write about Miller's "acting" in the hopes that the officials would read his comments and be ready. It hasn't worked.



CHARLES KRUPA/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Indiana Pacers guard Reggie Miller has built a reputation throughout the NBA as a player who gets away with playing dirty.

Pacers must battle through injuries back at home tonight

By Steve Herman
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Pacers just can't seem to stay healthy.

Jermaine O'Neal is still bothered by a shoulder sprain. Jamaal Tinsley is sidelined with a bruised foot. And now Stephen Jackson is smarting.

Jackson, Indiana's top scorer against the Celtics, twisted a knee as Indiana tied the best-of-seven series with an 82-79 victory in Game 2 and isn't sure how effective he can be in Game 3 on Thursday night.

"This is my first day trying to run. I couldn't really do anything, but I'm going to push myself to play," Jackson said after practice Wednesday. "But this is part of the game. If you're able to play with the injuries, then do it."

Jackson, averaging 22.5 points in the two games, hyperextended his left knee when he came down awkwardly after a dunk in Monday night's 82-79 win at Boston, a victory that evened the best-of-seven series at one game apiece. He had an MRI, which showed no structural damage to the knee, so he plans to play on Thursday and, if he can, in Game 4 on Saturday night.

"It's going to be treated symptomatically, and he's going to have some pain because there's

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JUSTIN MAMIS/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pacers forward Jermaine O'Neal, seen lying on the ground beneath Paul Pierce, has been battling a shoulder sprain lately.

NFL meets Congress

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The NFL's steroids policy is tough, "but it's not perfect," the head of a congressional committee said Wednesday, adding that he plans to introduce a bill governing drug testing across the spectrum of U.S. sports.

Rep. Tom Davis opened the House Government Reform Committee's second hearing on steroids by saying the NFL had been more cooperative than Major League Baseball was when its drug program was examined publicly by the panel last month.

But saying that all sports leagues must "acknowledge that their testing programs need improvement," the Virginia Republican added that he and ranking Democrat Henry Waxman of California, along with Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., are working on legislation to create uniform policies for major sports.

Such an effort would face obstacles in Congress, which has been reluctant to legislate professional sports policy over the years.

In prepared testimony submitted to the committee, NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue and NFL Players Association chief executive Gene Upshaw said the league is tripling from two to six the number of random offseason tests that players can face.

They also said the league and union recently agreed to add new substances to the list of banned performance enhancers; to put in writing previously agreed-to policies to test for designer steroids; and to lower the testosterone ratio threshold.

"There are numerous issues on which management and labor disagree. ... But there is complete agreement on this: Steroids and other performance-enhancing substances have no place in our game, or anywhere in sports," Upshaw said.

He and Tagliabue sat next to each other and each occasionally jotted notes while some lawmakers criticized the NFL's penalties as too lenient and raised questions about whether amphetamines should be banned.

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Gargano addresses diversity issues after receiving criticism from students, faculty

By Casey Novak
Collegian Staff

A crowd much larger than normal gathered on Thursday to hear Michael Gargano Jr., Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life, address the Faculty Senate regarding a variety of issues at the 641 Regular Meeting of the Faculty Senate.

Gargano began by discussing an increase in the number of applications the University of Massachusetts received this year as well as the higher number of visitors that have shown interest in the campus.

According to Gargano, the 20,500 applications that were received is a 10 percent increase from last year, and the number of on-campus visitors has gone up by 29 percent.

"This really complements the university, it's a complement to the faculty, to the staff and particularly to our student body," he said. "I think what all of these families are really saying is that they place a lot of value at this university and it is a place they would love to have their sons or daughters go to continue their education."

There will be a freshman class of 4,200 students for the fall, Gargano added.

However, when the floor was open for discussion, one graduate student pointed out that this number could pose a problem since the increase in freshman means a decrease in housing availability.

"For the past four or five years we have had a major problem with on-campus housing," the School of Education graduate student said. "So why do you continue to bring more students on campus than we have the space for?"



JAMIE LAUX/COLLEGIAN

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Michael Gargano.

Gargano answered by saying that these decisions were not made in isolation.

"Our state inventory tells us that we can easily accommodate 4,200 students in our residence halls. History also shares with us that we have a number of juniors and seniors who prefer to live off campus, which will provide more space for us as well," he said.

Putting the housing subject aside, Sara Lennox, a professor of Germanic Languages and Literature, pointed out that most of the students in attendance were there because they welcomed the opportunity to discuss with Gargano his proposals as part of the diversity initiative.

"Particularly the students are concerned because the Chancellor seems to have removed authority from the Student Government Association and placed all responsibilities under Gargano even though the SGA passed a vote of no confidence in the Vice Chancellor," Lennox said.

Gargano responded by saying that Chancellor Lombardi has posted the first and second plans on improving campus diversity.

"We will sit tight until the Chancellor posts the final plan tomorrow and then we will go from there," he added.

When Eduardo Bustamante, former president of the Student Government Association, questioned Gargano's respect for the SGA, he replied by extending great respect from the Vice Chancellor's office to the student body as well as the student government.

"We have been true to our plan," Gargano said. "What we said we would do was have open commentaries, which has happened. And we will be posting our final plan tomorrow."

And it was not a surprise when last semester's incident concerning the "KKK-nine" was raised.

Yousef Munayyer asked Gargano about his reaction regarding the incident and if he was considering resignation.

"No, I am not resigning," Gargano answered.

Christina Lin, a student who transferred to UMass last semester said she had heard a lot of negative things about the "KKK-nine" and asked Gargano to tell her how he has influenced diversity on campus.

Gargano responded by saying that he has done an assortment of things.

"I've worked with this entire student body and dedicate myself to recruiting a diverse student body," he said. "I work with a variety of multi-cultural student groups. I provide funding for multi-culture student groups. I've worked in a whole variety of different constituencies on campus.

"I've written letters recommendation for students, helped students get into graduate school. I've helped students in any number of different ways to help to promote academic success and promote their careers."

Wiffle ball team heads to Fenway Park

By Danny Picard
Collegian Correspondent

A group of Univeristy of Massachusettss students earned the right to play wiffle ball at Fenway Park Monday by winning the "Wiffle Your Way To Fenway" tournament.

"The '86 Celts," crowned UMass Amherst Wiffle Ball Champions Saturday April 16, will advance to the home of the Boston Red Sox in a tournament of champions from multiple colleges in New England.

"The '86 Celts" went 4-0, letting up only three runs and scoring 28. They moved through the first two rounds easily, winning by scores of 8-1 and 10-0. But the team ran into trouble early in the semi-finals when senior Adam Bernazzani let up a rare leadoff home run. Senior Jimmy Brooks answered with a two-run homer of his own in the bottom of the first inning to give the Celts a 2-1 lead. Brooks' home run proved to be the game winner and "The '86 Celts" advanced to the finals.



DANNY PICARD/COLLEGIAN

From left to right, Lee Goodman, Adam Bernazzani, Alex Haney, Jimmy Brooks and Tom Holmes sit in front of their celebratory banner.

The players said the semi-final game was the turning point in the tournament.

"It was the most intense wiffle ball game I've ever played," junior Lee Goodman said. "The turning point was definitely the semi-finals."

"The 86 Celts" went on to win the final game by a score of 8-1 and will move on to play at Fenway Park on Monday.

The tournament fielded eight teams, consisting of five players on each team. The champs include five UMass students: Captain Alex Haney, Lee Goodman, Jimmy Brooks, Adam Bernazzani and Tom Holmes, all thrilled at the thought of playing at Fenway.

"I'm excited," senior Jimmy Brooks said. "I went to many Red Sox games as a kid, and now I get to play there. I'm on the big stage now. I feel like I've come a long way. I'm looking forward to putting a home run on Lansdowne."

While a wiffle ball hit over the Green Monster remains to be seen, other members of "The '86 Celts" said they're delighted at the chance to play at Fenway Park.

"Our childhood dream is coming true," Goodman said. "We all grew up playing wiffle ball in the streets of Boston. We're playing in Fenway. We finally made it."

Star pitcher Adam Bernazzani said his childhood aspirations came true when he recorded the final out that completed their journey to Yawkey Way. The Roslindale native said, "It's a dream come true to be able to play at Fenway."

Bernazzani pitched four solid games in the eight-team tournament sponsored by Coca-Cola that decided who would represent UMass-Amherst at Fenway Park. The junior went 4-0 with one shutout, and let up only three runs the whole tournament.

"I had everything working," Bernazzani said, referring to his two best pitches: the "Turny Bernie" and the "Sweet Adam." The "Turny Bernie" is a slider and the "Sweet Adam" is a sweeping curve ball that Bernazzani uses as his finishing pitch.

Bernazzani had some solid

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Hoedown may be moved to Main St.

By Matt Elder
Collegian Staff

A University of Massachusetts tradition — the Hobart Hoedown — may move locations, however authorities are well aware and are prepared.

The Hobart Hoedown has occurred at Hobart Lane, an off-campus residence, for over 20 years. A party that typically occurs when the weather is warmer, the Hoedown is usually on the weekend of the spring concert.

Various member of the University of Massachusetts community have spoken out against any violence that has ensured in past years, but they have not said that they oppose the event.

"We want students at the university to enjoy themselves as the weather warms up," said Ed Blaguszewski, the Director of News and Information at the University.

"Everyone has to do this responsibly," he said. "Partying is a part of campus life."

The Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life, Michael Gargano, agreed with Blaguszewski.

"I'd like to see students have a good time," he said.

Gagano, like Blaguszewski, said that with a good time also comes responsibility.

"We want to see civility," he said. Gargano added that he wants people to be respectful of many things, including themselves and the property around them. He said he would not like students to start fights, set fires or drunk drive.

"If they can do that, they will have a good time," he said.

Gargano said that he has heard rumors about the Hoedown being moved to Main Street, but would not "speculate on rumors."

Flyers have been sent out by various apartment complexes around town, including those owned by Eagle Crest Property Management, a realtor who owns Salem Place, an apartment complex on Main Street.

"Please remember that gatherings such as the ones that are held on the Hoedown weekend are a violation of the Association Bylaws. Anyone found in violation of the bylaws will be immediately turned into the police and the university," Sharleen Roman, Property Manager of Salem Place said in the flyer.

"We will not tolerate any such activities and will notify any and all parties associated with the lease," she said, adding that towing will be "in full force."

Both Gargano and Blaguszewski said that they hope this year's Hoedown resembles last year's and not the one in 2003.

Last year's Hoedown was not as out of control as previous years. There were police cars and vans near and on Hobart Lane, and the number of incidents was small.

"The police were prominent in their presence [last year] and will be again this year," he said, adding that the Amherst Police Department, UMass Police Department, and state troopers were on the scene.

At the Hoedown the year before, many students clashed with police throughout the night, forcing the Amherst Police to use tear gas as well as other methods of crowd dispersal.

According to Blaguszewski, even students who live off campus are subject to the Student Code of Conduct, a set of bylaws that all university students must abide by.

"If you get arrested, you face consequences with the University and the law," he said.



JAMIE LAUX/COLLEGIAN

Main St. is the rumored site for this year's Hobart Hoedown.

Professor presents workshop

By Prateeti Ballal and Robert Reginio
Collegian Correspondents

On Sunday, the Postcolonial Studies Reading Group organized its inaugural workshop titled "Theory in an Uneven World."

The workshop explored the problems and possibilities presented by Professor R. Radhakrishnan's recent book "Theory in an Uneven World." Radhakrishnan, who taught in the Department of English at UMass for twenty years, returned to the Amherst campus to listen to papers presented by former students and colleagues.

He participated in a roundtable discussion and presented a keynote address titled "Globalization, or the Ontology of Capital." Returning to UMass, Radhakrishnan noted, brought back to him his "profound love, deep admiration and even deeper respect" for his students past and present.

Now a Professor of English and Comparative Literature, and Chair of the Department of Asian American Studies at the University of California, Irvine, Radhakrishnan has always been concerned with the way people from different parts of the world, experiencing the same historical events in different places, think about those differences in an attempt to foster cultural, political and personal dialogues across literal and figurative borders.

His work crosses the fields of literary studies, postcolonial studies, feminism and current political thought. During his tenure at UMass, Professor Radhakrishnan fostered a lively intellectual climate—his classes, both graduate and undergraduate, were attended by students from several majors across the campus, from Afro-American Studies and Political Science, to English, History, Anthropology, Comparative Literature and Communications. Within those classes, students read novels like Dostoyevsky's "Notes from Underground," Virginia Woolf's "Mrs. Dalloway," and Maxine Hong Kingston's "Woman Warrior;" philosophers like Michel Foucault and Jacques Derrida; and current scholars and thinkers like Gayatri Spivak, Edward Said and Homi Bhabha.

A brief glance at the workshop program showed the diversity of departments from which the presenters came and as Stephen Clingman, professor of English at UMass, pointed out, the "generative" nature of Radhakrishnan's work. Clingman introduced Radhakrishnan along these lines noting how the "democratic nature of Radhakrishnan's classes" lay in his belief that "everybody had a right to be there" and this signaled the "true joy of collaborative endeavor."

The sessions held this Sunday expressed such joy as well. In fact, one of the goals in organizing this interdisciplinary workshop was to foster dialogue and connections among graduate students working in different departments across the university.

The Postcolonial Studies Reading Group, which organized this workshop, began as the initiative of a group of graduate students from several departments who came together once a month over the last year for readings and discussion.

Drawing on Radhakrishnan's

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Grad student emphasizes that a PhD is not enough anymore

By Ashish K. Sahu
Collegian Staff

"Career planning, leadership skills, networking and management training are not included in graduate education; these skills and others are necessary for a rewarding and productive career after graduate school," said Ticora Jones, a fourth year graduate student in the Department of Polymer Science & Engineering and co-organizer of the event "A PhD Is Not Enough!"

This event will take place at the Campus Center Auditorium at the University of Massachusetts on Tuesday. This day-long event is geared towards graduate students in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics disciplines and is organized by graduate students. So far about 220 graduate students and 35 faculty members have registered for this event.

Graduate Dean John Mullin will give the opening remarks.

The event includes two discussion-based workshops facilitated by Dr. Peter Feibelman.

Feibelman is a Senior Research Scientist at Sandia National Laboratories. He has authored the book "A Ph.D. Is Not Enough: A Guide To Survival in Science." The book can be used as a pocket mentor for young scientists beginning their careers.

This event will offer networking opportunities for STEM students to interact in a social environment, a lunch to discuss issues of graduate education at UMass, a faculty lunch with the speaker, and a final lecture "Junior Scientist Survival Training."

"We wanted to raise awareness about the issues related to graduate education and career development for scientist and engineers. Networking with other students and faculty is important especially as research becomes interdisciplinary," says Jessica McCoy a third year student in Polymer Science & Engineering, the President of the PS&E club and event co-organizer.

Caryl Becerra, a first year graduate student from microbiology, is one of the attendees and when asked why she was so interested in attending, she said "being a first year student, I am excited about this event because I hope to gain not just survival skills but other skills to become highly successful in my graduate school career." She would like to network by meeting other STEM graduate students.

Another fourth year Ph.D. student who will be graduating soon from the Department of Polymer Science & Engineering, Julie Leiston-Belanger, said "this event should be an excellent opportunity to discuss concerns and questions about my plans as a scientist."

Senior and junior undergraduate students in the STEM disciplines are also encouraged to attend the closing lecture by Feibelman, "Junior Scientist Survival Training," which is at 5 p.m. in the Campus Center Auditorium. More information about the event can be found at www.apine-event.org.

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Will you be partaking in Spring weekend events?



"Heck yes! Dropkicks rule!"

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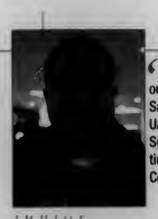
"Besides my own White Trash Bash, I am at the Bluewall for some Annual Fund Karaoke. Holla!"

Vincenzo Caracciolo
senior
Political Science major



"I am planning on going to the Spring Concert and the Southwest week events."

Lauren Sauoy
sophomore
Women's Studies major



"I will be helping out in the CSA on Saturday, and in the UALRL Graduation on Sunday, then I'm hitting up the Spring Concert."

Nguyen Chau
junior
Political Science major



"I'll probably be going to the Spring Concert to see the Dropkick Murphy's and I'll be going to Southwest week."

Christine Wallau
sophomore
English and Psychology major



"Nope, I am not interested in seeing Nas or Fabulous at the Spring Concert."

Thom Dedecko
senior
Geology major

English dept. hosts workshop

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deep and incisive work on post-colonial studies, papers in the workshop touched on a range of topics from nationalism, the state, globalization, the media and current political events, to literary and cultural production from Latin America, Haiti, Africa, the middle East, Eastern Europe, India, Britain and the US.

Before Radhakrishnan's keynote address on globalization, Clingman noted in his introduction that Radhakrishnan brought to the UMass English Department "theory at its most advanced and at its highest levels," stressing that colleagues and students alike find it exciting to follow the dazzle of his mind "work[ing] at warp speed."

The keynote address was eloquent and direct. Silhouetted by the light of the setting sun entering the conference room, Radhakrishnan captivated his audience, drawing out a thoroughgoing and intelligent critique of globalization from the central concept of his recent book: "unevenness."

For example, he located the problems of globalization, where economic unevenness is becoming normalized, in Bangalore, India, where telephone workers answer American consumers' questions about their computers, trained to hide their own accents in English and working to American time.

He noted that in political terms these workers "are their work and nothing else besides. Bangalore is both in India and not in India. The houses and homes these workers live in belong to India square and proper" but their being as workers belongs "elsewhere."

The ironic result for these workers is that "their high tech expertise ensures their second-class citizenship in the world of high-tech." As he summed up the problem, within a new "globalized" world, "global-Indian carries no punch," as being a global-American does.

UMass Wiffle ball team to play Fenway

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defense behind him that helped contribute to his impressive numbers. "A couple times when I was struggling, they helped me out with some good defense," he said. In the semi-finals, Jimmy Brooks made a game saving catch in the top of the fifth inning, robbing the opposing team of the tying home run, and clinching a victory.

South Boston native Jimmy Brooks described Bernazzani's pitching performance as "outstanding" and "perfect. He should have been the MVP," Brooks said.

Although there was no official MVP, Goodman compared his pitcher's performance to that of a Boston Red Sox star.

"His performance was Schilling-esque," the Jamaica Plain native said. "He was like a young Curt Schilling."

While the pitching and defense had been superb, "The '86 Celts" were an offensive threat as well.

They scored 28 runs in four games, helping the team go 4-0 and becoming UMass Amherst champions. Leading the way for this offense all tournament was senior Jimmy Brooks. Brooks was the cleanup hitter and led the team with four home runs.

"I felt good out there," Brooks said. "I was happy to contribute to the team. Chicks dig the long ball."

Brooks, however, did not want to take all of the credit, as he said junior Lee Goodman was the leader of the team. "I was swinging the bat well," Brooks said. "But Lee was our emotional leader."

"Emotional leader" Goodman said, "We were all slapping the ball around," but he said that Brooks is the best hitter on the team.

"Brooksy is a power hitter," Goodman said. "He hits the ball harder than most normal wiffle ball players."

With four home runs, Brooks established himself as one of the better power hitters in the tournament, but that doesn't mean he can take credit for giving the team its name.

Bernazzani came up with the name "The '86 Celts," referring to the 1986 World Champion Boston Celtics. Brooks said the rest of the team agreed to the name because the 1986 Boston Celtics were "the greatest team in sports history." "Who better to follow than them?," Brooks asked.

While looking up to their heroes in a different sport, "The '86 Celts" posted an impressive victory at Totman Field, and now they say they're set to win it all.

"I'm in it to win it," Brooks said. "With the way we're hitting, and the pitching we have, we're gonna win."

The "UMass-Amherst Wiffle Ball Champions" banner now hangs on the front of their house on Hobart Lane. On Monday at Fenway Park, "The '86 Celts" say they'll bring another banner home.

"It's either win or nothing," Goodman said. "We are going to take the title back to UMass."



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National and International News

Fiance searches for his bride

By Kristen Wyatt
Associated Press

DULUTH, Ga. — A 32-year-old woman disappeared just days before she was to be married, and authorities said Thursday they were expanding their search for her.

Jennifer Wilbanks' fiance told authorities she left home Tuesday night to go jogging. When she did not return in a couple of hours, he began looking for her, then notified police.

On Wednesday, more than 250 people searched for Wilbanks, including volunteers and police using helicopters and tracking dogs. Authorities called off the volunteer search but continued canvassing door-to-door for clues in this northeastern Atlanta suburb. They were treating the disappearance as a criminal investigation but did not elaborate.

"It's a very real possibility she did get cold feet. I mean, how many husbands have gone out for a pack of cigarettes and not come back," Duluth Police Chief Randy Belcher said.

Earlier, police Maj. Don Woodruff said friends and family believed "this is totally uncharacteristic of her. We don't believe it was a case of premarital jitters."

On Thursday, about 100 police officers expanded their search a quarter-mile deeper into woods near her home. Police had not asked anyone to take a polygraph test, but her fiance has volunteered to do so, Belcher said.

Friends and relatives have told police Wilbanks seemed happy and was looking forward to her wedding Saturday. Her keys, cash, credit cards and identification were found in her home.

"She left out of here with just a radio and the clothes she has on," said Wilbanks' fiance, John Mason. "Everything she owns is in the home. If this is cold feet, it is the weirdest case of cold feet I have ever seen."



One of hundreds of signs for missing woman, Jennifer Wilbanks hangs near her hometown in GA. Wilbanks is supposed to get married Saturday.

Putin speaks on visit to Israel denying he is affecting power

By Steve Gutterman
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Russian President Vladimir Putin faced down Israeli criticism Thursday, saying Russia's planned sale of anti-aircraft missiles to Syria and supply of nuclear components to Iran does not threaten Israel's security.

Putin spoke on the second day of his historic visit to Israel — the first trip here by a Kremlin leader — before going into a meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

Addressing Israeli fears that he's affecting the region's balance of power, Putin urged Iran to do more to show the world that it's not trying to build a nuclear weapon.

He also pledged to tackle the growing problem of anti-Semitism in his country, saying "there can be no place for xenophobia, anti-Semitism or other forms of racial or religious intolerance" in the 21st century.

Putin was greeted Thursday morning by the pomp of an official welcoming ceremony, complete with a military honor guard and Jewish, Muslim and Christian religious leaders.

Sharon, whose parents were born in Russia, greeted Putin in Russian and told the visitor he should "feel among brothers," Israel Radio said.

The trip was intended to cement Russia's rapprochement with the Jewish state and boost its profile in the international arena.

But it was shadowed by disagreements with Israel over Russia's aid to Syria and Iran, two of Israel's staunchest enemies. Russia has provided assistance for Iran's nuclear program and has agreed to sell anti-aircraft missiles to Syria. Sharon repeatedly has said the missiles pose a danger to Israel and wants Putin to halt the deal.

Israeli Vice Premier Ehud Olmert said Thursday that Russia is selling Iran components that can be used to make non-conventional weapons, and that Russia's assistance to Iran is a cause of concern.

Israel accuses Iran of pursuing nuclear weapons, though Tehran says its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes only. On Thursday, Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi said in the Hague, Netherlands, that his country will resume its uranium enrichment program — temporarily suspended in November — if talks with European nations this week fail.

The United States announced Wednesday it had authorized the sale of as many as 100 large bunker-buster bombs to Israel, which experts saw as a warning to Iran about its nuclear ambitions.

Putin defended the moves in talks with Israeli President Moshe Katsav, who holds a largely ceremonial role, saying that Russia was sensitive to Israel's security concerns. "Regarding Iran, we are working to make sure their nuclear ability is used for peaceful means."

The agreement with Iran requires it to return all its spent nuclear fuel to Russia so it cannot be used for military purposes, Putin said. "I agree that these steps are not enough and we have to get Iran to agree to nuclear inspections," he said at a joint news conference in Jerusalem with Katsav.

"It is necessary for our Iranian partners to reject the creation of nuclear cycle technology and not hinder placing all its nuclear program under complete international control," he said.

Putin also sought to allay concerns about the Syrian arms deal, saying the missiles should pose no threat to Israel. "The missiles we are providing to Syria are short-range anti-aircraft missiles that cannot reach Israeli territory," he said.

Israeli warplanes bombed alleged militant training bases outside Damascus on Oct. 5, 2003, and have buzzed one of Syrian President Bashar Assad's palaces.

Putin, whose country has traditionally supported the Arabs in their conflict with Israel, said he had personally vetoed the sale of longer-range missiles to Syria out of concern for Israel's safety.

Officials who briefed reporters on the Putin-Katzav meeting said Russia already had signed a deal with Syria for missiles with a range of 185 miles. According to the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, Putin told Katsav "then I checked and my experts told me that Israel has no way to intercept these missiles so I canceled the deal."



Russian President Putin faces down criticism about Russia's planned sale of anti-aircraft missiles to Syria.

New medication helps free addicts from heroin cravings

By Michael Rubinkam
Associated Press

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. — Krystal began using heroin when she was 14, and soon hit bottom. But at 18, she says she is drug-free, holds down a job, attends beauty school and cares for her toddler son. She credits a relatively new medication called buprenorphine with freeing her from heroin's grip.

"Amazing," "incredible" and "lifesaving" are a few of the words addicts use to describe buprenorphine, a pill that blocks heroin cravings.

The problem, some say, is that Congress has made it hard to get the drug, and health professionals are pressuring the government to expand access.

Available in this country since 2002, buprenorphine is an alternative to methadone, which has been used to treat heroin addiction since the 1960s. Buprenorphine is also used to treat addictions to prescription painkillers like OxyContin, Percocet and Vicodin.

"It has been extraordinarily effective in the patients we have given it to," said psychiatrist Dr. Herbert Kleber of Columbia University.

Doctors say buprenorphine is longer-acting than methadone, more difficult to overdose on and easier to withdraw from. Addicts say "bupe" gives them a feeling of clearheadedness they do not get with methadone. Also, they can be treated in the privacy of a doctor's office; methadone, under federal law, is available only at public clinics.

But federal law says individual doctors and medical practices can prescribe buprenorphine to no more than 30 patients at a time — a provision aimed at preventing "prescription mills," where drugs are doled out indiscriminately by doctors trying to make a fast buck.

Krystal's doctor, I. Charles Lentini, said he has a waiting list of 185 addicts — many of whom are continuing to abuse drugs while they wait.

Even more problematic is the restriction on large medical practices. For example, Kaiser Permanente, the nation's largest not-for-profit health maintenance organization with 8.2 million members, operates eight medical groups around the country, meaning it can treat only 240 patients at any one time nationwide.

Bills pending in Congress would eliminate the 30-patient restriction for group medical practices while retaining it for individual doctors. The Senate passed similar legislation last year, but it died in the House.

"It clearly was not our intention" that addicts have less access to buprenorphine because they go to a group practice, said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., co-author of the 2000 law that paved the way for doctors to prescribe buprenorphine but also established the 30-patient limit. Levin introduced the bill now pending.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration is working on a regulatory fix to expand access to buprenorphine. "The group practice issue we see very much as a critical barrier," said Robert Lubran, the agency's director of pharmacologic therapies.

Krystal said she spent eight agonizing months on Lentini's waiting list before finally getting her buprenorphine prescription last month. She entered detox two or three times while she waited, and returned to heroin each time she was discharged.

"It was torture," she said. "I just wanted to feel normal again."

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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Tabloid obsession gone too far

Katelyn Harding

Britney is pregnant. Ben finally proposed to Jen. Brad and the other Jen are officially split up and Jessica and Nick are continuing to have problems. Are these my friends I am talking about? Nope. I left out the last names purposely, because I bet a lot of you know exactly whom I am referring to. For those of you that don't, you obviously haven't been reading your weekly "Star" magazine.

In the past couple years I have seen magazines such as "Us Weekly" and "Star" increasingly grace the magazine racks in stores. For an assignment in one of my classes, I had to buy "Time" and "Newsweek." The store I went to downtown didn't have these magazines, but they had enough issues of tabloid magazines to satiate a group of 12-year-old girls for at least an hour. The plethora of crap magazines got me to thinking, why are we so obsessed with celebrities?

If you are even slightly famous, say, you have a famous sister who had sold millions of albums and has a hit television show on MTV with her newlywed husband, you can be famous, too. Talented musicians need not apply.

Even VH1 knows the appeal of celebrities to the masses. They have created numerous television programs featuring them, has-beens and all. One perfect example is "The Surreal Life." This program showcases about six or seven has-been actors, models and/or musicians and puts them in a house for a couple of weeks to live together. Of course, hilarity and the unexpected ensue. VH1 knows how funny it is to watch famous people make fools out of themselves.

When people see a magazine cover screaming "Hot, Un-Talented Actor Cheated On His Airbrushed Model Girlfriend, Details Inside" they can't help but be intrigued by the audacity of this man. How could he cheat on his gorgeous girlfriend? Hopefully, for the sake of the Hollywood world, she bounces back and makes a couple of bad movies to soften the blow of having her relationship splattered all over magazines for the entire nation to gobble up.

This is what is really important, knowing how she is going to cope with her situation. Please. Is this really detrimental to your life? No. Has your life changed one iota since Hilary Duff has had another box office bomb or J. Lo has moved onto husband number who cares? Hopefully not. But we still continue to read about these people as if they were our best friends, as if their lives somehow affect us. I guess in a way they do, since these magazines sell, and even "USA Today," a very tabloid-like newspaper is one of the top selling in the nation. Or how the "National Enquirer" is the top selling "newspaper" in America.

In addition to this, you have what I like to call the bane of my existence, reality television programs. Honestly, whoever thought of these shows need to be forced to actually watch them. If you are even slightly famous, say, you have a famous sister who had sold millions of albums and has a hit television show on MTV with her newlywed husband, you can be famous, too. Talented musicians need not apply.

If you don't know whom I am referring to, it's the Saturday Night Live embarrassment, Ashlee Simpson. These days, as long as you are related to someone famous, you can be famous yourself. And American audiences love it. They don't care that you're not talented, as long as you look pretty, they will love you. This obsession is something that I just can't understand.

With all these shows and magazines available to us, we have to make a decision. We can either get lost in information about people that we will never meet, and could probably care less about us, or we could inform ourselves with information that really matters, that could actually get us ahead in life.

We need to extricate ourselves from the overrated, false world of the Hollywood stars. There are a lot more important things going on in our world today. If all you know is whom Paris Hilton is currently dating, not about the deadliest commuter train wreck in western Japan in four decades that took the lives of 73 people, and injured more than 440 others, something is seriously wrong. Put down your "Star" magazine immediately and go get informed about events that really matter. Put on the news and if you really can't deal without your daily dosage of tabloids, there is always Fox News.

Katelyn Harding is a Collegian columnist

Birthdays failing to deliver

Michael Anmuth

I woke up on Tuesday and realized that I was old; it was my 22nd birthday. While I've been in my 20s now for two years, last year's birthday was more exciting and more meaningful, just because after one turns 18, they strive to reach 21 to be able to do things legally, like buy stocks and oh yeah, drink. But, after spending a year celebrating 21, the next birthday happened on a whim, between assignments that were due for my classes and in the midst of beginning to think about finals for this semester.

These in-between birthdays, ones like 17, 19 and 22, are still days of celebration but they lack something that other birthdays represent. You can drive in a good number of states at 16, you become an adult (even if you're still in high school at the time) at 18 and 21. The space between, however, the innocuous years are just getting older, not necessarily a momentous occasion in their own right. Perhaps if there was a landmark for ages like 22 or 17 or 47, we would look forward to these birthdays, but they are just numbers and hatch marks on the doorway of life.

Similarly to when the calendar year changes and you continue to write the old year for at least the first few days, I continue to tell people that I'm 21, unintentionally. Whenever you tell people that you have a birthday coming up, they automatically ask how old you are. I answered correctly but now that the day has passed, I find myself answering the wrong year. I don't think that I want to grow down (as opposed to growing up), I just think that it will take some time for me to get used to saying 22 as opposed to 21, since I've gotten comfortable being 21 for at least 365 days. When I do get used to 22, it will probably be somewhere close to turning 23, thus confusing me for another year at that point in time.

Besides "in-between" birthdays, friends of mine have told me that holidays are not exciting them, either. Maybe the appeal is lost as we get older, but in recent years many people have told me that in December they feel the same as they do during the rest of the year. In December, we are focused on our final exams, a reason why I put my birthday down on my calendar next to study review sessions and reading assignments, and why buying Christmas gifts tend to have a priority over academics. Plus, when we get to college age, many people have as much fun buying gifts for others as receiving gifts, an experience that I have had myself in recent years.

... I use the nomenclature of 'guy' because while I am definitely not a kid anymore, I still do not see myself as a grown person at all.

I am thankful for the gifts I have received for my birthday; I do not wish to downplay the appreciation for the congratulatory phone calls that were from well-wishing friends. I definitely think that birthdays are important, and I was glad that people recognized mine, even if it just seemed like another day to me. The most important people in your life always tend to recognize things like birthdays, and this was no exception. It makes you appreciate life in general when good people surround you on holidays that make you feel appreciated.

Waking up as 22, I still don't consider myself a "man," although society I'm sure would consider me as such. Instead, I use the nomenclature of "guy" because while I am definitely not a kid anymore, I still do not see myself as a grown person at all. Although people my age and younger are in the workforce, and a career seems to be the tunnel to adulthood, my days spent in college at age 22 are less compulsory to growing up than, say, having a morning commute and wearing a suit and tie each day. Possibly next year, I will change the nomenclature, but as I accidentally continue to tell people the wrong age, being a "guy" is fine for me.

Each year, we have birthdays, some more exciting than others. At 22, I feel neither old nor young, neither extremely excited for the day nor apathetic about it. I identify myself as a year older but feel the exact same as when I was a year younger, last week. Overall, I woke up on Tuesday to feel 22, but I may not experience it for some time, or I may turn 23 while still waiting for the experience to happen.

Michael Anmuth is a Collegian columnist.

No freedom for right-wingers

Ben Duffy

Academic freedom is the freedom of teachers and students to pursue their ideas at an institution of higher learning. Ideally, nothing is taboo at a university. It is a place where competing ideas clash, where scholars blaze new trails of knowledge. Sometimes blazing new trails makes people uncomfortable, even furious.

And so be it. That's how academic freedom works. There have been plenty of ideas that were scoffed at in their day, and some people worked very hard to make sure that those new ideas died in the cradle. Think of Copernicus, Galileo and Martin Luther King Jr.

Radical professor Ward Churchill made headlines in February when his 2001 work "Some People Push Back: On the Justice of Roosting Chickens" was uncovered. In it, he referenced the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, saying, "If there was a better, more effective, or in fact any other way of visiting some penalty befitting their participation upon the little Eichmanns inhabiting the sterile sanctuary of the twin towers, I'd really be interested in hearing about it."

It's that I don't believe that the AAUP really believes what it is saying, nor do I believe that I have found real academic freedom at this university.

People were understandably upset, especially in New York, where Churchill was scheduled to speak. A firestorm of criticism befell the University of Colorado, and Churchill stepped down as the head of the Ethnic Studies department. He still retained his job as a professor.

The American Association of University Professors stood up for Churchill. They didn't defend what he said but his right to say it. "Freedom of faculty members to express views, however unpopular or distasteful, is an essential condition of an institution of higher learning that is truly free," wrote the AAUP in its statement on Ward Churchill.

I had a hard time keeping a straight face while reading that passage. It's not that I disagree with them. It's that I don't believe that the AAUP really believes what it is saying, nor do I believe that I have found real academic freedom at this university. Threats to academic freedom don't come exclusively from the Right. In fact, they don't even mostly come from the Right.

To use a cliché, Amherst is a politically correct atmosphere much like Boulder, Berkley and Ithaca. Such an atmosphere suffocates scholarship. It's a systemic problem, and it didn't start with Ward Churchill.

Take for example, Richard Lamm, who teaches in the same Colorado public university system as Ward Churchill. Lamm happens to be the former governor of the state, a former civil rights attorney and a generally liberal democrat. But despite his clout, Lamm could not manage to get a "controversial" essay published in the campus's faculty publication.

What was so controversial about it? Well, he committed a cardinal sin of Leftism, saying, "We must recognize that all the civil rights laws in the world are not going to solve the problem of minority failure. Ultimately Blacks and Hispanics are going to have to see that the solution is largely in their own hands." To sum up the article, Lamm presents the metaphor of two magical wands. By waving the first wand, he could erase all racism and discrimination. By waving the second, he could infuse Black and Hispanic neighborhoods with "Japanese or Jewish values," that emphasize education, responsibility and hard work. Lamm contends that he would choose the second wand, if he had the choice of only one.

After Lamm's essay was rejected, he appealed through the layers of university bureaucracy. It was futile. Everyone agreed that the essay was just too controversial. The AAUP was nowhere to be found. The faculty who came to Ward Churchill's defense was absent without leave. The guys who love to cry "McCarthyism" were silent.

My first thought was that the University of Denver should at least concede that Lamm really had the best interests of minorities in mind when he wrote his essay, given his history as a former civil rights attorney and liberal democrat. My second thought was that these ideas were not really all that controversial, outside of the ivory university towers.

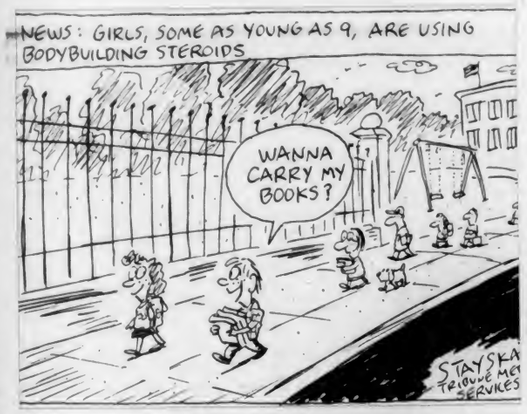
But that's baloney. A professor shouldn't need an impressive list of left-wing credentials in order to say what he/she believes. Nor does it matter if his/her ideas are controversial or not. Moderate or fringe, with or without his history in civil rights, Lamm has a right to pursue his ideas.

So do we all. Ward Churchill makes me sick and do some of my own teachers. Reading the essay that got Churchill into so much trouble, I can't help but grind my teeth in anger, but I support academic freedom on principle. I agreed with the AAUP when it said, "... we reject the notion that some viewpoints are so offensive or disturbing that the academic community should not allow them to be heard and debated."

Academia, however, is probably one of the most restrictive places in the world if you dissent from the Leftist orthodoxy. Sometimes I ask myself why I continue to believe in the concept of academic freedom, when I know that it doesn't apply to ideas falling to the right of center.

The solution to this problem isn't to gag Churchill or any of his twins on campuses across the nation. We need real academic freedom. It means an end to the browbeating of conservative students, the discriminatory practices that ensure that conservatives aren't hired, and the knee-jerk reactions to conservative or right wing ideas.

Ben Duffy is a Collegian columnist.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

QUESTIONING YOUR FAITH

Wednesday's column, "I Don't Believe in Fairy Tales" is a well thought out essay on the complicated subject of religion. Ryan Welsh has raised some strong reasons for his agnosticism, reasons that many people struggle with today. In response to this essay, I would like to comment on each point: cosmos, human stupidity, inherited beliefs and church practices.

The probability of other planets like earth existing somewhere out there is not the same as the "overwhelming reality" that they exist. There is no doubt the universe is infinitely large, which increases the probability that life exists somewhere out there. I would argue that such a probability does not challenge all religions, most of which adopt "intelligent design," to a great extent because science has yet to explain convincingly the origins of matter and life.

If the big bang made intelligent design obsolete, why do people still believe in a Creator at all? It would seem that more than a hundred years of "scientifically explained" universe origins being taught in schools across the country in the place of intelligent design would have convinced most people that intelligent design is impossible.

Eternity in paradise with a forgiving, benevolent God is nicer to believe, but not all religions espouse this belief. Furthermore, since science can only explain so much, and so far has not enough evidence to support the big-bang theory, macroevolution and other theories that discredit creationism, is not belief in solely scientific explanations for the origin of the universe a religion in itself?

Religious people do not deny science; they believe it is helpful for understanding the natural world. Some even believe God used a "scientifically sound" method to create the universe, as we know it today. The point is we all worship something; though we may not call it worship specifically. Who or what is your god? Is it the sports page, food, stars, science, yourself?

Our family, friends, society, experiences and education shape our worldview. It is a way of seeing the world based on things one believes to be true. It is important to understand that that worldviews get twisted and used for the wrong ends. The humanistic ideologies of Stalin, Hitler and Mao Tze Dong resulted in at least 40 million deaths for which they were directly responsible.

There is no doubt the Church has done some abominable things in the past and not everyone agrees with its current practices. What must be asked is not, "When can we get rid of religion?" but "What caused religion to do this or that and what can we learn from it?" The Crusades, Inquisition, Islamic Jihad, etc. are inconsistent with the core message of their beliefs. When religions like Christianity refer back to their core message, love and peace shines from it.

If anyone inherits the gospel message, let us hope it is not twisted. If, as Welsh says, "people will believe what they are raised to believe" and that it is unreasonable to question these beliefs, how is he able to question his Catholic upbringing? And how is it that agnostics become true believers? I suppose Welsh has found the answers. One of the beauties of Christianity is that its followers don't claim to have all the answers. This is why submitting to the all knowing, all powerful Creator is possible.

The Apostle Paul reasoned the gospel message with the intellectuals of Athens. He didn't need to find which of the 31 gospels to use. Rather, he explained boldly what he knew had changed his life. Some of the Athenians sneered, others wanted to hear more and some became followers. This is the way with people today. God has given us a choice to believe in him or to reject him. He doesn't want people inhering the Kingdom of Heaven who have chosen not to follow him.

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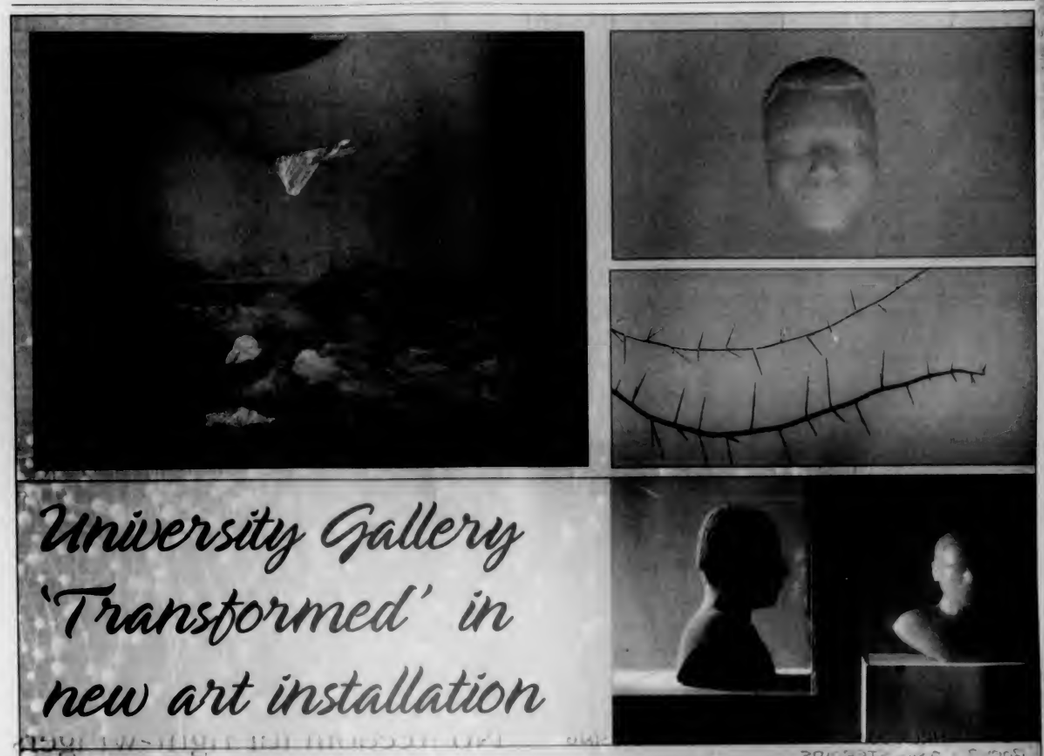
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University Gallery 'Transformed' in new art installation



By Amanda Smith
Collegian Correspondent

"Transition and Transformation" is an exhibition at the University Gallery of Indian artists A. Balasubramaniam and Ranjani Shettar. Although the two artists have never shown together they seem to identify with many similar themes. They both represent an intermediary or transitional state in their works, and both artists display works that comment on life and death. This theme is exemplified by the fact that both have works that are on-site installation pieces. Essentially, their works are conceived within the University Gallery and will ultimately "die" once they are inevitably removed from that site.

There were two works that were especially striking. The first piece, by Balasubramaniam, is entitled "Golden Thorn." "Golden Thorn" is an actual thorn branch gilded in 20 karat gold. In our materially motivated world, this image is simultaneously desirable and unpleasant. It is sustained in this transitional state that so many of Balasubramaniam's other works also represent, and contains both the psychological temptation of the possession of a golden item and the bodily rejection that one may feel at the thought of grabbing the sharp thorns. The delicate thorn branch is placed in a shadow box, and the shadow of the thorn becomes an equally important part of the image. This projection of the golden thorn is black and resembles the image we would normally see; it is now unwanted. Yet, in a sense, it simultaneously becomes more stable: the lack of its golden covering removes its preciousness and creates a harder visual experience, although, conversely, it is now a mere shadow. This piece seems to say a lot about Balasubramaniam's feelings towards the more commercialized, corporate, and technological society that India is steadily moving towards. Are we striving for the unobtainable or are we reaching for what looks appealing but is, in truth, harmful? Through the use of optical illusion in his pieces, Balasubramaniam seems to struggle with questions of reality, transience, transformation and the immaterial.

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One piece in particular from Ranjani's series, "Container and Content," echoed many of the ideas that Balasubramaniam presented to his audience, but took a completely different route. A coconut tree boat suspended from the ceiling floated over roughly fifty pieces of pumpkin seed shaped butter paper that have been spread beneath. The title itself seems to intimate shelter, home, or perhaps even the human body as a vessel. The hard, dark coconut boat seems to have once held all of the delicate paper seeds that have been dispersed across the floor. The butter paper seeds resemble a woman's uterus, a place where the human seed is kept, or contained within the body. The organic materials used here reinforce this idea of life, reproduction, and its conquest against the manufactured and synthetic elements that continue to overtake our realities. Ranjani gives a sense of the fragility of natural life, reproduction and perseverance through the use of these insubstantial — even translucent — seeds.

Using the direct representation of a body part, or by suggestion the body's reaction to pain, these two artists are able to convey their messages on broader issues within their societies to their audience. Balasubramaniam and Ranjani portray the discomfort, or the instability, at least, of being in an in-between place. Neither here nor there, these artists comment on their battle, reconciling the contradictory possibilities of institution and modernity; the natural and the synthetic, the technological and the rural.

Woman challenges the boys with motorcycle business

By M. Daniel Gibbard
Chicago Tribune

HERRIN, Ill. — Christine Vaughn hits the starter on the low-slung chopper she designed and built, and as the pipes spit unmuffled thunder from a big chrome engine, she changes.

The self-described "good girl" and mother disappears, shoved aside by the outlaw biker chick from Alaska who created Wicked Women Choppers, the company she bills as the first run by women to design and produce bikes for other women.

Hear her roar? No, hear her rumble.

"We want it to be just as mean, just as bad as a guy's bike. We want to make it look like we're going to get off and take the boots to you," said Vaughn, 35, who has long blond hair, a husky smoker's laugh and a quick sense of humor thoroughly devoid of political correctness.

Her company's slogan, and philosophy of life, is borrowed from a Harvard professor: "Well-behaved women seldom make history."

The difference in the bikes, barely noticeable, is size. Vaughn, who is 5 foot 6, designs her motorcycles with narrower handlebars and a lower frame and seat that create a lower center of gravity and an easier reach.

"A wrong-size bike is not only uncomfortable, it's unsafe," she said.

Vaughn's vision has struck a chord with riders. She and her year-old company have been profiled in newspapers and magazines. A PBS station is recording the process as she and her team create a bike from the frame up, and an independent production company plans a reality show pilot.

Suppliers quickly jumped on board: Tool companies sent new gear to use in her shop, and dozens of dealers have asked about selling her lines, she said. She has received inquiries from prospective buyers in Japan and India.

This despite that she just got her first firm order last week and has not yet begun production.

The attention has been a little overwhelming, she said.

"I knew what the niche was," she said, but "I just had never anticipated the reaction. I wanted to just build a couple of bikes a year."

Instead, she said, she will probably end up producing about 50 annually once production is up to full speed, perhaps by late summer. To make many more than that would mean moving from her new 1,500-square-foot shop in this small town in southern Illinois.

"My only battle is to stay small," said Vaughn, who also customizes motorcycles for clients. "We've had people who wanted to come in as a partnership, but we want to keep it manageable."

One reason for all the attention is the rapid growth in women owning and riding motorcycles.

From 1998 to 2003, the estimated number of female owners jumped 36 percent, from 467,000 to 633,000, according to a survey by the Motorcycle Industry Council. Ridership increased similarly, and there are now more than 4 million women operators, the

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COURTESY MICHAEL TERCHA

Bike-builder Christine Vaughn rides the brightly colored Shady Lady, her company's first model.

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trade group says.

"We got tired of looking at the back of someone's helmet," said Lois Wyatt, a trustee with Women on Wheels, a riders club with more than 100 chapters.

Wicked Women's first model is the Shady Lady. It is lower to the ground than most men's bikes, with narrower handlebars and seat, among other female-friendly features.

The prototype sports a 90 cubic inch, 1,000 cubic centimeters, S&S motor, pipes that Vaughn designed and enough chrome to cause blindness.

On the other hand, its heart-shaped flames are painted fingernail-polish pink.

"It's a bike every man would be proud to ride, except for the pink," said Vaughn, adding that she chose the color to show up in photographs.

"Women want to be macho," she said. "We want the loud pipes, the power, all the stuff that makes you feel you know what testosterone is all about."

With all the trimmings, the bike lists for $34,500, which she says is competitive with a similar Harley. She also plans a downscale version, the Vixen, and a hardtail (no rear suspension) model called the Black Mariah.

A seventh-generation Alaskan from the rough and ready island town of Ketchikan, Vaughn credits frontier roots for her independence.

Wicked Women Choppers' name comes from the Old West, Vaughn said, and refers to any woman who defied the conventions of the day.

The company motto is a quote from Laurel Thatcher Ulrich that Vaughn came across in a magazine about quilting, of all things.

"It's about women who are independent and live their own lives despite what society says," Vaughn said.

She got her first motorcycle when she was 10, a dirt bike from her father. When she began doing stunts on it, he decided she should channel her efforts into something slightly safer like racing.

Sometimes she competed against girls; other times she would enter boys' races as "Chris." When she finished in the top three, she would take off her helmet during the trophy ceremony and shake out her long blond hair.

That, she said, did not always go over well in conservative Alaska, though her father used to sit back and smile at the reactions.

Her brother, Dan Diamond, also raced, and she would watch as he tinkered with the machinery.

"It looked important, so I tried to do the same thing," she said. Unfortunately, "I usually ended up with a lot of parts left over."

Her dad and brother just laughed, so she taught herself how to fix her own bike.

In her teens, she would "borrow" her brother's street bike, usually dumping it, which is when she realized that the taller, top-heavy cycles were not made for someone her size.

She began to customize Harley-Davidsons to fit, but she couldn't keep them long before someone offered her too much money to refuse. Clearly, there was a market.

But Wicked Women Choppers is not really about commerce, she said. One of Vaughn's main goals is to blast open a traditionally male bastion.

"It's important not only to break open the industry, but also to show (other women) they can do this," she said. "There are a lot of very talented women out there."

Vaughn has two machinist/metal fabricators on board already, Shara Peyton, 28, and Rhonda Heifner, 24.

"This is a man's job, and we're doing it," said Heifner, whose dark hair is partly dyed pinkish-purple. "There ain't a lot about me that's feminine."

Vaughn also hopes to start an internship program with local schools, offering girls in shop classes the chance at hands-on experience in a comfortable environment.

Amid this swirl of femaledom is Vaughn's husband, a biker who said he's happy to ride in the figurative sidecar.

A Vietnam War veteran, Dan Vaughn worked in the telecommunications industry in the Caribbean, Hungary and Siberia before retiring to southern Illinois a few years ago. The Vaughns have a teenage son.

"It's been fairly easy for a husband," Dan Vaughn said. "She followed me all over the world and has always been there to support me. To take a back seat to someone so talented is not a problem for me at all."



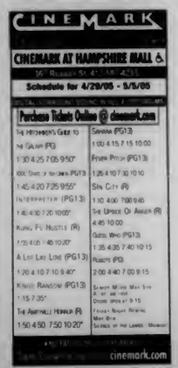
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Grammy Award-winners 'come around' again

Green Day's "American Idiot" tour lands at the Mullins Center this Saturday night. The trio is supported by New Jersey-based punk band My Chemical Romance.







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New York, New York



The Mix Tape

Matt O'Rourke

New York, regardless of whether you hate or love the city, has been one of the most written about cities in music, at least over the past few generations, and some of the most recognized artists, both new and old, are from the city. This week's tape takes a sampling of artists from New York and those who have written about it.

"New York City" – The Golden Republic (3:02)

Who better to write about New York City than … a band from Kansas City? That's right, Missouri rockers The Golden Republic use electronic synthesizers and organ to create a highly danceable rhythm, all in the name of the Big Apple. Simplicity can be brilliance, even lyrically, and that's just what lead singer Ben Grimes set out to do. The track seems almost as if it is attempting to create the club scene of the city, especially with the synthesizers. Fans of glam-rock and mid-80s music will no doubt enjoy this song.
(Astralwerks, 2005)

"NYC" – Interpol (4:20)

Perhaps the band that single-handedly revived the New Order/Joy Division sound, Interpol, hails from the New York underground rock scene. Although "NYC" is considered an indie hit off of their first album, "Turn On the Bright Lights," Interpol has managed to leak into the mainstream with their latest album "Antics," on Matador Records. A very dark tone, echoing Radiohead-esque guitars, and a sort of cadence based on the drum set all come together to create a well-layered piece of music, with much replayability. Paul Banks sings of identity, and the theme fits well into the idea of such a large place — "It's up to me now turn on the bright lights/New York Cares (got to be some more change in my life)." The idea of finding one's way in life couldn't fit much better than in a place like New York.
(Matador Records, 2002)

"City of Blinding Lights" – U2 (5:47)

Depending on how you feel about U2, "City of Blinding Lights" is either the best song since "Where the Streets Have No Name" or simply a clone of its precursor. Regardless, the song (and the album, for that matter) has the energy that fans of U2 have come to love. Bright piano and the Edge's guitar combined with a mandolin sound bring a diversity of culture and music together in one track. Throughout the song's duration, there is so much going on between effects, vocals and musicians, which is excellent for those who love to play songs again and again. Typical of many songs in U2's catalog, the track is about love, inner beauty, etc, etc.
(Interscope, 2004)

"Ch-Check It Out" – The Beastie Boys (3:13)

It seems to be a near-art form to be able to decipher the Beastie Boys on any of their tracks through a first listen. Their singe, "Ch-Check It Out," is off of their latest studio effort, "To the Five Boroughs." For better or worse, after reading through the lyrics several times, it's still unclear to me what the lyrics are actually about. However, the Beastie Boys (as usual) are at a high with their antics and, of course, emceeing. They keep it old school with their beats- bass is heavy, and a clearly looped horn blast is repeated constantly. Much of their album, though, is autobiographical— giving thanks to the city where they found their start, and even taking styles from previous rappers in a sort of tribute. A great listen, even if hip-hop isn't quite your thing.
(Capitol, 2004)

"The Only Living Boy in New York" – Simon and Garfunkel (3:59)

It's somewhat ironic that "The Only Living Boy in New York" ended up on Zach Braff's own mixtape for his film, that is, the "Garden State" soundtrack. I'd like to consider this song to be the exact opposite of Interpol's "NYC," in that this track features the bright side of loneliness in a big place. "Half of the time we're gone but we don't know where, we don't know where," the duo sings together. The strung percussion, which echoes on occasion in this song, adds to the feeling of being alone, as one can hear it fading into the background. The same goes for Garfunkel's singing of "here I am" as it, too, fades away. This track is perfect no matter what your mood is, and suits many emotions.
(Columbia, 1970)

"New York State of Mind" – Billy Joel (6:05)

Probably the best track is where a famous artist explains his need to go back home again to the usual. Billy Joel does just that. He samples some piano riffs from his own music before he begins to tell his story. "Some folks like to get away/Take a holiday from the neighborhood/Hop a flight to Miami Beach/Or to Hollywood/But I'm talking a Greyhound/On the Hudson River Line/I'm in a New York state of mind," Joel sings, introducing us to his dilemma as he has in so much of his music. A masterful storyteller, Billy Joel always connects with his roots and delivers, no matter how big he has become. The jazz sax and occasional loud hits provide strength where the song is otherwise quiet and laidback, as if you were taking a late night walk through the city. Joel incorporates all the elements of New York in just over six minutes, and that's no small feat.
(Columbia, 1976)

"New York, New York" – Frank Sinatra (3:26)

Old Blue Eyes' timeless hit has been featured in everything from commercials to movie advertisements, and even a "Simpson's" episode. This big-band classic, "New York, New York," chronicles the singer's wish "to be a part of it," that is, the city that never sleeps. Jubilant singing with that big-band sound makes the track have a distinctive Broadway sound, almost as though it were part of the "42nd Street" soundtrack. As simple as it sounds, that may be the best tribute of all- singing a song in such a grand fashion that the city is known for. A song for all those who aspire to climb to the top, its hard to beat "New York, New York."
(Reprise, 1961)
Total Running Time (29:48)

UM future is bright

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some good things could happen," Bolduc explained. "As you know, our first halves tend to be very strong and in the second we tend to struggle, so we want to see if we can do something different to overcome the hump that we've been struggling with."

Despite a sub par season, there is no question that beating a top team in Temple for the first time under coach Bolduc, and going out with a win on senior day would make the end of the season very memorable.

UMass won't get the chance to play spoiler as both Richmond and Temple have a spot in the post season locked up, but two wins would be a great stepping stone for a team that only loses three seniors; Kristin St. Hilaire being the only starter.

"I don't think that they'll play better [without the pressure]. I think it's a nice way to finish the season knowing that we can just go out there and play, and know that it doesn't mean anything towards the Atlantic 10 anymore, except for of course final standings," Bolduc said. "Ultimately it's a good exercise game to see how they play not having to deal with pressure to come up with a win."

The year has been full of ups and downs, frustration and excitement. This weekend is the last chance for the feisty Minutewomen to make a mark on the Atlantic 10 and let it know that they are a team to watch out for in the upcoming seasons.



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The UMass women's lacrosse team failed to make the A-10 tournament this season. They are scheduled to play Temple today.

Hudson and Mulder reunite

By Charles Odum
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Former partners in pranks as Oakland teammates, Tim Hudson and Mark Mulder may feel as if the joke is on them when they face each other Friday night.

Teammates in Oakland the last five years as two of the starting jokesters — with Barry Zito — in the Big Three pitching rotation, Hudson was traded to Atlanta and Mulder was sent to St. Louis after the 2004 season.

Friday night, in the opening game of the Braves-Cardinals series, Hudson and Mulder will meet for the first time as opposing pitchers.

Since they're now in the National League, they also hit. They say that sets up the most intriguing — and potentially hilarious — part of the matchup.

The two talked on the phone Monday.

"We laughed about it and said how this figures," Mulder said. "Who's going to be able to keep a straight face? That might be the hardest part. I know I'm going to start laughing. What are you going to do?"

Hudson and Mulder were lead players in the frat-house atmosphere of the Athletics' clubhouse. The two were almost as well-known in Oakland for their kidding as for their winning.

Once Hudson and Mulder put white shoe polish around the perimeter of a sunflower seed bucket that former A's pitching coach Rick Peterson liked to use as a stool. Hudson and Mulder then laughed while Peterson walked around with a white ring on his gray uniform pants.

Oakland players also were known to race remote-controlled cars around the clubhouse.

It may be difficult for Hudson or Mulder to keep from laughing when looking down from the Turner Field mound at the other standing in the batter's box.

Hudson said he and Mulder talked about the possibility of facing each other even before they left Oakland.

"We were just joking about if we got traded," said a smiling Hudson. "I told him, just laughing, whatever you throw at me, I'm going to throw at you. If he starts breaking out his nasty stuff early, I'm going to have to do the same."

Added Hudson, still smiling: "Obviously, if guys are on base, that's one thing. But if I come up with nobody on, two out and he starts breaking all this stuff on me, I'm going to do the same."

Because they know each other so well, each respects the other's hitting ability. Hudson was the Southeastern Conference's Most Valuable Player at Auburn University for his hitting and pitching. Mulder also was a strong hitter at Michigan State.

"Oh, yeah, he can hit," Hudson said. "He's a real good hitter. He hit cleanup for his college team. I know he can swing the bat. Yeah, man, I'm going to have to pitch him."

Mulder didn't reveal the specifics of what he said are many side bets with Hudson, but neither wants to give up a hit to the other.

"It'll be fun," Mulder said. "It should be. I hope so... We'll total it up at the end. There's no point in worrying about it now."

Even if they were not good friends and former teammates, this would be a matchup to watch.

Mulder is 2-1 with a 3.10 ERA after pitching a 10-hit shutout to beat Roger Clemens and the Houston Astros 1-0 Saturday. He was picked as the NL Player of the Week.

Hudson also has been as good as promised, going 2-0 with a 0.96 ERA in his first four starts with the Braves.

Mulder averaged 18 wins the last four years, including a 21-8 mark in 2001.

Even with a dip to a 12-6 record last season, Hudson averaged 16 wins the last five years. He left as Oakland's career leader with a .702 winning percentage, and he has never lost more than nine games in a season.

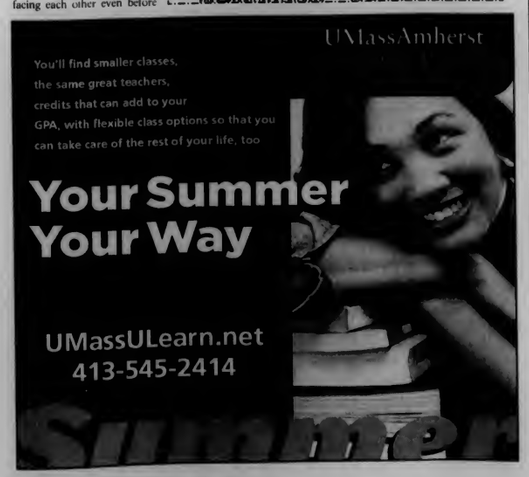
Braves first baseman Adam LaRoche said Hudson has brought a relaxed presence to Atlanta's clubhouse, where Bobby Cox's players have been known for being low-key but businesslike.

"He's so relaxed and laid back. He's a pitcher that on the day he's pitching, you can joke around with him," said LaRoche. Hudson's clubhouse neighbor. "He's not sitting there sweating, thinking about what he did the game before."

LaRoche said Hudson "is also incredibly competitive, I don't care who he's facing."

Even if Hudson cracks a smile when facing Mulder the hitter, LaRoche said Hudson will be focused on winning.

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UMass pull through with win

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Doherty, to preserve the UMass lead.

Doherty pitched 1.1 innings and faced four hitters in his first save opportunity of the season. The Quincy native got the last out of the eighth to foil out Garrity. Doherty then struck out the side in the top of the ninth. He did not allow a hit.

"It's great for him," said Stone of Doherty's performance. "He got us out of a jam by striking out the last three guys. He needs that, because that will hopefully get him on the right path for a good weekend, too."

Szado went 4-for-5 in the game, with two RBIs and a run. Szado had a slow start to the season, but lately has been turning it on at the plate. He came through with two clutch hits, an RBI-single in the first inning and another RBI-single in the sixth.

The senior left fielder has boosted his batting average to a mark of .320.

Sophomore right fielder Bill Rankin had a three-RBI performance, while going 2-for-5 with a run. Rankin started the second UMass rally in the sixth, when he sliced an inside fastball into the left center gap to score the first run of the rally.

"[Rankin] came up with a big hit and that was the turning point of the ballgame," Stone said. "Runners of second and third with two outs, he drove the ball into the gap. So, that was great."

Congress continues with roids

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — First, Major League Baseball was summoned by Congress and chastised for a steroids policy that the sport promptly altered. Next up was the NFL, which strengthened its drug program on the eve of a trip to Capitol Hill.

Now it's the NBA's turn to face lawmakers, and commissioner David Stern already is talking about getting tougher testing into a new deal with his players' union.

Even as the House Government Reform Committee moves closer to offering legislation establishing uniform steroid rules for major U.S. sports, the leagues themselves are changing their programs.

"I don't know how the public feels about this, but I think members are pretty united on this. It's a huge issue, and it needs to be taken care of," chairman Tom Davis, R-Va., said after Wednesday's five-hour session on football.

"That's why it's important consulting with the NFL, Major League Baseball — we'll be doing the NBA next — talking about what their policies are so we don't do something stupid as we implement it."

Worried that steroid use among pro athletes encourages youths to try the drugs, the committee is examining the testing policies of more than a half-dozen sports.

"How is the average American supposed to look at the size, strength and speed of today's NFL linebackers and not conclude that they might be taking performance-enhancing drugs?" Davis asked NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue.

Said Tagliabue: "We don't feel that there is rampant cheating in our sport."

The proceedings were not nearly as contentious as on March 17, when Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa and other current and former baseball stars were compelled to appear and faced direct questions about whether they and other players used steroids. Baseball commissioner Bud Selig, also a witness, was roundly criticized for his sport's policy, which lawmakers said was too lenient.

More than once Wednesday, congressmen prefaced remarks or questions by calling the NFL's appearance a "breath of fresh air."

"With all due respect, the commissioner of baseball hadn't even read the document that he had given us," Connecticut Republican Christopher Shays said. "I kind of love you guys, and yet I shouldn't because I still have problems."

In particular, he asked why a player would have to fail four tests before getting banned for life. Some lawmakers asked the 10 witnesses whether the size of today's NFL players is evidence of steroid use. Others asked whether amphetamines should be banned and when growth hormone will be checked for (Tagliabue said there's no credible test yet).

The NFL announced Tuesday that it's tripling from two to six the number of random offseason tests that players can face. The league is also adding to its list of banned performance-enhancers.

The NFL began testing for steroids in 1987, added suspensions in 1989, and instituted year-round random testing in 1990. Fifty-four players have been suspended, and Tagliabue said an additional 57 retired after testing positive. A first offense carries a four-game ban.

"We would be naive to not be aware that there are people out there who are trying to stay ahead of the curve," NFL Players Association chief executive Gene Upshaw said. "As soon as we find out about something, we do something about it."

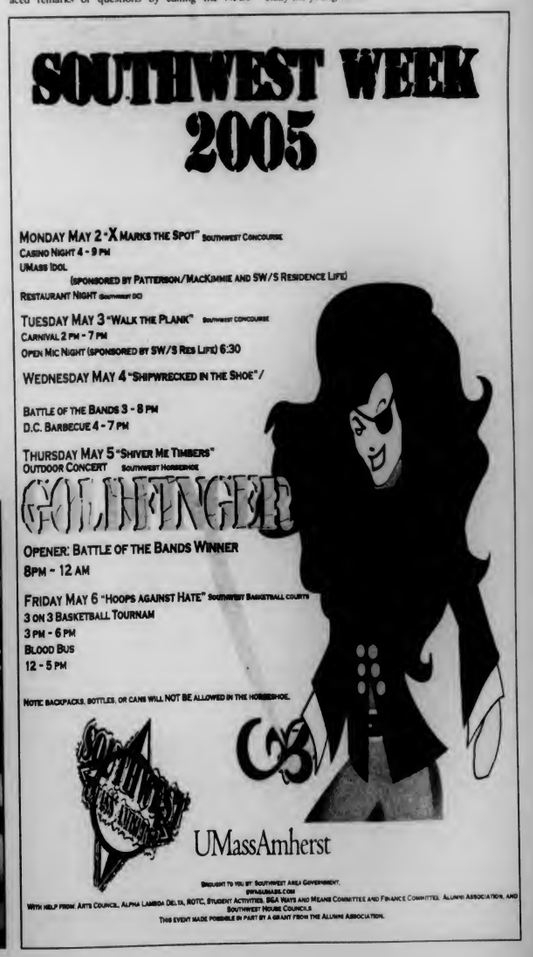
Baseball banned steroids in September 2002, instituted mandatory 10-day suspensions this season, and only eliminated a provision allowing for fines instead of bans after facing the committee.

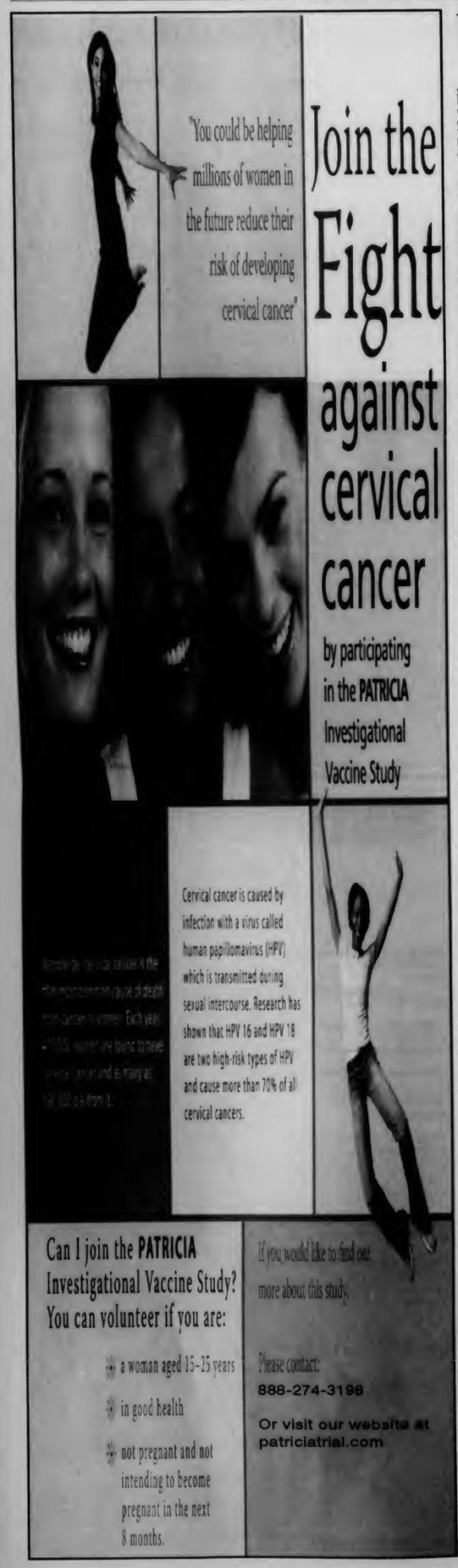
The NHL does not test players for performance-enhancing drugs, while the NBA suspends first-time offenders for five games.

Stern, attending a playoff game in Chicago, said league officials "absolutely" would testify if asked, although he noted there are time constraints right now, including the postseason and labor negotiations.

Those talks include the possibility of expanded testing for performance-enhancing drugs.

"It's incumbent upon every sport to just have rules that demonstrate to their fans that, if you're in the NBA, you submit to a certain amount of testing," Stern said. "It's really a covenant with the fans, especially the young ones."





UM looking for win

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you still have to play the next game. Regardless of what you've done in the past, it doesn't mean much come Saturday," Cannella said. "Syracuse is still going to come in here prepared, and ready to play and we have to do the same."

Over the course of the season, the UMass and the Orange have played five similar opponents. Both teams have faced, Georgetown, Hobart, Loyola, Brown, and Albany on the year. Syracuse also played Rutgers on May 16, but the Minutemen won't play the Scarlet Knights until next weekend.

Both teams hold a 4-1 record against these opponents, with Syracuse losing to Georgetown 10-7 on March 12 and the Minutemen dropping a 10-9 game to Albany three days later.

With the similarities in schedule, Cannella and his staff have been inadvertently scouting the Orange throughout the season. Cannella, however, mentioned that he wasn't paying full attention to the Orange while scouting for other games.

"You can't focus on a team while your scouting, but when you see enough tape you familiarize yourself with anybody you watch," Cannella said.

The most personal case study was done when UMass assistant coaches Jason Miller and Chris Gabrielle traveled to see Syracuse's game against Hobart on March 29, the Orange won 13-12.

One thing both coaches noticed was the tenacious offense the Orange exhibited throughout the game. Syracuse has three players with 20 or more goals and have five players that have combined for more than 20 points.

The biggest weapon for Syracuse this year has been its efficient shooting Cannella mentioned that, aside from solid defending, UMass goalie Bill Schell will need to remain consistent and make some saves.

"Coach Miller and coach Gabrielle went down there to watch the game and watch both teams," Cannella said. "Gabrielle watched them warm up and said, 'man these guys can really shoot.'"

Schell appears to be up for the occasion on paper, as he is currently third in the nation in GAA (goals against average), allowing just 6.95 a game.



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

The UMass lacrosse team will play its final home game of the season tomorrow against the defending national champion Syracuse.

Brian Crockett has led the way for the Orange, scoring 28 goals and dishing seven assists. Mike Leveille and Greg Rommel both have over 20 goals on the year for the Orange with 27 and 21, respectively.

Mike's brother, Kevin, was a standout midfielder for the Minutemen and currently plays professional lacrosse for the Boston Cannons.

The Orange like to attack the cage the same way Georgetown has over the course of the season. On Tuesday against Harvard, the Minutemen tried to force the offense to the middle of the field in order to cut down shooting lanes and give Schell better vision of the field.

Cannella, however, is taking a different defensive approach against Syracuse and will challenge his team to go man to man against one of the most athletic offenses in the country.

"You have to play great one on one defense when you play Syracuse, because any one of their guys can beat you," Cannella said. "I think that and making saves is going to be big. One thing that we noticed about Syracuse is that they are athletic and can shoot."

UMass will try to utilize its own athleticism in Jack Reid, Matt Garcia, and Aaron Paskalis, who are the long stick anchors of the defense. The UMass defense has allowed 7.25 goals per game thus far, good for eighth in the nation.

Regardless of what it says on paper, Cannella has a definitive respect for the orange uniforms that will come through the gates of Garber Field tomorrow. In his mind, they are still national champions until proven otherwise.

"They're explosive, as always, on offense. Their goalie is seasoned, their defense is seasoned, they're returning starters from last year's team, a national championship team," Cannella said. "There's a lot of composure on the field and a lot of talent. They're still national champs until someone knocks them off in the playoffs."

UMass begins a new chapter

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bring a pair of kegs to the game, and they set up shop on the hill adjacent to the field.

They were the most popular fans at the game that day.

This game is such a big event, there was once a student protest planned during halftime on the actual field. It had nothing to do with lacrosse. It had everything to do with the audience they would reach. Nothing ended up coming out of the rumors, though.

Tomorrow on Senior Day, during Spring Weekend, Garber Field is expected to be packed, and the mayhem is assumed to continue.

Out of the last seven times these two teams have met up in Amherst, five of the games drew more than 4,000 fans. In 1991, when the game was played at McGuirk Stadium, a record 12,143 people witnessed the famed matchup.

"It's kind of like our own version of Yankees-Red Sox in this area," UMass defenseman Jack Reid said. "It's a big deal. They're the best program in lacrosse so anytime you get to play them, it's just a big experience for us."

Although some may say that for a rivalry to exist, there should be a fairly even level of competition between the two participants. UMass coach Greg Cannella is one of those people.

"In order for there to be a rivalry, it can't be as one-sided as it has been, so it's more of a hyped affair because Syracuse is such a strong program and a perennial top-five power," Cannella said. "This game receives a lot of attention... I wouldn't exactly call it a rivalry."

Well, that seems fair.

These two teams have met 30 times, once every year since 1976. Syracuse has been on the friendly side of the score box on 25 of those occasions. And from 1982 all the way up to 2002 — a span of 22 games — the Minutemen failed to host a single victory party.

That all changed two years ago.

Knotted at 13 in overtime on the Garber turf, Jeff Zywicki, who scored 41 goals in 2003, found the back of the net with his only goal of the game to end the long losing streak.

"It was unbelievable," Reid said. "To be the first team from UMass to do that in a long time was a great feeling. The senior class was wonderful that year, so it was great that we were able to do that for them. It was a big win for the program."

And a big reason why the rivalry talk has returned to the Valley.

While everyone who surrounds themselves with UMass lacrosse has been staring at this date for some time now, the Minutemen, who will never look past their next opponent, can finally concentrate on the Orange.

"Once the Harvard game was over, the team felt really relieved that we could finally buckle down and start to think about Syracuse," Reid said. "Right when that whistle blows, it's like, 'Alright, we've done some damage. We've won another New England title, which was big for us, but there is a lot more damage for us to do. There is a lot more damage that we can cause, and it's 'Cuse this weekend'."

Yeah, another Syracuse weekend, another meeting between two intense rivals and another giant outdoor party in the center of campus.

"I've seen the fans throw oranges, which was pretty crazy," Reid said. "Hopefully, we can avoid that this weekend because we don't need that penalty... People just get nutty. They have a good time."

They've been waiting a long while to have a good time, too. And that time is nearing as each minute passes.

Tomorrow, at 1 p.m., chapter 31 of this storied rivalry will be written.

With so much anticipation leading up to tomorrow, though, the Minutemen will have to do something to clear their heads tonight.

"We'll go out and have a good dinner, probably play some Halo, and then we'll go to bed and try to get some sleep," Reid said.

"We relax, hang out with each other and just lay low," UMass attackman Sean Morris said. "It's the quiet before the storm."

Enough said.

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Softball prepares for home game

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(26 stolen bases). Senior Denise Denis is tied with Puglia on the season with 29 RBI and has the third highest slugging percentage at .544. Sophomore Amanda Morin has stepped up her game during the second portion of the season, and now has four homeruns and 11 RBI.

Substitution is a major factor of Sortino's game plan this season, as freshman Maggie Fiex, sophomore Michea Holness, sophomore Amanda Acampora and junior Lesley Ferrara have all come off of the bench at critical moments in 2005. All in all, the starters, as well as the backups have produced throughout the season.

"I'm very pleased, I'm pleased with the fact that I said a long time ago that we could hit [in the lineup] 1-9," Sortino said. "There's also kids on the bench, 10, 11, 12, 13 that are capable on the offense for us too."

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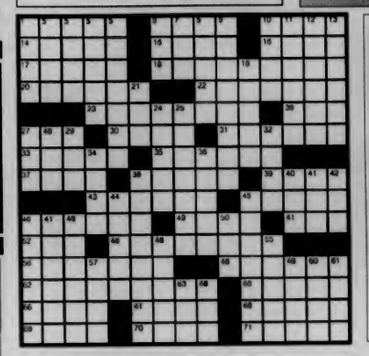


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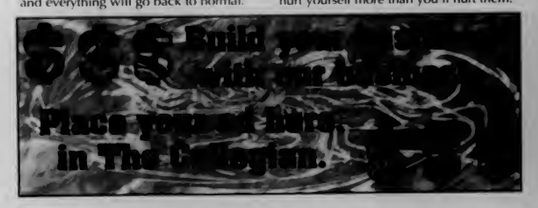
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The champs are coming to town

UMass gears up for 'Cuse

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

As the University of Massachusetts prepares for a weekend of music and spirits during its annual Spring Weekend, the No. 8 Massachusetts men's lacrosse team is looking to put on the best show in town.

Tomorrow at 1 p.m., the Minutemen (10-2 4-1 ECAC) will face longtime rival and defending national champion No. 7 Syracuse (7-4) at Garber Field in their last home game of the season.

"I can remember playing on Spring Weekend here and it was a big deal. If people want to come out and see what I think are two of the top teams in lacrosse right now, it should be a pretty good show, we hope," UMass coach Greg Cannella said.

The last time the Maroon and White faced off against Syracuse was May 1 of last year at the Carrier Dome, when the Orange up-handed the Minutemen 17-10.

The Minutemen won the meeting a year before at Garber Field when they defeated the Orange 14-13 in overtime. It was UMass' first victory over Syracuse in 20 years.

UMass has been one of the most consistent teams in the country over the last month and has yet to lose during April, tallying five-straight wins. The Minutemen defeated four-straight ECAC opponents (Penn State, St. Johns, Hobart, and Georgetown, respectively) after losing its only conference game to Loyola on March 26.

Cannella, however, knows that the Orange have the upper hand in this one-sided semi-rivalry fight and is reluctant to change his approach as his team continues its search for its cohesive consistency.

"There's momentum every time you win, but,

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COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Junior Sean Morris and the UMass lacrosse team will meet up with Syracuse tomorrow at 1 p.m. at Garber Field. Morris has been a factor this season and leads the team with 32 goals and 50 points.

Game is a big deal



Jeff Howe

Whenever the defending national champions come to town, it's a big deal. Whenever the No. 7 team in the country plays the No. 8 team in the country, it's a big deal.

Whenever the Massachusetts men's lacrosse team hosts the Syracuse Orange, it's not really a big deal, though.

It's huge.

In fact, go to your local bookstore, buy a thesaurus, check out the word, "huge," and plug in every synonym you can find.

Then multiply it by 5,000.

Why 5,000?

Just ask former UMass coach Ted Garber, who captained the Gorilla ship for four years in the early 1990s.

Before a UMass/Cuse game at the field named after his father, he received a phone call from the Amherst police.

Five thousand oranges were missing from UMass' dining halls. Everyone knew where they would turn up.

Another time during his coaching tenure, the University allowed a group of students to

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Baseball grabs a win

By Todd Foster
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts baseball team put up a season-high 19 hits yesterday, but gave itself some difficulty in the later innings before pulling out an 11-8 win over Sacred Heart at Earl Lorden Field.

The Minutemen return to action this weekend when they host a three-game series with St. Bonaventure. Saturday will be a doubleheader beginning at noon with Sunday's game also at noon.

After the Minutemen fell behind 2-0 in the first inning, they answered with a four-run, two out rally in the bottom of the frame. Senior center fielder Jason Twissley started things off with a single to center field, then quickly stole second. He would score on senior left fielder Chris Szabo single to left.

Sophomore shortstop Bryan Adamski continued his hot hitting with a double to left center that put two runners in scoring position. On a 0-1 pitch, sophomore designated hitter Michael Weiner laced a single to right to drive in two runs. After Weiner advanced to second on a pass ball, sophomore catcher Bryan Guerin would collect the final rbi of the rally with an RBI single to right field to score Weiner.

With the score at 6-3 in the bottom of the sixth, the Maroon and White added another four runs, that nearly gave away the lead by allowing the Pioneers to score five runs over the next two innings.

The Minutemen also continued their struggle on defense with three errors.

"Once again, even though we [won], I feel we made things difficult on ourselves by walking people, hitting people, not having command and we made those errors shouldn't have made," UMass coach Mike Stone said. "You know, it's a struggle. We were up 11-4 and [it was] a long inning, we struggled to finish."

"I expect better defense," Stone added. "I expect better pitching performances or at least command of the [strike zone]. I expect more from [certain] situations. That's the frustrating part. When you're [playing] you expect more. [When you're] up and not getting it, you [get frustrated]."

Turning to his number two starter, senior lefty Keith

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ANDY TAMULYNAS/COLLEGIAN

The Minuteman baseball team outlasted Sacred Heart yesterday at Earl Lorden Field. They will play three games this weekend.

A-10 weekend on tap for UM

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

It's crunch time for the Massachusetts softball team (26-14-1 9-3 Atlantic 10), which has seven regular season games remaining this season, with four of them being in-conference decisions. Two of those A-10 match ups will take place at the UMass Softball Complex this afternoon in a doubleheader against La Salle (12-32-1 2-8 A-10).

Although the two teams have dissimilar records — UMass in third place in the A-10 and the Explorers in eighth — the Minutewomen will try and avoid history repeating itself.

On Apr. 17, the Maroon and White faced, and lost to, the team ranked at the bottom of the A-10 standings, Temple (13-27 2-10 A-10). The consequence of this loss was the end of an 82-game winning streak at the UMass Softball Complex as well as a 9-game season winning streak.

After today's doubleheader, the Minutewomen have only three home games left in the regular season. While there are positives with playing at home, there is a certain amount of tension as the regular season begins to wind down.

"It's nice to play in the surroundings in which you practice, it's an advantage to know your field and know the wall," UMass coach Elaine Sortino said. "There's pressure playing at home to. The expectation level here is extremely high for us."

With the 2005 tourney beginning on May 12, the team's only focus right now is today's game versus La Salle. The Minutewomen will have to stop senior Liz Greenfield, however, who leads the Explorers with 24 runs batted in and a batting average of .283.

On the mound and facing Greenfield and the rest of the La Salle sluggers, will be senior Barb LaFogg and junior Jenna Busa.

LaFogg — the A-10 Co-pitcher of the Week — has totaled an A-10-high176 strikeouts on the season and currently has an ERA of 2.09. In Tuesday's doubleheader sweep of Harvard, LaFogg struck out seven batters and allowed four hits in the Game 1 comeback win.

Game 2 today will feature Busa, a Lexington native, who has been getting her job done at the plate lately as well. Busa's 99 strikeouts are good for fifth most in the A-10 and her ERA now stands at 2.42.

Strutting the second best team-batting in the conference, the Minutewomen will use their offensive power to try and overcome La Salle pitcher Laura DeZolt, who has recorded 98 strikeouts this season, and holds an ERA of 3.51.

Junior KJ Kelley is the leader of the team in more ways than one. While she is a veteran leader on and off of the field, the catcher also leads the team statistically in batting average (.376), home runs (9), RBI (30) and slugging percentage (.743).

Last year's A-10 Player of the Year, senior Hilary Puglia, has been nursing an arm injury, which has bumped freshman Stacy Cullington into the lineup. In Wednesday's doubleheader sweep of Harvard, the freshman recorded three hits and three RBI while homering in Game 1.

Despite her injury, Puglia leads the A-10 in doubles with 11 and is second on the team in batting average, with a mark of .347.

Other play makers include freshman Lauren Proctor (.333 BA, 39 hits and 24 RBI) and sophomore Candice Molinari

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ANDY TAMULYNAS/COLLEGIAN

Junior pitcher Jenna Busa has been an important part of the UMass softball team this season. Busa currently has an ERA of 2.42 and has struck out 99 batters this season.

Minutewomen look for upset

By Ian Kilpatrick
Collegian Staff

After officially being knocked out of contention for the Atlantic 10 tournament last Sunday by losing to George Washington, the struggling Massachusetts women's lacrosse team (5-10 1-4) heads into the weekend without any pressure for the first time in a while.

The team takes on Temple (8-6 4-1) in Philadelphia today, a team that no one on UMass's roster has ever experienced a win against. Sunday, the team takes on Richmond (6-7 4-2) on senior day and is the last game of what has been a tough, and somewhat disappointing season for the Minutewomen.

All there is left to do for this 2005 UMass squad is to play for pride and for the future. This young team has a bright future and will have to use every game they can to grow as players. The seniors, on the other hand, are playing to finish their career strong.

"I told them our seniors to set an example and go out with a bang, and what they do today on the field, and what they leave this year will certainly show up next year," coach Carrie Bolduc said. "What they do today will show up tomorrow."

With the pressure lifted, it is possible that the youthful Minutewomen may be able to play a little more relaxed and possibly more mistake free. They have made improvements, but every game has been a big game, which is hard for any team especially one with nine freshmen.

The upcoming games give the underclassmen a chance to try new things, take risks and play hard without having to worry about the consequences of mistakes.

"In a way, the pressure's not there so it'll be interesting to see how [my young] girls take into it and I think

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Around the world series continues with Asia

By CAMERON METHNER
COLLEGIAN STAFF

Mengyi Liu, "Chloris," an undergraduate exchange student studying Journalism presented to a group of 25 at the third night of presentations of Prince/Crampton's Around the World in 30 Days.

Last the Prince -Crampton cluster hosted five presenters on Asia. Liu began her presentation on Taiwan by touching briefly on political tensions between China and Taiwan, "I know it's a sensitive question but I consider myself Taiwanese."

Liu gave the group a basic breakdown of Taiwan's political past starting at the establishment of democracy and struggle for the end of the ruling Monarchy, then continuing to the fight between the rising Communism and Democracy.

She then spoke about Taiwan's varied landscapes, "Jade Mt. Is almost 13,000ft high, at the top you look down and you are higher than the clouds."

Liu also touched upon the technological aspects of Taiwan, "A building In Taipei, the capital, has over 100 floors; it's higher than the Empire State Building. It is dangerous though, we constantly hear that stones keep falling off of it."

Liu mentioned the night life as being very busy, "After nine you have to order out here, but in Taiwan there are Night Markets open late." At the end of the presentation Liu proudly showed the group a picture of bubble tea and said, "Taiwanese invented bubble tea, and there most people drink a cup a day."

Dana Alhaffer, 28, a graduate student in the School of Education presented the Syrian Arab Republic. Alhaffer started her power-point presentation on Syria with facts on the demographics of Syria's people.

She then moved to the historical aspects of her country, "Syria is called "the cradle of civilization" because man was found first in this area." She then passed around a carved wooden box and a piece of fabric both made in the same traditions from ancient Elba, known for its carved wood, silk, and mother-of-pearl. Alhaffer while talking about Syria's political history tried to keep it light-hearted.

"So many people came to Syria everyone invaded us." She mentioned that Venetian glass was brought back from Syria to Venice by two Italian brothers. Alhaffer moved on to talk about the idea that Syria is a desert, "We do have a desert but Syria also looks like England and Germany, it is green."

Alhaffer finished up her presentation with talking about the Bosra Amphitheatre, "If you stand on the stage and a friend sits at the very top, and you whisper your friend can hear you. I've tried it."

We were then taken farther East to India where Alok Banga, 28, a graduate student studying Public Health and Policy, brought new insight to the group.

"The last 10,000 years India has not invaded another country, which is impressive," said Banga when starting out on India's history.

The theme of India said Banga is peace and contentment, which is why all of the religions that are present in India live together peacefully.

Banga had the crowd laughing when he mentioned that India too is the oldest civilization, just like Syria. Banga boasted about India's achievements, from things like a university in 700 B.C. to the calculation of pie.

He moved quickly to the arts, literature and architectural advances in India. "The Taj Mahal is a tomb that was built to remember a king's wife, now that's impressive," said Banga. "Bollywood" or India's productive movie industry, which is the largest producers of movies in the world, was also mentioned. Banga spoke briefly on the tension between India and Pakistan, attributing the problems to British rule and their policy of "divide and rule". Banga was very proud of India in its treatment of women, "Women have been rulers since the 13th century. Our culture is very open; men and women could marry more than one person, of any sex they wanted." Throughout the presentation Banga kept stressing the important fact that Hinduism is not a religion but a way of life.

Stephen Moy, a junior economics major, who taught English in China for two months, he said learned a

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A Hoedown for the records

This weekend Amherst Police braced themselves for the annual Hobart Hoedown. Due to weather and confusion about location, most students opted against the hoedown on Saturday night.

Same-sex marriages debate continues

BOSTON (AP) — Approaching the anniversary of the nation's first gay marriages, the state's highest court on Monday hears a bid to halt same-sex couples from marrying until voters can weigh in.

A lawsuit filed by C.J. Doyle, executive director of the Catholic Action League, claims the marriages interfere with voters' ability to participate in the debate on a proposed constitutional ban of same-sex marriages.

Last March, two months before the Supreme Judicial Court's landmark ruling took effect, the Legislature approved a constitutional amendment that would ban gay marriage. Lawmakers must pass the measure a second time, either this year or next, before it can reach the statewide ballot in November 2006.

"What we're saying is that the dialogue, the robust debate that should be taking place, is being affected and shaped by the continuing marriages," said Doyle's attorney, Chester Darling.

Justice Roderick Ireland rejected Doyle's petition last year, but the full court is hearing his appeal.

Lawyers for Doyle, Attorney General Thomas Reilly's office and the Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders are scheduled to deliver oral arguments before the high court on Monday. A spokesman for Reilly, whose role is to defend the law, said the office does not comment on cases going before the court.

GLAD argues that Doyle has failed to show exactly how issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples interferes with his ability to vote.

"The right of gay and lesbian couples to marry poses absolutely no harm to Mr. Doyle, the Catholic Action League or anybody else," said GLAD attorney Michele Granda.

Around 5,000 same-sex couples have married since the high court issued its 4-3 ruling in November 2003. The ruling took effect May 17.

Ireland, one of four judges who voted to legalize gay marriage, said couples shouldn't be denied the right to marry based on the mere possibility that voters will approve the amendment.

—Associated Press

Bride gets cold feet, fakes abduction

By MARY PEREA
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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A Georgia bride-to-be who vanished just days before her wedding turned up in New Mexico and fabricated a tale of abduction before admitting Saturday that she had gotten cold feet and "needed some time alone," police said.

Jennifer Wilbanks, 32, was in police custody more than 1,420 miles from her home on what was supposed to be her wedding day.

"It turns out that Miss Wilbanks basically felt the pressure of this large wedding and could not handle it," said Randy Belcher, the police chief in Duluth, Ga., the Atlanta suburb where Wilbanks lives with her fiance. He said there would be no criminal charges.

Wilbanks, whose disappearance set off a nationwide hunt, called her fiance, John Mason, from a pay phone late Friday and told him that she had been kidnapped while jogging three days before, authorities said. Her family rejoiced that she was safe, telling reporters that the media coverage apparently got to the kidnappers.

But Wilbanks soon recanted, according to police.

Ray Schultz, chief of police in Albuquerque, said Wilbanks "had become scared and concerned about her impending marriage and decided she needed some time alone." He said she traveled to Las Vegas by bus before going to Albuquerque.

"She's obviously very concerned about the stress that she's been through, the stress that's been placed on her family," he said. "She is very upset."

The mood outside Wilbanks' home went from jubilant to somber after Wilbanks changed her story. Family members ducked inside and the blinds were drawn, but later expressed relief that Wilbanks was safe.

"Sure, we were all disappointed, maybe a little embarrassed, but you know what, if you remember all the interviews yesterday we were praying, 'At this point let her be a runaway bride,'" said the Rev. Alan Jones, who was to perform the wedding. "So God was faithful. Jennifer's alive and we're all thankful for that."



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Friends and family breathe a sigh of relief after missing bride Jennifer Wilbanks was found safe on Saturday.

Jones said the family had no idea that Wilbanks had fears about the wedding, and he believed she "probably had no clue how it had been blown out of proportion" while she

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Four men arrested in treasure hoax

By JAY LINDSAY
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METHUEN — Four men who made national headlines by claiming they dug up a buried treasure in a back yard were charged Friday with stealing the cache of old currency while doing a roofing job at someone's home.

The arrests came after the men made several appearances on national television, and police noticed how the story seemed to change each time.

Two men were arrested early Friday, and a third turned himself in to police Friday night.

Authorities said Barry Billcliff, Timothy Crebase and Matt Ingham were repairing a barn roof in Newbury when they discovered the stash, which included 1,800 bank notes and bills dating from 1899 to 1928 and is worth up to $125,000.

The roofers came up with a story about finding it in a box while digging under a tree in the back yard of a house Crebase rented from Kevin Kozak, and convinced the landlord to go along, police said.

Lawyers for Billcliff and Crebase said Friday their clients were sticking to their account.

"There is no evidence, none, that my client committed any crime," said Billcliff's lawyer, Alexander Cain.

Crebase, 24, and Billcliff, 27, of Manchester, N.H., pleaded innocent Friday to charges of receiving stolen property, conspiracy and accessory after the fact. Crebase posted $1,000 bail and was released. Billcliff was released after posting $5,000 bail.

Kozak, 27, of Methuen, surrendered and posted bail Friday

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New violence shaking Iraq, killing 10

By BUSHRA JUHI
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BAGHDAD, Iraq — Insurgents launched fresh attacks in Baghdad and northern Iraq on Saturday, killing at least 10 Iraqis and wounding more than 30, officials said, in a second day of violence aimed at shaking the country's newly formed government.

At a meeting of Iraq's neighbors in Turkey, meanwhile, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan warned the violence was "not solely the concern of the Iraqis but ours as well."

Some of the worst attacks occurred in the capital, still reeling from Friday's onslaught in which at least 17 bombs exploded in Iraq, killing 50 people, including three U.S. soldiers.

A suicide car bomb exploded Saturday near the offices of the National Dialogue Council, a coalition of 10 Sunni Arab factions that had been negotiating for a stake in Iraq's new Shiite-dominated government. The blast killed two Iraqi civilians and wounded 18, police said.

Another suicide car bomb targeting an Iraqi army patrol exploded Saturday near the Mohammad Rasoul Allah Mosque in eastern Baghdad, killing two Iraqi women and a girl, and seriously wounding four soldiers, police Lt. Col. Ahmed Abboud Effait said.

Two Iraqis — a policeman and a former official in Saddam Hussein's Baath Party — also died in shootings Saturday in Baghdad, police said.

U.S. officials had hoped Iraq's new government, which was approved Thursday and takes office on Tuesday, would help dent support for the militants within the Sunni Arab minority that dominated under Saddam and is believed to be driving the insurgency.

However, the lineup of Cabinet ministers named by

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Barry Billcliff, left and Tim Crebase, right, stand in Lawrence District Court for their arraignment Friday.



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great deal and gave some tips. "The food is really different, they sold scorpions on sticks, and the pizza is not "pizza" so watch out." Moy is half Chinese and went to the South of China to teach English. "It was especially difficult since I didn't speak Chinese."

He gave the impromptu presentation a serious tone when he said, "My grandmother used a fake ID to leave China, and we use fake IDs to drink." Besides having a broken foot and having to go to an American Embassy hospital Moy said he had a good time. "They asked me if I knew Kobe Bryant since I played basketball, I don't, but I told them I did," said Moy. He finished his presentation with a story about mountain mosquitoes and how his arm swelled to twice its normal size after being bitten by one of them.

The final presenter was a resident assistant from Prince who studied martial arts. Arthur LaPlante gave a brief lineage of martial arts and the story behind the praying mantis style of martial arts. He gave a demonstration of what he had studied and said, "I had ailments going into martial arts, but the moves are like deep tissue work and were able to realign my knees. The problems just disappeared."

LaPlante is in the Chemistry PhD program here at UMass and was one of the resident assistants who organized the presenters. The two other organizers were Steve Sasso, a Prince resident assistant who is studying Hospitality and Tourism Management and Ching Yin Yu "Wendy" who is a Crampton resident assistant and is a junior studying finance and economics.

Surge of attacks wounds dozens

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Prime Minister-designate Ibrahim al-Jaafari after months of political wrangling excluded Sunnis from meaningful positions and left the key defense and oil ministries in temporary hands.

Insurgents also launched three separate attacks Saturday in Mosul, 225 miles northwest of Baghdad, killing three Iraqis and wounding eight, police 1st Lt. Mahmoud Arif Yahya said.

A suicide car bomb exploded near a police patrol, killing a woman who was passing by and wounding four policemen, said Dr. Abdul Sattar Ramadhan al-Khalidi at Mosul's Jimhouri Hospital.

Elsewhere in the city, a roadside bomb missed its police patrol target, killing two Iraqi civilians and wounding two others and gunmen opened fire on a separate police patrol, wounding two officers, al-Khalidi said.

Two civilian bystanders were wounded when a roadside bomb aimed at a police patrol exploded south of Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, army Brig. Hamid Al-Timimi said.

An audiotape released Friday by one of America's most-wanted insurgents, Abu-Musab al-Zarqawi, warned President Bush there was more bloodshed to come. In Washington, an intelligence official said the tape appeared to be genuine.

"You, Bush, we will not rest until we avenge our dignity," the speaker said on the audiotape that was posted on the Internet. "We will not rest while your army is here as long as there is a pulse in our veins."

In separate statements, posted on a Web site known for its militant content, al-Zarqawi's al-Qaida in Iraq group claimed responsibility for two of Friday's most deadly assaults — four suicide car bombings in one Baghdad neighborhood and four more bombings in Madain, south of the capital. The claims could not be verified.

Despite Friday's bloody toll, the U.S. military maintained that attacks are diminishing overall in Iraq.

Erdogan opened a meeting of foreign ministers from Jordan, Syria, Kuwait, Iran, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Egypt, expressing concern about Iraq's new government and fear that Iraq's violence could spread to the region.



A man stands atop a mangled car that was parked near a suicide bomber in Baghdad on Saturday. The bomb killed at least 10 people.

GA family members relieved about bride

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was traveling across the country.

He said Mason had no hostility toward his fiancee.

"I have never met such a strong person in all my life," Jones said. "He's an incredible man."

The wedding was to have been a huge bash. The couple had mailed 600 invitations, and the ceremony was to feature 14 bridesmaids and 14 groomsmen.

Wilbanks, who is a nurse, was tired and thirsty, but was not complaining of any injuries Saturday, officials said. Her hair, which was long in pictures released by her family, was shoulder-length.

Authorities will "get her showered, get her something to eat and then reunite her with her family," Albuquerque police spokeswoman Trish Ahrensfield said. Wilbanks' family planned to fly to Albuquerque later Saturday.

Just hours before Wilbanks called her fiance, police in Duluth said they had no solid leads in the case and began dismantling a search center. Relatives offered a $100,000 reward for information and were planning a prayer vigil.

The hunt for Wilbanks had consumed Duluth, a tight-knit town. Her picture and newspaper articles about her disappearance were on telephone poles and shop windows. Police had also seized three computers from the home she shared with Mason.

Mason had become a target of suspicion and agreed to a private polygraph test, which Wilbanks' family said he passed. He had been negotiating with authorities for another test.

"That's been the hardest part for me," Mason said after Wilbanks called from Albuquerque. "It gives you a feeling like you can't walk outside your home."

Mason did not speak publicly after Wilbanks said she lied about being abducted. Her uncle, Mike Satterfield, thanked people who had helped in the search.

"Jennifer had some issues the family was not aware of. We're looking forward to loving her and talking to her about these issues," he said.

Men caught after bragging to media

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night, said Police Lt. Thomas Fram. He was scheduled to be arraigned on the same charges on Monday.

Ingham, 23, of Newton, N.H., was also sought on the same charges. Methuen Police Chief Joseph E. Solomon said that Ingham was believed to be in Florida.

Police said Crebase confessed to finding the money stuffed in rusting tin cans in the gutter of a barn they were repairing. Investigators said they were not convinced it was found in a barn and that it might have been taken from the barn owners' house.

Crebase's lawyer said Friday that the confession was not recorded and should be thrown out.

"The people who own the house were not aware the money was there," said Solomon, adding that most of the money was recovered, but some was probably already sold.

The family that owns the property on which the money was found was surprised, their lawyer said in television interviews Friday.

"They have been following the story, as we all have over the last several days with interest, and obviously I think they were quite surprised to find out they were thrust into the middle of the story," attorney Joseph Sullivan said.

The arrest of Billeliff and Crebase interrupted their planned appearance Thursday night on ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live" because they were being booked by police around the time the show was airing. They were to have been interviewed from the yard where they claimed they had found the money while digging.

Police also noticed that the money appeared to be in remarkably good condition for being buried a foot below the ground through decades of New England weather.

"We would have expected the money to be a lot more deteriorated," Solomon said.

Police received an anonymous call on Tuesday from a woman who said the story the men had been telling was a lie, according to an investigative report filed in court.

They interviewed neighbors who said they hadn't seen anyone digging in the backyard of Crebase's house in Methuen, a blue-collar town on the New Hampshire border. And a coin shop owner who examined the money told investigators the men gave him conflicting accounts of how they found it.

When police asked Billcliff to show them the box he said the cash had been in, he claimed he had thrown it away, the report said.

Police said Crebase stuck to his story when he was first interviewed on Thursday night. But when detectives told Crebase they had new information and pressed him, "Mr. Crebase's face became red" and he confessed, the report said.

But Crebase's lawyer, Michael Ruane, said the confession was not recorded and should not be allowed as evidence.

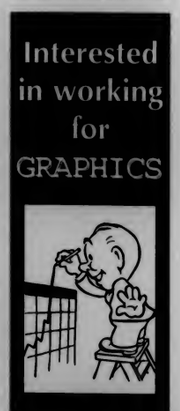
"If the commonwealth can't show a location from which the money is taken, or even if it was taken, there's no case," he said.



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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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New 'Action Plan' still not acceptable to students

University of Massachusetts Chancellor John V. Lombardi has finally released his revised "On Improving Campus Diversity Action Plan" after dealing with many complaints and concerns from students and faculty. The report, however, seems to hardly be an improvement over the previous one.

In the new report, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life Michael Gargano named UMass Associate Chancellor Esther M. Terry to oversee and enforce the rulings and decisions of Lombardi's plan.

What the administration has obviously neglected to address is the unhappiness the student body has expressed with the lumping together of RSOs to be headed up by the administration. The voice of the students is still being silenced and by appointing the Associate Chancellor, who in turn must answer to her boss, Gargano, the proposal is barely an improvement from having the Vice Chancellor do the job himself.

One other aspect of the plan that was mentioned consisted of mergers and reallocations of campus services and student groups into a Center for Student Development. By merging departments such as Commuter Services with Housing Services, it is even more apparent that the administration has not considered the students' needs. Due to budget cuts, the journalism major was combined with the communication major and consequently students feel that while they were given personal attention within their individual majors before, they are now neglected and strained by the merge. This is just one example of students' opinions being neglected in the Action Plan.

In addition, the new Action Plan proposes to discontinue the Office of African, Latino, Asian and Native Americans Affairs' affiliation with the Student Government Association and place it under the control of the new CSD. This will further limit the ability for the OAA to voice their concerns and affect change within the UMass community.

The SGA is a representative voice of the UMass student population and has been very vociferous pertaining to the needs of students and how they're viewed in this proposed Action Plan. SGA officials have opposed the new plan and recognize it as inadequate in addressing student needs.

The administration has had a long-standing tension with the SGA, which was particularly made evident this past year. Out of all the opportunities the administration has had to prove themselves to the student body, this decision could have portrayed them in a positive light and possibly smooth over some of the previous tensions. However, once again, they have failed and the students are the ones to pay for their failure.

Lombardi has referred to this Action Plan as a "blueprint." Going by that logic, this would imply that it is not set in stone and allows for changes and considerations to be made. However, since the students haven't been heard this past semester on the issues at hand, what chance do we have of being recognized the next time around? If the administration expects students to accept such an inconsiderate proposal, than they underestimate the student body.

There have been no real improvements made in this proposal, only clarifications. By clarifying their original stances that were not agreed upon by the student body in the first place, what makes them think students will agree with them now? If the initial ideas were ones that needed further explanation to begin with, perhaps their lack of clarity may be a hint to their flaws.

If the best the administration can do is appoint someone to head the RSOs, maybe a student representative agreed upon by both students and administrators would leave a better taste in the students' mouths. At least then the administration would prove that they are attempting to be accommodating to students rather than merely dictating the future of the university.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

TRUTH BEHIND POKER AS INCOME

This editorial is in response to the April 27 article by Jill Bergeron, which was entitled "Students are turning to poker for income." A great deal of the information contained therein is misleading, and could be potentially dangerous to the naive reader.

One of the individuals was quoted as saying, "I usually make $120-$140 each week." As a professional player, I am very familiar with what types of income are possible for players in various games. An average-to-good player can manage to beat a no-limit Texas Hold 'Em game for roughly 10 big bets (in no-limit, twice the size of the big blind) for every 100 hands played.

We'll be generous and assume that the individual in question plays in a 50-cent/one dollar game. For every 100 hands played in this game, our average-to-good winning player will make, on average, $20, in order to generate $120 a week, the player would have to play 600 hands a week.

Online poker, which moves fast, allows an individual to play approximately 80 hands per hour (at least this has been the case in my now four-year career of playing at UMass). Our average-to-good player would therefore need to play 20 hours a week to make an average of $120.

According to Bergeron's article, the individual quoted plays "two to three nights a week." That comes out to about eight to 10 hours of playing on each of those nights. To assume that the individual plays this many hours a night does not seem plausible.

Furthermore, 600 hands is an incredibly small sample of hands. That same average-to-good player would experience a standard deviation of roughly 30 big bets for every 100 hands played. In other words, after playing 100 hands, our player is equally likely to be up $70 or down $50 or anywhere in between. With this kind of variance, the statistical probability of anyone on Earth being able to never have a losing week, let alone to make over $100 a week consistently, is nil.

Incidentally, world-class poker players can experience losing streaks of over 30,000 hands in duration. As such, to say that poker is a main source of income for many students is simply incorrect. To my knowledge, there are at least five and probably no more than 10 UMass students who are able to generate legitimate incomes from poker. The range of yearly average incomes among those that I am aware of is between $30,000-$250,000. They all pay federal income taxes on their winnings.

The danger inherent in Bergeron's article is, first, that it reinforces the delusion that the vast majority of poker players have; namely, that they are able to subsist on an income derived solely from poker. And secondly, it creates more and more of a rapidly growing number of young persons who start playing with money they cannot afford to gamble.

As a founding member of www.UmassPoker.com, a non-profit site home to a community of nearly 500 UMass poker players who share information, discuss theory and dispel "get-rich-quick" rumors, I hope that this editorial reveals the truth behind attempting to derive your income as a poker player.

David E. Rudman
UMass student

Sweets and the city



World Perspectives

Paige Cram

Last night, my roommates and I discovered the secret bakery. There have been rumors all semester of its existence, but the only people who knew of its location refused to disclose it. Yesterday, a rumor started going around that this secret bakery was right around the corner from our apartment so we were determined to find it.

The bakery exists to supply all of the cafes in Florence with fresh pastries each day, but every morning between the hours of 2 a.m. and 5 a.m., it opens to the public ... sort of. It's completely unmarked, with a frosted glass door and the only sign outside simply says, "Silenzio, per favore." The front door opens into an obscure alley, so even those who have found it can't tell you how to get there. Our only instructions were to walk down some side streets and sniff. We were told that when we were nearby, we'd know.

It didn't seem likely that we would succeed in our hunt when we set out at 3 a.m., but after a long night of dancing, we were counting on our hunger to help us out. We hadn't walked more than a block when I smelled it: the distinct aroma of sugary, warm, flakey bread. We followed our noses around a corner and into an alley, which under normal circumstances I wouldn't consider walking down.

And there it was.

Exactly as our classmate had described it: just a frosted doorway glowing with the warmth of hard-working ovens but guarding itself from being seen by the outside world. At the time, we were the only ones in the secret bakery so it made the whole place seem that much more mysterious. We picked out our secret pastries and carried them back to our apartment to eat them ... secretly, but as we sat in our kitchen, thankful for our delicious discovery, I made another one of my own.

I may have only had a taste of what Florence has to offer, but what a delicious taste it was.

I've been living in this city for over three months and it occurred to me at that moment that it doesn't even come close to being enough time to learn the ins and outs of a place. All semester, we've been running around town trying different clubs and restaurants, visiting the museums, hanging out in the parks, going to soccer games and all the while thinking we are living like true Florentines. The only consolation for us leaving so soon was that we felt like we had really gotten to know this city when the truth of the matter is, we have only just been introduced. There are probably lots of secret bakeries, secret bars, maybe even secret supermarkets all over the place, but four months is simply not enough time to find them all.

We all feel like at least we understand Florence: we know its patterns, its rhythm. We finally managed to figure out when things will be open or when there will be a strike. We know the waiters at our favorite restaurants and the side streets we can take to avoid the tourists. But when it comes down to it, there will always be places like the secret bakery, places that divide the real locals from the fakers like us.

By the time this article is printed, I will probably be back in the good ol' U.S. of A, readjusting to being surrounded by all the things and people that I've been living without these past few months. It all seems to have happened so fast, and in a few short days it will all be over. I may not be coming away with an expert knowledge of the city I've lived in since January, but I'd like to think my friends and I bit off as much as we could chew in such a short time. I may have only had a taste of what Florence has to offer, but what a delicious taste it was.

Paige Cram is a Collegian columnist on exchange in Italy.

The debauchery of marriage



Allison Edles

When faced with a difficult situation, many of us find ourselves turning to people or certain places for answers or assistance. However, in the case of Jennifer Wilbanks, a bride-to-be in Georgia who was getting cold feet before her wedding, she faked her own kidnapping. Her kidnapping launched a nationwide search, which ended up involving Georgia police officials, Nevada police officials and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I can only imagine the mental process she was going through before she decided to go jogging the Friday night before her wedding and, consequently, disappear. "I mean, I just can't stand his snoring anymore, and that damn dog he's always in love with ... I'm his fiancee and I deserve the attention. Hmm, bet he'll miss me if I wasn't around."

This little story reminded me of those people who choose to fake their own death for what they can get out of it, such as a large sum of insurance money or a house or something. However, this was just silly. The reception was already paid for, the guests already set up in the hotel rooms and a priest was all ready to go. That priest could have been baptizing 10 babies in the time it took for this whole ordeal to be finished with.

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If the majority of people in this country spent their time running from things, we would never get anything accomplished. Most of us get cold feet whenever we stand up in front of a large audience, but that doesn't stop us from accepting our diplomas at graduation.

The inconvenience alone was something that was irreversible. Wilbanks would honestly have been better off pulling a biblical move and switching her place with one of her girlfriends or something. At least all the money on the reception wouldn't have completely gone to waste. As ridiculous as that sounds, it's another option, one that doesn't warrant FBI involvement.

However, this situation also reminded me of all the people my age who are getting married. Sure, the amount of time each couple has known each other varies, ranging from six months to five years. And yes, Wilbanks was not 19, but 32. In short, she should have known better, but these "young adults" who think marriage is the way to go because they're one of the lucky ones to have found and maintained a successful relationship are idealists.

With 50 percent of marriages ending in divorce in this country, it is obvious to say that marriage no longer symbolizes what it used to. In a way, if the goal is to make a marriage last forever, it would be better to marry for political reasons or wealth than for love. At least then there is a tangible reason for the union.

Marriage is forced on members of society which is a factor that contributes greatly to people rushing into marriage. The point is hammered into people's heads that, if you don't get married by a certain age, you will ultimately end up unwanted and worthless. Really now, this is also a ludicrous concept.

The backgrounds of Wilbanks's engagement were not made known; however, there must have been obvious discomforts. Consequently, the marriage was not meant to be.

The institute of marriage has been made a mockery of in this society. Perhaps we can thank many of Hollywood's major celebrities for this. However, there are many reasons out there that make marriage very sensible, such as insurance benefits, tax cuts and financial aid. While I believe there should definitely be a mutual appreciation and some sort of emotional attachment to each other in addition to the other reasons for marriage, it seems as if it is not required anymore.

People today glorify the celebration of marriage rather than the actual bond between the two people getting married. This is where the downfall began, when the dress the bride wore became more important than the vows being spoken. It is our society's equivalent to Milton's "Paradise Lost."

Wilbanks's kidnapping fiasco was, perhaps, the ultimate slap in the face to her family-to-be and to all married couples. By her running away from the situation in the manner that she did, not to mention getting the FBI involved, made it clear to America that she'd rather have nationwide attention than a legal union. It was an extremely selfish act on her part and, more over, very insulting to the rest of us for having to read this dribble on the front page of the New York Times.

In the end, her actions provided no lesson for anyone to walk away with and only succeeded in making her undesirable, not just to her fiancée, but to any other potential suitors. Nicely done.

Allison Edles is a Collegian editor.

What is your opinion of the revised Action Plan released on Friday?

A) I think it's a big improvement over Lombardi's previous proposal.
B) I think it's a good starting point, but it still needs some work.
C) I think students were ignored completely in the drafting of the new proposal.
D) This issue doesn't concern me.

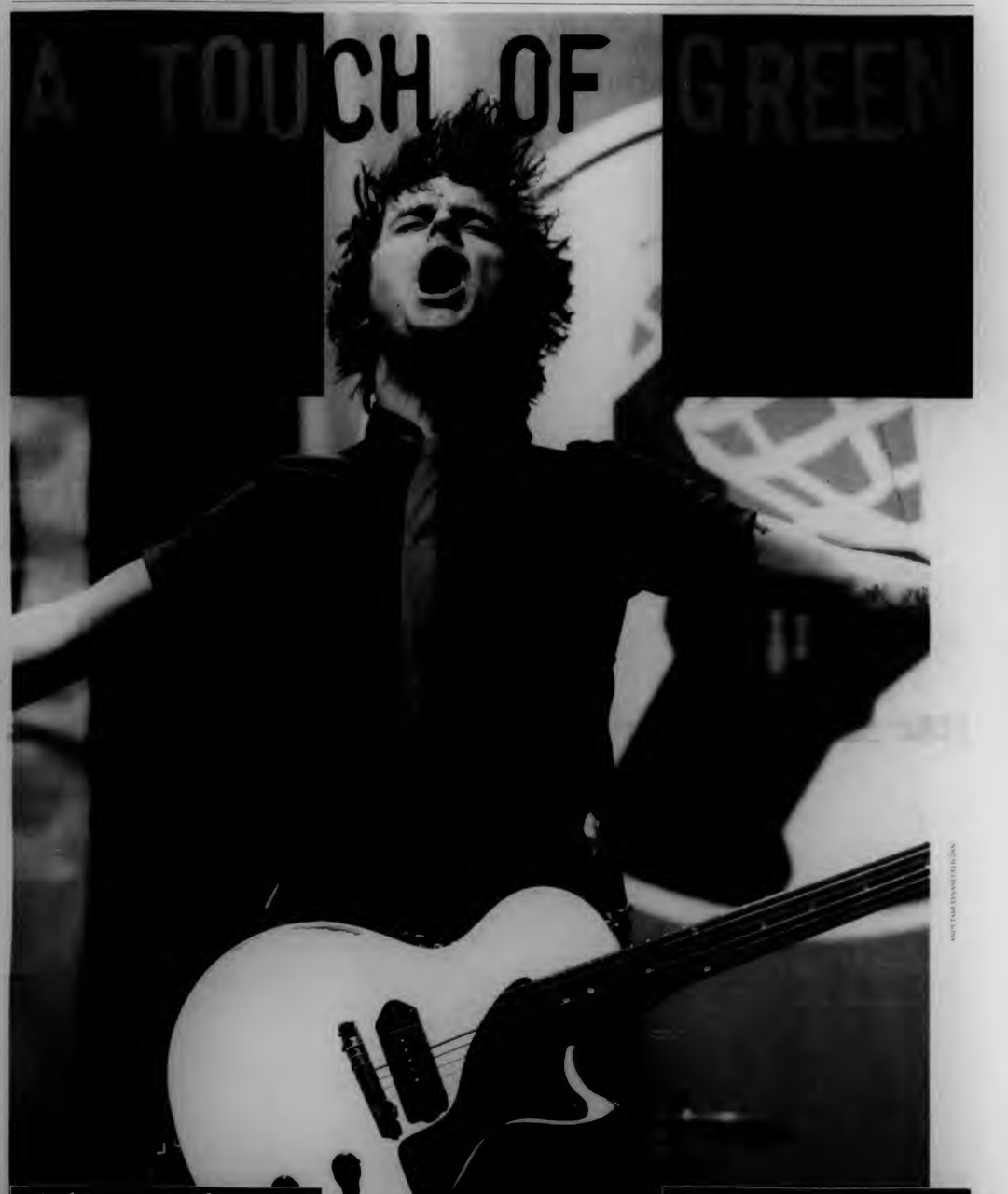


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Commercially inspired art

By CHRISTOPHER GAZZARA
COLLEGIAN STAFF

Everyone knows that in order to sell products to a mass market, visual arts are necessary when it comes to capturing the minds of today's consumers.

Nobody knows this better than senior graphic design major, Rachel Bruno. Today marks the opening of her student gallery show, "The Art of Commercialization," a project she deems a reference to today's popular culture and its effects on the marketplace.

"The Art of Commercialization"
Student Art Gallery
UMass
May 2nd - 6th

One of her main drives was to take some of the standards seen in commercial advertising settings, and present them as fine art. In her opinion, too many people look at advertising and just see text, or the point being presented. She wanted to take time out to focus on the art that drives the work.

Rachel began first by taking self-portraits and then pictures of friends. She styled the photo shoots using clothing and accessories she saw as relevant to the project. After narrowing down her selection, she took the photographs and altered them digitally, creating silhouettes of her models.

When speaking about the drive behind the project, Rachel doesn't hesitate to remark on her desire to let the audience experience the work as they see it, according to their taste. In fact, she is downright modest about her goals.

"I didn't want to dictate anything to the viewers. I want them to view the pieces and take from them what they will."

Though she has no particular motive behind her desire to show her work, she does add, "you can't help looking at art and thinking about it. It's going to say something."

There are three works that will undoubtedly speak to the audience. These images are the only works in the show that are presented with text — the words, "image ala mode" and "fashion" are incorporated within the finished photograph, a statement Rachel says references advertising and the art that can be found with it.

Sharing the space with Rachel is artist Sarah Morrison, who's show "Pursuing Inspiration" centers on fantasy art. Her show consists of seven pieces, using watercolor and colored pencil. Finding herself inspired to read fantasy novels after seeing the dramatic art displayed on the cover, she was driven to create the pieces that follow two recurring characters, though there is no particular plot involved. Sarah sees fantasy novels, and their art, as an escape from the stress of daily life and hopes that her audience will view these pieces in a similar light.

The show opens today and runs through Friday, with a reception scheduled for tomorrow. Hours for the exhibit are 10-5 Monday thru Thursday and 10-3 on Saturday.



MELANIE BRONFERO/COLLEGIAN

Student artist and graphic design major Rachel Bruno will be displaying her exhibit "The Art of Commercialization" at the student Union Art Gallery this week from Monday thru Friday, May 6th.

Chronicling punk history

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the Operation Ivy classic, "Knowledge." Billie Joe announced that he wanted to start a band on the stage, and selected three members of the audience to fill in on drums, bass and guitar. At the end of the song, he told his replacement that she could keep his guitar and explained that the new bassist was going to do a stage dive, and as he leaped from the stage they broke into another classic, "Basket Case."

Billie Joe disappeared for a minute, and came back on stage wearing a crown, a fitting hat for "King For a Day." In the middle of the song, the band burst into the Isley Brothers' "Shout," and fell to the stage during the quiet part, while Billie Joe put on a cape to match his crown for the end of the song. After playing "Minority," Green Day left the stage.

They started the encore with "Maria," from their "International Superhits" album and from there went into "Boulevard of Broken Dreams." Their cover of Queen's "We Are the Champions" had the entire crowd singing, and they had the lyrics flashing on the screen behind them for anyone who didn't know them. Billie Joe started a "Yankees suck" chant, and confetti filled the air. After the song, Tre and Mike left the stage and a spotlight came down on Billie Joe, who ended their set with "Good Riddance (Time of Your Life.)"

All things considered, it was an amazing show. Both bands were tight and on top of their game, and the crowd's energy was high the whole time. Billie Joe said that of all the tours the band had been on, this was his favorite, and it's easy to see why.

My Chemical Romance gave a boost to the show in the opening spot. The band is just off the release of their sophomore record "Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge," and have recently enjoyed the pleasure of sharing their first major bill.

"We are playing to bigger crowds than we have ever seen before," said MCR's bassist Mikey Way in a phone interview with the Daily Collegian. Way and his brother Gerard (lead singer of MCR) formed the MCR, with heavy influence from bands like Green day.

"Working with Green Day has been amazing," Way said. "Me and Gerard used to listen to them constantly when we were younger so it is just such a great experience to be playing shows with them."

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Green Day revisits the Mullins to the delight of packed crowd

PUNK from page 4

tions, and of course, revolution. Combining hip-hop rhythm with the thrash of punk rock, lead singer Zach de la Rocha was able to grab the attention of two completely different crowd listeners. Their albums were almost all best sellers on the Billboard charts. In fact, even after the band's breakup, their website has remained active-calling for the release of Mumia Abu-Jamal, a black man accused of murdering a police officer who was sentenced to be murdered. They also played a set outside of the Democratic National Convention in 2000, pushing for a political shift in ideals. The band placed great faith in its listeners to go forth and make change.

"One of the great things about young people is that they do question, that they do care deeply about justice, and that they have open minds," Rocha is quoted as saying on their website.

Green Day too have joined the political-punk movement bringing the ideas of the 70s movements to a younger generation of listeners. However, this didn't truly occur until their latest album, "American Idiot," considered to be the group's most political album yet. Lead singer Billie Joe Armstrong is quoted recently in Rolling Stone, "This song ("Holiday") is not anti-American, it's anti-war." In fact, the change in sound may be the reason why Green Day won the Grammy for Best Rock Album earlier this year.

The latest war in Iraq pushed the band, like so many others, to fight back and call out what they see as an unjust cause. Unlike so many of their past albums which featured ruminations of teenage life and angst, "American Idiot" is almost completely political. "I'm not a part of some redneck agenda/Now everybody do the propaganda/And sing along to the age of paranoia," Armstrong sings while backed by heavy guitar and drums on their opening track.

I'ven their stage show features so many symbols similar to that of Che Guerra- fits clenched and black figures against crimson curtains. While Green Day may not be as "hard" as Rage, they still promote political activism with tables set up for concert-goers to register to vote, or become involved with Amnesty International.

Punk rock has provided an outlet for those who otherwise might not care to become involved in shaping change, while banging heads, fist pumping, and generally having a good time. Punk has continued to reinvent itself over the years, and as long as there is someone there to dictate authority, punk rockers will be there to question it.



ANDY TAMURIAN/COLLEGIAN

Punk rockers Green Day visited UMass this weekend in an all out rock show that excited fans at a packed Mullins Center.



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UMass drops 'Cuse

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the fourth quarter.

The Minutemen admittedly changed their style of play with the large lead in the final frame, as they stalled the clock, which they seemingly feared more than their opponent.

"We could have stretched our lead, and in the back of my mind, I'm thinking anytime you play Syracuse, you have to take advantage of those opportunities," Cannella said. "You can't let those opportunities slip because regardless of what the score is and how much time is left on the clock, they can come back and get you."

And they did.

Rattling off five consecutive goals in the final eight minutes and change, the Orange evened the score at 13 with 28.4 seconds showing on the scoreboard and turned a once ecstatic crowd of 3,428 into a group plagued by a state of shock as their home team began to completely unravel.

"I think in the last minute-and-a-half, it was the first time all season that our defense panicked a little bit, but the important thing is we calmed ourselves down," Dane Collins said. "We refocused going into overtime. It wasn't the end of the world. There is still a game left to play, and that is what mattered."

Collins, who won a career-high 18 faceoffs in 30 chances, wasn't able to out-muscle Danny Brennan in the opening draw of the extra period.

Park picked the ball up for Syracuse and eventually found Brian Crockett, who got a shot off that was wide of the net.

Crockett got another chance just a few seconds later, but his shot was off the mark by mere inches, caroming off the post and ultimately making its way into the hands of the Minutemen.

Zywicki got the ball at the left side of the net and unleashed what would typically be called a high-percentage shot, but 'Cuse goalie Jay Pfeifer, who made 12 saves and seemingly did everything in net besides stand on his head, stopped another shot by a UMass sniper.

It would be the last save he would make on that rainy Saturday afternoon.

Pfeifer couldn't corale the ball, and Zywicki picked up his own rebound and dumped the ball over Pfeifer's head, as he couldn't recover in time to make the save.

Cue the mayhem, the Canadian Flip, the pig pile and everything else an overtime win over an archrival would bring.



ANGELS TAMLYN/ASSOCIATE COLLEGIAN

Jeff Zywicki celebrates after scoring the game winning goal against Syracuse on Saturday afternoon.

Outside the press box

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both teams. There was one UMass alumni that stood next to us, quietly saying, "Come one, come on..." to himself as he shook from the coldness of his soaked clothing and the anticipation of pending victory.

Syracuse came back and from our right we could feel the switch in momentum. After every goal, the Orange fans, who sat on the side of the bleachers closest to Garber Field's entrance, would chant and release a collective, metallic stomp.

With 28.4 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter, Syracuse's Brett Bucktooth tied it up and the Maroon and White looked as if it had given the game away. I looked down at the lime-green turf I was standing on and thought, "I guess it's just not their time."

Syracuse fans were jarring a couple of UMass supporters that happened to walk by when it happened, the Orange sideline was jumping up and down, and it appeared as though Garber Field had just been taken over.

Then came the cow bells.

From the UMass side of the stands, the cheers got louder and louder. The Maroon and White flag, which follows the diehards to every home and away game, was flapping in the thick Massachusetts air. It was very clear that the game was far from over.

In overtime, Jeff Zywicki rebounded his own shot and scored the game winner against the Orange for the second time in his career. The alumni next to us threw his hands in the air and the thousand or so umbrellas that lined Garber Field bounced up and down in euphoria.

The Minutemen rushed the field as Syracuse players slowly made their way off. There I stood, soaked, right between two of the best lacrosse teams in the country. I smiled and reached for my tape recorder before I slowly strolled onto that historic field to do my interviews.

I guess you could say I was pretty happy I left the press box.

Bob McGovern is a Collegian Columnist.

Temple takes down UMass

By Rob Greenfield
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts women's lacrosse came into Friday's match up with the Temple Owls with just three wins in its last 26 meetings. This one was more of the same for UMass as the Owls defeated the Minutewomen 12-6 behind four goals from Allison Frengs and three from scoring counterpart Patty Glavin.

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It was Temple's third straight win while the Minutewomen have dropped four out of their last five decisions.

Last year's contest between these two teams yielded a high scoring affair, with the Owls getting the better of the Maroon and White, 20-14. However, Friday's game was on the lower end of the scoring spectrum as a total of 18 goals were recorded. Only six goals were outs and holds an ERA of 2.28. Her season record now stands at 11-5.

This Sunday, the Maroon and White will take on Quinnipiac at the UMass Softball Complex for the Minutewomen's final game of the regular season. Sunday also happens to be the 23rd birthday for starting pitcher Barb LaFogg.

next 10 minutes as Temple had numerous opportunities to tie the game. The Owls finally found the net with 16:37 remaining in the first half, but Typadis responded immediately and UMass took the lead again. This would be the last time the Maroon and White would lead.

For the last ten minutes of the first half, Temple dominated the action, rifling off four straight goals and taking a 5-2 lead going into the break.

The Owls continued their assault on the UMass cage in the second half as they scored on a free position shot after just 35 seconds had ticked off the clock. This gave Temple a 6-2 lead and it would tally another goal before Sepulveda would end UMass' scoring drought with 22:24 to go in the second half to make it 7-3.

The two teams traded goals again as Glavin scored with 16:41 left in the game and Sepulveda answered just a minute later.

It was 8-4 at this point before the Owls sealed it with a 4-2 run to end the game. It was UMass' fifth loss to a conference opponent this year.

For UMass coach Carrie Bolduc, it was still about execution.

"We struggled on something we're typically very good at which is draw control," Bolduc said. "It kind of started there with draw possession. We're definitely playing more defense and then attacking. We were doing a good job. We had some issues getting the ball moving on the attacking end. We weren't catching and throwing as well as we have in the past. They pressured us well in the midfield."

The Minutewomen's season will end on Sunday with their last conference game against the Richmond Spiders. UMass' postseason hopes were ended by George Washington, who eliminated them from the Atlantic 10 tournament last Sunday with two games left. For coach Bolduc, there are more important things to be thinking about than the win column right now.

"We've got to finish [the season] out," Bolduc said. "Finish it with pride. Finish knowing that we did all we could. It can be difficult to play in games in which you are not playing for anything. You have to go back to basics. You're playing for UMass. You're playing for pride."

It will be senior day today down at Garber Field for the three seniors on this team of 24. Kristin St. Hilaire, Joey Rubin and Judy Kestner will all be leaving the team. However, even with such little time left there is always work to be done.

"The upperclassmen can help the underclassmen by leaving a legacy," Bolduc said. When they're out working somewhere else and they see that the UMass [women's] lacrosse team is back in the spotlight, they can know that they contributed to that."

Busa delivers on her birthday

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is a facet of the game that UMass coach Elaine Sortino has been trying to improve after yielding six errors in a doubleheader loss against North Carolina State last Sunday.

"We did really well today," Busa said. "We've been trying to make it a goal, not making errors."

As of late, Busa has been wearing two hats for UMass. Along with her usual pitching duties, she has found her way into the starting batting lineup for the first time since high school. Before April, Busa did not make an appearance at the plate since her freshman year at UMass and was looking to get swinging again.

During her high school days in Lexington, MA, Busa led the Middlesex league in batting average with a mark of .468 and recorded 26 runs batted in.

"I've been consistently doing my job hitting in practice and as coach says, practice is your audition," Busa said. "I've been trying to step it up, because I really have been wanting since my freshman year to hit continuously in the lineup."

Defensively, Busa's shutout on her 21st birthday added to her season numbers. This season, Busa has tallied 106 strikeouts on the season and holds an ERA of 2.28. Her season record now stands at 11-5.

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Minutewomen sweep Explorers

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another run.

Senior Jasmine Edwards advanced to first base off of a walk and sophomore Candice Molinari singled, leaving the rest up to Puglia. Three more runs were scored as Puglia hit the fourth homerun of the game over the left field fence.

A two RBI double by freshman Maggie Flet was the end to the Minutewomen's air attack as they combined for 15 runs in five innings.

Prior to Friday's games, Puglia had been nursing an arm injury that occurred in a loss against North Carolina State last Sunday. In her return, Puglia registered three hits and four RBI. The team was pleased with its four homeruns in Game 1.

"I was very happy, it was good just to get good pieces. I just look for good contact," Denis said. "Our teams needs everybody that can to step up and it's the only way that we can get to as far as we want to get."

LaFogg allowed one hit, one run and struck out eight in her 17th win of the season. She added to her season total, and now has an A-10-best 184 strikeouts on the year, while her ERA stands at a mark of 2.06.

UMass won the second game of the afternoon in a slightly different manner than Game 1, as the Minutewoman's bats quieted down for three innings. The lack of runs scored paved the way for junior Jenna Busa to hold down the defensive side and struck out seven batters, while not allowing a single run on the day.

"It was a good feeling knowing that I had a few pitchers that were working consistently," Busa said. "Today I felt really confident in my defense. And I know that all of us were working towards the same goal."

Cullington followed up to her grand slam in Game 1 with a double to left field. This gave the other freshman, Lauren Proctor, a chance to take advantage of the situation. Proctor hit her second homer of the season and gave UMass the lead, 2-0.

The final run of the day came in the fifth inning, with a fly out by Puglia, which drove in Molinari for the score. Proctor led the team in Game 2 with two RBI, and Busa was able to contain La Salle, despite a small Minutewoman lead. Busa has 106 strikeouts on the season and holds an ERA of 2.28.

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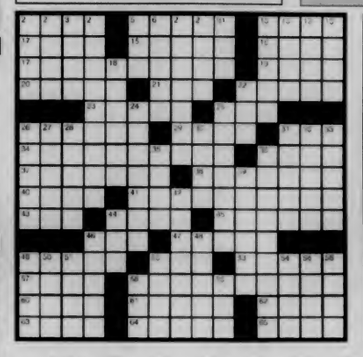
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Déjà vu, all over again

Zywicki scores game-winning goal against Syracuse ... again

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

In terms of a game that was slated to be one of the greatest the lacrosse world would see in 2005, this one lived up to every ounce of attention, hype and anticipation.

It was supposed to be everything a solid rivalry should be: a huge crowd, tons of emotion and an intense, unpredictable finish.

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It had all of that.

All of that, minus the unpredictable part.

During a post-game interview with Sean Morris, Jeff Zywicki strolled by and spouted out an interesting comment.

"Tell them how I called the overtime goal [on Friday]," Zywicki said to Morris.

"He did," Morris responded.

Why not?

Two years ago, on the same Garber Field, the Massachusetts men's lacrosse team (11-2 4-1 ECAC) knocked off Syracuse 14-13 with the help of a game-winning goal in overtime by Zywicki.

Once again, on Saturday, No. 8 UMass defeated the No. 7 Orange 17-5? 14-13 in overtime on yet another Zywicki goal.

To add even a bit more deja vu to the thriller, Zywicki proceeded to land a front flip right in front of the Syracuse sideline, a la former 'Cuse legend Mike Powell, who seemed to live on rubbing his good fortune into the opposition.

"We were talking about it at the house," Morris said. "We're roommates, and we were just saying nonchalantly about how it was going to be a close game, and if someone sticks the game-winner, we've got to do a front flip in front of their bench because they rubbed it into us last year. He did it. He stuck it and ran and did it. He backed it up."

Zywicki's celebration dance, which will eternally be deemed "The Canadian Flip," as the senior attackman hails from Ontario, was the talk of the locker room after the game, almost more so than the game-winning goal itself.

"I just hope he didn't hurt himself," UMass coach Greg Cannella said.

Zywicki didn't seem so worried.

"It was a summersault, not a flip. I can't do a flip. It was a good summersault, not a bad flip," Zywicki said.

Be that as it may, Zywicki's goal 50 seconds into the sudden-death overtime, his 32nd goal of the season, preserved the sanity of the Minutemen, who blew a five-goal lead in the fourth quarter and were one left post away from walking off Garber Field on the business end of a heart breaking loss that could have destroyed all of the momentum they had built up in the month of April, in which they went a perfect 6-0.

UMass was leading 13-8 — with the five-goal deficit being the largest the Orange have faced all season — until Jarett Park trimmed the margin to four goals at the 8:14 mark of

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A referee holds up his hand after Jeff Zywicki (not pictured) scored the game-winning goal in overtime against Syracuse on Saturday.



ANDREW TAMUTNAS/COLLEGIAN

Senior attackman Jeff Zywicki charges down the field after scoring the game winning goal against Syracuse in overtime. Zywicki's goal game the Minutmen a 14-13 victory over the Orange on Saturday.

The view from the sidelines



Bob McGovern

A lazy mist had gathered over Garber Field on Saturday. It was a combination of rain, sweat and youthful competition that was barely permeated by the lights which gave focus to the best lacrosse game in the nation that day.

It was Syracuse against UMass, one of the fastest growing rivalries in Division I lacrosse. People had been talking about it for weeks, the teams had for a little bit longer. By the time the final two minutes of the fourth quarter came around, it was imminent that this game was worth every second of the hype.

My colleague and I stood in the press box for the entire game, which was a circus in its own right. Syracuse media, reporters from lacrosse magazines and even a few local guys lined the seats in front of the large, horizontal window. But not us ... we were beaten to the seats by the older guys.

Throughout the game, we dodged our heads back and forth, trying to keep up with the action that was blocked by the cow licks and backs of those who got there before us. On one side of the press box were Syracuse fans, on the other were the cow bell laden fans of the Maroon and White.

With time running down and the Minutemen in the lead, my colleague looked over at me and said, "Hey man, let's go down to the field."

I immediately obliged, I wanted to experience the excitement first hand, I wanted to hear Garber explode when the Minutemen defeated Syracuse for only the second time in two decades. On top of it all, I was getting pretty sick of the Syracuse radio guy who kept complaining about his view, every single time the UMass fans stood up.

As we left the press box, it was like leaving a vacuum. We were hit by the rain, the noise and the environment that we had kept ourselves from for the whole game.

I crept by a line of UMass fans, who were easy to maneuver around, because they were all standing on their seats. As I made my way towards the field, I looked left and saw the entire side of Tobin Hall, chock full of people who could feel the intensity and couldn't stay away.

We made our way to the sidelines and stood right between

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ANDREW TAMUTNAS/COLLEGIAN

The Minutemen swarm Jeff Zywicki after he scored the game-winning goal against Syracuse on Saturday. The Minutemen won the game 14-13 for their second victory over Syracuse in 24 years.

UMass rolls over LaSalle

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

Before the start of the Massachusetts softball team's doubleheader against Atlantic 10 rival La Salle, the Minutewomen were closing in on a UMass single-season home run record.

The Maroon and White then proceeded to break that record, as the team cranked out five homers on the day, with the first four coming in the opening three innings in a doubleheader sweep of the Explorers.

The Minutewomen will take on Boston University on Tuesday afternoon at 5 p.m.

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UMass came out of the gates running in game one and did not slow down, blowing out La Salle 15-1 in five innings. After senior Barb LaFogg shutdown the opposing offense before it could get started, the Minutewomen offense exploded.

A single to center field by senior Hilary Puglia set up the Maroon and White's all-time home run hitter, junior KJ Kelley, to go in for the kill. Kelley connected and put two runs on the board, homering to left field.

Home run number two on the day came immediately following the Kelley homer, as senior Denise Denis hit a towering shot over the flag pole and recorded her fifth homer of the season.

"I thought we did a good job hitting the ball today," UMass coach Elaine Sortino said. "I thought we had some good solid contact. I think overall this is a good hitting team."

The Minutewomen picked up where they left off in the bottom of the second inning. A double by freshman Sarah Hurd was the start to a long inning for La Salle. After sophomore Pam Sulick advanced Hurd with a sacrifice bunt, Puglia singled and drove in Hurd. The Minutewomen then loaded the bases, as Denis singled and put one more run on the board.

With two outs and ducks on the pond, freshman Stacy Cullington did not let the pressure get to her as she hit a grand slam to left field. With the lead increased to nine, the Minutewomen were not done yet.

Vinnie Caputo of La Salle recorded the only hit of the game for the Explorers, as she homered to left field and cut the lead down by one. LaFogg would get out of the inning without sacrificing

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Busa shines on her birthday

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

Junior pitcher Jenna Busa, of the Massachusetts softball team, had a reason to celebrate on Friday. Scratch that. She actually had three reasons to celebrate.

The first reason is one of the most celebrated happenings in a college students life: it was her 21st birthday.

The second reason is that her team swept La Salle in a doubleheader, winning Game 1 in a blowout, 15-1 and Game 2 in a shutout, 3-0.

The third and final reason is that in Game 2, Busa pitched a one-hit shutout, while striking out seven batters and capturing her 11th win of the season.

"I was really happy," Busa said. "Things seemed to click really well today."

Last year, on Busa's 20th birthday, she experienced strikingly similar success on the mound. In another shutout, UMass beat Rhode Island 5-0 and Busa surrendered only three hits and three walks, while not allowing a single run. This was her 12th win of the season.

In Friday's contest, age wasn't the only factor that changed for Busa. Prior to the start of the game during warmups, Busa noticed that there was something off with her curveball. After talking with UMass pitching coach Kaila Holtz, a few adjustments were made to fix the problem.

"Before the game, my curveball wasn't working very well," Busa said. "I just stepped a few more inches across my body, and that made a big difference."

The results were positive for the Minutewomen. A single to right field by La Salle infielder Laura DeZolt in the top of the second inning accounted for the sole hit of Game 2.

Another component that Busa attributes to the shutout is the sound play by her supporting cast as there were no errors on the day. Solid fielding

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Program finishes with global flavor

By Cameron Methner
Collegian Staff

The Prince/Crampton Cluster in the Southwest Residential Area finished off its "Around the World in 30 Days" event Saturday with an international dinner, where all of the residents were invited to prepare a dish from their country and share it with the community.

The dinner was the finale in a series of presentations by Prince and Crampton residents that educated others on the cultures of different countries around the world.

It first drew 40 attendees last Saturday at 6:30 p.m., but as the night went on the number grew to over 80. The spread of the table was so great that the dessert had to be placed on chairs next to the table. The dinner was held in the Ping-Pong Lounge, located in between the Prince and Crampton dormitories, where the residence life staff set up the many lounge couches into a large horseshoe to help the line move faster.

The residents who cooked prepared large dishes of foods from all around the world, including an Indian dish named Royal Butter Chicken to a very spicy chili from the southwestern U.S. The youngest of the cooks, Good Farah, age 10 and resident director Dr. Mohamed Good's son, cooked Basmati Rice for the event. On the large table over 40 dishes were placed with pots coming in at the last minute.

"We do an international dinner every semester, one to end this event and one in the fall where we invite the RSOs to participate," said Theresa Ray, a resident assistant and senior studying neuroscience.

Erica Piedade, the resident director of Cance Hall said that she had been to the international

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Lombardi drafts final diversity plan

University of Massachusetts Chancellor John V. Lombardi posted the final draft of his response to the Commission for Campus Diversity Friday.

In the plan, "On Improving Campus Diversity," he named Associate Chancellor Esther M. Terry to oversee diversity related issues on campus. Terry was a member of the original 23-person commission.

"The final draft is not substantially different from the second draft primarily because most of the major changes in response to comments appeared in the second draft," Lombardi said in an e-mail to The Daily Collegian.

Lombardi added that this plan is a little clearer than the old plan that came out on April 11.

"[The final draft] assigns responsibility for the continuing monitoring of the various activities described in the document to Associate Chancellor Esther Terry," Lombardi said.

Terry's main job will be to oversee the progress of diversity related issues on the campus.

The first performance review by the commission, which is now chaired by Terry, will take place on July 1, 2006. The performance will review all the work that the commission did in the fiscal year.

"Our goal here is student success," Lombardi said to the Springfield Republican during an interview. "This is a blueprint that we will then try to execute. Some of it will take time."

Lombardi expressed similar thoughts in his e-mail.

"The point of the exercise is to make progress and improve our effectiveness in building a diverse and inclusive campus. There is much to be done to achieve this goal, and the only want to get there is to start," he said.

Lombardi's original plan was released on March 12. He was met immediately with resistance from students and faculty who thought that parts of his plan would take away from student organizations.

While not many have reacted negatively towards Lombardi's ideas on academic issues, the university community voiced its displeasure of the other half of the recommendations.

"It's the student affairs part that's really scaring the students," said Pavel Payano, president of the Student Government Association, to the Springfield Republican. "They see the administration taking ownership of something they created."

The new plan, and all old drafts of the plan, can be found on the commission's Web site at www.umass.edu/campusdiversity/.

—Matt Elder

Frat closed due to building violations

By Dan O'Brien
Collegian Staff

The Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity, which serves the University of Massachusetts, was closed Friday due to "building and fire code violations that were dangerous to life," according to the Amherst Fire Department.

The violations were first noticed by an Amherst Building Inspector who happened to be on his way to work when he noticed that a couch was partially blocking an exit door at the 395 North Pleasant St. house, officials say.

The inspector then called the fire department, which joined Amherst Building Inspectors in an attempt to enter the building. No one answered the door initially. A fire escape also was observed to be partially obstructed. The University's Environmental Health and Safety Department and the Office of Fraternities and Sororities were contacted and both agencies sent representatives to the building.

According to the Amherst Fire Department, the House President allowed the Fire and Building Department personnel into the structure on their second attempt to inspect the house. Those officials say they noticed that all smoke detectors had been covered in aluminum foil. The Amherst Board of Health and the University's Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs were notified and also dispatched representatives to the scene.

The fire department says it found 19 deficiencies with the house.

University and town officials determined that the building would be closed until the deficiencies were corrected. All students reportedly exited the house in an orderly fashion. It was then posted by the Building Department.

A short time later, town and University officials jointly conducted inspections of all the remaining fraternities and sororities around UMass and found no serious life-safety violations that would have resulted in another closure.

This situation occurred less than 48 hours after another North Pleasant St. fraternity was observed with its front doors partially blocked by furniture and resulted in an inspection by the Amherst Fire and Building Departments, the University's Environmental Health and Safety and Office of Fraternities and Sororities. All of the minor violations were corrected immediately by its occupants.

The town and University jointly conducted a semi-annual inspection of all Greek houses several weeks ago. No serious life-safety violations were found at Sigma Alpha Mu at that time. However, the fraternity was taken to court several years ago for serious life-safety violations, which resulted in a court order to maintain life-safety systems and fire prevention measures.

Rob Mantegazza, a resident of Sigma Alpha Mu and junior at UMass says he is not sure how long he and his fellow fraternity brothers will be unable to live at the house, but they are not worried about finding temporary places to stay.

"There's always places to crash," he said.

Town and University officials also say it is unclear how long the fraternity will be closed. They are currently assessing whether to institute further sanctions or court actions at this time. But fraternity members are remaining optimistic.

"We're going to get through this just like anybody else," said Mantegazza.



The Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity house at 395 North Pleasant St. is temporarily closed due to building code violations found by the Amherst Fire and Building Inspection Departments.

$5.1 million settlement reached for wrongful death in 2004 Red Sox riots

By Michael Kunzelman
Associated Press

BOSTON — The city paid a $5.1 million settlement on Monday to the parents of a college student killed by police trying to subdue rioters after the Boston Red Sox won the American League pennant last fall.

Victoria Snelgrove, a 21-year-old Emerson College senior from East Bridgewater, died hours after she was hit in the eye socket with a pepper-spray pellet fired by a police officer outside Fenway Park on Oct. 21 after Boston eliminated the New York Yankees.

"Of course, no amount of money can compensate the Snelgroves for the untimely loss of their daughter," said Police Commissioner Kathleen O'Toole. "Our prayers continue to be with them.

"I am hopeful the settlement recognizes the tremendous loss to them and represents our acceptance in the role the police played in that tragedy," she said.

O'Toole said that the department's investigation showed Victoria Snelgrove was an innocent bystander.

"Tory was not the target of any police action nor was she engaged in any activity that would have led police to think that she was behaving unlawfully," the commissioner said.

Patrick Jones, the Snelgrove's family lawyer, said that acknowledgment was the most important aspect of the settlement to her family. He said Snelgrove's parents, Richard and Diane Snelgrove, and her brother Michael, would not have any comment beyond a statement they recorded on a DVD released at the news conference.

Deputy Superintendent Robert E. O'Toole, who was in charge of operations around

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Boston Police Commissioner Kathleen O'Toole announces the city's $5.1 million settlement yesterday for a wrongful death.

Groom still wants to wed Wilbanks

By Charles Odum
Associated Press

DULUTH, Ga. — The jilted groom whose bride-to-be ran away four days before their wedding still wants to marry Jennifer Wilbanks, saying, "Haven't we all made mistakes?"

"Just because we haven't walked down the aisle, just because we haven't stood in front of 500 people and said our I Do's, my commitment before God to her was the day I bought that ring and put it on her finger, and I'm not backing down from that," John Mason said Monday in an interview with Fox News' Hannity & Colmes show.

It was Mason's first public statement since he learned on the morning of his scheduled wedding day that his fiancee had gotten cold feet.

As her family and friends feared the worst, police say Wilbanks cut her hair and took a Greyhound bus to Las Vegas to back out of a lavish, 600-guest wedding planned for Saturday. She then went on to Albuquerque, N.M., where she eventually called Mason and police from a pay phone at a 7-11, saying she had been kidnapped. She later said it simply a case of cold feet.

Mason said he has given the 32-year-old Wilbanks her ring back — she had left it at the house — and said they still planned to marry.

But if Mason is ready to forgive the jittery bride, authorities are still peeved.

The mayor said Monday she is looking into the possibility of suing Wilbanks for the estimated $100,000 cost of searching for her. That option would have to be approved by the city council. The groom's father, Claude Mason, is a former mayor of Duluth and a local judge.

"We feel a tad betrayed and some are very hurt about it," Mayor Shirley Lasseter said.

She added that they want to hear from

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A billboard seen in Duluth, Ga. yesterday pokes fun at runaway bride Jennifer Wilbanks. Wilbanks' fiancee says he still wants to marry her.

Judges unlikely to reverse gay marriage

BOSTON (AP) — A Catholic activist's bid to persuade the state's highest court to reverse itself on gay marriage likely has failed, his lawyer said Monday after the Supreme Judicial Court heard arguments in the case.

Justices, even two who dissented on the 2003 landmark ruling, pressed activist C.J. Doyle's lawyers to prove how his rights were denied by allowing same-sex marriages, but did not question lawyers on the other side.

Chester Darling saw that as a "negative" sign for his client.

"I'm not too confident," he said after the hearing. "I had an inference from that, that it was a little negative, from our point of view."

Nearly a year after the nation's first state-sanctioned, same-sex weddings began, Doyle went before the very court that ruled, in a 4-3 vote, that the state constitution guaranteed gays and lesbians the right to marry in Massachusetts. He asked the court to halt the marriages until voters can consider changing the state constitution.

"He should be part of the process — the robust debate which is required on such an important issue as marriage," Darling told the court, referring to Doyle.

Justice Robert Cordy, one of three judges who dissented in 2003, appeared skeptical.

"How has the full and robust public discourse been inhibited?" he asked. "It seems to me, if anything, it's been enlivened on this subject... I don't see how it gets inhibited by the fact that the court has made a constitutional ruling."

Last March, two months before the SJC's landmark ruling took effect, the Legislature approved a constitutional amendment that would ban gay marriage. Lawmakers must pass the measure a second time, either this year or next, before it can reach the statewide ballot in November 2006.

Doyle's petition calls for a stay on gay marriages until a vote. Last year, a single justice of the SJC rejected Doyle's arguments. It was heard on appeal Monday by the full court, which did not immediately rule.

Justice Martha Sosman, who wrote the 2003 dissenting opinion, told Darling's co-counsel, Robert Muise, that unless it's proven that the single justice — Roderick Ireland — erred in his ruling last year, then "that's the end of it."

Darling later said the case will be hard to win because "they wanted to confine the argument to our responses to what the single justice did."

—Associated Press

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Army Pfc. pleads guilty to Abu Ghraib prison abuse

By T.A. Badger
Associated Press



Joined by her legal team, U.S. Army Pfc. Lynndie England arrives at a military court in Fort Hood, Texas on Monday.

FORT HOOD, Texas — Pfc. Lynndie England, the young woman pictured grinning, giving a thumbs-up and holding a naked Iraqi by a leash in some of the most notorious photos to come out of the Abu Ghraib scandal, pleaded guilty Monday to mistreating prisoners.

Wearing her dress green Army uniform and speaking somberly in a soft voice, the 22-year-old Army reservist told the judge that she initially resisted taking part in the abuse at the Baghdad prison, but ultimately caved in to pressure from her comrades.

"I had a choice, but I chose to do what my friends wanted me to," she said, entering her pleas a day before the start of her trial.

The charges carry up to 11 years in prison, but prosecutors and the defense reached an agreement for a lesser sentence. A military jury will convene on Tuesday to determine her punishment; she will get the lesser of the jury's sentence or the term agreed on in the plea bargain.

If she had been convicted as charged, she could have gotten 16 1/2 years behind bars.

The judge asked her about a photo depicting her smiling and pointing at a naked detainee's genitals while smoking a cigarette. England said she replied, "No, no way" at first when a fellow soldier asked her to pose for the picture.

"But they were being very persistent, bugging me, so I said, OK, whatever," she told the judge.

The plea bargain settles one of the most prominent cases to come out of the Abu Ghraib scandal, which damaged the image of America's military and sparked outrage against the United States around the globe.

England became a central figure in the scandal after photos emerged last year showing her and others sexually humiliating Iraqi prisoners.

One of the photos showed her holding a hooded, naked prisoner on a leash. Another showed her smiling and giving a thumbs-up next to a nude prisoners stacked in a pyramid. A third depicted England pointing at the prisoner's genitals as a cigarette dangled from her lips.

England's lawyers have argued that she and others in her military police unit were acting on orders from military intelligence to "soften up" prisoners for interrogation. But Army investigators testified during hearings last summer that England said the reservists took the photos while "they were joking around, having some fun."

The judge, Col. James Pohl, went through each photo while asking England about her actions at Abu Ghraib in the fall of 2003.

She told the judge that Pvt. Charles Graner Jr., the reputed ringleader of the abuses and the man said to be the father of England's infant son, put the leash around the prisoner's neck in order to take him from one cell to another.

When the prisoner resisted, she told the judge, Graner said to her: "Hold this. I'm going to take a picture."

Pohl asked if she thought the leash was a legitimate way to control the detainee.

"I assumed it was OK" because he was an MP, England said of Graner. "He had a background as a corrections officer."

Graner was convicted in January on a range of abuse charges and sentenced to 10 years in prison. Last month, he married former Spc. Megan Ambuhl, an Abu Ghraib defendant who was discharged from the Army without serving prison time. Graner had another man stand in for him in the marriage-by-proxy April 12 near Fort Hood.

England's lawyer Rick Hernandez said last week that the defense will present evidence during the sentencing that England has severe learning disabilities and mental problems. He said there had been no decision on whether she will testify.

England entered guilty pleas to two counts of conspiracy to maltreat prisoners, four counts of maltreating prisoners and one count of committing an indecent act. Prosecutors agreed to drop another count of committing an indecent act and one count of dereliction of duty.

England, from Fort Ashby, W.Va., is one of seven members of the Maryland-based 372nd Military Police Company charged with humiliating and assaulting prisoners at Abu Ghraib.

Four other members of the 372nd and two low-level military intelligence officers have entered guilty pleas, with sentences ranging from no time to 8 1/2 years. The only soldier to stand trial so far is Graner. Spc. Sabrina Harman, a former Abu Ghraib guard, is scheduled to go to trial at Fort Hood next week.

International food featured in Prince

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dinner before. "It's a way to support people and the food is always phenomenal," she said. "They used to have dancing but I think people have become shyer over the years."

Residence Life staff members from Gorman and Wheeler, Van Meter, Butterfield, and JQA all attended to support the diversity of people here. The dinner started with Dr. Good's welcome, "Thank you very much for coming. This is a tradition we have where we want people to come and meet your neighbors. Enjoy and share with each other," he said.

A boom-box provided music in the background as peoples talked and ate their lill. Other dishes on the buffet line were Senegal couscous, pita and hummus, lamb, hot chicken wings, vegetable beef soup, a Somalian pasta dish, and a good helping of American macaroni and cheese.

A graduate student, Ekundayo Shittu from Nigeria and studying Industrial Engineering said this was his second time. "You can meet with people you don't normally talk to," he said "It provides an avenue to talk to people. The atmosphere is right for this kind of interaction."

Every seat was taken so people began to sit on the floors, which also began to lill up quickly.

"Its amazing to meet all these international people and getting to know your neighbors from their food and conversation," said Jonas Schaefer, a German molecular biology graduate student.

After an hour passed the food began to disappear and people began to talk more easily with each other.

A resident assistant, Justin Cunha, a political science graduate student said, "This is an important event; everyone can get to know each other and have a good time."

Diversity issues on campus do not seem to have affected the atmosphere in Prince/Crampton. "We deal with diversity on our own terms, with our own programs," said Cunha.

Police, Snelgroves reach a settlement

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Fenway Park that night and fired one of the weapons, also will retire from the force, the commissioner said. The two are not related.

"Bob has been at the center of controversy and media speculation since this tragedy occurred," she said. "While Bob is the first to admit that he's made mistakes during his career, he has served the city for 37 years and his contributions to the Boston Police Department cannot be overstated."

Two other people were injured when they were hit in the face by the pellets, which are fired from compressed-air weapons. O'Toole said it was too soon to discuss their cases.

The incident is the subject of at least three separate investigations.

Prosecutors are looking into whether criminal charges are warranted against the officers who fired the pepper pellet weapons.

The commissioner named a special outside panel to look into the shooting and police policies. Former U.S. Attorney Donald Stern, who is leading that investigation, said the panel could release its report as soon as this week.

And the results of an internal Boston Police Department investigation were forwarded to the Suffolk District Attorney's Office about a week ago, according to a spokesman for District Attorney Daniel Conley.

Runaway bride could face criminal charges

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Wilbanks' family, to see if perhaps there was a good reason for the woman's disappearance. "I would love to hear from the family and know there might have been a problem and know we should work with this lady on some recourse other than legally."

A local prosecutor said Monday he will conduct a thorough investigation, which could take weeks, before deciding whether to charge Wilbanks for falsely claiming she had been kidnapped. District Attorney Danny Porter said he has not yet interviewed Wilbanks.

He said Wilbanks could face a misdemeanor charge of false report of a crime or a felony charge of false statements. The misdemeanor carries a penalty of up to a year in jail; five years in prison is the maximum sentence for the felony.

"I've got to know all the facts before I know the appropriate charges," Porter said. "Now I've got to gather all the information from Duluth and Albuquerque and the FBI."

Porter said earlier Monday that authorities have evidence that Wilbanks' disappearance "was not just a spur-of-the-moment thing." He noted she had cut her hair and said there was evidence she bought the bus ticket ahead of time and secretly set some cash aside.

Wilbanks boarded a plane from New Mexico back to Georgia wearing a new FBI hat, blazer, polo shirt and pants and carrying a new tote bag and teddy bear, a gift from the aviation police chief. She flew first-class — thanks to tickets bought by her parents — and said she planned to name the bear "Al," for Albuquerque.

"Law enforcement is really making a major move to deal with people in crisis," Albuquerque Police Chief Ray Schulz said Sunday. "Miss Wilbanks was definitely a person in crisis."



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National News

Supreme Court considers military case

By Hope Yen
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court said Monday it will consider whether colleges and universities may bar military recruiters from their campuses without fear of losing federal funds.

Justices will review a lower court ruling in favor of law schools that restricted recruiters to protest of the Pentagon's policy of excluding openly gay people from military service.

That ruling, by the Philadelphia-based 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, invalidated a 1994 federal law requiring law schools to give the military full access or lose their federal funding. The appeals court ruled the law infringed on law schools' free speech rights.

The Supreme Court will hear the case during its next term, which begins in October.

The law, known as the Solomon Amendment, has been controversial for law schools that have nondiscrimination policies barring any recruiter from campus if the organization unfairly bases hiring on race, gender or sexual orientation.

"The Solomon Amendment forces the law school to violate its own policy and actively support military recruiters who come onto campus to engage in the very discriminatory hiring practices that the law school condemns," wrote the coalition of 31 law schools, known as the Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights.

The Bush administration countered in court filings that equal access to campuses for recruiting is necessary to fill the military's legal ranks "in a time of war." It said the law does not violate free speech rights because schools are free to protest so long as they are willing to forgo federal research dollars, which amount to hundreds of millions at some schools.

"The Solomon Amendment reflects Congress' judgment that a crucial component of an effective military recruitment program is equal access to college and university campuses," Acting Solicitor General Paul Clement wrote.

A three-judge panel of the 3rd Circuit disagreed. It voted 2-1 to bar enforcement of the Solomon Amendment pending a full trial because of a "reasonable likelihood" the law would be found unconstitutional.

The 3rd Circuit cited a 2000 Supreme Court ruling that allowed the Boy Scouts to exclude gay scoutmasters. Just as the Scouts have a right to exclude gays based on a First Amendment right of expression, so too may law schools bar groups they consider discriminatory, the 3rd Circuit said.

The Bush administration's appeal has drawn the backing of Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Calif., some law students and the Mountain States Legal Foundation, who argued in a friend-of-the-court filing that the court should defer to Congress on this matter.

In February, the House passed a nonbinding resolution on a 327-84 vote that expressed support for the law, which also denies defense-related funding to universities that don't provide ROTC programs.

When the Solomon Amendment was passed in 1994, many law schools opted to give military recruiters limited access. Harvard allowed the military on campus but declined to volunteer its career placement staff to arrange interviews. The University of Southern California allowed recruiters to interview but didn't invite them to school-sponsored job fairs off campus.

After the Sept. 11 attacks, the Pentagon began strictly enforcing the measure, demanding full recruitment access to campuses and threatening to pull funding if schools didn't comply. In summer 2003, Congress amended the Solomon Amendment to require equal access.

Since then, law schools have grudgingly complied but also filed lawsuits challenging the law. Earlier this year, a U.S. district judge in Bridgeport, Conn., ruled Yale Law School had a right to bar military recruiters from its job interview program. Similar cases are pending elsewhere.

Arguments will be heard in the court's next term beginning in October.

Court nominees spur ad campaign

By David Espo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A costly advertising war erupted Monday over President Bush's controversial court nominees, with opposing groups vowing to spend at least $1 million each over the next two weeks.

Responding swiftly to advertising from a group that supports Bush's nominees, People for the American Way said it would launch counter-commercials.

"We do not intend to let their ads go unanswered," said Ralph Neas. "We're working with the masters of deception and distraction that brought us the Swift Boat smears," he added in a reference to last year's campaign attacks on Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry.

Neas spoke less than an hour after Progress for America, which has strong Republican ties, unveiled a commercial designed to pressure wavering Republicans and help assure quick approval for Bush's judicial nominees.

Over the next two weeks, Progress For America Intends to spend $350,000 on "radio ads on Christian stations" and $1.5 million on television ads in six targeted states as well as nationally, according to one internal estimate.

"Senate Democrats have abused the rules and refused to even allow a vote," says the television ad. "So courtrooms sit empty, while thousands of Americans have their cases delayed."

The ad says It's the job of a senator to vote, adding: "Urge your senators to vote, up or down."

Neas, whose group has strong Democratic ties, said it would air its commercial in the same media markets. He said the group would spend more than $1 million over two weeks on television, radio and newspaper advertisements.

The ad criticizes the two nominees whom Progress for America defended in its own commercial, Priscilla Owen and Janice Rogers Brown.

"Too much power's a dangerous thing," it says, referring to Republican threats to ban judicial filibusters.

Questioned about his attempt to connect the current ad campaign with the attacks on Kerry, Neas cited the presence of Ben Ginsberg at a Progress for America news conference earlier in the day. Ginsberg, a lawyer, advised Swift Boat Veterans for the Truth, an organization that accused Kerry of inflating his Vietnam War record.

"The People for the American way are as skewed and misguided about this attack on Progress for America as they are about the Constitution," countered Stuart Roy, a consultant to PFA. "Judges deserve an up or down vote and Ralph deserves to say whatever he wants no matter how wrong or obtuse his screed may be."

The dueling ad campaigns dramatize the importance the two parties and their allies attach to a struggle that directly impacts the fate of seven appeals court nominees — and also has implications for any Supreme Court vacancy that occurs during Bush's term.

Democrats blocked 10 of Bush's first-term appeals court nominees by filibuster, a parliamentary tactic that requires supporters to post 60 votes to advance to a final vote.

Fla. imposes tougher child sex abuse laws

By David Royse
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Spurred by the killing of a 9-year-old girl, Gov. Jeb Bush on Monday signed a law imposing tougher penalties on child molesters and requiring many of those released from prison to wear satellite tracking devices for the rest of their lives.

The measure gives Florida one of the toughest child-sex laws in the nation.

The Jessica Lunsford Act was quickly drafted after Jessica's death was discovered in March and was pushed through by lawmakers outraged that the man accused of killing her was a registered sex offender. It passed both the Senate and House unanimously.

It establishes a mandatory sentence of 25 years to life behind bars for people convicted of certain sex crimes against children 11 and younger, with lifetime tracking by global positioning satellite after they are freed.

Until the new law goes into effect Sept. 1, molesting a child under 12 is punishable in most cases by up to 30 years in prison.

Bush was joined by Jessica's father, Mark Lunsford, who wore a tie bearing pictures of his daughter and said he had been working so furiously on the legislation that he has not yet really grieved.

"I'm still lost, I haven't really dealt with it yet," Lunsford said. He called the tie his "hug" from Jessica. "I'm still minus my kiss, but that's my hug."

John E. Couey, a convicted sex offender who was living near Jessica, was arrested in Georgia and was charged with snatching her from her bedroom and murdering her.

The bill's momentum in the Legislature increased in April after another Florida girl, 13-year-old Sarah Lunde, was found dead and another registered sex offender was charged with murdering her.

The 23-year minimum would not apply to anyone convicted of molesting older children. Those offenders would have to be monitored electronically only during their probation, not for life.

Some offenders already on the street could be ordered back to jail or be placed under GPS monitoring if they violated their probation.

Lots of other states have minimum mandatory sentences for sex crimes against children. A number of states already require some form of lifetime supervision of sex offenders, including GPS tracking, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

However, Florida's new law may be the first requirement of lifetime GPS monitoring for an entire group of people who commit a certain crime, the NCSL said.

Florida's new law could also open the door to the death penalty for more killers, because it allows a defendant's status as a sexual predator to be considered as an aggravating factor during sentencing for a murder.

Sarah Lunde's mother and sister also were at the governor's side as he signed the bill.

"I'm just glad something's being done," said Sarah's sister, Rebekah Lunde. "Maybe no one else will have to go through this."

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International News

U.N. asks U.S. to reduce its arsenal

By Charles J. Hanley
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Secretary-General Kofi Annan challenged the United States and Russia on Monday to slash their nuclear arsenals irreversibly to just hundreds of warheads, and urged nonweapons states like Iran to give up potential bomb technology in return for international guarantees of nuclear fuel.

The U.N. atomic energy chief followed with an offer to begin work on a system of international fuel supplies.

The two spoke at the opening of a monthlong conference to review the workings of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. The session comes at a time of mounting nuclear tensions over North Korea's withdrawal from the 189-nation pact and Iran's program to enrich uranium, a possible step toward a bomb.

"Developments of many kinds in recent years have placed it under great stress," Annan said of the treaty.

The United States wants the review conference to focus heavily on North Korea, Iran and the nuclear fuel issue. But many states without nuclear arms want equal emphasis on what they see as a softening commitment by the big powers to nuclear disarmament.

Because of the differing priorities, treaty members were unable to agree on a complete agenda for the conference. Organizers hope to have agreement before the nuts-and-bolts work of committees begins next week.

Under the 35-year-old NPT, states without nuclear arms pledge not to pursue them, in exchange for a commitment by five nuclear powers — the United States, Russia, Britain, France and China — to move toward nuclear disarmament. Three other nuclear states — Israel, India and Pakistan — remain outside the treaty.

Italian investigators critical of attack

By Aidan Lewis
Associated Press



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U.S. military personnel are seen near a car said to be that in which an Italian journalist Giuliana Sgrena was traveling with slain Italian agent Nicola Calipari.

ROME — Italian investigators blamed U.S. military authorities for failing to signal there was a checkpoint ahead on the Baghdad road where American soldiers killed an Italian agent, and concluded that stress, inexperience and fatigue played a role in the shooting, according to a report released Monday.

The probe found no evidence that the March 4 killing of intelligence agent Nicola Calipari was deliberate.

The Italians challenged the American contentions that the car was traveling more than 50 mph, saying it was going half that speed. But, despite their refusal to sign off on the U.S. report that the soldiers bore no blame for the death, the Italian investigators didn't object to many of the American findings of fact.

Calipari was killed just after he secured the release of Italian journalist Giuliana Sgrena from Iraqi militants who held her hostage for a month. U.S. soldiers fired on the Italians' vehicle as it approached the checkpoint near Baghdad's airport. Sgrena and another Italian agent were wounded.

"It is likely that the state of tension stemming from the conditions of time, circumstances and place, as well as possibly some degree of inexperience and stress might have led some soldiers to instinctive and little-controlled reactions," said Italy's report.

U.S. investigators, in their report made public Saturday, said the American soldiers gave adequate warning, beaming a light and firing warning shots, as the car traveled toward Baghdad's airport. They cleared the U.S. soldiers of any wrongdoing, sparking outrage in Italy, where Calipari had been hailed as a hero.

The Italian report, written by two experts who had participated in the joint probe, said no measures were taken by U.S. officials to preserve the scene of the shooting. It said the car carrying Sgrena and the agents was removed before its position was marked, for example. The soldiers' vehicles also were moved.

"That made it impossible to technically reconstruct the event, to determine the exact position of the vehicles and measure the distances, and to obtain precise data defining the precise trajectory of the bullets, the speed of the car and the stopping distance," the report said.

Italy and the United States have publicly differed over crucial points about the incident since the first hours after the shooting.

When several days of negotiations failed to yield a common report, both sides went their own way.

Italy is a main partner in the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq. The approximately 3,000 Italian soldiers sent to Iraq for reconstruction constitute one of the coalition's largest contingents.

But Premier Silvio Berlusconi, a staunch American ally, has faced political fallout over the case, including calls to bring home Italy's troops from Iraq.

There was no immediate comment from the Italian government on the report.

Berlusconi is scheduled to address both houses of parliament on the case Thursday.

The U.S. report contained many blacked-out portions, including the names of the soldiers at the checkpoint and their units. But due to an apparent error, what was blacked out in the report could be read on the Web site of the Italian newspaper La Repubblica.

Defense Ministry is shaky in Iraq

By Thomas Wagner
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's incoming prime minister struggled to find a Sunni Arab to run the key Defense Ministry in time to join Iraq's first democratically elected government when it takes office Tuesday. A torrent of bloodshed — at least 140 killed in five days — followed the approval of a Cabinet that mostly shut out members of the disaffected Sunni minority.

Disputes persisted over the Defense Ministry on Monday after Prime Minister-designate Ibrahim al-Jaafari filled six of the seven Cabinet seats left undecided last week, said al-Jaafari aide Laith Kuba. The defense portfolio — in charge of some 70,000 soldiers and national guardsmen — is destined for a Sunni, part of an attempt to balance the conflicting demands of Iraq's many religious and ethnic factions.

At least 23 Iraqis were killed Monday, including eight soldiers cut down by a suicide attacker who blew up a truck at a checkpoint south of the capital, and six civilians caught in a car bombing that set fire to a Baghdad apartment building. A British soldier was also killed by a roadside bomb in the southern city of Amarah.

In New York, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan issued a statement strongly condemning the "cruel and heartless" violence apparently aimed at undermining Iraq's newly formed government.

The skyrocketing attacks are blamed on an insurgency believed largely made up of members of Iraq's Sunni minority who dominated for decades under Saddam Hussein but were excluded from meaningful positions in a partial new Cabinet announced Thursday.

Al-Jaafari had promised to form a government that would win over Sunni moderates and reduce Sunni support for the insurgency. He offered them six ministries and a deputy premiership, but only four ministers have been approved so far by the National Assembly.

His initial choice for defense minister, the most important ministry destined for a Sunni, Saadon al-Dulaimi, was rejected by members of his Shiite-dominated alliance because of suspected ties to Saddam's Baath Party, which brutally repressed the majority Shiites and Kurds. Since then, rival Sunni factions have submitted a number of candidates for the job. Three Sunni lawmakers quit al-Jaafari's alliance, complaining he should look within his own coalition first to fill Cabinet posts.

Al-Jaafari wants to have all positions finalized before the new government is sworn in Tuesday, Kuba said. He declined to identify those already selected before they are presented to the interim National Assembly for approval.

Assuming there are no last-minute objections, the candidates must still be approved by President Jalal Talabani and his two vice presidents and then submitted to the assembly. The swearing-in of the new government will likely go ahead even if there are still vacancies in the Cabinet.

Blast kills at least 28 in Afghanistan

By Stephen Graham
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — A warlord's secret arms cache exploded in a remote Afghan village Monday, flattening nearby houses and a mosque and killing at least 28 people in what appeared to be the deadliest accident of its kind since the ouster of the Taliban regime.

The blast highlighted the dangers in a country awash with weapons amassed during a quarter-century of fighting, first against occupying Soviet troops, then among Afghan factions and now in the insurgency that followed the ouster of the Taliban in late 2001 by a U.S.-led coalition.

Afghan and U.N. officials are trying to disarm militias, but face an immense task in a nation where warlords still command local loyalties and remain wary of each other and the U.S.-backed central government.

The weapons and ammunition that exploded were in a bunker under a warlord's house in Bashgah, a farming hamlet in the mountains of Baghlan province, 75 miles north of the capital, Kabul, authorities said. They said it was unclear what set off the explosion about 6 a.m.

An Interior Ministry spokesman, Latfullah Mashal, said the cache was hidden by Jalal Bashgah, a former commander of a militia brigade, apparently to conceal it from the U.N. disarmament program.

The provincial police chief, Gen. Fazeluddin Ayar, said Bashgah's house was among a half dozen flattened along with the mosque and that eight of the commander's relatives were killed or injured. Bashgah was not at home at the time, Ayar told The Associated Press.

Initial accounts reported the blast also injured more than 70 people, but Ayar said officers sent to the village in a mountain valley found only 13 were hurt.

Before the accident, the most deadly reported incident with arms involved the U.S. military, which lost eight soldiers in January 2004 when arms they were preparing to blow up exploded prematurely.

Mohammed Yusuf Faiez, director of the province's only hospital, in Pul-e-Khumri, said 11 of those injured Monday — six men and five women — were admitted for treatment, two of them in serious condition.

He said they told of being blown off their feet as they walked home from morning prayer — apparently at the mosque next to the commander's house.

"One man told me there was a huge explosion and then all he can remember is the thick smoke," Faiez told AP by telephone from Pul-e-Khumri, the provincial capital.

Ayar said the cache included explosives and rockets from "a long time ago." He said Bashgah had given up only a portion of his militia's weapons to the United Nations, which has so far demobilized more than 50,000 former fighters.

That program as well as the disposal activities of U.S. and NATO troops, who report the discovery of weapons caches almost daily, have collected thousands of tons of weapons, many left over from the resistance against occupying Soviet forces during the 1980s.

But Peter Babbington, head of the U.N. program, said there are still "many, many thousands of tons" scattered across Afghanistan.

There are sure to be more accidents, he said.

"These guys think they can store it forever and that it'll be as good as the day it came off the production line, but it isn't. It deteriorates and it becomes volatile," Babbington said. "We're surveying the known sites, but new sites come up every day."

Collection efforts are currently focused on northern Afghanistan, but in cities such as Mazar-e-Sharif and Herat rather than the remote valleys of Baghlan, he said.

Accidents with land mines and other old explosives have afflicted a stream of Afghans, including children who lose arms and legs while playing on roadsides or farmers simply working their land. Poor Afghans are frequently killed trying to recycle gunpowder from rockets to use in quarrying.

Foreign troops also worry that hidden weapons will fall into the hands of the insurgents who have been active since the Taliban's fall.

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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Is UMass a 'liberal' school?

Mike Sances

Since I started going to school here, I've been listening with some curiosity to the perennial criticisms of the University as a bastion of liberalism, sometimes with a big 'L' for extra emphasis. Universities in the United States, so the story goes, are overflowing with liberals, and UMass — despite the best efforts of our conservative governor — is of course no exception.

Why this so enrages some people, I'm still not quite sure. Not satisfied with conservatives running all three branches of the federal government, eh?

But more perplexing is the amount of time, energy, and emotion devoted to the assault on big-'L' Liberalism in the absence of a working definition for the key term. Perhaps I can be of some assistance, as I am about to finish my third year here and have had ample opportunity to interact with the infamous liberal UMass professors.

One way to spot a liberal is by their frequent and at times vocal criticism of the president, but this won't do as a complete definition, for it would encompass far too many free-thinking conservative pundits — and conservative pundits cannot, by definition, be liberals.

It is widely acknowledged among academics, and has been for some time, that the United States simply can do wrong in the world.

More specifically, then, liberal UMass professors will criticize the president's foreign policy. In the past few years, this has meant criticism of the Iraq War and the Global War on Terrorism.

Since this definition would also include many Republicans, further revision is needed. For example, what sort of criticisms do liberal UMass professors make of these ventures? This is the surest way to spot a liberal.

On closer examination, we find that the liberal UMass professors criticize the president's foreign policy on very particular grounds. Thus we as students are subject to such treasonous utterances as:

"The war in Iraq has hurt America's prestige and credibility in the world, and diverted attention away from further military action in Afghanistan."

"The president should have secured Security Council approval for the war."

"Spreading democracy in the Middle East, while a noble vision, is far too ambitious to succeed."

Save as a minor point under the heading of bad publicity, they do not say that the Iraq war was wrong because of the tens of thousands of dead. They do not acknowledge that the number of children starving in Iraq has doubled since the invasion began. They fail to recall that the President opposed the celebrated January 30 elections. They do not dispute that the president wishes to spread democracy throughout the world, or that he truly cares about combating terrorism. They appear to imply that, if Iraq suddenly became paradise tomorrow, there would be nothing to complain about.

They have nothing bad to say about the prewar sanctions, whose toll on Iraq's children you can read about from UNICEF, or the Gulf War, which was justified on grounds about as shaky as the one in 2003. They shamefully did not object to the use of force in Afghanistan in 2001, even though there was even less evidence that the 9/11 plot had been hatched there, than there was that Hussein had illicit weapons.

Crucially, they do not question the premise that the United States has the right to invade or intervene in any country it wants to, pretext or no. The allegedly controversial Bush Doctrine, for example, is criticized from a solely public relations standpoint.

It is widely acknowledged among academics, and has been for some time, that the United States simply can do no wrong in the world. The most extreme criticism you will encounter is that we have sometimes been misguided. In discussions on the Cold War, the gruesome litany of atrocities and massacres visited upon Latin America by American-sponsored regimes and paramilitary forces is, if conceded to have taken place at all, invariably excused as a necessary evil in the purported fight against communism. Again, questioning the cold war pretext or the assumed right to intervene in other countries is literally unthinkable.

Despite the charges of radicalism, it is a sad fact that the mindset of liberal UMass professors is indeed representative of the country at large, where the real split is not between Republican and Democrat, but between denial and justification. Thus, on the right, we have those who deny that, to take a recent example, the CIA is shipping dozens of prisoners to Uzbekistan, where torture is systematic, and where the resident dictator is known to boil his political opponents alive and to then subsequently sentence the victim's mother to six years of hard labor for daring to complain (as was calmly reported in the liberal New York Times Sunday).

On the left, they do not deny it, but they will provide the necessary "apology." Personally I'm still trying to decide which is more morally repugnant.

In the meantime, I am inclined to agree with those calling for an expulsion of liberals from the nation's schools. Purging the UMass campus of its liberals would be a most worthy endeavor, and would much improve the moral character of this campus, not to mention society at large. But, please: take those angry conservatives with you.

Mike Sances is a Collegian columnist.

Why nuclear weapons are necessary for our protection

Zach Oelschlegel

Every Sunday, I drive down the town common past the Amherst Vigil for Peace and Justice. They're there standing at the light across from Bank of America every weekend, from noon until 1 p.m. holding rainbow colored flags, and passing out fliers to cars with an update on what's been going wrong in the Middle East.

On the back of these fliers is an explanation of the group's maxim: "The vigil continues to advocate for an end to the arms trade, for an end to nuclear weapons at home and abroad, and for social justice around the world." It sounds preachy when you read it.

The problem is, advocating for the abolition of nuclear weapons around the world isn't only completely unrealistic, but also fails to see how nuclear weapons have been a blessing, and how they probably have saved more lives than they've taken.

'Winning' a nuclear war means you wipe out 50 million people from the other country, while they were only able to kill 10 million of your own. It's just not worth it.

Nuclear weapons are unusable. Everyone knows the destruction that occurred to Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945, and that was with an atom bomb, something puny in comparison to the hydrogen bomb developed a few years later. We also all know how the United States and the Soviet Union together had enough nuclear weapons to obliterate the earth multiple times over. The phrase that describes why our earth was never blown to smithereens is "mutually assured destruction."

If one of the countries set off a nuclear warhead, retaliation was more than planned for. The U.S. named this sequence in 1948 "Halfmoon," where 30 atomic bombs would be dropped on 20 Russian cities. As the American nuclear capability increased, the numbers of nuclear weapons planned for a possible strike soon increased to 3,000, including hydrogen bombs, to be dropped on 1,000 Soviet targets. Knowing that much firepower is pointed your way in the case of conflict is enough to stop just about anybody.

The reason the two countries continued to build more and more warheads was to have a second strike capability. Both countries had considerable spy networks, and had some idea of where missiles were located. The term "second strike capability" refers to having enough nuclear weapons to shoot back at the enemy if he used the first strike to destroy as many of your weapons as he could. This is why we could annihilate the world many times over, and why we had submarines dedicated to sitting under the ice caps to come out at the right moment to shoot off a ballistic missile, and then go back under. It made the nuclear deterrent even bigger, knowing you could try as hard as you could to destroy all of your enemy's nuclear weapons and still not come close, leaving him with plenty to fire back.

It's like having a gun. It's been proven the cities with the highest amount of gun control also have higher crime rates than those with less gun control. It's a deterrent for a crook to rub someone when he knows his life could be at stake. Having more guns results in less petty crime. It's comparable to nuclear weapons, and how having them has prevented more small-scale wars from becoming worse.

Consider the Vietnam or Korean wars. Both of those wars were essentially impossible to win for the United States, because taking large offensives would end up in a more general war with China. If the American forces escalated their offensives too much, the other major powers would join the war.

The same is true for the Cuban Missile Crisis. We read about this in our textbooks and watch on the History Channel how close the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. were to a nuclear war, but it was just a case of the two countries toeing the line as far as they could.

Nuclear weapons force countries to make concessions, or to compromise, or back down because the other option is unthinkable. "Winning" a nuclear war means you wiped out 50 million people from the other country, while they were only able to kill 10 million of your own. It's just not worth it.

Ironically, the same thing nuclear protesters want, which are more global problems settled diplomatically, is what is achieved through having so many nuclear weapons in the first place. It forces both sides to sit down at the table, because anything else would mean destruction.

Moreover, to think nuclear weapons could be abolished is a ridiculous idea. Someone would have them, somehow, stowed away in secret. Ridding the world of nuclear weapons would be nearly impossible to enforce. If only one or two countries were left having nuclear weapons, the deterrent to using them would all but disappear. Having so few countries with nukes would make the weapons the polar opposite of what we want: completely usable. That, in itself, is a scary enough proposition.

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The things that I'll miss

Yousef Munayyer

In my senior year of high school I walked into my guidance counselor's office with five completed applications for universities. My counselor had recommended that I choose one more school, one more application, because the counseling office recommended at least six schools to be on the safe side. He pointed me in the direction of a drawer which had many random applications in it. Since I was fairly sure of where I wanted to go I carelessly grabbed the first application I saw in the drawer. That was the application for the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Since then, everything has been done my way. And much like the Frank Sinatra song I have a few regrets but, then again, too few to mention. Now, with under a month left before I don a cap and gown I look back at the past four years and look forward to the future.

Though I am ready to leave, and I know many of you aren't, there are certainly things I will miss about this place. I know that years from now I will look back on this experience and reminisce about the years I spent studying at the University. Since I entered as a freshman, I was able to do a lot and if I could do it again I would do more of everything I did.

I am going to miss having to go to class. To some this seems like lunacy, but in reality it's much better than having to go to work. Here your main obligation is learning. The deadlines you have to meet are for yourself not for some middle-management coffee guzzler in the office upstairs. This is an experience that benefits you. I am definitely going to miss professors, especially the first week of a semester when you meet them all. It is in that week that you get used to how weird some of them really are.

You can't forget the good times at sports games here at UMass. I will definitely miss seeing this level of competition. Though professional sports offer players with more talent, it is here, at the college level, where you see players with heart. This is what makes the games worth watching. I am going to miss being able to see great hockey games by just waving my UCard. I'm going to miss watching one of the best lacrosse teams in the country, year in and year out, win gut wrenching games because they play as a team. I am going to miss heckling players and refs till they go home crying at night.

I have had a great experience with just about everyone here from the PhDs to the custodian that I play ping-pong with.

I hope you're sitting down. I am going to miss dressing up like a gigantic slice of pizza on the Mullins center ice. That's right; for the past three years this ultra-serious political columnist's secret identity was none other than Mr. Slice. Move over Clark Kent it's my time now.

I am going to miss being around so many people in my age group. The real world is so different. Here everyone, well ok a lot of people, are between the ages of 18-24. In the real world I'm never going to be surrounded with so many people who have the same goals and interests that I do.

I am certainly going to miss the people I have met here. My friends, who have proven to be great people, were always there to laugh with. Professors and faculty who have influenced me will certainly be missed. I have had a great experience with just about everyone here from the PhDs to the custodian that I play ping-pong with.

There are also some things that I will definitely not miss. I will not feel bad leaving rural Massachusetts. I will not miss the smell of bison in Hadley. I will not miss the Student Government (sorry guys, but I really won't). I will not miss the administration which values presentation over education and finds it acceptable to have flat screen TVs in the dinning halls over an escort service available to students walking alone at night. I am certainly not going to miss ignorant people, who refuse to think outside their cave, who are wasting their time and other people's money at this University. If you spend four years here and still have the same conclusions about everything you did when you came in, you may receive a diploma, but you have failed to open your mind.

I suppose in closing this is an admonition to everyone who is still here and will be here for a while. Make the most of your time here. I finished with two majors, a minor and a Five-College certification. If I could do it again I would try for more. See what is out there, meet new people, try new things, learn and leave your mark. Failures are those who get a diploma after four years but are immediately and easily forgotten.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

FLAWS FOUND IN RIGHT WINGER ARTICLE

I'm an alumnus of UMass-Amherst (PhD. 1987), and currently an Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Denver. In the April 29 issue, the "No Freedom for Right Wingers" column contained two key factual errors. First, Dick Lamm doesn't teach in the Colorado public university system. He teaches here, at the University of Denver, which is a private institution.

Secondly, Governor Lamm didn't seek to publish his essay in our campus faculty publication. Rather, he sought to publish it in "The Source," which is an all-campus newsletter reporting campus activities, events, and soft, "feel good" news. "The Source" doesn't publish, and it's not the appropriate place for publishing, substantive essays on social issues (controversial or otherwise).

Thus, there's no controversy here, and certainly no infringement of Governor Lamm's academic freedom. There's no left-wing faculty hypocrisy afoot and, indeed, comparing anything in this episode to the Ward Churchill affair is absurd. The re's nothing going on that contradicts the DU faculty's position on Academic Values, Rights, and Responsibilities. Our Faculty Senate is currently working with Governor Lamm to find a suitable on-campus publication outlet for his essay, which will be accompanied by essays expressing opposing views. This is how healthy intellectual debate within a community of scholars should work.

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SPRING CONCERT ROCKS THE MULLINS





FABOLOUS



By REID DAVENPORT
COLLEGIAN STAFF

Sunday, the Mullins Center played host to the annual Spring Concert. The event, sponsored by the University Productions and Concerts, WMUA, SGA and the Student Activities Center, featured Battle of the Bands winner Stay Behind, rapper Fabolous, hip-hop artist Nas and Boston's own Dropkick Murphys.

As Stay Behind prepared to perform, the seats and the floor area were still filling up. The local band won the honor of opening the Spring Concert by winning the April 8 Battle of the Bands.

While their set was short, they managed to entice the crowd to create a concert atmosphere. They featured one song, "365 Reasons," which they dedicated for anyone in the audience who has been hurt by someone else. For an unknown band, they managed to warm up the crowd fairly well.

During a brief break in the action, the UMass Dancers performed as DJ Hazard, who kept the music going during breaks, assisted with the music. The crowd started to roar with anticipation as the lights dimmed again. Fabolous and company took the stage.

DJ 45 set-up and got the crowd warmed up as Fabolous' crew took the stage. Fabolous walked out as the audience pushed to the front of the floor and those in the seats stood up. He then proceeded to prove that he was an excellent choice for the opening act.

Fabolous' set included hits like "Breathe," "Tit4tat," "Don't Stop, Won't Stop," and "Keepin' it Gangsta." The crowd was very into the performance as most of the audience seemed to know the words to nearly every song. The floor turned into a sea of hands waving to the music as the people in the seats stood up and bounced to the music.

Fabolous and crew finished their set with "It's My Party" and a strong performance of the hit song "Never Leave You (Uh Oh)." Fabolous finished strong and thanked the crowd, his crew, DJ 45 and [illegible] his new album, "Real Talk," in stores [illegible].

The lights came up for a short break and [illegible] to take the high energy out of the audience. Those who decided to go for a bathroom break missed out on plenty of very good break dancing going [illegible] once again, [illegible] by DJ Hazard. The crowd's energy was [illegible] up to [illegible] they cheered on the [illegible]

'Spring Concert'
Sunday May 1
Mullins center

being the headliner portion of the night. He talked to the crowd, got them to feel his music and played as many familiar hits as he could. He finished in saying that there have been many losses in the rap industry and proceeded to sing "One Mic" in dedication to his fallen fellow artists. During On the song, thousands held up their lit-up cell phones to create an ocean of blue throughout the Mullins Center. Nas thanked the crowd one last time as he left the stage.

In a rather shocking turn of events, a sizeable portion of the crowd left after Nas' performance. However, it did not affect the energy of the large group the stayed to see the Dropkick Murphys perform. Chants of "Lets Go Murphys!" broke out as the stage was being prepared. The lights went out and a Celtic ballad began to play. As the soothing sounds of the ballad came to an end, the lights came up on the stage and the Dropkick Murphys jumped right into their first song.

They played the hits "Boys on the Dock," "Barroom Hero," and got the crowd really going when they played their hit single "Tessie." Throughout the performance the crowd's energy was at its peak as the members of the crowd moshed, sang along and crowd surfed. People were screaming, dancing, pushing, shouting, surfing, and enjoying every moment.

Dropkick got the crowd to calm down a bit as they sang the song "Fields of Anthry" in memory of a Weymouth soldier whom requested this song be played by Dropkick if he did not return home. They went as far as to play it at the young man's funeral. The crowd held lighters in the air as Dropkick played the song dedicated to a fallen soldier.

Dropkick proceeded to pull a young male from the crowd, who claimed he knew all the words for "Barroom Hero." It would be up to the audience to vote if he did well enough to hang out with the band after the show or if they should beat the hell out of him. The young man showed no fear as he went right into the song, leaped around stage, and got a loud roar from the crowd as he finished, but he may not have liked the voting process as the crowd roared for both options.

"So what you're saying is he did a good job, but we're going to kill him anyways?" lead singer Al Barr asked the audience to a roaring response.

"You guys are sick bastards!" replied bassist Ken Casey to the response.

The band continued as the security allowed [illegible] members of the audience to come on stage [illegible] and sing with the band. The set, a finale [illegible] consisted of the four songs [illegible]

ANDREW TAMURA/COLLEGIAN

What happened to dating?: A guide for braving the system

MeiMei Thai

Heaps of college students are dancing in the dimly lit back room of the Monkey Bar in downtown Amherst on a nippy Thursday night in late March. It is the first night out after spring break, so everyone's out to party, drink and get down and dirty. Hip-hop, reggae, and reggaeton music blares from speakers. Ladies and gentlemen squeeze past each other to get to and from the bar. It's nearly impossible not to bump into anybody. Tonight is the night to get crazy. Is this the typical singles scene for college students?

Dating was a shy process in high school. If I liked a boy, I'd tell my friend to tell him, or not say anything at all. Others would write notes telling one another that they liked each other. If it worked out, they'd hang out, get to know each other and go to the movies. That's how it usually went down. As for high school, depending on how "experienced" you are in dating, it may be more straight forward and less awkward.

However, at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, that changes. Many students seem to have different opinions, yet very similar views in college dating.

Before attending the university, I, myself, thought I would find my potential boyfriend here. Boy, was I wrong!

College.

You'd think people would want to meet their loved ones and settle down. But it looks like they just want to "explore" before they're actually ready to commit seriously. Basically, dating at UMass is lacking. People just want to have fun. It's more about hooking up and having sex. Guys are trying to be smooth. Few want a relationship, and most of the time, guys just want to "do the damn thing." On the other hand, ladies are more low-key. It may seem like they want a serious relationship, but there are females out there who just want the same thing guys do: sex without the commitment.

"Most students don't want to get into relationships because they want something casual and quick," UMass senior Javier Cruz says. "Plus, they're busy with classes and other activities. They don't want to be tied down with their four years here."

"Students, at the moment, like hooking up with no strings attached," Cruz continues. "They want friends with benefits, but it's hard to find that. If a guy or girl ends up falling in love, it's no longer friends with benefits because of the emotional attachment. No one likes to be used. Nobody wants to be anybody's doormat."

Cruz isn't the only one who thinks this way.

"Students aren't getting into relationships because they just want sex," senior Mihyun Kim says bluntly, laughing. "I don't think I want anyone from UMass because I never really met a smart person who plans [his] future. They're not good enough."

Even though Kim hasn't found anybody she could see herself with, she's still keeping her eyes open.

As for UMass junior Raj Paul, he had one serious relationship in high school when he was in India. But now that he's here, it's different.

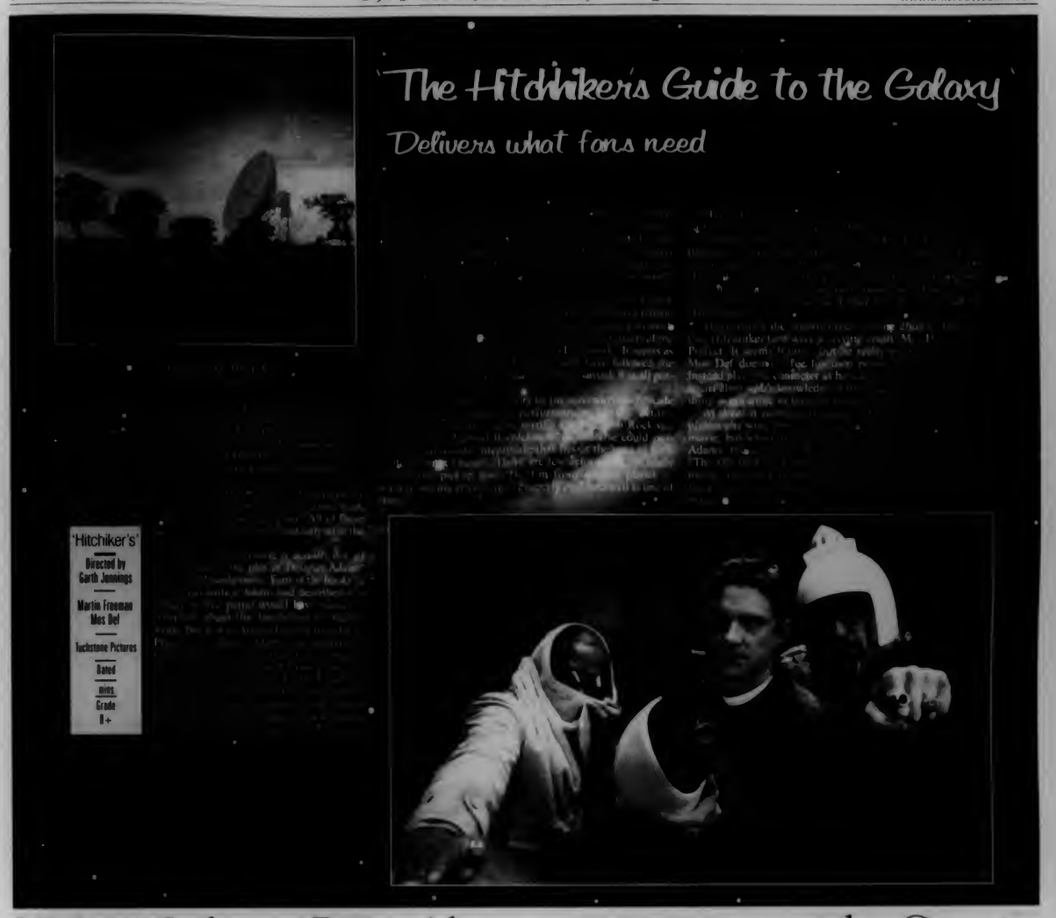
"I'm not really looking to date,"

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Bars and pubs seem to be the ultimate meeting ground for college students these days. Though the average student is not looking for love, most keep their options open while out for a night.



UMass' 'Life is a Dream' brings imagination to the Curtain

By JARED DEMICK
COLLEGIAN STAFF

Imprisoned princes in cavemen attire, a vengeful woman disguised as a man, a fool that liked to sit on audience members' laps, a chorus that tangoed on a bare, incandescent stage. What is immediately striking about the UMass Theater Department's production of "Life is a Dream" was the way in which it patched incongruous elements together to recreate the bizarre yet captivating logic of dreams. During a brief but fascinating 90 minutes on stage, the line between reality and fantasy blurred.

'Life is a Dream'
Through May 7
Curtain Theater
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In theater, there is a constantly raging debate over how faithful a director should be to a script. One extreme believes that directors should follow the specifications of a script and have the action on stage accurately reflect it. At the other end you have those who maintain that a script is merely a platform upon which the director launches their own vision. In this production of Pedro Calderon's "Life is a Dream," the director Kara-Lynn Vaeni definitely subscribed to the principles of the latter and ended up making some very audacious decisions.

"Life is a Dream" was written during the Golden Age of Spain, a commercial and artistic renaissance that took place in the 16th and early 17th centuries. The play seriously addresses the nature of reality and the meaning of dreams in our lives. In a way, it predates Freudian psychology and the Spanish surrealism of Dali, Bunuel, and Lorca with its recognition of the mysterious truths that might lie in dreams.

The play is essentially the story of a Polish prince named Segismundo. Segismundo has spent most of his life locked in a tower because his father received a prophesy (a form of a dream?) that his son would grow up to become a cruel tyrant. Many years later, the King in his old age grows remorseful of his decision to imprison his own son and before he chooses his successor, he conducts an experiment. He decides to let Segismundo free and observes his son while he is being treated as royalty for the first time in his life.

As prophesized, Segismundo becomes callous and vindictive. So with great remorse, the King sends Segismundo back to the tower and he appoints his nephew, Astolfo, and his niece, Estrella, as his successors. Meanwhile at the tower, Segismundo is brainwashed by his keeper, Clotaldo, into thinking that his brief stint as a ruler was merely a dream. However word gets out among the peasants that the rightful heir to the throne is being imprisoned. So a revolt tears the nation apart and Segismundo is freed so he can spearhead the rebel army.

After a bloody battle, Segismundo's forces overtake the king's and he gains full control of Poland. At first everyone expects him to once again be callous and cruel, but he surprises all by being fair and just. For in prison, he learned the lesson that whether in our lives or in our dreams, we should strive to do the right.

The most impressive thing about the production was the translation of the play which was a collaboration between UMass professor Harley Erdman and graduate student Lauryn Sasso. When translating older texts, especially dramas, many English translators choose to use archaic Elizabethan phrasing, a phrasing that is not present in the original language. Thankfully, Erdman and Sasso avoided this pratfall and kept the play's poetic

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"Life is a Dream" a play by Pedro Calderon de la Barca runs through May 7th. Above is a picture published on the cover of the book.

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Eels return with sixth album, a cinematic epic with blinking

By Nick Romanow
Collegian Staff

Eels founder Mark Oliver Everett, better known simply as E, has made a career of honest, personal and often intensely depressed songwriting. The essentially one-man band broke onto alternative radio and MTV in 1996 with the dark, and bleakly comic, "Novocaine For The Soul" and proved to be more than a novelty act with 1998's brilliant, highly acclaimed "Electro-shock Blues" album, which dealt with E's sister's suicide and his mother's terminal battle with cancer. Over the course of his career E has constantly been a shining star of modern pop-rock. From bombastic rockers to piano-lead lullabies and bare-bones acoustic-guitar confessionals Eels have provided evocative journeys through the mind and life of E. While it can occasionally be a rough and painful path, there are always plenty of rewards for those that take the time and effort to really listen. However E's ear for pop melody and zest for music generally makes everything enjoyable even on a more basic level.

Eels
'Blinking Lights and Other Revelations'
Vagrant records

On their sixth album, the double-disc epic "Blinking Lights And Other Revelations", E continues to bring what people might expect from Eels (of course longtime listeners know to expect the unexpected) while presenting his songs under a different light.

The album starts with "Theme From Blinking Lights" an instrumental (aside from angelic "da da da da" vocals) and throughout the next 90 minutes the theme is reprised, alongside other short instrumental pieces. Aside from that there are two tracks, "Blinking Lights (for me)" and "Blinking Lights (for you)", which are nearly identical except that only the first one has vocals. What at first seems like filler turns out to be the heart of the project and gives the epic set a cinematic vision.

"The first thing I did that started this whole thing was 'Blinking Lights (for me)'," E explained in a phone interview with the Collegian shortly before the album was released, "It was originally written for a film ... but it ended up not being made. And shortly after that I got the idea that I wanted to make a 'Blinking Lights' album 'cause I liked the idea of what the song was about. The song wasn't about anything that was gonna be in the movie anyway it was something I really wrote to comfort someone that was close to me that was going through a hard time."

The song is based around quiet acoustic guitar and faint, galloping percussion. E's scratchy vocals are front and center as he sings about "Morse code signals" he receives from blinking lights on an airplane that inspire him. "One day I will be alright again" he tells himself in a half-sing/half-whisper.

The rest of the album deals with similar issues and is full of both cynical views of life and attempts at self-comfort. The grand, booming "The Other Shoe" finds E "sitting here, waiting for the other shoe to drop", "Trouble With Dreams" is dominated by a haunting melody, and is one of the album's best songs, where E begins by admitting "There's nothing that I wanna do / More than get along and be with you" and then immediately realizes that "Trouble with dreams is they don't come true / And when they do they can catch up to you." "Checkout Blues" finds E threatening to "check out at any given time" and battling with "the curse" which has claimed nearly E's whole family (aside from his sister and mother, his father died when E was 19, and his cousin died during 9/11). E often revisits his similar lyrical territory if only because there is no way to ignore it.

The recording of "Blinking Lights" was no less harrowing for E. He has been working on it off-and-on since 1997. While E typically works by himself he found this experience to be particularly lonely.

"It was pretty scary in a lot of ways. I always make [records] very independently in that I pay for everything myself, 'cause I don't want any involvement from any companies ... and it was kind of a big undertaking being that it is a double album, it could've been a quadruple album. Nobody was asking me to do something like that; it was just something I really felt I needed to do."

E often finds himself working on multiple albums at once and, although he had been writing songs for "Blinking Lights" for a while, it was while touring for 2003's "Shootenanny!" album that the idea began to take shape. Ironically he had written and recorded the more straight-forward rock album as a "reaction to [his] frustrations with how difficult making ['Blinking Lights'] was."

"It wasn't until during the Shootenanny tour that ... I was thinking about treating the record more like a film. That's when I started to do the instrumental stuff ... the little vignettes between the songs. My idea was to have something that you could feel more then you could think about. That's when I realized it needed a little more breathing room than one disc was gonna give it."

And indeed the main complaint that could be made about "Blinking Lights" is that it has a little bit too much breathing room. The slightly over 90-minute album could easily be condensed to fit on an 80-minute CD but E has, once again, defied convention: this time by refusing to make a traditionally structured pop record.

Additionally E hasn't lost his sense of humor, or his remaining shreds of optimism. His sarcasm and wit is often overlooked and his ability to find the silver lining in a sky full of dark clouds is no doubt what's gotten him this far. "Things The Grandchildren Should Know" is cautiously optimistic and the entire "Blinking Lights" theme is "about finding something good amongst the ruins." Within the figurative ruins of "Blinking Lights" there are light moments. "Hey Man (Now You're Really Living)" is filled with "oooooh"s and "sha-la-la"s and "Going Fetal", which features Tom Waits doing a "crying solo" was born out of E's sense of humor about the younger generation.



The Eels return with their sixth record, a brooding album with cinematic elements worked in. The title track, "Blinking Lights" was originally written for a movie that never got made.

"[Kids] have so much on their shoulders...they are a very cynical group...[so] I had this dance number. I wanted to start a dance craze for the teenagers basically where the dance is falling down and giving up under the pressure and curling up on the dance floor as if you were back in your mother's womb. I picture [Waits'] part: it's like we're on American bandstand in 1965 and he occasionally shoots up to the front of the stage, slides up on his knees, and does the 'waaah' and all the girls in the audience scream and you're never sure if they're screaming in delight or horror." E even jokes about why he could never bring that vision to life. "It'd be great to make a video of that [but Waits] might hurt his back or something."

At the end of the long trail E is no doubt proud of his most epic, and arguably best, work to date and seems to think that the long, painful process was worth it.

"I feel like everyone's gotta do it sometime, everyone should do it sometime. It's like Bob Dylan said, 'you're nobody if you haven't been booed.' You're nobody if you don't do a double album at least once."

When asked if he'd ever do another double album, E jokes, "Remind me not to...that's not to say I won't do a triple album. That challenge is ahead," he laughs, "and then there's the box set."

'Dream' delivers more than life

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grandeur while endowing it with a direct clarity. Consequently, viewers could spend more time concentrating on the character's emotions rather than trying to decipher their language.

The acting in the performance was impressive and uniformly strong. One is hard pressed to name a particular stand out performance as each actor managed to endow their characters with a compelling complexity. Randolph Paulsen (Segismundo) did a wonderful job capturing the seething anger and unrelenting confusion that Segismundo is cursed. Paulsen did so well that at some points one felt that Segismundo was going to eat himself alive.

Jonathan Graffam (Clarin) was an audience favorite as he freely interacted with them during the performance and possessed a Jerry Lewis-like aptitude for physical comedy.

Kate Mettam (Rosaura), who has given strong performances in past UMass shows like "All's Well That Ends Well" and "The Curse of the Starving Class," conveyed the volatility of an emotionally wounded person with an intense, unhinged performance.

Tom Adrian Villalobos (Basilio the King) and Maxfield Raynolds (Clotaldo) were captivating with their thundering voices and dominating stage presences.

Kelby Akin (Astolfo) and Lindsay Grace Robitaille (Estrella) were very humorous in portraying their characters' overeager attempts at social climbing. The chorus or Los Chicos Calientes had a sort of strange power and had a commanding presence on stage that equaled the main characters.

The choices in the presentation of the play were both frustrating and admirable. Costuming was baffling as characters were wearing attire from all different periods ranging from the Golden Age of Spain to the 20th century. Also, the director's use of the chorus was awkward. Before each scene started, a member of the chorus would announce which scene was about to begin.

Also, the director decided to insert choreographed musical interludes which blended moves from tango to what seemed to be Michael Jackson's "Thriller" video at one point. However, while the insertion of modern elements in a Renaissance drama was bizarre, there was something admirable in it. "Life is a Dream" succeeded in using the incongruity of its elements as a way in which one could contemplate the mysteries that come to visit us every time we close our eyes.

Should we date or hook up?

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he says. "I'm just looking for fun, [but] I think UMass is a good place because you can find people who have similar interests. There's a wide range of people to choose from."

Although UMass can be a good place to meet someone you like because of its somewhat diverse setting, many females believe that guys just want to have sex. Nothing else. You'd think women are the ones who are looking for the commitment, but Paul disagrees.

"[Girls] want what guys do," he says. "They just hide it more. They're just selective in who to hook up with. They're not as random, but they want the same thing."

Perhaps, it's true. Perhaps, girls just want to have fun without the whole relationship thing. But there are ladies who want to be with someone they love and care about. And some have even dated at UMass. It's just a matter of finding the right one.

A female senior, who wished not to have her name used, dated somebody who wasn't Indian for the first time, which lasted for seven months. It was her last relationship.

"That's the one relationship I learned a lot from, and I grew as a person," she says. "It made me realize for the first time how important my culture and family are. And love is not the only thing that makes a relationship work. It takes a lot of understanding, patience, and trust."

That, I agree with. Being single may be the best way to go. No worries, no insecurities, no doubts and no problems. But maybe it's not so bad to date somebody from UMass. I just haven't found anybody who interests me. Nor have I found anybody who is a one-woman man, a fact most girls soon discover as freshmen.

Oh, the many lessons you'll learn at UMass. Both male and female students just want to fool around before they find that special person, while others have already tried. Overall, dating does occur, just not as often.

Hence, the Monkey Bar scene. It's a great place to drink and meet people. I can see several dancing drunken couples grinding and feeling each other up as the song "Tempted to Touch" kicks off. Perhaps, this trend may fade as students graduate and get into the real world. But for now, it's time to dance and live the single life.

MeiMei Thai is a Collegian staff member.



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Schilling rushed back

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Yankees. Had he pitched the outcome may have not been much different than the 9-2 shelling the Bombers gave to Boomer and the Sox.

One would think that Schillings only rehab start in Pawtucket was an indication he wasn't ready to face major league talent, or minor league talent for that matter. In that game he gave up seven runs on 11 hits in only six innings of work. Right there the organization should have known he needed a little more time.

Instead, Schilling was thrust right into the fire as he made his first major league start of the season against the Yankees. He lost that game for Sox giving up all five New York runs in five and two-thirds innings.

His only win of the season came against the punchless Toronto Blue Jays. Even in that start he didn't look to be completely healthy. Then, last Saturday, Schilling gave up nine hits to the lowly Tampa Devil Rays and six earned runs.

Overall in his three starts of 2005 Schilling is 1-2 with an outrageous 7.13 earned run average. Not exactly the Schilling of old.

In 32 starts last year Schilling led the majors with 21 wins and just 6 losses. He only lost one start at Friendly Fenway last year a feat he as already matched in 2005.

It would have been better for all parties involved if Curt had just taken the time to reach full health. Instead, a lot of pressure has been put on a lot of people who really don't need it right now.

Take for instance the Red Sox bullpen. As of late, the struggles of closer Keith Foulke are no secret. Right now Foulke couldn't close out a game against the Minutemen, not to mention the Orioles. His ERA is right up there with Schilling's at 7.20, a horrendous number for a closer.

Pressure has also been place on injured starter Wade Miller. With two of Boston's starters out, Miller may feel the need to rush his own rehab to join the big league club. Who can blame him? As of now the rotation looks like this: Tim Wakefield, Bronson Arroyo, Matt Clement, John Halama and plug in a minor leaguer.

It's also up to the offense to put up the numbers to support this less than stellar starting rotation.

One may be quick to point out the Red Sox of 2004 and how they played mediocre baseball until the middle August. There are a few clear differences between those Red Sox and the team of 2005.

Last year the Sox played .500 baseball with Curt Schilling in the rotation, not on the DL. Also, that staff included hall of famer Pedro Martinez and seasoned veteran Derek Lowe, both now departed to the New York Mets and Los Angeles Dodgers, respectively.

The players and coaching staff will say that the rigorous 162 game season is a marathon not a sprint. But wasn't it that sprint they went on in August last year that saved their season and set the stage for the stretch run against Yankees?

Moreover, this isn't 2004 anymore, it's 2005. Who's to say the Sox are going to go on another torrid streak as they did in August of last year. That's not to say it can't happen because it most certainly can, and hopefully will. Granted all of this is happening in April but, May is just around the corner, the time when games begin to "count".

Also, this year the problem is going to be pitching, not offense as it was in 2004 with the absence of Nomar Garciaparra. Everyone knows you win baseball games with pitching and not with the bats. Just ask the Texas Rangers or Baltimore Orioles.

Jon Pelland is a Collegian Columnist.



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Red Sox ace Curt Schilling has had a rocky start to the 2005 campaign. Schilling has been fighting injuries since the end of last season.

Walker will return for game 5

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

WALTHAM — The Boston Celtics get Antoine Walker back for Game 5 of the playoffs. The Indiana Pacers hope their own defense and shooting return from a one-game break.

"We've got to do a lot of things better," Indiana coach Rick Carlisle said Monday.

The Celtics tied the best-of-seven series 2-2 and regained homecourt advantage by handing the Pacers their worst playoff loss ever, 110-79 at Indiana on Saturday night, despite Walker's one-game suspension for grabbing a referee.

Ricky Davis started in his place, scored 15 points and is expected to start again Tuesday night while rookie Delonte West returns to the bench to make room for Walker. The Celtics hope Davis' shooting can get them off to a good start.

"We have to try to force the tempo and push the ball up the court and make (the Pacers) run," Walker said, "get them out of setting the ball in the halfcourt where they can force the ball into Jermaine O'Neal and Reggie (Miller) can come off those screens."

Boston did that in Game 4 and Indiana hit 27 percent of its shots with O'Neal going 4-for-15 for nine points and Miller going 3-for-12 for 12 points. Boston's aggressive defense on the ball handler kept Miller from receiving passes in good shooting position.

The Celtics relied on a smaller lineup Saturday night with four good ballhandlers who could spearhead the fastbreak after winning Game 1 with a bigger lineup.

"The thing that scares me about Boston is they've blown us out once with Walker and their normal team, and they've blown us out once going small," Carlisle said. "He's so good all around _ putting the ball on the floor, shooting 3's, driving it, posting up, I don't see where him coming back could possibly hurt them."

Especially if the Pacers' defense doesn't improve. The Celtics hit 57 percent of their shots in Game 4 and outscored the Pacers 48-22 near the basket.

"They're a transition team," Miller said, "and if they get out and get easy open (shots), we know they're going to be tough to beat."

The Pacers could be down to their third-string point guard. Jamaal Tinsley missed the last 27 regular-season games and four in the playoffs with a bruised foot. His backup, Anthony Johnson, didn't practice Monday because of a sore back after being hit accidentally by teammate James Jones in Game 4.

Carlisle expects Johnson to try to play, but Tinsley hasn't been cleared by doctors. Fred Jones probably would start if neither can play.

Boston is at full strength now that Walker has served his suspension for trying to move referee Tom Washington out of the way after getting his second technical foul in Game 3 when he fouled O'Neal hard.

Walker watched Game 4 from his hotel room.

"Sitting out a game of that importance was very difficult," he said. "It was fun to watch to see how a group of guys picked up and played the way they did in the biggest game of the season."

Paul Pierce helped make up for Walker's absence with 30 points, eight assists, seven rebounds and five blocks.

"We played well in Game 4, but for us to go on and advance, we need to be full strength," Pierce said.

A Boston loss would give Indiana a chance to win the series at home Thursday night. A seventh game would be in Boston on Saturday night.

"No one's been able to get a rhythm in this entire series," partially because whichever team plays its style better has a big advantage, Boston coach Doc Rivers said.

A running game favors the Celtics, who have won by 23 and 31 points. A slower pace works for the Pacers, who have won by 3 and 20, and gives Miller time to cut off screens to catch a pass and put up an open shot.

"We were concentrating on getting the ball (inside) too much" in Game 4, Miller said. "It worked for us in Game 3, but we have to move the ball."



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Celtics forward Antoine Walker will return to the Celtics lineup for game 5 against the Indiana Pacers. The series is currently tied 2-2.

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Minutewomen face BU

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eager to get there."

UMass locked up the second seed with four home wins last week, including a doubleheader sweep of A-10 foe LaSalle on Friday.

The Minutewomen thoroughly dominated the Explorers, winning 15-1 and 3-0 while allowing only one hit in each game. Jenna Busa led the way on the mound, turning in her second strong performance of the week.

Busa was named A-10 Pitcher of the Week for the first time this season, following her two starts in which she did not allow an earned run. Busa (11-5) has turned it on lately going 8-1 with a 0.89 ERA in her last nine starts.

"It meant a lot," Sortino said of sweeping LaSalle. "We hit the ball really well. We got two pretty solid pitching performances. I thought the team's energy level was good. Overall, I was pretty pleased."

UMass set a school record for home runs in a season in the games against LaSalle. The Minutewomen hit five home runs on Friday to bring their season total to 38.

UMass features four players in the top ten in the A-10 and batting, and has had a balanced offensive attack all season. Adding to this depth has been the recent production of freshman Stacy Cullington. Cullington had been a role player for much of the season before getting her chance to shine last week.

With starting shortstop Hilary Puglia out of action with an injured shoulder, Cullington stepped into the lineup and had a huge week.

Cullington had a huge day filling in for Puglia last Tuesday against Harvard, as she hit a game-winning three-run homer in the first game of a doubleheader, and scored the winning run in the second game.

Even with Puglia back on Friday, Cullington stayed in the lineup at second base in the first game and as designated hitter in the second. Cullington once again came up big, bashing a grand slam in the first game.

During the huge four-game stretch, Cullington batted .600 (6-10) with two home runs, seven RBIs and four runs scored. As a result, Cullington was named A-10 Rookie of the Week for the second time this year.

The challenge for Sortino now is finding a spot in the lineup for her hottest hitter.

"Stacy's an amazing player," Sortino said. "She's made a niche for herself, and now I have to figure out how to get her in the lineup."



COURTESY KAREN WINARD

Senior outfielder HilaryPuglia dives for a catch against N.C. State on April 24. UMass lost 6-0.

Players' union calls for penalties

By Ben Walker
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The baseball players' union told commissioner Bud Selig on Monday that it was willing to talk to him about his call for harsher steroids penalties.

"We will look forward to discussing the points you raised," union head Donald Fehr said in a letter to Selig.

Last week, Selig wrote to Fehr, asking players to agree to even tougher penalties than the ones that took effect at the start of the season. Selig now wants a 50-game suspension for first-time steroid offenders, a 100-game ban for a second offense and a lifetime suspension for a third violation.

Earlier in the day, Minnesota Twins reliever Juan Rincon was suspended for 10 days after testing positive for a performance-enhancing substance. He was the fifth player banned under the Major League Baseball policy, and the most well-known.

Under current rules, the first offense draws a 10-day suspension. The penalties increase to 30 days for a second positive test, 60 days for a third violation and one year for a fourth. The penalty for a fifth failure is at the commissioner's discretion.

Along with stiffening the penalties under his "three strikes and you are out approach," Selig also wants the union to ban amphetamines, to increase random tests and to pick an independent person to handle the big league drug-testing program.

Fehr noted in his letter that the union agreed in January to tougher penalties and said the program was working, adding, "You now request that we further modify our agreement."

"Given the players' demonstrated commitment to make certain that the goals of our program are met, and their desire to continue to strive to make sure that is done, we are willing to discuss the matter with you," he wrote.

Fehr suggested that the sides "negotiate at the table, and not in the media."

"Accordingly, I will not here otherwise respond to your letter," Fehr wrote. "We will look forward to discussing the points you raised, and other appropriate matters."

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UMass falls to Spiders

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With 8:16 left in regulation, Connerty scored her third goal of the game to cut the lead down to one at 9-8. However, for the next two minutes Richmond possessed the ball, stalling and killing clock by moving the ball around the perimeter. It was suffocating for the UMass defense and it finally caved, letting Richmond attacker Caroline McGuire knife through and score with just over four minutes left in the game.

It was the final blow for the Minutewomen, as it pushed the lead to 10-8 with time winding down on their season. Richmond killed clock during its possessions, but the Maroon and White had a last chance to cut the lead to one with just over a minute left in the game.

After moving the ball around the outside of the defense, Connerty tried to penetrate but was stripped by a Richmond defender. The play ended the game and the season, but the attention after the game was on the seniors, who had played their last game at Garber Field.

"They meant a lot," Bolduc said of the seniors. "They've been through thick and thin. They've seen it all, from victories to losses, heartbreaks to heartaches, and through all of that, especially this season, what kept them going was their spirit, and their faith and belief in knowing what this team is made of. I think that they've created that. They are the reason why we will do good things next year."

Rubin turned a solid performance in only her third career start, with 10 saves and only allowing 10 goals. Throughout the game she kept the Minutewomen within striking distance, making great saves on tough shots. For coach Bolduc it was rewarding to see Rubin performing well.



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Jackie Nesbitt backs into a Richmond defender on during the Minutewomen's game against the Spiders on Sunday afternoon.

"I think for her the pressure wasn't on and she just went out there and played knowing that this was her last shot in cage," Bolduc said. "And I think she probably told herself, 'go out with a bang, don't give up, don't doubt and don't regret'. And I think it was evident in how she played today."

For the seniors it was an emotional last day.

"We're all best friends on the team," Kestner said. "I'm going to miss it a lot. After the game we all went over and hugged each other, we're going to miss it so much. It's over."

Last stand for seniors

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tozone shots . . . my knee has been through a lot," St. Hilaire said. "Ofcourse it's going to feel good not to have to go through that every day. But if I had another year to play I would do it."

Rubin got the start in cage for her last game in uniform and had a tremendous performance after getting off to a rocky start. She had 10 saves and kept the Minutewomen alive for most of the game. With every save she made the UMass sideline erupted in support of its senior goaltender, who was making just the third start of her career.

"Unbelievable. It was awesome. I was ready." Rubin said.

Rubin was caught off guard by the emotion of the day.

"It was more than we thought it was going to be," Rubin said. "I love these guys. They're unbelievable, such a great team, you couldn't ask for anything more. And they're going places, absolutely, without a doubt."



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

(From left to right): Seniors Judy Kestner, Kristin St. Hilare and Joey Rubin pose for a picture before UMass' game against RU on Sunday.

"They're going to be so good," Kestner said of the future squad. "They have so much heart, so much hustle. I would rather be in a rebuilding year with these girls than on a winning team. It's been a great experience. I love them all."

The team lost, 10-8, to the Richmond on the final day of the season, but it hardly mattered, as saying goodbye would be the most important task of the day.

It wouldn't be easy, however, as the three seniors served as big sisters to a team that was extremely young. Throughout the year it was easy to tell that this team was tightly wound and together in every way, and it makes the seniors' departure that much harder.

Coach Bolduc had one last huddle on the field before they would break for the final time in the 2005 season.

"We talked about the first lacrosse stick they picked up and how far it's gotten them," Bolduc said. "It's important for these three seniors and for the rest of the team to have heart, hustle, to give the effort and never give up. Those characteristics are valuable and are phenomenal traits that they should carry with them into life. Some day when things are down, think back and know that they stuck to the end and finished. We talked about knowing that next year, what they did today will show up in a very positive way."

Schilling loss damages Red Sox

Jon Pelland

What's going on here? This isn't supposed to be happening. The Boston Red Sox are the defending world champions, they aren't supposed be entering May with double-digit losses.

The hometown team was dealt yet another blow to their pitching staff on Wednesday. It was announced that ace Curt Schilling was going make his second trip of the year to the 15 day disabled list. The news can't come at a worse time for the Red Sox as they lost their number two starter David Wells to the DL just one day before Schilling.

The so-called "bone bruise" on Schillings ankle raises a number of questions for the Red Sox. First of which, did he rush his rehabilitation from off-season ankle surgery?

The injured ankle is the same one that Schilling had sutured during the 2004 American League Championship Series and World Series. In those series it was his bloody sock that made national headlines and will forever be remembered in Red Sox lore.

Originally Schilling was supposed to make his season debut some time in early to mid-May. Now however, he's out at least two weeks and could miss up to three starts. Could it be that Schilling's larger than life ego forced him to return to the team before he was a 100%? It's more than possible.

If Schilling had it his way he would have pitched opening night in New York against the hated

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Minutewomen set to face Terriers

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

With only five games remaining in the regular season, it would be easy for the Massachusetts softball team to look ahead to the postseason. But UMass coach Elaine Sortino wants her team playing well down the stretch, beginning with a home game today at 5 p.m. against Boston University (21-16-1).

"We're looking to play well," Sortino said. "They're a good team and they're coming to our house. We need to come ready to play."

It would be forgivable for the Minutewomen (28-14-1 11-3 Atlantic 10) to begin to look towards the postseason because all they are playing for this week is to improve their status as a potential at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament if they fail to capture the automatic bid that comes with the Atlantic 10 title.

The A-10 Tournament begins next Thursday at the University of Rhode Island and the Minutewomen have clinched the No. 2 seed. All that is left to be determined is who UMass will face in the first round. The opponent will either be Saint Bonaventure or Saint Joseph's, both teams that UMass swept doubleheaders from this season.

Entering the tournament as the No. 2 seed is a change for the Minutewomen, as they had won 10-straight regular seasons crowns, but this year were knocked out of the top spot by Fordham.

"It's a new spot for us because we're used to being the one-seed," Sortino said. "It's going to be different that we don't have the target on our back. This is a good position for this team because it's young. We're really

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Too little too late for Stern

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with no money, risking injury and jeopardizing their financial security? No way. And while staying in school obtains moral superiority, the smartest business decision for kids who can make it would be to skip March Madness and head straight for the Big Show.

Many basketball people believe that playing for an elite division one basketball school would be a great learning experience, and playing for a coach who actually teaches the game (opposed to NBA coaches who baby sit) would help a player improve and learn the intricacies of basketball. However, players like LeBron James have shattered all of the rules and leaped directly from high school into the NBA elite.

How many of you thought that Carmelo Anthony was going to be a better pick than LeBron? I know I did, because he had what LeBron didn't. He had the big game experience, he played under one of the best in coaches in basketball and he had played against better competition. He was a champion; glory was earned, not given.

Watching LeBron play on television in high school (ESPN showing high school basketball?) was like watching Jordan light up the competition in his hay day. Granted, some of the kids he was playing against were going to high level division one colleges, but James was truly a man amongst boys.

The transition from high school to the NBA would be overwhelming for anybody. LeBron had people calling him a flash in the pan. But he is the real deal, and his maturity as a teenager shined through in his first two years as he handled the transition with relative ease, bearing the burden of all the media hype in the world on his shoulders. LeBron is the exception to the rule, the person who lived up to the hype when most of the athletes these days fall well short. He is stomping on the theory that basketball players should go to college if they want to succeed in the pros.

Basketball will suffer because of LeBron's success. With NBA scouts robbing cradles for new basketball talent, high school hot dogs will go to the pros with all athleticism and no basketball IQ. It makes for boring television and bad basketball. The NBA Finals couldn't be less exciting and it is because NBA fans value hops over hustle, dunks over dedication. The kid who can throw it down is the best player, end of story.

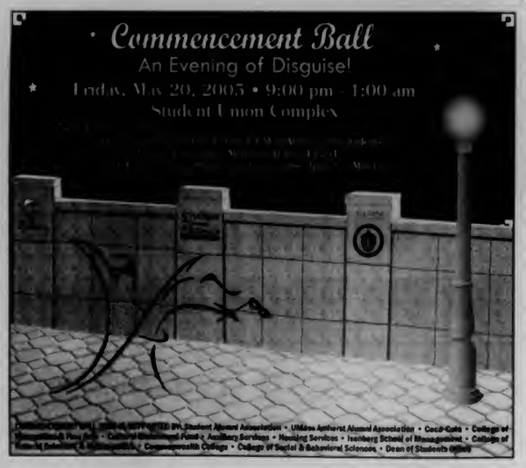
The ease of LeBron's entrance into the NBA has raised a question that is bigger than King James himself. The issue of age in the NBA is a delicate one, and LeBron — though great for the NBA's publicity and worldwide appeal — has been detrimental to the league by just being too good, too mature, too perfect.

LeBron, along with his contemporaries, has created an illusion for young, talented basketball players on their chances of making It. On Sportscenter we hear about the "diaper dandies", but we don't hear about the countless high school players that go out for the draft every year and go home heartbroken.

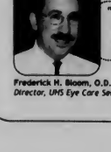
An age limit would be ideal for the NBA at this moment in time. It would improve college basketball by filtering in more talent. There would be better basketball being played in the pros with more kids going through the team-oriented college system, as opposed to jumping to the NBA which is starting to look more like an And One mix tape.

However, it is unlikely that Commissioner Stern will follow through with it, no matter how much it would improve the quality of the league. There is too much money to be made, too many millions to be spent on Escalades and mansions. The money is the drive to make it, forget about the championship ring. And as long as the payouts are as steep as they are, David Stern and company will have to wait.

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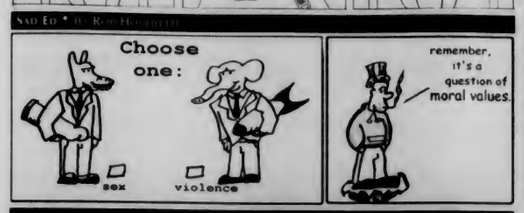


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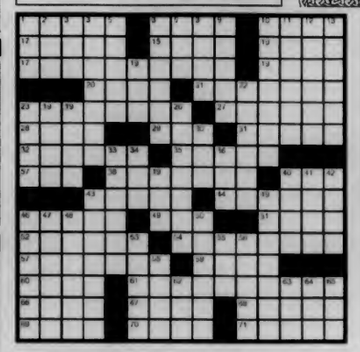
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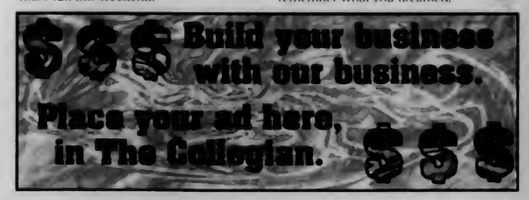
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One last dance for UMass

UM falls to Richmond

By Rob Greenfield
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts women's lacrosse team concluded its season on Sunday with a 10-8 loss to Richmond on an overcast day at Garber Field.

The day was started with a ceremony to honor the team's three seniors (Kristin St. Hilaire, Judy Kestner and Joey Rubin) as the players and their families were introduced over the loud speaker and brought out to mid-field for pictures.

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It was an emotional day for everyone, and the team wanted the seniors to go out on top with a victory against Richmond.

Senior goalkeeper Joey Rubin got the start in goal over junior Lauren McCarthy, as it would be her last shot in goal wearing the UMass jersey.

It was all business, however, after Richmond began the game with two straight goals, taking advantage of some early UMass mistakes.

With 26:11 left in the first half, junior Jackie Nesbitt cut the lead to one. At the twenty minute mark Richmond pushed the lead to 3-1 with a goal by Morgan Vahue, but the Maroon and White quickly answered with two of its own by freshman Jeanette Villapiano and junior Kerri Connerty (three goals on the day).

The score was tied 3-3 until Vahue and Villapiano traded goals around the ten minute mark. Inside of a minute later Richmond scored again, putting them up 5-4.

UMass would not take the lead again as it was a back and forth contest throughout the afternoon, but the Minutewomen could not get over the hump.

"We had some issues with the midfield and their trap," UMass coach Carrie Bolduc said. "That was our lack of game plan, but we got through it and knew what we needed to do. We had to be patient with working through it. I was happy overall. I was happy with the effort and hustle, with the spark and fire."

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COLLEGIAN KAREN WINGER

Senior defender Kristin St. Hilare runs through a tunnel of her teamates before the Minutewomen's game against Richmond on Sunday. It was the last game for seniors St. Hilare, Judy Kestner and Joey Rubin. UMass lost 10-8.

Seniors play one last time

By Rob Greenfield
Collegian Staff

It was an emotional day at Garber Field on Sunday for the seniors on the Massachusetts women's lacrosse team, as they played their final game against the Richmond Spiders under overcast skies.

Seniors Kristin St. Hilaire, Joey Rubin and Judy Kestner will all be moving on.

There were tears, hugs and happiness for the three upperclassmen as they were surrounded by teammates, friends and family after the game concluded. It was a bittersweet day for these girls, as they looked back on their fond memories at Garber Field.

"Obviously I'm going to miss it a lot," St. Hilaire said. "[Lacrosse] has been a big part of my life for the last eight or nine years. Even more I'm going to miss all the friends that I've made here. I've been on five different teams here and I've made some great friends and met some great people."

St. Hilaire, a captain, was the defending Atlantic 10 Defensive Player of the Year and also scored the first goal of her career this year. The elated reaction from her teammates on the sideline after the goal spoke worlds about how she will be missed. For UMass coach Carrie Bolduc it has been a long journey with St. Hilaire that began when she first got the coaching job here in the Valley.

"She's the foundation," Bolduc said of St. Hilaire. "She's been here since I've been here. She's a huge part of the program. She created the program. With that said, it will be weird not seeing her in the fall."

During the year the senior captain constantly battled a knee injury and was always seen with an icepack at practice and games. It was a grind for St. Hilaire in her last year, and though she would do it again in a heartbeat, getting away from the day to day labor will be a relief.

"I've had three knee surgeries, two cor-

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Age limit comes too late

So David Stern wants to put an age limit on entry into National Basketball Association, huh? Well it's too late now. The league has Jermaine O'Neal claiming racism and high school stars like LeBron and Amare Stoudamire using NBA defenders as doormats.

Rob Greenfield

And no, it doesn't matter if they'll get a better education if they go to school, it doesn't matter if they're not mature enough, and it doesn't matter that they'll get to experience the college basketball atmosphere. It's about money now, just like it is in every sport. Sports are a business, whether purists like it or not.

The National Football League has not had to deal with this problem because high school kids are physically not able to compete with the players in the NFL. But this is a very real dilemma for the NBA, and one that they have addressed too late. If David Stern — once he had seen Shawn Kemp storm out of high school and into stardom — had put the restriction on the league then, it wouldn't be an issue because Kemp would still be an exception to the rule, a one-in-a-million that made it.

But now high school kids can compete in the NBA, and even though it is a select few, it is enough to make the argument that the age limit will hurt kids whose financial future is on the hardwood — tough luck. Commissioner Stern.

The college game has no appeal to these young, super-talented basketball players, as more and more studs are making the leap of faith into the pros. Most of these guys won't even play regular minutes, and maybe a four year tenure in college ranks would've improved their game enough to get them into an NBA starting lineup, but forget all of that. They'll be millionaires.

The cliché example is Tim Duncan. He is everything that most of the NBA players are not — humble, subtle, quiet, and his game isn't flashy (he has a bank shot, enough said). He stayed four years in college at Wake Forest, graduating with his class and getting his diploma. The problem has become that you don't see stuff like that in headlines. All we see is LeBron James, Amare Stoudamire, and Jermaine O'neal's mugs all over the place.

People are split down the middle on this issue. There are those who want the kids to go to college and get themselves an education and there are those who say 'let them play'. However, people who want the former seem to be losing ground because their argument is considered retro and outdated.

They say that the kids should go to school, but why? So they can spend a couple of years

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Bonnies take two of three

By Todd Foster
Collegian Staff

Senior center fielder Jason Twomley has found his niche in UMass baseball history in his final season wearing Maroon and White.

In bottom of the eighth, Twomley homered to give the Massachusetts baseball team a 9-8 lead yesterday. Despite the senior left-handed hitter's effort, the Minutemen gave up a two-out error in the top of the ninth that lead to seven St. Bonaventure unearned runs and a 15-10 loss at Earl Lorden Field. The two teams split Sunday's doubleheader though; with the Minutemen picking up a 1-0 win in the first game and the Bonnies took a 3-0 victory in the second game.

Twomley's 14 homer on the year tied him with Aaron Braunstein, who had 14 in 1997, for second all time on the single season home run list. Twomley is now five home runs behind Billy Knight's 19 home runs in 1995 for the top spot.

The Minutemen return to action today when they travel to Loudonville, N.Y. to play Siena at three p.m. The Saints are riding a nine-game winning streak heading into the game against UMass.

UMass was holding a one-run lead heading into the ninth inning. Junior David Sullivan got two batters retired before sophomore Travis Munsey committed an error at third base to load the bases. The Bonnies quickly responded to the opportunity when sophomore third baseman Matt Mardeuz hit a two-run to the right side to take a 10-9 lead. Sophomore left fielder Brian Pellegrini then doubled in the eventual winning run to make the score 11-9.

Sophomore designated hitter Joe Rizzo added the last four runs of the inning on grand slam off reliever Scott McGovern to secure a six-run lead before UMass' last at-bat.

The only UMass run in the ninth was on sophomore designated hitter Michael Weiner's solo homerun.

The win was picked up by junior John Zinnicker, who pitched the final three innings for St. Bonaventure to earn the win, his third of the season. Zinnicker allowed two runs on three hits.

Sullivan picked up the loss after 4.2 innings pitched with two walks and a strikeout while giving up nine hits. The junior hurler gave up three unearned runs, though eight runs were scored while he was on the mound.

The Bonnies accumulated 17 hits and had five two or more runs batted in. Mardeuz lead the St. Bonaventure attack after going 4-for-6 with two RBIs and two runs. Rizzo was clutch with runners in scoring position totaling five RBIs and two runs on a 3-for-5 day.

Sunday's doubleheader featured the Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein in the crowd to watch the first game of the twin-bill. Junior ace Matt Torra made the most of his opportunity in front of Epstein by pitching a two-hit complete game shutout to preserve a 1-0 UMass victory. Torra gave up no walks and struck out two in the third victory of the year.

The Pittsfield native earned Co-Pitcher of the Week for the A-10 for his performance on Sunday. In ten games this season, Torra has pitched five complete games and leads the A-10 with 79 strikeouts while posting a 1.24 earn run average through 72.2 innings.

In the bottom of the seventh, the Bonnies intentionally walked Twomley to load the bases for senior left fielder Curt Szado, who singled home sophomore right fielder Bill Rankin for the game winning run. Rankin went 5-for-8 in the doubleheader.

The Minutemen left eight men on base and gave up an earned run in fourth, fifth and sixth innings for the 3-0 Bonnies win.



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Minutemen pitcher Jason Lavorgna is 0-2 on the year with a 5.62 ERA. UMass won one of three games against St. Bonaventure this weekend.

Track team sees individual achievements

By Jon Pelland
Collegian Staff

Many members of the Massachusetts men's and women's track and field team saw much success at this past weekend's UConn Husky Invitational in Storrs, Conn.

The teams were led by senior Jen Iasiello, who was able to qualify for the ECAC Championship Meet in the hammer throw competition. Iasiello's throw of 158 feet, 8 inches marks her personal best of the 2005 season.

Iasiello came in second to Connecticut's Erin Connelly, who threw the hammer a distance of 174 feet, two inches.

Gaining event victories on the women's side for UMass was sophomore Katelyn O'Toole in the high jump and the 4x100 relay team.

O'Toole cleared 5 feet 3 inches and won the event on cleared attempts. Junior Ashely Creel came in third place behind Boston College's Julie Regan. Both also cleared the bar at 5 feet 3 inches. The jump marked a season best for Creel.

UMass beat out New Hampshire's A and B teams in the 4x100 with a time of 48.99 seconds.

Creel also posted another season-best with her 16.83 second time in the 100-meter hurdle event. The time was good for third place in the event behind a pair of New Hampshire runners that included Kaitlin Norberg and Kiah Quarles.

Other notables on the women's side were sophomore Jenna Elznic in the 800 meter run, freshmen Christina DeRosa and Ashley Davidson both in the 1,500 meter run and junior Elisabeth Budd in the 400 meter hurdles.

Elznic finished ninth in the 800m with a season-best time of 2:25.16. The event was won by UConn's Jillian Sullivan.

DeRosa finished sixth in the 1,500m just ahead of Davidson who finished in seventh. The finished at 4:51.34 and 4:55.51 respectively.

In the 400m hurdles Budd finished in second-place with a time of 1:04.36 behind UConn's Marlene Priest.

Leading the Minutemen on the men's side were junior Corey Draffen and seniors Henry Smith and Mike Carr. The trio were each able to record an event win on Saturday.

Draffen recorded his victory in the 100m dash ahead of UNH's Ronald Harvey and UMass teammate Steve Miceli. Draffen crossed the finish line with a time of 11.45 seconds.

The triple jump event belonged to Smith, who recorded a distance of 43 feet, 7 inches to edge out UNH's Tristan Hall who checked in at 43 feet, 3 inches.

In the javelin throw, Carr beat out six Huskies to win the event. The winning throw for Carr sailed 188 feet, 7 inches, a full 17 feet ahead of David Constant's 171 feet.

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Into Amherst event fosters community service

By Hannah Drake
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Last Friday, approximately 300 students gathered on the Amherst Town Common for the University of Massachusetts's Into Amherst Community Service Day with a kick-off from Chancellor John V. Lombardi and Amherst Town Manager Barry L. Del Costilho.

"This kind of work is the key to what describes the campus and the community interaction," Lombardi said.

"It's what builds the strength of our connection, and what makes it possible for us to have a first-rate community in which to have a first-rate university," he added.

Students volunteered for more than 20 local organizations. Student help varied from garden work, to cleaning, to sorting books for the League of Women Voters, to picking up litter around the Connecticut River Greenway Bike Path State Park, to building a playground at the Amherst Montessori School, to building a handicap access ramp with the Stavros Center for Independent Living.

"This is absolutely one of the best days of the year for us. Not only because we get some work done that is badly needed, and of course when funds are short, every bit helps, but we also get to showcase some of the very best of our students," Del Costilho said.

"For those of us who have devoted our careers to public and community service, it's great to have community service be a part of your education, and a positive experience instead of an alternative to jail," he said.

Students from all different backgrounds and majors participated in the event.

Maria Franco, a junior psychology major, and friend Nicole Desrochers, a sophomore communication disorders major, are two UMass students who volunteered at the Food Bank Farm.

"I thought it sounded like a great idea. I wanted to do something to give back to the community," Franco said.

Both Desrochers and Franco believe that adding community service as an alternative option to the graduation requirements at UMass Amherst would be beneficial to both students and the community.

"It was a requirement for me to graduate high school and it was a really good learning experience," Desrochers said.

"It would be really great to see people helping out year-round, not just at a one-day thing. It would be great to have an even larger presence — a community service week would be great as well, because not everyone can go on a Friday," Franco added.

Into Amherst Day was coordinated by the Town of Amherst and the UMass's Office of Community Service Learning.

"Today is a great day for us because we really see the campus and the community come together as one to solve short and long term community issues. Students help with everything from helping spring clean-up for non-profits, to making real life improvements for people in convalescent homes, or in other non-profit organizations all around Amherst, and for the first year in Hadley, and even over into Pelham as well," graduate student and coordinator Joshua Stearns said.

According to Stearns, Into Amherst Day began 12 years ago. The UMass marching band would lead students from Haigus Mall to the Amherst Town Common, where students would disperse to their various jobs for the day.

"This event is one of the places where students get started on [long-term] involvement. It really does two things. It helps students make connections to this community that we live in, and supports us, and it gives back to the community. For the university to acknowledge its dependence on these communities is critical," said Director of the Office of Community Service Learning John Reiff.

"University students live in Amherst, and Pelham, and surrounding communities. Students come into town if they live on-campus to eat, to play, to buy a pair of shoes—all the things students do. We depend on the community to provide an infrastructure for us that makes this a place worth living, and that's why it's important to give back, and show appreciation," Reiff said.

The day concluded about three hours later in a celebration. UMass Dining Services and other local restaurants provided food and bottled water for the volunteers, and various local vendors donated gift certificates for the raffle.



Chancellor Lombardi stands with fellow Amherst residents Friday afternoon during the fifteenth annual Into Amherst celebration.

UMass fraternity remains closed

By Matt Belliveau
Collegian Staff

In hopes of creating a stronger sense of safety awareness in off-campus housing, the Amherst Building Department along with the Amherst Fire Department teamed together last week to crack down on deficiencies and code violations in fraternity housing throughout the area.

Residents of 395 North Pleasant St., home of the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity, were ordered to leave their building due to "building and fire code violations that were dangerous to life," according to the Amherst Fire Department.

The fraternity had their semi-annual inspection two weeks ago and was scheduled to have a follow-up inspection this past Monday. In the short period of time between the inspections, according to Assistant Fire Chief, Michael Zlogar, the inspectors found that there had been serious deterioration in the conditions of the building.

According to the Amherst Fire Department, the building contained 19 deficiencies and violations of building code.

"There had been minor damage to heat detectors, dangerously excessive use of extension cords and plug strips, rubbish in the hallways, and pieces of furniture obstructed egresses at the front and back exits of the house," said Zlogar. "If there were a fire, nobody would be able to get out."

But the most serious violation was the covering of the smoke detectors throughout the home.

"The number one violation, the impaired smoke detectors, covered in aluminum foil, was most serious because it completely takes the system out of service," said Zlogar.

"They had been told the night before by the property manager to uncover the detectors, but had failed to do so by the time we arrived."

What's particularly frustrating to the inspectors is that the initial inspections, like the one Sigma Alpha Mu's inspection had two weeks ago, is a scheduled inspection set up weeks in advance.

Fraternity residents are alerted to the day and time the inspection team will conduct inspections. And even with that, Zlogar says there are still significant violations and deficiencies within the inspected building.

"If those are the conditions we find when we tell them we're going to be here on this day at this time, this is what we're looking for, and your certificate of occupancy hangs in the balance, and they still don't take that seriously, than we have to change the way they think about safety," said Zlogar.

According to the Web site, campustire.org, there have been six fatalities in off-campus fires within the last three weeks, and 11 this year.

"This type of housing is a huge fire risk. We have to raise these residents awareness to safety and fire hazards," said Zlogar. "They have to get on board with this. They can't just say 'Hey, we passed inspection', and then go and trash the building after we leave."

"We want to make sure that everyone takes their safety seriously every day. We're tightening up our restrictions; we will not except the bear minimum to get by today only to ignore safety tomorrow," said Zlogar. "And if that requires unscheduled inspections, than we may look into that. We will persue every avenue, with officials from the University and the Building Department, to do everything that we can to prevent a fatal fire in our area."

Students urged to donate during drive

By Elizabeth Vargas
Collegian Correspondent

The words "bone marrow donation" may sound initially painful.

However, according to the Student Nurse's Association, the process is actually quite painless and is much easier than a blood donation.

And according to University of Massachusetts Continuing Education student Poppy Hiser, it can also save lives.

Three years ago Hiser registered at the 2002 Bone Marrow Typing Drive.

Almost three years passed before the National Bone Marrow Donor Program Donor Center contacted her to inform her that she was indeed a match for a young boy for a young boy who needed a bone marrow transplant.

Hiser followed through with her commitment and donated her bone marrow to the young boy.

Six months went by and Hiser received a letter from the young boy's mother saying that he was doing very well.

"It gives you an opportunity to save someone. I feel like it's a huge privilege to help save a life."

The University of Massachusetts Student Nurses' Association will be holding its Annual Bone Marrow Typing Drive in Campus Center Room 101 today 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

After filling out a brief health questionnaire, all donors have to do is get their finger pricked and give consent to have tissue type listed on The National Bone Marrow Donor Program Registry.

The National Donor Program then processes the information.

Once a tissue type is on the registry, officials will compare the donator's tissue to thousands of patients around the world who need bone marrow transplants, such as leukemia patients.

If a potential donor is matched to a patient, the donor is contacted by The National Bone Marrow Donor Program Donor Center.

The potential donor is then notify the donator of the match and will be asked to consent to donation.

The Center urges all people to donate. The center stresses that it is important for people of color donate.

These tissue types are the most needed because tissue type is inherited and a patient has a better chance of a match with someone of their own ethnicity.

Potential donors are never forced to donate.

GEO pickets Lombardi's home

By Erin Lemkey
Collegian Correspondent

While the "A-21 Student Boycott/TA Walkout" at the University of Massachusetts drew an estimated 1,400 people on April 21, however graduate students remained vigilant over the fate of their new contract.

Friday morning, over a dozen graduate student employees continued their "flying pickets" with a 6 a.m. morning wake-up call to Chancellor Lombardi.

With the clamor of pots and pans, GEO activists amplified their demand for a contract that includes an increase in stipends, a waiver for student fees, the expansion of health benefits and protection of childcare benefits.

These issues have been central throughout the bargaining process that has been taking place since the spring of last year between GEO and the University. "Wake up John Lombardi!" yelled GEO Grievance Coordinator Mark Nelson, "stop sleepwalking through our contract negotiations!"

While there was no response in the cool dawn air from Lombardi's home near Orchard Hill, graduate students continued to yell for his attention.



Students protest Chancellor Lombardi's residence Friday.

GEO has taken on a campaign of unpredictable flying pickets throughout the month, in an effort to draw attention to their contract negotiations which are nearing a close.

"While it may cause some short-term disruption," said organizer Amanda Plumb, "the intention is to get long-term gains for better health care, stipends, and child care for graduate students." She stressed that upholding these standards will enable UMass to continue to recruit the high quality graduate student teaching assistants who teach many undergraduate classes and partake in University research.

According to the GEO Web site, since the inception of GEO in 1980, the cost of stipends has doubled. In addition, the UMass proposed contract eliminates health insurance for same-sex couples.

The GEO bargaining team has attempted to settle these issues with the University in negotiations that have taken place for almost a year.

According to GEO organizers, UMass has refused to concede on the issues that graduate students have brought to the bargaining table.

Climate lecture series continues

By Ashish K. Sahu
Collegian Staff

There is a need for better policies and more funding for renewable resources in order to solve the problem of rising levels of carbon-dioxide in the Earth's atmosphere, according to Doctor Marty Hoffert, a physics professor from New York University.

Hoffert spoke on "Combating the fossil fuel greenhouse effect by transforming the global energy system" at a public lecture organized by The Environmental Institute (TEI) on Monday.

The lecture was held at the Bernie Dallas Hall at the University of Massachusetts.

There has been a tremendous increase in the carbon-dioxide level in the earth's atmosphere over the past years, which causes global warming.

Scientists predict the Earth's temperature would increase by 2.5 degrees centigrade if carbon-dioxide levels double in the future.

In order to keep carbon-dioxide levels stable, the planet would need 1,000 megawatts of emission-free power per day for the next 50 years.

These levels of carbon-dioxide are not even close to the values of the Kyoto protocol.

Hoffert showed a relation between the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and the carbon intensity. The average carbon intensity of the world today is about 0.2 kg of carbon per dollar value.

Some countries that are higher than the average are Russia, China, India and Indonesia.

China has about five times higher carbon emissions than any other country in the world because of its high manufacturing units. Some countries that have lower average carbon emission values are Switzerland, Germany, Congo.

Hoffert pointed out that Congo and Switzerland come in the same category, though the former is a underdeveloped country and the latter developed that is because, Switzerland gets its power from France and it has only hydroelectric power so there is less carbon emissions.

The biggest challenge in knowing all this, he emphasized, is to stabilize the carbon emissions while the economy and industry are growing.

Hoffert's solutions suggest using technology such as wind energy, hydrogen as fuel for obtaining some of the carbon free energies.

In New York, the Freedom tower design proposed by Daniel Liebeskin and David Childs will have 25 wind turbines to harness the wind energy from the New York harbor, which will provide 20 percent of the buildings energy.

Hoffert is an ardent believer in technology, as he uses hybrid cars and electricity from utilities obtained from wind energy in Brooklyn.

"Wind and solar are the fastest growing renewable power sources but is not likely to grow without major incentives, research and development and demonstration of enabling technologies," he said.

Some other solutions are technology that captures solar energy in space and beams it on earth, as well as global superconductivity for transmission grid.

Green coal technologies can provide power and reduce the carbon dioxide emissions if developed and deployed on time.

Hoffert talked about clean nuclear technologies, such as the pebble modular reactor, but he said there isn't enough uranium 235 available and one will have to shift to other isotopes and there is a waste problem to tackle.



Doctor Martin Hoffert.



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Walking for a cause.

After finishing a 39-mile walk to help raise awareness about breast cancer, Rachel Vidal, 32, celebrates at the finish line in Washington, D.C.



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SLU testing new flu vaccination

By Cheryl Wittenauer
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Saint Louis University is testing a needle-free approach to administering the flu vaccination that could use less vaccine and deliver it more efficiently.

Researchers at the medical school's Center for Vaccine Development are studying the use of ultrasonic waves — rather than a syringe — to create microscopic openings in the skin to deliver the flu vaccine.

The theory is that a high concentration of a certain immune system cell in the uppermost layer of the skin will allow the body to respond very efficiently to the vaccine, thus requiring less, said Dr. Elizabeth Babusis, clinical investigator in the study.

Traditionally, vaccine is injected into the muscle, but it doesn't have the same concentration of these cells. The hope is the method will provide better immunity against influenza, using less vaccine.

The sound waves are applied to a small area of the skin via a hand-held device manufactured by Sontra Medical Corp. of Franklin, Mass. Once the skin openings are created, a coin-size patch containing a flu vaccine is placed over the area, allowing the vaccine to pass into the patient's bloodstream.

The technology is widely use to deliver drugs.

"The painless pulse of sound waves takes about 15 seconds and the skin returns to its normal state within 24 hours," said Dr. Robert Belshe, lead investigator for the study and the center's director.

The study, which started this week and will last about a month, will use 50 subjects, half of whom will be vaccinated using the ultrasound device, the other half in the muscle.

Blood samples drawn before and 30 days after the flu vaccination will show whether there's been an increase in antibodies, indicating the vaccine is working.

Belshe said his center published a paper last November in the New England Journal of Medicine on research suggesting a lower dose of flu vaccine is needed when administered between layers of skin rather than in the muscle.

He said Sontra Medical Corp. noticed the paper and contacted Saint Louis University with the ultrasound approach to flu vaccine. Results should be known this summer.

Sontra Medical scientist Shikha Barman said the technology is different — in one critical way — from a transdermal patch that allows medicine to be absorbed into the skin.

The device makes the microscopic channels to allow the drug to pass through the skin. She said vaccine molecules are too large for them to be absorbed efficiently otherwise.

Peter Wright, a pediatric infectious disease specialist at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn., who is familiar with Belshe's work, said the research is a good idea and worth doing, though he could not comment specifically on the device.



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A patient receives the flu shot.

Police searching for suspect in mysterious Berkshire murder

By Adam Gorlick
Associated Press

STOCKBRIDGE — Ian Stackhouse was no stranger to this Berkshire town that offered a quiet getaway from her home in New York City.

The divorced union worker would sometimes visit friends living in this community idealized in the paintings of native son Norman Rockwell.

But her three-day stay at their home last weekend ended in unexpected tragedy when a motorist spotted her lifeless body alongside a narrow, wooded road Sunday afternoon.

Stackhouse, 52, died from a single wound to her neck, becoming Stockbridge's first homicide victim in more than 35 years, Berkshire District Attorney David Capeless said Monday.

Capeless would not say what kind of weapon was used to kill her.

Nor would he say whether investigators had any suspects.

He said Stackhouse was last seen alive Sunday afternoon when she left her friends' house to go for a walk by herself.

About 30 minutes later, a motorist called 911 to report finding her body alongside Dugway road, Capeless said.

News of the grisly discovery spread quickly along Main Street, featured in many of Rockwell's idyllic illustrations of New England life.

"Stockbridge is such a small, old-fashioned town," said Erin Wentworth, 26, who works in a downtown art gallery. "I try not to take it for granted, but we don't lock our doors at night and we leave our cars running on Main Street. I guess we're a little sheltered here."

The heavily wooded area where Stackhouse's body was found is not far from Rockwell's former studio, now a museum, as well as the home of Lincoln Memorial sculptor Daniel Chester French.

On Monday morning, state police were using metal detectors and surveying equipment to search for clues along the banks of a brook that runs alongside Dugway Road.

"It's a very strange thing to have happen in this town," said Paul Costelloe, a 55-year-old builder and inventor who lives in nearby Washington.

"I'm hoping I don't know who was involved."

Stockbridge's last homicide was in 1969, when Glendale resident John Winn beat to death a Connecticut man he'd accused of molesting his daughter.

Stackhouse, who lived in New York City's Brooklyn Heights neighborhood, had worked for the past three years as a director in the membership and dues department at Local 1199 of the Service Employees International Union.

She was divorced, lived alone and didn't have any children.

Her mother, Jane Stackhouse of St. Augustine, Fla., said she would make periodic visits to her Stockbridge friends.

Snelgroves receive settlement

By Michael Kunzelman
Associated Press

BOSTON — Victoria Snelgrove wanted to be a successful broadcast journalist, but the 21-year-old college student also looked forward to meeting her "Prince Charming" and starting a family.

"I'm still young. I still have time," she said on a videotape she recorded in her bedroom.

Less than a year later, Snelgrove was killed by police who were trying to subdue rioters after the Boston Red Sox won the American League pennant last fall.

On Monday, the city paid a $5.1 million settlement to Snelgrove's parents. It is believed to be the largest settlement in the city's history.

Snelgrove, an Emerson College senior from East Bridgewater, was hit in the eye socket with a pepper-spray pellet fired by a police officer outside Fenway Park on Oct. 21 after Boston eliminated the New York Yankees.

"I can't even imagine the pain the Snelgrove family has felt and will continue to feel," Police Commissioner Kathleen O'Toole said. "There is no amount of money that can relieve that pain, I'm sure."

Snelgrove's parents, Richard and Dianne Snelgrove, and her brother, Michael, spoke at length about her death on a DVD their attorney gave to reporters Monday.

"She was the light of our life," her mother said. "When she died, the light went out."

Richard Snelgrove recalled witnessing the last 12 hours of his daughter's life, after she lapsed into a coma. The family kept a bedside vigil in the hospital and watched her slowly "fade away," he said.

"I would hold her hand and

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Boston Police Commissioner Kathleen O'Toole addresses the media during a press conference yesterday about the Snelgrove settlement.

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Customer bites on finger in ice cream

RALEIGH, N.C. — (AP) This time, no one is doubting the claims: A customer really did find part of a worker's finger in a pint of frozen chocolate custard purchased at a shop in North Carolina.

Despite the horrifying find — and widespread media coverage of an infamous finger incident at a Wendy's restaurant in California in March — workplace statistics show that the chance of a body part winding up in food is extremely small.

The piece of index finger, which an employee had severed at the first knuckle, was found Sunday by Clarence Stowers in a pint of dessert he purchased from Kohl's Frozen Custard in the coastal town of Wilmington.

Kohl's owner Craig Thomas said 23-year-old employee Brandon Fizer tried to catch a bucket of custard he had dropped and accidentally put his finger into a machine that beats the custard mix. As shop workers tried to help Fizer, a drive-thru window attendant unknowingly scooped frozen custard from the bucket containing the finger and served it to Stowers.

The state Department of Labor is investigating to determine whether Kohl's was in compliance with state workplace safety rules — a probe that likely will take about two weeks.

—*Associated Press*



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Kohl's employee, Will Franklin shows his mangled index finger he received from an accident last summer. A customer recently reported finding a human finger in her ice cream after a similar accident was reported.

Snelgrove family reaches settlement

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there was just no movement," he said. "We stayed there 'til the last few moments. It was absolutely the most horrific time of our life."

Shortly after his daughter died, Richard Snelgrove discovered the videotape she recorded, apparently for a class project. Sitting on her bed, Victoria Snelgrove recalls feeling that she lived in a "bubble" until an aunt died after a short battle with brain cancer.

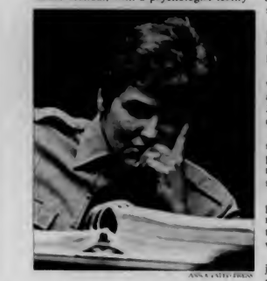
"Our lives were so good and we haven't been in touch with any tragedy or anything," she said. "That's one of my biggest fears — that in a second my life or somebody close to me's life could just be taken away."

The DVD ends with a montage of family photos, including one her best friend Kaitlyn Sachetta snapped just minutes before Snelgrove's death.

Iraqi prisoner abuse hearings underway

By T.A. Badger
Associated Press

FORT HOOD, Texas — Defense lawyers sought leniency for Pfc. Lyndie England at a hearing Tuesday to determine her punishment in the Abu Ghraib prison abuse scandal, with a psychologist testifying that the reservist was oxygen-deprived at birth, speech impaired and had trouble learning to read.



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A former prison guard listens to testimony in the Iraqi prisoner abuse hearing yesterday.

West Virginia school psychologist Dr. Thomas Denne — the first defense witness — said England's learning disabilities were identified when she was a kindergartner — and though she made progress in school, she continued needing special help.

"I knew I was going to know Lyndie England for the rest of my life," West Virginia school psychologist Dr. Thomas Denne said.

A military jury of five men and one woman was seated earlier Tuesday to make a sentencing recommendation for England, 22, who pleaded guilty Monday to seven counts of mistreating prisoners.

England accepted responsibility for the smiling, thumbs-up poses she struck for photographs taken at Abu Ghraib that made her the face of the prisoner abuse scandal.

The charges carry up to 11 years in prison. Prosecutors and the defense reached an agreement that caps the sentence at a lesser punishment; the length was not released.

She will get the lesser of the military jury's sentence or the term agreed on in the plea bargain.

Prosecutor Capt. Chris Graveline told jurors in opening statements that England and a half-dozen other soldiers in the 372nd Military Police Company took great pleasure in humiliating the prisoners. The prosecution rested its sentencing case without calling any witnesses.

Graveline said England and Pvt. Charles Graner Jr. — the abuse ringleader and the father of England's child — knew it was wrong to mistreat the detainees and take the photos, "but they did it anyway for their own amusement."

Graner is scheduled to testify for the defense.

In one of the photos, England held a leash looped around the neck of a hooded, naked prisoner. Another showed her next to nude prisoners stacked in a pyramid, while a third depicted England pointing at a prisoner's genitals as a cigarette dangled from her lips.

When asked by judge Col. James Pohl whether England knew right from wrong, Denne said she had a compliant personality and tended to listen to authority figures.

On Monday, England told Pohl that she initially resisted taking part in the abuse at the Baghdad prison, but that she succumbed to peer pressure.

"I had a choice, but I chose to do what my friends wanted me to," she said.

Graner was convicted in January on abuse charges and is serving a 10-year prison sentence.

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Photographs of graduates will be taken in the assembly area by Chappell Images. Proofs will be mailed to your *permanent address*. You decide to purchase or not – no obligation. Costs range from $7.00 depending on the package you choose.

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Disability Services for mobility or hearing impaired guests, please call 545-0892. For guests who are unable to walk long distances, please park in Lot 25 near the Mullins Center. Shuttle buses will provide transportation to and from the stadium. Wheel chairs are also accommodated.

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Commencement Morning Time Schedule:

9:00-9:15 a.m.: Students should arrive at the assembly area, Yellow Lot #11, no later than 9:15 a.m., **carrying** your cap and gown.

9:15 a.m.: Lew Louraine, Operations Director of the Fine Arts Center, and Commencement Marshals will help graduates line up by school/college and escort the Processional onto the field.

9:30-9:45 a.m.: Chappell Images photographs individual graduates.

10:00 a.m.: Faculty Processional begins. Faculty greet Degree Candidates at each gate.

10:05 a.m.: Processional of Degree Candidates (See entrance gates.)

10:25 a.m.: Platform Party Processional.

11:45 a.m.: Recessional begins. **Graduates exit through north gates #1 and #2.**

12:00 noon: Chancellor's Reception for Graduates and Guests.

What to do and where to go when you get to the stadium:

Go directly to the Graduate Assembly Area in Yellow Lot #11 north of the football stadium. **Do not enter through the main gates of the stadium.** Marshals will greet you and Lew Louraine will organize the Student Processional.

Look for the signs for your college/school. If you are unsure of the school or college of your major, see "Gate Entrances by Degree Program/Major."

Commencement Photographs will be taken as the procession of degree candidates gets underway. Graduates will be photographed in their regalia. Proofs of these photographs will be mailed to graduates along with order forms and information for those wishing to purchase prints.

Commencement Day General Information:

Routes to campus/travel assistance: Please advise your guests to **plan ahead to allow extra travel time to campus**. Traffic is usually very heavy on major routes and in the greater Amherst area as early as 9:00 a.m., and delays are frequently encountered. (Commencements at Amherst and Mount Holyoke Colleges are the same day at 10:00 a.m.) Encourage your guests to arrive by 9:00 a.m., park in the upper campus lots, and take a shuttle bus to the stadium. Seating at the stadium is "first-come-first-served."

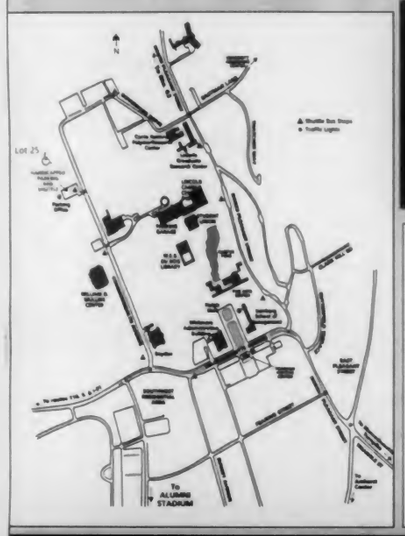
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Snacks and souvenirs: Coffee, soft drinks, bottled water, donuts, bagels, and pastries are available at the refreshment stands on both sides of the stadium. Fresh-cut roses, bouquets of flowers, and balloons will be for sale inside and outside the stadium. Sweatshirts, T-shirts, baseball caps, seat cushions, diploma frames, teddy bears, banners, disposable cameras, and film are available at the tent on the east side. In addition, the University Store in the Campus Center will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a complete supply of UMass clothing, gifts, and other merchandise.

Food Services: Grinders, salads, wraps, fruit cups, desserts, and more are available. You may preorder Gourmet Box Lunches.

Meeting arrangements: You will exit through the north gates #1 and #2. Be sure to decide ahead of time where you will meet your family after the ceremony. The Chancellor's Reception is a good place to gather and to make introductions to friends and family. Individual gathering sites will be marked for each college and school.

Post-Commencement Reception: After the ceremony, graduates and guests are invited to the Chancellor's Reception. It will be held under the large white tent in the southeast corner of the stadium near the entry gates. Punch and cookies will be served. This is an opportunity to meet, greet, and take a family photograph with the Chancellor. Faculty are also invited to attend.



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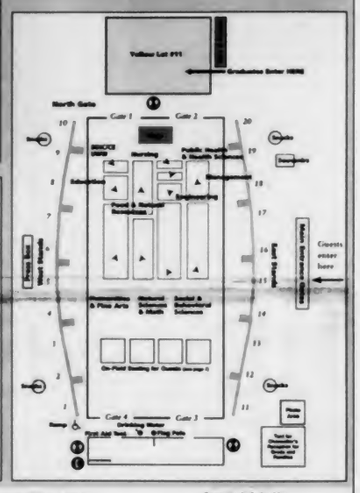
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Final Snelgrove settlement holds warning for students

The family of Victoria Snelgrove can finally lay their daughter to rest after being paid $5.1 million in a settlement from the city of Boston. Of course, no monetary equivalent will ever bring back Snelgrove or erase what happened. Although the situation has now been placed behind us, it is vitally important to forever keep Snelgrove in mind during future college celebrations.

With the UMass Police Department adding Tasers to their arsenal next semester, an onus will be on the UMass student population to be on their best behavior, at least in terms of riotous celebrations. However, that cooperation from the students is only contingent upon the UMPD.

According to a statement from Boston Police Commissioner Kathleen O'Toole to the Associated Press, "Tory was not the target of any police action, nor was she engaged in an activity that would have led police to think that she was behaving unlawfully."

This situation accurately describes the average UMass student at any of the riots during the American League Championship Series games. It has become apparent that most students act as observers at riots. Snelgrove was one of those observers and died as a result. This is not to discourage celebration, but only to think and reflect on the situation that surrounded Snelgrove's death.

In addition to the settlement, Deputy Superintendent Robert E. O'Toole has announced that he will be retiring from the police force. While Snelgrove's situation served as a warning to students, O'Toole's resignation serves as a warning to police officers.

Proper training and proper recognition of hazardous and threatening situations is one way for police officers to prevent another accidental death from occurring. Carelessness is the most serious threat to student safety, especially with new weapons that, although there will be training involved, are still new.

Snelgrove was killed by a pepper-spray pellet shot in her eye socket. With Tasers coming in, it is not certain whether older forms of weaponry and crowd control, such as the pellet guns and tear gas, will be going out. There never needs to be another example of brute force and personal consequence to prove the point that riotous behavior is dangerous, whether that danger comes from the participants or the police officers.

A lot can be done with $5.1 million dollars. That money can go to benefit Boston's public education systems, improve the city's crime statistics and the city of Boston generally a better and safer place. It is truly tragic that that money had to go to comfort a family who has lost their daughter. Please keep this in mind as the semester ends and baseball season continues to flourish.

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Motherhood isn't for everyone

Amelia Sabadini

It was about this time last year that I had a fight with a very large woman in a coffee shop. Maybe fight is too strong a word; we weren't actually making physical contact with each other. If we had been, she probably would've mopped the floor with me. We had an altercation, that's more like it. She had left her two small (somewhere between the ages of four and six) unruly children at the table next to mine and had disappeared into the crowd, presumably to join her friend up at the counter. Her children had climbed on top of the table and started rocking it back and forth.

Intermittently she had returned to restore temporary order and bestow cookies (for the desired good behavior the little darlings couldn't maintain). On her very next fly by, after the kids had started throwing things, I asked her if she was going to be leaving. She snorted "Yeah" at me and I knew she was pissed, but so was I. So I added "soon hopefully?" Well that set it off. She started swiping things off the table and jamming them into her bag, she jerked her kids up by their arms and kicked the chairs back and then she shouted at me, "They're only a couple of kids. You'd think you could put up with it for a couple of minutes."

It's strange how people will reveal themselves in a moment like that. Passion is often a mercenary for truth. This woman had been neglecting her children with the expectation that the 30-something woman she'd left them near (that would be me) would pick up the slack. Now, I don't like kids, no bones about it.

However, if I had been entrusted with the care of two children, I wouldn't walk away from them in a busy café. I wouldn't assume that they were safe just because I'd left them near a complete stranger who looked sane. I still don't know what this woman was doing with kids.

A big part of why I don't like kids is that being female I am expected to like them. I know that sounds reactionary, but it's not when you realize the extent to which women are expected to like children. We are expected to like children to a point that seems nearly pathological. We're expected and encouraged to have children whether or not we can provide for them (financially and/or emotionally). We're expected to drop everything and make fawning noises if someone shows up with just pictures of a baby. If they've got a real baby, we're suppose to be beside ourselves lining up for a chance to get spit up on. We're told that our absolute fulfillment will be found in motherhood when this just isn't so for everyone.

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You might think with the way that females get motherhood pushed at them that we, as a society, actually value children and the parent-child relationship. We don't. If we do, then why are our school systems lacking in funding? Why is childcare at the workplace so rare in this country? Why is it that right here at UMass, the Administration is displaying a total disregard for the childcare needs of its students and employees?

Institutions are allowed to issue ultimatums to women about personal life vs. professional advancement. Women get put in situations where they have to decide between opportunities for advancement and the immediate safety of their children. Often, the professional advancement is going to bring an improved earning capacity that both mother and child will need. These ultimatums are not fair and would be inconceivable if children were truly valued as anything other than potential load stones around women's necks.

How is setting up a situation where a woman is apt to feel resentful of her children conducive to having healthy productive members of society in the next generation? I'm not just talking about women who had to down shift or bail on their education and or careers here; plenty of women who thought they were going to be satisfied being housewives found out otherwise.

It seems that females get inundated with the babies-are-the-be-all-and-end-all message because someone has to pick up the slack in a society that neglects its children. This isn't fair to either women or children. I don't like children and I don't plan on having any, but I'd pay twice what I pay in taxes if it would go to public education and child health care instead of military spending. Everyone has a certain degree of obligation to the children in our society. All of us have to pick up the slack and some of us have to realize motherhood isn't for everybody.

Amelia Sabadini is a Collegian columnist.

Letter to a young columnist

Thomas Naughton

Dear X,

Recently scandalized on a minute scale by right-wing fringe bloggers and 10-watt conservative talk-radio shows because of a number of my columns, I found myself encountering our First Amendment and all of its responsibilities and pressures head on.

Much to my surprise and bewilderment, there are many people outside of our college community who read the Ed/Op page of The Daily Collegian and seem to have a real vested interest in what is said by the columnists who write for it.

I am elated that a whole community outside of our own is interested in our newspaper. I feel honored to have a diverse group of people read my writing and feel affected by it; however, there is a major responsibility and danger that comes with having the job of handing out your opinion.

That is why I have written to you today, X, to pass on some major advice to you or anyone wishing to navigate the sometimes-dangerous territory that columnists tread by choice. I'm not attempting to crown myself King of the medium; I still have much to learn myself, but its part of my job to keep people from making the same mistakes I've made. You can be diametrically opposed to me and everything I write about (I hope that is the case for at least some of you, or else I'm out of a job), but there is no denying that what I learned by falling flat on my face will help you, so I humbly ask you to consider my letter.

YOU HAVE TO FIGHT FOR YOUR READERS.

Why am I a writer? I have some kind of crazy idea that what I have to say needs to be said and no one else can say it just like me. Every time I want to give up and let some hack take my spot to write about the religious denominations of each player of the Red Sox, I think about what would happen if my story wasn't told, if my angle wasn't considered. The emptiness of that missed opportunity should make you want to jump out the window. If it doesn't, you don't have any business writing.

If you don't have the intention of completely arresting your readership every single time you write something, then you won't and no one will read a thing you say ever again. Sound scary or even paranoid? Perhaps a little. You'll be read again, but you have to believe you won't in order to have the urgency inside of you needed to say what needs to be said. Since I don't have the experience or authority to teach a class on this, you'll have to learn arresting tactics by trial and error. You'll know how well you did when your friends talk about your latest piece without you asking for their opinion.

Whatever you write takes on a life of its own and its message can be twisted, misunderstood and warped from its original intention — so much that it can terrify and surprise you. I accepted that reality and I continue to live through it as I mature with my writing.

ANTICIPATE DISTRUCTION.

When I was a teenager writing for a small magazine with my friends in high school, my mother imparted unto me a reality of publication: whatever you write takes on a life of its own and its message can be twisted, misunderstood and warped from its original intention — so much that it can terrify and surprise you. I accepted that reality and I continue to live through it as I mature with my writing.

That being said, some of your writing is just not fit to print. I don't know a single young writer who doesn't cringe when looking back on some of the things they've printed, myself included.

In converse, you have to beware of your own vitriol. As someone who is completely devoid of all diplomacy, I see sugar-coating or watering down of one's words or ideas as the enemy, and as a result, I can sometimes step over the line which determines what is "offensive." I always laugh at the idea of "offensiveness" and that's why I still have a lot of learning to do, but the fact remains that by putting your thoughts out there, you will invariably offend someone. That means you are doing your job. It also means that you have to decide how much you want to deal with the consequences.

YOU WILL BE THREATENED.

While standing up for yourself, you will face threats of violence and death. I didn't believe this until I received phone calls, emails and even one hand written letter threatening to kill me. I have been followed to classes and harassed in the dining commons (thanks, dish guy). It's frightening, but I knew that I somehow chose that result by being unafraid to say exactly what I want. Freedom of Speech is a lie, not a law. Just do as Jenny said to Forest, "run away," but don't stop writing.

You can't stop, X, I know it and so do you. Only when you let others take away your voice are you a real failure, and that's the golden rule.

With love,
T.P.N.

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Social Security under attack

Ethan Burke

Social Security is a social insurance and pension program that has protected the most vulnerable Americans from economic disaster. During the Great Depression, when disaster struck, there was nothing for people to fall back on in times of soaring poverty and unemployment. The idea was that a decent society could not allow the elderly, widows and their children to live in destitution with no means of support.

The importance of Social Security is not even disputed. On the White House Web site under the title, "Strengthening Social Security," one of the bullet-points reads, "For one-third of Americans over 65, Social Security benefits constitute 90 percent of their total income." The Web site goes on to explain, what has been called a "crisis," and claims that the president's plans for privatization will "fix" the problem and "make it a better deal for our younger workers."

A quick glance at the facts indicates there is no crisis. Assuming long-term economic growth will be about half of the historical level, the Social Security Administration estimates Social Security will not have the assets to fund its promised benefits in the year 2042. If the economic growth continues to outpace SSA estimates, as it did in the 90s, Social Security faces no problems in the foreseeable future.

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Let's assume the SSA projections are correct. In 2042, Social Security will only pay 74 percent of its promised benefits. Seventy four percent of future promised benefits is greater than benefits received today after adjusting for inflation because benefits increase with the national average annual wage.

Still assuming there will be a shortfall in 2042, there are several solutions. Social Security taxes are funded by payroll taxes capped at $90,000 of annual income. Raising the cap could solve the problem. A modest increase of the payroll tax rate would also do the trick. Restoring the Bush tax cuts for the wealthiest one percent of Americans solves the "crisis." Adjusting promised benefits to increase at a slower pace could also alleviate any looming shortfall.

Why are we being told Social Security is in crisis? The president and like-minded people want to eliminate the social programs that came along with The New Deal. The only way the Bush administration will be able to find acceptance for dismantling the most popular and successful social program in American history is through fear and misinformation. The president has raised millions of dollars to mount the latest propaganda offensive. President Bush, Treasury Secretary John Snow and even Karl Rove are traveling around the country misinforming the American public.

DECEPTIVE STATEMENT No. 1:

"Just 13 years from now, in 2018, the government will begin to pay out more in Social Security benefits than it collects in payroll taxes. By the year 2027, the government will somehow have to come up with an extra $200 billion a year to keep the system afloat." The first sentence is misleading. Social Security has built up a trust fund currently worth $1.7 trillion. Interest earnings will actually increase assets and the fund will be worth $6.6 trillion in 2028. Saying that the government will "somehow have to come up with an extra $200 billion" is deceitful given the massive savings in the trust fund.

DECEPTIVE STATEMENT No. 2:

"There is no trust fund, just IOU's." Trust fund assets are in U.S. government bonds. Unless our government plans on defaulting on its debt payments, the president is lying. And if bonds purchased by the American public are deemed worthless, the government has stolen the savings of middle and low-income workers to fund tax cuts for the rich in the single largest case of fraud in history.

DECEPTIVE STATEMENT No. 3:

"Social Security is facing an $11 trillion shortfall." This is true when calculating for infinity. This number is useless unless the objective is to scare people with big numbers.

DECEPTIVE STATEMENT No. 4:

Privatization "strengthens Social Security." There is nothing "social" or "secure" with private accounts. Social insurance will be replaced by private investing. The purpose of Social Security is to provide "security." Whether workers would benefit or lose with private accounts depends on whether they retire during a boom or bust in unstable financial markets.

DECEPTIVE STATEMENT No. 5:

"African American males die sooner than other males do, which means the system is inherently unfair." I laughed in disgust at this one. Rather than addressing the causes of shorter life expectancy for black males — healthcare, poverty and violence — the president uses this fact to pitch privatization. However, life expectancy for black males is lower due to higher infant mortality rates and higher exposure to violent crime. When adjusted for males who reach age 65, there is little difference between life expectancy for black and white males. Blacks also tend to benefit more from progressive benefits under Social Security where lower income workers receive greater benefits.

Social Security is under attack, and if Americans value this program (and polls show they do), we must demand that our leaders protect and strengthen Social Security, or complacently watch as our future security is taken from us.

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Europe served as eye opener

Colin Jones

There's a certain element in the human condition that causes the differences we see in each other: subjectivity. Any experience is subjective, and the reactions that any one person can have to any experience are dependent on a huge number of factors and impossible to predict. We often forget this, and in doing so, when we act upon the world, we push our needs and wants outward, projecting them onto people and situations. This can often lead to failure, resentment, doubt ... a multitude of negative internal responses that we incorrectly attribute as reflective of environmental influences, rather than personal faults.

Forcing any issue will rarely lead to success, and in the rare instance in which it does, it does so for the wrong reasons. But enough epic intangibility. Your grandmother was right. You will catch more flies with honey than with vinegar.

I remember the first time I became fully aware of my own arrogance and the ignorance implicit with it. The realization itself probably began the first time I stepped off the plane when I arrived in Cork, ready to begin five months of adventures with a combination of anxiety and anticipation. As time passed, living in a new place with new people, I started to see things differently. Culture shock can sometimes be the perfect remedy for stagnation.

Months later, a friend of mine and I embarked on a true quest, though at the time we both felt that it was probably going to be just one crazy party: a two-week long odyssey across the continent of Europe. We started things off on the right (or wrong?) foot from the beginning, getting wasted on a 10-hour bus ride to Dublin. After a short stay at the not-so-luxurious Stansted Airport in London, we met another good buddy of mine in Berlin, who was on exchange there for the year.

Already, though, a change had begun, a subtle interior shift beginning imperceptibly and yet one that was to forever mark this journey as the first time I really opened my eyes.

After many rounds, a night of drunken sleep and a day of sightseeing, we hit the bars with some of his German friends. I was struck by how respectful and open-minded they were. Although they were highly opinionated on every topic from politics and the role of America in the world to the evolution of Metallica, they listened and displayed a genuine curiosity I have rarely seen, before or since.

Next was Prague. We took a daylong train ride, and out the window we saw snow-capped mountains, quaint cottages and endless, evergreen forests. Already, though, a change had begun, a subtle interior shift beginning imperceptibly and yet one that was to forever mark this journey as the first time I really opened my eyes. When we got to the city, one of my friends admitted that he had never been to a strip club. As there was no shortage of them in the area, we immediately set about finding one.

Prague is a city where sex and beauty are commodities, and while in one sense I was in awe of the sheer number of exotic-looking beautiful women everywhere, in another sense, I felt guilty. As a result of my birthright as an American middle-class white male, I have never had to worry about where my next meal was going to come from or if I could find a place to sleep. Doubtlessly, many of the women selling themselves to strangers on the street on that cold night or who later danced for our money onstage were looking for those very things, not for only themselves but for their families as well.

Over the course of choosing just the right spot (because in Prague there are so many you can be picky), these African guys approached us and tried to persuade us to check out a certain club. "These girls love Americans," they told us, and being that we had no idea of what was what, we went along with them. While we were walking to the club, one of the Africans explained that he is paid commission to bring people from the street to the club. He also said that he wanted to come to America someday. "I've heard that I can sweep the streets and make enough money for my wife and my son." I was so taken aback by that statement; it resonated right in my gut.

A few days later, while in Amsterdam (yes, all the stories are true), I was getting ready to smoke a joint in one of their beautiful public parks. "Don't do that," my friend told me. When I asked him why, he said "You've got to stop pushing yourself on people, man. I'd like to smoke too, but I'm not going to, and the reason is not because I wouldn't want to, but because this isn't the place. Just because you can doesn't mean you should." As I looked around and saw the families enjoying the nice day together, the elderly couples sitting on the benches, the children rollerblading on the stone walkway ... I knew he was right. He had stated a principle that I had known but ignored many times, often out of selfishness.

So now, I feel grateful for the opportunities afforded to me by my birthright alone. And while on a personal level I often make mistakes, when viewing things from a societal standpoint, I now have a social conscience. I try to listen more, not just hear, but to give other people my full attention. When I see activists speaking volumes about their particular plight, while I often sympathize with it, I notice that their method often precludes them from getting the results they want. Pushing is a disrespectful action, while pulling is not. If we can remember this, and try to apply it more in our day-to-day lives, we might find things will be better for all of us.

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Apathy harms human rights

Samantha Sharac

There are many reasons why the Boston Red Sox are a great team. One reason is the Red Sox's stance against gender violence.

According to Voice Male, a magazine put out by Western Massachusetts' Men's Resource Center, "In partnership with Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society, the Red Sox trained their players in the Center's nationally renowned Mentors in Violence Prevention program, an innovative gender violence prevention and education program."

The MVP program helps both men and women work as a team in finding solutions against gender violence such as domestic violence, rape and sexual harassment. The program turns these so called "women's issues" into human rights issues; both men and women participate in this inclusive and educational venue to stop the violence against human beings.

For the Boston Red Sox to realize the importance of the program is a credible effort on their part to educate themselves and their families, as well as bring awareness about these issues to the Major League Baseball audience. Go Red Sox.

Aside from the MVP program, there are other ways to educate yourself on human rights. For instance, if you watch pornography, do you understand how destructive viewing pornography really is? Robert Jensen, Professor in the School of Journalism at the University of Texas at Austin, says it best when he defines pornography and other aspects of the sex industry as a "system in which women are sold for sexual pleasure."

In other words, "Do you want to live in a world in which some people are bought and sold for the sexual pleasure of others?" This is the reality of pornography, as well as prostitution, strip bars, etc. People who seek out these activities are, themselves, buying and selling other people.

Whether or not going to strip bars or watching a porn flick is fun, the fact remains that some people are being exploited. Are you willing to exploit someone else in order to get what you want? It is hurtful when human beings are turned into sexual commodities? Apathy is also hurtful.

Apathetic behavior includes "[Looking] the other way as your friend tries to get the woman he's out at a club with drunk ...

If a person simply tunes out a neighbor's verbal abuse, will that same person tune out when the neighbor hits, rapes or kills his girlfriend? Apathy solves nothing, but only increases the chances of harmful actions to perpetuate.

[or][turning] up the radio when the guy in the dorm room next door starts shouting at his girlfriend again."

Pretending that nothing is wrong does not make the situation disappear. A person who tries to get someone else drunk so sexual advances can proceed is also someone who is capable of other manipulative acts like sexual harassment and assault. Likewise, if a person simply tunes out a neighbor's verbal abuse, will that same person tune out when the neighbor hits, rapes or kills his girlfriend? Apathy solves nothing, but only increases the chances of harmful actions to perpetuate and aggravate.

University Health Services' Community Health and Patient Educator Thomas Schiff offers excellent reasons why and how men should protest violence against women. "Violence is a man's issue." Because men are the main perpetrators, as well as primary targets of violence in general, men need to challenge violence and its connection with "manhood."

Schiff suggests a change in defining what it is to be a man. In this redefinition, "speak[ing] out against violence and support[ing] women" needs to be included. Another way of connecting men's presence in violence against women is that "if men were to stop raping, rape would essentially go away."

Schiff's suggestions on what men can do to stop violence against women are to first "look at ourselves"; is our behavior hurtful or degrading to women? Refuse to consume any and all entertainment that degrades men and women. Next time you are at the movie theater and you see an act of violence against women, make a comment aloud about the scene. Support women and wear a white ribbon as a pledge to help stop violence against women. Take a Women's Studies course and educate yourself of the many aspects of the oppression of women. Be a mentor to young boys to stop any gender-degrading habits before they form. There are so many opportunities for men to support this cause and so many dangers if they don't.

To challenge yourself to become more aware of violations against women, as well as solutions for these issues, you can go to The Men's Resource Center here in Amherst. The Men's Resource Center is located at 236 North Pleasant Street.

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Problems with outsourcing

Andrew Freeman

As we all know, corporate America should be emulated in everything, from its amoral drive for profit to its reckless endangerment of the environment.

I recently realized that privatization is just the first step — we need to go farther in our blind imitation of corporate overlords. We need to go ... to India.

I know what you're thinking, India? That big subcontinent with a billion people — what could possibly interest anyone there? Well, India is a wonderful developing economy, with a large, competitive workforce, a portion of which is highly educated. According to the Securities and Exchange Board of India, over 200,000 engineers and 40,000 management students graduate annually. Increasingly multinational corporations are sending jobs there: everything from customer service call centers to information technology operations.

The American dollar, though it is falling like a speeding anvil, still goes far in India due to advantageous exchange rates, and companies can hire workers to do jobs at a fraction of the price. The entire Indian economy breaks down to about $3,100 per person, while the comparable American figure would be $40,100 per person, according to the World Facebook.

Where does the University of Massachusetts come into the picture? Well, with cheaper living conditions and better exchange rates, as well as a favorable (i.e. desperate) labor market, we could move the entire university there, wholesale. $15,000 per student would go a lot farther in India than here in the scenic but uncompetitive Pioneer Valley.

UMass-Bangalore, as the new school would be called, would attract countless well-educated Indians, who could be trained by and ultimately replace our beloved but expensive faculty. The massive labor savings could be reinvested in building a marvelous palace to house the administration, and our president could rename himself Maharajah, an Indian prince.

Best of all, the campus and surrounding area would be fantastically diverse. Imagine, instead of being surrounded by predominantly white towns, we could live surrounded by millions of non-white people. Indeed, the paranoia would reverse itself, with the few white students banding together into a Paranoid Whites Association to protect their unique ethnic heritage against the perceived discrimination.

In all seriousness, we are moving to a world in which there are fewer and fewer jobs that can't be outsourced. Think you're safe as a professor — think again. Institutions are now offering distance learning programs, such as our school's UMass Online, that take learning out of the classroom; the next step will be outsourcing these jobs to more favorable labor markets. Think you're safe as a manager — what will you do when your financial company moves to India. China or anywhere else where your skills are worth $30,000 a year rather than $100,000?

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With an increasingly connected and competitive world, none of us will be safe from the ravages of the market, labor or otherwise. The first stage of outsourcing was in manufacturing; the current is in information technology and customer service, but the final may be mass-migration. When companies finally conclude that Americans aren't worth the expensive health insurance and wages we foolishly expect, they are going to desert us in droves. People in search of work may be forced to leave the country altogether.

This may not seem too significant, until you realize that our economy is built on overpaid labor. A sizable portion of the economy, rather than producing commodities, is simply trying to convince others to buy them — advertisers, salesmen, retailers, etc. If the highest paying professions were outsourced, professionals would turn to the service sector out of desperation. But their wages would not allow them to buy as many consumer goods, meaning that the market for those goods here would shrink. Ultimately the entire American economy would collapse, if the middle-class was unable to maintain its reckless levels of spending.

What is the solution to this? I'm not sure there is one. I'm not sure that America deserves to survive in the Darwinian struggle that is economics. At one point, Spain was the dominant European economy, but it was surpassed by the Netherlands, which was in turn overwhelmed by England; and the United States ultimately overtook all of Western Europe for financial supremacy. Each of these transitions was accompanied by suffering, and many countries that once ruled the seas and markets, such as Portugal, today are comparably poor. America is in transition now, and the consequences are uncertain, but outsourcing threatens our long-term viability.

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Suggestions for springtime

Jessica Zolotorofe

While New England is a great place to attend college, the dark, harsh winter weather is not only depressing, but it is a difficult obstacle, impeding on the social lives of thousands of college students in this area. UMass students are cooped up all winter. When it's finally nice out, we want to get outside and meet people somewhere a bit more wholesome than the basement of a frat house.

Personally, I am always looking for new ways to meet people and I feel that college students need outdoor activities after such a long, cold winter.

We need something relaxed, not too organized, but still an event that will provide students with an outdoor activity to celebrate the end of the year, and the finally beautiful weather.

Why not have a campus-wide barbeque on the Mullins Center lawns? There is so much open space. Perhaps the University could hire a D.J., maybe a magician, even set up carnival-type booths and have student organizations, fraternity or sorority members work at them. Maybe some of the faculty would want to come participate in activities, offering students an opportunity to see them outside of a classroom, in a more casual setting.

What student wouldn't want to dunk his or her math T.A., or throw a pie at the professor who failed them on their last paper?

We could set up a stickball game, or designate an area of the lawn for Frisbee. People could bring towels or blankets and hang out on the grass, listening to the D.J. We would need something relaxed, not too organized, but still an event that would provide students with an outdoor activity to celebrate the end of the year, and the finally beautiful weather.

UMass students tend to complain about the location of Amherst, and while we are lucky to have the town, and other colleges nearby, we have no beaches or outdoor pools. We are not close to any water parks or white water rafting, and we are barely provided with any outdoor opportunities unless we belong to a sports team.

Maybe at this hypothetical barbeque, students could win prizes such as UMass beach balls or T-shirts, provided by the University.

We do pay an activities fee as part of our tuition, but what do we get for it? A spring concert with a group that only part of the student body is interested in? Couldn't UMass afford a few hotdogs or a chicken wing or two?

The activities that the University does organize tend to segregate the living areas, with events such as Southwest Week or the Central Celebr-ation. We need to be unified as one University. What if we want to meet people that do not live in our area? Or what if we do not live on campus at all?

I don't think that many people would object to an outdoor barbeque. Perhaps the police department might send a few men to participate in stickball, maybe even form a team against UMass students. Such a simple activity might ease some of the tension between the local police and students, building a much-needed respect.

In addition, I've been hearing a lot of complaints that with 20,000 people at UMass, students still don't feel that they have very many opportunities to meet new people, especially students who don't live on campus. Wouldn't an outdoor, laid back activity, like a campus-wide barbeque be a good way?

And how great would it be if we had a barbeque dinner and fireworks show? I bet the turnout would be huge.

I, and I think I speak for a lot of students, am pretty disappointed with the social life at UMass. It seems you have to be interested in a specific club, be good at a sport or be an alcoholic to make friends and maintain a social life. It shouldn't feel that way ... why not offer us more positive social activities to take part in?

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What is your opinion of the revised Action Plan released on Friday?

A) I think it's a big improvement over Lombardi's previous proposal.
B) I think it's a good starting point, but it still needs some work.
C) I think students were ignored completely in the drafting of the new proposal.
D) This issue doesn't concern me.



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Introspective folk artist finds Dream realization

By Matt O'Rourke
Collegian Staff

It's typical for musicians on tour to acknowledge their crowd. However, it's less common for artists diverge from their setlist while onstage and change what they are playing mid-show. Singer-songwriter Patty Griffin does just that — she plays on emotion and allows it to control her live show.

Tonight at the Calvin Theatre, the Cambridge/Boston area native will entice the crowd with her unique sound — a combination of Americana, country and pop vocals. While she may be soft spoken, Griffin's music moves from quiet and somber to loud, occasionally giving chills to listeners.

Patty Griffin loved to listen to the Beatles and Bruce Springsteen in her childhood, yet never planned on becoming a musician even though she has been songwriting since the age of 16. She draws much inspiration from her mother, who would sing to her and her six siblings. Her songs can be heartfelt too, as her the title track on her latest album "Impossible Dream," features her parents' singing, in a tribute to the amateur artists. Eventually she moved out of Massachusetts, living in Florida for two years. After moving back north and after her husband left her, she began to play in Boston coffeehouses. It wasn't long before the artist had her first record deal with A&M Records. Her first two studio albums, "Living With Ghosts" and "Flaming Red" soon followed, garnering her respect in her field.

Patty Griffin's voice, with a classic country accent, plays well to both country fans and folk aficionados. She has collaborated with folk sensation Emmylou Harris for her most recent studio album, "Impossible Dream" out on Dave Matthews' own record label, ATO Records. For what she has in a small stature she makes up for in her powerful and soulful singing. And she doesn't let age get to her either. Even at 41, her songs are full of power and youthful energy and age only brings experience to her songwriting.

Griffin is also a patron of various social movements. The "Patty Griffin Birthday Drive" may be misleading in its title, but is a fund established by the singer that makes donations to VVAF's "Campaign for a Landmine Free World." She recently played in a benefit concert for Tsunami victims hosted by Willie Nelson, which was released on a CD titled "Songs for Tsunami Relief: Austin to South Asia."

Unlike some other singer-songwriters, Griffin doesn't write protest songs for the sake of protest, but rather, looks at the world through a kaleidoscope of politicized ideals. She doesn't bother to separate personal from political. Songs like "Don't Come Easy" and "Cold As It Gets" are examples of such emotion. She sings in "Cold As It Gets," "There's a million sad stories on the side of the road/Strange how we all just got used to the blood/Millions of stories that'll never be told/Silent and froze in the mud," relating lyrics that Americans can see truth in, both at home and abroad. "Rain," One of Griffin's staples and a favorite of her fans, paints an image of a stormy day in the reader's mind while relating love to the passing of clouds. Colorful imagery, combined with metaphors for life, make Griffin one of the best in her field and a musician not to be missed.

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Apocalyptica's 'Reflections' combines metal and classical music

By Patrick Rennick
Collegian Staff

Most people would never consider the fusion of the classical sound of the cello with the extreme noise of a heavy metal guitar to be particularly fruitful; however, Apocalyptica begs to differ. The trio of classically trained cellists from Helinski, Finland began their fusion experiment with covers of their favorite heavy metal bands on 1996's "Plays Metallica by Four Cellos." After considerable success with this album, Eicca Toppinen, Paavo Lotjonen, and Perttu Kivilaaksobe — all graduates of Finland's prestigious Sibellius Musical Academy — set out to carve their own niche somewhere between the classical and metal music genres. Apocalyptica presents this unique style in all its glory on 2005's "Reflections."

Apocalyptica
'Reflections'
Nuclear Blast America

Enlisting the help of legendary "Slayer" drummer, Dave Lombardo, Apocalyptica starts things off with a jarring mid-paced riff interwoven with moving cello solos. It is difficult to discern at first, but the opening track, "Prologue (Apprehension)" with the exception of the drums, is performed exclusively with cellos. The result is quite satisfying. Apocalyptica are able to utilize the cello to produce many intriguing passages that reach out to the listener in a way that differs from the traditional distorted guitar.

Another shining example of the fruits of cello and metal fusion lies within the track, "Resurrection." From an initial boiling pot of intertwined riffs, this song floods over into an intricate mix of drumming from Lombardo and cello work that teems with themes of hope and power. This track also features a breathtaking cello solo performed in true metal fashion.

The track, "Pandemonium" could be seen as an exhibition of Apocalyptica's mastery over their instruments. Although this is the shortest piece on the disc, not a moment is wasted as the cellists brew intricate passages climaxing in a manic technical frenzy of soloing.

There are also several slower tracks on the album that teeter towards the classical end of Apocalyptica's musical balance. While some metal-heads might be turned off by the slower-paced change, enthusiasts of classical music and open-minded listeners will discover moving pieces displaying a vast wealth of emotion and power.

Among the more moving of the classical tracks is "Faraway." This piece opens with a sad piano movement that creates a sense of longing. The cello is then introduced, complementing the piano and heightening the lonely atmosphere. Among the bonus tracks on the disc is an alternate version of the track titled, "Faraway Vol.2" featuring the vocal work of Linda Sundblad, vocalist for the Swedish rock group, "Lambretta". While Linda's vocals certainly add power to the track they also add a certain pop-influenced feel to the song.

One of the most intriguing pieces performed by the band is the conceptual, "Toreador II" ("tore-

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Finland's Apocalyptica blend classical music and heavy metal on their latest album, "Reflections."

Gang of Four is reclaiming its post-punk throne from copycats

By Ben Wener
The Orange County Register

There scarcely has been a piece written about either the already white-hot figures of the new new-wave or those rising into it that has failed to saddle them with a huge debt owed to Gang of Four.

Franz Ferdinand, Hot Hot Heat, Kaiser Chiefs, the Bravery, Bloc Party, Dogs Die in Hot Cars, the Futureheads — Google each and you'll find a slew of savvy scribes noting how much they take after Gof4's never-equaled kinetic sound.

"But do they really?" wonders Dave Allen, bassist and sometimes vocalist for the recently reunited post-punk revolutionists, who, after a successful U.K. run, performed Sunday at the Coachella Valley Music and Art Festival. "There are moments, right, but I don't think they do. This is where a little homework needs to be done."

A brief history might help: Gang of Four was formed in 1977 by four students at Leeds University: strident, hectoring chanter Jon King; the martially funky rhythm section of Allen and drummer Hugo Burnham; and guitarist Andy Gill, whose abrasive, strings-slashing style became one of the band's hallmarks.

Another: a caustic, penetrating political fury, a radical temperament that, because it was so intensely focused on bolstering individualism and skewering everyday apathy, has arguably retained more impact over the years than either that of the Sex Pistols (too reckless by comparison) or the Clash (ultimately too diffuse in its global reach).

Within four years Allen would be gone, departing through a haze of drugs to eventually form Shriekback with ex-XTC guitarist Barry Andrews. Gang of Four carried on without him, mostly for the worse, though ironically both acts garnered more stateside attention for later songs (Shriekback's "Nemesis," Gof4's danceable "I Love a Man in Uniform") that bore little relation to earlier work.

The original lineup issued just two albums (1979's vital "Entertainment!" and 1981's equally startling "Solid Gold"), each followed by an EP (first "Yellow," then "Another Day/Another Dollar"). "Art meets the devil via James Brown" — that was INXS frontman Michael Hutchence's description. "Like a big Man Ray photograph jumping up and doing the watusi" was how Red Hot Chili Peppers' Flea put it.

Wielding a Velvet Underground-esque influence over such disparate bands — U2 and Rage Against the Machine are two more that learned much from this lot — Gang of Four, like Wire and the Fall, has come to be even more of a truly cult (read: small but significant) phenomenon than any of Coachella's other, more celebrated reformations: Bauhaus and New Order this year, Pixies last year, Iggy and the Stooges before that.

What set Gof4 apart is the group's dialectical bent, although Allen, a former L.A. resident and Internet-geared entrepreneur now living in Portland, Ore., who for a time managed EMusic.com, says that stance is often misconstrued. "We were known for our slightly Marxist leanings, but I think we were more socialist and to the center than people would have guessed."

The unacquainted need only check some of the band's song titles to get the gist: "At Home He's a Tourist," "Guns Before Butter," "Damaged Goods," "We Live As We Die, Alone," "To Hell With Poverty" ("... we'll get drunk on cheap wine!").

Or take notice of three increasingly magnified images of a cowboy and Indian shaking hands in the corner of the mostly monochromatic cover of "Entertainment!" (Rhino reissue due May 17). Snaking around the illustrations, this scrawl: "The Indian smiles, he thinks the cowboy is his friend. The cowboy smiles, he is glad the Indian is fooled. Now he can exploit him."

As Allen points out, "Most people have the attitude that Gang of Four was a political band with a big P, but actually we were more interested in the small-p personal politics. As Andy put it in a recent interview, people wake up in the morning feeling that they have no control over their lives: the day job, the commute, the mortgage, the debt, the constant demand to have the latest car or the latest gadget.

"Well, you do have control over that. It's just not suggested that way by the media. That's what we glommed onto very quickly: that if you don't take care, you'll be consumed by this overarching propaganda that suggests you have to strive for more all the time."

After years of prodding to return, Gof4's revival brings this "Fight Club"-presaging idea full circle. "The timing couldn't be better," Allen believes, "because nothing has changed. If anything, it's gotten worse. That gives us incredible relevance. No one else is talking about this stuff."

Plus, the current uneasy political climate "is an ideal one to be working in, from our standpoint. I think it's safe to say that one band is not going to turn a society on its heels. You can only spread your message as best you can. But enough people have taken note to understand why Gang of Four has been such a cultural force in popular music.

"Twenty years ago we were trying to point these same things out and no one noticed. So," he said, starting to laugh, "we think we'll do it again."

Which brings us back to constant comparisons of the post-post-punk elite to Gof4. Allen argues that "it's hard to discover exactly what the big link is musically." Astutely, he hears more of the Jam and "Drums and Wires"-era XTC in the new sound.

"I saw Franz Ferdinand in Portland with my son, and they're an amazing band. And, yes, there's one song ('This Fire') where they hit the chorus and I could've sworn they were doing a cover of 'Damaged Goods.' But apart from that, these bands are not that musically close to us. They're not anywhere near lyrically close to us."

Consider how the band handles the utterly fractured track "He'd Send in the Army" — "a very crucial song in the Gang of Four canon," Allen says — in the increasingly little-seen new-wave omnibus "Urgh! A Music War" (reportedly headed to DVD).

Gill attacks his guitar, half the time not striking strings. Allen and Burnham maintain a tension/release dynamic. And, then as now, "Jon destroys a microwave on stage to keep the beat. It's an amazing bit of musical theater that should cause head-scratching among most 25-year-olds.

"But I think it will strike a chord. I'd like to think there's some band starting out somewhere that would see us live and go, 'Holy crap! That's the way to do it.' And to have this badge of honor, that we influenced so many other bands, is one worth wearing.

"If people think back on that period and that thing that comes to mind as the most plausible is Gang of Four, then hooray. We're finally being accepted, somewhat, for making a huge statement back then that changed the course of music for a lot of people."



Gang of Four's political post-punk has influenced such bands as Franz Ferdinand and Hot Hot Heat.



Andy Gill defined the Gang of Four with his grating guitar style.

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Film examines racism in L.A.

By John Snodgrass
The Lantern

COLUMBUS, Ohio — When done correctly, films can do more than entertain. They can evoke emotion, cause debate and even challenge the trends and culture of a nation. "Crash" is this type of film. It is powerful, provocative, poignant and poetic. It will be one of the best films of 2005 and will be one of the most important films made about American society in post-9/11 America.

"Crash" is the directorial debut of Paul Haggis (screenwriter for "Million Dollar Baby"), which takes a serious and unforgiving look at racism in modern day Los Angeles. The film focuses on the lives of about a dozen characters and how their decisions affect not only those directly around them, but also those that they have never met.

At first, "Crash" seems like a predictable movie filled with boring and overused ethnic stereotypes. In early scenes the stereotypes are so thick that it is like watching a crude propaganda film depicting racial superiority. However, the problem with this is that viewers will not be sure which ethnic group is supposed to be superior. After fifteen minutes of racial pigeon holing, Haggis' screenplay and characters come alive. Their stereotypes are chiseled away and the characters become fully developed.

For example: Some of these characters change and perform acts that are outside their characteristics. Racist characters become heroes and the tolerant characters become villains.

What makes this film powerful is that it does not just show racism happening, but it attempts to show why it is happening. For many of the characters fear is the root of their problems. Haggis' characters are afraid of others as well as themselves, meaning they are not only ignorant of one another but often ignorant of themselves.

This film is filled with terrific performances. Don Cheadle plays Graham, a detective who has trouble juggling what is right and wrong in his professional life. Matt Dillon gives the best performance of his career as a ferociously racist Los Angeles police officer. Ryan Phillippe counteracts Dillon's intolerance as his rookie partner. Terrence Howard gives a fabulous performance as a TV executive named Cameron, who must accept the racism that comes with being famous in Hollywood. Thandie Newton gives a knockout performance as Cameron's wife, who sees her husband as having Uncle Tom traits. The best performance, however, goes to Michael Peña, who plays a quite young locksmith trying to give his family the lifestyle he always wanted. His character, Daniel, is a voice of reason in the film's manic and insane world.

Haggis' camera angles are intricate and when need be, extremely powerful. He often blurs images giving the film a gritty feel that coincides with the film's soundtrack. Haggis' use of the American flag also adds to the film's mood. For example: He places a flag over a character's shoulders, which sends an uneasy message to viewers. This type of details adds to the intricacy of "Crash".

This is a movie about a nation, which less than four years ago went through an unspeakable act, yet still refuses to allow itself to be "the melting pot" it says it is. Though this film does show that this country has come along way (there are many ethnic jokes that the diverse audience laughed at) there is still a long way to go before fear and ignorance will stop dictating what we do as a culture.

"Crash" is a phenomenal and brilliant film. It takes racism in America head-on and leaves viewers with a plethora of questions and emotions.

This movie is destined to trigger debate and conversation. It pulls no punches. It does not pander to an audience. Racism is a part of our culture and "Crash" asks its audience, "What are we going to do about it?"

'Simpsons' future in question



COURTESY FOX ENTERTAINMENT

Matt Groening is ready to make another 350 episodes of "The Simpsons," if he gets the chance.

By Rick Porter
Zap2it.com

It's a cliché for reporters to ask the creator of a long-running TV show about his favorite episodes, and the clichéd response is for the creator to say that he loves them all and can't possibly single out one or two.

Yet upon meeting "The Simpsons" creator Matt Groening on Monday at a party celebrating the show's 350th episode, which airs May 1, the temptation to ask the favorite question was too hard to resist. Happily, he didn't give the usual non-answer, rattling off a list of his top secondary characters — Apu, the Squeaky-Voiced Teen, Ralph Wiggum and Milhouse's dad, Kirk, among them — and episodes he loves.

"I don't have a single favorite. There's a bunch I really like," Groening says. "I love 'Bart Sells His Soul,' the old episode (from October 1995) where he sold his soul to Milhouse for five bucks. I love the one where we had Frank Grimes ('Homer's Enemy,' from May 1997). And I like an episode we have coming up where Bart converts to Catholicism."

That episode, originally scheduled for earlier this month, was pulled following the death of Pope John Paul II and is now set to air May 15. Groening says the decision was one the network made: "We think it's offensive whenever you run it."

It's remarkable enough that "The Simpsons" has even made it to 350 episodes, more than any other scripted show currently on TV. That it can still create a buzz after that long, despite the now-familiar chorus that the show isn't what it once was, is pretty much unheard of in this era.

"No matter how hard people try to run it into the ground by putting it on too many times a day, putting it on multiple DVDs and oversaturating the marketplace and all the rest, we still keep going," Groening says. "In fact, I have to say I'm very proud of this season and the coming season."

Groening thinks the show has lasted so long because "with animation, there are so many possibilities to surprise the audience. That's really what we try to do. We try to keep surprising the audience and keep surprising ourselves."

Groening was quoted Sunday in The New York Times as saying "the show has almost reached its halfway point." Monday, he said he "was not serious at all" about whether "The Simpsons" can last another 350 episodes, but he quickly added, "I'll do them if we can."

"That's a long time, but if we, you know, unless we all get killed," he says with a shrug. "I think five of the main people could get killed and the show could still go on. But any more than five — that's why we all ride in separate airplanes."

Apocalyptica rock out on cellos

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ador" translates as "bullfighter"). This track acts as a soundtrack to an epic confrontation between an angry bull and a skillful matador. The piece begins with a fanfare and proceeds from movement to movement tracing the battle. The confrontation is signified by a rapid-fire passage while the matador flaunting his skill in the face of the angry bull is portrayed through speedy solos.

Keeping with tradition, Apocalyptica has included a heavy metal cover in "Reflections." For this album, the band chose to borrow a song from the industrial metal group Rammstein. Apocalyptica's rendition of "Seeman" — which translates as "Sailor" — is very similar to its predecessor. Among the noticeable differences is the more delicate sound of the cellos. More importantly however is the guest appearance of the noted punk singer from Berlin, Nina Hagen. This combination of classical instruments and Hagen's controlled yet powerful performance makes for an interesting and worthwhile cover.

Apocalyptica is certain not to be embraced by all, as proponents of heavy metal and classical music may not welcome the musical bridge. However, for those who are willing to experience new forms of music and experimentation there is much to discover on "Reflections." Apocalyptica have created a deep and compassionate album that manages to package the fury of heavy metal and the delicacy of classical music into a considerable hybrid, boasting both raw power and painstaking complexity that cannot be easily overlooked.

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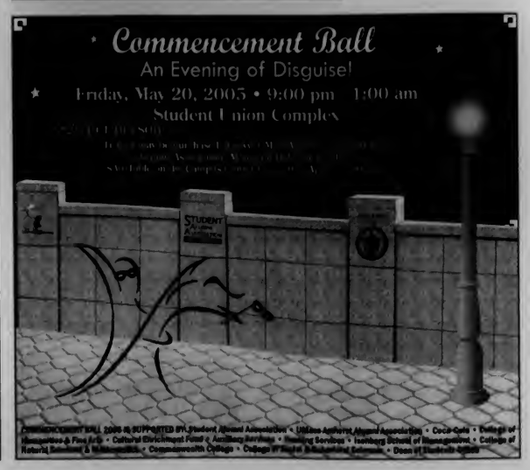
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UM rallies for win in seventh

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Terriers increased their lead by two, scoring a run in the fifth inning, as well as the sixth.

"We have extremely great talent in the infield and the outfield," Sulick said. "It's all in our heads, because we have amazing talent. If we just relax and let it fly, we're good."

With two innings left for the UMass offense, it was a defensive regular who began the comeback. After a pitching change by BU, Busa stepped to the plate and delivered a homer to left field, cutting the Terrier score down to 3-2.

The homer was Busa's first of the season, as she just recently found her way into the Minutewoman starting lineup.

"I was really pleased with her home run obviously, because it only put us one run down," Sortino said. "But more than anything with Jenna, I'm pleased about her pitching and that she got herself out of those jams."

Busa was able to get out of another jam in the top of the seventh, when the bases were loaded with two outs. A foul ball pop up was snagged by junior catcher KJ Kelley to end the inning and left the fate of the game up to the Minutewoman hitters.

Kelley began the inning with a line drive double to center field. Senior Denise Denis advanced Kelley with a single to right field, and after a steal by Denis to second base, freshman, A-10 Rookie of the Week, Stacy Cullington was walked, loading the bases.

The other rookie, freshman Lauren Proctor was next in the lineup and hit a grounder to the infield, which was fielded by a Terrier. As Kelley slid into home plate, the BU catcher dropped the incoming throw, and Kelley scored the tying run.

Sulick then entered the game and came off the bench to pinch hit. With the bases loaded, Sulick hit a single to left field and consequently, ended the ballgame. Sulick was confident heading to the plate off of the bench.

"You know what, I'm ready, I took my time, I took my slumps and now it's time for me to come out and do something for my team," Sulick said. "Any pitch she was going to give me, I was just going to get it done, no matter what."

The comeback victory, which put a stop to the BU winning streak, was the fifth straight win for the Minutewomen. The game-winner was Sulick's 16th RBI of the season and her 30th hit. Sortino was certain of her decision to put the veteran in under pressure to take control of the game.

"Well, she was waiting the whole game to do it, she found a way to get it done," Sortino said. "We knew she was going to get her bat on the ball, there was no two ways about that."

Sophomore Amanda Morin and Kelley led the team in hits with a pair each on the day, while Denis added one. Kelley currently leads the team in homeruns (10), slugging percentage (.771), batting average (.385) and doubles (12) on the season.

Busa has stuck out a career-high 112 batters and now holds an ERA of 2.27 on the season. The win yesterday was her 12th of the year.



COURTESY KAREN WINCHESTER

UMass third baseman Sarah Hurd recorded two assists and one putout in the field during the Minutewomen's 4-3 victory over the Boston University Terriers at the UMass Softball Complex.



COURTESY KAREN WINCHESTER

The UMass offense rocked the Terrier pitching staff for seven hits and four runs yesterday. The Minutewomen came from behind, scoring three runs in the final two innings, to record the win.

Spurs stacked at top

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are not close to the best.

Since Shaquille O'Neal entered the league back in 1992, he groomed himself into the most dominant force in the NBA. He also continued to improve himself, his game and his teammates. Dwayne Wade went from a breakout rookie year into the best guard in the East. Former Celtic Damon Jones and defensive demon Eddie Jones look like superstars behind the arc with all the open looks Shaq is getting them. Will they be the Eastern Conference Champion? Yes, but not on the strength of a trio.

The international connection in San Antonio demonstrates un-selfish team play better than any other team or trio in the NBA. Tony Parker has stepped up his game, while Manu Ginobili is scoring more points than Tim Duncan. Duncan and Ginobili are All-Stars and Parker will be one soon enough. Two aggressive, smart playmakers with the ability to score anywhere on the floor and a former MVP. Sound like a winner?

But we can not forget about the best show in the NBA, the Phoenix Suns. Since the Suns acquired a speedy, dime-dropping Steve Nash, they have been a force in the West. The player with the most potential to be a superstar in the NBA could be Amare Stoudemire. When you include a nightly double-double threat in Shawn Marion, you have a deadly trio.

With rings on their fingers, the Spurs would be considered the best trio in the NBA, but the Suns are a very close second. The Suns showed off their deadly fastbreak while sweeping the Grizzles. Marion is one of the most complete players in basketball Stoudemire is the most explosive post player in the NBA. This trio along with ex-Celtic Joe Johnson make up the best tandem in the NBA for years to come. That's why they are favorites for the NBA championship.

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Mirabelli has grand night in Sox victory

DETROIT (AP) — Doug Mirabelli hit his third career grand slam and John Halama limited Detroit to two runs and four hits in five innings in his first start of the season to help the Boston Red Sox beat the Tigers 5-3 on Tuesday night.

Halama (1-0) won for the first time since last October when he beat the Tigers while pitching for Tampa Bay. Halama, taking the injured David Wells' spot in the rotation, didn't walk a batter and struck out two.

Matt Mantei pitched a scoreless sixth and Mike Timlin worked two scoreless innings. Keith Foulke allowed Marcus Thames' leadoff homer in the ninth before finishing for his fifth save in six opportunities.

Detroit starter Mike Maroth (2-2) allowed five runs on five hits in six innings. He walked six and struck out six.

Ivan Rodriguez also homered for Detroit.

Boston took a 1-0 lead in the first on Jason Varitek's one-out line single. The hit scored Johnny Damon, who had led off the game with a double and moved to third on Edgar Renteria's single.

Detroit tied in the bottom of the inning on Rodriguez's home run deep into the left-field stands.

The Tigers took a 2-1 lead in the fourth on Marcus Thames' two-out double inside the bag at third. It scored Carlos Guillen, who led off with a triple.

Mirabelli's grand slam in the fifth put Boston up 5-2. He drilled Maroth's 2-1 pitch into the left-field stands.

Notes: Boston's Wade Miller allowed five hits and four runs in 3 2-3 innings on Tuesday in his second rehabilitation start for Triple-A Pawtucket, a 6-5 victory over Rochester. Miller, out with a frayed rotator cuff since last June when he was with Houston, struck out seven, walked four and threw a wild pitch. Three of the four runs he surrendered were earned. Miller topped out at 96 mph. ...

Red Sox chairman Tom Werner went to New York on Tuesday to present 2004 World Series rings to Pedro Martinez and Doug Mientkiewicz. ... Mirabelli's last grand slam was on July 3, 2004. It was the fourth grand slam of the season for Boston. ... Detroit DH-1B Dmitri Young missed his third straight start because of the flu. ... Guillen's triple in the fourth inning was his second in two games.

Red Sox right fielder Trot Nixon dropped his appeal Tuesday and started serving a two-game suspension stemming from Boston's April 15 scuffle at Tampa Bay.

—*Associated Press*

Wade Boggs gets ready for induction

By John Kekis
Associated Press

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — Wade Boggs seemed at home in baseball's Mecca before he even stepped inside.

Prior to a tour of the newly renovated Hall of Fame on Tuesday, Boggs greeted an elementary school group from Chicopee, Mass., sounding more like an escort than a former star soon to be enshrined.

"Welcome to the Hall of Fame," said Boggs, clad in blue jeans, sneakers and a rugby shirt. "I'm one of the new inductees."

"Congratulations," the students replied in unison, some of them recognizing the man who won five American League batting titles in 11 seasons with the Boston Red Sox and finished his 18-year career with 3,010 hits.

"You guys enjoy your day here," said Boggs, who will be inducted July 31 along with former Chicago Cubs star Ryne Sandberg. "Enjoy the tour."

They did, but surely not as much as Boggs, who was clearly taken aback by what he saw on his first official visit to the sport's shrine.

A student of history, Boggs was nearly speechless as he made his way through, uttering "Wow!" and "Incredible!" at almost every turn.

When he stopped to take a closer look at the Red Sox exhibit from their improbable World Series triumph last fall, he seemed somewhat wistful that he wasn't a part of it.

"I was almost there, very close, a strike," said Boggs, a member of the 1986 Red Sox team that lost to the New York Mets in seven games after Bill Buckner's famous two-out error in the bottom of the 10th inning of Game 6 gave New York a stunning comeback victory.

A career .328 hitter, the 12-time All-Star also was known for the array of superstitious rituals he went through before and after games. Maybe it was his near-obsessive passion for detail that brought a smile to his face when he gazed at a 77-ball hitting display devoted to former Red Sox slugger Ted Williams, who wrote "The Science of Hitting."

"I had to read the book over and over and over," said, Boggs, who set an American League record with seven consecutive 200-hit seasons in the 1980s. "It's still the Bible."

A wall that has a ball from every no-hitter thrown in the major leagues since the Hall of Fame opened in 1939 elicited more memories. Boggs played in four of them, including Matt Young's on April 12, 1992, which the Red Sox lost to the Cleveland Indians.

"Afterward, in the clubhouse it was the strangest thing," Boggs said. "He threw a no-hitter, but we lost 2-1."

Only about a quarter of the Hall of Fame's 35,000 artifacts are on display at any given time. The rest are stowed in the basement, which is open to only a select few. Boggs qualified, and he was amazed, especially by the tiny gloves of yesteryear.

"How did they ever catch a ball back then?" he asked, holding gloves once that belonged to former Yankee greats Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. "Absolutely amazing."

"Shall I get a Ted Williams bat for you?" asked Tom Shieber, curator of new media for the Hall.

"Sure!" Boggs said, his eyebrows raised. "The man!"

Then it was up to the library, where a copy of Boggs' 1984 book "Fowl Tips, My Favorite Chicken Recipes" and a tape of the well-known "Homer at the Bat" episode in 1992 of "The Simpsons" television cartoon show lay on a table.

As usual, it was the Gallery that left the biggest impression. The guy they used to call "Chicken Man" because he ate the fowl seven days a week nearly floated away.

"Goosebumps," said Boggs, who was accompanied by his wife, Debbie. "The goosebumps were remarkable walking down the hall where all the plaques are. The goosebumps started overwhelming me. The Hall of Fame is not something that an athlete can set as a goal. It's something that evolves."

After leaving Boston, Boggs spent five years in New York, where he helped the Yankees win the 1996 World Series. He played his final two years for his hometown Tampa Bay Devil Rays, in 1999 becoming the first player to hit a homer for his 3,000th hit.

For the past four years, Boggs has worked as a volunteer coach for his son Brett's high school team, which was to begin district play on Tuesday night in Tampa. Boggs had to miss the game, but that was OK.

"It's a warm feeling I have," said Boggs, just the 41st player to be elected in his first year of eligibility.

Not too much can phase Washington

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er right away."

Washington, 21, made just such a mark in his initial seasons at Bayshore High and the University of Nebraska. He started all four seasons for Woodie and all three of his seasons in college.

For now, Charles Woodson and Nnamdi Asomugha are the projected starters at cornerback for next season. Washington will get a crash course from Hall of Fame cornerback Willie Brown, among others, on the nuances of the position and a long look at showing what he can do on defense and kick returning.

"I'm trying to learn as much of the defense as I can so I can take it home and study as much as I can and come back more prepared than when I came here," Washington said Friday.

The Raiders already know about Washington's upbringing and outlook on things concerning life and football. They gleaned that during a one-on-one interview at the Scouting Combine and from probing people such as Woodie Jr.

Washington arrives with an impressive background, according to Woodie Jr. and others who have known Washington since his formative years.

"He's a dynamic individual," Woodie Jr. said. "He's the type of kid who cares about others. If you look at talented kids, the majority of them are selfish. Not Fabian. He has character, God-given ability and no fear."

He also has a mother and a grandmother, Jessie Washington, who were there for him when his father, Edward Clemmons, no longer could be. And Woodie, "who always pointed Fabian in the right direction, always stayed on him," Chandra Washington said.

Fabian avoided the pitfalls that drag down so many others in similar situations by putting his faith in God and those who took the time to nurture him, he said.

"I've seen Fabian at his worst and I've seen him at his best," Woodie Jr. said. "He's the type of kid who can handle adversity. The Raiders know that by now."

Washington is where he is today because of adversity. He decided to enter the NFL draft after learning of a close friend's murder in Bradenton last December.

It got him to thinking about how far he had come since his father's accidental death 15 years earlier, how it very well could have been him who got killed instead of his friend, how his younger brother, Breontae McNear, needed a safer environment, how his mother needed an easier life.

"It's been a long, hard struggle for us," Chandra Washington said. "I worked 12, 16-hour days for 14 years."

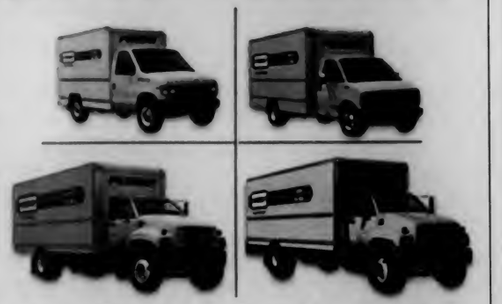
No more. Washington entered the NFL draft despite being told he likely wouldn't be selected any higher than the third round. The difference between the contract a first-rounder and third-rounder receive can be several million dollars.

Talk about pressure. Washington knew he had to do something to stand out. His agent told him the key lay with his speed.

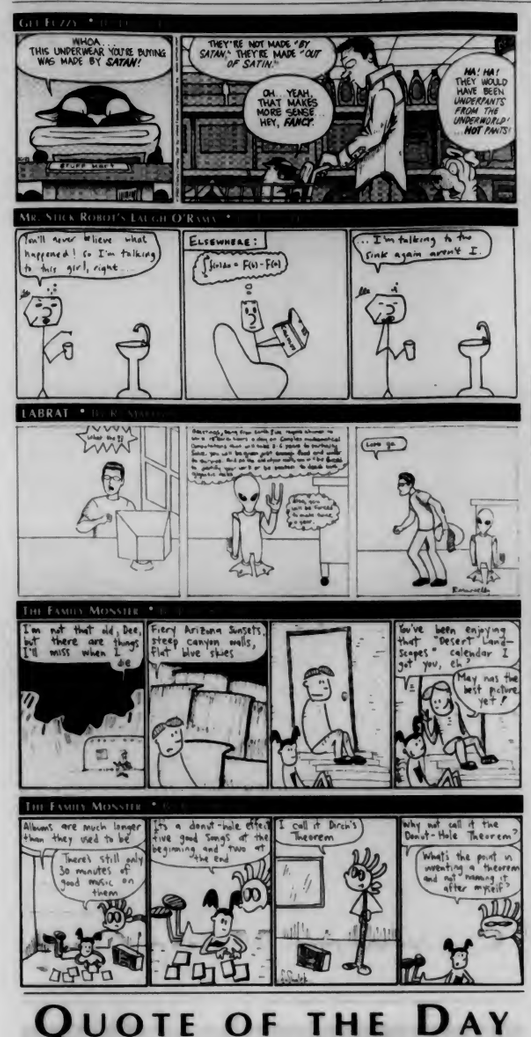
Perform well for the owners, general managers, coaches and scouts, and you'll go from being just another faceless prospect into a hot commodity, said Brian Mackler, Washington's agent.

Twenty-four teams interviewed Washington after his eye-opening 40. Numerous teams worked him out after the combine and reportedly had him in their sights in the first round. The Raiders struck first.

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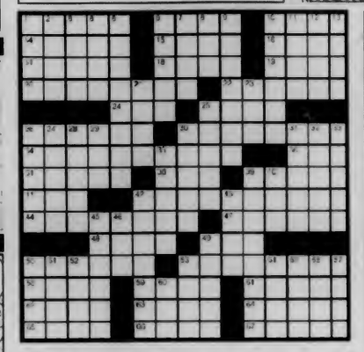
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Minutewomen rally in last at-bat

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

Darkness began to fall on the UMass Softball Complex, and the air was cooling down as the Massachusetts softball team trailed the Boston University Terriers by one run.

UMass	4
BU	3

With the bases loaded and no outs, senior Pam Sulick entered the game for the first time in the contest and proceeded to crank out the final hit of the day and the game winner.

This dramatic ending capped off an unusual afternoon for the Minutewomen (29-14-1 11-3 Atlantic 10), who overcame a 3-1 deficit to snap the Terrier's 13-game winning streak. UMass plays another Beantown team today at 5 p.m., taking on Boston College again, at the UMass Softball Complex.

The game began slowly for both squads, with a scoreless first inning. BU took advantage of the first of six errors in the afternoon, when it scored in the second inning.

"Every inning, we found a way to make it difficult," UMass coach Elaine Sortino said. "I thought it was incredible the way Jenna [Busa] pitched herself out of those innings."

Busa battled against the errors and struck out six batters, while allowing two earned runs throughout the afternoon. Busa earned A-10 Pitcher of the Week honors for her performance in last week's games.

The Maroon and White came back to deadlock the game in the third, as freshman Angela Conforti scored off of a walked batter. With the Minutewomen continuing to commit errors, the

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COURTESY KAREN WINGER

UMass pitcher Jenna Busa pitched a complete game for the Minutewomen yesterday to earn her 12th win of the season on the mound. She let up three runs (two earned) and struck out six Terriers.

UMass' eight crazy nights



Jeff Howe

Wow.

What a crazy stretch of games that turned out to be.

If you have followed the Massachusetts men's lacrosse team (11-2 4-1 ECAC) over the past week-and-a-half, you may want to follow the advice of UMass Spring Concert performer Fabolous and just "Breathe."

Three games, eight days, three wins.

It all started two Saturdays ago, an April 23 home matchup with perennial ECAC powerhouse Georgetown, which was ranked No. 3 in the nation at the time.

Skipping ahead to the end of the game, Georgetown, which trailed by three goals in the fourth quarter, flexed its muscle and cut the deficit to one with 62 seconds still left on the clock.

UM goalie Bill Schell made two saves in the final half-minute, including one as time expired, and the Minutemen took control of their conference and put themselves into position to win their first ECAC championship since 2002.

Time for the Maroon and White to relax after such a hefty win, right? Not a chance.

The Minutemen were given a day to recover and about 24 hours to prepare for the Crimson, a game that was originally scheduled for March 9 in Cambridge. A snowstorm that day moved the game into the middle of a week that was already full of showtime performers in the Hoyas and the Orange.

To add to the importance of the game, the Minutemen needed to pull out a victory to ensure their 20th New England Championship.

Though it looked bleak for awhile — heavily favored UMass was clinging to a 2-1 lead six minutes into the second half — the visiting crew avoided a setback, in a week where it seemed totally possible, and finished off the Crimson 8-5.

They looked physically and emotionally drained after the game, which started 72 hours after their last one finished, and Syracuse appeared to be the last thing on their minds.

Rest was needed, and tons of it.

Fast forward to last Saturday, four days after Harvard, seven after Georgetown. There was no way the Minutemen had their legs back, was there?

They were back at the cozy confines of Garber Field, where they hadn't lost all season.

But three goals by the Goliath known as the rival Orange in a span of 81 seconds gave Syracuse a 3-1 edge and started to raise the doubts about UMass having the ability to conquer these three teams during the most intense eight days of its season.

Enter a six-goal run by the Maroon and White, which included two instances in which it scored a pair of goals within a span of 10 seconds. Enter later on a 13-8 lead with just over eight minutes to go in front of a calmly optimistic crowd.

UMass, which had beaten 'Cuse in 2003 — by one, single goal — for the first time in 22 years, was about to roll through its rival without barely breaking a sweat. Oh, but then it all came apart.

The Orange rallied for three goals, killed off a one-minute penalty and put the finishing touches on the five-goal horror show that no one at UMass wanted to see. The tying goal, Brett Bucktooth's fourth of the afternoon, came with 28 seconds to play in regulation.

Nothing looked good. Except — for everyone who believes in fate — for one, tiny detail.

The score was knotted at 13, heading into sudden death overtime, in the midst of a rainy day at Garber Field. The scene was identical to that of two years prior.

And so was the result thanks to one Jeff Zywicki, who scored on Jay Pfeifer to propel the Minutemen to their second 14-13 victory in as many meetings at Garber Field.

Those were UMass' eight crazy days in a nutshell. Just in case you missed them.

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UM crosses plate five times in ninth for win

By Jon Pelland
Collegian Staff

When it was all said and done yesterday, the Massachusetts baseball team (9-28 3-12 Atlantic 10) needed a five-run ninth inning to outlast the Siena Saints (20-18), 15-10, in Loudonville, N.Y.

For a team that has been struggling to score runs all year, the Maroon and White were able to hang 15 on Siena on 16 hits. It took a four-hit performance by freshman catcher Bryan Garrity in order for the Minutemen to pick up the win.

UMass	15
Siena	10

In a break out game for the freshman backstop, he had three runs batted in to up his season total to 14. Garrity also scored two runs to lead the Minutemen to victory.

The score was knotted at 10 entering the final frame. The inning began with senior Curt Szado striking out followed by a single from sophomore shortstop Bryan Adamski. A walk to freshman Brent Tarasuik moved Adamski up to second with one out in the inning.

Freshman Andy Teutken reached on a throwing error committed by Saints third basemen Jacob Willis, his 19th of the year and second of the game. The blunder allowed both Tarasuik and Adamski to score and Teutken to advance to third base. A balk by Siena pitcher James Pacifico allowed Teutken to come home from third with UMass' third uncarned run of the inning.

The inning was then kept alive on singles by freshman Ryan Franczek and sophomore Anthony Santos. Franczek advanced to third on Santos' hit and eventually scored on a sacrifice bunt by sophomore Bill Rankin, who now has 14 sacrifices on the year, tying him with Cullen Maumas who had 14 sacrifices in 2003, a single-season school record.

The scoring was capped by Garrity's two-out single that plated Franczek. Senior Jason Twomley popped out to end the inning for UMass.

UMass kicked off the scoring with one run in both the first and second innings. Adamski plated Garrity in the first with a single to center field, but was stranded along with Twomley when sophomore Michael Weiner flied out to left on the first pitch he saw.

In the second, Teutken doubled down the left-field line and advanced to third when Franczek grounded out to second base. The very next batter, Santos, drove in Teutken on a sacrifice fly to center.

The Minutemen plated three runs in the third to take a 5-0 lead. Leading off, Garrity ripped a single to left field for his second consecutive hit. He eventually scored on a Szado double. Adamski stepped into the box with one out and a man on second and proceeded to take a 1-0 pitch over the left field fence for a two-run homer.

Not to be outdone, the Saints came right back, answering the Minutemen with a six-run bottom of the third. Siena scored the runs on six hits off of UMass starter sophomore Chris Lloyd. Five of the six Saints hits were singles.

UMass scored one run in the fourth and sixth innings to retake the lead, 7-6, heading into the eighth inning.

In the top of the eighth, the Minutemen scored three times to extend their advantage over the Saints 10-6 with the help of two errors from Siena. Tarasuik pinch-ran for Weiner after he led the inning off with a single to left field. He advanced to second thanks to a sacrifice bunt from Tuetken. Willis' first error of the game opened up the opportunity for Tarasuik to score. Garrity later scored because he was allowed to reach on a throwing error by the right fielder.

Once again, Siena would not go quietly. It scored four eighth-inning runs to tie up the game. Lloyd was lifted after two outs, not before hitting two batters and walking in two runs.

Freshman Mark Winter had no more luck with the Saints. He allowed two more runs to score on a single by Eric Hildenbrand. Winter was then lifted by UMass coach Mike Stone for freshman Aaron Smith, who got Gabe Perez to ground out to third.

Smith then pitched a scoreless ninth to close the door on the Saints and capture the win for the Minutemen.



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

UMass freshman Sam Boone has registered one hit this season for UM, which beat Siena yesterday.



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

UMass freshman pitcher Jason Lavorgna is 0-2 with a 5.62 ERA in 10 appearances this season.

Weighing out the best threesome in the NBA

Three is indeed the magic number in the NBA.

No, I'm not talking about the addiction to the shot that has completely killed the mid-range game or the littlest big man in Philadelphia doing it all on his own (who should be the NBA MVP). I'm talking about the history of champions.

Todd Foster

Since the great 1980's battles between the Celtics and the Lakers, there have always been a core three players who have led their team to the promised land. Larry Legend, The Chief and McHale. Magic, Kareem and Worthy. MJ, Pippen, and Horace Grant, who was replaced by Dennis Rodman.

Has every NBA champion been the result of a talented trio? Of course not. Look at the Detroit Pistons, who won their NBA championship through outstanding team defense, great shot selection, the deepest team in the NBA, and by playing with more heart (yes, it still lingers in some players in NBA). That's what makes them a major contender this year, too.

But, are the Pistons a dynasty? Could this team be a dynasty? I seriously doubt it, because Larry Brown might not even be their coach after this year. That's why you should always have the core three players to fall back on. If one player is off, one of the other two or both pick up the slack.

So, who has the best trio in the NBA right now? Phoenix? Detroit? Miami? Washington? San Antonio?

The best place to start is with the reigning champions, the Detroit Pistons, who have possibly the smartest trio of stars in the NBA with Richard Hamilton, Ben Wallace and Chauncey Billups. These players were the core that former Bad Boy, now Pistons general manager Joe Dumars wanted to build his team around. Put together two intelligent guards with a great touch, who play tough defense, and the Beast from the East, and you have a great nucleus for a champion. Though, with players like All-Star quality power forward Rasheed Wallace and jack-of-all-trades Tayshaun Prince playing out of their minds, this is a team effort.

A team that surprised everyone this year was Washington. The trio in the nation's capital is made up of a group of underachievers who have worked well together. Larry Hughes went from being considered a wasted lottery pick to one of the best all-around scorers in the East. Gilbert Arenas quickly developed into an NBA All-Star at point guard. Then, you have Antawn Jamison with his 20-point, 10-rebound ability on a night-in, night-out basis. If coach Eddie Jordan is smart, he'll keep this young group of potential All-Stars together, but they still

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Washington overcomes tragedy

By Steve Corkran
Knight Ridder

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Where some sense fear, cornerback Fabian Washington finds excitement. Staring down a talented wide receiver such as Randy Moss isn't scary, it's a challenge.

Feeling pressure never enters the equation on the football field for Washington. Not when you have learned some of life's hard lessons at an early age.

Pressure is learning that your father has been killed and that now you are the man of the house at five years old. Pressure is needing a strong showing in front of representatives from all 32 NFL teams to validate your leaving college early to take care of your younger brother and mother.



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Raiders rookie, Fabian Washington, was drafted out of Nebraska last weekend, works out in Oakland's minicamp.

"He's the type of kid to make a bad situation turn out good," said Chandra Washington, Fabian's mother. "If there's a job that's got to get done, he gets it done."

In life and on the field. The teachings he has learned have served Washington well and led to his being selected by the Raiders in the first round of the NFL draft eight days ago.

On Friday, he embarked upon his latest challenge: showing the Raiders that they made the right decision by trading up again and again until they were in position to draft Washington.

Naturally, there is skepticism and a wait-and-see attitude by some toward Washington because of the track record of the player ostensibly he is being asked to replace.

The Raiders traded up twice to draft cornerback Phillip Buchanon out of Miami in 2002. Everyone was certain that he would develop into a Pro Bowl cornerback and dynamite punt returner.

Buchanon had his moments but ultimately proved too inconsistent, as well as unworthy of a first-round pick and all the hype. The Raiders traded him four days before the draft so that they could get enough ammunition to move up into the first round and find a replacement.

That player was Washington, from the moment Raiders managing general partner Al Davis witnessed Washington run a 40-yard dash at the NFL Scouting Combine in February that some clocked as fast as 4.25 seconds.

"He's a guy that our scouts ... were extremely excited about," Raiders coach Norv Turner said. "When our coaches got a chance to be around him, work him out, watch the tape, the feeling was exactly the same. So, he's a guy that we think will have a great future with the Raiders."

Those closest to Washington say it's only a matter of time before the Raiders know that they scored a direct hit.

"They're getting the total package out there," said Raymond Woodie Jr., Washington's football coach at Bayshore High School in Bradenton, Fla. "I foresee him being an impact play-

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ROTC to host UMass dodgeball tournament

By Naomi Rudov
Collegian Correspondent

Get ready to dodge, dive, dip, duck and ... dodge. No, this isn't a sequel to Ben Stiller's cult comedy — it's even better. The University of Massachusetts' Army ROTC is hosting a dodgeball tournament tomorrow, May 6, to raise money for the Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund.

The tournament, which offers a $500 prize for the winning team, will be held at Totman Gym from 12 to 3:30 on Friday. Teams must have ten members and be co-ed to compete, and every participant is asked to donate five dollars to the fund in order to enter the competition. Participants will play 15-minute bombardment-style games with double elimination, where each team is guaranteed a spot in at least two games. There will be a captains' meeting at 11:30, and all teams must be registered and ready to dodge by noon.

Created by UMass Hockey player Peter Travato, the MSLF raises money to help support children who have lost mothers or fathers in the war against terror. Currently, about 30 Massachusetts soldiers have lost their lives in this war, leaving behind about 20 children without sufficient means to pay for college. Travato is supported by his hockey teammates as well as his friends from ROTC, who are enthusiastic about community service.

"I want the fund to stick with the University," said Travato. He stressed that since Umass Amherst is the state's flagship university, it is important for the students on campus to become invested by helping future college students from Massachusetts receive higher education and have the opportunities UMass students have. So far, there has been substantial local interest in the MSLF, resulting in donations for everything needed to make the tournament run this year. Travato is planning to continue to work on the MSLF when he graduates this spring, and hopes to pass involvement down to younger members of his team.

"We are encouraging large groups like frats and sports teams to participate in the tournament," said Dave Pease, one of the event's organizers and a member of ROTC. He is optimistic about the opportunity to contribute to the first year of the tournament. "We are looking to establish this as an annual event."

So far, about seven teams have signed up, including two from the UMass Hockey team, two from ROTC, and several sports teams, including Women's Lacrosse.

"There will be a barbecue for tournament teams, and Red Bull is coming to give away free stuff," said Pease.

The UMass community is getting excited to play "a good 'ol fashioned game of dodgeball," especially Travato. For him, the tournament is the culmination of months of hard work and organization to get the MSLF up and running. The fund's first official day was December 1, 2004, and since that day, the fund has been a

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Nursing Students Assoc. registers over 65 potiential bone marrow donors

The Annual Bone Marrow Typing Drive sponsored by the University of Massachusetts Student Nurse's Association went very well according to next year's new Student Nursing Association President Jessica Dayo.

The drive collected blood samples from donors to be entered into the National Program Donor Registry. Two teaspoons of blood are needed to avoid matching errors.

Contrary to popular belief, donors do not need to worry about tattoos, piercings, or if they have recently left the country — issues that can prevent people from donating blood for blood drives.

The actual typing costs $65, which can be claimed on taxes. Yesterday, the SNA was able to pay for 65 caucasian donors to be typed. Many who came after the limit had been passed paid for themselves. Due to the lack of minority donors nationwide, all minorities were typed for free.

If a donor from yesterday's drive is matched with a patient needing a bone marrow transplant, they will be contacted by the registry to be re-typed for safety purposes.

According to the NSA, patients needing a bone marrow transplant are often suffering from cancer and have severely weakened immune systems. In this instance, an accidental mismatch would most likely be fatal.

Once a match is confirmed the donor must go to a hospital to make the bone marrow donation. A needle is inserted through the skin and into the upper pelvic bone after the donor is anesthetized.

Although some soreness may occur after the donation, medication is often prescribed for the pain, which disappears within a week.

—*Elizabeth Vargas*



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A balloon and flier advertises the Nursing Student Association's bone marrow transplant donor typing drive yesterday in the Campus Center.



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Design your career

BDIC major Ben Nathan poses with BDIC alumni Loring Barnes, '83. Nathan , a short film major, will be shooting a film in New York City this summer about a Brookland boy who goes to Paris to become a spy. Barnes, who studied public relations and marketing communication, currently owns Clarity Communications.

'A PhD is not enough' talk opens students' eyes

By Ashish K. Sahu
Collegian Staff

Students at the University of Massachusetts got a taste of what to expect after graduation during "A PhD is Not Enough!", an event and workshop held at the Campus Center Auditorium on Tuesday to raise awareness about graduate education and an understanding of the graduate climate.

The event hosted approximately 275 registrants including 235 students, 33 faculty and administration. In his opening remarks, Graduate School Dean John Mullin said that a graduate student climate survey conducted earlier this year at UMass showed that the level of satisfaction among graduate students was not as high as the administration had hoped it would be.

He said he liked one theme of the workshop that focused on developing "soft skills," networking, and research skills as a scientist or engineer and committed to another such workshop for this coming fall for new incoming students.

Doctor Peter Feibelman, author of the book "A PhD is Not Enough," conducted the workshop, telling students how he saw some very bright students make their lives miserable by making mistakes while planning for their career. He also mentioned scientists and engineers in general need to improve their social skills in order to better succeed in the workplace.

The workshop brought about a range of questions by students about job search in academic, government and industrial, how to find a right advisor and mentor, and how to make the most of our times as a PhD student.

"To be accepted as a scientist you have to learn to act like one ... in all ways," emphasized Feibelman.

"The question and answer sessions with Feibelman raised awareness about the common concerns common to all STEM graduate students," said Jessica McCoy a co-organizer of the event and a third year graduate student from Polymer Science and Engineering.

During a lunch session geared toward faculty and students in their early years of their PhD and near graduation, students were allotted tables in a fashion that no two department students sat next to each other so that every one would get a different perspective about others' research and the common problems they face.

"The lunch discussions were an opportunity for graduate students to share their own experiences and issues while brainstorming solutions for graduate education," said Ticora Jones a co-organizer of the event and also a fourth year graduate student from polymer science and engineering.

Each table came up with solutions to bridge the communication

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SGA reviews new budget

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

Controversial discussion carried the tone to last night's Student Government Association as many student groups were distraught over the 2006 budget — set to be voted on last night.

Certain student groups criticized the budget and its committee members for cutting the funds for multicultural groups such as certain African Latino Asian Native American groups even though those funds are essential to their mission statement.

Chair of the Ways and Means Committee Colin Delargy said that he and his committee members have been working since February on budget allocation for students groups and Registered Student Organizations. Delargy told Senators and RSO members who came to the meeting that the budget allocation was based upon many things, one of which was the past expenditure of the groups' budget.

"If an RSO did not spend all of its money," Delargy said, "then we did cut their request based on what they spent last year."

Some groups like the Asian American Student Association was furious with the budget plan because their budget was cut by more than 70 percent.

"We're pissed off that you guys are cutting our budget by 70 percent," one AASA member said, "this is ludicrous, we serve over 2,000 people and we are the biggest minority group on campus, we are the huge hub for the Asian American community."

Delargy insisted that the budget allocations were made as fairly as possible and in terms of cutting finding for the AASA groups, he said, "they never sub-

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Court hears bids for Puerto Rican votes

BOSTON — A lawyer told a federal appeals court Wednesday that denying the U.S. territory's residents the chance to vote in presidential elections creates a "government without consent."

"We have the same at stake in presidential elections as all other American citizens," attorney Gregorio Igartua said during a hearing in the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

A three-judge panel last year rejected Igartua's petition to allow Puerto Rican residents to vote in U.S. presidential elections, and Igartua asked that the full court review the case. Previous federal court rulings have held that the constitution must be amended or Puerto Rico must become a state before its residents can vote for president.

The full seven members of the court didn't immediately issue a ruling.

Gregory Katsas, a lawyer from the U.S. Attorney General's office, said the court doesn't have the authority to order Congress to count electoral votes from Puerto Rico or admit the territory as a state.

Igartua fought back tears as he noted that 28 American citizens from Puerto Rico have died serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, yet none had the right to vote for the president who sent them to fight overseas.

"This situation must be ended," he said. "You can make history today."

The appeals court already has rejected Igartua's claims three times, including in 1994 and 2000.

Judge Juan Torruella, who dissented from the court's ruling last year, has called the lack of voting rights for the island's residents a "colonial condition" that represents a "gross violation of their civil rights."

"If, on the one hand, it can be argued that Puerto Rico and its 'citizens' are better off materially than they were when the island was invaded 106 years ago," Torruella wrote last year, "the undeniable fact is that it has been, and continues to be, at the basement of the American hegemony."

Torruella challenged Katsas during the hearing to explain what he meant in court papers when he referred to Puerto Ricans and "their country."

"What country are you referring to?" he asked.

"The United States," Katsas responded.

"How do they take part in the government in the United States?" the judge asked.

By electing a nonvoting member to U.S. Congress, Katsas answered.

"They have a constitutional system with a democratically constituted government," the lawyer said.

—*Associated Press*



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International News

Reporters celebrate Press Freedom day

By John Leicester
Associated Press

PARIS — There was no freedom for Shi Tao and Florence Aubenas on World Press Freedom Day, or for Dawit Isaak, or for Marie-Jeanne Ion, or for Ricardo Gonzalez Alfonso, or for ...

But they were remembered Tuesday. Even in press-hostile countries, journalists held marches and sit-ins to demand an end to the threats media workers face: killings, prison, kidnapping, government censorship and other abuses.

The list of reporters in jail, held hostage, or killed on the job was particularly long this year — in part because of the violence in Iraq. The number of dead is higher than it has been in a decade.

"We will not be cowed. We will not be silenced," the National Union of Journalists of the Philippines vowed in a statement marking the 15th annual worldwide observance. It said 23 journalists were killed there in the past three years, with a total of 66 murdered since dictator Ferdinand Marcos was ousted in 1986.

In Pakistan, where violence against reporters is common, baton-swinging police arrested 30 journalists who marked the day by protesting outside parliament in the capital Islamabad, witnesses said. They were later released.

Chanting "free detained journalists. Reinstate press freedoms," 1,500 reporters marched through the capital of Nepal. Dozens of reporters have been arrested since King Gyanendra seized power in February, and 12 remain in jail.

Scores of police watched the protest in Katmandu but did not intervene. Journalists are barred from criticizing the king, his government and the security forces. Independent radio stations have been banned from broadcasting any news.

Kenyan first lady Lucy Kibaki and her security detail showed scant regard for the global day of campaigning, storming the Nairobi office of Kenya's largest newspaper early Tuesday, triggering a confrontation where she allegedly slapped a television cameraman and demanded the arrest of another reporter and his editor, witnesses said.

President Mwai Kibaki's wife also seized notebooks, tape recorders and cameras of reporters covering her protest at The Daily Nation's offices, said Wangethi Mwangi, the newspaper's editorial director.

First democratically elected Iraqi government sworn in

By Alexandra Zavis
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The first democratically elected government in the history of Iraq was sworn in Tuesday against a backdrop of surging violence, and the new Shiite prime minister pledged before a half-empty parliament that he would unite the country's rival ethnic factions and fight terrorism.

Despite months of tortuous negotiations, there was no final decision on seven positions in the 37-member Cabinet — including the key oil and defense ministries. More critical still, the partial Cabinet fails to give the country's disaffected Sunni Arab minority, believed to be driving the insurgency, a meaningful governing stake.

Many lawmakers skipped the ceremony, which took place in a conference hall deep within Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone. Among those absent was the government's most senior Sunni member, Vice President Ghazi al-Yawer.

The Cabinet that took office Tuesday includes 16 Shiite Arabs, nine Kurds, four Sunnis and one Christian. Two deputy prime minister's slots — including one Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari hopes to offer to a woman — were left vacant and five ministerial portfolios are in temporary hands.



Courtesy Xinhuanet.com

The new Iraqi government was sworn in yesterday amids a wave of violence within the country.

Al-Jaafari played down the disputes still roiling his government more than three months after millions of Iraqis risked their lives to vote in landmark parliamentary elections on Jan. 30.

He blamed the delay in filling the Cabinet on Sunni infighting and said the matter would be resolved in two to three days.

"But we are not in a hurry," he told reporters after Tuesday's ceremony. "We want the choice to be accepted by all the Iraqi people."

Al-Jaafari's government has less than eight months left to complete its main tasks: draft a new constitution by mid-August and submit it to a referendum no later than Oct. 15. If approved, new elections must be held by Dec. 15, under Iraq's transitional law.

Al-Jaafari pledged to get to work confronting the "heavy legacy" left by Saddam Hussein — a country afflicted by poverty, corruption and mass graves.

Blast kills 25 in Afghanistan

By Tomas Munita
Associated Press

BASHGAH, Afghanistan — Stony-faced men buried a toddler on a hillside alongside 25 other fresh graves Tuesday, while searchers picked through the wreckage of homes smashed by the explosion of a warlord's cache of explosives in this mountain hamlet.

As villagers mourned, and some muttered complaints about dangerous arms being kept among houses, the former anti-Taliban militia commander denied accusations by government officials that he was hiding weapons from a U.N. disarmament drive.

Warlord Jalal Bashgah insisted the explosives at his family's compound had been intended for improving the rough road to the village, and U.N. officials backed up his claim that he has cooperated in disarming his former militia unit.

Bashgah shrugged wearily when asked about the government announcing an investigation of the blast, which killed at least 25 people, most of them his relatives.

"I have lost so many members of my family here," he told The Associated Press. "What else are they going to do to me?"

Nearby, a few men with shovels dug gingerly through debris searching for signs of three people still missing.

The blast Monday morning flattened six houses and damaged a mosque in Bashgah, a village in Baghlan province hidden away in a mountain valley 75 miles north of Kabul.

Twenty-four of the known victims were buried Tuesday, including a 2-year-old girl called Wasila. Two small feet with red-painted toenails stuck out from under a shroud of raw cotton as men lowered her into the damp earth next to other new graves, each marked with a stone.

The girl's father, among dozens injured by the explosion, was being treated in Pul-e-Khumri, at Baghlan province's only hospital. A village woman died there Monday night.

Some in the village complained bitterly about Bashgah, who arrived Tuesday to inspect the damage.

"Why did he have to keep explosives and ammunition in his house, which was so close to everyone else?" said one man who refused to give his name out of fear it could bring him trouble. "He is responsible for a very bad thing."

Bashgah and his immediate family live elsewhere, but the families of his two brothers lived in the compound where the explosives were kept and most of them died in the blast.

He said 190 pounds of high explosives and three crates of gunpowder in a basement were to be used to level the road along the valley. There was also some ammunition stored as well — indicated by spent shell cases littering the blast site.

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Former president Bustamante relays dislike over new budget

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mitted a budget." Delargyalso said that he made repeated attempts beyond expectations to contact officers from AASA to receive a budget.

Graduate Assistant for the office of ALANA Affairs, Gladys Franco was "disgusted" at the way the budget turned out and urged Senators to fail the budget.

"The UMass population will not be happy with you," Franco said, "this budget is an insult to UMass, it is disgusting and appalling, I felt like crying. I appreciate the time and the effort but something needs to be done tonight."

Franco proceeded to identify every group that had received significant cuts citing that "they are the groups who do positive things on this campus."

The AASA group said that it had used all of it $11,000 last year and then had applied for various grants to fulfill its mission statement, however, Delargy reiterated that their cut was so drastic because they did not submit a budget.

"This is a result of groups leadership falling through," Delargy said in reference to the AASA group, "this is not taken as a punitive measure, this is money being turned over every year, lets put it towards another group or finance."

Former President of the SGA Eduardo Bustamante who is no longer involved in the SGA came to last night's meeting to voice his issues with the budget.

"I don't really want to be here right now, I never really like Senate meetings," Bustamante said, "I have a problem when different RSO's come to me and ask me why they aren't getting funded. I am going to write two points: one outing UVC and two surplus."

Bustamante criticized the Ways and Means committee members for allocating too much money to groups during the year who didn't need the money. In February, the Senate voted to allocate $8,000 in emergency funding to the UMass Outing Club and the UVC-TV 19 station. He also said that there is an unprecedented reserves fund that should be allocated to the RSO's whose budgets were cut.

Delargy, however insisted that the finance reserves fund would not be dipped into just because cuts were made and that the cuts were a result of a history of spending habits.

"I don't think that we will dip into long term reserves," Delargy said, "I think that these budget allocations are right on."

Delargy also recommended that groups that are unhappy with their allocation should come to the Senate and lile a grievance so that after a review, they might be able to receive money out of finance reserves.

The special order to approve the 2006 budget was not voted on at press time, however, if it fails, it will be dissected and voted on an individual basis.



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Former SGA President Eduardo Bustamante expresses his dislike over the changes in the budget for next year at last night's meeting.

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Travato organizes tournament

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tax-exempt, registered non-profit organization. It is the first charity of its kind in the nation, said Pease.

Travato was motivated to begin this fund after spending last summer working for state representative Mike Rush. As a legislative aid, it was Travato's job to keep Rush up to date on important news. As Travato read through the newspapers each day, the stories of local soldiers going to war and never returning home made him said, "I thought to myself, why don't you do something on your own [to help out]," said Travato. "Here I am, a college athlete ... I have a privilege to go to school that these kids don't have. Maybe there's something I can do."

Every semester, the students of the Minuteman Battalion participate in a community service program called the Scabbard and Blade. In the past, ROTC has held ice cream socials at the Holyoke Soldier's Home, and raised over $2,000 for their annual Family Outreach Holiday Drive. The MSLF is a unique enterprise that many members of the Hockey Team and the ROTC have become passionate about in their pursuit to help others less fortunate than themselves.

"If your parent dies when you're young you don't think about college right away, but eventually it's something you have to consider," said Pease.

Woman charged in children's death

MARTINEZ, Calif. (AP) — A woman was convicted Wednesday of two counts of second-degree murder in the hit-and-run deaths of two children who were struck down on a sidewalk during an evening stroll with their mother.

Jimena Barreto, 46, sobbed and buried her face in her lawyer's shoulder as she heard the jury's verdict. She faces 30 years to life on the murder charges. She also was convicted of leaving the scene of an accident, driving under the influence and driving on a suspended license.

Authorities said she swerved across two lanes without braking before smashing into Troy Pack, 10, and his 7-year-old sister, Alana.

Barreto, a nanny who has four previous drunken driving convictions, acknowledged taking the prescription painkiller Vicodin and a muscle relaxant for back pain on the day of the crash in October 2003, but denied being under the influence of alcohol.

Her attorney said prosecutors had not proven beyond a reasonable doubt that the drugs affected her ability to drive. The case is believed to be the first time a California resident has been prosecuted for murder based on intoxication that resulted from prescription drug abuse.

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National News

Sick kids get diagnosed at daycare by new 'telemedicine'

By Ben Dobben
Associated Press

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Marilyn Gonzalez worried that her 2-year-old was coming down with an ear infection. Rather than miss work for a doctor visit, the 25-year-old single mother of two dropped her daughter off as usual at the day care and went to work.

Little Iaeda was examined soon afterward by a University of Rochester pediatrician and given antibiotics. Using telemedicine tools wielded by a day care staffer, the diagnosis was done through the Internet.

"When I picked her up, everything had been taken care of," said Gonzalez said with a sigh of relief. "At least for those common things like ear infections and strep throat that most kids get, I'm comfortable with the diagnosis. Telemedicine has done wonders for me."

A federally backed project offering "virtual doctor" visits at seven child-care centers in this city of 220,000 has proven so successful since 2001 that it is being expanded this spring and summer to five more centers and 10 public schools throughout the city and suburbs.

The expansion will create the biggest metropolitan network of its kind in the nation, covering 8,500 children in all, and provide a tantalizing glimpse into the future of medicine.

Though there were some technical problems, sickness-related child absences dropped on average by 63 percent at each of the seven pilot centers. They serve about 950 children of mostly low-income families with little or no health insurance, according to a study published this week in the journal Pediatrics.

In addition, it said, 92 percent of parents said the option allowed them to stay at work when they otherwise would have taken their children to a family doctor or an emergency room.

Telemedicine has evolved since the 1990s chiefly as a way to bring medical care to rural communities across America. Doctors can monitor patients via voice, data and video hookup as well as verbally direct medical procedures.

Aided by school nurses, hospitals already have telemedicine units set up at several schools in Kansas and Texas.

The project here was the first to offer telemedicine at day care centers in low-income neighborhoods where "the need is greatest," Dr. Kenneth McConnochie, a pediatrician at the university's Strong Memorial Hospital and director of the so-called Health-e-Access program.

Launched with $2.6 million in federal grants and another $2 million from mainly nonprofit groups and local businesses, the expanded network will now largely pay for itself.

"Maintaining it, as I see it, should come from the usual sources of reimbursement for health services, which is local insurance organizations," said McConnochie, who is also chief scientific officer of a company that provides hardware and support services for any center that opts to use the program.

More importantly, by catching illnesses promptly and reducing the need for costly after-hours trips to the hospital, telemedicine could help to improve children's health and reduce health care costs, proponents say.

"Having it available where children spend the majority of their time, such as schools and child-care centers, we have the potential to reshape the way our nation's pediatric offices provide care for very common childhood illnesses," said McConnochie.

An employee at each location gets a week of technical instruction in how to operate the equipment _ from using a stethoscope to sending live video across town _ as well how to swab a throat or clear wax out of a child's ear before inserting an otoscope. The assistants remain under supervision for eight more weeks but do not make medical decisions.

Technical problems or the lack of an assistant forced suspension of telemedicine during several periods for the first three centers. One center terminated the service because it wasn't generating enough child visits.



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The Mobile Telemed Workstation Health Station 2004 allows doctors to view a patient and diagnose them without an office visit.

AIDs drugs tested on foster kids

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government-funded researchers tested AIDS drugs on hundreds of foster children over the past two decades, often without providing them a basic protection afforded in federal law and required by some states, an Associated Press review has found.

The research funded by the National Institutes of Health spanned the country. It was most widespread in the 1990s as foster care agencies sought treatments for their HIV-infected children that weren't yet available in the marketplace.

The practice ensured that foster children — mostly poor or minority — received care from world-class researchers at government expense, slowing their rate of death and extending their lives. But it also exposed a vulnerable population to the risks of medical research and drugs that were known to have serious side effects in adults and for which the safety for children was unknown.

The research was conducted in at least seven states — Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, New York, North Carolina, Colorado and Texas — and involved more than four dozen different studies. The foster children ranged from infants to late teens, according to interviews and government records.

Several studies that enlisted foster children reported patients suffered side effects such as rashes, vomiting and sharp drops in infection-fighting blood cells. In one study, researchers reported a "disturbing" higher death rate among children who took higher doses of a drug.

The government provided special protections for young wards in 1983. They required researchers and their oversight boards to appoint independent advocates for any foster child enrolled in a narrow class of studies that involved greater than minimal risk and lacked the promise of direct benefit. Some foster agencies required the protection regardless of risks and benefits.

However, researchers and foster agencies told AP that foster children in AIDS drug trials often weren't given such advocates even though research institutions many times promised to do so to gain access to the children.

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Mass. Dems to endorse gay marriage

BOSTON (AP) — The state Democratic Party plans to endorse same-sex marriage next week, just days before the first anniversary of legal gay weddings in Massachusetts, the party's chairman said.

The party's 3,000 delegates will gather at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell on May 14 to add the endorsement to its platform, state chairman Philip Johnston told The Boston Globe.

"I don't anticipate any serious debate about it," he said. "I think most delegates will support it. In this state, the more people get used to the idea, the more support there is."

Gay weddings began in Massachusetts last May 17, making it the first state to legalize marriage for same-sex couples and sparking a national backlash.

Voters in 11 states have since approved constitutional bans on same-sex marriage, bringing the number of states with such bans to 18. In addition, 24 states have enacted legislation defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

But a Boston Globe poll in March found that 71 percent of Massachusetts Democrats believe same-sex marriage should be legal, compared to 35 percent of the Republicans surveyed.

Party platforms have little influence on candidates' positions on issues, but they tend to reflect the widespread sentiments of a party's core membership.

Next week's vote will, in effect, codify a resolution passed by the state party committee last year. It reads: "We affirm our commitment to the Massachusetts constitutional guarantee to same-sex marriage, and all of its rights, privileges, and obligations, and reject any attempt to weaken or revoke those rights."

State Democratic parties in Iowa and Colorado have already endorsed gay marriage. The national party platform doesn't explicitly endorse same-sex marriage, but it does support "full inclusion of gay and lesbian families in the life of our nation." It also opposes efforts in Washington, D.C., to pass a federal constitutional ban on gay marriage.

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Author says PhD isn't enough

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gap in graduate education between faculty and students. They also discussed what they all could learn from each other's research and a scientific community as a whole.

Later in the evening, Feibelman spoke about "Junior Scientist Survival Training" and asked students to really think about their careers and how can they make their job search effective by increasing their chances by creating their own network. He compared education and scientific life to a business model and said education-al investment is a risk and students need to know their own research interests, the market, and their competition.

"I learned to decide what projects to take and how important is your PhD," said first-year PhD student Kunal Ganeshpure.

Fourth year Molecular Biology student Sangram Parelkar said the event was very educational and it taught him to plan in advance for the tough world.

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Senior citizen sendoff

Matt Brochu

It seems like it was just last night that you laid awake in the top bunk of a freshmen dorm you didn't want to be in with a roommate you didn't know, trying to figure out why you left home in the first place. You were homesick, but you weren't alone.

You wondered how far you'd have to walk to class, and if you'd meet anyone nice enough to walk with you. You wondered if the things people had told you about your school were true. Do they really put laxatives in the food? Do people really have sex in hidden corners of the library? Do students really get drunk enough to flip over cars, jump off dining hall roofs or go to women's basketball games? Little did you know that this scary new place would become your home.

Now, the end to fun as you know it) is approaching fast for all the 16th graders out there. If this were a middle school dance, Bryan Adams's "Everything I Do (I Do it For You)" would be halfway through the guitar solo and you'd be publicly rounding first base. If this were "Braveheart," you'd be screaming "Freeedom!" in slow motion as an axe falls decisively towards your Adam's apple. If this were sex, your girlfriend would be (edited for content) and you would be (edited for content) before rolling over for the obligatory clock-check to see exactly how long you lasted.

Anyways, in case you haven't updated your AIM profile countdown today, allow me to give you a hand: 17 days until graduation. To tell you the truth, it doesn't matter if you're excited about the countdown (cool-sunglasses-smiley-face) or completely mortified by the idea (single-tear-sad-face). There's no way around it. No matter how much you've screwed around over the course of the last semester, barring failing grades on your Intro to Beer Pong and Snooze Button Studies finals, you will proudly stand along-side the three friends you made within your soon-to-be-useless major and receive your imaginary diploma in McGuirk Stadium three Sundays from now.

I'm not here to tell you to enjoy your final two weeks here at UMass because I'm pretty sure you're going to do that anyway. Instead, as the only consistent Collegian contributor with a diploma framed on his bedroom wall, I will give you a taste of some things you can look forward to.

Congratulations, you've just graduated college with a degree in Sociology, a 2.8 GPA and a liver that works. What have you won? A no-expenses-paid trip on the Graduation Party Express around New England to eat penne with chicken and broccoli under a tent for eight consecutive weekends. Mothers will plan flip cup (and tell embarrassing childhood stories), fathers will plan beer pong (and become the main characters of embarrassing adulthood stories) and nosey relatives will ask the famous post-Superbowl question: "So what are you going to do now?" To put an end to this seemingly endless line of questioning, just tell them you're taking the year off to concentrate on your music.

In terms of meeting that special someone, the message to single seniors is fairly simple: treat these last two weeks like you have a fever, and the only prescription is casual sex (with the potential for something more). College, for lack of a word that won't make me seem sexist, is a thousand fold meat market, with the exception that sometimes the meat will drop it like it's hot and expect you to buy it a drink.

So if you've gone eight straight semesters without so much as a semi-serious relationship, well, you're pretty much screwed. That's like standing in the middle of a driving range for four years, walking away completely unscathed and hoping to get pegged by a golf ball on the walk back to your car. Best of luck trying to find your soul mate at Barnes & Noble or Taco Bell. I'm sure your children will love it when you retell the story about meeting Mommy after she dropped her Chalupa.

Sure, some of you plan on attending grad school or have jobs lined up in exotic locations like Roxbury or Worcester, but the rest of you will be moving home for an unspecified period of time. It's weird. Some people will waste an entire semester decorating and rearranging their college rooms, but when it comes to their room at home, they won't take two seconds to rip down the glitter-glue-ridden "Best Friends" collage they got from Topanga at the end of eighth grade.

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Who updates their room anyway? I'm sure if you get lucky, meet a girl and bring her home, she'll be turned on by the opportunity to get busy in your X-Men sheets. Just make sure to turn off your lava lamp before you get the party started, otherwise Drew Bledsoe and Kathy Ireland might sneak a peak from your walls. And just so you don't forget, your condoms are hidden on the shelf behind the "Goosebumps" books.

So it's been settled. Much like Donna Martin, the majority of you will graduate, but reality won't slap you in the face for a while.

Fast forward to a month from now. You wonder where you'll accept your first real job, and if anyone will be nice enough to visit you there. You wonder if the things people told you about the economy are true. So you lie awake in a different bed, one you know all too well, without a roommate to talk to, trying to figure out why you left Amherst in the first place. You're homesick, but you're not alone.

Matt Brochu is a UMass graduating student.



Police misconduct the norm?

Aaron Wodin-Schwartz

It has come to my attention that police abuse of power is becoming disturbingly common in Amherst. Most of us have been at parties here that have been broken up with excessive force, and probably know someone whose arrest shocked us and seemed entirely uncalled for. Many are vaguely aware of a growing trend of extreme police aggressiveness in and around universities in this country — some may have even seen video of the U.C. Santa Cruz police brutality against non-violent campers from last Monday — but most have chosen to hang their heads and just try to stay out of the way.

Unfortunately this trend is hitting the Amherst area particularly hard. In the past months, there has been a rash of police misconduct as officers have stepped above and beyond the call of duty in harassing and brutalizing innocent civilians and generally galvanizing otherwise non-violent situations. Whether these are the actions of individual officers on power trips or local police departments either tacitly or explicitly encouraging such actions, they are illegal and unjust and they must cease.

Clearly, there is at least some institutional blame: the UMass police log is habitually filled with 18 to 20-year-olds arrested for possession of alcohol by a minor. This is how the university spends its tight budget while it is annually forced to cut financial aid, minority and community outreach programs and academic departments. Do we really think our money is better allocated in the senseless punishment of college drinking than in education? Are these really our values as a society?

There are so many UMass police officers yet they rarely prevent actual crime, like the impressive razing of the Native American statue or the hundreds of rapes on campus every year that go unreported. Bloated university law enforcement instead wastes our tax money by habitually harassing students.

Then there's the long-unenforced Amherst bylaw authorizing arrests for noise violations without prior warning. In the past month or so, a few friends have learned the hard way about the town's one-strike-and-you're-out policy. Being from western Massachusetts, I find this policy especially appalling and invasive, although I hope the dubiousness of its legality is clear to everyone.

In addition to warranting arrest for mere noise violations, the protocol does not offer the accused the opportunity to know that they are in violation of noise codes before being arrested. This means that charges are brought outside of codified standards and, instead, at the discretion of individual police officers. It also means that Amherst residents are forced to self-censor constitutionally protected activities in order to avoid falling into the undefined zone of "illegal noise." The town statute would likely be struck down if brought before a tribunal of Constitutional interpretation.

Yet it is the misconduct and brutality of the Amherst police that sickens me most. Two weeks ago, a good friend living at Alpine Commons was beaten and arrested by police despite his compliance with their belligerent orders. He was having a party for his brother's 24th birthday and there were about 35-45 guests, all over the age of 21.

Whether these are the actions of individual officers on power trips or local police departments either tacitly or explicitly encouraging such actions, they are illegal and unjust and they must cease.

The police came and without, warning or questioning, arrested him and two others, refusing to cite them their Miranda Rights and instead informing them simply of their right to "shut the f*** up." After nearly breaking my friend's handcuffed arm, one of the officers proceeded to choke him in the back of the police car for nine seconds while two fellow officers looked on. I know all of this because I have seen a witness' videotape of the incident.

Then this past weekend, three of my friend's neighbors, middle-aged citizens of Cape Verdean origin, were also arrested and brutalized as they had a family gathering. This time the police were courteous enough to warn them to turn their music down and disband the party in order to avoid arrest.

Less than an hour later, the police returned while there were about 10 people left in the apartment — in addition to two sleeping infants and one four-year-old child — and about 15 people in the parking lot preparing to leave. They immediately arrested a man in his mid-forties and, after pepper spraying the onlookers, arrested two others that protested the assault.

The people trying to leave were forced to flee into the apartment to avoid the attack. When they refused to open the unlocked door, the police kicked it in, shattering a window from the force of the blow, and began pepper spraying inside the apartment. The spray was so strong and wielded so recklessly that my friends in their upstairs apartment were coughing, and only tortured screaming could be heard from below.

Upon seeing the now-crying infants, the cops apparently realized they had made a grave error and left in a hurry with their three detainees. They did not apologize for the door, the trauma or the pepper spray, though they did call anonymously later in the night to see if the children were alright. In both cases, the police created crime rather than solving it, and then they arrested or assaulted anyone trying to point out the injustice.

So how do the police get away with such blatant lawlessness and brutality? One way is to hide behind easy-out, three month probation pacts that force students and others to consent to police reports in order to settle matters straightforwardly and painlessly. The true purpose of these pacts is to preclude brutality suits against the department. Another way is to beat up on college students and poor minorities that are unlikely to have the time or resources to pursue legal action.

A final technique is to provide misinformation about individual rights, whether it is refusal to provide the Miranda warning immediately upon detention or telling eyewitnesses that it is "illegal to film law enforcement officers in the state of Massachusetts." This is simply uncalled for and must be addressed by the town immediately.

Aaron Wodin-Schwartz is a Collegian columnist.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SPECIAL THANKS TO GREEKS

This letter is to thank the wonderful and generous UMass community. More than 150 UMass students recently participated in the 10th annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl-a-Thon. It was our most successful ever, capturing the best of the spirit of our community. Big and little brothers and sisters joined with students and community members to bowl, raise money and have a party for a program that embodies the notion of "taking a village to raise a child."

With the UMass community raising more than $8,000, the Bowl-a-Thon was a rousing success, raising all together more than $44,00 to support mentoring for children in Hampshire County. Not only did we raise money, we also had lots of fun. There were cheers and smiles all around, prizes won and even some decent bowling scores.

Special thanks to the Fraternities and Sororities who participated this year. The Greek community has been involved in the Bowl-a-Thon for several years now, coming out in large numbers to volunteer and make a big difference. Special appreciation goes to Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Upsilon, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Alpha Epsilon Pi, Sigma Delta Tau, Alpha Chi Omega and Alpha Epsilon Phi, who sent teams who raised money and joined us with great spirit and enthusiasm.

This spirit exemplifies how both the Greek community and the community at large can interact in a mutually beneficial way. We want to publicly acknowledge, appreciate and thank the fraternity and sorority brothers and sisters for supporting our "little brothers and sisters."

Once again, on behalf of everyone at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampshire County, I want to thank all the participants and behind the scenes supporters who made this year's Bowl-A-Thon such an outstanding success.

Ashley Dennis
Community Outreach and Development Coordinator
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampshire County

MID EAST DIALOGUE A SUCCESS

We would like to take this opportunity to tell the campus community about a unique event that took place this week at UMass.

For the past seven weeks we, students and members from diverse religious, ethnic and political backgrounds, have met weekly to organize a dialogue session between local Jews, Arabs and Muslims on campus from UMass and the local community. On Tuesday evening, the fruits of our labor were displayed in "Crossroads," a well-attended dialogue between students focusing on religion, identity, culture and the political conflict in the Middle East.

This dialogue was intended to promote understanding, learning, free expression and the creation of safe spaces for that expression. As the evening began with icebreakers, the diverse group of students warmed up to each other and preliminary tensions began to fade.

Shortly after enjoying samples of Mediterranean foods the diverse group of students refocused and broke up into several dialogue groups based on where they discussed issues in the Middle East relating to the themes of Mid East identity, religion, culture and politics. The discussions were lead by student facilitators who presented prepared questions on the individual topics. This allowed for the creation of a safe environment where each student had equal time to share as well as listen. The structure and organized format of the dialogue allowed for all voices to be heard.

As the organizers and facilitators of this event, we were extremely pleased with the varied turn out. The participants expressed contrasting opinions that seemed to transcend religious, ethnic, cultural and national boundaries. On many issues, people of seemingly similar backgrounds disagreed on varying topics.

Towards the end of the evening, we formed a Middle Eastern drumming circle led by local world music performer/educator Michael DiMartino and created rhythms together, with one voice, in the spirit of dialogue and cooperation. The energy engaged the crowd and set differences aside as it unified people of different backgrounds and perspectives.

We closed the drumming circle and the evening with a song of peace in Hebrew and Arabic. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who participated in and supported the event and reached out to others in the spirit of dialogue to promote understanding and hope for the future. We hope to engage the community in more events like and to inspire others to do the same.

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The good guy girls search for

Hannah Drake

Recently, The Daily Collegian has printed several articles about the lack of dating and excess of sexual pursuit among college students here at UMass. However, writers have failed to mention that real dating — the kind that goes hand in hand with the slight hope of falling in love — is out there, but it takes the right guy. Well, I'm going to describe to you girls exactly who that kind of guy is.

He's the guy who you probably don't know is interested in you, because he's not overzealous like that. He's nice and actually respects you, so he didn't take advantage of you the night you were drunk together and you had the fleeting idea that maybe you'd want to hook up with him.

You woke up the next morning, relieved that you didn't — it would have ruined the friendship, and what were you thinking, anyway? He's the guy who woke up the next morning and probably wished for a half second that he wasn't so damn nice, because he would have secretly loved to kiss you ... but not in those circumstances, so the half-second wish passes.

Remember that the good guys are just as afraid of rejection as you are — anybody who isn't doesn't really get rejected (a red flag,) or doesn't really care because he'll just go hit on somebody else (another red flag).

He's the guy who you probably talk to a lot, about everything. He's probably listened to you complain about how all guys want is to hook up, and how you hate it, and how you're done with relationships, and you're never letting yourself like someone ever again. He also knows that a week later, you'll be telling him about some other half-interested jerk that you can't figure out, who he knows will make you really upset a few weeks from now.

He's the guy who wants to tell you to drop the loser who can't realize how amazing you are, but doesn't because he knows that you probably won't listen, and also because it might reveal his feelings. So he just listens while you talk.

This isn't the guy who calls you up late at night saying, "Come over." This guy has too much respect for you to do that. This is the guy who pays enough attention to you that he remembers to ask how your test, or game or doctor's appointment went. This is the guy who asks about — and then really listens — to how your day went. He'll hold doors for you. He'll go shopping with you, even though he hates it. He's the guy who will never wonder if he'll get caught for what he's doing.

And guess what? He's not going to be the guy who hits on you at the bars. He'd probably let his overly confident buddy hit on you, because he knows he'd want the girl who isn't that easily swayed, anyway. He's not all about just hooking up (although everyone has their stories to tell,) and won't be the guy who tries to persuade you to stay for the "invite-only after party" at his frat house, which (surprise) happens to be in his room.

So girls, if you're looking for something a little more substantial than a few random hook-ups from the same guy, here's what I suggest. If you don't have the guy friend who's just waiting for you to finally look at him as more than a friend, then consider your best guy friend's friends, or ask your best guy friend to set you up. Or consider your friend's super-sweet boyfriend's friends; people generally group with similar people. Remember that the good guys are just as afraid of rejection as you are — anybody who isn't doesn't really get rejected (a red flag,) or doesn't really care because he'll just go hit on somebody else (another red flag).

Also, keep in mind that relationship success is dependent on three main things: attraction, timing and you both have to want (or at least be open to) a relationship. Yes, all three are crucial. Read: if he says "I don't want a relationship right now," it means: "I told you once, fair warning" — and no, just because he may act differently doesn't mean he's secretly changing his mind.

Additionally, guy friends with secret crushes: don't be afraid to take a chance and tell her how you feel. Don't let it be one of those, five years later, "I really liked you," "Oh wow, I didn't know, I really liked you too!" things. You're probably just the guy she's been looking for, anyway. She just might not know it yet.

Hannah Drake is a UMass student.

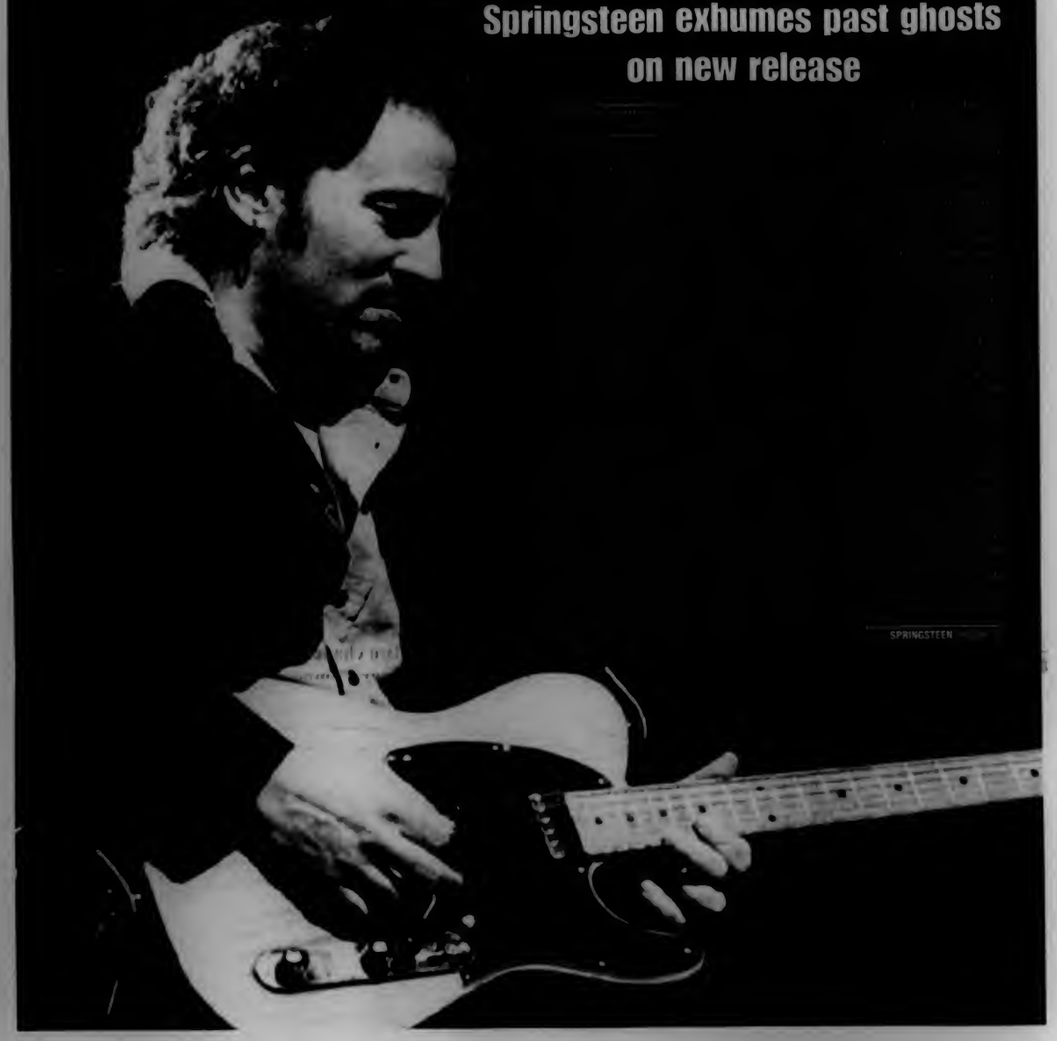
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Dust Never Sleeps

Springsteen exhumes past ghosts on new release



Kent State seniors' designs show film's contrasts in fashion

By Kerry Clawson
Knight Ridder

Split personalities intrigue student fashion designer Jessica Fechner, whose senior line in tonight's Kent State University fashion show is inspired by the 1999 movie "Fight Club."

"I really liked the idea of beautiful, feminine detailing with a hard edge, with something unexpected," the St. Louis native said.

She's one of 24 seniors who was featured in the fashion school's "Portfolio 2005: The Silver Screen," held April 14 and 15.

In "Fight Club," a violent tale that explores the duality of human nature, Edward Norton is the buttoned-up narrator and Brad Pitt is the anarchist Tyler Durden. The narrator starts out wearing conservative corporate clothing, while Durden dresses much more flamboyantly.

That's how Fechner came up with a conservative brown wool skirt with inverted box pleats, featuring a violent burst of color inside from an abstract floral print that's revealed when the model walks.

In a nod to Helena Bonham Carter's character, Marla, who favors ripped-up vintage formal wear in the movie, Fechner also has mixed modern and vintage looks. That includes silk chiffon and charmeuse tops with peplums and French seams, and a vintage straw hat with a hand-created flower applique.

Fechner's tops were partly inspired by vintage lingerie and nightgowns: "It's very appealing to me, the things that can stand the test of time."

One of her luxe camisoles, with heavy pin-tuck details and seaming, is paired with a raw-edged hem for a deconstructed aesthetic. The gritty "Fight Club" design inspiration, not meant to be literal, translates on several levels.

"I'd rather look for more of a mental connection," Fechner said. "Your favorite clothing items are the ones that get beat up the most."

In creating fashion contrasts, the young designer said she always keeps her fashion customer in mind: "Women are more than one thing. You're not just girly and you're not just sexy and you're not just conservative."

Twenty-four of the school's 30 graduating design seniors were invited to take part in the fashion show, with final approval granted by design industry critics. Fechner, who spent $1,000 on fabrics for four outfits, worked throughout the school year with fashion design duo Ruben and Isabel Toledo. This is the third year the fashion school has brought design professionals in to help students hone their garments, from design conception to finished pieces.

"I think it's good to have an external viewpoint of what's going on in the industry," instructor Shelby Keener-Reid said of the industry critics.

The senior project really began at the end of the students' junior year, when professors introduced the movie theme and asked the students to research and work out sketches for their lines over the summer.

For Fechner, having two couturiers as critics was a positive, inspiring experience.

"They want real effort. They want ideas that showcase your work best," she said of the Toledos.

Funding for the industry critics is supported by a $400,000 endowment from Ronald Teare of Maple Heights.

This year's KSU design critics, including the Toledos, Eric Gaskins and R. Scott French, were inducted into the school's Fashion Hall of Fame. Gaskins, who trained in Paris with Hubert de Givenchy, celebrates the female figure with his designs, while French designs fun, creative women's wear.

Design approval and final selections by industry professionals heighten the quality of the show, said instructor Shammi Chowdhury, who teaches fashion show production.

"We want to emphasize to them (students) that just being in the show is a privilege – it's not a right," Chowdhury said. Critiques at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York are much more brutal, she said.

Critics not only help students learn about finishing techniques, but also teach them about communication at every stage of the design process.

"You never know what kind of boss you're going to have or what type your clients are going to be," said Fechner, who will intern this summer in New York with designer Cynthia Rowley.



Model Sydney Sustarsic wears a design by Jessica Fechner at Kent State University's school of fashion design.

Eve makes good with a friend



Original Sin
Eve

What is the true meaning of friendship? Should the guidelines of friendship require unconditional love and acceptance for that person? Or does criticism and judgment toward a friend develop as a natural, expected necessity in the relationship?

I feel as though everyone has that one friend that is different. That one friend who will look up to you, depend on you, listen to you, and make you feel like the best and most important person they have ever met. And you love this person, because you can trust, expect, and help this person with knowledge they so desperately seek. But what happens when this person suddenly stops listening to your advice, stops seeking your approval, and becomes an independent without your help?

Do you get angry?

My best friend and I would answer 'yes'. Neither of us can understand why. Her best girlfriend had shed her dependence around the same time my girlfriend decided to shed hers. As expected we would find ourselves collaborating against them both for hours at a time. She would be angry at a new habit her friend had picked up, I would be wary of a new behavior my friend picked up, and we would both discuss reasons behind their actions as if we were certified therapists. However, we could never avoid one inevitable conclusion after our critiques: we are hypocrites.

We are just as guilty in our actions as they are, but for some reason, they don't feel the need to analyze us.

Is it because they fear confrontation? Or is it because they yield the attribute of a true friend? I have searched desperately to uncover these answers but they are nowhere to be found.

Our friendship with each other is also in itself different. We have both equally undergone years of remarkable character changes together without raising an eyebrow. I have seen her develop from an innocent, inexperienced girl, to an outgoing, knowledgeable woman. She has witnessed all of my personalities, flaws, and weaknesses, and never once questioned my judgment. For some reason, we are both purely, truly, unconditionally accepting of one another. We never criticize each other, we never fight, our arguments are resolved within minutes, and our brutal honesty toward one another is accepted rather than taken personally. We must have one of the healthiest friendships for two females and we have no idea why.

What makes or breaks that difference between friends? Maybe it is because we expect certain behaviors, trends, or characteristics from a friend the moment the connection becomes solid. The letdown of our expectations has caused us to become disappointed in people we care about, instead of allowing us to be constructive with our criticisms as true friends. I believe it is acceptable to voice an opinion or question a friends' decision, however, there is a point at which it is better to keep your mouth shut.

In the end, our friends will do what they want, they will act according to their mood, and they will choose what best fits their needs. We fell into a vicious cycle of disapproval, and only now have we realized the importance of at least trying to overcome our flaws—and leave our friends alone to overcome theirs.

Eve is a Collegian columnist.

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Curb fat by getting picky at the machine

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vending machines, which almost always have more healthful options.

"If you could find sugar-free yogurt and a piece of fruit, you would have a very healthy snack," Feldmeier says.

The cold machines also often offer milk, though rarely skim (your best choice). And if you have to get a sandwich from the machine, choose turkey or another light meat. Also, try wheat bread. If that's not available, Dove suggests you remove the top of the sandwich to reduce your carb intake by half.

Feldmeier says she'd rather see someone make a smart choice from a vending machine than skip a meal. "That's where you get into trouble. You are setting yourself up for failure. So in that respect, go ahead and grab something from the vending machine."

Of course, her best advice, she says, is to plan ahead and bring a snack from home so you are never faced with going to the vending machine.

"Vending machines are very habit-driven," Feldmeier says. "Plan ahead so you aren't stuck."

Dove says sometimes the problem isn't in making one choice from a vending machine. It's when you aren't satisfied by your choice and make two or three trips.

"The biggest issue is how much do you get from it," Dove says. "You are better off going once and trying to make a better choice. That way, you are in control, and the vending machine is not."

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Vending-machine do's and dont's: surviving the cravings

By Amy Bertrand
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS — It's 3 a.m.. Your stomach is rumbling. You can't concentrate on your work because you need a sugar fix. Or maybe you have the munchies and you need something salty to sustain you.

The dorm vending machine shines like a beacon for your belly, calling you to it with promises you'll be satisfied.

But as you stare at it, you realize this is not the healthiest thing you can do. Or is it?

Vending machines across the country are making an attempt to include more healthful fare, but they are still chock-full of vending favorites, such as candy bars and potato chips.

Cathy Feldmeier, a registered dietitian at St. Anthony's Medical Center, says she was surprised at what she found in the hospital's vending machines. "Quite honestly, it was disappointing."

What she found were high-fat snacks such as mini-doughnuts and chocolate bars filled with caramel and nougat. What's worse, some of them were in oversized packaging, combining two or three servings in one selection.

Long blamed for some of the ills that plague overweight people, especially children, the vending-machine industry is trying to change its bad image.

The industry's trade association, the National Automatic Merchandising Association, recently launched a campaign to encourage healthful food choices, hoping to fend off efforts to remove machines from schools and to improve the industry's image.

The effort includes a color-coded rating system to indicate which foods are healthful choices and which should be eaten in moderation. Several vending-machine companies are beginning to label health-conscious choices for consumers.

Aramark Corp., which supplies vending machines for the St. Louis Public Schools, among others, uses a check mark to indicate "heart-healthy choices," such as baked chips, pretzels and peanuts.

"They are not the most popular choices," says Dana Browne, general manager for Aramark, who says that distinction at the schools goes to anything that's spicy. "But they do go."

Dennis Brockman, executive director at Aramark, says the healthful foods are "definitely the direction we are going in our vending. It's all about choice, and some people want to choose what's healthy."

Although many dietitians say nothing in a vending machine is going to be your best choice, some items in there are better than others.

"When you look at a vending machine, things always seem to be high-fat and high-sugar," says Merrill Dove, director of nutrition at Imagine Weight Loss centers. "You want to try to find something that is either low in fat or low in sugar. Pretzels (which are low in fat, but high-carb) are always a good buy.

"When a person is in this situation, when they have no other choice, it's OK to go to the vending machine. You just have to make allowances for what you did during the day. If you had a high-fat snack, have a low-fat dinner."

Some places offer refrigerated

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Bruce Springsteen spearheads a triumphant return to music

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visions of the woman he still loves. Though the song's explicitness is what has gained headlines, it is the visceral imagery of Springsteen's writing – juxtaposing the saddened memory of the past ("Sunlight on the Amaintlan, sunlight streaming through your hair") with the chilling sterility of the present ("In the Valle de dos Rios smell of mock orange filled the air") – and his brittle slide guitar work, that give it its lasting resonance.

"Silver Palomino," digs even deeper. A haunting, luminescent lullaby where a son recollects the image of his lost mother through the cascading beauty of a horse and its surrounding countryside. "Palomino" features some of Springsteen's most affecting acoustic playing to date – a mellifluous flamenco/blues hybrid that underscores the melody's supple beauty. It also contains some the loveliest metaphorical musings he has ever waxed: "Sixteen hands from her withers to the ground/I lie in bed and listen to the sound/Of the west Texas thunder roll/My silver palomino." On "Jesus Was an Only Son," Springsteen hearkens back to the Catholic imagery of his youth to resurrect a parabolic bond between mother and child. Its striking final verse, "Well Jesus kissed his mother's hands/Whispered, "Mother, still your tears/For remember the soul of the universe/Willed a world and it appeared," suggests a salvation for the lost souls who populate the rest of the record.

As if seeking some kind of inner-release from these agonizing tales, Springsteen unleashes a piercing falsetto trill that pushes his vocal register to the limit for the escapist, almost whimsical tracks "Maria's Bed" and "All I'm Thinkin' About." The gamble pays dividends; though comparatively lightweight, both have a playful offhandedness that extends the feel and scope of the record. The respite of the latter is especially welcome between the haunting ballads that close out the album, "The Hitter" and "Mataramos Banks."

In "The Hitter," as powerful a story as Springsteen has ever conceived - he takes on the roll of a boxer who continues to ply his trade dockside long after the ring lights have faded away. Here, he employs the minimal accompaniment that he used on much of the "Tom Joad" album, sacrificing aural embellishment and pop structure in order to make the listener focus on the words — a risky move that works due to the strength of the narrative. As with his best work, Springsteen melds the black and white of his characters into an all-encompassing gray, inevitably enveloping the listener as well: "Understand, in the end, Ma, every man plays the game/If you know me one different then speak out his name/Ma, if my voice now you don't recognize/Then just open the door and look into your dark eyes."

The harrowing album closer "Mataramos Banks" traces the journey of a border jumper who plunges into the Rio Grande in search of a better life on the other side. Moving from inescapable death ("Your clothes give way to the current and river stone/Till every trace of who you ever were is gone") to unbridled hope ("The lights of Brownsville, across the river shine/A shout rings out, and into the silty red river I dive"), Springsteen follows the journey in reverse — it's an ingenious technique: the loss grows infinitely more tragic with each passing line, punctuated by the solemn, repetitive and ultimately hopeful refrain, "Meet me on the Matamoros/Meet me on the Matamoros/Meet me on the Matamoros banks."

With "Devils and Dust," Springsteen has further solidified his standing within the American musical continuum that stretches from Johnson, Guthrie, Cash and Dylan. As their fervent inheritor, he has all but guaranteed his willingness to carry the torch, sweeping away the dust with every studied step that he takes.



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Velvet Revolver hits Mullins

The worlds greatest supergroup Velvet Revolver hit the Mullins Center stage last night. The group, comprised of Stone Temple Pilots troubled front man, Scott Weiland and the remains of hard rockers Guns 'n' Roses, joined together in 2002. Revolver was originally scrutinized by the media, but they proved they have staying power with the release of their album "Contraband".

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Big East and ACC settle legal issues

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critical investment in the UConn football program — its upgrade to Division I-A status — and the Big East football conference," Blumenthal said in a written statement.

A series of rulings and lawsuits ensued. The lawsuit against Miami and Boston College by the four Big East Schools remained standing and was headed to trial before the parties agreed to mediation.

"We pursued this case because the future of the Big East conference was as risk — the stakes huge for both state taxpayers and the university's good name," Blumenthal said.

The settlement was finalized April 27 in Rockville Superior Court. It discharges Boston College's obligation to pay a withdrawal fee required by the Big East constitution.

The Hartford Courant, the first to report the settlement, cited unnamed sources who said an additional $1 million of the settlement will essentially serve as Boston College's exit fee and the four Big East schools named in the agreement will share equally in the settlement. That provision was not included in settlement documents released Wednesday.

In a statement, UConn President Philip E. Austin and Athletic Director Jeff Hathaway said they were happy the lawsuit was settled.

"The state of Connecticut and the University of Connecticut have made a tremendous investment in the University's football program, and initiatlng this litigation was one part of a larger effort to protect that investment," the officials said in the statement.

Okafor picks up some new hardware

NEW YORK (AP) — Charlotte Bobcats forward Emeka Okafor won the NBA's Rookie of the Year award Wednesday, the first former college player to win the award in four years.

Okafor, the No. 2 overall pick in the NBA draft, led all rookies in scoring (15.1 points per game) and rebounding (10.9 rpg) and was second in his class behind Atlanta's Josh Smith in blocks (1.71). He also ranked second in the NBA with 3.8 offensive rebounds per game.

He ended his season with 47 games in double figures in both points and rebounds.

Okafor received 77 of the 126 first-place votes from a media panel. He finished with 514 points while Chicago Bulls guard Ben Gordon, Okafor's teammate at the University of Connecticut, was second with 433 points.

Gordon won the NBA's Sixth Man award on Tuesday.

Cleveland guard LeBron James and Phoenix center Amare Stoudemire, who both jumped from high school to the NBA, were the last two winners of the rookie award. Memphis forward Pau Gasol, won the award in 2002.

—*Associated Press*

Kerouac bobblehead set to be enshrined

LOWELL, — (AP) Ruth, Cobb, Mays, DiMaggio, Kerouac?

A bobblehead doll of Beat Generation author Jack Kerouac created as a promotion by the minor-league Lowell Spinners joined the collection at the Baseball Hall of Fame on Wednesday. He is believed to be the first literary figure so honored.

"The Hall of Fame's collections are rich and diverse, given baseball's history and role in helping to shape and define American culture," Hall spokesman Jeff Idelson said. "Having the Jack Kerouac bobblehead in our collection is important, given he's an American icon who had a deep passion for the game, which he shared in his writing."

Fans began lining up more than 7 1/2 hours before the first pitch game time for the Spinners' game on Aug. 21, 2003, when the bobblehead honoring the Lowell native was handed out to the first 1,000 fans. The demand forced the team to create another 500 bobble-heads, which helped raise more than $10,000 for Jack Kerouac Scholarships.

The mold has since been destroyed for fear of more being created without permission.

"In minor league baseball, the promotions play just as big of a role as the game itself," Lowell general manager Tim Bawmann said. "So to have one of your promotions be accepted into the Baseball Hall of Fame is a pinnacle achievement for us."

—*Associated Press*

UMass rocked by Vermont

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pushed the lead to 6-3 and left UMass looking for answers.

"Clearly, we didn't produce enough offensively," Stone said. "We can't afford to walk 10 people and have a chance to win."

UMass sent sophomore Scott McGovern to the hill to start the day, but he was quickly ousted after only 2 1/3 innings of work. McGovern allowed four hits, four earned runs and walked three people before being replaced by junior John Toffey in the third inning.

Toffey struggled with his control as well, making it a common theme for the afternoon. Toffey only lasted 2 1/3 innings before Vermont's fifth inning rally ended his outing. He let up four hits on three earned runs while allowing live walks.

Freshman Mike Menard replaced Toffey and had a calming influence for UMass as he went for 3 1/3 innings without allowing a hit.

Junior Matt Torra, who recently won Co-Pitcher of the Week for the Atlantic 10, has anchored the UMass pitching staff in the 2005 season. In his last outing against St. Bonaventure last weekend, Torra blanked the Bonnies with a complete game, two-hit shutout. It was his fifth complete game and second shutout of the season.

Sophomore Bill Rankin tied the UMass single season record for sacrifices against Siena on Monday with his 14th, pulling him even with Cullan Maunus who posted the record in 2003. Rankin went 0-4 with a walk in the leadoff spot against Vermont.

The Minutemen have the rest of the week to prepare for two games against Temple this weekend. Saturday's game starts at noon, as well as Sunday's, both in Philadelphia.



ANDREW TAKE-TWO/MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGIAN

UMass senior pitcher Keith Doherty is 1-5 with a 7.88 ERA and one save on the mound in 11 appearances this season.

UM racks up awards

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and the second March 28 after big wins over Richmond and Temple. She was also voted A-10 Performer of the Week on Feb. 21 and March 28.

"Our team is better because of her," Dixon noted.

Pozar also had a strong year for the Maroon and White. Coming in, Pozar was a heralded rookie out of Slovenia who looked to make an impact. This year her singles record stood at 16-9, mainly in the No. 2 slot. She also had a 15-10 doubles record when teamed with Spiess in doubles competition. On March 14 and 28 she was voted the A-10 Rookie of the Week.

"Masha stepped it up at the end of this second term," Dixon said. "She felt pressure in midseason to perform well, and I think it got to her. She really gained in confidence."

The highlight of the year for the freshman came in the A-10 semifinals against Temple. Pozar was able to defeat the Owls' No. 2 player Yura Kurashima. During the regular season, it took her teammate Spiess four-and-a-half hours to down Kurashima. In the tournament Pozar was able to do it handily in straight sets 6-4, 6-2.

The biggest surprise came with the naming of Edelstein to the team. Anybody who follows the Minutewomen knows the senior was the heart and soul of the team in 2005. However, that might not be as evident to an outsider looking in.

"Sasha was shocked," Dixon said. "I nominated her hoping people would take a look at her, but I wasn't sure whether or not she'd be voted on."

Although her record isn't as eye-popping as Spiess', Edelstein still enjoyed a stellar year for UMass. In singles competition, she compiled an overall record of 15-9, mainly in the No. 5 spot. She also teamed with junior Jana Bartolotti in the No. 3 doubles to go 13-7 on the year. Edelstein garnered A-10 Performer of the Week honors on March 21.

"Her play was so important to the team," Dixon said. "I was hoping [the voters] would look past wins and losses and see what she meant to us."

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UMass dropkicks Eagles

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Sulick was due up after Cullington, but she didn't get a chance to go for her third homer of the day, as UMass coach Elaine Sortino opted to pinch-hit with Jasmine Edwards.

"I really did [want a shot at the third homer]," Sulick said. "I didn't understand it, but coach knows best. Jasmine's a great hitter, and she deserved to get some time too."

LaFogg set BC down in order in the fifth to lock up her 18th win of the season. LaFogg allowed only three hits and one run, while striking out five batters to bring her A-10 leading total to 189.

It was a fairly effortless performance for LaFogg, thanks to the run support her teammates provided.

"The team did a great job," LaFogg said. "They've been absolutely phenomenal every time I've stepped on the mound the last two weeks. It takes a lot of pressure off when you know your teammates are going to score tons of runs."

Sulick provided the most help to LaFogg, and despite seeing her playing time cut lately, she stepped back into her regular spot in the lineup with confidence.

"I haven't been in the lineup for about a week or two, so I wasn't really thinking," Sulick said. "I just wanted to hit the ball. I wasn't aiming over the fence at all, I was just trying to get base hits. And it just happened.

"It's nice when the coaches have confidence in you. You feel better going up to the plate. And I've been working on my mechanics so I feel a lot better."

"She was outstanding," Sortino said. "She picked up where she left off. She got the game-winning hit [Tuesday] and came up and belted two home runs today. You can't say much more about it. She was awesome.

"She went through a little bit of a spell, but she kept with it and kept working at it. She's a student of her swing, and she's got a great swing right now. She's really confident at the plate right now."

While Sulick led the offense with the two home runs and 4 RBIs, she was not the only batter to have a big day at the plate, as the Minutewomen pounded out 13 hits.



ANDREW TABLOTNY/COLLEGIAN

The Minutewomen completed a two-day sweep of two Boston schools this week. They beat BU 4-3 Tuesday and BC 9-1 yesterday.

Proctor went 3-for-3 with two runs scored and an RBI, while Morin, Kelley and Cullington each collected two hits on the day.

UMass has won 19 of its last 22 games and appears to be playing at its best heading into the A-10 Tournament which begins a week from today.

"I feel really good about the team," Sortino said. "They're looking really strong. That's what you hope for. You try to get a little bit better everyday. And this team's a little bit better than it was last week. It's significantly better than it was a month ago. And it's meteorically better than it was at the beginning of the season."

A-10 football ready to switch to CAA

By Larry O'Dell
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — The Colonial Athletic Association will begin sponsoring football in 2007 when all 12 members of the Atlantic 10 football conference switch leagues, CAA officials said Wednesday.

The change will leave the Philadelphia-based A-10 without football for the first time since 1996. Five A-10 football schools already compete in the CAA in other sports.

"Every institution desires to have all its sports competing under the same conference banner, and there's no difference in this scenario," CAA Commissioner Thomas E. Yeager said at a news conference.

CAA officials always had an interest in adding football and sensed an opportunity after Hofstra, Delaware and Towson joined James Madison and William & Mary as football-playing members of the league earlier this decade, Yeager said.

Northeastern, an A-10 member in football competing in the America East conference in other sports, joined the CAA in June. That gave the CAA the six members needed to form a football conference.

Invitations were extended to the other six A-10 football schools, which accepted, keeping one of the nation's toughest Division I-AA leagues intact but with a new conference affiliation.

The teams will fulfill their contractual obligation to compete in the A-10 for two more seasons.

New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Northeastern, Hofstra, Maine and Rhode Island will compete in the North Division; William & Mary, Delaware, James Madison, Villanova, Richmond and Towson in the South Division.

"We didn't roll over and die," A-10 assistant commissioner Ray Cella said. "We tried to explain to the presidents the benefits of staying.

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Arthur Ashe still providing inspiration

By Charles Bricker
Knight Ridder

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — It has been nearly 30 years since Arthur Ashe defeated Jimmy Connors in the final at Wimbledon and forever changed the complexion of professional tennis. But only now, more than a generation later, is the game feeling the full force of Ashe's racial impact.

There have never been more blacks in organized tennis than there are today, and there's every reason to believe the numbers will rise in the years to come.

When Althea Gibson won the U.S. Open in 1957 and 1958, she was the only black American woman in the game. During Ashe's 12-year career, from 1968 to 1979, he was virtually the only black American man in the game.

Today, not only is the number of blacks on the pro tours at an all-time high, so is the small army of teenagers preparing to exit the junior ranks.

Venus and Serena Williams, James Blake, Mashona Washington, Angela Haynes, Chanda Rubin and Shenay Perry have established careers. Behind them is the next wave — Jamea Jackson, Jewel Peterson, Timothy Neilly, Donald Young, Scoville Jenkins, Phillip Simmonds and Marcus Fugate.

And behind them, just emerging as juniors, are three more major prospects — Asia Muhammad, 14, of Henderson, Nev.; Brittany Augustine, 13, of Northridge, Calif.; and Evan King, 13, of Chicago.

There is finally a black pipeline in tennis, and it's flowing freely for three major reasons:

—The profound influence Ashe had on the parents of the players that are out there today.

—The commitment from the United States Tennis Association to reach out to inner-city children with the financial support to train them and fund their travel.

—And, perhaps the greatest motivator, the prize money to be had in professional tennis.

It's a revolution," said former pro Kim Sands, who was on Key Biscayne in December to watch Neilly defeat Young in the final of the Orange Bowl junior tournament, the first time black teenagers have faced each other for a major junior championship.

"I'm still shaking. To see that match . . . to see those two guys out there. It was a spiritual experience," said Sands, who was the University of Miami's first black player before embarking on a 10-year pro career that ended in 1987.

Ernie Peterson, 60, one of the most enduring of Atlanta tennis coaches and father of Jewel Peterson, seldom saw a tennis court growing up in segregated Century, a small town in the Florida panhandle.

And then, in 1975, he witnessed the Wimbledon final on television.

"You didn't have to know anything about tennis," said Peterson. "Here was this black guy beating this white guy at his game. Beating Jimmy Connors, who speaks more smack than any player in the world.

"We all saw Arthur doing his number, every last one of us. And now, what you're seeing today are the kids of the kids who watched Arthur."

The phenomenal success of the Williams sisters has inspired and pushed black tennis players along.

"Venus and Serena opened everyone's eyes," said Sands, who oversees the biggest inner-city tennis program in Miami. "They came along, and they never changed their persona just to be more acceptable to everyone. They were more Afro-centric, and when black kids saw the beads and them just being themselves ... why wouldn't we be attracted to that?"

But what got most of these kids into tennis originally, long before the Williams sisters became international news, were their parents, who grew up watching Ashe.

"Arthur's influence will stretch for quite a long time," said Rodney Harmon, who in 1982, along with Ashe, became the second black player to reach the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open.

Harmon, who was the first head of the USTA's Multicultural Development program, is director of men's tennis for the USTA's High Performance Program.

He pointed out that tennis has always been part of the black community, with at least one professional every few years from Gibson to Ashe to himself to Zina Garrison, Lori McNeil, Sands, MaliVai Washington (who was Wimbledon runner-up in 1996), and finally to Blake and the Williams sisters.

But black players are proliferating because the USTA is putting out about $400,000 a year in grants to get quality instruction and travel funds for black kids who have the potential to be pros and because of neighborhood programs like First Serve, which is based in Fort Lauderdale.

First Serve is in 20 major cities in the United States, reaching thousands of inner-city children in a program that emphasizes academics as well as tennis.

"This is one of the most exciting times I can remember on the men's side of African-American tennis," said Harmon, who grew up on the same side of Richmond, Va., as Ashe and whose life was touched by Ashe along with the parents with whom he deals.

"Phillip Simmonds . . . a very good basketball player. But his father got him into the game because he loved tennis," said Harmon. "Donald Young . . . both his parents are coaches. They got him into tennis."

Ernie Jackson, father of Jamea Jackson, was three years into his career as an NFL cornerback when Ashe won Wimbledon. He would get his daughter into tennis one day.



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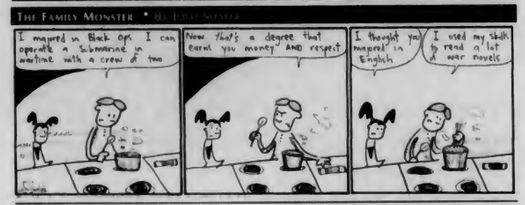
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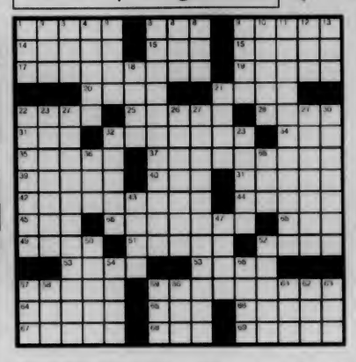
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UMass makes BC beg for mercy

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

It seems like every week a different player steps up for the Massachusetts softball team. Clearly, it is Pam Sulick's turn this week.

Sulick delivered the game-winning hit in Tuesday's 4-3 win over Boston University, and followed that up with two home runs yesterday in the Minutewomen's 9-1 mercy-rule win over Boston College at home.

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The win was the 30th of the year for UMass, marking the 14th straight year that the Minutewomen have won 30 games.

UMass (30-14-1 11-3 Atlantic 10) will look to add to its win total this weekend in a pair of doubleheaders. The team travels to Rhode Island on Saturday, and will host Senior Day against Quinnipiac on Sunday.

After coming from behind on Tuesday, UMass wasted no time taking control early yesterday.

Lauren Proctor led off the second inning with a double over the left fielder's head, setting the stage for Sulick. The senior designated hitter crushed a 2-2 changeup over the left-centerfield wall, giving UMass a 2-0 lead.

BC got a run back off of UMass starter Barb LaFogg in the third, but the Minutewomen kept the Eagles at bay with four runs in their half of the inning.

Amanda Morin led off with a double off the wall in center. KJ Kelley followed with a walk, and Maggie Fein came in to pinch-run. Denise Denis then moved both runners up a base with a perfect sacrifice bunt.

UMass' hottest hitter, Stacy Cullington, then came to the plate and slapped a single to right scoring Morin. Proctor then ripped the first pitch she saw back up the middle to put runners at first and second. The rally appeared dead after pinch-runner Kristi Stefanom was cut down attempting to steal third, but once again Sulick delivered.

Sulick connected on her second two-run homer of the day, hooking the ball just inside the left field foul pole to give UMass a 6-1 cushion.

UMass secured the mercy-rule win with three runs in the fourth inning. With one out, Hilary Puglia, Morin and Kelley hit three straight singles up the middle, with Kelley's hit plating both Puglia and Morin. After a strikeout, Cullington closed out the scoring with a double off the centerfield wall to drive in Kelley.

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ANDREW TAMULEVICH/COLLEGIAN

UMass softball pitcher Jenna Busa went seven strong on Tuesday to beat Boston University 4-3. The other half of the staff, Barb LaFogg, went the distance in yesterday's mercy-rule victory over BC.

They can win any type of way



Eric Athas

Winning teams are built around an explosive offense. Or is it the defense that wins championships? Maybe it's a coaching genius that is essential to any program. In trying to slap a cliche onto the face of the Massachusetts softball team, I have come up with several solutions, but no clear-cut choice.

The Minutewomen beat Cal State Northridge 2-1, so that proves they are a defensive group. But then again they crushed La Salle 15-1, which shows that offense is apparent.

If there is one aspect of the game that is the most simple to measure, it is certainly defense. If a team has a talented pitching game, it will show during virtually every contest. The Maroon and White certainly display this theory to its fullest.

Although the team's hitting has struggled at moments throughout the season, and fielding errors have become a deterrent as of late, the UMass aces have remained consistent.

Senior Barb LaFogg and junior Jenna Busa (maybe she doesn't count, because she hit a homerun Tuesday, but for clarity's sake, lets only call her a pitcher) have accounted for the team's pitching staff in 2005, and the two are both putting up some striking (no pun intended) numbers.

I honestly wouldn't be surprised if most of LaFogg's opponents are all at home crying right now. In 28 appearances, she has struck out an A-10-high 189 batters and boasts a 2.04 ERA on the season. Not only has she struck out more batters in the A-10 than anyone else, but the four pitchers behind her on the list have pitched in significantly more innings than her.

LaFogg's numbers, matched with Busa's 112 strikeouts and 2.27 ERA, make for a good one-two punch, as Busa is averaging 4.3 allowed hits per game.

It would be easy to say that both the offense and the defense have equally earned UMass coach Elaine Sortino 30 wins this season, especially since the Minutewomen have outscored their last 17 opponents by a whopping 116-41 runs. But UMass' all-time winningest, Hall-of-Fame and legendary coach even understands that when it comes down to it, defense is what really matters.

"Hitting comes and goes," Sortino said. "But defense wins championships."

One example that solidifies this notion is a lopsided weekend that took place in April. The Minutewomen swept St. Bonaventure on Friday, April 22, winning Game 1 by a margin of 9-1 and then proceeded to win the second game 7-1.

After putting up 16 runs against the Bonnies, UMass managed only four runs two days later, in two home losses against North Carolina State. Hitting came and then it went.

A second example of how the hitting game can be an enigma one day and palpable the next is UMass senior infielder/designated player Pam Sulick. Prior to Tuesday's comeback win against Boston College, Sulick registered 29 hits, one home run and 15 RBIs in 41 games.

After not playing for the majority of the contest, Sulick came off of the bench in the final inning and recorded the game winning RBI against the Terriers. It didn't end there, however, as Sulick cranked two homers and 4 RBIs in yesterday's 9-1 destruction of Boston College.

So there it is, I've made up my mind, it is actually defense that will be a softball team's best friend in the end. And it is defense that is the contributing factor for the Minutewomen. But there is no overlooking junior KJ Kelley's 10 homeruns and .396 batting average or senior Hilary Puglia's 34 RBI, or freshman Lauren Proctor's 43 hits.

Forget it. I give up.

Eric Athas is a Collegian Columnist.

Catamounts too much for UM

By Rob Greenfield
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts men's baseball team (9-29) found its offensive stride against Siena on Monday, scoring 15 runs on 16 hits, but it did not carry over to yesterday's match up with the Vermont Catamounts (20-13-1). The Minutemen only posted three runs on eight hits against UVM, which was not enough against a potent Vermont offense, as the Minutemen lost 7-3 on a tough day for the UMass pitching staff.

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"Basically, we struggled to get people out and that's not going to equal a win," UMass coach Mike Stone said.

It was Vermont's 51st victory in this long-standing series, which played its 110th game yesterday. UMass leads the all-time series 59-51.

The Maroon and White jumped out of the gate with a two-run top of the first inning but Vermont responded in the bottom of the frame with three of its own and never looked back.

The first two UMass batters went down to start the game before senior Jason Twomley reached base on an error by the UVM third baseman. Batting in the cleanup spot was senior Curt Szado, and he came through with a double down the right field line, scoring Twomley. A single in the next at-bat by sophomore Bryan Adamski scored Szado and gave UMass its only lead of the game.

The bottom of the inning spelled trouble for the Minutemen, as the first two Catamounts singled to put runners on first and second. An infield single loaded the bases for Vermont's cleanup hitter, and he cleared the bases with a triple, putting the Catamounts up 3-2, enough of a cushion for Vermont's pitching staff.

UMass would score in the top of the third when a single by sophomore Matt Weiner drove home Twomley, who had reached on an error by the second baseman. However, that would be the end of the UMass offense for the day.

The game slowly slipped away from the Maroon and White when, in the bottom of the fifth inning, UVM scored three runs, capped off by a two-run double. The scoring outburst

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ANDREW TAMULEVICH/COLLEGIAN

UMass first baseman/outfielder Bill Rankin went 0-for-4 at the plate with a walk yesterday.

Travis Ford brings in his third recruit

By Mike Marzelli
Collegian Staff

In assembling his first recruiting class in Amherst, new Massachusetts men's basketball coach Travis Ford has already managed to land the point guard he needed in Chris Lowe and the shooter he coveted in James Life.

Now he's found a third recruit who can do a little bit of everything else.

Brandon Thomas, a 6-foot-6 200-pound guard/forward who played most recently at Long Island University, has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball for the Minutemen.

He will have two seasons of eligibility remaining, beginning in 2005-06.

"We are excited to welcome Brandon Thomas to the UMass basketball family," Ford said. "He is an incredibly talented and versatile player. We expect Brandon to be an immediate impact player for the upcoming season.

"He can play multiple positions including both guard and both forward spots. He is a proven Division I player who will be a factor for us."

Thomas, who chose UMass over Florida, Florida State, Notre Dame and DePaul, led LIU in scoring at 12.3 points per game and shot 51 percent from the floor in 2003-04 before deciding to transfer.

He did not play basketball last season while attending Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville, Fla.

"The atmosphere at UMass and in the town of Amherst is great," Thomas said.

"The coaches are very classy people who want to win. I was also impressed that they want to build lifelong relationships with their players and want the best for their players."

A native of San Antonio, Texas, Thomas played his prep ball for coach Mike Wacker at Converse Judson in San Antonio, leading the Rockets to the best back-to-back seasons in school history and averaging just under 21 points per contest as a senior captain.

Big East, ACC come to agreement

By Donna Tommelleo
Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — The Big East and Atlantic Coast conferences have settled their legal differences over school defections with an agreement worth millions and adds nine interconference football games by 2012.

The presidents of Connecticut, Pittsburgh, Rutgers and West Virginia signed off on the agreement, which drops lawsuits between the conferences, their member schools and officers. Commissioners of both leagues also endorsed the deal.

The settlement, obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press, did not specify the monetary amount each Big East school will receive, but a UConn bank statement shows $1 million was deposited in the school's account on April 27 by the law firm charged with disbursing the settlement cash.

Calls seeking comment were left with ACC assistant commissioner Brian Morrison; Erik Albright, an attorney for the league; and Boston College.

Boston College will leave the Big East on June 30 and join the ACC on July 1. Miami and Virginia Tech left the Big East and joined the ACC for the 2004-2005 season. BC agreed in October 2003 to join the ACC. Syracuse had been courted by the ACC but opted to stay in the Big East.

The initial lawsuit over the ACC's expansion plans was filed in June 2003 in state Superior Court in Hartford. Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal accused Big East members Miami and Boston College of conspiring with the ACC to weaken the Big East by luring away some of its biggest football powers.

The Big East schools said they spent millions of dollars to upgrade their football programs based on the presumed loyalties of the departing schools.

UConn's football upgrade to Division I-A, for example, included a $90 million stadium.

"This resolution protects Connecticut's

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Atlantic 10 honors three UMass tennis players

By Jon Pelland
Collegian Staff

It was only two-and-a-half weeks ago that the Massachusetts women's tennis team were hanging their heads after a devastating loss to Richmond in the finals of the Atlantic 10 Tournament.

Now, three of the key members of this year's team have a reason to feel proud of their performances in the 2005 campaign. It was announced Wednesday that freshman Masha Pozar, sophomore Michele Spiess and senior captain Sasha Edelstein were all named to the A-10 All-Conference Team. Pozar was also awarded the A-10 Most Outstanding Performer of the Year award.



COURTESY KAREN WINDER

Masha Pozar was one of three Minutewomen named to the All A-10 team.

This marks the first time in its history that UMass had three women named to the All-Conference Team.

"All very deserving," UMass coach Judy Dixon said. "To have three players really gives a nod to the team we had this year."

Prospective members of the All-Conference Team are first nominated by their coaches, who also do a short write-up on their players to get them some exposure. Then all the coaches vote on who they believe should make the team. Coaches, however, are not allowed to vote for their own players.

It came as no surprise that Spiess was voted onto the team. She led the Minutewomen all year from the No. 1 slot. Overall, her singles record for the year stood at 24-5, including 20-5 from the No. 1 position.

"Michele had an outstanding year," Dixon said. "It is remarkable for her record to be so good, because playing in the No. 1 spot, she faced the other team's best talent every match."

Twice this past season, Spiess was voted the UMass/Dinn Bros. Athlete of the Week, the first coming on Sept. 21

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The Scene on the Green

The Daily Collegian held "The Scene on the Green" event yesterday on the campus pond to publicize the release of its annual student-written, arts and living magazine "The Scene." *For more Scene photos, see page 2.*

SGA appionts two speaker positions

By Elizabeth Vargas
Collegian Correspondent

At Wednesday's Student Government Association meeting, the annual SGA S-1 Budget Act for the lisca1 year 2005-2006 passed after long debate with a vote of 27 to 10.

After the first meeting was adjourned, a second meeting to elect the Speaker and Associate Speaker of the Senate began. Seantors Sean Bliss, Kevin East, Ayotunde Onikoro, Colin Delargy and Brian Long were nominated for Speaker. Maxine Dube, Brian Whalley and Eric Magazoo were nominated for Associate Speaker. Both Kevin East and Eric Magazoo declined their nominations.

After the six nominees accepted their nominations, each gave a five-minute speech. Bliss opened his speech on a critical note, claiming "the senators [are] not doing their legwork." He spoke about his desire to begin each SGA meeting promptly at 7 p.m. as part of his hope to foster efficiency within the Senate.

On a controversial subject, each senator was asked about their intentions to recognize the seats for the ALANA Caucus and the Area Government in the SGA. Bliss's reaction was definite. "Whatever is in the by-laws will be enforced," he said.

Long, who will be a sixth-year senior next year, gave his speech next. He expressed that, as Secretary of University Polics for three terms, he dictated the need for experienced people in the SGA. He also continued to deny allegations that he would oppose President Pavel Payano at every turn.

When the question of the ALANA Caucus and Area Government seats came up, he expressed his desire to leave things as they are, and deny the constitutional seats for both.

Ayotunde Onikoro spoke next. He began his speech with an anecdote concerning his father, a senator in Nigeria. He

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Re-thinking textbook buy-backs

UMass student gets innovative to save students money

By Dan O'Brien and Kelly McGuire
Collegian Staff

When University of Massachusetts sophomore James Highsmith arrived on campus to begin his studies last year, he couldn't believe the price of textbooks.

"Textbooks are a huge expense," said Highsmith, a Cambridge resident who is now 21-years-old. After two semesters of "suffering" through what he claims are the high costs of textbooks, he came up with an idea.

Zoomassbooks.com was Highsmith's creation to combat the University's Textbook Annex's sales practices. He calls his Web site a "marketplace" where students can advertise used textbooks to be sold at prices that are much closer to the actual retail price of the book.

Currently, the Annex, as well as several other textbook retailers in Amherst, will buy back a student's used textbook at a price which is much less than what the student originally paid. One example of this occurred to a Daily Collegian staff writer, who originally purchased the textbook, "The Search for Life in the Universe," third edition by Donald Goldsmith and Tobias Owen. The book was originally purchased from Jeffrey Amherst Books at $54. The retailer offered to buy the book back for $7, despite the book's mint condition.

"It seems like there aren't any options," said Highsmith, referring to the textbook situation. "The school is not really watching out for its students, but is more concerned about its money."

He says his goal is simple.

"I just wanted a place to sell books at the price you bought them from," he said.

His idea has seemed to catch on. Zoomassbooks.com has a total 160,000 hits since November and currently has roughly 600 members reselling books.

University and Annex officials have yet to comment on the Web site, which was started

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MIS-AN BUNSTER/COLLEGIAN

UMass sophomore James Highsmith stands outside Memorial Hall Wednesday. His Web site Zoomassbooks.com is a new way for students to re-sell textbooks at retail prices.

Ex-FBI agent Connolly gets murder charge

By Curt Anderson
Associated Press

MIAMI — An ex-FBI agent already imprisoned for shielding Boston mobsters from prosecutors was indicted Wednesday in the 1982 murder of a former Miami gambling executive whose body was stuffed into the trunk of his Cadillac.

John J. Connolly Jr., 64, was charged in state court with first-degree murder and conspiracy for allegedly providing information that prosecutors said led to the death of former World Jai Alai president John Callahan.

Callahan had been shot twice in the head and a dime was placed on his chest, an underworld signal to others not to "drop a dime" or snitch on other mobsters, investigators said. His body was found in a parking lot at the Miami airport.

"I can tell you he's not guilty," said Connolly attorney Edward J. Lonergan. "I've known John since 1961. John is a good, good man and this is a sad, sad process. It's just very disappointing."

Investigators said Callahan was a financial adviser to Boston's Winter Hill Gang run by fugitive James "Whitey" Bulger, who is also charged in Callahan's murder. Also charged in the death are Bulger's top lieutenant Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi and alleged triggerman John V. Martorano, both of whom have cooperated with prosecutors against Connolly.

Connolly is serving a 10-year sentence in federal prison in North Carolina for convictions

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JAMIE LAUB/COLLEGIAN

Isenberg S.O.M. presents awards

The UMass School of Management held a banquet to present the Isenberg Awards at the Student Union Ballroom last night. The students could receive $10,000 for engineering research.

Romney against needle program

BOSTON (AP) — Gov. Mitt Romney disagrees with the state Department of Public Health's push to legalize over-the-counter sales of hypodermic needles as a way to prevent the spread of infectious diseases among drug addicts, even as some law enforcement officials, long opposed to such a measure, appear to be changing their positions.

The health department's proposed legislation is championed by public health advocates, doctors, and substance-abuse experts, who maintain that it would reduce the spread of HIV, hepatitis C and other blood-borne infections.

A Romney spokesman said on Wednesday that the governor does not agree with the health agency's position.

"The position of the governor and the lieutenant governor is we don't want to do anything to that facilitates illegal drug use," spokesman Eric Fehrnstrom said. "If you allow addicts easy access to the tools of the trade, you are facilitating illegal drug use."

Fehrnstrom said it is too early to say whether Romney would veto a needle sale law if it crossed his desk.

About 39 percent of HIV cases in Massachusetts are linked to the sharing of needles. Massachusetts is just one of three states that do not permit the sale of hypodermic needles without a prescription.

Many prosecutors and some top police officials have long been opposed to over-the-counter sales of needles, which has contributed the bill's repeated defeats in the past decade.

But during hearings on Wednesday, Suffolk District Attorney Daniel Conley and Middlesex District Attorney Martha Coakley described how their views of needle sales have evolved over time.

The two prosecutors and a representative of the Boston Police Department described how they once saw the needle issue as a way to fight the war on drugs, but now see it as a way to fight the war on AIDS.

Such law enforcement support can only help the bill, said state Sen. Robert O'Leary, D-Barnstable, one of the bill's sponsors.

Before deciding to endorse the measure, Coakley said she talked to police officials in her district and discovered support for needle sales. She was also swayed by the needle exchange program in Cambridge. Police officials in that city say they have not seen an increase in drug crimes since the needle exchange program started in the mid-1990s.

Conley said he's ambiguous, but thinks society should fight the spread of disease.

Public health officials testified at the hearing that studies have demonstrated conclusively that the use of dirty needles and the number of HIV cases related to illicit drug injections dropped significantly in states that allow over-the-counter sales.

The proposed legislation includes a provision designed to ensure that diabetics and other people with medical conditions requiring the use of hypodermic needles will continue to have them covered by their health insurance plans.

— *Associated Press*

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The Collegian's 'Scene on the Green' brings out students



Alex Demosthene/Collegian

Two UMass students race to the finish in the 'bungee run' at yesterday's Scene on the Green event, which attracted hundreds of students.



Jamie Lau/Collegian

Two students battle on the joust at the Scene on the Green yesterday. The event also featured free food to publicize the release of the Collegian's arts magazine, "The Scene."

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stated his intentions to better engage the student body and to insure that Vice Chancellor Gargano will sign off on the SGA's motions. He suggested that Gargano should be questioned if he does not sign off on motions that benefit students.

On the question of the ALANA Caucus and Area Government seats, Onikoro said he would honor the seats because they were constitutional, but he said that he believes the ALANA seats to be unnecessary.

Next was Delargy. He stood true to some of his campaign promises, saying that he ran on a platform of stronger bonds between the SGA and the Student Activities Center, a stronger textbook rental system, and a stronger adherence to the by-laws. He said he was "a letter of the law kind of guy."

Maxine Dube, the current Associate Speaker running for re-election, said her main goal was to take some of the burden off of the Speaker, citing that these are the duties as listed in the by-laws. She also stated her intentions to reach out to the senators.

Next up was Brian Whaley for Associate Speaker. His plan was to attend many Senate Committee meetings and to set up a resource area in the SGA Office.

After the speeches, the Chancellor of Elections left the room to count the votes along with representatives from each candidate to monitor the count. The first round of voting revealed Maxine Dube was re-elected as Associate Speaker with 34 votes to Brian Whaley's four. Two more rounds of voting were needed to reveal Sean Bliss as the new Speaker of the Senate, winning by just three votes against Brian Long.

Zoomassbooks offers alternative

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six months ago.

The University currently has a "no competition" clause in the contract with the Annex. Highsmith, who resides in the Central Residential Area, says he has gotten around this clause by establishing an off-campus post office box as the main address of his establishment.

There is no cost to go onto the Web site and browse the textbooks online. If a student sells a book, the company charges a small percentage of the profit, done by credit card, in order to keep the site running.

"I'm not really doing it for profit in anyway," he said.

Highsmith claims he has invested $1,500 out-of-pocket towards the Web site in the past six months, and has spent over $2,000 towards the site this academic year. Most of this money was spent on printing costs, Internet server space, office supplies and encryption security for credit cards so users' identities cannot be stolen.

Campus Design and Copy, located in the UMass Student Union building, has provided Highsmith with cheap prices to produce some 5,000 fliers promoting his updated Web site that will be posted this weekend.

The flier reads, "Monopoly is fun to play, but enough is enough," referring to the virtual monopoly the Annex has over textbooks purchased on-campus.

With 1,000 books already sold through the Zoomassbooks.com, business is pretty good, he says. However, he hopes to get more people interested in reselling books through his site.

Highsmith says he is re-launching his Web site today to include no pop-up advertisements and more straightforward instructions. He also says the site will be easier to navigate.

When asked if he was afraid of getting sued by the University or the Annex for possibly violating the "no competition" clause of the Annex's contract, he responded, "I'm not scared of being sued."

"I'm willing to play their (the University's) game," he said. "I'm providing a marketplace so students can contact each other instead of using the Annex."

Thus far, neither the University nor the Annex have contacted Highsmith regarding his Web site, which was first launched in November.

Deerfield murder suspect named

GREENFIELD (AP) — Prosecutors on Wednesday identified a 40-year-old handyman with a long criminal record as a suspect in the slaying of a pregnant convenience store clerk in Deerfield.

Dennis Bateman, of Greenfield, was named as a suspect in Brandy Waryasz's death during his arraignment at Greenfield District Court on an unrelated larceny charge.

Bateman was ordered held on $10,000 cash bail for allegedly burglarizing a liquor store about three hours before Waryasz's body was found on April 16, said Elizabeth Dunphy Farris of the Northwestern District Attorney's office.

Bateman, a self-employed landscaper and handyman, has not been charged with murder. His lawyer, Byron Caplice, declined to comment.

Farris would not say how Bateman was linked to Waryasz's murder, or whether there were other suspects.

Waryasz's mother, Ruth Cousineau, said she didn't know Bateman. "I don't want to know who he is," she said.

Bateman has served prison time for multiple breaking and entering convictions. He faces up to 20 years in prison on the larceny charge because of his extensive criminal history.

Waryasz, of Turners Falls, was seven months pregnant when her body was found lying on the floor at the Deerfield Sunoco Service Station by a customer. She'd been strangled and the cash register was missing. Her baby also did not survive.

—*Associated Press*

Terrorist bomb explodes in NYC

NEW YORK (AP) — Two small makeshift grenades exploded early Thursday outside a building housing the British Consulate, just as Britons went to the polls in a national election. The blast caused minor damage and no injuries.

Authorities said they had no clear indication the consulate, which shares the building with several other tenants, was a target. The blasts blew out a glass panel at the building's entrance.

Police were reviewing images shot by 17 security cameras at the building and other locations to try to identify possible suspects. One of the videos raised suspicions that one of the devices may have been thrown from across the street, police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said.

Kelly made an appeal for eyewitnesses to come forward, saying a female jogger, a bicyclist and a taxi were shown on tape around the time of the explosions.

"This is New York," he said. "It's 3:30 in the morning, yet there were people out on the street."

The devices used in the attack were described as replica grenades, normally sold as novelty items, that were stuffed with gunpowder and lit with a fuse.

"We don't know who the particular target was at this time," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said. "There were no threats or phone calls."

—*Associated Press*

Connolly charged in 1982 Miami murder

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on racketeering, obstruction of justice and other charges stemming from his role in protecting Bulger and others from prosecution while simultaneously using them as FBI informants.

Connolly, a childhood friend of Bulger's in Boston, provided key internal FBI information to his mob allies in the killings of Callahan and at least three other people, said Katherine Fernandez Rundle, Miami-Dade County's state attorney. Connolly is not charged in any other murders.

"While John Connolly never actually pulled the trigger, it was his information that caused the death of John Callahan," Rundle said. "He was a law enforcement agent gone bad."

Flemmi, 70, pleaded guilty in February 2004 for his role in the slaying and was sentenced to life in prison. Flemmi, implicated in 10 other murders, was also sentenced to life last year after pleading guilty to killing another World Jai Alai executive, Roger Wheeler, who was shot to death in Tulsa, Okla., in 1981.

Fred Wyshak, assistant U.S. attorney in Boston who will assist in the Florida murder case, said Callahan was killed because he had paid $50,000 for the killing of Wheeler, who refused to sell the jai alai business to Callahan, and could tie members of Bulger's gang to that slaying. Callahan had been forced out of the business several years earlier because of suspicions about his mob ties.

"He was a weak link," Rundle said.

Acting on Connolly's information, Rundle said Martorano — the gang's favorite hit man — met Callahan at the airport in Fort Lauderdale, shot him and took him to Callahan's silver Cadillac Fleetwood, shooting him again when it appeared he was still alive. The car was then left at the Miami airport's long-term parking lot.

Wyshak said the indictment "represents the climax of a decades-long prosecution of the Winter Hill Gang" that could only be eclipsed by the capture of Bulger himself.





National News

Some hispanics demanding apology from runaway bride

By Erin Texeira
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It took just hours for Jennifer Wilbanks' story to dissolve, and until Thursday for her to apologize. It turns out the runaway bride-to-be had not been kidnapped — much less by a gun-wielding Hispanic.

But among minorities, a white woman's tale of being victimized by a threatening man of color is unlikely to fade quickly, partly because it's happened before and taps into powerful stereotypes rooted in painful history.

"This speaks to how Latinos are perceived in society," said Lisa Navarette, spokeswoman for the National Council of La Raza in Washington D.C. "Americans only know minority communities, particularly Latino communities, through stereotypes, through images in the media. If people keep being portrayed as criminals — as undocumented immigrants or criminals or gang members — that's what we tend to believe."

Wilbanks was believed missing when she vanished days before she was to be married in a 600-guest affair in Duluth, Ga., population 22,000. She claimed last Friday night that she had been kidnapped in Atlanta by a Hispanic man and a white woman with a handgun, a story that quickly unraveled. Her admission that she had run away, overwhelmed by wedding pressures, prompted protests among local and national Hispanic leaders.

At one point, a Hispanic leader not only demanded an apology but said she should be made to perform community service in a Hispanic neighborhood. Now, Georgia authorities are debating whether to prosecute or sue her.

Such racial hoaxes are actually not rare, said Katheryn Russell-Brown, a law professor at the University of Florida, who wrote "The Color of Crime," a book documenting 67 such cases that occurred between 1987 and 1996.

"The majority of perpetrators were someone white falsely accusing someone black," Russell-Brown said. "You typically don't see the Hispanic criminal in terms of a hoax case, but she put this duo together and it's got this resonance. ... It's still this idea of a criminal element that is colored."

The stories "work because they tap into widely held fears about crime and about who one's likely attacker might be," she said.

In 1989, a Boston man, Charles Stuart, inflamed racial tensions when he claimed he and his pregnant wife, Carol, had been shot in their car by a black robber. Stuart turned out to be the culprit, throwing himself off a bridge as police zeroed in on him.

Five years later, Susan Smith of South Carolina drowned her two young sons, but claimed a black man had carjacked her and abducted her boys.

Such fabrications are rooted in the nation's troubled racial past.

Historically, the threat of black men victimizing white women has loomed large and powerful, and provoked many of the more than 4,700 lynchings in the decades between the end of the Civil War and the dawning of the civil rights era.

The peak came in 1892, with 230 killings, but continued well into the 20th century, according to the Tuskegee Institute, a one-time black college in Alabama that is now a National Historic Site. Most of those seized by white mobs and hanged were black men, but Native Americans, Asians, Jews and Hispanics also were victimized, experts said.

The threat also became part of the nation's fictional fabric, inspiring "Birth of a Nation," a seminal 1915 film in which a white woman is pursued by a lecherous black man, and "To Kill a Mockingbird," Harper Lee's classic novel about a Southern white woman who falsely accuses a black man of rape to cover up her flirtation with him.

Today, growing national anti-immigrant sentiment that feeds Americans' stereotypes of Hispanic immigrants stealing jobs and undermining the nation's prosperity made Wilbanks' story plausible, Navarette said.

"It's the new pariah," she said.

Harry Pachon, president of the Tomas Rivera Policy Institute in Los Angeles, added that new demographic shifts in Georgia — the state was barely 5 percent Hispanic as of Census 2000 — have led to simmering tensions: "It's a recently arrived immigrant community, so ... this increases the tension that's already there.

"It's not about one runaway woman."

FDA banning gay men from donating sperm anonymously

By David Crary
Associated Press

NEW YORK — To the dismay of gay-rights activists, the Food and Drug Administration is about to implement new rules recommending that any man who has engaged in homosexual sex in the previous five years be barred from serving as an anonymous sperm donor.

The FDA has rejected calls to scrap the provision, insisting that gay men collectively pose a higher-than-average risk of carrying the AIDS virus. Critics accuse the FDA of stigmatizing all gay men rather than adopting a screening process that focuses on high-risk sexual behavior by any would-be donor, gay or straight.

"Under these rules, a heterosexual man who had unprotected sex with HIV-positive prostitutes would be OK as a donor one year later, but a gay man in a monogamous, safe-sex relationship is not OK unless he's been celibate for five years," said Leland Traiman, director of a clinic in Alameda, Calif., that seeks gay sperm donors.

Traiman said adequate safety assurances can be provided by testing a sperm donor at the time of the initial donation, then freezing the sperm for a six-month quarantine and testing the donor again to be sure there is no new sign of HIV or other infectious diseases.

Although there is disagreement over whether the FDA guideline regarding gay men will have the force of law, most doctors and clinics are expected to observe it.

The practical effect of the provision — part of a broader set of cell and tissue donation regulations that take effect May 25 — is hard to gauge. It is likely to affect some lesbian couples who want a child and prefer to use a gay man's sperm for artificial insemination.

But it is the provision's symbolic aspect that particularly troubles gay-rights groups. Kevin Cathcart, executive director of Lambda Legal, has called it "policy based on bigotry."

"The part I find most offensive — and a little frightening — is that it isn't based on good science," Cathcart said. "There's a steadily increasing trend of heterosexual transmission of HIV, and yet the FDA still has this notion that you protect people by putting gay men out of the pool."

In a letter to the FDA, Lambda Legal has suggested a screening procedure based on sexual behavior, not sexual orientation. Prospective donors — gay or straight — would be rejected if they had engaged in unprotected sex in the previous 12 months with an HIV-positive person, an illegal drug user, or "an individual of unknown HIV status outside of a monogamous relationship."

But an FDA spokeswoman cited FDA documents suggesting that officials felt the broader exclusion was prudent even if it affected gay men who practice safe sex.

"The FDA is very much aware that strict exclusion policies eliminate some safe donors," said one document.

Many doctors and fertility clinics already have been rejecting gay sperm donors, citing the pending FDA rules or existing regulations of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine.

"With an anonymous sperm donor, you can't be too careful," said a society spokeswoman, Eleanor Nicoll. "Our concern is for the health of the recipient, not to let more and more people be sperm donors."

However, some sperm banks, notably in California, have welcomed gay donors. The director of one of them, Alice Ruby of the Oakland-based Sperm Bank of California, said her staff had developed procedures for identifying gay men with an acceptably low risk of HIV.

Gay men are a major donor source at Traiman's Rainbow Flag sperm bank, and he said that practice would continue despite the new rules.

"We're going to continue to follow judicious, careful testing procedures for our clients that even experts within the FDA say is safe," said Traiman, referring to the six-month quarantine.

5-year-old handcuffed in Ohio

CINCINNATI (AP) — Police officers accused of handcuffing a 5-year-old boy after a fight on a school bus have been suspended from police duties while the city investigates the allegations, authorities said.

Chief Tom Streicher assigned officers Douglas Snider and Kaneshia Howell to desk work Tuesday and took away their guns, police officials said. Mekel Finch, the boy's mother, sued the police department, the bus company and the driver in Hamilton County Common Pleas Court on April 29. She is asking for more than $50,000.

The lawsuit claims the driver improperly detained the boy — allegedly grabbing the child around the neck and wrapping her legs around him before calling for aid — after the boy was struck by another child on the bus Jan. 13.

The lawsuit also claims the boy was hiding under a seat when Snider and Howell arrived and put him in handcuffs "for an unreasonable amount of time." The child wasn't charged.

—*Associated Press*

Controversy for 'American Idol'

By David Bauder
Associated Press



Courtesy MSNBC.com

"American Idol" judge Paula Abdul is under fire for allegedly having a sexual relationship with a contestant, among other allegations.

NEW YORK — "American Idol" has kicked off contestants for concealing sordid secrets about their pasts — including Corey Clark, who now says he had an affair with judge Paula Abdul while competing two years ago.

Will Abdul be next?

Responding Thursday to Clark's accusations, Fox and the show's producers didn't mention Abdul's name and minimized the role of judges in choosing winners. But it's clearly a crisis for "American Idol," which has managed to shake off other challenges.

Ousted contestants, clogged phone lines that hindered voting, incorrect voting phone numbers that forced a do-over earlier this season, superior singers being suspiciously eliminated — nothing has derailed the "Idol" juggernaut, which was watched by an estimated 24.5 million people Wednesday.

"We have gone to great lengths and great expense to create a voting system that is fair and reliable," Fox said Thursday. "Judges may offer opinions, but viewers vote using their own subjective criteria, and it is the voters who ultimately determine each season's American idol."

There was no immediate comment Thursday from Abdul about Clark's claims on ABC's "Primetime Live," which were buttressed by phone records, a voicemail message, the testimony of his parents and friends and other circumstantial evidence. She has called Clark, who's almost 20 years younger than her and was kicked off "Idol" for not coming clean about charges he assaulted his younger sister, a "liar" and an opportunist with a new book and CD to sell. She has not specifically denied his charges, however.

"If there is a shred of truth that she messed around with a contestant, you won't see her as a judge next year," said Shari Anne Brill, a television analyst for the media buying firm Carat USA.

Still, Brill said, "The franchise will live on. They seemed to weather all of these other storms."

It would be far worse if, like during the 1950s quiz show scandals, nefarious backstage dealings influenced the outcome of the contest, said both Brill and Stacey Lynn Koerner, another representative of a company that advises advertisers where to place their commercials.

Research by Koerner's company, Initiative Media, indicates that Abdul is one of the top reasons why fans love "American Idol."

"It would be difficult to say how forgiving they would be," she said. "But given the fact that they are predisposed to love her, they could be very forgiving."

For needs to do some research about whether fans would accept Abdul being forced out, she said.

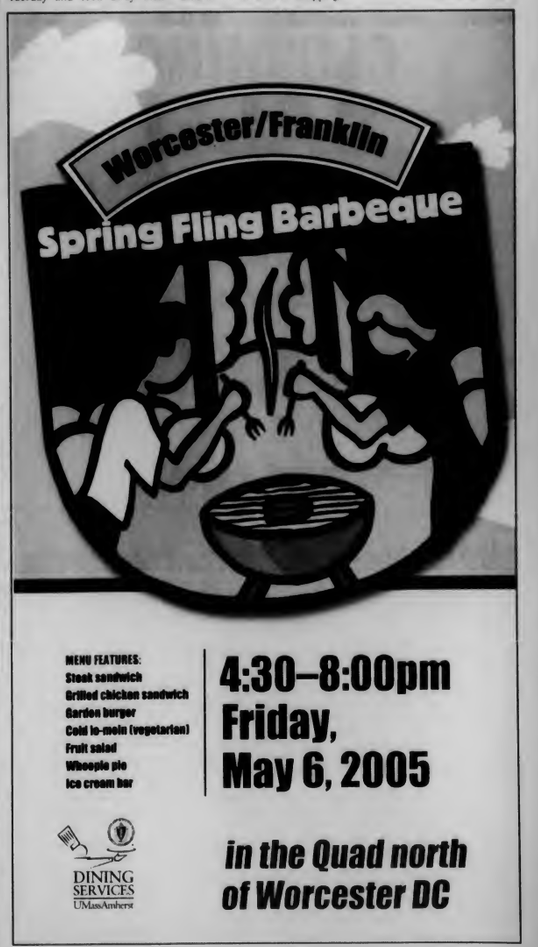
The former Laker girl and choreographer for Janet Jackson became a pop star and MTV favorite in 1989 with her danceable pop hits like "Straight Up" and "Forever Your Girl."

She was married twice, to Emilio Estevez and then clothes manufacturer Brad Beckerman, and divorced twice. She's been single since 1998.

For many years, Abdul fought bulimia and chronic pain related to dance injuries and accidents. After years of dealing with painkillers that she said sometimes made her "loopy," Abdul told People magazine in this week's issue that she's been feeling better with the help of a new medication.

She told People she's ready for a relationship, looking "for someone who wants to get to know me."





International News

Colombian officials upset with deportation of drug traffickers

By Kim Housego
Associated Press

IBAGUE, Colombia — Two American soldiers accused of arms trafficking emerged from jail Thursday and were handed over to U.S. officials, but a top Colombian official tried to delay their deportation, saying a treaty granting them immunity might be invalid.

Inspector General Edgardo Jose Maya's move reflected a widespread sentiment among Colombians that the two U.S. Army soldiers should face trial in Colombia. They were arrested Tuesday in connection with an alleged plot to smuggle more than 40,000 rounds of ammunition, possibly to outlawed right-wing paramilitary death squads responsible for the deaths of thousands of civilians.

Maya asked for a 24-hour extension before the two are deported so a 1974 treaty that purportedly gives them diplomatic immunity can be examined. The treaty might be superseded by Colombia's 1991 Constitution and other laws, he said.

"In defense of the letter of the law, this Public Ministry believes it is important to analyze the situation in the face of the treaties and the supremacy of the Constitution," Maya wrote in a letter to Colombian Attorney General Luis Camilo Osorio, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press.

The case is being closely watched by Colombians frustrated by accusations of lawbreaking by American soldiers. The U.S. has given more than $3 billion in aid to Colombia and the mission of U.S. troops here is to help stamp out drug trafficking and guerrillas. Hundreds of Colombians accused of drug trafficking have been extradited to the United States to face trial as part of President Alvaro Uribe's get-tough measures.

But Colombians were aghast in March when five U.S. soldiers accused of smuggling cocaine to the United States from Colombia were flown to their homeland and detained there. No details of that case have been publicly disclosed.

Ruben Arias, heading to his job as a supermarket cashier, said he hoped the two accused soldiers wouldn't "be taken out of the country, like the other Americans captured with the cocaine. Who knows whether they will ever face justice?"

"The gringos should be charged here in Colombia," said Jose Luis Villalobos, a 67-year-old retired engineer who was walking his dog.

The two American soldiers — identified as Alan Norman Tanquary and Jesus Hernandez — spent the night in a police holding cell in Ibague, a town of crumbling brick buildings in the mountains of west-central Colombia. On Thursday morning, they were hustled by authorities out a back door, eluding waiting journalists. Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said they were headed to the U.S. Embassy in Bogota.

"The two U.S. soldiers are now in American custody and will be while U.S. officials attempt to ascertain more facts and determine how to proceed," said Whitman, who declined to comment on specifics of the accusations against the soldiers.

The two soldiers would be flown to the United States "in the next few days," a U.S. Embassy official said, adding that U.S. authorities were committed to a full investigation and would work with Colombian authorities.

Possible 9/11 terrorist caught

By Paul Haven
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — A Libyan seized in Pakistan this week was the fourth purported No. 3 leader of al-Qaida killed or captured since the Sept. 11 attacks, but the global dragnet has yet to reach up the terror group's hierarchy to the main prizes — Osama bin Laden and his right-hand man, Ayman al-Zawahri.

Pakistani and U.S. officials hope the arrest of Abu Farraj al-Libbi after a shootout in a graveyard Monday may change that. At least five other al-Qaida suspects have been detained in Pakistan over the past week, intelligence officials say.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of bin Laden, they say, it ought to be al-Libbi, who has purportedly been a close confidant since the early 1990s, even before the Saudi millionaire set up al-Qaida.

Pakistani Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed said authorities were "on the right track" to capture bin Laden, and others in the government echoed that sentiment.

A senior intelligence officer told The Associated Press on Thursday that al-Libbi had been in frequent contact with bin Laden and al-Zawahri in recent months and that Pakistani interrogators were grilling him on the terror chief's whereabouts.



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Abu Farraj al-Libbi, an alleged terrorist suspected in the 9/11 bombings, was arrested in Pakistan this week.

"Only two questions are being asked, over and over, and in different shifts: 'Where is bin Laden?' and 'What were your plans?'" said the Pakistani official, who has intimate knowledge of the interrogation and agreed to discuss it only if his name was not revealed.

Some terrorism analysts, however, doubt U.S. and Pakistani agents will get the answers they seek.

"Even if this man does give some information, the chances are that bin Laden's protectors would have already taken precautions to whisk their leader to a safer place," said Paul Wilkinson, chairman of the Center for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland.

There are also questions whether al-Libbi or anyone else is really al-Qaida's "No. 3" man.

"He's definitely close to the leadership, but I'm not happy with the No. 3 designation," said Wilkinson. "I think it is unlikely there is a numerical hierarchy after al-Zawahri, who is most certainly the deputy."

Iraqi suicide bomber kills 26

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqis seeking jobs with security forces were targeted once again Thursday when a suicide bomber with explosives strapped to his body mingled among hundreds of men and blew himself up in one of four attacks that killed 26 people.

The attacks are part of a surge of violence that has killed more than 200 since Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari announced his new government last week with seven positions still undecided.

Many recruitment centers, to prevent car bombings, have been turned into small fortresses surrounded by concrete blast walls and razor wire. But militants are striking back with an old weapon: the suicide bomber belt.

The Cabinet held its first meeting Thursday. Al-Jaafari aide Laith Kuba said the seven vacancies, including the key oil and defense ministries, would be filled by Saturday and parliament would be asked to vote on them Sunday.

In the deadliest attack, police said an insurgent blew himself up outside an army recruitment office a half mile from Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone, home to government offices, foreign embassies and U.S. forces.

At al-Yarmouk Hospital, the morgue was overflowing with mangled bodies after the blast. One man lay screaming on his bed — both his legs had been blown off.

—*Associated Press*

British Prime Minister Tony Blair re-elected to third term

By Robert Barr
Associated Press

LONDON — Tony Blair won a historic third term as prime minister Thursday but his Labour Party suffered a sharply reduced parliamentary majority in apparent punishment for going to war in Iraq, according to projections based on exit polls.

Such an outcome, if confirmed by the actual vote count, could set the stage for Blair to be replaced in midterm by a party rival such as Gordon Brown. As Treasury chief, Brown was widely credited for the strong economy that appears to have clinched Labour's victory, outweighing the bitterness many voters said they felt over Iraq.

The BBC projected that Labour would have a 66-seat majority, down from its 161-seat lead over the combined opposition in the previous House of Commons.

The station's projections had Labour taking 37 percent of the popular vote, the lowest winning share ever. The Conservatives, showing their first signs of life since losing power eight years ago, were estimated at 33 percent.

Such a result matched the "bloody nose" — a humiliation but not a defeat — that opponents had hoped to give Blair.

The left-leaning Guardian newspaper offered free clothespins to any reader who requested one after a columnist urged reluctant Labour supporters to put aside opposition to the Iraq war to back the party for its domestic policies.

"My reasons for not voting Labour would have been the war in Iraq, but apart from that I think the Labour Party and Blair have done fairly well and I can't bear the thought of the Conservatives doing well," chef Oliver Rowe said after voting in London.



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Prime Minister Tony Blair leaves with his wife Cherie after voting in Trimdon, England Thursday.

Nicola Wyndham, 33, who voted for Labour four years ago but switched to the Liberal Democrats.

"Iraq has been a big thing — trust," Wyndham said. "He has had eight years to make an impact and he really hasn't. There are still problems with health, education and crime."

The Conservatives, showing a new sense of discipline and purpose since the 63-year-old Michael Howard became leader two years ago, ran a hard-hitting campaign focused on immigration, violent crime and "superbug" infections in hospitals, contending that all were now out of control.

A big part of the Conservative strategy was to make it a referendum on Blair, urging voters to "wipe the smirk" off his face. Although Howard supported the Iraq war, he attacked Blair, accusing the prime minister of lying about intelligence and the legality of the invasion and lacking a plan to win the peace.

But Blair benefited from the Conservatives' even greater unpopularity and a perception that the opposition is less capable of handling the economy.

And the government's strong economic record — Britain's growth is high and unemployment low compared to much of the rest of the European Union — appears to have outweighed the resentments over Iraq. Labour is also credited with improving public services such as health and education through investment.

Never before has the Labour Party won three straight elections.

Still, William Jones, a political analyst at Manchester University, said a 66-margin would make governing difficult for Blair.

"Anything under 100 he is in for a tough time," Jones said. "Under 50 he will be in terrible difficulties — I think we will see him disappear very quickly."

Geoff Andrews, a political analyst at the Open University, said a group of about 50 rebellious lawmakers within the Labour Party could exercise greater influence.

"If Blair's majority falls below 60 then you are in an area where an organized minority would have a strong bargaining power."

Many Labourites have been bewildered that Blair, once a close ally of Bill Clinton, so swiftly became a close friend of President Bush.

The BBC and ITV projections, based on a survey of 13,000 or more voters in 115 closely contested districts, suggested Labour would win 356 seats, ahead of the Conservatives with 209. The Liberal Democrats, the only major party to oppose the Iraq war, were projected to win 53 seats — for them a disappointing gain of two seats. Other parties also won seats.

Counting in 645 Parliamentary districts was continuing through the night, and the winner would not be officially confirmed at least until Friday morning.

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A modern 'American Girl?'

Erin McNamee

I tend to revert to childish behavior when I'm stressed out. I'm not talking about passing notes in class, playing dodge ball or making fart noises with my armpits. I'm talking about trying to feel like a child again in terms of being completely oblivious to the world around you. You know, that overrated state-of-being us graduating seniors wistfully refer to as "innocence."

I went home earlier this week for my first big job interview. After the interview, I was emotionally exhausted and cursing myself for being so stupid. Seriously, who/what convinced me to sign my soul over to the devil that is corporate America at the tender age of 22? Needless to say, I was a wreck, so I sought in vain for solitude in my childhood bedroom.

But my childhood bedroom isn't so childish anymore thanks to the "big girl" makeover it underwent a couple years ago. Gone are the pink walls, flowered stencil design and pinned-up pictures of Leonardo DiCaprio and Brad Pitt. Taking their places are classy black and white photographs of Paris, elegant white bedding and the open suitcase on the floor. Unfortunately, most of my childhood toys, dolls and books were banished to the attic, lovingly packed in air-tight containers in hopes that someday I'll have a daughter who will appreciate the My Little Ponies and Ken doll sans left leg (he lost it in "the war").

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Knowing my nostalgic side, I kept some of my beloved books in my room. The other night I decided to stop dissecting the interview over and over in my head and instead dig out some of those books to see if they still hold the same power over me now as they did when I was 6, 10 or 14.

I started and ended with the "American Girl" books. Surely most of us females fondly remember the many adventures of Molly, Samantha, Kirsten and Felicity (sadly, I never received one of the dolls). These characters, while admittedly idealistic, provide an inspiration to any girl who reads their stories. "The American Girls" are an once educational and inspirational, designed to be strong, intelligent, independent females who care about the world they live in during their respective time periods.

Molly is the character that many young girls today can probably relate to the most. With her father fighting in Europe during World War II, Molly and her family live in constant fear for his life and for the looming threat of air raids. Molly is inspiring because she doesn't just sit at home and feel sorry for herself — she goes out and tries to help her country. At school, she organizes a quilting club that makes blankets for soldiers; she participates in a drive to collect tin foil and bottle caps; and she helps her mother tend to a "victory garden."

What all the American Girls have in common is a great amount of spirit, compassion and an awareness of society; they are not content to just sit back and watch. This may sound cliché, but they actively try to make the world a better place.

This makes me wonder what an "American Girl" of the 19-80s, 1990s or 2000s would be like. What would her passions, social causes and concerns be? Would a 1980s doll have an over-processed perm and wear a "Material Girl" t-shirt? Would a 90s doll adopt a starving child for 10 cents a week during a "Beverly Hills 90210" commercial break? Would a doll from today be a supporter or detractor of the war in Iraq? Would she have voted for Bush or Kerry?

Reading through some of the "American Girl" books the other night made me realize that the stresses surrounding graduation and job interviews are rather trivial in the grand scheme of things. Before reading the books again, I had longed for that elusive feeling of childhood innocence, but now I realize that being oblivious to the ups and downs of the world is not a good way to be. Being in your own little bubble isn't going to help anyone, yourself included.

Unfortunately, younger generations of Americans are increasingly isolating themselves from the world. With the multitude of entertainment options at our fingertips and the various pressures of young adulthood, who has the time or energy to meaningfully contribute to society? Honestly, not many people, and this is a sad but undeniable fact.

So no, I wouldn't trade childhood innocence for my life experiences if you paid me a million dollars. On those days where I just want to pull the covers over my head and block out the world, I'll simply think, "What would Molly, Samantha, Kirsten and Felicity do right now?" Most likely they would put their game faces on and take whatever blows are dealt them with the utmost grace and dignity.

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A change in driving behavior

Mike Anmuth

Last week I was driving in the Amherst area when the car in front of me was driving at an annoyingly slow pace. I figured the driver might have been lost, or looking for a particular street. However, as we both continued down the same road, the car did not pick up speed despite the change in the speed limit. I looked more closely through their rear view window and saw a bent elbow, hand oriented in the direction of the head and a mobile phone pressed firmly to the driver's ear.

Now, I must say I have exhibited this behavior myself at times. The cell phone rings and you're driving and it's easier to pick it up and keep driving than it is to pick it up and pull over to the side of the road. While I'm sure that I have angered those who have driven behind me, I have talked while driving, answered while operating a car and lacked to pull to the side even when using a hands free earpiece.

I realize that this isn't exactly safe behavior, even though many of us do the exact same thing. In fact, the New England Journal of Medicine found that the risk of an accident is quadrupled in the duration of the mobile phone call. With statistics like these, we should be compelled to hang up the cell phone and drive, or pull over to the side when the compulsion exists to talk on our phones.

Fortunately, I have never been in an accident involving a mobile phone, at least not as the person using the phone. I have been hit from behind while leaving a voicemail when stopped, but I don't think that necessarily counts as talking on the phone while driving. I have known people who have been involved in accidents concerning mobile phones, and often the cause of the accident is taking one's eyes off of the road for even one or two seconds.

Our risk for car accidents goes up by many factors, not just by talking on the phone but also by eating while driving, holding intense conversations with passengers or just having thoughts wander instead of paying attention to the road. If we can prevent car accidents by paying more attention to our driving, then we should.

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Back to driving behind someone on their cell phone on a one lane road in Western Massachusetts, however, and how it is unnerving. While riding in this position, looking for a place along the road that allowed passing, the driver decided to end their call and almost instantly, their driving improved.

The speed of the car in front of me started driving the posted speed limit. The weaving motion that was caused by driving with only one hand improved noticeably and the experience as the car behind was much nicer. I can only relate to you the experience of driving behind someone else who was talking on his or her phone, as I have never ridden behind myself while on my phone. However, I can only assume that it is a maddening experience to the person who is tailgating me during that event.

With the finding given by the New England Journal of Medicine, one would think that using a hands free earpiece would alleviate some of the risks involved with talking on the cell phone while driving, particularly by alleviating one's hand from holding the phone.

The Journal did not find this to be true, and actually found that "units that allowed the hands to be free ... offered no safety advantage over handheld units ..." in terms of the relation between car accidents and the use of mobile phones. Many cell phone companies offer hands free earpieces as part of a safety package; but clearly, they do not make driving and talking any safer.

We cannot change the other drivers on the road, but we can change our own behaviors in the car, including not talking on our mobile phones, and if we did have to talk on them, pulling off to the side of the road is an acceptable alternative. As cell phones become ubiquitous in our society, the omnipresent issue of talking and driving is on the horizon. We owe it to ourselves and the other drivers to be safe on our mobile phones, and this columnist knows first hand how using a cell phone can be both a help and a hindrance in traffic.

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The souls of yellow folk: about individuality

Grace Chen

This column is part one of a three part series.

My friends in my hometown, Singapore, have always called me a "banana" — yellow on the outside but white within, a mocking term used to describe Chinese who are obsessed with Western culture, but who seem to have forgotten their cultural roots.

And as much as I've always protested to the stereotype, I continued to speak passionately about the individuality and straightforwardness of Western culture, which I've found more endearing than the over-emphasized civility in Chinese culture. "It's hypocrisy," I remember saying once to my friend about how Chinese civility and the prevailing pack-mentality. I argued, have so often led people to lie about things they did — things that are accepted elsewhere but became so undesirable when they did not go along with what other people were doing. In Singapore, they keep it under wraps for fear of embarrassment.

Things are surely different in the United States.

During the second week of my study abroad program at the University of Massachusetts, the professor for my newspaper features class wanted us to brainstorm story ideas for a Valentine's Day article.

The class began talking about dating. However, one female classmate sighed as she said, "Nowadays, people don't date anymore ... those guys just want to hangout and bring you to bed." She emphasized the word "hangout" as she threw a sarcastic glance at the males of the class. "There is no relationship involved!"

I laughed under my breath on hearing her, just in case I embarrassed my classmate. But it was hard because I thought that was the funniest thing about sex and relationships I had ever heard in my whole life.

Then, before the males could protest, the professor cut into the conversation and said, "What? That's the funniest thing I've heard in a long time!"

She continued: "I'm 50 and I still receive flowers on Valentine's Day."

"Hey, I share your sentiments," I thought silently.

But as the conversation got more passionate with some speaking openly about their sex lives and more people joining in, I found myself squirming.

While there are many conversations about sexual issues, sex before marriage is still condoned in my Asian culture. And, I was probably the only "known" one in my group of peers to think sex before marriage is OK ... at least in theoretical terms.

I found myself trying to avoid the glance of the others, fearing they would ask me to throw in my two-cents worth on my dating and sexual experiences.

"What will I say if they ask me?" I thought.

And then, and then ...

And then, the arrow was finally pointed at me.

"So Grace, what do you say about all of this?" the teacher asked.

I stared blankly at her face, and managed a few words:

"Yeah. Errmm ... Yeah."

The teacher shook her head and, mercifully turned to the class and said, "Man ... I don't know what you guys grew up with."

I learned that for all my affection for Western culture, I still have a lot to learn.

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Mp3 sharing is not a crime

Todd Hanaburgh

The total manageability of mp3s has made them the new gods of music transfer and storage. Together, with the iPod and similar devices, the average person can now carry an entire music library in his back pocket. At home, I have over 26GB of mp3s. I used to have nearly one thousand CDs, but storing and managing them became a major frustration. I do not engage in file sharing as a general rule, not because I believe it's wrong, but mainly for the security and integrity of my PC, which also houses tons of other valuable info.

Most of the mp3s that are available for download or swapping are of questionable quality. A listener is often trying to get an idea of what a particular group or genre is all about before going out to buy an actual album. Who actually wants the entire Toto album that includes the cheesy rock classic "Hold the Line?" Where will the average person find the theme song to "Three's Company" or "Fraggle Rock" if not on some random mp3 swapping website?

The long and the short of it is that unless you are Britney Spears or J-Lo, mp3 swapping should not seriously impact the income of a recording artist.

I am a songwriter and self-proclaimed "audiophile," so I collect and record information that I convert into mp3s for storage. But as a musician, I don't see why there is such a fuss about mp3 swapping. My personal perspective and I know many artists (musical and otherwise) share it, is that we just want to produce our art and live unfettered by the impediments of the day-job.

We often hear figures and gigantic numbers from the record industry, such as so-and-so got $3.2 million to record this record and so forth, but what the average person doesn't realize is that the money is a loan from the record label to the artist. The artist then uses the money from sales of that album to repay the loan to the record label and in the end, only sees about five to seven cents per song on each album sold.

The long and the short of it is that unless you are Britney Spears or J-Lo, mp3 swapping should not seriously impact the income of a recording artist. But there are incredibly vocal groups out there protesting it anyway. All of these groups have another interest involved. At first I wondered why Metallica, of all the groups on Earth, would care about Napster and "illegal" file swapping, but as months and years went by, it became obvious to me.

The guys in Metallica have been at it since 1979 and were releasing underground metal for 15 years before they tasted fortune with the self-titled "black album" in 1991. Their major releases never made much money in sales, but there was a serious return on that 1991 release. Previously, their sound was cutting edge and for about 10 years, they were known as the fastest metal band ever. Their style had substance up until then, but since their subsequent releases "Load" and "Reload," they've obviously been making artistic sacrifices to God Money.

Here's how the plan works: Metallica realizes they misspent much of their success and money during their youth. They change their style to retain contemporary marketability, which naturally brings in new fans that scoop up their numerous releases, past and present. So the band gets a boost in all of their sales, from "Kill 'Em All" to "St. Anger" or whatever the newest piece is.

Alienated fans of yesteryear get to see them on tour where the band still plays time-honored favorites. From a capitalist perspective, it's very smart, but it all hinges on the idea that people continue to buy CDs. So naturally, when file swapping comes under the microscope, bands with strategies like Metallica's come out in opposition.

Recording artists should look at mp3 swapping as a cost-free promotional device. Most bands make their money on tour supporting an album from ticket sales and merchandising anyway. For example, The Grateful Dead and Phish are both bands that toured endlessly and made a good living on tickets and merchandise, but never had significant record sales or Top 40 hits.

So whom are you really hurting when you download or swap mp3s? Only the record company executives and/or dollar-grabbing gluttons preying on young minds that don't yet know what artistic integrity is. I say download and swap mp3s 'til your memory banks are full.

The time will soon arise when the record industry and artists come to conflict over control of material and the battleground will be the Internet. Mp3s and similar vehicles for transfer and promotion are now the key to the industry. The powers that be won't let them go uncontrolled.

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Filling the Hill

Orchard Hill's annual Bowl Weekend offers fun for everyone

By Iain Jones
Collegian Staff

This weekend is Orchard Hill's annual Bowl Weekend, and the Orchard Hill Area Government has events planned for both Friday and Saturday that promise to make the event a memorable one.

Friday nights kicks off the festivities with the Annual Orchard Hill Bowl Dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The theme this year is "80s Prom in the Jungle," since the vote for a theme was so close that they couldn't decide on just one. Dressing to the theme is encouraged, and the best dressed man and woman — by 80s standards — will be crowned Prom King and Queen. As if that weren't exciting enough, OHAG will also be giving away 80s necessities to the first 600 people who show up — the first 300 will get snap bracelets, and the next 300 will get glow necklaces.

Saturday, or Bowl Day, includes a jungle-themed carnival, complete with cotton candy, snow cones, a velcro wall and the ever-popular RA dunk tank, which allows residents to take revenge on their RAs for writing them up. BarbeqUMASS will be making food, and once you've had your fill of carnival games, you can check out the art gallery that will be set up in the Field classroom or the open mic event, featuring a pie eating contest at 12:30 p.m. and OHAG's version of the classic dating show "Singled Out" at 3:05 p.m. and students showing off their talents all day.

The Fill the Hill concert starts at 4 p.m. on Saturday and lasts until 11 p.m., and showcases seven bands with a diverse musical background. Singer-songwriters Sonic Dorito open it up, followed by the uptempo and sarcastic pop of the Self-Righteous Brothers, who have previously opened up for acts like Apollo Sunshine.

Next up is the punk rock foursome Letterday, whose well-constructed harmonies and hook-laden guitar lines provide a catchy background for their emotional lyrics. Following Letterday is Esthetic, a straightforward hard rock band from Chicopee.

Third from the top is Amherst's own Busted Vacuum, a "spacefunk rock and roll" jamband who play a guitar-heavy blend of rock and funk, with enough dance music influence to keep the audience on their feet. The next band, Roots Down Below, plays Sublime-influenced reggae and rock, with a little bit of hip-hop thrown in occasionally to keep things interesting.

The concert's headliner is another Amherst band, Becky Down Below, who come on at 10 p.m. They display a wide range of influences, drawing from rock, pop and soul to create catchy songs that will make you want to get up and dance.

Bowl Weekend runs from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and from noon to 11 p.m. on Saturday, so be sure to stop by and some point and check it out, and help Fill the Hill live up to its name.

Sonic Dorito to kick off Fill the Hill



By Carey Zigouras
Collegian Staff

Sonic Dorito, the band set to kick off the Orchard Hill marathon of local bands, recently sat down with the Massachusetts Daily Collegian for an interview. The band consists of Chris Emery on vocals and guitar, Jared Berkow on guitar, Dan Tellier on bass, and Kevin Driscoll on drums. The Collegian sat in on an acoustic rehearsal session with Chris and Jared and discussed the process of creating their music. Talking about everything from their influences of the Doors, Dishwalla and Pearl Jam to how they come up with song lyrics, Sonic Dorito showed their passion for music and stirred up excitement for their opening this weekend.

The first question directed toward the band stemmed from an interest on the dynamic of working with others in the creative process while allowing room for personal expression. Chris, Dan and Kevin have been playing together for about six years from high school. After coming to UMass, they heard Jared play and invited him to join and he has been with the band for about eight months. The duo conveyed that the more you play with the people you're working with, the more you can read the other musicians. Listening to them play, it was obvious that Chris and Jared have a chemistry that can easily be heard on their song "Tomorrow's Too Late," which can be heard on the OHAG website. This is also an acoustic version, and although their Fill the Hill set will be a full-on rock show with the entire band, this track gives the listener a preview of their songwriting and sound.

On songwriting, Chris finds that personal experience is key for him to craft his lyrics. Songs for Sonic Dorito stem from no indefinite process, but are often a culmination of the entire band's thoughts. In regards to a question about whether the group started with lyrics and came up with a melody to match that or vice versa, Chris said that it was both. Songs sometimes spring from poems or writing already in the works, and things are changed to smooth out the songs, usually between everyone in the group.

The band's lyrics, while based on personal emotion, are not alienating in any way. Chris notes that people can interpret their songs as music with pop elements, but there are deeper meanings so that the lyrics can be interpreted in different ways. For example, the song "One Single Choice" is catchy, even for someone who had never heard the song before, and creates an interest in the layers of meaning they incorporate into their music. "One Single Choice" was constructed of lyrics that have philosophical, religious, and political undertones used as a metaphor for a relationship. The duo sum up their lyrics as, simply, designed to make you think.

With that, they turned to the music that reflects their words. As lead guitarist, Jared noted his influences: Joe Perry, Muddy Waters and Stevie Ray Vaughan. The band expressed their gratefulness to the blues flavor that Jared brought to the band. It is difficult to keep an improvisational, honest style to the guitar while maintaining fluidity with the rest of the band, but Jared pulls it off. He usually keeps two or three bars and fills in the rest, and this intuition and feeling were appreciated, as these elements are often missing in music today.

Overall, between Chris' sultry voice, Jared's amazing guitar riffs, and the bands creative chemistry, Sonic Dorito will rock the hill.

Students showcase their talents at Festival of the Arts

By Katie Huston
Collegian Correspondent

From 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. in front of the Fine Arts Center yesterday, crowds gathered to watch student performances and create art of their own as part of UMass's Second Annual Festival of the Arts.

The festival, sponsored by the Student Activities Center and Student Affairs and Campus Life, was created to highlight student talent at UMass and give student artists an opportunity to perform and share their work with the campus community.

A stage was set up in front of the Fine Arts Center where 16 students and groups took turns performing throughout the afternoon. The festival included RSOs, informal student groups, and solo performers.

Several dance ensembles took a turn onstage, including the Dynamic Motion Dance Team, Ballroom Dance, the Stage Crew Dance Team, and Rakkasah, a belly-dancing group. Students also performed improvisational dance on the lawn.

Solo musicians and music groups were also featured, including Seth Eberhardt-Ladd, who played guitar and sang, and the band Doc Ellis. Student poet Emily Y. Lime performed "Multiple Awakenings," and the RSO Asian American Students for Political Action put on a spoken word piece entitled "She Comes."

Mission: Improvable and the Not Ready For Bedtime Players also performed inside the Fine Arts Center lobby.

While last year the festival primarily featured performances, this year organizers hoped to make the event bigger and more participatory in nature by including interactive art as well.

The Craft Center sponsored stations set up around the plaza where students could make hemp and henna and make buttons. Golden Key taught participants to fold paper cranes, and students from the Art Department operated a pottery wheel. Tables were also set up where students could paint.

"We wanted to give students who may not have experienced a lot of art a greater opportunity [to do so]," said Erin Donnally, a clerical assistant for the Student Activities Center who was in charge of coordinating the event.

"We hoped students might find their inner artist, or maybe just have a little fun on a nice day and get to express themselves artistically."

Donnally also hoped to attract as many students as possible by holding the event in front of the Fine Arts Center. "We wanted to have it out on the plaza so when people are walking by between classes they'll be pulled in by the art—by the sounds, the sights, the smells," Donnally said.

The event also featured free popcorn and cotton candy. Decorations were donated by the Pride Alliance.

Freshman Aaron Daniels, who danced with the RSO UMass Amherst Body and Brain, really enjoyed the variety of performances, and felt like students

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COURTESY KATIE HUSTON

Yesterday, students at the Second Annual Festival of the Arts were able to show off their talents using a variety of mediums including water-based paints and origami.

Singer-songwriter's debut album infuses salsa with cabaret

By Carey Zigouras
Collegian Staff

Sylvie Lewis, the female answer to Rufus Wainwright, has debuted. "On Tangos and Tantrums," the singer/songwriter combines jazz, cabaret, and salsa into piano-infused songs with memorable melodies. Her music is heavily influenced by Cole Porter, Kurt Weill and Irving Berlin but it is her cast of characters and colorful songwriting that establish her individuality. Lewis was born in London and has lived all over the world. This record reflects the shards of her experiences through eccentric characters and stories. Even the CD jacket, rather than spelling the lyrics out, contain tidbits of stories, snippets of conversations she had with people, and even cocktail recipes.

Sylvie Lewis
'On Tangos and Tantrums'
Cheap Lullaby

The disc opens with "By Heart" which sounds like a lullaby. The lyrics, however, open the disc with a preview of the multi-faceted person singing rhetorical questions on the first track. The apparent innocence of the first track on which Lewis uses a sing-song softer voice is contradicted with questions such as "Think you're gonna make me cry?" Opening the disc with such a passive sound also sets up a nice contrast to the next track.

On "All My Exes," perhaps the strongest track on the album, Lewis shows her sense of humor and ability to create witty lyrics. The song is a story about her ex-boyfriend who is thrown a birthday party every year by all of his former girlfriends, to his delight. The tone is simultaneously sardonic and funny, which shows that she has edge but isn't overly-bitter.

The next few songs speed up with heavy salsa sounds, and then "Promises of Paris" will stop the listener. The airy harmonica and swaying piano create sounds that reflect the Parisian atmosphere. Lyrics such as "He was sitting by the exit sign/ I should have walked right past him/ I accepted the invitation, though I never would have asked him" demonstrate Lewis' appealing flirtatiousness."

The violin of "Valentine's Day" leads the song as if it is classical piece, and from there it unravels into a tango. Lewis' sultry vocals are highlighted in this track, which is actually a duet. This personifies the tango as a dance, as it is difficult to dance the tango alone. Lewis and her co-singer sing back and forth, sometimes in synch, others with one leading the other. The song then slows down as if it is the aftermath of the exhaustion when the dance has ended. Exemplifying her, originality, "Valentine's Day" shows how Lewis treats her songs as characters in themselves.

The album closes with "Old Friends," which is the expected ending for an album about relationships. It proposes the situation of contact post-termination and the difficulty of being friends after, yet with her humorous take of sipping tea together. This track shows the dichotomy of partnership, re-creating its amorous aspects and qualities of hatred. But her humor pokes fun at the drama of relationships while simultaneously representing the vulnerable emotions behind them. "Tangos and Tantrums" represents the grey area of female singer/songwriters who stick with one extreme of personality.



Singer-songwriter Sylvie Lewis, who combines salsa with a cabaret-style sound, may prove to be tough competition for jazz artist Norah Jones and Rufus Wainwright.

Nine Inch Nails singer's sound has become friendlier

By Jim Farber
New York Daily News

Hate. Anger. Alienation. Jealousy.

These are a few of Trent Reznor's favorite things. Or at least some of his most familiar things.

Since the start of his career as leader, and often sole member, of the industrial art-rock band Nine Inch Nails, malodorous emotions have served as Reznor's muse, not to mention as a lure for fans eager to have their worst feelings exorcised.

But what happens when a guy like Reznor starts to become happier?

That's the ironic dilemma he faced when constructing his latest album, "with teeth," the first new studio work under the NIN name in more than six years.

The CD, which comes out this week, is the first work Reznor has recorded since he quit a long addiction to cocaine and alcohol and began an examination of his life that shook him to his bones.

"I had to try to figure out who I am on this record," he explains. "Can I write sober? Did I destroy my brain? Did I have anything to say?"

Much of what Reznor says on "with teeth" doesn't sound different from what he has railed about for eons.

"I'm getting smaller and smaller and smaller and I have nothing to say," he complains in "Getting Smaller."

"Isn't anybody stopping me/Just how far down can I go?" Reznor yelps in "The Line Begins to Blur."

Reznor's proclaimed clarity can be more easily detected in his music. While "with teeth" retains NIN's cherished brutality, featuring his usual mix of metal/new wave/industrial riffs, there's more melody-making along the way. Also, you won't find the artier soundscapes that dominated NIN albums like "The Fragile" or "The Downward Spiral."

The changes made Reznor self-conscious at first.

"Sometimes the editor in me would stop and say, 'I don't know if this is right for Nine Inch Nails,'" he admits. "It was scary to include songs that were catchier and lighter. A 20-minute art epic is not scary because I know no one will make fun of it. But a song like 'The Hand That Feeds' had a melody that was pretty obvious. I had to ask why I was afraid to put it on. And I found that fear was not a valid reason."

In several lyrical passages Reznor angrily asserts that he no longer cares what other people think, which shows a greater confidence, if not greater peace of mind. It took much of his adult life even to get to that place.

Reznor says you can trace his cycle of loathing through his lyrics. "It was first me against the world,'" he says of his early work. "That turned into 'me against me.'"

Reznor began to isolate himself from people, cutting out friends, band members and lovers to focus entirely on a self-gratifying approach to making music. Recording became his refuge. Any problems that crept up, he medicated away.

"For most of my adult life I dealt with problems by not dealing with them," he says.

Reznor's serious addiction began around 1996, but he didn't admit to himself for years that his situation had become that bad.

"If you gave me a polygraph test back then and asked 'Are you an addict?' I would have said 'No,' and I would have passed," he says.

As a result, his substance abuse didn't begin to abate until more than five years had gone by. At a certain point, he realized something crucial had changed.

"It wasn't a question of maybe I should do this,'" he explains. "It was either get better or die.'"

After Reznor started to clean up, he took a few years off from music. "I didn't want to rush right back in," he says. He believed music-making could have become another form of avoidance.

In January 2004, Reznor began work on the new album. Though he found a fresh ease in working, he retained the old habit of playing all the instruments himself.

It remains to be seen how the world will react to a new NIN CD, not because the music is so jarringly different, but because Reznor has been out of the limelight for so long. The last time he and his band went out on the road, they headlined arenas like Madison Square Garden. For the new tour, Reznor will play smaller theaters.

Later this month, Reznor will turn 40, a dangerous age for someone who has defined himself by a kind of fury most associated with adolescence.

"I see people that are my age and I don't feel like them. One thing you learn in recovery is that your maturity gets slowed down at the point that you tuned out of life. So, technically, I'm about 33 right now," he says with a laugh.

Reznor acknowledges, however, that if his joy escalates, it may mean outgrowing the band, or at least their brand.

"If it ends up with me being a truly happy guy, it may be time to stop calling it Nine Inch Nails," he says. "I'll cross that bridge when, and if, it happens."

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Actor Don Cheadle makes point on his terms, issues

By Roger Moore
The Orlando Sentinel

"Hotel Rwanda" may have changed Don Cheadle's life. But he's not admitting it.

His phone is ringing. "But it always rang," he protests.

The offers are coming. "I work when I want to work, and I've always been very picky about what I want to do," he says.

OK. But how about his name turning up in the news? Surely picking up an Oscar nomination for playing a Rwandan hotel clerk who does the right thing when the genocidal chips are down changed the public Don Cheadle. We never used to hear about Cheadle on fact-finding trips with members of Congress, visiting Africa's crisis zones.

"The movie gave me an introduction to a world I didn't know about," Cheadle says. "You do a film like that and you learn the history. And while I knew that the continent had been raped and pillaged by all of Europe, and that colonialism had led to a lot of the problems in Rwanda, I had no idea of how that actually went down, how it continues to affect people there. It was shocking to learn."

He wasn't "radicalized" by the experience. But Cheadle was suddenly someone who cared a lot more about famines, civil wars and potential genocides, such as in Darfur, Sudan.

"I wouldn't have gone to Darfur had I not been changed by making Hotel Rwanda,'" Cheadle says. "I'd wanted to do stuff like that, but something would always come up, a job or whatever."

Now he makes a point of doing those things, "witnessing those problems."

Cheadle, 40, is a native of Denver who describes himself as a "granola-head, liberal kind of guy, from way back." He drives a Prius, the electric hybrid choice of the environmentally-aware. He does tai chi. "I'm very L.A.," he says with a laugh.

He wants to do movies that say something, which led him to "Crash," a film embraced by the New York critics for its message and its acting. "Crash," which opens Friday, is an ensemble drama about the hidden racism in us all, and the ways we have lost touch with the connections we have with one another.

The New Yorker's David Denby called it the strongest American film since "Mystic River," and singled out "Cheadle's soft-spoken intelligence" as "one of the most expressive elements in American cinema."

Still, it's an ensemble piece, something of a Cheadle specialty. He did "Boogie Nights," "Traffic," "Ocean's Eleven" and "Twelve." He says he likes things that way, but Baltimore Sun critic Michael Sragow wonders if Cheadle has had a real shot at leading-man status before now.

"Terry George, his director, told him he wasn't commercial enough to get 'Hotel Rwanda' financed," Sragow says. "He's not Denzel Washington or Will Smith ... But he is this outstanding character actor in the Robert Duvall-Gene Hackman-Alec Guinness mold. He's good, time after time. I think a lot of the outpouring of support for Rwanda' came from his fellow actors recognizing just how good he's been for so long."

Cheadle has been in the movies since mid-80s, and first gained notice on TV's "Picket Fences" and in a scene-stealing turn in 1995's "Devil in a Blue Dress," starring Denzel Washington. He can be edgy, as he was there, or sweet ("Boogie Nights," "The Assassination of Richard Nixon"). And he can be funny.

But he likes the serious stuff.

"I saw two scripts in 2003 that I wanted to do," Cheadle says. "One was 'Crash.' The other was 'Hotel Rwanda.'"

He embraced the way "Crash" "puts those issues of race right out there," he says. "The characters seem real ... I felt like if people were truthful, this is what they would admit to thinking. Sometimes, the people who come off as the most tolerant have the ugliest stuff buried down deep. They're the worst purveyors of stereotypes."

The film, written and directed by Paul ("Million Dollar Baby") Haggis, is filled with characters whose racism is hidden, until the right button is pushed. Cheadle plays a cop who's not above baiting his Puerto Rican girlfriend by calling her "Mexican" and making cracks about her "people" parking on the lawn.

"Being a black man in America, I've seen and been on the receiving end of a lot of things like what you see here," Cheadle says. But despite his "enlightened, educated, liberal upbringing," he's been on the dish-it-out side of racism, too.

"We'd play the game, 'Oh, those people are OK, but they smell funny,' or they eat funny foods'," he says, laughing. "And stereotypes don't come from nothing. This comic, Barry Sobel, used to do a bit where he'd go, 'OK, OK, so Asians aren't bad drivers. OK. So you never see 20 Mexicans jammed in a car together. Fine, fine. Black people don't talk back to the screen in movie theaters. Yeah, yeah, Jews never haggle to get the best deal.'"

Cheadle laughs.

"By the time he'd finish, he'd gotten to everybody. You have to laugh at that, because you have this recognition about yourself and others."

So Cheadle finds the whole race-baiting racism thing funny. He was willing to do the movie for its laughs.

"I don't like people who are different from me," he says, laughing. "No. Really. I'm not the least bit surprised when white people like country music, or Latinos park their cars in the front yard. I expect it. I never expected to like them!"

He's kidding. He says so. But the serious side of "Crash," and the funny one, are making the same point.

"Trying to keep that stuff in the dark and not admit our differences, that yes, we are like this or that, is wrong," he says. "These things have nothing to do with intelligence, which is what petty racists think. They do that because they're stupid.' We aren't. You aren't. So stop thinking like that."

FIVE SIDES OF DON CHEADLE

1. "Hotel Rwanda": The "reluctant hero," the best kind.

2. "Devil in a Blue Dress": The short street-tough who has Denzel Washington's back in 1940s L.A.

3. "The United States of Leland": The teacher who sees a book in his troubled, imprisoned student.

4. "Boogie Nights": The honest stereo salesman moonlighting in porn.

5. "Rosewood": The upstanding citizen who doesn't see the race riot coming.



Don Cheadle, has noticed an increase in phone calls from various filmmakers after starring in "Hotel Rwanda" (shown above). Cheadle's next film titled "Crash" deals with racial incidents after a car accident.

Festival's popularity grows

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were welcomed and included. "Everybody that's been on has been really creative," Daniels said.

Although the festival was held primarily to showcase student talent, Donnally hoped that its nature and location would draw in other facets of the university community, like professors, staff, and administrators. According to Donnally, throughout the day, several university employees came out of SOM and Herter to stop by and check out the performances.

The idea for the festival was proposed last year by Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Campus Life Michael Gargano, and is funded by the Vice Chancellor's office. The event was organized by a committee of Student Activities Center staff and student volunteers who began planning for the festival in March.

This year the festival drew about 500 people. Donnally was very happy with the event's results. "The students had a good time and the performers were absolutely amazing," Donnally said. "We think it was a resounding success and the weather couldn't have been better."



A student tests her creativity while making a ceramic pot at the UMass Arts Festival.

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Sox fans not charged

By Ken Maguire
Associated Press

BOSTON — No criminal charges will be filed against two Boston Red Sox fans who scuffled with New York Yankees outfielder Gary Sheffield. A court dismissed the case Thursday for lack of evidence.

The clerk magistrate said there was no probable cause to charge Christopher House and Matthew Donovan with the misdemeanor disorderly conduct charges sought by Boston police after the April 14 incident at Fenway Park.

"We're very pleased with the outcome, obviously," House's lawyer, Matthew McCarthy, told The Associated Press as he left the closed hearing in Boston Municipal Court.

Had the magistrate found probable cause, criminal charges would have been filed and the case referred to a judge.

House and Donovan, both of the city's Dorchester neighborhood, were ejected from the ballpark after House appeared to make contact with Sheffield as he chased Jason Varitek's triple into the right-field corner.

House reached over the 3-foot high fence, and Sheffield said he was struck in the face. Donovan apparently tossed a beer in Sheffield's direction.

Sheffield picked up the ball, pushed House, then threw the ball to the infield. Sheffield turned toward House but did not make contact with him again as a security guard jumped over the wall and stood between them.

House has denied making contact with the New York outfielder.

Police later filed applications for criminal charges, and the Red Sox revoked House's season tickets and banned Donovan from buying tickets this season.

"We've been cooperative with the Red Sox from the beginning," McCarthy said. "Hopefully at some point he'll get his tickets back."

House declined to comment after the hearing. As he headed into court he said: "I'm a private businessman. I intend to stay that way."

Donovan declined to comment.

Red Sox spokesman Charles Steinberg, said in an e-mail that the team's focus is "on maintaining a comfortable environment at Fenway for players and fans alike."

The Suffolk District Attorney's Office and Boston police did not comment.



New York Yankee Gary Sheffield was involved in a scuffle with Red Sox fans on Apr. 14.

Mullins rebounds after turmoil

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Jeff Mullins would like to forget his winter of discontent, and not just because record rainfall in Southern California made for countless dreary, soggy days at the racetrack.

He was punished when one of his horses had a positive drug test in January and he ticked off bettors by calling them idiots in March.

Now he's back at his fourth consecutive Kentucky Derby with long shot Buzzards Bay.

The 42-year-old trainer wasn't talking Thursday, except to say his attorney had advised silence because of pending legal issues.

"He's had a rough winter," said Bob Baffert, a three-time Derby winner who has been supportive of Mullins. "He asked me for advice and I told him, 'You just need to shut the hell up. Your only defense is you got to keep winning.'"

Mullins has done just that.

He finished second in the trainers' standings at Santa Anita's winter meeting, where Buzzards Bay gave him a third consecutive victory in the Santa Anita Derby. That punched the colt's ticket to Kentucky, where he jogged a mile over the Churchill Downs track for the first time Thursday.

Mullins didn't lose clients because of the positive drug test; in fact, Buzzards Bay's co-owner Bill Bianco is a member of the California Horse Racing Board.

The board filed a complaint against Mullins for conduct detrimental to racing after he insulted the wagering public while talking to a newspaper columnist, but it was later dismissed.

"He didn't shoot himself in the foot. He blew his foot plum off," trainer D. Wayne Lukas said. "He'd like to take that month out of his life, I know. He learned a lot from that."

Even after Mullins apologized in a television interview, bad feelings lingered among taunting fans, angry industry officials and some of his fellow trainers.

"There's no question that it didn't shine a very good light on a lot of the trainers and it definitely wasn't beneficial," said Ron Ellis, who trains in California and has Don't Get Mad in the Derby.

The year got off to a rocky start when one of Mullins' horses tested positive for an excessive amount of sodium bicarbonate. The milkshake-like mixture is suspected of masking other drugs in a horse's system and keeps the animal from tiring as quickly.

All the Kentucky Derby horses will undergo pre-race blood tests for milkshakes.

For 30 days, Mullins' horses had to appear in a detention barn for 24-hour observation before they ran. He was winning at a 28 percent clip before the positive test. During detention, he dropped to 13 percent before finishing the meeting at 22 percent.

"He's got a ton of horses, so it obviously hasn't hurt him much," Ellis said. "He dug himself a pretty deep hole. If he wins the Derby, they won't remember."

Mullins has worked his way up from racing's minor leagues in Arizona, Idaho, Utah and Wyoming to the ultra-competitive Southern California circuit.

The Murray, Utah, native won his first training title at Hollywood Park in 2003; last year, he earned $6.9 million in purses and won at a rate of 26 percent. He's the first trainer to win the Santa Anita Derby three years in a row.

"Jeff's an exceptional trainer," said trainer Roger Stein, who finished second to Mullins in this year's Santa Anita Derby. "I know he's been involved in controversy and I've told him he's a much better trainer than he is a speaker."

Lukas offered his endorsement, too, saying, "He's a good horseman. He knows what he's doing. He's got a great future."

The top three early favorites for Saturday's 131st Derby — Bellamy Road, Afleet Alex and Bandini — are all East Coast horses. The West Coast's top 3-year-olds — undefeated Declan's Moon and Roman Ruler — fell off the Derby trail over the winter because of injuries.

"That's unusual. Usually, the West Coast does put out a lot of good horses," Lukas said. "It's just one year. I don't think it will carry on."

Lukas, Baffert, Ellis, Craig Dollase and Warren Stute — all trainers with West Coast stables — have Derby horses, but some of them are here with ones they didn't figure on. The Derby's California entrants have some of the highest morning line odds in the field.

"It's a mistake to underestimate the Californias horses," Ellis said. "Maybe they aren't the flashiest of horses and they've kind of taken turns beating each other, so it might be a little bit deceiving. They might not be as bad as everybody thinks."

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some barn, complete with pine paneling above thickly padded walls — is videotaped to guarantee paternity. If there was a bathrobe hanging from a hook, the place would look like Hugh Hefner did the decorating.

"The tough thing with the schedule is making sure he doesn't get too tired," explained Margaret Layton, Three Chimneys' publicist. "He does have an occupation."

The race that turned Smarty Jones and his band of human brothers into instant celebrities will be run in nearby Louisville for the 131st time Saturday. Afterward, the winning horse will be draped with a blanket of roses and his jockey, trainer and owners interviewed on national television. Whether any or all of them connect with the sporting public the way Smarty Jones did remains to be seen.

But the odds are a lot longer than the 50-1 you can get at a betting window on the longest shot in the Derby field.

"I'm still not sure exactly why things happened the way they did," John Servis, Smarty's trainer, said over the telephone from Churchill Downs.

"But on the inside, it felt like we were part of a play that had already been written. You had this little, Pennsylvania-bred from a $10,000 sire who damn near killed himself before we could even point him toward the Derby. Meanwhile, the owner is in a wheelchair battling emphysema, and the rest of us are kind of blue-collar guys from Philadelphia.

"It was like we were a bunch of actors," Servis paused, "there just to sit back and enjoy the ride."

A year later, after the elation and a record win in the Preakness, then the staggering disappointment of a Triple Crown bid undone in the grueling Belmont, the principals in the drama are relatively healthy, happy and well off.

Servis and jockey Stewart Elliott, who were kings at tiny Philadelphia Park, but unknowns in racing's elite circles before the Derby, have ridden fame to better and more varied opportunities. Well-heeled clients now find their way to Servis' barn offering better prospects, and Elliott gets called to ride quality mounts at Monmouth Park and Aqueduct, both a step up racing's food chain from their gritty little base in Philly.

The duo nearly made it back to Churchill Downs this spring, but a poor showing by Rockport Harbor in the Lexington Stakes two weeks ago sidelined their star-crossed Derby candidate for the time being.

"It was disappointing, because it seemed like he had that something special, too," Elliott said, taking time out from a drive to Monmouth Park to answer his cell phone. "But it reminded me just how magical last year was, how everything that had to fall into place did."

Owners Pat and Roy Chapman are still wintering in Florida, back to keeping a much lower profile in the racing business. Roy, the blunt-speaking Philadelphia car dealer, continues to battle emphysema and turned 79 on Wednesday. The couple's sons, Mike and Randy, represented them at the Smarty party set up Thursday at Three Chimneys.

"None of us will ever forget it, and the topic comes up all the time," Mike said. "Just not every time we talk anymore."

None of the principals knows whether they'll ever see another horse like Smarty, nor even whether they'll run across one of his foals, which won't make their Derby debut until 2008. But all of them are hoping for just one.

"I feel like it could happen again, absolutely," Servis said. "It just feels like this play hasn't ended yet, like somehow, there's more to come."



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Minutemen can take ECAC

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and boasts a .548 save percentage.

"They're a very formidable group," Cannella said. "They have one of the best goaltenders in the nation. They have a lot of experience. 10 seniors that are going to play on their Senior Day. A bunch of those seniors helped them go to two NCAA tournaments in the last three years. This is a really good group, so if we're not ready to play on Saturday at 1 o'clock, Rutgers will take it to us."

With only four wins for Rutgers this season, tomorrow's game could justify what was a disappointing year for the Knights.

"This is an opportunity for them, particularly their seniors, to end their careers on a bright note and be really happy about that," Cannella said. "They've struggled with some injuries this year, which hurt them tremendously. If they knock off UMass, it will have made their season, and we certainly have to be ready for that."

Cannella insisted, though, that with an ECAC championship on the line, his group must first concentrate on staying within itself.

"We have talked about [the ECAC crown], but more importantly, we want to be ready to play and play at the highest level we can," Cannella said. "When you do that, prepare the right way, go out there and play at a high level, everything else will take care of itself."

Note: Morris and defenseman Jack Reid were two of 120 players asked to try out for the 2006 U.S. Men's Lacrosse Team. Morris was one of 36 attackmen selected, and Reid was one of 36 defenders picked to try out for the national squad. Twenty-three players will make the team. The tryouts are from June 13-16 at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County. Morris leads UMass with 34 goals, 21 assists and 55 points. He is fourth in the nation with 4.33 points per game and fifth in the country with 2.75 goals per game. Reid leads the Minutemen with 49 groundballs and 31 caused turnovers on the 12th ranked defense in Division I.



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Junior Sean Morris, along with fellow junior Jack Reid, were recently selected to tryout for the 2006 U.S. men's lacrosse team. Morris leads UMass with 34 goals this season.

Lacrosse star had to travel a tough road

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Marshfield High School dominated Massachusetts high school football during the four years Morris was on the team. The Rams won two state championships and sent a slew of players to Division I and I-AA schools.

Behind the success was Morris, who rushed for over 3,000 yards during his career. While in the backfield, he was also tabbed an All-State running back twice.

"I went to watch him play high school football and he was an absolute animal. He had a friend (Zach Giles) that got recruited to play at Notre Dame, who was like 300 pounds and you would see them standing next to each other and Sean's only 5'9 or 5'8," Cannella says. "He (Morris) was the toughest kid, pound-for-pound on the field."

Morris started getting letters from a laundry list of Division I-AA schools and had offers from the likes of Indiana, Northwestern and Maryland. He knew that he had options and could potentially play on a Division I stage, but he knew he wanted more.

Anywhere Morris went, he would have been a secondary option. Even with his hard work ethic and tough mentality, there was only so much a 5'9 kid could do against Division I football players. For Morris, the idea of not being the best was scary, so much that it pushed him away from football and towards lacrosse.

"I knew I could play football, but I figured I could do this (lacrosse) at the highest level. That's just kind of my personality, I always want to be on the top," Morris says.

With Morris making his decision to play lacrosse, it all came down to a matter of where.

Cannella was recruiting Morris hard, but it came down to a coaching preference and Morris decided to go play for Rutgers and then-head coach Bill Dirrigl.

Morris called Cannella and let him know about his decision. Cannella was upset that he lost the recruiting battle, but told Morris that if anything went wrong he always had a spot at UMass.

Something went wrong, real quick.

Before Morris could play one game under Dirrigl, he was let go, and Morris was alone. Every reason he had come to Rutgers was gone and he was hours from home, during one of the more trying times in a young man's life.

"When I was at Rutgers, Sept. 11 occurred and there were a lot of things going on. I thought to myself, 'What am I doing here?' I kind of felt alone most of the time," Morris says.

Morris sat out that season and transferred to UMass, maintaining four years of eligibility. He remembered what Cannella said, and at that point there was no other choice.

"Fortunately for us there was a coaching change at Rutgers," Cannella says. "He had to make a decision at that point and the first person he called up was me and I said, 'We'd love to have you.'"

Since arriving at UMass, Morris and Cannella have had a tight relationship. Cannella's mission for each of his players is to turn them into the best lacrosse player they can be by the time they graduate. For Morris, luck and illness have hindered this process.

Morris played in the last 14 games of the 2003 season, his freshman year, after sustaining an injury which caused him to miss the first two. Morris showed just what he was capable of in his first game for the Minutemen as he scored a hat trick against Navy.

The next season, Morris would play in four less games, after coming down with mononucleosis. Cannella mentioned that Morris was not in true "lacrosse shape" until the last game of the year.

Coming into this season, Morris knew there were many challenges ahead. Staying healthy, leading an offense, and getting back into the shape that would facilitate both. Yet, through the trials and challenges he has faced, Morris has risen to the occasion as he leads the team in both goals (34) and assists (21), en route to a 12-2 season, with a shot at the ECAC championship tomorrow.

"I think the challenges that I give him are only half the challenges he puts on himself," Cannella says.

As Cannella has watched Morris grow over the past three seasons, he sees more and more of himself. He, like Morris, was tenacious on the field and possessed that same switch, which controls his internal intensity.

"He's a hard-nosed player. You always look or players that remind you of yourself and he's the type of player I felt I was when I played," Cannella says. "I saw that in Sean in a way, especially since he's a small guy."

For Morris being compared to Cannella is one of the best compliments he can receive.

"I think we both have the same kind of attitude, we're both really intense people. We want the best for everybody all the time and I want the best for me all the time and my teammates. I've never seen coach play before, but I know he's scrappy, I know he's real scrappy," Morris says. "It's an honor to be compared to him, I guess he said it because I'm a little scrappy too."

As time winds down in the 2005 season, Morris has shown what happens when he is given the opportunity to shine. He has won games, decimated defenders, and embarrassed goalies, yet the whole time he's been nothing but modest of his accomplishments.

After scoring five goals in a 14-12 comeback victory over Hobart on April 16, Morris stood off to the side to talk to a few reporters. He laughed, smiled, and calmly answered every question sent in his direction.

It was such a different person than the one who had just cross checked a defender twice his size and went to score the ensuing goal. This guy was different, he was well out of game mode and on to the next challenge.

"It's just a switch," Morris says. "I do it on the field, but I try to use it all the time."

Softball season is winding down for UM

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Haywood, who has recorded 12 RBIs, three homers, nine doubles and holds a batting average of .265.

Quinnipiac is coming off of a 5-2 loss against Fairleigh Dickinson and have won four of the previous six games. The Bobcats have fallen to teams such as UConn and Harvard this season, both of which were overcome by UMass.

Defensively, the Minutewomen will have to stop sophomore Sammi Allendorfer, who leads the team with 20 runs batted in and currently holds a batting average of .276.

Countering such weapons as Allendorfer and Haywood for the Maroon and White will be the pitching combo of senior Barb LaFogg (18-9) and junior Jenna Busa (12-5). Both pitchers will wrap up their best collegiate regular season careers Sunday, with LaFogg leading the A-10 in strikeouts with 189 on the season and holding an ERA of 2.04.

Busa is not far behind LaFogg, with a season ERA of 2.27 and 112 season strikeouts in 28 appearances. Sortino has depended on this duo to lead the team in 2005.

"Offense comes and goes," Sortino said. "And consistency and doing things right is going to win a game and win a championship."

While the Minutewomen work off of two aces, the Bobcats have a committee of pitchers. Junior Kim Norman leads Quinnipiac, with a season ERA of 3.05 and 71 strikeouts. UMass will also have to hit off of freshman Kristen Sheriff, who is good for a 3.65 ERA and 64 strikeouts.

The pitchers from both Quinnipiac and URI will be going against the No.2 best batting team in the A-10. This season, it has been junior KJ Kelley that has stepped up for the offense, and currently leads the team, and the A-10, in batting average, with a mark of .374.

Kelley also leads the Minutewomen in homeruns (10), slugging percentage (.775), doubles (12) and is tied for first with senior Hilary Puglia in RBIs, with 34 on the season.

Puglia is second, behind Kelley in all of those categories, with a .396 batting average, nine homers and 11 doubles on the season.

As of late, heavy hitting has been contributed by sophomore Amanda Morin, freshman Stacy Cullington and senior Denise Denis, who is third on the team in home runs with five. The slap-hitter for the team is sophomore Candice Molinari, who has become accustomed to advancing runners with her frequent bunts and steals this season.

In the previous two contests against BC and BU, senior Pam Sulick has stepped up, nailing the game winning RBI against the Terriers and registering two homers and four RBIs verses the Eagles. Kelley understands that ant player on the team can come in at any moment to make an impact.

"Simply taking care of the little things," Kelley said. "Making routine plays, catching fly balls. We know if someone goes down, someone is going to come in and get the job done just as well."

Jones enjoying life after Derby

By Jim Litke
Associated Press

MIDWAY, Ky. — The love allair hasn't cooled one bit.

A year after he set the nation's heart fluttering, Smarty Jones still possesses the looks, charm and self-assuredness of a champion. A movie is already in the works. And now, on top of all that, he's got ... the life.

Retired at stud on a breeding farm in the rolling hills near Lexington, barely an hour's drive east from the Churchill Downs racetrack where a Derby victory in 2004 catapulted Smarty Jones into America's sporting constellation forever, the 4-year-old chestnut spends his days lounging, lunching and — how to put this delicately? — loving.

Morning, afternoon and night.

"He's taken to his new career with gusto," said Dan Rosenberg, president of Three Chimneys Farm.

On this sun-splashed Thursday afternoon, Smarty Jones naps on the floor of a large stall that once belonged to Seattle Slew inside a handsomely decked-out barn along with five other distinguished stallions. Imagine the equine equivalent of MTV's "Cribs," or "The Real World," and you have the picture. He gets bathed each morning, eats when he wants, and roams a 2-acre paddock under the stars each night. He even has a two person-staff to handle the crush of mail and requests for strands of hair or straws of hay from his bed, and book his string of appointments.

Five days a week, every week, a single tour group numbering 25 comes through to see him up close, to gaze into the dark, lively eyes flickering beneath the fringe of hair that still falls across his face like a trademark. Up to three times a day during thoroughbred mating season, from mid-February through July (88 times so far; 111 by the end), a mare is ushered into a breeding shed to the south of Smarty's stall to be — as they say in the industry — covered.

His stud fee is $100,000 per live foal, not bad for a horse who retired with $7.6 million in earnings, the third-best total ever. That's why mares have dropped by from as far away as Germany and Japan. Each session in the shed — actually another hand-

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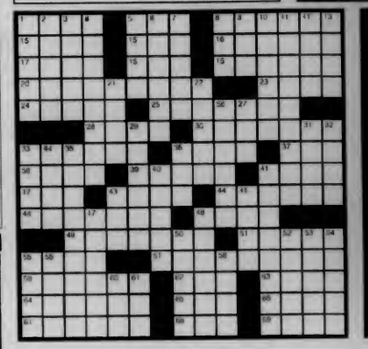
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On the brink of a championship

UMass men's lacrosse team can clinch ECAC with a victory

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

Three years ago, Massachusetts men's lacrosse junior Sean Morris made one of those key decisions that changed his life, and the lives of a whole slew of others.

He was a freshman at Rutgers, his campus of choice out of Marshfield High School in Massachusetts' South Shore. But it didn't work out.

Now, in the Spring of 2005, Morris is nearing the end of his third season with the Minutemen after transfering out of New Jersey's state school, and he is really making a convincing statement that he chose the right collegiate colors.

The Minutemen (11-2 4-1 ECAC) will travel down to New Brunswick, N.J. to take on the Scarlet Knights (4-8 1-4 ECAC) with a conference championship on the line for the Maroon and White.

UMass shared the crown with Georgetown in 2001 and won the conference outright in 2002, the year Morris took his hiatus from the lastest game on grass, because he knew he would be transfering back home.

UMass put itself into position to win the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference on April 23 when it leapfrogged Georgetown in the standings by taking down the visiting Hoyas, 13-12.

However, if Rutgers pulls off the upset, the winner of the game between Georgetown and Penn State on Sunday in the nation's capital will determine the winner of the league.

The strange thing is, this scenario played out the same way in 2003. But just as UMass had a deja vu experience against Syracuse last weekend, the Minutemen are trying to avoid a repeat nightmare tomorrow.

Two years ago, UMass made its way to New Jersey with the chance to claim its third consecutive ECAC banner, fresh off wins over Georgetown and Syracuse — the program's first win over the Orange in 22 years — and proceeded to fall down by six goals in the fourth quarter, and drop the decision 12-9.

And just last year, UMass had stuggled mightily from the injury bug and played host to Rutgers, again on the final day of the lacrosse calander, and upset the No. 10 Scarlet Knights 9-6. Though the Knights didn't have a conference championship on the line, they did back their way into the NCAA tournament with two straight losses and proceeded to get waxed at Princeton in the first round of the national tourney.

"Rutgers came up here, and they were on their way to the NCAA tournament, but UMass was a little bit hungrier than them," UMass coach Greg Cannella said. "Two years ago, we went down there. We just beat Georgetown and Syracuse, but Rutgers was much hungrier than UMass.

"You have to make your guys aware of both of those situations. It is in the past, but hopefully some of our guys who have experienced both of those games know what we're talking about and can get themselves ready to play."

The Knights, who are riddled by injuries this year, are led by junior goalie Greg Havalchak, who has allowed 9.50 goals per game



ANDREW TSAO/DAILY COLLEGIAN

The UMass lacrosse team can take the ECAC as it will take on Rutgers tomorrow in the final game of the regular season.

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Morris' "switch" is what makes him a force among monsters

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

Everybody has a mental switch. You can see it in a person's eyes as they flip it on ... they change right there in front of you. It's just a simple flick and they're gone, off to somewhere else deep inside their own mentality. However, once it's on, only a select few can turn it back off.

Sean Morris is one of these people.

Before every game that Morris puts on his maroon and white jersey for the Massachusetts men's lacrosse team, he flips this switch on and turns everything else off.

There is little other option for a 5'9" kid constantly doing battle with athletes that dwarf him in size, but for Morris, every game is another opportunity to show that he's the best and this switch is his greatest weapon.

"He's a competitor and he wants to prove that he's one of the best out there. Time in and time out he does that," UMass coach Greg Cannella says.

For his entire life, Morris has always been a little smaller than the kids that he played against. Growing up in Marshfield, a small beach down just south of Boston, Morris played with his brother Nick (who is four years older than him) and other neighborhood kids.

Morris' neighborhood was always packed with children playing sports after school. Everyday he would go home, get ready, and compete against guys that were almost always bigger than him.

"Growing up with my brother and growing up around older kids, I was always the little runt. I always had to fight my way through every time I played with them," Morris says. "I don't tell him enough how much I appreciate what he did for me."

What Nick and his friends did was create one of the hardest working athletes on the UMass lacrosse team.

Cannella knew this from the first time he met Morris.

Between Morris' sophomore and junior year in high school he came out to Amherst to hang out with some friends. Morris was torn between his two athletic passions; football and lacrosse, and decided he would stop by Cannella's office.

"He actually came in before we saw him. As an underclassman he had some friends that went to UMass and he came into the office to talk and I really liked him," Cannella says. "I said, 'I'll come see you play this summer,' and when I did I was like, 'wow!'"

Morris went to the New England Premiere Camp in New Hampshire that summer, where he would compete against some of the best talent in the country. Cannella kept his promise and showed up alongside then assistant coach Andy Shay.

Cannella knew immediately that he had found a special player. Morris, who was one of the smaller attackmen at the camp, was keeping up with and dominating some of the best and biggest talent around.

Cannella needed to see more, so he went to see Morris play some football.



SCOTT TSAI/DAILY COLLEGIAN

Sean Morris has a tendancy to overcome opponents much bigger than him in stature. He attributes this to his ability to turn on his mental switch.

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Minutewomen will play four

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

With 45 games and almost three months in the books, the Massachusetts softball team (30-14-1 11-3 Atlantic 10) is preparing for its final four games of the regular season. The Minutewomen will travel to Rhode Island in a double header today at 3 p.m. and will host Senior Day Sunday in a double header against Qunnipiac at noon.

The Maroon and White have outscored its opponents 39-9 en route to winning its previous six contests and recently clinched the second seed in the upcoming A-10 tournament.

This past week has consisted of two home stands against Beantown opponents — Boston College on Tuesday and Boston University on Wednesday — in which UMass demolished both teams.

The game against Quinnipiac will take place at the UMass Softball Complex, where the Minutewomen have lost only three out of the 45 contests this season. UMass coach Elaine Sortino finds that home games are desirable, but not essential to the success of UMass.

"It's nice to play in the surroundings in which you practice," Sortino said. "It's an advantage to know your field and know the wall."

Today will mark the final regular season conference game against the eighth-ranked team in the A-10, Rhode Island. The Rams are coming off of an upset victory over the Connecticut Huskies on Apr. 29 1-0. Despite the recent win, the Rams have fallen to seven of its last nine opponents.

Rhode Island will utilize pitcher Jamie Hughes, who leads the Rams with an ERA of 5.09 and has recorded 62 strikeouts this season. At the plate for URI this season has been Nicole

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COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Senior Pam Sulick has come up big for the Minutewomen lately, amassing two home runs and four runs batted in throughout the past two contests. UMass will travel to Rhode Island today to take on the Rams.

Baseball prepares for Temple

By Todd Foster
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts baseball team travels to Philadelphia this weekend to take on Temple in a three-game series at Amber Field. Saturday will feature a doubleheader starting at noon and will wrap up the series with a Sunday game also at noon.

During a two-game road trip this week, the Minutemen (9-29 3-12 A-10) exploded for 15 runs and 16 hits in a 15-10 victory over Siena on Tuesday, but dropped a 7-3 decision to Vermont on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, freshman catcher Bryan Garrity went 4-for-5 with three RBIs in the Minuteman win that snapped Siena's nine-game winning streak. Sophomore shortstop Bryan Adamski continued his tear during the second half of the season with three RBIs on a 3-for-5 afternoon. Freshman Andy Tuetken contributed with a hit, an RBI and scored three times.

After tying their season high 15-run effort, the Minutemen left seven men on base in their losing effort to the Catamounts. Both teams had eight hits, but Vermont worked their way to nine walks while UMass could only muster two free passes.

"Well, we're getting better," UMass coach Mike Stone said. "I still see us in situations where we could take more advantage of the situations. We couldn't get much worse since we were hitting under .200, but things are getting better."

UMass has raised its batting average since snapping a 12-game losing streak that lasted from Mar. 16 to Apr. 17, though it has remained inconsistent.

"I think we react to different pitchers that we face," Stone said. "That's part of it. It's really hard to put your finger on it. I know people are trying to execute. Sometimes it just doesn't work, but I think it's more facing people who have command of their pitches. And sometimes [the players] lose their focus at the plate."

The Owls (10-28 3-12 Atlantic 10) are coming off a heartbreaking 11-10 loss against Villanova Wednesday. In the bottom of the ninth, Temple sophomore pitcher Chris McCafferty threw the ball away while trying to get the runner at first, which allowed the winning run to cross the plate.

Temple features a solid power-hitter in senior right fielder Pete Colon, who went 2-for-4 with three runs and two RBIs in the Villanova loss. Colon is hitting .270 with 10 home runs and 23 runs batted in.

"Colon is a pretty good hitter," Stone said. "He hit a home run against Torra last year. Torra had a no-hitter going into the top of the seventh when Colon hit an opposite field home run. He's legit and has 10 home runs on the year. Colon is really the only kid that would stand out."

Junior ace Matt Torra, who pitched a two-hit complete game shutout against St. Bonaventure in front of Red Sox General Manager Theo Epstein, will open up the series in the first game of Saturday's twin-bill.

Torra had two strikeouts against the Bonnies and picked up his third win of the season. He was named co-UMass/Dinn Brothers Athlete of the Week last week along with men's lacrosse star Jeff Zywicki.

The Pittsfield native has given up only 10 earned runs in 10 starts, but has only received one solid run support effort in the 13-1 victory over Fordham. Excluding the 13-run effort, Torra is receiving only 1.7 runs per game from the UMass offense.

Last season against Temple, Torra pitched a complete game one-hitter while allowing one run in a 6-1 victory.

"We expect him to pitch well every time he goes out there and really take charge of the game," Stone said. "He knows how to pitch. He's a much tougher competitor than he has been in the past. So, we are just looking for the same from him. It is unfortunate that we don't get runs for him."

The Minutemen have struggled in close games, losing 10 out of 11 one-run contests. Though they did not commit an error against Vermont, the Maroon and White have 66 errors in 38 games this season.

"One thing we haven't done and I'm waiting for to happen, is the team to really have a feeling of confidence that things are really going well and we are clicking on all cylinders," Stone said. "It has been that way for this entire season and probably three-quarters of last year. I've been hoping and waiting for that to appear sometime soon."

Jeremy Demers will pitch the second game for the Minutemen on Saturday, while senior captain Keith Doherty will pitch Sunday.

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Dining Services to receive award after 5-year wait

By Meaghan Geisler
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After five years, the University of Massachusetts Amherst Dining Service has finally taken home a gold medal from the national Loyal E. Horton Dining Awards contest for residence dining halls.

The Loyal E. Horton Dining Awards, contests for residence hall dining, is hosted by the National Association of College and University of Food Services. For five years UMass has come in either second or third place, but this year that all changed. UMass took home a gold medal in the multiple concepts category and a silver medal in theme dinners. They will be given their awards at the NACUFS annual national conference in July in New Orleans, La.

"Everyone at the dining services is so delighted. Everyone worked very hard all year and were awarded in a very competitive program that included schools such as, the University of Connecticut and the University of New Hampshire," said UMass Dining Services Director Ken Toong about the victory.

Toong has been the director of dining and retail food services at UMass for six years now. He is very proud of the dining services accomplishments. "We are honored to receive this award, it is great for UMass, but the best is yet to come, we want to continue evolving."

For this year's multiple concept theory they chose to go with the theme, "Everything's on the table." Every year their presentations are judged on a certain criteria. This year's criteria was based on menu selection, merchandising and presentation, marketing, nutritional soundness, and overall impression. Their multiple concepts can be seen in any dining hall. At UMass the students are offered a wide selection in the dining halls, where they can choose anything from sushi to pasta.

For the theme dinner category they chose to present this year's Halloween dinner, which consisted of 6,500 lobsters, 1,000 pounds of steamers, 600 pounds of steak, 1,500 pounds of chicken fingers, and 1,200 portions of eggplant. In each dining hall they also had entertainment such as fortune-tellers, magicians, and ghost-story tellers. The judging criteria for this category was the same as the multiple concept category, except they did not judge on nutritional soundness.

In order to enter the competition, UMass' dining services must put together a package that includes pictures of their presentations, ingredients of foods, and a letter including what has been done differently in the current year. Once this is all put together they send in the package to NACUFS where they hold the judging.

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Rezoning eliminates potential frat housing

By Dan Koffman
Collegian Staff

At the Amherst Town Meeting on May 2, the east end of Olympia Drive was rezoned leaving the University of Massachusetts with no future further undeveloped fraternity land in the town.

The rezoning, made possible by Article 18 of the planning board, changes the land from being designated as fraternity residence land to neighborhood residence land.

Amherst used eminent domain to take the 27.59 acre property from a private trust in May of 1987. The town cited acquiring permanent conservation land and creating affordable housing as the primary reasons.

The University and town have tried numerous times since the town acquired the land to put a plan in place for affordable housing that would be tailored towards UMass students, such as housing for married students. Nothing concrete ever came out of these talks, and so the town decided to move ahead on its own.

The rezoning does not mean that affordable housing will be built on the land anytime soon. No timetable has been put in place for such an occurrence and no one has shown great interest in developing the land.

"There's always been talk about doing something [on Olympia Drive]. The town meeting has always supported the idea," said Paul Bobrowski, Planning Board chair. "But the town can't afford to do it. We have to find a partner or developer to come in and do something. There's a lot of ways to do it."

Some within the community are worried about the possibility of affordable housing and fraternity housing eventually being alongside one another.

"I support completely the establishment of affordable housing in Amherst," said Morris Singer, a UMass student who also represents Precinct 4 of Amherst at Town Meetings, "but now there seems to be little or no consideration on behalf of the planning board on what the edge would look like between the University land and the affordable housing cluster."

"It's not just about fraternity housing and how the fraternity members would feel living next to affordable housing, it's also in consideration for the future occupants of the affordable housing cluster," said Singer, whose precinct includes all of the Southwest Residential Area of UMass.



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The land near the Sig Ep fraternity located near Olympia Drive is slated to be used by the Town of Amherst to build affordable housing units.

The University has talked about building a fraternity and sorority park on Olympia Drive adjacent to the rezoned land, but not much has been heard of this plan recently. Michael Gargano, the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life at UMass, has said in the past that the park would help to enliven the Greek presence across campus.

Fraternity housing can only be built on land already designated for fraternity use. Because of no undeveloped land being able to be used for fraternity housing and because a fraternity park is on the backburner for the foreseeable future, many fraternity members will be faced with having to live on campus.

Last Wednesday, UMass trustees voted to pursue the purchase of five fraternity houses along North Pleasant Street. The five homes, which have been up for sale since January 2003, are spread over 1.82 acres and worth collectively $1.8 million, according to Amherst officials.

Alpha Tau Gamma owns the entire property on North Pleasant Street, but the fraternity moved to Sunset Avenue last year. Currently renting the houses are Alpha Epsilon Pi, Pi Delta Psi, Zeta Beta Tau, Lambda Phi Epsilon, and Sigma Psi Zeta, the lone sorority house of the group.

If UMass does buy the property, which would presumably be turned into classrooms or offices, then these fraternities would be faced with having their members live on campus. Some fraternity functions would be able to still occur on campus, according to leading fraternity members, but parties would be impossible.

A public hearing was held on Article 18 on March 30. The standard public comment and discussion period followed and then the article was voted on by the Planning Board. The board voted unanimously to recommend that Town Meeting adopt Article 18.

Gov. proposes loan to fund construction

BOSTON (AP) — Gov. Mitt Romney has proposed that the state borrow nearly $1 billion to fund various construction projects, including rebuilding the backlogged State Police crime lab and improving public colleges, The Boston Globe reported.

The $950 million bill doesn't detail each project, but leaves it to state agencies to devise appropriate plans. The bill now goes to the Legislature, which will review and amend the proposal.

The bill follows public complaints that some of the state's most important jobs were being compromised by inadequate facilities. Just last month, officials revealed that it took more than eight months for the State Police crime lab in Sudbury to process a DNA sample that led to an arrest in the murder of Christa Worthington, who was killed in her Cape Cod house in 2002.

Romney's bill proposes $125 million to rebuild and enlarge the lab, which has long been criticized as too small and inadequately staffed.

"It's going to be a big step forward to mitigate what has been really a substandard operation," said Eric Kriss, Romney's administration and finance secretary.

The proposal also allocates $15 million to upgrade the chief medical examiner's office, which is being investigated for allegedly sending the wrong set of eyeballs out for testing during a 2003 autopsy and misidentifying a fire victim's body, which was later cremated. Last month, Romney installed a new leader in the office, Dr. Mark Flomenbaum.

Romney's bill allots $150 million for state and community colleges and another $150 million for the University of Massachusetts system, where students, faculty and administrators have complained about the condition of campus buildings.

—Associated Press

Officers replaced in wake of student's death

BOSTON (AP) — An elite police unit that shot pepper-spray pellets at revelers following a Red Sox win last year, killing 21-year-old student Victoria Snelgrove, has replaced a quarter of the officers in the squad, including all the command staff.

Some of the officers of the mobile operations unit, including former Commander Robert R. O'Toole Jr., transferred out during the death investigation. Others have been on leave due to injuries suffered since the shooting.

The roughly 50-member squad, which includes a sniper, dive, and SWAT teams, has a reputation as a tightly disciplined and cohesive unit. The unit has been under close scrutiny since Snelgrove died on Oct. 21 after Boston eliminated the New York Yankees.

Though only three officers shot the pepper pellet guns during the fray, all have felt the effects of the death, said Superintendent Robert Dunford, who's overseen the unit since Superintendent James Claiborne was transferred in February.

"I'm quite sure these guys felt under a cloud," Dunford said. "They've had a very stressful year."

On Monday, the city paid a $5.1 million settlement to Snelgrove's parents.

The spotlight on the unit is likely to increase with the release in coming weeks of results of an independent investigation into the death. An internal investigation is also pending.

The independent probe will cover the department's tactical planning for handling post-game disturbances, an accounting of what each officer did, decisions about purchasing weapons, and officers' training for those weapons.

Not all of the unit members had been trained on every crowd control weapon at their disposal, Dunford said this week. In the future, all members will be trained on all weapons.

Police Commissioner Kathleen O'Toole said this week that the department will boost training, and will catalog officers' training and certification.

Former U.S. Attorney Donald Stern, who is chairman of the panel, said police across the country will be looking at the commissions recommendations.

Patrolman Rochefort Milien, who was certified to use the weapon, fired the pellet that hit Snelgrove in the eye and killed her. Robert O'Toole and Patrolman Samil Silta, neither of whom had been training in using the pepper pellet guns, also fired that night.

O'Toole was put on desk duty after the death, and was later removed from head of special operations. O'Toole's retirement was announced Monday along with details of the settlement.

—Associated Press



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Boston Police have replaced several officers from an elite unit in the wake of the death of Victoria Snelgrove, pictured above.

Costs could delay construction of schools

BOSTON (AP) — Completing hundreds of school construction projects will cost the state $1.3 billion more than it anticipated, a discovery that could force dozens of cities and towns to wait more than two years to break ground on new projects, officials said.

State officials planned to spend $4.2 billion to finish building roughly 420 schools, but State Treasurer Timothy Cahill said he was surprised to learn that the state's share of the construction costs has swelled to an estimated $5.5 billion.

"We knew that the problem was much bigger than it was reported," Cahill told The Boston Sunday Globe. "We didn't know it was this big."

The state imposed a moratorium on new school construction projects in 2003. That restriction was scheduled to be lifted in 2007.

But the new cost estimate, which comes from the newly created Massachusetts School Building Authority, means some cities and towns may have to wait longer to start building schools.

"The authority cannot fund projects that it doesn't have the money to fund," said the agency's executive director, Katherine Craven, who attributed the rising construction costs in part to the price of manual labor and building materials, including steel.

The news disappointed many local officials, who already have waited years to start building new schools.

Arlington, for instance, is waiting for the state's approval to rebuild at least two 1950s era elementary schools, which have outdated heating and electrical systems.

"They're a big concern," said Arlington School Committee member Paul Schlichtman. "We've got the plans all drawn. We're ready to submit at a moment's notice."

Some critics said the state should do more to control costs. The Newton Taxpayer Association is calling on the city to spend $65 million to renovate Newton North High School instead of replacing it at an estimated cost of $104 million.

— Associated Press



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The higher-than-expected costs of school construction is one of the issues to be discussed at the Massachusetts State House soon.

Two arrested at Holocaust memorial

BOSTON (AP) — Two people were arrested Sunday at an event to commemorate the liberation of Nazi concentration camps, where white supremacist protesters clashed with a crowd angry at their presence.

Shireen Chambers, 36, of Dorchester, and Jerome Higins, 25, of Everett, were both charged with affray and disturbing the peace, police Officer John Boyle said.

Chambers, who is white, is accused of striking Higins, who is black, in the face during a brief confrontation across the street from Faneuil Hall, where the Holocaust remembrance event was being held. Higins then allegedly spit in Chambers' face and hit her with a sign, police said.

Chambers was pulled from the crowd and dragged away by police as she yelled racial epithets. She was not in the designated holding area where the white supremacists staged their protest.

Ten to 15 members of the Arkansas-based White Revolution arrived in downtown Boston about an hour after the start of the event to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Nazi concentration camps and the 10th anniversary of the New England Holocaust Memorial in Boston.

The group was escorted by hundreds of police officers on foot, motorcycle and horseback, to a holding area across from the event.

The officers, many in riot gear, formed a barricade between the protesters and about 100 people who angrily shouted at them to leave Boston.

—Associated Press

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Ex-Clinton finance director faces trial

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LOS ANGELES — Campaign donations made more than four years ago at a celebrity-studded Hollywood gala have led to a federal criminal trial against a former finance director for Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton that could hamper her future campaigns.

The trial set to open Tuesday focuses on a lavish August 2000 political party at a Tony Brentwood estate that drew dozens of A-list guests and performers, including Brad Pitt, Jennifer Aniston, Cher, Diana Ross and Muhammad Ali.

Clinton hasn't been linked to charges that the cost of the event was vastly underreported, but Republicans will be watching for any ammunition they can use against the Democrat, considered an early front-runner for the 2008 presidential nomination.

David Rosen, who was Clinton's finance director during her 2000 U.S. Senate run, faces three counts of filing a false statement. An FBI agent speculated in an affidavit that Rosen was trying to duck federal financing rules so the campaign would have more money to spend on other expenses.

Rosen pleaded not guilty in January. He could face up to 15 years in prison and $750,000 in fines if convicted.

The party, called a "Hollywood Gala Salute to President William Jefferson Clinton," included both a dinner and a concert. About 350 people accepted invitations to both, which cost $25,000 a couple. About 1,200 people purchased $1,000 tickets just for the concert.

Many people got complimentary tickets and campaign reports never gave a full accounting of the total money taken in. However, organizers reported raising nearly $1.1 million for a joint committee benefiting Hillary Clinton's Senate campaign and the national and state-level Democratic parties.

Rosen, 40, reported the event was underwritten by about $400,000 worth of "in kind" contributions — goods and services provided for free or below cost — but Peter F. Paul, a three-time convicted felon who pleaded guilty in March to securities fraud charges, has told prosecutors he gave the campaign at least $1.1 million for the affair.

Paul has filed a lawsuit claiming he bankrolled the gala on a promise that former President Clinton would become a "goodwill ambassador" for his Internet media company. He is ready to testify against Rosen, according to his attorney, Joseph Conway.

Another of the event's organizers, the man who corralled the celebrities, said Rosen was a "decent person" who faced a devil's choice: risk getting fired by exposing the gala's skyrocketing tab or cover up its true cost.



Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-N.Y.)

"David I don't think deserves to go to jail," co-organizer Aaron Tonken said in a recent interview from prison, where he is serving 63 months for unrelated charges of defrauding charities of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Tonken believes the Federal Election Commission should line Hillary Clinton's campaign.

To build its case, the government enlisted Raymond Reggie, a prominent political consultant whose sister is married to U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy. Prosecutors have not named Reggie, but two sources familiar with the case said he is the "cooperating witness" identified in court documents.

During a secretly recorded conversation with Reggie in September 2002, prosecutors said Rosen made incriminating statements they will introduce at trial. Reggie pleaded guilty last month in Louisiana to unrelated bank fraud charges.

More controversy for Bolton

By Anne Gearan
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The top Democrat on the Senate committee considering the nomination of John R. Bolton as United Nations ambassador scolded Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on Saturday for ignoring Democratic requests for additional information about the embattled nominee.

In a curt letter to Rice, Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., reiterated his requests for State Department documents related to charges that Bolton tried to bend or ignore government intelligence findings that did not suit his hard-right ideology.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee is scheduled to vote on Bolton's nomination on Thursday. Biden repeated a warning to Rice that Democrats could hold up the vote if they are not satisfied they have investigated Bolton fully.

Biden acknowledged that the State Department sent the GOP-led committee a large number of documents last week from Bolton's four-year tenure as the department's arms control chief. But the documents answered only requests from the committee's Republican chairman, and ignored what Democrats wanted to see, Biden wrote.

"In particular, the unfulfilled portions of the request relate to the nominee's reported efforts, in speeches and testimony, to make statements that went far beyond what the intelligence would support," Biden wrote.

"What I seek to determine is whether these documents demonstrate a pattern of conduct that calls into question the nominee's fitness to serve as U.S. Representative to the United Nations," he said.

A copy of the letter was obtained by The Associated Press.

Biden said that in her public remarks about the Bolton nomination fight last week, Rice implied "that you do not believe you have a duty to respond to requests from the minority."

Biden also complained about a bureaucratic impasse over Bolton's acknowledged pursuit of



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U.N. Ambassor nominee John Bolton

names of U.S. officials whose communications were secretly recorded by the National Security Agency.

The new national intelligence chief, John Negroponte, may allow the spy agency to brief some senators next week on Bolton's unusual request for names and details of the secret intelligence intercepts, but it is not clear how many Senators would receive the information or how detailed it would be.

"I recognize that this information is not under your direct control, but it relates to the consideration of the nomination," Biden wrote.

Detroit mayor proposes tax of 2 percent for fast food

By Sarah Karush
Associated Press

DETROIT — Would you like fries with that? Either way, the Detroit city treasury would like a bite.

Faced with a $300 million budget hole, Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick is hoping people in this already heavily taxed city won't mind forking over a few extra cents for their Big Macs and Whoppers.

Kilpatrick wants to ask Detroit voters to approve a 2 percent fast-food tax — on top of the 6 percent state sales tax on restaurant meals. The mayor says consumers will barely notice the extra cents at the cash register, but critics say the tax would unfairly burden the poor and hamper economic development.

"Just tell him we're going to go to Bloomfield Hills to McDonald's if he puts a tax on it," said 16-year-old Ebony Ellis, referring to an affluent Detroit suburb, as she and four friends ate at a Golden Arches in Detroit. The high school classmates eat at McDonald's every day after school because their schedule doesn't leave them time for lunch.

Other cities and states have special taxes on prepared food, and some have tried "snack taxes." In New York, Assemblyman Felix Ortiz has proposed a 1 percent tax on junk food, video games and TV commercials to fund anti-obesity programs.

But if approved, the Detroit tax would be the country's first to target fast-food outlets, the National Restaurant Association said. The tax would apply to anything sold at a fast-food restaurant — even salads.

Opponents have been quick to call it a "fat tax" in this city dubbed the nation's fattest in 2004 by Men's Health magazine. Detroit fell to No. 3 for 2005.

City officials say the proposal, part of the draft budget Kilpatrick presented to the City Council last month, is more about Detroit's financial health than anything else.



Big Macs could be the next item to get taxed in Detroit, Mich. The mayor there wants to implement a 2 percent tax on fast food.

Although the tax would not come close to fixing Detroit's financial problems — officials predict it would bring in $17 million in the next fiscal year — every dollar counts in a city already bracing for mass layoffs and service cuts.

Enacting the tax would likely require a change in state law, potentially a tough sell in the Republican-controlled Legislature. The next hurdle would be persuading Detroit voters.

Young people and senior citizens are big consumers of fast food and would bear an unfair share of the tax's burden, some critics contend.

"It's really going to fall upon poor people harder," said Robert Wassmer, a professor of public policy and economics at California State University, Sacramento.

The restaurant industry says the idea is also unfair to businesses.

"We think it's extremely counterproductive to say to those people who have provided jobs, who have provided growth, 'We're going to levy on you a special tax that we don't levy on anyone else,'" said Andy Deloney of the Michigan Restaurant Association.

But Kilpatrick insists an additional 2 percent — a nickel on a $2.50 Big Mac — would have little effect on the pocketbooks of the average resident or the competitiveness of Detroit eateries.

And the fact is, there aren't many options.

"With Detroit, you're kind of grasping at straws because the tax base is so tapped into," Wassmer said.

The city currently has five major revenue streams: state revenue sharing, an income tax, property taxes, a tax on its three casinos and a utility tax.

Michigan law limits Detroit's ability to raise income and property taxes, and high taxes are already cited as a major reason people and businesses have fled the city, further depleting the tax base.

In a study by the District of Columbia comparing Washington and the nation's biggest cities in 2003, Detroit had the 10th-highest tax burden for a family of four with an income of $75,000. State and local taxes combined totaled 11 percent, according to the study.

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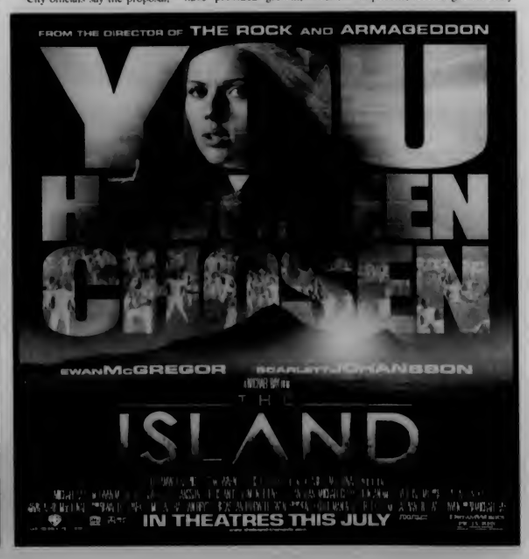
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We've put together a chart that we hope will provide an easy basis for comparing the various plans available to you. This chart is designed to spell out what each plan does and does not offer. We encourage you to pay close attention to column three, which shows the level of access each plan offers to your community hospital, Cooley Dickinson. You should also take a close look at column four, which shows whether each plan offers full access to the major medical centers in Boston.

Health Plan (including basic life insurance)	Unrestricted Choice[2]	Access to Cooley Dickinson Hospital	Access to Major Boston Hospitals	Monthly Employee Premium Contribution[1,4]
Commonwealth Indemnity *Community Choice Plan*	○	●	◐	Individual: $74.80 Family: $172.95
Commonwealth Indemnity Plan *with Catastrophic Illness Coverage*	●	●	●	Individual: $148.64 Family: $337.61
Commonwealth Indemnity Plan *without Catastrophic Illness Coverage*	●	●	●	Individual: $120.77 Family: $272.97
Commonwealth Indemnity Plan *PLUS*	○	●	◐	Individual: $88.15 Family: $203.19
Harvard Pilgrim POS	●[5]	●	●	Individual: $86.29 Family: 207.07
Health New England	○	◐[6]	◔	Individual: $68.37 Family: $167.78
Navigator PPO by Tufts Health Plan	○	◐[7]	◐	Individual: $82.90 Family: $199.04

● **Yes**
○ **No**
◐ **With patient deductible based on tiering plan.** *Access to many services at some hospitals may carry a higher patient co-pay.*
◔ *Only if prior authorization is granted by Health New England. If authorization is granted, there is a $200 inpatient deductible.*

1. The Fallon and Neighborhood plans, which are available to state workers, have been left off this chart because they are not in the Cooley Dickinson service area.
2. A no icon (empty circle) in this column indicates a plan that uses tiered co-payments to steer patients to certain hospitals, or that otherwise restricts members' ability to choose the hospital at which they receive treatment.
3. The rates on this chart are intended to be representational. These specific rates apply to employees hired on or before 6/30/05 who earn $30,000 or more a year. For a plan-by-plan breakdown showing your rates, visit our Web site, www.cooley-dickinson.org
4. You must make your annual enrollment decisions based on current contribution percentages, knowing that these could change after the Commonwealth's annual budget is finalized.
5. Requires a $400 inpatient co-pay at all hospitals.
6. Tiering system requires highest co-pays for all inpatient, MRI and CAT Scan services at Cooley Dickinson.
7. Tiering system requires lowest co-pay for OB/GYN services, middle co-pay for pediatrics, and highest co-pay for adult medical/surgical services at Cooley Dickinson.

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It's not that we're anxious to see you at Cooley Dickinson. In fact, the way we see it, one of our most important jobs is to make sure you spend as little time here as possible. Keeping people healthy (and out of the hospital) is a major part of our mission as a community hospital. Another is making sure you're well cared for when circumstances do bring you to the hospital.

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Dining Services wins award

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Martha Monaghan, the Special Events manager of the dining services, has been working at UMass for 36 years now. Monaghan explained, "the contest is like a scrapbook of everything the dining halls do all year and we are very proud."

For many workers such as Luanne Herrick, who is both a chef and acting assistant manager, the past five years have been a long wait for this victory. They have repeatedly watched UMass enter this program and never take home first place. "It's exciting that we got over the hump of it and be able to finally come in first place," said Herrick.

One of the things that the dining halls did differently this year was add mystery shoppers, student ambassadors, student greeters, and entertainment to the dining halls. The mystery shoppers and student ambassadors fill out suggestion cards and give the dining halls advice about what could be done differently.

Toong explained that the mystery shopper is something that not a lot of schools have implemented yet, and he feels this is something that gave UMass an edge over their competitors. When students were asked about the recent awards, there seemed to be mixed feelings about it.

Freshman Kristen Clark from Marblehead usually eats at the Hampshire Dining Hall in Southwest. "I don't mind the food, but I don't think it's excellent, they always seem to have the same things," she said. "UMass doesn't compare to other schools I have been to."

Toong explained that he feels students want more of a restaurant type atmosphere when they are eating in the dining halls, this is one of the things he wants to work toward in the upcoming years.



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

UMass Dining Services Director Ken Toong takes a bite out of a pretzel after winning a Superbowl bet in February.

Brett Sweeney, a junior at UMass from Lawrence, lives in the Southwest Residential Area and has an unlimited meal plan.

"I think they are alright, they are not for everyone, but I enjoy them personally," he said of the dinning hall food. Sweeney added that out of all of the dining halls he prefers Worcester.

Gina Sanders is a sophomore at UMass from California. She usually eats at both Hampshire, where she likes the dinners, and Franklin where she likes the lunches. "I don't hate eating in the dining halls, but it's not something I enjoy either," she said. "I don't like sushi or anything like that, so I just try and stick to the main meals."

Toong's plans for this upcoming year include renovating the Berkshire Dining Hall located in Southwest. At the end of the fall 2005 semester he will close the dining hall down for renovation and reopen it in August.

"I believe a good dining program can help enhance campus life, we need to continue having new menus, and adding things to the dining halls like entertainment. We want to give the students what they want."

He hopes to have new lighting installed, new food concepts and a different set up for the food. Toong is planning on expanding the salad bar and giving the students more of a presentation when they have their food made. He wants to have more chefs doing the cooking or baking right in front of the students.

After Berkshire is done he plans on renovating both Hampshire in Southwest and Franklin in Central. Toong eventually wants all the dining halls to be as updated as Worcester in Northeast.

N.C. Pastor apologizes after attempting to remove members

By PAUL NOWELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WAYNESVILLE, N.C. — Calling it a "great misunderstanding," the pastor of a small church who led the charge to remove nine members for their political beliefs tried to welcome them back Sunday, but some insisted he must leave for the wounds to heal.

The Rev. Chan Chandler didn't directly address the controversy during the service at East Waynesville Baptist Church, but issued a statement afterward through his attorney saying the church does not care about its members' political affiliations.

"No one has ever been voted from the membership of this church due to an individual's support or lack of support for a political party or candidate," he said.

Nine members said they were ousted during a church gathering last week by about 40 others because they refused to support President Bush. They attended Sunday's service with their lawyer and many supporters.

Chandler noted their presence in his welcome to the congregation, saying, "I'm glad to see you all here. ... We are here today to worship the Lord. I hope this is what you are here for."

But Chandler's statement and his welcome didn't convince those members, who were voted out, that things would soon change, and some called for him to resign.

"This all started over politics and our right to vote for whoever we wanted to," said Thelma Lowe, who has been attending the church for 42 years. She and her husband Frank, a deacon at the church for 35 years, were among those voted out.

"Things will never be the same here until he leaves," she said.

The ousted members have said Chandler told them during last year's presidential campaign that anyone who planned to vote for Democratic nominee Sen. John Kerry needed to leave the church in the mountain town about 125 miles northwest of Charlotte.

"He needs to leave," said Marlene Casey, 42, a lifelong member. "A lot of blood, sweat and tears have been shed by the people he told to leave."

Added Lewis Inman, a deacon at the church who said he was voted out Monday: "He could have apologized and made everything right. He's not man enough."

Chandler invited all church members to attend a business meeting on Tuesday. "This should all be cleared up by the end of the week," he said in an interview after the service.

Chandler said he and his wife have received calls from around the nation — some of them threatening — since his politics in the pulpit made national news.

His actions also drew criticism from other Baptist clergymen in the town.

"This is very disturbing," the Rev. Robert Prince III, who leads the congregation at the nearby First Baptist Church, said Saturday. "I've been a pastor for more than 25 years, and I have never seen church members voted out for something like this."

Some members of his congregation, however, voiced their support for Chandler on Sunday.

"He's a wonderful, good old country boy," Pam Serafin said as she walked into the church. "There are always two sides to every story."

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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The souls of yellow folk – our pseudo imagination

This is part two of a three part series.

Grace Chen

Let us recede to the time when people thought Earth was flat.

Cosmo, the Christian monk who came up with the first world map, said that the world is a flat parallelogram. He explained that the earth is twice as broad as it is from east to west, in comparison from the north to the south.

We shall now move on temporarily.

The myth about Singapore being a part of China was finally re-vealed to the Unites States two weeks ago on the Oprah Winfrey Show.

I was so determined to not even miss a glimpse of my country on television that I sat glued to the black box even before the "Around the World" series begun. The series showcased the lifestyles of a variety of women from different countries.

The segment on Singapore had once again relied classically on a very common angle of portraying my country as one with nothing else but strict laws.

I was anticipating certain high profile Singaporean celebrities like Fann Wong (who played Jackie Chan's sister in the movie, Shanghai Knights) to maybe sashay down Boat Quay and show off the Merlion. The Merlion is a very prominent local statue of a lion with a fish tail. It is Singapore's very own version of the Statue of Liberty.

I was also expecting Oprah Winfrey to showcase Orchard Road, the epicenter of every woman's destination when in need of retail therapy — a shopping hub. More imperatively though, I felt without a doubt that omnipotent Winfrey would point out to the world that Singapore is situated on the tip of the Malay Peninsula and, not somewhere in China (as mistaken by many of my American counterparts).

I was right, but only to a certain extent. I screamed for a retake at the end of the show.

The segment on Singapore had once again relied classically on a very common angle of portraying my country as one with nothing else but strict laws; one that fines people for chewing gum, for not flushing the toilet after use and for spitting in public.

With reference to Cosmo's world map again, imagine the reaction of people when they were informed that the earth is flat. I tried picturing myself as one of them and my reaction was an adverse one when my own mother informed me of this fallacious piece of information. I told her that if that was the case, then I would be contented to stay put at our tiny three-room flat, as venturing out would just be too risky.

People tend to fictionalize reality in their heads from the limited information they get.

I remember after telling one colleague at the UMass bakery that Singapore does practice the punishment of sentencing people to death should they be carrying heroine that exceeds the weight of a quarter coin. In response, he went around telling the rest of my workmates that my country hung pickpockets.

On another occasion, I had a friend exclaiming, "Oh, I know Sing-apore!"

"I remember the Michael Fay incident."

"Your country caned him just for spitting out chewing gum?" he asked.

Of course, this worked the other way around too. I remember before I set off for my exchange here to America, I had the impression that I was venturing into a color-hating, gun-fighting, pick-pocketing country. Obviously now, I realized that would barely be a proper definition at all.

My pseudo imagination of the United States was mostly a result of Hollywood movies and dramas. After watching "Cold Case" and "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre," I decided I needed to spend some time on "googling" for "things I should take note of" about the U.S. before I set off. The searches returned results that advised one to not walk near the roads nor the buildings when one is on the sidewalks; to never stand behind a car, to always walk as quickly as possible and to always carry two wallets (a bogus one, just in case) in their bags.

I told my mother about all these findings, and the evening before I left for the United States, she stashed me with $200 and told me to get some pepper spray as soon as I reached the JFK airport.

Our pseudo imagination usually locks us in our trifling mindsets, making us think off beam on certain subjects. This would include how fortunate we are for not being in any other part of the world, where chewing gum would carry a jail sentence or where gun wars and rapes happen habitually in broad daylight. Therefore, I'm glad I tried to find out more. What about you?

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Enlightenment through education

Ramzi Kanazi

For most of my life I cared little for politics, distancing myself from anything that even remotely resembled "the news," especially newspapers. I had way more important things to do. Besides, who wants to waste their time reading about all the terrible occurrences in the world? Those can stick with you — not to mention the residue of the paper — after you finish reading it. It's too bad that we can't just forget the events in the newspaper as easily as we can wipe the residue off.

Sometimes the news and politics just come to you. They're on television, the Internet, in magazines and worst of all, people talk about them. Who wants to talk about politics? Like Brittany Spears is pregnant (I think). You see, there are way more important things to talk about.

Well, eventually, the news sucked me in. Around the start of the second intifada (Sept. 2000), the description for the current situation in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, I remember hearing about the "brutality of the Palestinians." Now, I grew up in America as an American, but in heritage, I'm Palestinian. I never really thought too much about it, but I began to wonder about those brutal people, so I looked to the news to learn a little more. I will get to that shortly, but first, I would like to explain my position.

I was raised with some ideas about Palestine. My family explained that we used to live there. We used to have orange groves, but after the war in 1948 and the creation of the state of Israel, we were forced to leave. I thought it kind of sucked, but I didn't care very much; who needs oranges when you have Nintendo?

During the first Gulf War, I remember how patriotic my town was. Everyone tied yellow ribbons around anything they could find. Even pets wore yellow ribbons, and I wanted one too. The radio constantly broadcasted Arab jokes, and my friends told them — in front of me. I laughed, uncomfortably, but I did not feel like ostracizing myself. Besides, I did not know too many Arabs, and I am American.

As a freshman in high school, an upperclassman asked me about my heritage, and I responded that I am Palestinian. Then he asked if I wanted to throw him into the sea. I thought, "Why would I want to do that?" He is Jewish, and apparently, all Palestinians want to throw the Jews into the sea. I wished to have nothing to do with my heritage.

We used to have orange groves, but after the war in 1940 and the creation of the state of Israel, we were forced to leave. I thought it kind of sucked, but didn't care very much; who needs oranges when you have Nintendo?

Then the second intifada started, and the Middle East took the spotlight, again. Those brutal Palestinians were terrorizing innocent Israelis. This time I felt like investigating the matter, so I looked to "the news." Actually, I searched online to get some perspective on the issue, and I learned that many educated people believe that the media was misreporting the events on the ground, that it was the Israelis who fit the description of brutality. It turns out that both sides can determinedly exhibit their brutality, but could one be more wrong or right?

America has strongly supported Israel and its position for most of its existence, and I'm Amer-ican. I wanted a yellow ribbon.

However, as I learned more about the historical context of the conflict, coupled with the fact that my family was expelled from the country, I found difficulty in accepting the American position. While the mainstream media tried to demonize people who threw stones at tanks, it failed to explain that those tanks rolled through Palestinian neighborhoods.

The news offers little coverage of the horrors of Israeli occupation. Soldiers demolish houses with American bulldozers. They kill children with shots to their heads and chests. Palestinians cannot travel freely, and discriminatory laws prevent many diaspora Palestinians from entering Israel or the Occupied Palestinian Territories. The Israeli government is annexing more Palestinian land by building its wall through the territories, and despite Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's, "Gaza pullout plan," illegal settlements continue to expand. International Human Rights groups bemoan the state's practices, and have been since its inception.

The media often illustrate Palestinian brutality, but neglect that Israel has taken nearly everything from them, from land and lives to dignity. Additionally, the government of Israel continues to implement discriminatory policies against them under a façade of security. Israel relies on discriminatory policy, so that it can remain a Jewish state. Otherwise, the indigenous Palestinian population will threaten its "democracy."

To this day when I watch the news, I am reminded of my formative years. I cannot forget, and am constantly reminded of, the media bias and the culture that instilled patriotism and attempted to codify anti-Arab images in my mind, but, with education, I have repositioned my stance on the subject. Now, as an American and a Palestinian, more educated on the Middle East, I have chosen to speak out.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A THANK YOU FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

We are writing this letter to thank the UMass community of faculty, students and staff for your support. The Amherst Fire Department's Student Force (Engine Co. 3) organized and ran the Boot Drive to support the Muscular Dystrophy Association. With your help, we raised over $2,100 for the MDA. This would not have been possible without generous contributions from all that donated. We raised above and beyond our goals in the three days we collected at the Campus Center (May 3-5). We truly thank you for your support.

Joshua Abbott
Engine Co. 3, AFD

TEXTBOOK PLAN UNORIGINAL

I had to chuckle when I read the article on "Re-thinking textbook buy-backs" featuring the "innovative" idea for a web-based textbook marketplace that James Highsmith came up with. I'm glad he's got the Website running, and it looks great, but the idea is not exactly new. The textbook exchange Website I put together at the University of Texas at Austin while I was a grad student there (texbooks.com) was the first of its kind and predates it by almost a decade.

Emery Berger
UMass Assistant Professor

TIGHTER ADMISSIONS STANDARDS A PLUS

As a UMass alumni and an alumni of the Commonwealth's community college system, I read with interest an article in the Boston Globe regarding the Student Government's concern about UMass admissions standards. Come on guys, everyone benefits from tighter admissions standards at the university's flagship campus. Tougher admission standards, coupled with quality academic performance, improve the reputation and standing of the University. In other words, all of our degrees are of a recognized and respected level of quality.

First, the argument that new admissions standards are unfair to lower income students and students of disadvantaged ethnic backgrounds is erroneous. I am not going to argue that the Commonwealth's secondary education system is necessarily equitable to all students from all backgrounds. But that is where the problem lies. If students are not getting an adequate secondary education such that they cannot qualify for admission to the Amherst campus, then talk to the local school committees or to the legislature.

Dumbing down admissions standards is not the answer. Also, the Commonwealth's community college system is designed to provide a bridge to the universities. If an individual cannot get into UMass on their first try, maybe they should consider the local community college. Not only is it significantly cheaper than UMass, if you complete an associate degree from a state community college with a certain GPA, you are guaranteed admission to UMass.

If you graduate with a 3.0 or better, in most academic programs, you also receive a 30 percent discount on tuition at the state university. So quit complaining. The system may not be perfect but at least you are not in Mississippi. In my opinion we should focus on the fundamentals. If everyone started from an even playing field, then the tougher standards would not even be an issue. So start there. By the way, congratulations to all graduating students. I wish you the best of luck for the future.

Neal Taylor
UMass alumni

A STUDENT APOLOGIZES

I just wanted to take a minute to apologize for my actions last year while on the UMass campus. I acted disorderly after consuming too much alcohol, which ultimately resulted in police action. Believe me when I tell you it was not worth it. Just one night of excessive drinking can have far reaching consequences, so I urge all of you to learn from my mistakes as I sure have.

Alcohol related incidents that stay on your permanent record will affect you for years to come, as future employers will not look very kindly on someone with an alcohol abuse problem. Don't wait until you get in trouble with the law to learn to act responsibly. So as the school year winds down and parties are more abundant, remember that going out and getting drunk can lead to more than a bad hangover.

Kevin McNeil
UMass student

Historical inevitability

Michael Marceline

Texas has now taken its place in the long line of states denying legal recognition of marriage between partners of the same sex. Considering that the Supreme Court only two years ago had to force the state to throw out its medieval anti-sodomy laws, it is surprising that Texas was not the first state to enact such legislation.

Meanwhile, here in Massachusetts, proponents of equal protection under the law are working to strengthen the marriage rights of same sex couples.

America is not a single society, never has been, never will be. Every city, country, state and region has its own social structure and is more or less advanced on the societal evolutionary ladder.

To do so, they are overturning an antiquated law that was passed to protect other states from the unseemly prospect of having to recognize bi-racial marriages hastily consecrated in one or another of the many Boston drive-thru chapels. Mitt "Guy Smiley" Romney has threatened to use this law against same sex couples from other states seeking to marry in Massachusetts.

Plus, in the last election, voters elected even more representatives who support same sex marriage to the state legislature, judging by the sides taken in the present social battles by different states. John Edwards's assertion of yesteryear that there are two Americas seems undeniably correct. There's the America of the Texas (R) and the America of the Massachusetts (D), right? Wrong. Actually, the number of Americas that exist are innumerable and borders do not limit them. America is not a single society, never has been, never will be. Every city, county, state and region has its own social structure and is more or less advanced on the societal evolutionary ladder.

It just happens that with nearly 400 years of civilization under its proverbial belt, New England is the older, wiser region in this nation. It also helps that the region is, by and large, richer and more developed than the South. The South, unfortunately, had the nasty job of cleaning up after a messy little Civil War not too long ago and their social stratum before the war was clearly delineated between "patricians" and "plebeians" and the Mid West where the farming industry has been in decline for decades.

This is not to say that there are not cities, regions and counties in these just as advanced or that there aren't underdeveloped areas in the Northeast. The point is that all of America's societies simply need time to catch up socially and economically. Once they do, same sex marriage will be legal in every state. It may, in fact, take just a generation. When those who are college-aged now are running this country, the controversy surrounding equal marriage rights will seem like a sick joke.

Actually, it should seem like sick joke now. Societies evolve institutions for survival. Marriage has been a survival tool to propagate the species. Imagine the earth 5,000 years ago when the human race was a wee tyke riding around the plains of Africa on its stone wheeled tricycle. Can you imagine a pregnant female left to fend for herself? She'd be lion food in about five seconds. So, our species developed a little instinct called love.

Sexual acts became about not just reproduction, but bonding. This bonding kept partners together so the man could assist the woman who was limited by the extra weight and responsibility that came with carrying and caring for children. Today we are forced to survive, not in the wild world of beasts, but in the vicious capitalistic system. We need partners, not only to satisfy our desire to be loved, but to team up financially for economic survival.

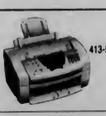
Homosexuality has always existed among humans and many other animals. It is not going away and it is not some decadent lifestyle choice, but an intrinsic quality. So, to rail against its existence and to resist the evolution of a social institution in the face of social change is, at best, futile and at worst, detrimental to the fabric of society.

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By Nick Romanow
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Early into Velvet Revolver's nearly two hour set at the Mullins Center on Tuesday night, a black curtain dropped down from behind the drums to reveal a huge sign that read "Rock & F—in' Roll". Just prior to that, frontman and former Stone Temple Pilots singer, Scott Weiland, announced that the night was all about, well, "Motherf—ing rock'n'roll." And as the band ripped through a blistering set that contained nearly all of their debut album, "Contraband," as well as a few choice covers, it was perfectly clear that Velvet Revolver had hit the mark. Of course, few in the audience expected less; along with Weiland, the band is comprised of Slash, Duff McKagan and Matt Sorum, better known as the backing band of Guns 'n' Roses, and second guitarist Dave Kushner, who has bounced around between many bands during his career.

Though unlikely, the pairing of Weiland — who comes from one of the bands that defined the grunge revolution that was the antithesis of decadent stadium rock — and the band that backed Axl Rose — the man most representative of the pre-grunge rock scene — works surprisingly well. From the first notes of the opening song, "Sucker Train Blues," the band was full of unrelenting energy and an obvious joy to be on stage.

Though Velvet Revolver may be a big-name stadium rock act, they seem to care much more about the music itself than most bands that make it to that level. This may be bombastic radio rock but it's certainly not one-dimensional "corporate rock."

While the musicianship, especially Slash's fiery solos and huge riffs, is not to be overlooked, on closer inspection it is Weiland's energy and lyrical depth that really makes Velvet Revolver something special. However, it is odd that Weiland himself seems to be the first to downplay the seriousness of his subject matter. An infamous recovering drug addict who has also struggled with alcohol and has nearly seen his marriage crumble, Weiland dedicated "Superhuman" to "Sex, drugs, rock 'n' roll and you nasty ladies." Sound like a fist-pumping anthem? Well, musically it is, but the chorus is a simple, blunt statement about the pain of the generic rock lifestyle: "Cocaine, alcohol, lady-lay, withdrawal." Doesn't sound as much fun as Weiland's description.

While the ballad "Fall To Pieces," which is dominated by a very Guns 'n' Roses-sounding guitar line, was the requisite "sensitive" moment of the set, which was otherwise dominated by hard rockers, most of Weiland's lyrics are set in a similar tone. Whereas Stone Temple Pilots wrapped Weiland's struggles in either dirty grunge or delicately psychedelic pop, Velvet Revolver has determined that scuzzy arena-rock provides the best balance. While there is no use comparing the bands, Velvet Revolver is on to something; meatheads can mosh and throw up devil signs to the deafeningly loud music and people looking for something more can find it in Weiland's often cryptic lyrics.

While the band's combination of styles and moods seemed to please the crowd, a lot of the biggest cheers came when Velvet Revolver dipped into their respective back catalogues. Early into the set, the STP classic "Crackerman" was played to great delight. Later on, the Guns 'n' Roses rocker "It's So Easy" was met with an even higher level of elation. And though an encore performance of the Guns 'n' Roses song "Mr. Brownstone" was met with cheers and applause, it was the STP song "Sex Type Thing" that seemed to get the greatest reaction. The particularly epic rendition found Weiland making his way up to the stands, surrounded by security, of course, and leading the stadium in a chant of the narrator's predatory mantra: "Here I come, I come, I come, I come."

Covers aside, the band proved to be well-loved, as the crowd sang along to all the songs, including standouts like "Big Machine," "Do It For The Kids," and "Dirty Lil' Thing." It was in these songs especially that the juxtaposition of Weiland's vulnerable, confessional lyrics and the madcap energy of the music and the performers created a very unique and special atmosphere. Following "Set Me Free," the song that introduced the world to Velvet Revolver, the band left the stage before returning for an acoustic performance of Pink Floyd's "Wish You Were Here" and their own song "You Got No Right," which, with its subtle instrumentation, sounds like it would be more at home alongside Weiland's solo work the released the trippy, underrated "12 Bar Blues" in 1998. Following another encore break, the band took the stage once again to perform "Mr. Brownstone" and their hit single "Slither," and the band indeed went out with a bang.

There was one weak spot in the night, however, aside from the aforementioned instance of Weiland seemingly disavowing his own lyrics, which came shortly before Velvet Revolver took the stage. While rock shows have long been tied to corporate sponsorship and other blatantly un-rock-'n'-roll activity, the organizers of the tour have very possibly hit a new low in advertising. Right before Velvet Revolver took the stage the hanging video screens began to flash images that shortly materialized into a 5-minute advertisement for Robbie Knievel's new show. The fact that the booming music behind it was Velvet Revolver, and the fact that the song was "Sucker Train Blues," which the band would start playing just a few minutes later, was more Spinal Tap funny then irritating.

While concertgoers have had to suck down subtler — and even not-so-subtle — advertisements, the practice of airing an actual commercial before a show is deplorable and very anti-rock. Velvet Revolver may not be indie-art-punks starting a revolution but nonetheless, they should be far above this type of corporate shilling. While the band's claim to be real rock music was backed up by great songs and a great performance, this sort of lame tie-in definitely put a dent in their bid for authenticity.

'Prince of Darkness' chronicles the days of Ozzy Osbourne

By Patrick Rennick
Collegian Staff

In general, musical compilations are meant to give an impression or summary of an artist's career. In addition, these collections generally reinforce a positive image of the artist. Unfortunately, this does not apply to Ozzy Osbourne. Although "Prince of Darkness," the newest compilation from the former Black Sabbath vocalist, sums up the Ozzman's career quite well, it also brings to light a genuine representation of his later years.

Ozzy Osbourne
'Prince of Darkness'
Epic Records

Over the course of Ozzy's extensive career, he has fronted what many argue was the most influential heavy metal band of all time. He also led an impressive solo career with a slew of noted musicians including Zakk Wylde of Black Label Society, former Faith No More drummer Mike Bordin and the late guitarist Randy Rhodes. Following a long drought in creativity after his initial success in the early '80's and a persisting battle with drug and alcohol abuse, Ozzy began a steady downward spiral, falling out of favor with many longtime fans.

In 1996, Ozzy gained a generous portion of media attention for the beginning of his annual "Ozzfest" tour, featuring the likes of speed-metal kings Slayer, the Brazilian metal ensemble Sepultura, and the former frontman of The Misfits, Glenn Danzig. Ozzy's 2001 release, "Down to Earth," was his first album in six years and was also met with considerable acclaim from the popular music culture. In 2002, Ozzy became something of a pop icon when MTV launched a reality show, "The Osbournes," featuring Ozzy, his wife Sharon, son Jack and daughter Kelly.

"Prince of Darkness" is a 4-disc set that features a diverse range of Ozzy tracks in addition to newly recorded material. A 60-page booklet was also included with the collection featuring several new photos of Osbourne and an overview of his career.

The first two discs of the set contain the classics from Black Sabbath as well as Ozzy's solo efforts. In addition to the familiar songs, "Crazy Train," "Iron Man" and "No More Tears," there are also several demos, unreleased live tracks and B-sides.

The third disc, labeled "Oddities and Duets," is a comprehensive collection of Ozzy's collaborations over the years. Dedicated fans and collectors are sure to get a kick out of some of the more bizarre tracks on the disc, such as the theme song to the reality television show "Dog the Bounty Hunter," a cover of "Born to be Wild" featuring Miss Piggy, and, of course, the awkward rendition of "Staying Alive" by the Bee Gees in which Ozzy shouts, "All aboard the disco train!"

The fourth and final disc in the "Prince of Darkness" set features newly recorded covers of the Ozzman's favorite songs. Keeping with tradition, Ozzy has enlisted the help of several famous musicians, such as former Alice in

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'Prince of Darkness' is a retrospective of the musical mayhem of the infamous Ozzy Osbourne.

Gaming PCs head towards mainstream

By Rex Crum
MarketWatch

When video game player Matt Cerny describes one of his computers, he speaks in the same exuberant language that an auto enthusiast might use for a tricked-out muscle car.

"It has an AMD 2400 2-gigahertz processor, 1 gigabyte of RAM and a 256-megabyte ATI video graphics card," said Cerny, a technician with Geek Squad, a computer support and services shop in Dallas.

The translation for Cerny's geekspeak? His machine is one fast mother.

The PCs used by Cerny, 27, and other gamers aren't built for word processing or sending e-mail. They're also not the kind consumers can easily spot browsing through a Sunday newspaper supplement or a big-box electronics store.

These systems often come in odd colors such as "cyborg green" and "conspiracy blue," and with high price tags: A custom-built model can cost $5,000.

Still, the market for these costly, powerful machines — now dominated by small private firms with such names as Alienware and Voodoo Computer — has gotten the attention of large PC makers such as Dell Inc. and Gateway Inc.

"Dell has recently become a company to watch," said Rob Enderle, president of the Enderle Group, a technology industry research firm. "They purposely designed some new computers for the gaming market."

While PC companies are always trying to expand their customer base, they're not really making a market share play by building machines that aren't appealing to most buyers. Because of their prices, such souped-up computers appeal only to a small segment of users.

One of the main motivations for PC makers is that it gives them a way to test their technology.

"Games are a real benchmark for high-performance PCs," said Ketan Pandya, marketing manager for Dell's Dimension products.

To begin to understand how Dell might profit from a market that is the antithesis of its broad consumer focus, think of the benefit to Ford or Chevrolet when one of its cars wins a NASCAR race.

Consumers like Cerny, who prefer processors made by Advanced Micro Devices to those made by its larger rival, Intel Corp., push PCs to their ultimate performance limits as they play games such as "Doom 3," "Half-Life 2" and "Counter-Strike."

With the growth of the video gaming business, they could be the leading edge of a much bigger market.

"The customers who are into gaming are, obviously, the early (technology) adopters," said Brian Joyce, director of marketing at Miami-based Alienware.

Just as Dell and others are trying to reach gamers, small companies like Joyce's are trying to broaden the reach of their machines. "Much of what we create competes with the major (computer) guys, so we're trying to appeal to the home and office folks," he added.

While gaming PC firms are relatively small in the scheme of the PC market — Joyce estimates Alienware will do $150 million in revenue this year, compared with Dell Inc.'s annual revenue of about $50 billion — the impact of the high-end gaming machine on the computer market is evident in releases from the likes of Dell and Gateway.

Those big companies are taking pains to present their machines as more than for games.

"We think the ability to have a great gaming experience out of the box is important, but these computers are also great for everything else you'd want to do," said Marc Demars, Gateway's senior director of desktop PCs.

Gateway recently added to its gaming PC line with the 7426GX notebook that runs on Advanced Micro Devices' Athlon 64 3700+ processor and costs $1,550. Gateway also moved to drive down the cost of gaming PCs even further with its new eMachines T6212 computer that costs $580 and runs on AMD's Athlon 64 3200+ processor. Both systems also come with ATI Technologies' Radeon graphics processors.

Dell touts its entries into the gaming arena, the $2,999 Dimension XPS desktop, which can carry up to 4 gigabytes of memory and runs graphics processors from either Nvidia Corp. or ATI Technologies, as well as its $2,337 Inspiron XPS notebook, which can potentially have 2 gigabytes of memory.

"We also see these as much more than gaming PCs," said Dell's Pandya.

With such discrepancies in prices and the varied technology inside the case, there's a growing a debate over what really makes a computer a "gaming PC." The definitions and versions of such computers can vary as widely as the systems themselves.

NexTag Inc., a San Mateo, Calif.-based comparison-shopping company, ranks what it calls the "most popular" computers based on a combination of sales and sales leads from reports by its several thousand merchant partners. For NexTag's purposes, a gaming PC has to have a processor speed of at least 3 gigahertz, a minimum of 512 megabytes of RAM and a high-end graphics card, such as those from Nvidia and ATI.

Garth Chouteau, public relations director for NexTag, said that based on the company's criteria, Dell's Dimension XPS machines are the first and fifth most-popular gaming PCs. However, Apple Computer's Power Mac and iMac G5 systems claimed the No. 2, 3 and 4 spots, but Apple doesn't even market those machines as gaming computers.

Industry analysts say branding is what gaming PCs are really all about. How a high-end video game runs on a box is considered an accepted gauge of a computer's performance. By pumping what's under the hood, and demonstrating how well that computer can play a game such as "Doom 3," PC makers can show off their wares and stoke demand for their more-powerful machines.

"It's more of a marketing ploy than anything else," said Brooks Gray, an analyst with Technology Business Research. "The gaming market is relatively small, but PC vendors are trying to capture more of it because they see it as expanding their home entertainment presence."

However, the attempts of the hardware behemoths to carve out a piece of the gaming PC market don't appear to be dissuading the specialty firms from what they see as their mission, driven by pride in providing a one-of-a-kind product.

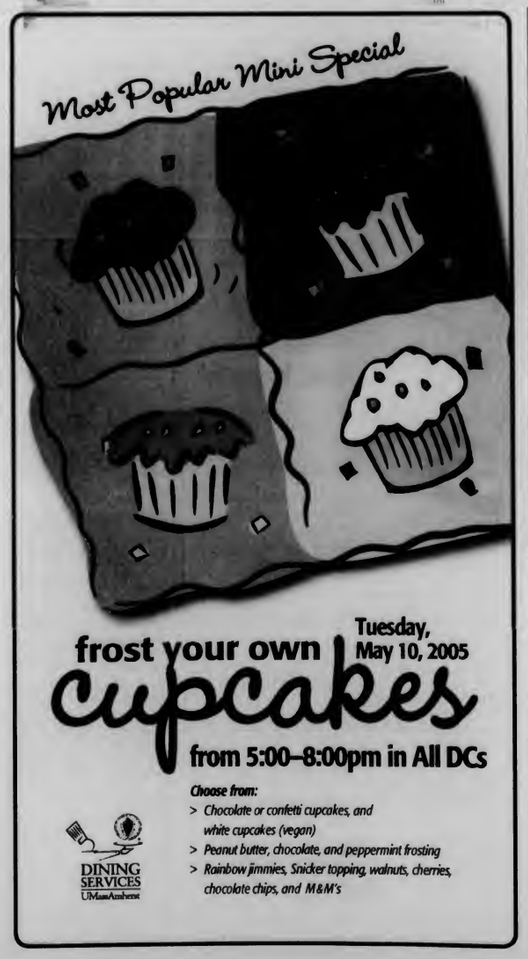
"I don't buy that a $600 machine is a gaming PC," said Alienware's Joyce. "It's just not nearly as good as what we do. Everybody has something they are willing to pay a premium for, and for most of our clients, that's gaming."



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'House of Wax' proves painful for audiences

Cuthbert, Hilton, Murray, Van Holt performances fail to bring experience back to life

By John Snodgrass
The Lantern

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Give the people gore. Lots of it and by the buckets. Give them decapitations, impalings and blood-soaked floors.

This seems to be the thought process behind Hollywood and its recent batch of scary movies. In other words: to hell with legitimate scares, let's just chuck organs on the screen and hope that the audience gets grossed out.

Gross outs aren't scary and neither is "House of Wax."

A "remake" of the 1953 film of the same name starring Vincent Price, "House of Wax" follows a group of college age kids on their way to the biggest college football game of the year. Along the way, one of group's cars runs into trouble and the kids decide to split off into two parties so that some can go to the game and others can fix the car.

Forced to hitch a ride to the closest town, Carly (Elisha Cuthbert) the stereotypical horror film smart girl, and her weenie boyfriend Wade (Jared Padalecki), begin to ponder whether they made the right choice of staying to fix the car.

Upon entering the town (which looks more like a cheesy studio backlot) the two young lovers decide to explore the town's famous House of Wax, while waiting for the town mechanic Bo (Brian Van Holt) to finish attending a funeral. On closer inspection, the two students realize that not only are the amusement house's occupants made out of wax, but the building is as well.

Meanwhile, the rest of their party decides to head back and meet up with Carly and Wade when it becomes evident that traffic is going to keep them from making the game. The two groups now decide to meet back up, fix the car and camp for the night.

When Carly and Wade don't show up at the planned meeting spot, Carly's recluse brother Nick (Chad Michael Murray) and his dimwit friend Dalton (Jon Abrahams) go into town looking for them. This leaves Paige (Paris Hilton), Carly's best friend and her boyfriend Blake (Robert Ri'chard) all alone at the campsite. How cliche.

Then again, this whole film is cliche. It's predictable, drawn out and boring. The majority of the "scares" consist of characters getting cut, gouged, beat, clipped and shot with arrows. It's the carnage over creativity technique and it fails miserably.

This film is poorly acted (in some scenes Hilton is the best thespian), poorly shot, poorly written and poorly directed. It's soundtrack is mind numbing (consisting of nothing but bad rock songs from five years ago) and its only funny moment consists of Abrahams' character filming Hilton in the middle of a "pseudo-sexual act." The movie then abuses this little gag and continues to work in shots consisting of people filming Hilton via a camcorder. It was funny once, all the times afterward are just annoying.

"House of Wax"
Directed by Jaume Serra
Starring Paris Hilton Elisha Cuthbert
Warner Brothers
Rated R
105 mins.

Despite all these problems, this movie is still almost bearable. Almost. It's so stupid and idiotic that it does become comical, but only for very short periods of time. This is enough to keep the film just watchable enough that no one walks out. That all changes however when the movie reaches its "climatic" ending and every ounce of viewability goes out the window.

The last 20 to 25 minutes of this film are horrendous. This film has the most ridiculous and asinine ending since "The Ninth Gate." Watching this thing unfold is more painful then pushing red-hot pokers through your eyes. And about as entertaining. What makes this ending even worse, however, is the fact that the audience sees it coming the entire film.

This movie is a travesty. It should not have been made and it should not be viewed. It is terrible. Dismemberment does not equal horror. It's only there to be shocking and to cover up the fact that no one on this project knows what they're doing (with the exception of the special effects and makeup people).

Do not go see this movie. Do not rent it. If there is a film worth seeing and this movie is being played in the same multiplex, go to a different theater.



'House of Wax' fails to provide audience with entertainment despite plentiful gross-outs and teenage horror movie cliches. The movie premiered this past weekend to a negative critical response.

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Osbourne begins to show age

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Chains guitarist Jerry Cantrell, former Mountain guitarist Leslie West, and pedal steel wizard Robert Randolph, among others. Some of these covers work surprisingly well, such as King Crimson's, "21st Century Schizoid Man" and a metallic rendition of Mountain's, "Mississippi Queen." Yet, others, such as John Lennon's "Working Class Hero" and the Rolling Stone's "Sympathy for the Devil" are simply not up to par.

In his later years, Ozzy Osbourne has gone from a revered heavy metal godfather to a tired ghost of a legend. "Prince of Darkness" outlines this transformation quite well. While there is certainly some interesting material lying within this compilation, after the second disc there is hardly any musical merit to speak of, making "Prince of Darkness" more of a novelty than a meaningful release.

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LaFogg and Busa shine

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collected on the day. Sulick then followed with a double to right-center. Proctor stopped at third, but was able to score when the cut-off throw got away from the second baseman.

Senior Jasmine Edwards then walked and sophomore Candice Molinari drove in a run with a single over the shortstop's head. A failed suicide squeeze attempt by senior Hilary Puglia resulted in the first out of the inning. With Puglia at first and Molinari at third, UMass pulled off the first of two successful double steals in the inning.

A groundout by Morin advanced Puglia to third and junior KJ Kelley followed with a walk. Denis drove in two runs with a double to left that was affected by the swirling winds. After freshman Stacy Cullington reached on an error, the final run of the inning was scored on the second double steal.

LaFogg then set the Bobcats down in order in the fifth to secure the mercy-rule win. LaFogg struck out seven on the day to bring her A-10 leading total to 207.

After the Senior Day ceremonies between the two games, Busa took the mound and picked up right where LaFogg left off. She allowed only three walks en route to recording her third career no-hitter.

UMass got on the board with a run in the first. Morin walked with one out and scored when Denis bunted and the throw by Quinnipiac's pitcher sailed over the first baseman's head and into right field. Denis was credited with a hit on the play, extending her hitting streak to 11 games.

In the second, UMass tacked on four more runs to take a 5-0 lead. Proctor led off with a walk, and junior Kristi Stefanoni was hit by pitch to put runners at first and second. Molinari then singled to right and Proctor scored from second. Stefanoni came around to score when the throw got past the catcher.

One batter later, Puglia drilled her 10th home run of the season over the wall in left-center.



Junior pitcher Jenna Busa pitched two no-hitters in a row this weekend, blanking both Rhode Island and Quinnipiac.

UMass went scoreless for the next two innings before scoring three times in the fifth to lock up its second mercy-rule win of the day.

Proctor drew yet another walk with one out, and Busa followed with a single to center. Stefanoni knocked in one run with a double down the leftfield line. Junior Amanda Acampora then came in to pinch-hit, and ended the game with a two-run double to right.

Busa (14-5, 2.11 ERA) finished the regular season at the top of her game, as she went 11-1 in her last 13 starts of the season.

"Jenna is really starting to feel what she needs to do out there," Sortino said. "There aren't too many things that are distracting her from what she needs to do. She's really matured a lot on the mound."

"I had the same feeling that I had on Friday, so that gave me a huge boost of confidence," Busa said. "I basically focused one pitch at a time and I wasn't focused on a no-hitter, so I think that was a key to the success."

On Friday, UMass beat up on URI, with Busa leading the way both at the plate and on the mound.

Busa, who has only been in the batting lineup for two weeks, went 3-for-3 with two home runs and six RBIs in UMass' 9-0 win in the second game. Busa also recorded her first no-hitter of the weekend, allowing five walks in the five inning game.

"When I was warming up I felt really good," Busa said. "Although I had five walks, it was a mixture of bad calls by the umpire and me getting a little frustrated. That didn't hold me back. The madder I got, the harder I was throwing."

In the first game of the day, LaFogg allowed two runs on four hits, while striking out 11.

The offense provided plenty of run support, led by the heart of the order. The 3-4-5 hitters (Kelley, Denis and Cullington) combined to go 9-for-12 with seven RBIs and five runs scored. Kelley homered in each game, raising her team-leading total to 12, one shy of the single-season school record she set last year.

UM seniors dominate in the end

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Sulick, who each had two at bats, two hits and two RBI is their final game at the UMass Softball Complex.

Sulick has been coming up big for UMass as of late, ending a comeback victory with an RBI against Boston University on May 3 and hitting two homers the following day against Boston College. Sulick, who made the transition from west coast to Western MA four years ago is excited to return to California after this season.

"I'm glad to go back to California, but I'm really sad, and its going to be hard. It's been a great class, we've bonded a lot," Sulick said. "Every senior day has been pretty special and it's nice that some of our alumni came back. Every senior day is nice, especially when you win at home."

Denis, who had her best collegiate season in '05, recorded five homers, 35 RBI and a batting average of .363. There is no question about whether Denis is thinking about the post season, but separating from her team is in the back of her mind.

"It will probably hit me, you know, when we finish up at the World Series," Denis said.

For Sortino, she is focused on the post season, but watching her team go has a major impact on her.

"It's hard for me to see them come through and what they grow into and to think that this is their last home game," Sortino said. "I love that they're free and lose, have great pride in their tradition and they really want to pass the legacy on. All of these kids are legitimate contributors so their legacy is our tradition."

UMass scoring burst halts Temple

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score.

Sophomore Travis Munsey then singled to move Teutken to third and stole second during the ensuing at bat. It was a perfect set up for sophomore Anthony Santos, with runners on second and third. Santos delivered with a base hit to right-center field, scoring both runs and giving the Minutemen a 3-1 lead.

UMass coach Mike Stone cited the team's timely scoring burst.

"We had timely hitting because we came back from behind at the end of the game," Stone said.

Senior Keith Doherty had a solid performance on the mound for UMass, pitching eight innings, allowing five hits and two runs while striking out seven. Junior David Sullivan came in to shut down the Owls for his first save of the season.

The opening game of the series on Saturday was highlighted by Torra's outstanding performance, but early run support from the UMass bats helped to put the game out of reach.

The Minutemen scored one run in the second inning and added to that in the third with three more, all that Torra would need.

The top of the third inning started off with three consecutive singles by the Minutemen. Freshman Ryan Franczek, freshman Bryan Garrity, and senior Jason Twomley recorded the hits, with the final hit by Twomley scoring Franczek. Twomley then stole second and a throwing error by the catcher allowed Garrity to score from third while Twomley moved in behind him. A sacrifice fly scored Twomley and gave UMass a 4-0 lead.

In the second game of Saturday's double-header, the Minutemen scored all of their runs in the fourth inning, but it was not enough to get a win against the Owls.

Santos began the inning with a single through the left side. Franczek walked and Twomley reached on an error to load the bases. Another error by the shortstop allowed senior Curt Szado to reach base and Santos to score. Another error allowed Adamski to reach base while scoring Franczek and Twomley. A groundout by sophomore Matt Weiner scored the fourth and final run for the Minutemen.

Temple scored runs in the second and third innings, and that was plenty for the Owls.

In the bottom of the second inning, Temple's Dan Brady and Dan Lafferty led off with back-to-back singles. The bases were loaded after Frank Nunan was hit by a pitch. A sacrifice fly scored Brady and a single by Justin Cooper put the Owls up 2-0.

In the bottom of the third inning, Temple took a commanding lead, putting four runs on the board with doubles by Lafferty and Nunan.

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UMass takes ECAC crown

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about the top-to-bottom power of the conference, rather than rest on his team's laurels.

"It's great to be champions of the ECAC because the conference is so competitive. Each and every week you go out there you're playing a quality opponent," Cannella said. "You look at it over the course of the season and it's a great accomplishment."

Rutgers and the Minutemen were both without the services of their starting keepers. UMass keeper Bill Schell was out with an injured hand and was on the sidelines with a cast on his right hand. The Scarlet Knights had suspended their All-American goalie Grey Havlichak for violating a team rule.

The Minutemen started sophomore Efosa Guobodia while Rutgers had Tyle Tarrar in the cage.

Both goalies stepped up to the occasion with Guobodia tallying 14 saves and the victory, while Tarrar had 15 including several point blank shots from the UMass attack.

"He did a heck of a job and he's a great leader," Cannella said of Guobodia.

"I was a little bit nervous at first, but the first couple stops that out, you know? You get your first shot you get a save then you can play," Guobodia said.

The Minutemen were in command for most of the game, but the slow down offense the Scarlet Knights played made each offensive possession particularly valuable for UMass. Rutgers only won one quarter when they shut out the Maroon and White 4-0 in the third frame.

UMass put up eight goals in the first half, while Rutgers put up four. The Minutemen would not get on the board again until Morris broke the ice with 11:13 left in the game to put the score at 9-6.

"They just played ball control," Morris said. "We were sitting there, me, Jeff (Zywicki) and Gene (Gene Tundo) and we're like 'are we ever going to get the ball?' It was so slow. Our defense played great, it was a testament to them, but at the same time, they were slow."



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Senior Gene Tundo had an assist in the Maroon and White's 13-7 victory over Rutgers on Saturday.

The Scarlet Knights had some extra incentive to be fired up as Saturday's game against the Minutemen was Senior Day at Rutgers. The Scarlet Knights have nine seniors.

Rutgers senior Robert Morris came out on fire and netted two goals in the first nine minutes of the game to give the Scarlet Knights a 2-0 lead. UMass went on to rattle off three consecutive goals, one from Morris and one from Zywicki.

"It was a hardcore game and Rutgers put up a good effort, we knew they were going to. It was senior day, it was their last game and they wanted to go out on a high note," Reid said. "Last year we came out on our senior day and went out on a high note against them when they were the ranked team."

Right after the game Cannella yelled at his team for arguing with the Rutgers sidelines. After he talked about being "first class" he congratulated his team on the victory.

"We lost our cool there for a second and he was getting fired up at us," Reid said. "He always finishes on a high note and he's really proud of what we've done this season."



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The Massachusetts men's lacrosse team poses with the ECAC championship trophy after defeating Rutgers on Saturday. The Minutemen have won the ECAC championship three times, all under Greg Cannella.

Guobodia shines in win

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said. "He had his opportunity to step up, and he did. We were confident in him. When Billy went down, we were like, 'Alright now, it's E's turn to go.' He stepped right in and played the way we expected him to play."

Jack Reid, the Maroon and White's defensive leader, agreed but also said the defensive unit wanted to ensure that Guobodia had a triumphant day between the pipes.

"It was a little different [not having Schell in the game], but we got used to it real quick this week," Reid said. "E is a great goalie. He's an intense individual so it was great to have him behind us. The defense wasn't worried at all. We all wanted to step up and make his first start a successful one."

When time on the clock began to wind down in the fourth quarter, Rutgers began to put on more and more pressure and picked up its offensive intensity.

Rutgers cut the score to 9-7 with 10:34 to play, but a four-goal spurt by the Minutemen and timely saves by Guobodia quelled any chance of a comeback, as he stopped three shots in the final 90 seconds and a total of five in the final frame.

"Efosa was solid in the goal," Cannella said. "He made some great saves when we really needed him to."

"I never felt pressure," Guobodia said. "I was confident in the system. I believe in the system, believe in what the coach does. I just go out there and play the game."

It helped that he had a tenured veteran on the sideline to help him out, to. Guobodia took advice from Schell during the game, whether it was advice on clearing the ball or just goaltending in general.

"I've grown up a lot just from watching [Schell], being around him," Guobodia said. "He's definitely like a big brother on the team."

"Billy hurt his hand, so I had to step up. I've been preparing the whole week. Everybody put confidence in me, and that was the biggest thing, confidence."

That, and an ECAC championship riding on the line, at least.

But with that, with all of the pressure, with all of the Division I lacrosse intensity left on the field and with everything else that comes with replacing a legendary goalie in the last game of the regular season, what was the last thing Cannella said to him?

"Coach said, 'Just go play ball, go play ball,' and that's what I did."

He played ball, and he won an ECAC championship while he was at it.



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Sophomore goalie Efosa Guobodia recorded his first career win against Rutgers on Saturday.

UMass takes two from Temple

By Rob Greenfield
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts men's baseball team (11-30 5-13 A-10) visited Temple over the weekend and won two of three in the three game series in Philadelphia.

The Maroon and White began the series with a doubleheader on Saturday starting at noon, and the rubber match was Sunday starting at the same time. UMass split the games with Temple on Saturday by winning the first game 5-0 and dropping the second 6-4. The Minutemen took the series on Sunday by beating the Owls 3-2, riding a three-run ninth inning to seal the victory.

UMass will travel to Maine on Tuesday to face the Black Bears and will travel to Central Connecticut State on Wednesday.

The Minutemen picked up their 10th and 11th victories on a weekend that featured a complete game shutout in game one by junior Matt Torra. The performance brought his season earned run average down to a slim 1.13 and gave Torra his third shutout of the season. Torra allowed only three hits while striking out eight and walking none.

In the final game of the series on Sunday, the Minutemen stormed back in the ninth after being down the entire game to steal the victory from the Owls. All three of the UMass runs came in the ninth as the Minutemen picked a good time to catch fire.

Sophomore Bryan Adamski started things in the last frame with a single up the middle. After the second out was made on a fly ball to the outfield, Adamski forced the action and stole second. All freshman Andy Teutken had to do was put the ball in play, as an error by the Owls allowed the tying run to

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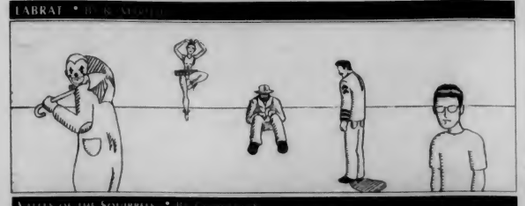
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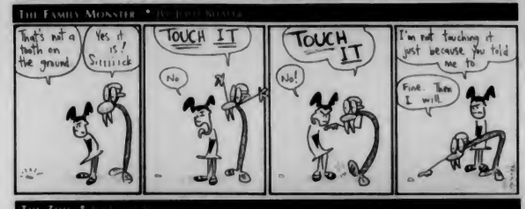
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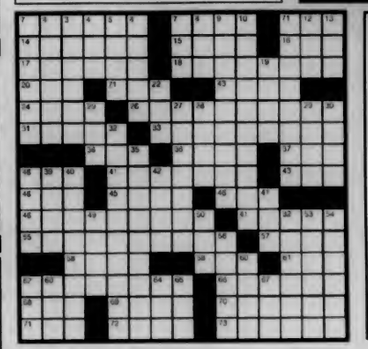
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Minutemen take third ECAC title

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Since March 26th, the Massachusetts men's lacrosse team has done everything right.

After losing to Loyola 6-5 on that Saturday afternoon, the Minutemen (12-2 5-1 ECAC) went undefeated in the ECAC, won their 20th New England Championship, and then defeated long time rival Syracuse 14-13 in overtime on April 30.

Then, on Saturday, everything came together one more time as UMass won its third ECAC championship with a 13-7 victory over Rutgers (4-9 1-5 ECAC).

With the victory, the Maroon and White have set itself up for a NCAA playoff game against Syracuse at Garber Field on Sunday.

"There's a lot that went into this. We're not done by any means, but this is a big part of our season," UMass attackman Sean Morris said. "We're happy we got this, we're definitely happy. The season is over, now it's the postseason and its do or die."

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Morris had five goals on the game, including two in the fourth quarter. His five goals tie a career-high for Morris, who scored five against Hobart College on April 16, in UMass' 14-12 victory.

The Minutemen were led by Jeff Zywicki and Morris in the fourth quarter, who combined for four of UMass' five goals in the period; Zywicki had four goals in the game. Brett Garber also added a goal in the period with just over six minutes left to play in regulation.

Zywicki's four-goal performance gives him 94 career goals for the Minutemen, ranking him 11th all time.

UMass has played Rutgers in the final game of each of the last four seasons. The Minutemen won all but one game during those meetings, with the Scarlet Knights winning 9-8 in 2003. The loss cost UMass the ECAC championship that season.

Jack Reid, who was a freshman on that team, remembers the game and was relieved that the Minutemen came home with the title.

"It feels great, we've been close. We were in the running last year, we had a chance my freshman year but we lost to Rutgers," Reid said. "We've been close, so it's a nice day to finally get it."

UMass coach Greg Cannella, who has led the Maroon and White to each of their three ECAC championships, has been harping on the importance of each game this season. Even after winning the championship, Cannella was quick to talk

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The Minutemen celebrate after their 14-13 victory over Syracuse on April 30. UMass defeated the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers on Saturday afternoon to win the ECAC championship, its third ever.

Guobodia saves the day for UM

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

PISCATAWAY, N.J. – It was a game that culminated an entire season's worth of preparation.

It was the last day of the Massachusetts men's lacrosse team's regular season schedule. Thirteen games down, one to go.

In the middle, there had been five conference clashes. The Minutemen had won four of them, including a victorious effort over Georgetown on April 23 to put them into place for Saturday's 60 all-important minutes of lacrosse.

This one had everything on the line for the Maroon and White, an ECAC Lacrosse League championship, an NCAA tournament first-round home game, a 12-win season.

It was supposed to be senior goalie Bill Schell's final regular season contest, and it would have been an opportunity for him to win his second conference title.

But it didn't happen. Schell suffered a broken right hand last week just a few days before the Rutgers game.

Enter backup sophomore goalie, Efosa Guobodia, his two career saves and zero career starts.

He had been in net for three relief appearances this season, for a total of 20 minutes, 31 seconds. Last year, he made two relief efforts, manning the cage for 3:55 of game action.

On the sideline, Schell stood in a black UMass hooded sweatshirt and a cast that reached just below his right elbow. With him were his 54 starts, 40 wins and 535 saves, good enough for fourth-best in UMass' all-time record books.

Guobodia, in the meantime, was busy just trying to rid the butterflies that had haunted his stomach from the time he woke up until the 8:34 mark of the first period, when he made his first save, turning away a hard, low shot from the stick of Leif Blomquist, the Scarlet Knights' leading scorer.

The second-year netminder, whom his teammates simply refer to as 'E', would go on to make 13 more saves through the course of the game, and his total of 14 tied Schell with the most a UMass goalie has made in one game this season.

And they were more than enough to earn him his first career win, as UMass breezed through Rutgers 13-7.

"We had confidence in [Guobodia]," UMass coach Greg Cannella said. "We watch him everyday in practice. He does a heck of a job. He's a really good leader. I have no problem with confidence with Efosa going out there. Going in, everyone had confidence in him."

Confidence wasn't anything the Minutemen were lacking on Saturday, especially in terms of their goalie.

"He's been great all season," attackman Sean Morris

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UMass gets three no-hitters

By Dan Duggan
Collegian Staff

No-hitters are supposed to be rare occurrences in softball, as evidenced by the fact that the Massachusetts softball team hadn't recorded a single no-hitter in its first 45 games, despite having two dominant pitchers.

But in this weekend's four games the UMass pitchers incredibly threw three.

Senior Barb LaFogg, who came within one out of a perfect game earlier this year against Dartmouth, tossed a no-hitter yesterday against Quinnipiac in her final home start. Along with coming on Senior Day, the no-hitter also served as a nice birthday present for LaFogg, who turned 23 yesterday.

Not to be outdone, junior Jenna Busa didn't allow a hit in either of her starts this weekend, no-hitting Quinnipiac (19-27-1) in the second game yesterday as well as Rhode Island (8-35 3-11) on Friday. Busa helped her own cause against URI with two home runs and six RBI.

UMass (34-14-1 15-3 Atlantic 10) coasted to four mercy-rule victories behind the strong pitching performances, beating URI 12-1 and 9-0, and finishing the regular season with a pair of 8-0 wins against Quinnipiac.

With the regular season over, the Minutewomen now direct their focus to the A-10 Tournament which begins on Thursday at Fordham. UMass is the No. 2 seed and will face Saint Joseph's (21-19 8-6 A-10) in the first round on Thursday at 2 p.m.

The postseason couldn't come at a better time for the Minutewomen, as they are playing their best softball of the season. UMass has won 23 of its last 26 games, and is currently on a 10-game winning streak.

"The team is in a really good place right now," UMass coach Elaine Sortino said. "They get a little bit better everyday, and right around now you want to be playing well and we are. Championship week starts this week, so this is it."

Despite the cold and rainy weather, there was a good crowd gathered at the UMass Softball Complex to celebrate Senior Day yesterday, and LaFogg treated the fans to the first of two dazzling pitching performances.

"I went into today like this was basically my last game," LaFogg said. "I held nothing back, and I had nothing to lose. Those are the kind of days when I pitch my best."

"It's a storybook finish for her," Sortino said. "She's had so many near-misses, I was happy for her to get it."

LaFogg (20-9, 1.99 ERA) breezed through the overmatched Quinnipiac lineup, allowing only one base runner on an error in the fourth inning.

UMass scored single runs in the second and third innings, before blowing the game open with a six-run fourth inning.

The first run was scored by senior Denise Denis, who led off the second with a walk and came in to score on senior Pam Sulick's bloop single down the leftfield line.

Senior Hilary Puglia stroked a one-out double to the left-center gap in the third and scored on sophomore Amanda Morin's single up the middle.

UMass then sent 10 batters to the plate in the fourth, and was aided by wildness and shaky defense from Quinnipiac.

Freshman Lauren Proctor led off with a walk, one of four she

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Freshman infielder Sarah Hurd gets ready for a ground ball at third base. Hurd was a pinch runner for the Minutewomen during their three-game series this weekend. The Minutewomen won all three games.

Seniors dominate for Minutewomen

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

As graduating students across the nation begin to say their "good-byes" to friends that they've made over the past four years, there is one tightly knit group that has to deal with the departure of much more than just acquaintances.

Yesterday, in front of relatives and UMass alum's, The Massachusetts softball team said its "good-byes" to five seniors that will be departing from Amherst this spring.

In the final 2005 regular season contests, seniors Denise Denis, Jasmine Edwards, Barb LaFogg, Hilary Puglia and Pam Sulick were presented after Game 1 of a double header against Quinnipiac as part of the Senior Day ceremonies.

Emotion was apparent as UMass coach Elaine Sortino experienced her 26th Senior Day.

"Well I've pretty much been emotional since I woke up this morning," Sortino said. "You know, I feel these are kids that I've kind of watched grow up."

Just as Sortino was able to watch her team develop over the years, she was also able to watch her crew sweep the Bobcats on a day in which the Minutewomen did not surrender a single hit at the UMass Softball Complex. The seniors were pleased that they were able to end their careers on a high note.

"It definitely hit me when I walked out with my parents," Edwards said.

For pitcher Barb LaFogg, Game 1 capped off a roller coaster of a career. After a brief stint at Seton Hall, the Hampshire Regional star returned to western Massachusetts and joined the Maroon and White. After sitting out a season and playing sparingly in 2004, LaFogg entered the 2005 season on a mission.

"She's an incredible kid, she's incredibly loyal, she's thrilled to have our uniform on and we're thrilled to have it on her," Sortino said. "I don't think she understands that second part. She always says, 'thank you for letting me play,' and I always say, 'thank you for playing here.'"

With the regular season in the books, LaFogg finished strutting an ERA of 1.99 and struck out an A-10-high 207 batters, while ending with a bang.

In Game 1 yesterday, which also happened to be her 23rd birthday, LaFogg registered seven strikeouts, while pitching her first no-hitter of her career. LaFogg agrees that all of the seniors have something to prove.

"I think we are all on the same boat and we have nothing to lose and something to gain," LaFogg said. "So we can just put it on ourselves and have those types of mentalities and we'll do absolutely fine."

Another senior who continues to focus on the A-10 championships is former A-10 Player of the Year, Puglia. The shortstop, who recorded her 10th homer in Game 2 yesterday, is honing in on what has to be done in the post season.

"We still have a lot of season left, so I guess it really hasn't hit me yet," Puglia said. "We definitely want to push it to the limit, this is our last chance."

Two was the lucky number yesterday for seniors Denis and

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UMass program to help substance abusers

By Brian Duffey
Collegian Staff

Health Educator Diane Fedorchak, has started a program for students at the University of Massachusetts who are sober or are interested in getting sober.

Fresh and Sober is a "work in progress" that began taking shape a year ago. Every other Tuesday, students come together to share their experience and concerns in a confidential setting. Fedorchak encourages any student who is in recovery or is concerned about their drinking or druggging to attend. The final meeting of the semester will be at 5 p.m. today at University Health Services in room 302.

The primary focus of this program is to bring students who are troubled by their alcohol or drug abuse and students who are in recovery together. Fedorchak stated that the sober members of this program are individuals who are involved in a 12-step program. These students were all unable to control their drinking and/or drug usage in the past and have found a way to remain sober.

Fedorchak believes that it can be difficult for sober students to adjust to the social climate of the University. Despite the large numbers of UMass students who do drink to get drunk and regularly use illegal drugs, she said, "Not everyone here drinks and not everyone gets drunk."

Fedorchak is also concerned with the message the University and the faculty sends regarding alcohol. Members of 'Fresh and Sober' have expressed concern about the way in which professors speak about alcohol consumption.

Some of the inspiration for this program came from an incoming student in recovery, who had contacted Fedorchak. She said she felt compelled to build a place where students in recovery could come together to form a community. Fedorchak thinks that it is important for students who are struggling with addiction issues to realize that members of the UMass community are staying sober and have found another way of life.

Fedorchak stressed that the meetings include, "Talking in a non-judgmental, non-confrontational way; just sharing." She reiterated that all people and the information they share at each meeting is kept confidential.

As a health educator, Fedorchak says that her main responsibility is to offer a, "harm-reduction approach, to provide people with the facts to lower their risks."

She pointed out that alcohol and drugs are just two dangerous areas; sex, food, and stress are also issues that can cause major problems. Bedtime Players, a Health Education theatre troupe, puts on a series of short skits regarding issues like alcohol, drugs, and sex. The performances are done in the residence halls throughout campus.

Fedorchak said that Fresh and Sober includes more than just the biweekly meetings. She receives phone calls from students who are concerned about their habits. She also receives calls from concerned parents. Fedorchak considers herself to be an advocate for students who are in recovery and students who are looking to make a change. She is also working hard to distribute related informational brochures and booklets around campus.

"The more materials out there, the more they will call," she said.

Diane Fedorchak can be reached at 577-5188. All conversations are confidential.

Tanning is still popular, despite dangers

By Hinlan Wong
Collegian Correspondent

As the sky clears and the semester ends, University of Massachusetts students seem to be aware of the risks of skin cancer, but many are continuing to tan themselves, despite apparently lethal dangers.

In turn cases of melanoma, a deadly form of skin cancer, is on the rise, according to the World Health Organization, especially in places where people are fairest-skinned: North America, Australia, New Zealand and northern Europe. The WHO reports that one in two forms of cancers found in people in the United States are skin-related, while around the world, the figure is one in three — a difference of 50 percent.

The causes of the increased risk on this continent are, without doubt, tanning, according to the American Cancer Society. But the risks of tanning may be worth it, according to several UMass students.

Vinny Russo, a sophomore majoring in history said, "When you tan, you feel better about yourself. In the winter you turn to that pasty white color; it just doesn't look healthy."

During the summer Russo is a full-time lifeguard at Lexington Park and Recreations pool. Although this will be his fifth year working at the pool, Russo said he does not frequently wear sun block to protect himself. He says he is fully aware of the possible effects but is not worried about melanoma.

"If I'm not going to get burned, I'm not concerned with it (cancer)," said Russo.

Because he does not burn easily, Russo said he is unlikely to contract melanoma.

On the other hand, Russo does remind the young children he guards to wear sunscreen.

"The children just aren't old enough to make educated decisions I am making," he said. "I am fully aware of the health risks."

Melanoma is the most deadly form of skin cancer but is completely curable if treated early.The two main causes of melanoma remain over-exposure to the sun and the use of tanning beds, according to the American Cancer Society.

The WHO recommends that children under the age of 18 not use a tanning sun bed. Massachusetts state law says that no one under the age of 18 can use a sun bed without written consent by a parent or guardian, and no one under 14 can use a sun bed unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The cancer risks, however, haven't stopped Julie Wong, a sophomore from Boston majoring in Hospitality, & Tourism Management, who said she went to a tanning salon just before a recent trip to Florida.



Tanning beds are a cultural phenomenon, attracting many high school and college-aged people. However, the beds pose a cancer risk.

"Tanning makes you look toned," said Wong. "I don't want to look white; I want a nice healthy tan, not pasty."

Wong said she also knows the risks of the tanning salon and sunbathing.

"Cancer is a scary thought, but I do it anyway," she said. "It's just like people who smoke. It doesn't affect me unless I know a friend or family member gets skin cancer from the sun," she said. "I'm addicted to sunbathing in the summer, not the tanning bed. You feel better after you go to the beach, compared to a tanning salon."

Melissa Pappas, a sophomore majoring in communication, said she likes to sunbathe, recreationally scuba dive, snowboard and play in the UMass marching band. While outside, she said, she often goes without sunblock, or uses only SPF 15.

"I love the sunshine, that vitamin D. I just can't get enough," Pappas said. "No one in my family has ever had it. Skin cancer

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Students seeking high interest loans

By Jamie Mason
Collegian Correspondent

Hundreds of University of Massachusetts students squeezed by the increased costs of their education are taking on new debt to finance it, often in the form of higher-interest alternative loans, according to the UMass Amherst financial aid director.

Five years ago, UMass students took out about $1.5 million in such loans, according to Ken Burnham, director of financial aid. This year it's $12 million, some $10.5 million more.

The seven-fold increase is the latest sign that students are being pushed financially in higher education across the board, Burnham said

"In the 1999 to 2000 school year, students' alternative loans averaged $5,600," said Burnham. "During 2004-2005, the average was $8,600."

Not only are the amounts being borrowed increasing, but also the numbers of students taking out such loans.

"Five years ago about 250 students at UMass were taking out alternative loans, today, it's over 1,440, almost six times as many," said Burham. "Some 1,050 of the 1,440 are in-state residents, the other 350 are out-of-state residents."

According to the UMass Office of Institutional Research, fees have increased by $3,715 in

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Journalist investigated for fabrication

By Ted Bridis
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An investigation over the sourcing and accuracy of news stories by a freelance journalist at a leading Internet news site concluded that the existence of dozens of people quoted in the articles could not be confirmed.

Wired News, which publishes some articles from Wired magazine, paid for the review of stories by one of its frequent contributors, Michelle Delio, 37, of New York City. It was expected to disclose results late Monday.

The review determined that dozens of people cited in articles by Delio primarily during the past 18 months could not be located, said one person familiar with the report's conclusions. This person said nearly all the people who were cited as sources and who could not be located had common names and occupations and were reported to be living in large metropolitan regions.

Wired News' editor in chief, Evan Hansen, confirmed those conclusions Monday. "I wouldn't dispute any of that," he said.

None of the information attributed to the disputed sources was considered significant. The disputed quotations typically supported details elsewhere in the articles.

Delio said Monday the investigation "concluded that my stories did not contain fabricated news, that key information in all the stories checked out and that all primary sources were located." She said she regretted not keeping contact information for all her sources.

In a private e-mail Delio sent to Wired News executives last month and obtained by The Associated Press, she said she wanted to "present my side of this sad saga."

"I don't understand why my credibility and career is now hanging solely on finding minor sources that contributed color quotes to stories I filed months and years ago," she wrote. Delio said that among hundreds of articles she wrote for the organization, there "isn't one story that contains fabricated news."

Wired News and Wired Magazine are separately owned and do not share office space or staff, but Wired News publishes Wired Magazine's content online.

The review for Wired News was carried out by Adam Penenberg, a Wired News columnist who teaches journalism at New York University. Penenberg exposed fabricated articles in The New Republic by Stephen Glass in 1998 while Penenberg was a writer for Forbes.com. Glass was fired.

An earlier fact-checking investigation of articles Delio wrote for the online edition of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Technology Review magazine also found problems. That publication hired a journalism professor, Susan Rasky of the University of California, Berkeley, to review stories by Delio it published on its Web site between December and March. The review last month concluded that just three of 10 stories Delio wrote could be verified, and all 10 were pulled from Technology Review's Web site.



A writer who wrote articles for "Wired News" and "Wired Magazine" is currently under investigation for fabricating stories.



Spring has sprung!

The trees around the campus pond are in full bloom on Monday, a reminder that spring is in full swing around the Pioneer Valley. Temperatures are expected to reach at least 70 degrees today.

White supremacists clash with crowd at Holocaust memorial

By Brooke Donald
Associated Press

BOSTON — White supremacists clashed with an angry crowd outside Faneuil Hall, where Holocaust survivors and their families were commemorating the liberation of Nazi concentration camps.

Two people were arrested during Sunday's confrontation in downtown Boston, officer John Boyle said.

On the 60th anniversary of the Allied victory in Europe, survivors, their children, and grandchildren lit white candles inside the historic meetinghouse to commemorate the estimated 6 million Jews killed by the Nazis during World War II. Germany's consul-general to New England, Wolfgang Vorwerk, spoke of his country's role in the massacre.

Ten to 15 members of the Arkansas-based group White Revolution arrived for their scheduled demonstration and were escorted by hundreds of police officers on foot, motorcycle and horseback to a designated protest area across the street. Officers, many in riot gear, formed a barricade between the protesters and about 100 people who angrily shouted at them to leave Boston.

At one point, the crowd opposing the white supremacists surged forward, causing police to use their batons to keep them at bay.

A scuffle arose outside the protest pen when Shireen Chambers, 36, of Dorchester, allegedly struck Jerome Higins, 25, of Everett.

Police said Higins, who is black, retaliated by spitting in the face of Chambers, who is white, and hitting her with a sign. Chambers yelled racist epithets as she was dragged away by police. Boyle said at least one officer was injured while attempting to arrest Chambers.

Both were charged with disturbing the peace. A judge ordered Chambers to be evaluated at a mental health center following her arraignment Monday in Boston Municipal Court, a court clerk said. Higins is scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday.

Gov. Mitt Romney, who attended the Faneuil Hall event, said he was disgusted by the presence of the white supremacists.

"Today of all days, to have white supremacists come here from Arkansas, is most disappointing," he said. "I wish they'd go back home where they came from and bury themselves under the rocks that they crawled out from."

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William Weld not seeking N.Y. Gubernatorial seat

By Michael Gormley
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — The same day former Massachusetts Gov. William Weld said he was interested in running for governor of New York, an internal memo issued to partners in his investment firm discounted any such bid.

The two-paragraph memo from Leeds Weld & Co. to its "limited partners" stated, in part: "While it has always been Bill's practice never to say never, 'Bill is not running for governor of New York or for any other office." The memo, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press on Monday, said Weld "is full-time engaged in the business of Leeds Weld & Co."

There are no signatures on the memo but it shows it came from Jeffrey T. Leeds and Weld.

The memo was obtained from a source who provided it on condition of anonymity.

A spokesman at Leeds Weld & Co., a private equity investment firm where Weld is a partner, didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

On the day of the memo, April 26, state Republican officials said Weld was considering running for governor or for the U.S. Senate representing New York, where he was raised and moved back to in 2000. Later that day, Weld said he was seriously considering entering the 2006 New York governor's race if fellow Republican George Pataki does not seek a fourth term.

New York Magazine on April 26 reported that Weld has been telling associates that GOP leaders approached him about running. State GOP Chairman Stephen Minarik has said he hasn't met with Weld.

Minarik "has not sat down with Bill Weld to talk about any race. This is nothing more than media-driven speculation," said Ryan Moses, executive director of the state Republican Committee.

Pataki has not yet announced if he will seek a fourth term next year. Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, a Republican, may also run for governor but an aide has said Giuliani is too busy with private business interests to run for governor.



Former Mass. Gov. William Weld (R.)

Democratic state Attorney General Eliot Spitzer has announced he's running for governor.

If Weld ran for U.S. Senate, he would face Democratic incumbent Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Sam Houston is the only two-state governor in history, having served as governor of Tennessee from 1827 to 1829 and Texas from 1859 to 1861.

Bush joins world leaders in remembering Allied victory

By Terence Hunt
Associated Press

MOSCOW — In a once-unthinkable setting for a U.S. leader, President Bush took a place of honor on Red Square amid symbols of Soviet power Monday and saluted the greatest military victory of an empire formerly regarded as America's most-threatening enemy.

Tanks rumbled on the streets and warplanes screeched overhead as Bush and his wife, Laura, joined a long list of presidents, prime ministers and dignitaries at a grand parade celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Allied victory over Nazi Germany. The Soviet Union paid the heaviest price of all the triumphant allies — nearly 27 million soldiers and citizens killed in what is remembered here as the Great Patriotic War.



President Bush meets Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili at a Georgia airport on Monday, shortly after arriving from Moscow.

Ten years ago, President Clinton boycotted Moscow's military parade on the 50th anniversary of V-E day to protest Russia's brutal military campaign in Chechnya. Clinton waited in his hotel, emerging later for talks with Boris Yeltsin. But Bush showed no reluctance, eager for Vladimir

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Congress looking to toughen gang laws

By David Crary
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The rapid spread of vicious street gangs such as MS-13 is causing alarm in cities and suburbs nationwide, igniting bitter debate about how best to combat the threat and inspiring a comprehensive anti-gang bill in Congress.

The measure is depicted by supporters as the only effective way to counterattack gang violence, and assailed by critics as an overreaction that could clog both federal courts and adult prisons with youthful offenders, most of them minorities.

Sponsored by Rep. Randy Forbes, R-Va., the bill moved swiftly through the House Judiciary Committee last month and is scheduled for a House floor vote Wednesday. It would turn many gang—related violent offenses into federal crimes punishable by mandatory sentences of at least 10 years, expand the range of crimes punishable by death, and enable U.S. prosecutors to try 16- and 17-year-old gang members as adults in federal courts.

"These aren't petty hoodlums," Forbes said. "They're cutting people's heads off, doing counterSurveillance on police. ... They're trained in a type of violence we've not seen heretofore."

In Virginia recently, gang victims have been hacked by machetes and had fingers cut off. Affiliated gangs in Central America are suspected in several recent beheadings of young women.

The bill's supporters include the National Sheriffs' Association and the Fraternal Order of Police, the nation's largest law enforcement union. If approved, it would move to the Senate where Sens. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) and Orrin Hatch (R—Utah) have introduced a bill combining tough anti-gang measures with new funding for crime prevention programs.

Opponents include numerous high-powered civil rights groups — the NAACP, the American Civil Liberties Union, Human Rights Watch and others. They cite FBI findings that serious youth crime is declining, say states — not the federal government — can best address the gang problem and worry about long—term consequences for teenage offenders sent to adult prisons.

"We too want to do something about gang violence," said Angela Arboleda of the National Council of La Raza, a Hispanic civil rights organization. "But punitive measures that lock up youths with adults is not a smart approach."

Arboleda says that Forbes' measure _ which the congressman has nicknamed "The Gangbusters Bill" — "is one of the worst bills we've ever seen."

According to Forbes, street gang membership in the United States has grown steadily to more than 750,000, outnumbering police officers. He said a federal approach is needed because gangs like MS-13 — the Central American-influenced Mara Salvatrucha — have spread to many states.

"They're organized; they have a board of directors inside prison and outside prison," Forbes said. "Even while in prison, they recruit teens, even down to elementary school."

Critics of the bill say state and local police agencies could escalate the fight against such gangs under existing laws. They also say the Bush administration and Congress have cut back social programs that could deter youths from joining gangs in the first place.

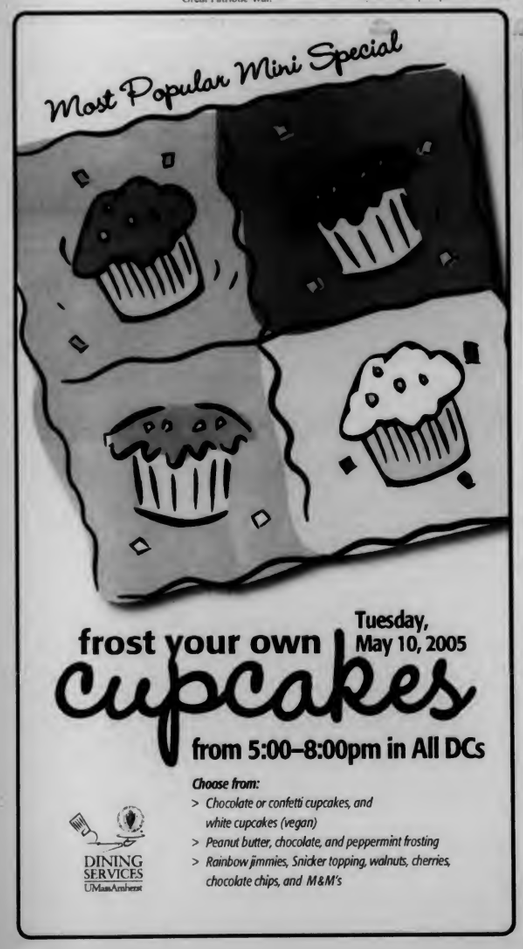
"Because there are alarming stories about gang violence, members of Congress are under pressure from constituents to offer solutions," said Morna Murray of the Children's Defense Fund. "The fear makes it hard to focus on crime prevention. 'Tough on crime' sells, but it doesn't work."

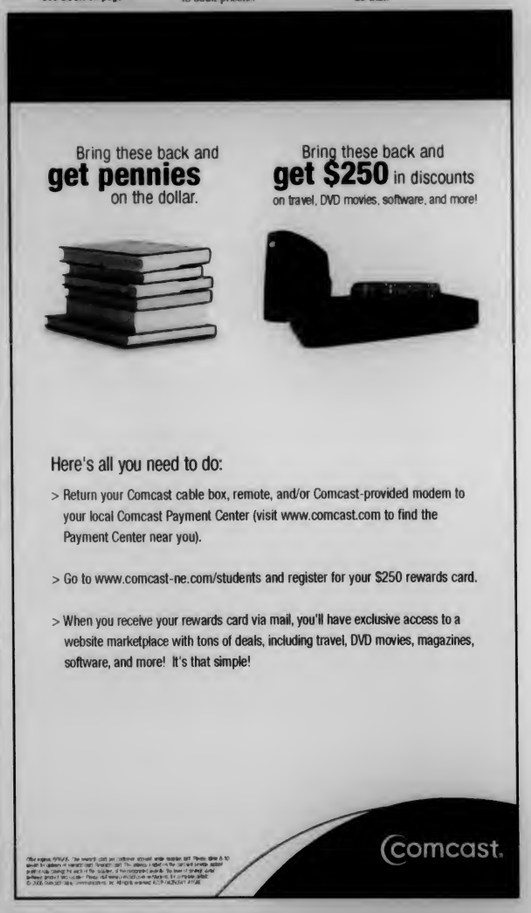
The bill's opponents include some conservatives who question the concept of federalizing law enforcement tasks traditionally handled by states.

"It's better that it stays state law — that's the true conservative position," said Rep. Robert Inglis, R-S.C., the only Republican opposing the bill when the Judiciary Committee approved it on an otherwise party-line vote.

Forbes said of Inglis, "He's a nice guy —but he's dead wrong."

"In the past, these gangs were in just one area — now they have networks across the country," Forbes said. "We want to create enforcement teams that will do six or seven month investigations, and then have trials that will bring whole networks down. States can't do that."





A special message for state employees

YOU DON'T BUY A NEW CELL PHONE WITHOUT COMPARING FEATURES. THIS IS YOUR HEALTH.

Study The Plans.

If you're an employee of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you have until May 13 to select your health care plan for the coming year. We think you should know there are more factors you ought to consider in making that choice than just the monthly deduction from your paycheck, factors like whether a plan will steer you away from your community hospital and the doctors you and your family know and trust. This is about your health, after all. It's in your best interest to take a close look at your options, because if you don't know what you're signing up for, you could be surprised later to learn that you've picked a plan that's wrong for you and your family.

We've put together a chart that we hope will provide an easy basis for comparing the various plans available to you[1]. This chart is designed to spell out what each plan does and does not offer. We encourage you to pay close attention to column three, which shows the level of access each plan offers to your community hospital, Cooley Dickinson. You should also take a close look at column four, which shows whether each plan offers full access to the major medical centers in Boston.

Health Plan (including basic life insurance)	Unrestricted Choice[2]	Access to Cooley Dickinson Hospital	Access to Major Boston Hospitals	Monthly Employee Premium Contribution[3,4]
Commonwealth Indemnity *Community Choice Plan*	○	●	◐	Individual: $74.80 Family: $172.95
Commonwealth Indemnity Plan *with Catastrophic Illness Coverage*	●	●	●	Individual: $148.64 Family: $337.61
Commonwealth Indemnity Plan *without Catastrophic Illness Coverage*	●	●	●	Individual: $120.77 Family: $272.97
Commonwealth Indemnity Plan *PLUS*	○	●	◐	Individual: $88.15 Family: $203.19
Harvard Pilgrim POS	●[5]	●	●	Individual: $86.29 Family: 207.07
Health New England	○	◐[6]	◔	Individual: $68.37 Family: $167.78
Navigator PPO by Tufts Health Plan	○	◐[7]	◐	Individual: $82.90 Family: $199.04

● Yes
○ No
◐ With patient deductible based on tiering plan.
Access to many services at some hospitals may carry a higher patient co-pay.
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1. The Fallon and Neighborhood plans, which are available to state workers, have been left off this chart because they are not in the Cooley Dickinson service area.
2. A no icon (empty circle) in this column indicates a plan that uses tiered co-payments to steer patients to certain hospitals, or that otherwise restricts members' ability to choose the hospital at which they receive treatment.
3. The rates on this chart are intended to be representational. These specific rates apply to employees hired on or before 6/30/03 who earn $35,000 or more a year. For a plan-by-plan breakdown showing your rates, visit our Web site, www.cooley-dickinson.org
4. You must make your annual enrollment decisions based on current contribution percentages, knowing that these could change after the Commonwealth's annual budget is finalized.
5. Requires a $400 inpatient co-pay at all hospitals.
6. Tiering system requires highest co-pays for all inpatient, MRI and CAT Scan services at Cooley Dickinson.
7. Tiering system requires lowest co-pay for OB/GYN services, middle co-pay for pediatrics, and highest co-pay for adult medical/surgical services at Cooley Dickinson.

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The Less We See Of You, **The Better**

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It's not that we're anxious to see you at Cooley Dickinson. In fact, the way we see it, one of our most important jobs is to make sure you spend as little time here as possible. Keeping people healthy (and out of the hospital) is a major part of our mission as a community hospital. Another is making sure you're well cared for when circumstances do bring you to the hospital.

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Students still flock to tanning booths despite cancer dangers

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does not hit close to home."

Pappas said she likes the tan she receives from sunbathing and her various outdoor activities, and like Russo, she rarely gets sunburned while outside.

"I'm Mediterranean olive," she said. "Some call it 'olive'. I call it 'hot'!"

The sun can cause some serious health risks, according to Philip C. Nasca, professor and associate dean for graduate education in the UMass School of Public Health and Health Sciences.

"While you're young, tanning looks good," said Nasca. "But as the years progress, the skin, as a direct result of tanning begins becomes damaged and leathery." Nasca urged students to use common sense when in the sun.

"All things in life need to be in moderation," he said. "The sun is a good source of vitamin D, but only in moderation."

Nasca recommends that people being exposed to the sun follow the directions to re-apply an application of sun block of SPF 30.

"Laying out in the sun for two hours at a time doesn't make any sense," Nasca said.

It's particularly dangerous for people who have sunburned early, he said. A person is more susceptible to melanoma if, as a child, he had severe sunburns. The sun may damage a child's skin to the extent that the body is unable to sufficiently repair it.

Nasca said the problem with tanning salons is they are not sufficiently regulated or inspected and as a result, tanning booth timers or other controls may not be up to par. He recommends that if you cannot be dissuaded from tanning, go to a place that specializes in it. A place that may have more to lose by using shoddy equipment, as compared to a establishment with a single tanning machine.

The Collegian contacted five establishments in the Amherst area with tanning equipment for comment for this story, but none returned calls.

Massachusetts state law requires the posting of a list of health dangers at tanning salons. Parental signature is required for minors, but parents do not need to be present and if a person is under the age of 14 may use a tanning device if accompanied by an adult.

The New York State legislature is considering a bill similar to Massachusetts law regulating tanning salons, but with more restrictions. Under New York's proposed bill, any child under the age of 13 would be prohibited from using public tanning equipment, people between the age of 14 to 18 would be required to have a parent or guardian present at the signing for permission to tan and any person over the age of 18 would have to sign to acknowledge the dangers of using tanning equipment.

Stephanie Fung, a UMass freshman from New York City majoring in accounting, said, "I don't think there should be restrictions in New York. It's just the same as smoking at the age of 18. People still smoke under-age; the law is not going to change anything."

Fung said that while living in New York last year, she did at least six sessions in a tanning salon.

"Who doesn't tan? Who doesn't want to look good," she asked. "Isn't that what it comes down to?"

Fung said she stopped going to a tanning booth because it costs too much, but she still goes sunbathing. If the tanning salon were cheaper she said, she would definitely continue going.

"The second you turn pale, you want to stay tan," she said. "People are naive, everyone knows it's bad for you."

High tuition drives students to seek high-interest loans

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the last five years for in-state students and $4,494 for out of state students. Tuition has increased by three percent in the last year. Next year's in-state tuition will be $2,640, out-of-state students will pay $9,937. The total in-state tuition for 2005 will be $9,557, out of state will pay $18,006.

"Students borrowing through alternative loans has increased significantly," said Burnham. "It is a statewide and national phenomenon, this is not just at UMass."

"The reason for this is very simple, the cost of education is growing. Tuition and fees are rising nationally. This, along with the economy, inflation, and the increased cost of living are pushing more students to their financial limits," said Burnham.

"There is a rising population of parents having children later in life, and they have retirement to think about," said Burnham. "So parents are putting more burden on their children to pay for the cost of higher education."

An alternative loan, Burnham said, may be defined as a private educational loan offered to a student to supplement financial aid in addition to financing the cost of education.

Almost anyone may take out an alternative loan for their education, Burnham said, and such loans are not necessarily need-based. However, students and their parents usually take out alternative loans only after federal loans, which tend to cost less, have been taken out to the maximum amounts.

Bush, world leaders remember liberation of Nazi Germany

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Putin's help in the war on terror and problems in the Middle East, Iran and North Korea.

Bush watched goose-stepping soldiers and flags emblazoned with the Soviet hammer and sickle that recalled the days of communist rule. He sat beside Putin on a reviewing stand next to Lenin's tomb.

White House counselor Dan Bartlett said Bush was not uncomfortable with the trappings. Bartlett said it "demonstrates how far we've come in the world" after the collapse of the Soviet Union and the end of the nuclear-tinged standoff of the Cold War.

Despite sharp exchanges in recent days about Russia's retreat from democracy, Bush and Putin decided to emphasize their friendship rather than their disputes during the wartime anniversary. But tensions were likely to flare anew when Bush visits the former Soviet republic of Georgia and delivers a speech Tuesday praising its democratic progress.

Georgia is the last stop on a four-country trip that included visits to Latvia and the Netherlands.

Georgia's leader, Mikhail Saakashvili, boycotted Monday's ceremony to protest Russia's refusal to quickly withdraw two Soviet-era military bases it maintains in his country. He has asked Bush to intervene in what he calls "one of the last legacies of the Soviet totalitarian domination in this part of the world."

"This visit is support for our pursuit of democracy and a direct recognition of the role that Georgia, along with Ukraine, is playing in weakening Russia's imperial ambitions," lawmaker David Berdzenishvili said ahead of Bush's arrival.

In Moscow, Bush met privately with leaders of private groups dealing with problems of AIDS, human rights, ecology issues and other areas. He told them he has good relations with Putin, and said that only people who have a good relationship can have good collaboration, said Svetlana Kotva, a lawyer for an organization for handicapped people.

Bartlett said Bush was not glossing over differences with Putin but that this was an occasion to honor Russia's sacrifices. Bartlett said the best way to be effective with Putin was through a constructive, personal relationship.

The president also visited the staff at the U.S. Embassy, then met privately with 10 American and 10 Russian veterans of World War II. He thanked the veterans and told them they set an example for others by their willingness to face tyranny and defeat the Nazis, said White House spokesman Scott McClellan.

Bush typically is the center of attention at home and abroad. But he surrendered the spotlight to Putin in Moscow. Bush made no comments in public and simply joined in gatherings of leaders at the celebration.

McClellan said the most moving part of the parade for the president was when the old, Soviet-era trucks rode by with World War II veterans inside, waving and holding roses.

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"I may not agree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it." -Voltaire

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Hard to live with mean girls

Stacy Kasdin

Recently I've been looking a lot at ads for people trying to find housemates. When I (hopefully) get a job I'm going to have to find somewhere to live, and rather than move into my own place and then try to find someone to share it with, I'm looking for a place already all set up with an open room. My criteria is pretty simple: I'd like somewhere that isn't too pricey, with internet and cable TV, I'd like there to be some sort of public transportation to my workplace near-by, and I'd like my housemates to be male, or at least a combination of males and females.

I have no interest in living with only females. For most of my childhood my closest friends were all girls, but not always the same girls. I switched best friends about once a year. Ildiko and Summer moved away, Elizabeth ditched me for someone she found more deserving of her friendship; Nicole used me, betrayed me, and turned all my friends against me. Rebecca stayed behind in eighth grade while I moved on to ninth grade in a different school.

Here in college, my closest friends are all male, and we've had a closer friendship than I've ever had with any of my close female friends of the past.

When I got to high school my group of friends became slightly more co-ed, although it was still predominantly female. I ended up spending most of my time with my one close male friend and one female friend who was a self-proclaimed tomboy.

Here in college my closest friends are all male, and we've had a closer friendship than I've ever had with any of my close female friends of the past. I've been attributing this to that fact that I'm older now and able to have more mature relationships, and sometimes simply to bad luck and falling in with the wrong crowd in my younger days. However, according to the Associated Press, a recent study done at Brigham Young University has confirmed that the reason I get along better with boys is that girls are often inherently mean. This study found that, "girls as young as 3 or 4 will use manipulation and peer pressure to get what they want." So I'm not imagining it!

Researchers call this behavior relational aggression, and say that girls use it to maintain their social status, but until recently it was only recognized as a behavior of adolescent or older girls. In this study they asked 328 preschoolers which kids were more likely to start fights, which were the most popular and which were the most physically aggressive. They discovered that even in preschool there is a social hierarchy. I don't remember preschool well enough to confirm whether or not this was occurring back in the 1980s, but as someone who has been working extensively with children for the past 10, and someone who was a child not so long ago, it doesn't surprise me.

According to the Associated Press, co-author of the study, Craig Hart, said relational aggression can include such things as, "leaving someone out to telling their friends not to play with someone to saying, 'I'm not going to invite you to my birthday party.'" In my past relationships with girls I have experienced all of that and more, and know many others who have as well. Although I have experienced conflicts with my male friends, I have never experienced anything quite like that. Even though someone may bother them I have never witnessed them deliberately leave someone out or hurt someone's feelings without apologizing.

Granted, this is not the case with all males. Maybe I just found a particularly great group of guys. However, having experienced close friendships with people of both genders and compared them, the girls tended to be much cattier, and much more likely to deliberately hurt someone in order to teach her a lesson or gain power or control in a group. Furthermore, just as this type of aggressive behavior is found in some males it is also not present in some females. Although I have not had created any very close relationships with females in the past few years, I have certainly met some who were very kind to me and everyone that I saw them interact with. Although we did not develop an extremely close friendship, I saw the future potential for one, though given my past experience it would have taken some time for me to feel comfortable in the relationship.

So I'm willing to give girls a shot again and try a co-ed living situation once I find a job, but I'm not risking living with all girls. At least not yet, and not before I get to know them first. And it's nice to know that all that "bad luck," wasn't just my imagination, wasn't just me, and quite possibly wasn't bad luck at all, but simply social scientific fact.

Stacy Kasdin is a Collegian columnist.



The souls of yellow folk– so long and thanks, UMass

Grace Chen

I arrived on the UMass campus on Jan. 24 — two days before the start of the spring semester and the day after Northeast had been dumped with over 20 inches of snow.

I am from a warm, tropical climate where temperatures have never fallen below 80 degrees Fahrenheit, and the idea of a snowstorm just did not sit well with me. I was vacationing in London when that happened, and was told by the United Airlines that I might have to "standby" at Heathrow Airport until the next day. Boy, was I bothered … I was worried I might miss the falling snow.

I had never seen snow in my entire life and the idea of white, beautiful, flying, fluff from a Hollywood romance flick made me really excited about the storm.

Then I had to face reality. The "white, beautiful flying fluff" was now "white, ugly soaring bluff." I sometimes missed lunches and dinners altogether, just to avoid the humiliation of having the snow hit my face. I preferred to huddle under the cheap down blanket I bought from Target. I started doing my assignments in bed, and I blamed the cold whenever I dozed off and did not get them done on time.

It was not until the end of March that I began to lament the lost time. I came back from my spring break to a campus cleared of snow. Ducks had started to swim in the pond and squirrels were hopping around. One time, I even encountered a raccoon, the size of my two-year-old Shi Tsu, who stopped for a few moments three feet away from me before scurrying off.

The snow came back a couple of times, but that did not bother me. I was making more friends now and was getting to know my dormmates better.

Americans are very generous. Besides the fact that they're willing to hold the door for you, there would always be someone who would organize certain dorm gatherings where ice cream, pizza and hot dogs were provided for free. There were a few occasions when random dormmates would take out what they called, their "prized possession" — something in the form of dried grass, which they offered to me. Even now, I'm still bewildered about why they like it so much. I've always found it smelly and never took the offers. But I suspect that special grass made them quite happy — though they told me they took it to help them sleep better.

Thank you, UMass, for embracing me and my culture, for tolerating my rants against you and for making my stay enjoyable. So long now.

Flowers started blooming recently, and temperatures actually hit 90. That was the week people took out their sunbathing mats and played football and volleyball in the fields. I remember walking across the lines and lines of girls clad in bikinis and felt I was back on a particular beach in Singapore. I returned to my dorm to count the days; I realized there were only four weeks more.

Last Monday, I found a familiar note on my door: "Summer closing information … have a safe and enjoyable break." Of all the talks we had in class about approaching deadlines of major assignments, about possibilities after graduation and about the semester ending, they never really hit me as hard as the note did — I'm leaving soon.

The 16-week study abroad program that had seemed never-ending will end tomorrow. But before I bid farewell, please allow me to say thank you. Thank you, UMass, for embracing me and my culture, for tolerating my rants against you and for making my stay enjoyable. So long now.

Grace Chen is an international student at the University of Queensland in Australia. She is doing a study abroad program with UMass and will return to her country, Singapore, at the end of the semester.

Bush's stem cell policy is fair

David Lawrence

In a televised speech on the night of Aug. 9, 2001, President Bush announced a compromise that made activists and lobbyists unhappy on both sides of the stem-cell debate: Federal funds could be used in research on already existing embryonic stem-cell lines, but no new lines could be created for the time being.

With Bush's decision made, one side complained he was condoning the destruction of life for research and allowing research on unwilling humans, while the other lamented that existing cell lines would not be enough. In making lobbyists from the left and right unhappy, he in fact struck a perfect balance between two sides of a difficult issue.

Bush's 2001 decision did not put religion before science, nor did it ignore the ethics of the situation. He chose to tread carefully in attempting to reconcile "the potential for incredible good — to improve lives, to save life, to conquer disease" offered by embryonic stem-cells, with a duty "to foster and encourage respect for life in America and throughout the world." He didn't exclusively cater to his religious convictions — he showed willingness to compromise on the anti-embryonic stem-cell research position originally taken in his campaign.

Many have lost sight of the political climate in which Bush created the stem-cell policy that is so often derided today. Indeed, I've heard Bush's stem-cell policy invoked as an example of his religious dogma. For those who would proffer this argument in spite of the circumstances of his decision, let me quickly clarify some of the facts.

Under the Clinton administration, no embryonic stem cell research was funded federally. Funding for this research didn't exist under any previous administrations. It was not until George W. Bush announced his new policy that the government began sanctioning ESC research. Bush's new policy, though characterized as restricting research, in fact encouraged it for the first time.

Bush's policy allows for stem cell research to be carried out. This is a fact that often falls by the wayside. The compromise offered by Bush merely limits scientists to studying the existing lines of stem cells. For now there are enough to investigate most fundamental questions regarding how these cells function and are controlled. The existing stem cell lines are only limiting, when researchers require DNA-matched stem cell lines. Research is not yet developed to the point where this is necessary.

There are currently many scientists researching various aspects of embryonic stem cells and investigating their potential benefits. Until scientists better understand how to control these cells to achieve the benefits, and avoid possible adverse consequences (such as cancer), they will not be introduced into people; so it is not necessary at this stage to have DNA-matched stem cell lines.

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Bush's plan calls for research to be done on the existing lines until more is known about the comparative benefits of adult versus embryonic stem cells, and we have more time to consider the ethical issues surrounding if and how to obtain embryonic stem cells.

Though the existing cell lines show some problems, such as feeder cell contamination, most research has not progressed to the point that this poses a serious problem. With a few exceptions, research remains concentrated on very basic questions of cell differentiation for which the existing lines are adequate. For the time being the most limiting aspect of this research is our lack of knowledge of how to grow and control these cells. When this research progresses further, this policy may be adjusted.

Finally, it is unlikely that embryonic stem cells derived from unused embryos would be directly useful in clinical applications because of immune rejection of the implanted cells. Stem cells, though they can differentiate into many different cell types are genetically different from the host that they are implanted into, and will be attacked as foreign by the immune system.

The only way to avoid this would be to use embryonic stem cells that are genetically identical to the host, and the only way now known to obtain those would be by harvesting them from a clone of the host created specifically for that purpose. In other words, many ESC applications would require creating a clone for the sole purpose of destroying it. Such clone-on-demand treatments raise moral questions, which it seems prudent to approach slowly and deliberatively.

During the 2004 election, the Kerry camp tried to paint a harsh picture of Bush as a radical Christian putting his religious beliefs before the good of all and the progress of science. They were relatively successful in doing so because few people actually know the facts about stem cells and stem cell research. The fact is that stem cell research is going on right now, because of Bush's policy. The fact is that if new lines will definitely be useful, the policy can be updated to reflect that. Bush angered the religious right by compromising his religious beliefs and allowing any stem cell research to be done. Our president acted not as a religious fanatic, but as an intelligent and compromising politician.

David Lawrence is a Collegian columnist.

What we've been fighting for

Yousef Munayyer

I began writing for this paper shortly after September 11, 2001. Four years and many columns later, my column comes to an end in the Massachusetts Daily Collegian. Through this time, I have tried to voice my perspective in the pages of this paper. This perspective, the view of an Arab Palestinian, is hard to find in the media today, yet here at the university level, I was given permission to narrate and for this I am grateful.

Looking at the world around me I can see that an Arab or Palestinian perspective is not welcome. In fact, there are many people who wish to silence writers like myself because they know they will be exposed and their interests will be harmed. As long as print media continues its struggle to survive amidst lower sales it will continue to produce a product for sale and will move further from reporting on the realities which concern us and I, for one, will resist this.

To my critics, who upon reading my opening lines may have already said, "good riddance to bad rubbish," I say "thank you." Thank you for reading my column. Thank you for entertaining my ideas. There are certainly people who disagree with me very strongly but they still read. I respect them the most and I know that I have contributed to planting the seeds of change in their minds and cracking the edifice of propaganda up-on which their understanding relies.

I wonder when is the next time a Palestinian perspective will be consistently voiced in the pages of this paper. I can only hope that the pen I lay down is picked up by others who are willing to ask the difficult questions.

Often I am asked why I write about similar topics and how I can be so persistent. Often I am asked why I do not write about anything "good". There are simple answers to these questions. Perhaps most importantly is that the media dominated society we live in gives so little room for a perspective like mine. It is necessary to do all that is possible to be heard.

Also, there are two images that hang above my desk that stare me in the face as I write every week. The first is a character image from a political cartoon. The image is of a barefoot child holding a sword with his back facing me. The tip of this sword is a fountain pen reminding me that even the weak have powerful weapons in print. Adjacent to this image is a line written in Arabic calligraphy from an Iraqi poet that reads "My ink is black. Do not ask me to draw a rainbow." It is hard to focus on the miscellaneous rights when there are so many wrongs which need to be corrected first. Besides, we write about what is wrong because we want change and if everything were right there would be no reason to criticize.

We can never forget that we are in a constant struggle to make the world a better place. If we go through life without challenging the status quo, the generations that follow us will start years behind in a world, which could have been better. The burden falls on us to strive for principles that are in the interest of the greater good. Equality, freedom, education and human rights, the great goals our society has yet proven it has the courage to fight for and we must be the catalyst for this change.

We must ask the difficult questions because they will not ask themselves. Every human struggle for freedom from oppression is our struggle. Be it the Palestinian struggle or the struggle for equality in the United States, they are all fights we should be sharing in because if we do not oppose oppression as it happens under our watch we have become the oppressor.

We must ask why so few people control so much wealth. We must ask why certain nations are dictating standards they themselves do not follow. We must ask what has led a man to die for what he believes in. We must ask what the interests of each party involved are. We must ask why "they" hate "us". We must ask who "they" are and perhaps even more importantly we must find out who "us" really is.

As I close my last column I begin to think of the future of the debate on this campus. I wonder when is the next time a Palestinian perspective will be consistently voiced in the pages of this paper. I can only hope that the pen I lay down is picked up by others who are willing to ask the difficult questions. I hope that others will resist those who wish to silence them, by crowding people and perspectives behind racist walls. All that is for certain is that as this last column comes to an end the struggle only continues.

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'KINGDOM OF HEAVEN' CRUSADES TO THEATERS



By Nancy Meiler
Daily Trojan Staff Writer

HOLLYWOOD — Orlando Bloom signed on to play the lead role in a French nincompoop named Crusader in Ridley Scott's 12th-century epic, Kingdom of Heaven, purely because he was attracted to the Universal cyclopedias in the film.

Aside as an adult Bloom's character, Balian, learns that the Crusader knight Godfrey of Bouillon (played by Liam Neeson) is his father.

It was an all-too-familiar opportunity for the 28-year-old actor, who last starred as nonsense in Legolas in the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy.

It's interesting how subsequently, these same two characters — Bloom, who grew up in Canterbury, in southeast England, learning that his father was the local [illegible] Bloom later [illegible] at his father's address. Mr. Bloom, who was one of Harry's [illegible] was very absent. Harry and his mum, who lives [illegible] Bloom when Harry was very ill.

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Jesse Metcalf, one of the male stars of the hit television show, "Desperate Housewives", has helped the shows male actors gain recognition in the Hollywood spotlight. He plays John, a 17 year old gardener who becomes involved with co-star Eva Longoria's character, Gabrielle.

Desperate' guys: The anatomy of a look

By Wendy Donahue
Chicago Tribune

Before she shops for the clothing, "Desperate Housewives" costume designer Cate Adair imagines a real man behind each male character, and takes pleasure in the task.

"Let's be honest: They're a pretty good-looking bunch of guys," she said. "It's not very hard to come to work."

Here are some of the labels behind the looks.

CARLOS SOLIS, GABRIELLE'S HUSBAND

Profile: "He's newer money, the story has told us that. He has a lot of taste. He's always coordinated and cares about how he looks."

The labels: Ted Baker and Hugo Boss. "Those lines have some splash to them, but they're still very elegant," Adair said. "I suspect the character, if I was to do more of back story, he probably has a specific salesman and walks into the best stores and says 'I need six suits,' and they put it together for him head to toe. My interpretation would be Gabrielle supplements that." His jeans are designer, mainly True Religion. "They're just a great men's jean," Adair said.

MIKE DELFINO, HUNKY PLUMBER

Profile: Low-key. "The character isn't drawing attention to himself but he's still incredibly sexy."

The labels: Button-front Levi's and, "if anyone thought that a T-shirt is just a T-shirt, it's not, believe me," Adair said. "We've been through a lot. There's one particular cut of Banana Republic T-shirt that works beautifully on him, the fitted cotton stretch, not quite so thick (as some), and it comes in beautiful heather tones, which look gorgeous with (his) eyes. I love him in those sort of heathered greens and moss colors. We're also introducing some Carhartts (work clothes). You'll find them in uniform shops, real service people wear them. But they can be a fashion statement."

TOM SCAVO, FATHER OF A BROOD

Profile: "He really is the fabulous all-American guy, a working guy who likes to play ball with the kids in the front yard. He and his wife, Lynette, are the couple on the street who are very happy. They can't keep their hands off each other. So it seemed natural that she'd steal his baseball jerseys and shirts. He'll wear a striped Nordstrom shirt in one episode, and then she'll have it on over J. Crew jeans in another."

The labels: Lots of Nordstrom's private label. "He's a good Nordstrom character. And some J. Crew. We figure he probably doesn't spend a lot of time in stores shopping. Lynette probably does a lot through catalogs for more casual stuff because they're not going to take four kids around the mall on the weekend."

JOHN, LAWN BOY AND BOY TOY

Profile: "The biggest challenge is making him look a little younger." He's supposed to be a teenager, but the actor is in his mid-20s. So Adair opts for polos, rugbys with stripes or tank tops, for an "earnest" look.

The labels: True Religion jeans, Gap cargo pants, striped Penguin polos. "When he's looking more hip, I.e Tigre T-shirts are always good. If you're really careful you can get those little tigers off." (ABC is careful about product endorsement.)

REX VAN DE KAMP, BREE'S HUSBAND

Profile: "He's a doctor. We know his wife is a Republican, not that I don't have friends who are trendy Republicans. But he's a little more country-club careful."

The labels: "I use a lot of Nordstrom on him, the nice private label. He also looks good in Hugo Boss, it's cut beautifully for him. I've used some Armani, the more classic cuts, on him."



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Committe is flawed

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the Hoyas' home field.

This dropped Georgetown to third place in the conference and proved to be its second loss in three games.

So what does this committee do with these two teams?

Well, Georgetown is rewarded by dropping down in the standings and losing on its own home field by earning the 6-seed in the 16-team tournament and gets a date with a struggling Army squad.

UMass, however, stays at No. 8 and will welcome Syracuse to Garber Field for the second time in 15 days on Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m.

Wait, it gets better.

The Orange have been to the Final Four each and every single one of the last 22 years and are also the defending national champions.

If the Minutemen are able to get past the tournament juggernaut known as Syracuse, they will travel to Baltimore for the quarterfinals. Since the NCAA is trying to level the tournament playing field, all quarterfinal games are being played at neutral sites that were predetermined before the season started.

Oh, hold on about that one.

Providing Marist doesn't hand No. 1 Johns Hopkins its first loss of the season, the Blue Jays will be waiting eagerly for UMass (or Syracuse) to arrive at Homewood Field.

Oh, now I know why Homewood Field sounds so familiar.

It's actually the strip of land on the Hopkins campus where the lacrosse team has won a school-record 34 consecutive games. It's the 110-by-60-yard mass of land that attracts upwards of 8,000 screaming fans, and it is a place where no player on the current roster has ever lost.

So, throw the word "neutral" out the window.

To add to this, Towson, which was never ranked higher than 11th all season, came out of nowhere and jumped ahead of the Minutemen to gain the No. 7 seed. Towson won a grand total of one game over a tournament team, a 9-8 victory over Delaware on Sunday to win the Colonial Athletic Association championship.



The UMass men's lacrosse team has upset teams such as Georgetown, Syracuse and Hobart this season.

But here is where that starts to make sense.

Wayne Edwards, Towson's Director of Athletics, served on Sunday's selection committee.

There is nothing like tooting your team's horn while lounging at completely serious and objective meetings to determine the fate of each Division I team in America, especially when your team has a journey resume as impressive as Jessica Simpson's SAT scores.

Look, I'm not saying that there was a giant conspiracy theory created by the selection committee to ruin UMass' under-appreciated season.

What I am saying, though, is that the individuals on this selection committee are being trusted by millions of people to do their job to the best of their ability.

And right now, I don't believe this is happening.

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UM has found success in 2005

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race the conditions favored us, it was a strong tailwind and we're a very light crew."

The Eagles finished a full seven seconds behind the Maroon and White at 6:40.77, to finish in second place.

In the lightweight eight division, the Maroon and White were able to finish in fourth place behind Ohio State, Marist, Villanova and the winners, Ohio State. The Minutewomen checked in with time of 7:44.57.

Due to inclement weather, the junior varsity four and novice races were all canceled this weekend.

"It was a little bit disappointing in that all of our boats did get a chance to race," Dietz said. "The way they run it at a regatta like this is that all of the races on Saturday were canceled, then on Sunday they started some of the races and when the boats started to sink they'd cancel the race."

UMass is off this weekend as it sits and waits to see if it will be selected to compete in the NCAA Championships that are taking place in Sacramento, Calif., beginning May 8th.

Even though the Minutewomen won both the A-10 and ECAC Championship, they are still not guaranteed an automatic birth in the NCAA. The way those work is they are set up as a team championship, with two varsity eight races and a varsity four.

"The best we can hope for is an at large bid for the varsity eight," Dietz explained. "[Crew] is basically a walk-on sport here at UMass, it's hard to get twenty plus athletes that are really at the highest caliber."

For the race, the NCAA invites twelve teams for the race and offer four at large bids for schools like UMass. However, there are about 70 teams that didn't make that team competition who are vying for those four bids.

"If we're ranked third or fourth in our region, we may be considered for the one of the at-large bids," Dietz said.

Long-shot surprised everyone

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Giacomo didn't earn too many supporters with his shocking Kentucky Derby victory, starting with Hall of Fame trainers D. Wayne Lukas and Bobby Frankel.

Lukas said the 131st Derby was "the most bizarre of all."

While giving Giacomo a chance of winning the Preakness on May 21, Lukas agreed with Frankel that the colt won't sweep the Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes.

"You can chisel this in stone: There will not be a Triple Crown winner," Lukas said Sunday. "We got too many good horses that will upset the apple cart. The Preakness will be just as unpredictable. With all respect to the horse, (Giacomo) is beatable. He was beatable all spring."

Giacomo, who went off at 50-1 odds, had one victory in seven previous races before winning Saturday in the second-biggest upset in race history.

"You wouldn't think he's a Triple Crown horse. You got to like the horses who didn't fire in the Derby to win the Preakness," Frankel said, referring to 5-2 favorite Bellamy Road and Afleet Alex.

Frankel's horse, High Limit, finished last; he was badly cut and bled, but not injured seriously enough to rule him out of the Preakness.

Giacomo can expect to see some of the same rivals and a few new ones in Baltimore in two weeks.

Nick Zito's best finish among his five entries was seventh by Bellamy Road, owned by New York Yankees boss George Steinbrenner. Zito was clearly subdued Sunday, but resolved to try again in two weeks.

"We'll send something there. I don't know what," he said.

Also expected for the 1 3-16th-mile Preakness is third-place Afleet Alex, who will ship to Baltimore on Wednesday.

"It's a little shorter race, it's in our backyard and if he runs with the same courage, they will have to outrun him like they do most times. We have a heck of a shot," trainer Tim Ritchey said. "He came out of the race well."

Closing Argument is likely to challenge Giacomo again, too.

"We don't like to run back in two weeks, but this is not a normal situation, so we will probably be in Baltimore," trainer Kiaran McLaughlin said. "He came out of the race great and looks super."

Also possible for the Preakness are: Don't Get Mad (fourth in the Derby), Wilko (sixth) and Going Wild (18th). Trainer Todd Pletcher's duo of Flower Alley (ninth) and Coin Silver (12th) were on the list of maybes.

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Softball has tradition

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right the past four years, as has Sortino's teams during her 26 year run at UMass.

This year's team is the latest installment in Sortino's long line of accomplished teams. UMass (34-14-1 13-3 Atlantic 10) finished the regular season on Sunday and now will look to capture its 17th A-10 Tournament Championship beginning on Thursday at Fordham University. If the Minutewomen win the A-10 Tournament they will lock up their 11th straigh NCAA Tournament appearance.

To see how UMass was able to get to this point, all one needs to do is look to Sortino's three principles.

Of the three values Sortino stresses, the team has struggled the most with playing excellent defense. It's not that UMass doesn't have good defensive players. It's just that there have been games when the team didn't seem focused, and the result was an abundance of errors.

The worst defensive game of the year for the Minutewomen came on May 3 in a game against Boston University. Somehow UMass managed to win the game 4-3 despite committing six errors.

Since that defensive nightmare, the Minutewomen have played better defense, allowing only five errors in their final five games. The improved defense didn't happen by accident. Sortino worked the team hard in practice and the results have followed.

While it took the defense almost three months to begin to show consistency, Sortino's highly touted offense has been producing since day one.

Sortino's lofty prediction that this would be one of the best offensive teams she has ever coached raised eyebrows considering that she has coached some very talented offensive teams. The thing that set this team apart in Sortino's eyes was its depth.



Players such as sophomore Candice Molinari are preparing for the A-10 championship on Thursday.

Hilary Puglia and KJ Kelley were both expected to be major contributors on offense this year, and they have not disappointed. Puglia has led the way (literally) all year. Batting in the leadoff spot, she reached base in an incredible 43 of the 47 games she played in. She boasts a .345 batting average, while providing some pop at the top of order with 10 home runs.

Kelley has had a monster year, posting an A-10 leading .397 batting average, and a team-best 12 home runs. The all-time school home run leader is in the top-10 in almost every offensive category in the A-10.

While Sortino anticipated that these two would have big years, it has been the production from players like Amanda Morin, Lauren Proctor and Denise Denis that have taken the offense to another level.

Morin started the year in a terrible slump, sporting a batting average under .100 over a month into the season. Somehow the sophomore worked her way out of the slump and hasn't stopped hitting since. She managed to raise her batting average to .280, and has reached base in 26 straight games.

Proctor entered the lineup on opening day, and hasn't left, starting all 49 games. The freshman outfielder has kept her spot thanks to her solid hitting, as she has been near the top of the A-10 in batting all year.

Denis moved into the starting lineup in her senior season and began the year as one of the team's hottest hitters. She finished the year as strong as she started it, carrying an 11-game hitting streak into the postseason. Her .363 batting average is second only to Kelley's on the team.

While these players have been prolific hitters all year, there have also been a number of other players who have stepped up when called upon and come through with clutch hits.

Sortino has emphasized defense and offensive depth all year, but her biggest focus has been on the team's improvement. She continually said that all she was looking for from her team was improvement from day-to-day.

This aspect of her coaching style is extremely familiar to Bill Belichick's one game at a time approach. Sortino's team is so focused on each day of practice and each game that it doesn't get caught up in winning streaks and postseason scenarios.

After playing a tough non-conference schedule early in the year, UMass found itself with a .500 record (11-11-1). The low point of the season came in a doubleheader sweep at the hands of A-10 rival Fordham on April 4. Since that time, UMass has won 23 of the 26 games it has played. The Minutewomen will carry a season-long 10 game winning streak into the A-10 Tournament, where they will get a shot at revenge against the top-seeded Fordham.

This year's team has bought into Sortino's system and has positioned itself to make some noise in the postseason. Now all it has to do is play good defense, have a balanced offensive attack and take things one game at a time.

Come to think of it, it shouldn't be too hard for this team to do that.

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MLB impacts homers

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"I don't know how much steroids had to do with it," Reds reliever Kent Mercker said. "Maybe the pitching got better."

Several players and managers cited the absence of San Francisco's Barry Bonds.

"I think if Barry were playing, you'd probably have that nine percent," Minnesota manager Ron Gardenhire said.

"The best hitter in baseball is on the DL," added Florida Marlins third baseman Mike Lowell. "I can't say it's steroids or the pitching. It might be a combination. If it was down 30 percent, I would say, Whoa, we've got to look at something.' Nine percent is a minimal variation."

Minnesota outfielder Shannon Stewart was among those who cited better pitching as the cause for the drop.

"There are guys that know how to make the ball move a little bit. To me, guys don't throw straight balls anymore, so it's a little tougher to hit the baseball," he said. "All it takes is a big swing and the ball's going to be out of the yard. That's all it takes, a good swing on that ball. That has nothing to do with steroids."



With the MLB investigating steroid abuse amongst players, home run numbers have decreased during the 2005 season.

Houston manager Phil Garner thinks pitching is a big part of it.

"We went through a period where we saw guys coming up to the big leagues who were throwing 87, 88, 89 mph. Now I see a bunch of guys coming up throwing 92, 94, 95," he said. "There might have been a drop in legal supplements, too...I'm seeing smaller players. It's unlair and wrong to assume that guy was on steroids, because supplementation can help too, and it's all legal."

Washington Nationals outfielder Jose Guillen judges by his own experience.

UMass fairs well at Atlantic 10

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he cleared the bar at 6-foot-four inches. In the long jump, Godinho recorded a jump of 22 inches to finish fourth.

Other notables for UMass were senior Ion Korhonen in the 1,500 meter run, senior John Iacobson in the 800 meter run and freshman Tyler Gasper in the javelin.

Korhonen, who was named 2005 Indoor Track Scholar-Athlete of the Year, finished in fifth place in the 1,500m. He crossed the line with a mark of 4:06.43, behind runners from Duquesne and La Salle. Joseph Fedorowicz, of La Salle, won the race with a time of 4:03.01.

In the 800m run, UMass' Iacobson finished just out of the top five, coming in sixth place. He ran the race in 1:56.09. La Salle's Patrick Nash won the race, finishing two seconds ahead of Iacobson at 1:54.44.

Gasper's javelin throw of 187 ft. gave UMass a meet-high 14 points in the event. His throw was good enough to finish in fifth place.

Over the weekend, the women scored a total sof 76.5 points. In all, the Minutewomen had 13 competitors finish in the top five of their respective events.

Starring for the Minutewomen was sophomore Katelyn O'Toole. Freshman Kristen Bakanowski and junior Ashley Creel. Bakanowski and O'Toole both finished in the top three in their events.

O'Toole competed in the high jump for the Minutewomen this weekend. She turned in a season-best mark of five-feet-five inches to finish in a tie for second place with Kristen Mlesky of Duquesne.

The 2005 A-10 Indoor Pole Vault Champion, Bakanowski, finished third in the event over the weekend. Both Bakanowski and Dusquesne's Allison McCartney were able to clear the bar at 10 feet, 11.75 inches. However, McCartney accomplished the feat first and therefore finished ahead of Bakanowski.

Creel also competed in the High Jump competition and finished right behind Bakanowski in fourth place. Her jump fell two inches short of her teammate's at five-foot-three inches even.

Singh wins Wachovia

By Keith Parsons
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Sergio Garcia stood transfixed in front of a television set in the media tent, watching Vijay Singh beat Jim Furyk on the fourth extra hole in the Wachovia Championship.

Somehow, in a tournament that was his to lose, Garcia had done just that Sunday at Quail Hollow. He was eliminated on the first hole of the playoff after he three-putted for bogey.

"They say you learn more from your losses than your wins," he said. "And I've got a lot from this week to learn."

Singh and Furyk did their part, too.

Both shot 6-under 66s to equal the low round of the day, then matched each other par for par through three playoff holes. Finally, Furyk blinked, dumping his drive into the creek down the left side of the 18th fairway on the fourth extra hole.

With Furyk left scrambling for bogey, Singh saved par from the sand for his third victory of the year. And Garcia became the fifth player in PGA Tour history to lose a six-shot lead in the final round — the first since Greg Norman in the 1996 Masters.

At least Garcia finished with a 72. Nine years ago in Augusta, when Norman had a six-stroke lead over Nick Faldo, the Australian closed with a 78 and lost by five.

"Sometimes it's harder to play with a big lead," Singh said. "You don't want to lose the tournament. If the guys are catching up... you start to get a little nervous. But we played well."

Furyk birdied two of the final three holes in regulation, holing a 7-footer on the 18th to get into the playoff. But the third time he played the 18th was his downfall — he pulled his tee shot into the creek, took a penalty drop and laid up, then saw his fourth shot carom off the flag and into the rough.

"Just getting that close and not winning, sometimes it's a lot worse than finishing 11th," Furyk said.

Imagine how Garcia felt.

First, he squandered his six-shot lead in 12 holes. Then he got the lead back with consecutive birdies, only to slip into a tie when he went for the pin on the peninsula-green at the par-3 17th, went into the water and made bogey.

He three-putting from 45 feet on the first extra hole, missing a 6-footer for par.

"Unfortunately, the putts just weren't too good," Garcia said. "The second putt, I just didn't commit to it."

Even Singh tried to give this one away.

After four straight birdies at the turn to take a two-shot lead, he flubbed a chip behind the par-5 15th, turning birdie into bogey, and needed more help from Garcia to get into a playoff. The 25-year-old Spaniard delivered with his bogey on the 17th by going at the flag with a 7-iron.

"It was the perfect club. I just didn't hit a good shot," Garcia said. "I couldn't get the job done."

Singh likely won't earn enough points to replace Tiger Woods at No. 1 in the world, although he'll get that chance next week in the Byron Nelson Championship.

Nothing went right for Woods all week, even when he was finished.

After an eagle on the 15th and closing with a birdie, PGA Tour rules officials determined that he should not have moved a fence out of his way on the 10th hole after he pushed his drive to the right. It was damaged when the gallery joined in to help, and Woods received a two-shot penalty.

That turned his 69 into a 71 — leaving him in a tie for 11th — and he left the scoring trailer without comment.

Masters runner-up Chris DiMarco closed with a 66 to finish fourth, his third consecutive finish in the top five. Phil Mickelson was 9 under through 15 holes until dropping three shots over the final two holes for a 66 to tie for seventh.

No one expected the winner to be in doubt, with Garcia solidly in control of his game through three rounds. But after he missed a slippery 10-foot birdie putt on the first hole, he lipped out a 30-inch tap-in and made bogey.

Stadlers are bonding with golf

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press

CONCORD, MA — Craig Stadler won an unexpected prize with his victory in the Bank of America Championship: A whole new view of fatherhood.

While Stadler was winning the golf tournament at Nashawtuc Country Club last summer, his son Kevin was picking up his first win on the minor-league Nationwide Tour, a victory that helped him earn a promotion to the PGA Tour. Since then, they have had a chance to play together in four tournaments, and now the elder Stadler is watching his younger son, Chris, learn the game.

"From a dad standpoint, it couldn't be any better," the eldest Stadler said when he returned to the course here Monday for media day.

The 1982 Masters champion, Stadler won 13 times on the PGA Tour and six other tournaments before joining the senior set. He was rookie of the year on the Champions Tour in 2003 and the player of the year last year, when he won five tournaments.

Stadler's victory in Concord was a memorable day because, even as he was signing the winning scorecard, Kevin was winning a playoff in the Lake Erie Charity Classic. Bob and David Duval are the only other father-and-son pair to win PGA-sponsored events on the same day.

"It was a phenomenal day all around," Craig Stadler said.

Kevin Stadler's victory helped him earn his 2005 PGA card. He has earned $167,265 on tour this year, with his best finish a tie for ninth in Tucson; he probably needs around $700,000 to keep his card for another year.

His father has joined him at four events, going out together on practice rounds and getting paired up at Pebble Beach for the tournament. But that might not be the best thing for Kevin's confidence.

"I beat him every week and I know that kills him," Stadler said, conceding that his son shot better at Pebble Beach, but they both missed the cut "so it doesn't count."

"He's brought it up, so he's obviously thought about it. But there's nothing I would love more than finishing 20th and seeing him finish top five," Craig said. "I'm not going to let him beat me, and he wouldn't want me to."

Stadler said he doesn't plan to play any more events this year on the main tour, so Kevin can have it all to himself. Stadler has also caddied for Kevin twice and both times his son played well, including a victory in his pro debut in the 2002 Colorado Open.

"I'm two-for-two and I think it is going to stay that way," Stadler said.

With no more playing with Kevin and no more caddying for him, either, Stadler turns to Chris. The 24-year-old just started playing last May and already has a good, strong swing, his father said.

"I had a ball caddying for (Kevin) and I had a ball playing with him. Now I'm having just as much of a ball doing the same thing with Chris," Craig Stadler said. "It's something new and different. He's loving the game."

Stadler will defend his Bank of America title on the 6,729-yard, par-72 Nashawtuc course June 24-26. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Champions Tour, and the event in Concord is the only regular stop that has been around since the beginning.

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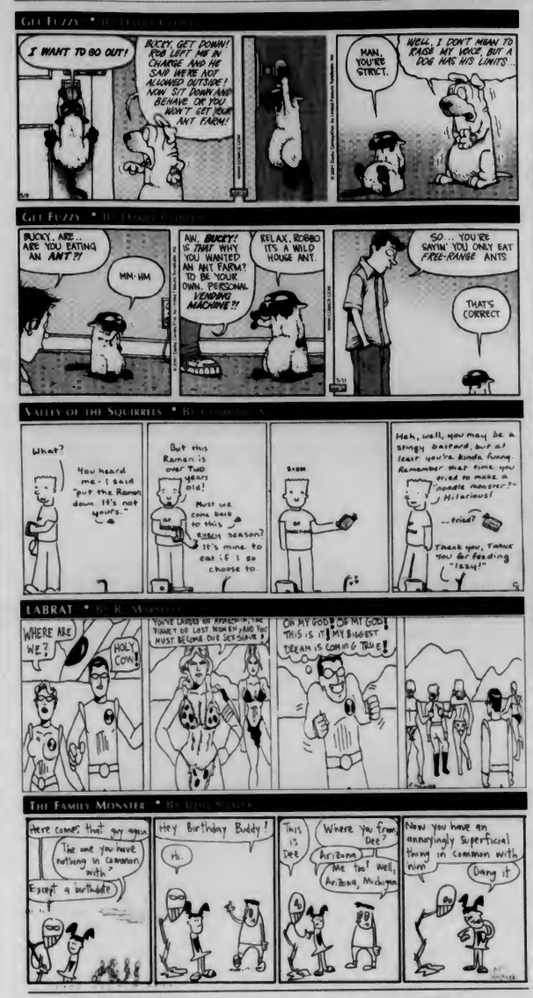
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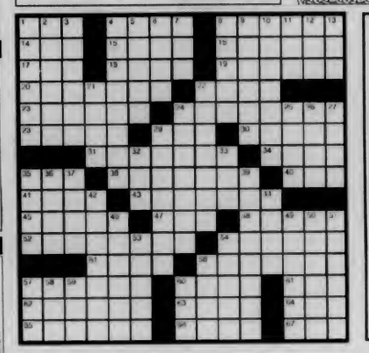
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Lacrosse selection committee unfair towards UMass season



Jeff Howe

Throughout the season, we kept hearing the talk.

The Division I men's lacrosse polls didn't really mean too much. No one besides the fans and media paid any attention to them. The coaches and athletes just didn't care.

In due time, the NCAA Tournament selection committee would right any wrongs that were in the polls. Justice would eventually be served.

It's just too bad that everyone fell for that trap.

It isn't that anyone was lying or those voices were there to mislead us.

It is, however, that those voices were wrong.

The polls were usually irrelevant, and they always sparked some kind of a debate.

But the selection committee turned out to be worse.

In fact, the NCAA Tournament selection committee is a complete joke.

The brunt of this argument has to do with the Massachusetts men's lacrosse team, a team I spent the last three months covering.

On March 26, UMass dropped a 6-5 decision down at Loyola, but since then, the Minutemen haven't lost a single game and have spent very little time even trailing their opponents.

They have rallied off seven consecutive wins, knocking off three teams that are now in the tournament in the process (Penn State, Georgetown, Syracuse).

Since the dawn of April, they handed the Nittany Lions their last loss in 2005, won their 20th New England championship, upset No. 3 Georgetown and No. 7 Syracuse and won the ECAC championship.

UMass has lost two games all season — by a combined two goals. Eleven days before its loss to Loyola, the Maroon and White were tripped up 10-9 by tourney-bound Albany in New York.

Here is where it gets sketchy, though.

The Minutemen were the eighth-ranked team in the country heading into last weekend. Georgetown was No. 7. (Remember that both teams are in the ECAC and that UMass beat the Hoyas 13-12 on April 23 in Amherst.)

The Garber Gorillas drop-kicked Rutgers in New Jersey on Saturday, 13-7, to win the ECAC crown. The next day, Penn State held off Georgetown 13-12 in overtime on

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Sean Morris led the UMass lacrosse team in goals with 39 on the season. The Minutemen will host rival Syracuse again this Sunday.

Minutemen rebound

By Todd Foster
Collegian Staff

The University of Massachusetts baseball team will look to carry the momentum of their first series victory when they travel to Portland, Maine for a 3 p.m. game against Maine.

After struggling through most of the season, the Minutemen (11-30 5-13 A-10) have rebounded in the latter part of the season and have won five out of their last nine games. This past weekend they won two out of three games in their series against Temple.

The current UMass batting average of .246 has risen .048 since their average was .198 going into the UConn game on April 12. The UMass bats have also awaken during crunch time, as the Maroon and White scored all three of their runs in the ninth inning in their 3-2 win over Temple Sunday.

"We're definitely getting better," head coach Mike Stone said. "We won a real good come from behind game this weekend. [Sophomores] Anthony Santos and Travis Munsey have been coming through in the clutch and [sophomore] Bryan Adamski has been getting on base. Freshmen Ryan Franczek, Andy Tuetken and Bryan Garrity are all getting their feet wet. We're getting valuable experience."

The first win of the weekend for the Minutemen was led by junior ace Matt Torra, who threw his second straight complete game shutout. Torra was named the Atlantic-10 Pitcher of the Week for the third time this year.

The Pittsfield native leads the A-10 conference in earn run average (1.13), opponents batting average (.174) and strikeouts (87). No hitter has been able to hit a home run or triple off him this year.



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Sophomore Bill Rankin and the UMass baseball team look to add to its series defeat of Temple.

Torra has worked his way into being considered one of the best pitchers in UMass history.

"He's got to be right up there with [Seattle Mariners pitcher] Ron Villone," Stone said. "Matt has created a lot of interest within scouting directors. When you just dominate in seven innings, it makes a lot of people interested in him."

The Black Bears (27-13 10-5 America East) ranks second in the America East standings, but has the best overall record among their conference opponents.

Maine features seven players over .300 and five players with 20 or more runs batted in. Sophomore left fielder Ryan Quintal leads the team in two offensive categories, BA (.360) and RBIs (32). The Manchester, NH native sits in the clean-up spot.

There is plenty of firepower around Quintal. In the number three spot in the batting order, sophomore Joel Barrett is hitting .348 with six homers and 31 RBIs. The lead-off spot, however, has the most power in the line-up with senior Greg Creek hitting eight home runs. Creek also has a team-leading .451 on-base percentage.

To finish the offensive charge, the Black Bears have a pair of speed demons on the base paths that are both hitting over .300 in freshman Curt Smith (10 stolen bases) and junior Joe Hough (20 stolen bases).

Smith was also America East Rookie of the Week for the fourth time. Smith batted .417 for the Black Bears in three games at Stony Brook. He scored two runs and drove in four. He is also second on the team in hitting with a .351 average.

"I think they are very good team, but you can't be intimidated," Stone said. "We won't back from anybody. They're a good team and they will be a real challenge for us."

Sophomore right-handed pitcher Chris Lloyd earned his second start of the year after his performance against Siena.

"He's a fastball pitcher with a good curveball," Stone said. "Hopefully, his experience from last week will carry over to this week."



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Senior Keith Doherty has 31 strikeouts on the season. The team will play Maine today at 3 p.m.

Sortino built legacy

Dan Duggan

After 26 years as coach of the Massachusetts softball team, Elaine Sortino could probably fill a book with all of the phrases she has used to talk about her team and what it needs to do to be successful.

This year the Hall of Fame coach has said three things repeatedly about her team.

The first thing Sortino said is something that almost every coach says: defense wins championships.

The second thing Sortino has said pertains specifically to this year's team: that the Minutewomen would be one of the best offensive teams she has ever coached, highlighted by its depth.

And the final thing Sortino has said from the beginning is that she expected her team to improve everyday, and if it did that then it would be a strong team by the time the postseason began.

While Sortino has been spouting these beliefs all year, the interesting thing has been seeing her players buy into what she says. Often times as the season went on interviews with players resulted in answers remarkably similar to what Sortino had said.

This may seem like a minor event, but it shows that Sortino's players have bought into her system and believe she knows what is best for the team. If you need any evidence of how powerful having a team believe in its coach is, just look at a certain football team in Foxboro that trusts its coach in any situation. That team has done all

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COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Junior catcher KJ Kelley is one piece of UMass coach Elaine Sortino's legacy. Kelley was recently honored as the A-10 Player of the week.

Track dominates

By Jon Pelland
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts men's and women's track and field teams each had a competitor take home an Atlantic 10 title this past weekend in Richmond, Va. at the A-10 Championship Meet.

On the women's side, junior Christina Huff won her first league title in the 100 meter dash, as her team finished seventh. The men finished sixth, with senior Mike Carr winning the javelin event.

Huff's time in the race was recorded at 12.07 in her second sprint, which is a season best for her. In the preliminary race, on Saturday, she finished second but was able to step up her performance on Sunday to take the event.

Carr's throw of 204-foot-nine inches was his second best mark of the season. Earlier this year he was able to record a throw of 209 ft. even. He has already qualified to compete in the IC4A Championships.

Overall, the men's team recorded 61 total points on the weekend, 16 of which were recorded by junior James Godinho for a team high mark. He competed in the 400-meter dash, the long and high jump competitions.

In the 400m, Godinho just missed all-conference honors, finishing in fourth place with a time of 47.78. He also finished fourth in the high jump where

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COURTESY KAREN WINGER

The UMass track team has been on a roll lately, with athletes such as Kristen Bakanowski contributing to the success.

Crew racks up achievements

By Jon Pelland
Collegian Staff

The Massachusetts women's crew team's trophy case is filling up more by the week. Along with winning the Eastern College Athletic Conference National Invitational Rowing Championships, the Minutwomen broke the course record and set a new Metro Cup record at Regatta State Park in Worcester, Mass. this past weekend.

The win marks three straight years that UMass has won the ECAC crown. This came just two weeks after the Minutewomen successfully defended their Atlantic 10 title for the 10th straight year.

UMass' varsity eight squad beat out the likes of Boston College, Colgate, San Diego and Rhode Island. The record-setting time for the Minutewomen checked in at 6:33.69.

"That will probably stand for about 20 years," UMass coach Jim Dietz said. "They very rarely ever get a tailwind in Worcester."

Members of Minutewoman varsity eight included sophomore Ellen Maskrey, senior Lea Jakobsen, junior Gabrielle Papineau, sophomore Hannah Brewster, junior Stephanie Hopf, junior Katie Berger, senior Faith Harkins, junior Catherine Gariepy and sophomore Kristina Ferraro on coxswain.

"The team is getting much faster week by week, they're picking up a lot of speed," Dietz said. "Coming into this

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HR numbers are down

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In the first year of toughened steroid testing, home runs are down in the major leagues for the first time since 2002.

Florida Marlins pitcher Todd Jones doesn't think it's a coincidence. He's convinced there's a connection.

"Unfortunately I do. I hate it, but there has been a correction made in the system, and the numbers are going to suffer for a couple of years," he said Monday. "I hate to admit it because I didn't want to. I'm as disappointed as any fan would be that it's going to end up showing to be the truth. But it's got to be good for the game to get back to an even playing field. I just didn't realize how deep it was."

An average of 1.97 home runs were hit in games through Sunday, down 8.8 percent from the 2.16 average in the first five weeks of last season, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. It's the lowest level for the first five weeks since 2002's 1.93 average and below the 2.14 average of the last decade.

"I think five weeks is too short a statistical sample to draw any conclusions," said Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer. "There are a myriad of factors that could influence that, including the cold and wet spring training we had in Florida, the weather in the first few weeks of the season."

But Los Angeles Angels bench coach Joe Maddon, who has been in professional baseball since 1975, thinks testing "could be tied to it somehow."

"I don't know exactly to what extent, but you see people maybe not as big as they had been in the past or don't look as strong as maybe they had been in the past," he said. "Some balls are hit pretty well, but they're not carrying like maybe they had in the past couple of years. So, just being a thinking person, and you know what's been going on, you have to tie them together a little bit."

Runs per game are down 5 percent, from 9.72 to 9.23, and hits declined 3.1 percent, from 18.37 per game to 17.80. The major league batting average dropped from .265 to .261.

"I don't think that's necessarily the cause," Tigers closer Troy Percival said of steroids. "And I only say that because being in Detroit, I've never seen weather being this cold day in and day out all the way through the central part of the country and the East Coast."

There have been exceptions. Pitchers on the Cincinnati Reds gave up a major league-high 49 homers in their first 30 games. They are on pace to break the team record of 236 they set last year, which was three short of the NL record.

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Thousands may lose grant

By Jamie Mason
Collegian Correspondent

It is projected that some 3,000 UMass students may begin losing their Federal Perkins Loans this fall because of President Bush's new budget that seeks to cut the loan program, although increase in some cases money available in Federal Pell Grants.

The loss of the Perkins loans would mean about a quarter-million dollars less in financial aid through that program for UMass students next year, according to the UMass Financial Aid Office, while there is no assurance that the Pell program will, in fact, be increased.

"Normally we have had $2.7-$3 million to distribute in Federal Perkins loans in a year," said Ken Burnham, the director of financial aid.

At present, the funding for the Perkins loan comes in two forms. The first is from repayment of old Perkins loans-students who take out the loan pay it back, and those paybacks are redistributed to other students as new loans. The second form is from what have been, until now, annual allocations to the program from the Federal government.

According to Burnham, "Under the new proposal, the repayment money from the Federal Perkins loan has to be given back to the Federal government, rather than redistributed to the students." Although this won't go into effect just yet, it would ultimately require institutions to return all former allocations of Perkins loans to the Federal government, he said.

The piece of the proposal that would go into affect in the fall would stop the annual federal allocations for Perkins loans. This would leave only repayment money available for new loans. On the UMass campus, this means students would lose a total of $241,000 in Perkins loans next year.

Although the Perkins loan program has been around since the '50s, the Bush budget proposal would mean, "a return of many, many millions of dollars, which will abolish the loan program as we know it," Burnham said.

Alana Melanson, a sophomore journalism major who works in the financial aid office, said the changes will cost her, as well as many others.

"I will have to get a bigger alternative loan next year because I won't have the Federal Perkins loan," she said.

The Perkins loan can be used

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New Library shop dubbed the 'Procrastination Station'

The small café in the W.E.B. DuBois library will remain nameless no more. The contest to pick a name for the café has ended and a winner chosen: The Procrastination Station.

The contest consisted of over 60 different entries according to Leslie Schaler the communication assistant of the Communica-tion and Development Depar-tment of the library. After all the entries were handed in the library administration narrowed the field down to ten, then the library staff narrowed the choices even further to five.

The final decision was handed over to the students of which over 200 voted. The Procrastination Station received twice as many votes as any other choice. The other four choices were No Food Beyond this Point Café, Café DuBois, Take a Break Cafe, and Perk 'n Circ (as in circulation).

Kryssi Jacobson, an Aninul Science major from Boxford Massachusetts, was the student who submitted the winning name. Being a regular in the library she frequents the café often and when she heard that most of the entries that had already been submitted were boring she decided to come up with her own name.

"I didn't think that it would be popular, but I guess it was," said Jacobson. "it was actually more of a joke."

For entering the winning name Jacobson wins a month of free coffee. "I was really excited about the coffee," said Jacobson upon finding out that the cafe will be named the Procrastination Station. "I thought it was kind of cool that everyone will be calling [the cafe] that, but it was more the free coffee."

In addition to the café there are many other major renovations going on in the library. New comfortable seating has been added to the second floor and more is planned for the lobby. Carpeting as well as a stand-up coffee bar and new service desks are also being added to the lobby. New self-check out machines have also just been added.

—Dan Terk



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Students put off studying and wait in line at the new snack shop, the "Procrastination Station", in the library.

Country tightens lab supply security; UMass takes actions

By Erik Rotthmayr
Collegian Correspondent

Laboratory suppliers and laboratories across the country are tightening security to insure dangerous materials aren't used to create a bio-weapon — and though the materials secured at UMass may not be as dangerous, UMass officials are taking no chances here, either.

The potential for danger looms, partly because access to potentially sensitive materials is only a click away, they say. Several companies online offer new or refurbished lab equipment for sale. Fume hoods, test tubes and petri dishes to culture mediums are available from various companies across the United States.

"This is common, everyday lab, catalog stuff," said Dan Cooley, Associate Professor of Plant Pathology in the UMass Microbiology Department. Biological supply houses offer "everything from temperature-controlled incubators to petri dishes, and nutrients necessary to culture organisms," that could be used, in combination, to produce a potential threat.

For example, in the American Type Culture Collection catalogue, a number of organisms that are listed by the Centers for Disease Control as bioterrorism agents, are available for sale. Cholera, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and E. Coli are a few agents listed on the Web site.

Since 9-11, however, ordering the organisms may not be so easy. An account must be set up, for example, with American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) before any organisms are purchased. Certain materials require a federal permit issued by the Office of Public Health and Safety. Some require one or more permits before distribution. Customers are notified when orders are received without the necessary permits and are given two months to supply the permit before orders are cancelled.

All such materials in the United States are subject to an array of regulation by the federal Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Energy, Health and Human Services, Interior, Justice, Labor, State, Transportation, Treasury, and the Environmental Protection Agency, and the non governmental International Air Transport Association according to the CDC (http://www.cdc.gov/od/sap/).

According to David Pollack, a graduate student working in Morrill lab on chlamydia, "ATCC does a very good job of controlling what gets out. We can't even get strains of chlamydia because of control procedures. You can order anything, but they won't always sell it to you."

At UMass labs, such organisms are kept in a minus 80-degrees-Celsius freezer or in liquid nitrogen.

"You have to know what to look for and where," Pollack said. In addition, some samples need specific media or nurture to survive, according to Dmitry Kuksin, another graduate student at the Morrill lab.

The best defense against unwanted taking of materials is lab personnel knowing each other, Pollack said. If someone unfamiliar comes around, people ask questions, he said. Signs are posted on the doors with information about what materials are being used in the lab. Organisms listed on the lab signs range from chlamydia and E. Colt to arboviruses, arthropod borne viruses that include Colorado Tick Fever and Ross River. After 6 p.m., the lab is locked down, Pollack said.

"Nothing is leaving this place. We keep inventory and after hours this place is under lock and key," he added.

On campus, the Environmental Health and Safety Department is responsible for campus safety and for reviewing any operations that can pollute the air, water, and environment, including biological operations. The biological safety program of the department is concerned with protecting laboratory personnel and the environment from biohazardous and carcinogenic substances.

According to James Field, hazardous materials control manager for Environmental Health and Safety, "Safety is the number one thing. We maintain strict inventory control, and track of where organisms are. Some of the labs on campus don't allow you inside unless you are authorized by the federal government. There are all sorts of precautions for safety measures," said Field.

Not too much is kept on campus that can affect humans, and security is being strengthened around those that do, Field said. Environmental Health and Safety is looking into the cost of card-key locks for some labs to keep track of who's going in and out, he said.

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Independent filmmaker introduces her film to SOM

By Mike Sances
Collegian Staff

Around 40 people attended the screening of a documentary film on the lives of female Palestinian prisoners Thursday evening in the School of Management.

"Women in Struggle," the first film from director Buthina Canaan Khoury, chronicles the experiences of four former political prisoners, all of them jailed for participating in an armed resistance against the Israeli occupation.

Consisting mostly of interviews with the four women, whose experiences in prison date back to the 1970's, the narration is frequently set to a backdrop of footage of the occupied territories of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Khoury, the film's director, was on hand to introduce her work, warning the audience that what they would be seeing would be "heavy."

Many of the women, for example, recounted graphic descriptions of torture while undergoing interrogation.

Trying to recall the worst part of her interrogation, one woman says that it would have to be when her questioners produced her father and tried to force him to sleep with her.

"I was worried he would die" from the trauma of the experience, she says, "that something major in him would die."

Two women featured in the film, Aysha and Rasmieh Odeh, are both in their fifties. Sentenced to life, they were released as part of a prisoner exchange program that began in 1985, ultimately serving 10 years each. Also shown is Rawdah Basir, in her late forties, who served eight years with "Extravaganja," has a political history oriented toward marijuana's decriminalization and legalization.

With the support of the Cannabis Reform Coalition of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst voters approved a non-binding referendum March 28, 2000 that directed local police to "deprioritize" marijuana enforcement and also urged lawmakers to repeal anti-marijuana laws. The measure passed 1,659 to 981. In 1976, Amherst Town Meeting approved a measure calling for marijuana's legalization.



COURTESY KAREN WINGER

Buthina Cannan Khoury introduced the screening of her film last Thursday in SOM.

Terry Bulatta, the fourth woman featured in the film, says she has been in and out of prison several times.

Terry recalls the beginnings of her political career, when she was involved in student demonstrations in which the Palestinian flag was raised, a practice outlawed at the time.

The backgrounds of the other women sometimes involved violence.

"To be honest with you, I have done it all," says Rawdah in the film, admitting that after the 1967 war that began the occupation, her family's home became a "central point for resistance fighters."

Imprisoned after a failed bomb plot killed one

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Local politician wants to decriminalize and legalize pot

By Georgia Kelley
Collegian Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD — A Tenth Hampden District republican candidate for state representative wants to decriminalize and legalize marijuana in Massachusetts.

George Vazquez, a University of Massachusetts Amherst alum, said that cannabis should be legalized for medicinal and personal purposes.

In an interview, Vazquez said that alcohol is a more destructive drug than marijuana.

"I've never heard of someone ripping off their parents or selling themselves to get high," Vazquez said. "You're not hurting anyone when you smoke a joint."

Vazquez said that the state would benefit from the decriminalization and legalization of marijuana.

"It's just like cigarettes," he said. "Do you know how much the state makes off of cigarettes in excess tax — around 41cents a pack. Why can't we do that for marijuana?"

Vazquez said that in his judgment, the nefarious effects some attribute to marijuana are overrated.

"Some studies say that marijuana burns you out. I don't believe that," Vazquez said. He noted "The Compassionate Use Act" that Californians passed in 1996 that legalized marijuana for medicinal purposes.

"You can get a note from your doctor that prescribes you marijuana, head down and pick it up," Vazquez said.

Although he said he has never smoked pot, Vazquez said that everyone should have the right to do so if he or she wishes.

"It's all about life, liberty and property, not what you smoke or ingest," he said. "Liberty, Liberty, Liberty."

Vazquez also expressed strong feelings about privacy issues surrounding cannabis.

"Smoking in the privacy of your own home is one thing," he said. "You own it, you should be able to do what you want. For example, I don't want the cops to be able to just barge in if they smell marijuana or see a bong on your table," he said.

Vazquez said new anti-marijuana commercials recently put out by the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the Partnership for a Drug-Free America are intemperate.

"It's all propaganda," he said. "It's instilling fear across the nation."

Vazquez, a Republican lost to incumbent Rep. Cheryl Rivera, D-Springfield 5,867 to 2,323. He said he will run again in the 2006 election, partly on the issue of legalizing marijuana. This time, he said he plans to raise more money and avoid comments like those he made in 2004 when he said his opponent had a "lesbian agenda."

The Amherst community, which celebrated cannabis April 23 on the Amherst town common



COURTESY UNKNOWN

Local Republican George Vasquez wants to decriminalize pot.

Massachusetts man fakes cancer illness

BOSTON — A man accused of fabricating letters in an attempt to secure $6 million in credit for his employment placement company now faces revocation of his bail for allegedly producing another fake letter — this one claiming he has terminal cancer and is close to death.

Michael W. Alcott, 45, of Scituate, indicted in September on federal charges of bank fraud and making false statements to financial institutions, was originally planning to plead guilty last month, according to the U.S. attorney's office.

Instead, he told the court that he wanted to reconsider his plea because he had cancer.

He presented to the court a lengthy letter on Massachusetts General Hospital letterhead from a radiation oncologist that said he had prostate cancer that had spread to his lymph nodes.

The letter also said Alcott had a "0 percent survival rate beyond two years" and that "any further stress into Mr. Alcott's life will only serve to lessen the amount of quality time that he has left."

Alcott admitted to a court officer that he did not have cancer and was taken into custody on Monday after Judge Patti B. Saris ruled that the letter was a fake.

Alcott's attorney, Kevin Barron, said while his client does not have cancer, he does have a variety of other illnesses, which he did not specify.

Officials at Massachusetts General Hospital declined comment while they looked into the incident.

A hearing on full revocation of bail has been scheduled for next Monday.

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Students may lose grant

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to help any eligible student with need, whereas the Pell grants help only the most needy students, said Burnham.

Some 4,400 students at UMass receive Federal Pell grants, Burnham said. While that number probably won't change, he said, the federal budget proposal would increase the maximum Federal Pell grant by $300 a year, from $4,050 to $4,350.

But getting more money from the Pell Grant won't be easy, either, Burnham said, because of changes in what families will be expected to pay.

"How the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is calculated has been changed," Burnham said. "In Massachusetts, the change increases the Expected Family Contribution, so [fewer] people will be eligible for the Federal Pell Grant, whose eligibility ranges from $0-3,850," said Burnham.

In the past, students who received the Federal Pell grant usually would have been in the lower expected family contribution range; "the more needy of the needy," Burnham explained.

"With the Expected Family Contribution calculation changing," he said, "the least needy of the needy may fall out of grant packaging. Financial aid will pick up these students and replace the lost Pell with institutional grants [that UMass comes up with from other sources]. So these students will see less Pell, but more institutional money," he said.

The problem, he explained, comes in that the financial aid department has used the Perkins loan to help students, for one, to buy new computers; it is used in almost all cases of computer appeals, Burnham said.

A student can be eligible for additional student loans to help students purchase a computer when they fill out a budget appeal form stating the additional expense of the computer and providing documentation of the cost of the computer.

"Utilizing loan funds for this may be more difficult," Burnham said. "I anticipate we will run out of Perkins loans, but alternative loans [those taken out, at higher interest rates, from banks and other lenders] will be available as a means to buy computers."

Until now, the department has also used the Perkins loan to help students going abroad.

To do so, Melanson said, "we increase your loans through the Federal Perkins loan because you can't use your work study money when you are abroad."

Burnham said, "We hope that we will be able to continue helping students going abroad because there are not a tremendous amount of students [who go]. This year was difficult because we ran out of financial aid money three-quarters of the way through the year."

The financial aid available for students is increased for those going out-of-the country for school because they usually have more expenses than a traditional UMass student. Because the Perkins loan may now be less available, the financial aid office may have a harder time doing so, he said.

Burnham does not want to lose the Federal Perkins loan because, "we want as many tools and variety of aid in our toolbox to help as many students as possible."

"We like the increase in the Federal Pell grant, but not the elimination of the Federal Perkins loan," Burnham said.

"In the past the government has increased the Pell without taking away the Perkins loan. The Pell grant will help the higher need students, but will not replace the lack of the Perkins loan."

Sailors found hundreds of miles off coast of Va.

PORTSMOUTH, Va. — One of two sailors washed overboard in rough seas hundreds of miles off the Virginia coast was pulled to safety on a merchant ship early Monday and the body of the other was found soon afterward, the Coast Guard said.

Lochlin Reidy, 58, of Woodbridge, Conn., was found about 400 miles east of Virginia Beach about 4 a.m. after a C-130 Coast Guard plane saw a strobe light in the ocean and flew over the area to check on it, said Officer Krys Hannum, a Coast Guard spokeswoman.

She said Reidy was found wearing a life jacket with the light and was taken aboard the Sakura Express, a Panamanian-flagged tanker that was one of four merchant vessels searching for the men since early Sunday.

The body of Thomas Tighe, 65, of Patterson, N.Y., the boat's captain, was discovered at 5:45 a.m. and was recovered by the crew of the Sakura Express, the Coast Guard said.

The tanker, with Reidy and the body of Tighe on board, was scheduled to sail into Boston Harbor around 9 a.m. Tuesday. A Coast Guard response team was scheduled to meet the tanker in the harbor, about 3 miles from shore, and return to Boston.

—Associated Press

UMass tightens security

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In addition, a campus institutional biosafety committee reviews activities of a potentially hazardous nature.

According to Maureen C. O'Leary, biosafety and environmental program head of Environmental Health and Safety, "After 9-11, I think all labs have increased their security in some respects. The select agent program has become much stricter."

For example, when filling forms to conduct laboratory work on campus, a student must check off appropriate notices when using biohazardous materials. The forms are intended, in part, to notify Environmental Health and Safety what materials are being used and helps to track the different organisms on campus. Lab users must also send in a form detailing what they're working with before they start the work, said O'Leary.

"If any of the organisms pose a threat to the environment or people, they contact me, and there's a biohazard form to fill out. I do lots of discussions with them about their research and about disinfecting materials and working with dangerous substances like blood and body fluids," she said.

UMass labs run up to biosafety level two, said O'Leary. On the biosafety scale, four is the highest and one is the lowest, according to the National Institutes of Health.

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fighter but no one else, Rawdah is unapologetic about her past transgressions with the Israeli army, contending that, at the time, all peaceful means had been exhausted. The occupation, moreover, had not been achieved through "demonstrations and petitions."

Today, all of the four women have chosen other paths, though they still view them as methods of resistance. Rasmieh, for example, works as a lawyer; Aysha is an artist.

"I used to think that I could change humanity," she says, recalling her earlier, more militant days. "Now I know that I can't change humanity, but I can change this paper, and instead of it being blank it will be something of my making."

In the discussion that followed the film, many audience members expressed admiration for the women. "I just love them," said one woman of the former prisoners, calling Khoury's film "a beautiful tribute to them and to the human spirit."

Asked what persuaded her to pick these four women in particular, Khoury said that out of 39 hours of film, accumulated over four years spent filming in the occupied territories, these four stood out in terms of dignity and perseverance. As for the age, she said that "the older the women are, the wiser they are to deal with the suffering."

There are currently 7000 Palestinians in Israeli jails, according to the New York Times. 108 are women.

Khoury, who was born and raised in Taybeh, a West Bank town famous for its beer, was educated in filmmaking and photography in Boston. Thursday's showing marked the close of a three-month tour of her film around the country.

Khoury said that the reactions from audiences in the United States differed from those in Europe, where the film has been shown in Belgium, Spain, Germany, and Italy, and will soon be shown in France. The European audiences, said Khoury, tended to be more affected by the film, while in the States viewers typically "are not much aware" of the plight of Palestinian prisoners.

The goal of the film, she said, was to help raise awareness of issues of human rights in the occupied territories.






Class isn't over yet.
Students enjoy the summer weather in front of the Student Union yesterday. The weather is expected to be more of the same this week.





National News

Father suspected in girls' slaying

By Anna Johnson
Associated Press


Laura Hobbs, right and her best friend Krystal Tobias both eight years old, were found dead next to a ravine on Mother's Day.

ZION, Ill. — Arthur Hollabaugh says he had searched through the night for his missing granddaughter when he spotted something in bushes part way down a ravine: a child's bicycle.

Minutes later, he said Tuesday, his son-in-law, Jerry Hobbs, was screaming that he had found the bodies of his 8-year-old daughter, Laura Hobbs, and her best friend, Krystal Tobias, who disappeared together on a Mother's Day bike ride.

"I went and I seen them from a distance," Hollabaugh, 51, told The Associated Press. "It was clear they were laying there."

Laura and 9-year-old Krystal were stabbed repeatedly and left a few yards off a wooded bike path near their homes in this small city near the Wisconsin line. On Tuesday, a memorial of flowers and balloons marked the area where the bodies were found a day earlier.

Police weren't commenting on the case Tuesday morning, but Hollabaugh said investigators were questioning his son-in-law and had also talked to Laura's siblings about Hobbs.

Donald Meadie, assistant commander of the Lake County Major Crime Task Force, confirmed late Monday that Jerry Hobbs had been questioned but said there were no suspects.

He declined to comment further.

Hollabaugh said Hobbs had just returned to the area about a month earlier to reunite with Laura's mother after serving time in a Texas prison.

"Jerry just got out of prison for aggravated assault and I think they're holding that against him," Hollabaugh said.

"I don't think he did it."

Hobbs could not be reached for comment Tuesday; Hollabaugh said he was still with the police.

Police searched the family home and Hollabaugh said they took measurements of his shoe soles.

"They went through our stuff, took clothes," he said, adding that they took the computer to see if the girl had been on any Internet chat rooms.

Grief counselors were being brought to Beulah Park Elementary, where the girls were best friends in the same second grade class.

The pupils just read "Charlotte's Web" and "A Taste of Blackberries," both of which deal with loss, school superintendent Constance Collins said Tuesday.

"I think that those stories will serve as an excellent backdrop for what we're going to have to deal with today," she told ABC's "Good Morning America."

The girls' bodies were discovered in Beulah Park about four blocks from the school on Monday shortly after dawn. Police said no weapons were found and there was no evidence of sexual assault.

Zion, along Lake Michigan, was founded in 1901 by a religious faith healer as a utopian community.

It has about 22,000 residents but retains a quiet, at times rural feel despite being on the edge of both the Chicago and Milwaukee metropolitan areas.

Laura Unrein, who lives near Beulah Park, said the area where the bodies were found is well known as a place to avoid.

The heavily wooded park has a paved bike path, a ravine and trails made by mountain bikes.

"There have been incidents of kids beating up people and taking their wallets and park rangers have had to shoo people out of there for hunting illegally," she said, adding that it's also a popular hangout for teens to drink.

The parents of one of the girls had reported her missing about 8:50 p.m. Sunday, about two hours after she was expected home, Police Chief Doug Malcolm said.

The parents of the other girl called shortly afterward, and authorities with rescue dogs began searching.

Lake County Coroner Richard Keller said it appears the girls were killed where their bodies were found; there was no evidence of sexual abuse.

"They were best friends. When one left, the other left. They were always together," said Unrein.

The killings stunned this town about 45 miles north of Chicago, prompting police and Beulah Park Elementary School officials to escort children directly onto buses at the end of the school day.

"I know that they were very sweet girls," said Julie Dobnikar, who teaches second grade at the school, adding that the girls' teacher is "very distraught right now."

Federal Court scuttles lawsuit against Cheney

By Pete Yost
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A lawsuit seeking to force Vice President Dick Cheney to reveal details about the energy policy task force he headed and the pro-industry recommendations it made was scuttled Tuesday by a federal appeals court.

The Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit unanimously found that two private groups that sued Cheney failed to establish that the federal government had a legal duty to produce documents detailing the White House's contacts with business executives and lobbyists.

The lawsuit, filed by the Sierra Club and Judicial Watch, alleged that energy industry officials effectively became members of the task force, while environmental groups and others were shut out of the meetings. It also argued that the task force was a federal advisory committee with an obligation to publicly disclose its operations.

The appeals court disagreed.

"There is nothing to indicate that non-federal employees had a right to vote on committee matters or exercise a veto over committee proposals," it said. The court ordered a lower court to dismiss the case.

Cheney's energy task force was not an advisory committee and "it follows that the government owned the plaintiffs no duty, let alone a clear and indisputable or compelling one," said the opinion by Judge A. Raymond Randolph.

Cheney's task force met for several months in 2001 and issued a report that favored opening more public lands to oil and gas drilling and proposed a range of other steps supported by industry.

The recommendations formed the basis of the energy legislation now before Congress.

The Bush administration has succeeded in keeping secret the influence that the energy industry had in crafting the government's energy policy, David Bookbinder, a senior attorney at the Sierra Club, said.

"The decision is not going to be helpful in assuring open and accountable government," Bookbinder said.

In January arguments before the appeals court, Justice Department lawyer Paul Clement argued that forcing the White House to produce any documents about the task force would be an "unconstitutional and unwarranted intrusion on the executive branch and its internal functions."

Clement said task force members may have sought information from industry officials, but private parties had no official policymaking role. As long as the official makeup of the task force was limited to government officials, he said, federal open government laws cannot require that records be made public.

The appeals judges agreed with his reasoning, saying participation by outsiders in meetings would not be enough to make someone a member of the committee.

"When congressional committees hold hearings, it is commonplace for the Senate or House members of the committee to bring aides with them," the court said.

"The same is true when high-ranking executive branch officials serving on committees attend committee meetings. They, too, commonly bring aides with them. An aide might exert great influence, but no one would say that the aide was, therefore, a member of the committee."

Last year, Democrats hoped the Supreme Court would uphold an earlier ruling by the appeals court and force the administration to reveal potentially embarrassing details about its relationship with energy company executives — including former Enron Corp. chief executive Ken Lay — ahead of the November election.

The high court sent the case back on a 7-2 vote, saying there was a "paramount necessity of protecting the executive branch from vexatious litigation."


Vice President Dick Cheney.



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International News

Bus bomb result of increased violence

By Thomas Wagner
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. forces hunting down followers of Iraq's most wanted terrorist pushed into a lawless region near the Syrian border Tuesday after meeting unexpected resistance from insurgents hidden in remote desert outposts along the southern banks of the Euphrates River.

Marines fought house-to-house Monday against dozens of well-armed insurgents firing at them from balconies, rooftops and sandbagged bunkers in the border town of Obeidi and surrounding villages, the Los Angeles Times reported.

As many as 100 militants have been killed since Operation Matador, one of the largest American offensives in Iraq in six months, began Saturday night in Qaim, 200 miles west of Baghdad, the military said.

At least three U.S. Marines have been killed in the offensive, which involves more than 1,000 Marines, sailors and soldiers backed by helicopter gunships and fighter jets.

A Los Angeles Times reporter embedded with U.S. forces said 20 American troops were wounded, but the U.S. military could not immediately confirm that.

Gunmen kidnapped the governor of Iraq's western Anbar province Tuesday and told his family he would be released when U.S. forces withdraw from Qaim, relatives said. Gov. Raja Nawaf Farhan al-Mahalawi was seized as he drove from Qaim to the provincial capital of Ramadi, his brother, Hammad, told The Associated Press.

The offensive comes amid a surge of militant attacks across Iraq, often targeting security forces and civilians, since the new government was announced April 28.

Two car bombs exploded in Baghdad, killing at least seven people and wounding 19, police said. Three American soldiers were among the injured, the U.S. military said.

It also said three U.S. Marines were killed in central Iraq on Monday, one by a homemade bomb in Nasser Wa Salaam, 25 miles west of Baghdad, and two others by indirect fire in Karmah, 50 miles west of the capital.

Marine Capt. Jeffrey Pool said troops built a pontoon bridge across the Euphrates on Monday and pushed into the northern Jazirah Desert, a largely unpatrolled area near the Syrian border.

"This is an area which we believe has been pretty heavy with foreign insurgents from many different areas — Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Palestine," Lt. Col. Steven Boylan, a spokesman for U.S. forces in Iraq, told The Associated Press late Monday. "That's a fairly porous area of the border because of the terrain. It is very difficult."



A burning bus in Baghdad leaves dozens injured. This incident in one of the latest in increased insurgent attacks in Iraq.

Residents reported fighting Tuesday in Obeidi, 185 miles west of Baghdad, and the two nearby towns of Rommana and Karabilah. Speaking by telephone, they said frightened residents were fleeing the Qaim area.

"It's truly horrific, there are snipers everywhere, rockets, no food, no electricity," Abu Omar al-Ani, a father of three, said from Qaim on Monday night. "Today five rockets fell in front of my house. ... We are mentally exhausted."

Pool said insurgents had tried to launch a counterattack Monday night 4 1/2 miles from U.S. Camp Gannon in Qaim. They attacked a Marine convoy with small arms fire, rocket-propelled grenades, roadside bombs and two suicide car bombers, Pool said.

Korea accusing U.S. of making a fuss

By In-Young Bang
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea accused the United States on Tuesday of "making a fuss" by notifying allies of the communist nation's possible preparations for a nuclear test, and maintained it would stay away from international disarmament talks.

However, the North didn't confirm or deny it was planning such a test.

"The United States is making a fuss saying that it was notifying the International Atomic Energy Agency, Japan and other related countries of its own opinion that our republic may conduct an underground nuclear test in June," the North's main state-run Rodong Sinmun daily wrote in a commentary, according to the country's official Korean Central News Agency.

The newspaper said Washington was branding North Korea as a "nuclear criminal" in order to stifle the country. It also said the Bush administration wasn't behaving normally and that the North "cannot deal with" Washington.

U.S. officials said last week that spy satellites show possible preparations for North Korea's first-ever nuclear weapons test, including the digging and refilling of a large hole at a suspected test site in northeastern Kilju along with the apparent construction of a reviewing stand being erected some distance away.

North Korea claimed in February to have nuclear weapons, and international experts believe it has enough plutonium to build about six bombs. The North also recently shut down a nuclear reactor, a move that could allow it to harvest yet more plutonium.

Pyongyang has refused to return to six-nation disarmament talks since last June, after three rounds ended without any breakthroughs. U.S. officials have said the deadlock can't go on forever and that other moves might be required — believed to include seeking sanctions in the U.N. Security Council.

On Tuesday, the North claimed Washington was to blame for the stalemate in the talks, which also include China, Japan, Russia and South Korea.

"Our country did everything (that) we could do to solve the problems with the highest flexibility and tolerance through the previous six-party talks," Rodong Sinmun wrote.

Over the weekend, the North appeared to soften its position on returning to talks by saying it wasn't demanding direct meetings with Washington outside the six-nation negotiations.

In Washington on Monday, State Department spokesman Tom Casey noted the United States had previously spoken directly with North Korean officials within the context of the six-party talks and said "we would certainly continue that practice" if Pyongyang returns to the table.

Meanwhile, China on Tuesday rejected the use of sanctions to prod North Korea to return to six-nation talks, saying Beijing's political and trade relations with its neighbor should be kept separate.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said Beijing had "official and normal state-to-state relations" with Pyongyang that "should not be linked to nuclear issues."

"We stand for resolving the issue through dialogue. We are not in favor of exerting pressure or imposing sanctions," Liu said.

The Washington Post reported last week that China had turned down a U.S. request to pressure North Korea to return to nuclear disarmament talks by cutting off oil supplies. Chinese officials said such a cutoff would damage the oil pipeline that links China's northeast with North Korea because of the high paraffin content in the oil, which can clog pipelines, the Post reported.

Pope pressing ahead with schedule

By Nicole Winfield
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI is pressing ahead with a busy schedule of ceremonies and travel, indicating that concern over his age and health isn't slowing him down.

The 78-year-old Benedict has set a grueling pace for himself, keeping up Pope John Paul II's twice-weekly appearances to the faithful and meeting with heads of state and visiting bishops. Last week, he traveled outside Rome for the first time as pope to formally take possession of the papal summer residence at Castel Gandolfo.

In the next few weeks, he has appointments in Rome and in the Adriatic port of Bari. And in August, he heads to Cologne, Germany, for World Youth Day.

The former Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was the oldest man elected pope in 275 years when he was tapped by his fellow cardinals April 19 to become the 265th leader of the Roman Catholic Church.

The cardinal turned 78 two days before the conclave started, and was feted by cardinals during one of the secret pre-conclave meetings.

His health also has been a topic of discussion. He has acknowledged having suffered a hemorrhagic stroke in 1991 that temporarily affected his vision, as well as a fall that knocked him unconscious in 1992. He has said he recovered without permanent damage from each incident.

Benedict's brother, the Rev. Georg Ratzinger, has been quoted in several German media outlets about his younger brother's health, including an interview April 24 with the German television station TDF in which he said Benedict had suffered two strokes.

The Bild newspaper reported April 20 that the pope had "suffered several light strokes" in the past, although it gave no sourcing. Bild also quoted Georg Ratzinger as expressing concern about his brother, saying "And health-wise, he's no longer the most robust. His heart! Such a man should really not have such a burden put on him."

The Catholic News Service reported after the election that a few lower-ranking Vatican officials had written the pope's personal secretary, Monsignor Georg Ganswein, to suggest that Benedict slow down and consider using a chair to spare him from walking and standing.

Bush and Putin join to commemorate Nazi defeat

By Steve Gutterman
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Leaders of the victors and the vanquished united Monday to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Allied victory over Nazi Germany, with Russian President Vladimir Putin hosting President Bush and dozens of others in a Red Square celebration replete with goose-stepping soldiers, a hammer-and-sickle flag and other symbols of the Soviet era.

At a lavish military parade, Putin evoked the alliance that brought victory but he also stressed the Soviets' huge sacrifice in defeating Adolf Hitler's Germany.

"I bow low before all veterans of the Great Patriotic War," he said, using Russia's name for World War II, which killed an estimated 27 million Soviets during nearly four years of bitter fighting after the Nazi invasion of 1941.

Amid strict security that closed the heart of Moscow to ordinary citizens, Putin watched the parade from a podium in front of Lenin's tomb flanked by Bush, French President Jacques Chirac and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder. On the Kremlin wall, the word "victory" was emblazoned in several languages, including those of the war's losers.

Putin described May 9, 1945, commemorated in Russia as Victory Day, as "a day of victory of good over evil, freedom over tyranny."

Beneath overcast skies, the parade began with four goose-stepping soldiers in ceremonial gold-embroidered uniforms carrying a replica of the red hammer-and-cycle banner unfurled atop the Reichstag in Berlin after the building was seized by Soviet troops a week before the Nazi surrender. Veterans adorned with gleaming medals rode by in green trucks.

Soldiers in modern and World War II-era uniforms _ infantrymen with red flags topped by Soviet insignia, tank troopers with black padded helmets _ marched in tight formation, the slap of their boots echoing across the cobblestones. Jets streamed smoke in the Russian flag's white, blue and red colors above the square after Putin's speech.

While Russians have often complained that the Soviets' wartime role is underrated in the West, Putin said that "we have never divided the victory between ours and theirs, and we will always remember the help of the Allies," listing the United States, Britain, France and those who fought fascism in Germany and Italy.

"Today we pay tribute to the courage of all Europeans who countered Nazism," Putin said.

However, he added, "the most cruel and decisive events unfolded on the territory of the Soviet Union." Listing battles such as Stalingrad, Kursk and the siege of Leningrad, where he was born in 1952, Putin said that "the Red Army put a victorious end to the war with the liberation of Europe and the battle for Berlin."

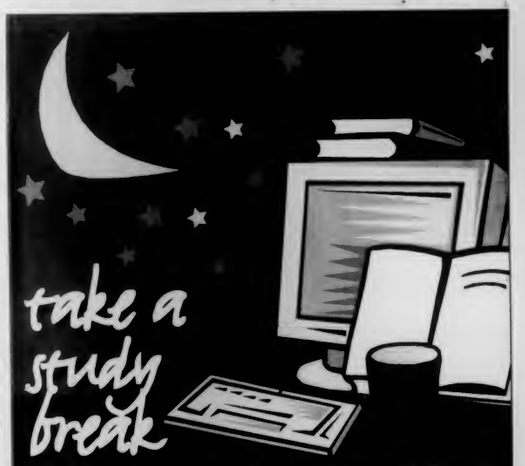
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Honesty in the media on the brink of dying

Journalistic integrity has once again been scrutinized with the recent alleged forgeries from a reporter at Wired News, an Internet news Web site. Sadly, these have become recent occurrences within the media world. Jayson Blair, the infamous former reporter for the New York Times that made up some of his stories, has set the scene for the prominence of journalistic skepticism today. Consequently, objective, un-biased reporting has become something that will be redefined for years to come.

The reporter, Michelle Delio, 37, of New York City, has blatantly denied all accusations against her and her reporting, according to an article written by the Associated Press. Reviewers have been hired to check all her sources and facts, including contacting each particular source cited her stories; stories which go back as far as years.

Whether Delio actually fabricated her stories is not the issue at hand. The issue is that she should have never even gotten herself into the situation to begin with. As a journalist, a qualified and experienced journalist, you should never present the reader with any doubt about your sources or facts. Along those lines, if a source comes across as ambiguous, it is the journalist's responsibility to find an accurate, more credible source; one that the reader will believe.

Back in 1998, Stephen Glass was accused of and proven to have forged many of his articles written for The New Republic. Upon revealing his forgeries, The New Republic promptly fired him. Even if a reporter is suspected of falsifying their stories, it is the responsibility of the heads of the publication to take action and make sure their readers are not continued to be led on by a potentially corrupt reporter.

The fact that a reporter should even be suspected of falsifying their articles is enough grounds for the heads of the publication to assess and correct the situation. A reporter should never find themselves in a place where the factual integrity of their work is questioned and they don't have the blatant evidence, ie, source contacts and proper reference materials, to promptly show their supervisors.

Some may attribute the recent tendency for media fabrications to the widespread use and reliance on the Internet. However, facts are easier to check than sources. The problem many fact checkers run into when verifying stories is when they only have the reporter's notes to rely on. While many things on the Internet are not legitimate sources when it comes to fact checking, it is a useful tool in that it will enable the fact checker to look for a certain fact in various valid locations quickly to either prove or disprove the fact. Sources and quotes used in stories are a lot harder to verify and consequently, are what wind up getting publications in trouble.

The reputations of, not only the reporters, but also the publications are at stake. If this trend continues, ethical journalism will turn into tabloid journalism and the already shaky trust people have in the media will be non-existent.

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Conservatives are here to stay

Ben Duffy

In 1850, abolitionist William Seward took the floor of the Senate to debate the expansion of slavery into the Western territories. Seward understood that relevant law probably favored the pro-slavery delegates, but he really didn't care. He proclaimed that there was a "higher law" than the law of men. There was a moral law, handed down to us by the "Creator of the Universe." This law found slavery insufferable.

If William Seward were alive today, the Democrats would have him tarred and feathered. It seems that Christians are the new boogeymen that the Democrats use to scare their constituency groups into voting for them. A vote for the Democrats is a vote against the "theocrats," which is absolutely essential.

If the "theocrats" come to power, your daughter is going to come home pregnant because the "theocrats" won't allow condoms to be passed out to seventh graders. The Crusader-like tendencies of the "theocrats" guarantee wars in the Muslim world for years to come. In fact, they'll probably draft that same daughter of yours, when she turns 18 and we're fighting wars in Syria and Iran.

The hysteria over Christianity is greatly exaggerated. Sure, there are some religious fruit loops out there, but I don't trust the Democrats to identify them for me. To hear them tell it, anybody who sets foot in a church on a regular basis is a "Jesus freak."

There's always a conspiracy afoot among Christians to "hijack our democracy," or so we are told. We've heard such statements recently coming from Al Gore, Howard Dean and Colorado Senator Ken Salazar. When peace activists or environmentalists assemble and try to affect policy, it's called "democracy." When Christians do it, it's called "hijacking democracy." See how that works?

But I may be wrong about how Democrats would perceive Seward, if he were alive today. Maybe it's not Christians that they're against; maybe it's just Christians who disagree with them. Obviously, the Democratic Party no longer supports the institution of slavery, so Seward's "higher law" speech might be permissible.

Moral convictions become unacceptable in the political sphere only when they run contrary to policies that liberals know to be morally indefensible. When the Democrats support an institution that can never be defended on moral grounds, such as abortion, their only defense is that private morals should be kept to oneself.

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Is that so? Well somebody ought to tell that to the National Council of Churches and its 50 million members. The NCC, despite its name, does not represent an ideologically broad coalition of churches. Its 36 member churches tend to be left leaning, Protestant/Orthodox denominations. The council itself is even further to the left than its member churches. If you've heard of "religious Right," the NCC is the "religious Left."

And you can bet that the NCC has an opinion on just about every political issue. They push their left-wing agenda under the cover of Christianity. They frequently justify their positions on political issues by using specific Bible verses. For example, their opposition to the Iraq War is justified using Matthew 5:9, "Blessed be the Peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God."

They support socialized medicine, legal abortions and a significant welfare state. They have condemned social security reform and the Republican effort to stop obstructionist filibusters in the Senate. They have dabbled in environmentalism, joining the anti-SUV "What would Jesus Drive?" campaign, a project of the Evangelical Environmental Network.

The NCC is a longtime supporter of communist states. In the 1950s and 1960s, they funneled money to the communist governments of Poland and Yugoslavia; in the 1970s and 1980s, the NCC cooperated with the World Council of Churches to aid Soviet-backed African Marxists in Zimbabwe, Namibia, Mozambique and Angola. According to a 1982 Reader's Digest article, almost half of the funds raised to "combat racism" somehow ended up in the hands of African Marxist guerillas. Blessed be the peacemakers indeed.

But you won't hear the liberals crying about "separation of church and state" in regards to the NCC. They've turned a blind eye to the religious Left. In fact, sometimes they seem to embrace it. When talking about conservative Christian leaders, they describe them as fringe right-wing theocrats, intent on pushing their agenda. When talking about liberal Christian leaders, they describe them as courageous individuals of faith, capable of principled social criticism.

I just want to see the same rules applied across the board. I have read the First Amendment many times, and I firmly believed that the American Left has mangled it for its own political purposes. But if we're going to require that religious people keep their faith and their politics separate, then we need to apply that standard to everyone. It's called consistency.

If religious people have no business protesting outside abortion clinics, then they have no business protesting outside military bases either. If teaching abstinence in schools qualifies as an "establishment of religion," then I guess teaching anti-racism does too. If Republicans appearing in churches is forbidden, then somebody needs stop the liberal Democrats who have benefited from the pulpits and collection plates of black churches for years.

I beg the Left to do one thing for me. They must either muzzle their religious wing, or learn to live in harmony with the religious Right. Conservative Christians are here to stay, and they have a right to their opinions, just like everyone else.

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The American nuclear option

Andrew Freeman

Allow me, for a moment, to rewrite history. On Dec. 7, 1941, the Japanese attacked the U.S. fleet in Pearl Harbor, forcing our country to join the Second World War. Now, imagine if President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, in response to this dreadful attack, decided to expand the New Deal further, implement healthcare reform, lower taxes and invade Mexico. This did not happen, thankfully, because FDR realized the seriousness of the crisis that confronted him, and did not pursue such programs when war was underway.

Flash forward to the present. Our country has been attacked and how has our leadership responded? They have initiated a "War on Terror," but it is not a major priority, as visible from the policies that are being pursued. The past months have brought us Congressional hearings on steroids, attempts to save the life of a brain-dead woman and the "nuclear option."

After first glance, the nuclear option sounds like a throwback to the Cold War. Does it mean the U.S. would use nuclear weapons against North Korea or Iran if necessary? Does it herald a new commitment to fighting the War on Terror? No. This "nuclear option" is a proposal to change the rules of the Senate so that the president's judicial nominees can be approved.

I'll repeat this monumental hyperbole again. The "nuclear option" is a proposal to change the rules of the Senate so judicial nominees are approved. It's not Hiroshima and Nagasaki — it's Priscilla Owen and William Pryor, two judges criticized for their extreme views on abortion who Bush wants to force past filibusters by Democrats.

The filibuster, from a Dutch word meaning "pirate," is a parliamentary rule that allows a senator to delay the passage of a bill by prolonging debate. In the early years, a filibustering senator would have to stand and talk for as long as he could — an excellent portrayal of this in the movie "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington."

However, today's filibusters, unless a 60-senator majority votes to end debate over a bill, are allowed to stand and the Senate moves on to other business.

Both parties have used the filibuster when in the minority, and individual senators have also used it to stop bills they opposed. However, President Bush and his ally Senate Majority leader Bill Frist are seeking to end the filibuster for judicial nominations, so that Bush's appointments may be confirmed.

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In response, Democrats have threatened to retaliate by bringing the Senate to a standstill, filibustering many bills to force the Republicans to return the filibuster for judicial nominations.

While our leadership debates rule changes with atomic rhetoric, Kim Jong Il's North Korea is producing actual nuclear weapons. The International Atomic Energy Agency estimates that North Korea has around six nuclear weapons and the potential to produce many more. Combined with North Korea's ballistic missiles, the nation can already destroy many of the major East Asian cities, including Tokyo, Seoul, Shanghai and Beijing, and with further missile research it could threaten the continental U.S.

However, North Korea doesn't have to use its nuclear arsenal to benefit from them. Selling nuclear weapons or nuclear technology would provide the nation with much needed hard currency to sustain its faltering economy. If atomic technology was sold to other countries, the possibility of a nuclear war would increase, since nations would see their neighbors go nuclear and decide to they needed to as well. A greater danger in my mind is that North Korea would sell bombs to terrorists, who would use them against the United States or other countries.

What has been Bush's strategy for North Korea? Negotiate, walk out on negotiations, rejoin them and try to keep the media on other issues. It's worked so far, if the goal is to keep people from realizing that the annihilation of Washington, New York or any other city by nuclear suicide bombers is possible. If the goal is to disarm North Korea, it's been an abject failure.

War is a serious business, and the Bush administration has been anything but serious about it. They've lowered taxes, raised deficits and invaded a country, on fabricated evidence of nuclear weapons that had nothing to do with al-Qaeda. They've fouled up the democratization of said country, using insufficient numbers of insufficiently protected troops to provide security. Worst of all, they've done nothing while a hostile rogue nation built a nuclear arsenal.

Given this atrocious record, Bush is blessed that Americans are focused on culture wars, celebs and the latest Republican distractions. But the time may come when we look back at the "nuclear option," and realize just how horrifically misplaced our priorities were.

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War serves little purpose

Joseph St. John

It has been two years, one month and 21 days. Tomorrow it will be two years, one month and 23 days. This will mark one more day that our country began using violent force against a government of people that did not use, threaten to use, or have the means to use violent force against our own country. Numbers in newspapers cannot express the pain that war creates, and can be easy to ignore, but ignoring them is not a solution.

The war in Iraq has claimed at least 21,000 documented civilian deaths, over 1,600 U.S. deaths and countless life changing injuries. It has cost over $160 billion, $100 million of which was lost by incompetent or corrupt military leaders in the first few months of fighting in Baghdad.

I want these numbers to make you cry. I want them to make our leaders open up and sob rivers, like the mothers and daughters and sons and husbands are crying for their own losses. When they open up the full two page report in the New York Times showing a picture of each soldier dead from combat, faces of lost soldiers staring back with looks of hope, courage, strength and faith in the country whom they served, I want the people of America to beg for forgiveness and promise to cherish the life of every human being still on this planet.

If we have the brains to put people on the moon, predict the weather and shoot subatomic particles down miles of tubing to hit each other exactly, shouldn't we be able to think of ways to distribute resources in such a way to avoid killing each other like barbarians?

Every war that we fight is a message to future generations that violence is an acceptable way to cope with problems. Every subsequent war will now be able to justify itself on fear and loose information. This war stemmed from our fear that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction, yet it did not. We are teaching people that it is okay to make a mistake that cost tens of thousands of lives and not apologize, or acknowledge that a terrible mistake was made. Our society is responsible for teaching those who follow us what the world should be like, and making it as safe and free as possible for them.

If we have the brains to put people on the moon, predict the weather and shoot subatomic particles down miles of tubing to hit each other exactly, shouldn't we be able to think of ways to distribute resources in such a way to avoid killing each other like barbarians? Someday the world will be so good at communicating and loving one another that the fear of people will be minimal and the focus of every government will be on raising the standard of living for everyone. This may sound idealistic, but what guidelines do we live by except our ideals?

The six billion people on the planet right now have the power to control the world like no other population in human history. We have power over our climate, power over disease, power over our leaders and power of communication that no other group of people ever had before us. It is up to us to choose how we as a society want to use this power, and we must be aware of the impacts our actions have on those who look to our generation for guidance. They will have problems just like every other society has, but if we can give them a model for dealing with whatever problems they may be faced with, which doesn't involve violence, they will be much better off.

Einstein once said, "The youth that pioneer a warless world are those who refuse a military service." Yes, if the youth refused to fight, there could be no war, but the onus of a warless society does not rest solely on the youth. The pioneers also need to be those who teach the youth that a war is a hindrance to human growth. It takes every person to make a personal commitment to a non-violent world, and this can be done.

Many people disagree about the war in Iraq. Some believe that it is justified, and that good has come out of it, and others do not. There are things that everyone can agree upon however. No one can look at a picture of a bloodied child and say that this war has made his life better. No one can tell the lover of a fallen soldier that this war has made that person's life more complete. We can all agree on these simple facts. Everyone also agrees that absolute power, oppression and tyranny are bad, and lead to suffering. No one says otherwise. If we start somewhere, and put our most focused and dedicated minds to work, there is no problem that can't be solved nonviolently.

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Future UMass improvements

Aaron Wodin-Schwartz

The project of bettering our university continues as we bid it farewell for the summer months. Those returning in the fall will have our work cut out for us both in succeeding academically and improving the educational and social structures in which knowledge is produced. This year's setbacks have been well documented, but so has the student energy that was galvanized into action by administrative threats and by our own innovation.

Despite what Chancellor Lombardi and Vice Chancellor Gargano might tell Boston Globe reporters, they are responsible for student action and political gains only insofar as they have provided us cause by trying to suppress us. Uprisings have been against the perceived misdirection of UMass, and not a materialization of its productive qualities: it increasingly has none.

The university must be redressed in the image of the values of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It is unacceptable to be contented by the lip service and deceptive rhetoric thrown at the problems by the administration, even as it pursues policies contrary to the student demands it futilely seeks to assuage. After all, the university is not just the classroom; it is where we define our encompassing structures and the content of our learning.

Among the issues most imperative to address in the coming months and in the fall are diversity, student autonomy and liberty, police abuse of power and misallocation of strained university resources. We have our work cut out for us but we will find solutions to our problems.

Diversity

Not only is UMass remarkably un-diverse – in fall 2004 less than five percent of students were black or Latino – but also the proposed direction of admissions is increasingly discriminatory toward minorities. The policy of placing increased importance upon SAT scores is an undisguised elitist move since those marks are proportional to wealth and statistically related to mastery of culturally white paradigms.

The suggestion that these new standards are good for everyone since they increase the prestige of the school is like the notion that slavery was good for everyone since it increased the wealth of the nation. It represents an exclusionary prestige that no one should be proud of and insults us all by reducing our qualifications as learners to an antiquated standardized test.

Instead, the school must understand its purpose as the flagship institution of public higher education in Massachusetts and fulfill its roll in the system of using public funds to promote upward mobility of the taxpayers that desire an education. We do not need "less GAP, more Abercrombie & Fitch," as Mike Gargano has suggested. We need more quality minds from a variety of backgrounds that transcend the narrow evaluation made by SATs.

Student Autonomy

Students must reclaim the autonomy that they have earned over the decades through protracted action and legal battles. Administrative control over the finances of RSOs, student businesses, ALANA and the SGA is deeply wrong under any circumstances, since these are purely student organizations and it is our right to guide them. It is especially wrong here, however, in light of the dangerous favoritism exhibited by the Lombardi administration.

The administration ought to try to mend the fences it has shattered with the student body by apologizing for its abuses. Specifically, Gargano must comply with state law and turn over to the public the solicited legal opinion from UMass counsel on the constitutionality of the ALANA caucus seats at the SGA.

The administration must also stop enacting policy in utter defiance of the SGA, and it must restore ALANA and Commuter Services to their previous capacities. It must stop manipulating the student senate by conspiring with allied representatives against other student body delegates. It must make a real commitment to working with the students and not just making disgracefully rare appearances that do not even establish the façade of a care.

Police Misconduct

There are over 55 police officers in the UMPD waiting to test out their latest toys on the animated targets that make up the student body. Their Web site is chock full of photographs of assault rifle training and other expressly violent images. Few other areas of the country are so strictly and shadily policed, particularly college campuses.

And yet the paradox is that they succeed only in creating pandemonium and arresting harmless alcohol offenders instead of preventing racist vandalism or sexual assault all over campus. The presence of such a surplus of officers naturally leads to their creation of crime to crack down upon, which leads to a pattern of abusive behavior and animosity from the students toward the police. This is a cycle that must be abolished.

University Resources

Large portions of the other problems listed here can be solved by proper allocation of the tight university budget. For example, the amount of discretionary funds given to Commonwealth College – an elitist and majority-white, centralized bureaucracy for honors – is tremendous considering that the money should rather be given to individual departments to grant honors. Departments are better suited to granting their students honors anyway, and they could involve much more relevant and ethnically diverse discussions.

Instead of paying over 55 police officers and buying them new TASERs and pepper ball guns to terrorize us with, the number of tenure-track faculty is on the steady decline, which causes a more gradual decline in the quality of education here as professors are more underpaid and more disgruntled with their positions.

The unnecessary money allocated to law enforcement should instead go to suffering outreach programs like ALANA Support Services and Every Woman's Center and/or under funded academic departments and RSOs. This would cut down on the feeling of a police state on campus and improve the educational and support side of the university that provides the reason for its existence in the first place.

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Creationism vs. evolution

Jamison Shipley

According to a Dec. 2004 Gallup poll, "only slightly more than one third of Americans believe Charles Darwin's theory of evolution is supported by fact." We are seeing a great debate in the Kansas State Board of Education over which theory should be taught.

Most of us have been taught the theory of evolution in our schools, but it isn't so often we hear a legitimate criticism of its validity. I would like to present two concerns I have with the theory – one scientific, the other philosophical.

Let me begin by drawing a distinction between micro and macroevolution. Microevolution is the idea that a species can adapt to its environment to survive. Macroevolutionary theory says all organisms that exist today come from one primeval cell. That cell turned into a worm. The worm became a fish, then up to an amphibian, reptile, bird, mammal and, finally, a human. I have no problem with microevolution. Rather, I am concerned with macroevolution, the idea that living matter originated from nonliving matter, and that living matter has the ability to mutate from one species to another.

Today, 145 years and millions of experiments and discoveries after Charles Darwin published his evolutionary theory, scientists have been unable to prove macroevolution. While it can and has been demonstrated that a species can change over time, there has been no evidence in the fossil record or in laboratory experiments that a species can develop from something other than itself. Scientists have uncovered millions of fossils, but none show conclusive evidence for the transition from one species to another. Fossils show nothing more than the abrupt occurrence and extinction of organisms.

So you may be asking, "Why are we taught macroevolution?" I think the fact that I need to make a distinction between macro and micro tells you something, but scientists need to explain how, by natural means, the origin of life and the origin of human beings came about. Unfortunately, the undeniable evidence for microevolution is applied to the theory as a whole.

The textbooks used to inform students on the subject lack alternative explanations.

Although I support the science for microevolution, I think many people falsely overreach these scientific conclusions to think they support macroevolution.

As important as the scientific problem is, I think the theory of evolution has a much greater problem for any person who wants to live a life that is intellectually consistent. This brings me to my next point, the philosophical one.

If we are chemicals randomly thrown together and if life is guided by the physical laws of nature and survival of the fittest, then it seems that is contrary to living a moral life.

According to evolutionary theory, through time and chance, nonliving matter was created from nothing. Through time and chance, living matter resulted in the mutation and natural selection, which resulted in human beings.

If we are chemicals randomly thrown together and if life is guided by the physical laws of nature and survival of the fittest, then it seems that is contrary to living a moral life.

Not only is it yet to be shown how a system of morals evolved, but morals seems contradictory to the theory of evolution. There are some things that seem obviously wrong; racism, rape, extermination of certain people. Yet, if evolution is true and we are trying to ensure that our genes survive, then those very things, racism, rape and extermination or murder, should be encouraged, not discouraged.

If we hold that there is a Creator, there is a moral standard by which we can live. If we deny a Creator and believe in evolution, we can either live a life of intellectual inconsistency or despair or both. Under evolution, morality as we understand it is just an illusion and we can really act however we want.

The scientific and philosophical concerns I have presented to you are just some of many problems with Darwin's theory of evolution. Scientifically, there is a lack of evidence for macroevolution. Unfortunately, the undeniable evidence for microevolution is applied to the theory as a whole. Philosophically, we must ponder the moral implications of accepting evolutionary theory as truth.

Scientists are divided over evolution. The Kansas Board needs to hear all sides. Pastor Adrian Rogers quoted Dr. George Wald, Professor Emeritus of Biology at Harvard University, winner of the 1991 Nobel Prize in Biology. He said in the Scientific American, "There are only two possibilities as to how life arose. One is spontaneous generation arising to evolution. The other is a supernatural creative God. There is no third possibility. Louis Pasteur and others scientifically disproved spontaneous generation, that life arose from nonliving matter, 120 years ago. That leaves us with only one possible conclusion: that life arose as a supernatural, creative act of God. I will not accept that philosophically because I do not believe in God. Therefore, I choose to believe in what I know is scientifically impossible."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ELITISM LEADS TO INEVITABILITY OF HISTORIC FAILURE

I am responding the opinion piece by Michael Marceline entitled "Historical Inevitability" printed on Monday, May 9. Marceline offhandedly claims, "New England is the older, wiser region in this nation." He references John Edwards, but has clearly failed to realize the lesion inherent in the John-duo's failure to win the presidency. Marceline advances the idea that somehow the people of the United States are akin to foolish children who need to be shepherded around by an elite liberal clique. He breaks the United States into regions of enlightened New Englanders and (apparently) stupid Southerners and poor farmers in the Mid-West.

With such brazen elitism coming from the so-called populists, it's no wonder that the liberal party in the United States, the one that dominates New England politics, is on the decline. As it is, no party or ideologue thus far has been perfect, so it is foolish to claim that a small group of the nation is simply "wiser" than another.

Furthermore, the idea that regional wisdom is conferred on by the age of the society is utter garbage reasoning. Several thousand years of unbroken civilization in China produced the "wisdom" of Mao. It's unknown precisely how many people Mao killed, but by most estimates, he has the record for the bloodiest dictator of all time. If several thousand years of civilization is insufficient to give a culture enough wisdom to avoid such massive death and starvation, then, by Marceline's logic, it's a wonder anyone in the United States can so much as tie their shoes, much less debate policy.

Consider Marceline's argument from a different perspective. Let's phrase it as: "People from a certain area (Europe, perhaps) are simply wiser, on the whole, than people from other regions (Africa, perhaps)." Marceline's argument smacks of racism in the claim that people from "over there" just don't know what's best for them.

The fact is that liberals can no longer act like they hold the only keys to wisdom and sensible action anymore. Decades of such elitism have resulted in the notable decline of the liberal political policy, including gay-rights, which is currently (unfortunately) in retreat on an incredible scale. Such "Daddy knows best" politics are counter-productive in the extreme.

Bret Devereaux
UMass student

A TESTIMONY TO POLICE MISCONDUCT

In response to his editorial "Police misconduct the norm?" I would like to thank Aaron Wodin-Schwartz for raising awareness about the ongoing police misconduct that plagues this campus and the surrounding area. In fact, only two weekends ago, I witnessed first-hand this disturbing secret of the Pioneer Valley.

A friend and I were walking down Southeast Street in Amherst with two empty party cups in hand when we saw police lights and immediately threw our cups. As I had heard the command to stop from their footsteps, I turned around to see my friend abducted and literally slammed against the hood of their cruiser. Upon witnessing this shocking sight, I spoke up.

"Excuse me! Is this necessary?" They arrested my friend and not me (for reasons why I am still unsure), threw him in the back of the car and told me if I had a problem I should come to the police station. Trembling from anger and confusion, I walked to the police headquarters on Main Street.

Once there, I posted bail and requested a pen and paper so I could document the experience, still vivid in my memory, as accurately as possible. The officer behind the counter refused to lend me a pen and a piece of paper. Meanwhile, another officer mumbled my friend's Miranda rights to him and afterwards asked, "Do you understand?" He responded that he did not understand because the officer had mumbled. The officer then pointed to a sign and told my friend he could read them himself.

After about three hours they finally released my friend and I went back into the police station to request further documentation, which I had planned to show a lawyer. The officer behind the counter again refused to supply me with adequate information as to why he would not provide any documents. I informed him that under the Freedom of Information Act, the police department, as a tax-funded institution, would eventually be required to supply us with their documentation regarding the incident.

His response was, "If you stand there for a couple more seconds, I'll come out there and give you a freedom of information." Internally questioning my faith in the human race, I left and walked home with my friend.

The police report later made its way to my friend's court-hearing and cited me as "verbally combative" and interfering with the business of the police. Their obvious use of excessive force is deemed illegal across the United States, and yet, due to insufficient funds for the necessary lawyer, my friend instead will take alcohol education classes because of an empty party cup the Amherst Police Department deemed as evidence.

While my experiences with the UMass Police Department have generally been respectful occurrences, I ask that the town of Amherst review those employed by their police department. Until then, they should worry about their police performing these actions on the wrong student with the right connections. In an area where people are attempting to educate ethical and concerned individuals, these actions are completely unseemly.

John Bonanni
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ADMISSION STANDARDS DON'T NEED RAISING

The question of raising admission standards at UMass has become a center stage issue now that it has been recognized by the Boston Globe. This type of privatization trend is not new to UMass Amherst, nor is it going to go away any time soon. The reasoning for higher admission standards at UMass seems clear; most people would love for their degree to mean more to a future employer. However, to increase the competitiveness of admissions also compromises the very foundations of public higher education in the state of Massachusetts.

Accompanying higher admission standards is a push for better SAT scores from incoming freshman. Studies have shown that minority and lower income students score worse on SATs, which certainly has more to do with income than it does intelligence. Many higher income students can take the SAT prep courses, which can run into the hundreds of dollars. Each time you take the SATs, it also requires a fee, which suggests that higher income students have more economic opportunity to take them more than once or twice.

Besides the issue of SATs, higher admission standards mean higher income students from out of state. Their enrollment at UMass compromises the opportunity of Massachusetts residents, many of whom live in inner city communities and whose education is grossly under funded and lack valuable resources such as teachers and books. Although you can say this is an issue for the local community, it is a deeper institutional problem that has plagued our country throughout its history.

In conclusion, by raising admission standards at this public university, you are choking out the futures of thousands of talented and bright young people who merely haven't had the resources to excel. Community colleges are a good thing, but they continue to suffer from a lack of funding by the state, and have become less focused on liberal arts. There are private colleges for those who feel their education at UMass Amherst is not reputable enough. The right future for UMass is one that strives for diversity and opportunity for all economic classes and racial backgrounds.

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Construction poses as burden

Alissa Thuotte

Discreet construction has recently yielded a new parking lot between the Thompson and South College buildings and a new road for traffic around the Student Union. The former, out of the way and small enough (i.e., blink-and-you'll-miss-it), is not the problem; rather, the latter is causing safety hazards and inconvenience for students walking in that area during the week.

When considering where to apply for college, I immediately ruled out "city schools" — I wanted a true-blue campus life, with grassy quads, flowering trees and the quiet of being secluded from main streets and police sirens. UMass may not have as much lush and verdant landscaping as that tiny college down the street, but I'm satisfied. I even enjoy walking to my classes when the only traffic I encounter is that generated by pedestrians, and the warm weather has even kept me from getting frustrated at being caught in the 2:15 post-class mob.

Don't get me wrong, I appreciate the smooth concrete under my feet as an alternative to trekking though the trees (the old detour) to get to my class, but this road wasn't repaved for you or me.

However, in the past two weeks I've noticed an ugly change. The road running from between Thompson and South College to behind the Student Union now has a painted yellow line down the middle — clearly, pedestrian students can no longer claim this as our territory. Don't get me wrong, I appreciate the smooth concrete under my feet as an alternative to trekking through the trees (the old detour) to get to my class, but this road wasn't repaved for you or me.

Apparently, my fellow students, construction trumps safety here at UMass. The other day, as I walked from the Campus Center to the Dickinson ROTC building for class, I had to step off the road to make way for a coal-stuffed dump truck; my reward was a blast of foul air in the face. Talking to a friend outside Machmer, we had to pause our conversation while a large tractor rumbled by, for hearing each other was certainly out of the question. I even saw a truck driver honk at one student on a cell phone crossing his path.

I wouldn't mind the intrusion so much if the invaders were more respectful of the fact that they are operating sizeable machinery on a college campus, an environment naturally populated by, in this case, thousands of students. Trucks and bulldozers thunder past the lone Stop sign (while going around a curve); such careless driving could easily result in student harm. (Imagine the public relations crisis for UMass when Suzy Student calls Mom from Cooley-Dickinson to say she was hit by a dump truck while standing outside her class building.)

Our campus has sometimes been referred to as resembling a city, but I would like to think that appellation comes from its sheer size. I know the countdown to the end of the semester is getting shorter and shorter, but I'd like to enjoy the flower-scented air and relative quiet on my walks to class during this last week. How about stopping construction until the bulk of us leave for the summer? Is that too much to ask?

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Return of 'Family Guy' welcomed with open arms

By Nick Rudman
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LOS ANGELES — "Family Guy" made television history on Sunday by being the first show to be cancelled and picked up years later by the same network (in this case, Fox). To say this was unexpected would be somewhat of an understatement.

"I was told that there was no way in hell the show would be back," said Seth MacFarlane, creator of "Family Guy" and supplier of numerous character voices for the show. "It had never happened before."

Yet, much to the delight of fans of the Griffins, "Family Guy" has returned.

As a result of unprecedented DVD sales, with 3.5 million units moved — it ranks behind only "Friends," "Sex and the City," and "The Simpsons" in TV shows — and high viewership for the show's reruns on Cartoon Network, where it is currently number one in the late-night Adult Swim block, watched by more young males than David Letterman and Jay Leno, one of the top two dysfunctional families in animation history is back on network television.

Credit this reversal of fate in large part to dedicated "Family Guy" fans — you know, the people who are as excited as Peter was to have "Gumbel to Gumbel" back on the air. And if you understand that reference, you are one of these people.

"If not for the fans, we wouldn't be back," said Mila Kunis, who voices Meg, the perpetually insecure Griffin daughter. "It's the truth."

Especially college-age fans. "Family Guy" undoubtedly has a huge, profound presence at UCLA. To hear the amount of "Family Guy" quotes brought into conversation regularly at UCLA, one would be hard-pressed to say that the show ever even went off the air. In fact, some fans here first encountered the show after it was cancelled.

"I had actually never really heard of ("Family Guy") until I saw the episodes (at UCLA)," said third-year electrical engineering student Richard King.

King started watching the show during his first year and has since purchased all of its seasons on DVD. He even went to an appearance MacFarlane made at Maloney's in the fall 2003 to promote the DVDs.

Devoted fans of college age like King had the greatest influence on "Family Guy"'s return, according to MacFarlane. He called them "hugely supportive" and "very important" in getting the show back to TV.

"These are the people who have bought the DVDs, which is why we're back. These are the people who watch the reruns on Cartoon Network. That's the reason we're back on the air," he said.

Playing to such a devoted audience means higher pressure to produce a funnier product, MacFarlane added.

"There's a lot of pressure to do shows that top the ones we've done before," he said. "The fans brought this thing back. There's a need to go seasons one to three, and hopefully we've done that."

And of course, not everyone at UCLA lives and dies for "Family Guy." For second-year physiological science student Sasha Petcavich, it is simply a matter of taste.

"I could see where people find humor in (the show)," she remarked, but added that she does not "find it too funny."

Petcavich, though not a fan, has still observed the phenomenal popularity "Family Guy" enjoys on campus.

"(The fans) own all the DVDs," she said. "They watch it in all their spare time."

And now, after years of waiting, they have fresh "Family Guy" humor to enjoy. MacFarlane said that 35 new episodes have been completed, with such story lines as Stewie falling in love with his baby sitter and Peter and Lois having what MacFarlane calls "a Hitchcockian second honeymoon adventure."

MacFarlane confessed to being a bit tired out by the draining seven-day weeks he has had to put in for the last year to produce the new shows.

"I'll be happiest when everything has died down and the show lives or dies based on how good it is and nothing else," he said.

With fans like King, though, the outcome may already be decided.

"It's exciting," he said. "I had never watched it while it was on the air, so it's nice to have something new every week to watch and look forward to. I don't really watch TV, but this is one show I'll watch."

Simply enough, "Family Guy" needs college students as much as college students need "Family Guy." It's a symbiotic relationship that is likely to continue, no matter how long the show stays on the network this time around.

"It's great to have college kids behind you, because they're supportive," Kunis said. "And they stick with you."



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Failure's 'Golden' compiles many of the band's rarities

By Nick Romanow
Collegian Staff

For every insanely popular and massively influential band there are quite a few artists that never really achieve commercial success but still have a huge impact on the future of music. This could be called the Velvet Underground symptom. There is a fairly popular saying that explains Lou Reed's band's impact: the Velvet Underground never sold a lot of records, but everyone that bought one started a band. For example, there are the Pixies; while they never headlined arenas or got a lot of MTV and radio play, they inspired everyone that listened (Nirvana would famously lead this pack,) and now they have reunited are selling out stadiums around the world.

If the Pixies were the Velvet Underground of the late 80s/early 90s, then Failure is very possibly the band that picked up after them. While not sonically similar, and perhaps not as far-reaching, the footprint left by the post-grunge, self-described "space rock" band is no less important. Failure is a primary influence for countless bands as disparate as Thursday and A Perfect Circle (who covered Failure's "The Nurse Who Loved Me" on their "Thirteenth Step" album.)

Failure
'Golden'
Self Released

Lead by singer/guitarist/bassist Ken Andrews and bassist/guitarist Greg Edwards, Failure released 3 albums over the course of the 90s, including their unparalleled final album, 1996's "Fantastic Planet". After breaking up due to personal issues, most notably drug problems that haunt the band's legacy, "Fantastic Planet" is considered by practically everyone that's ever heard it as one of the greatest albums of the past decade. Failure is widely regarded as pioneers, innovators and geniuses.

Since the band's split, Andrews has fronted two projects: his electronically-tinged solo outfit, On, and the Failure-esque Year Of The Rabbit, in addition to his production and mixing work with acts like Jimmy Eat World and Tenacious D. Edwards has just released his first LP with his new band, Autolux, who are easily the best band on earth that no one's heard. A few months ago, Andrews and Edwards finally decided to properly close the book on Failure, rather than letting their legacy fade away as a footnote to the bands that follow. Failure has taken to the internet to release "Golden," a CD/DVD package that chronicles their career and gives fans a full album's worth of unreleased songs, available on www.cdbaby.com.

In an interview with the Daily Collegian, Andrews explained that the idea to do a documentary came to him when he was working with his new band.

"Year Of The Rabbit had to do an [Electronic Press Kit] for Elektra but we were already on tour so it was really hard to do. So I just ended up doing it myself on my laptop and I learned Final

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Failure was an influential band in the 1990s that never fully received the notoriety that they deserved.

'Enterprise' demise could mean end of long-running saga

By Charlie McCollum
Knight Ridder

This week, "Star Trek" will boldly go where it hasn't gone in 36 years: cancellation.

The original series, with William Shatner as Capt. James T. Kirk and Leonard Nimoy as Mr. Spock, was axed by NBC in 1969 after three seasons. But, a cult favorite, "Star Trek" was revived as a film in 1979 with the original cast, and a new television series — "Star Trek: The Next Generation" — made its debut in the fall of 1987.

Since then, 18 years in all, there has been a "Star Trek" series — and sometimes two — on television every season. With nine more theatrical films, numerous novels and comic books, and a vast merchandizing empire, "Star Trek" has permeated American popular culture to the point where it stands with "Star Wars."

That all comes to an end, at least temporarily, on Friday when UPN airs the last two episodes of the fifth "Star Trek" series, "Enterprise" (8 p.m. EDT), ending a four-season run that saw viewership drop from 12.6 million to 2.5 million. At the same time, the film division of the "Star Trek" empire also has gone into stasis after 2002's "Nemesis" pulled in a lowly $40 million at the box office. (The top "Star Trek" movie, 1986's "The Voyage Home," did $184.7 million.)

"There was some degree of fatigue," says "Enterprise" executive producer Rick Berman, who has run the franchise since the death of creator Gene Roddenberry in 1991. "After 18 years and 624 hours of 'Star Trek,' the audience began to sense a little bit of overkill."

In a way, the very success of "Star Trek" worked against "Enterprise." Repeats of the show's predecessors — the original, "Next Generation," "Deep Space Nine" and "Voyager" — turn up almost 24/7 in syndication and on cable channels such Sci Fi and Spike TV. So do the films.

"We found ourselves in competition with ourselves. 'Enterprise' was running against the franchise," says Berman.

Nor did it help that UPN, home of the franchise since "Voyager" started its mission in 1995, had gone from being a testosterone-driven network to one that emphasizes shows appealing to women. "It needs to be said that UPN has changed a great deal over the last few years," says Berman. "It's been skewed in a totally different direction than 'Star Trek.' That's caused as much of a problem with our viewership erosion as anything else."

But the fundamental issue has been the failure of "Enterprise" to connect with not just a broad audience but also with fans of "Star Trek."

Set in the earliest days of warp-drive space travel, "Enterprise" was a retro take on the "Star Trek" world with technology that was shaky at best and a crew that wanted nothing to do with such things as a nascent transporter system. If you pop in the DVD set of the first season, the first episodes look like a fresh and witty reinvention of the "Star Trek" mythology and canon.

Certainly, "Trek" fans initially were attracted. (The audience of 12.6 million was and still is huge by UPN standards.) But the appeal didn't last long.

"Enterprise" soon was being slammed for pedestrian storytelling and, as a commander, Capt. Jeffrey Archer (Scott Bakula) seemed to lack the gravitas of Kirk, Jean-Luc Picard (Patrick Stewart) of "Next Generation" or even Kathryn Janeway (Kate Mulgrew) of "Voyager." There was no breakout character along the lines of Spock; Data (Brent Spiner), the android from "Next Generation;" Quark (Armin Shimerman) of "Deep Space Nine"; or Seven of Nine (Jeri Ryan), the bodacious Borg on "Voyager."

And the Trekkers — the deeply obsessed fans of the series — slammed "Enterprise" on the Internet for playing fast and loose with "Star Trek" continuity, such as exactly when humans first met the Klingons.

"A lot of fans have discussed the fact that we have ignored the continuity of 'Star Trek' and ignored the canon," says Berman. "That could not be farther from the truth. We live and breathe this continuity."

But, adds "Enterprise" executive producer Brannon Braga, "the success of a television show doesn't hinge on a tiny bit of continuity" such as when the Klingons first turned up. "It seems to me there are much larger issues."

Given the show's somewhat contentious history, it perhaps was inevitable that even the final episode has been cloaked in controversy.

Using as its basis a memorable episode titled "The Pegasus" from the final season of "Next Generation," the "Enterprise" finale puts as much emphasis on guest appearances by two "Next Gen" characters — Cmdr. Will Riker (Jonathan Frakes) and Counselor Deanna Troi (Marina Sirtis) — as it does on the "Enterprise" crew.

That miffed the current cast, with the sharpest criticism coming from Jolene Blalock, who has played the Vulcan T'Pol and carries particular weight with fans because she was a devoted follower of "Star Trek" before being cast. In an interview with TV Guide, she called the finale "appalling" and "a reminder of why we're being canceled."

Braga essentially dismisses those complaints, saying, "There were a couple of people who were slightly uncomfortable with the fact that we have 'Next Generation' characters in the show and that it is a different kind of episode. But none of the actors have seen the episode, so they can't be dissatisfied with how it turned out."

Besides, says Berman, "we were aware that this 18-year run was coming to an end, and we wanted to create something that encompassed a little bit more than just 'Enterprise.'"

(The episode "These Are the Voyages ..." does have a sense of history to it, and Frakes, looking less like the Pillsbury Doughboy than he has in recent films, gives a witty performance as Riker.)

Neither Berman nor Braga believes the "Star Trek" franchise will really end with "These Are the Voyages." They point out that science fiction has never been more popular on TV, with the success of shows such as Sci Fi's "Battlestar Galactica" and USA's "The 4400," and the major networks have a number of sci-fi/fantasy series in the pipeline for next season.

Braga also notes that there was a concerted effort by some devoted fans to save "Enterprise," which "sends a signal that there are people out there who still want Star Trek."

"The fact that we're going to go two, or three, or four years without a television series — and the fact that the specifics of the next movie are not locked down — in no way means that 'Star Trek' as a franchise is over," maintains Berman.

"You can go anywhere in the world and people know what 'Beam me up, Scotty' means or what a Klingon is. They're not going to go away."



The final episode of 'Star Trek: Enterprise' may foreshadow the death of the entire franchise.

Failure's swan song

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Cut [a video editing program]. So I was just thinking of Failure and thinking [about] how much material there is that I didn't know about that was in storage and that maybe there was an interesting documentary in there." This coincided with Andrews becoming friends again with Edwards. While Andrews himself struggled with drugs, it was Edwards' debilitating heroin addiction that drove Andrews to break the band up.

"Basically after [Greg] cleaned up completely, two or three years ago, he kinda reached out to me and we went out for dinner a couple times and hung out and then basically since then whenever we both had some free time we tried to go out or something or hang out together ... he finally got his shit together, he got clean."

And while Andrews was thinking about the documentary, Edwards found something of a buried treasure.

"I presented [the idea of a documentary] to him and he was like, 'yeah, that's kinda a cool idea' And then by coincidence he called me 3 days later and said, 'you're not gonna believe this but my mom was cleaning out the garage [where Edwards had stored a lot of his things] and she ended up finding this box, this big box, that just said 'Failure' on it'. It ended up having probably 70% of what ended up on the DVD in there. Video tapes, audio tapes, 4 tracks, DATs ... I didn't think that stuff existed or it was lost."

The assembled project is a gold mine for Failure fans. The documentary, which runs for about 40 minutes, follows the band from one of their first shows up until their final tour, Lollapalooza '97, and spares no details. While the majority of it is lighthearted, following the band into a residential studio with Steve Albini to record their first album, "Comfort" and going on their first international tour, it is brutally honest. The unnarrated documentary is more of a compilation of video clips from every stage of the band's career and so when the drugs enter the picture, "Golden" becomes a story as dark as many of Failure's songs (the band notoriously dealt with their drug problems in their lyrics.)

Watching the slideshow of pictures of the band, especially Edwards, sliding into heavy heroin use is one of the most powerful, unintentional scared-straight programs there is.

However the documentary is improved infinitely by the audio commentaries provided, separately, by Andrews and Edwards. Much like the video itself, the commentaries take no expense in being heavily informative and refusing to hold back. Andrews and Edwards are often funny and self-deprecating while they discuss the best moments of being in the band and the worst. From their dissatisfaction with "Comfort", to the process of recording and promoting their second album, "Magnified", to the creative leaps and bounds that were made during the "Fantastic Planet" sessions, and of course to their harrowing struggles with heroin that not only ended the band but almost killed them, Andrews says that he and Edwards decided that coming clean was the only way to really tell the Failure story.

While the DVD is no doubt an interesting look at the inner workings of the band, the CD is the real jewel of the collection. "Golden," the CD, is more akin to "Magnified" in that it is not a cohesive piece like "Fantastic Planet," however the songs can easily stand alongside the band's best tracks.

The opener, "Shrine," is a noisy, "Comfort"-era track. "Golden" is a menacing, bass-heavy affair, and "Gone" is just, well, out there. However the real standouts are tracks like "Perfect Prisons," "Mange," and "Wake Up," which sounds like the type of epic hit single that can define an era. In fact, "Wake Up" points to the greatest mystery of Failure's career. They were certainly not the most accessible band, but they were not too bizarre. They filled songs with soaring choruses and memorable hooks while still creating the brilliant subtleties and textures that they are best known for. Taken as a whole, "Golden" emphasizes that Failure was not blatantly out-of-place next to mainstream rock bands of the mid '90s, but they were just a bit too smart and certainly ahead of their time.

While "Golden" is an obvious gift to fans, and a nice tribute to a band that is still unlike anyone else, it serves a personal purpose to Andrews. As he has become friends with Edwards again and moved on to other bands, he is finally able to really look back at Failure with the pride that is deserved.

"It puts a nice closure on it for me. It was kinda f***ed up how it broke up and how it ended but we had kinda a cool run and made some good music. Personally it's given me a really nice final way of looking at my time with the band."

While "Golden" might not be the recommended starter-pack for those interested in Failure (that would be "Fantastic Planet,") it is a fitting, honest and loving retrospective for a band that directly changed the lives of a lucky handful and has indirectly changed the lives of thousands of people who may never know it.

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On the road at the New England Metal Festival: part 1

This story is part one of a two part series. Collegian writers Dave Fonseca and Patrick Rennick completed a three-day road trip touring several hardcore metal rock shows. The following is a diary of their trip.

New England Metal and Hardcore Festival concluded little over a week ago, and as I write this I'm stuck by conflicting senses of relief and withdrawal. On the one hand, three consecutive trips to Worcester and prolonged exposure to sadistically loud music, violent audiences, outrageous vendor prices, and insufficient nourishment without any substantial physical, financial, or vehicular damage is truly a miracle. However, I'm sure I speak for my companions when I say we'd risk it all again for a shot at another amazing weekend like this past one.

I flew solo on Friday with mixed expectations. Scheduling plays a critical role at such a massive concert as Metal Fest. When you're staring down the barrel ten straight hours of metal and hardcore, it's not just who plays but when they play. The scheduling gods did not smile on me Friday, as my two primary reasons for attendance (Ion Dissonance and Obituary) would be playing nearly five hours apart. Hence, getting the most out of Friday would require both precise time management and an open mind.

I arrived as Connecticut metalcore wunderkinds, Innovation of Nebek, were finishing off their set. As the final notes of "The Decay" rang out, every atom in my being started to stir as Canada's undisputed masters of calculated metalcore mounted the stage. The intimacy and sparse stage accommodations of the Palladium's upstairs did little to subtract from the menacing aura that surrounds this band. Their ability to incite a ferocious crowd response, while maintaining an exacting degree of surgical precision was near frightening. I wiped the sweat from my brow as the set finished, almost fearing that with only 25 minutes down and nearly 32 hours to go, Metal Fest had already reached its peak.

I offered my hand in congratulations to the members of Ion (one of the perks of the cozy upstairs stage) and made my way to the merchandise table. Free Stuff! As far as my eyes could see, stuff I didn't even want! But it was free, and I indulged in every last bit of it. After shooting the breeze with the fellows from Lost Disciples Records about the glory of Stockholm Death Metal, I decided to lighten my load in my car and grab a delicious veggie sub at the nearby Subway. The streets of Worcester were lined with a diverse stock of metal and hardcore fans. Terror and Emperor shirts as far as my eyes could see. Some came for the chugging breakdowns and massive pits. Some came for soaring guitar histrionics and razor sharp riffs. Others just came to feel like they belonged to something. Either way, as I ate my sub, I was pretty damn happy to be in Worcester.

I returned to the Palladium as Massachusetts' own, All that Remains, took the stage. Solid as ever, the band cranked out 25 minutes of their please-aller brand of Scandanavian tinged metal-core. Front man Phil Labonte looked especially dapper in his Armani shirt, as he pranced about the stage delivering ironic hardcore screams. Somebody has to give that guy a lesson in metal hygiene. As I Lay Dying followed with similar results. Formulaic but forceful, these guys make up for lack of innovation with crisp, emotive melodies and fluid song structures that translate perfectly at a venue like the Palladium.

Then it was time for Obituary. It's truly a vindicating experience when you get to see a band like this live. Having fallen in love with albums like "Slowly We Rot" and "Cause of Death" years after the band's split, I had never expected to a chance to hear some of my favorite songs live. I looked around the crowd and saw a lot of young faces; this would be the first Obituary concert for many in the crowd. We erupted in unison as the Tardy boys and company took the stage. Lacking the energy but none of the enthusiasm of the most of the younger openers, they ripped through crowd favorites "Threatening Skies" and "Chopped and Half" without missing a beat. Amidst all the dark grandeur, I could see the smiles on the faces of all five of the band members. After years apart, they were just happy to be playing together again. The set concluded with the Obies unveiling a new song for the grateful crowd. The audience was soaring.

I found my way to the upstairs bar after Obituary and relaxed for a bit. Noticing a fellow with a thick accent wearing a Sonata Arctica sweatshirt having a brief altercation with the barmaid, I quickly realized I was in the presence of Jani Liimatainen, I engaged in some awkward small talk with the Finnish guitar prodigy and made a few requests for the upcoming set on Saturday. I then made my way downstairs for co-headliners, Unearth. The band's incessant touring has certainly paid off, as they commanded the stage with the presence of true professionals. Despite the Palladium's consistently shoddy sound, crowd favorites "The Charm", "Zombie Autopilot", and "My Heart Bleeds No Longer" were all delivered at near studio quality. I was impressed.

Hatebreed closed the show in typical Hatebreed fashion. Encouraging fans to engage in some violent-friendly fun, they ensured that nobody in the crowd left the Palladium with an ounce of energy to spare.

I drove home with my neck and back in shambles. I was dead, and it was only Friday. Still, as tired as I was, I couldn't wait to go through it all again two more times.

It's Saturday and the weather has taken a turn for the worst. Cold icy rain saturates the campus, dispelling all hopes for the desired sunny spring weather. Welcome to New England. Yet, in the wake of this gloomy atmosphere, I have much to look forward to. As I leave my window to partake in the usual morning traditions, my thoughts wander to the New England Metal and Hardcore Festival that I will be journeying to this very day.

On urgent orders from my stomach, I run down to the lovely Franklin Dining Commons for a quick meal of soggy eggs and OJ. The hill back up to the dormitories helps me lose a few calories and the added stairs have me hungry all over again. My buddy, Adam answers his door with a half-mumbled greeting. We make our way back to Franklin to meet up with our metal brother Dave and get going to the show. After circling the dining commons several times, we find Dave at his car with Phi.

At last, we arrive in Worcester.



COURTESY AARON PEIRETS

Devin Townsend of Strapping Young Lad was once Steve Vai's backing guitarist of choice.

The Palladium, our destination, greets us with expensive parking and the friendly community of Massachusetts drivers. Luckily for us, Dave has a few tricks up his sleeve. A couple blocks later, we take advantage of free weekend parking on a backstreet. I am hardly aware of the rain shower, which has become a downpour as we hurriedly backtrack to the venue. I check one more time to see if I have the tickets and we are there.

The entrance has become a scene of disorder. People are leaving, entering, screaming, and trying to take cover from the rain. Phi runs over to the box office to grab some tickets for the day. An angry Palladium worker begins to bellow commands to the crowd that has clustered into the safety of the awning overhead. Several minutes pass and Phi returns. We all turn to enter when he makes a startling announcement. Our collective grins all turn to looks of dismay as Phi informs us that the event has sold out. After some deep thought on how to address the situation, Phi decides that he will walk the streets in search of another way in.

After receiving our re-entry wristbands, we make our way to the main stage area of the building. The Palladium's interior is quite majestic. Surrounded by intricate architectural flourishes and several balconies, the main stage looks as if it is reserved for plays and operas, certainly not for the extreme music that has beckoned the masses of metal-heads.

We make our way down to see what band is playing and we catch a good portion of Massachusetts' own, The Red Chord. It is still fairly early in the afternoon but the crowds are already tearing up the place. I now ask myself why in the hell I didn't bring some earplugs. However, after several riffs, I'm head banging so much that it doesn't really matter. I start talking to Dave and Adam after the set about metal in general. We are anticipating a performance from Finland's Sonata Arctica.

A couple of sets later the lights go dim and Tony Kakko, vocalist for Sonata Arctica, takes the stage. I stare for a moment, not knowing what to expect from the band, when I am blown back by the distinctive "flower metal" sound. The crowd around me seems to instantly explode. I witness two larger women battle each other ferociously for a closer position to Tony. Another fan in the front holds up a homemade flag bearing the band's insignia. I turn around for a moment to get a scope of things and I see a wall of hardcore fans in the back, bearing deep frowns, arms folded, and shaking their heads. Henrik proceeds to throw back a bottle of alcohol, while he flies into a speedy keyboard solo and I find myself pumping my fist in unison with the front row crowd.

Strapping Young Lad is another band I have been awaiting eagerly to hear, ever since hearing about the festival. The group is the creation of former Steve Vai protege, Devin Townsend. I have heard the band's recordings, but nothing can prepare me for the absolute wall of sound that laces into me when they assail the stage. Playing with a robotic precision and amplifiers that seem to rival an earthquake off the top of the Richter scale "Hevy Devy" Townsend greets his audience with a grating, "Worcester you suck!"

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Orange are coming

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all that other stuff, it doesn't matter. What matters is what you do between the lines between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Sunday."

One of the major concerns for the Minutemen is the status of their starting goalie, Bill Schell. Schell broke his hand last week and missed UMass' game against Rutgers on Saturday.

Backup keeper Efosa Guobodia received the start against the Scarlet Knights and had a stellar outing, recording 14 saves while notching the win.

"We have confidence in both of those guys. Obviously it's a matter of Billy getting back into it after a week off and having his hand in a cast. We'll have to see how he feels," Cannella said.

Before the April 30 showdown, the Maroon and White had done more than enough inadvertent scouting of the Orange, as the two had played five of the same teams. Cannella mentioned that UMass would make some alterations, but would not stray far from its initial game plan.

One slight alteration will be adjusting to Syracuse's speed after playing Rutgers last weekend. The Scarlet Knights played a slow down possession offense, which cut down on the Minutemen's offensive possessions.



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Sean Morris celebrates after scoring a goal against Syracuse on April 30. The Minutemen beat the Orange 14-13 in overtime.

Cannella is certain that the Orange, who play an extremely up tempo offense, will present a much different challenge.

"It's difficult to play anyone that comes right at you. Once your in the NCAA tournament that's the kind of team you're going to face," Cannella said. "You're not going to face a team that's going to slow it down because they can't compete with you at that time." In Division I lacrosse, only the first round games are played at home sites. With this, for the Minutemen seniors, Sunday's game will be their last chance to play on historic Garber Field.

Cannella is hoping that, with two of the preeminent lacrosse teams in the nation playing each other, there will be a significant draw to Garber.

"We hope so, we hope its a great crowd and a great lacrosse event. You have two great teams, so there's going to be a good product out there for anyone that's interested in lacrosse. It's great for our seniors to play one last game at Garber Field."

UMass prepares for playoffs

By Eric Athas
Collegian Staff

In early February, nine Atlantic 10 teams took the field for the first time and began the 2005 softball season. Although it was a long way off, May 12 was the date that was circled in the calendar of the Massachusetts softball team (34-14-1 13-3 A-10), for this day was the start of the A-10 championships.

The Maroon and White will travel to the Bronx, N.Y. tomorrow, to face Saint Joseph's in the first round. With one day remaining in the preparation for the championships, UMass coach Elaine Sortino feels that her group is ready to take on the Hawks.

"They're as ready as they're going to be and I do feel like we're prepared," Sortino said. "We are physically and mentally prepared for this championship. Everyone's in relatively good shape, so that's about all you can ask for as a coach."

Although the confidence level is at its peak, the Minutewomen go into tomorrow's contest with a disastrous 2004 outing in the back of their minds. As the No. 1 seed in last year's championship, UMass edged Fordham in the first round, but then fell to Saint Joseph's and Temple, ousting them from the tournament.

As the No. 2 seed this championship — with Fordham at No. 1 — Sortino is a lot more certain with her squad this season.

"There are no similarities at all," Sortino said. "I think the level, the composure and the mentality, and the physical skills of this team are far superior to last years team."

"Every case that we came up with a loss, in all of those case, those five games have brought the team and individual performance to a greater place because we found some things in those setbacks that we could really touch."

Falters and adversity began for UMass when it was swept in a doubleheader at A-10 foe Fordham on Apr. 4. Playing host in another A-10 contest against Temple on Apr. 17, the Minutewomen snapped an 82 regular season home game winning streak, falling to the Owls 11-3.

The final losses of the regular season came on Apr. 24 at the UMass Softball Complex, exactly one week later. The Maroon and White could not stay with North Carolina State, losing 6-4 and 6-0.

Since that day, however, the Minutewomen have not surrendered a single loss, and are currently riding a 10-game winning streak. Throughout those 10 contests, the Maroon and White have recorded four shutouts, three no-hitters and outscored the opponents 76-11.

"I think it's nice to be in a good place mentally," Sortino said. "I think it helps the team feel good mentally, but what I look at as a coach is what are we doing. We've put setbacks behind and we've put great performances behind. You have to stay in the present."

The Minutewomen are made up of an array of contributors that broke numerous records this season. Guiding UMass at the plate is home run queen junior KJ Kelley. The catcher leads the regulars in slugging percentage (.793), RBIs (38) and home runs (12).

Behind Kelley in most of those categories is the 2004 A-10 Player of the Year, senior Hilary Puglia. Her 10 homers and 36 RBIs are good for second on the team, while her 13 doubles are second in the A-10.

The pitching duo of senior Barb LaFogg and junior Jenna Busa, both of whom make up the entire starting pitching staff for the Minutewomen. LaFogg leads the A-10 in strikeouts with 207 over a span of 165.1 innings and is third in individual pitching, with a season ERA mark of 1.99.

Busa is not far behind the senior, throwing 122 strikeouts in 122 innings and holding a season ERA of 2.11. The Lexington native has found her way into the starting lineup as well, registering three home runs and seven RBIs during 16 at-bats this season.

Sortino has been pleased with the all-around performance of her team, with players such as senior Denise Denis, freshmen Lauren Proctor and Sarah Hurd, senior Pam Sulick and sophomores Amanda Morin and Candice Molinari all contributing to her game plan. Since coming up big for UMass, Freshman Stacy Cullington was recently named the A-10 Rookie of the Week.

"That's what makes this team so great, I think this team is very very capable, very very deep, a solid pitching staff on Busa and LaFogg, and solid performers at the plate [batting order] one through nine," Sortino said. "The team's talented, he team's athletic and the team's very well mentally composed. I can't say that we're going to have anything less than an incredible effort."

Garrity's father knows best

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rently pitching for the Greensboro Grasshoppers, the Marlins single-A affiliate.

"My sophomore, junior and senior year, I caught Jeff Alison, who was the number one prospect in the senior class that year," Garrity said. "He was topping out at 98 mph and was striking 18 or 19 kids a game. Then, he just got into the wrong things like drugs, but now he's back there and hopefully it will work out."

The tradition of hard throwing pitchers has continued with UMass ace Matt Torra. The six-foot-three, 225-pound junior starter can reach the mid 90s and has attracted a lot of attention from scouts like Garrity's former high school teammates.

Torra likes his new catcher especially after he filled some big shoes. Last season, catcher Frank Curreri lead the team in batting average (.380), home runs (seven), hits (60), slugging percentage (.614) and RBIs (54). Garrity had difficult task replacing a leader like Curreri, who was drafted by Arizona Diamondbacks in 41st round, but his ace on the mound feels has done more than an efficient job.

"I compare him to a Jason Varitek," Torra said. "Varitek really knows how to handle every pitcher. He knows what he needs to do. Garrity is coming that way. He really knows how to handle pitchers and the more experience he gains, it's going to become more natural. He's going to be a solid leader for the next four years."

In fact, if you ask the young catcher, Garrity will tell you he loves the challenge of the hard throwing lire ballers.

"I rather catch someone throwing hard, because it makes you as a catcher better, more solid defensively and quicker," Garrity said. "You have to be on top of your A game and keep you focused more."

Torra is will be drafted in the early rounds in this spring's MLB draft, but will see definitely see plenty of Garrity this summer after the freshman catcher had nowhere to go.

Garrity's mother, Linda, worked persistently this past fall to find her son a team within a summer league. She started sending out emails to every coach in the league with stats and background information on her son. A family friend who was a scout with the Red Sox landed him with a team in a Hawaii summer league. But the phone rang with a last second opportunity that he could not pass up.

Along with Torra, the UMass battery will be playing on the Berkshire Dukes in Torra's hometown of Pittsfield. The Dukes are part of the New England Collegiate Baseball League. This wooden bat league is the second largest summer league next to the Cape Cod League.

To make sure he was on top of his game after high school, Garrity wanted a coach who had experience as a catcher. Before head coach Mike Stone started his coaching career in 1983, he spent three years in the St. Louis Cardinals system and two more years in the Los Angeles Dodgers minor league system in 1970s.

"By having a coach that played in the minor leagues as a catcher was one of the reasons I came here," Garrity said. "I wanted my head coach to also be the catchers coach and he told me great amount about catching. [He showed me] how to set up batters, how to receive the ball and how to make a clean throw to second or third. I'm a lot smoother now since high school and thank him for that. He's just helped me defensively on things that I was shaky on."

Another reason Garrity choose to come to UMass was the pride he showed for playing college baseball in his own state.

As you listen to him talk about how proud he is to be a Minuteman, the maturity, dedication and love of the game shine through bright and clear.

"It's very enjoyable playing for my home state," Garrity said. "I'm not wearing a UConn shirt or a West Virginia shirt, I'm wearing a Massachusetts shirt. I feel like wearing that I represent the team, my family, the school, my friends and everyone in the state. I feel like I'm playing for more than myself."

Through the early part of the season, Garrity struggled to find success at the plate. By April, he started to find his swing and achieved an eight-game hitting streak from Mar. 27 to April 16.

Garrity ranks among the leaders in several categories since breaking out of his early slump. His .275 batting is third best on UMass, as he is also second in hits with 35 and tied for second in doubles with four.

"He hasn't played like a freshman," Stone said. "He really has played how I thought he would play. I really wanted him as a recruit. He's been solid behind the plate, a leader, improving with the bat and very heads up. He plays the game as a mature freshman at a very high level. That's what has impressed me the most."

His skills on the field have impressed everyone from his coach to his teammates, but his teammates are more impressed by his intangibles.

As a freshman on a new Division I baseball team these types of players tend to be quiet and reserved. It's a big time to most incoming freshmen and they just want to take in whatever they can absorb. But not Garrity, he's not the shy type.

The freshman catcher came in right away and showed the maturity, as well as knowledge, be a good starting catcher. His teammates, however, feel has done a lot more than throw on the gear and crouch behind the plate.

"Right now, he is our leader," senior outfielder Jason Twomley said. "Every baseball would say the quarterback is the catcher. Coming in as a freshman, he knew his role he had to take. He's been able to leader for everyone."

It has been a hard season for Garrity and the Minutemen. They have lost all, but one one-run this season. The painful process of rebuilding a team can wear on you, but Garrity knows he's on a talented team.

He can also rely on a couple familiar faces to things in perspective after a bad loss or a tough day on the diamond. After every game, Garrity leaves the dugout and goes straight to his parents.

"I talk to my father after every game," said Garrity of the man who got him on the success track. "I'll break down every at-bat with my father after the game." He's just someone who I have looked up to and someone who has always been there. He always given me the truthful outlook on everything and never pushed me. That's why we such a great friendship. He's probably one of my best friends."

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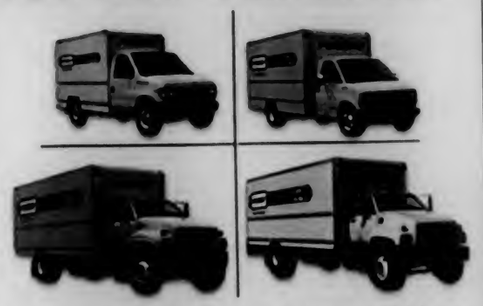
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Continuing tradition

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always knew what it was all about, just because of my grandfather and my father," Brett said. "I came on my first official visit here and just loved it. I loved the team, the players, the coaches, and I ended up canceling all of my other visits just because it was awesome. I didn't want to go anywhere else."

There were actually so many schools interested in Brett that Cannella didn't think he would land the third-generation Garber as a recruit. It wasn't until Ted called him on the phone and told him that UMass was the only school Brett wanted to play for.

Though Brett doesn't have a ton of memories of his grandfather — Richard Garber passed away on Dec. 6, 1994, at the age of 66 — he does remember sitting on the sidelines with him, while the two watched Ted coach the Minutemen.

"I know what he did, and it's special," Brett said. "The memories, I wish I had more, but what I have is awesome. It makes it even better to see his statue everyday."

The statue he talks about is the memorial that sits on the right corner of the lacrosse field, which was named after Richard Garber on April 11, 1992. The statue is a profile of Richard Garber, showcasing his accomplishments as a coach and a human being.

Like most athletes, Brett has a routine before every game. His is unique, though there is a reason for that. Not many people get to play on the field that was created by their grandfather. After leaving the locker room, he walks by the statue, and he flashes it a little wink.

Brett doesn't take any of this for granted. He knows what he has, and he knows how lucky he is with the opportunity he has been given.

"Before every game, I get nervous, but before every home game, I always find myself in the corner in the locker room," Brett recalled. "And I just think about where I am, and it hits me.

"It pumps me up because I know I only have a certain amount of time here, and the feeling just rushes through my body. It's such a scary but awesome feeling because I get another chance to play on Garber Field, and I get another chance to wear this jersey. It's just so special."

It would be for someone who grew up around lacrosse greats such as Mark Millon, Chris Nentwich and Mike Valente. In fact, Millon, who graduated from UMass in 1993 and is currently a member of the Boston Cannons of Major League Lacrosse, was Brett's favorite player as a kid.

A few years ago, for Brett's birthday, he mentioned to his father that all he wanted was for Millon to show up to his party. Ted tried arranging for his former player to make the trip to Connecticut, but things didn't work out.

"He just wanted Mark to come to his birthday party," Ted said. "Mark unfortunately couldn't make it because of his job at the time, but he sent him his uniform from the World Games [in 1998] that he was MVP in with his autograph on it."

"Mark was one of my big idols growing up, and my dad tried surprising me," Brett said. "I saw [the jersey], and it was so awesome. I have it back in my room just hanging up over my bed, so it's over me when I sleep. I love it."

Brett still keeps in contact with Millon through e-mail on a somewhat regular basis.

"It was nice of Mark to do that for him," Ted said. "I know Mark is a big fan of his and encourages him to keep working hard and do the best he can everyday, and he's trying to do that."

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There were high expectations for Brett coming into UMass as a freshman last year. He was a two-year team captain, an All-American and he was asked to try out for the U.S. Under-19 Team. He scored 100 goals and tallied 77 assists during his four-year high school career for 177 points.



MATTHEW BRIEVELDAN

UMass sophomore Brett Garber stands next to the statue that honors his grandfather, Richard F. Garber, who was the coach of the Minutemen from 1955-1990. The field was named after him on April 11, 1992.



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Brett Garber is tied for fourth on the team with 14 goals and seven assists and is fifth-best with 21 total points this season. He scored five goals and tallied three assists for eight points last year.

Brett wasn't exactly a statistical juggernaut last year, as he only recorded five goals and three assists. His best game came against UMass' long time rival, though, in the team's trip to the Carrier Dome in Syracuse.

Brett scored three times and added an assist in the Maroon and White's 17-10 loss to the Orange, and he earned ECAC Rookie of the Week honors after his breakout performance.

This season, he has really come to life and showcased some flashes of brilliance. He is tied for fourth on the team with 14 goals and seven assists, and he is fifth on the Minutemen with 21 total points. His best statistical game came against Brown, when he scored twice and contributed an assist. He showed up for Syracuse again, too, as he found the back of the net twice in the team's 14-13 overtime win on April 30.

Even when things aren't going well, though, when he needs advice in life or for his game, he just looks to his old high school coach.

"My dad is who I always call when I'm in tough positions," Brett said. "He means so much to me. He guides me a lot through experience. He's always there for me."

His father doesn't hesitate to get on him about his game, either. In UMass' 6-5 loss at Loyola on March 26, Brett's first two shots were high, right where Greyhound goalie Michael Fretwell's stick was waiting.

"I usually give him a jab a little bit if I think his shooting isn't in the right location," Ted said. "That's what I stressed here and stress with everybody."

There are other expectations for Brett, though. Bigger ones.

And they have everything to do with his name. They are the same demons that Ted faced as a coach, and Brett is well aware of them now as a player.

"There are expectations from people," Ted said. "Even when I played in college, and my dad was coaching in college, and I didn't play well, they'd be like, 'Well, you're Coach Garber's son, shouldn't you play better?' And that sort of followed me around a little bit.

"I didn't want Brett to have to go through that. When I was interviewing [for head coach] at UMass, they asked me, 'How could you take the place of your dad? He's the all-time winningest coach and is in all these Halls of Fame.' And I said, 'It's easy, I gave him all his plays.' They sort of looked at me, but I was joking. What am I supposed to tell them?"

That was what Ted did so well, according to Cannella. He was witty and could brush things off with a joke if he wanted.

Brett is more reserved in comparison to his father, and Cannella said that Brett's personality is more similar to that of his grandfather's.

But while Ted may have handled those things differently than Brett does, it doesn't mean the younger Garber has any problems with living up to these meteoric pressures.

"I think [his teammates] respect the hell out of it," Cannella said. "There is a lot of pressure. I don't think Brett feels the pressure. I know if it was me, playing on my grandfather's field, I'd feel pressure, but he seems to revel in it."

These four — Richard, Ted, Brett and Cannella — have all been tied together through one another. Richard built the program from the ground up, Ted continued the winning tradition while Cannella and Brett have kept it moving in the same direction.

And they have all done it their way.

When Cannella reads that piece of paper in his office, which he transcribed immediately after his conversation with the Hall-of-Fame coach, he remembers why he took the coaching job and what it means, not just to him, but to five decades of UMass lacrosse tradition.

Looking down, these roles may be reversed, and Richard F. Garber would certainly admire that.

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UMass offense explodes again to rally team past Black Bears

By Jon Pelland
Collegian Staff

An outburst of 15 runs helped lift the Massachusetts baseball team (12-30 5-13 A-10) over the Maine Black Bears (27-14) in Gorham, Maine yesterday afternoon.

The 15-8 win marks the fourth in six outings for the Minutemen.

They were also able to defeat the Black Bears for the first time in seven years.

"We put the pressure on Maine all day," UMass coach Mike Stone said after the game.

The Minutemen jumped on top early as Ryan Franczek got the scoring started when he hit a lead off home run.

The solo shot was the freshman third baseman's first career home run as a member of the Minutemen.

In the bottom of the first, Maine was able to tie the score at one, but it wouldn't last for very long.

UMass regained its lead in the top of the second they same way as in the first — with a home run.

This time it was sophomore Michael Weiner's second shot of the year that put the Minutemen on top again 2-1.

The scoring didn't stop there.

Maine bounced back in the bottom of the second inning to tie the game and eventually take the lead 3-2.

The Black Bears' Ross Cantara and Ray Vallee each reached base with singles.

They were then driven in by Aaron Izaryk's second double of the contest.

Neither side was able to continue the back-and-forth scoring until the fifth inning.

It was in the top of the fifth that UMass had one of its biggest offensive outbursts of the season.

They hung seven runs in the fifth inning alone to regain the lead at 9-3 and they never looked back.

Freshman Andy Tuetken drove in Weiner, who doubled to left field, to start the explosion for UMass.

He was then able to advance all the way to third on an error by Maine.

Tuetken then scored the fourth UMass run when he was driven in by sophomore Adam Munsey's single to left.

Later in the inning, senior slugger Jason Twomley was intentionally walked to load the bases for fellow upperclassman Curt Szado.

He took full advantage of the situation as he hit a two-run single to right field.

Twomley was then able to score on a double steal and, in his second plate appearance of the inning, Weiner drove in two with a single.

"We had good hitting finally," Stone remarked. "And good clutch hitting today."

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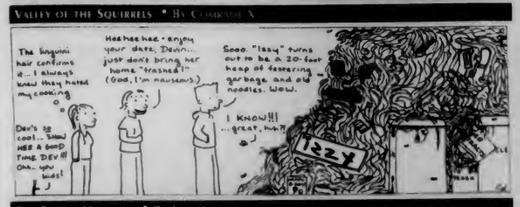
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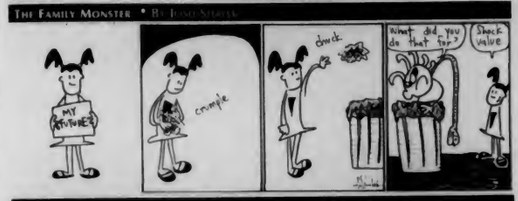
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A UMass lacrosse tradition

Garber carries on family name

By Jeff Howe
Collegian Staff

"Just do it the way you think it should be done but always remember why you do it."
—Richard F. Garber, Massachusetts men's lacrosse coach from 1955-1980

It's a quote that hangs on the wall of UMass coach Greg Cannella's office, directly to the left of his desk.

It was some advice Garber had given Cannella, a point in the right direction. It was a direction that Garber started over 50 years ago, and the program hasn't steered off course yet.

When Cannella took over the reigns prior to the 1995 season, he met with Richard Garber, his former coach and mentor, just to talk.

They had talked often. Sometimes about life, sometimes about lacrosse.

When Cannella decided to transfer from Nassau Community College in New York to don the maroon and white, he met with Garber and his wife for dinner.

Garber was the reason Cannella chose UMass. He was a "throwback," a word Cannella used to describe the man whose name sits high upon the lacrosse field in the middle of campus.

He compared Garber to another legendary college coach, in a completely different sport.

Cannella says that Garber was a teacher, much like the way former UCLA men's basketball coach John Wooden. It wasn't so much because the two coaching greats were winners or because they stayed at one school for such a long period of time, however.

"They were guys that believed in treating people the right way, treating people fairly, guys that are respectful to everybody on campus," Cannella said. "They're well respected within the community. You don't really see that now in coaching. You don't see that type of person that's able to be successful and do it his way, but really do it the right way, have the student-athletes' best interest rather than worrying about winning and losing."

It's hard for Cannella to talk about his old coach without getting choked up. Whether he was staring off into empty space in his office or just boasting an ear-to-ear smile, it was easy to tell what kind of an effect Garber had on his former players, just by the reaction they give off when his name is mentioned.

It's apparent how much respect Cannella has for his mentor, as he still refers to him as "Coach Garber" without even missing a beat.



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UMass sophomore Brett Garber stands in front of the sign that was put there to honor his grandfather, Richard F. Garber. Brett is the third Garber to involve himself in the program, as his father Ted coached after Richard.

"He has an effect on me everyday," Cannella said, at this moment smiling. "Every time I walk into the office, he has an effect on me. Every time I go out onto the field, he has an effect on me. It's sort of hard to explain."

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The Minutemen have won 96 games since 2001, the best five-year stretch in the program's history. This isn't much of a small task, as Garber retired as the all-time winningest coach in lacrosse history. He was the first man to win 300 games, and only Jack Emmer of Army was able to surpass that, which he accomplished two seasons ago.

It's that respect, though, that Garber has helped him achieve. Cannella gives out a sheet of paper with a pyramid on it to each of his players before the start of every season. It is the identical sheet that Garber passed on to him two decades ago. It was similar to the pyramid that John Wooden devised for his players just a couple decades prior to that.

Some of it had to do with life, some was about lacrosse. It was the epitome of what UMass lacrosse has stood for since Garber took over.

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Two years ago, Garber's grandson, Brett Garber, needed to make the same decision all high school seniors make. Not that the decision was ever all that hard, but Brett needed to choose a college.

He was a great high school talent. He played for his father, Ted Garber, at Avon Old Farms High School in Connecticut.

Before that, however, Ted, was the second Garber to be involved with the UMass lacrosse family. He had the daunting task of replacing a legend, his father.

He took over at the helm in 1991 and coached the Maroon and White for four years, comprising a 37-17 record and reaching two NCAA tournaments. In 1993, he hired Cannella to serve as an assistant coach.

The bond is thick between the Garber family and Cannella. That is why it was no surprise that Brett chose to play for the man who coached under his father and played for his grandfather, even though virtually every top program in Division I wanted Brett for themselves.

"UMass always had a special feeling inside of me. I

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In a photo taken years back, Richard Garber has a conversation with his son, Ted, who is carrying his son, Brett. Brett is now a sophomore for the Minutemen. Richard coached for 36 years and Ted coached for four.

A Minuteman says goodbye



Bob McGovern

"You'd better take one last good look...."
- NOFX -

As I sit here in the top row of McGuirk Alumni Stadium, I have a perfect view of the best university in America.

It's 10:14 on an unusually brisk May evening, and I'm writing this via the light of my cell phone, which turns off every five seconds, leaving me in a moment of complete darkness.

To my left are the twinkling lights of Southwest and the pulsating energy of my alma mater, to the right is the road leading away from campus ... the road leading home.

Aside from the cars pulling in and out of Yellow Lot, I am the only semblance of life here. Yet, as the sounds of engines and far off music reverberate off the walls of this U-shaped stadium, it's increasingly imminent that I am far from alone.

I have thought about this column since I was a sophomore and always wondered how I would write it. Yet, four years after packing my things, leaving Florida and heading north, it appears that it has already been written for me.

There are no cheers or youthful banter as I exit the north entrance of my football stadium. I leave with only the sound of my footsteps, grinding through the loose pebbles underneath me.

Just another Minuteman saying goodbye.

I made it through the parking lots that separate McGuirk from Southwest, yet with each step I wanted to stop and write. I knew I couldn't though; writing everything that came to mind about this school would fill a novel that only a select few would want to read.

Now I'm sitting on the big pyramid in Southwest staring blankly at Washington Tower, my home for my first two years. Memories are shooting through my head so fast that I stop and try to grab one, but it's gone before my pen can touch the paper.

Here are these giant stacks of lives, running parallel, shoulder-to-shoulder. Once in a while they collide with each other for an instant, and if they are compatible, they stick, if not, they simply continue on their respective journeys.

This is where I learned as a freshman and taught as a sophomore. It's where I met my first roommate, Chris Pullafico, who introduced me to my best friend and roommate for the next three years, Mr. Jordan Quitko.

I am sure those names are foreign to most of you, but so many have a similar story. Everyone came here running alone in some respect and met people who, for one reason or another, stuck more than others. In the end, these clusters are what we remember and what some of us are afraid to leave behind.

A wet paper towel almost hits me as I walk past Kennedy Tower. Two kids are sitting in their window laughing as I dodge its path. I simply smirk, shake my head and warn the kid behind me, who is barely phased by the air-borne prank. Now I'm sitting here in the tunnel that separates Southwest from campus, the division between blissful immaturity and educational reality.

In the distance I can hear the yells and laughter of those who are enjoying the waning days of this semester. Just the lingering calls of animals, not yet ready to leave the Zoo.

Standing at the gates of Garber Field, right next to the Curry Hicks Cage, I can feel a sense of this university's tradition. As steam bellows from underneath UMass' surface, it masks Garber's entrance in a line gray hue.

It's hard to believe I watched UMass beat Syracuse here only days ago. Those boys are coming back again on Sunday, this time I won't be sitting in the press box.

Before I pass Curry Hicks, I make sure I go around "the Circle of Bad Grades." I made the mistake of walking right through the middle my sophomore year ... never again.

I'm sitting in front of Bartlett Hall now, the house of the fine Journalism major. I can't help but think of all I've learned here, the true educating outside the social education. Nick McBride, Norm Sims, Bill Israel and Jim Hicks; thank you for showing me that the only thing objective about life is that nothing is ever truly objective.

From the 24th floor of the library I can see all of my campus. I am sitting at a desk near a window in the far corner, facing the practice fields. Engraved in the middle of the desk is "GO Minutemen!"

I couldn't have said it better myself.

As I look out I can see the faded facade of the Mullins Center, cracking through the darkness. Four years of concerts and athletics encapsulated as memories under one green roof.

I was here through the good and the bad. I saw coaching changes and athletic directors come and go. Through it all, it was well worth it as the two of us danced on December 9th 2004, a glimmering light in my college career.

Right behind the Mullins Center is my rugby pitch, where I learned how to be a man while never letting go of the child that plays within all of us.

Too many memories on this chilly May evening, I've tried to capture them, but I failed, just as I knew I would.

I guess my search has left me here for a reason, as I stare at my reflection in my library's window. Maybe it's too much and perhaps that's why saying goodbye is so hard.

So with this I leave you with my final column for this incredible newspaper at this stellar establishment. My only hope is that through my writing over the past few years I was able to give you a piece of myself as I ventured to the heart of UMass athletics.

I never thought I'd be writing this, but then again it wasn't really me. It was you, this school, and everything I've learned and experienced along the way.

And for that, UMass, I thank you.

Bob McGovern was a Collegian columnist.

Garrity living a dream

By Tobi Foster
Collegian Staff

For most kids growing up, your father is your idol. When he tells you something, you listen and try to emulate what he told you to do. Good thing freshman Bryan Garrity listened to his father, because it led to a full-athletic scholarship and a possible future in professional baseball.

His father, Dennis, was a high school catcher and had always told his son that a good catcher was something rare and coaches were always looking for a quality backstop.

When his son was six years old, Garrity threw on the gear for the first time during his tee ball days and was simply a natural with a catcher's mitt. Bryan caught his first pop up by the backstop and that was it. He wanted to be a ball player.

"I did fall in love with baseball right away," Bryan Garrity said. "As a young kid, your aspirations are you always want to be a major league baseball player. My father loves baseball. When I was younger, I tried to mold myself after him and he introduced me to the game. He never forced me into it, but I'm happy I stuck with it."

The young catcher enjoyed life behind the mask and stayed with the position. He continued to work hard on his technique to improve himself before he started playing for the Peabody High School varsity baseball team.

Garrity became a four-year starter behind the plate and was named Male Athlete of the Year at Peabody, where he was also the starting two-year quarterback and a senior captain. In his senior year on the diamond, he was named captain and posted a batting average of .302 with 12 runs batted in and 10 stolen bases, leading the team to an Eastern Mass Sectional championship game.

The state championship game in his senior year pitted Peabody against their rival, then nationally-ranked St. John's Prep in Danvers. The crowd was filled with fans, somewhere between 5,000 to 6,000 people in attendance, according to Garrity.

"It was just an unbelievable game to play in and experience," Garrity said. "I had a hit in the game, stole a base and there were a ton of scouts there. Playing in such a large crowd really got my adrenaline going."

Over his four years at Peabody High, he caught two big time pitchers in left Allison and Ryan Moorer.

Moorer was drafted in the 13th round of the Major League Baseball draft by the Chicago Cub's and is currently a freshman at University of Maryland. The six-foot-two right hander is a powerful pitcher, who throws in the high 80s to low 90s.

Though the best pitcher that Garrity caught for in high school was a local legend named Jeff Allison. The six-foot-two pitcher with a rocket for an arm was drafted the sixteenth pick overall by the Florida Marlins, who signed him to $1.85 million dollar contract. The newly drafted hurler, who was named Baseball America's 2003 High School Player of the Year, developed an addiction to OxyContin and almost lost his chance at the big time. Though, Allison is battling back and is cur-

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Bryan Garrity has batted .273 with 14 RBIs and 14 runs scored in his freshman season. He has 35 hits and four doubles.

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UM waits for Syracuse, again

By Bob McGovern
Collegian Staff

After winning its third ECAC title with a 13-7 victory over Rutgers on Saturday, the Massachusetts men's lacrosse team (12-2) had to wait until Sunday night to figure out who it would face in the NCAA tournament.

That night, as the team sat in Boyden Gym, its name was called only to find out its opponent was defending National Champion Syracuse.

From then on, the Minutemen knew they would have to make history.

The Maroon and White will face the Orange of Syracuse (7-5) on Sunday at 1 p.m. for the teams' second meeting this season. UMass won the first game 14-13 in overtime on April 30, in one of the most exciting lacrosse games in the nation this year.

This time is a bit different for the Minutemen. This game is won and done and if they are able to beat the Orange, it will be the first time Syracuse has not made the semifinals in 22 years.

UMass coach Greg Cannella is not intimidated by this daunting statistic and is hoping that no one on his team cares either.

"If you go into the game feeling that way or thinking that way, you might as well not show up," Cannella said.

Since the tournament selections on Sunday, there has been ongoing banter between UMass fans who feel the No. 8 seed that the Minutemen drew was unwarranted since Georgetown, who came in third in the ECAC and lost to both Penn State and the Minutemen, received a No. 6 seed.

Cannella is looking past all the hype and is simply exited for the chance to get back in the NCAA tournament after a year's hiatus.

"You don't change your preparation, don't change your focus on what's important and that's playing the game between the lines," Cannella said. "All this other stuff people are talking about this week, brackets and

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GEO and UMass announce latest contract agreement

Negotiators reached a tentative contract agreement yesterday between the Graduate Employee Organization and the University of Massachusetts Amherst. The deal was reached in time to stop a picket of tonight's inauguration of UMass President Jack Wilson, which will feature U.S. Sen. Ted Kennedy as the guest of honor.

The contract agreement is expected to be announced today by GEO and the University in a joint statement. Although details of the agreement are not clear, the two sides had been at odds for more than a year in a dispute over graduate student pay, health benefits, childcare and workload.

The timing of the agreement avoids a potential embarrassment for President Wilson, whose inauguration is set for 7 p.m. tonight at a "UMass Night at the Pops," which will feature the Boston Pops Orchestra at Symphony Hall, Boston.

The agreement follows a March 21 advisory from Wilson's assistant Robert Goodhue to University officials urging them to save this evening for the event, "celebrating the inauguration of President Wilson and honoring Senator Edward M. Kennedy as the 2005 President's Medal recipient."

GEO officials on April 22 co-sponsored a shut-down of UMass Amherst campus classes, and threatened to picket Wilson's inauguration, apparently anticipating that Kennedy would not cross a union picket line.

Officials at Kennedy's office confirmed that if the picket were to occur, the senior U.S. Senator from Massachusetts would not cross the picket line.

"We don't expect him to cross the picket line," said a Kennedy spokesperson.

GEO, which is affiliated with the United Auto Workers, has reportedly canceled its picket for Wilson's event this evening. However, the student activist group Take Back UMass still plans to picket concerning diversity issues on campus. Because Take Back UMass is not affiliated with the union, Kennedy seems likely to attend the event, as planned.

A UMass Amherst negotiator did not return calls for comment for this story, and GEO's president refused to discuss the matter until GEO and the university issue their statement. But word of the agreement has been posted on the GEO Web site http://people.umass.edu/geo/.

—Jamie Mason

Marching Band to perform with Pops

By Jennifer Warner
Collegian Correspondent



UMass President Jack Wilson is to be inaugurated at Symphony Hall in Boston tonight at 7 p.m.

The University of Massachusetts Minuteman Marching Band has been invited to perform alongside the Boston Pops tonight when Jack M. Wilson is inaugurated as the 25th president of the University of Massachusetts.

Wilson, a physicist, engineer and entrepreneur, decided to forego a traditional inauguration ceremony and start his own tradition with an event to celebrate the UMass community called "UMass Honors."

"There is no group that better represents the energy, enthusiasm and dedication of UMass students, nor is there a group that has brought greater honor to our university than the Minuteman Marching Band," Executive Director of Alumni Affairs Bob Goodhue said.

Wilson was elected as president of the five-campus UMass system on March 24, 2004, after previously serving as interim President. During the first part of his presidency, Wilson has highlighted the 58,000-student UMass system's importance as a research and economic-development engine for the state.

"UMass Honors" will take place at Boston's Symphony Hall, where Wilson will be inaugurated at 7 p.m. According to Band Personnel Manager Michael Smuda, the band will showcase music from the past season prior to the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, The Boston Pops will perform at 8 p.m. The 300 member Minuteman Marching Band, under the direction of George N. Parks, will join conductor Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops in the finale performance. Band members will enter into the hall, filling the balcony and lining the walls, as the Pops begin to play Stars and Stripes.

"When our work is recognized enough to be invited to the inauguration celebration of the university's president, it is an incredible accomplishment," senior flute player Leanna Toy said.

Members of the band were surprised when their director first notified them of the performance.

"This opportunity doesn't happen all too often," Smuda said. "Not only are we playing with the Pops, but we'll be doing so in front of many top notch respected people such as Wilson who will be attending the event."

U.S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy will also be honored at the ceremony as the 2005 recipient of the President's Medal, UMass' highest award.

Kennedy has been a strong advocate for public higher education, advancing the cause across the nation while working with particular emphasis on behalf of the public institutions in Massachusetts, according to Goodhue.

In honor of the special event, all proceeds will support student scholarships throughout the five UMass campuses, according to the Office of the President.

Wilson also notably served as vice president for academic affairs and founding chief executive officer of UMassOnline, the University's nationally acclaimed distance-learning division.

SGA talks about books and budgets

By Elizabeth Vargas
Collegian Correspondent

Yesterday's Student Government Association session began with announcements.

ALANA Caucus External Chair Qingjian Shi announced the need to level fund ALANA Registered Student Organizations. It was then brought to the attention of the Senate that they could not talk about the budget appeals concerning the budget set out by the Ways and Means Committee for the fiscal year 2005/2006 because of a technicality. This would have entailed a breakdown of the budget and likely an order to level fund Registered Student Organizations.

Senator Higgins went on to mention that the Finance Committee had passed allocations for the Student Nursing Association. The Baseball Club was also allocated $1543 to go to the College World Series in Florida.

Announcements continued as a Graduate Employment Organization representative announced that a tentative contractual agreement had been met and that GEO would vote on it during SGA session.

Next President Pavel Payano made several announcements. The pilot program of the textbook rental system for next year needs eight more faculty to support the cause, currently three faculty members have given their support.

He went on to announce that all the by-law changes made in the last two SGA sessions were passed by Vice Chancellor Michael Gargano, except one that concerned student support services creating a Customer Service branch.

Payano also appointed four seats to the Student Legal Services Board. Speaker of the Senate Sean Bliss, former SGA President Eduardo Bustamante were two of the appointees. Payano, along with Senator Holmes sponsored Chair Ayotunde Onikoro for Attorney General, whose appointment passed unanimously.

Then Speaker Sean Bliss nominated Senators Mike Marturana and Tameron Josbeck to Coordinating Council, they were later appointed by the Senate. Speaker

Bliss went on to discuss Senate productivity, citing his desire to appoint committees immediately after elections so the committees have more time to dedicate to their duties.

Senator Colin Delargy, Chair for the Ways and Means

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Memorial benefit to honor Hayes

By Kristin Sauve
Collegian Correspondent

Five months after the tragic car accident that took the life of University of Massachusetts graduate student and employee, The Crescent Dancers, a Middle Eastern dance troupe is sponsoring a memorial benefit to honor the memory of 25-year-old Jessica Hayes. All of the proceeds from this benefit will be given to help fund the scholarship that was created in Hayes' name.

Hayes died after being struck by a car in a pedestrian crosswalk on Route 116 in Sunderland near her home on December 21, 2004.

In honor of Hayes, Lila Gierasch, the head of the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology department, suggested to Hayes' mother Maureen Zak and stepfather Joseph Zak that they create a scholarship in her memory "I think we all felt this was something concrete we could do, at a time that was so difficult to fathom and to move onward from," said Gierasch.

Thus far, the scholarship fund has received over $10,000 of gifts, and according to Gierasch the gifts are still coming in.

Hayes received her undergraduate degree with honors from the Isenburg School of Management in 2001 with a minor in Economics. At the time of her death, she had been working for seven months as an undergraduate program assistant in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology while getting her graduate degree.

Hayes decided on studying biochemistry because as her stepfather said, "She believed that biology was a field that was going to save the world."

Hayes had always had a great love of learning. When picking classes she would always enroll in honors courses with the strictest criteria because "she always wanted to learn the most that she could," says Joseph Zak.

Hayes attended UMass as an undergraduate on a four-year scholarship she received from former UMass President William Bulger. Zak laughed as he remembered his daughter being the only recipient to give Bulger a hug when receiving the scholarship. Because of the impression Hayes made on Bulger, after the ceremony the three spent over an hour talking together.

"That was the effect that she had on people," Zak said.

The Zaks remember their daughter, Jessica, as "always having a smile on her face." She was described as very caring person who loved doing things for other people without expecting anything in return.

When Hayes' mother suffered from a large brain tumor that almost took her life, Joe Zak said, "Jess never looked back. She always went out of her way to help out her mother."

This was the type of attitude that was typical of Hayes, and from the 1500 people who attended her funeral it was clear how many people's lives she had touched during her lifetime.

Zak remembers being approached by a grocery store worker shortly after his daughter's death that recognized him as Hayes' father. Zak said, "She told me how Jessica used to talk to her and sit with her on the bus when nobody else would. That's how Jess was, a very caring person."

The Zaks and Gierasch are still working on the criteria for the recipient of the Jessica Hayes Scholarship Fund, but the scholarship will be awarded to a female biochemistry major. According to Gierasch, "[We] want someone who embodies the traits we all loved in Jessica. Someone who has the academic record... but also cares about helping people." They are also looking for someone who has many different interests and talents just as Hayes did. The scholarship will be given for the first time sometime within the next year.

One of the special traits that Hayes possessed, according to her father was that, "she kept a calmness about her even when chaotic things were happening. she could handle many things at once." She was also able to keep people amused in some way even in the most chaotic of times with her "cleverness and dry wit."


COURTESY OF KEITH ZAK

Jessica Hayes, 25, was hit by a car and killed December 21, 2004.

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COURTESY UMASS BASEBALL CLUB

We won!!
The UMass Men's Baseball Club recently defeated the Penn State Nittany Lions 10-7 to secure their first NEA Regional Chapionship and landing them in a spot in the national Club Baseball Association.

Paris Program suffering cutbacks

By Christina Baron
Collegian Correspondent

Hit by shrinking faculty and budget restraints, the University of Massachusetts Paris Program has avoided demise by partnering with an international study abroad program.

The change means higher costs for students wishing to study abroad in Paris. It also means students abroad will be working with a resident director supplied by Academic Programs International instead of a UMass professor.

The Paris Program found itself looking for aid when early retirements and tight budgets left the French department with no one to spare for the one-year Paris assignment, according to the program's assistant director Neil Hartlen.

The partnership will allow students to still have the benefit of a fulltime advisor, however, costs are expected to rise another $2,000 for the semester and $5,000 for the year. Overall the cost of the program will be $15,600 for a semester and $24,870 for the year without personal expenses.

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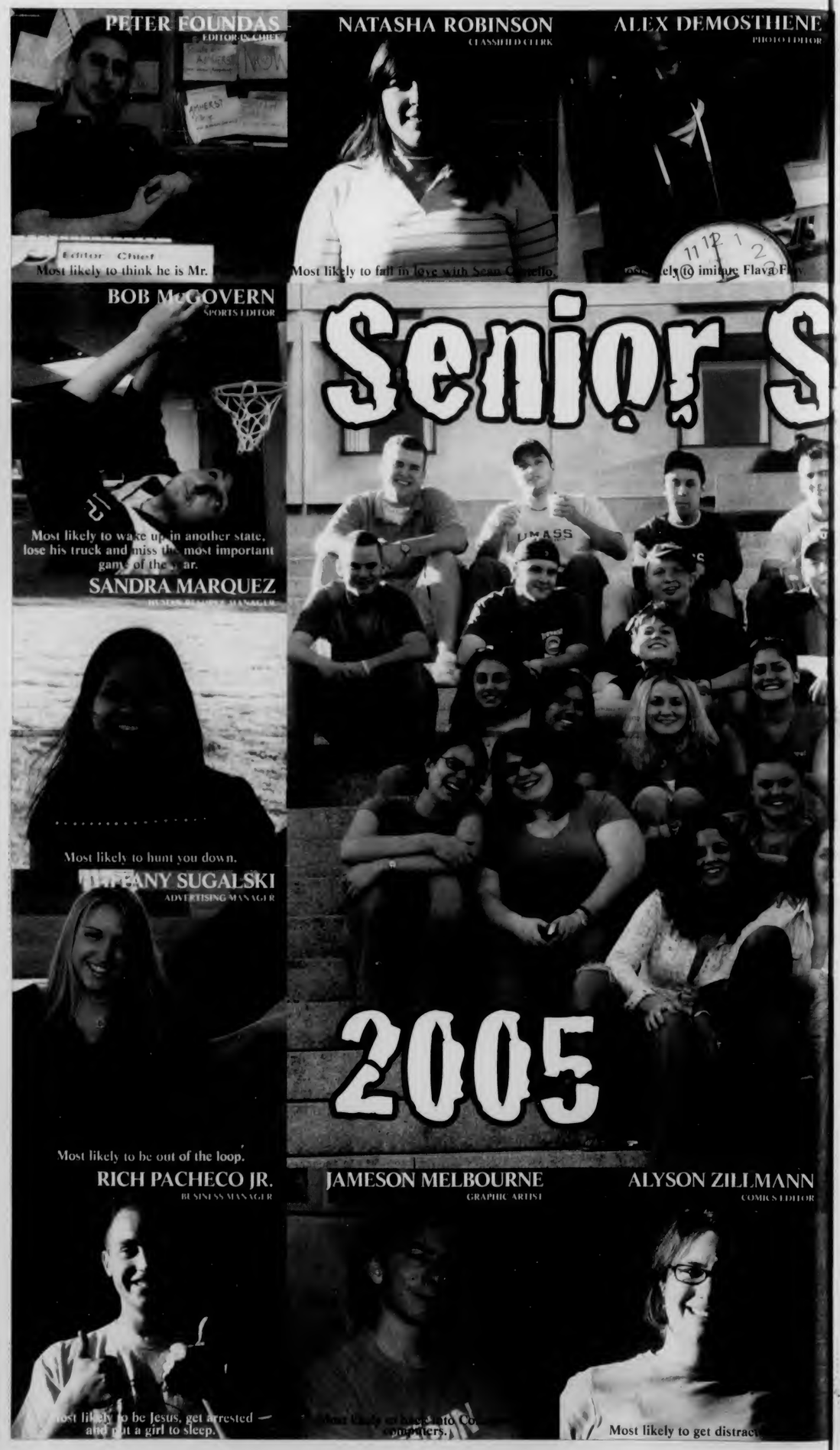
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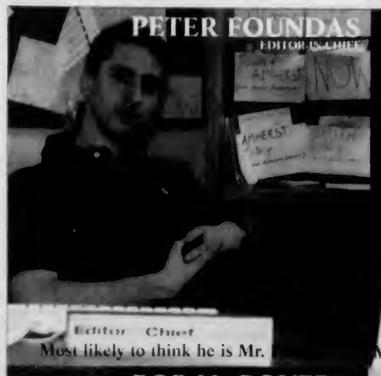
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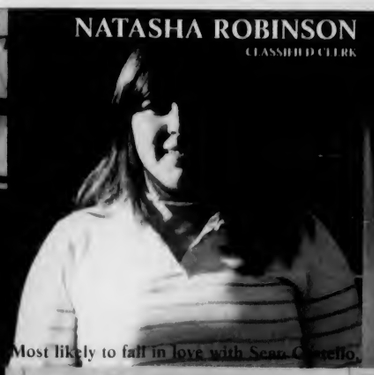
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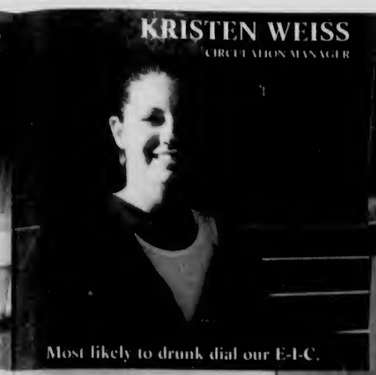
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CIRCULATION MANAGER

Most likely to drunk dial our E-I-C.



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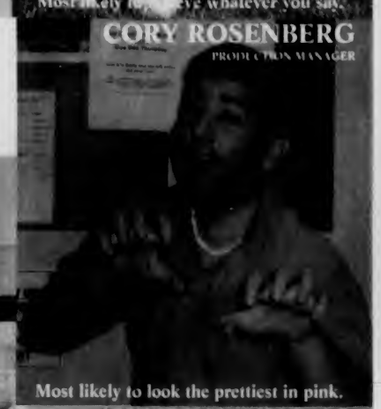


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Most likely to look the prettiest in pink.

ANDY TAMULYNAS
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Most likely to hunt you down.

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Most likely to take a "cute" photo.

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Most likely to be Jesus, get arrested — and put a girl to sleep.

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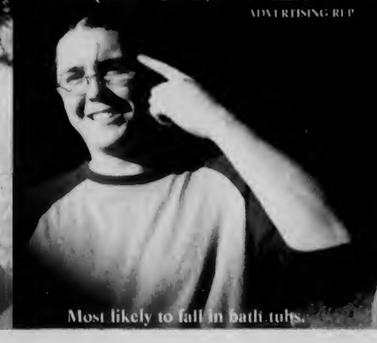
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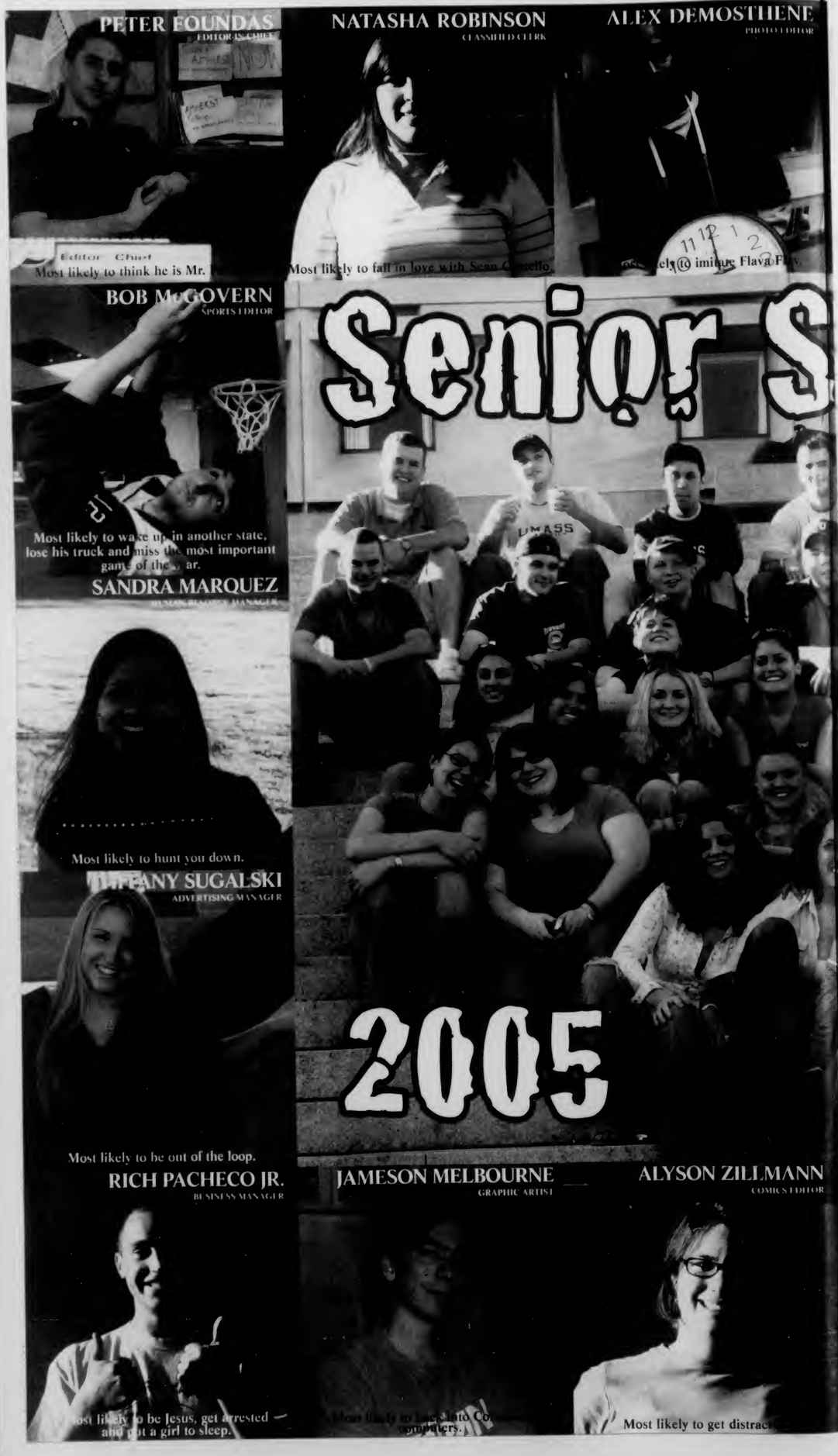
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National News

Calif. sherriff believes D.A. investigator murdered family

By Ben Fox
Associated Press

GARNER VALLEY, Calif. — The sheriff confirmed Wednesday that the deaths of six family members in a remote ranch home were a murder-suicide carried out by a district attorney's investigator, who killed his mother, wife, three children and himself with his service weapon.

Sheriff Bob Doyle said David McGowan, 44, left a trail of bloody sockprints and song lyrics behind as he went on his killing spree in the middle of the night Tuesday, shooting each victim in the head as they slept.

The victims included his three children — his 14-year-old son Chase, and daughters Paige, 10, and Rayne, 8. Also killed were his wife Karen, 42, and his mother, Angelia McGowan, 75. The McGowans have an older son stationed in Iraq, Doyle said.

Investigators are still looking for a motive, the sheriff said, because McGowan seemed happy at work and at home.

"Although we did not find a suicide note, there was a piece of paper next to the computer with song lyrics from the Los Lonely Boys which read 'Woe is me. I'm looking forward to seeing you in the next life,'" he said.

"This investigation is not complete," Doyle said. "What was troubling this young man that he would do such a tragic thing?"

McGowan used his duty weapon, a 9-mm Smith and Wesson semiautomatic handgun, to kill his family, Doyle said.

Deputies were sent to the home at 4:33 a.m. Tuesday because of McGowan's last call — to 911.

The tape of that call was played by Doyle on Wednesday: a gunshot and several thumps can be heard, apparently McGowan and the telephone falling to the ground. His body, a gun and the phone were found close to the entrance of the home.

No one spoke on the very brief call, but the dispatcher immediately sent two patrol cars to the home.

Friends and neighbors said McGowan, who helped prosecutors in Riverside County prepare cases for trial, did not give any clues that something was so wrong.

Judge rejects defense attempts to block Abu Ghraib photos

By T.A. Bader
Associated Press

FORT HOOD, Texas — A military judge Wednesday rejected defense attempts to keep some of the notorious Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse photos from a jury in the scandal's second trial.

Col. James Pohl, in a pretrial hearing for Spc. Sabrina Harman, gave prosecutors the go-ahead to show jurors 29 of the photos that prompted condemnation around the globe of U.S military treatment of detainees at the prison in Iraq.

He also denied a defense request that detainees not be referred to as "victims" because it might prejudice the jury against Harman, and denied a defense request to present a statement allegedly made by an Iraqi detainee pictured in one of the photos because he could not be located and cross-examined about it.

Harman, a onetime pizza shop manager from Lorton, Va., is the second service member to go on trial on charges that she took part in mistreating detainees.

The trial was scheduled to begin Thursday with jury selection and opening statements. Charles Graner Jr., the alleged ringleader in the scandal and the only service member to be convicted at trial, was expected to be a witness.

Harman could face up to 6 1/2 years if convicted of conspiracy to maltreat detainees, five counts of maltreating detainees and dereliction of duty.

The 27-year-old reservist is accused of writing "rapeist" on the leg of one prisoner and forcing another to stand on a box with wires in his hands and telling him he would be electrocuted if he fell. In the photo, seen worldwide after the scandal broke, the hooded detainee is shown perched on a small box, with his hands outstretched.

In another photo, Harman gives a thumbs-up while posing with the corpse of an Iraqi detainee allegedly beaten by Navy SEALs at Abu Ghraib who later died while being interrogated by CIA agents.



CPL. TED MEWSON, U.S.A.

This photo of a U.S. soldier taunting a Abu Ghraib prisoner is one that will remain admitted into trial, a military judge ruled yesterday.

Pohl refused to allow the defense to present a statement to investigators from the prisoner shown standing on the box. The prisoner, known as "Gilligan," said in the statement that other soldiers forced him to stand on the box.

Pohl said the statement was not permissible because of questions about its trustworthiness and the fact that Gilligan could not located to be a sworn witness subject to cross-examination.

Capt. Cullen Sheppard, a prosecution spokesman, said the government tried without success to locate Gilligan after his release from U.S. custody.

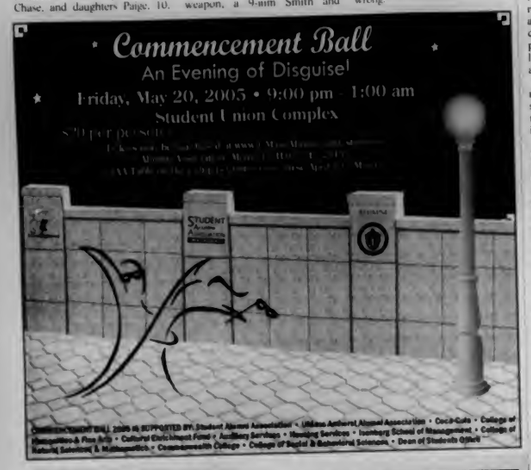
Defense lawyer Frank Spinner said Gilligan's statement was not critical, but that "I'm still astonished that the government objects to introducing a statement of the alleged victim."

Earlier this year, Harman's legal team tried to get the photograph-related counts dismissed altogether, arguing that the taking of the photos did not itself cause prisoners any harm. But Pohl ruled in March that a jury should decide whether taking the photos constituted a crime.

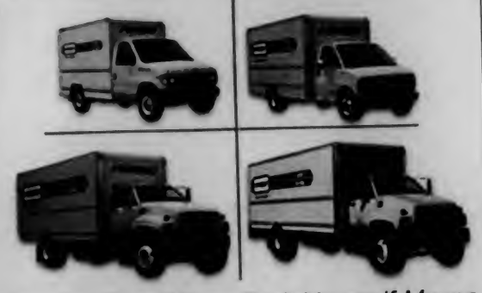
Pohl did drop a charge of engaging in indecent acts, which carried a maximum five-year penalty. On that charge, Harman had been accused of being among a group of guards who watched naked detainees masturbate.

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Four other Abu Ghraib guards have accepted plea agreements. Their sentences ranged from no time to serve to 8 1/2 years. Pfc. Lynndie England, the most recognizable Abu Ghraib defendant, also made a deal with prosecutors, but Pohl threw it out last week when sentencing testimony by Graner conflicted with England's guilty plea on the conspiracy charge.



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International News

Inactive grenade found near President Bush in Georgia

By Mara D. Bellaby
Associated Press

TBILISI, Georgia — Georgia's security chief said Wednesday that an inactive grenade was found near the site where President Bush made a speech in Tbilisi.

Gela Bezhuashvili, secretary of the National Security Council, said the Soviet-era grenade was found 100 feet from the tribune where Bush spoke on Tuesday.

U.S. Secret Service spokesman Jonathan Cherry said Tuesday that his agency had been informed that a device, possibly a hand grenade, had been thrown near the stage during Bush's speech, hit someone in the crowd and fallen to the ground.

Bezhuashvili said, however, that it was not thrown but "found."

"The goal is clear — to frighten or to scare people and to attract the attention of the mass media," he said. "The goal has been reached and that is why I'm talking to you now."

"In any case there was no danger whatsoever for the presidents," he said, referring to Bush and Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili.

Bezhuashvili said the grenade was found in "inactive mode." He described it as an "engineering grenade" — one that is used for demolition or to simulate the effect of an artillery shell. Such grenades' blast-effect can be fatal at close range, but unlike offensive grenades, they are not designed to spread shrapnel.

"I am not an expert, but it was not possible to detonate it there," Bezhuashvili said.

A spokeswoman for the U.S. Embassy, Khatiya Dzhindzhikhadze, said "this question will be resolved jointly by American and Georgian specialists."

Security was very tight at Freedom Square, where Bush and Saakashvili gave speeches. Georgian police were deployed, and U.S. snipers were visible on the rooftops, scanning the crowd with binoculars.

Afghanis upset over alleged desecration of Quran in Cuba

By Stephen Graham
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Shouting "Death to America," demonstrators angry over the alleged desecration of the Quran at Guantanamo Bay smashed car and shop windows and stoned a passing convoy of U.S. soldiers Wednesday in eastern Afghanistan. Police opened fire on the protesters, killing four and injuring at least 71.

The U.S. troops fired into the air before quickly leaving the area in Jalalabad, near the Pakistan border, provincial intelligence chief Sardar Shah told The Associated Press. It was the biggest outpouring of anti-American sentiment since the fall of the Taliban in 2001.

Mobs also attacked the Pakistani consulate along with the offices of two U.N. agencies and a Swedish relief organization. No foreigners were reported hurt and witnesses said police and government troops had restored order by early afternoon.

"There is a lot of damage to the city. they have burned a lot of things," Shah said. "These are the enemies of peace and stability in Afghanistan who don't want people to be able to get on with their lives in peace."

U.S. spokeswoman 1t. Cindy Moore said American forces in the area were ordered back to their camps, but she had no information on whether any of them were caught up in the unrest.

Four people were killed and 71 injured, including seven police officers, according to the Interior Ministry. It didn't give more details.

An Associated Press Television News cameraman said the crowds grew larger and wilder after the firing and the streets were deserted of traffic. Mobs pelted a government office and the local television station with rocks and tore down posters of President Hamid Karzai.

North Koreans prepare to hold more weapons-grade plutonium

By Burt Herman
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea said Wednesday it has completed removing spent fuel rods from an atomic reactor, enabling it to harvest more weapons-grade plutonium. It was the communist state's latest provocation amid deadlocked talks over Pyongyang's nuclear program.

A North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman said the country had "successfully finished" removing 8,000 fuel rods from the reactor at its Yongbyon complex, which was shut down last month, so it can "bolster its nuclear arsenal."

North Korea kicked out international nuclear inspectors in late 2002, making it impossible to verify the claim.

While experts have previously said the 8,000 rods could yield enough plutonium for five to eight bombs, South Korean media said the current batch would likely yield material for a couple bombs because of the shorter time it was inside the reactor. To get the plutonium, the rods would need to cool and then be reprocessed, which takes months.

The announcement came a day after China rejected using sanctions to prod Pyongyang to return to six-nation talks on its nuclear ambitions, with a spokesman saying Beijing's political and trade relations with its neighbor should be kept separate.

"We stand for resolving the issue through dialogue. We are not in favor of exerting pressure or imposing sanctions," China Foreign ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said at a regular briefing. "We believe that such measures are not necessarily effective."

A Bush administration official said the United States has asked China to redouble its efforts to lure North Korea back to negotiations.

The U.S. appeal, disclosed by a State Department official Tuesday on condition of anonymity, reflects a growing frustration over North Korea's refusal to reopen six-nation talks for nearly a year and rhetoric from Pyongyang that U.S. officials consider alarming.

String of bombings shake Iraq, killing at least 60

By Thomas Wagner
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A string of bombings, including one by a man with explosives strapped to his body, struck several Iraqi cities Wednesday, killing more than 60 people and wounding more than 100.

A U.S. offensive in the lawless region near the Syrian frontier aimed at followers of Iraq's most-wanted terrorist entered its fourth day, the military said, adding that evidence obtained from captured insurgents confirmed the presence of foreign fighters in the area.

In Hawija, 150 miles north of Baghdad, a man with hidden explosives slipped past security guards protecting a police and army recruitment center on Wednesday and blew himself up just outside the building where some 150 applicants were lined up. At least 50 people were killed and 55 injured, police said.

"I was standing near the center and all of a sudden it turned into a scene of dead bodies and pools of blood," police Sgt. Khalaf Abbas said by cell phone from the chaotic scene. "Windows were blown out in nearby houses, leaving the street covered with glass."

In Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, 80 miles north of Baghdad, a suicide car bomb exploded in a small market near a police station, killing at least 27 people and wounding 75, police and hospital officials said. The attacker swerved into a crowd after heavy security prevented him from reaching the police station, police said.

The Ansar al-Sunnah Army said on its Web site Wednesday that it was behind the blast. But it denied the attack was carried out by a suicide bomber and that it targeted a local market, saying instead it was aimed at Iraqis who work in the U.S. base in Tikrit. The statement, which could not be authenticated, claimed its fighters left a booby-trapped car at a "site where dozens of renegades who work in an American base pass."



This vehicle was bombed in Baghdad yesterday. The region saw a particularly violent day, with more than 60 dead.

Four more car bombs exploded in Baghdad, three of them in suicide attacks, the U.S. military said. One caused an unspecified number of casualties in a U.S. patrol, it said.

Iraqi police confirmed three attacks targeting a police station and patrols in Baghdad. Four Iraqis were killed and 14 wounded, including at least three policeman, they said.

Another bomb exploded at Iraq's largest fertilizer plant in the southern city of Basra, setting fire to a gas pipeline and destroying about 60 percent of the plant. One person was killed and 23 wounded in the blast, police and employees said.

In Brazil, Iraqi President Jalal Talabani, on his first foreign trip since being elected to head the interim government, appealed to South American nations to support his country's efforts to defeat its insurgency.

"Terrorism is not limited to Iraq. It is a global curse," Talabani said, addressing heads of state and ministers gathered for the first summit of South American and Arab countries.

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Dad admits murdering two girls, police say

By Nicole Ziegler Dizon
Associated Press

WAUKEGAN, Ill. — The father of an 8-year-old girl who was slain along with her best friend admitted to authorities that he was the killer, saying he was angry at the girl for breaking curfew, authorities said Wednesday.

A judge denied bond Wednesday for Jerry Hobbs after prosecutors described a videotaped interview in court in which he allegedly told investigators he stabbed the girls to death.

Hobbs' 8-year-old daughter, Laura Hobbs, and her friend Krystal Tobias, 9, were found dead Monday in a park in Zion, the day after they vanished.

The father, who had been released from a Texas prison last month, told investigators he was angry at Laura when he tracked her and Krystal in the wooded park, punched her and then killed both girls, prosecutors said.



Courtesy photo

Jerry Hobbs is being charged in the murder of two young girls.

Hobbs, shackled and in a dark blue jail uniform, stared at the floor as Assistant Lake County State's Attorney Jeff Pavletic described the case against him.

Hobbs led police to their bodies Monday morning, claiming then that he found them while searching for his missing daughter. In videotaped interviews, however, prosecutors say Hobbs told them he killed the girls, stabbing his daughter repeatedly in the neck and eyes, after Laura refused to leave the park when he ordered her to go home.

State's attorney Michael Waller told NBC's "Today" earlier Wednesday that the father had showed a lack of emotion and that "things didn't add up" in his interviews with police.

The prosecutor said Hobbs went looking for his daughter and that Krystal "just happened to be there," before the father killed both girls.

Hobbs has an extensive criminal history dating to 1990 in Texas, including arrests for assault and resisting arrest, according to Texas Department of Public Safety records.

Just last month, he was released from a Texas prison after serving time for an assault in 2001. He had argued with Laura's mother, Sheila Hollabaugh, then grabbed a chain saw and chased neighbors until someone hit him in the back with a shovel, according to Rick Mahler, assistant district attorney for Wichita County, Texas. No one was injured.

Hobbs was sentenced to 10 years probation but failed to appear for required meetings, so his probation was revoked in 2003.

Arthur Hollabaugh said Hobbs had been living with the Hollabaughs after his release.

Memorial fund set up for Hayes

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The Zak's remember the last words spoken by their beloved daughter when she left for campus hours before her tragic death. Those last words to her parents were, "love ya," something both of them will always remember.

The Belly Dance, Drum Jam and Dance Benefit, sponsored by The Crescent Dancers, will be held May 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Greenfield Community College dance studio. Faith Kaufmann, a member of the group who was fond of Hayes, said, "It is our way of supporting our friend and fellow dancer Maureen." Maureen Zak was an active former member of the dance group and will also be at the benefit.

The Crescent Dancers ask that any musicians who want to play Middle Eastern rhythms or dancers who would like to dance for a good cause to participate. The suggested donation for the event is $5 to $100.

Those who cannot attend the benefit but wish to donate to the Jessica Hayes Scholarship Fund may contact the University of Massachusetts Amherst Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, located at 913 Lederle Graduate Research Center, Amherst, MA 01003.

Paris Program suffers cutbacks; professors remain optimistic

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Amherst has five. However enrollment in the French program at both schools has not declined, said Hartlen. The two universities used to alternate sending a professor abroad each year, but the burden is now too heavy for either department to sacrifice faculty, said Hartlen.

At first the French Department began to look for other programs to recommend to students who had been planning to study in Paris, said Hartlen. When the department contacted Academic Programs International, an independent study abroad program that was looking to establish their own program in Paris, they began discussing a partnership.

Hartlen said that the Paris Program coordinators are "still juggling" with the details, but it appears that the UMass Paris Program is going to survive as a partnership with Academic Programs International.

Academic Programs International is an independent study abroad program which provides living, travel, education, and cultural opportunities for students in France, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Poland, Spain, and the United Kingdom, according to their Web site.

The new partnership with Academic Program International will allow the UMass program to still benefit from the support of a full time advisor. The advisor will have his or her own office and students will be able to contact him or her by cell phone 24-hours a day. Aside from advising and support, the Paris coordinator will also organize orientation in the fall and excursions throughout the year.

The difference between this advisor and those from the past is that he or she will be provided for by API and will most likely not be a UMass professor.

Coree Macomber, a junior political science major who plans to study in Paris next spring, said she was a little worried when she first heard that the program was undergoing changes, but is now more optimistic.

"Now it seems like everything is going to workout," she said.

Students will have the option of studying at one of three Parisian universities depending on their major and knowledge of the French language. The most advanced students will study at the Paris VII or Dauphine, a French business school, where all of their classes will be taught in French. Students who are in the beginner levels have the option of studying at the Sorbonne University. In all, the program has 15 openings for students each semester, half the amount before.

The Partnership with API has been finalized, however the past uncertainty has led to many questions from prospective students that cannot be answered.

"It has been challenging from a recruiter's standpoint," Hartlen said. But he said he remains optimistic that the program will be just as good or better than in the past. "It is not just a matter of getting everything together, crossing the t's and dotting the i's," he said.

UMass junior served in Iraq, commutes from Boston often

By Brian Duffey
Collegian Staff

Jessica Gilman is the embodiment of a non-traditional student. This 27-year-old junior is a married 'Operation Iraqi Freedom' veteran, who commutes to Western Massachusetts four days a week from Somerville.

Gilman grew up in a bi-racial military family in Hawaii. She left the Aloha State after high school to begin her college career at Northeastern University in Boston. Gilman signed an eight-year contract with the Army Reserve in her sophomore year at Northeastern, for what she said were a series of, "complex reasons." She eventually left Northeastern primarily for financial issues.

As a member of the Army Reserve, Gilman is required to report to Attleboro for one weekend a month to honor a two-week yearly training regiment she obliged to serve as part of her enlistment. The purpose of the reserves, Gilman explained, is to supplement for active duty members of the military. She is an E-5, or a Sergeant and trained as an engineer. Her unit has been active in community service projects throughout the South Shore of Massachusetts.

In 2003, Gilman received notification that her company was being sent to a Processing/Assembly Area in Kuwait. She says was not told exactly how long she would be serving there.

Gilman said that this was one of the toughest parts of her time overseas, not knowing when she would return. She spent the bulk of her time working on construction projects.

"It was a lot of concrete work," Gilman said, adding that temperatures were as high as 116 degrees farenheit. "It was like sticking your face in an oven."

As an E5, she had four men under her command. Gilman, the only female in her platoon and the only Asian American in her company, was explicitly told by these four men that they didn't like taking orders from a woman. She says that she told the men that they would have to get used to it.

"I shut off my brain," she said.

An avid reader and English major, Gilman read only two books over the course of the year she spent in Kuwait. She explained that there was some "anti-American, anti-occupation sentiment" towards the American troops and was reluctant to get into specifics about her time in Kuwait.

She did say that each soldier shared one common experience, they had to be there, and describes her time in Kuwait as neither good nor bad, but says that it is an experience that shapes who she is.

Gilman has had a hard time readjusting since she returned to the states in April of 2004. She described feeling disconnected from everyone, including her husband, after returning from Kuwait.

"You don't feel like you fit in," she said.

She added that many things that people complain about and consider important, she finds to be meaningless. She found comfort in drinking with other members of her battalion, claiming she felt as if they were the only people she could relate to.

Gilman spent a lot of time alone after coming home. After spending 12 months constantly surrounded by other people, this was hard for Gilman to handle. She struggled with leaving the house alone. The amount of free time she had after returning home was also difficult.

"I'm much more serious now about doing well," Gilman said. This is Gilman's second semester at the University.

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College was a party

Ben Feder

I once owned this campus; in a figurative sense anyway. Like all of us graduating seniors, I couldn't walk from the Campus Center to Herter without running into 30 friends and waving to 20 others. As the years waned on though, the number of people we ran into decreased and everyone around us started looking younger and younger. That is the way college goes.

Preparing for graduation and life beyond is a lot like my first "time." I was young and eager and there was a lot of preparation and planning put into the event. When the moment finally came to "do the deed," my parents walked in and for the next two weeks I found myself mowing the lawn and avoiding eye contact at the dinner table. It's not to say that it's embarrassing or anything, but it's a very anxious time. We can't plan for everything because in reality, we are planning for the unpredictable.

Everyone knows the end is coming. I realized my time was almost up last fall when I was awakened by this weird scraping sound outside my window. When I looked out I saw this red solo cup rolling a long the sidewalk.

Immediately the symbolism struck me. College is like a big party. Some people are just showing up, the night is young, and they're waiting to purchase a cup. Others have been inside for a while and are enjoying keg beer and drunken antics. For others, it's time to find a ride home and a place to rest you and your drunken friends' heads. Then there are those who have been gone for a while and it's the next morning. All that remains of them are their cups idly blowing in the wind.

So I'm ready to leave my cup behind and look forward. There's a giant question mark looming over my head. Has that ever stopped me before? Not really, and it shouldn't stop you either.

With that being said, I will say my goodbye and give my last words of advice. The bathroom in the basement of the campus center is the best on campus. Junior year you will see your orientation counselor again when you both are drunk somewhere uptown. Tuesday 10-cent wing nights at Charlie's constitute a day's worth of meals. John Adams is the best high-rise, followed by I.Q.A. All other high rises are of equal merit. You can be friends with cops. Veer away from starting any relationship via the Facebook. After getting his/her number, call back the next day at 5 p.m. to schedule a date for that night or the following evening, no later.

There, that's all I have left to say. To my friends, it's been a blast and we've had far too much fun. To the ladies I never called back or angered with my youthful naiveté, my apologies. For the rest of you, try the "throw it in her" at Charlie's. I hear the guy who invented it was pretty awesome.

Ben Feder is a Collegian columnist.



The world only spins forward

Thomas Naughton

I remember thinking "How blue..." when looking up at the sky while walking hand in hand with my friend, Lisa, away from our acting class after the planes struck the World Trade Towers. We were barely adults who only a week before had said goodbye to our parents and our old small-town world to start our "new lives" in college. Suddenly, frighteningly, and sadly, the world we were entering had fallen apart, or more appropriately put, had exploded, crumbled, fallen, and had been crushed.

Lisa and I watched the towers fall on the big screen television that used to be in the Blue Wall Café. We watched people jump out the window on television while people next to us cried and hugged one another. That television is gone, and I haven't seen or spoke to Lisa in two years; its funny how the world takes things out of your life.

Outside the Campus Center, on the green quad, in the shadow of the tallest library in the world, I stood and watched young people crying on cell phones walking and running to their rooms or to their friends or to anything that could hold them down on a day where the gravity tether of emotions seemed to have been unfortunately cut.

The bells in the Chapel tolled and kept ringing while evangelical Christian protestors showed up on campus to tell us that their predictions concerning God's vengeance and the end of the world were coming true.

They were right; the world had ended, lives were ending, lives were changing, and the sky was blankly blue that day to make room for what was being ushered in. When the dust settled in New York, the bells had stopped here in Amherst, and a volatile conversation began. No one had the answers.

I realized when looking at the faces of New Yorkers and my own reflection that I wasn't different from them even though I wasn't a block away from the site of terror when it occurred four years ago, even though I was far away and safe at a university.

No one has the answers even today.

As a member of the Class of Sept. 11, the class of college students whom were youngest dealing with the tragedy, I did not want to face the reality of that day.

It was easier to think of Lisa and me in the Blue Wall, watching from far away an event that is so close to the entire nation.

This year, I found myself in New York City for the first time since that day. I didn't go to the site of the attacks. I didn't need to. Just walking around

Manhattan with the same people who ran from the falling towers was close enough.

I realized when looking at the faces of New Yorkers and my own reflection that I wasn't different from them even though I wasn't a block away from the site of terror when it occurred four years ago, even though I was far away and safe at a university.

We all carry that day with us to some extent; it's a reminder that the world can be so unstable, that we have to keep living, that someday we'll look around at where we are and it will all look so inescapably different. XOX

Thomas Naughton is a Collegian columnist.

Finally at ease

Peter Foundas

"C's and D's get Degrees." – A man who lives in a hovel.

"You have never edited anything before in your life. How is an accounting major supposed to run a newspaper? Have you even taken a journalism class at UMass?" These were the words of encouragement I received from my family and friends as I left for school last August to take the helm of New England's Largest College Daily.

As I made my way down the Mass Pike, I began to remember how I got my start at The Collegian. I was sitting in the Campus Center Café on a cold November with a copy of The Collegian, as was my usual routine. I was a sophomore, ready for more responsibility, and looking to get involved with something on campus. Just then an advertisement caught my eye, "Assistant Business Manager Needed," it read.

Nine months, two magazines and 137 issues later my collegiate career comes to an end, as does my role as Editor-in-Chief. What I most appreciate about my time at The Collegian is that this paper helped me fill that void.

I jumped up, ran down to the Campus Center basement and a year and a half later was elected Editor-in-Chief.

Getting off Exit 8 and taking the scenic route back to campus, I became extremely anxious. This would be my last return to UMass from a summer break. This would be my last year as a college kid. I began thinking, "I haven't gotten everything I wanted out of college. I am missing something." It seemed to me that there was this hole I needed to fill, to graduate satisfied. I couldn't quite tell what I was longing for. I had been to enough college parties, enough athletic events, enough classes, done enough group projects, ordered enough late night food, spent enough time playing wiffle ball and had enough of those wicked cold winds that blow through campus during the winter months.

As I pulled onto Rt. 9, I remembered coming to visit my older sister up here when UMass was in its heyday. Marcus Camby was the big man on campus, Billy Bulger was raising record amounts of money from alumni, coach Cal led us to the Final Four, the party scene here was at its peak and the name "Zoomass" was more befitting.

As I unloaded my car to move into my new place on Main Street that hot August afternoon, I started making a mental list of everything I wanted to do prior to graduation day, to see if I could figure out what was giving me this feeling of incompleteness: go to a toga party, do something other than study in the library, don't get arrested, finish a Fatso Burger and graduate on time.

After moving in, I headed straight down to 113 Campus Center, to ready the paper for another year. I was faced with the daunting task of running a professional daily newspaper, managing a staff of skeptical journalists, ambitious ad reps and sleep deprived graphic artists. Nine months, two magazines and 137 issues later my collegiate career comes to an end, as does my role as Editor-in-Chief. What I most appreciate about my time at The Collegian is that this paper helped me fill that void.

Before I begin my final words, I have to mention my roommates. I could not have remained sane this year if it wasn't for you, Nick Dust, Pat and yes even you Pico. You guys gave me another world to come home to so I could forget about all the nagging problems at this paper.

In my opinion, the purpose of college is to get an education; It would have been unfulfilling to me unless I had something tangible to show for it. With this paper, I had something everyday to show for my hard work. I had the chance to see ideas of mine come to life, to help the ideas of others materialize and to build on the foundations that have been laid for me, while setting new groundwork for those yet to come.

I could not have done it without the help of some amazing people, so to all of The Collegian staff this year, I thank you for dedicating yourselves as much as I have. You were the ones that kept me motivated to see this paper improve in every aspect. Thank you for trusting an SOM kid to run the paper. I did my best to not let you down.

Thank you UMass for giving me The Collegian.

Peter Foundas is the outgoing Editor-in-Chief of The Collegian.

Our Collegian seniors...



...always kept it serious

It ain't a party until my crew runs through

Tiffany Sugalski

These past four years have been the most insane and memorable times of my life. I want to thank my amazing friends for this unforgettable experience. I never thought in a million years that I would meet and grow so close to so many inspirational people. Every one of you has put a new meaning into my life and I hope I have done the same for all of you too.

To all my DZ ladies:

No one can ever shut us down, keep going strong. To my pledge class, we will always be one. We have done some crazy shit, and I could never remember half of it in the morning. I know after a night with you ladies, my head is always in the toilet the next day. We are still the best pledge class ever.

To the great eight:

We have torn this small town up, and everywhere else we have gone these last four years. We are truly a scene and "those girls" wherever we go. It was never a party until the crew ran through. Wendy, we started and finished together. I am glad you weren't gothic, but I still hate the color yellow. Sorry for all those nights I kept you up. Heidi-Heidi-Hoe, you have the softest hands. Boston couldn't get enough of our lesbian strut down Main Street. Remember Hobart – "Pillow Fight" or that's what I was trying to start. Steph, you crazy animal, I wonder where your leash is sometimes. Anytime you feel we should make a little extra cash, just let me know. We know how to put on a good show, but I think we can charge more next time we are in NYC.

Sarah, all I got to say is what happens in Cancun stays in Cancun. I think there is a drought of beads in Cancun after us. Kristen aka Kinky Kiki. California did you right. To the girl who talks the most, eats the most and has the most perfect bed. Korinee, my Crew, you are my favorite dancing partner. As those boys keep flocking you keep on blocking. Oh Ricky. Ahhhh!!!!

Jenny B., my partner in crime. The parties will never end for us, well maybe at four in the morning after we are done being American Idols. You are the Champ. FAB 4, it has been quite the year, you're awesome. RPJ (Ralph), you always make me smile and I will always have a special place in my heart for you. Don't forget to work on your 3 B's. I know your going to miss me like crazy and all, but "me too." "Tempted to Touch."

And finally to the Collegian staff

You have made my college experience worth more than I ever thought it could be. I have learned so much from all of you. I will never forget all of our experiences we had in Seattle and New Orleans. Remember, what happened in CNBAM stays in CNBAM. Peetah, you were the best lunch date ever, and will always be my Big Papa.

I'm going to miss those late nights at Barbie's dream house, late night karaoke, bungin' on the bongos, setting off fire extinguishers, looking for our knobs, falling off rolley chairs, stealing Cassidy and always having new boy stories. Thank you all so much for creating these memories with me.

Keep partying hard. I will miss all of you. And to those who I didn't mention I will miss you too, thank you for the fun time. And remember this ... "You are all pretty when I'm drunk, and I was always pretty f***en drunk." Thanks UMass. Love ya.

Tiffany Sugalski is the outgoing Advertising Manager.

See you soon



Chris Eckel

So this is it. The last column I may ever write for this fine newspaper. And in 500 words or less, I need to sum up my college experience and what I'll miss come June. Doesn't seem like nearly enough words to convey such complex experiences and emotions. I feel like I'm writing an Emmy acceptance speech. That, or a personal ad. So for what, exactly, am I leaving the good life of a college student behind?

Nothing good. The real world is starting to set in, and like any transition, parts of it are a bit scary. Like the idea that we seniors will have to make certain lifestyle changes as we "mature." Food is one of those things. We're supposed to eat and drink more mature things as we grow up. When we leave pre-school, it's time to bid farewell to Fluffernutters and Teeni drinks for lunch. When we leave college, we're supposed to quit drinking beer for breakfast. Of course, I was still eating peanut butter and fluff throughout high school, so that puts me on track to quit my breakfast beers around age 35.

So if I could stay forever, what would I stay for? Well that's the tricky part about this word limit. There are far too many people to list, far too many memories that I want to keep in the present tense, not the past tense. So a lot would get left out, and besides, everyone hates lists. So I'm going to stay away from lists, and instead, try and offer a little advice.

Any humble man knows he owes thanks for his success and happiness. So thank you to people like Chris Blood and Lilly Dignan, who have loved me and who have my loyalty and my admiration in return.

Hang on to those near and dear, and let them know how you feel, for it's the people around you that define your happiness.

And more importantly, thanks to my family: Matt, Carolyn, Mom and Dad, for always being there and always supporting me. I love you all more than I'll ever be able to show you. It's important for you all to remember that such relationships won't be cut off like I will be at Charlie's the night before graduation, unless you let them wither away. So don't. Hang on to those near and dear, and let them know how you feel, for it's the people around you that define your happiness.

My word limit is fast drying up, so, in the best tradition of our graduation speakers, I'll close out with one killer piece of advice about living in the real world. "Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." So you're probably wondering about the name of my spiritual guru? It's Theodore Geisel. Also known as Doctor Seuss. It just goes to show you ... if you fail in the real world, just award yourself a fake doctorate and write children's books and that'll get you rich quick. Goodbye for now, UMass.

Chris Eckel is a Collegian columnist.

Not knowing what the future holds

Stacy Kasdin

I can't believe it's been four years. I can't believe I'm 21. I can't believe that in more days I'm going to be an unemployed, uninsured college graduate. Lately I've been complaining about how I've had enough of college life, but the thing is, you don't appreciate something until it's gone, and now that everything is about to change, I'm realizing I'm going to miss UMass more than I could have imagined.

As annoying as living in the dorms can be, it's nice to be able to come home at any time of the day or night and have someone be awake. As much as my neighbor's loud music pisses me off when I'm trying to do work, sometimes I can't fall asleep without it. By mid-sophomore year I thought I'd had enough DC food to last me a lifetime, but I fear the day I will have to go into a deli and purchase a sandwich with actual money rather than just swipe and be on my way. More so, I fear death by starvation due to having to cook, and more importantly, afford all my own meals.

The thing I'll miss most about UMass is the people I've met here, the people who have forever changed who I was and shaped who I have become. Matt, Justin, Brian, Nate and Brett, you have been my world for the past four years. You have taught me what true friendship is and allowed me to come out of my shell in a way I was never able to before. I am and will always be grateful for all your love and support. Thanks for the good times, the hugs and the memories. I'm sure there will be plenty more where those came from.

Another huge part of my life at UMass was Shaha. If there was one thing I could encourage all underclassmen to get involved in on campus it would be clubs. Shaha was an incredible outlet to discuss my frustrations with the world and an amazing way to grow, learn and have fun all at once. "Shahaians," thank you for everything, and I'll see you on Broadway.

Thank you Mom, for encouraging me to apply to UMass just before the deadline, the last of the 11 schools I sent applications to. Thank you to all those I couldn't fit into this 500 word column, who have made the past four years an unforgettable experience for me.

So now I'm moving on, and rather than say good-bye I'd like to end with these words from SNL great, Gilda Radner, "I wanted a perfect ending. Now I've learned, the hard way, that some poems don't rhyme, and some stories don't have a clear beginning, middle, and end.

Life is about not knowing, having to change, taking the moment and making the best of it, without knowing what's going to happen next. Delicious ambiguity." Here's to whatever lies ahead and may it be every bit as wonderful as we've dreamed.

Stacy Kasdin is a Collegian columnist.

Leaving UMass without regrets

Meghan Healy

About a week ago, I took a walk through campus. I was alone, which I rarely am anymore — I don't have time to sleep, let alone take a few hours for solitude and reflection. As I walked around, I remembered my first sight of UMass. I was driving down Rt. 116 and suddenly out of nowhere the towers appeared.

"What the hell is that?" I asked in horror.

"I don't know, maybe it's an industrial park?" my mom cautiously wondered aloud.

We made our way to the Student Union for an accepted student reception, where I learned that industrial park was actually the place I would call home for three long ... very long ... years until I finally escaped to the sanctuary of off-campus housing.

It's funny, but as much as I talk shit about Southwest, the Collegian and the University of Massachusetts as a whole, these have been some of the best years of my life.

If you had asked me even a year ago what I would have said about my time here at UMass when it was all over, the last thing I would have said is "these were the best years of my life."

To be perfectly honest, these have probably been some of the worst.

Leaving my home, a town with a population just a bit smaller than that of Southwest, opened me up to an assortment of life experiences, most of which I could have done without.

There has been the typical "growing up is hard to do" type of drama, the kind that everyone our age goes through. And then there are the other things, the things I don't talk about much: the suicide of a close friend in February, most of junior year (let's leave it at that) and the passing of my mother freshman year.

Since most of these things happened here at UMass, I have blamed UMass for them. Logically, these things would have happened regardless of where I was, but in a time where we are all on the path to becoming the normal, healthy, adjusted adults we will be for the rest of our lives, these "bumps in the road" were not appreciated.

Leaving my home, a town with a population just a bit smaller than that of Southwest, opened me up to an assortment of life experiences, most of which I could have done without.

I constantly found who I was and who I wanted to be never really measured up. All my expectations for Meghan at ages 18 and 19 were missed. Meghan, age 20 fell painfully short. Meghan, age 21 is already way behind.

But the other day, as I revisited all my UMass ghosts, walking through campus, I realized that maybe those expectations don't matter. I have overcome more than some people my age have even considered thinking about. And beyond that, I have made and kept amazing friends, I have been an active member of the UMass community and I have given a lot of myself to the Collegian.

It's a strange thing we do down here. We spend hours on end in the bowels of the Campus Center to create a product that half the student body seems to hate and the other half doesn't even read, and yet I am walking away from this experience proud to be a part of this paper. It's strange for me to say this, but being a part of the Collegian has in fact become a huge part of who I am. At a time when I wasn't even sure that I wanted to be at UMass anymore, this paper gave me a way to make UMass mine.

For those of you who will continue on here in the fall and beyond, I hope that you find your own way to make UMass yours. Join something besides a club on Facebook, be passionate about some cause beyond how you are going to get wasted this weekend (this is UMass, there is always a way).

For those of you that are taking your final walk away from the Zoo in just 10 days, I hope you found something similar while you were here. No matter how awful or wonderful your time was here, I hope you don't regret a moment of it.

I know I don't.

Meghan Healy is the outgoing Collegian Night/Copy Supervisor and a rock goddess.

Goal is to get in and get out

Alex Demosthene

"Yes, pay full attention. This is for gangstas, this is for gentlemen There's two kind of people out there. I happen to be the boss type. I'm a product of my environment. Blame the streets, I am what they made me." - Excerpt from A Gangster and A Gentleman by Styles P.

Even though I should be studying for an exam right now, I think it's definitely worth taking a break to look back and reflect on the past few years that I spent here at UMass.

I guess it's true what they say, "Most people are here on the five-year plan." I came in 2000 and it's taken me five years to get out. My reason for being here this long (not to make excuses) is more acceptable than others. I was doing a double-degree, which necessitates an additional 30, totaling to 150 for those of you who don't know.

Oddly enough though, a lot of my people that I came in with lingered too, anxiously to be part of the class of 2005. Only the extremely focused ones made it out in four years. It's not impossible but it takes sacrificing that first year of just "f**king around" and adjusting to the zoo.

The other thing too is even though we hate being here sometimes, where else would we rather be? Not home, not working, not on the block, but right here in the dorms killing our brain cells with ethanol and cannabis. Oh yeah, getting an education too.

Most of what I learned here didn't come from books. It came from keen observation.

You can learn a great deal just by watching people and studying your environment. Different circles and people from different backgrounds each take their own distinct approach to reach what is ultimately the same goal, getting by and getting out.

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Another important skill that I picked up at UMass has to be the art of negotiation. Well, I've had to use the skill before in order to get out of high school, but here on the university level, I had to take it up another notch. I'm sure all my buddies know what I'm talking about.

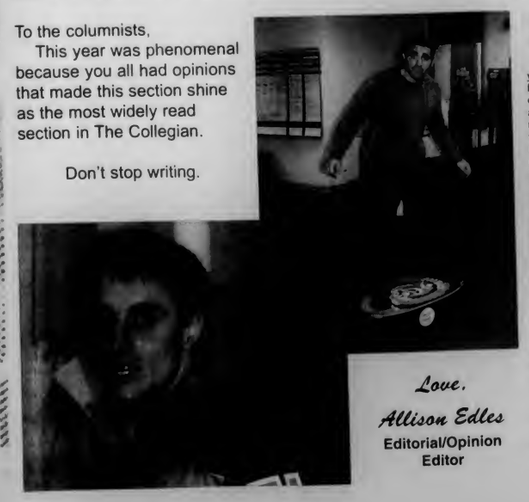
How many times have you had to email your professor with a B.S. excuse? I'm sure the answer is plenty. The rate of success of these excuses depends solely on one's ability to sound "down to earth" and also come up with a suggestion or remedy to your issue. For example, "I really can't make it tonight because I'm sick. And since I've missed so many other classes, I would like to complete a make-up assignment just to be sure that my grade won't be affected." Nine times out of 10, it works. Underclassmen take note.

There's so much more I'd like to share but my word limit is minimal. On that note, I just want to thank a few staff and faculty members who made the ride a little easier: Nick McBride, Jill McCorkel, Sid, Doris, Barbara McGlynn, Delsey Thomas, Dean Wikander, Millicent, Terry, Sandy and many others who know they have a place in my heart.

Lastly, I want to shout-out my menz and 'em: Rene, Jimmy, DL, P-Tek, Max, Frank-nitty, O, Dobber, and Rackizo.

I'd shout out the shorties but y'all are just too many. So yeah, this is my first and last submission to the Collegian. I was the photo editor all year and I loved working with each and everyone. McGovern stand up. People, the goal here is to get in and get out.

Alex Demosthene is the outgoing Collegian Photo Editor.



To the columnists,

This year was phenomenal because you all had opinions that made this section shine as the most widely read section in The Collegian.

Don't stop writing.

Love,

Allison Edles

Editorial/Opinion Editor

Hi, I'm Sandra Maria Marquez

Sandra Marquez

As we approach the imminent end of our many years of hard work (or lack thereof) I am reminded of famous quotes, most of which have graced the pages of my daily self-help bulletin (also known as, AIM away messages). I am reminded of the wise man who once said, "Adversity teaches you who your real friends are," whatever the hell that means. But I am also reminded of an even wiser man, who said, "H to the izz-O, V to the izz-A, fo shizzle my nizzle used to dribble down in VA." And that just about sums up our collective experiences as college students, does it not?

We put on a fake intellectual academic façade during the day, and at night, we bump the G-Unit tracks and freestyle. Rinse and repeat. Now here we are, left with this, a column, in which I can no longer distinguish between academic lexicon and friendly banter... fo shizzle. So friends, acquaintances, pimps, ho's and everything in between, bear with me as I try to say goodbye ... holla.

To my girls, y'all know that I'll miss ya. I am actually surprised not a single one of us got pregnant in all these years of college. Between Lauren forgettin' to take her birth control pills and Chris hiding mine, one would think it would have happened by now. Ah well, there's always next year. Sheila, you're Asian, and now I know that you're a particular nationality of Asian, I still don't know which one, but at the least, now I know all Asians ain't the same. Jamie, I haven't become talented enough as a writer to describe you, but all I can say is this, you make me want to become a lesbian.

To my boys, well, as all boys eventually do, it is time to re-enter the world a man. And by "man" I mean, "an overgrown boy who finally lost his virginity, he thinks." No for real though, it's been fun being your guys' mother (Colly). Thanks to James, I now know how to crack into the Pentagon and download musik from the servers at the White House. Thanks to Dan, I know how to spell Phish. Still ain't high enough to enjoy it, but I'm getting there. There is, of course, my man, the sexiest Korean man alive (he wrote this part himself) who is an animal in bed ... meow. Dear God, anyway, lets wrap this up.

To my boys, well, as all boys eventually do, it is time to re-enter the world a man. And by "man" I mean "an overgrown boy who finally lost his virginity, he thinks."

It's hard to believe, this all started with a makeshift dorm room in the first floor of Knowlton, a weird Korean kid with his even weirder friends in Cashin and a "Hi, I'm Sandra Maria Marquez," but in the end, everything seemed to work out just right, and there isn't a single day I regret. Now let's get outta here.

Sandra Marquez is the outgoing Human Resource Manager.

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Kasabian Comes to Boston

By Nick Romanow
Collegian Staff

As classes end and finals week begins, students generally do two things: get stressed out and start moving stuff home. A lot of people are going to be heading home this weekend and might be looking for a way to avoid studying for finals. Luckily, WFNX has a plan by bringing British dance-rock sensations, and one of the only ones from the current crop of "next big things" to live up to their expectations, Kasabian to the Paradise in Boston for free. There is a catch of course, the show is 21+ and the only way to enter is with an FNX card. Fortunately, FNX cards are free and signup is at wfnx.com.

Kasabian have become somewhat of a 21st Century Oasis. Mixing the electronics of Primal Scream, the dance beats of The Stone Roses and the drunken, sweaty rock-club swagger of, well, Oasis, Kasabian has concocted a surprisingly unique formula that took them to the top of the charts in Britain and they have begun to rise to the top of the alt-rock clutter in America.

Kasabian's bassist, Chris Edwards, told the Massachusetts Daily Collegian that the States have been treating the band well, coming off a tour supporting another British dance-rock act, The Music.

"[It's been] outstanding," Edwards enthuses, "we're getting amazing responses from the crowds...it's our first time out here and we're getting a lot of people coming to see us, even when the album's not out." Since then, the hype has only gotten bigger. Their first US single "Club Foot" has been enjoying a lot of play on radio stations and on MTV2, leading to much hyped performances like the upcoming on at the Paradise.

Where their tournmates The Music give a stunning live performance but can never quite translate the energy on record, Kasabian's self-titled debut is a straight-through adrenaline

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Courtesy Jill Furmanovsky

'Kingdom of Heaven' lacking

By Jake Monte
Collegian Writer

'Kingdom of Heaven'
Directed by Ridley Scott
Starring Orlando Bloom, Eva Green
Studio name
Rated R
194 mins.
Grade B+

The difference between Ridley Scott and some other directors is that Scott truly loves everything the camera is capable of doing and expressing. His films are loaded with tilted camera angles, slow and fast motion effects, MTV style cut sequences, and brilliant cinematography. Some directors like to film their movies like plays, simple one-shot scenes, and let the actors do the work of entertaining. Kingdom of Heaven, Ridley Scott's newest film, employs all the same camera possibilities that got him his best director nomination for Gladiator.

The film stars Orlando Bloom, as Balian, a blacksmith in France, who meets up with his long lost father Godfrey, Liam Neesan, shortly after Balian's mother commits suicide. Balian rejects his father, but when he kills a man who speaks negatively about his mother, he is forced into exile and follows his father toward Jerusalem, where he takes up his father's life after he's killed and is thrust into a battle between Christians and Muslims for control of Jerusalem. There is a love story between him and Eva Green who takes to him extremely quickly – after all, he's Orlando Bloom.

Watching Orlando Bloom in this film, I kept waiting for his countenance to turn to stone for lack of moving his facial muscles. The script is equally lifeless. When he finds his father on his way to Jerusalem, he says, "I've done murder," and just stares in his detached emotionless way. This is how Bloom delivers most of his lines — dry, flat, totally uninteresting statements, made by someone who is so one-dimensional that he resembles a comic book character. Watching Orlando Bloom try to be a tough guy is laughable. If there were interesting actors in this film, who we were intrigued to watch, the film might not be such a dry, uneventful, shallow, bore.

Kingdom of Heaven is two hours and twenty minutes of your life you'll never get back. The experience feels more like five hours. There are some redeemable elements. The battle scenes are impressive, but nothing we haven't already seen in Troy or Lord of The Rings. The best part about the film is its message, which takes a stand against religious based conflict. Balian is not a particularly strong advocate for conventional religious ideas.

At one point he says, "Your brothers Kingdom is here and here," pointing to mind and heart, "that Kingdom can never be surrendered." He also says, "At first I thought we were fighting for God, then I realized we were fighting for wealth and land."

These ideas are like gems in the middle of a pit of tar. Kingdom of Heaven feels like an imitation of all the interesting period films. It's passionless and uninspired. It just sits on the screen without enough energy to create even the most meager emotional impact. Scott's direction is in fine form as usual but it's not enough to save the film from the soulless screenplay and actors who play it as safe and under par as possible. Some people really like films like these, period pieces that don't really have any ups and downs, yet portray a time period in a realistic way. For me, it was as tedious as can be, and I was glad when it was over.



Courtesy Paramount Pictures

Orlando Bloom has struck out again in a new crusader-esque film, "Kingdom of Heaven." This movie, unlike the wildly popular "Lord of the Rings" trilogy, may be found less than thrilling.

Trip to the the New England Metal Festival: part 2

This is part two of a [illegible] Collegian writers Three Fonseca and Patrick [illegible] completed a three-day [illegible] seeing several hard-[illegible] shows. The following is the second half of a [illegible] journey.

[illegible]:15 on Saturday night [illegible] are residents away from the [illegible] commotion from the techni-[illegible]-death metal masters-[illegible]. I am struck with [illegible] shock and awe as I watch [illegible] than the original [illegible] Lord Worm stroll [illegible] stage with the rest of [illegible] clad in his leather [illegible]. As if this isn't [illegible] he immediately [illegible] "Crown of Horns" [illegible] never disbelief as they [illegible] play "None So Vile" [illegible] an album regard[illegible] as the metal commu-[illegible] one of the finest and [illegible] works ever pro-[illegible]. The crowd goes ballistic [illegible] and witness a sea [illegible] crushing. To my right [illegible] he yells wildly, eyes [illegible] with excitement. This [illegible] times. To top it all [illegible] Lord Worm stays true to his [illegible] by brandishing a goblet of [illegible] and devouring

[illegible] are merely [illegible] for the headliner of [illegible] for me. We get comfort-[illegible] some ancient seats on [illegible] and kick back for [illegible] through's set. Adam [illegible] to take a nap. This [illegible] Country, CA metalcore [illegible] blends some crushing [illegible] hardcore elements



Lord Worm pleases his fans at the New England Metal Festival by living up to his name and eating an entire goblet of earth-crawlers. Each band that played the venue did a good job of keeping fans interested at the show.

exploded yet.

The duo proceeds to launch into Misfits songs as if it were 1977 at the CBGB's Audition Showcase. I myself am not familiar with a lot of Misfits tunes. Adam however, looks like he should be right up their with Danzig and Doyle basking in glory. After belting out classic numbers such as "Die Die Die My Darling" and "Skulls" Danzig bids us all farewell, wrapping up a performance that will most likely mark the closest thing to a Misfits reunion that fans will ever get to see.

After a long day filled with friends, mosh pits, head banging, and metal, the Saturday leg of the 7th annual New England Metal and Hardcore Festival is finally drawing to a close. As we make our way out of the tired mass of metal heads, I notice a familiar shade of red hair. I can't believe it, somehow Phi did manage to get in for the event. We call him over and head back to Dave's car where we spend the ride home exhausted yet satisfied.

We approached Sunday with renewed vigor. Saturday had presented its share of highlights, namely Cryptopsy's full rendition of None So Vile, but the proceedings left us feeling more drained than anything else. However, with Sunday's high metal to hardcore ratio, we were more than willing to slug it out for one more day. The crew arrived just in time to catch the beginning of Behemoth's set. Their brand of subtly technical and acerbic death metal translates perfectly live. While the intricacies were somewhat muddied by the Palladium's sound system, any Behemoth fan worth their salt had no difficulty keeping pace. Playing a reasonable mix of their last three albums, the set culminated in Demigod's "Conquer All," a song that's rightly become a live staple.

To our pleasant surprise, Canada's Three Inches of Blood followed. The band was running behind due to a 30-hour trek to Worcester and had swapped sets with Behemoth. Undeterred by the fatigue of being held up in a van for two days straight, the band unleashed a hearty battle cry upon all in attendance. With tongues firmly planted in cheek and broadsword in hand, the band cranked out songs about pirates, "Fear on the Bridge", settling scores, "Revenge is a Vulture" and obliterating posers, "Deadly Sinners." These guys purvey a style of nostalgic metallic truth, which while unabashedly hokey is simply fun. In a live setting such as this, there was very little to hate about 3IB.

North Carolina's Between the Buried and Me followed. Eschewing their more tender moments for a set of unrelenting brutality, their jazz tinged death-core was a highlight of metal fest. While it would have been nice to hear fan favorites such as, "Mordecai" and "Aspirations", the tight riffing and potent grooves of "Shevanel Cut a Flip" and

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Eve says Goodbye

A TRIBUTE TO THE MOTHER

I use to always feel a slight stitch of resentment the moment anyone would say I am an exact replica of my mother. Is it because I fear that one day I might turn out just like her? It isn't her fault I never knew my father, never had siblings, and never had a place I could call my home.

Her top-of-the-line occupation as a designer required that we live and travel through Europe, the Middle East, and America. My occupation was to accept the instability if I wanted to be fed, and be thankful for these experiences that not many children get to have.

When I was old enough to understand these privileges, my mother sent me off to a Swiss boarding school in Geneva. I spent three disciplined years developing the skills I needed as an independent woman by the age of 12.

However, my mother's gift of early freedom caused a deeply seeded bitterness that took much of my adolescence to resolve. She gave me independence, choices and trust. She was certain I had a good head on my shoulders, but I wanted to be mothered, limited and regulated by her authority. I wanted to be innocent and naive, but I had already seen too much.

I compared my relationship with my mother to others and couldn't accept the differences. I couldn't understand why we weren't like everyone else. Why don't I have a father? Why is my mother always working? Where is our picket fence and golden retriever? She loved me as an equal companion, relied on me as a best friend. She confided in me, asking for advice and pleading for emotional support. I loved our connection, but in the back of my mind I was frightened. I didn't want to make her mistakes, to end up old and alone, dependent on one child to pick up the pieces.

I spent seven years in serious relationships, trying desperately to find a man that could save me from my mother's fate. I convinced myself that I wanted an enormous family, in the suburbs, with a Volvo and a dog. I searched to find a life that defied everything my mother had become.

However as of today, I feel quite the opposite. I only hope to become as strong, as successful, and as worthy as my mother. She has suffered tremendous amounts of difficulties within her lifetime, and has overcome each obstacle with elegance and vitality. She has been my guide, my teacher, my strength. With graduation just around the corner, I can't help but realize that I wouldn't have been here without her. I owe every piece of accomplishment to my mother, my one and true best friend. I would be honored if I became even half of who she is in the future, because in reality, I am my mother's daughter.

EVE'S GOODBYE

Eve sinned against God's command. She didn't listen. She ate that apple because she wanted to. That was the Original Sin, and I understand her completely.

Before I conclude, I would like to share a few words of wisdom that I picked up during my years at the University of Massachusetts.

To the soon-to be-men on this campus: pull up your pants, take a shower, treat women with respect and try to have an intelligent conversation once in a while. You'll be surprised by how many more women will be attracted to you.

To the already-men on this campus: don't be too naive, too nice, too gentle. Women will walk all over you, even though they may appreciate you after they graduate.

To all the ladies: you are beautiful, thin and unique. Respect yourselves and you will find a

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Kasabian jams out and says no to the hype

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rush. From the opening of "Club Foot", which rings like an oncoming train, through other stand outs like the "Reason is Treason" and "Cutt Off" Kasabian seem to know what they are doing much more then most new artists. On stage, however, Kasabian are somehow able to up the energy a thousand times. While the comparison may be wearing thin, Kasabian comes across as a young Oasis. They know what they want and they know how to get it. The band shows no fear and refuses to restrain their live show seems to have a seething undercurrent of an oncoming riot.

In fact, Kasabian seem to be insistent on a riot. From their album cover, that suggests a Che Guevara-type figure, to their website, which refers to their fanbase as a "movement," Kasabian is intent on starting a musical revolution: putting the passion back in music.

"I think a lot of the record companies are to blame and these pop moguls who do these things like pop stars and stuff like that, it gives people stuff to dream about but it just take all the passion out of getting together with your mates and starting a band ... All the pop stuff has taken a little bit of the balls out of music, taking a little bit of life out of it."

For a band that has received its fair share of hype and positive press, Edwards has no problem denouncing the 'next big thing' machine.

"It's more to do with the business side of it now, you get a lot of good press, you sell a lot of records, even if your songs are crap. But it should be all about the music, it doesn't matter if you've been on the front of 15 magazines in the last week. If you put your CD on and it's crap it doesn't mean shit." It's very likely that Kasabian's focus on music, not hype, is what will hopefully lend to their longevity.

Edwards also sees that Kasabian's specific brand of music putting an important mark on modern music.

"We're trying to put some kind of bassline and drum beats down," Edwards explains, "If you get to watch someone live you need to throw a bit of groove...just to make it move. It's just good to mix in some funky basslines, all the different genres that will get people moving and love going to gigs again, cause I think it's died over the past few years."

Kasabian now have a chance to prove to Boston what the press has been saying for the past few months. This Saturday at the Paradise they will be telling anyone who will listen about their musical revolution.

"I think sometimes you need a revolution to keep things on their feet. Otherwise it'll just get stale...That's all we're talking about when we talk about revolution it's just bringing back, not necessarily the old music...but bringing back the old heart and the passion and the desire to be in a great band and tour the world."

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Rockin' hard in New England

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"Lost Perfection" proved that a band can indeed incite massive pit action without having to lower themselves to mindless chugging and drum syncopation.

Utilizing a cutting-edge strategy of running in front of everyone waiting in line for the Palladium's smaller second stage, we broke through to the soon-to be killing ground for Denver's Cephalic Carnage. Despite the best efforts of Palladium security, fans rushed into the area, severely overcrowding the floor space. What ensued can only be described as pure and unbridled mayhem. As the band launched into their schizophrenic brand of technical death-grind, the floor responded with a mosh pit that resembled Wall Street after a market crash. Cephalic Carnage decided to end the set with the classic, "Kill for Weed" a brutal call for legalization.

Hypocrisy led metal-heads on a sonic journey into the realm of alien abductions and astrology. Peter Tägtgren, the band's front man recently lent his vocal talents to the Swedish death super-group Bloodbath. Tägtgren's performance on this album was nothing short of breathtaking. This was reflected in Sunday's set as Hypocrisy belted out a brutal dose of melodic death metal. Showcasing some of his best death growls to date, Tägtgren and company ended their set with fan-favorite, "Eraser."

The one-two punch of Gothenburg's "elite" acts, Soilwork and Dark Tranquillity followed. Despite being the under card in the pair's current U.S tour, it was clear that DT were the superior band tonight. While Soilwork, an admitted guilty pleasure of Dave's, tried to pawn off new material and barely touched on their superior back catalog, Dark Tranquillity played a set that any die hard fan would be pleased with. Songs like "The Wonders at Your Feet," "Monochromatic Stains," "Punish My Heaven," and the more recent, "The New Build," all translated brilliantly despite the ridiculous amount of duel guitar play and keyboard noodling.

Oh, and then it was time for Nile. You know those middle-aged dudes from Greenville, South Carolina who are utterly obsessed with ancient Egyptian culture? Yeah, those guys. Dave wasn't expecting much, death metal rarely translates well at the Palladium, never-mind the breed of hyperblasting, low end death that these guys deliver. However, Sunday seemed dead set on being damn near perfect, and yes, even the stubborn Dave Fonseca thought that Nile sounded good. As hordes of prepubescent youth in Cannibal Corpse tee shirts made requests in faux-guttural belches the band dished out a satisfying mix of old and new. Showing off the impressive, "Lashed to the Slave Stick," from the upcoming "Annihilation of the Wicked" and closing out with the title track of "Black Seeds of Vengeance". As we stood there enjoying a live Nile, Dave conveyed feelings of being transported to a parallel dimension where everything was being specifically altered to his exact specifications. On that note, we all wished there were more females around.

Nothing spells "culmination" like an appearance from the Finnish master of falsetto, King Diamond. Breaking into the scene with the legendary metal outfit Mercyful Fate, King Diamond decided to pursue a solo career after the band split in 1985. Known for his distinctive falsetto vocal style, King has released a slew of classical conceptual metal albums. King Diamond shocked and pleased fans by opening his set with a start to finish performance of his classic album, "Abigail" complete with stage props ranging from the demonic child to an actor playing the role of Miriam. King continued his set with a diverse selection of tracks from his later works including, "Welcome Home" from, "Them," and "So Sad" from his latest album, "The Puppet Master." King even returned for an encore to perform the opening track to Mercyful Fate's "Melissa," "Evil."

Of all three days Sunday had managed to bludgeon Friday and Saturday with a spiked club. Our undying thirst for metallic goodness had finally been quenched completely. As we stood in line at a McDonald's off the highway after the show, clad in metal t-shirts and receiving hateful glares from the elderly, we looked back with fond memories of a truly incredible show.



Behemoth, a classic-style metal group, known for their distinct style of camp that makes them a fan favorite, rocked out with other groups at the New England Metal Festival.

Eve gives final send-off to fans

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man that respects you. Don't expect to find a husband in college because they aren't ready yet.

To the singles: this is the best time to be single, and it is nothing to be ashamed about. Enjoy it before you're locked down.

To the committers: you will fight, be jealous, and hate each other. It's part of the relationship, but at least you know you'll be having consistency in bed.

To those of you that despise my column but read it still every week: it feels good to know you have emotions.

To my few fans: look for me in bookstores.

To my guys at Alpine: stop getting arrested.

To my guys at the bars: stop drinking so much.

To my girls that I love so dearly: thank you for putting up with me.

To my Trinidadian lover: polyps are the hottest thing this spring.

And to all you UMass Minutemen: you know who you are. And it's too late. Better luck next time.

Eve has left the Garden.

Eve is a Collegian Columnist.

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and pasted those chumps. Thank you, Stacy Tutt, for that ridiculous halftime Hail Mary. Thank you to the men in the Boston College press box, who loved talking to our fans all before/during/after the game. I guess that's what happens when real, professional journalists show up to the Heights. UNH just two weeks later. My first trip back to the school that brushed me aside as if I were a rat and asking Salma Hayek for her seven digits. Crazy weekend; no print needed. Lest I forget, URI. Actually, it isn't so much of the game I remember, it's the two kids calling it on the radio for WRIC, possibly the equivalent to the radio show I hosted with my Home Alone TalkBoy when I was 10. First of all, players should be called by their names, not their numbers. If I went on, I would lose it.

Fun football season. From 2-5 to 6-5, building momentum for next fall. Good luck to Jason Peebler in National Football League.

Then came hockey. Traveling to each Hockey East arena was definitely an experience, especially when I got to see the Yale Doug Hattie ball at Conte Forum. Oh, I opened that bag up again.

Definitely the craziest trip of the year was the weekend of November 19. I left Thursday for Orono, Maine and didn't return back until Sunday night. Oh, and I drove 930 miles and 11 hours all by myself. It was mostly it. My cousin's 21st birthday weekend three hours into the heart of the woods and lakes of Maine — some stories most of which will never be told.

I can't forget the night of December 9, as I'm sure many with UMass connections will. It was the night of Marc Boal '06.com, a historic two hours of UMass basketball. Campus was on fire. Except for one thing. I was at UNH watching UMass lose 4-0 to the Wildcats. I watched the end of the basketball game, while typing a story at my buddy's apartment. It's one of the greatest gut-wrenching displays I've ever seen. During the first game between Jimmy Chitwood Black Bears and Cory Schneider's Eagles — which ridiculous, except the game took near four hours to play. I can't forget to mention that former UNH, Harvard and Bemidji State provided the best backer the Mullins Center had seen all year in the Northeast Regional of the NCAA Tournament. And I got to cover the national champion Denver Pioneers.

I didn't think I would enjoy covering a team so much until lacrosse kicked off. Road tripping to Hofstra, Hobart, Harvard and Rutgers saw some of the craziest trips I had been apart this year. Hopefully, Baltimore and Philadelphia are on the horizon. Especially heading north to Geneva, N.Y., baby. I hadn't ever heard of the place before I checked out the schedule, but, wow, is Hobart College a beautiful place. People are nice and everything. Someone needs to discover Hobart because that place is a gold mine waiting to happen. Another thing to do before you die, walk to the top of Harvard's football stadium when no one is inside. How 'bout those Georgetown and Syracuse games? Bob especially loved UMass's stave off the Hoyas. Didn't you, Bob?

Then came June. It was the second biggest thing to happen to UMass all year. Overtime, Zywicki, deja vu, rain, front flip, somersault, call it what you want, peace Mike Powell, crazy fans, national champs. Leaving the press box, watching an ending no one could even dream of seeing on the sideline, jumping three feet in the air. It really happened that fast. Victory drinks at Chucks, crazy afternoon, wild night, Green Day, video camera, spiking the beer, the homeless can collector.

Then there was Rutgers. I had always called New Jersey "The Armpit of America", but I guess that may have been unfair of me, only because I hadn't yet seen it. Now, however, I KNOW that New Jersey is the Armpit of America, and it hasn't been washed with a good bar of soap in months.

I'm still ripped about the selection committee jobbing the Minutemen. If something isn't done by the higher-ups in lacrosse, this sport — which has been dubbed for years as the fastest growing sport in America — will continue on the path towards professional boxing before it reaches the popularity of football. Sketchy things were done 80 years ago in baseball and 30 years ago in college basketball, though, and that all got straightened out. Lacrosse could hit that point some day, but some serious grunt work by some people who have some actual guts needs to get done.

I can't leave out Mill Valley, the Crack Shack, 171, Charlie's, McMurph's, Rafters, the Hanger, the terrible service at Applebee's, DS, Danny at BK, the sorostitutes on Nutting, Lowell (obviously) and everywhere else I found myself around this crazy, crazy area. Nothing more to add, except this: Patriots, Red Sox, UNC, Celtics (division champs, baby!).

And now, it's what you've all been waiting for. Let's have a sports meeting.

McGovern — Your presence around the sports section will be missed more than anything, and that isn't just because you're the only person leaving. I'm pumped we covered lacrosse together before you bounced out of this fine establishment. We dominated that beat, much more so than those bandwagoning writers. I'm really glad we'll be in the same place as that high-profile dirtbag radio announcer from 'Cuse again this weekend. Maybe, one of us can get his autograph. The times at the Shack were crazy, there's no other way to put it. I think that's all I can write about that because words can never do the Shack justice. Nope. I haven't met many more people over the last 22 years who will have a lasting impression on me the way you will. I know you'll have an unreal time driving across the country this summer, and I hope you get your big break doing something you love. You deserve it. Someone out there needs a Bob, preferably a Bob McGovern, a wise man once said.

After putting in the grunt work over the last four years, it's about time you got to cover a team like the lacrosse team this semester, while you were the Sports Editor, no less. They sent you out with a bang, but more importantly, you sent them out with a bang. You have a very unique writing style. You know that, and have a very unique writing style. You know that, and have a very unique writing style. You know that, and everyone else knows that. You've modeled it after a legend, someone who passed on this semester. It's not like you and he ever met, but he left the world just a few months before you were about to enter it. I think there is something significant in that.

We walked into this semester with as much adversity in our faces than anyone has seen in a long time, if ever, at this paper. Whether it was the old guys who didn't take either of us seriously, the young guys who weren't sold that we knew what we were doing, the disappearing acts by some people, plus Hall and Foster, bringing in rookies and training the new guy. We didn't have much going for us in January and February, but we got through it. We may never get any praise or pats on the back — not that we really were looking for it in the first place — but when we look back at the spring semester of 2005, it will be something we really can pride ourselves on. Each of us knows that the goal of every sports editor is to leave the section in better shape than he left it, and no one can dispute that you made sure that happened.

There are a lot of people I meet and will immediately brush aside once they leave my life, but you aren't to be one of them. I think we became good friends this semester, and I hope this isn't the last time we get to work together.

Marzelli — Before I say anything, will you just please try a sausage, egg and cheese sandwich on a cinnamon raisen bagel? Come on.

I thought it was pretty funny last semester when we would start arguing, whether it was serious or not, and everyone else in the room would have a look of fear on their face. In terms of journalism, no one has ever taught me as much as you have, and I don't believe anyone else will be able to top that, either. I came into UMass thinking I was a hot shot writer coming from a solid community college newspaper. The paper was solid, but I learned fast that I wasn't everything I thought I was. I didn't have a clue how to cover a team the right way, especially one with the magnitude of football. Although I'd be lying if I said the fear of Don Brown didn't motivate me to give it everything I had. Good for you if you get the radio job next year, but if I have to spend my Saturdays making fun of Randy Lively with Athas, it's definitely not going to be the same. I will say that watching the team lose won't be as difficult, though.

I'm definitely lucky you didn't let up on me in the fall, as there were definitely times when I could have started to drift a little too much. I expect the same next year, even though I'm gonna be your boss.

Here's to Game 7, football road trips, your poor showing at UNH, your unbridled love for UMass athletics, your greeting to Travis Ford, my formal introduction to Fear and Loathing, Antoine Walker, Opening Day, the three weeks when you lost 10 pounds, you driving, Lowell, Don Brown's MedRel photo, Buckley, my bathroom floor, everything I forgot and everything that will happen across from Charlie's next year.

Athas — First and foremost, I'm going to once again take credit for hiring you. Now that that's out of the way, you did a damn good job this semester.

You took a whole lot of weight off the shoulders of Bob and myself when you took over. Considering it took me at least a month to learn how to work on my own, we pretty much chalked this semester up as a training period for you. Then, we realized that I take longer to do everything, no matter what it is. Right, anyway. You completely dedicated yourself to learning how to do everything it takes to put the sports section out on a nightly basis. You still have some stuff to learn, like making sure your night editor doesn't allow "Committe" into a headline, but I'm not too worried.

I said when we hired you that I saw all the potential in the world in you, and that one day you would run this newspaper. I didn't see anything that made me believe I was wrong. You're on the right track, and there are great things ahead of you.

Next, don't ever let Todd Foster talk down to you. In the first place, he's too short to do that. You're gonna need to pick up the slack next year in terms of tooling on the staff because we're losing Bob, and Marzelli may never step in the newsroom again.

We're going to dominate this section next year, and Duggan will be a great help. I know when I leave this paper, providing I graduate in the Spring, this section will be in good hands. I've gotta say it. You better make it to Lowell this summer.

Duggan — I'm excited that we hired you, and I really believe that you will make the absolute most of this opportunity. I have no doubt that you will put everything you have into this section, but remember that there is a long line of people — who were here long before we both stumbled down here at the same time — who check up on the Collegian on a regular basis. You'll hear it from those old guys if you miss a beat, but I'm confident you won't. Take this and run with it.

I still don't know that much about you, but at least there is someone else who talks like me on this staff next year. We need to hang out this summer, so I can figure out who you are outside of the newsroom.

Merritt — Is Sean Regan playing in net for UNH tonight? Ever? Didn't he at least once last season? No? Dammit.

How 'bout the whole NU2 crowd singing the national anthem when the barn lost its ability to play any music. Or the three-hour trip to BC in the snow. I think we still made it there before the SuperFans.

I don't really have much for you right now cuz it's been awhile, but I'm sure of one thing. I can guarantee that your CD collection still sucks.

Jon — Not that I'm one to talk because I haven't been around for that long, but I haven't seen anyone take care of tennis the way you did. You have a ton of dedication to this paper, an asset that is always as valuable as anything. You have good things ahead of you here if you keep up what you've done this semester.

We can see the passion you have for this stuff, something that isn't always present with everyone who walks through these dungeon doors. Keep it goin.

Re-Todd — In all honesty, I don't know how you got baseball. And you don't have a staff or minions or any power around here whatsoever.

Beyond that, yeah, you're about as insane as anyone I've ever met. The rumors about you are true, which I guess wouldn't really make them rumors. No matter what happens with you next year, I expect big things from you. I will not let up on you all year because I'm not going to let you waste any of your potential. "Waste" wasn't the right word there, but I know you know what I mean. The Industrial Revolution line will work some day. If it doesn't, I'll crack out things about Paul Tsongas, Jack Kerouac, the mill girls, the Spinners and Lockmonsters.

Have a solid summer.

Rob — You could have gone one of two ways this semester, and you chose the right direction. You improved in every single way since we talked to you a month back. When you first showed up in the newsroom, we had our doubts. I didn't know if you were in this for the right reasons, or even if you know why you were here. I firmly believe that I no longer have to worry about that anymore. You are finally starting to "get it". And once that happens, everything else will begin to fall into place for you. It's a good thing Dan Shaughnessy wanted me to call you.

Ian — I really don't know a damn thing about you except for the fact that you like basketball. Good luck trying out for the team, but I'm a little worried. If Coach Ford got Delt to lose 30 pounds in the first four weeks, what the hell is going to happen to the rest of you? I know you wanted to live it up your freshman year and you weren't sure exactly what you wanted to do with your life. I completely understand that. Three years and two colleges ago, I was a freshman business major at UNH, and I couldn't have fathomed this is where I would be at this point in my life. You have another three years to figure out what you're all about. That's what college is for. Just make sure you do what makes you happy. That is the advice I got from my friend a few years back, and I've followed it ever since. If for some reason, you never return to this newsroom or we never cross paths again, I hope I could have left you with at least that advice.

Hall — It's not that I don't care about you or anything, but that's just the last for a reason. There isn't a real, solid reason, but you're last and that's that. This isn't going to be that long because you know exactly how you stand with me. Just chill out, take a deep breath and get your head clear this summer. You owe it to yourself. Stop trying so hard. Let things come to you. I know that if there is any more advice I can give you. After all the meetings and everything else this semester, the rest is up to you. You need to figure everything else out on your own.

To everyone else at the Collegian — Rich, this kid hates you, me and everyone else at the Collegian. Let's fight him. Josh, I don't know if you remember this, but we were in Charlie's right before Easter or something like that, and you told me your last name. I responded with, "I guess you're not going home this weekend." Good for Charlie's, that's what I say now. Meghan, thanks for all the Blue Wall swipes. Cory, I don't know where to begin. It was definitely an experience working with you. Pete, have you kissed your managing editor lately? Megan. I don't remember it happening, but I guess I saved your life in Antonio's. Everyone else, good luck if you're graduating, and if you're back with me next year, let's do it even better.

This sports meeting is officially adjourned, so I've got that goin' for me, which is nice.

ERIC ATHAS, ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR, WOMEN'S TRACK, SWIMMING, SOFTBALL
HENRY ROWENGARTNER, "ROOKIE OF THE YEAR"

It was Sept. 5th, then I blinked, and now it's May. As cliché as it sounds, that's how I feel right now. There was a point in June 2004 when I had trouble deciding which school to attend. Something drew me to UMass, but I'm not sure what it was. All in all, I wanted to be sitting in my dorm on the final week of school and be satisfied that I made the right choice. As I ponder about the past, I learned to always trust your instinct, no matter what. Looking back, I never would have imagined how much I accomplished this year at UMass, and namely, the Massachusetts Daily Collegian.

Of course, I am still the Rookie, there is no changing that. And while I am still learning the inside jokes, I have built a decent amount of memories in my vault, which will continue to grow.

Jeff, I'm excited for next year, it's going to be different, but I think for the better. In a way, you're sort of like my mentor in the sense that you have been instrumental in teaching me the ropes. I have learned so much in the past two months, just from watching you do what you do, and I could not have asked for anyone better to teach me. Your dedication is exceptional. Someday I may understand the fascination with the Industrial Revolution, but for now, lets just say it's an interesting subject and leave it at that.

Bob- The newsroom will be a lot different without you. I cannot count the number of times that I had been left hysterically laughing after you pulled one of your antics. I've only known you for less than a year, but if there is one thing that I've learned about you is that you do your own things in everything that you do, and I respect that. Good luck next year as you take on life after the Zoo.

Marzelli- When I first came to the Collegian I was sure you were a senior, I never really questioned it. When I found out you're only a junior I was shocked because of your ability to handle any situation that came your way. Since we both got the assistant job as freshmen, I can only hope I get as far as you have. Good luck at your internship this summer.

OUR APPOLOGIES:

Due to the fact that Bob, Mike and Jeff wrote a combined 10,000 or so words, not everyone could get their memos in this week. They will, however, be on www.dailycollegian.com in their complete form.

Log on and read the misty-eyed memories from Dan Duggan (Danny O'Grady — Travis Ford — "The Sixth Man"), Todd Foster (Coach Jimmy Dugan, "A League of Their Own"), Jon Pelland (Peter Colt, "Wimbledon"), Brendan Hall (Al Bundy — "Al Bad"), Rob Greenfield (Phil Brickma, pitching coach, "Rookie of the Year") and Ian Kilpatrick (Jimmy Chitwood, "Hoosiers")

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I reached the baseline, flipped the Camel Hassen couch and went ballistic on the Mullins Center court in a way I never knew I could act. From there I returned to press row, hair disheveled, shirt untucked and sweating profusely. It was there that Bob and I forgot all notions of objectivity and hugged the hell out of each other, because we deserved it and it was our moment. Massachusetts 61 Connecticut 59

—Hoops – MOOOOOOOOOVE!! like anything I've ever covered before…tins of apple for pregame, halftime and postgame, in the cold, the rain and the snow, before wins losses and ugly losses and before triple overtime thrillers on the radio…Gibbs Mart before every trip for empty water bottles, sports blankets and hookers wearing makeup they put on 30 years ago…Ghetto Boys, Pearl Jam, Bob Seger, Nofx, Dire Straits, Tom Jones and The Edge ripping guitar riffs in Stand By Me…Red Bull and Beef Sticks…No Doubt!…Uhhhh, we just need to, uhhhhh, keep our, uhh, exposure and uhhh, just battle diversity (slides microphone into eye socket)… sitting in the Crack Shack before Concordia saying "ok they should just go blow this team out," mmmmmm…no…Barea from the edge of the mascot…X…Miami on no sleep, riding the crest of a glorious night…two unnecessary hours on a bus…Coral Gables sports talk…soaps, imitation Coral Gables sports talk from sailors in Key West…$5 media food…huge margaritas at Friday's…Halo 2…catching poisonous fish while little kids are pissing everywhere…bars with huge fish tanks…red bull and vodka…South Beach… crazy ass chicks with huge, obtrusive tattoos…Shaq drops 40…finding the right way home…All saves the BU game…another disappointing Commonwealth Classic…Sean Marshall still sucks…blowing huge leads to Temple…Chaney: "we need to get some of these big guys some little dogs, little chihuahuas so when we go play Duke, they be like 'damn, look at they dogs!'"…on the radio with Bobby, in a blizzard, for three overtimes with Bobby…Deli drops 20…Strates gets me and Marc lost in Philly and makes us late (not really, but what sports season would be complete without that?)…Pat Carroll learned a lot from you this year, but I think that in the end, if I had to choose the best lesson I've learned from you, it's to do everything balls out, to the fullest and leave nothing on the table, but in the end be content with yourself, what you've done, what you're about to do and be able to look back and say "hell yea, that was some shit right there."

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—I went to Games Five (with Derek! & Seven (with Jeff Howe and Derek and Kevin) of the 2004 American League Championship Series, and the Sox won the World Series…'nuff said.

Bobby – This is the end of the line, man, you're swan song and farewell tour…I can't begin to tell you what a pleasure it's been to work with and share the section with you over the course of the last year. I can't help but think we've learned so much more than we were supposed to, and I know I owe a lot of that to you. You've become an infinitely better writer, reporter and editor over the course of the year, and that's all attributed to your own hard work and dedication. I know that you are going to find some job, somewhere that is going to not only showcase the tremendous skills and mind that you have, but also make you very, very happy. I've learned a lot from you this year, but I think that in the end, if I had to choose the best lesson I've learned from you, it's to do everything balls out, to the fullest and leave nothing on the table, but in the end be content with yourself, what you've done, what you're about to do and be able to look back and say "hell yea, that was some shit right there."

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Athas – Well freshman, you made it. It takes a special breed to become an editor as a rookie, if I do say so myself, but all kidding aside you impressed the hell out of me this year…You took shitty beats and made the most of them, while learning how to become an effective writer in the process. You have the right head for this job and an even better outlook on your future, and that will carry you to success down here without question.

Foster – Hahahaha you have a staff! Little Foster minions, all holding tape recorders in Stoney's face – beautiful…I'm glad you're back Todd, contrary to popular belief, we missed you when you weren't here…I hope you stick with this through next year, because I think you have what it takes in you somewhere, it's just a question of your dumb ass finding it. Nice job stepping up with baseball, and you know we'll be hanging out come fall.

Duggan – I think you're going to be better at this job than even you realize, if you truly want it. Jeff needs you and the Collegian needs you next year, and I think you're going to start realizing that you need the Collegian too. One of these days, Bob, Jeff and I will shut up and you'll really done, but until then just keep doin what you do and you'll be alright, Yankees Suck.

Hall – Just pull your head out of your ass and concentrate on doing what you know how to do: write. You are your own worst enemy, and when you figure that out, then you'll succeed like I know you can.

The rest of you dipshits – Take it easy on Jeff next year, he's a very fragile person with very expensive and delicate clothes. But in all seriousness, you guys stepped it up big time to help lill out the sports section. You know who you are: Ian, Ian and Rob…keep at it and make us all proud of the Collegian when we leave.

So that's it. The year is done, the sports are over and summer is on the horizon. It's been an incredibly run this year, the likes of which I'll never forget. So until next year keep the sports talk rollin', gas in the tank, a battery in the laptop, pens behind the ear and a keen sense for everything maroon and white.

Because Damn! It feels good to be a gangsta…

JEFF HOWE, ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR, FOOTBALL, HOCKEY, MEN'S LACROSSE
CARL SPACKLER, "CADDYSHACK"

Once again, another year down, another year to go, and this really is supposed to be the last go-around. I feel like I've heard this before.

Oh, that's right. Roger Clemens said it.

It's almost like the years pass, and the jokes don't change.

Just don't tell that to Peyton Manning.

Okay, I need some new material.

So, Jeff Van Gundy got a real phone call from a real official who made a real true statement about NBA referees looking to ruin Yao Ming's playoff performance by calling cheap fouls?

Does that even need a punch line?

I'm sorry — not too sorry — but if Yao was the key to the Rockets winning the championship this year, you might as well hire Isiah Thomas to play point guard for you.

You know what, just give him the keys to the organization, too.

So I was taking steroids the other day, and…hold a second.

Well, that was Congress. They just summoned the entire Massachusetts Daily Collegian staff to a hearing next Friday. Suddenly, I've forgotten how to speak English.

How 'bout them Yankees, everybody?

First, they're the greatest team ever because they bought Randy Johnson's throwback jerseys, then they're doomed because they lost a few games in April. It turned out okay, though, because Steinbrenner called them out in the papers, and they lit up Rob Bell and the Tampa Bay pitching staff.

Solid effort that night, too. In all honesty, though, I think UMass' wiffle ball team could knock Rob Bell and the Devil Rays around.

Hey, at least Alex Rodriguez became a true Yankee in the process. He hits three home runs and drives in 10, and his pinstripes are now official

One question, though.

What did that make him last year, an overpaid, whining, slap-happy, error prone, letter-toting, everyday Yankee punk?

He's a hero now, though. Anyone remember when he was in Boston last month and saved the little boy from crossing Newbury Street?

He said that truck was going to hit him while traveling at a speed upwards of 50 miles per hour. Wow, that poor kid.

One more question.

How in the world could a truck be driving that fast on a street chockfull of red lights and traffic jams, especially at 3:30 on a Tuesday afternoon when everyone was getting out of work?

I hope I was able to make you laugh. After all, I did steal half my act from NH funny man Freddie Mitchell...

This year started with a bang for me, coming straight from Hilton Head Island, where I bartended the annual Celebrity Golf Tournament down there and immediately thrusted myself back to Amherst, not even 24 hours after getting off the plane at Logan.

I learned a lot, a whole lot. Now, whether you're ready or not, come along and ride on my fantastic voyage.

First, this is the end of an era. It was the era of the sports meeting, an era that involved three editors who may have had the closest bond the Collegian sports department had ever seen. As I stay on board and Mike and Bob go off to do different things, I just wanted to take an inch of space to remember this trio. It won't ever get better than it was this last year. Let's take the sports world by storm, boys.

My first UMass, oops, where's the AP style? My first Massachusetts football team experience was easily the most exciting, Bringing in Colgate, who knocked off the Maroon and White in a ridiculously fair snow game last year in the first round of the playoffs, Marzelli shouts his mouth off and calls a win. Well, he was right. UMass cracked out the toothbrushes

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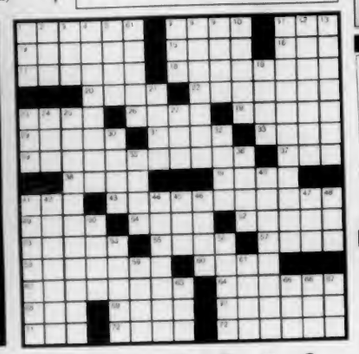
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Make sure you don't drown in your margherita this weekend.

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You might as well enjoy as much free food as you can.

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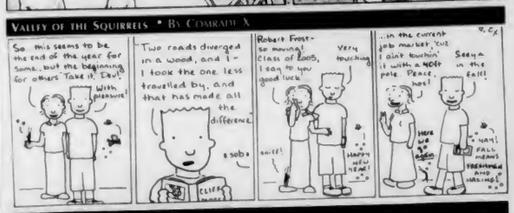
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There is at the back of every artist's mind something like a pattern or a type of architecture. It is a thing like the landscape of his dreams; the sort of world he would wish to make or in which he would wish to wander; the strange flora and fauna of his own secret planet."

—G.K. Chesterton

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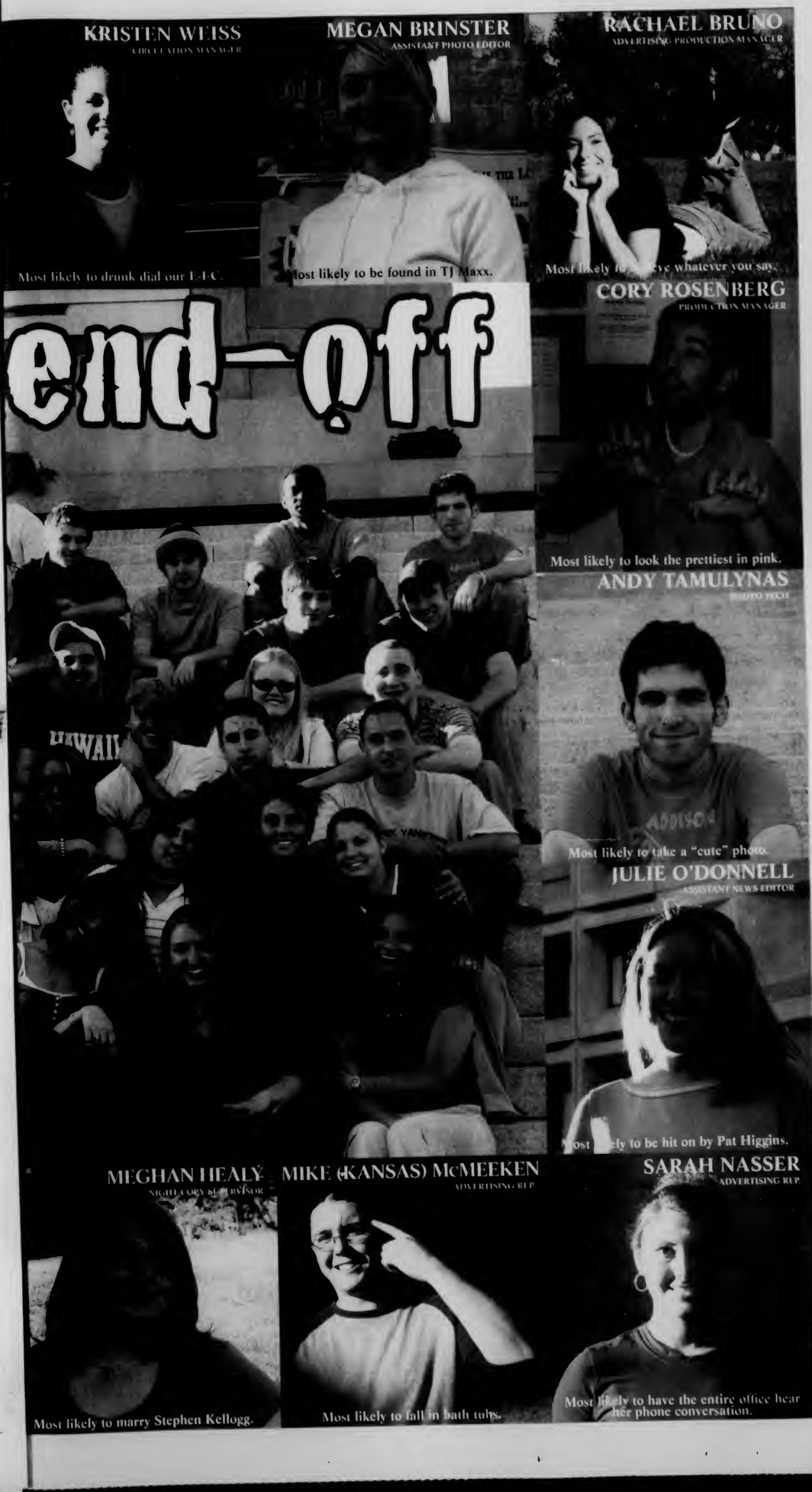
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SPORTS THURSDAY

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Misty-eyed memories from the 2005 sports crew

"Experience is not what happens to a man; it is what a man does with what happens to him"
—Aldous Huxley

Every year I learn something new, some facet of life that up until that moment, I never knew existed. This year was more of the same for me as I embarked on my last year at this fine university. As I learned, so did my staff of sometimes diligent writers, who are all pressing the same dreaded, to be writers, more precisely, sports writers.

We have had our ups and downs, but with the help of my assistant and the work of my staff, everything came together in the end. I guess that's one of the learning experiences of college: working with others through adversity, all aiming at a common goal.

So without further adieu, here is the 2005 edition of sports section's Misty Eyes. Each writer has been dubbed with a name from a sports movie that suits them, in one way or another. Most of them don't know who we've chosen, but then again, that makes it that much more fun for us sarcastic editors as we snicker to ourselves one last time in the Campus Center basement.

—Bob McGovern, Sports Editor

BOB MCGOVERN, SPORTS EDITOR, MEN'S SOCCER, MEN'S BASKETBALL, MEN'S LACROSSE
BILLY HOYLE, "WHITE MEN CAN'T JUMP"

Four years ago I was driving with my parents up Rt. 9, with a rental car full of my odds and ends. All around I saw, well, nothing ... and to be honest I was scared out of my mind.

I thought to myself, "Oh McGovern, what did you get yourself into now?" as we drove past bison farms and that sign has the guy made out of vegetables painted on it. I figured I would transfer right away, there was no possible way I could stay up in this liberal, boonie town for four years and enjoy any minute of it.

Boy was I wrong.

As I mentioned in my column yesterday, I love this school and the people who have made it worth the ride. Through it all, I figured out bits and pieces of myself, learned that I have a passion and discovered just how enjoyable it is to be a little bit different than anyone else.

While traveling on this crazy road known as UMass, I discovered that I want to be a journalist and that I actually enjoy the art of journalism. I never could have gotten to this point had I never came down to the Collegian when I was a sophomore, not that I ever showed up that year. Gotta love e-mail.

Three years later I somehow became the sports editor and not only did I show up, but I lived down here. I sat in my little corner, surrounded by papers and wrote, edited, and learned far more than I did in any blistering hot classroom in Bartlett about sportswriting.

I could go on forever about what I feel about this place, but this is neither the time nor the place. If you really want to know, just ask me. Believe me, I have plenty of stories.

So without further adieu, here is the big friggin' list of people I want to say goodbye to. If you don't make the list, talk to me. Believe me, I have plenty of excuses.

First off, the Collegian:

Mike Marzelli - I have no idea where to start with this one man, too many memories, too many miles. You are one of the only people I know that shares a passion for athletics that mirrors my own, the only difference is, you know waaaay too much man. I knew going into this that you were going to be my chaser for the Collegian when things got too crazy and that if I ever had a question, or needed to work on an idea you would be simply a sports meeting away.

This basketball season could take up the entire section by itself man, I couldn't have asked for a better partner UCONN!?!?! then scrambling to your house before going to Miami, figuring out every bus route in Miami-Dade County, watching UMass get destroyed, "get on the bus Anthony!" sitting in front of the Convention Center and throwing rocks, meeting that crazy assed girl who was friends with Josh, staying extra long just for the sake of being there, and turning in the story a bit too late... sorry Jeff. Driving to New York to watch UMass play some school, the Fordham library, Philadelphia (Chickies and Pete's), taking Alamar and Michelle as our photographers, wins, losses, Lappas talks, Olean 12oi damnit), and of course Fear and Loathing in Dayton and the exit I fell asleep on, literally.

It's been real man, real fun. Outside the Collegian you have been a good friend and always a great conversation. There will always be a shadow in the corner of the Crack Shack, that spot where you and Jeff camped out at every party. Good luck with everything. I WILL see you in Cali this summer. You are a rare talent, make sure you use it well ... NO DOUBT!

Jeff Howe - Lowell sucks, I have nothing else to say to you. No, but in all seriousness, I am extremely happy I am giving this section to you, after working with you this semester I know you are more than prepared. No matter what people think or say, you were the unsung hero of the Collegian this year as you helped keep together a section that was going through crazy transition. Every writer we have is lucky to have you as the skipper next year.

Lacrosse was unreal: Hobart (the most beautiful school in the world) Harvard, Cannella interviews (have to prepare the same way every day), and dominating this beat. We were the only RI that's coverage of this team and for that we deserved this season, even if we don't get seats in the press box. Oh, yea, and I almost forgot... SYRACUSE!!! Unreal man, unreal. I can't wait until Sunday when I come back to Garber as a fan. It's about damn time. We killed this beat man, no two ways about it and because of that I will never forget this season.

You have stepped it up big time man, big time. I know you will succeed, because you have that personality and vintage Massachusetts annoyingness that will open doors for you. One more thing though, sign off of facebook dude, I hear Posada wants to be your buddy. Take care of this baby man, it's going to be one helluva ride.

Todd - There are few people on this campus that laugh like you do, I can hear that thing from a mile away. Yet, in some weird way, I think I'm going to miss it next year. The trip to Fordham, starting at the same time and talking about life. You are a true journalist my man, that's why I gave you a second chance ... that and I wanted to see you deal with Stonicy. You impress me because I see a different side of you than most, because you have given me the privilege of seeing it. I very writer goes through ups and downs, yet you laugh through it all and for that I will always respect you. Thanks for being a good friend these past few years and being the one of the few frat kids on this campus that I can actually deal with. Take care my man and never, ever give up on this. You know you're better than that.

Eric Athas - I expect you to have this paper by be ball- when you are a senior. You are a true talent, just don't let flattery get to your head. Your steady demeanor and strong will is going to carry you far man just don't listen to ONE thing Jeff says ... kidding. You bring an interesting sense of humor to the Collegian, yet I have never seen you at the Crack Shack, ass. This is going to be a long journey man, but you obviously have what it takes, now go out there and make Jeff and I look smart for hiring you.

Dan Duggan - You really turned it around man and in some weird way you remind me of myself. You have one more year down here, one more year to prove yourself before you go out into the real world. It goes really fast man, believe me. You are levelheaded and know more people on this campus than anyone I've ever met in my life .good luck with everything, I still look forward to having you over for a beer, or two, or... well you get the idea.

Hall - The biggest pain in my ass this year. I can't believe you made me yell, I never yell, so in some way consider yourself special. You have so much talent, yet I'm not sure if you know how to use it yet. In all seriousness I gave you another chance because of your undying passion for this and passion is something I can never cast aside. I will miss you because you are a quandary and I'm waiting for the day when you figure yourself out and turn into the spectacular reporter that is waiting to come out. One more strike man, I advise you to take a step back this summer and figure out what Brendan is coming back next year. Take care and good luck.

Rob G. - I see only good things coming from you over the next few years. Your turn around is one of the most drastic, I've seen down here since, well, me I guess. It appears you have made your decision to be a journalist and to be honest we are damn glad to have you. It's going to be a fun year for you, go out, make a name for yourself, and set yourself up for the next one.

Ian - If you make the basketball team I will buy season tickets and ride my pet elephant to every game. I'm only kidding, but if you think you have a shot go for it. I look forward to seeing your mug on the UMass Athletics site. You have potential man, you just have to decide where you want to put it. Thanks for the drunk dial by the way, I'm glad your lowly editor from the Collegian was on your mind while you were wallowing in drunken darkness.

Jon - The fan favorite. I see big things from you down here, you just need to get those damn bleach stains out of your blue shirt (separate the whites and colors man). It all seriousness you have been a breath of fresh air since you came here and I'm sure the women's tennis team loved having you. Keep working hard and things will work out for you, just don't get in fights with your friends in front of my house anymore.

Merritt - We left on pretty interesting terms Mr. Merritt, but that does not change the fact that I respect the hell out of you. You were a driving force behind this paper and the reason I am sitting here as editor of this section today. Although our mentalities differ in the ways of journalism, you are truly a good person and I will not forget the influence you have had on me and this section as a whole. A pain in my ass till the very end man, I said it in the first Misty Eyes section I wrote for and I'll say it again. Good luck with everything and leave those girls at McMurphy's alone will ya.

Alex (the weakass photo editor): I will beat your ass in jousting. I was tired last time. We need to chill before you take off and, well you know what we have to do. Be good to the ladies and stop trying to get me to "Holla!" I'm an Irish kid from Florida... I don't need to, they come to me.

Oh honestly, I have a limited word count so I can't say goodbye to everyone individually. But to the rest of you that have dwelled in the basement of the Campus Center with me the last few years, that you for everything. So many times people forget that we are a student-run paper and come down on us for the decisions we make. To those people I say thank you. Every time you bitch or complain, we learn something, something like sarcasm. Yea, I definitely got that down.

To my friends from above ground:

Jordan (Geico, Sweet 1, etc.) - I can't think of a good way to say goodbye to my best friend so I'll just try and list a few things that come to mind: the Sylvan parking lot, "Puli I need your garbage can," the SoCo night, Babs' Goat, 1011, 314, 1039 (Crack Shack), Tiffany, late night McGuirk walk, the matchbook, Merissa and her SoCo, "I think all the geese went home," Steve Gill, Midnight Madness, frats (almost joining Sammy), Homer frat, hating frats, rugby parties in our back yard, Orbiting Riley, "those Collegian kids think I'm actually gonna go down there?" C.O. Astro, football games freshman year, Steve Slapass, spring concerts, Sex Bomb, Bobalicious, drawing on Ray's door, cake on the RAs door, the broken sink, fireworks, calling the good doctor, Thondup, getting all of our writeups erased because we can't bullshit, Playstation and all the seasons we never finished, wasting away in different ways and I am happy I had the chance to meet you. Don't yell at me that I put you in the same list, I really just love you all the same.

To my rugby team - We are the boys of UMass...

Paige, Crazy Chris, Jaclyn, Romance, Alie, B, Johnny, Rach, Spills, Terri, Ken, Kenny, Allizar, Kirsten, Marjorie C., O'Malley and O'Malley, Peredhia, Hershey, Soji, Larkin, Barish, Lappas, Allison, Meyers, South African, Girls at 69, all my other rugby friends, Asian Brian, Alex Bianco, Shumway-girls, all my other Puffton friends, and every one else that I forgot to mention at 9:30 on a random May evening - You were my college experience and I hope I was a positive part of yours. Thanks again, this has truly been the time of my life.

MIKE MARZELLI, MANAGING EDITOR, SPORTS EDITOR FALL SEMESTER, FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL
#00 WILLIE "PLAYS LIKE MAYS, RUNS LIKE..." HAYES, "MAJOR LEAGUE"

"Those who make beasts of themselves, get rid of the pain of being an editor." – Dr. Johnson

We were somewhere around Kellogg Avenue, on the edge of uptown, when sports began to take hold...

Not just any ol' sports, mind you, but sports second to none in the Pioneer Valley - the type of sports that isn't found in Northampton or Springfield, but rather emanates from the basement of the UMass Campus Center at all hours of the night. Sports not for the faint of heart, the short of breath or those who get sleepy at the wheel, but for the few seasoned, veteran souls who thrive on playing for quarters, games, seasons eventually careers without ever feeling inclined to expire.

It was about a year ago at this time, on a May evening eerily similar to last night, that sports stormed to forefront of my college life, cracked me in the jaw and reminded me that if I indeed wanted to make something of this next year, I would have to breathe sports in every day the sun rose, and never exhale.

Bob and I were just beginning to become friends and Jeff was the new kid on the block who dressed real pretty, but we weren't quite sure about. He didn't really know us, we didn't really know him and there was some apprehension on my part about just how well he could handle sports the way Bob and I had planned on handling it for the upcoming year. We had nothing to gauge Jeff's sports prowess on other than what we'd assumed after observing him work; we knew he had potential, but the pooka necklace threw everything off. As the three of us sauntered lazily through the but cave that May night, Jeff turned to Bob and I and single-handedly altered the course of the next calendar year in each of our three unique, twisted and ultimately parallel lives.

"Do you guys want to swing by my apartment and just talk some sports for awhile or something?" he asked, taking a shot in the dark that maybe it was as good an opportunity as any for the three of us to begin to come together as one, and to find a common ground where each of our unique and twisted sports could harmoniously intertwine. Never were the three of us strangers again.

It was Jeff, Bob, scarface, the loveable old James and me. Wait, old James wasn't there. I don't even know nobody named old James. Anyways, there we were in Jeff's apartment, the future of sports still just a twinkle in our eyes. There were no worries to be passed around that night, just sports talk.

We bantered for an hour or so and quickly realized that we were no longer strangers. A bitter Knicks junkie, a fake North Carolina supporter and the world's biggest Red Sox rooter brought together through sports, realizing that we were all fully equipped to take on sports for a year where it would be all our own, serving as the collective fuel for three aspiring journalists who, together, needed nothing more than guidance through the depths and perils of journalism.

Sports – Collegian Sports – has never truly been the same since, and for that I am grateful. Jeff Howe, Bobby and I have never looked back from that night, and I doubt we ever will. We've dedicated ourselves to sports night in and night out, day-by-day, through places near and far and without fail in a tireless fashion to do for sports what it has done for us, and that is keep us rolling.

As Bobby now moves on and I drift away, sports will continue to burn strong as a legacy we are proud to have started and left behind, but sports will never burn as bright as it did in 2004-05. The three of us will relish this past year and the profound impact it had on us for years to come. Sports has made us smarter, stronger, slicker and more dedicated than we ever thought possible, and in return we have given every ounce of all we have. We will all resurface in other endeavors, but we will always take sports with us, knowing now what it means to all that we do.

Never will we forget where we first were learned sports in its purest, truest and most brutal form; sports that only those journalists with true grit can love and comprehend. And never will we forget whom we learned from and shared such sports with: the only two poor, misguided souls who would ever, in the end, understand what the hell is going on.

—Football – So it's like 105 degrees out, and we're in Dover, Delaware for UMass and Delaware State. Derek's walking back from the car with huge armfuls of radio equipment, sweating bullets and just extremely uncomfortable overall. So he catches his shoe on the edge of the track, goes flailing ass over teakettle and the shit goes everywhere as the only kid around, a local punk, can't stop laughing at him. I wasn't actually there to witness this; I didn't see a single bit of it to be exact, but I feel qualified to tell it a story now. Atta boy DY…so I wrote for the Boston Herald, cool…Colgate, a guaranteed win and an unbelievable night of revenge…Richmond in the rain, boy did that suck… Fightin' Blue Hens suck, wait till next year…HUNG OVER driving to BC w/dv and howe…can I please have an egg and cheese on a cinnamon raisin bagel?…the Weakly Heights has expanded to twice a week now…but those yellow tshirts are so COOL and STRAIGHT! …"coach Brown, I know this is the dumbest question I'll probably ever ask in my entire career, but can you compare Peterson to Doug Flutie?"…and Jeff, can you please rip ass for the complete and entire drive back to Amherst? Thanks… Harrisonburg/Charlottesville…big screen at Damon's…Big Papi's blast in the hotel room…I have an idea, lets run the option!…kickin UNH's ass…my first time on WRNX…sports talk in Durham with Jeff's boys…losing 19-8 to the Yankees last night and having it not matter because THE RED SOX WON THE WORLD SERIES!…WRIU in the Meade Stadium press box on World Series Day…makin' it back to McGuirk in time for Maine on homecoming in the rain…nobody named Marcus Williams will ever beat UMass…BLOCKED!…and Derek missed it…Brown Bowl I at Northeastern…meeting Steve Buckley – "and the Herald readers have been better off ever since!"…closing out a 500 season at home…RJ for Punter and Minutemen for 05 NCAA Division I-AA National GodDamn Champions…hellyeah

—December 9, 2004 William D. Mullins Center, Amherst, Massachusetts sometime after 11:00 p.m. – I didn't eat any popcorn or drink anything, I didn't even leave my seat at halftime.I watched intently, not speaking with Bobby for the duration of the second half, I clutched the table at tense moments, pounded my fists in jubilation and had a harder time breathing than the old guy next to me with the oxygen tank. As the game wound down and things were looking up, Bobby and I nodded at each other in complete agreement – we had discussed this before. When I heard Jack O' Neil bellow "JEFF VIGGIANOOOOO FORRRR THREE-EE!!" I knew that it was on… With under a minute to go I gave my laptop to my father in the stands and put my valuables in my pockets. I ignored a text message from Boothy asking me if I was "going over the table" and sat there intently as I felt it all slipping away. Then it went Maxwell to Bowers. Bowers to Vigg. Vigg to Freeman for two, and I was on my feet, moving towards the baseline. Ray went dashing off the court and I didn't even notice. I watched the action fly down the other end of the court, first a pump fake than a three and it was…NO GOOD and all hell broke loose.

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Students speak out against RIAA

By Matt Elder
Collegian Staff

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Students across the University of Massachusetts reacted to the lawsuits that the Recording Industry Association of America and the Motion Picture Association of America are filing against university students.

UMass Legal Services says that some of the students have already sought advice.

"The recording industry is very meticulous at what they do," said Steve Mammarella, a Legal Assistant at Legal Services.

In April both the RIAA and the MPAA filed lawsuits against college students who illegally download music and movies on the "Internet 2 hub" (i2hub) network. The RIAA disclosed that UMass had 25 students who were being sued, while the MPAA would not release that information.

Even though college students were the targets of this round of lawsuits, RIAA CEO Cary Sherman said in an online chat that his company is not specifically after students.

"College students are not the primary target of the lawsuits brought to date. We've sued a relatively small percentage of students as compared to the general public," he said.

Sherman also said that his company sent out letters to 140 universities informing their presidents about the downloading problems on their campus.

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Tasers spark heated UMass debate

By Dan O'Brien
Collegian Staff

March 21, 2005

The use of Taser weapons by police departments has sparked heated debate nationwide over whether the weapons are humane or even necessary.

Here at the University of Massachusetts, the police department announced in September 2004 that it is looking into purchasing the weapons, which have been deemed "non-lethal" by officials in the past.

UMass is currently awaiting a review from the Executive Office of Public Safety before purchasing the Tasers. The EOPS review may take a few months to complete.

"UMass is not currently purchasing Tasers," said UMass Chancellor John Lumbardi. "The state is evaluating the safety of the devices and we await further information before considering these devices."

The University may not currently have plans to purchase Tasers, but UMass Police are definitely considering the weapons as an option. Four officers are in the process of being trained as Taser instructors, including Det. Lt. Robert Thrasher.

"The Tasers give us a tool to add to [our arsenal] that's much more humane," Thrasher said. "It's a very humane tool."

Currently, the four UMPD officers must receive an additional four hours of training to be qualified as training instructors by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In terms of a plan to implement the use of Tasers on campus, UMass Police Chief Barbara O'Connor explained, "We're not even there yet."

"We continue to do more research on [the Tasers]," she said.

Recently, members of the Student Government Association, most of whom have expressed strong disagreement with the Taser idea, spoke with O'Connor and other police officials on the Taser issue.

"We had a good exchange of ideas," O'Connor said. "I think the SGA is going to be working with police on this matter."

SGA President Eduardo Bustamante said he was pleased with the meeting.

"It's an example of the administration listening to students," Bustamante said.

Taser International, a manufacturer of the weapon, says Tasers can fire at a target between 16 and 21 feet away. The weapon fires two needles, which penetrate the skin and deliver an electric shock for about five seconds. The wires deliver a 50,000-volt charge at 1.36 joules of electricity. By comparison, a heart defibrillator has 300 joules.

Thrasher experienced the effects of the Taser firsthand while participating in Taser instructor training. He described the pain as being immediate, but intense.

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GEO, UMass reach contract agreement

May 12, 2005

Negotiators reached a tentative contract agreement May 10 between the Graduate Employee Organization and the University of Massachusetts Amherst. The deal was reached in time to stop a picket of the inauguration of UMass President Jack Wilson, which featured U.S. Sen. Ted Kennedy as the guest of honor.

The contract agreement was announced May 11 in joint statement issued by both the GEO and the University. The two sides have been at odds for more than a year in dispute over graduate student pay, health benefits, childcare and workload.

The agreement follows a March 21 advisory from Wilson's assistant Robert Goodhue to University officials urging them to save the event to celebrate the inauguration of President Wilson and honoring Senator Edward M. Kennedy.

GEO officials on April 22 co-sponsored a shut-down of UMass campus classes, and threatened to picket Wilson's inauguration, apparently anticipating that Kennedy would not cross a union picket line.

Officials at Kennedy's office confirmed that if the picket were to occur, the senior U.S. Senator from Massachusetts would not cross the picket line.

Kennedy did attend the event.

GEO, which is affiliated with the United Auto Workers, canceled its picket for Wilson's event. However, the student activist group Take Back UMass still planned to picketed due to concerns regarding diversity issues on campus.

The tentative agreement includes stipend increases of two percent for each year of the agreement, plus a one percent pool of money each year to raise the lowest minimum stipends in the university's schools and colleges, said University spokesperson Ed Blaguszewski in a statement. An agreement was also reached on health fees, childcare fees, and same-sex domestic partner benefits, he said.

GEO's president refused to discuss the matter until GEO and the University issue their statement, However, the word of the agreement has been posted on the GEO Web site (http://people.umass.edu/geo/).

—Jamie Mason

Students celebrate Red Sox victory

By Erika Lovley
Collegian Staff

October 29, 2004

A deafening roar of cheers and a colorful display of fireworks marked the beginning of a largely peaceful celebration in Southwest Residential Area late at night on October 27, as approximately 3,000 students flocked from their dorms to celebrate the Boston Red Sox victory in the World Series.

"It's crazy, I can't believe the madness," said Derek Popek, a UMass student.

According to UMass officials, police arrested 22 people for charges of disorderly conduct and failure to disperse, and one person was put into protective custody. No injuries or significant property damage was reported.

Over 100 officers were on the scene, including UMass police, Massachusetts State Police, and Amherst police. A helicopter was used to monitor the crowd.

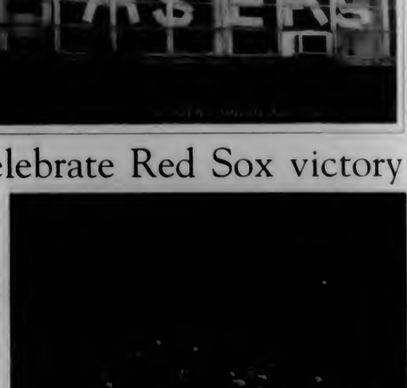
"I believe the word has gotten out that we are serious about maintaining order and arresting people when necessary," UMass Police Chief Barbara O'Connor said.

In John Quincy Adams Tower, students pressed against their windows, which were decorated with Red Sox symbols and signs, waving to the revelers below. The crowd threw toilet paper and shoes, waved Red Sox flags and crowd surfed. Several sets of fireworks were set off, and one man climbed a tree in the Southwest quad, impersonating a monkey.

"There's nothing like it. These are stories to pass on," said Jonathan Gravallese, a student.

The celebration was the first disturbance UMass experienced since the Red Sox entered the World Series last Saturday.

"It's amazing," said Kassia Mercier, who stood under Berkshire Dining Commons watching the celebration. Mercier said she was overjoyed to be at UMass for the historical night. "You get to experience everything ... it's great to be here."



Red Sox World Series' victory leads to rioting in Southwest that was later moved to the campus pond. 3,000 students left their dorms to celebrate the win.

UMass law school plan rejected

By Dan O'Brien
Collegian Staff

April 1, 2005

The University of Massachusetts lost its bid to for the state's first public laws school on March 31, after the Board of Higher Education voted against the proposal.

This was the University's second attempt at making a publicly funded law school in four years. The board's 8-3 vote was viewed as a huge defeat by University administrators, including UMass President Jack Wilson.

Wilson told the Associated Press he believed the board had strong support for the law school concept and hopes the plan could one day be resurrected.

"What I heard today was strong support for the concept," he said to the AP. "We have to come away, analyze this and decide where we go from here."

President of the Southern New England School of Law's Student Bar Association, Ryan Benharris, says he's extremely displeased with the board's decision.

"Chairman [Steven] Tocco should be ashamed of himself," he said.

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Relay raises $70K for cancer fund

By Julie O'Donnell
Collegian Staff

April 19, 2005

After nine months of preparations, fund raising and recruiting, this spring's Relay for Life volunteers raked in nearly $70,000 for the American Cancer Society, nearly doubling last year's totals.

Students from the Five-College area volunteered their efforts, hard work and determination on the weekend of April 16 to raise money for cancer research, education, awareness and advocacy. Teams were then created and Friday night, students kicked off the third annual relay — walking around the track at Amherst College for 18 straight hours. The teams collabo-

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A Male Alternative

Male birth control pill offers new options

By Matt Belliveau
Collegian Staff

February 10, 2005

"Don't worry, I'm on the pill."

One day, that could be a man speaking.

And with the new agreement between the Norwegian-based company Spermatech AS, and the University of Massachusetts Medical School, that day may come sooner than you think.

Spermatech researchers are in the planning stages of creating a drug that could possibly block sperm's ability to swim as well as its ability to fertilize an egg.

This would not be the first attempt in creating birth control for men, but it would be the first to avoid tinkering with male hormones.

Previously, researchers have found that it is extremely difficult to suppress sperm production while maintaining normal male hormone levels. A drop in a man's hormone levels would likely cause a lowered muscle mass, a loss of sexual drive, and other testosterone-related effects.

This new drug would instead affect a specific protein in the production of sperm that would inhibit their movement while forgoing the hormonal side effects that women currently experience in taking the pill.



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Arlene Avakian questions if men can be trusted to take a birth control pill.

Male students at UMass seemed to be split in their first reactions to the idea of a male birth control pill.

"I think it's great that we'll be given a chance to contribute in the act of birth control," said Dirk Barron, a junior at UMass. "A birth control pill could act as a back-up to condoms, which might break during sex."

However, Barron admitted he thinks the new pill might not be 100 percent safe.

"I love the idea of having another option, but I just have a hard time believing that there won't be any harmful side effects, physically as well as sexually," said Barron.

Today, American men are left with only two realistic methods of birth control: condoms and vasectomies. Both however, have drawbacks.

"For one thing, condoms aren't cheap, and a lot of guys dislike them because they decrease sensation and can spoil the mood," said Barron. "Vasectomies, on the other hand, would guarantee infertility, but I'm way to young for a vasectomy."

While the majority of the public may see this future development as a gift to American men, the creation of a male birth control pill may act as an even larger reward to women and the women's move-

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Lombardi releases new Diversity Plan

May 3, 2005

University of Massachusetts Chancellor John V. Lombardi posted the final draft of his response to the Commission for Campus Diversity Friday.

In the plan, "On Improving Campus Diversity," he named Associate Chancellor Esther M. Terry to oversee diversity related issues on campus. Terry was a member of the original 23-person commission.

"The final draft is not substantially different from the second draft primarily because most of the major changes in response to comments appeared in the second draft," Lombardi said in an e-mail to The Daily Collegian.

Lombardi added that this plan is a little more clear than the old plan that came out on April 11.

"[The final draft] assigns responsibility for the continuing monitoring of the various activities described in the document to Associate Chancellor Esther Terry," Lombardi said.

Terry's main job will be to oversee the progress of diversity related issues on the campus. The first performance review by the commission, which is now chaired by Terry, will take place on July 1, 2006.

The performance will review all the work that the commission did in the fiscal year.

"Our goal here is student success," Lombardi said to the Springfield Republican during an interview. "This is a blueprint that we will then try to execute. Some of it will take time."

Lombardi expressed similar thoughts in his e-mail.

"The point of the exercise is to make progress and improve our effectiveness in building a diverse and inclusive campus. There is much to be done to achieve this goal, and the only want to get there is to start," he said.

The new plan, and all old drafts of the plan, can be found on the commission's Web site at umass.edu/campusdiversity/.

—Matt Elder

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By Megan Brinster

What are your plans for the summer?



"Graduating and going to work at Breakers in Palm Beach."

senior
Hospitality and Tourism Mgmt
Tamir Dvorin



"Going home to Bellingham to work for the state at a home for the mentally handicapped."

junior
Communication
Joshua Baker



"Going back home to Puerto Rico."

junior
Continuing Education
Lizaira Hernandez



"Internship for Pratt and Whitney aircraft engines in Hartford, Conn."

junior
Indust. Engine and Op Research
Rob Graff



"Spending time on the beack back home in Puerto Rico."

sophomore
Undeclared
Noelia Bauza



"Working to the point of exhaustion."

freshman
Pre-medical studies
Bryan Martins

New male birth control pill sparks student debate

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ment.

"The women's movement is all about the freedom to choose, and I see the male birth control pill as one more option for everyone," said Breitta Jones, a UMass student.

For nearly 40 years, women who wanted to take birth control have been forced to deal with the side effects that come with taking the pill.

"Many people, men specifically, do not realize the medical risks and side effects that may occur in taking birth control. They are low in occurrence, but it is still a drug, and as such should be treated with the same respect," said Jones. "Women who take it are not just taking reproductive responsibility, they are also taking on all the medical risks associated with the drug such as nausea, blood clots, and high blood pressure."

There is also some concern of how a male birth control pill would be received in today's political climate. As of today, the Federal Drug Association has legislation pending that would give pharmacists the ability to refuse filling a woman birth control prescriptions if it violates his or her moral standards.

Amanda Collings, Community Health and Patient Educator in University Health Services at UMass, feels that a form of male birth control is long overdue.

"We can put a man on the moon, and yet we have such a limited amount of options when it comes to controlling our fertility. It's amazing to me that we don't have better methods of contraception available when you consider how much money is poured into the pharmaceutical industry."

Arlene Avakian, director of the Women's Studies program at UMass, is uncertain just how much success a male birth control pill will have in the American public and whether or not men can be trusted to take the pill habitually.

"I think it's terrific, that men would have to take responsibility for birth control. And also, taking some burden of the risk, because all of this is risky," said Avakian. "But on the other hand, I wonder whether women can trust that men will really take the pill. Men aren't the ones who will become pregnant. They are not the ones, necessarily, who will have to suffer the consequences, or the joys of pregnancy."

"Until you have more of a egalitarian relationship between women and men structurally, that will always be the question," said Avakian. "But I think in a long term relationship, where there was a lot of trust and egalitarianism you could trust this, but if it were me, I'm not sure that I would trust it."

Alicia Desjardians, a UMass student, agrees that while some men may forget to take the pill, it isn't going to effect her opinion on male birth control.

"If the guy is really serious about the pill, then he should take the responsibility to remember to take it," said Desjardians. "Even girls forget once in a while, and it is expected that guys will too, but I still support this."

In between the entire debate, Breitta Jones is still able to give her ultimate summary of what she feels is the reward of this new development, the reward of another choice.

"Birth control is all about choice, and the more choices the better. With the addition of a male counterpart to female birth control there will be a level playing field, and whether men or their partners choose to take advantage of it, at least they will have the option."

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Rezoning eliminates land for fraternities

By DAN KOFFMAN
COLLEGIAN STAFF

May 9, 2005

At the Amherst Town Meeting on May 2, the east end of Olympia Drive was rezoned leaving the University of Massachusetts with no future further undeveloped fraternity land in the town.

The rezoning, made possible by Article 18 of the planning board, changes the land from being designated as fraternity residence land to neighborhood residence land.

Amherst used eminent domain to take the 27.59-acre property from a private trust in May of 1987. The town cited acquiring permanent conservation land and creating affordable housing as the primary reasons.

The University and town have tried numerous times since the town acquired the land to put a plan in place for affordable housing that would be tailored towards UMass students, such as housing for married students. Nothing concrete ever came out of these talks, and so the town decided to move ahead on its own.

The rezoning does not mean that affordable housing will be built on the land anytime soon. No timetable has been put in place for such an occurrence and no one shown great interest in developing the land.

"There's always been talk about doing something [on Olympia Drive]. The town meeting has always supported the idea," said Paul Bobrowski, Planning Board chair. "But the town can't afford to do it. We have to find a partner or developer to come in and do something. There's a lot of ways to do it."

Some within the community are worried about the possibility of affordable housing and fraternity housing eventually being alongside one another.

"I support completely the establishment of affordable housing in Amherst," said Morris Singer, a UMass student who also represents Precinct 4 of Amherst at Town Meetings, "but now there seems to be little or no consideration on behalf of the planning board on what the edge would look like between the University land and the affordable housing cluster."

"It's not just about fraternity housing and how the fraternity members would feel living next to affordable housing, it's also in consideration for the future occupants of the affordable housing cluster," said Singer, whose precinct includes all of the Southwest Residential Area of UMass.

The University has talked about building a fraternity and sorority park on Olympia Drive adjacent to the rezoned land, but not much has been heard of this plan recently. Michael Gargano, the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Campus Life at UMass, has said in the past that the park would help to enliven the Greek presence across campus.

Fraternity housing can only be built on land already designated for fraternity use. Because of no undeveloped land being able to be used for fraternity housing and because a fraternity park is on the backburner for the foreseeable future, many fraternity members will be faced with having to live on campus.

On Wednesday, May 4, UMass trustees voted to pursue the purchase of five fraternity houses along North Pleasant Street. The five homes, which have been up for sale since January 2005, are spread over 1.82 acres and worth collectively $1.8 million, according to Amherst officials.

Alpha Tau Gamma owns the entire property on North Pleasant Street, but the fraternity moved to Sunset Avenue last year. Currently renting the houses are Alpha Epsilon Pi, Pi Delta Psi, Zeta Beta Tau, Lambda Phi Epsilon, and Sigma Psi Zeta, the lone sorority house of the group.

If UMass does buy the properties, which would presumably be turned into classrooms or offices, then these fraternities would be faced with having their members live on campus. Some fraternity functions would be able to still occur on campus, according to leading fraternity members, but parties would be impossible.

A public hearing was held on Article 18 on March 30. The standard public comment and discussion period followed and then the article was voted on by the Planning Board. The board voted unanimously to recommend that Town Meeting adopt Article 18.



Sig Ep fraternity is next to land that has recently been rezoned by Amherst Town Board for affordable housing.

Memorial benefit honors student

By KRISTIN SAUVE
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May 12, 2005

Five months after a tragic car accident that took the life of a University of Massachusetts graduate student and employee, The Crescent Dancers, a Middle Eastern dance troupe sponsored a memorial benefit to honor 25-year-old Jessica Hayes' memory this May. All of the proceeds from the benefit were given to help fund the scholarship that was created in Hayes' name.

Jessica Hayes died after being struck by a car in a pedestrian crosswalk on Route 116 in Sunderland near her home on December 21, 2004.

In honor of Hayes, Lila Gierasch, the head of the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology department, suggested to Hayes' mother Maureen Zak and stepfather Joseph Zak that they create a scholarship in her memory.

"I think we all felt this was something concrete we could do, at a time that was so difficult to fathom and to move onward from," said Gierasch.

Thus far, the scholarship fund has received over $10,000 of gifts, and according to Gierasch the gifts are still coming in.

Hayes received her undergraduate degree with honors from the Isenburg School of Management in 2001 with a minor in Economics. At the time of her death, she had been working for seven months as an undergraduate program assistant in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology while getting her graduate degree.

Hayes decided on studying biochemistry because as her stepfather said. "She believed that biology was a field that was going to save the world."

Hayes had always had a great love of learning. When picking classes she would always enroll in honors courses with the most strict criteria because "she always wanted to learn the most that she could," says Joseph Zak.

Hayes attended UMass as an undergraduate on a four-year scholarship she received from former UMass President William Bulger. Zak laughed as he remembered his daughter being the only recipient to give Bulger a hug when receiving the scholarship. Because of the impression Hayes made on Bulger, after the ceremony the three spent over an hour talking together. "That was the effect that she had on people," Zak said.

The Zaks remember their daughter, Jessica, as "always having a smile on her face." She was described as very caring person who loved doing things for other people without expecting anything in return.

When Hayes' mother suffered from a large brain tumor that almost took her life, Joe Zak said, "less never looked back. She always went out of her way to help out her mother."

This was the type of attitude that was typical of Hayes, and from the 1500 people who attended her funeral it was clear how many people's lives she had touched during her lifetime.

Zak remembers being approached by a grocery store worker shortly after his daughter's death that recognized him as Hayes' father. Zak said, "She told me how Jessica used to talk to her and sit with her on the bus when nobody else would. That's how Jess was, a very caring person."

The Zaks and Gierasch are still working on the criteria for the recipient of the Jessica Hayes Scholarship Fund, but the scholarship will be awarded to a female biochemistry major.

According to Gierasch, "[We] want someone who embodies the traits we all loved in Jessica. Someone who has the academic record... but also cares about helping people." They are also looking for someone who has many different interests and talents just as Hayes did. The scholarship will be given for the first time sometime within the next year.

One of the special traits that Hayes possessed, according to her father was that, "she kept a calmness about her even when chaotic things were happening, she could handle many things at once." She was also able to keep people amused in some way even in the most chaotic of times with her "cleverness and dry wit."

The Zak's remember the last words spoken by their beloved daughter when she left for campus hours before her tragic death. Those last words to her parents were, "love ya," something both of them will always remember.



UMass student Jessica Hayes was killed Dec. 21, 2004.

The Belly Dance, Drum Jam and Dance benefit, sponsored by The Crescent Dancers, was held May 19 at Greenfield Community College dance studio. Faith Kaufmann, a member of the group who was fond of Hayes, said, "It is our way of supporting our friend and fellow dancer Maureen." Maureen Zak was an active former member of the dance group and will also be at the benefit.

Those who wish to donate to the Jessica Hayes Scholarship Fund may contact the University of Massachusetts Amherst Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, located at 913 Lederle Graduate Research Center, Amherst, MA 01003.

UMass students walk in Relay for Life

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rated and competed with one another to raise money from local area sponsors, family and friends.

University of Massachusetts seniors and co-chairs of the event Melissa Ivanoski and Nicole Lohr were both anxious and excited to lead the event.

"It's a lot of hard work, but seeing results like these make is worth it," Lohr said.

Last year, the Relay raised $45,000, a goal that was well surpassed by students and sponsors. This year, both Lohr and Ivanoski set a lofty goal of raising $60,000.

Online Chair for the event, Dan Lee said that the majority of the fund raising came from online donations — a newer fund raising strategy that proved to be successful.

"We set up the Web site and we already raised $42,000, with more coming in," Lee said, "Last year we raised $15,000 online. It is the easiest way."

Dozens of teams participated in the Relay, all using different strategies to fund raise. Team "Drop it like a W" from UMass copied links from the Relay Web site into their instant messenger profiles.

Team Captain Christine Marchefer said that her team had also raised a large amount of money from family members and some of the team members, like senior Carolyn Markey of UMass got her inspiration from personal experience.

"I bought a purple scarf which is a Relay item and all the money goes to the American Cancer Society," Markey said, "we will be wearing it somehow on us all night."

UMass seniors Kelly Hess said that her reason for relaying is for the good cause of the event and it

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Survivor's walk at the Relay for Life, which was attended by UMass students at Amherst College, April 18. $70k was raised through the event for cancer research.

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Cancer survivors share experiences

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reminds her of her aunt who battled and beat breast cancer and for her grandmother — who lost her life to the disease just one year ago.

"It is hard, because anyone can become a victim of cancer," Markey said.

Before the event kicked off both Lohr and Ivanoski shared their personal reason for relaying that brought a notion severity and motivation to fight the disease. Ivanoski said that she relays for her mother Chrisitne Ivanoski who battled breast cancer and survived.

"[Her battle] was absolutely devastating, but that is why I am here today," Ivanoski said.

Lohr lost her father Thomas Lohr to cancer a few years ago and she emphasized the importance of the event, stating that it is the American Cancer Society's top fund raising event, last year alone raising over $200 million nationwide.

Perhaps the most inspirational part of the event was the lighting of the luminaria around the track. Hundreds of candle lit bags lined the track and bleachers either in honor of a cancer survivor or in memory of someone who lost his/her life to the disease. People had written personal stories and anecdotes on the bags that remained lit for the entire night. Additionally, bags were placed and lit on the bleachers spelling out "hope."

"Students especially really enjoyed that luminary lighting," Ivanoski said. "We had a table set up in the Campus Center and so many people wanted to help out."

After the personal introduction eager participants began the walk behind the UMass Honor Guard and cancer survivors, including Christing Ivanoski, a UMass professor and student.

Teams, however, did not have difficulty walking all night, as entertainment was provided throughout the night. Disc Jockeys from the UMass student radio station, WMUA-FM donated their equipment, providing upbeat music and Djing. Also, there was a comedian, gift certificate giveaways and local bands. Dozens of local area restaurants also donated food and beverage to the participants.

"It is such a great feeling knowing that the whole community gets involved," Lohr said, "and it is so awesome to know that everyone here is having such a great time."

Both Lohr and Ivanoski admitted that final totals would not be reached for a few weeks because more donations tend to trickle in after the event, however, they are both overwhelmed by the support of the community and five-college area.

"We are so proud of everyone who got involved," the co-chairs said. "People don't necessarily realize that cancer affects everyone at some level."

Zoomassbooks.com provides students alternative to textbook buy-backs

By Dan O'Brien and Kelly McGuire
Collegian Staff

May 6, 2005

When University of Massachusetts sophomore James Highsmith arrived on campus to begin his studies last year, he couldn't believe the price of textbooks.

"Textbooks are a huge expense," said Highsmith, a Cambridge resident who is now 21-years-old. After two semesters of "suffering" through what he claims are the high costs of textbooks, he came up with an idea.

Zoomassbooks.com was Highsmith's creation to combat the University's Textbook Annex's sales practices. He calls his Web site a "marketplace" where students can advertise used textbooks to be sold at prices that are much closer to the actual retail price of the book.

Currently, the Annex, as well as several other textbook retailers in Amherst, will buy back a student's used textbook at a price which is much less than what the student originally paid. One example of this occurred to a Daily Collegian staff writer, who originally purchased the textbook, "The Search for Life in the Universe," third edition by Donald Goldsmith and Tobias Owen. The book was originally purchased from Jeffrey Amherst Books at $54. The retailer offered to buy the book back for $7, despite the book's mint condition.

"It seems like there aren't any options," said Highsmith, referring to the textbook situation. "The school is not really watching out for its students, but is more concerned about its money."

He says his goal is simple.

"I just wanted a place to sell books at the price you bought them from," he said.

His idea has seemed to catch on. Zoomassbooks.com has a total 160,000 hits since November and currently has roughly 600 members reselling books.

University and Annex officials have yet to comment on the Web site, which was started six months ago.

The University currently has a "no competition" clause in the contract with the Annex. Highsmith, who resides in the Central Residential Area, says he has gotten around this clause by establishing an off-campus post office box as the main address of his establishment.

There is no cost to go onto the Web site and browse the textbooks online. If a student sells a book, the company charges a small percentage of the profit, done by credit card, in order to keep the site running.

"I'm not really doing it for profit in anyway," he said.

Highsmith claims he has invested $1,500 out-of-pocket towards the Web site in the past six months, and has spent over $2,000 towards the site this academic year. Most of this money was spent on printing costs, Internet server space, office supplies and encryption security for credit cards so users' identities cannot be stolen.

Campus Design and Copy, located in the UMass Student Union building, has provided Highsmith with cheap prices to produce some 5,000 fliers promoting his updated Web site that will be posted this weekend.

The flier reads, "Monopoly is fun to play, but enough is enough," referring to the virtual monopoly the Annex has over textbooks purchased on-campus.

With 1,000 books already sold through the Zoomassbooks.com, business is pretty good, he says. However, he hopes to get more people interested in reselling books through his site.

Highsmith says he is re-launching his Web site today to include no pop-up advertisements and more straightforward instructions. He also says the site will be easier to navigate.

When asked if he was afraid of getting sued by the University or the Annex for possibly violating the "no competition" clause of the Annex's contract, he responded, "I'm not scared of being sued."

"I'm willing to play their (the University's) game," he said. "I'm providing a marketplace so students can contact each other instead of using the Annex."

Thus far, neither the University nor the Annex have contacted Highsmith regarding his Web site.



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James Highsmith, founder of Zoomassbooks.com stands in front of Memorial Hall in May of 2005.

RIAA lawsuit upsets students

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Since the legal process started last week, Mammarella said that now is the time that students should take advantage of Legal Services.

Once the student has received the subpoena, they have a short period of time in which they can "quash" it, Mammarella said. Quashing a supine is when the student tries to say that the respective industry does not have grounds for their information- like what they have downloaded and their IP addresses.

According to Mammarella, Legal Services has talked to some students who have received letters from the RIAA and MPAA. He said that some of the lawsuits can demand up to $10,000 per song downloaded.

Sherman said in his Internet chat that the average user had 2,300 MP3 files and one user had 13,600 MP3's.

Many students at the university voiced their displeasure of the lawsuits as they wondered why the industries would go after college students, who usually do not have much money for a legal settlement.

"I think it's crazy," said Kyle Murphy, a senior civil engineering major. Murphy said that he didn't know that downloaded music was illegal, and that he hasn't seen any warnings in any of the programs, and that can be a cause of the problem.

"If you download Kazaa, there's no warning," he said.

Legal Services is located in 922 Campus Center. Lawyers operate on a sliding scale fee basis.

Law school proposal rejected

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"It is the students who lose out here," UMass Dartmouth Chancellor Jean F. MacCormack, an architect of the proposal told the AP. She blamed "interference" by the private law schools.

"I have never seen this level of scrutiny," she said.

The board's concerns over how the new school would handle its finances was prime reason the law school was rejected, says board Chairman Steven Tocco. The board claims that UMass' plan to place revenue from the school into an on-campus fund, rather than into the state treasury, appeared to be illegal.

"The view of our legal officer is important," said Tocco.

Tocco called for the end of such trust funds, which are used elsewhere in the university system, citing lack of publi, disclosure.

Governor Mitt Romney, who has remained silent on the law school issue, said the board made "the responsible decision given the unanswered questions surrounding this proposal."

The proposed latest law school plan, before it was defeated, reduced in-state tuition from $19,000 to $16,000, and Wilson planned to launch a major fundraising campaign.

But Higher Education Chancellor Judith Gill, who oversaw the board's research into to proposal, said there still were concerns about a budget "so constrained and sensitive" that any miscue on enrollment projections would be costly.

Information from the Associated Press was used in this report.

Tasers spark student debate

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"Someone pulls the trigger and your body immediately tenses," he said. "You're in pain for about five seconds and it's over... That's all the time we need to put handcuffs on someone."

The issue of Tasers being used on the UMass campus has sparked discussion after it was first publicized in a January Boston Herald article. Many student leaders are against the idea. The SGA even went so far as to post giant letters that spell the words "NO TASERS" across their Student Union office windows.

Coincidentally, the human rights group Amnesty International released a report about Tasers around the same time UMass announced its plans to look into purchasing them. Amnesty International says Tasers can be linked to at least 80 deaths in the United States and Canada since 2000. Another study by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference released in February stated that 86 deaths in the United States could be linked to Tasers since 1999.

O'Connor says she thinks Tasers are a good option for officers who come into contact with dangerous situations.

O'Connor gave several examples of officers who have been assaulted in the past, including one incident of a male officer who was allegedly beaten by several individuals. One individual kicked him in the head and another stole his police radio in Southwest, she said.

"Just speaking for myself, I was assaulted three separate times on my first year on the job," she said.

Thrasher says although officer assaults aren't frequent on campus, they happen often enough to warrant additional precautions.

"With the number of violent altercations my officers deal with in a year, it's not uncommon to address seriously violent subjects," Thrasher said. "The other option is to seriously beat them with a baton."

O'Connor stressed that the use of Tasers would "not be a crowd control option."

Tasers are already the norm for police departments in other states, but its usage has not come without controversy.

A Jacksonville, Fla. TV station, WJXX-TV reported March 8 that a 13-year-old girl was tasered at least twice by officers trying to subdue her.

The incident was discussed at a community meeting in the city's Lincoln Villa section. Residents discussing the recent use of Tasers by police in that community's high school got a unanimous response by local parents.

Two highly publicized cases involving Tasers in Chicago happened the week of Feb. 10 when a 54-year-old man died and a 14-year-old boy was critically injured when police tasered them within four days of each other.

The 54-year-old, identified as Ronald Hasse of Cedar Lake, Ind., allegedly made statements to officers such as: "If you come near me, I'll give you HIV," and "I'm going to kill you with my blood."

Paramedics transported Hasse to the hospital where he died 90 minutes later. An autopsy to determine his cause of death was "inconclusive."

Hasse's death came four days after Chicago Police made headlines when officers used a Taser to subdue a 14-year-old boy. The boy, who weighed 220 pounds and was 6-feet 2-inches tall, allegedly injured three female workers at his group home and "advanced on the sergeant with his fist drawn," when police arrived, according to Chicago Police Superintendent Robert Cline.

The boy's legal guardian appointed to him by Cook County disputes Cline's claims saying, "it is definitely my understanding that he was just sitting on the couch when he was tasered."

O'Connor says UMass will be carefully studying the effects of the Tasers before implementing any policies regarding their use. Above all, she wants to maintain the best level of safety for her officers.

"I believe in giving my officers as many possible options," she said.

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Collegian provides news and opportunities

Being on a college campus, students have access to many resources provided, either directly or indirectly by the university. Living away from home for the first time, for many students, it is very important to remain in touch with what's going on, not only in the world, but on campus as well. The Massachusetts Daily Collegian is committed to keeping the campus, as well as the general readership of the Amherst area, informed of important issues that concern them.

In addition to The Daily Collegian, there are also free copies of The New York Times, The Boston Globe and USA Today available on campus at no cost to the student body. The university acknowledges the importance of reading the news and has, consequently, made these three publications available for free to students through the Student Government Association's Readership Program.

The Daily Collegian is a self-funded, student-run daily newspaper that is dedicated to reporting unbiased and objective stories to the UMass community and surrounding areas. In the past year, our publication has reported on controversial campus issues regarding the Student Government Association and the administration, the UMass Police Department acquiring TASERs and the extensive coverage of the riots following the Boston Red Sox winning the 2004 World Series.

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A stalker's guide to thefacebook

Matt Brochu

Once upon a time, stalking people wasn't just an underrated art form; it was also a huge pain in the ass. Sit back and think about the countless hours you could have wasted: 1) Driving four to five car-lengths behind your stalkee at all times. 2) Dialing her phone number and breathing heavily like "Big Deli" after a round of wind sprints, then hanging up. 3) Taking black-and-white pictures and thumb-tacking them to your Shrine Wall, right next to the hair doll and that pencil she picked up for you in CompSci105. 4) Dealing with the bird that crapped on your head while sitting in the oak tree across the quad to take those pictures. 5) Cutting individual letters from magazines to paste together creepy makeshift love notes to tape to her dry-erase board, always signed, "Your Secret Admirer."

Fortunately for all of us, www.thefacebook.com has brought those days to an end. Of course, one would think that such an innovative solution to all of your stalking needs would be sold via an infomercial for three easy payments of $19.95 (and if you call now, they'll throw in a pair of binoculars absolutely free). But you'd be wrong. All you need is an Internet connection, an uploadable picture of "yourself," and the desire to poke random chicks (which isn't as cool as it sounds) to put hundreds of vulnerable, accessible college coeds at your fingertips within the click of a mouse. And if you haven't had the opportunity to re-enact the toilet scene from "One Hour Photo" yet, this may be your lucky day.

Well, as soon as I heard about this thing, I logged on and registered immediately (for research purposes only) to see what it was all about. This is what I found. For the seven of you who haven't heard about thefacebook (by now, it's a Web site thence the .com) that allows you to post much-too-personal information about yourself on the Internet for the entire world to see. In the end, thefacebook is just a cross between your high school yearbook, your AOL Instant Messenger profile, and that unsettling feeling you get when you read the personal ads in the Valley Advocate.

Basically, they assign you some web space for a personal profile, supply you with the categories, and expect you to supply them with the answers depending on how pathetic and attention-starved you are. You can then browse the profiles of fellow UMass students and add people to your group of friends, except unlike the girls who made lists of their friends at recess in 4th grade — you can't distinguish your best friend forever (BFF) from your best friend for life (BFFL) by dotting your I's with little hearts.

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Unfortunately, thefacebook's suggested way of making friends is creepier than the old dude with the beard, the "I'm panning for gold" hat, and the cane that hangs out in front of Antonio's every day. And if you disagree with me, I suggest you try this out in the real world (you know, that place where normal people have normal relationships and girls can go to bed without using the halo-ed angel smiley face). Here's thefacebook's method to becoming Mr. Popular, in step-by-step fashion. Insert Patrick Duffy or "Code-man" joke here:

Step 1: Approach a random person in the campus center. Step 2: Poke them with your finger (or with a pelvic thrust, it doesn't really specify how). Step 3: If they're OK with this — I mean, who wouldn't be - simply say, "I request to add you as my friend, but before I can do that, you must confirm that you are in fact friends with me." Sound weird to you? Sounds like a kick-in-the-balls and a restraining order to me.

But here's the deal. Allowing a friend to be on facebook is a lot like allowing a friend to have sex with a really shady guy. It's bound to happen every once in a while, so when they do it, just make sure they do it responsibly. Here are a few ground rules to start you off on the right foot.

RULE 1: When building your profile, keep your cell phone number to yourself. I don't know about you, but I'd rather not have random people calling me ever. Would you go out to dinner and a movie with the next telemarketer who calls to ask about your satisfaction with your newspaper subscription? I didn't think so.

RULE 2: Don't list your school address. If you're that comfortable telling strangers where you live, you might as well take it a step further and add a few new awkwardly personal categories, such as: "Words My ATM Pin Code Rhymes With When Spelt Out," "What I Told My Therapist Last Week" or "If You Were My Social Security Number, What Would You Be?"

RULE 3 (FOR GUYS ONLY): Keep your damn shirts on. You know who you are (and if you don't know, your last name might just be a well-known salsa brand). But seriously, if I wanted to check out some freshly waxed, oiled-up pecs, I'd go watch "Baywatch" reruns. Hopefully someone gives you the head's up when "Playgirl" shoots their next "Facebook Fantasies" DVD.

So use thefacebook wisely or don't use it all. Just realize that it exists for the same reason that Snood exists, to help your sorry ass procrastinate every night. And if it doesn't help you find love, when you might just have to resort to the old-fashioned way: get drunk and blatantly hit on people. Sure, it might get you slapped in the face, but at least you won't be the loser who pokes people on the Internet.

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The Hookah revolution

Yousef Munayyer

You may have seen them on campus and you may even be smoking out of one right now. The hookah, also known as the argile, shisha, nargile, hubbly-bubbly and so on, has caught fire on this campus like a freshly lit coal.

Perhaps some of you have no idea what I'm talking about. The hookah is a water pipe used to smoke flavored tobacco (or other things, but what you do with your hookah is your business). Its origins are not quite clear. We can say with some degree of certainty that it originates somewhere between India and Iran, but exactly where is unsure. It is evident that the hookah met the western world through the Ottoman Empire, which ruled over much of the Arab lands in which the Hookah was popular.

In the 19th century, it became very much a symbol of the east. The pipe fascinated orientalists coming from the west, frequently documenting its presence in their travel logs. It became so fashionable at one point that pictures could not be taken unless the hookah was present. It was to be recorded as part of a culture, part of a people.

Today that fashion craze is back. It started up again within the last 10 years. I am not quite sure how it happened, but I watched it evolve. I remember a few years ago when friends of mine and I were spotted on campus with one; we were looked at as if we were walking around with the Holy Grail. People would frequently stop by and ask what it is and ask to smoke, once their skepticism were off.

Now this is no longer the case. In the few years I have been at this University, I have watched the boom happen right here in what is surely a microcosm of hookah culture worldwide. Surely this is tied to marijuana culture and its popularity on college campuses, but the hookah revolution has spread further then the grassy hippie-filled fields of universities.

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The hookah is now present in many Arab American households. It has become a way to symbolize the heritage. It has become a way to hang on to what you are so far away from. In fact, the hookah in the Arab household has also become a fashion statement. Much like "The Da Vinci Code" in the trendy-posing-as-educated white homes, if you cannot find a hookah in an Arab house, their authenticity as Arabs may be questioned.

It all hit me earlier this month on the first sunny day. Like animals that have grown tired of hibernation, everyone was outdoors in bathing suits and shorts, even though it was only 60 degrees. Yet there, spread out in between clumps of sunbathers, were several hookahs. The hookah revolution is here.

Unfortunately, it saddens me. It saddens me that the hookah has become the ambassador of Arab culture. It is not even originally Arab, though it is widely popular in the Arab world today. Hookahs, along with belly dancers, have become the symbols of Arab culture in America today. The civilization, which brought the world the Arabic numeral system and algebra; preserved Greek philosophy for centuries and developed chemistry and medicine while Europe was in the dark, is now represented here in the U.S., not by these accomplishments, but rather by scantily clad dancing women and smoking devices.

These accomplishments of ancient Arab civilization are centuries old, yet modern Arab civilization has a rich culture filled with literature, art and music, all which are drowned out by the hubbly-bubbly.

Part of the blame for this lies on Arab Americans who struggle to assimilate with American culture and are thrilled by the attention they get when some one is inquiring about their "bong" or about a woman that can shake. Arabs here in the United States have an obligation to be ambassadors of a proud culture and cannot allow the demands of a culture driven by consumerism and sexuality to affect the message they carry into the western world.

The hookah revolution is the resurrection of an unhealthy trend. Surely it offers a glimpse of the east, but only as well as a cigarette defines western culture to the rest of the world. On college campuses, there is a slightly higher understanding of Arabs then in the rest of the country. In many places around this country, Arabs are still seen as rag wearing terrorists, yet at universities, they are symbolized by hookahs and dancing women.

I am by no means asking anyone to give up his or her hookah. That would just be terrible. Yet, it is our duty, Arabs and Americans alike, as the future of educated America, to change the stereotypes about Arab culture and broaden the understanding of foreign lands here at home.

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This space for sale



Allison Edles

There's nothing quite like buying into American propaganda. After all, why else would we feel the need to buy eight different bags of various shapes and sizes that all serve the same exact function if we didn't honestly believe in the bottom of our hearts, even just a little bit, that buying those eight bags would make us exactly like the people in the commercials and, therefore, better than those around us?

It's a fact well acknowledged that advertisers are way too good at what they do. And they know it. Who else can make us want to buy something that gives us nothing in return, like paying $4 for a cup of coffee that contains very little actual coffee? I mean really, you're paying more for the Sweet 'N Low than you are for the coffee. Regardless, just when we couldn't think advertisers could do their job any better, they one-up us once again.

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Rather than solely utilizing billboards, commercials and magazines, now those savvy slick-talkers have found a new outlet for their clients' messages: the human body. Thirty-one year-old Joe Tamargo, who runs a Web site called LivingAdSpace.com, is offering his body as available ad space. That's right; clients are now free to venture into previously unexplored territory by permanently tattooing their products and businesses on Tamargo's body.

Now, to the cynical reader, this may seem like nothing new. After all, how much of a difference is there from wearing a Tommy Hilfiger logo tattooed on your arm as opposed to wearing one of his T-shirts? Let's face it; you can't even buy a standard black T-shirt without having the designer's name stapled to it somewhere. Perhaps Tamargo is just giving in to the inevitable.

However, what I find eerily disturbing, more so than the obvious, is the fact that tattooing an ad on your arm pays less than if you were to advertise in a professional magazine or on a billboard. For having two ads tattooed on his right arm, Tamargo earned a little over $1,000. Leave it to advertisers to price out the worth of permanently disfiguring human flesh at around $500. And, sad to say, I have a sneaking suspicion that the unsuspecting Tamargo set the price a lot higher and was talked down by the piranhas of the ad world. Such is the way of things.

Having gotten past the initial shock of it all, we can now move on to the specific ads that have been permanently affixed on Tamargo's right arm. Now, taking into consideration the everlasting factor of these ads, it leaves one to question, what it is exactly that he is now an advertisement for. The answer: Web sites. Tamargo has two ads on his arm, one for a pharmaceutical company in California called pilldaddy.com and the other is SaveMartha.com, a site launched in lieu of Martha Stewart's imprisonment. So, in exchange for $1,000, Tamargo has become what we all hate. That's right, he's now a walking pop-up.

But where does it go from here? In a recent cnn.com article, the Madison Avenue advertising guru Jerry DellaFemina commented on Tamargo's situation, saying, "I don't even want to ask where he might want to place an ad for Viagra." While it's easy to jest at the situation, the underlying threat is much more serious. We have become a nation that relies and functions, not only on the products being advertised, but also on the ads themselves. Take, for example, the Super Bowl. While the actual game is very exciting (and because a good portion of those viewing don't watch football games otherwise), it is not solely the game that is the reason for its entertainment and appeal. Those who don't normally watch football watch the Super Bowl for two reasons. First, because it is just another reason to throw a party and second, the advertisements are impeccable.

Rarely is there another occasion where you can sit back with your bowl of chips and cold beer in hand and realize that the 30 seconds of commercial you're watching just cost that particular company $2 million. That's right, while both your brain and arteries are functioning at decreased levels, you can still count on that comfort of knowing that Budweiser will always be $2 million dollars poorer for making you laugh so hard you spill your beer.

I fear that what we have to look forward to are days when magazines will be filled with articles and not ads; days where the only things that constitute commercials are public services announcements and local broadcasting network tests. But, we can continue to rest easy knowing that in the future, there will be a group of people who will not be afraid to finally tattoo things on their bodies like "Eat at Hooters!" and "Atlantic City is your calling!"

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In our own backyard

Aaron Wodin-Schwartz

I grew up in a small hill town called Heath, about 15 minutes north of Shelburne Falls on the border of Vermont. The northwestern towns of Franklin County are what we locals refer to as West County, and we garner the most intense love and pride for our home.

Just south of West County lies Greenfield. This was the big city for the majority of my childhood, and it had it all — a couple of big streets, two movie theatres, and lots of stores and restaurants. Later in life, Greenfield became my cozy home away from home, an extension of West County, as I worked and studied there for a couple of years.

Yet, I am saddened to say that in the past five years, Greenfield has taken a tragic turn for the worse.

Never a particularly large town, Greenfield's post-Cold War economic downturn has been exacerbated by recent influxes of poor and unemployed residents mainly from Holyoke and Chicopee seeking cheap government subsidized housing. As a result, drug-related crime has been on the rise across the demographic spectrum for the past decade, with arrests increasing an average of at least 300 per year in that time span.

But this is my home. These are sacred grounds and I cannot simply say that this is what happens when empires finally come crashing down and be done with it. I need to do something.

I cannot possibly articulate the pain that I have borne of late in reading of multiple armed bank and convenience store robberies and residential burglaries within weeks of each other in this humble municipality of 19,000. Most recently, I am appalled at the gory murder of 20-year-old Anthony Alves of neighboring Colrain, which occurred within two blocks of Main Street.

As described in a Boston Globe article aptly entitled "A Death Reflects a Town's Decline," Alves was brutally beaten to death by four unknown youths bearing steel pipes and a machete. As it turns out, the young men arrested for the killing were called in from Northampton to commit the murder and did not even know Alves personally.

Murders don't happen in Greenfield, especially not of the heinous variety, and especially not of people from West County. Understandably, this incident piled on top of all the other startling developments in Greenfield has brought up some serious issues for me.

My first instinct was to feel anger with Alves' murderers and all the other criminals plaguing Greenfield in such a way that would have warranted revenge. I must admit that I even had an initial xenophobic reaction and thought some pretty scary and racist thoughts. Once I got over my initial emotion, however, I got to reckoning and then to wondering just how such structural collapse could occur seemingly overnight.

It's true that there's been a drastic change in the demographic composition of the town in the past decade and that there has been an increase in crime, vagrancy, and unemployment since then, and particularly in violent crime in the past five years, but most of this has been perpetrated by poor white people. The tragedy is not that we now have a more culturally diversified town, it's that the town is in a heap of irremediable trouble.

There is a daily queue outside the employment services and welfare offices. There was already a distinct lack of social programs two years ago before Romney began cutting them. The aisles of the Salvation Army are bare and so many residents now live on insufficient government subsidies that there is no hope of raising a large enough tax base for the town to be able to support its new and growing population.

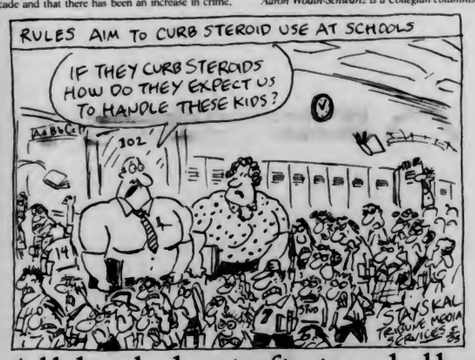
I expressed these grievances to my mother and the only explanation she could give me was "this is what an empire in decline looks like." Of course she is right. Just 20 years ago, Greenfield was a thriving economic hub at the crossroads of Route 91 and the Mohawk Trail. Now most of all the industrial jobs have been shipped overseas or to southern states where labor unions are weaker. I remember at about the age of six, most of my friends' fathers were laid off as their employers downsized or skipped town. My own dad, a trained professional, also found himself out of work at the time.

But this is my home. These are sacred grounds and I cannot simply say that this is what happens when empires finally come crashing down and be done with it. I need to do something. I am confined, at the moment, to simply buying locally produced goods and asking state representatives to increase fiscal policy in Western Massachusetts to provide employment and stimulate the economy. The insertion of some much-needed social programs could be just the trick and could also directly combat the violent streak that is quickly becoming a recurrent theme in town.

While I call on my fellow UMassers to do the same, I also feel that this is not enough. We are a strong school of some 24,000 students right down the road from Greenfield and we are in a position to help. More of us should direct our academic attentions toward this area and realize that this is an untapped resource in almost any field of study: sociology, psychology, political science, medicine, film, human and resource management. You name it. Engage in civil society. Make industry contacts. Apply your knowledge and learn some real life lessons.

There are some tremendous opportunities for students to connect with existing programs or even create new ones. Take advantage of the chance to help your local district and increase your prestige at the same time. Please help our community in decline.

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All hail the infinite dollar

Elizabeth Carter

All hail the infinite dollar! Bow down before it, and lay waste to your decency, morality, ethics and soul. Sell yourself a cent at a time until you've got all the cents in the world and not a drop of sense left in your head. Take 'til you can take no more, and if taking means buying, then buy 'til you can buy no more; buy every lie they sell. Keep buying until you've bought into it all.

Incredible how a piece of paper could gain so much power over man, isn't it? But money isn't just any piece of paper, it's paper with value, paper with enough power to make a good man do bad things, and a bad man unleash hell on earth just to have it. It's incredible the sense and reason people will cast aside, incredible how responsibility toward one's fellow man is lost amidst the greedy green sight-stealing glow of the buck. Even more incredible is how much money this world has, and how little it is willing to use to help others. Yet mention the making of a bomb and they say, "A bomb for every man, woman, and child, a bomb to protect, a bomb to save, for in bombs we trust." Yet bombs enslave.

Money: it's a crime. Oh sweet money, oh sweet lies, sing me a song again, dance with me and spin me 'round until I'm spinning so quickly I can no longer see, until I'm completely spinning out of control, but don't you let me go. I want your control. I need it. Because I, me, the part of myself that I own, is out of control. Oh infinite emerald deceiver, take me and my awareness away, dull my mind until I'm blind, until your lies have become my only truth. All I want is the infinite, and you, though solid, are the closest thing to infinity I can grasp in my highly evolved monkey paws.

Money, money, take me higher; you're a number in solid form; numbers never end; maybe if I covet you enough I will reach higher! Maybe if I have all the money to buy up all the things in all the world I'll be infinite too, or maybe I'll never own anything at all, for even if I have all the money in all the world, I will still never have myself. I will never own and understand my own awareness. Did I give up? Yes, yes I did. I sat down, ripped my still-beating heart out, slammed it on the auction block, then sold it to the highest bidder for the cheapest price, for any price is cheap when you're selling your soul.

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I live in a world of prices, numbers and bottom lines. That line is unforgiving; that line crosses off names and splices dollar signs in half, and that line is all I hold onto these days. I live in a world of empty shells walking around in their high class suits, dressing themselves up as if that will make them less animal when they destroy in the name of nothing; all of them spending money as if it will amount to something in the end. Survival was not enough for me, taking money for what it is-money as a means of getting by, not as an ideal and a desperately needed imitation infinity that simply was not enough.

For how is it that you purchase eternity?

And you may ask who I am. I am the businessman with no morals, slashing jobs needlessly, "Gotta increase those profits," they say. But what profit is self-profit when you already have more than you need, when your self-profit destroys the livelihood of another? That doesn't sound like profit to me at all. Then he closes his eyes, and washes his hands like Pilate, as if blindness to bad deeds means innocence. No, no my friends, those with self imposed blindness in the name of "I" aren't less guilty, but rather suffer from a lack of personal responsibility.

Who am I? I am the lying politician whose soul has been purchased and paid for by interest groups who care more about their own benefit than the fate of those they affect. I am the Nothing Man, the man who stands for nothing, lives for nothing and goes about his days in the name of nothing. For that's all money is: you can buy all you want, but if you're empty inside, you'll never own a thing. Money is my fickle and unforgiving God, to whom I pay worship by making others fall down on their knees.

I am the plunderer; I am the wretched; I am the beginning of the end. I am the man who forgot that we become the things we do; yet most unfortunately of all, I am.

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Finding meaning in a bracelet



Meghan Healy

You probably have one. Your best friend, your TA and maybe even your grandmother — they probably have one, too. Like me, I am sure you all have noticed the proliferation of rubber bracelets that have taken the wrists of pretty much everyone in the United States hostage. The most notable, the yellow Live Strong bracelets, supporting those diagnosed with cancer, began popping up over the last year. As "yellow fever" rapidly spread, it was only a matter of time before AIDS, Democrats and even Red Sox Nation followed suit. And, though I resisted the rubber bracelet trend, for quite some time, even I have one now.

I managed to keep my wrist free for quite a while, but one day a few months back while making a donation to the Lupus Foundation of America, I found that they too had jumped on the bracelet bandwagon. I was surprised at first. Lupus is not a trendy disease. Most people have never even heard of it. To be honest, my own mother had it for as long as I can remember and until I was a junior in high school, I didn't really even understand what exactly it was.

Some weeks later, a note thanking me for my donation to LFA was accompanied by one of the organization's purple bracelets. I held it in my hand for a minute and then placed it in my jewelry box. I wasn't ready to wear it yet... I knew that wearing it would attract attention and inevitably lead to questions I was not prepared, at least not emotionally, to answer.

A few weeks later I took the bracelet out and slid it on my wrist. My first time wearing it out, my worst fear was realized. The cashier at the grocery store caught sight of a flash of purple as I went to pay. "That's a pretty color. What is it for?" I hesitated and then replied, "Lupus." She looked at me like I had said something unintelligible and questioned again, "what the heck is that?" I am not sure what she thought it was, but there was a certain change in her demeanor when I answered. "It's an auto-immune disease," I said. "It turns your own antibodies against themselves, often affecting major organs and sometimes causing death." She stared for a few seconds and when I did not offer anymore she smiled and handed me my receipt.

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The face of Lupus is an ever-changing one. Nearly 1.5 million Americans are said to suffer from some form of the disease, with an estimated 6,000 new diagnoses being added to that total each year. Although it is two to three times more common among African Americans, Hispanics, Asians and Native Americans, lupus is not designated to any race or ethnicity. Although typically onset is between the ages of 15 and 44, lupus can be diagnosed at any age. Both men and women are at risk, though adult women are nearly 15 times more likely than men to be diagnosed with lupus.

My mother happened to be one of those women.

When my mother was first diagnosed in 1989 with systematic lupus, the most severe and most prevalent form, very little was known about the disease. In fact, it took over two years of doctors' visits before anyone could really make sense of what was going on with her. In the 16 years that have passed, my family has watched as the field of medicine made great strides in the treatment of AIDS and cancer, but, comparatively, very little time or effort seemed to be devoted to lupus.

My mother went through a barrage of tests and operations, treatments and medications. She suffered two strokes, one leaving her paralyzed on her left side for nearly a year. She lost her vision for almost three. Since so little was known about lupus, her life was constantly in jeopardy. Around Christmas, when I was 11-years-old, the doctors told us that she wouldn't make it to Valentine's Day. Over the next eight years she was given similar death sentences from clueless doctors, yet, unfortunately, when she passed away in my freshman year of college no one saw it coming.

I am not sharing this story for sympathy or attention — in fact most people I have met since freshman year don't even know that my mother passed away ... at least they didn't really, until I started wearing this bracelet and opening up about it. Instead I am hoping to simply make some of you aware that lupus exists and is a reality, not only in our society, but statistically, right here in the University of Massachusetts community.

Lance Armstrong has raised millions and millions of dollars for cancer research and support with his yellow Live Strong bracelets, on top of raising awareness and garnering support for survivors and their loved ones. If a proliferation of purple bracelets is what it takes to raise public awareness about a disease that, if caught early enough, doesn't have to be as painful and life-threatening as my mother's was, then I am proud to wear it — and if you have any questions, just ask.

Information from lupus.org was used in this column.

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A person's right to smoke

Matthew Reid

Let me start off by saying how opposed I am to smoking. I hate the smell, I hate how the smell gets on your clothes, and I hate the whole concept of smoking in general. It's baffling to me how much money people will spend on cigarettes.

With that said, I think that people have every right to smoke in the privacy of their own homes.

Howard Weyers, President of Weyco Inc., feels differently. The medical-benefits administration company in Okemos, Mich. went smoke-free last month, requiring all employees to take Breathalyzer tests to ensure that they weren't lighting up. Four employees refused the test, and were promptly fired.

The company said that it has the best interest of the employees in mind. Forgive me, but I fail to see how firing someone is in his or her best interest.

The company also says that it is trying to lower health care costs by not employing smokers. Does this mean the company can fire people for having lousy diets? What about people who participate in extreme sports? Fatty foods and skydiving may not kill as many people as tobacco, but where do you draw the line, and who should be allowed to draw the line in the first place?

I don't like smoking any more than Mr. Weyers does, but it's not illegal and employers can't pretend as though it is.

I'm not arguing that smoking can lead to heart disease, emphysema, lung cancer and other health-related problems, but the fact that Weyco has singled out smokers doesn't make a whole lot of sense to me.

State Sen. Virg Bernero (D-Mich.) is working on a bill that would prevent Michigan employers from using anti-smoking policies to fire or fail to hire workers who smoke. Sen. Bernero is not an advocate of smoking, but is an advocate or a person's right to privacy. The term "equal opportunity employer" applies to gender, sexual orientation, race, age, religion, disability and nationality and "doing things in your own home that are your own business" should be on the list as well.

The exception would be if smoking deters from a person's ability to do their job. A few years ago a police officer in Fall River was fired when his boss learned he was a smoker (state law prohibits police officers from using tobacco products, whether they are on duty or not, due to the detrimental effects of smoking on physical ability). I agree with a law banning cops from smoking. However, as much as I may be opposed to the act itself, smoking is still legal, even for workers of a Michigan medical-benefits administration.

I am reminded of a conversation that repeatedly comes up between two people I work with back home. My hometown is currently in a debate over the smoking rights of individuals in certain "private establishments." These establishments are not business offices, but rather places where people go to socialize.

One of my coworkers, who happens to be a non-smoker, feels that smoking should be allowed, because the people who frequent the clubs pay membership dues and have a right to do what they want inside of the club's walls. A fellow co-worker disagrees, saying that smoking is harmful not only to the smoker, but also to the other people in the room as well (this person happens to be a smoker).

I realize that the situation doesn't exactly parallel the situation at Weyco, but it does bring up an interesting and important point — this is not about smoking. The fact that a smoker thinks smoking at the clubs should be banned, and a non-smoker feels smoking should be allowed, proves that this issue goes beyond how someone feels about smoking. The issue is one of privacy and discrimination. I'm not saying discrimination against smokers is anything like other more blatant types of discrimination, but it is discrimination nonetheless.

Weyers, in a column he wrote for USA Today defending his company's position, said that people against his policy are not "facing the dangerous realities of smoking." He goes on to say that his plan is "not about what people do at home ... it's about the acceptance of personal responsibility by people we choose to employ." It doesn't seem like a "personal" responsibility to me, if a boss is monitoring someone's every move and punishing people for not meeting their own expectations.

The headline of Weyers' USA Today column was, "Smoking is not a civil right." Excuse me, Mr. Weyers, but not smoking isn't exactly a person's civic responsibility, like you seem to think it is. The truth is, many smokers may very well "face the dangerous realities of smoking," as you put it, and still choose to smoke. It's their decision.

I don't like smoking any more than Mr. Weyers does, but it's not illegal and employers can't pretend as though it is. I would love to see the government prohibit smoking completely, but that's never going to happen, not as long as Big Tobacco keeps profiting from its global empire. Maybe some day the right system will be in place for smoking to stop completely, but that day is not now. Weyco Inc. would argue that they are doing their small part in the fight against smoking, and that's all well and good, but people, even smokers, have rights to privacy.

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The politics of punk

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Although the Ramones may not have intended for their punk rock standard "Blitzkrieg Bop" to be used politically, it has evolved into just that. punk's political anthem. From the Clash, to Rage Against the Machine, to Green Day's latest album, punk rock has been used to shape change either politically or socially across the world. More importantly, the music mattered.

Punk music is rooted in fighting the norm. Nearly 30 years ago, when punk-acts began to form, it was seen as a response to the current trend of disco and music sounding "too boring," as the Ramones put it.

For the Clash, it was a way to bring about social change for what they saw as inefficiency in their home country of England. Race was a favorite issue for the Clash in their early years, as their song "White Riot" chronicles the plight of blacks (albeit with a sarcastic tone). "Black people gotta lot a problems/But they don't mind throwing a brick/White people go to school/ Where they teach you how to be thick." Perhaps their most famous rendition of the song was performed in 1978 at the Rock Against Racism concert in Victoria Park in front of a crowd of nearly 80,000 people. In fact, it may have been this show that launched the Clash into being one of punk's forerunners for political music.

Confrontation. Anger. Rebellious. All of which have been used to describe Rage Against the Machine, perhaps the most political band of the 90s —covering issues as far

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Concert for the ages

By Ian Jones and Michael Busack
Collegian Staff

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It's rare to see a line of people stretched nearly all the way around the Mullins Center, but if you walked by on April 30, that's exactly what you saw. The giant crowd was there to see Grammy Award-winning punk rock legends Green Day, and they were rewarded with an amazing show.

Green Day
Mullins Center
Amherst
April 30

After My Chemical Romance's finished their opening set, Green Day's chosen messenger — a giant, pink bunny chugging a beer — took the stage and, in-between drinks, got the audience cheering for the band they were about to see.

Green Day came out, unsurprisingly to "American Idiot," and the crowd started singing along in approval. They followed that with "Jesus of Suburbia," which ended in the first of many jarring explosions. They were surprising even when you knew they were coming, and they added a lot of power to the end of several songs.

After a few more songs from "American Idiot," Tre Cool started a drumbeat familiar to any Green Day fan, and the band played their first single, "Longview," beginning a series of old hits. Towers of flame filled the stage after the band played "Hitchin' A Ride," and lead vocalist and guitarist Billie Joe Armstrong doused the audience with a squirt gun between "Brain Stew" and "Jaded."

The highlight of their set came during their cover of the Operation Ivy classic, "Knowledge." Billie Joe announced that he wanted to

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Pioneer Valley comic artist uses the web to reach readers

By MATT O'ROURKE
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Forsaking the more traditional career paths to financial security, Ieph Jacques chose to enter the creative, albeit risky world of web comics. At the age of 24, Jacques emerges as one of the most reviewed and respected artists online, with his web comic "Questionable Content."

In a recent interview, Ieph Jacques commented on his chosen career and the success his inventive strip generates. A graduate of Hampshire College with a degree in music, Jacques expressed weariness about the direction in which his life proceeded.

"A band that I was in had just broken up, and I was sick and tired of having to rely on others to do something creative. Web comics are the next step in the evolution of humor and more serious, story based comic strips," Ieph began drawing every day. "I started thinking, I like reading web comics, and I've drawn stuff all my life, so why don't I just give it a shot?"

Ieph attributes the biggest influence for his creative inspiration to Bill Watterson's print comic, Calvin and Hobbes.

"Watterson was the perfect newspaper comic artist, who could draw like no one else who does syndicated strips. Second, he was a wonderful writer, making the reader identify with everyone in the strip, and that says a lot. Here I am a 15-year-old kid identifying with Calvin's parents, that's genius!"

Jacques also credits the web comic by the name of "Scary Go-Round" who he says influenced him "not so much in what I had done, but rather, what I could do. I could use the daily lives of people and make it silly, and amusing."



Jacques bought a domain name and designated it www.QuestionableContent.net. He said the title is a mere warning that the content of the strip will not always be what he referred to as "PG." Jacques quit his job at the Valley Advocate to become a full-time web comic.

Initially posting two strips a week, than after a month, three strips, Ieph now publishes up to five strips a week.

Questionable Content stars a 20-something male named Marten, and his four friends, Pintsize, Faye, Dora and Steve. Marten is a depressed sort of character, usually feeling sorry for him for some reason or another.

Nonetheless, his character has a good sense of humor. Faye is sassy and enjoys toying with Marten, keeping her feelings unclear to him. Dora runs a coffee shop, and generally considers Dora and Marten friends, but her romantic feelings are also enigmatic. Steve is Marten's confidante, and his advice usually helps Marten get out of the glum. Pintsize is an "Anthro PC," that is, a talking robot whose childish actions usually provide comic relief.

People find it easy to identify with the strip, Jacques says. "They pick a character they really like, and want to make sure that character is okay in the end. They send me angry emails if something happens they don't like."

Jacques admits to no offense by the emails. "It gives me a chance to giggle," he says, "but on the other hand it makes me think about how much they [the readers] care. I want them to know that I care just as much as they do to make it good!"

Much discussion amongst web comic artists, critics and readers, centers on the issue of whether the daily strip is a viable medium for web comics, or is it too restrictive a format.

At a recent round table sponsored by the Webcomics Examiner, titled "The Future of Webcomics," the moderator, Joe Zabel, posed these and other topics. William G. believes the daily format is imperative if a web comic wants to gain a large following. The downside of this, he warns, however, is he sees this approach as "the fastest route to producing some un-interesting comics."

Neal Von Flue, who recently originated a web comic daily strip to test its viability, says one of the drawbacks is material must be created at least a month ahead at a time. The reward is the instant feedback. Von Flue believes it a "fantastic tool for people who have something specific to say about the world."

Yet another member of this round table group, Alexander Danner, said, "I think there's a lot to be said for working within a restrictive format as a means of breaking new ground. If your goal is to innovate, than the tighter the restrictions you put on yourself, the more you're forced to think creatively about how you're going to make your work stand out."

Ieph Jacques assents as he says, "I benefit from the tight deadline. It helps your brain move up to the next level, and something better will come."

Web comics, according to an introduction by Joe Zabel in T. Campbell's "History of Webcomics," is not a new form of comic, but rather an electronic medium of print comics. However, that is not to say they are not revolutionary.

"They are a revolution in several important ways — they can be published much more cheaply than print comics; they can be distributed much more broadly than print; they can be published much more quickly, allowing artists to comment on news events that occurred only hours ago," he says.

"And as an electronic medium, they open the door to an exciting array of formal innovations — motion, sound, infinite canvases, and the flexibility of hyper linking."

Making web comics good is not easily accomplished, although according to some web comic critics, web comics have definitely improved since their onset, dating back to the early nineties. According to Shannon Garrity, a participant of the roundtable on The Future of Webcomics,

> "The first five years were marked by raw, crude cartooning, the establishment of successful formats and genres (so many newspaper-style strips, so many tech-support jokes), and working without an economic or social net. The second five years brought art that is more sophisticated and storytelling, the increased testing and breaking of creative boundaries (Diary strips! Infinite canvas! Flash! Comics that aren't about computer nerds!), and the establishment of organized collectives, aesthetic theories, and moneymaking schemes."

Asked how a web comic earns a living, Ieph Jacques, while declining to name a specific amount, states he earns money from Questionable Content exclusively from merchandising t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc.

Not only does Jacques' Questionable Content deliver humor, but also provides a place for people of a similar mindset to come together. Jacques provides a column to supplement each new comic, where he comments on something new he has come across for readers to check into, or to clarify something in the comic. He also provides a forum for feedback on the site, as well as a "Recommended Listening" section for music he has recently discovered.

"I always wanted the comic to be a vehicle to get the word out on bands that I like," he said. "I get a lot of e-mail thanking me about a band I've introduced them too."

Asked why he believes his strip marshals such a following, Jaques comments "I don't really know, but I think I have found my niche with the indie-rock/hipster culture. I think it exudes this air of 'coolness' around the comic that some people find attractive."

Tim Edwards, a regular reader of the strip says this isn't all that it is interesting about the strip. "The art, for starters, is wonderful. I loved the style when I first saw it, and, also, I went through the archive and saw how the strip developed," Edwards said in an email interview. A native of Sydney, Australia, Edwards works for the Bureau of Meteorology and is currently residing at Davis Station, Antarctica. Edwards discovered Questionable Content one day while surfing the web.

"I don't really get print media here, so online anything is completely golden. Now I do not mean to say that QC single-handedly pulled me though an Antarctic winter, but to say that it did not play a roll would be a lie. It was a great way to wake up," Edwards said.

Jacques, like so many of his colleagues in web comics, repeatedly avows that creative control is the single biggest advantage to web comics. Web comics develop exclusively for websites. Web comic creators, like all artists, possess their own unique illusion, their own artistic goals and agendas for what they want to convey to their audience.

The introduction of the web assists web comics in a way no other medium does. Jacques acknowledges that not all web comics are good, in fact, the quality can still, unfortunately be inferior to its print counterparts. The advantage for these web comics is the lack of control or standards. For Jacques that is not the issue. His explanation, "I'm not interested in having influence on people as I am helping them find things they might not have heard about otherwise."

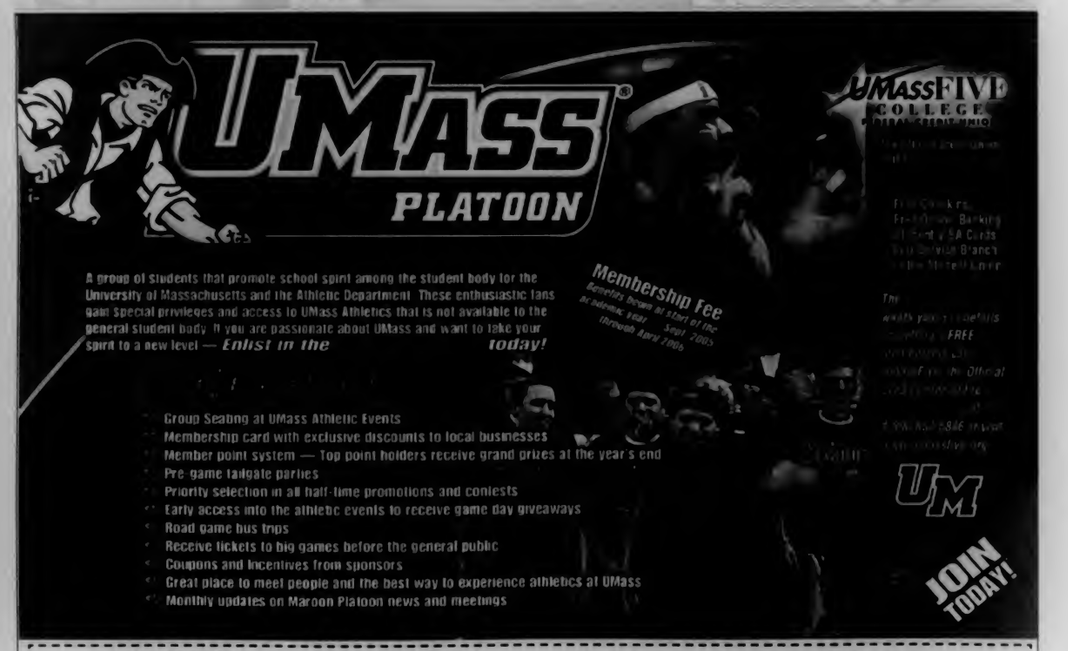
Ieph Jacques said that if asked to go to major syndication for distribution in newspapers, he would decline the offer.

"I don't feel too well answering to an editor or syndicate. I want to be in charge and you lose a measure of that if you go to a syndicate," he says.

Joe Zabel thinks the vital role of web comics is to be "missionaries for the comic art form." The nineties saw the rise of the comics shops only to than see them go bust. Fans despaired for the future of comics. Zabel attributes the comeback to the web.

"Comics are once again a vibrant part of our culture, no longer held captive by a handful of backward looking publishers," said Zabel. "Clearly that's what the future holds for web comics - to bring the art of comics to every corner of the Earth, and into every unenlightened eye."

Web comic creator Ieph Jacques is determined to make his imprint without the binds and restrictions placed upon print comic strip artists. Dedicated to their art both artists continually strive to make it better, to keep improving. Financial gain is of secondary importance, the reward is that they are pursuing their dream. For those who enjoy the web comic medium, an artist like Jacques is a source of enlightenment.



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Concert at the Mullins

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start a band on the stage, and selected three members of the audience to fill in on drums, bass and guitar. At the end of the song, he told his replacement that she could keep his guitar and explained that the new bassist was going to do a stage dive, and as he leaped from the stage they broke into another classic, "Basket Case."

Billie Joe disappeared for a minute, and came back on stage wearing a crown, a fitting hat for "King For a Day." In the middle of the song, the band burst into the Isley Brothers' "Shout," and fell to the stage during the quiet breakdown of the song, while Billie Joe put on a cape to match his crown for the end of the song.

They started the encore with "Maria," from their "International Superhits" album and from there went into "Boulevard of Broken Dreams." Their cover of Queen's "We Are the Champions" had the entire crowd singing, and they had the lyrics flashing on the screen behind them for anyone who didn't know them. Billie Joe started a "Yankees suck" chant, and confetti filled the air. After the song, Tre and Mike left the stage and a spotlight came down on Billie Joe, who ended their set with "Good Riddance (Time of Your Life.)"

All things considered, it was an amazing show. Both bands were tight and on top of their game, and the crowd's energy was high the whole time. Billie Joe said that of all the tours the band had been on, this was his favorite, and it's easy to see why.

My Chemical Romance gave a boost to the show in the opening spot. The band was just off the release of their sophomore record "Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge," and they recently enjoyed the pleasure of sharing their first major bill.

"We are playing to bigger crowds than we have ever seen before," said MCR's bassist Mikey Way in a phone interview with the Daily Collegian. Way and his brother Gerard (lead singer of MCR) formed MCR, with heavy influence from bands like Green day.

"Working with Green Day has been amazing," Way said. "Me and Gerard used to listen to them constantly when we were younger so it is just such a great experience to be playing shows with them."

My Chemical Romance is planning their first headlining tour this fall.



'SAU AUS USA'

Heimo Wallner
Hampden Gallery
Southwest

By MACKENZIE ISSLER
COLLEGIAN CORRESPONDENT

Austrian artist Heimo Wallner has catalyzed much dialogue amongst the University of Massachusetts community in regards to his provocative and shocking mural in the lobby of the Hampden Gallery located in Southwest.

The mural consists of figures that Wallner refers to as the "everyman." The figures do not have pupils, and are naked in order to represent the humanity as whole, rather than focusing on a particular individual or specific group.

The entire mural is drawn with one medium, a black magic marker. Each figure is a contour drawing, consisting simply of a series of lines. Through the numerous positions, actions and expressions of the figures, Heimo Wallner creates what he refers to as "a vocabulary of emotions."

The mural is done in a very linear fashion. According to a statement from the artist, he says, "the important aspect of my art is drawing imagery away, banning it into wallpaper."

"My work is better when I'm drawing faster than I can think," Wallner said, noting that the entire piece is improvised. He has been drawing in this manner for the last 15 years.

The composition of the mural is meant to reflect the artist's own internal feelings and processes, as well as to encompass some of the world's external circumstances. Wallner grew up influenced by American pop music and movies. However, he says there are still issues and cultural differences that the artist has problems coming to terms with. His art is a way he can express these internal and external conflicts.

Wallner was born in Salzburg, Austria in 1961. He attended the Vienna Academy of Art, where he studied sculpture. His work has been show in Mexico, Italy, Croatia, and throughout the United States. This is not Wallner's first experience in an academic setting either. He has also shown his work at Columbia University in New York City.

Wallner was brought to UMass by Line Brunise and Steve Buddington, two junior faculty members of the Art Department's Foundations program. Bruntse, a native of Denmark, has traveled around the world, participating in different art residencies. It was on one of her residences, that she met Heimo Wallner. Bruntse and Buddington later agreed that Wallner would be a great artist to expose to the UMass community.

Anne Laprade, the Hampden Gallery director, refers to the lobby where the art is displayed as the "incubator." She says the artwork that is housed in the lobby is there to break down the barrier between the formality of the gallery, and the informality of the lobby. The artwork creates dialogue and invites viewers to talk and interact with the art in front of them.

As many already know, this piece has caused some controversy due to its provocative manner. A complaint has been made, and representatives of the gallery have said they do not wish to offend anyone. Since then, a corridor has been installed, creating a hallway for students who want to get to the convenience store without fully viewing the mural.

Director Anne Laprade said that for students who plan on seeing Wallner's mural, and to those who are trying to avoid it, it is very important to know that Wallner "is not preaching, just presenting." The artist has backed up this statement by saying, "I don't consider myself a missionary."

Heimo Wallner emphasized if the viewer is "willing to go into a dialogue. It is always possible to explain to your point of departure." He understands the discussion will not necessarily end in agreement. Dialogue between the viewer and the artist will promote a more thorough understanding of the artist's inspirations and motives. Throughout the process of making the mural, Wallner carried on dialogue with passerbys who wanted to know more about it. Wallner said he willingly responded to the inquiries, as well as received input from the bystanders.

The figures depicted in the mural personify the sexuality and violence that the artist sees in this world. It is true that the images can be seen as disturbing, but no less disturbing than those seen on the daily news and the front pages of the newspaper.

Art is about expression, as well as response. Heimo Wallner's mural has done just this. Through his use of just a black marker, the artist has transformed the empty walls of the lobby into a work of art.

The political side of punk

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and widespread as political prisoners, the evil of corporations, and of course, revolution. Combining hip-hop rhythm with the thrash of punk rock, lead singer Zach de la Rocha was able to grab the attention of two completely different crowds of listeners. Their albums were almost all best sellers on the Billboard charts. In fact, even after the band's breakup, their Web site has remained active — calling for the release of Mumia Abu-Jamal, a black man accused of murdering a police officer who was sentenced to be murdered. They also played a set outside of the Democratic National Convention in 2000, pushing for a political shift in ideals. The band placed great faith in its listeners to go forth and make change.

"One of the great things about young people is that they do question, that they do care deeply about justice, and that they have open minds," Rocha is quoted as saying on their Web site.

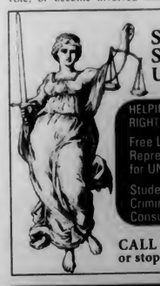
Green Day too have joined the political-punk movement bringing the ideas of the 70s movements to a younger generation of listeners. However, this didn't truly occur until their latest album, "American Idiot," considered to be the group's most political album yet. Lead singer Billie Joe Armstrong is quoted recently in Rolling Stone, "This song ("Holiday") is not anti-American, it's anti-war." In fact, the change in sound may be the reason why Green Day won the Grammy for Best Rock Album earlier this year.

The latest war in Iraq pushed the band, like so many others, to fight back and call out what they see as an unjust cause. Unlike so many of their past albums which featured ruminations of teenage life and angst, "American Idiot" is almost completely political.

"I'm not a part of some redneck agenda/Now everybody do the propaganda/And sing along to the age of paranoia," Armstrong sings while backed by heavy guitar and drums on their opening track.

Even their stage show features so many symbols similar to that of Che Guevara fits clenched and black figures against crimson curtains. While Green Day may not be as "hard" as Rage, they still promote political activism with tables set up for concertgoers to register to vote, or become involved with Amnesty International.

Punk rock has provided an outlet for those who otherwise might not care to become involved in shaping change, while banging heads, fist pumping, and generally having a good time. Punk has continued to reinvent itself over the years, and as long as there is someone there to dictate authority, punk rockers will be



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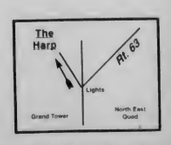
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Classic finishes and highlights of the year

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come at a better time for the Minutewomen, as they are playing their best softball of the season. UMass has won 23 of its last 26 games, and is currently on a 10-game winning streak.

"The team is in a really good place right now," UMass coach Elaine Sortino said. "They get a little bit better everyday, and right around now you want to be playing well and we are. Championship week starts this week, so this is it."

Despite the cold and rainy weather, there was a good crowd gathered at the UMass Softball Complex to celebrate Senior Day yesterday, and LaFogg treated the fans to the first of two dazzling pitching performances.

"I went into today like this was basically my last game," LaFogg said. "I held nothing back, and I had nothing to lose. Those are the kind of days when I pitch my best."

"It's a storybook finish for her," Sortino said. "She's had so many near-misses, I was happy for her to get it."

LaFogg (20-9, 1.99 ERA) breezed through the overmatched Quinnipiac lineup, allowing only one base runner on an error in the fourth inning.

UMass scored single runs in the second and third innings, before blowing the game open with a six-run fourth inning.

The first run was scored by senior Denise Denis, who led off the second with a walk and came in to score on senior Pam Sulick's bloop single down the leftfield line.

Senior Hilary Puglia stroked a one-out double to the left-center gap in the third and scored on sophomore Amanda Morin's single up the middle.

UMass then sent 10 batters to the plate in the fourth, and was aided by wildness and shaky defense from Quinnipiac.

Freshman Lauren Proctor led off with a walk, one of four she collected on the day. Sulick then followed with a double to right-center. Proctor stopped at third, but was able to score when the cut-off throw got away from the second baseman.

Senior Jasmine Edwards then walked and sophomore Candice Molinari drove in a run with a single over the shortstop's head. A failed suicide squeeze attempt by senior Hilary Puglia resulted in the first out of the inning. With Puglia at first and Molinari at third, UMass pulled off the first of two successful double steals in the inning.

A groundout by Morin advanced Puglia to third and junior KJ Kelley followed with a walk. Denis drove in two runs with a double to left that was affected by the swirling winds. After freshman Stacy Cullington reached on an error, the final run of the inning was scored on the second double steal.

LaFogg then set the Bobcats down in order in the fifth to secure the mercy-rule win. LaFogg struck out seven on the day to bring her A-10 leading total to 207.

After the Senior Day ceremonies between the two games, Busa took the mound and picked up right where LaFogg left off. She allowed only three walks en route to recording her third career no-hitter.

UMass got on the board with a run in the first. Morin walked with one out and scored when Denis bunted and the throw by Quinnipiac's pitcher sailed over the first baseman's head and into right field. Denis was credited with a hit on the play, extending her hitting streak to 11 games.

In the second, UMass tacked on four more runs to take a 5-0 lead. Proctor led off with a walk, and junior Kristi Stefanoni was hit by pitch to put runners at first and second. Molinari then singled to right and Proctor scored from second. Stefanoni came around to score when the throw got past the catcher.

One batter later, Puglia drilled her 10th home run of the season over the wall in left-center.

UMass went scoreless for the next two innings before scoring three times in the fifth to lock up its second mercy-rule win of the day.

Proctor drew yet another walk with one out, and Busa followed with a single to center.



Sophomore forward Rashaun Freeman slams home the ball in UMass' 78-68 win over Florida State at the Mullins Center on Feb. 15.



COURTESY KAREN WINNER

UMass wide receiver Jason Peebler runs over a URI defender on Oct. 13 in Kingston, R.I. Peebler signed a National Football League contract with the Philadelphia Eagles on April 24, after the NFL Draft ended.

Stefanoni knocked in one run with a double down the leftfield line. Junior Amanda Acampora then came in to pinch-hit, and ended the game with a two-run double to right.

Busa (14-5, 2.11 ERA) finished the regular season at the top of her game, as she went 11-1 in her last 13 starts of the season.

"Jenna is really starting to feel what she needs to do out there," Sortino said. "There aren't too many things that are distracting her from what she needs to do. She's really matured a lot on the mound."

"I had the same feeling that I had on Friday, so that gave me a huge boost of confidence," Busa said. "I basically focused one pitch at a time and I wasn't focused on a no-hitter, so I think that was a key to the success."

On Friday, UMass beat up on URI, with Busa leading the way both at the plate and on the mound.

Busa, who has only been in the batting lineup for two weeks, went 3 for 3 with two home runs and six RBIs in UMass' 9-0 win in the second game. Busa also recorded her first no-hitter of the weekend, allowing five walks in the five inning game.

"When I was warming up I felt really good," Busa said. "Although I had five walks, it was a mixture of bad calls by the umpire and me getting a little frustrated. That didn't hold me back. The madder I got, the harder I was throwing."

In the first game of the day, LaFogg allowed two runs on four hits, while striking out 11.

The offense provided plenty of run support, led by the heart of the order. The 3-4-5 hitters (Kelley, Denis and Cullington) combined to go 9 for 12 with seven RBIs and five runs scored.

Kelley homered in each game, raising her team-leading total to 12, one shy of the single-season school record she set last year.

—Dan Duggan

UMass Softball Team Wins in a Number of Ways
May 5, 2005

Winning teams are built around an explosive offense. Or is it the defense that wins championships? Maybe it's a coaching genius that is essential to any program. In trying to slap a cliche onto the face of the Massachusetts softball team, I have come up with several solutions, but no clear-cut choice.

The Minutewomen beat Cal State Northridge 2-1, so that proves they are a defensive group. But then again they crushed La Salle 15-1, which shows that offense is apparent.

If there is one aspect of the game that is the most simple to measure, it is certainly defense. If a team has a talented pitching game, it will show during virtually every contest. The Maroon and White certainly display this theory to its fullest.

Although the team's hitting has struggled at moments throughout the season, and fielding errors have become a deterrent as of late, the UMass aces have remained consistent.

Senior Barb LaFogg and junior Jenna Busa (maybe she doesn't count, because she hit a homerun Tuesday, but for clarity's sake, lets only call her a pitcher) have accounted for the team's pitching staff in 2005, and the two are both putting up some striking (no pun intended) numbers.

I honestly wouldn't be surprised if most of LaFogg's opponents are all at home crying right now. In 28 appearances, she has struck out an A-10-high 189 batters and boasts a 2.04 ERA on the season. Not only has she struck out more batters in the A-10 than anyone else, but the four pitchers behind her on the list have pitched in significantly more innings than her.

LaFogg's numbers, matched with Busa's 112 strikeouts and 2.27 ERA, make for a good one-two punch, as Busa is averaging 4.3 allowed hits per game.

It would be easy to say that both the offense and the defense have equally earned UMass coach Elaine Sortino 30 wins this season, especially since the Minutewomen have outscored their last 17 opponents by a whopping 116-41 runs. But UMass' all-time winningest, Hall-of-Fame and legendary coach even understands that when it comes down to it, defense is what really matters.

"Hitting comes and goes," Sortino said. "But defense wins championships."

One example that solidifies this notion is a lopsided weekend that took place in April. The Minutewomen swept St. Bonaventure on Friday, April 22, winning Game 1 by a margin of 9-1 and then proceeded to win the second game 7-1.

After putting up 16 runs against the Bonnies, UMass managed only four runs two days later, in two home losses against North Carolina State. Hitting came, and then it went.

A second example of how the hitting game can be an enigma one day and palpable the next is UMass senior infielder/designated player Pam Sulick. Prior to Tuesday's comeback win against Boston College, Sulick registered 29 hits, one home run and 15 RBIs in 41 games.

After not playing for the majority of the contest, Sulick came off of the bench in the final inning and recorded the game winning RBI against the Terriers. It didn't end there, however, as Sulick cranked two homers and 4 RBIs in yesterday's 9-1 destruction of Boston College.

So there it is, I've made up my mind, it is actually defense that will be a softball team's best friend in the end. And it is defense that is the contributing factor for the Minutewomen. But there is no overlooking junior KJ Kelley's 10 homeruns and .396 batting average or senior Hilary Puglia's 34 RBI, or freshman Lauren Proctor's 43 hits.

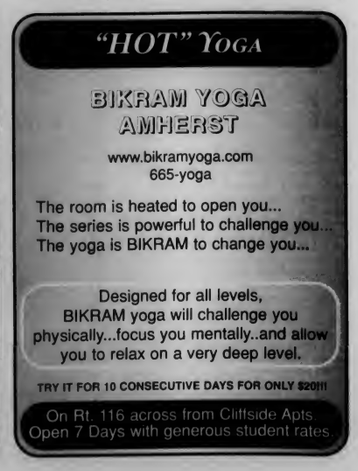
Forget it. I give up.

—Eric Athas









Upsets and wild finishes of the past year

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both without the services of their starting keepers. UMass keeper Bill Schell was out with an injured hand and was on the sidelines with a cast on his right hand. The Scarlet Knights had suspended their All-American goalie Greg Havalchak for violating a team rule.

The Minutemen started sophomore Efosa Guobodia while Rutgers had Lyle Farrar in the cage.

Both goalies stepped up to the occasion with Guobodia tallying 14 saves and the victory, while Farrar had 13, including several point blank shots from the UMass attack.

"He did a heck of a job and he's a great leader," Cannella said of Guobodia.

"I was a little bit nervous at first, but the first save wipes that out, you know? You get your first shot, your first save, then you can play," Guobodia said.

The Minutemen were in command for most of the game, but the slow down offense the Scarlet Knights played made each offensive possession particularly valuable for UMass. Rutgers only won one quarter when they shut out the Maroon and White 1-0 in the third frame.

UMass put up eight goals in the first half, while Rutgers put up four. The Minutemen would not get on the board again until Morris broke the ice with 11:13 left in the game to put the score at 9-6.

"They just played ball control," Morris said. "We were sitting there, me, Jeff (Zywicki) and Geno (Gene Tundo) and we're like 'are we ever going to get the ball?' It was so slow. Our defense played great, it was a testament to them, but at the same time, they were slow."

The Scarlet Knights had some extra incentive to be fired up as Saturday's game against the Minutemen was Senior Day at Rutgers. The Scarlet Knights have nine seniors.

Rutgers senior Robert Morris came out on fire and netted two goals in the first nine minutes of the game to give the Scarlet Knights a 2-0 lead. UMass went on to rattle off three consecutive goals, one from Morris and one from Zywicki.

"It was a hardcore game and Rutgers put up a good effort, we knew they were going to. It was senior day, it was their last game and they wanted to go out on a high note," Reid said. "Last year we came out on our senior day and went out on a high note against them when they were the ranked team."

Right after the game Cannella yelled at his team for arguing with the Rutgers sidelines. After he talked about being "first class" he congratulated his team on the victory.

"We lost our cool there for a second and he was getting fired up at us," Reid said. "He always finishes on a high note and he's really proud of what we've done this season."

—Bob McGovern

Rage In The Cage
UMass 52, Syracuse 51
December 4, 2004

Last Friday in practice, Massachusetts women's basketball coach Marnie Dacko was working with sophomore forward Tamara Tatham on the mental aspect of foul shooting.

"I was with her just talking about visualization, all that mind stuff, trying to get her to focus on the ball and seeing it go through the basket," Dacko said.

So it comes as no surprise that with 11.7 seconds left and a tie score in Saturday's "Rage in the Cage" contest with the Syracuse Orange (5-1), it was Tatham at the charity stripe, visualizing the two most important shots in her young career.

"I was just focusing, zoning everything out, visualizing making the basket," Tatham said.

And with the crowd of 1,402 on its feet and screaming in the historic Curry Hicks Cage, the 6-foot-1 native of Canada came, saw, and conquered, nailing both her free throws to give the Minutewomen (3-3) a 52-51 win over the Orange.

"It was an ugly game," Dacko said. "We're usually a rebounding team, and we got beat on the boards today. It was an ugly game, but we'll take the win."

But things would have certainly been much uglier for UMass had forward Chineze Nwagbo made both of her free throws with 0.4 seconds left to go, which would have forced an overtime.

Once again, luck went the way of Maroon and White as a perennial star player fell short when it came down to the wire. Nwagbo led all scorers on the afternoon with 19 points and added 14 rebounds to give her a double-double. And so while the 6-foot-1 senior continued to wreak havoc on the Minutewomen's inside game all day long, she was unable to make her last shot count.

"Overall, I was pretty pleased with the way we're trying to play, and it's just [a matter of] finishing," Syracuse coach Keith Cieplicki said. "I'll tell you, Chinny's never played better. She plays hard. She's so consistent. I mean, it's too bad she's got to miss that free throw because she carried us for 39 minutes and 59 seconds... I think everybody understands everybody else has to play better."

Senior guard Rochelle Coleman also scored in double figures for the Orange, throwing down 11 points despite a three-for-11 day on the floor. She also grabbed two boards and dished out three assists in 31 minutes of play.

The Campbell-Nwagbo match-up was an interesting showdown as the two continued to exchange baskets and boards down inside the key. When all was said and done, the two came away with double-doubles (Campbell scored a team-high 16 points and grabbing 10 boards).

UMass concluded its Big East tour for the 2004-05 season, finishing with a record of 2-1 against teams from that conference. The Maroon and White are also in the midst of their first two-game winning streak since November of 2003 when they pulled off three wins in a row against Brown, Vermont and Utah State, respectively.

The first half saw a neck-and-neck battle between the Minutewomen and Orange through the first 15 minutes. The excellent ball movement of UMass and the inside and outside shooting game of Syracuse continued to counteract one another until late in the first half. With 4:43 to go in the half and trailing 20-19, Edris Bailey tapped in a layup, sparking an 8-0 run to finish off the first half.

In what has almost become customary, the Maroon and White saw its seven-point halftime lead vanish, care of the hot outside hands of Coleman and Lauren Kohn. Every time the Minutewomen took back the lead, the Orange went deep from outside.

Trailing by three with under five minutes to go, Katie Nelson took a page from Kohn's book and nailed a deep trey to tie things up. Pam Rosanio then stole the ball on SU's next trip down, dished the ball off to Joyce Massey, who passed it right back to her for the go-ahead layup, and the Minutewomen would cease to relinquish their lead again.

Gulak grabbed the rebound off Nwagbo's errant second shot to prevent overtime, and the Minutewomen closed the door on a game that literally went down to the last stitch of allotted time.

If winning on a sloppy day is any indicator of the potential this team has, then there certainly has to be some momentum carrying into tonight, when they will play their last home game of the fall semester before embarking on a four-game road trip.

Tonight's game against the Toledo Rockets (1-4), scheduled for a 7:00 p.m. tipoff at the Mullins Center, ought to be an interesting one. Both the Rockets and the Minutewomen are shooting 38 percent from the field, 25 percent from beyond the arc and around 50 points per game (Toledo averages 49 while UMass averages 52).

Now here's where the paint comes into play. UMass has nearly a double-figure advantage in rebounds, as Toledo averages a mere 33 per game while the Minutewomen board



UMass attackmen Sean Morris (25) and Jeff Zywicki (9) celebrate after Zywicki scored the overtime goal to beat rival Syracuse 14-13 on April 30 at Garber Field. UMass ended SU's season 15 days later in the playoffs.

41.3. Syracuse has been the only team thus far in the young season to outplay the Maroon and White on the boards.

This will be the second of six straight road games the Rockets will play. Last Thursday, the Rockets traveled to Youngstown State, where the Penguins came away with a 53-42 win. It was the fourth straight loss for Toledo since taking down Cincinnati on opening night, Nov. 19. Since ousting the Bearcats 62-57, the Rockets have been outscored 253-187-including a season-low 28-point effort in a 39-point loss to Marquette.

The Minutewomen would love to embark on their first three-game winning streak since November of a year ago, putting them one game over .500, but it will not come easy. After Saturday's wild barnburner with the previously undefeated Orange, the Minutewomen - despite playing poorly - have found out that anything can happe.

UMass is 0-1 so far a 04-05 when playing in the Mullins Center.

—Brendan Hall

UMass Softball Tosses Three No-Hitters in Four Games
May 6-8

No-hitters are supposed to be rare occurrences in softball, as evidenced by the fact that the Massachusetts softball team hadn't recorded a single no-hitter in its first 45 games, despite having two dominant pitchers.

But in this weekend's four games the UMass pitchers incredibly threw three.

Senior Barb LaFogg, who came within one out of a perfect game earlier this year against Dartmouth, tossed a no-hitter yesterday against Quinnipiac in her final home start. Along with coming on Senior Day, the no-hitter also served as a nice birthday present for LaFogg, who turned 23 yesterday.

Not to be outdone, junio Jenna Busa, a, to follow a hit in either of her starts this week end, no-hitting Quinnipiac 11-0 27-11 in the second game yesterday, as well as Rhode Island (8-35, 3-11) on Friday. Busa helped her own cause against URI with two home runs and six RBI.

UMass (34-14-1, 13-3 Atlantic 10) coasted to four mercy-rule victories behind the strong pitching performance of her in its first 45 games, despite beating URI 12-1 and 9-0, and finishing the regular season with a pair of 8-0 wins against Quinnipiac.

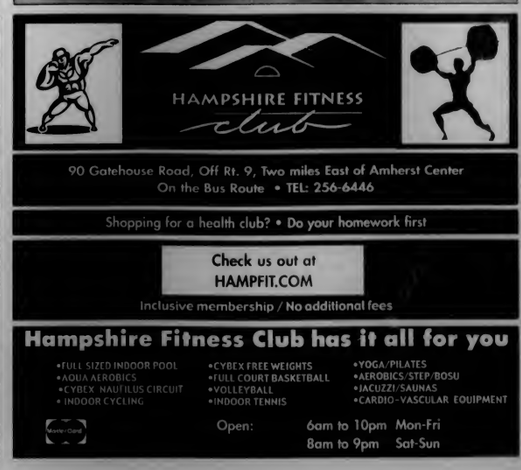
With the regular season over, the Minutewomen now direct their focus to the A-10 tournament which begins on Thursday at Fordham. UMass is the No. 2 seed and will face Saint Joseph's (21-19, 8-6 A-10) in the first round on Thursday at 2 p.m.

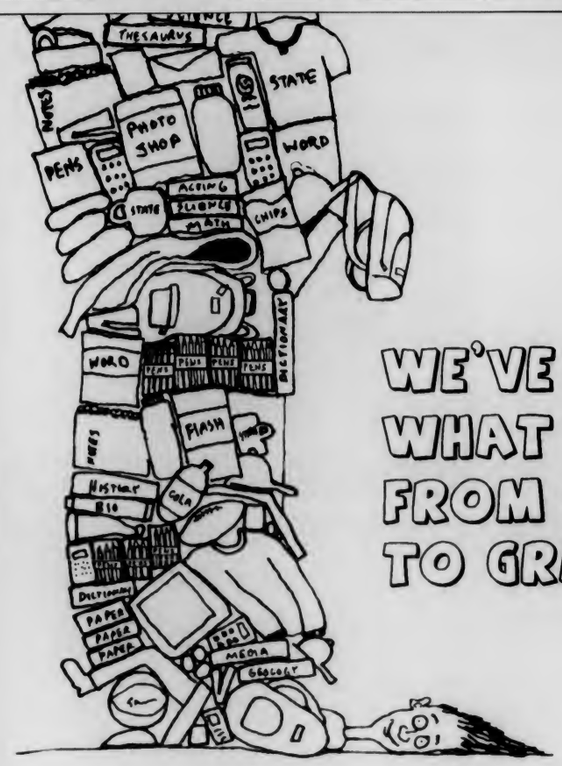
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winner Jamaal Branch for the second time in as many meetings.

After being held to just 59 yards in the previous meeting between the two teams, Branch again struggled against the Minutemen in picking up just 62 yards on 23 carries.

With their running game being rendered ineffective, the Raiders were thus forced to go to the air. Senior quarterback Chris Brown completed 27-of-48 passes for 272 yards and a touchdown, but was intercepted three times.

On the other side, UMass junior quarterback Tim Day was 13-of-22 for 258 yards and a pair of touchdowns, and was intercepted twice.

Leading 17-10 at the start of the second half, UMass took control of the game for good on its second possession when Day hit Peebler with a 50-yard touchdown pass that made the score 23-10 following a botched extra point.

The Red Raiders answered back with a field goal to cut the lead to 23-13 at the 2:20 mark of the third quarter, but Peebler added to the Minutemen's advantage when he took a third down screen pass from Day and scampered 58 yards for his second touchdown to push the advantage to 30-13 with 14:45 to play in the game.

Colgate then returned the favor, but became its own enemy in the process, using 8:30 to march 80 yards before Branch plunged in from a yard out to narrow the margin to 30-20 with 6:15 remaining.

The Maroon and White got out of the gates running in the first quarter. Baylark capped a seven-play, 57-yard drive when he found the end zone from 32 yards out to give UMass a 7-0 lead just over 11 minutes in.

The Apopka, Fla. native then followed that up with a 13-yard touchdown scamper just before the start of the second quarter to make the score 14-0.

The Raiders did not go away, however, as Dick Biddle's squad came up with 10 consecutive points to tighten things up. A Lane Schwarzburg 21-yard field goal with just over two minutes to play in the half made the score 14-3, and after UMass sophomore wide receiver Brandon London lost a fumble on the ensuing kickoff, the Raiders narrowed the gap even further.

Taking over at the Minutemen's 42-yard line, Brown needed only four plays to find senior wideout Luke Graham with a 31-yard touchdown pass.

—Mike Marzelli



COURTESY KAREN RINGER

UMass men's lacrosse senior captain Chris Doyle celebrates scoring a goal against Syracuse in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on May 15. UM won 16-15.

MINUTEMEN WIN ECAC CHAMPIONSHIP
UMASS 13, RUTGERS 7
MAY 7, 2005

PISCATAWAY, N.J. - Since March 26th, the Massachusetts men's lacrosse team has done everything right.

After losing to Loyola 6-5 on that Saturday afternoon, the Minutemen (12-2 5-1 ECAC) went undefeated in the ECAC, won their 20th New England Championship, and then defeated long time rival Syracuse 14-13 in overtime on April 30.

Then, on Saturday, everything came together one more time as UMass won its third ECAC championship with a 13-7 victory over Rutgers (14-9 1-5 ECAC).

With the victory, the Maroon and White have set itself up for a NCAA playoff game against Syracuse at Garber Field on Sunday.

"There's a lot that went into this. We're not done by any means, but this is a big part of our season," UMass attackman Sean Morris said. "We're happy we got this, we're definitely happy. The season is over, now it's the postseason and its do or die."



UMass men's basketball coach Travis Ford throws out the first pitch at Fenway Park on May 9 before the Boston Red Sox played host to the Oakland Athletics.

Morris had five goals on the game, including two in the fourth quarter. His five goals tie a career-high for Morris, who scored five against Hobart College on April 16, in UMass' 14-12 victory.

The Minutemen were led by Jeff Zywicki and Morris in the fourth quarter, who combined for four of UMass' five goals in the period; Zywicki had four goals in the game. Brett Garber also added a goal in the period with just over six minutes left to play in regulation.

Zywicki's four-goal performance gives him 94 career goals for the Minutemen, ranking him 11th all time.

UMass has played Rutgers in the final game of each of the last four seasons. The Minutemen won all but one game during those meetings, with the Scarlet Knights winning 9-8 in 2003. The loss cost UMass the ECAC championship that season.

Jack Reid, who was a freshman on that team, remembers the game and was relieved that the Minutemen came home with the title.

"It feels great, we've been close. We were in the running last year, we had a chance my freshman year but we lost to Rutgers," Reid said. "We've been close, so it's a nice day to finally get it."

UMass coach Greg Cannella, who has led the Maroon and White to each of their three ECAC championships, has been harping on the importance of each game this season. Even after winning the championship, Cannella was quick to talk about the top-to-bottom power of the conference, rather than rest on his team's laurels.

"It's great to be champions of the ECAC because the conference is so competitive. Each and every week you go out there you're playing a quality opponent," Cannella said. "You look at it over the course of the season and it's a great accomplishment."

Rutgers and the Minutemen were

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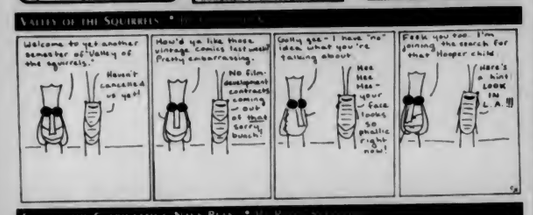
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—*Lewis Caroll*

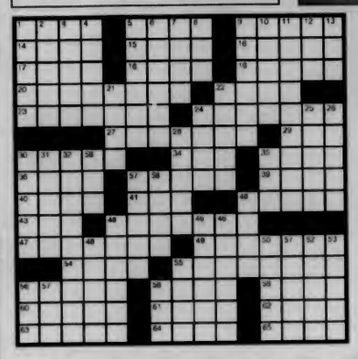
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Glancing through the year that was at UM

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MARCH 15, 2005

Just a little more than two weeks ago, depending on who was asked, this game was nothing more than an over-hyped, one-sided, old-school rivalry.

But now, as the Massachusetts men's lacrosse team (13-2) has handed the Syracuse Orange (7-6) two straight losses, effectively ended their season, put a close on their historic NCAA Tournament run and eliminated the defending national champions, this game can officially be dubbed as an official, new-school college lacrosse rivalry.

The Minutemen stayed off yet another furious second-half charge by the Orange and used a pair of Bill Schell saves and Sean Morris' third goal of the game to eliminate Syracuse 16-15 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, keeping them out of the national semifinals for the first time in 22 years.

"It's disappointing, but to go there 22 years in a row and be apart of it all of those 22 years is certainly special," said Syracuse coach John Desko, who has been with the team as a player, assistant coach and head coach since 1976.

"We'll probably come out of a game like this with even more of an appreciation of the past and the tradition and the wins. It'll be a little weird this Memorial Day Weekend not having the uniform on and walking onto the field... I plan on going to the championships and enjoying some of those games."

With the win, the Minutemen advance to the national quarterfinals against Johns Hopkins at Homewood Field in Baltimore on Saturday at noon.

"[Everyone] counted us out," Morris said. "It's our edge, and every time you give a team an edge, we take it. We take it personal. We took it real personal. We get to play them on our home field, and our confidence on Garber Field is extremely high.

"Everyone said, 'Hopkins and Syracuse is going to be a great matchup.' If you saw 37 faces when they said that, you would have known the outcome right then. We took it personal, and we knew it was going to come down to the end, and we were able to prevail.

"It's just kind of an edge that we were able to get when everyone counted us out. We look forward to Johns Hopkins, and probably the same thing will happen. People will probably knock us, and that's fine by us. That's fine."

UMass' very own Orange crusher, senior attackman Jeff Zywicki, scored six goals on Saturday and also chipped in with an assist. Zywicki scored the game-winning overtime goals in each of the previous two meetings between the teams on Garber Field, on April 30, and two years prior in 2003.

"I just wanted to win so badly," Zywicki said. "It's the playoffs, and if we lose, I'm done. My college career is over. I take a couple finals, and I go home. I told Morris before the game that I didn't come back for an extra year to lose in the first round, and there was no way we were going to lose in the first round today."

Fittingly enough, the Minutemen played keep-away from Syracuse for the last minute of the game, and it was Zywicki who held the ball last before launching it high into the air to signify a UMass win.

"It looked like Syracuse gave up with about 15 seconds left, and we were able to just throw the ball around," Zywicki said. "I ended up with it, and I was just watching the clock tick down, waiting for it, and waiting for it, and waiting for it. I just threw the ball as high as I could, and we just started celebrating."

Syracuse was able to slowly chip away at what was a four-goal UMass lead early in the second half, and after Zywicki's fifth goal of the afternoon to open the fourth quarter, the Orange were staring at a 14-11 deficit with just under 14 minutes to play.

After Cuse rallied to cut the lead down to 15-14 at the 4:06 mark of the fourth quarter, UMass coach Greg Cannella removed Elosa Guobodia from the net and sent in four-year starter Bill Schell to a standing ovation. Schell did not make the start against Syracuse because he was still suffering from a broken right hand that he suffered before the Rutgers game on May 7.

"[Not starting Schell] was one of the toughest decisions I've made in 11 years," UMass coach Greg Cannella said. "Billy has been a four-year starter for us, so to not play him in this game, I know it kind of hurt him, and it hurt me, too. I kind of went with my instincts.

"We went with [Guobodia]. I felt a little more confident in [Guobodia], not that I don't have confidence in Billy. That's why we put him in at the end. We knew that Billy would be ready. [Guobodia] was struggling a little bit, and Billy went in there and made a couple big saves. I'm proud of both of those guys for being unselfish and putting the team first."

It didn't take long for Schell to make his presence felt, as he stopped a Brian Crockett rocket with 3:39 left on the clock.

However, SU capped off a 4-1 run to tie the score at 15 at the 3:06 mark of the final quarter with the help of Brett Bucktooth's fourth goal of the game.

The Orange had a great chance to capitalize just seconds later after Danny Brennan won the ensuing faceoff and Minuteman Pat Larmon was called for a 30-second penalty for pushing.

Greg Rommel, who had three goals already on the day and is Syracuse's third leading goal scorer, found enough space to get a shot off with 2:45 to play, but Schell was ready to make the save and gained possession for the Minutemen to set up a play for the game-winner.

Morris held the ball to the left side of Orange goalie Jay Pfeifer and was working off defender John Wright.

After trying to dodge past Wright to little avail, he muscled his way through his defender and unleashed a low shot while falling down away from the cage that made its way past Pfeifer.

"It was a situation where we called a certain play, and I was on the wing," Morris said. "Me and Wright were going at it all day. I was able to get a step inside, and I was able to come underneath him. I think the slide came and just tried to put a stick check on me, and I was able to get my shot off. Fortunately for us it went in."

"It seems like every time we play them here at Garber Field, it's one of those games," Cannella said. "I thought both teams were outstanding today, tremendous athletes on the field, and it just seems that we made one more play than them."

NOTES: This marked the first season since 1982 when no Syracuse player wore No. 22, the number made legendary by the Powell brothers, Casey, Ryan and Mike. Coincidentally, this was the first time since 1982 that Syracuse did not advance to the national semifinal, which ended the team's 22-year run...

UMass sophomore midfielder Brett Bucktooth scored four goals on Saturday, marking his sixth career multi-goal game. Of those six performances, three came against Syracuse, as he also scored two goals on April 30 and tallied three goals plus an assist on May 1, 2004...

Syracuse junior midfielder Brett Bucktooth scored four goals against UMass on Saturday, the second time he notched four scores at the expense of the Minutemen in 15 days.

—Jeff Howe



COURTESY SID WORCESTER

UMass junior catcher KJ Kelley broke the school's all-time softball home run record when she hit the 27th of her career on April 12 in a 7-6 comeback win over the Connecticut Huskies in Storrs, Conn.



COURTESY SID WORCESTER

UMass freshman pitcher Jason Lavorgna delivers to the plate during the consolation game of this year's Beanpot against Boston College at Fenway Park. Lavorgna gave up two hits in his relief appearance.

TRAVIS FORD HIRING
MARCH 25, 2005

On March 5, the Massachusetts men's basketball team played its final regular season game and its last game at the William D. Mullins Center until next season. As I walked around the court, towards the Green Room, where the press conference is held, I stopped and looked at the sea of maroon one last time.

It was one last glance at the vast silence which encompasses this arena. One last time to see empty maroon seats and hear the solemn banter of apathetic fans looking for more than a two point nail-biting victory over a lesser opponent.

A mere 20 days later the university decided that not only would this be a last time for me, a graduating senior, to see this depressing scene, but it would be the last time the Minutemen ended a season with less energy than it started with.

Enter Travis Ford.

On Friday afternoon, the University of Massachusetts introduced Ford as its new head basketball coach. Cheerleaders lined the walkway to the podium and in the middle of dozens of side-conversations throughout the stands, the familiar UMass fight song broke through, turning the heads of those in attendance to the man who will be changing the face for their program.

Forty seconds they stood. Shouts and cheers from a spirited audience filled with students and alumni rang through as Ford stood at the podium. He looked around with a straight face and tried to cut in, but the crowd wasn't having it. They stood and Ford let them cheer, this was exactly what he was looking for.

When the crowd finally sat, bringing into view a large sign in the back row which said, "Welcome to UMass Travis Ford." Ford began talking about what he wants for this program. He mentioned that it was, in essence, a time for change.

The entire time he spoke, the Curry Hicks Cage sat in silence, occasionally cheering when he would hit a nerve. He mentioned how UMass was going to be, "the hottest ticket in town," a phrase which resonated with the alumni and represented something that most of the students had never truly seen... a sense of school pride.

Most of the team lined the first row of the Cage, just behind the two sections of chairs set aside for the press. None of the players had been introduced to their new coach, or his subsequent staff, and sat in the same position as everyone else, listening and analyzing this southern man that appeared to be saying all the right things.

He told the crowd that they needed to come to games and that they had to be, "a part of the team." He spoke of how his doors were always open and how this was the community's team. For the first time in years the men's basketball team at UMass took on the image of a maroon and white team lost in the Berkshires.

After telling the crowd what they needed to do, Ford directed attention to the men in black warm-ups sitting in those front row seats. Each hunched over figure had his eyes transfixed on the coach as he mentioned what their responsibility was. He told them that they were about to learn what it meant to truly work hard.

Each player had a straight, objective face after the initial comments, but Ford switched gears and had a few of his future pupils smiling. He said it was going to be fun, that as hard as they worked, they were going to have more fun than any other team they came across.

This comment appeared to hit everyone there than afternoon. Amidst the very heart of March Madness, the University of Massachusetts was absent, yet very much alive. Players and fans alike have been missing this fun the past few years and Coach Ford was adamant and confident that it was coming back sooner than later.

A new era of UMass basketball has arrived in the form of a hardworking southern man from Madisonville, Ky.

Perhaps it is truly time for this community to have some fun.

—Bob McGovern

No. 14 UMASS 30, No. 4 COLGATE 20
SEPTEMBER 10, 2004

You know what they say about payback.

Just shy of 10 months after the Massachusetts football team saw its 2003 season come to a bitter end on the snow-covered turf of Andy Kerr Stadium, the Minutemen finally had there crack at the Colgate Red Raiders on a clear and even playing field, and the results were distinctly different than the 19-7 loss that bounced UMass from the Division I-AA playoffs.

With a raucous crowd of 16,405 - the largest to watch a football game on the UMass campus in 30 years - nearly filling Warren P. McGuirk Alumni Stadium for the university's second-ever night game, the 14th-ranked Minutemen seized the game's first two touchdowns and never looked back, shutting down No. 4 Colgate 30-20 to improve to 2-0 under new coach Don Brown.

"I would be remiss if I didn't tell you our guys were looking forward to this one," UMass 12-0 head coach Don Brown said. "From the day I was hired we had this one circled on the calendar.

"I told the guys that I was going to have them ready and prepared 89 plus. We went out and had a great week of preparation and we came out and played at a very high level tonight and did what we wanted to do.

"Every time they delivered a blow, we hung in there and delivered a counter blow."

"It had nothing to do with last season," Colgate coach Dick Biddle said. "I'm sure they (UMass) were using it as motivation, but we just got beat."

"UMass was obviously motivated, but we hung in there."

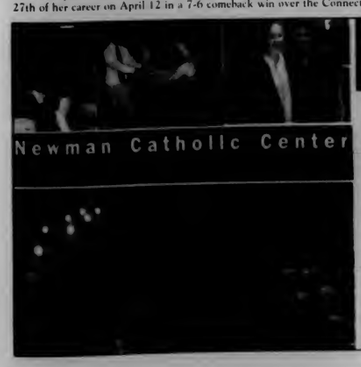
Wide receiver Jason Peehler was once again the offensive star for the Maroon and White, catching four passes for 161 yards and two touchdowns, including a highlight reel run-after-the-catch on a 58 yard scoring strike in the fourth quarter.

The senior is now third all-time in career receiving yards at UMass with 1,624 and ninth overall in career receptions with 84. When asked if he felt the results of Saturday night's game should have taken the place of what transpired back in November, UMass' captain did not hesitate.

"Definitely. We have a better team, a better coach, better schemes and better players. We showed that tonight."

Junior tailback Steve Baylark also had a banner day for the Minutemen, carrying 18 times for 124 yards and two touchdowns in outgaining the Gate's Walter Payton Award

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The year in UMass athletics



Jeff Howe

First of all, before I say anything, leading off, charging out of the gate, dropping the puck and ready for tip-off, welcome to the University of Massachusetts.

It's your new home away from home, not in the middle of nowhere but smack-dab in the center of everything, two hours west of Boston, three hours away from New York City, five hours south of Montreal, seven hours north of Baltimore and 14 hours east of Dayton.

It's the Mecca of the Western Massachusetts sporting world, a place where UMass men's hoops can take down defending champion UConn while mired in the middle of an up-and-down year.

It's where the Massachusetts men's lacrosse team can take down national power Syracuse twice in 15 days, ending a 22-year long string of nothing but Final Four appearances and national championship runs.

It's a place that strives for all things better than mediocrity, as the end of one basketball era has sparked the beginning of another one, a new age sprung forth on the shoulders of a young coach who has livened up UMass hoops to the point where it was at almost a decade earlier. And he hasn't even coached a game yet.

It's an athletic association that will have you joining cults such as Garber's Gorillas, Cahoonaville and the Maroon Platoon, even though you have never heard of such things before.

This is UMass, where the brick and cement buildings stretch to the sky, and the Massachusetts Daily Collegian makes an everyday effort to get to the bottom of it all, literally.

We're in the Campus Center basement, a place not many people even know exists, and we get here by driving through a Wizard-of-Oz-like factory into the bowels of a place tabbed as the "Bat Cave".

My name is Jeff Howe, and I am the Sports Editor here at the Collegian. My staff and I will make one promise to you: we will stop at nothing, not snow in upstate New York, rain in the middle of Maine, white out nights, Senior Days, field trip afternoons, 14-hour drives, flights to Miami (okay, I know, it's Miami, yeah, yeah) or anything else to bring this campus the best coverage of UMass athletics that anyone in this area can possibly fathom.

Why? Because this is what we do, and we love doing it.

If this is something you think you would love doing, come on down to the basement and talk some sports. We're always here.

To give you a taste of the things this staff is capable of, check out some of the best stories of the last year, which are re-printed below, where Collegian sports reporters were present.

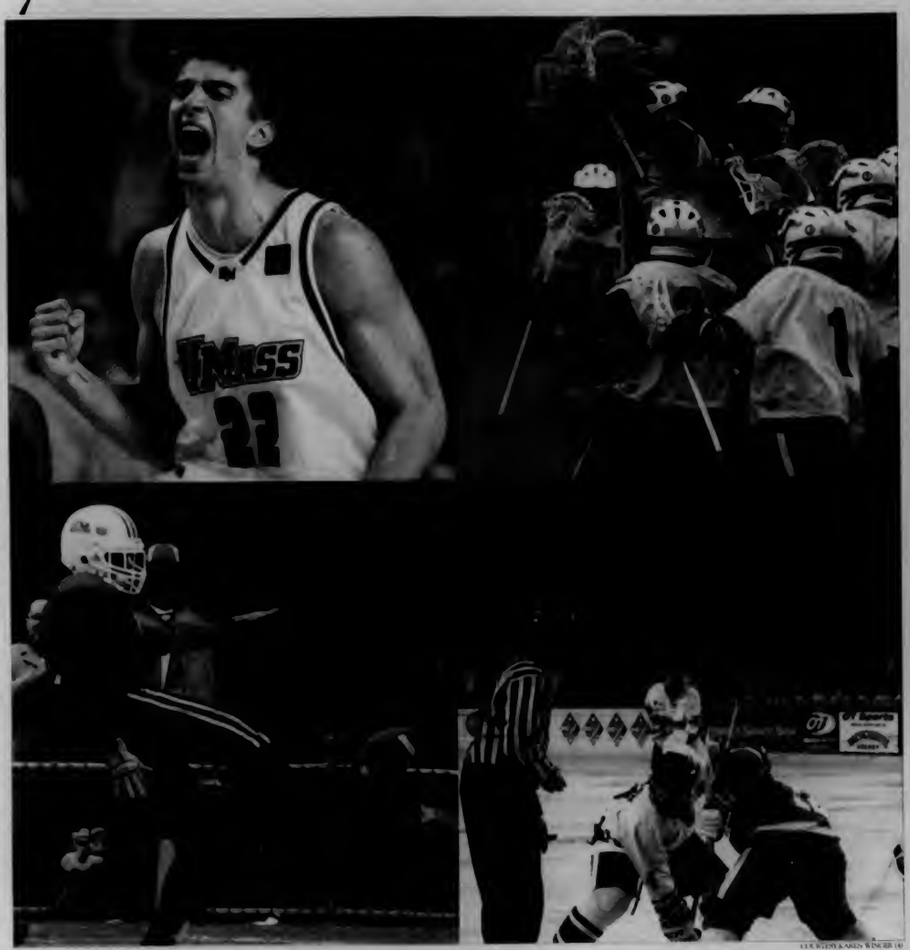
That's all I've got for now, but the final whistle hasn't been blown. In fact, it never will in the world of sports journalism, especially Collegian sports journalism.

So here's to blocking extra points, overtime upsets, walk-off home runs, split-second victories, no-hitters, taking down the champs and seeing every last second of it.

Welcome to UMass, have a great summer and solid first school year.

And we'll see you at the games.

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Clockwise from top left: Jeff Viggiano celebrates UMass' 61-59 upset over UConn. The UMass men's lacrosse team comes together after knocking off Syracuse 14-13 in overtime on April 30. James Solon faces off on White Out Night against BU. R.J. Cobbs punts the ball out of McGuirk Stadium after returning an interception 43 yards to score against Hofstra.

UMass 61, UConn 59
December 9, 2004

They did it.

The members of the Massachusetts men's basketball team finally did it. The team that hasn't had a winning season in five years, the team that has put head coach Steve Lappas on the ropes because of its poor performance during his tenure and the team that has watched its fan base dwindle to an all-time low did the one thing that no one thought it could do: it earned the one win that fans young and old who bleed maroon and white thought they may never see again.

On a cold, winter night in early December, the Massachusetts Minutemen took on, hung with and eventually beat archrival Connecticut – make that defending NCAA National Champion and No. 7 Connecticut – 61-59 before one of the more raucous and supportive crowds in the history of UMass basketball – 9,037 strong.

They accomplished, in one night, what every UMass basketball team since the departure of John Calipari was not able to do. They re-ignited a dormant passion for basketball on the campus of the state university of Massachusetts that hasn't seen a win of this magnitude in over half a decade, and did so in one small window of time when the eyes of the college basketball world were focused not just on the small college town of Amherst, but ultimately on the return of UMass basketball to the spotlight of national prominence.

"It feels like we just won the National Championship," Anderson said. "I've been waiting my whole career for this, and for it to finally happen is just amazing. It's an incredible feeling, and I don't want it to end.

"I still can't believe what just happened," sophomore forward Rashaun Freeman added. "I'm going to have to watch it again on SportsCenter to make sure it's really real."

Freeman led the Minutemen with a game-high 18 points, while Jeff Viggiano chipped in with 12 points.

Freshman Rudy Gay paced Connecticut with 15 points, and was joined in double-figures by Josh Boone with 12 points and Denham Brown with 11 points.

"This ranks up there with some of my top wins all time," Lappas said. "These guys really deserved this win, and to see the UMass fans fill the Mullins Center for a night like this is just tremendous."

With the game tied at 59 with just nine seconds remaining, Freeman's breakaway layup off a feed from classmate Art Bowers on a 2-on-1 last break gave UMass a 61-59 lead it did not relinquish, as UConn's Denham Brown was short on a game-winning 3-point attempt at the buzzer, sending the delirious UMass students flooding onto the court in pandemonium.

Feeding off the energy of a raucous student section and a season-best crowd, the Minutemen came flying out of the gates against the defending National Champions. After trading baskets with the Huskies over the first two minutes of action, a pair of easy baskets from Freeman sandwiched around a Stephane Lame dunk helped spark a 12-3 run that gave UMass an early 18-7 lead and further ignited the crowd.

UConn answered back with a mini 5-2 run of its own to pull within seven, but UMass continued its success on the offensive end by scoring the next five points to increase its leads to 25-13 with just under nine minutes to play in the half.

With the Maroon and White struggling on offense in scoring just four points over the final 8:15 of the half, the Huskies utilized four points from Boone and five from Denham Brown as part of a 14-4 run that culminated when Villanueva tied the game at 29 with a breakaway dunk at the 2:03 mark.

Bowers then gave the Minutemen the last laugh before the buzzer, converting on a strong driving layup to give UMass a 31-29 lead heading into intermission.

The Huskies could have elected to hold for the last shot, but Antonio Kellogg attempted an alley-oop lob to Villanueva that the sophomore forward clanged off the side of the rim. The Minutemen then elected to hold for the last shot themselves, but another strong move to the hoop by Bowers ended in the ball rolling in and out as the buzzer sounded.

After UMass scored the initial four points of the second half on a pair of Freeman layups, UConn stormed back with a 13-2 run, highlighted by back-to-back thunderous, breakaway dunks from highly-touted freshman Rudy Gay that gave the Huskies their largest lead of the game at 42-37.

With the teams trading baskets over the next few minutes, UMass was able to even the score when a Lasme free throw and Anderson's first basket of the game, a 3-pointer at the 8:28 mark, made the score 46-46.

Rashad Anderson answered right back with a 3-pointer of his own, however, and the Huskies used six points from the free throw line to pull ahead by five at 55-50 with just under five minutes to play.

From there the Minutemen battled back, however, and five consecutive points from Connecticut's own Jeff Viggiano gave UMass a 59-55 lead with 55 seconds to play. Two free throws apiece from Boone and Gay tied the score at 59, before Freeman gave UMass fans a reason to flood the court for the first time in recent history.

—Mike Marzelli

UMass 16, Syracuse 15
First Round NCAA Tournament

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UMass men's basketball coach Travis Ford (right) poses with Boston Red Sox manager Terry Francona at Fenway Park before Ford threw out the first pitch on May 9 to kick of Boston's game against Oakland.